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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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**Abstract.** We define the matrix quantum unitary Cayley–Klein groups of the arbitrary dimensions by generalizing the *R*-matrix theory of the quantum groups to the case of the degenerate Hermitic forms. The corresponding quantum groups are obtained from the appropriate classical quantum groups by the contractions.

Faddeev *et al* [1] have developed the *R*-matrix theory of quantum groups and quantum algebras, which correspond to the (single-parameter) deformation of the classical algebras  $A_n$ ,  $B_n$ ,  $C_n$  and  $D_n$ . For each classical algebra we have built a set of Cayley–Klein algebras, which are obtained from the corresponding classical algebras by the contractions and analytical continuations [2–4]. This letter is devoted to the construction of the quantum matrix unitary Cayley–Klein groups. The *R*-matrix approach [1] and unified description of the Cayley–Klein groups [2] naturally combine to yield the desired groups. We start with the general theory of the quantum matrix unitary Cayley–Klein groups and finally we consider the two-dimensional case of these quantum groups.

Let the  $R_q$  matrix be as in the case of  $A_n$  (or  $su(n+1)$ ) [1], i.e.

$$R_q = q \sum_{k=0}^n e_{kk} \otimes e_{kk} + \sum_{\substack{k,m=0 \\ k \neq m}}^n e_{kk} \otimes e_{mm} + (q - q^{-1}) \sum_{\substack{k,m=0 \\ k > m}}^n e_{km} \otimes e_{mk}$$

$$(e_{km})_{ij} = \delta_{ik} \delta_{jm} \quad k, m, i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n. \tag{1}$$

Let us define the algebra  $A_q(j)$  as the associative *C*-algebra generated by the non-commutative elements

$$(T(j))_{km} = t_{km} \quad k \geq m \quad (T(j))_{km} = t_{km} J_{km}^2 \quad k < m$$

$$J_{km} = 1 \quad k \geq m \quad J_{km} = \prod_{r=k+1}^m j_r, \quad k < m \quad j_r = 1, \iota_r, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n \tag{2}$$

where  $\iota_r$  are the dual numbers, which are nilpotent  $\iota_r^2 = 0$  and obey the commutative laws of multiplication  $\iota_r \iota_m = \iota_r \iota_m \neq 0, m \neq r$ , [2, 3], and factorized by the following relationships:

$$R_q T_1(j) T_2(j) = T_2(j) T_1(j) R_q \tag{3}$$

where  $T_1(j) = T(j) \otimes I, T_2(j) = I \otimes T(j)$ . The algebra  $A_q(j)$  is called the algebra of functions on the quantum group  $GL_q(n+1; j)$ . The matrix  $T(j)$  (2) is a multiplicative matrix whose entries generate  $A_q(j)$  and therefore one has here the matrix quantum group  $GL_q(n+1; j)$ . If one introduces the quantum determinant  $\det_q T(j)$  as usual

$$\det_q T(j) = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Symm}(n+1)} (-q)^{l(\sigma)} J_{0\sigma_0}^2 J_{1\sigma_1}^2 J_{2\sigma_2}^2 \dots J_{n\sigma_n}^2 \tag{4}$$

where  $l(\sigma)$  is the parity of the substitution  $\sigma$ , and factorizes  $A_q(j)$  by the relationship  $\det_q T(j) = 1$ , then one obtains the algebra  $\text{Fun}(\text{SL}_q(n+1; j))$  of functions on the quantum group  $\text{SL}_q(n+1; j)$  and the matrix quantum group  $\text{SL}_q(n+1; j)$ .

The associative algebra generated by  $n+1$  generators  $\tilde{x}_0, \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$  divided by the ideal corresponding to the relations  $\tilde{x}_k \tilde{x}_m = q \tilde{x}_m \tilde{x}_k, 0 \leq k < m \leq n$  is called the  $(n+1)$ -dimensional quantum vector space  $C_{q,n+1}$ . The map

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : C_{q,n+1} &\rightarrow C_{q,n+1}(j) \\ x &= \Psi(j)\tilde{x} \quad \Psi(j) = \text{diag}(1, J_{01}, \dots, J_{0n}) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

is in accordance with the following transformations of the quantum vector Cayley-Klein space  $C_{q,n+1}(j)$  by the matrix quantum group  $\text{SL}_q(n+1; j)$

$$\delta(x) = T(j) \otimes x \quad \delta(x_k) = \sum_{m=0}^k t_{km} \otimes x_m + \sum_{m=k+1}^n J_{km}^2 t_{km} \otimes x_m. \tag{6}$$

These transformations represent the homomorphisms of quantum spaces.

