

# QUANTUM GROUP ACTIONS ON DISCRETE QUANTUM SPACES AND QUANTUM CLIFFORD THEORY

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- Actions on  $M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \tilde{N}$

- $M = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} M_i$  — product of von Neumann algebras,
- $\mathbb{G}$  — compact quantum group,
- $\alpha : M \rightarrow M \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$  — action of  $\mathbb{G}$  on  $M$ :
  - $\alpha$  is an injective, unital, normal  $*$ -homomorphism,
  - $(\alpha \otimes \text{id}) \circ \alpha = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{G}}) \circ \alpha$ .
- $\mathbf{p}_i : M \rightarrow M_i$  — canonical projection.

### DEFINITION

We say that  $i, j \in \mathcal{I}$  are  **$\alpha$ -related** (writing  $i \sim_\alpha j$ ) if

$$\exists x \in M_i \quad (\mathbf{p}_j \otimes \text{id})\alpha(x) \neq 0.$$

- Define  $\alpha_{j,i} : M_i \longrightarrow M_j \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$  by

$$\alpha_{j,i}(x) = (\mathbf{p}_j \otimes \text{id})\alpha(x), \quad x \in M_i.$$

Then  $\alpha_{j,i}$  is a normal  $*$ -homomorphism. Moreover for each  $x \in M_i$

$$\alpha(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}} \alpha_{j,i}(x).$$

### FACT

T.F.A.E. for  $i, j \in \mathcal{I}$ :

- $i \sim_\alpha j$ ,
- $\alpha_{j,i} \neq 0$ ,
- $\alpha_{j,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i}) \neq 0$ .

- We say that  $\alpha$  is **implemented** if there exist
  - a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
  - a faithful normal representation  $\pi$  of  $M$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,
  - a unitary  $U \in B(\mathcal{H}) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$

such that

$$(\pi \otimes \text{id})\alpha(y) = U(\pi(y) \otimes \mathbb{1})U^*, \quad y \in M.$$

- Any action can be implemented:

### EXAMPLE

- $\pi_0$  — faithful representation of  $M$  on  $\mathcal{H}_0$ ,
- $W^{\mathbb{G}} \in \ell^\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{G}}) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$  — the Kac-Takesaki operator of  $\mathbb{G}$ ,
- Define:
  - $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \otimes L^2(\mathbb{G})$ ,
  - $\pi = (\pi_0 \otimes \text{id}) \circ \alpha : M \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H}_0) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \subset B(\mathcal{H})$ ,
  - $U = W^{\mathbb{G}}_{23} \in B(\mathcal{H}_0) \bar{\otimes} \ell^\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{G}}) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G}) \subset B(\mathcal{H}) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$ .

- Assume  $\alpha$  is implemented ( $\mathcal{H}, \pi, U$  as before).
- We can assume further that  $U \in B(\mathcal{H}) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$  is a representation of  $\mathbb{G}$ :

$$(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{G}})U = U_{12}U_{13}.$$

- For each  $i$  let  $p_i$  be the unit of  $M_i$  (as a projection in  $M$ )
- Define  $\mathcal{H}_i = \pi(p_i)\mathcal{H}$ . We have

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{H}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \pi(y) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \pi_i(\mathbf{p}_i(y)),$$

where  $\pi_i : M_i \rightarrow B(\mathcal{H}_i)$  is a faithful representation.

- For  $k, l \in \mathcal{I}$  let  $U_{k,l} = (\pi(p_k) \otimes \mathbf{1})U(\pi(p_l) \otimes \mathbf{1})$ .
- Implementation of  $\alpha$  by  $U$  means:

$$(\pi_j \otimes \text{id})\alpha_{j,i}(x) = U_{j,i}(\pi_i(x) \otimes \mathbf{1})U_{j,i}^* \quad i, j \in \mathcal{I}, x \in M_i.$$

- Since  $(\pi_j \otimes \text{id})(\alpha_{j,i}(\mathbf{1}_{M_i})) = U_{j,i}U_{j,i}^*$ , for all  $i, j \in \mathcal{I}$  we have

$$(i \sim_\alpha j) \iff (U_{j,i} \neq 0).$$

### PROPOSITION

The relation  $\sim_\alpha$  is symmetric.

