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Primitive Ideals of $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$

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The primitive ideals of the quantum group $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ are classified in the case where q is a non-zero complex number which is not a root of unity. It is shown that the orbits in Prim $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ under the action of the character group $H \cong (\mathbf{C}^*)^{n-1}$ are parameterized naturally by $W \times W$ where W is the associated Weyl group. It is shown that there is a natural one-to-one correspondence between primitive ideals of $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ and symplectic leaves of the associated Poisson algebraic group $SL(n, \mathbf{C})$. © 1994 Academic Press, Inc.

Let q be a non-zero complex number which is not a root of unity. In [3] the authors classified the primitive ideals of the quantum group $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(3)]$, showing that there is a natural bijection between the primitive ideals of $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(3)]$ and the symplectic leaves of $SL(3, \mathbf{C})$ for the associated Poisson group structure. Here we generalize this result to the quantum group $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$. Denote by W the associated Weyl group and let $l(w)$ be the length of the element $w \in W$. Let H be the usual maximal torus of $SL(n)$. Then $SL(n)$ has a natural H-invariant Poisson structure and H acts by left translation on the set Symp $SL(n)$ of symplectic leaves of $SL(n)$. The H-orbits in Symp $SL(n)$ are parameterized by the double Weyl group $W \times W$. For more details the reader is referred to the appendix of [3] where a

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complete description of the symplectic leaves is given using results of Semenov-Tian-Shansky and Lu and Weinstein (see section four for a definition of $s(w)$).

THEOREM (1) $\operatorname{Symp} SL(n) \cong \coprod_{w \in W \times W} \operatorname{Symp}_w SL(n)$.

(2) *For each* $w \in W \times W$, $\operatorname{Symp}_w SL(n)$ *is a non-empty* H*-orbit. If* $\mathcal{A}_{\dot{w}} \in \operatorname{Symp}_w SL(n)$, *then* $H/\operatorname{Stab}_H \mathcal{A}_{\dot{w}}$ *is a torus of rank equal to* $n - 1 - s(w)$.

(3) *The dimension of* $\mathcal{A}_{\dot{w}}$ *is* $l(w) + s(w)$.

The group H occurs again in the quantum case as the character group which acts naturally as automorphisms on $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$. The primitive spectrum $\operatorname{Prim} \mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ therefore decomposes into a union of H-orbits. Following ideas of Soibelman [7, 8], we define for each $w \in W \times W$ a locally closed H-invariant subset $\operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ of $\operatorname{Prim} \mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$. The main result of this paper is the following theorem which was conjectured in [3].

THEOREM 4.2. (1) *Prim* $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)] \cong \coprod_{w \in W \times W} \operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$.

(2) *For each* $w \in W \times W$, $\operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ *is a non-empty* H*-orbit. If* $P_{\dot{w}} \in \operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$, *then* $H/\operatorname{Stab}_H P_{\dot{w}}$ *is a torus of rank equal to* $n - 1 - s(w)$.

(3) *The Gelfand–Kirillov dimension of* $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]/P_{\dot{w}}$ *is* $l(w) + s(w)$.

Since the proof follows the geometry closely, it is useful for the reader to understand in a little more detail the description of the symplectic leaves of $G = SL(n, \mathbf{C})$. Let $D = G \times G$, identify G with the diagonal subgroup of D and let G_r be the dual group. Denote by p the natural projection $G \to D/G_r$. The symplectic leaves of G are precisely the connected components of the inverse images of the left G_r-orbits in D/G_r. Set $\Gamma = \ker p$ and $\overline{G} = p(G)$. Then Γ is a finite subgroup of H and $\overline{G} = G/\Gamma$ is an open subset of D/G_r. For each $w \in W \times W$, let $\mathcal{C}_w$ be the image of the corresponding Bruhat cell of D in D/G_r. Let $\mathcal{B}_w = \mathcal{C}_w \cap \overline{G}$ and let $\mathcal{A}_w = p^{-1}(\mathcal{C}_w)$. Since the G_r-orbits in $\mathcal{C}_w$ form a single H-orbit, it follows that the symplectic leaves in $\mathcal{A}_w$ also form a single H-orbit. The algebras A_w, B_w and C_w defined below may be considered as quantizations of the algebras of functions on $\mathcal{A}_w$, $\mathcal{B}_w$ and $\mathcal{C}_w$ respectively. The role of the hamiltonian vector fields in the quantized situation is played by the adjoint action of $\mathbf{C}_q[SL(n)]$ on itself. For this reason, the key result is the description of the adjoint action given in section three.

Much of the inspiration for this work came from work of Soibelman [7, 8]. When q is real, $q \neq 1$, the quantum group $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ together with a natural involution $*$ can be viewed as a deformation of $\mathbf{C}[K]$, the algebra of functions on a maximal compact subgroup K of G. Soibelman showed that the irreducible unitary representations of $\mathbf{C}_q[K]$ correspond to the symplectic leaves of K. A number of key definitions and results are taken from these papers.

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1. Preliminaries

Denote by $\mathbf{g}$ and G the Lie algebra $sl(n, \mathbf{C})$ and the Lie group $SL(n, \mathbf{C})$ respectively. Let q be a non-zero complex number which is not a root of unity and let 2 be the subgroup of $\mathbf{C}^*$ generated by q. Denote by $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ the usual quantization of $\mathbf{C}[G]$ and by $U_q(\mathbf{g})$ the quantized enveloping algebra. The notation used for the weights and roots of $\mathbf{g}$ is as in Bourbaki [1]. All other undefined notation will be as in [3]. The Weyl group W can be identified in a standard way with the symmetric group S_n and we shall often make this identification.