Let deformation parameter  $q \in \mathbb{R}$ . The matrix quantum unitary Cayley-Klein group  $\text{SU}_q(n+1; j)$  is defined with help of the involution  $*$ :

$$T^t(j)\Psi^2(j)T^*(j) = \Psi^2(j) \tag{7}$$

where  $T^t$  is the transpose matrix and transforms the quantum Hermitic Cayley-Klein space

$$U_{q,n+1}(j) = \{x_0, \dots, x_n, y_0, \dots, y_n \mid x_k x_m = q x_m x_k, y_k y_m = q^{-1} y_m y_k, k < m, y_k^* = x_k\} \tag{8}$$

due to the following equations:

$$\delta(x) = T(j) \otimes x \quad \delta(y) = S(T(j))^t \otimes y \tag{9}$$

where  $S$  is an antipode

$$S(J_{km}^2 t_{km}) = (-q)^{k-m} \tilde{t}_{mk}(j)$$

$$\tilde{t}_{mk}(j) = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Symm}(n)} (-q)^{l(\sigma)} J_{0\sigma_0}^2 t_{0\sigma_0} \dots J_{m-1, \sigma_{m-1}}^2 t_{m-1, \sigma_{m-1}} J_{m+1, \sigma_{m+1}}^2 t_{m+1, \sigma_{m+1}} \dots J_{n\sigma_n}^2 t_{n\sigma_n} \tag{10}$$

$$\sigma = (\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{m-1}, \sigma_{m+1}, \dots, \sigma_n) = \sigma(0, 1, \dots, k-1, k+1, \dots, n).$$

This antipode matrix  $S(T(j))$  obeys the usual property

$$T(j)S(T(j)) = S(T(j))T(j) = I. \tag{11}$$

The transformations (9) keep invariant the quadratic form

$$x^{*t}\Psi^2(j)x = x_0^* x_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n J_{0k}^2 x_k^* x_k. \tag{12}$$

The algebra  $\text{Fun}(\text{SL}_q(n+1; j))$  with the involution (7) is denoted by  $\text{Fun}(\text{SU}_q(n+1; j))$  and is called the algebra of functions on the quantum matrix unitary Cayley-Klein group  $\text{SU}_q(n+1; j)$ . If one introduces to the algebra  $\text{Fun}(\text{SU}_q(n+1; j))$  the coproduct

$\Delta$  and counit  $\varepsilon$  as follows:

$$\Delta(T(j)) = T(j) \otimes T(j) \quad \Delta(I) = I \otimes I \quad (13)$$

$$J_{km}^2 \Delta(t_{km}) = \sum_{p=0}^n J_{kp}^2 J_{pm}^2 t_{kp} \otimes t_{pm} \quad \varepsilon(T(j)) = I$$

then with the antipode (10) we obtain the Hopf algebra structure.

If all parameters  $j$  are equal to real unit  $j_1 = \dots = j_n = 1$ , then we are in one-to-one correspondence with  $R$ -matrix theory of the quantum unitary groups [1]. The pseudo-Hermitic cases  $j_k = 1, i (k = 1, \dots, n)$  with different signatures have also been regarded by Faddeev *et al* [1]. But when some parameters  $j$  take the *dual* values, then the matrix  $\Psi^2(j)$  and Hermitic form  $x^{*t} \Psi^2(j) x$  are *degenerate*. Such cases have not been considered in the literature [1, 5]. The corresponding quantum matrix unitary Cayley-Klein group  $SU_q(n+1; j)$  is obtained from the classical quantum matrix unitary group  $SU_q(n+1)$  by (multidimensional) *contractions*.

For the simplest two-dimensional case the  $R_q$  matrix is in the form

$$R_q = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q - q^{-1} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

and does not depend on the parameter  $j_1$ . This  $R_q$  matrix is the same for all three quantum matrix Cayley-Klein groups  $SU_q(2; j_i), j_i = 1, \iota_1, i$ . (The corresponding quantum algebras have been considered in [6]). Also we do not transform the quantum parameter  $q$  under contractions.

