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# Quantum group related to the space of differential operators on the quantum hyperplane

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**Abstract.** Quantum group  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  is constructed and investigated. The Hopf algebra structure of the differential calculus on the quantum Euclidean space is given. Elements of the theory of representation of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  are presented in comparison with the general method described by Fadeev, Reshetikhin and Takhtajan.  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  at roots of unity is analysed.

## 1. Introduction

In recent years quantum groups have attracted the attention of a large group of mathematicians and physicists. From the mathematical point of view quantum groups are understood in two different ways: as (quasi-triangular) Hopf algebras [1, 4, 6] or as  $C^*$  algebras [16]. In the former the concept of quantum groups arises from the quantum method of solving the inverse problem [7] and from the effective methods for solving the quantum Yang–Baxter equation [5, 8]; in the latter the quantum group becomes an interesting example of operator algebra and non-commutative geometry [11].

On the other hand differential structures on quantum groups [15] and quantum spaces [14] are of great practical importance. They arise from the concept of non-commutative differential geometry [3]. The quantum hyperplane is the simplest example of a non-commutative space. Differential structures on the quantum hyperplane were classified in [2]. In this article we construct a non-commutative and non-co-commutative Hopf algebra (quantum group)  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  which is an  $N$ -dimensional generalization of the Hopf algebra considered in [13]. The Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $\mathcal{O}$  of differential operators related to the calculus on the  $N$ -dimensional quantum hyperplane. In this way we prove that  $\mathcal{O}$  is a Hopf algebra and answer (partially) the question asked by Manin in [10].

We also present a representation theory of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  and discuss the possibility of a construction of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  in the case when the deformation parameters are roots of unity.

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### 2. Construction of $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_{qp} = \mathbb{C}[[X_1, \dots, X_N, P_1, \dots, P_N]]/I_{qp}$  (formal power series in  $2N$  variables)  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $I_{qp}$  is a two-sided ideal in  $\mathbb{C}[[X_1, \dots, X_N, P_1, \dots, P_N]]$  given by the following relations

$$X_i X_j = q_{ij} X_j X_i \quad P_i P_j = P_j P_i \tag{1}$$

$$X_i P_j = q_{ij} P_j X_i \quad (i \neq j) \quad X_i P_i = p_i P_i X_i \tag{2}$$

where  $p_i, q_{ij} \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ ,  $q_{ij} = q_{ji}^{-1}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ .  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  is an associative algebra with unity  $I$ . For the time being we assume that all parameters are not roots of unity. Introducing  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear maps  $\Delta_R, \Delta_L : \mathcal{A}_{qp} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{qp} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{qp}$  and  $\epsilon : \mathcal{A}_{qp} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_R(X_i) &= X_i \otimes I + P_i \otimes X_i & \Delta_L(X_i) &= I \otimes X_i + X_i \otimes P_i \\ \Delta_{R,L}(P_i) &= P_i \otimes P_i & \Delta_{R,L}(I) &= I \otimes I \\ \epsilon(X_i) &= 0 & \epsilon(P_i) &= \epsilon(I) = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

we equip  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  with a bialgebraic structure (cf [1]) (i.e.  $\Delta_{R,L}, \epsilon$  are algebra homomorphisms). Furthermore, if we assume that all  $P_i$  are invertible and define  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear maps  $S_L, S_R : \mathcal{A}_{qp} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{qp}$  such that:

$$S_R(P_i) = P_i^{-1} \quad S_R(X_i) = -P_i^{-1} X_i \quad S_R(I) = I \tag{4}$$

$$S_L(P_i) = P_i^{-1} \quad S_L(X_i) = -X_i P_i^{-1} \quad S_L(I) = I \tag{5}$$

then we can make  $(\mathcal{A}_{qp}, \Delta_R, \epsilon, S_R), (\mathcal{A}_{qp}, \Delta_L, \epsilon, S_L)$  into Hopf algebras (quantum groups).

Let us denote the set of all bialgebras  $(\mathcal{A}_{qp}, \Delta_R, \epsilon)$  ( $(\mathcal{A}_{qp}, \Delta_L, \epsilon)$  respectively) by  $\mathbf{Big}_R, (\mathbf{Big}_L$  respectively) and the set of all Hopf algebras  $(\mathcal{A}_{qp}, \Delta_R, \epsilon, S_R)$  ( $(\mathcal{A}_{qp}, \Delta_L, \epsilon, S_L)$  respectively) by  $\mathbf{Hopf}_R$  ( $\mathbf{Hopf}_L$  respectively). If  $\mathcal{A}_{qp} \in \mathbf{Hopf}_R$  is generated by the set  $\{X_i, P_i\}$  then elements  $Y_i = P_i^{-1} X_i, Q_i = P_i$  generate an algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{q^{-1}p^{-1}} \in \mathbf{Hopf}_L$ . Hence the sets  $\mathbf{Hopf}_R$  and  $\mathbf{Hopf}_L$  are isomorphic. Hence we can restrict ourselves to the elements of  $\mathbf{Big}_R, \mathbf{Hopf}_R$  only. To avoid unnecessary complications in the notation we omit the subscripts  $R$ .

