

Representations of the braid group B_n and the highest weight modules of $U(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ and $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$

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Abstract

In [1] we have constructed a $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ parameters family of irreducible representations of the Braid group B_3 in arbitrary dimension $n \in \mathbb{N}$, using a q -deformation of the Pascal triangle. This construction extends in particular results by S.P. Humphries (2000), who constructed representations of the braid group B_3 in arbitrary dimension using the classical Pascal triangle. E. Ferrand (2000) obtained an equivalent representation of B_3 by considering two special operators in the space $\mathbb{C}^n[X]$. Slightly more general representations were given by I. Tuba and H. Wenzl (2001). They involve $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor$ parameters (and also use the classical Pascal's triangle). The latter authors also gave the complete classification of all simple representations of B_3 for dimension $n \leq 5$. Our construction generalize all mentioned results and throws a new light on some of them. We also study the irreducibility and equivalence of the constructed representations.

In the present article we show that all representations constructed in [1] may be obtained by taking exponent of the highest weight modules of $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$. *We generalize these connections* between the representation of the braid group B_n and the highest weight modules of the $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ *for arbitrary n using the well-known reduced Burau representations.*

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1 Introduction. Braid group representations

Our *aim* is to describe the *dual* \hat{B}_n of the *braid group* B_n . It is natural to compare the *representation theory* of the *symmetric group* S_n and of the braid group B_n . We know almost everything about representation theory of the symmetric group S_n . We know the description of the *dual* \hat{S}_n in terms of *Young diagrams*. We know even the *Plancherel measure* on \hat{S}_n . The *Young graph* explains how to decompose the restriction $\pi|_{S_{n-1}}$ of the representation $\pi \in \hat{S}_n$, etc.

The braid groups B_n are *defined* by the generators σ_i , $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and by the relations $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$, $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_i \sigma_j$ for $|i-j| \geq 2$. The *dual* \hat{B}_n of the group B_n is *known* only for the *commutative case* when $n=2$. In this case $B_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}$ hence $\hat{B}_2 \cong S^1$. The *representation theory* for the braid groups B_n is much more *complicated* than for S_n . The *reason* is the following. In the case of the group S_n we have the essential (*quadratic*) relation $\sigma_i^2 = 1$, hence $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, 1\}$. In the case of the group B_n we do not have these conditions. Since $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$ we have $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i)) = Sp(\pi(\sigma_{i+1}))$, but the *spectra* $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i))$ may be almost *arbitrary*.

The *Hecke algebra* $H_n(q)$ see f.e.[15] appears as the factor algebra of the group algebra of the group B_n subject to the following *quadratic relation* $\sigma_i^2 = (q-1)\sigma_i + q$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, hence $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, q\}$ and $H_n(q) \cong \mathbb{C}[S_n]$. This is a reason why the representation theory of Hecke algebras is well developed.

The *next step* is to impose the *polynomial condition* $p_k(\sigma_i) = 0$ on the generators σ_i where k is the order of the polynomial $p_k(x)$. For $k=3$ the corresponding algebra is called *Birman–Murakami–Wenzl type algebra* or simple BMW algebra see [26, 32] (see also [27]) and so on.

The situation becomes much more complicated if no additional conditions on the spectra are imposed. We *shall study* this *general case* for .

In [29] I.Tuba and H.Wenzl gave the *complete classification* of all *simple representations* of B_3 for *dimension* ≤ 5 .

In [12] E.Formanek et al. gave the *complete classification* of all *simple representations* of B_n for *dimension* $\leq n$.

We *generalize the results* I.Tuba and H.Wenzl for B_3 , give *new representations* of B_n for *large dimension* and establish *connection* between the *representations* of B_n and the *highest weight modules* of the *quantum group*

$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$.

More precisely, in the work [1] with S. Alberverio we have constructed a $\left[\frac{n+1}{2}\right] + 1$ parameter family of irreducible representations of the braid group B_3 in arbitrary dimension $n \in \mathbb{N}$, using a q -deformation of the Pascal triangle. This construction extends in particular results by S.P. Humphries [14], I. Tuba and H. Wenzl [29], and E. Ferrand [11]. The *irreducibility* and the *equivalence* of the constructed representations is studied. For example the representations corresponding to different q and n are *nonequivalent*.

