

WHY $B(\ell^2)$ IS NOT $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$
QUANTUM GROUPS: CURRENT TRENDS
AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

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THE BASICS

DEFINITION


A **compact quantum group** \mathbb{G} is described by

- a von Neumann algebra $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$,
- a unital $*$ -homomorphism $\Delta: L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \overline{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$

(continuous in the σ -weak topology) such that

- $(\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta$,
- there exists a faithful state \mathbf{h} on $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ such that

$$\forall x \in L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \quad (\mathbf{h} \otimes \text{id})\Delta(x) = \mathbf{h}(x)\mathbb{1} = (\text{id} \otimes \mathbf{h})\Delta(x). \quad (\heartsuit)$$

 The condition (\heartsuit) determines \mathbf{h} uniquely. We call this state the **Haar measure** of \mathbb{G} .


DEFINITION


Let \mathbb{G} be a compact quantum group. A **finite-dimensional unitary representation** of \mathbb{G} is a unitary $U \in B(H) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ (with H a finite-dimensional Hilbert space) such that

$$(\text{id} \otimes \Delta)(U) = U_{12}U_{13},$$

where

- $U_{12} = U \otimes \mathbf{1} \in B(H) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$,
- $U_{13} = (\text{id} \otimes \text{flip})(U_{12}) \in B(H) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$.

 We say that a representation $U \in B(H) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ is **irreducible** if $(T \otimes \mathbf{1})U = U(T \otimes \mathbf{1})$ implies $T = \lambda \mathbf{1}_H$.

 Representations $U \in B(H) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ and $V \in B(K) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ are **equivalent** if there is a unitary $S \in B(H, K)$ such that $(S \otimes \mathbf{1})U = V(S \otimes \mathbf{1})$.

MATRIX ELEMENTS OF IRREPS

- Let $U \in B(H) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ be a representation. Then any $\omega \in B(H)^*$ defines $(\omega \otimes \text{id})(U) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ which is called a **matrix element** or a **coefficient** of U .
- Typically we take $\omega(\cdot) = \langle \xi | \cdot | \eta \rangle$ for some vectors $\xi, \eta \in H$.
- Choosing an orthonormal basis $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$ of H yields $U_{i,j} = (\omega_{i,j} \otimes \text{id})(U)$ where $\omega_{i,j} = \langle \xi_i | \cdot | \xi_j \rangle$.
- From now on we denote by $\text{Irr}(\mathbb{G})$ the set of equivalence classes of irreps of \mathbb{G} . For each $\alpha \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G})$ we fix $U^\alpha \in \alpha$. Then any orthonormal basis $\xi_1^\alpha, \dots, \xi_{n_\alpha}^\alpha$ of the carrier Hilbert space H^α of U^α defines the matrix elements $U_{i,j}^\alpha$.

THEOREM

$\text{span}\{U_{i,j}^\alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G}), i, j \in \{1, \dots, n_\alpha\}\}$ is σ -weakly dense in $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$.

THE ρ -OPERATORS

- For each $\alpha \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G})$ let $V^\alpha = (j \otimes \text{id})(U^{\alpha*}) \in B(H^{\alpha*}) \otimes L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ ($j: B(H^\alpha) \rightarrow B(H^{\alpha*})$ maps T to the operator $\langle \psi | \mapsto \langle T^* \psi |$).
- Next we let $\rho_\alpha = \text{const} \cdot j((\text{id} \otimes \mathbf{h})(V^{\alpha*} V^\alpha))$ with the constant chosen so that $\text{Tr}(\rho_\alpha) = \text{Tr}(\rho_\alpha^{-1})$.
- Note that ρ_α is positive.
- From now on for each $\alpha \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G})$ we fix an orthonormal basis of H^α in which ρ_α is diagonal:

$$\rho_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{\alpha,1} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \rho_{\alpha,n_\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\rho_{\alpha,1} \geq \dots \geq \rho_{\alpha,n_\alpha}$.

- We have $\mathbf{h}(U_{k,l}^\alpha * U_{i,j}^\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\delta_{ki} \rho_{\alpha,j}^{-1} \delta_{l,j}}{\text{Tr}(\rho_\alpha)}$, so $\{U_{i,j}^\alpha\}$ are linearly independent.