Due to [6] (cf [12]) we say that  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}^{\mathbb{C}}$  is a *complexification* of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  if  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}^{\mathbb{C}}$  is a  $\ast$ -Hopf algebra (i.e. a Hopf algebra with involution). We also say that algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}^{\mathbb{R}}$  is a *realification* of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  if  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}^{\mathbb{R}}$  is a  $\ast$ -Hopf algebra and  $X_i^{\ast} = X_i, P_i^{\ast} = P_i$  for any  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . One can easily see that  $\mathcal{A}_{qp} \in \mathbf{Hopf}$  admits realification if and only if  $q_{ij}, p_i \in S^1$ . If, moreover,  $N$  is even and  $q_{i'j'} = q_{ji}^{\ast}, q_{ij} = q_{j'i}^{\ast}, p_i p_{i'}^{\ast} = 1$ , where  $i' = N + 1 - i, j' = N + 1 - j, i, j = 1, \dots, N$  then  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  can be complexified in such a way that  $X_i^{\ast} = X_{i'}, P_i^{\ast} = P_{i'}$ .

### 3. Differential operators on the quantum Euclidean space

As is well known [11] the  $N$ -dimensional quantum Euclidean space (or, precisely, the space of functions on the  $N$ -dimensional quantum hyperplane) is understood to be the algebra

$$\mathbb{C}_q^N = \mathbb{C}[[x^1, \dots, x^N]]/(x^i x^j - q_{ij} x^j x^i)$$

where  $q_{ij} = q_{ji}^{-1} \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ . To introduce differential structure on the quantum hyperplane we have to define the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear, nilpotent operation  $d$  on  $\mathbb{C}_q^N$ , taking values in the  $\mathbb{C}_q^N$ -bimodule  $\Lambda^1 \mathbb{C}_q^N$ , generated by the elements  $dx^i$ , i.e. any element  $\omega \in \Lambda^1 \mathbb{C}_q^N$  is of the form  $\sum_{k=1}^N dx^k \omega_k$ , where  $\omega_k \in \mathbb{C}_q^N$ . To make  $d$  into an exterior differential we have to require that  $d$  obeys the Leibniz rule. Notice that since  $\Lambda^1 \mathbb{C}_q^N$  is a  $\mathbb{C}_q^N$ -bimodule, every element  $\omega \in \Lambda^1 \mathbb{C}_q^N$  can also be represented as  $\sum_{k=1}^N \omega'_k dx^k$ . In general  $\omega'_k \neq \omega_k$ .

Having defined exterior differentiation one can define derivatives (right and left) on  $\mathbb{C}_q^N$ , i.e. the linear operators  $D_k^R, D_k^L : \mathbb{C}_q^N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_q^N$  such that

$$df = \sum_{k=1}^N dx^k D_k^R f \quad df = \sum_{k=1}^N D_k^L f dx^k$$

for any  $f \in \mathbb{C}_q^N$ . Differential calculus being non-commutative implies that left derivatives differ from the right ones. Moreover derivatives do not obey the Leibniz rule. Instead one finds that there exist operators  $T_{ij}^R, T_{ij}^L : \mathbb{C}_q^N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_q^N$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$  such that

$$D_i^R(fg) = D_i^R fg + \sum_{j=1}^N T_{ij}^R f D_j^R g$$

$$D_i^L(fg) = f D_i^L g + \sum_{j=1}^N D_j^L f T_{ij}^L g$$

( $f, g \in \mathbb{C}_q^N$ ).