### PROOF.

Assume  $\alpha$  is implemented by a representation. We have  $i \sim_\alpha j$  iff  $U_{j,i} \neq 0$  iff there are  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}_j$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{H}_i$  such that  $(\omega_{\xi,\eta} \otimes \text{id})U \neq 0$ . Now  $(\omega_{\xi,\eta} \otimes \text{id})U \in D(S)$  (domain of antipode) and

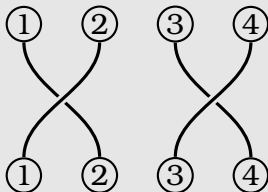
$$0 \neq S((\omega_{\xi,\eta} \otimes \text{id})U) = (\omega_{\xi,\eta} \otimes \text{id})(U^*).$$

This means that  $0 \neq (U^*)_{j,i} = U_{i,j}^*$ , so  $U_{i,j} \neq 0$  and  $i \sim_\alpha j$ . □

## REMARK

The relation  $\sim_\alpha$  need not be transitive. For example take

- $M = L^\infty(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}) = L^\infty(\{1\}) \oplus L^\infty(\{2, 3\}) \oplus L^\infty(\{4\})$ ,
- $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Z}_2$  acting by



- Then  $\{1\} \sim_\alpha \{2, 3\}$  and  $\{2, 3\} \sim_\alpha \{4\}$ , but  $\{1\} \not\sim_\alpha \{4\}$ .



## PROPOSITION

If  $M_i$  is a factor for each  $i$  then  $\sim_\alpha$  is an equivalence relation.

## PROOF.

From  $(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{G}}) \circ \alpha = (\alpha \otimes \text{id}) \circ \alpha$  it follows that

$$(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{G}})(\alpha_{j,i}(x)) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} (\alpha_{j,k} \otimes \text{id})(\alpha_{k,i}(x)), \quad i, j \in \mathcal{I}, x \in M_i.$$

Since each  $M_i$  is a factor, for any  $a, b \in \mathcal{I}$  we have  $a \sim_\alpha b$  iff  $\ker \alpha_{a,b} = \{0\}$ . Assume  $i \sim_\alpha l$  and  $l \sim_\alpha j$ . We have

$$(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{G}})(\alpha_{j,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i})) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} (\alpha_{j,k} \otimes \text{id})(\alpha_{k,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i}))$$

(sum of orthogonal projections).

## PROOF CONT'D.

- Since  $i \sim_\alpha l$ , we have  $\alpha_{l,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i}) \neq 0$ ,
- since  $j \sim_\alpha l$ , we have  $\ker \alpha_{j,l} = \{0\}$ .

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{G}})(\alpha_{j,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i})) &= \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} (\alpha_{j,k} \otimes \text{id})(\alpha_{k,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i})) \\ &\geq (\alpha_{j,l} \otimes \text{id})(\alpha_{l,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i})) \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

so  $\alpha_{j,i}(\mathbb{1}_{M_i}) \neq 0$ , i.e.  $i \sim_\alpha j$ .

Finally, for any  $i$  there is  $j$  such that  $i \sim_\alpha j$  (otherwise  $\alpha$  would not be injective). Thus by symmetry and transitivity we get reflexivity of  $\sim_\alpha$ . □

## DEFINITION

The classes of  $\sim_\alpha$  will be called **orbits** of  $\alpha$ .

- Let  $A \subset \mathcal{I}$  be an equivalence class of  $\sim_\alpha$ . Then  $\alpha$  restricts to an action on  $\prod_{i \in A} M_i$ .
- Moreover, the projection  $p_A = \sum_{i \in A} p_i$  is invariant:

$$\alpha(p_A) = p_A \otimes \mathbb{1}.$$

### COROLLARY 1

If  $\alpha$  is ergodic then  $\sim_\alpha$  is the total relation.

### COROLLARY 2

If  $M_i = M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$  for all  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  then all orbits of  $\alpha$  are finite.