Let $L(\varpi_i)$ be the finite dimensional simple $U_q(\mathbf{g})$-module corresponding to the fundamental weight ϖ_i. Then $L(\varpi_i)$ has a basis of the form $\{v_{w\varpi_i}\}_{w\in W}$ where each $v_{w\varpi_i}$ has weight $w\varpi_i$. Let $l_{-w\varpi_i}$ be a dual basis of $L(\varpi_i)^*$. For y, $t \in W$, the elements $c^{\varpi_i}_{-y\varpi_i, t\varpi_i}$ of $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ are defined by:

$$\forall u \in U_q(\mathbf{g}), \qquad c^{\varpi_i}_{-y\varpi_i, t\varpi_i}(u) = l_{-y\varpi_i}(uv_{t\varpi_i}).$$

We set $c^{+}_{i,y} = c^{\varpi_i}_{-y\varpi_i, \varpi_i}$ and $c^{-}_{i,y} = c^{\varpi_{n-i}}_{-yw_0\varpi_n, w_0\varpi_{n-i}}$ where w_0 is the longest element of W.

For each $i \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$, we define a relation on W by $y \leq_i w$ if and only if $y\varpi_i \geq w\varpi_i$. We say $y =_i w$ if and only if $y^{-1}w\varpi_i = \varpi_i$. If we identify W with S_n then this partial order has the following interpretation. If $I = \{1, \ldots, i\}$, then $y \leq_i w$ if and only if $yI \leq wI$ (where $yI \leq wI$ means that if $yI = \{y_1 < \cdots < y_i\}$ and $wI = \{w_1 < \cdots < w_i\}$, then $y_i \leq w_i$ for all i). Set $W_i = \mathrm{Stab}_W(\varpi_i)$.

The following proposition is proved as in [8, Proposition 3.2]. It is a consequence of the isomorphism $L(\varpi_i) \otimes L(\varpi_j) \cong L(\varpi_j) \otimes L(\varpi_i)$ given by the universal R-matrix.

Proposition 1.1. *Let ϖ_i, ϖ_j be fundamental weights and $x, y, t \in W$. Then*

$$c^{\varpi_i}_{-y\varpi_i, t\varpi_i} c^{\varpi_j}_{-x\varpi_j, \varpi_j} = (q^2)^{(t\varpi_i, \varpi_j) - (x\varpi_j, y\varpi_i)} c^{\varpi_j}_{-x\varpi_j, \varpi_j} c^{\varpi_i}_{-y\varpi_i, t\varpi_i} + \sum_{\substack{u \in W \\ x <_j ux, uy <_i y}} g_u(q) c^{\varpi_j}_{-ux\varpi_j, \varpi_j} c^{\varpi_i}_{-uy\varpi_i, t\varpi_i}$$

for some $g_u(q) \in \mathbf{C}$.

DEFINITION. Let $w = (w_+, w_-) \in W \times W$. Set $I_w = \langle c^{\varepsilon}_{i,y} \mid y \not\leq_i w_\varepsilon \rangle$ and let $\mathscr{E}_w = \{c^+_{i,w_+}, c^-_{i,w_-} \mid i = 1, \ldots, n-1\}$.

THEOREM 1.2. *Let $P \in \operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{C}_q[G]$. Then there exists a unique $w \in W \times W$ such that $P \supseteq I_w$ and $P \cap \mathscr{E}_w = \emptyset$.*

Proof. First observe that for all $i = 1, \ldots, n-1$, there exists a $w_i \in W$ such that $c^+_{i,w_i} \notin P$ but $c^+_{i,y} \in P$ for all $y \not\leq_i w_i$. To see this let w and w' be two distinct elements of $\{y \in W \mid c^+_{i,y} \notin P\}$ which are maximal for $\leq_i$. Suppose that $w \neq_i w'$. It follows from Proposition 1.1 that $c^+_{i,w}$ and $c^+_{i,w'}$ are normal and regular modulo P. Apply Proposition 1.1 to these elements and notice that the exponent of q^2 is symmetric in w and w'. This implies that $(\varpi_i, \varpi_i) = (w\varpi_i, w'\varpi_i)$. Hence $w =_i w'$. Thus we may take w_i to be any maximal element of $\{y \in W \mid c^+_{i,y} \notin P\}$.

The same remark as above concerning the symmetry in w_i and w_j in Proposition 1.1 shows that

$$(\varpi_i, \varpi_j) = (w_i\varpi_i, w_j\varpi_j), \qquad \text{for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq n-1.$$

It is easy to see that this condition is equivalent to the existence of a unique element $w_+ \in W$ such that $w_+ =_i w_i$ for all i.

A similar argument produces an analogous element w_-. The element $w = (w_+, w_-)$ is then the unique element such that $P \supseteq I_w$ and $P \cap \mathscr{E}_w = \emptyset$. ∎

COROLLARY 1.3. *Let* $\operatorname{Spec}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G] = \{P \in \operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{C}_q[G] \mid P \supseteq I_w \text{ and } P \cap \mathscr{E}_w = \emptyset\}$. *Then* $\operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{C}_q[G] = \bigsqcup_{w \in W \times W} \operatorname{Spec}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]$.

Let E_w be the multiplicatively closed set generated by the images of the elements of $\mathscr{E}_w$ in $\mathbf{C}_q[G]/I_w$. Since the elements of E_w are normal we may localise with respect to these elements. Denote by A_w the localised algebra $(\mathbf{C}_q[G]/I_w)_{E_w}$. The analysis of $\operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{C}_q[G]$ reduces to the analysis of $\operatorname{Spec} A_w$. Recall that $A_w \neq 0$ for all $w \in W \times W$ [3, Theorem 2.2.2].

Another important relation between the $c^+_{i,y}$'s is the following.

