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Exact module categories over $\operatorname{Rep}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$

Andruskiewitsch and Mombelli (2007) have established a general theory of module categories over the representation category $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ of a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra H: For an indecomposable exact module category \mathcal{M} over $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$, there exists a right H-simple H-comodule algebra A with trivial coinvariants such that \mathcal{M} is equivalent to $\operatorname{Rep}(A)$. The Taft algebra T_q at a root of unity q is one of the simplest examples of pointed Hopf algebras. Indecomposable exact module categories over $\operatorname{Rep}(T_q)$ have been classified by Etingof and Ostrik (2004). The small quantum group $H = u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ at a root of unity qof odd order would be the next simplest example of pointed Hopf algebras (after the Taft algebra) and has applications in various areas. For the coradically graded Hopf algebra U of H, Mombelli (2010) has already classified right U-simple U-comodule algebras with trivial coinvariants, and consequently classified exact module categories over $\operatorname{Rep}(U)$. Since $\operatorname{Rep}(U)$ and $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ are categorically Morita equivalent, one can (in principle) obtain a list of indecomposable exact module categories over $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ from Mombelli's list.

In this talk, we will give an explicit list of right H-simple H-comodule algebras with trivial coinvariants. The strategy is as follows. First, we note that H is a 2-cocycle deformation of U and we can explicitly write down such a 2-cocycle σ . For a (right U-simple) U-comodule algebra A, we can deform the algebra structure of A by using σ , which we denote by $_{\sigma}A$. Then one sees that the resulting algebra $_{\sigma}A$ is a (right H-simple) H-comodule algebra. Moreover, $\operatorname{Rep}(_{\sigma}A)$ is the indecomposable exact module category over $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ corresponding to the indecomposable exact module category $\operatorname{Rep}(U)$ under the categorical Morita equivalence between $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ and $\operatorname{Rep}(U)$. Therefore, for each A in Mombelli's list, we will give an explicit description of $_{\sigma}A$. We note that the determination of the σ -cocycle deformation $_{\sigma}A$ of A is not a trivial problem. For example, there is a 3-parameter family $A(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ ($\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$) of U-comodule algebras generated by a single element w subject to $w^N = \lambda$ and such that the U-coaction is given as $w \mapsto (\alpha x + \beta y) \otimes 1 + g^{-1} \otimes w$, where N is the order of q and $U = \langle x, y, g^{\pm 1} \rangle$. After the 2-cocycle deformation, the algebra $_{\sigma}A(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ is still generated by a single element w and a similar H-coaction. However, the minimal polynomial of w becomes more complicated:

$$\prod_{i=0}^{N-1} w - (\xi_+ q^{2i} + \xi_- q^{-2i}),$$

where $\xi_{\pm} \in \mathbb{C}$ are chosen so that they satisfy $\xi_{\pm}^{N} + \xi_{-}^{N} = \lambda$ and $\xi_{\pm}\xi_{-}(1-q^{2}) = \alpha\beta$.

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