According to [2] there exists a differential calculus (family I) over  $\mathbb{C}_q^N$  given by the relations:

$$x^i dx^j = q_{ij} dx^j x^i \quad (i \neq j) \quad x^i dx^i = p_i dx^i x^i \quad (6)$$

where  $p_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ . Right derivatives take the form:

$$D_i^R f(x^1, \dots, x^N) = \frac{1}{x^i} \frac{f(x^1, \dots, x^{i-1}, p_i x^i, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^N) - f(x^1, \dots, x^N)}{p_i - 1}$$

where

$$f(x^1, \dots, x^N) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} f_{i_1, \dots, i_N} (x^1)^{i_1} \dots (x^N)^{i_N}$$

$f_{i_1, \dots, i_N} \in \mathbb{C}$ . The symbol  $1/x^i$  means that one has to transport the variable  $x^i$  to the left and then decrease the power of  $x^i$  by one. It is not difficult to establish that  $D_i^R D_j^R = q_{ij} D_j^R D_i^R$  and that matrix  $T^R = (T_{ij}^R)$  has the form  $T^R = \text{diag}(T_1^R, \dots, T_N^R)$ , where

$$T_i^R f(x^1, \dots, x^N) = f(q_{1i} x^1, q_{2i} x^2, \dots, q_{i-1i} x^{i-1}, p_i x^i, q_{i+1i} x^{i+1}, \dots, q_{Ni} x^N)$$

Putting  $w = (x^1)^{n_1} \dots (x^N)^{n_N}$  we get

$$D_i^R T_i^R(w) = p_i [n_i]_{p_i} (q_{1i} x^1)^{n_1} \dots (q_{i-1i} x^{i-1})^{n_{i-1}} (p_i x^i)^{n_i-1} \dots (q_{Ni} x^N)^{n_N}$$

$$T_i^R D_i^R(w) = [n_i]_{p_i} (q_{1i} x^1)^{n_1} \dots (q_{i-1i} x^{i-1})^{n_{i-1}} (p_i x^i)^{n_i-1} \dots (q_{Ni} x^N)^{n_N}$$

$$D_i^R T_j^R(w) = q_{ij} [n_i]_{p_i} (q_{1j} x^1)^{n_1} \dots (q_{i-1j} x^{i-1})^{n_{i-1}} (q_{ij} x^i)^{n_i-1} \dots (q_{Nj} x^N)^{n_N}$$

$$T_j^R D_i^R(w) = [n_i]_{p_i} (q_{1j} x^1)^{n_1} \dots (q_{i-1j} x^{i-1})^{n_{i-1}} (q_{ij} x^i)^{n_i-1} \dots (q_{Nj} x^N)^{n_N}$$

where  $[n]_{p_i} = (p_i^n - 1)/(p_i - 1)$ . This immediately allows us to establish commutation relations between  $D$ s and  $T$ s, namely:

$$T_i^R T_j^R = T_j^R T_i^R \quad D_i^R T_i^R = p_i T_i^R D_i^R \quad D_i^R T_j^R = q_{ij} T_j^R D_i^R \quad (i \neq j). \tag{7}$$

Comparing (7) with (1) and (2) we see that the algebra  $\mathcal{O}$  generated by the right derivatives  $D_i^R$  and matrix  $T^R$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}_{qp} \in \mathbf{Big}$ , hence it possesses a bialgebraic structure. One can easily repeat this consideration, replacing right derivatives by the left ones and  $T^R$  by  $T^L$ . Moreover, since operators  $T_{ij}^R$  are invertible, the bialgebra  $\mathcal{O}$  becomes Hopf algebra with the antipode defined by the relation (4).

#### 4. Representations of $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$

Construction of the algebra  $\mathcal{O}$  and its isomorphism to  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  suggests an immediate representation of the latter in the space  $\mathcal{F}_N$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ -analytic functions of  $N$ -variables. If we denote by  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F}_N)$  the space of all linear operators in  $\mathcal{F}_N$  then the representation  $\pi : \mathcal{A}_{qp} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F}_N)$  in question is given by the relations

$$\pi(X_i) f(x^1, \dots, x^N) = \frac{1}{x^i} \frac{f(x^1, \dots, x^{i-1}, p_i x^i, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^N) - f(x^1, \dots, x^N)}{p_i - 1}$$

$$\pi(P_i) f(x^1, \dots, x^N) = f(q_{1i} x^1, q_{2i} x^2, \dots, q_{i-1i} x^{i-1}, p_i x^i, q_{i+1i} x^{i+1}, \dots, q_{Ni} x^N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(P_i^{-1}) f(x^1, \dots, x^N) \\ = f(q_{i1} x^1, q_{i2} x^2, \dots, q_{ii-1} x^{i-1}, p_i^{-1} x^i, q_{ii+1} x^{i+1}, \dots, q_{iN} x^N). \end{aligned}$$

In the theory of quantum groups (Hopf algebras) an important role is played by the notion of a co-module of the quantum group. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Hopf algebra then the algebra  $V$  is called a *left  $\mathcal{A}$ -co-module* if there exists an algebra homomorphism  $\delta : V \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes V$  such that

$$(\text{id}_{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \delta) \delta = (\Delta \otimes \text{id}_V) \delta \quad (\epsilon \otimes \text{id}) \delta = \text{id}_V. \tag{8}$$

