



# Universal enveloping algebra and differential calculi on inhomogeneous orthogonal $q$ -groups

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## Abstract

We review the construction of the multiparametric quantum group  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  as a projection from  $SO_{q,r}(N+2)$  and show that it is a bicovariant bimodule over  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ . The universal enveloping algebra  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$ , characterized as the Hopf algebra of regular functionals on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ , is found as a Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N+2))$  and is shown to be a bicovariant bimodule over  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ .

An  $R$ -matrix formulation of  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  is given and we prove the pairing  $U_{q,r}(iso(N)) \leftrightarrow ISO_{q,r}(N)$ . We analyze the subspaces of  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  that define bicovariant differential calculi on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

A noncommutative space–time, with a deformed Poincaré symmetry group, is an interesting geometric background for the study of Minkowski space–time physics and, in particular, of Einstein–Cartan gravity theories [9,7]. In this perspective it is natural to investigate

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inhomogeneous orthogonal quantum groups, their quantum Lie algebras and more generally their differential structure.

In this paper we review the multiparametric  $R$ -matrix formulation of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  as a projection from  $SO_{q,r}(N+2)$  [4] emphasizing the analogy with the classical construction. We also show that  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is a bicovariant bimodule over  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ , freely generated by the translation elements  $x^a$  plus the dilatation element associated to  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ . We then construct and analyze the universal enveloping algebra  $U_{q,r}(so(N+2))$ , defined as the algebra of regular functionals [11] on the multiparametric homogeneous orthogonal  $q$ -groups. The projection procedure  $SO_{q,r}(N+2) \rightarrow ISO_{q,r}(N)$ , initiated in [6] and developed in [7,2,4], is here exploited to obtain  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  as a particular Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N+2))$ , and prove that it is paired to  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ . A detailed study of  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  and an  $R$ -matrix formulation is given. In complete analogy with the  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  case we also prove that  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  is a bicovariant bimodule over  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  and give a basis of right invariant elements that freely generate  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$ . The universal enveloping algebras of the inhomogeneous quantum groups  $IGI_{q,r}(N)$ , first studied with a different approach in [16], can be derived in a similar way.

The quantum Lie algebras of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  are subspaces (adjoint submodules) of  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$ , and in the last section we examine two of them, obtained as “projections” from the quantum Lie algebras of  $SO_{q,r}(N+2)$ . The two associated bicovariant differential calculi are also briefly presented. The first has  $N+2$  generators, and is an interesting candidate for a differential calculus on the quantum orthogonal plane in dimension  $N$ . The second is obtained with the parametric restriction  $r=1$ ; in the classical limit  $r=q=1$  it reduces to the differential calculus on the undeformed  $ISO(N)$ . This section does not rely on the technical parts of Sections 4 and 5; these may be skipped by the reader interested mainly in the differential calculi on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ .

In this article, all the properties of the quantum inhomogeneous  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  group, its universal enveloping algebra and its differential calculus are derived from the known properties of the homogeneous “parent” structure. The main logical steps of this derivation are independent from the  $q$ -group considered, and the projection procedure may be applied to investigate more general quotients of the  $A, B, C, D$   $q$ -groups, as for example deformed parabolic groups.

## 2. $SO_{q,r}(N)$ multiparametric quantum group

The  $SO_{q,r}(N)$  multiparametric quantum group is freely generated by the noncommuting matrix elements  $T^a_b$  (fundamental representation  $a, b = 1, \dots, N$ ) and the unit element  $I$ , modulo the relation  $\det_{q,r} T = I$  and the quadratic  $RTT$  and  $CTT$  (orthogonality) relations discussed below. The noncommutativity is controlled by the  $R$ -matrix

$$R^{ab}_{ef} T^e_c T^f_d = T^b_f T^a_e R^{ef}_{cd}, \quad (2.1)$$

which satisfies the quantum Yang–Baxter equation

$$R^{a_1 b_1}_{a_2 b_2} R^{a_2 c_1}_{a_3 c_2} R^{b_2 c_2}_{b_3 c_3} = R^{b_1 c_1}_{b_2 c_2} R^{a_1 c_2}_{a_2 c_3} R^{a_2 b_2}_{a_3 b_3}, \tag{2.2}$$

a sufficient condition for the consistency of the “*RTT*” relations (2.1). The *R*-matrix components  $R^{ab}_{cd}$  depend continuously on a (in general complex) set of parameters  $q_{ab}, r$ . For  $q_{ab} = r$  we recover the uniparametric orthogonal group  $SO_r(N)$  of [11]. Then  $q_{ab} \rightarrow 1, r \rightarrow 1$  is the classical limit for which  $R^{ab}_{cd} \rightarrow \delta_c^a \delta_d^b$ : the matrix entries  $T^a_b$  commute and become the usual entries of the fundamental representation. The multiparametric *R*-matrices for the *A, B, C, D* series can be found in [15] (other reference on multiparametric *q*-groups are given in [14, 18]). For the orthogonal case they read (we use the same notations of [4]):

$$R^{ab}_{cd} = \delta_c^a \delta_d^b \left[ \frac{r}{q_{ab}} + (r - 1)\delta^{ab} + (r^{-1} - 1)\delta^{ab'} \right] (1 - \delta^{an_2}) + \delta_{n_2}^a \delta_{n_2}^b \delta_c^{n_2} \delta_d^{n_2} + (r - r^{-1})[\theta^{ab} \delta_c^b \delta_d^a - \theta^{ac} r^{\rho_a - \rho_c} \delta^{a'b} \delta_{c'd}], \tag{2.3}$$

where  $\theta^{ab} = 1$  for  $a > b$  and  $\theta^{ab} = 0$  for  $a \leq b$ ; we define  $n_2 \equiv (N + 1)/2$  and primed indices as  $a' \equiv N + 1 - a$ . The terms with the index  $n_2$  are present only in the  $B_n$  case:  $N = 2n + 1$ . The  $\rho_a$  vector is given by

$$(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_N) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{N}{2} - 1, \frac{N}{2} - 2, \dots, \frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \dots, -\frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \\ \text{for } B_n[SO(2n + 1)], \\ \left( \frac{N}{2} - 1, \frac{N}{2} - 2, \dots, 1, 0, 0, -1, \dots, -\frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \\ \text{for } D_n[SO(2n)]. \end{cases} \tag{2.4}$$

Moreover, the following relations reduce the number of independent  $q_{ab}$  parameters [15]:

$$q_{aa} = r, \quad q_{ba} = \frac{r^2}{q_{ab}}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$q_{ab} = \frac{r^2}{q_{a'b'}} = \frac{r^2}{q_{a'b}}, \tag{2.6}$$

where (2.6) also implies  $q_{aa'} = r$ . Therefore the  $q_{ab}$  with  $a < b \leq N/2$  give all the  $q$ 's.

It is useful to list the nonzero complex components of the *R*-matrix (no sum on repeated indices):

$$\begin{aligned} R^{aa}_{aa} &= r, \quad a \neq n_2, \\ R^{aa'}_{aa'} &= r^{-1}, \quad a \neq n_2, \\ R^{n_2 n_2}_{n_2 n_2} &= 1, \\ R^{ab}_{ab} &= \frac{r}{q_{ab}}, \quad a \neq b, \quad a' \neq b, \\ R^{ab}_{ba} &= r - r^{-1}, \quad a > b, \quad a' \neq b, \\ R^{aa'}_{a'a} &= (r - r^{-1})(1 - r^{\rho_a - \rho_{a'}}), \quad a > a', \\ R^{aa'}_{bb'} &= -(r - r^{-1})r^{\rho_a - \rho_b}, \quad a > b, \quad a' \neq b. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

**Remark 2.1.** The matrix  $R$  is upper triangular (i.e.  $R^{ab}_{cd} = 0$  if  $[a = c \text{ and } b < d]$  or  $a < c$ ) and has the following properties:

$$R_{q,r}^{-1} = R_{q^{-1},r^{-1}}, \quad (R_{q,r})^{ab}_{cd} = (R_{q,r})^{c'd'}_{a'b'}, \quad (R_{q,r})^{ab}_{cd} = (R_{p,r})^{dc}_{ba}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $q, r$  denote the set of parameters  $q_{ab}, r$ , and  $p_{ab} \equiv q_{ba}$ .

The inverse  $R^{-1}$  is defined by  $(R^{-1})^{ab}_{cd} R^{cd}_{ef} = \delta^a_e \delta^b_f = R^{ab}_{cd} (R^{-1})^{cd}_{ef}$ . The first equation in (2.8) implies that for  $|q| = |r| = 1, \hat{R} = R^{-1}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** The characteristic equation and the projector decomposition of  $\hat{R}_{q,r}$ , where  $\hat{R}^{ab}_{cd} \equiv R^{ba}_{cd}$ , are the same as in the uniparametric case [14,4]; in particular the projectors read:

$$\begin{aligned} P_S &= \frac{1}{r + r^{-1}} [\hat{R} + r^{-1}I - (r^{-1} + r^{1-N})P_0], \\ P_A &= \frac{1}{r + r^{-1}} [-\hat{R} + rI - (r - r^{1-N})P_0], \\ P_0 &= (C_{ab}C^{ab})^{-1}K, \quad \text{where } K^{ab}_{cd} \equiv C^{ab}C_{cd}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Orthogonality conditions are imposed on the elements  $T^a_b$ , consistently with the  $RTT$  relations (2.1):

$$C^{bc}T^a_b T^d_c = C^{ad}I, \quad C_{ac}T^a_b T^c_d = C_{bd}I, \quad (2.10)$$

where the (antidiagonal) metric is

$$C_{ab} = r^{-\rho_a} \delta_{ab'} \quad (2.11)$$

and its inverse  $C^{ab}$  satisfies  $C^{ab}C_{bc} = \delta^a_c = C_{cb}C^{ba}$ . We see that the matrix elements of the metric and the inverse metric coincide,  $C^{ab} = C_{ab}$ ; notice also the symmetry  $C_{ab} = C_{b'a'}$ .