### THEOREM

*Let  $\alpha$  be an ergodic action of a compact quantum group  $\mathbb{G}$  on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathbb{N}$  of the form  $\mathbb{N} = M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \tilde{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then  $\dim \mathbb{N} < +\infty$ .*

## SKETCH OF PROOF OF COROLLARY 2.

- ↪ Restrict to one class:  $\forall i, j \quad i \sim_\alpha j$ ,
- ↪ take a minimal projection  $p$  in  $M^\alpha = \{m \in M \mid \alpha(m) = m \otimes \mathbb{1}\}$ ,
- ↪  $\alpha$  restricts to an action on  $pMp$  which is ergodic,
- ↪  $pMp$  is itself a product of matrix algebras, so by Theorem  $\dim pMp < +\infty$ ,
- ↪ thus  $\mathcal{I}_p = \{i \in \mathcal{I} \mid p_i p \neq 0\}$  is finite,
- ↪ take  $i \in \mathcal{I}_p$  and  $j \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}_p$ . We have  $p_i p \neq 0$ , and

$$\alpha_{j,i}(p_i p) = (\mathbf{p}_j \otimes \text{id})(\alpha(p_i p)) \leq (\mathbf{p}_j \otimes \text{id})(\alpha(p)) = \mathbf{p}_j(p) \otimes \mathbb{1} = 0.$$

But  $i \sim_\alpha j$ , so  $\ker \alpha_{j,i} = \{0\}$  — a contradiction.

- ↪ Thus  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_p$  is finite.



- Let  $\Gamma$  be a discrete quantum group:

$$\ell^\infty(\Gamma) = \prod_{\gamma \in \text{Irr } \widehat{\Gamma}} M_{n_\gamma}(\mathbb{C}),$$

- and let  $\Lambda$  be a quantum subgroup of  $\Gamma$ :

- $L^\infty(\widehat{\Lambda}) \subset L^\infty(\widehat{\Gamma})$ , ( $\Lambda$  is closed)
- $\pi : \ell^\infty(\Gamma) \rightarrow \ell^\infty(\Lambda)$ . ( $\Lambda$  is open)

- Put  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) = \{x \in \ell^\infty(\Gamma) \mid (\pi \otimes \text{id})\Delta_\Gamma(x) = \mathbf{1} \otimes x\}$ .

- Let  $\mathbb{G} = \widehat{\Gamma}$ . We have

$$\mathbf{W}^{\mathbb{G}}(\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) \otimes \mathbf{1})\mathbf{W}^{\mathbb{G}*} \subset \ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\widehat{\Gamma})$$

which yields an action of  $\mathbb{G}$  on  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma)$ :

$$\alpha(x) = \mathbf{W}^{\mathbb{G}}(x \otimes \mathbf{1})\mathbf{W}^{\mathbb{G}*}, \quad x \in \ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma).$$

## EXAMPLE

Consider a special case:

- let  $\mathbb{H} \subset \mathbb{G}$  be a normal closed quantum subgroup,
- let  $\Gamma = \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$  and  $\Lambda = \widehat{\mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H}}$ .

Then  $\mathbb{G}$  acts on  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) = \ell^\infty(\Gamma / \Lambda) = \ell^\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{H}})$ .

- $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma)$  is a product of matrix algebras:

$$\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} M_i$$

with each  $M_i = M_{m_i}(\mathbb{C})$ .

- The action of  $\mathbb{G} = \widehat{\Gamma}$  on  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma)$  defines the equivalence relation  $\sim_\alpha$  on  $\mathcal{I}$ .

- Representations of  $\mathbb{G} = \widehat{\Gamma}$  are all of the form

$$U = (\varphi \otimes \text{id})W^{\mathbb{G}},$$

where  $\varphi$  is a representation of  $\ell^\infty(\Gamma)$ .

- Irreps correspond to matrix blocks in the decomposition

$$\ell^\infty(\Gamma) = \prod_{\gamma} M_{n_\gamma}(\mathbb{C}).$$

- Since  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) \subset \ell^\infty(\Gamma)$ , representations of  $\ell^\infty(\Gamma)$  can be restricted to  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma)$ .
- When  $\Lambda = \widehat{\mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H}}$  for a normal  $\mathbb{H} \subset \mathbb{G}$  this is exactly restricting representations of  $\mathbb{G}$  to  $\mathbb{H}$  ( $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) = \ell^\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{H}})$ ).
- Classical theorem of Clifford says that an irrep of  $G$  restricted to a normal  $H \subset G$  is equivalent to a direct sum of irreps of  $H$  forming precisely one orbit of the action of  $G$  on  $\text{Irr } H$  by conjugation.