In this article we show that there is a striking *connection* between these *representations* of B_3 and a highest weight modules of the *quantum group* $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, a one-parameter *deformation of the universal enveloping algebra* $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{sl}_2 . The starting point for all these considerations is some homomorphism ρ_3 of the braid group B_3 into $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$:

$$\rho_3 : B_3 \mapsto \mathfrak{sl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The constructed representations may be treated as the q -*symmetric power* of this *fundamental representation* or as an appropriate q -*exponential* of the highest weight modules of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

We *generalize these connections* between the representation of the braid group B_n and the highest weight modules of the $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ for *arbitrary* n using the well-known *reduced Burau representation* $b_n^{(t)}$ see c.f. [15]. We note that in particular $\rho_3 = b_3^{(-1)}$.

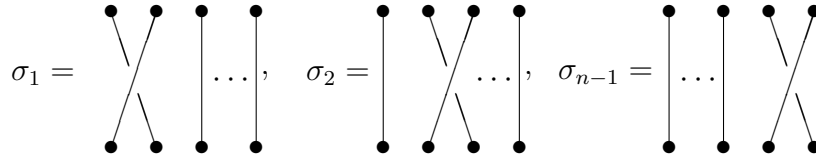
Let \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra defined by a Cartan matrix \mathbf{A} and let \mathbf{B} be the corresponding braid group. Denote by $\mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ the quantized enveloping algebra of \mathfrak{g} over the field $\mathbb{C}(v)$, and let V be the integrable $\mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module. In [24] G. Lusztig defined a natural action of \mathbf{B} on V which permutes the weight space of V according to the action of the Weyl group on the weights. This rather *general but different approach* allows us also to construct the irreducible representations of the braid group \mathbf{B} (see [22]).

0. Definition of the Artin braid group B_n

$$B_n = \langle (\sigma_i)_{i=1}^{n-1}, \mid \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_i \sigma_j, \quad \mid i - j \mid \geq 2 \rangle.$$

$B_n = \pi_1(X)$ is the *fundamental group* π_1 of the *configuration space* $X = \{\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \Delta\} / S_n$ where $\Delta = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mid x_i = z_j \text{ for some } i \neq j\}$ and the group S_n act freely on $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \Delta$ by permuting coordinates.

A **BRAID** on n strings is a collection of curves in \mathbb{R}^3 joining n points in a horizontal plane to the n points directly below them on another horizontal plane. Operation: concatenation.



Knot theory : Alexander, Jones, HOMFLYPT, Kauffman polynomials.

Respectively: *Temperley-Lieb*, *Hecke*, *BMW* algebras.

Geometry, *physics* etc.

Relation with the symmetric group S_n : $\sigma_i^2 = 1$

$$\sigma_i^2 = 1 \Rightarrow Sp(\rho(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, 1\}$$

$$Rep(S_n) \quad Rep(B_n)?$$

$$\hat{S}_n = \{\text{Young diagrams}\}, \quad \text{Plancherel measure on } \hat{S}_n.$$

The *Young graph* explains how to *decompose the restriction* $\rho|_{S_{n-1}}$ of the representation $\rho \in \hat{S}_n$, etc.

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \Rightarrow Sp(\rho(\sigma_i)) = Sp(\rho(\sigma_{i+1})).$$

The *Hecke algebra* is defined by

$$H_n(q) = \langle \sigma_i \mid \dots \sigma_i^2 = (q-1)\sigma_i + q \rangle, \quad p_2(\sigma_i) = 0,$$

hence $Sp(\rho(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, q\}$ and $H_n(q) \cong \mathbb{C}[S_n]$.

1. **Definition** $B_3 = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \mid \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$.

2. **Homomorphism** $\rho : B_3 \mapsto \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$,

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = (\sigma_1^{-1})^\sharp.$$

3. $B_3/Z(B_3) \simeq \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_3$.