LEMMA 1.4. *Let $y, y' \in W$ and $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$ such that $yW_i \cap y'W_j = \emptyset$. Then there exist scalars $a_{u,u'}$ such that*

$$c^+_{i,y} c^+_{j,y'} = \sum_{u,u' \in W} a_{u,u'} c^+_{i,u} c^+_{j,u'}$$

and $a_{u,u'} \neq 0$ only if $u\varpi_i + u'\varpi_j = y\varpi_i + y'\varpi_j$ and either $u >_i y$ or $u' >_j y'$.

Proof. This is a consequence of the Plucker relations [5, 1.2]. Suppose that $i \leq j$. Then the hypothesis $yW_i \cap y'W_j = \emptyset$ is equivalent to $yI \not\subseteq y'J$ where $I = \{1, \ldots, i\}$ and $J = \{1, \ldots, j\}$. Let $t \in yI \setminus y'J$. Apply [5, 1.2] in the following situation:

$$I_1 = I,\ I_2 = J,\ J_1 = yI\backslash\{t\},\ J_2 = \varnothing,\ K = y'J \cup \{t\}.$$

In the notation of that paper, we conclude that

$$\sum_{K'\cup K''=K} \operatorname{sgn}_q(J_1, K')\operatorname{sgn}_q(K', K'')\operatorname{sgn}_q(K'', J_2)\xi_I^{J_1\cup K'}\xi_J^{K''} = 0,$$

where $\#(K') = 1$ and $\#(K'') = j$. We may pick $u, u' \in W$ such that $J_1 \cup K' = uI$ and $K'' = u'J$. In this case $\xi_I^{J_1\cup K'} = c_{i,u}^{+}$ and $\xi_J^{K''} = c_{j,u'}^{+}$. It is easily verified that if $K' = \{t'\}$, then $t' > t \Rightarrow u >_i y$, $t = t' \Rightarrow u =_i y$, $u' =_i y'$, and $t' < t \Rightarrow u' >_j y'$. ∎

2. The Structure of C_w^H

Recall some of the notation and basic results from section 2 of [3]. Denote by H the group of one dimensional representations of $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$. Notice that H identifies naturally with the usual maximal torus of $SL(n, \mathbf{C})$ via $\chi \mapsto (\chi(X_{ij}))$. The group H acts naturally on $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ by $a^\chi = \Sigma a_{(1)}\chi(a_{(2)})$. The elements $c_{i,y}^{\varepsilon}$ are eigenvectors for this action and hence there is an induced action of H on A_w for all w. Denote by Γ the subgroup of H consisting of representations χ such that $\chi(X_{ii}) = \pm 1$. Set $B_w = A_w^{\Gamma}$. Then B_w contains the elements:

$$z_{i,y}^{\varepsilon} = c_{i,y}^{\varepsilon}(c_{i,w_\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon})^{-1}, \qquad t_i = c_{i,w_-}^{-}(c_{i,w_+}^{+})^{-1}.$$

We define C_w to be the algebra

$$C_w = \mathbf{C}[t_i^{\pm 1},\ z_{i,y}^{\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon = \pm,\ y <_i w_\varepsilon,\ i = 1, \ldots, n-1].$$

It is shown in [3, 2.6] that there exists a normal element $d \in C_w$ such that $B_w = C_w[d^{-1}]$. The action of H restricts to an action on C_w and the fixed ring is the subalgebra generated by the z's. That is

$$C_w^H = \mathbf{C}[z_{i,y}^{\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon = \pm,\ y <_i w_\varepsilon,\ i = 1, \ldots, n-1].$$

The monomials in the $t_i^{\pm 1}$ form a basis for C_w over C_w^H. Hence C_w is an iterated skew Laurent extension of C_w^H.

Definition. Set $R^+(w) = \{\alpha \in R \mid \alpha > 0,\ w_+(\alpha) < 0\}$, $R^-(w) = \{\alpha \in R \mid \alpha < 0,\ w_-(\alpha) > 0\}$ and set $R(w) = R^+(w) \cup R^-(w)$. For $\alpha \in R$ define $j_\alpha = \min\{i \mid (\alpha, \varpi_i) \neq 0\}$ and $l_\alpha = 1 + \max\{i \mid (\alpha, \varpi_i) \neq 0\}$. For $\alpha \in R^\varepsilon(w)$ set $z_\alpha = z_{j_\alpha, w_\varepsilon s_\alpha}^{\varepsilon}$. Notice that α is completely determined by ε, j_α and l_α and that $\#R(w) = l(w)$.

THEOREM 2.1. *Assume that* $1 \le j \le n-1$, $y \le_j w_\varepsilon$. *Then for* $\varepsilon = \pm$,

$$z^{\varepsilon}_{j,y} \in \mathbf{C}[z_\alpha \mid \alpha \in R^{\varepsilon}(w) \text{ and } j_\alpha < j \text{ or } j_\alpha = j \text{ and } w_\varepsilon s_\alpha \ge_j y].$$

Hence $C^H_w = \mathbf{C}[z_\alpha \mid \alpha \in R(w)]$.

