

# Partitions, quantum group actions and rigidity

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- Compact (orthogonal) Lie group  $G \subset O_N(\mathbb{R})$   
 $u_{ij} : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g \mapsto g_{ij}$  coordinate function,  $u := (u_{ij}) \in \mathbb{M}_N(C(G))$ .  
 Group multiplication  $\leftrightarrow \Delta(u_{ij})(g, h) := u_{ij}(gh) = \sum_k u_{ik}(g)u_{kj}(h)$ .
- Woronowicz: (orthogonal) compact matrix quantum group  
 $\mathbb{G} = (A, u)$  such that
  - $A = C^*(u_{ij} \mid i, j = 1, \dots, N)$
  - $u \in \mathbb{M}_N(A)$  such that  $u_{ij} = u_{ij}^*$ ,  $uu^T = u^T u = \text{id}$
  - \*-homomorphism  $\Delta : A \rightarrow A \otimes A, \Delta(u_{ij}) = \sum_k u_{ik} \otimes u_{kj}$

Write  $A = C(\mathbb{G})$ .

- Example: S.Z. Wang's free orthogonal quantum group  $\mathbb{G} = O_N^+$   
 where  $A = \text{universal } C^*(u_{ij} = u_{ij}^* \mid i, j = 1, \dots, N; uu^T = u^T u = \text{id})$

- $u^{\otimes k} := (u_{i_1 j_1} \cdots u_{i_k j_k}) \in M_N^{\otimes k} \otimes A$  with intertwiners

$$\text{Mor}_{\mathbb{G}}(k, l) := \{T : (\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes k} \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes l} \mid Tu^{\otimes k} = u^{\otimes l}T\}, \quad k, l \in \mathbb{N}$$

- A collection of vector spaces of operators

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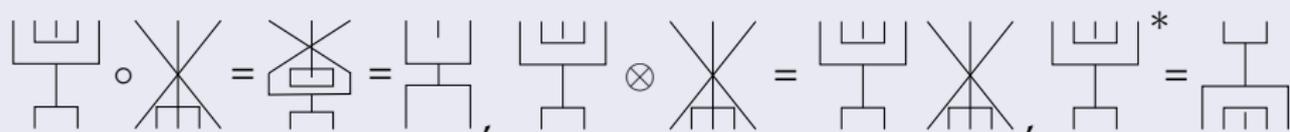
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**GOAL for today:** a dynamical version!

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- The fixed point space  $K_k := ((\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes k} \otimes B)^{\mathbb{G}}$  is a Hilbert space.
- $K_k = (\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes k}$  if  $B = C(\mathbb{G})$  and  $\alpha = \Delta$ ;  $K_k \otimes K_l \subset K_{k+l}$ .
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**Theorem (Pinzari-Roberts 08', Neshveyev 14', Freslon-Taïpe-W.)**

*Assume that we have*

- Hilbert spaces  $(K_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  with **isometric inclusions**  $\iota : K_k \otimes K_l \subset K_{k+l}$
- $T \in \text{Mor}_{\mathbb{G}}(k, l) \rightarrow \varphi(T) \in B(K_k, K_l)$ , compatible with  $\otimes, \circ, *, \iota$ .

*Then we may construct  $\alpha : B \rightarrow B \otimes C(\mathbb{G})$  (with  $K_k = ((\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes k} \otimes B)^{\mathbb{G}}$ ).*

**Main results:** find such  $(K_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\varphi$  out of partitions.

# PARTITIONS & QUANTUM ACTIONS

Recall Banica-Speicher's approach:

- Partitions with operations  $\circ, \otimes, *$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cup} \circ \text{Cap} = \text{Cap} \text{Cup}, \quad \text{Cup} \otimes \text{Cap} = \text{Cup} \text{Cap}, \quad \text{Cup}^* = \text{Cap} \end{array}$$

- A category of partitions  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow$  easy quantum group  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C})$   
 $\mathcal{C}(k, l) :=$  partitions of  $k$  upper points and  $l$  lower points in  $\mathcal{C}$

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## Remarks

- The assumption is satisfied if  $\mathcal{P} =$  all projective partitions in  $\mathcal{C}$ .  
In particular, for  $\mathcal{C} =$  all noncrossing pair partitions ( $\mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C}) = O_N^+$ )

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- $\mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  module over  $\mathcal{C}' \Rightarrow$  induced action  $\text{Ind}_{\mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C})}^{\mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C}')}(\alpha)$ .

## Example (module of line partitions)

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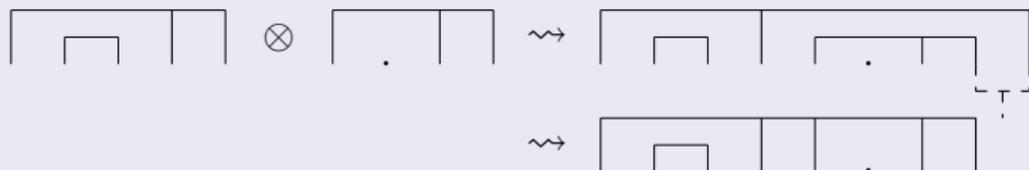
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$\Rightarrow \alpha : \mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C}') \curvearrowright C(\mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C}) \setminus \mathbb{G}_N(\mathcal{C}'))$  translation action.

## Example (1-shifted line partitions)

For  $\mathcal{C} \supset \{\text{noncrossing partitions}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{L} = \cup_k \mathcal{L}_k := \cup_k \mathcal{C}(0, k+1)$ ,

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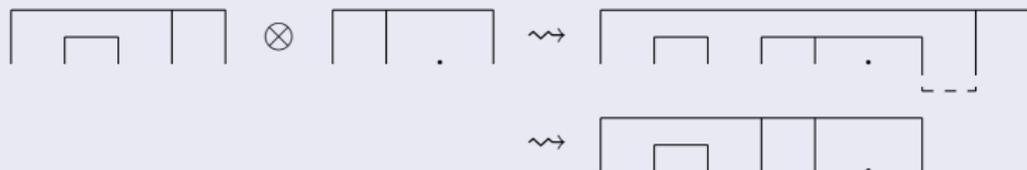
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  - "there has not been any example of faithful action of a genuine compact quantum group on  $C(X)$  when  $X$  is **connected**."
  - "conjecture that the quantum permutations are the only possible actions of genuine compact quantum groups on classical spaces".
- Huang 13':
  - construct faithful **non-ergodic**  $S_N^+ \curvearrowright$  compact connected  $X$
  - reformulated question: faithful **ergodic** genuine quantum group actions on compact connected spaces?
- Goswami-Joardar GAFA 18', Goswami Adv 20':  
no genuine quantum actions on compact connected **smooth** manifolds.

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