

# Building two boundary diagram algebras

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## Background

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite dimensional complex reductive Lie algebra.

e.g.  $\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathfrak{so}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

Let  $M$ ,  $N$ , and  $V$  be finite dimensional simple  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules.

### Goal:

Understand  $\text{End}_{\mathfrak{g}}(M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes k})$ .

(the set of endomorphisms which commute with the action of  $\mathfrak{g}$ )

## Examples of $\text{End}_{\mathfrak{g}}(M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes k})$

Fix  $k < n$  integers.

Let  $L(\lambda)$  be the f.d. irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module of highest weight  $\lambda$ .

Let  $V = L(\omega_1)$ .

① If  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$  and

- $M = N = L(0)$ , this gives  $\mathbb{C}S_k$ ;
- $M = L(0)$  and  $N = L(\lambda)$ , this gives is a quotient of the graded Hecke algebra of type A;

② If  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}_n$  or  $\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}$  and

- $M = N = L(0)$ , this gives the Brauer algebra;
- $M = L(0)$  and  $N = L(\lambda)$ , this gives a quotient of the degenerate affine Wenzl algebra.

Quantized versions yield standard and affine type A Hecke and Birman-Murakami-Wenzl algebras.

## Big question:

Is there an algebra which has centralizers  
 $\text{End}_{\mathfrak{g}}(M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes k})$  as quotients?

## Definition

The *two boundary graded braid group*  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra generated by

$$\mathbb{C}S_k = \mathbb{C} \left\langle s_i \mid \begin{array}{l} i = 1, \dots, k \\ s_i^2 = 1 \\ s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad |i - j| > 1 \\ s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$\mathbb{C}[z_0, z_1, \dots, z_k], \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_k], \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_k]$$

and relations twisting the four factors together...

$\mathcal{G}_k$  contains three images of the graded braid group:

$$\frac{\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_k] \otimes \mathbb{C}S_k}{\sim} \cong \frac{\mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_k] \otimes \mathbb{C}S_k}{\sim} \cong \frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_k] \otimes \mathbb{C}S_k}{\sim}$$

and

$$z_i = x_i + y_i - \text{lower terms},$$

We'll define an action of  $\mathcal{G}_k$  on  $M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ :

$\mathbb{C}S_k$  permutes factors of  $V^{\otimes k}$ ,

$\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_k]$  acts on  $M$  and  $V^{\otimes k}$ ,

$\mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_k]$  acts on  $N$  and  $V^{\otimes k}$ ,

$\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_k]$  acts on  $M \otimes N$  together and  $V^{\otimes k}$ ,

$z_0$  acts on  $M \otimes N$  alone,

by nested central elements of  $\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}$ .

Let  $\langle, \rangle : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the trace form:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \text{Tr}(xy), \quad \text{where } x \text{ and } y \text{ are viewed in a defining rep of } \mathfrak{g}.$$

Let  $\{b\}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\{b^*\}$  the dual basis wrt  $\langle, \rangle$ .

$$\text{Let } \kappa = \sum_b bb^*.$$

$\kappa$  is the *Casimir invariant* and is central in  $\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}$ .

## Theorem (D)

Define  $\Phi: \mathcal{G}_k \rightarrow \text{End}(M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes k})$

$$\Phi(s_j) = \text{id}_M \otimes \text{id}_N \otimes \text{id}_V^{\otimes(j-1)} \otimes s_1 \otimes \text{id}_V^{\otimes(k-j-1)},$$

$$\Phi(x_j) = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa|_{M \otimes V^{\otimes j}} - \kappa|_{M \otimes V^{\otimes j-1}}),$$

$$\Phi(y_j) = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa|_{N \otimes V^{\otimes j}} - \kappa|_{N \otimes V^{\otimes j-1}}),$$

$$\Phi(z_j) = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa|_{M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes j}} - \kappa|_{M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes j-1}} + \kappa|_V),$$

$$\Phi(z_0) = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa|_{M \otimes N} - \kappa|_M - \kappa|_N),$$

where  $s_1 \cdot (v_{i_1} \otimes v_{i_2}) = v_{i_2} \otimes v_{i_1}$ .

Then  $\Phi$  is a representation of  $\mathcal{G}_k$  which commutes with the action of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .



## More examples of $\text{End}_{\mathfrak{g}}(M \otimes N \otimes V^{\otimes k})$

Fix  $k < n$  integers.

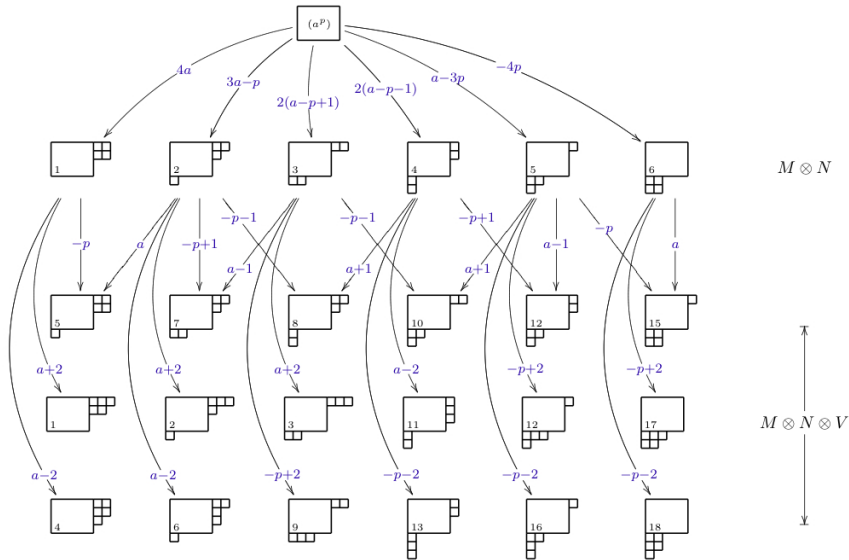
Let  $L(\lambda)$  be the f.d. irreducible  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module of highest weight  $\lambda$ .

Let  $V = L(\omega_1)$ .

- 1 When  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$  or  $\mathfrak{gl}_n$ , and  $M$  and  $N$  are rectangular, we get the *two boundary graded Hecke algebra*.  
(explored in thesis)
- 2 When  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}_n$  or  $\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}$ , and  $M$  and  $N$  are rectangular, we get the *two boundary graded Brauer algebra*.  
(future work)

Quantized versions should yield two boundary affine Hecke and BMW algebras.

**Striking:** The two boundary affine Hecke algebra is isomorphic to the type C affine Hecke algebra. Similarities also appear suggestively in graded versions.



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