Proof. We prove the assertion for $z^+_{j,y}$, the proof in the other case being similar. The result is trivially true in the case $z^+_{1,w_+} = 1$. By induction we may assume that the result is true for all $z^+_{i,y'}$ where $i < j$ or $i = j$ and $y <_j y' \le_j w_+$. First suppose that there exists an $i < j$ such that $w_+ W_i \cap yW_j = \varnothing$. Then Lemma 1.4 implies that

$$z^+_{j,y} = \sum_{u,u'} a_{u,u'} z^+_{i,u} z^-_{j,u'},$$

where $y <_j u' \le_j w_+$ and $a_{u,u'} \in \mathbf{C}$. The result then follows by induction. On the other hand suppose that $w_+ W_i \cap yW_j \neq \varnothing$ for all $i < j$. In this case we may assume that $y =_i w_+$ for all $i < j$. But then it is easily verified that

$$w_+ \varpi_j - y\varpi_j = \varepsilon_{w_+(j)} - \varepsilon_{y(j)} = w_+(\gamma)$$

where $\gamma = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_{w_+^{-1}y(j)} \in R^+(w)$. Thus $y =_j w_+ s_\gamma$ and $j_\gamma = j$. Hence $z^+_{j,y} = z_\gamma$. ∎

DEFINITION. Define a total ordering $<$ on $R(w)$ by the following rule: if $\alpha \in R^{\varepsilon}(w)$ and $\beta \in R^{\eta}(w)$ then

$$\beta < \alpha \text{ if } \begin{cases} j_\beta < j_\alpha, & \text{or} \\ j_\beta = j_\alpha,\ \eta = +,\ \varepsilon = -, & \text{or} \\ j_\beta = j_\alpha,\ \varepsilon = \eta,\ w_\varepsilon s_\beta >_{j_\alpha} w_\varepsilon s_\alpha. \end{cases}$$

Notice that when $j_\beta = j_\alpha$, the condition $w_\varepsilon s_\beta >_{j_\alpha} w_\varepsilon s_\alpha$ is equivalent to $w_\varepsilon(l_\beta) > w_\varepsilon(l_\alpha)$. (This is not quite the same order as that defined in [3, Definition 3.3].)

THEOREM 2.2. *Let* $\alpha > \beta \in R(w)$. *Then there exists an* $a \in \mathfrak{D}$ *such that* $z_\alpha z_\beta - a z_\beta z_\alpha \in \mathbf{C}[z_\gamma \mid \gamma < \alpha]$.

Proof. Let $j = j_\alpha$, $i = j_\beta$. First consider the case when $\alpha, \beta \in R^+(w)$. If $i = j$, then it follows from the Plucker relations that z_α and z_β quasi-commute. Suppose on the other hand that $i < j$. Set $x = w_+ s_\alpha$ and $y = w_+ s_\beta$. It follows from Proposition 1.1 that there exist $a \in \mathfrak{D}$, and $b_u \in \mathbf{C}$ such that

$$z_\alpha z_\beta - a z_\beta z_\alpha = \sum_{\substack{x <_\mu ux \le_j w \\ uy <_i y}} b_u z^+_{j,ux} z^+_{i,uy}.$$

From the previous theorem we have that

$$z^+_{j,ux} \in \mathbf{C}[z_\gamma \mid \gamma \in R^+(w) \text{ and } j_\gamma < j \text{ or } j_\gamma = j \text{ and } ws_\gamma \geq_j ux],$$

and $z^+_{i,uy} \in \mathbf{C}[z_\gamma \mid j_\gamma \leq i]$. Since $j_\gamma = j$ and $ws_\gamma \geq_j ux >_j x = ws_\alpha$ implies that $\gamma > \alpha$, the result follows in this case. The proof in the case when α and β belong to $R^-(w)$ is similar. Now consider the case $\alpha \in R^-(w)$ and $\beta \in R^+(w)$. Set $x = w_- s_\beta$ and $y = w_+ s_\alpha$. From Proposition 1.1, we have that:

$$z_\alpha z_\beta - a z_\beta z_\alpha = \sum_{x \leq_j ux, uy w_0 \leq_n {}_j y w_0} b_u z^+_{i,ux} z^-_{j,uy}.$$

From the previous theorem, we deduce that

$$z^+_{i,ux} \in \mathbf{C}[z_\gamma \mid \gamma \in R^+(w),\ \gamma < \beta], \qquad z^-_{j,ux} \in \mathbf{C}[z_\gamma \mid \gamma \in R^-(w),\ \gamma < \alpha].$$

Hence the result follows easily when α and β belong to distinct $R^\varepsilon(w)$. ∎

3. The Adjoint Action

Denote by X_{ij} the usual generators for $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$; that is, $X_{ij} = c^{\varpi_i}_{-(1,i)\varpi_1,(1,j)\varpi_1}$. For $J \subset \mathbf{Z}$ and $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, define

$$\delta_{k,J} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k \in J, \\ 0 & \text{if } k \notin J; \end{cases}$$

and set $\hat{q} = q^2 - q^{-2}$.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let $k, l \in \{1, \ldots, n\}, j \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$ and $y \in W$. Set $J = \{1, \ldots, j\}$.*

$$X_{kl} c^+_{j,y} = (q^2)^{\delta_{l,J}}[(q^2)^{-\delta_{k,yJ}} c^+_{j,y} X_{kl} + (\delta_{k,yJ} - 1) \sum_{a<k, a \in yJ} \hat{q}(-q^2)^{d(a,y,k)} c^+_{j,(a,k)y} X_{al}],$$

where $d(a, y, k) = \#\{x \in yJ \mid a < x < k\}$.

Proof. This follows from the identities [6, 4.5.1, 5.1.2]. Let $\mathbf{C}_q[M(m)]$ be the usual quantized algebra of functions on $m \times m$ matrices and let D_{ij} be the quantum minor obtained by deleting the ith row and the jth column. Then the formulae in [6, 4.5.1, 5.1.2] may be combined to give:

$$X_{kl} D_{rm} = (q^2)^{1-\delta_{l,m}}[(q^2)^{\delta_{k,r}-1} D_{rm} X_{kl} - \delta_{k,r} \sum_{a=1}^{k-1} \hat{q}(-q^2)^{k-a-1} D_{al} X_{al}].$$

Interpreting this formula for the $c^+_{j,y}$ yields the desired result. ∎

The adjoint action of an element $a \in \mathbf{C}_q[G]$ on $b \in A_w$ is given by $(\mathrm{ad}\, a)b = \Sigma a_{(1)} b S(a_{(2)})$ where S is the antipode. We denote $\mathrm{ad}\, X_{kl}$ by $\mathrm{ad}_{k,l}$. It follows from the description of the action of Γ that B_w is invariant under the adjoint action. The following results imply in particular that C_w and C_w^H are also invariant and that the adjoint action on C_w is locally finite.

