

# Unitary Representations for Twisted Product of Matrix Quantum Groups\*

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## 1 Introduction

This paper is a continuation of [JW], where we constructed a family of compact matrix quantum groups in the sense of Woronowicz [SLW2]. The construction followed the scheme provided by Woronowicz in [SLW3], in which the basic role is played by a properly chosen function on permutations. In our case the function is related to counting the number of cycles in permutations. In [JW] we described the  $C^*$ -algebraic structure of the constructed objects. Here we shall concentrate on the "quantum group" structure (Hopf algebra structure) and unitary representations of the quantum groups.

As defined by Woronowicz in [SLW2], a compact matrix quantum group  $(A, u)$  consists of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  and an  $N$  by  $N$  matrix  $u = (u_{jk})_{j,k=1}^N$ , with the elements  $u_{jk} \in A$  generating a dense  $*$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $A$ , and with the following additional structure:

1. a  $C^*$ -homomorphism  $\Phi : A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ , called the co-multiplication, such that

$$\Phi(u_{jk}) = \sum_{r=0}^N u_{jr} \otimes u_{rk} \tag{1.1}$$

2. a linear anti-multiplicative mapping  $\kappa : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , called the co-inverse, such that  $\kappa(\kappa(a^*)^*) = a$  for all elements  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , and

$$\sum_{r=1}^N \kappa(u_{jr})u_{rk} = \delta_{jk}I \tag{1.2}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^N u_{jr}\kappa(u_{rk}) = \delta_{jk}I \tag{1.3}$$

The notion of unitary representation of a quantum group was introduced by Woronowicz in [SLW2]. The definition says that a unitary  $n$ -dimensional (co-)representation of a quantum group  $(A, u)$  is a unitary element  $v = (v_{jk}) \in M_n(A) \simeq M_n(\mathbb{C}) \otimes A$ , with  $v_{jk} \in A$ , which satisfies  $\Phi(v_{jk}) = \sum_{r=1}^n v_{jr} \otimes v_{rk}$ .

Another crucial notion for compact quantum groups is that of a *Haar measure*. A Haar measure on a compact quantum group  $(A, u)$  is a state  $h \in A'$  (a linear positive functional normalized by  $h(1) = 1$ ) such that for every element  $a \in A$  one has  $(id \otimes h)\Phi(a) = (h \otimes id)\Phi(a) = h(a) \cdot 1$ . Woronowicz proved in [SLW2] that on every compact quantum group there is the unique Haar measure.

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## 2 Compact quantum groups associated with cycles in permutations for $N=3$ and its structure

In this section we describe the structure of our quantum groups as a twisted product of its subgroups.

Let us recall that the quantum group  $(A, u)$  we consider is generated by three elements  $a, c, v$ , which satisfy the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad av &= va & (2) \quad cv &= vc & (3) \quad ac + tca &= 0 \\ (4) \quad ac^* + tc^*a &= 0 & (5) \quad cc^* &= c^*c & (6) \quad vv^* &= v^*v = I \\ (7) \quad aa^* + t^2cc^* &= I & (8) \quad a^*a + c^*c &= I \end{aligned}$$

The co-multiplication  $\Phi$  in the quantum group  $(A, u)$  is given on generators by

$$\Phi(a) = a \otimes a + tc^*v^* \otimes c, \quad \Phi(c) = c \otimes a + a^*v^* \otimes c, \quad \Phi(v) = v \otimes v. \quad (2.1)$$

The co-inverse  $\kappa$  is defined by:

$$\kappa(a) = a^*v^*, \kappa(a^*v^*) = a, \kappa(c) = tc, \kappa(c^*v^*) = \frac{1}{t}c^*v^*, \kappa(v) = v \quad (2.2)$$

We are going to show that this group is a twisted product of its two subgroups. Clearly, first we have to explain these notions.

The definition of a *quantum subgroup* of a quantum group is the following (see [P-W]).