4. **P. Humphries result, Pascal's triangle**

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n), \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2(1, n).$$

5. **Ferrand result** $\Phi_n, \Psi_n \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^n[X]$.

6. **Tubo-Wenzl example**

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda_n^\sharp \sigma_2(1, n), \quad \Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\sharp = cI.$$

7. **Tubo - Wenzl classifications of $B_3 - \text{mod}$, $\dim V \leq 5$.**

8. **Generalizations**

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda(q, n) := \sigma_1(q, n)D_n(q)^\sharp \Lambda_n,$$

$$\sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, n) := \Lambda_n^\sharp D_n(q) \sigma_2(q, n),$$

where $\sigma_2(q, n) = (\sigma_1^{-1}(q^{-1}, n))^\sharp$, $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_r)_{r=0}^n$, $\Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\sharp = cI$,

$$D_n(q) = \text{diag}(q_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad q_r = q^{\frac{(r-1)r}{2}}, \quad r, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

9. **The connection between $\text{Rep}(B_3)$ and $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -mod.**

10. **The Burau representation** $\rho_n : B_n \mapsto \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$.

11. **Lowrence-Kramer representations**

12. **Generalization of 8 and 9 for B_n .**

13. **Formanek classifications of $B_n - \text{mod}$, for $\dim V \leq n$.**

1. $B_3 = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \mid \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$.
2. $\rho : B_3 \mapsto \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$,

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. $B_3/Z(B_3) \simeq \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_3$.

Hint: **the Pascal triangle**, $\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_2$? $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\sigma_1(1, 2) := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1, 2)^\# := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Notations the **central symmetry**:

$$A^\# := (A^t)^s, \quad A^\# = (a_{ij}^\#), \quad a_{ij}^\# = a_{n-i, n-j},$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, 2), \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2(1, 2) := \sigma_1^{-1}(1, 2)^\#.$$

4. **P. Humphries**, [14] representations of B_3 in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n), \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2(1, n) := \sigma_1^{-1}(1, n)^\#. \quad (1)$$

5. **Ferrand result**, [11]. $\Phi_n, \Psi_n \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^n[X] : \Phi_n \Psi_n \Phi_n = \Psi_n \Phi_n \Psi_n$.

$$(\Phi_n p)(X) := p(X + 1), \quad (\Psi_n p)(X) := (1 - X)^n p(X/(1 - X)).$$

6. **Tubo-Wenzl example** [29]: representations $\sigma^\Lambda(1, n)$ of B_3 in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda_n^\# \sigma_2(1, n), \quad (2)$$

conditions on the complex diagonal matrix $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ are the following:

$$\Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\# = cI, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (3)$$

7. Tubo - Wenzl classifications of $B_3 - \text{mod}$, $\dim V \leq 5$.

See [29]. Let V be a simple B_3 module of dimension $n = 2, 3$. Then there exist a basis for V for which σ_1 and σ_2 act as follows ($\lambda = (\lambda_k)_k$) for $n = 2$ and $n = 3$

$$\sigma_1^\lambda := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2^\lambda := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 \\ -\lambda_2 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \lambda_3 \lambda_2^{-1} + \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\lambda := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_3 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_2 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ \lambda_2 & -\lambda_1 \lambda_3 \lambda_2^{-1} - \lambda_2 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Let us set $D = \sqrt{\lambda_2 \lambda_3 / \lambda_1 \lambda_4}$. All simple modules for $n = 4$ are the following:

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & (1+D^{-1}+D^{-2})\lambda_2 & (1+D^{-1}+D^{-2})\lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & (1+D^{-1})\lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$\sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_3 & \lambda_3 & 0 & 0 \\ D\lambda_2 & -(D+1)\lambda_2 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ -D^3\lambda_1 & (D^3+D^2+D)\lambda_1 & -(D^2+D+1)\lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Let us set $\gamma = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \lambda_5)^{1/5}$. All simple modules for $n = 5$ are the following:

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 (1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{\lambda_2 \lambda_4})(\lambda_2 + \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}) (\frac{\gamma^2}{\lambda_3} + \lambda_3 + \gamma)(1 + \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_5}{\gamma^2}) (1 + \frac{\lambda_2 \lambda_4}{\gamma^2})(\lambda_3 + \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_2 \lambda_4}) \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \frac{\gamma^2}{\lambda_3} + \lambda_3 + \gamma & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} + \lambda_3 + \gamma & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} + \lambda_3 & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_5 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

The formula for σ_2^λ was not given in [29].

