# The Cyclic Representations of the Quantum Superalgebra $\mathrm{U}_{q} \operatorname{osp}(2,1)$ with $q$ a Root of Unity* 

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#### Abstract

By generalizing De Concini and Kac's cyclic representation theory of quantum groups at roots of unity, the cyclic representations of the quantum superalgebra $U_{q} \operatorname{Osp}(2,1)$ are constructed in three classes: irreducible representations with single multiplicities, irreducible representations with the multiplicities larger than one, and indecomposable representations.


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## 1. Introduction

The quantum group, quantum universal enveloping algebra (quantum algebra) and their representation theories are deeply rooted in integrable nonlinear physics models associated with the Yang-Baxter equation (YBE) [1-4]. Recently, much attention has been given to the representations of quantum algebras in the nongeneric case where $q$ is a root of unity [5-9]. Especially, the cyclic representations of quantum algebras have been built by De Concini and Kac [10] within a general framework and the explicit constructions for $\mathrm{U}_{q} \mathrm{sl}(n+1)$ and $\mathrm{U}_{4} A_{2}^{(2)}$ have been given and associated with the Potts model by Date et al. [11, 12]. We have also obtained the concrete cyclic representations of $\mathrm{sl}_{q}(2)$ [13] by generalizing the $q$-deformed boson realization method [14-17].

In this Letter, taking the principal ideas of De Concini and Kac's work into account, we construct and study the cyclic representations of the quantum superalgebra [18-20] with $\mathrm{U}_{q} \operatorname{osp}(2,1)$ as an explicit example. We obtain the following cyclic representations of $A=\mathrm{U}_{q} \operatorname{Osp}(2,1)$ :
(1) A class of irreducible cyclic representations with single multiplicities;
(2) some irreducible representations with multiplicities larger than one, which are labeled by two integers and are also cyclic.
(3) some indecomposable representations with two labels, one of which is cyclic.

[^0]If we use the lattice points to represent the basis vectors, we will find the basis for the above representations possess certain 'topologies'.

## 2. The Algebra $A=\mathrm{U}_{q} \operatorname{osp}(2,1)$ and its Regular Representation

The quantum superlagebra $A=\mathrm{U}_{q} \operatorname{osp}(2,1)$ is an associative algebra over the complex number field $\mathbb{C}$ generated by the elements $V_{+}, V_{-}$and $Q^{ \pm}=q^{ \pm H}$ satisfying the algebraic relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{+} V_{-}+V_{-} V_{+}=-\frac{1}{4}[2 H], \quad\left[H, V_{ \pm}\right]= \pm \frac{1}{2} V, \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $[f]=\left(q^{f}-q^{-f}\right) /\left(q-q^{-1}\right)$ for any operator or number $f$. By introducing the appropriate coproduct, antipode, and co-unit, $A$ can be defined as a Hopf algebra and the corresponding universal $R$-matrix for the YBE can be obtained from the quantum double [17, 19]. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{ \pm}=2 V_{ \pm}, \quad h=2 H, \quad K^{ \pm}=q^{ \pm h} . \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, it follows from the induction and Equations (2.1) that

$$
\begin{align*}
& K^{+} e_{ \pm}=q^{ \pm} e_{ \pm} K^{+}, \quad K^{-} e_{ \pm}=q^{\mp} e_{ \pm} K^{-} \\
& e_{+} e_{-}^{m+1}=(-1)^{m+1} e_{-}^{m+1} e_{+}+(-1)^{m+1} e_{-}^{m} \cdot C_{m}\left(K^{ \pm}\right) \tag{2.3}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& C_{2 m}\left(K^{ \pm}\right)=([m+1]-[m]) \frac{K^{+} q^{-m}-K^{-} q^{m}}{q-q^{-1}}, \\
& C_{2 m+1}\left(K^{ \pm}\right)=[m+1]\left(\frac{K^{+} q^{-m}-K^{-} q^{m}}{q-q^{-1}}-\frac{K^{+} q^{-m-1}-K^{-} q^{m+1}}{q-q^{-1}}\right) . \tag{2.4}
\end{align*}
$$

From Equations (2.3) and (2.4), it is easy to observe that the elements $e_{ \pm}^{2 p}$ and $\left(K^{+}\right)^{p}$ belong to the center $Z_{p}$ of the algebra $A$. According to the Schur lemma, the central element $e^{2 p}$ and ( $\left.K^{ \pm}\right)^{p}$ are a constant multiple of the unit matrix in an irreducible representation with finite dimension. This fact is the key to the construction of cyclic representations of $A$.