The generating matrix  $T(j_i)$  with non-commuting elements is as follows:

$$T(j_i) = \begin{pmatrix} t_{00} & j_i^2 t_{01} \\ t_{10} & t_{11} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

The commutation relations for their matrix elements follow from equation (3) in the form

$$t_{10} t_{11} = q t_{11} t_{10} \quad j_i^2 t_{00} t_{01} = j_i^2 q t_{01} t_{00} \quad j_i^2 t_{01} t_{11} = j_i^2 q t_{11} t_{01} \quad j_i^2 t_{01} t_{10} = j_i^2 t_{10} t_{01} \quad (16)$$

$$t_{00} t_{10} = q t_{10} t_{00} \quad t_{00} t_{11} - j_i^2 q t_{01} t_{10} = t_{11} t_{00} - j_i^2 q^{-1} t_{01} t_{10} \equiv \det_q T(j_i) = 1.$$

The antipode of  $T(j_i)$  is easily obtained and is given by the matrix

$$S(T(j_i)) = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & -j_i^2 q^{-1} t_{01} \\ -q t_{10} & t_{00} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

For real  $q$  the equation (7), with  $T(j_i)$  as in equation (15) and the matrix  $\Psi^2(j_i) = \text{diag}(1, j_i^2)$ , is now in the explicit form

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_{00} t_{00}^* + j_i^2 t_{10} t_{10}^* & j_i^2 (t_{00} t_{01}^* + t_{10} t_{11}^*) \\ j_i^2 (t_{01} t_{00}^* + t_{11} t_{10}^*) & j_i^2 (t_{11} t_{11}^* + j_i^2 t_{01} t_{01}^*) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & j_i^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (18)$$

These equations define the involutive matrix  $T^*(j_i)$ , which for  $j_i \neq \iota_1$  is as follows:

$$T^*(j_i) = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & -j_i^2 q^{-1} t_{10} \\ -q t_{01} & t_{00} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

Let us regard the contraction  $j_1 = \iota_1$ . Then we have the matrix

$$T(\iota_1) = \begin{pmatrix} t_{00} & 0 \\ t_{10} & t_{11} \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

with the following commutation relations for their entries:  $t_{00}t_{10} = qt_{10}t_{00}$ ,  $t_{10}t_{11} = qt_{11}t_{10}$ ,  $t_{00}t_{11} = t_{11}t_{00}$ . From  $\det_q T(\iota_1) = t_{00}t_{11} = 1$  follows  $t_{11} = t_{00}^{-1}$  and from the matrix equation (18) we obtain  $t_{00}t_{00}^* = 1$ ,  $t_{11}t_{11}^* = 1$  or  $t_{00}^* = t_{00}^{-1}$ ,  $t_{11}^* = t_{11}^{-1} = t_{00}$ . Therefore we can write  $t_{00} = \exp(i\varphi_0)$ ,  $t_{00}^* = \exp(-i\varphi_0)$ ,  $t_{11} = \exp(-i\varphi_0)$ ,  $t_{11}^* = \exp(i\varphi_0)$ . The generator  $t_{10}^*$  is not expressed by the generators  $t_{km}$  and therefore is an independent generator.

The matrix  $T(\iota_1)$ , the antipode  $S(T(\iota_1))$  and the involutive matrix  $T^*(\iota_1)$  of the contracted quantum matrix unitary group  $SU_q(2; \iota_1)$  now take the final forms

$$\begin{aligned} T(\iota_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\varphi_0} & 0 \\ t_{10} & e^{-i\varphi_0} \end{pmatrix} & S(T(\iota_1)) &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\varphi_0} & 0 \\ -qt_{10} & e^{i\varphi_0} \end{pmatrix} \\ T^*(\iota_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\varphi_0} & 0 \\ t_{10}^* & e^{i\varphi_0} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

with the commutation relations  $\exp(i\varphi_0)t_{10} = qt_{10}\exp(i\varphi_0)$ ,  $t_{10}^*\exp(i\varphi_0) = q\exp(i\varphi_0)t_{10}^*$ . It is noted that the involutive matrix  $T^*(\iota_1)$  (21) is not obtained from the involutive matrix  $T^*(j_1)$  (19) for  $j_1 = \iota_1$ , because the equation (19) is valid only for  $j_1 \neq \iota_1$ .

We have generalized the  $R$ -matrix theory of the quantum unitary groups [1] to the case of the matrix quantum unitary Caley-Klein groups by defining the generating  $T(j)$ , the antipode  $S(T(j))$  and the involutive  $T^*(j)$  matrices. The main feature of the developed approach is that all the quantum Cayley-Klein groups have the same  $R_q$  matrix, i.e. the quantum (or deformation) parameter  $q$  is not transformed under transitions from one group to another. As for contractions corresponding to the dual values of the parameters  $j$ , we conclude that the dual numbers are the real tool to regard the contractions of groups, not only in the classical [2, 3], but also in the quantum case (see also [6], where the contractions of the quantum algebras  $SU_q(2)$  and  $SO_q(3)$  were investigated with the help of the dual units).

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