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Abstract

We give the solution to the problem of normal ordering of monomials $(a^+a)^n$ in pairs of deformed annihilation and creation operators of the Heisenberg algebra involving the reflection operator.

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The normally ordered expansion of an integral power of the number operator a^+a in terms of the boson operators a and a^+ that satisfy the Heisenberg commutation relation $aa^+ = a^+a + 1$ can be written in the form [1]

$$(a^+a)^n = \sum_{k=1}^n S_{n,k}(a^+)^k a^k, \quad (1)$$

where the $S_{n,k}$ are the Stirling numbers of the second type

$$S_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{k-r} \binom{k}{r} r^n.$$

The generalization of the formulae with some applications can be found in many recent papers [2, 3].

In the literature there exist many deformations of different types (Aric–Coon oscillator [4], Macfarlane–Biedenharn oscillator [5, 6], etc).

The analogue of formula (1) for such algebras was carried out in the paper [7] by using a set of deformed Stirling numbers.

A very interesting deformed Heisenberg algebra involving the reflection operator K

$$aa^+ = a^+a + 1 + \nu K, \quad Ka = -aK, \quad Ka^+ = -a^+K, \quad K^2 = 1, \quad (2)$$

where ν is a real parameter, has found many interesting physical applications. This algebra appeared naturally in the context of parafields [8, 9], but earlier it was known in connection with some quantum mechanical systems [10]. Recently, this algebra has been used for the

investigation of the quantum mechanical N -body Calogero model [11], for the bosonization of supersymmetric quantum mechanics [12–14] and for describing anyons in (2+1) [14, 15] and (1+1) dimensions [16].

The main goal of this paper is to solve the boson normal ordering problem for this algebra. The result is formulated in the following theorem.

Theorem. *Let \mathcal{A} be associative algebra generated by elements a, a^+ and K which fulfil (2), where ν is a real parameter $\nu \neq \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. Let us define $r_\nu = r + \frac{1-(-1)^r}{2}\nu$ and*

$$[0]_\nu! = 1, \quad [k+1]_\nu! = (k+1)_\nu \cdot [k]_\nu!. \quad (3)$$

Then, for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$, the relations

$$(a^+a)^n = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{n,k}(a^+)^k a^k + \sum_{k=1}^n B_{n,k}(a^+)^k a^k K, \quad (4)$$

where

$$A_{n,k} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{k-r} \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [k-r]_{-\nu}!} + \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [k-r]_\nu!} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$B_{n,k} = \frac{(-1)^k}{2} \sum_{r=1}^k \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [k-r]_{-\nu}!} - \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [k-r]_\nu!} \right),$$

hold.

Proof. Formula (4) will be proved by induction. For $n = 1$, the formula is evident from definition. To prove these relations by general n , we use the relation

$$a(a^+)^n = (a^+)^n a + n(a^+)^{n-1} + \frac{1-(-1)^n}{2}\nu(a^+)^{n-1} K, \quad (6)$$

which can easily be verified by induction. If we apply formula (6) to

$$(a^+a)^{n+1} = a^+a(a^+a)^n = a^+a \left(\sum_{k=1}^n A_{n,k}(a^+)^k a^k + \sum_{k=1}^n B_{n,k}(a^+)^k a^k K \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} A_{n+1,k}(a^+)^k a^k + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} B_{n+1,k}(a^+)^k a^k K,$$

we obtain for $A_{n,k}$ and $B_{n,k}$ the relations

$$A_{n+1,1} = A_{n,1} - \nu B_{n,1} \quad (7)$$

$$B_{n+1,1} = B_{n,1} - \nu A_{n,1}$$

$$A_{n+1,k} = kA_{n,k} - \frac{1-(-1)^k}{2}\nu B_{n,k} + A_{n,k-1} \quad (8)$$

$$B_{n+1,k} = kB_{n,k} - \frac{1-(-1)^k}{2}\nu A_{n,k} + B_{n,k-1}$$

for $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$ and

$$A_{n+1,n+1} = A_{n,n} = 1, \quad B_{n+1,n+1} = B_{n,n} = 0. \quad (9)$$

For $k = 1$, equation (5) reads

$$A_{n,1} = \frac{(1 + \nu)^{n-1}}{2} + \frac{(1 - \nu)^{n-1}}{2}, \quad B_{n,1} = -\frac{(1 + \nu)^{n-1}}{2} + \frac{(1 - \nu)^{n-1}}{2},$$

and it is easy to verify by direct calculation that equations (7) hold for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$

The proof of formulae (8) is straightforward by using the relation

$$(-1)^{k-r}k + \frac{1 - (-1)^k}{2}\nu - (-1)^{k-r}(k - r)_{-\nu} = (-1)^{k-r}r_\nu,$$

which holds true for any natural $r, 1 \leq r \leq k$.