Regarding the algebra $A$ itself as an $A$-left module, we write down the regular representation of $A$

$$
\begin{align*}
e_{+} & X(2 m, n, s) \\
= & X(2 m, n+1, s)+[m]\left(q-q^{-1}\right)^{-1} \times \\
& \times\left\{q^{n-m}(q-1) X(2 m-1, n, s+1)+\right. \\
& \left.+q^{-n+m}\left(1-q^{-1}\right) X(2 m-1, n, s+1)\right\}, \\
e_{+} & X(2 m+1, n, s) \\
= & -X(2 m+1, n+1, s)-\left([m+1]-[m]\left(q-q^{-1}\right)^{-1} \times\right. \\
& \times\left\{q^{n-m} X(2 m, n, s+1)-q^{-n+m} X(2 m, n, s-1)\right\}, \tag{2.5}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& e_{-} X(m, n, s)=X(m+1, n, s) \\
& K^{ \pm} X(m, n, s)=q^{ \pm m \pm n} X(m, n, s \pm 1)
\end{aligned}
$$

from Equation (2.3) on the basis

$$
\left\{X(m, n, s)=e_{-}^{m} e_{+}^{n} K^{s} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}=\{0,1,2, \ldots\} ; s \in\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots,\}\right\}
$$

Let $I\left(K^{ \pm}\right)$be a left ideal generated by $K^{ \pm}-q^{ \pm \lambda}(\lambda \in \mathbb{C})$. Representation (2.5) defines a quotient representation

$$
\begin{align*}
& e_{+} X(2 m, n)=X(2 m, n+1)+[m]\{[n-m+1+\lambda]- \\
& \quad-[n-m+\lambda]\} X(2 m-1, n), \\
& e_{+} X(2 m+1, n)=-X(2 m+1, n+1)-([m+1]-[m])[n-m+\lambda] X(2 m, n), \\
& e_{-} X(m, n)=X(m+1, n),  \tag{2.6}\\
& K^{ \pm} X(m, n)=q^{\mp m \pm n \pm \lambda} X(m, n),
\end{align*}
$$

on the quotient space $V(\lambda)=A / I\left(K^{ \pm}\right)$with the basis

$$
\left\{X(m, n)=X(m, n, 0) \operatorname{Mod} I\left(K^{ \pm}\right) \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}\right\} .
$$

This representation is the starting point of all the discussions in this Letter.

## 3. Cylinder Type Representations

Since $e_{-}^{2 p}$ is a central element of $A$, the left ideal $J(\alpha)$ generated by $e^{2 p}-\alpha(\alpha \in \mathbb{C})$ is a two-sided ideal. For the quotient space $W_{i}(\alpha)=V(\lambda) / J(\alpha)$ spanned by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\{\bar{X}(m, n) \equiv \alpha^{-l(m)} X(m, n) \operatorname{Mod} J(\alpha) \mid X(m, n) \in V(\lambda), m=2 p \cdot l(m)+\bar{m}, 0 \leqslant \bar{m}\right. \\
& \left.\quad \leqslant 2 p-1 ; l(m) \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}\right\},
\end{aligned}
$$

we have a cyclic condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{X}(m+k p, n)=\bar{X}(m, n), \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+} ; k \in 2 \mathbb{Z}^{+} . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Choosing a basis $\left\{\bar{X}(m, n) \mid m=0,1,2, \ldots, 2 p-1 ; n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}\right\}$for $W_{\lambda}(\alpha)$, we obtain an infinite-dimensional representation of $A$ induced by Equation (3.6) as follows