8. Equivalence of Tuba-Wenzl's representations in the case $\dim \leq 5$ and our representations.

General formulas for $1 \leq n \leq 4$ gives us (we set $q_r = q^{\frac{(r-1)r}{2}}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &\mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda := \sigma_1(q, n)\Lambda_n, & \sigma_2 &\mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda := \Lambda_n^\# \sigma_2(q, n), \\ \Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\# &= \lambda_0 \lambda_n \Lambda_n(q), & \Lambda_n(q) &= q_n^{-1} D_n(q) D_n^\#(q), & D_n(q) &= \text{diag}(q_r)_{r=0}^n, \\ & & \lambda_r \lambda_{n-r} &= \lambda_0 \lambda_n q^{-(n-r)r}, & & 0 \leq r \leq n. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Let $n = 1$ we have

$$\sigma_1^\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_1, \quad \sigma_2^\Lambda = \Lambda_1^\# \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $n = 2$, conditions (9) gives us $\Lambda_2 = \text{diag}(\lambda_r)_{r=0}^2$

$$\text{diag}(\lambda_0 \lambda_2, \lambda_1^2, \lambda_0 \lambda_2) = \lambda_0 \lambda_2 \text{diag}(1, q^{-1}, 1), \quad \text{so } q^{-1} = \lambda_1^2 / \lambda_0 \lambda_2.$$

$$\sigma_1^\Lambda(q, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+q & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_2, \quad \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, 2) = \Lambda_2^\# \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & -(1+q^{-1}) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For $n = 3$ conditions (9) gives us $q^{-2} = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 / \lambda_0 \lambda_3$ for $r = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1(q, 3) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+q+q^2 & 1+q+q^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1+q & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \Lambda &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \sigma_2(q, 3) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & -(1+q^{-1}) & 1 & 0 \\ -q^{-3} & q^{-1}(1+q^{-1}+q^{-2}) & -(1+q^{-1}+q^{-2}) & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

For $n = 4$ conditions (9) gives us $q^{-3} = \lambda_1 \lambda_3 / \lambda_0 \lambda_4$ for $r = 1$ and $q^{-4} = \lambda_2^2 / \lambda_0 \lambda_4$ for $r = 2$.

$$\sigma_1(q) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (1+q)(1+q^2) & (1+q^2)(1+q+q^2) & (1+q)(1+q^2) & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1+q+q^2 & 1+q+q^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1+q & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_2(q, 4) = (\sigma_1^{-1}(q^{-1}, 4))^\#.$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda_n^\# \sigma_2(1, n), \quad (2)$$

$$\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad \Lambda \Lambda^\# = cI, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (3)$$

8. Generalization of (2) for $q \neq 1$, with the condition (3)

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda(q, n) := \sigma_1(q, n)D_n^\#(q)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, n) := \Lambda_n^\# D_n(q)\sigma_2(q, n), \quad (10)$$

$$\sigma_2(q, n) := \sigma_1^{-1}(q^{-1}, n)^\#, \quad D_n(q) = \text{diag}(q_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad q_r = q^{\frac{(r-1)r}{2}}, \quad (11)$$

where q -binomial coefficients or Gaussian polynomials are defined as follows

$$\binom{n}{k}_q := \frac{(n)!_q}{(k)!_q(n-k)!_q}, \quad [n]_q := \frac{[n]!_q}{[k]!_q[n-k]!_q} \quad (12)$$

corresponding to two forms of q -natural numbers, defined by

$$(n)_q := \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}, \quad [n]_q := \frac{q^n - q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (13)$$

Theorem 1 [1] *The formulas (10) $\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda(q, n)$, $\sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, n)$ give the representation of B_3 .*