The consistency of (2.10) with the  $RTT$  relations is due to the identities

$$C_{ab} \hat{R}^{bc}_{de} = (\hat{R}^{-1})^{cf}_{ad} C_{fe}, \quad (2.12)$$

$$\hat{R}^{bc}_{de} C^{ea} = C^{bf} (\hat{R}^{-1})^{ca}_{fd}. \quad (2.13)$$

These identities hold also for  $\hat{R} \rightarrow \hat{R}^{-1}$  and can be proved using the explicit expression (2.7) of  $R$ . We also note the useful relations

$$C_{ab} \hat{R}^{ab}_{cd} = r^{1-N} C_{cd}, \quad C^{cd} \hat{R}^{ab}_{cd} = r^{1-N} C^{ab} \quad (2.14)$$

and

$$R^{ab}_{cc'} = C^{ab} C_{cc'}, \quad R^{aa'}_{cd} = C^{aa'} C_{cd} \quad \text{for } a > c. \quad (2.15)$$

The costructures of the orthogonal multiparametric quantum group have the same form as in the uniparametric case: the coproduct  $\Delta$ , the counit  $\varepsilon$  and the coinverse  $\kappa$  are given by

$$\Delta(T^a_b) = T^a_b \otimes T^b_c, \tag{2.16}$$

$$\varepsilon(T^a_b) = \delta^a_b, \tag{2.17}$$

$$\kappa(T^a_b) = C^{ac} T^d_c C_{db}. \tag{2.18}$$

In order to define the quantum determinant  $\det_{q,r} T$  we introduce the orthogonal  $N$ -dimensional quantum plane of coordinates  $x^a$  that satisfy the  $q$ -commutation relations  $P_A^{ab}{}_{cd} x^c x^d = 0$ . We then consider the algebra of exterior forms  $dx^1, dx^2, \dots, dx^N$  defined by  $P_S^{ab}{}_{cd} dx^c dx^d = 0$  and  $P_0^{ab}{}_{cd} dx^c dx^d = 0$ , i.e. (use (2.9))  $dx^a dx^b = -r R^{ba}{}_{cd} dx^c dx^d$ . There is a natural action  $\delta$  of the orthogonal quantum group on the exterior algebra (that becomes a left comodule):

$$\delta(dx^a) = T^a_c \otimes dx^c, \quad \delta(dx^a dx^b \dots dx^c) = T^a_d T^b_e \dots T^c_f \otimes dx^d dx^e \dots dx^f.$$

Generalizing the results of [12] to the multiparametric case, we find that any  $N$ -dimensional form is proportional to the volume form  $dV \equiv dx^1 \dots dx^N$ , so that the determinant is uniquely defined by

$$\delta(dV) \equiv \det_{q,r} T \otimes dV. \tag{2.19}$$

Using (2.10) as in [12] it is immediate to prove that  $(\det_{q,r} T)^2 = I$ ; moreover  $\det_{q,r} T$  is central and satisfies  $\Delta(\det_{q,r} T) = \det_{q,r} T \otimes \det_{q,r} T$ .

To obtain the special orthogonal quantum group  $SO_{q,r}(N)$  we impose also the relation  $\det_{q,r} T = I$ .

**Remark 2.3.** Using formula (2.3) or (2.7), we find that the  $R^{AB}{}_{CD}$  matrix for the  $SO_{q,r}(N+2)$  quantum group can be decomposed in terms of  $SO_{q,r}(N)$  quantities as follows (splitting the index  $A$  as  $A = (\circ, a, \bullet)$ , with  $a = 1, \dots, N$ ):

$$R^{AB}{}_{CD} = \begin{pmatrix} \circ\circ & \circ\bullet & \bullet\circ & \bullet\bullet & \circ d & \bullet d & c\circ & c\bullet & cd \\ \circ\circ & r & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \circ\bullet & 0 & r^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bullet\circ & 0 & f(r) & r^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -C_{cd} \lambda r^{-\rho} \\ \bullet\bullet & 0 & 0 & r & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \circ b & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{r}{q_{\circ b}} \delta_d^b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bullet b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{r}{q_{\bullet b}} \delta_d^b & 0 & \lambda \delta_c^b & 0 \\ a\circ & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \delta_d^a & 0 & \frac{r}{q_{a\circ}} \delta_c^a & 0 & 0 \\ a\bullet & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{r}{q_{a\bullet}} \delta_c^a & 0 \\ ab & 0 & -C^{ba} \lambda r^{-\rho} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & R^{ab}{}_{cd} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.20}$$

where  $R_{cd}^{ab}$  is the  $R$ -matrix for  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ ,  $C_{ab}$  is the corresponding metric,  $\lambda \equiv r - r^{-1}$ ,  $\rho = (N/2)(r^\rho = C_{\bullet\bullet})$  and  $f(r) \equiv \lambda(1 - r^{-2\rho})$ .

**3.  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  as a projection from  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$**

Classically the orthogonal group  $SO(N + 2)$  is defined as the set of all linear transformations with unit determinant which preserve the quadratic form  $(z^0)^2 + (z^1)^2 + \dots + (z^{N+1})^2$  or equivalently, since we are in the complex plane, the quadratic form  $z^0 z^{N+1} + z^1 z^N + \dots + z^{N+1} z^0$  (use the transformation  $z^A \rightarrow (z^A + iz^{A'})/\sqrt{2}$  for  $A \leq N/2$ ;  $z^A \rightarrow (z^A - iz^A)/\sqrt{2}$  for  $A > N/2$ ;  $z^A$  unchanged for  $A = A'$ ). The associated metric is therefore  $C_{AB} = \delta_{AB'}$  where  $A, B = 0, 1, \dots, N + 1$  and  $B' \equiv N + 1 - B$ .

We consider the  $ISO(N)$  subgroup of  $SO(N + 2)$  defined as follows. Select the subset of matrices in  $SO(N + 2)$  whose components  $T^A_B$  read

$$T^a_\circ = T^\bullet_b = T^\bullet_\circ = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

The product of two such  $SO(N + 2)$  matrices gives a  $SO(N + 2)$  matrix with the same structure:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T^\circ_\circ & y & z \\ 0 & T & x \\ 0 & 0 & T^\bullet_\bullet \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} T'^\circ_\circ & y' & z' \\ 0 & T' & x' \\ 0 & 0 & T'^\bullet_\bullet \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T^\circ_\circ T'^\circ_\circ & y'' & z'' \\ 0 & T \cdot T' & x'' \\ 0 & 0 & T^\bullet_\bullet T'^\bullet_\bullet \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $x^c \equiv T^c_\bullet$ ,  $y_a \equiv T^\circ_a$ ,  $z \equiv T^\circ_\bullet$ ,  $x'' = xT'^\bullet_\bullet + Tx'$  and  $y'' = T^\circ_\circ y' + yT'$ . These matrices form a subgroup of  $SO(N + 2)$ . If we further set  $T^\circ_\circ = T^\bullet_\bullet = 1$  this subgroup becomes  $ISO(N)$ .

Conditions (3.1) and  $T^A_B \in SO(N + 2)$  (i.e.  $T^A_B C_{AC} T^C_D = C_{BD}$ ,  $\det T^A_B = 1$ ) are equivalent to

$$T^a_\circ = T^\bullet_b = T^\bullet_\circ = 0, \tag{3.3}$$

$$T^a_b C_{ac} T^c_d = C_{bd}, \quad \det T^a_b = 1, \tag{3.4}$$

$$T^\circ_b = -T^a_b C_{ac} T^c_\bullet T^\circ_\circ, \quad T^\circ_\bullet = -\frac{1}{2} T^b_\bullet C_{ba} T^a_\bullet T^\circ_\circ, \quad T^\circ_\circ = (T^\bullet_\bullet)^{-1}. \tag{3.5}$$

As expected, there are no constraints on  $x^c \equiv T^c_\bullet$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Classically there is an easier way to recover  $ISO(N)$ , namely starting from  $SO(N + 1)$ . In the quantum case the  $R$ -matrix of  $SO_{q,r}(N)$  is only contained in  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ , see Remark 2.3. This explains why we have considered this bigger group.

Since  $ISO(N)$  is a subgroup of  $SO(N + 2)$  the algebra  $Fun(ISO(N))$  of regular functions from  $ISO(N)$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  will be obtained from  $Fun(SO(N + 2))$  as a quotient, whose canonical projection we name  $P$ . Let us now consider the elements  $T^A_B$  as functions on the  $SO(N + 2)$

group manifold: they define the fundamental representation of  $SO(N + 2)$ . Since  $\forall g \in ISO(N)$ ,  $T^a_{\circ}(g) = T^{\bullet}_b(g) = T^{\circ}_{\circ}(g) = 0$ , we can write

$$Fun(ISO(N)) = \frac{Fun(SO(N + 2))}{H}, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $Fun(SO(N + 2))$  is generated by  $T^A_B$  and  $H$  is the left and right ideal generated by the functions  $T^a_{\circ} ; T^{\bullet}_b ; T^{\circ}_{\circ}$ . Therefore  $Fun(ISO(N))$  is generated by the functions  $P(T^A_B)$  where  $P$  is the canonical projection associated to  $H$ :  $P(T^a_{\circ}) = P(T^{\bullet}_b) = P(T^{\circ}_{\circ}) = 0$ ; more explicitly it is generated by the elements  $T^A_B$  modulo the relations (3.3)–(3.5).

The above construction can be carried over to the quantum group level. In this case the elements  $T^A_B$  are abstract generators of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2) \equiv Fun_{q,r}(SO(N + 2))$  and we have  $ISO_{q,r}(N) \equiv Fun_{q,r}(ISO(N)) = SO_{q,r}(N + 2)/H$  because the ideal  $H$  is a Hopf ideal i.e.

- (i)  $H$  is a two-sided ideal in  $S_{q,r}(N + 2)$ ,
- (ii)  $H$  is a co-ideal, i.e.

$$\Delta_{N+2}(H) \subseteq H \otimes SO_{q,r}(N + 2) + SO_{q,r}(N + 2) \otimes H, \quad \varepsilon_{N+2}(H) = 0, \tag{3.7}$$

(iii)  $H$  is compatible with  $\kappa_{N+2}$ :

$$\kappa_{N+2}(H) \subseteq H, \tag{3.8}$$

where the suffix  $N + 2$  refers to the costructures of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ . It should be clear that  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is not a subalgebra, nor a Hopf subalgebra of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ ; that is why we distinguish with a suffix between the costructures of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  and of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ .

Following [4] the projection  $P: SO_{q,r}(N + 2) \rightarrow SO_{q,r}(N + 2)/H$  is a Hopf algebra epimorphism, and defining the projected matrix elements  $t^A_B = P(T^A_B)$ , where  $T^A_B$  are the  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  generators, we have:

**Theorem 3.1.** *The quantum group  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is generated by the matrix entries*

$$t \equiv \begin{pmatrix} P(T^{\circ}_{\circ}) & P(y) & P(z) \\ 0 & P(T^a_b) & P(x) \\ 0 & 0 & P(T^{\bullet}_{\bullet}) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and the unity } I \tag{3.9}$$

modulo the “ $Rt$ ” and “ $Ct$ ” relations

$$R^{AB}_{EF} t^E_C t^F_D = t^B_F t^A_E R^{EF}_{CD}, \tag{3.10}$$

$$C^{BC} t^A_B t^D_C = C^{AD}, \quad C_{AC} t^A_B t^C_D = C_{BD}, \tag{3.11}$$

where  $R$  and  $C$  are the multiparametric  $R$ -matrix and metric of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ , respectively. The costructures are the same as in (2.16)–(2.18), with  $t^A_B$  instead of  $T^a_b$ .