THE MODULAR GROUP AND THE SCALING GROUP


THEOREM

There exist two σ -weakly continuous one-parameter groups $\sigma^{\mathbf{h}}$ and $\tau^{\mathbb{G}}$ of automorphisms of $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ such that

$$\tau_t^{\mathbb{G}}(U_{i,j}^\alpha) = \rho_{\alpha,i}^{it} U_{i,j}^\alpha \rho_{\alpha,j}^{-it}$$

$$\sigma_t^{\mathbf{h}}(U_{i,j}^\alpha) = \rho_{\alpha,i}^{it} U_{i,j}^\alpha \rho_{\alpha,j}^{it}$$

for all $\alpha \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G})$, $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n_\alpha\}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

 Clearly the two groups commute.

WHAT IF?

Suppose that there is a compact quantum group \mathbb{G} such that $L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \cong B(H)$, where H is a Hilbert space such that $\dim H > 1$.

- If H were finite-dimensional then $B(H)$ would be simple, but a finite dimensional $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ admits a character, so this is impossible.
- The case $\dim H > \aleph_0$ is ruled out by the fact that there are no faithful normal states on $B(H)$ for non-separable H .
- Thus we are left with $H \cong \ell^2$.
- We will show that this leads to a contradiction.

Step 1.

- Suppose \mathbb{G} is a compact quantum group with $L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \cong B(H)$.
- The state \mathbf{h} cannot be a trace because there are no traces on $B(H)$.
- It is known that in this case (\mathbf{h} not a trace) there exists $\alpha \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G})$ with

$$(\rho_{\alpha,1}, \dots, \rho_{\alpha,n_\alpha}) \neq (1, \dots, 1).$$

- Let us assume that the set $\{\rho_{\alpha,1}, \dots, \rho_{\alpha,n_\alpha}\}$ is invariant under taking inverses.

If this doesn't hold we can show that the compact quantum group $\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}$ has $\beta \in \text{Irr}(\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G})$ such that ρ_β is non-trivial and $\{\rho_{\beta,1}, \dots, \rho_{\beta,n_\beta}\} = \{\rho_{\beta,1}^{-1}, \dots, \rho_{\beta,n_\beta}^{-1}\}$.

Still $L^\infty(\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}) = L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \overline{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \cong B(H) \overline{\otimes} B(H) \cong B(H)$.

Step 2.

- Let $\pi: L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow B(H)$ be the assumed isomorphism.
- The state \mathbf{h} must be of the form

$$\mathbf{h}(x) = \text{Tr}(A\pi(x)), \quad x \in L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$$

for some positive trace-class operator A on H with eigenvalues $q_1 > q_2 > \dots > 0$.

- For each n let $H(A = q_n)$ be the corresponding eigenspace, so that

$$H = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} H(A = q_n).$$

Moreover, we have $\dim H(A = q_n) < +\infty$ for all n .

- We have

$$\pi(\sigma_t^{\mathbf{h}}(x)) = A^{it}\pi(x)A^{-it}, \quad x \in L^\infty(\mathbb{G}), t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Step 3.

- There is a strictly positive self-adjoint operator B on \mathbb{H} such that

$$\pi(\tau_t^{\mathbb{G}}(x)) = B^{it} \pi(x) B^{-it}, \quad x \in L^\infty(\mathbb{G}), t \in \mathbb{R}$$

(this is a consequence of Stone's theorem).

- The fact that the groups $(\sigma_t^{\mathbf{h}})_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ and $(\tau_t^{\mathbb{G}})_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ commute implies that A and B strongly commute.
- Hence for any n the operator B restricts to a positive operator on the finite-dimensional Hilbert space $\mathbb{H}(A = q_n)$.
- Let $\mu_{n,1} > \dots > \mu_{n,p_n}$ be the complete list of eigenvalues of this restriction.
- We have

$$\mathbb{H} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigoplus_{p=1}^{P_n} \mathbb{H}(A = q_n) \cap \mathbb{H}(B = \mu_{n,p}).$$

Step 4.

• Claim: $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)$ maps $H(A = q_n)$ into $H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_n)$.

• Indeed: take $\xi \in H(A = q_n)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{it}\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\xi &= A^{it}\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)A^{-it}A^{it}\xi = \pi(\sigma_t^{\mathbf{h}}(U_{k,1}^\alpha))q_n^{it}\xi \\ &= \pi(\rho_{\alpha,k}^{it}U_{k,1}^\alpha\rho_{\alpha,1}^{it})q_n^{it}\xi = (\rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_n)^{it}\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

• Claim: $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)$ maps $H(B = \mu_{n,p})$ into $H(B = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{n,p})$.