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $(A, u, \Phi, e, \kappa)$  and  $(A_1, u_1, \Phi_1, e_1, \kappa_1)$  be given quantum groups, with the explicite notation of their underlying  $C^*$ -algebras, fundamental representations, co-multiplications, co-units and co-inverses. If there exists an embedding  $p_1 : A_1 \rightarrow A$  such that:*

$$\Phi_1 p_1 = p_1 \Phi, \quad e_1 p_1 = p_1 e, \quad \kappa_1 p_1 = p_1 \kappa \quad (2.3)$$

*then we call  $(A_1, u_1, \Phi_1, e_1, \kappa_1)$  a quantum subgroup of the quantum group  $(A, u, \Phi, e, \kappa)$ . The above equalities mean that the restrictions of co-multiplication, co-inverse and co-unit from  $(A, u, \Phi, e, \kappa)$  agree with those of  $(A_1, u_1, \Phi_1, e_1, \kappa_1)$ .*

Now, following the work of Podleś and Woronowicz on the quantum Lorentz group [P-W] we shall describe the meaning of twisted product of two quantum groups.

**Definition 2.2** *Let  $(A, u, \Phi, e, \kappa)$  be a given quantum group and let  $(A_1, u_1, \Phi_1, e_1, \kappa_1)$  and  $(A_2, u_2, \Phi_2, e_2, \kappa_2)$  be its quantum subgroups with the natural embeddings  $p_j : A_j \rightarrow A_1 \otimes A_2$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , given by  $p_1 : A_1 \ni a_1 \mapsto a_1 \otimes 1_{A_2} \in A_1 \otimes A_2$ ,  $p_2 : A_2 \ni a_1 \mapsto 1_{A_1} \otimes a_2 \in A_1 \otimes A_2$ ; we assume that  $A = A_1 \otimes A_2$  is the spatial tensor product of the two  $C^*$ -algebras. If there exists a  $*$ -algebra isomorphism  $\sigma : A_1 \otimes A_2 \rightarrow A_2 \otimes A_1$ , such that:*

$$\Phi = (id_{A_1} \otimes \sigma \otimes id_{A_2})(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2), \quad \kappa = s(\kappa_1 \otimes \kappa_2)\sigma \quad (2.4)$$

*where  $s : A_2 \otimes A_1 \rightarrow A_1 \otimes A_2$  is the flip automorphism  $s(a_2 \otimes a_1) = a_1 \otimes a_2$  and  $id_{A_j}$  is the identity map on  $A_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , then we say that  $(A, u)$  is the twisted product of its subgroups  $(A_1, u_1)$  and  $(A_2, u_2)$  with the twist  $\sigma$ ; this will be denoted by*

$$A = A_1 \otimes_{\sigma} A_2 \quad (2.5)$$

The relations which defined our quantum group can be split in such a way that one can recover two special quantum subgroups inside it.

**Example:** Let  $(A_1, u_1, \Phi_1, e_1, \kappa_1)$  be the quantum group defined in the following way:

$A_1 = C^*(a, c)$  is the C\*-algebra generated by the two elements  $a, c$ , which satisfy the relations:  $ac + tca = 0 = ac^* + tc^*a$ ,  $cc^* = c^*c$ ,  $aa^* + t^2cc^* = I = a^*a + c^*c = I$ ,  $u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & tc^* \\ c & a^* \end{pmatrix}$  is the fundamental representation,  $\Phi_1(a) = a \otimes a + tc^* \otimes c$ ,  $\Phi_1(c) = c \otimes a + a^* \otimes c$  is the co-multiplication,  $\kappa_1(a) = a^*$ ,  $\kappa_1(c) = tc$  is the co-inverse and  $e_1(a) = e_1(a^*) = 1$ ,  $e_1(c) = e_1(c^*) = 0$  is the co-unit.

Then one can easily recognize that  $(A_1, u_1)$  is the famous quantum  $SU_q(2)$  group defined by Woronowicz in [SLW1] for  $q = -t$ .  $\square$

**Example:** Let  $(A_2, u_2, \Phi_2, \kappa_2, e_2)$  be defined in the following way:

$A_2 = C^*(v)$  is the commutative C\*-algebra generated by a unitary  $v$ ,  $u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v^* \end{pmatrix}$  is the fundamental representation,  $\Phi_2(v) = v \otimes v$ , is the co-multiplication,  $\kappa_2(v) = v^*$  is the co-inverse and  $e_2(v) = 1$  is the co-unit.