Relations (3.10) and (3.11) explicitly read:

$$R^{ab}{}_{ef} T^e{}_c T^f{}_d = T^b{}_f T^a{}_e R^{ef}{}_{cd}, \quad (3.12)$$

$$T^a{}_b C^{bc} T^d{}_c = C^{ad} I, \quad (3.13)$$

$$T^a{}_b C_{ac} T^c{}_d = C_{bd} I, \quad (3.14)$$

$$T^b{}_d x^a = \frac{r}{q_{d\bullet}} R^{ab}{}_{ef} x^e T^f{}_d, \quad (3.15)$$

$$P_A{}^{ab}{}_{cd} x^c x^d = 0, \quad (3.16)$$

$$T^b{}_d v = \frac{q_{b\bullet}}{q_{d\bullet}} v T^b{}_d, \quad (3.17)$$

$$x^b v = q_{b\bullet} v x^b, \quad (3.18)$$

$$uv = vu = I, \quad (3.19)$$

$$u x^b = q_{b\bullet} x^b u, \quad (3.20)$$

$$u T^b{}_d = \frac{q_{b\bullet}}{q_{d\bullet}} T^b{}_d u, \quad (3.21)$$

$$y_b = -r^\rho T^a{}_b C_{ac} x^c u, \quad (3.22)$$

$$z = -\frac{1}{(r^{-N/2} + r^{N/2-2})} x^b C_{ba} x^a u, \quad (3.23)$$

where we have set  $P(T^\circ) = u$ ,  $P(T^\bullet) = v$  and, with abuse of notations,  $T^a{}_b = P(T^a{}_b)$ ,  $x = P(x)$ ,  $y = P(y)$ ,  $z = P(z)$ , and where  $q_{a\bullet}$  are  $N$  complex parameters related by  $q_{a\bullet} = r^2/q_{a'\bullet}$ , with  $a' = N+1-a$ . The matrix  $P_A$  in Eq. (3.16) is the  $q$ -antisymmetrizer for the orthogonal quantum group, see (2.9). The last two relations (3.22) and (3.23) are constraints, showing that the  $t^A{}_B$  matrix elements are really a *redundant* set. This redundancy is necessary if we want an  $R$ -matrix formulation giving the  $q$ -commutations of the  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  generators. Remark that, in the  $R$ -matrix formulation for  $IGL_{q,r}(N)$ , all the  $t^A{}_B$  are independent [6,2]. Here we can take as independent generators the elements

$$T^a{}_b, x^a, v, u \equiv v^{-1} \quad \text{and the identity } I \quad (a = 1, \dots, N). \quad (3.24)$$

In the commutative limit  $q \rightarrow 1$ ,  $r \rightarrow 1$  we recover the algebra  $Fun(ISO(N))$  described in (3.6).

**Note 3.1.** From the commutations (3.20) and (3.21) we see that we can set  $u = I$  only when  $q_{a\bullet} = 1$  for all  $a$ . From  $q_{a\bullet} = r^2/q_{a'\bullet}$ , cf. Eq. (2.6), this implies also  $r = 1$ .

**Note 3.2.** Eqs. (3.16) are the multiparametric orthogonal quantum plane commutations. They follow from the  $(\overset{a}{\bullet} \overset{b}{\bullet})$   $Rtt$  components and (3.23).

**Note 3.3.** The  $u$ ,  $v = u^{-1}$  and  $x^a$  elements generate a subalgebra of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  because their commutation relations do not involve the  $T^a{}_b$  elements. Moreover these elements can be ordered using (3.16) and (3.20), and the Poincaré series of this subalgebra is the same as that of the commutative algebra in the  $N+1$  symbols  $u$ ,  $x^a$  [11]. A linear basis of this subalgebra is therefore given by the ordered monomials  $\zeta^i = u^{i_0} (x^1)^{i_1} \dots (x^N)^{i_N}$  with



$i_0 \in \mathbb{Z}, i_1, \dots, i_N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then, using (3.15) and (3.21), a generic element of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  can be written as  $\zeta^i a_i$  where  $a_i \in SO_{q,r}(N)$  and we conclude that  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is a right  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ -module generated by the ordered monomials  $\zeta^i$ .

One can show that as in the classical case the expressions  $\zeta^i a_i$  are unique:  $\zeta^i a_i = 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \forall i$ , i.e. that  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is a free right  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ -module; moreover (at least when  $q_{a\bullet} = r \forall a$ )  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is a bicovariant bimodule over  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ . The proofs of these statements follow the same steps as those given after Note 5.4, and are left to the reader. Similarly, writing  $a_i \zeta^i$  instead of  $\zeta^i a_i$ , we have that  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is the free left  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ -module generated by the  $\zeta^i$ .

#### 4. Universal enveloping algebra $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$

We construct the universal enveloping algebra  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  as the algebra of regular functionals [11] on  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ .

It is the algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by the counit  $\varepsilon$  and by the functionals  $L^\pm$  defined by their value on the matrix elements  $T^A_B$ :

$$L^{\pm A}_B(T^C_D) = (R^\pm)^{AC}_{BD}, \tag{4.1}$$

$$L^{\pm A}_B(1) = \delta^A_B \tag{4.2}$$

with

$$(R^+)^{AC}_{BD} \equiv R^{CA}_{DB}, \quad (R^-)^{AC}_{BD} \equiv (R^{-1})^{AC}_{BD}. \tag{4.3}$$

To extend the definition (4.1) to the whole algebra  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  we set

$$L^{\pm A}_B(ab) = L^{\pm A}_C(a)L^{\pm C}_B(b) \quad \forall a, b \in SO_{q,r}(N + 2). \tag{4.4}$$

From (4.1), using the upper and lower triangularity of  $R^+$  and  $R^-$ , we see that  $L^+$  is upper triangular and  $L^-$  is lower triangular.

The commutations between  $L^{\pm A}_B$  and  $L^{\pm C}_D$  are induced by (2.2):

$$R_{12}L^{\pm}_2L^{\pm}_1 = L^{\pm}_1L^{\pm}_2R_{12}, \tag{4.5}$$

$$R_{12}L^+_2L^-_1 = L^-_1L^+_2R_{12}, \tag{4.6}$$

where as usual the product  $L^{\pm}_2L^{\pm}_1$  is the convolution product  $L^{\pm}_2L^{\pm}_1 \equiv (L^{\pm}_2 \otimes L^{\pm}_1)\Delta$ .

The  $L^{\pm A}_B$  elements satisfy orthogonality conditions analogous to (2.10):

$$C^{AB}L^+{}_B L^{+D}{}_A = C^{DC}\varepsilon, \tag{4.7}$$

$$C_{AB}L^{\pm B}_C L^{\pm A}_D = C_{DC}\varepsilon, \tag{4.8}$$

as can be verified by applying them to the  $q$ -group generators and using (2.12) and (2.13). They provide the inverse for the matrix  $L^\pm$

$$[(L^\pm)^{-1}]^A_B = C^{DA}L^{\pm C}_D C_{BC}. \tag{4.9}$$

The costructures of the algebra generated by the functionals  $L^\pm$  and  $\varepsilon$  are defined by the duality (4.4):

$$\Delta'(L^{\pm A}_B)(a \otimes b) \equiv L^{\pm A}_B(ab) = L^{\pm A}_G(a)L^{\pm G}_B(b), \tag{4.10}$$

$$\varepsilon'(L^{\pm A}_B) \equiv L^{\pm A}_B(I), \tag{4.11}$$

$$\kappa'(L^{\pm A}_B)(a) \equiv L^{\pm A}_B(\kappa(a)) \tag{4.12}$$

so that

$$\Delta'(L^{\pm A}_B) = L^{\pm A}_G \otimes L^{\pm G}_B, \tag{4.13}$$

$$\varepsilon'(L^{\pm A}_B) = \delta^A_B, \tag{4.14}$$

$$\kappa'(L^{\pm A}_B) = [(L^\pm)^{-1}]^A_B = C^{DA}L^{\pm C}_D C_{BC}. \tag{4.15}$$

From (4.15) we have that  $\kappa'$  is an inner operation in the algebra generated by the functionals  $L^{\pm A}_B$  and  $\varepsilon$ ; it is then easy to see that these elements generate a Hopf algebra, the Hopf algebra  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  of regular functionals on the quantum group  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ .

**Note 4.1.** From the *CLL* relations  $\kappa'(L^{\pm A}_B)L^{\pm B}_C = L^{\pm A}_B\kappa'(L^{\pm B}_C) = \delta^A_C\varepsilon$  we have, using upper–lower triangularity of  $L^\pm$ :

$$L^{\pm A}_A\kappa'(L^{\pm A}_A) = \kappa'(L^{\pm A}_A)L^{\pm A}_A = \varepsilon, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad L^{\pm A}_A L^{\pm A'}_{A'} = L^{\pm A'}_{A'} L^{\pm A}_A = \varepsilon. \tag{4.16}$$

As a consequence  $\det L^\pm \equiv L^{\pm \circ}_\circ L^{\pm 1}_1 L^{\pm 2}_2 \dots L^{\pm N}_N L^{\pm \bullet}_\bullet = \varepsilon$ . In the  $B_n$  case we also have  $L^{\pm n_2}_{n_2} = \varepsilon$ .

**Note 4.2.** The *RLL* relations imply that the subalgebra  $U^0$  generated by the elements  $L^{\pm A}_A$  and  $\varepsilon$  is commutative (use upper triangularity of  $R$ ). Moreover, from (4.13) the invertible elements  $L^{\pm A}_A$  are also group like, and we conclude that  $U^0$  is the group Hopf algebra of the abelian group generated by  $L^{\pm A}_A$  and  $\varepsilon$ . In the classical limit  $U^0$  is a maximal commutative subgroup of  $SO(N + 2)$ .

**Note 4.3.** When  $q_{AB} = r$ , the multiparametric  $R$ -matrix reduces to the uniparametric  $R$ -matrix and we recover the standard uniparametric orthogonal quantum groups. Then the  $L^\pm$  functionals satisfy the further relation

$$\forall A, \quad L^{+A}_A L^{-A}_A = \varepsilon, \tag{4.17}$$

indeed  $L^{+A}_A L^{-A}_A(a) = \varepsilon(a)$  as can be easily seen when  $a = T^A_B$  and generalized to any  $a \in SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  using (4.4). In this case [11] we can avoid to realize the Hopf algebra  $U_r(so(N + 2))$  as functionals on  $SO_r(N + 2)$  and we can define it abstractly as the Hopf algebra generated by the *symbols*  $L^\pm$  and the unit  $\varepsilon$  modulo relations (4.5)–(4.8), and (4.17).