THEOREM 3.2. (a) *Let* $\alpha \in R^+(w), j = j_\alpha, l = l_\alpha$, *and* $y = w_+ s_\alpha$. *Then*

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z_\alpha = \begin{cases} (q^2)^{\delta_{k,w_+J} - \delta_{k,yJ}} z_\alpha & \text{if } k = m \\ a_{k,m,y} z^+_{j,(m,k)y} & \text{if } w_+(l) \le m < k \le w_+(j),\ k \notin yJ,\ m \in yJ \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $a_{k,m,y} \in \mathbf{C}^*$. *In particular* $\mathrm{ad}_{w_+(j),w_+(l)} z_\alpha \in \mathbf{C}^*$.

(b) *Let* $\beta \in R^-(w), j = j_\beta, l = l_\beta$, *and* $y = w_- s_\beta$. *Then*

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z_\beta = \begin{cases} (q^2)^{\delta_{m,w_-J} - \delta_{m,yJ}} z_\beta & \text{if } k = m \\ b_{k,m,y} z^-_{j,(m,k)y} & \text{if } w_-(l) \le k < m \le w_-(j),\ k \in yJ,\ m \notin yJ \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $b_{k,m,y} \in \mathbf{C}^*$. *In particular* $\mathrm{ad}_{w_-(l),w_-(j)} z_\beta \in \mathbf{C}^*$.

Proof. (a) Lemma 3.1 implies that

$$c^+_{j,w_+} X_{kl} = (q^2)^{-\delta_{l,J} + \delta_{k,w_+J}} X_{kl} c^+_{j,w_+}$$

modulo I_w. Therefore we deduce from the lemma that

$$\begin{aligned} X_{kl} z^+_{j,y} = (q^2)^{\delta_{k,w_+J}} [&(q^2)^{-\delta_{k,yJ}} z^+_{j,y} X_{kl} \\ &+ (\delta_{k,yJ} - 1) \sum_{a<k,\, a \in yJ} \hat{q} (-q^2)^{d(a,y,k)} z^+_{j,(a,k)y} X_{al}] \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z^+_{j,y} = \Sigma_l X_{kl} z^+_{j,y} S(X_{lm})$ and $\Sigma_b X_{ab} S(X_{bd}) = \delta_{a,d}$ we deduce that

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z^+_{j,y} = \begin{cases} (q^2)^{\delta_{k,w_+J} - \delta_{k,yJ}} z^+_{j,y} & \text{if } k = m \\ -\hat{q} (q^2)^{\delta_{k,w_+J}} (-q^2)^{d(m,y,k)} z^+_{j,(m,k)y} & \text{if } m < k,\ m \in yJ,\ k \notin yJ,\ (m,k)y \le_j w_+ \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In the case where $y = ws_\alpha$ and $j = j_\alpha$, it is easily seen that the condition $w_+(l) \le m < k \le w_+(j)$, $k \notin yJ$, $m \in yJ$ is equivalent to $m < k$, $m \in yJ$, $k \notin yJ$, $(m, k)y \le_j w_+$. A similar argument proves part (b). ∎

COROLLARY 3.3. *Let* $r \in \mathbf{N}$.

1. *If* $\alpha \in R^+(w)$ *and* $y = w_+ s_\alpha$, *then*

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z_\alpha^r = \begin{cases} a z_\alpha^r & \text{if } k = m \\ a' z_\alpha^{r-1} & \text{if } k = w_+(j_\alpha) \text{ and } m = w_+(l_\alpha) \\ 0 & \text{unless } w_+(l_\alpha) \le m < k \le w_+(j_\alpha),\ k \notin yJ,\ m \in yJ \\ & \quad \text{or } k = m, \end{cases}$$

where $a \in \mathfrak{Q}$ *and* $a' \in \mathbf{C}^*$.

2. *If* $\beta \in R^-(w)$ *and* $y = w_- s_\beta$, *then*

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z_\beta^r = \begin{cases} b z_\beta^r & \text{if } k = m \\ b' z_\beta^{r-1} & \text{if } k = w_-(l_\beta) \text{ and } m = w_-(j_\beta) \\ 0 & \text{unless } w_-(l_\beta) \le k < m \le w_-(j_\beta),\ k \in yJ,\ m \notin yJ \\ & \quad \text{or } k = m, \end{cases}$$

where $b \in \mathfrak{Q}$ *and* $b' \in \mathbf{C}^*$.

Proof. The proof is analogous to that of [3, 3.9.2]. ∎

It follows from Theorem 2.2 that the algebra C_w^H is generated by monomials of the form

$$\mathbf{z} = \prod_{\gamma \in R^+(w)} z_\gamma^{m_\gamma} \prod_{\beta \in R^-(w)} z_\beta^{m_\beta}$$

where the product is taken over the γ's according to the inverse ordering given by $\prec$ on $R^+(w)$ and the second product is taken over the β's according to the ordering $\prec$ on $R^-(w)$. Such monomials will be called *standard monomials*. In order to define an ordering on such expressions we define a new ordering on $R(w)$.