Theorem 2 [1] *The representation $\sigma^\Lambda(q, n)$ defined by (10) generalize the Tubo-Wenzl representations for arbitrary $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Definition. *We say that the representation is **subspace irreducible** or **irreducible** (resp. **operator irreducible**) when there no nontrivial invariant close **subspaces** for all operators of the representation (resp. there no nontrivial bounded **operators** commuting with all operators of the representation).*

Let us define for n, r, q, λ such that $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 \leq r \leq n$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$, $q \in \mathbb{C}$ the following operators

$$F_{r,n}(q, \lambda) = \exp_{(q)} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)_q E_{kk+1} \right) - q_{n-r} \lambda_r (D_n(q)\Lambda_n^\#)^{-1}, \quad (14)$$

where $\exp_{(q)} X = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} X^m / (m)!_q$. For the matrix $C \in \text{Mat}(n+1, \mathbb{C})$ we denote by

$$M_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}(C), \quad (\text{resp. } A_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}(C)), \quad 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n, \quad 0 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_r \leq n$$

its minors (resp. the cofactors) with i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r rows and j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r columns.

Theorem 3 [1] *The representation of the group B_3 defined by (10) have the following properties:*

- 1) for $q = 1$, $\Lambda_n = 1$, it is subspace irreducible in arbitrary dimension $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
- 2) for $q \neq 1$, $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_k)_{k=0}^n \neq 1$ it is operator irreducible if and only if for any $0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ there exists $0 \leq i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n$ such that

$$M_{r+1r+2\dots n}^{i_0i_1\dots i_{n-r-1}}(F_{r,n}^s(q, \lambda)) \neq 0; \quad (15)$$

- 3) for $q \neq 1$, $\Lambda_n = 1$ it is subspace irreducible if and only if $(n)_q \neq 0$. The representation has $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ free parameters.

9. The connection between $\text{Rep}(B_3)$ and $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -mod.

The algebra $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is the associative algebra generated by three generators X, Y, H with the relations (7).

$$[H, X] = 2X, \quad [H, Y] = -2Y, \quad [X, Y] = H, \quad (16)$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in } \mathfrak{sl}_2.$$

$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is the algebra generated by four variables E, F, K, K^{-1} with the relations

$$KK^{-1} = K^{-1}K = 1, \quad (17)$$

$$KEK^{-1} = q^2E, \quad KFK^{-1} = q^{-2}F, \quad (18)$$

$$[E, F] = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} = \frac{q^H - q^{-H}}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (19)$$

Comultiplication Δ , counit ε and antipod S are as follows:

$$\Delta(E) = E \otimes K + 1 \otimes E, \quad \Delta(F) = F \otimes 1 + K^{-1} \otimes F, \quad \Delta(K) = K \otimes K,$$

$$S(K) = K^{-1}, \quad S(E) = -EK^{-1}, \quad S(F) = -KF,$$

$$\varepsilon(K) = 1, \quad \varepsilon(E) = \varepsilon(F) = 0.$$

All finite-dimensional U -module V being the highest weight module of highest weight λ are of the following form (see Kassel, [17, Theorem V.4.4.])

$$\rho(n)(X) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(n)(Y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & n & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho(n)(H) = \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n-2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & -n+2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -n \end{pmatrix}.$$

where $\lambda = \dim(V) - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$.

All finite-dimensional U_q -module V being the highest weight module of highest weight λ are of the following form (see Kassel, [17, Theorem VI.3.5.]

$$\rho_{\varepsilon,n}(E) = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [n] & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [n-1] & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{\varepsilon,n}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & [n] & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho_{\varepsilon,n}(K) = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} q^n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q^{n-2} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & q^{-n+2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & q^{-n} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\varepsilon = \pm 1$, $\lambda = \varepsilon q^n$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

The main observation is the following:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (2)_q & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (1)_q \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp_{(q)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (2)_q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1)_q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & (2)_{q^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1)_{q^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [2]_q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [1]_q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \exp_{(q)} X := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m)!_q} X^m.$$

Theorem 4 For $q = 1$ holds

$$\sigma_1(1, n) = \exp(\rho(n)(X)), \quad \sigma_2(1, n) = \exp(\rho(n)(-Y)). \quad (20)$$