$$
\begin{align*}
& e_{+} \bar{X}(2 m, n)=\bar{X}(2 m, n+1)+[m]\{[n-m+1+\lambda]- \\
& \quad-\quad[n-m+\lambda]\} \bar{X}(2 m-1, n), \\
& e_{-} \bar{X}(2 m+1, n)=-\bar{X}(2 m+1, n+1)-\{[m+1]- \\
& \quad-[m]\}[n-m+\lambda] \bar{X}(2 m, n), \\
& e_{-} \bar{X}(m, n)=\bar{X}(m+1, n), \quad m \neq 2 p-1,  \tag{3.2}\\
& e_{-} \bar{X}(2 p-1, n)=\alpha \bar{X}(0, n), \\
& K^{ \pm} \bar{X}(m, n)=q^{\mp m \neq n \pm \lambda} \bar{X}(m, n) .
\end{align*}
$$



Fig. 1. The diagram of the lattice for the representations.

Now, we formally describe the basis for representation (3.2) using a simple topological terminology. As illustrated in Figure 1, we let the basis vectors $\bar{X}(m, n)$ be represented by the lattice points ( $m, n$ ) on rectangle domain $O A B^{\prime} C^{\prime}$ on the plane $R^{2}$. Due to the cyclic condition (3.1), we identify all the points ( $2 p, y$ ) $(0 \leqslant y(\in R) \leqslant \infty)$ on $A B^{\prime}$ with the corresponding points $(0, y)$ on $O C^{\prime}$ so that the two-dimensional domain OABC forms a cylinder. The actions of the representation on the basis $\bar{X}(m, n)$ can be described by the displacement of the points ( $m, n$ ) on the cylinder in this sense.

In order to obtain finite-dimensional representations, which are useful in the construction of solutions for the YBE, we consider an invariant subspace chain

$$
W_{\lambda}(\alpha)=W_{\lambda}(\alpha)^{0} \supset W_{\lambda}(\alpha)^{1} \supset W_{\lambda}(\alpha)^{2} \cdots \supset W_{\lambda}(\alpha)^{N} \supset \cdots,
$$

where the invariant subspace

$$
W_{\lambda}(\alpha)^{N}:\left\{\bar{X}(m, n+N) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}, 0 \leqslant m \leqslant 2 p-1\right\}
$$

for a given $N \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}$results from the fact that the label $n$ never decreases under the action of representation (3.2). On a quotient space $W_{\lambda}(\alpha)_{M}^{N}=W_{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{x})^{N} / W_{\lambda}(\alpha)^{N+M}$ $\left(M \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}, M \neq 0\right)$ :

$$
\left\{\tilde{X}(m, n)=\bar{X}(m, n) \operatorname{Mod} W_{\lambda}(x)^{N+M} \mid 0 \leqslant m \leqslant 2 p-1, N \leqslant n \leqslant N+M-1\right\}
$$

with the dimension $2 p M$, representation (3.2) induces a new representation

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left.e_{+} \tilde{X}(2 m, n)=\tilde{X}(2 m, n+1)+[m]\{n-m+1+\lambda]-[n-m+\lambda]\right\} \times \\
& \quad \times X(2 m-1, n), \quad N \leqslant n \leqslant N+M-2, \\
& e_{+} \tilde{X}(2 m, M+N-1\}=[m]\left[\left(N^{\prime}-m+1+\hat{\lambda}\right]-\left[N^{\prime}-m+\lambda\right]\right) \times \\
& \quad \times \tilde{X}(2 m-1, M+N-1), \quad N^{\prime}=N+M-2, \\
& e_{+} \tilde{X}(2 m+1, n)=-\tilde{X}(2 m+1, n+1)-\{[m+1]-[m]\}[n-m+\lambda] \times \\
& \quad \times \tilde{X}(2 m, n), \quad N \leqslant n \leqslant M+N-2,  \tag{3.3}\\
& e_{+} \tilde{X}(2 m+1, M+N-1)=-\{[m+1]-[m]\}[N+M-1-m+\lambda] \times \\
& \quad \times X(2 m, M+N-1), \\
& e_{-} \tilde{X}(m, n)=\tilde{X}(m+1, n), \quad 0 \leqslant m \leqslant 2 p-2, \quad e_{-} \tilde{X}(2 p-1, n)=\alpha \tilde{X}(0, n) \\
& K^{ \pm} \tilde{X}(m, n)=q^{\mp m \pm n \pm} \tilde{X}(m, n) .
\end{align*}
$$