As discussed in [11] in the uniparametric case, the Hopf algebra  $U_r(so(N + 2))$  of regular functionals is a Hopf subalgebra of the orthogonal Drinfeld–Jimbo universal enveloping

algebra  $U_h$ , where  $r = e^h$ . In the general multiparametric case, relation (4.17) does not hold any more. Here we discuss the generalization of (4.17) and the relation between  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  and the multiparametric orthogonal Drinfeld–Jimbo universal enveloping algebra  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}$ . This latter is the quasitriangular Hopf algebra  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})} = (U_h, \Delta^{(\mathcal{F})}, S, \mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})})$  paired to the multiparametric orthogonal  $q$ -group  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ . It is obtained from  $U_h = (U_h, \Delta, S, \mathcal{R})$  via a twist [14].  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}$  has the same algebra structure of  $U_h$  (and the same antipode  $S$ ), while the coproduct  $\Delta^{(\mathcal{F})}$  and the universal element  $\mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})}$  belonging to (a completion of)  $U_h \otimes U_h$  are determined by the twisting element  $\mathcal{F}$  that belongs to (a completion of) a maximal commutative subalgebra of  $U_h \otimes U_h$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \phi \in U_h, \quad \Delta^{(\mathcal{F})}(\phi) &= \mathcal{F} \Delta(\phi) \mathcal{F}^{-1}, \\ \mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})} &= \mathcal{F}_{21} \mathcal{R} \mathcal{F}^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})}(T \otimes T) = R_{q,r}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

The element  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies  $(\Delta^{(\mathcal{F})} \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{13}\mathcal{F}_{23}$ ,  $(\text{id} \otimes \Delta^{(\mathcal{F})})\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{13}\mathcal{F}_{12}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{12}\mathcal{F}_{21} = I$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{12}\mathcal{F}_{13}\mathcal{F}_{23} = \mathcal{F}_{23}\mathcal{F}_{13}\mathcal{F}_{12}$ ,  $(\varepsilon \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = (\text{id} \otimes \varepsilon)\mathcal{F} = \varepsilon$ ,  $(S \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = (\text{id} \otimes S)\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}$ ,  $\cdot(\text{id} \otimes S)\mathcal{F} = \cdot(S \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = \cdot(\text{id} \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{F} = \varepsilon$ ; we explicitly have

$$\mathcal{F}(T^A_B \otimes T^C_D) = F^{AC}{}_{BD}, \tag{4.19}$$

where  $F^{AC}{}_{BD}$  is the diagonal matrix

$$F = \text{diag} \left( \sqrt{\frac{q_{11}}{r}}, \sqrt{\frac{q_{12}}{r}}, \dots, \sqrt{\frac{q_{NN}}{r}} \right). \tag{4.20}$$

It is easy to see that the definition of the  $L^\pm$  functionals given in the beginning of this section is equivalent to the following one:  $L^{+A}_B(a) = \mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})}(a \otimes T^A_B)$  and  $L^{-A}_B(a) = \mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})^{-1}}(T^A_B \otimes a)$ . From  $(\Delta^{(\mathcal{F})} \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23}$ ,  $(\text{id} \otimes \Delta^{(\mathcal{F})})\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{12}$ , we have  $\Delta^{(\mathcal{F})}(L^{\pm A}_B) = L^{\pm A}_C \otimes L^{\pm C}_B$  and therefore  $\Delta^{(\mathcal{F})} = \Delta'$  on  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ . From  $(\text{id} \otimes S)(\mathcal{R}) = (S \otimes \text{id})(\mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{R}^{-1}$  it is also easy to see that  $S = \kappa'$  on  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  and we conclude that the algebra of regular functionals  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  is a realization (in terms of functionals on  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ ) of a Hopf subalgebra of  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}$  with  $r = e^h$ . The generalization of (4.17) lies in  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}$  and not in  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ , and it is given by

$$\forall A, \quad L^{+A}_A L^{-A}_A = f_i(T^A_A)^{f^i}, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{F}^A = f_i \otimes f^i. \tag{4.21}$$

This relation holds with  $L^\pm$  considered as abstract symbols. It can easily be checked when  $L^\pm$  are realized as functionals: indeed  $L^{+A}_A L^{-A}_A(a) = \mathcal{F}^A(T^A_A \otimes a)$  as can be seen when  $a = T^A_B$  [use  $\mathcal{F}^2(T^A_A \otimes b) = \mathcal{F}(T^A_A \otimes b_1)\mathcal{F}(T^A_A \otimes b_2)$ ] and generalized to any  $a \in SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  using  $\mathcal{F}(T^A_A \otimes ab) = \mathcal{F}(T^A_A \otimes a)\mathcal{F}(T^A_A \otimes b)$ .

In order to characterize the relation between the Hopf algebra of regular functionals  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  and  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}$ , following [11], we extend the group Hopf algebra  $U^0$  described in Note 4.2 to  $\hat{U}^0$  by means of the elements<sup>2</sup>  $l^{\pm A}_A = \ln L^{\pm A}_A$ . Otherwise stated this means that in  $\hat{U}^0$  we can write  $L^{\pm A}_A = \exp(l^{\pm A}_A)$  where  $l^{\pm A}_A \in \hat{U}^0$ . (Explicitly  $l^{\pm A}_A(T^C_D) =$

<sup>2</sup> In the classical limit  $l^{\pm A}_A$  are the tangent vectors to a maximal commutative subgroup of  $SO(N + 2)$ . They generate a Cartan subalgebra of the Lie algebra  $so(N + 2)$ .

$\ln(R^{\pm AC}{}_{AC}) \delta_D^C, l^{\pm A}{}_A(I) = 0, l^{\pm A}{}_A(ab) = l^{\pm A}{}_A(a)\varepsilon(b) + \varepsilon(a)l^{\pm A}{}_A(b)$  and  $\kappa'(l^{\pm A}{}_A) = -l^{\pm A}{}_A$ .) It then follows that  $\mathcal{F}$  belongs to (a completion of)  $\hat{U}^0 \otimes \hat{U}^0$ . The corresponding extension  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N+2))$  of  $U_{q,r}(so(N+2))$ , defined as the Hopf algebra generated by the symbols  $L^\pm$  and  $l^\pm$  modulo relations (4.5)–(4.8) and (4.21), is isomorphic, when  $r = e^h$ , to  $U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}: \hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N+2)) \cong U_h^{(\mathcal{F})}$ . This relation holds because it is the twisted version of the known uniparametric analog  $\hat{U}_r(so(N+2)) \cong U_h$  [11,10].

The elements  $L^\pm$  (or  $(L_B^{\pm A} - \delta_B^A \varepsilon)/(r - r^{-1})$ ) may be seen as the quantum analog of the tangent vectors; then the *RLL* relations are the quantum analog of the Lie algebra relations, and we can use the orthogonal *CLL* conditions to reduce the number of the  $L^\pm$  generators to  $(N+2)(N+1)/2$ , i.e. the dimension of the classical group manifold.

This we proceed to do; we next study the  $RL^\pm L^\pm$  commutation relations restricted to these  $(N+2)(N+1)/2$  generators and find a set of ordered monomials in the reduced  $L^\pm$  that linearly span all  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N+2))$ .

We first observe that the commutative subalgebra  $\hat{U}^0$  is generated by  $(N+2)/2$  elements ( $N$  even,  $N = 2n$ ) or  $(N+1)/2$  elements ( $N$  odd,  $N = 2n+1$ ), for example  $l^{-\circ\circ}, l^{-1_1}, \dots, l^{-n_n}$ . For the off-diagonal  $L^\pm$  elements, we can choose as free indices  $(C, D) = (c, \circ)$  in relation (4.8), and using  $L^{-\circ\circ} L^{-\bullet\bullet} = \varepsilon$ , we find

$$L^{-\bullet\bullet}_c = -(C_{\circ\bullet})^{-1} C_{ab} L^{-b}_c L^{-a}_\circ L^{-\bullet\bullet}_\circ. \tag{4.22}$$

If we choose  $(C, D) = (\circ, \circ)$  we obtain

$$L^{-\bullet\bullet}_\circ = -(r^{-2} C_{\circ\circ} + C_{\circ\bullet})^{-1} C_{ab} L^{-b}_\circ L^{-a}_\circ L^{-\bullet\bullet}_\circ. \tag{4.23}$$

Similar results hold for  $L^{+\circ}_d$  and  $L^{+\bullet}_\bullet$ . Iterating this procedure, from  $C_{ab} L^{-b}_c L^{-a}_d = C_{dc} \varepsilon$  we find that  $L^{-N}_i$  (with  $i = 2, \dots, N-1$ ) and  $L^{-N}_1$  are functionally dependent on  $L^{-i}_1$  and  $L^{-N}_N$ . Similarly for  $L^{+1}_i$  and  $L^{+1}_N$ . The final result is that the elements  $L^{-a}_J$  with  $J < a < J'$  and  $L^{+a}_J$  with  $J' < a < J$  – whose number in both  $\pm$  cases is  $N(N+2)/4$  for  $N$  even and  $(N+1)^2/4$  for  $N$  odd – and the elements  $l^{-\circ\circ}, l^{-1_1}, \dots, l^{-n_n}$  generate all  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N+2))$ . The total number of generators is therefore  $(N+2)(N+1)/2$ .

Notice that in this derivation we have not used the *RLL* relations (i.e. the quantum analog of the Lie algebra relations) to further reduce the number of generators. We therefore expect that, as in the classical case, monomials in the  $(N+2)(N+1)/2$  generators can be ordered (in any arbitrary way). We begin by proving this for polynomials in  $L^{+A}_A, L^{+\alpha}_J$  with  $J' < \alpha < J$ , and for polynomials in  $L^{-A}_A, L^{-\alpha}_J$  with  $J < \alpha < J'$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Consider the  $RL^\pm L^\pm$  commutation relations

$$R^{AB}{}_{EF} L^{\pm F}_D L^{\pm E}_C = L^{\pm A}_E L^{\pm B}_F R^{EF}{}_{CD}. \tag{4.24}$$

For  $C \neq D$  they close, respectively, on the subset of the  $L^{+\alpha}_J$  with  $J' < \alpha \leq J$  and on the subset of the  $L^{-\alpha}_J$  with  $J \leq \alpha < J'$ . For  $C = D$  they are equivalent to the  $q^{-1}$ -plane commutation relations

$$[P_A(J' - J + 1)]^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\gamma\delta} L^{\pm\delta}_J L^{\pm\gamma}_J = 0, \tag{4.25}$$

where  $P_A(J' - J + 1)$  is the antisymmetrizer in dimension  $J - J' + 1$  (compare with (2.9))  
 In particular

$$P_A^{ab}{}_{cd} L^{-d} L^{-c} = 0 \tag{4.26}$$

or equivalently  $[(P_A)_{q^{-1}, r^{-1}}]^{ab}{}_{cd} L^{-c} L^{-d} = 0$  which coincide, for  $r \rightarrow r^{-1}$  and  $q \rightarrow q^{-1}$ , with the  $N$ -dimensional quantum orthogonal plane relations (3.16).

*Proof.* The proof is a straightforward calculation based on (2.15) and on upper or lower triangularity of the  $R$ -matrix and of the  $L^\pm$  functionals.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.**  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  is a Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ .

*Proof.* Choosing  $SO_{q,r}(N)$  indices as free indices in (4.24) and using upper or lower triangularity of the  $L^\pm$  matrices, and (2.7) or (2.20), we find that only  $SO_{q,r}(N)$  indices appear in (4.24); similarly for relations (4.6)–(4.8), and for the costructures (4.13)–(4.15).  $\square$

Now we observe that in virtue of the  $RL^+L^+$  relations the  $L^+$  elements can be ordered; similarly we can order the  $L^-$  using the  $RL^-L^-$  relations. This statement can be proved by induction using that  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  is a subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ , and splitting the  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  index in the usual way (some of the resulting formulas are given in (5.9)–(5.12)).

It is then straightforward to prove that the elements  $L^{+\alpha}_J$  with  $J' < \alpha \leq J$  can be ordered; indeed we can always order the  $L^{+\alpha}_J L^{+\beta}_K$  with  $J' < \alpha \leq J, K' < \beta \leq K$  and  $J \neq K$  since their commutation relations are a closed subset of (4.24) (see Lemma 4.1). Then there is no difficulty in ordering substrings composed by  $L^{+\alpha}_J$  and  $L^{+\beta}_J$  elements because (4.25) are  $q^{-1}$ -plane commutation relations, that allow for any ordering of the quantum plane coordinates [11]. More in general the  $L^{+A}_A$  and  $L^{+\alpha}_J$  with  $J' < \alpha < J$  can be ordered because of  $L^{+A}_A L^{+B}_C = (q_{BA}/q_{CA}) L^{+B}_C L^{+A}_A$ . Similarly we can order the  $L^{-A}_A$  and  $L^{-\alpha}_J$  with  $J < \alpha < J'$ . It is now easy to prove the following

**Theorem 4.1.** A set of elements spanning  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  is given by the ordered monomials

$$Mon(L^{+\alpha}_J; J' < \alpha < J) (l^{-\circ})^{p_\circ} (l^{-1}_1)^{p_1} \dots (l^{-n}_n)^{p_n} Mon(L^{-\alpha}_J; J < \alpha < J'), \tag{4.27}$$

where  $p_\circ, p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $n = N/2$  ( $N$  even),  $n = (N - 1)/2$  ( $N$  odd) and  $Mon(L^{+\alpha}_J; J' < \alpha < J), [Mon(L^{-\alpha}_J; J < \alpha < J')]$  is a monomial in the off-diagonal elements  $L^{+\alpha}_J$  with  $J' < \alpha < J$  [ $L^{-\alpha}_J$  with  $J < \alpha < J'$ ] where an ordering has been chosen.