Theorem 5 For $q \neq 1$ we have

$$\sigma_1(q^2, n) D_n^\sharp(q^2) = \exp_{(q^2)}(q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(EK^{1/2})) D_n^\sharp(q^2), \quad (21)$$

$$D_n(q^2) \sigma_2(q^2, n) = \exp_{(q^2)}(-q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(FK^{-1/2})) D_n(q^2). \quad (22)$$

Proof. The two forms of q -natural numbers are connected as follows (see Kassel, [17])

$$[n] = q^{-(n-1)}(n)_{q^2}, \quad [n]! = q^{-(n-1)n/2}(n)!_{q^2} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \binom{0}{(n)} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (n-1) & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & (1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [n] & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [n-1] & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & [1] \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{diag}(q^n, q^{n-1}, \dots, 1)$$

$= q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(EK^{1/2})$, and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ (1) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (n) & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ [1] & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & [n] & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{diag}(1, q, \dots, q^{n-1}, q^n)$$

$= q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(FK^{-1/2})$, since

$$\text{diag}(1, q, \dots, q^{n-1}, q^n) = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(K^{-1/2})$$

and

$$\text{diag}(q^n, q^{n-1}, \dots, 1) = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(K^{1/2}).$$

At last we conclude that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \binom{0}{(n)} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (n-1) & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & (1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(EK^{1/2}),$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ (1) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (n) & 0 \end{pmatrix} = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(FK^{-1/2}).$$

Further we observe that

$$X \otimes I + I \otimes X \big|_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I + I \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \big|_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \rho(1)(X) \big|_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \rho(2)(X),$$

$$(I + X) \otimes (I + X) = \exp(\Delta(X)), \quad \sigma_1(1, 1) \otimes \sigma_1(1, 1) \big|_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \sigma(1, 2).$$

Lemma 6 *We have for $q \neq 1$*

$$\rho_{1,n} = \Delta^{n-1} \rho_{1,1} \big|_{S^{n,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)}, \tag{24}$$

where $S^{n,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ is q -symmetric tensor power of \mathbb{C}^2 .

Proof. For $n = 1$ we have the following operators

$$\rho_{1,1}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,1}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,1}(K) = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = q^H.$$

For $n = 2$ we get

$$\rho_{1,2}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [2] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [1] \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,2}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ [1] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,2}(K) = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}$$

We have $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E)) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{1,1}(E) \otimes \rho_{1,1}(K) + 1 \otimes \rho_{1,1}(E) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Further $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(F)) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{1,1}(F) \otimes 1 + \rho_{1,1}(K^{-1}) \otimes \rho_{1,1}(F) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} q^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(K)) = \rho_{1,1}(K) \otimes \rho_{1,1}(K) = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the q -symmetric basis of the submodule $S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ of the module $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

$$e_{00}^{s,q} = e_0 \otimes e_0, \quad e_{01}^{s,q} = q^{-1}e_0 \otimes e_1 + e_1 \otimes e_0, \quad e_{11}^{s,q} = e_1 \otimes e_1$$

the operator $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E))$ has the following form:

$$\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E)) |_{S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [2] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [1] \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The basis in the space $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ is generated by vectors e_{kn} , $0 \leq k, n \leq 1$ where $e_{kn} = e_k \otimes e_n$. Operator $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E))$ acts as follows $e_{00} \mapsto 0$, $e_{01} \mapsto e_{00}$, $e_{10} \mapsto qe_{00}$, $e_{11} \mapsto q^{-1}e_{01} + e_{10}$, hence $e_{00}^{s,q} \mapsto 0$,

$$e_{01}^{s,q} = q^{-1}e_{01} + e_{10} \mapsto (q + q^{-1})e_{00} = [2]e_{00}^{s,q}, \quad e_{11}^{s,q} \mapsto q^{-1}e_{01} + e_{10} = e_{01}^{s,q}.$$

Similarly we get

$$\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(F))|_{S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ [1] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta(\rho_{1,1}(K))|_{S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

hence (24) holds for $n = 2$. For $n > 2$ the proof is similar.