DEFINITION. Define a new total ordering $\prec'$ in the following way: if $\alpha \in R^\varepsilon(w)$ and $\beta \in R^\eta(w)$, then

$$\alpha \succ' \beta \text{ if } \begin{cases} \varepsilon = -,\ \eta = + & \text{or} \\ \varepsilon = \eta,\ w_\varepsilon(l_\alpha) < w_\varepsilon(l_\beta), & \text{or} \\ \varepsilon = \eta,\ w_\varepsilon(l_\alpha) = w_\varepsilon(l_\beta),\ j_\alpha < j_\beta. \end{cases}$$

The following proposition follows easily from the definition.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Suppose* $\alpha, \beta \in R^{\varepsilon}(w)$.

1. *If* $\alpha >' \beta$ *and* $\alpha > \beta$, *then* $j_\alpha \geq j_\beta$ *and* $w_\varepsilon(l_\alpha) < w_\varepsilon(l_\beta)$.
2. *If* $\alpha >' \beta$ *and* $\alpha > \beta$, *then* $j_\alpha < j_\beta$ *and* $w_\varepsilon(l_\alpha) \leq w_\varepsilon(l_\beta)$.

For a standard monomial $\mathbf{z} = \prod_{\alpha \in R(w)} z_\alpha^{m_\alpha}$ of the form given above, we define

$$\mathrm{Supp}(\mathbf{z}) = \{\alpha \in R(w) \mid m_\alpha \neq 0\}$$

and $\mathrm{MSupp}(\mathbf{z})$ to be the largest element of $\mathrm{Supp}(\mathbf{z})$ under the ordering $<'$. Define the degree of a non-zero standard monomial, $\deg(\mathbf{z})$ to be the element $(m_\alpha)_\alpha$ of $\mathbf{N}^{R(w)}$ and define e_α by $(e_\alpha)_\beta = \delta_{\alpha,\beta}$.

PROPOSITION 3.5. *Let* $\alpha \in R(w)$. *Set* $(k, m) = (w_+(j_\alpha), w_+(l_\alpha))$ *if* $\alpha \in R^+(w)$, $(k, m) = (w_-(l_\alpha), w_-(j_\alpha))$ *if* $\alpha \in R^-(w)$.

1. *If* $\mathrm{MSupp}(\mathbf{z}) = \alpha$, *then* $\mathrm{ad}_{k,m}\mathbf{z}$ *is a scalar multiple of a standard monomial and* $\deg(\mathrm{ad}_{k,m}\mathbf{z}) = \deg(\mathbf{z}) - e_\alpha$.
2. *If* $\mathrm{MSupp}(\mathbf{z}) <' \alpha$, *then* $\mathrm{ad}_{k,m}\mathbf{z} = 0$.

Proof. Let $\mathbf{z}$ be a monomial such that $\mathrm{MSupp}(\mathbf{z}) \leq' \alpha$. Then we may write

$$\mathbf{z} = \left(\prod_\gamma z_\gamma^{m^\gamma}\right) z_\alpha^{m^\alpha} \left(\prod_\beta z_\beta^{m^\beta}\right),$$

where the products are ordered as described above. We prove the result by induction on $e(\mathbf{z}) = \#(\mathrm{Supp}(\mathbf{z})\backslash\{\alpha\})$. We first consider the case where $\alpha \in R^-(w)$. We prove that if $k' \leq k$ then

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k',m}\mathbf{z} = \delta_{k',k}\left(\prod_\gamma \mathrm{ad}_{k,k} z_\gamma^{m_\gamma}\right)\mathrm{ad}_{k,m} z_\alpha^{m_\alpha} \left(\prod_\beta \mathrm{ad}_{m,m} z_\beta^{m_\beta}\right)$$

Suppose that $e(\mathbf{z}) = 0$. Then $\mathbf{z} = z_\alpha^{m_\alpha}$ and the result is true by Corollary 3.3. Now assume that the proposition is true for all monomials $\mathbf{y}$ such that $\mathrm{MSupp}(\mathbf{y}) \leq' \alpha$ and $e(\mathbf{y}) < e(\mathbf{z})$. We consider three cases.

(1) Suppose that $\mathbf{z} = \xi\mathbf{y}$, where $\xi = z_\gamma^{m_\gamma}$ and $\gamma \in R^+(w)$. Write $\mathrm{ad}_{k',m}\mathbf{z} = \sum_s \mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\xi \mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\mathbf{y}$. Suppose that $\mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\xi$ and $\mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\mathbf{y}$ are non-zero for some s. From $\mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\xi \neq 0$ it follows that $s \leq k' \leq k$. By induction we conclude from $\mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\mathbf{y} \neq 0$ that $s = k = k'$.

(2) Suppose that $\mathbf{z} = \xi\mathbf{y}$, $\xi = z_\gamma^{m_\gamma}$ where $\gamma \in R^-(w)$ and $\gamma < \alpha$. Proposition 3.4 implies that $j_\gamma \leq j_\alpha$ and $k = w_-(l_\alpha) < w_-(l_\gamma)$. Write $\mathrm{ad}_{k',m}\mathbf{z} = \sum_s \mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\xi \mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\mathbf{y}$. Suppose that $\mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\xi$ and $\mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\mathbf{y}$ are nonzero for some s. Then $k' \leq s$. If $s \neq k'$, we have $w_-(l_\gamma) \leq k' < s \leq w_-(j_\gamma)$. Hence $w_-(l_\gamma) \leq$

$k' \leq k$, a contradiction. Thus $s = k' \leq k$ and by induction $k \leq k' = s \leq m$. Hence $k' = s = k$.