Usually such a co-module  $V$  is interpreted (cf [6]) as a quantum space, covariant with respect to the action of the quantum group  $\mathcal{A}$ . Any  $\mathcal{A}_{qp} \in \mathbf{Hopf}$  can be associated with a space  $V = \mathbb{C}[[v_1, \dots, v_{2N}]]/I_V$ , where  $I_V$  is a two-sided ideal in the algebra  $\mathbb{C}[[v_1, \dots, v_{2N}]]$  generated by the elements

$$v_i v_{j+N} - v_{j+N} v_i \quad v_{i+N} v_{j+N} - v_{j+N} v_{i+N} \quad v_i v_j - q_{ij} v_j v_i \tag{9}$$

where  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ . The co-action  $\delta$  is given by the relations

$$\delta(v_i) = P_i \otimes v_i + X_i \otimes v_{i+N} \quad \delta(v_{i+N}) = I \otimes v_{i+N}. \tag{10}$$

Assume again that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Hopf algebra. According to [16] we say that  $u = (u_{ij})_{i,j=1}^K \in M_K(\mathcal{A})$  (here  $M_K(\mathcal{A})$  stands for the space of all  $K \times K$  matrices with entries from  $\mathcal{A}$ ) is a  $K$ -dimensional co-representation of  $\mathcal{A}$  if

$$\Delta(u_{ij}) = \sum_{k=1}^K u_{ik} \otimes u_{kj} \quad \epsilon(u_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}. \tag{11}$$

Two co-representations  $u \in M_K(\mathcal{A}), w \in M_L(\mathcal{A})$  are said to be *equivalent* if there exists an invertible element  $A \in M_{L \times K}(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $Au = wA$ .

Applying these definitions to any  $\mathcal{A}_{qp} \in \text{Hopf}$  one finds that the matrix  $u \in M_{2N}(\mathcal{A}_{qp})$  with only non-zero entries:

$$u_{ii} = P_i \quad u_{i+N, i+N} = I \quad u_{ii+N} = X_i \tag{12}$$

$i = 1, \dots, N$  is a co-representation of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ . This co-representation is called a *fundamental co-representation* of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ .

It is not difficult to obtain another  $2N$ -dimensional co-representation of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ , namely  $w \in M_{2N}(\mathcal{A}_{qp})$  with only non-vanishing elements  $w_{ii} = I, w_{i+N, i+N} = P_i, w_{ii+N} = X_i$ . But co-representations  $w$  and  $u$  are equivalent in the sense described above, and the matrix  $A \in M_{2N}(\mathbb{C})$  has only non-vanishing elements  $a_{ii+N} = a_{i+N, i} = 1, i = 1, \dots, N$ .

Comparing the definition of the elements of **Big** with the procedure described by Faddeev *et al* [6] (via the  $R$  matrix and relations  $Ru_1u_2 = u_2u_1R$ ) one can easily show that the  $R$  matrix giving the relations (1) and (2) does not exist for a general choice of parameters  $p_i, q_{ij}$ . This means that our Hopf algebra is not an algebra of functions on any quantum matrix algebra in the sense of [6]. Bialgebra  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  can be obtained from the  $R$ -matrix if  $p_i = 1, i = 1, \dots, N$ . Here, for  $u$  we take the fundamental representation of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  (12) and then  $R \in M_{2N \otimes 2N}(\mathbb{C})$  consists of the following non-zero elements ( $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ ):

$$R_{i+Nj+N, i+Nj+N} = R_{i+Nj, i+Nj} = R_{ji+N, ji+N} = 1 \quad R_{ij, ij} = q_{ij}.$$

### 5. $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ at roots of unity

In this section we assume that all parameters defining  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  are roots of unity, i.e. that there exist integer numbers  $n_{ij}, m_i > 1$  such that

$$(q_{ij})^{n_{ij}} = (p_i)^{m_i} = 1 \tag{13}$$

(we assume that  $n_{ij}$  and  $m_i$  are the smallest numbers obeying (13)). Condition ‘ $q_{ij}, p_i$  are roots of unity’ immediately implies that deformation parameters lie on the unit circle ( $q_{ij}, p_i \in S^1$ ), hence it is possible to define the  $*$ -bialgebra  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}^R$  as a realification of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ . If we now denote by  $M_i$  the least common multiple of

