

## Free algebras P and F

$P$ , the free algebra generated by  $p_1, \dots, p_r$ , and  $F$ , the free algebra generated by  $f_1, \dots, f_r$ , are graded dual via  $\langle, \rangle: P \times F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\langle p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_d}, f_{j_1} \cdots f_{j_d} \rangle = \delta_{d,0} \delta_{i_1 j_1} \cdots \delta_{i_d j_d}$$

and

$$\deg(p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_d}) = \deg(f_{i_1} \cdots f_{i_d}) = d_{i_1} + \cdots + d_{i_d}$$

is in

$$Q^+ = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\text{-span}\{d_1, \dots, d_r\}$$

$P$  has basis  $\{p_i^{(n_1)} \cdots p_m^{(n_m)}\}$

$F$  has basis  $\{[n_1]! \cdots [n_m]! f_i^{n_1} \cdots f_m^{n_m}\}$

Dual maps:

$$m: P \otimes P \rightarrow P$$

$$\Delta: F \rightarrow F \otimes F$$

$$r: P \rightarrow P \otimes P$$

$$o: F \otimes F \rightarrow F$$

$$-: P \rightarrow P$$

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$$m_{an}: P \rightarrow P$$

$$\Delta_{an}: F \rightarrow F$$

This means

$$\langle x, y \circ y' \rangle = \langle r(x), y \otimes y' \rangle \text{ and } \langle x x', y \rangle = \langle x \otimes x', \Delta(y) \rangle$$

## Bialgebra structure on $P$

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$m: P \otimes P \rightarrow P$  given by  $m(u \otimes v) = uv$ ,

$r: P \rightarrow P \otimes P$  given by  $r(p_i) = p_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes p_i$ ,

where the product on  $P \otimes P$  is given by

$$(x \otimes y)(z \otimes w) = q^{-\langle \deg(y), \deg(z) \rangle} xz \otimes yw$$

and

$\bar{\cdot}: P \rightarrow P$  by  $\bar{p}_i = p_i$  and  $\bar{q} = q^{-1}$ .

and

$\mathcal{I}_{p_i^{(n)}}: P \rightarrow P$  by  $\mathcal{I}_{p_i^{(n)}}(x) = x p_i^{(n)}$ .

## Bialgebra structure on $F$

$\circ: F \otimes F \rightarrow F$  is given by

$$u \circ v = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{k+l}/S_k \times S_l} q^{\text{wt}(\sigma, u, v)} \sigma(uv),$$

where  $k = \ell(u)$ ,  $l = \ell(v)$ , the sum is over minimal length coset representatives of  $S_k \times S_l$ -cosets in  $S_{k+l}$ ,

$$\text{wt}(\sigma, u, v) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+l} -\langle u_i, v_{k-j} \rangle, \quad \text{where}$$

$u_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  letter in  $u$  and  $v_{k-j}$  is the  $(k-j)^{\text{th}}$  letter in  $v$ .

$\Delta: F \rightarrow F \otimes F$  is given by

$$\Delta(u) = \sum_{\substack{v, w \in F \\ vw = u}} v \otimes w$$

and is a homomorphism with respect to the product

$$(x \otimes y) \cdot (z \otimes w) = q^{-\langle \deg(y), \deg(z) \rangle} (x \cdot z) \otimes (y \cdot w)$$

Define

$$\bar{\cdot}: F \rightarrow F \text{ by } \bar{f}_i = f_i \text{ and } \bar{q} = q^{-1}$$

and

$$\Delta_{a^n}: F \rightarrow F \text{ by}$$

$$\Delta_{a^n}(x) = \sum_{\substack{u \in x \\ u = wa^n}} w,$$

so that the sum is over terms in  $x$  that end in  $a^n$ .

Hence

$$\Delta_{a^n}(f_{j_1} \cdots f_{j_d}) = \begin{cases} f_{j_1} \cdots f_{j_{d-n}}, & \text{if } j_{d-n+1} = \cdots = j_d = a, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Key point

$$U \hookrightarrow F \text{ and } P \twoheadrightarrow U$$

HW: Make precise "The Serre relations are the radical of  $\langle \cdot \rangle$ ".  
 For  $\langle \cdot \rangle: U \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form

# The quantum group and categorification $\mathcal{U}^-$

~~Let~~ Let  $\mathring{F}$  be the vector space  $F$  with product  $\circ: F \times F \rightarrow F$ . Define a homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi: F &\rightarrow \mathring{F} \\ f_i &\mapsto \mathring{f}_i, \end{aligned} \quad \Phi(uv) = u \circ v,$$

so that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathring{F} \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{U}^- & & \end{array} \quad \text{where } \mathcal{U}^- = \frac{F}{\ker \Phi}$$

As pointed out to me by M. Aguiar, if the Cartan matrix is the  $O$  matrix then

$F = T(V)$  = tensor algebra,

$\mathring{F} = T^\vee(V)$  = shuffle algebra,

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(V) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & T^\vee(V) \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ S(V) & & \end{array} \quad \text{by } \varphi$$

$$\varphi(u_1 \cdots u_p) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_p} u_{\sigma(1)} \cdots u_{\sigma(p)},$$

and  $\varphi$  is the unique map such that

$$\varphi(uv) = u \circ v \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(f_i) = \mathring{f}_i.$$

~~Note~~ Note that  $\varphi$  is an Hopf algebra map.