• Indeed: take $\eta \in H(B = \mu_{n,p})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} B^{it}\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\eta &= B^{it}\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)B^{-it}B^{it}\eta = \pi(\tau_t^{\mathbb{H}}(U_{k,1}^\alpha))\mu_{n,p}^{it}\eta \\ &= \pi(\rho_{\alpha,k}^{it}U_{k,1}^\alpha\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-it})\mu_{n,p}^{it}\eta = (\rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{n,p})^{it}\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\eta. \end{aligned}$$

• Let ζ be a non-zero element of $H(A = q_1) \cap H(B = \mu_{1,p_1})$.

We will show that $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta = 0$ for all $k \in \{1, \dots, n_\alpha\}$.

🐾 Step 4. (continued)

- By the previous claims we have

$$\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta \in H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) \cap H(B = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{1,P_1}).$$

🐾 If $\rho_{\alpha,k} = \rho_{\alpha,1}$ then $\rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1 = \rho_{\alpha,1}^2q_1 > q_1 = \|A\|$, so
 $H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = \{0\}$ and consequently $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta = 0$.

🐾 If $\rho_{\alpha,k} < \rho_{\alpha,1}$ then first of all

$$\rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1 \geq (\min_i \{\rho_{\alpha,i}\})\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1 = \rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1 = q_1$$

(invariance of $\{\rho_{\alpha,1}, \dots, \rho_{\alpha,n_\alpha}\}$ under taking inverses!). Thus

$$H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = H(A = q_1) \quad \text{or} \quad H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = \{0\}.$$

Clearly, if $H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = \{0\}$ then $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta = 0$.

🐼 Step 4. (continued further)

- We have $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta \in H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) \cap H(B = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{1,P_1})$
and $H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = H(A = q_1)$ or $H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = \{0\}$.
- What happens if $H(A = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}q_1) = H(A = q_1)$?
- 🐼 In this case $\rho_{\alpha,k}$ must be $\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}$, so

$$\rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{1,P_1} = \rho_{\alpha,1}^{-2}\mu_{1,P_1} < \mu_{1,P_1} = \min \text{Sp}(B|_{H(A=q_1)}).$$

Consequently $H(B = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{1,P_1}) = \{0\}$ and

$$\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta \in H(A = q_1) \cap H(B = \rho_{\alpha,k}\rho_{\alpha,1}^{-1}\mu_{1,P_1}) = \{0\}.$$

In particular $\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta = 0$.

Step 5.

- We have shown that there is a non-zero $\zeta \in H$ with

$$\pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta, \quad k = 1, \dots, n_\alpha.$$

- But $U^\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} U_{1,1}^\alpha & \cdots & U_{1,n_\alpha}^\alpha \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U_{n_\alpha,1}^\alpha & \cdots & U_{n_\alpha,n_\alpha}^\alpha \end{bmatrix}$ is unitary matrix, so

$$0 \neq \zeta = \sum_{k=1}^{n_\alpha} \pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)^* \pi(U_{k,1}^\alpha)\zeta = 0.$$

- This contradiction shows that the existence of \mathbb{G} such that $L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \cong B(H)$ is impossible.



REMARKS

- ① The proof can be tweaked to obtain

THEOREM (J. KRAJCZOK & P.M.S.)

There does not exist a compact quantum group \mathbb{G} such that $L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \cong N \oplus B(H)$ with N an arbitrary von Neumann algebra or the zero vector space and H of infinite dimension.

REMARKS

- ② Similar techniques yield the following

THEOREM (A. CHIRVASITU, J. KRAJCZOK & P.M.S.)

Let \mathbb{G} be a compact quantum group such that the C^ -algebra $C(\mathbb{G})$ fits into the exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^N \mathcal{K}(H_i) \longrightarrow C(\mathbb{G}) \longrightarrow C(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

with X a compact space. The \mathbb{G} is finite ($\dim C(\mathbb{G}) < +\infty$).

- ③ It follows that the Podleś spheres and the quantum disk do not admit a structure of a compact quantum group.