the numbers  $n_{ij}, m_i, j = 1, \dots, N$  ( $i$  fixed) (i.e.  $M_i = \text{LCM}(m_i, n_{i1}, \dots, n_{iN})$ ) then  $P_i^{M_i}, i = 1, \dots, N$  belongs to the centre of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is an algebra homomorphism and  $\epsilon(P_i) = 1, \epsilon(P_i^{M_i}) = 1$ . This means that we can put  $P_i^{M_i} = I$ , therefore make any  $P_i$  invertible and define Hopf algebra structure on  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ . Using a similar argument one can establish that  $X_i^{M_i}$  is forced to disappear in any irreducible representation of  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$ . This condition seems to be strong and leads to the conditions which have to be put on  $p_i$  and  $q_{ij}$  in order to preserve the homomorphicity of  $\Delta$ , i.e.  $X_i^{M_i} = 0$  implies

$$\Delta(X_i)^{M_i} = 0. \tag{14}$$

In general we have

$$\Delta(X_i)^{M_i} = (X_i \otimes I + P_i \otimes X_i)^{M_i} = \sum_{k=0}^{M_i} c_{M_i, k}^i P_i^k X_i^{M_i-k} \otimes X_i^k$$

where the coefficients  $c_{nk}^i \in \mathbb{C}, n \in \mathbb{N}, k = 0, 1, \dots, n, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  are defined inductively

$$c_{n+1k}^i = p_i^{n+1-k} c_{nk-1}^i + c_{nk}^i \quad c_{n0}^i = c_{nn}^i = 1 \tag{15}$$

$k = 1, \dots, n-1, n \in \mathbb{N}, i = 1, \dots, N$ . These equations have a well known solution:

$$c_{nk}^i = \frac{[n]_{p_i}!}{[n-k]_{p_i}! [k]_{p_i}!}$$

where  $[n]_x! = [1]_x [2]_x \dots [n]_x$  is a quantum factorial. Coefficients  $c_{nk}^i$  are then Gaussian polynomials or  $q$ -binomial coefficients.

Condition (14) is then equivalent to the condition

$$c_{M_i, k}^i = 0 \tag{16}$$

$k = 1, \dots, M_i - 1, i = 1, \dots, N$ .

Let us consider polynomials  $W_i \in \mathbb{C}[x], i = 1, \dots, N$

$$W_i(x) = \prod_{k=1}^{M_i} (x + p_i^k) = \sum_{k=0}^{M_i} d_{M_i, k}^i x^{M_i-k}.$$

One can easily check that  $f_{M_i, k}^i = p_i^{-k(k+1)/2} d_{M_i, k}^i, k = 0, 1, \dots, M_i$  obey conditions (15) therefore  $d_{M_i, k}^i = p_i^{k(k+1)/2} c_{M_i, k}^i$ , hence condition (16) is equivalent to the following equation

$$W_i(x) = x^{M_i} + p_i^{(M_i+1)M_i/2} = \prod_{k=1}^{M_i} (x - \omega_k^i p_i^{(M_i+1)/2}) \tag{17}$$

where  $(\omega_k^i)^{M_i} = -1$ .

Equation (17) shows that condition (16) is equivalent to the existence of the permutations  $\sigma_i : \{1, \dots, M_i\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, M_i\}$  such that

$$\omega_{\sigma_i(k)}^i p_i^{(M_i+1)/2} = -p_i^k. \tag{18}$$

Comparison of the arguments of the left- and right-hand sides of (18) gives that (18) is equivalent to the following

$$\sigma_i(k) = [ka_i + (1 - a_i)(1 + M_i)/2] \bmod M_i \tag{19}$$

where  $a_i \in \{1, \dots, M_i\}$  are such that  $\arg(p_i) = (2\pi a_i)/M_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . The functions  $\sigma_i$  are permutations if and only if

$$\text{LCD}(a_i, M_i) = 1 \tag{20}$$

(here the abbreviation LCD denotes the largest common divisor). This is the required condition which one has to put on the parameters  $p_i$  in order to preserve the homomorphicity of  $\Delta$ . Notice that parameters  $q_{ij}$  can be completely freely chosen.

The last consideration can be summarized in the following proposition.

*Proposition.* Let  $q_{ij}, p_i \in S^1$  be given by equation (13) and  $M_i = \text{LCM}(m_i, n_{i1}, \dots, n_{iN})$ . Let  $\arg(p_i) = 2\pi a_i/M_i$ , where  $a_i \in \{1, \dots, M_i\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_{qp}$  has a bialgebraic structure in the sense of (14) if and only if  $\text{LCD}(M_i, a_i) = 1$ , for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ .

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