**Note 4.4 (Conjecture).** The above monomials are linearly independent and therefore form a basis of  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ .

**5. Universal enveloping algebra  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$**

Consider a generic functional  $f \in U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ . It is well defined on the quotient  $ISO_{q,r}(N) = SO_{q,r}(N + 2)/H$  if and only if  $f(H) = 0$ . It is easy to see that the set  $H^\perp$  of all these functionals is a subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ : if  $f(H) = 0$  and  $g(H) = 0$  then  $fg(H) = 0$  because  $\Delta(H) \subseteq H \otimes S_{q,r}(N + 2) + S_{q,r}(N + 2) \otimes H$ . Moreover  $H^\perp$  is a Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  since  $H$  is a Hopf ideal [19]. In agreement with these observations we will find the Hopf algebra  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  (dually paired to  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ ) as a subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  vanishing on the ideal  $H$ .

Let

$$IU \equiv [L^{-A}_B, L^{+a}_b, L^{+\circ}_\circ, L^{+\bullet}_\bullet, \varepsilon] \subseteq U_{q,r}(so(N + 2)) \tag{5.1}$$

be the subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  generated by  $L^{-A}_B, L^{+a}_b, L^{+\circ}_\circ, L^{+\bullet}_\bullet, \varepsilon$ .

**Note 5.1.** These are all and only the functionals annihilating the generators of  $H$ :  $T^a_\circ, T^\bullet_b$  and  $T^\circ_\bullet$ . The remaining  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  generators  $L^{+\circ}_b, L^{+a}_\bullet, L^{+\circ}_\bullet$  do not annihilate the generators of  $H$  and are not included in (5.1).

We now proceed to study this algebra  $IU$ . We will show that it is a Hopf algebra and that  $IU \subseteq H^\perp$ ; we will give an  $R$ -matrix formulation, and prove that  $IU$  is a free  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ -module. This is the analog of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  being a free  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ -module. We then show that  $IU$  is dually paired with  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ . These results lead to the conclusion that  $IU$  is the universal enveloping algebra of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ .

**Theorem 5.1.**  $IU$  is a Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ .

*Proof.*  $IU$  is by definition a subalgebra. The sub-coalgebra property  $\Delta'(IU) \subseteq IU \otimes IU$  follows immediately from the upper triangularity of  $L^{+A}_B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta'(L^{+a}_b) &= L^{+a}_c \otimes L^{+c}_b, & \Delta'(L^{+\circ}_\circ) &= L^{+\circ}_\circ \otimes L^{+\circ}_\circ, \\ \Delta'(L^{+\bullet}_\bullet) &= L^{+\bullet}_\bullet \otimes L^{+\bullet}_\bullet, \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

and the compatibility of  $\Delta'$  with the product. We conclude that  $IU$  is a Hopf-subalgebra because  $\kappa'(IU) \subseteq IU$  as is easily seen using (4.15) and antimultiplicativity of  $\kappa'$ .  $\square$

We may wonder whether the  $RLL$  and  $CLL$  relations of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  close in  $IU$ . In this case  $IU$  will be given by all and *only* the polynomials in the functionals  $L^{-A}_B, L^{+a}_b, L^{+\circ}_\circ, L^{+\bullet}_\bullet, \varepsilon$ . This check is done by writing explicitly all  $q$ -commutations between the generators of  $IU$ : they do not involve the functionals  $L^{+\circ}_b, L^{+a}_\bullet, L^{+\circ}_\bullet$ . Moreover one can also write them in a compact form using a new  $R$ -matrix  $\mathcal{R}_{12} = \mathcal{L}^{+2}(t_1)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}^+$  is defined below. Similarly the orthogonality conditions (4.7) and (4.8) do not relate elements of  $IU$  with elements not belonging to  $IU$ . We therefore conclude:

**Theorem 5.2.** *The Hopf algebra  $IU$  is generated by the unit  $\varepsilon$  and the matrix entries*

$$L^- = (L^{-A}{}_B), \quad \mathcal{L}^+ = \begin{pmatrix} L^{+\circ} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L^{+a}{}_b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & L^{+\bullet} \end{pmatrix}; \tag{5.3}$$

*these functionals satisfy the  $q$ -commutation relations:*

$$R_{12}\mathcal{L}^+_2\mathcal{L}^+_1 = \mathcal{L}^+_1\mathcal{L}^+_2R_{12} \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad \mathcal{R}_{12}\mathcal{L}^+_2\mathcal{L}^+_1 = \mathcal{L}^+_1\mathcal{L}^+_2\mathcal{R}_{12}. \tag{5.4}$$

$$R_{12}L^-_2L^-_1 = L^-_1L^-_2R_{12}, \tag{5.5}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{12}\mathcal{L}^+_2L^-_1 = L^-_1\mathcal{L}^+_2\mathcal{R}_{12}, \tag{5.6}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_{12} \equiv \mathcal{L}^+_2(t_1)$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{R}^{ab}{}_{cd} = R^{ab}{}_{cd}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}^{AB}{}_{AB} = R^{AB}{}_{AB}$  and otherwise  $\mathcal{R}^{AB}{}_{CD} = 0$ ,

*and the orthogonality conditions:*

$$C^{AB}\mathcal{L}^+{}_B\mathcal{L}^+{}_A = C^{DC}\varepsilon, \quad C_{AB}\mathcal{L}^+{}_C\mathcal{L}^+{}_D = C_{DC}\varepsilon, \tag{5.7}$$

$$C^{AB}L^-{}_B L^-{}_A = C^{DC}\varepsilon, \quad C_{AB}L^-{}_C L^-{}_D = C_{DC}\varepsilon. \tag{5.8}$$

*The costructures are the ones given in (4.13)–(4.15) with  $L^+$  replaced by  $\mathcal{L}^+$ .*

**Note 5.2.** We can consider the extension  $\hat{IU} \subset \hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N+2))$  obtained by including the elements  $l^{\pm A}{}_A$  ( $l^{\pm A}{}_A = \ln L^{\pm A}{}_A$ , see Section 4). Then  $\hat{IU}$  is generated by the symbols  $L^-{}_B, \mathcal{L}^+{}_B, l^{\pm A}{}_A$  modulo the relations (5.4)–(5.8) and (4.21) ((4.17) in the uniparametric case). Equivalently, from (4.22) and (4.23), we have that  $\hat{IU}$  is generated by  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N))$ , the  $N$  elements  $L^-{}_a$  (satisfying the quantum plane relations) and the dilatation  $l^{-\circ}$ . All the relations are then given by those between the generators of  $\hat{U}_{q,r}(so(N))$  – listed in (4.5)–(4.8), (4.21) with lower case indices – and by the following ones:

$$L^-{}_a L^-{}_a = q_{oa}^{-1} L^-{}_a L^-{}_a, \tag{5.9}$$

$$P^{ab}{}_{fe} L^-{}_e L^-{}_f = 0, \tag{5.10}$$

$$L^-{}_a L^{\pm a}{}_b = \frac{qb_{\circ}}{qd_{\circ}} L^{\pm b}{}_d L^-{}_d, \tag{5.11}$$

$$L^-{}_a L^{\pm b}{}_d = \frac{r}{qd_{\circ}} (R^{\pm})^{ba}{}_{ef} L^{\pm e}{}_d L^-{}_f, \tag{5.12}$$

where  $R^{\pm}$  is defined in (4.3). The number of generators is  $N(N-1)/2 + N + 1$ .

**Note 5.3.** When  $q_{a\circ} = r \forall a$ , then  $L^-{}_{\circ} = L^{+\bullet}$ ,  $L^-{}_{\bullet} = L^{+\circ}$  and, in complete analogy to (3.24),  $IU$  is generated by  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ ,  $L^-{}_a, L^-{}_{\circ}$  and  $L^-{}_{\bullet} = (L^-{}_{\circ})^{-1}$ . With abuse of notations we will consider  $IU$  generated by these elements also for arbitrary values of the parameters  $q_{a\circ}$ ; this is what actually happens in  $\hat{IU}$ .

**Note 5.4.** From the second equation in (5.4) applied to  $t$  we obtain the quantum Yang–Baxter equation for the matrix  $\mathcal{R}$ .

Following Note 3.3, using (5.9), (5.10) (quantum plane relations) and then (5.11) and (5.12), a generic element of  $IU$  can be written as  $\eta^i a_i$  where  $a_i \in U_{q,r}(so(N))$  and  $\eta^i$  are the ordered monomials:  $\eta^i = (L^{-\circ})^{i_\circ} (L^{-1})^{i_1} \dots (L^{-N})^{i_N}$  with  $i_\circ \in \mathbb{Z}, i_1, \dots, i_N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Therefore  $IU$  is a right  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ -module generated by the ordered monomials  $\eta^i$ . We now show that as in the classical case the expressions  $\eta^i a_i$  are unique:  $\eta^i a_i = 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \forall i$ , i.e. that  $IU$  is a free right  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ -module. To prove this assertion we show that, at least when  $q_{a\circ} = r \forall a$ ,  $IU$  is a bicovariant bimodule over  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ . Since any bicovariant bimodule is free<sup>3</sup> [20] we then deduce that, as a right module,  $IU$  is freely generated by the  $\eta^i$ .

**Theorem 5.3.** Consider  $IU$  (with the parameter restriction  $q_{a\circ} = r \forall a$ ) as the right  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ -module  $\Gamma = \{\eta^i a_i\}$  ( $a_i \in U_{q,r}(so(N))$ ) generated by the ordered monomials  $\eta^i = (L^{-\circ})^{i_\circ} (L^{-1})^{i_1} \dots (L^{-N})^{i_N}$  with  $i_\circ \in \mathbb{Z}, i_1, \dots, i_N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

- (a)  $\Gamma$  is a bimodule with the left module structure trivially inherited from the algebra  $IU$ .
- (b)  $\Gamma$  is a right covariant bimodule with right coaction  $\delta_R : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes U_{q,r}(so(N))$  defined by

$$\delta_R(\eta^i) \equiv \eta^i \otimes \varepsilon, \quad \delta_R(a\eta^i b) \equiv \Delta'(a)\delta_R(\eta^i)\Delta'(b). \tag{5.13}$$

- (c)  $\Gamma$  is a left covariant bimodule with left coaction  $\delta_L : \Gamma \rightarrow U_{q,r}(so(N)) \otimes \Gamma$  defined by

$$\delta_L(L^{-\circ}) \equiv \varepsilon \otimes L^{-\circ}, \quad \delta_L(L^{-a}) \equiv L^{-a}_b \otimes L^{-b}, \tag{5.14}$$

$$\delta_L(aL^{-\alpha}L^{-\beta} \dots L^{-\gamma}b) \equiv \Delta'(a)\delta_L(L^{-\alpha})\delta_L(L^{-\beta}) \dots \delta_L(L^{-\gamma})\Delta'(b), \tag{5.15}$$

where  $\alpha = (\circ, a), \beta = (\circ, b), \gamma = (\circ, c)$ .

