

1.1. Lie bialgebras.

Throughout this paper,  $k$  denotes a field of characteristic zero. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be a Lie algebra over  $k$ , and. We  $\delta$  be a linear map  $\delta : \mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathfrak{a} \otimes \mathfrak{a}$ .

**Definition..** One says that the map  $\delta$  defines a Lie bialgebra structure on  $\mathfrak{a}$  if it satisfies two conditions:

(i)  $\delta$  is a 1-cocycle of  $\mathfrak{a}$  with coefficients in  $\mathfrak{a} \otimes \mathfrak{a}$ , i.e.

$$\delta([ab]) = [1 \otimes a + a \otimes 1, \delta(b)] + [\delta(a), 1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1];$$

(ii) The map  $\delta^* : \mathfrak{a}^* \otimes \mathfrak{a}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{a}^*$  dual to  $\delta$  is a Lie bracket on  $\mathfrak{a}^*$ . In this case  $\delta$  is called the cocommutator of  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

For any Lie bialgebra  $\mathfrak{a}$ , the vector space  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{a}^*$  has a natural structure of a Lie algebra. Namely,  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{a}^*$  are Lie subalgebras in  $\mathfrak{g}$  with bracket defined above, and commutator between elements of  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{a}^*$  is given by

$$(1.1) \quad [a, b] = (\text{ad}^* a)b - (1 \otimes b)(\delta(a)), a \in \mathfrak{a}, b \in \mathfrak{a}^*,$$

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be a Lie algebra, and  $r \in \mathfrak{a} \otimes \mathfrak{a}$ . The equation

$$(1.2) \quad [r_{12}, r_{13}] + [r_{12}, r_{23}] + [r_{13}, r_{23}] = 0$$

in  $U(\mathfrak{a})^{\otimes 3}$  is called the classical Yang-Baxter equation. It is easy to check that the canonical element  $r$  satisfies this equation.

$$F(\Phi_{VWU})J_{V \otimes W, U} \circ (J_{VW} \otimes 1) = J_{V, W \otimes U} \circ (1 \otimes J_{WU})$$

$$J = (\phi^{-1} \otimes \phi^{-1}) \left( \Phi_{1,2,3,4}^{-1} (1 \otimes \Phi_{2,3,4}) s e^{h\Omega_{23}/2} (1 \otimes \Phi_{2,3,4}^{-1}) \Phi_{1,2,3,4} (1_+ \otimes 1_+ \otimes 1_- \otimes 1_-) \right)$$

**Theorem 1.2.**

There exist "universal quantization functors"

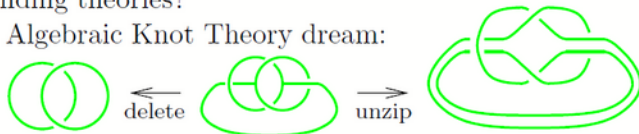
- (i)  $Q : \overline{HA}_{(\Delta-\Delta^{op}, S-S^{-1})} \rightarrow \overline{LBA}_{(\delta)}$  such that for any Lie bialgebra  $\mathfrak{a}$  over  $k$   $\widehat{Q}(\mathfrak{a}_h) = U_h(\mathfrak{a})$ ;
- (ii)  $Q^{qt} : \overline{QTHA}_{(\Delta-\Delta^{op}, R-1, S-S^{-1})} \rightarrow \overline{QTLBA}_{(r)}$  such that for any quasitriangular Lie bialgebra  $\mathfrak{a}$  over  $k$   $\widehat{Q}^{qt}(\mathfrak{a}_h) = U_h^{qt}(\mathfrak{a})$ , where  $U_h^{qt}(\mathfrak{a})$  is the quasitriangular quantization defined in Section 6.1;
- (iii)  $Q^{YB} : \overline{QYBA}_{(R-1)} \rightarrow \overline{CYBA}_{(r)}$  such that for any classical Yang-Baxter algebra  $(A, r)$  over  $k$  one has  $\widehat{Q}^{YB}(A_h) = (A, R)$ , where  $R$  is constructed from  $r$  as explained in Chapter 5.

So there exists a "universal formula". Does it mean anything in itself?

Why Should We Care? \* Because it's there

God doesn't create a pattern unless she means us to study it.

- A gateway into the forbidden territory of "quantum groups".
- Abstractly more pleasing: We study the things, and not just their representations.
- $\mathcal{A}^v$  is sometimes easier than  $\mathcal{A}^u$ : Alexander, say, arises easily from the 2D Lie algebra<sup>4</sup>.
- Potentially,  $\mathcal{A}^v$  has many more "internal quotients" than there are Lie bialgebras. What are they and what are the corresponding theories?
- My old<sup>5</sup> Algebraic Knot Theory dream:



(From DBN/Talks/Swissknots-1105)



Seen today at the Tel-Aviv Pride Parade, by Assaf Bar-Natan