(3) Suppose that $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}\xi$ where $\xi = z_\beta^{m_\beta}$ where $\beta \in R^-(w)$ and $b > \alpha$. Then Proposition 3.4 implies that $j_\beta > j_\alpha$ and $k = w_-(l_\alpha) \leq w_-(l_\beta)$. Write $\mathrm{ad}_{k',m}\mathbf{z} = \mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\mathbf{y}\ \mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\xi$ and suppose that $\mathrm{ad}_{k',s}\mathbf{y} \neq 0$ and $\mathrm{ad}_{s,m}\xi \neq 0$. Then $s \leq m$. If $s < m$, we must have

$$w_-(j_\alpha) = m \notin yJ = \{w_-(1), \ldots, w_-(j_\beta - 1), w_-(l_\beta\}.$$

But this contradicts $j_\alpha < j_\beta$. Hence $s = m$. Then $\mathrm{ad}_{k',m}\mathbf{y} \neq 0$ and induction yields the result. The case when $\alpha \in R^+(w)$ is similar. ∎

Using induction on the degree of a standard monomial we then obtain:

THEOREM 3.6. *Let* $\mathbf{z}$ *be a standard monomial. Then there exists a monomial* f *in the* X_{ij} *such that*

1. $(\mathrm{ad}\, f)\mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{C}^*$;
2. $(\mathrm{ad}\, f)\mathbf{z}' = 0$ *if* $\mathbf{z}'$ *is a standard monomial with* $\deg \mathbf{z}' <' \deg \mathbf{z}$.

The theorem implies in particular that the standard monomials are linearly independent. This fact together with the commutation relations of Theorem 2.2 implies the following.

COROLLARY 3.7. *The algebra* C_w^H *is an iterated skew polynomial ring in* $l(w)$ *variables.*

As we noted above, C_w is a skew Laurent extension of C_w^H in rkG variables. Thus C_w is a deformation of the algebra of functions on the variety $\mathscr{C}_w \cong \mathbf{C}^{l(w)} \times (\mathbf{C}^*)^{rkG}$ described in [3, A.2]. Similarly the algebra $B_w = C_w[d^{-1}]$ is a deformation of the algebra of functions on the open subset $\mathscr{B}_w$ of $\mathscr{C}_w$.

LEMMA 3.8. *Let* $k, l \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ *and let* $j \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$. *Then*

$$\mathrm{ad}_{k,l}t_j = \delta_{kl}q^{2\psi_{kj}}t_j$$

where $\psi_{kj} = \delta_{k,w_+(J)} - \delta_{k,w_-(J)}$.

Proof. If follows from Lemma 3.1 that $X_{kl}c^+_{j,w_+} = (q^2)^{\delta_{l,J}-\delta_{k,w_+(J)}}c^+_{j,w_+}X_{kl}$. Similarly $X_{kl}c^-_{j,w_-} = (q^2)^{\delta_{l,J}-\delta_{k,w_-(J)}}c^-_{j,w_-}X_{kl}$. The result is then clear. ∎

Denote by Ψ the $n \times (n-1)$ matrix (ψ_{kj}). It induces a map $\Psi : \mathbf{Z}^{n-1} \to \mathbf{Z}^n$.

THEOREM 3.9. *The subalgebra* $\mathbf{C}[t_i^{\pm 1} \mid i = 1, \ldots n-1]$ *is invariant and diagonalisable under the adjoint action. The subalgebra of* ad*-invariant elements is*

$$\mathbf{C}[t_i^{\pm 1} \mid i = 1, \ldots n-1]^{\mathrm{ad}} = \mathbf{C}[t^{\mathbf{m}} \mid \Psi\mathbf{m} = 0]$$

which is the algebra of functions on a (commutative) torus with rank $\dim \ker_{\mathbf{h}^*}(w_+ w_-^{-1} - Id)$.

Proof. It is clear from the lemma that $\mathrm{ad}_{t_i} t^{\mathbf{m}} = q^{2(\Psi\mathbf{m})_i} t^{\mathbf{m}}$. Thus the subalgebra of ad-invariants is the linear span of the monomials $t^{\mathbf{m}}$ for $\mathbf{m} \in \ker \Psi$. Identify $\mathbf{h}^*$ with the usual subspace of $V = \langle \varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_n \rangle_{\mathbf{C}}$. Let Φ be the linear map on V given by the matrix $[\Psi : 0]$ with respect to this basis. Then $\Phi(\varepsilon_i) = (w_+ - w_-)(\varepsilon_1 + \cdots + \varepsilon_i\ \varepsilon_i)$. Hence $\operatorname{rank}(\ker \Psi) = \dim(\ker \Phi) - 1 = \dim(\ker_{\mathbf{h}^*}(w_+ - w_-)) = \dim(\ker_{\mathbf{h}^*}(w_+ w_-^{-1} - Id))$. ∎

4. Primitive spectrum of $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$

We are now able to deduce the main result.

Definition. Let K be a subgroup of $\mathbf{Z}^{n-1}$ such that $\mathbf{Z}^{n-1} = \ker \Psi \oplus K$. Set

$$C_{\dot{w}} = C_w^H[t^{\mathbf{m}} \mid \mathbf{m} \in K]$$

and let $B_{\dot{w}} = C_{\dot{w}}[d^{-1}]$.

It follows from [3, 2.7] and Corollary 3.7 that $C_{\dot{w}}$ is a localization of an iterated skew polynomial ring. Hence $C_{\dot{w}}$ and $B_{\dot{w}}$ are integral domains. Furthermore $C_w \cong C_{\dot{w}} \otimes C_w^{\mathrm{ad}}$, $B_w \cong B_{\dot{w}} \otimes C_w^{\mathrm{ad}}$ as $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$-module algebras and $C_w^{\mathrm{ad}} = \mathbf{C}[t_i^{\pm 1} \mid i = 1, \ldots n-1]^{\mathrm{ad}}$ as described in Theorem 3.9.

Set $s(w) = \operatorname{codim}(\ker_{\mathbf{h}^*}(w_+ w_-^{-1} - Id))$, (c.f. [3, A.2]).