THEOREM (J. KRAJCZOK & M. WASILEWSKI)

Let $q \in]-1, 1[\setminus \{0\}$ and $\nu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and consider the action α^ν of \mathbb{Q} with discrete topology on $SU_q(2)$ given by

$$\alpha_r^\nu(x) = \tau_{\nu r}^{\text{SU}_q(2)}(x), \quad x \in L^\infty(\text{SU}_q(2)), \quad r \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Let $\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q}$ be the corresponding bicrossed product:

$$\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q} = \mathbb{Q} \bowtie \text{SU}_q(2).$$

Then

- ① $\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q}$ is a compact quantum group,
- ② $\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q}$ is coamenable and hence $L^\infty(\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q})$ is injective,
- ③ if $\nu \log |q| \notin \pi\mathbb{Q}$ then $L^\infty(\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q})$ is the injective factor of type II_∞ ,
- ④ the spectrum of the modular operator for the Haar measure $\mathbf{h}_{\nu,q}$ of $\mathbb{H}_{\nu,q}$ is $\{0\} \cup q^{2\mathbb{Z}}$.

Let $((\nu_n, q_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of parameters as described above ($\nu_n \log |q_n| \notin \pi \mathbb{Q}$ for all n) and consider the compact quantum group

$$\mathbb{G} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{H}_{\nu_n, q_n}.$$

- In particular $L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} L^\infty(\mathbb{H}_{\nu_n, q_n})$.

EXAMPLE

If the sequence $((\nu_n, q_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is constant then $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ is the injective factor of type III $_{q^2}$ with separable predual.

- $T(L^\infty(\mathbb{G})) = \frac{\pi}{\log |q|} \mathbb{Z}$,
- $S(L^\infty(\mathbb{G})) = \{0\} \cup |q|^{2\mathbb{Z}}$.

EXAMPLE

If there are two subsequences $(q_{n_{1,p}})_{p \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(q_{n_{2,p}})_{p \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$\{n_{1,p} \mid p \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap \{n_{2,p} \mid p \in \mathbb{N}\} = \emptyset$$

and

$$q_{n_{1,p}} \xrightarrow[p \rightarrow \infty]{} r_1, \quad q_{n_{2,p}} \xrightarrow[p \rightarrow \infty]{} r_2$$

for some $r_1, r_2 \in]-1, 1[\setminus \{0\}$ such that $\frac{\pi}{\log|r_1|}\mathbb{Z} \cap \frac{\pi}{\log|r_2|}\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$ then $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ is the injective factor of type III₁ with separable predual.

- $T(L^\infty(\mathbb{G})) = \{0\}$,
- $S(L^\infty(\mathbb{G})) = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.

THEOREM (J. KRAJCZOK & P.M.S.)

There exist a family $\{\mathbb{G}_s\}_{s \in]0,1[}$ of compact quantum groups such that the von Neumann algebras $\{L^\infty(\mathbb{G}_s)\}_{s \in]0,1[}$ are pairwise non-isomorphic factors of type III₀.

- $T(L^\infty(\mathbb{G}_s)) \supset \mathbb{Q}$,
- defining

$$t_s = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lfloor p^{1-s} \rfloor}{p!}, \quad s \in]0, 1[$$

we have

$$\left(t_{s'} \in T(L^\infty(\mathbb{G}_s)) \right) \iff \left(s' > s \right).$$

☛ For each $\lambda \in]0, 1]$ there exists uncountably many pairwise non-isomorphic compact quantum groups with $L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ the injective factor of type III_λ .

- These compact quantum groups are constructed as bicrossed products $\Gamma \bowtie \times_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{H}_{\nu_n, q_n}$ with Γ a subgroup of \mathbb{R} (taken with discrete topology) acting by the scaling automorphisms.
- We distinguish between them using the following invariants:
 - $T^\tau(\mathbb{G}) = \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid \tau_t^{\mathbb{G}} = \text{id}\},$
 - $T_{\text{Inn}}^\tau(\mathbb{G}) = \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid \tau_t^{\mathbb{G}} \in \text{Inn}(L^\infty(\mathbb{G}))\},$
 - $T_{\overline{\text{Inn}}}^\tau(\mathbb{G}) = \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid \tau_t^{\mathbb{G}} \in \overline{\text{Inn}}(L^\infty(\mathbb{G}))\}.$

Thank you for your attention