10. The Burau representation $\rho : B_n \mapsto \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$ is defined for a non-zero complex number t by

$$\sigma_i \mapsto \beta_i = I_{i-1} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & t \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_{n-i-1}$$

where $1 - t$ is the (i, i) entry. Representation ρ splits into 1-dimensional and $n-1$ -dimensional irreducible representations, known as *reduced Burau representation* $\bar{\rho} : B_n \mapsto \mathrm{GL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_{n-3}, \quad \sigma_{n-1} \mapsto b_{n-1} = I_{n-3} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t \\ 0 & -t \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_i \mapsto b_i = I_{i-2} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_{n-i-2}, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n-2.$$

Problem. Whether the reduced Burau representation $\bar{\rho} : B_n \mapsto \mathrm{GL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$ is *faithful*?

YES for $n = 3$ (Birman [8]). NO for $n \geq 9$ Moody [25] Long and Paton [23], Bigelow [6] improved further for $n \geq 5$.

Open problem: Whether the reduced Burau representation of $B_4 \mapsto \mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -t \\ 0 & 0 & -t \end{pmatrix}$$

is **faithful**

11. Lawrence-Kramer representations, [20]

$$\lambda : B_n \mapsto \mathrm{GL}_m(\mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}, q^{\pm 1}]), \quad m = n(n-1)/2.$$

The basis in the space $\mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2}$ is x_{ik} , $1 \leq i < k \leq n$.

Faithfulness for all n , Bigelow [7], Kramer [21] $\Rightarrow B_n$ is a linear group for all n .

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_k x_{k,k+1} &= tq^2 x_{k,k+1} \\
\sigma_k x_{ik} &= (1-q)x_{ik} + qx_{i,k+1} && \text{for } i < k \\
\sigma_k x_{i,k+1} &= x_{ik} + tq^{k-i+1}(q-1)x_{k,k+1} && \text{for } i < k \\
\sigma_k x_{kj} &= tq(q-1)x_{k,k+1} + qx_{k+1,j} && \text{for } k+1 < j \\
\sigma_k x_{k+1,j} &= x_{kj} + (1-q)x_{k+1,j} && \text{for } k+1 < j \\
\sigma_k x_{ij} &= x_{ij} && \text{for } i < j < k \text{ or } k+1 < i < j \\
\sigma_k x_{ij} &= x_{ij} + tq^{k-i}(q-1)^2 x_{k,k+1} && \text{for } i < k < k+1 < j
\end{aligned}$$

12. Generalization of 8 and 9 for B_n . For $n = 4$ and $t = -1$ we have $\bar{\rho}_4 : B_4 \mapsto \text{SL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$b_1 = \exp(-F_1), \quad b_2 = \exp(E_1 - F_2), \quad b_3 = \exp(E_2).$$

We can show that the symmetric powers $b_i \otimes b_i |_S$ are the following

$$b_1 \otimes b_1 |_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 \otimes b_2 |_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$b_3 \otimes b_3 |_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have for $n = 5$ and $t = -1$ $b^{(5)} : B_5 \mapsto \text{SL}(4, \mathbb{Z})$

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $\bar{\rho} : B_n \mapsto \text{SL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z})$ be the *reduced Burrau representation* for $t = -1$.

The *quantum group* $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ is the algebra generated by $4(n-1)$ variables E_i, F_i, K_i, K_i^{-1} with relations as (17)–(19). Let

$$\rho_m : U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1}) \mapsto \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^m)$$

be the highest weight $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ -module. Then

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \exp(-\rho_m(F_1)), \sigma_k \mapsto \exp(\rho_m(E_{k-1} - F_k)), \sigma_n \mapsto \exp(\rho_m(E_{n-1})).$$

gives the representation of B_n for $q = 1$ (see (20)).

For $q \neq 1$ we can obtain formulas similar to (21)–(22).

13. Formanek classifications of $B_n - \text{mod}$, for $\dim V \leq n$.

In [12] E. Formanek et al. gave the *complete classification* of all *simple representations* of B_n for *dimension* $\leq n$.

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