Theorem 4.1. *$B_w \cong B_{\dot{w}} \otimes C_w^{\mathrm{ad}}$ and $B_{\dot{w}}$ is a simple algebra. The center of B_w is C_w^{ad} and the ideals of B_w are generated by their intersection with the center. Thus* Spec $B_w \cong$ Spec C_w^{ad} *and* Prim $B_w \cong$ Prim C_w^{ad}. *The primitive ideals of B_w are maximal and form an H-orbit. If $P \in$ Prim B_w, then $H/\mathrm{Stab}_H P$ is a torus of rank equal to rank $G - s(w)$ and the Gelfand–Kirillov dimension of B_w/P is $l(w) + s(w)$.*

Proof. Let P_e be the ideal of B_w generated by $\{t^{\mathbf{m}} - 1 \mid \mathbf{m} \in \ker \Psi\}$. Then P_e is an ad-invariant ideal and $B_{\dot{w}} \cong B_w/P_e$ as $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$-module algebras. Suppose that $B_{\dot{w}}$ is not simple. Then by "going up" [4, 10.5.15] $B_{\dot{w}}$ contains a proper non-zero ad-invariant ideal, I. In this case $I \cap C_{\dot{w}}$ is a proper non-zero ad-invariant ideal of $C_{\dot{w}}$. Let $\mathbf{C}K = \mathbf{C}[t^{\mathbf{m}} \mid \mathbf{m} \in K]$. Since $\mathbf{C}K$ is diagonalizable under the adjoint action and $C_{\dot{w}} \cong C_w^H \otimes \mathbf{C}K$ as $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$-modules, it follows that the socle of $C_{\dot{w}}$ under the adjoint action is given by

$$\mathrm{Soc}\ C_{\dot{w}} \cong \mathrm{Soc}\ C_w^H \otimes \mathbf{C}K \cong \mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{C}K.$$

Thus Soc $C_{\dot{w}}$ is a direct sum of distinct one-dimensional submodules each generated by a unit. Since $I \cap C_{\dot{w}}$ must intersect nontrivially at least one summand of the socle, it must contain a unit, a contradiction. Thus $B_{\dot{w}}$ is simple.

Let $\sigma : H \to H/\Gamma$ be the map $\sigma(h) = h^2\Gamma$. Then the action of H on $\mathbf{C}[t_i^{\pm 1} \mid i = 1, \ldots n-1]$ factors through σ and the induced action of H/Γ is the natural action of a torus on its algebra of functions. This, together with Theorem 3.9 implies the assertions concerning the H-action. The assertion concerning the Gelfand–Kirillov dimension follows from a slight generalization of [4, 8.2.10]. ∎

Notice that Theorem 4.1 implies that all prime ideals of $\mathbf{C}_q[G]^\Gamma$ are completely prime. This result may also be deduced from [2] where it is proved that all prime ideals of $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ are completely prime.

Recall that a Noetherian $\mathbf{C}$-algebra A is said to satisfy the Dixmier–Moeglin condition if the following are equivalent for $P \in \operatorname{Spec} A$: (a) P is primitive; (b) P is rational (the center of the ring of fractions of A/P is $\mathbf{C}$); c) P is locally closed in Spec A.

THEOREM 4.2. (1) $\operatorname{Prim} \mathbf{C}_q[G] \cong \bigsqcup_{w \in W \times W} \operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]$.

(2) *For each* $w \in W \times W$, $\operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]$ *is a non-empty* H*-orbit. If* $P_{\dot{w}} \in \operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]$, *then* $H/\operatorname{Stab}_H P_{\dot{w}}$ *is a torus of rank equal to rank* $G - s(w)$.

(3) *The Gelfand–Kirillov dimension of* $\mathbf{C}_q[G]/P_{\dot{w}}$ *is* $l(w) + s(w)$.

(4) $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ *satisfies the Dixmier–Moeglin condition.*

Proof. Notice first that $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ satisfies the nullstellensatz, [4, 9.1.8]. Therefore (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) and (c) $\Rightarrow$ (a) for any $P \in \operatorname{Spec} \mathbf{C}_q[G]$. Let $P \in \operatorname{Spec}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]$ be rational and let $Q = P \cap \mathbf{C}_q[G]^\Gamma$. Since C_w^{ad} is central in $A_{\dot{w}}$, $PA_{\dot{w}} \cap C_w^{\mathrm{ad}}$ must be a maximal ideal of C_w^{ad}. Thus $QB_{\dot{w}}$ is maximal by Theorem 4.1. It then follows from "going up" [4, 10.5.15] that any prime ideal strictly containing P must contain the product of the elements of $\mathscr{E}_{\dot{w}}$. Hence P is locally closed and primitive. Thus $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ satisfies the Dixmier–Moeglin condition. Since Γ acts transitively on the primitive ideals of $\mathbf{C}_q[G]$ lying over Q and H acts transitively on the maximal ideals of $B_{\dot{w}}$, it follows easily that H acts transitively on $\operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]$. Since the action of H is algebraic $H/\operatorname{Stab}_H P$ must be a torus whose rank is $rkG - s(w)$ by Theorem 4.1. The assertion concerning the Gelfand-Kirillov dimension follows from [4, 8.2.9]. ∎

Comparing this result with Theorem A.3.2 of [3], we see that there exists an H-equivariant bijection $\beta : \operatorname{Prim} \mathbf{C}_q[G] \to \operatorname{Symp} G$ such that $\beta(\operatorname{Prim}_w \mathbf{C}_q[G]) = \operatorname{Symp}_w G$ for all $w \in W \times W$ and such that $\dim \beta(P) = \operatorname{GKdim} \mathbf{C}_q[G]/P$ for all $P \in \operatorname{Prim} \mathbf{C}_q[G]$. Thus Conjecture 1 of [3] is true.

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