

Finite dim'l  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -modules:

For any  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  define a  $(l+1)$ -dim'l vector space  $V(l)$  with basis:

$$\{ u_0^{(l)}, u_1^{(l)}, \dots, u_l^{(l)} \}$$

Define  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -action on  $V(l)$  by:

$$t^{\pm 1} \cdot u_k^{(l)} = q^{\pm(l-2k)} u_k^{(l)}$$

$$e \cdot u_k^{(l)} = [l-k+1] u_{k-1}^{(l)}$$

$$f \cdot u_k^{(l)} = [k+1] u_{k+1}^{(l)}$$

Thm:  $V(l)$  is an irred.  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -module.

Pf: Need to check:

$$\checkmark (1) (t e t^{-1}) \cdot u_k^{(l)} = (q^2 e) \cdot u_k^{(l)}$$

$$(2) (t f t^{-1}) \cdot u_k^{(l)} = (q^{-2} f) \cdot u_k^{(l)} \quad (\text{exer.})$$

$$\checkmark (3) (e f - f e) \cdot u_k^{(l)} = \left( \frac{t - t^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) \cdot u_k^{(l)}$$

$$(1) (t e) \cdot t^{-1} \cdot u_k^{(l)} = (t e) \cdot q^{-(l-2k)} u_k^{(l)}$$

$$= t \cdot e \cdot q^{-(l-2k)} u_k^{(l)} = q^{-(l-2k)} t \cdot [l-k+1] u_{k-1}^{(l)}$$

$$= q^{-(l-2k)} [l-k+1] q^{(l-2k+2)} u_{k-1}^{(l)}$$

$$= q^2 [l-k+1] u_{k-1}^{(l)} = q^2 e \cdot u_k^{(l)}$$

$$(3) (ef - fe) \cdot u_k^{(l)} = e \cdot f \cdot u_k^{(l)} - f \cdot e \cdot u_k^{(l)}$$

$$= e \cdot [k+1] u_{k+1}^{(l)} - f \cdot [l-k+1] u_{k-1}^{(l)}$$

$$= [k+1] [l-k] u_k^{(l)} - [l-k+1] [k] u_k^{(l)}$$

$$= ([k+1][l-k] - [l-k+1][k]) u_k^{(l)}$$

$$= \left( \frac{q^{k+1} - q^{-k-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{q^{l-k} - q^{-(l-k)}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) - \left( \frac{q^{l-k+1} - q^{-(l-k+1)}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{q^k - q^{-k}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) u_k^{(l)}$$

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$$= \left( \frac{q^{(l-2k)} - q^{-(l-2k)}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) u_k^{(l)} = \left( \frac{t - t^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \right) \cdot u_k^{(l)}$$

Suppose  $0 \neq W$  is a submodule of  $V(l)$ .  
 Then  $0 \neq \sum_{i=0}^k a_i u_i^{(l)} \in W$

Suppose  $a_z \neq 0$  and  $a_i = 0 \forall i \neq z$ .

Then by applying  $e$  repeatedly we get  $c u_0^{(l)} \in W$  where  $c \neq 0$  (in fact  $l$  times)

$\Rightarrow u_0^{(l)} \in W \Rightarrow$  by applying  $f$ ,  $u_i^{(l)} \in W$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, l$ .

$\Rightarrow W = V(l)$ . //

Define

$$V(l)_\mu = \{ u \in V(l) \mid t \cdot u = q^\mu u \}$$

$\mu$  is a weight if  $V(l)_\mu \neq 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The weights of  $V(l)$  are:

$$l, l-2, l-4, \dots, -l$$

and each weight space is one dim'l.

Thm: (1) Any finite dimensional  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$  module is completely reducible.

(2) For  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , any irreducible  $U_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$  module is isomorphic to  $V(l)$  or  $V(l) \otimes V_-$ .

Observe that the weight of  $u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)} \otimes u_- \in V(l) \otimes V_-$  is

$$\begin{aligned} t \cdot (u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)} \otimes u_-) &= \Delta(t)(u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)} \otimes u_-) \\ &= (t \otimes t)(u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)} \otimes u_-) = (t \cdot u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)}) \otimes (t \cdot u_-) \\ &= q^{(l-2\kappa)} u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)} \otimes (-u_-) = -q^{(l-2\kappa)} u_{\mathfrak{K}}^{(l)} \otimes u_- \end{aligned}$$

But  $-q^{(l-2\kappa)}$  can not be a weight.

Thm: Let  $V$  be a finite dim'l  $U_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$  module. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

$$(1) V = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}} V_{\mu}$$

$$(2) V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\kappa} V(l_i)$$

Now suppose  $V$  is a finite dim'l  $U_{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -module which admits a weight space decomposition. For  $V$  we

define its character by

$$\text{ch}(V) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\dim V_k) x^k \in \mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}]$$

In particular, for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ch } V(l) &= x^l + x^{l-2} + \dots + x^{-l+2} + x^{-l} \\ &= \frac{x^{l+1} - x^{-l-1}}{x - x^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\{\text{ch } V(l)\}_{l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linearly independent.

Let  $V \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^k V(l_j)$ . Then

$$\text{ch}(V) = \sum_{j=1}^k \text{ch } V(l_j)$$

Hence  $\{l_j\}_{1 \leq j \leq k}$  can be uniquely

determined by the character of  $V$ .

Let  $V(l)$  and  $V(m)$  be two irred.

$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -modules and  $l \geq m$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ch}(V(l) \otimes V(m)) &= (\text{ch}(V(l)) \text{ch}(V(m))) \\
&= \left( \frac{x^{l+1} - x^{-(l+1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{x^{m+1} - x^{-(m+1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) \\
&= \cancel{\left( \frac{x^{l+1} - x^{-(l+1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right)} \left( \frac{x^{l+m+2} - x^{-(l+m+2)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{x^{l+1} - x^{-(l+1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) \left( x^m + x^{m-2} + \dots + x^{-m+2} + x^{-m} \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{x^{l+m+1} - x^{-(l+m+1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) + \left( \frac{x^{l+m-1} - x^{-(l+m-1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) \\
&\quad + \dots + \left( \frac{x^{l-m+1} - x^{-(l-m+1)}}{x - x^{-1}} \right) \\
&= \text{ch}(V(l+m)) + \text{ch}(V(l+m-2)) + \dots + \text{ch}(V(l-m)) \\
&= \bigoplus_{k=0}^m \text{ch}(V(l+m-2k)) = \text{ch} \left( \bigoplus_{k=0}^m V(l+m-2k) \right) \\
\Rightarrow V(l) \otimes V(m) &= \bigoplus_{k=0}^m V(l+m-2k)
\end{aligned}$$

which is the  $q$ -Clebsch-Gordon formula.