- Denote by  $\mathbb{1}_j$  the unit of  $M_j \subset \ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma)$  viewed as a projection in  $\ell^\infty(\Gamma)$ .

### THEOREM

For any  $i \in I$  the element

$$\sum_{j \sim_\alpha i} \mathbb{1}_j \in \ell^\infty(\Lambda \setminus \Gamma) \subset \ell^\infty(\Gamma)$$

is the central support  $z(\mathbb{1}_i)$  in  $\ell^\infty(\Gamma)$  of the projection  $\mathbb{1}_i$ . Moreover  $z(\mathbb{1}_i)$  is orthogonal to  $z(\mathbb{1}_j)$  if  $i$  is not equivalent to  $j$  (i.e.  $i$  and  $j$  are not in the same orbit).

- In particular for any  $\kappa \in \text{Irr } \widehat{\Gamma}$  there exists  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  such that
  - ① for all  $j \in \mathcal{I}$  we have  $p_\kappa \mathbb{1}_j \neq 0$  if and only if  $j \sim_\alpha i$ ,
  - ② we have  $p_\kappa \left( \sum_{j \sim_\alpha i} \mathbb{1}_j \right) = p_\kappa$ .



## EXAMPLE REVISITED

- When  $\Lambda = \widehat{\mathbb{G}/\mathbb{H}}$  for a closed normal subgroup  $\mathbb{H}$  of  $\mathbb{G}$ , the theorem says that for an irrep  $\kappa$  of  $\mathbb{G}$  (or  $\ell^\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{G}})$ ) the restriction of  $\kappa$  to  $\mathbb{H}$  (or  $\ell^\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{H}})$ ) is a direct sum of irreps of  $\mathbb{H}$  constituting one class of the equivalence relation  $\sim_\alpha$  on  $\mathcal{I} = \text{Irr } \mathbb{H}$ .
- For classical groups  $G$  and  $H$  the irreps of  $H$  in one orbit of the action of  $G$  (by conjugation) all have the same dimension.

## THEOREM

*Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a compact quantum group of Kac type and let  $\mathbb{H}$  be a closed normal quantum subgroup of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Then any two irreducible representations  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  of  $\mathbb{H}$  in the same orbit have the same dimension. Moreover, if  $\pi$  is any irreducible representation of  $\mathbb{G}$  with  $\pi(\mathbb{1}_\sigma) \neq 0$ , then also the multiplicity of  $\sigma$  in  $\pi$  is the same as the multiplicity of  $\tau$  in  $\pi$ .*

## THEOREM

Consider the following three conditions

- ①  $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}$  is **torsion free**,
- ②  $\mathbb{G}$  satisfies the (TO)-**condition**,
- ③  $\mathbb{G}$  is **connected**.

Then

$$\textcircled{1} \implies \textcircled{2} \implies \textcircled{3}.$$

In general neither of the implications can be reversed.

All actions of  $\mathbb{G}$  on finite dimensional  $C^*$ -algebras are direct sums of actions Morita equivalent to trivial action on  $\mathbb{C}$

For any action of  $\mathbb{G}$  on a product of matrix algebras the orbits are trivial

There is no finite quantum group  $\mathbb{H}$  such that  $\text{Pol}(\mathbb{H}) \subset \text{Pol}(\mathbb{G})$  as a Hopf  $*$ -subalgebra

## DEFINITION

Let  $\Lambda$  be a quantum subgroup of a discrete quantum group  $\Gamma$ . For  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Irr } \widehat{\Gamma}$  we say that  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are  $\Lambda$ -**related** if there exists  $\gamma \in \text{Irr } \widehat{\Lambda}$  such that  $\tau \subset \sigma \oplus \gamma$ .