When $M=1$, representation (3.3) is irreducible; when $M \geqslant 2$, there exist invariant subspaces $W_{\lambda}(\alpha, t)_{M}^{N}$ :

$$
\left\{\tilde{X}(m, n) \in W_{\lambda}(\alpha){ }_{M}^{N} \mid N+t \leqslant n \leqslant M+N-1\right\}, \quad 1 \leqslant t \leqslant N-1,
$$

namely, representation (3.3) is reducible. However, it can be easily proved that there is no complementary invariant subspace to $W_{i}(\alpha, t)_{M}^{N}$ and so representation (3.3) is not completely reducible. Thus, Equation (3.3) defines an indecomposable representation of $A$ when $M \geqslant 2$. For example, when $p=3$ and $M=1$, we explicitly write down a six-dimensional representation

$$
\begin{align*}
e_{+}= & -[\lambda+N] E_{12}+([N+\lambda]-[\lambda+N-1]) E_{23}+2[\lambda+N-1] E_{34}+ \\
& +([\lambda+N-2]-[\lambda+N-1]) E_{45}-[\lambda+N-2] E_{56}, \\
e_{-}= & E_{21}+E_{32}+E_{43}+E_{54}+\alpha E_{16},  \tag{3.4}\\
K^{ \pm}= & q^{ \pm \lambda \pm N} E_{11}+q^{ \pm \lambda+N \mp 1} E_{22}+q^{ \pm \lambda \pm N \mp 2} E_{33}+q^{ \pm \lambda \pm N} E_{44}+ \\
& +q^{ \pm \lambda \pm N \mp 1} E_{55}+q^{ \pm \lambda \pm N \mp 2} E_{66},
\end{align*}
$$

where $E_{i j}$ is a $6 \times 6$ matrix with elements $\left(E_{i j}\right)_{k l}=\delta_{i k} \delta_{j l}$. Using this concrete result, we easily check $e^{2 p}=\alpha$ and other algebraic relations for $A$.

It is worth noticing that the representation given by (3.3) for $M=1$ is irreducible, but it possesses weights with multiplicities larger than one. This fact shows a completely 'quantum' picture caused by the $q$-deformation with $q^{p}=1$ because this situation does not appear for the classical Lie algebras or Lie superalgebras
with rank one. We also point out that a similar discussion associated with another left ideal generated by $e^{2 p}-\beta(\beta \in \mathbb{C})$ can be proceeded in a parallel way.

## 4. The Torus-Type Representations

Now, we can discuss a representation of $A$ on a basis with another 'topology torus. Let $L\left(\xi_{ \pm}\right)$be a left ideal generated by central elements $e_{ \pm}^{2 p}-\xi_{ \pm}\left(\xi_{ \pm} \in \mathbb{C}\right)$. The quotient space $Q\left(\xi_{ \pm}\right)=V(\lambda) / L\left(\xi_{ \pm}\right)$is spanned by

$$
\begin{aligned}
\{\hat{X}(m, n)= & \xi_{+}^{-l(m) \xi} \xi^{l(n)} X(m, n) \operatorname{Mod} L\left(\xi_{ \pm}\right) \mid m=2 l(m) p+\bar{m}, n=2 l(n) p+\bar{n} \\
& \left.l(m), l(n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}, 0 \leqslant \bar{m}, \bar{n} \leqslant 2 p-1\right\},
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\hat{X}(m+k p, n+j p)=\hat{X}(m, n), \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}, k, j \in 2 \mathbb{Z}^{+} .
$$