- (d)  $\Gamma$  is a bicovariant bimodule

$$(\text{id} \otimes \delta_R)\delta_L = (\delta_L \otimes \text{id})\delta_R. \tag{5.16}$$

- (e)  $\Gamma$  is freely generated by the right invariant elements  $\eta^i$ .

*Proof.* (a) Immediate since, from Note 5.3 and Lemma 4.2,  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  is a subalgebra of  $IU$ .

- (b) Consider the linear map  $\delta_r : IU \rightarrow IU \otimes IU$  defined by

$$\delta_r(L^{-\alpha}) = L^{-\alpha} \otimes \varepsilon, \quad \delta_r(a) = \Delta'(a) \quad \forall a \in U_{q,r}(so(N)) \tag{5.17}$$

and extended multiplicatively on all  $IU$ . This map is obviously well defined on  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  because it coincides with the coproduct on  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  ( $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  is a Hopf subalgebra

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<sup>3</sup> The results of [20] apply to a general Hopf algebra with invertible antipode. This can be shown by checking that all the formulae used to derive the results of [20] – they are collected in the appendix of [20] – hold also in the general case of a Hopf algebra with invertible antipode.



of  $IU$ ); it is also well defined on all  $IU$  since it is multiplicative and compatible with (5.9)–(5.12). We check for example (5.12) with  $q_{a\circ} = r \forall a$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_r(L^{-a} \circ L^{\pm b}_d) &= L^{-a} \circ L^{\pm b}_c \otimes L^{\pm c}_d = (R^{\pm})^{ba} {}_{ef}L^{-e}_c L^{-f}_\circ \otimes L^{\pm c}_d \\ &= \delta_r((R^{\pm})^{ba} {}_{ef}L^{\pm e}_d L^{-f}_\circ). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\delta_R : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes U_{q,r}(so(N))$  is well defined since  $\Gamma$  is  $IU$  seen as a  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$ -bimodule and the actions of  $\delta_r$  and  $\delta_R$  on  $\Gamma$  coincide.

It is now immediate to show that  $\Gamma$  is a right covariant bimodule, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \eta^i a_i \in \Gamma; \quad (\delta_R \otimes \text{id})\delta_R(\eta^i a_i) &= (\text{id} \otimes \Delta')\delta_R(\eta^i a_i), \\ (\text{id} \otimes \varepsilon')\delta_R(\eta^i a_i) &= \eta^i a_i. \end{aligned} \tag{5.18}$$

(c) We proceed as in the previous case, defining the linear map  $\delta_l : IU \rightarrow IU \otimes IU$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_l(L^{-a}_\circ) &= L^{-a}_b \otimes L^{-b}_\circ, \quad \delta_l(L^{-\circ}) = L^{-\circ} \otimes L^{-\circ}, \\ \delta_l(a) &= \Delta'(a) \quad \forall a \in U_{q,r}(so(N)), \end{aligned} \tag{5.19}$$

which is extended multiplicatively on all  $IU$ . As was the case for  $\delta_r$ , it is well defined on  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  and it is also well defined on all  $IU$  because it is multiplicative and compatible with (5.9)–(5.12). For example, the compatibility of  $\delta_l$  with relation (5.10) holds because  $P_A^{ab} {}_{ef}L^{-f}_d L^{-e}_c = L^{-b}_f L^{-a}_e P_A^{ef} {}_{cd}$  (a consequence of  $(\hat{R})^{\pm 1} L_2^{\pm} L_1^{\pm} = L_2^{\pm} L_1^{\pm} (\hat{R})^{\pm 1}$  and the fact that  $P_A$  is a polynomial in  $\hat{R}$  and  $\hat{R}^{-1}$ , see (2.9)). This is in complete analogy with the compatibility of the left coaction  $\delta(x^a) = T^a_b \otimes x^b$  with the  $q$ -plane commutation relations.

To prove that  $\Gamma$  is a left covariant bimodule, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon \otimes \text{id})\delta_l(L^{-a}_\circ) &= L^{-a}_\circ, \\ (\Delta' \otimes \text{id})\delta_l(L^{-a}_\circ) &= L^{-a}_d \otimes L^{-d}_b \otimes L^{-b}_\circ = (\text{id} \otimes \delta_l)\delta_l(L^{-a}_\circ), \end{aligned} \tag{5.20}$$

and similarly for  $L^{-\circ}$ . Now since  $\delta_l(a) = \Delta'(a)$  if  $a \in U_r(so(N))$ , and since  $\delta_l$  is multiplicative, we have on all  $IU$

$$(\varepsilon \otimes \text{id})\delta_l = \text{id}, \quad (\Delta' \otimes \text{id})\delta_l = (\text{id} \otimes \delta_l)\delta_l. \tag{5.21}$$

(d) The bicovariance condition (5.16) follows directly from

$$(\text{id} \otimes \delta_r)\delta_l(L^{-a}_\circ) = L^{-a}_b \otimes L^{-b}_\circ \otimes \varepsilon = (\delta_l \otimes \text{id})\delta_r(L^{-a}_\circ), \tag{5.22}$$

$$(\text{id} \otimes \delta_r)\delta_l(L^{-\circ}) = \varepsilon \otimes L^{-\circ} \otimes \varepsilon = (\delta_l \otimes \text{id})\delta_r(L^{-\circ}). \tag{5.23}$$

(e) We now recall that a bicovariant bimodule is always freely generated by a basis of  $\Gamma_{\text{inv}}$ , the space of right invariant elements of  $\Gamma$  [20]. We also know that the  $\eta^i$  are right invariant. Now, since they generate  $\Gamma$ , they linearly span  $\Gamma_{\text{inv}}$ , and since they are linearly independent, they form a basis of  $\Gamma_{\text{inv}}$ . We conclude that  $\Gamma$  is freely generated by the  $\eta^i$ :  $\eta^i a_i = 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0 \forall i$ . □

It is now easy to prove that the  $\eta^i$  freely generate  $IU$  also without the restriction  $q_{a\circ} = r \forall a$ . (Hint: recall the definition of  $L^-$  as  $L^-_B(c) = \mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})^{-1}}(T^A_B \otimes c) \forall c \in SO_{q,r}(N+2)$ ,

and use  $\mathcal{F} \in \hat{U}^0 \otimes \hat{U}^0$  to show that  $L^{-A}_B$  differs from the uniparametric  $L^{-A}_B$  (obtained with  $\mathcal{R}$  instead of  $\mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{F})}$ ) by a factor belonging to  $\hat{U}^0$  and invertible.)

5.1. Duality  $U_{q,r}(iso(N)) \leftrightarrow ISO_{q,r}(N)$

We now show that  $IU$  is dually paired to  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ . This is the fundamental step allowing to interpret  $IU$  as the algebra of regular functionals on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ .

**Theorem 5.4.**  $IU$  annihilates  $H$ , i.e.  $IU \subseteq H^\perp$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  be generic generators of  $IU$  and  $H$ , respectively. As discussed in Note 5.1,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{T}) = 0$ . A generic element of the ideal is given by  $a\mathcal{T}b$  where sum of polynomials is understood; we have (using Sweedler’s notation for the coproduct):  $\mathcal{L}(a\mathcal{T}b) = \mathcal{L}_{(1)}(a)\mathcal{L}_{(2)}(\mathcal{T})\mathcal{L}_{(3)}(b) = 0$  because  $\mathcal{L}_{(2)}(\mathcal{T}) = 0$ . Indeed  $\mathcal{L}_{(2)}$  is still a generator of  $IU$  since  $IU$  is a sub-coalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ . Thus  $\mathcal{L}(H) = 0$ . Recalling that a product of functionals annihilating  $H$  still annihilates the co-ideal  $H$ , we also have  $IU(H) = 0$ . □

In virtue of Theorem 5.4 the following bracket is well defined:

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : IU \otimes ISO_{q,r}(N) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \tag{5.24}$$

$$\langle a', P(a) \rangle \equiv a'(a) \quad \forall a' \in IU, \quad \forall a \in SO_{q,r}(N + 2),$$

where  $P : SO_{q,r}(N + 2) \rightarrow SO_{q,r}(N + 2)/H \equiv ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is the canonical projection, which is surjective. The bracket is well defined because two generic counterimages of  $P(a)$  differ by an addend belonging to  $H$ .

Note that when we use the bracket  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ,  $a'$  is seen as an element of  $IU$ , while in the expression  $a'(a)$ ,  $a'$  is seen as an element of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  (vanishing on  $H$ ).

**Theorem 5.5.** The bracket (5.24) defines a pairing between  $IU$  and  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ :  $\forall a', b' \in IU, \forall P(a), P(b) \in ISO_{q,r}(N)$

$$\langle a'b', P(a) \rangle = \langle a' \otimes b', \Delta(P(a)) \rangle, \tag{5.25}$$

$$\langle a', P(a)P(b) \rangle = \langle \Delta'(a'), P(a) \otimes P(b) \rangle, \tag{5.26}$$

$$\langle \kappa'(a'), P(a) \rangle = \langle a', \kappa(P(a)) \rangle, \tag{5.27}$$

$$\langle I, P(a) \rangle = \varepsilon(P(a)), \quad \langle a', P(I) \rangle = \varepsilon'(a'). \tag{5.28}$$

*Proof.* The proof is easy since  $IU$  is a Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$  and  $P$  is compatible with the structures and costructures of  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  and  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ . Indeed we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a', P(a)P(b) \rangle &= \langle a', P(ab) \rangle = a'(ab) \\ &= \Delta'(a')(a \otimes b) = \langle \Delta'(a'), P(a) \otimes P(b) \rangle, \\ \langle a'b', P(a) \rangle &= a'b'(a) = (a' \otimes b')\Delta_{N+2}(a) \\ &= \langle a' \otimes b', (P \otimes P)\Delta_{N+2}(a) \rangle = \langle a' \otimes b', \Delta(P(a)) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \kappa'(a'), P(a) \rangle &= \kappa'(a')(a) = a'(\kappa_{N+2}(a)) \\ &= \langle a', P(\kappa_{N+2}(a)) \rangle = \langle a', \kappa(P(a)) \rangle. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

We now recall that  $IU$  and  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ , besides being dually paired, are free right modules, respectively, on  $U_{q,r}(so(N))$  and on  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ . They are freely generated by the two isomorphic sets of the ordered monomials in  $L^{-\circ}$ ,  $L^{-a}$  and  $u$ ,  $x^a$ , respectively (cf. the commutations (5.9), (5.10) and (3.20), (3.16)). We can then call  $IU$  the universal enveloping algebra of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$

$$U_{q,r}(iso(N)) \equiv IU \tag{5.29}$$

in the same way  $U_r(so(N))$  is the universal enveloping algebra of  $SO_r(N)$  [11].