Then this definition provides the quantum group  $U(1)$ .  $\square$

A simple computation shows that this two quantum groups are quantum subgroups of our quantum group  $(A, u)$  with the natural embeddings. We are going to show that in fact  $(A, u)$  is the twisted product of these two subgroups, for a proper choice of the twist  $\sigma$ . For this purpose we need the following:

**Definition 2.3** Let  $\sigma : A_1 \otimes A_2 \rightarrow A_2 \times A_1$  be a \*-algebra homomorphism defined by putting:

$$\sigma(a \otimes v^k) = v^k \otimes a, \quad \sigma(c \otimes v^k) = v^{k-1} \otimes c \quad (2.6)$$

with  $v^{-1} = v^*$ .

Then we have

**Theorem 2.4** The quantum group  $A = A_1 \otimes_{\sigma} A_2$  is the twisted product of the two quantum subgroups with the twist  $\sigma$ .

**Proof:** We should check that the co-multiplications and co-inverses satisfy the definition 2.2. Keeping in mind the identification  $av^k \leftrightarrow a \otimes v^k$  and  $cv^k \leftrightarrow c \otimes v^k$ , given by the natural embeddings, we obtain for the co-multiplications:  $s(\kappa_2 \otimes \kappa_1)\sigma(a \otimes v^k) = s(\kappa_2(v^k) \otimes \kappa_1(a)) = a^* \otimes v^{*k}$  and  $s(\kappa_2 \otimes \kappa_1)\sigma(c \otimes v^k) = s(\kappa_2(v^{k-1}) \otimes \kappa_1(c)) = tc \otimes v^{*(k-1)}$  which agrees with the corresponding action of  $\kappa$ . Since a co-inverse is linear and anti-multiplicative, the above formulas can be extended to the \*-subalgebra of  $A$  generated by  $a, c, v$ .

For the co-multiplications we have:

$$(id_{A_1} \otimes \sigma \otimes id_{A_2})(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2)(a \otimes v^k) = (id_{A_1} \otimes \sigma \otimes id_{A_2})(a \otimes a \otimes v^k \otimes v^k + tc^* \otimes c \otimes v^k \otimes v^k) = a \otimes v^k \otimes a \otimes v^k + tc^* \otimes v^{k-1} \otimes c \otimes v^k$$

which agrees with

$$\Phi(av^k) = (a \otimes a + tc^*v^* \otimes c)(v^k \otimes v^k) = av^k \otimes av^k + tc^*v^{k-1} \otimes cv^k$$

and

$$(id_{A_1} \otimes \sigma \otimes id_{A_2})(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2)(c \otimes v^k) = (id_{A_1} \otimes \sigma \otimes id_{A_2})(c \otimes a \otimes v^k \otimes v^k + a^* \otimes c \otimes v^k \otimes v^k) = c \otimes v^k \otimes a \otimes v^k + a^* \otimes v^{k-1} \otimes c \otimes v^k$$

which agrees with

$$\Phi(cv^k) = (c \otimes a + a^*v^* \otimes c)(v^k \otimes v^k) = cv^k \otimes av^k + a^*v^{k-1} \otimes cv^k.$$

Since both  $(id_{A_1} \otimes \sigma \otimes id_{A_2})(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2)$  and  $\Phi$  are  $C^*$ -algebra homomorphisms, and agree on generators, they satisfy the equation 2.7.  $\square$

### 3 Unitary representations of the quantum group

Our description of the unitary representations of the quantum group  $(A, u)$  we base on the work by Podleś and Woronowicz [P-W], where a general theorem shows how to construct representations of a quantum group which is twisted product of its quantum subgroups. First we recall this

**Theorem 3.1** *Let the quantum group  $A = A_1 \otimes_\sigma A_2$  be the twisted product of its quantum subgroups  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , with the natural embeddings denoted by  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Let  $v \in B(K) \otimes A$  be matrix with entries from  $A$  for a finite dimensional complex vector space  $K$ . Then the following holds:*