To prove (9), we denote

$$A_n = 2A_{n,n} = \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{n-r} \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r]_{-\nu}!} + \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r]_\nu!} \right)$$

$$B_n = 2(-1)^n B_{n,n} = \sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r]_{-\nu}!} - \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r]_\nu!} \right).$$

It is easy to show that $A_1 = 2$ and $B_1 = 0$. Next we continue by induction. Let $A_k = 2$ and $B_k = 0$ for any $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then, since the relation

$$\frac{1}{[r-1]_\nu! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-\nu}!} + \frac{1}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r]_{-\nu}!} = \frac{(n+1)_{(-1)^{r+1}\nu}}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-\nu}!} \quad (10)$$

is fulfilled, the following relations hold:

$$A_{n+1} - 2 = A_{n+1} - A_n = \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^{n+1}}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-\nu}!} + \frac{(r_{-\nu})^{n+1}}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r+1]_\nu!} \right)$$

$$- \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{n-r} \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r]_{-\nu}!} + \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r]_\nu!} \right)$$

$$= \frac{((n+1)_\nu)^{n+1}}{[n+1]_\nu!} + \frac{((n+1)_{-\nu})^{n+1}}{[n+1]_{-\nu}!} + \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{n-r+1}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n \cdot (n+1)_{(-1)^{r+1}\nu}}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-\nu}!} + \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n \cdot (n+1)_{(-1)^r\nu}}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r+1]_\nu!} \right)$$

$$B_{n+1} = B_{n+1} + B_n = \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^{n+1}}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-\nu}!} - \frac{(r_{-\nu})^{n+1}}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r+1]_\nu!} \right)$$

$$+ \sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r]_{-\nu}!} - \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r]_\nu!} \right) = \frac{((n+1)_\nu)^{n+1}}{[n+1]_\nu!}$$

$$- \frac{((n+1)_{-\nu})^{n+1}}{[n+1]_{-\nu}!} + \sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{(r_\nu)^n \cdot (n+1)_{(-1)^{r+1}\nu}}{[r]_\nu! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-\nu}!} - \frac{(r_{-\nu})^n \cdot (n+1)_{(-1)^r\nu}}{[r]_{-\nu}! \cdot [n-r+1]_\nu!} \right)$$

The term $(n+1)_{(-1)^{r+1}\nu}$ is equal to

$$(n+1)_{(-1)^{r+1}\nu} = \begin{cases} n+1 & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \\ n+1+\nu & \text{for } n \text{ even, } r \text{ odd} \\ n+1-\nu & \text{for } n \text{ even, } r \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Therefore, we can write for odd n

$$A_{n+1} - 2 = (n+1) \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right)$$

$$B_{n+1} = (n+1) \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right)$$

and for even n , after rearranging, we obtain

$$A_{n+1} - 2 = (n+1) \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right)$$

$$+ v \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right)$$

$$B_{n+1} = (n+1) \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right)$$

$$+ v \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right).$$

Consequently, to prove the relations $A_{n+1} - 2 = B_n = 0$, it is sufficient to prove that these expressions are equal to zero.

It follows from the assumption of induction that if we exchange $n+1$ with n these relations vanish. Due to $v \neq \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$, these equations are equivalent to

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{n-r} \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r]_v!} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r]_v!} \right) = 0.$$

Therefore, the relations $A_{n+1} - 2 = B_{n+1} = 0$ are equivalent to

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right) - \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^{n-r} \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r]_v!} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^n}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^n}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right) + \sum_{r=1}^n \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r]_v!} \right) = 0.$$

Similarly, we prove that the conditions $A_{n+1} - 2 = B_{n+1} = 0$ are equivalent to

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} + \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right) = 0.$$

In this way, we can decrease the power of r_v and r_{-v} in the sums and to prove that the relations $A_{n+1} - 2 = B_{n+1} = 0$ are equivalent to the conditions

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{n-r+1} \left(\frac{r_v}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} + \frac{r_{-v}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right) = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^{n-r} \left(\frac{1}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} + \frac{1}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r]_v!} \right) = 0 \tag{12}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{(r_v)^{n-1}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r+1]_{-v}!} - \frac{(r_{-v})^{n-1}}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r+1]_v!} \right) = \sum_{r=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} - \frac{1}{[r]_{-v}! \cdot [n-r]_v!} \right) = 0. \tag{13}$$

To prove (13), we put in the second term of the sum $n-r \rightarrow r$. In the same way, we can prove (12) for n odd. If n in (12) is even, we use (10). In this case, $n_v = n$. Therefore, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} &= \frac{1}{[n]_{-v}!} + \frac{1}{[n]_v!} + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} \\ &= \frac{1}{[n]_{-v}!} + \frac{1}{[n]_v!} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{[r-1]_v! \cdot [n-r]_{-v}!} + \frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r-1]_{-v}!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{[n]_{-v}!} + \frac{1}{[n]_v!} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=0}^{n-2} \frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r-1]_{-v}!} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-r}}{[r]_v! \cdot [n-r-1]_{-v}!} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we use $[n]_v = n \cdot [n-1]_v!$, which holds for n even. □

In this paper, the problem of normal ordering of monomials $(a^+a)^n$ in pairs of deformed annihilation and creation operators of the Heisenberg algebra involving the reflection operator is solved. The calculation of more general formulae for ordering of monomials $((a^+)^s a^r)^n$ is in progress and will soon be finished.

It is a well-known fact that in the case of the standard Heisenberg algebra the corresponding results are related with Hermitian polynomials. The referee has suggested extending the results of this paper to more general polynomials. We have begun the study of this problem. It is one of many possible applications of the results of this paper.

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