# GELFAND-ZETLIN MODULES

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$$\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{g}l(n,\mathbb{C});$$

 $\{e_{i,j}|i,j=1,\ldots,n\}$  – matrix units, basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

tableau 
$$[l] = (l_{i,j})_{i=1,...,n}^{j=1,...,i}$$

simple f.d.  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules  $\leftrightarrow \mathfrak{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n, m_i - m_{i+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ 

**THEOREM** (Gelfand-Zetlin, 1950) The simple f.d.  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V = V(\mathfrak{m})$ , corresponding to  $\mathfrak{m}$  as above has a basis,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{m})$ , consisting of all tableaux [t] such that

- $t_{n,j} = m_j, j = 1, \ldots, n;$
- $t_{i,j} t_{i-1,j} \in \mathbb{Z}_+, i = 2, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, i;$
- $t_{i-1,j} t_{i,j+1} \in \mathbb{N}, i = 2, \ldots, n, j = 1, \ldots, i-1.$

The action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{m})$  is given by the following Gelfand-Zetlin formulae

$$e_{i,i}[t] = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{i} t_{i,j} - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} t_{i-1,j}\right)[t],$$

$$e_{i,i+1}([t]) = -\sum_{j=1}^{i} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{i+1} (t_{i,j} - t_{i+1,k})}{\prod_{k \neq j} (t_{i,j} - t_{i,k})} ([t] + [\delta^{i,j}]),$$

$$e_{i+1,i}([t]) = \sum_{j=1}^{i} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{i-1} (t_{i,j} - t_{i-1,k})}{\prod_{k \neq i} (t_{i,j} - t_{i,k})} ([t] - [\delta^{i,j}]).$$

### Generic Gelfand-Zetlin modules

fix [l] such that  $l_{i,j} - l_{i,k} \notin \mathbb{Z}$  for all i < n and  $j \neq k$ . Let B([l]) consist of all [t] such that

- $t_{n,j} = l_j, j = 1, \ldots, n;$
- $t_{i,j} l_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}, i = 1, \dots, n-1, j = 1, \dots, i$ .

**THEOREM** (Drozd-Ovsienko-Futorny,  $\sim$  1989) The Gelfand-Zetlin formulae define on the vectorspace V([l]), spanned by B([l]), the structure of a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module of finite length. V([l]) is simple if and only if  $l_{i,j} - l_{i-1,k} \not\in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $i = 2, \ldots, n, j = 1, \ldots, i$  and  $k = 1, \ldots, i-1$ .

## Gelfand-Zetlin subalgebra

Consider standard  $\mathfrak{g}l(1,\mathbb{C}) \subset \mathfrak{g}l(2,\mathbb{C}) \subset \cdots \subset \mathfrak{g}l(n,\mathbb{C})$ .

This induces  $U(\mathfrak{g}l(1,\mathbb{C})) \subset U(\mathfrak{g}l(2,\mathbb{C})) \subset \cdots \subset U(\mathfrak{g}l(n,\mathbb{C}))$ .

Set  $Z_i = Z(\mathfrak{g}l(2,\mathbb{C}))$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , and denote  $\Gamma = \langle Z_i | i = 1, \ldots, n \rangle$  – polynomial algebra in n(n+1)/2 variables.

#### **THEOREM**

- 1. (Zhelobenko?)  $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{m})$  is an eigenbasis w.r.t.  $\Gamma$ , moreover,  $\Gamma$  separates elements of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{m})$ .
- 2. (Drozd-Futorny-Ovsienko) B([l]) is an eigenbasis w.r.t.  $\Gamma$ , moreover,  $\Gamma$  separates elements of B([l]).

**THEOREM** (????, Ovsienko)  $\Gamma$  is a maximal commutative subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Problem** Find a transformation matrix between  $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{m})$  with respect to different  $\Gamma$ , or, say, between  $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{m})$  and the canonical basis.

### Gelfand-Zetlin modules

A  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module, V, is called  $Gelfand\text{-}Zetlin\ module}$  provided it is a direct sum of non-isomorphic f.d.  $\Gamma$ -modules.

Examples: all f.d. modules, all weight g-modules with f.d. weight

spaces and all generic Gelfand-Zetlin modules are Gelfand-Zetlin modules.

**THEOREM** (Ovsienko, 1998, preprint, yet to appear) Any character of  $\Gamma$  extends to a simple  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Moreover, there exists only finitely many of such extensions up to isomorphism.

**Problem** When the above extension is unique? E.g. this is the case if the corresponding character of  $\Gamma$  occurs in a generic Gelfand-Zetlin module (Drozd-Ovsienko-Futorny).

## Realization of highest weight modules

Fix  $\mathfrak{m} = (m_1, \ldots, m_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , such that  $m_i - m_j \not\in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , i < j.

Define [l] by  $l_{i,j} = m_j$  for all i, j.

Define C([l]) as the set of all [t] satisfying:

- $t_{n,j} = l_{n,j}, j = 1, \ldots, n;$
- $l_{i,j} t_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  for all i, j;
- $t_{i,j} t_{i-1,j} \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  for all i, j.