1. *If  $w$  is a (unitary) representation of  $A$  on  $K$ , then  $w^1 := (id \otimes p_1)w$  is a (unitary) representation of  $A_1$  on  $K$  and  $w^2 := (id \otimes p_2)w$  is a (unitary) representation of  $A_2$  on  $K$ , and the following conditions hold:*

$$w = w^1 \oplus w^2,$$

$$w^2 \oplus w^1 = (id \otimes \sigma)(w^1 \oplus w^2) \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$w^1 \oplus w^2 = \sum_{j,k} m_j^1 m_k^2 \otimes w_j^1 \otimes w_k^2$$

for  $w^i = \sum_j m_j^i \otimes w_j^i \in B(K) \otimes A_i$

2. *If  $w^1$  and  $w^2$  are (unitary) representations of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively, which are of the same dimension and satisfy the compatibility condition 3.10, then  $w = w^1 \oplus w^2$  is a (unitary) representation of  $A$  on  $K$ .*

We shall apply this result to our situation to describe the unitary representations of the quantum group  $(A, u)$ . We will use the theory of irreducible unitary representations of the quantum group  $SU_q(2)$ , which was described by Woronowicz. The representations  $\{u^s\}_{s \in \frac{1}{2}N}$  are indexed by the set  $\frac{1}{2}N = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{5}{2}, 3, \dots\}$ , and each  $u^s$  act on a  $(2s+1)$

-dimensional Hilbert space. Explicit formulas for matrix elements of these representations are given in [Pu-W], B.19, p. 1616.

Now let us assume that  $w^1 = u^s$ , for some  $s \in \frac{1}{2}N$ , and  $w^2$  is a unitary representation of  $A_2$  of the dimension  $2s+1$ , and that they satisfy the compatibility condition 3.10. This condition implies that, for some positive integer  $r$ ,  $w^2 = \text{diag}\{v^r, v^{r-1}, \dots, v^{r-2s}\}$  has a diagonal matrix with the decreasing (or, equivalently, increasing) integral powers of the unitary  $v$  on the main diagonal. It follows that then the representation  $w = w^1 \oplus w^2$  is unitary and irreducible representation of  $A$ . This can be seen by using the Haar measure  $h = h_1 \otimes h_2$  on  $A$ , which is the tensor product of the Haar measure on  $SU_q(2)$ ,  $q = -t$ , and the Lebesgue measure on the unit circle, which is the Haar measure on  $A_2$ . Let us recall that the non-trivial action of  $h_1$  is given by  $h_1((cc^*)^m) = \frac{1-t^2}{1-t^2(m+1)}$ . Then irreducibility of  $w$  is equivalent to  $h(\chi_w^* \chi_w) = 1$ , where  $\chi_w = \sum_j w_{jj}$  is the character of the representation  $w$ . It follows from the form of  $w^2$  and from the formulas (B.19) of [Pu-W] that the value  $h(\chi_w^* \chi_w)$  is the same as  $h_1(\chi_{w^1}^* \chi_{w^1})$ , which is 1, by the irreducibility of  $w^1$ .

We shall finish our considerations with the following observation regarding the structure of the irreducible representations of  $(A, u)$ . There is a sequence  $\{v^r\}_{r \in \mathbb{Z}}$  - integral powers of  $v$  - of irreducible one-dimensional representations of  $(A, u)$ . There representation  $w = \begin{pmatrix} a & tc^*v^* \\ c & a^*v^* \end{pmatrix} = u^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v^* \end{pmatrix}$  is the fundamental representation of  $(A, u)$ , so we can write  $(A, u) = (A, w)$ . Its conjugate is the representation  $\bar{w} = \begin{pmatrix} a^* & tcv \\ c^* & av \end{pmatrix} = u^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix}$ . These two-dimensional representations are not equivalent since they have different characters:  $\chi_w = a + a^*v^* \neq a^* + av = \chi_{\bar{w}}$ . The following is the decomposition of their tensor products into irreducible sub-representations:

$$w \oplus w = v^* \oplus \left( u^1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v^{*2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.2)$$

$$w \oplus \bar{w} = 1 \oplus \left( u^1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v^* \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.3)$$

$$\bar{w} \oplus \bar{w} = v \oplus \left( u^1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} v^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.4)$$

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