are the cyclic conditions. These conditions determine the basis for $Q\left(\xi_{ \pm}\right)$as

$$
\{\hat{X}(m, n) \mid 0 \leqslant m, n \leqslant 2 p-1\} .
$$

Then, the representation induced by Equation (2.6) on $Q\left(\xi_{ \pm}\right)$reads

$$
\begin{align*}
& e_{+} \bar{X}(2 m, n)=\hat{X}(2 m, n+1)+[m]\{[n-m+1+\lambda]- \\
&-[n-m+\lambda]\} \hat{X}(2 m-1, n), \\
& e_{+} \hat{X}(2 m+1, n)=-\hat{X}(2 m+1, n+1)-\{[m+1]- \\
&\quad-[m]\}[n-m+\lambda] \hat{X}(2 m, n), \quad n \neq 2 p-1, \\
& e_{+} \hat{X}(2 m, 2 p-1)= \xi_{+} \hat{X}(2 m, 0)+[m]\{n-m+1+\lambda]- \\
&\quad-[n-m+\lambda]\} \hat{X}(2 m-1,2 p-1), \\
& e_{+} \hat{X}(2 m+1,2 p-1)=-\xi_{+} \hat{X}(2 m+1,0)-\{[m+1]- \\
&\quad[m]\}[n-m+\lambda] \hat{X}(2 m, 2 p-1), \\
& e_{-} \hat{X}(m, n)=\hat{X}(m+1, n), \quad e_{-} \hat{X}(2 p-1, n)=\xi \hat{X}(0, n), \\
& K^{ \pm} \hat{X}(m, n)= q^{\mp m \pm N \pm \lambda} \hat{X}(m, n) . \tag{4.1}
\end{align*}
$$

This is a $4 p^{2}$-dimensional irreducible representation without highest and lowest weights.

Now, we discuss the properties of representation (4.1). It is observed from (4.1) that all the basis vectors $\hat{X}(n, n+k)(0 \leqslant n \leqslant-k+2 p-1)$ correspond to a same weight $(n+k)-n+\lambda=\lambda+k$, namely, the multiplicity of the weight $\lambda+k$ is larger than one. Like representation (3.3), such a finite-dimensional representation (4.1) only appears in the completely 'quantum' cases resulting from the $q$-deformation for $q^{p}=1$. Moreover, the cyclic conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{X}(2 p, n)=\hat{X}(0, n) \quad, \hat{X}(m, 2 p)=\hat{X}(m, 0) \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

enable us to represent the basis vector $\hat{X}(m, n)$ by a lattice point ( $m, n$ ) on a torus $S^{1} \times S^{1}\{(x, y) \mid(x+2 p, y+2 p)=(x, y)\}$, which is formed by identifying the points ( $x, 2 p$ ) with ( $x, 0$ ) and ( $2 p, y$ ) with ( $0, y$ ), respectively, for the square domain $O A B C D$ in Figure 1. In this sense, we say the representation (4.1) possesses the 'topology' of a torus.

## 5. Circle-Type Representations

In this section, we try to construct the representations of $A$, whose basis is labeled only by one index and is represented by the lattice points on a circle. To this end, we return to Equation (2.6) and consider the left ideal $H(\alpha)$ generated by $e_{+}-\alpha e_{-}^{2 p-1}(\alpha \in \mathbb{C})$. On the quotient space $U=V(\lambda) / H(\alpha)$ :

$$
\left\{X(m)=X(m, 0) \operatorname{Mod} H(\alpha) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}\right\}
$$

the representation (2.6) induces an infinite-dimensional representation

$$
\begin{align*}
& e_{+} X(2 m)=\alpha X(2 m+2 p-1)+[m]([\lambda+1-m]-[\lambda-m]) X(2 m-1), \\
& \left.\left.e_{+} X(2 m+1)=-\alpha X(2 m+2 p)-([m+1]-[m])\right] \lambda-m\right] X(2 m),  \tag{5.1}\\
& e_{+} X(m)=X(m+1) \\
& K^{ \pm} X(m)=q^{ \pm 2}=m X(m)
\end{align*}
$$

By direct calculation, we easily check that representation (5.1) indeed satisfies the basic relation (2.1).