**THEOREM** Gelfand-Zetlin formulae define on the vector space W([l]), spanned by C([l]) the structure of a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Moreover, W([l]) is a simple Verma module with highest weight  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

Remark that this is a precise realization for all simple Verma modules.

## Realization of simple dense modules

A  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module is called weight if it is diagonalizable w. r. t. a Cartan subalgebra. We fix  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_{i,i} | i = 1, \ldots, n \rangle$ .

A weight  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module, V, is called *dense* if its support, i.e. the set of  $\mathfrak{h}$ -weights, coincides with a coset of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$  modulo  $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is the root system of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Any simple weight  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module is either dense or parabolically induced (Fernando-Futorny).

Simple dense modules with f.d. weight spaces exist only for  $A_n$  and  $C_n$  algebras (Fernando).

All simple dense modules with f.d. weight spaces are recently classified (Mathieu, 2000).

Fix  $\mathfrak{m} = (m_1, \ldots, m_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , such that  $m_i - m_{i+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i = 2, \ldots, n-1$ , and  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$  such that  $x_i - m_2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$  for all i.

Let  $D(x, \mathfrak{m})$  denote the set of all tableaux [t] satisfying:

- $t_{n,j} = m_j, j = 1, \ldots, n;$
- $t_{i,1} x_i \in \mathbb{Z}, i = 1, \dots, n-1;$
- $l_{i,j} l_{i-1,j} \in \mathbb{Z}_+, i = 3, \dots, n, j = 2, \dots, i;$
- $l_{i-1,j} l_{i,j+1} \in \mathbb{N}, i = 3, \dots, n, j = 2, \dots, i.$

**THEOREM** Gelfand-Zetlin formulae define on the space  $V(x, \mathfrak{m})$ , spanned by  $D(x, \mathfrak{m})$ , the structure of a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module. The module  $V(x, \mathfrak{m})$  is simple, dense and has f.d. weight spaces. Moreover, almost all simple dense module with f.d. weight spaces can be realized as  $V(x, \mathfrak{m})$  in the sense that all other are given by non-trivial polynomial equalities in the set of parameters.

## Quantum deformation

Let q be a non-zero complex non-root of unity. Fix some  $h \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $q = \exp(h)$  and for  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  put

$$[x]_q = \frac{\exp(hx) - \exp(-hx)}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

 $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}(n,\mathbb{C}))$  is generated by  $K_i = \tilde{e}_{i,i}, i = 1,\ldots,n, E_i = \tilde{e}_{i,i+1},$  $F_i = \tilde{e}_{i+1,i}, i = 1,\ldots,n-1$ ; subject to the following relations:

$$K_{i}K_{i}^{-1} = K_{i}^{-1}K_{i} = 1, \quad K_{i}^{\pm 1}K_{j}^{\pm 1} = K_{j}^{\pm 1}K_{i}^{\pm 1},$$

$$K_{i}E_{j} = q^{\delta_{i,j} - \delta_{i,j+1}}E_{j}K_{i}, \quad K_{i}F_{j} = q^{-\delta_{i,j} + \delta_{i,j+1}}F_{j}K_{i},$$

$$E_{i}F_{j} - F_{j}E_{i} = \delta_{i,j}\frac{K_{i}K_{i+1}^{-1} - K_{i}^{-1}K_{i+1}}{q - q^{-1}},$$

$$[E_{i}, E_{j}] = [F_{i}, F_{j}] = 0, \quad |i - j| \ge 2,$$

$$E_{i}^{2}E_{i\pm 1} - (q + q^{-1})E_{i}E_{i\pm 1}E_{i} + E_{i\pm 1}E_{i}^{2} = 0,$$

$$F_{i}^{2}F_{i\pm 1} - (q + q^{-1})F_{i}F_{i\pm 1}F_{i} + F_{i\pm 1}F_{i}^{2} = 0.$$

Substituting  $(t_{i,j} - t_{i',j'})$  with  $[t_{i,j} - t_{i',j'}]_q$  in Gelfand-Zetlin formulae we get quantum Gelfand-Zetlin formulae. They tend to the classical ones under  $q \to 1$ .

**THEOREM** (Jimbo) Quantum Gelfand-Zetlin formulae define on  $V_q(\mathfrak{m}) = V(\mathfrak{m})$  (space of simple f.d.  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module) the structure of  $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}(n,\mathbb{C}))$ -module, which is a deformation of  $V(\mathfrak{m})$ .

**THEOREM** (M.-Turowska) Generic Gelfand-Zetlin modules admit quantum deformation.

**THEOREM** All simple dense  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules with f.d. weight spaces admit quantum deformation.

**THEOREM** Certain  $\mathfrak{g}l(k,\mathbb{C})-\mathfrak{g}l(n,\mathbb{C})$  Harish-Chandra modules admit quantum deformation.

**THEOREM** Modules, parabolically induced from simple generic Gelfand-Zetlin modules (certain generalized Verma modules) admit quantum deformation.