**Note 5.5.** Given a  $*$ -structure on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ , the duality  $ISO_{q,r}(N) \leftrightarrow U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  induces a  $*$ -structure on  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$ . If in particular the  $*$ -conjugation on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  is found by projecting a  $*$ -conjugation on  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ , then the induced  $*$  on  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  is simply the restriction to  $U_{q,r}(iso(N))$  of the  $*$  on  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ . This is the case for the  $*$ -structures that lead to the real forms  $ISO_{q,r}(N, \mathbb{R})$  and  $ISO_{q,r}(n + 1, n - 1)$  and in particular to the quantum Poincaré group [8,7,4].

## 6. Projected differential calculus

In the previous sections we have found the inhomogeneous quantum group  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  by means of a projection from  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ . Dually, its universal enveloping algebra is a given Hopf subalgebra of  $U_{q,r}(so(N + 2))$ . Using the same techniques differential calculi on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  can be found.

### 6.1. Projecting Woronowicz ideal

Following Woronowicz [20], we recall that a bicovariant differential calculus over a generic Hopf algebra  $A$  is determined by a right ideal  $R$  of  $A$ . This ideal has to be included in  $\ker \varepsilon$  (i.e. its elements have vanishing counit) and must be ad-invariant, that is,  $ad_A(r) \in R \otimes A \forall r \in R$  where  $ad_A(r)$  is defined by  $ad_A(a) \equiv a_2 \otimes \kappa_A(a_1) a_3 \forall a \in A$ ; the index  $A$  denotes the costructures in  $A$  and we have used Sweedler's notation for the coproduct. For any such  $R$  one can construct a bicovariant differential calculus. In the following we show that, given a quotient Hopf algebra  $A/H$  (with canonical projection  $P : A \rightarrow A/H \equiv P(A)$ ),  $P(R)$  is a right ad-invariant ideal in  $P(A)$ ; therefore it defines a bicovariant differential calculus at the projected level. Moreover the space of tangent vectors on  $P(A)$  is easily found as a subspace of the tangent vectors on  $A$ . The explicit construction of the exterior differential  $d$ , and of the bicovariant bimodule  $\Gamma$  of one-forms is then straightforward.

**Theorem 6.1.** *If  $R \in \ker \varepsilon$  is a right ad-invariant ideal of  $A$  then  $P(R)$  is included in  $\ker \varepsilon$  and is a right ad-invariant ideal of  $P(A)$ .*

*Proof.* The only nontrivial part is ad-invariance. From  $ad_A(r) = r_2 \otimes \kappa_A(r_1)r_3 \in R \otimes A \forall r \in R$ , applying  $P \otimes P$  we obtain  $P(r_2) \otimes P(\kappa_A(r_1))P(r_3) \in P(R) \otimes P(A) \forall P(r) \in P(R)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} P(r_2) \otimes P(\kappa_A(r_1))P(r_3) &= P(r_2) \otimes \kappa(P(r_1))P(r_3) \\ &= P(r)_2 \otimes \kappa(P(r)_1)P(r)_3 \equiv ad(P(r)), \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

where we have used compatibility of the projection with the costructures of  $A$  and  $P(A)$ ;  $\kappa$  denotes the antipode in  $P(A)$  and, after the second equality, the coproduct of  $P(A)$  is understood. Relation (6.1) gives the ad-invariance of  $P(R)$ :  $\forall P(r) \in P(R), ad(P(r)) \in P(R) \otimes P(A)$ . □

The space of tangent vectors on a quantum group  $P(A)$  is given by [20]

$$T \equiv \{ \bar{\chi} : P(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \bar{\chi} \text{ linear functionals, } \bar{\chi}(I) = 0 \text{ and } \bar{\chi}(P(R)) = 0 \} . \tag{6.2}$$

**Remark 6.1.** The vector space  $T$  defined in (6.2) is given by all and only those functionals  $\bar{\chi}$  corresponding to elements  $\chi$  of the tangent space  $T_A$  on  $A$  that annihilate the Hopf ideal  $H$ . Indeed if  $\chi$  annihilates  $H$ , then  $\bar{\chi}$  defined by  $\bar{\chi} : A/H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $\bar{\chi}(P(a)) \equiv \chi(a), \forall P(a) \in P(A)$ , is a well-defined functional on  $P(A)$  (see (5.24)). From  $\chi(R) = 0$  we obtain  $\bar{\chi}(P(R)) = 0$ , i.e.  $\bar{\chi} \in T$ . Vice versa a functional  $\bar{\chi} \in T$  is trivially extended to a functional  $\chi \in T_A$ .

Recall [20,17] that the deformed Lie bracket is given by  $[\chi_i, \chi_j](a) = (\chi_i \otimes \chi_j)ad_A(a)$  where  $\chi_i, \chi_j$  are functionals on  $A$ . For the “projected”  $q$ -Lie algebra we have:

**Theorem 6.2.** *The  $q$ -Lie algebra on  $P(A)$  is a closed subset of the  $q$ -Lie algebra on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\chi_i(H) = \chi_j(H) = 0$ . We have, using (6.1) in the second equality

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{\chi}_i, \bar{\chi}_j](P(a)) &= (\bar{\chi}_i \otimes \bar{\chi}_j)ad(P(a)) = \bar{\chi}_i \otimes \bar{\chi}_j(P \otimes P)ad_A(a) \\ &= (\chi_i \otimes \chi_j)ad_A(a) = [\chi_i, \chi_j](a), \end{aligned}$$

in particular  $[\bar{\chi}_i, \bar{\chi}_j](P(R)) = [\chi_i, \chi_j](R) = 0$  and this proves the theorem. □

In virtue of Theorem 6.2 the following corollary is easily proved.

**Corollary 6.1.** *Consider the structure constants  $\mathbb{C}_{ij}^k$  defined by  $[\chi_i, \chi_j] = \mathbb{C}_{ij}^k \chi_k$ , where  $\{\chi_i\}$  will henceforth denote a basis of  $T_A$  containing the maximum number of tangent vectors vanishing on  $H$ . The subset of the structure constants corresponding to the functionals  $\chi_i$  that annihilate  $H$  is the set of all the structure constants of  $P(A)$ .*

The exterior differential related to this projected calculus is given by

$$\forall a \in P(A), \quad da = (\bar{\chi}_i * a)\bar{\omega}^i, \tag{6.3}$$

where  $\bar{\chi}_i * a \equiv (\text{id} \otimes \chi_i)\Delta a$ , and  $\bar{\omega}^i$  are the one-forms dual to the tangent vectors  $\bar{\chi}_i$  [20,5]; they freely generate the left module of one-forms  $\Gamma = \{a_i \bar{\omega}^i, a_i \in P(A)\}$ . The right module structure is given by the  $\bar{f}^i_j$  functionals, obtained applying the coproduct  $\Delta'$  to the  $\bar{\chi}_i$

$$\Delta' \bar{\chi}_i = \bar{\chi}_j \otimes \bar{f}^j_i + \varepsilon \otimes \bar{\chi}_i \Rightarrow \bar{\omega}^i a = (\bar{f}^i_j * a) \bar{\omega}^j. \tag{6.4}$$

The space  $\Gamma$  of one-forms on  $P(A)$  can be studied by projecting the one-forms on  $A$  into one-forms on  $P(A)$ . For this we introduce the projection  $P$  acting on  $\Gamma_A$  (the space of one-forms on  $A$ ) as follows:

$$P : \Gamma_A \rightarrow \Gamma \tag{6.5}$$

$$a_i \omega^i \mapsto P(a_i) \bar{\omega}^i, \tag{6.6}$$

where  $\bar{\omega}^i = 0$  if  $\chi_i(H) \neq 0$ . We now show that  $P$  is a bicovariant bimodule epimorphism and that it is compatible with the differential calculi. Trivially  $P$  is a left module epimorphism because  $\Gamma_A$  and  $\Gamma$  are free left modules generated respectively by the one-forms  $\{\omega^i\}$  and  $\{\bar{\omega}^i\}$ . It is also easy to see (use (6.4)) that  $\forall \rho \in \Gamma_A, \forall a \in A, P(\rho a) = P(\rho)P(a)$ , which shows that  $P$  is a bimodule epimorphism.

To prove that  $P$  is compatible with the exterior differentials  $d_A$  on  $A$  and  $d$  on  $P(A)$ , consider the generic one-form  $a d_A b = a(\chi_i * b)\omega^i$  (see (6.3)); we have  $P(ad_A b) = P(a)P(\chi_i * b)\bar{\omega}^i = P(a)[\bar{\chi}_i * P(b)]\bar{\omega}^i = P(a)dP(b)$ .

The exterior differential  $d$  induces the comodule structure on  $\Gamma$  by the definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a, b \in P(A) \quad \Delta_L(a db) &\equiv \Delta(a)(\text{id} \otimes d)\Delta(b), \\ \Delta_R(a db) &\equiv \Delta(a)(d \otimes \text{id})\Delta(b). \end{aligned} \tag{6.7}$$

Finally  $P$  is a comodule homomorphism:  $\Delta_L(P(\rho)) = (P \otimes P)\Delta_{LA}(\rho)$ ;  $\Delta_R(P(\rho)) = (P \otimes P)\Delta_{RA}(\rho)$ ,  $\forall \rho \in \Gamma_A$  where  $\Delta_{LA}$  ( $\Delta_{RA}$ ) is the left (right) coaction of  $A$ .

From  $\Delta_{LA}\omega^i = I \otimes \omega^i$  and  $\Delta_{RA}\omega^i = \omega^j \otimes M_j^i$ , where  $M_j^i$  defines the adjoint representation on  $A$ , we obtain an explicit expression for  $\Delta_L$  and  $\Delta_R$ ,

$$\Delta_L \bar{\omega}^i = I \otimes \bar{\omega}^i, \quad \Delta_R \bar{\omega}^i = \bar{\omega}^j \otimes P(M_j^i). \tag{6.8}$$

