

$$ab = q^{-1}ba, \quad cd = q^{-1}dc, \quad ad - da = q^{-1}bc - qcb, \quad (2)$$

which together with (1) gives the structure of the *general matrix quantum supergroup* $GL_q(2|0)$ [2] (see also **quantum group**).

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QUANTUM WEIL ALGEBRA, history — For any compact *Lie group* G , together with an invariant *inner product* on its **Lie algebra** \mathfrak{g} , Alekseev and Meinrenken [1] defined quantum Weil algebra \mathcal{W}_G as a tensor product of the universal enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})$ and the **Clifford algebra** $Cl(\mathfrak{g})$. Just like the usual Weil algebra

$$W_G = S(\mathfrak{g}^*) \otimes \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}^*),$$

the quantum Weil algebra carries the structure of an acyclic, locally *free differential algebra* with an additional structure (*G-differential algebra*) and can be used to define equivariant cohomology for any *G-differential algebra* B . This construction helps to further generalize results of Duflo, Kashiwara–Vergne and Kontsevich on generalization of the *Harish–Chandra isomorphism*. On importance of the classical Weil algebra see [2–3].

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QUANTUM WEYL ALGEBRA — Also the *Wick algebra* with additional relations, is an algebra $W(B, C)$ defined for a vector space E with a basis $\{x^i\}_{i=1}^N$ and its complex conjugate E^* with the dual basis $\{x^{*i}\}_{i=1}^N$ and two *Hermitian linear operators* $B : E \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes E$ and $C : E^* \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes E^*$ as the quotient [1,2]

$$W(B, C) := T(E \oplus E^*) / I_{B,C},$$

where $I_{B,C}$ is an **ideal** in the tensor algebra $T(E \oplus E^*)$, subject the following relations in the algebra

$$\begin{aligned} x^{*i} x^j &= \delta^{ij} \mathbf{1} + \sum_{k,l}^N C_{kl}^{ij} x^k x^{*l}, \\ x^i x^j - \sum_{k,l}^N B_{kl}^{ij} x^k x^l &= 0, \\ x^{*i} x^{*j} - \sum_{k,l}^N \bar{B}_{ij}^{kl} x^{*k} x^{*l} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and consistency conditions

$$\begin{aligned} (B \otimes id)(id \otimes B)(B \otimes id) &= (id \otimes B)(B \otimes id)(id \otimes B), \\ (B \otimes id)(id \otimes C)(C \otimes id) &= (id \otimes C)(C \otimes id)(id \otimes B), \\ (id_{E \otimes E} + \tilde{C})(id_{E \otimes E} - B) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{C} is a matrix with elements $(\tilde{C})_{kl}^{ij} = C_{ij}^{kl}$. The algebra $W(B, C)$ is determined by two operators B and C which satisfy the above consistency conditions. Hence the existence of this algebra is restricted to the existence of these operators. A simple example is provided by diagonal matrices defined by the relations

$$\begin{aligned} C(x^{*i} \otimes x^j) &:= c_{ji} x^j \otimes x^{*i}, \\ B(x^i \otimes x^j) &:= b_{ij} x^j \otimes x^i, \quad (\text{no sum}) \end{aligned}$$

where c_{ij} are parameters such that $c_{ii} = q_i$ is a complex number, $c_{ij} = b_{ij}$ for $i \neq j$, $b_{ij}b_{ji} = 1$, and $b_{ii} = 1$ for every $i = 1, \dots, N$, [2]. It is possible to omit the consistency problem by using more general algebras, namely *Wick algebras*. The *Wick algebra* $W(C)$ is defined by one operator C and the corresponding crossing relation

$$x^{*i} x^j = \delta^{ij} \mathbf{1} + \sum_{k,l}^N C_{kl}^{ij} x^k x^{*l},$$

which is related with to Wick ordering of creation and annihilation operators [3].

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QUANTUM YANG–BAXTER EQUATION — The consistency condition for the *scattering matrix* factorization in a quantum mechanical many body problem [1] or *exactly solvable models* [2]. It can be also useful for the *quantum groups* [3]. The constant QYBE has the following form

$$R_{12}R_{13}R_{23} = R_{23}R_{13}R_{12},$$

for a linear operator $R : E \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes E$, where E is a vector space, R_{ij} act on i and j factor of the tensor product $E \otimes E \otimes E$ as R , [1]. In the supersymmetric case $E = E_0 \oplus E_1$ is a Z_2 -graded vector space, and \hat{R} is a homogeneous mapping with respect to this gradation, [4]. In the noncommutative braid geometry the QYBE can be given in terms of the matrix $\tilde{R} := PR$, where $P(a \otimes b) := b \otimes a$, as follows

$$(\tilde{R} \otimes id)(id \otimes \tilde{R})(\tilde{R} \otimes id) = (id \otimes \tilde{R})(\tilde{R} \otimes id)(id \otimes \tilde{R}).$$