- Recall that in this situation we have an action  $\alpha$  of  $\mathbb{G}$  on  $\ell^\infty(\Lambda \backslash \Gamma) = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} M_i$ .
- For  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  define  $\Gamma\text{-supp}(\mathbb{1}_i) = \{\kappa \in \text{Irr } \widehat{\Gamma} \mid p_\kappa \mathbb{1}_i \neq 0\}$ .

## THEOREM

- ① For  $i, j \in \mathcal{I}$  we have  $i \sim_\alpha j$  iff  $\Gamma\text{-supp}(\mathbb{1}_i) = \Gamma\text{-supp}(\mathbb{1}_j)$ ,
- ② two elements  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Irr } \widehat{\Gamma}$  are  $\Lambda$ -related iff there exists  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $\sigma, \tau \in \Gamma\text{-supp}(\mathbb{1}_i)$ .

- Let  $\alpha : N \rightarrow N \bar{\otimes} L^\infty(\mathbb{G})$  be an **ergodic** action,
- assume  $N = M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \tilde{N}$ .
- There is a unique invariant state  $\varphi$  on  $N$ , let  $L^2(N)$  be the associated G.N.S. space.
- Define  $\mathcal{G} : L^2(N) \otimes L^2(N) \rightarrow L^2(N) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{G})$  by extending

$$x \otimes y \mapsto \alpha(y)(x \otimes \mathbb{1}), \quad x, y \in \text{Pol}(N),$$

where  $\text{Pol}(N)$  is the **algebraic core** (or **Podleś subalgebra** or **polynomial subalgebra**) of  $N$ .

- One can show that  $\mathcal{G} \in N \otimes B(L^2(N), L^2(\mathbb{G}))$ , so for  $\omega \in N_*$  we have

$$L_\omega = (\omega \otimes \text{id})(\mathcal{G}^*) \in B(L^2(\mathbb{G}), L^2(N)).$$

- Put

$$c_0(\hat{N}) = \overline{\{L_\omega \mid \omega \in N_*\}}$$

- $c_0(\widehat{N})$  can be shown to be a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $c_0(\widehat{\mathbb{G}})$  of the form

$$c_0(\widehat{N}) = \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \text{Irr } \mathbb{G}} M_{m_\kappa, n_\kappa}(\mathbb{C})$$

for some non-negative integers  $\{m_\kappa\}_{\kappa \in \text{Irr } \mathbb{G}}$  ( $c_0$ -direct sum).

- Finiteness of each  $m_\kappa$  follows from ergodicity of  $\alpha$ .
- In fact the summand  $M_{m_\kappa, n_\kappa}(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$\{L_{\varphi(\cdot, x)} \mid x \in N \text{ transforms according to } \kappa\}$$

( $x \in \text{Pol}(N)^{\kappa}$ ).

- If  $N$  is infinite dimensional then so is  $c_0(\widehat{N})$ .

- Let  $\eta : N = M_n(\mathbb{C}) \oplus \tilde{N} \longrightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the canonical projection.
- Define  $\eta_{i,j} \in N_*$  by

$$\eta(x) = \sum_{i,j} \eta_{i,j}(x) e_{i,j}, \quad x \in N,$$

- and let  $L_\eta = \sum_{i,j} e_{i,j} \otimes L_{\eta_{i,j}} \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathfrak{c}_0(\hat{N})$ .
- If  $\dim N = +\infty$  there are infinitely many different  $\kappa$  with  $L_{\varphi(\cdot x_\kappa)} p_\kappa = L_{\varphi(\cdot x_\kappa)}$  for some non-zero  $x_\kappa \in \text{Pol}(N)^\kappa$ .
- Then, via somewhat complicated calculations, we get

$$\|L_{\varphi(\cdot x_\kappa)}\| = \|(\mathbf{1} \otimes p_\kappa) L_\eta^* (\mathbf{1} \otimes L_{\varphi(\cdot x_\kappa)})\| \leq \|L_\eta(\mathbf{1} \otimes p_\kappa)\| \|L_{\varphi(\cdot x_\kappa)}\|,$$

so  $\|L_\eta(\mathbf{1} \otimes p_\kappa)\| \geq 1$  for infinitely many different  $\kappa$ .

- This is a contradiction with  $L_\eta \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathfrak{c}_0(\hat{N})$ .

Thank you for your attention.