### 6.2. Application: $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ differential calculi

We now apply the above discussion to the quantum groups  $A = SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  and  $P(A) = ISO_{q,r}(N)$ . The adjoint representation for  $SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$  is given by

$$M_{BC}^A \equiv T_C^A \kappa_{N+2}(T_B^D), \tag{6.9}$$

and the  $\chi$  functionals explicitly read

$$\chi_B^A = \frac{1}{r - r^{-1}} [f_C^A \chi_B^C - \delta_B^A \varepsilon], \quad \text{where } f_{A_1}^{A_2 B_1}{}_{B_2} \equiv \kappa'(L^{+B_1}_{A_1}) L^{-A_2}_{B_2}, \tag{6.10}$$

see [13] and references therein (see also [3]). Decomposing the indices we find:

$$\chi_b^a = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} [f_c^{ca} - \delta_b^a \varepsilon] + \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_{\bullet}^{\bullet a}{}_b, \tag{6.11}$$

$$\chi_{\circ}^a = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_c^{ca} + \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_{\bullet}^{\bullet a}{}_{\circ}, \tag{6.12}$$

$$\chi_b^{\circ} = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} [f_c^{c\circ} + f_{\bullet}^{\bullet\circ}{}_b], \tag{6.13}$$

$$\chi_{\bullet}^a = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_{\bullet}^{\bullet a}{}_{\bullet}, \tag{6.14}$$

$$\chi_b^{\bullet} = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_{\bullet}^{\bullet\bullet}{}_b, \tag{6.15}$$

$$\chi_{\circ}^{\circ} = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} [f_{\circ}^{\circ\circ} - \varepsilon] + \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} [f_c^{c\circ} + f_{\bullet}^{\bullet\circ}{}_{\circ}], \tag{6.16}$$

$$\chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_{\bullet}^{\bullet\circ}{}_{\bullet}, \tag{6.17}$$

$$\chi_{\circ}^{\bullet} = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} f_{\bullet}^{\bullet\bullet}{}_{\circ}, \tag{6.18}$$

$$\chi_{\bullet}^{\bullet} = \frac{1}{r-r^{-1}} \underbrace{[f_{\bullet}^{\bullet\bullet}{}_{\bullet} - \varepsilon]}_{\text{terms annihilating } H}, \tag{6.19}$$

where using Theorem 5.4 and Note 5.1 we have indicated the terms that do and do not annihilate the Hopf ideal  $H$ . We see that only three of these functionals, namely  $\chi_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ,  $\chi_{\circ}^{\circ}$  and  $\chi_{\bullet}^{\circ}$ , do vanish on  $H$ . The resulting bicovariant differential calculus contains dilatations and translations, but does not contain the tangent vectors of  $SO_{q,r}(N)$ , i.e. the functionals  $\chi_b^a$ . The differential related to this calculus is given by

$$\forall a \in ISO_{q,r}(N) \quad da = (\chi_b^{\bullet} * a) \omega_{\bullet}^b + (\chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} * a) \omega_{\bullet}^{\circ} + (\chi_{\circ}^{\circ} * a) \omega_{\circ}^{\circ}, \tag{6.20}$$

where  $\omega_{\bullet}^b$ ,  $\omega_{\bullet}^{\circ}$  and  $\omega_{\circ}^{\circ}$  are the one-forms dual to the tangent vectors  $\chi_b^{\bullet}$ ,  $\chi_{\circ}^{\circ}$  and  $\chi_{\bullet}^{\circ}$  [20,5] (with abuse of notation, we omit the bar over the elements of the projected calculus). The  $q$ -Lie algebra is explicitly given by<sup>4</sup>

$$\chi_{\circ}^{\circ} \chi_b^{\bullet} - (q_{\bullet b})^{-2} \chi_b^{\bullet} \chi_{\circ}^{\circ} = 0, \tag{6.21}$$

$$\chi_c^{\bullet} \chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} - r^{-2} \chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} \chi_c^{\bullet} = -r^{-1} \chi_c^{\bullet}, \tag{6.22}$$

$$\chi_{\circ}^{\circ} \chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} - r^{-4} \chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} \chi_{\circ}^{\circ} = \frac{-(1+r^2)}{r^3} \chi_{\circ}^{\circ}, \tag{6.23}$$

$$q_{\bullet a} P_A^{ab}{}_{cd} \chi_b^{\bullet} \chi_a^{\circ} = 0. \tag{6.24}$$

A combination of the above relations yields

$$\chi_{\circ}^{\circ} + \lambda \chi_{\circ}^{\circ} \chi_{\bullet}^{\circ} = \lambda \frac{-r^{N/2}}{r^2 + r^N} \frac{1}{q_d} \chi_b^{\bullet} C^{db} \chi_d^{\bullet}. \tag{6.25}$$

<sup>4</sup> We thank A. Scarfone for the derivation of (6.24).

Notice the similar structure of Eqs. (3.23), (4.23) and (6.25).

The bicovariant bimodule of one-forms is characterized by the functionals

$$f_{\bullet \circ \circ}, f_{\bullet \circ \bullet}, f_{\bullet \bullet \circ}, f_{\bullet \bullet \bullet}, f_{\bullet \bullet b}, f_{\bullet \bullet \bullet} \tag{6.26}$$

that appear in the comultiplication of  $\chi_{\bullet b}^{\bullet}$ ,  $\chi_{\bullet \circ}^{\bullet}$  and  $\chi_{\bullet \bullet}^{\bullet}$  [use upper (lower) triangularity of  $L^+$  ( $L^-$ )], and by the elements

$$P(M_{\bullet B \bullet}^{\bullet D}) = P(T_{\bullet \bullet \kappa_{N+2}}^{\bullet D}(T_B^D)) = vP(\kappa_{N+2}(T_B^D)) \tag{6.27}$$

that, according to (6.9) and (6.8), characterize the right coaction of  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  on  $\omega_{\bullet b}^{\bullet}$ ,  $\omega_{\bullet \bullet}^{\bullet}$  and  $\omega_{\bullet \circ}^{\bullet}$ . They explicitly read

$$\begin{aligned} P(M_{\bullet \circ \circ}^{\bullet \circ}) &= v^2, \quad P(M_{\bullet \circ \bullet}^{\bullet d}) = 0, \quad P(M_{\bullet \bullet \bullet}^{\bullet \bullet}) = 0, \\ P(M_{\bullet b \bullet}^{\bullet \circ}) &= vr^{-N/2} x^e C_{eb}, \quad P(M_{\bullet b \bullet}^{\bullet d}) = v\kappa(T_b^d), \quad P(M_{\bullet \bullet \bullet}^{\bullet \bullet}) = 0, \\ P(M_{\bullet \bullet \bullet}^{\bullet \circ}) &= -\frac{1}{r^N(r^{N/2} + r^{-N/2+2})} x^e C_{ef} x^f, \quad P(M_{\bullet \bullet \bullet}^{\bullet d}) = v\kappa(x^d), \quad P(M_{\bullet \bullet \bullet}^{\bullet \bullet}) = I. \end{aligned} \tag{6.28}$$

Notice that only the couples of indices  $(\bullet \circ)$ ,  $(\bullet b)$  and  $(\bullet \bullet)$  appear in (6.20)–(6.28): these are therefore the only indices involved in the projected differential calculus on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$ .

The functionals  $\chi_b^a$  cannot be good tangent vectors on  $ISO_{q,r}(N)$  because of the functionals  $f_{\bullet b}^{\bullet a}$  appearing in (6.11): these do not annihilate  $H$ . We see however that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1/(r - r^{-1})) f_{\bullet b}^{\bullet a}(a) = 0, \forall a \in SO_{q,r}(N + 2)$ ; for this reason we consider in the following the particular multiparametric deformations called “minimal deformations” (twistings), corresponding to  $r = 1$ .

As shown in [3] in the  $r \rightarrow 1$  limit the  $\chi$  functionals are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_A^A &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} [f_A^{AA} - \varepsilon], \quad \chi_{A'}^A = 0, \\ \chi_B^A &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} f_A^{AA} B, \quad A > B, \quad \chi_B^A = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} f_B^{BA} B, \quad A < B, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda \equiv r - r^{-1}$ , and close on the  $q$ -Lie algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{C_2}^{C_1} \chi_{B_2}^{B_1} - q_{B_1 C_2} q_{C_1 B_1} q_{B_2 C_1} q_{C_2 B_2} \chi_{B_2}^{B_1} \chi_{C_2}^{C_1} \\ = -q_{B_1 C_2} q_{C_2 B_2} q_{B_2 B_1} \delta_{B_2}^{C_1} \chi_{C_2}^{B_1} + q_{C_1 B_1} q_{B_2 B_1} C_{B_2 C_2} \chi_{C_1}^{B_1} \\ + q_{C_2 B_2} q_{B_1 C_2} C^{C_1 B_1} \chi_{C_2}^{B'_1} - q_{B_2 C_1} \delta_{C_2}^{B_1} \chi_{C_1}^{B'_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.29}$$

Not all of these functionals are linearly independent because

$$\chi_{A'}^{B'} = -q_{AB} \chi_B^A. \tag{6.30}$$

From (6.30) we see that a basis of tangent vectors on  $SO_{q,r=1}(N + 2)$  is given by

$$\{\chi_B^A \quad \text{with } A + B > N + 1, A, B: 0 = \circ, 1, 2, \dots, N, N + 1 = \bullet\}. \tag{6.31}$$

They define a bicovariant differential calculus on  $SO_{q,r=1}(N+2)$ . The projected bicovariant calculus on  $ISO_{q,r=1}(N)$  is therefore characterized by the basis of tangent vectors

$$\chi_b^a = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} [f_c^{ca} - \delta_b^a \varepsilon] \quad \text{with } a + b > N + 1, \tag{6.32}$$

$$\chi_b^\bullet = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} f_{\bullet\bullet}^{ab}, \quad \chi_{\bullet\bullet} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} [f_{\bullet\bullet}^{\bullet\bullet} - \varepsilon], \tag{6.33}$$

indeed Theorem 5.4 assures that these functionals annihilate  $H$ , while from Note 5.1 it is not difficult to see that the remaining functionals  $\chi_{\bullet\bullet}^a = (1/\lambda) f_{\bullet\bullet}^{a\bullet}$  do not vanish on  $H$ . The  $q$ -Lie algebra, in virtue of Theorem 6.2, is a  $q$ -Lie subalgebra of  $SO_{q,r=1}(N+2)$ . It follows that the  $\chi_{c_2}^{c_1}, \chi_{b_2}^{b_1}$   $q$ -commutations read as in Eq. (6.29) with lower case indices: they give the  $SO_{q,r=1}(N)$   $q$ -Lie algebra. The remaining commutations are (see (6.29)):

$$\chi_{c_2}^{c_1} \chi_{b_2} - \frac{q_{c_1\bullet}}{q_{c_2\bullet}} q_{b_2 c_1} q_{c_2 b_2} \chi_{b_2} \chi_{c_2}^{c_1} = \frac{q_{c_1\bullet}}{q_{c_2\bullet}} [C_{b_2 c_2} \chi_{c_1}^{\bullet} - \delta_{b_2}^{c_1} q_{c_2 c_1} \chi_{c_2}], \tag{6.34}$$

$$\chi_{c_2} \chi_{b_2} - \frac{q_{b_2\bullet}}{q_{c_2\bullet}} q_{c_2 b_2} \chi_{b_2} \chi_{c_2} = 0, \tag{6.35}$$

$$\chi_{c_2}^{c_1} \chi_{\bullet\bullet} - \chi_{\bullet\bullet} \chi_{c_2}^{c_1} = 0, \quad \chi_{c_2} \chi_{\bullet\bullet} - \chi_{\bullet\bullet} \chi_{c_2} = -\chi_{c_2}, \tag{6.36}$$

where we have defined  $\chi_a \equiv \chi_a^\bullet$ . The exterior differential reads,  $\forall a \in ISO_{q,r}(N)$

$$da = (\chi_b^a * a) \Omega_a^b + (\chi_b^\bullet * a) \Omega_{\bullet\bullet}^b + (\chi_{\bullet\bullet} * a) \Omega_{\bullet\bullet}^\bullet, \quad a + b > N + 1, \tag{6.37}$$

where  $\Omega_a^b, \Omega_{\bullet\bullet}^b$ , and  $\Omega_{\bullet\bullet}^\bullet$  are the one-forms dual to the tangent vectors (6.32) and (6.33). Notice that the tangent vectors  $\chi_b^a$  and  $\chi_b$  close on the  $q$ -Lie algebra (6.34), (6.35) and (6.29) with lower case indices. This suggests a reduction of the bicovariant calculus containing only the  $\chi_b^a$  and  $\chi_b^\bullet$  tangent vectors. An explicit formulation, in agreement with [7], is given in [3].

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