Now, we consider the finite-dimensional representation. Let $S_{p}$ be a left ideal generated by $e^{2 p}-\beta(\beta \in \mathbb{C})$. Then

$$
\left\{\bar{X}(m) \equiv X(m) \operatorname{Mod} S_{\beta} \mid 0 \leqslant m \leqslant 2 p-1\right\}
$$

the basis for the quotient space $F=U / S$. A $2 p$-dimensional representation on $F$ immediately follows from Equation (5.1):

$$
\begin{align*}
& e_{+} \bar{X}(2 m)=([m]([\lambda+1-m]-[\lambda-m])+\alpha \beta) \bar{X}(2 m-1), \quad m \neq 0, \\
& e_{+} \bar{X}(2 m+1)=-([\lambda-m]([m+1]-[m])+\alpha \beta) \bar{X}(2 m), \\
& e_{-} \bar{X}(m)=\bar{X}(m+1), \quad 0 \leqslant m \leqslant 2 p-2,  \tag{5.2}\\
& e_{-} \bar{X}(2 p-1)=\beta \bar{X}(0), \\
& e_{+} \bar{X}(0)=\alpha \bar{X}(2 p-1) .
\end{align*}
$$

When $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$, this representation has neither the lowest nor the highest weights; when $\alpha=0(\beta=0)$, it only has a highest weight (lowest weight). We point out that the lowest weight representation (5.2) for $\beta=0 \mathrm{can}$ also be obtained on the cyclic Verma module ${ }^{F}$ :

$$
\left.\left\{F(m)=e_{+}^{m}|\lambda\rangle\left|e_{-}\right| \lambda\right\rangle=0, K^{ \pm}|\lambda\rangle=q^{\mp \lambda}, 0 \leqslant m \leqslant 2 p-1\right\}
$$

with the lowest weights $-\lambda$. As an example, we write down a six-dimensional representation ( $p=3$ ):

$$
\begin{aligned}
e_{+}= & -([\lambda]+\alpha \beta) E_{12}+([\lambda]-[\lambda-1]+\alpha \beta) E_{23}+(2[\lambda-1]-\alpha \beta) E_{34}+ \\
& +([\lambda-2]-[\lambda-1]+\alpha \beta) E_{45}-([\lambda-2]+\alpha \beta) E_{56}+\alpha E_{61}, \\
e_{-}= & E_{21}+E_{32}+E_{43}+E_{54}+E_{65}+\beta E_{16}, \\
K_{ \pm}= & q^{ \pm \lambda}\left(E_{11}+E_{44}\right)+q^{ \pm(\lambda-1)}\left(E_{22}+E_{55}\right)+q^{ \pm(\lambda-2)}\left(E_{33}+E_{66}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

## 6. Short Discussion

Up to now, we have obtained various representations of the quantum superalgebra $A=\mathrm{U}_{q}$ osp $(2,1)$ where the last one (5.2) can be understood as the super analogue of the cyclic representation of $\mathrm{sl}_{9}(2)$ (see the remark 4.2-(b) in ref. [9]). We hope the main ideas in this Letter can be applied to other quantum superalgebras. Since recent studies, show that the new representations of quantum algebra $\mathrm{sl}_{q}(2)$ resulted in some new solutions for the YBE [21-23], we can obtain new solutions of the YBE from the representations of the quantum superalgebra in this Letter. We have done this, in fact, for the parameters $\alpha, \beta=0$ and detailed results are being prepared for publication. For the general cases with arbitrary parameters $\alpha, \beta$ and $\xi_{ \pm}$, we may possibly generalize the scheme built by Jimbo et al. [10, 11].

Among all the representations presented in this Letter, (5.1) and (5.2) are obviously inequivalent because they have completely different properties in their dimensions. Representations (3.2) and (4.1) with different 'topologies' are also mutually unequivalent. In fact, there are only the equivalent representations defined by (3.3) for different $N$.

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