

The q-Weyl dimension formula

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1 The Weyl dimension formula and its q-analogue

This material is taken from notes for a joint paper with Zajj Daugherty and Rahbar Virk. Everything here is "well known".

Proposition 1.1. *Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional complex semisimple Lie algebra etc.etc. ...???? Let ν be a dominant integral weight so that the irreducible module $L(\nu)$ of highest weight ν is finite dimensional. Let $\hat{\kappa}_1 = \langle \nu, \nu + 2\rho \rangle$.*

$$(a) (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})((\frac{1}{2}\hat{\kappa}_1 + \gamma)^0) = \dim(L(\nu)) = \text{ev}_0(s_\nu) = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{\langle \nu + \rho, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle},$$

$$(b) (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})((\frac{1}{2}\hat{\kappa}_1 + \gamma)^1) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{\kappa}_1 \dim(L(\nu)).$$

$$(c) (\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})((\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R})^0) = \dim_q(L(\nu)) = \text{ev}_{2\rho}(s_\nu) = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{[\langle \nu + \rho, \alpha \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle]},$$

$$(d) [TW, Lemma 3.5.1] (\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})((\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R})^1) \text{ acts on } L(\mu) \text{ by } \text{ev}_{2(\mu+\rho)}(s_\nu)\text{id}_{L(\mu)}.$$

Proof. (a) and (c) Let M be a U -module. On $M \otimes L(\nu)$,

$$(\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})((\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R})^0) = (\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})(\text{id}_{M \otimes L(\nu)}) = \text{id}_M \dim_q(L(\nu)),$$

giving the first identity in (c). By (??) and the second identity in (??), $v = e^{-h\rho}u$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_q(L(\nu))\text{id}_M &= (\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})(\text{id}_{M \otimes L(\nu)}) = (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})(1 \otimes uv^{-1}) \\ &= (\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})(1 \otimes e^{h\rho}) = \text{ev}_{2\rho}(s_\nu)\text{id}_M, \end{aligned}$$

since $q = e^{h/2}$. This establishes the second identity in (c) and the last equality in (c) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ev}_{2\rho}(s_\nu) &= \text{ev}_{2\rho} \left(\frac{a_{\nu+\rho}}{a_\rho} \right) = \frac{\sum_{w \in W} \det(w) q^{\langle w(\nu+\rho), 2\rho \rangle}}{\sum_{w \in W} \det(w) q^{\langle w\rho, 2\rho \rangle}} = \frac{\sum_{w \in W} \det(w) q^{\langle 2(\nu+\rho), w\rho \rangle}}{\sum_{w \in W} \det(w) q^{\langle 2\rho, w\rho \rangle}} \\
&= \frac{\text{ev}_{2(\nu+\rho)}(a_\rho)}{\text{ev}_{2\rho}(a_\rho)} = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{\text{ev}_{2(\nu+\rho)}(X^{\alpha/2} - X^{-\alpha/2})}{\text{ev}_{2\rho}(X^{\alpha/2} - X^{-\alpha/2})} = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{q^{\langle \nu+\rho, \alpha \rangle} - q^{-\langle \nu+\rho, \alpha \rangle}}{q^{\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle} - q^{-\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle}} \\
&= \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{[\langle \nu + \rho, \alpha \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle]}.
\end{aligned}$$

The last equality in (a) is

$$\text{ev}_0(s_\nu) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \text{ev}_{2\rho}(s_\nu) = \prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{\langle \nu + \rho, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle}.$$

WHERE WAS THE q -analogue of k , $[k] = (q^k - q^{-k})(q - q^{-1})$, defined?

(b) Since $\pi_0((\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})(\gamma))$ is a degree 1 element of $S(\mathfrak{h})$, and there are no W_0 -invariants of degree 1 in $S(\mathfrak{h})$, then $\pi_0((\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})(\gamma)) = 0$. Thus $\pi_0((\text{id} \otimes \text{tr}_{L(\nu)})(\frac{1}{2}\hat{\kappa}_1 + \gamma)) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{\kappa}_1 \dim(L(\nu))$. **SO SINCE PI 0 OF THIS ELEMENT IS THAT CONSTANT, THIS ELEMENT ITSELF IS THAT CONSTANT**

(d) Let h_1, \dots, h_r be an orthonormal basis of \mathfrak{h} . By [?, §4] (see [LR, (2.13)]) there is an expression

$$\mathcal{R} = e^{\frac{1}{2}h\gamma_0} + \sum b_j^+ \otimes b_j^-, \quad \text{where } \gamma_0 = \sum_{\ell=1}^r h_\ell \otimes h_\ell,$$

and $b_j^+ \in U^+$ and $b_j^- \in U^-$ are homogeneous elements of degree greater than 0. Let v_1, \dots, v_n be a basis of weight vectors of $L(\nu)$ and let v^1, \dots, v^n the dual basis in $L(\nu)^*$. Let v_μ^+ be a highest weight vector in $L(\mu)$. Since $b_j^+ v_\mu^+ = 0$ and $q = e^{h/2}$, $\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R} \otimes 1$ acts on $v_\mu^+ \otimes v_i \otimes v^i \in L(\mu) \otimes L(\nu) \otimes L(\nu)^*$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R} \otimes \text{id})(v_\mu^+ \otimes v_i \otimes v^i) \\
&= \left(\left(q^{\gamma_0} + \sum_j (b_j^- \otimes b_j^+) \right) \left(q^{\gamma_0} + \sum_j (b_j^+ \otimes b_j^-) \right) (v_\mu^+ \otimes v_i) \right) \otimes v^i \\
&= \left(\left(q^{\gamma_0} q^{\gamma_0} + q^{\gamma_0} \sum_j (b_j^- \otimes b_j^+) \right) (v_\mu^+ \otimes v_i) \right) \otimes v^i \\
&= \left(\left(q^{2\sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu(h_\ell) \text{wt}(v_i)(h_\ell)} + q^{\sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu(h_\ell) \text{wt}(v_i)(h_\ell)} \sum_j (b_j^- \otimes b_j^+) \right) (v_\mu^+ \otimes v_i) \right) \otimes v^i \\
&= q^{2\langle \mu, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} (v_\mu^+ \otimes v_i \otimes v^i) + q^{\langle \mu, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} \sum_j (b_j^- v_\mu^+ \otimes b_j^+ v_i \otimes v^i).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $(\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})(\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R})$ is central in U , it acts on v_μ^+ by a scalar. Therefore, since b_j^- is a lowering operator, and $uv^{-1} = u(e^{-h\rho^\vee}u)^{-1} = e^{h\rho^\vee}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id} \otimes \text{qtr}_{L(\nu)})(\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R})v_\mu^+ &= \sum_i \langle v^i, uv^{-1}v_i \rangle q^{2\langle \mu, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} v_\mu^+ + \sum_{i,j} q^{\langle \mu, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} \langle v^i, uv^{-1}b_j^+v_i \rangle b_j^- v_\mu^+ \\ &= \sum_i \langle v^i, e^{h\rho}v_i \rangle q^{2\langle \mu, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} v_\mu^+ + 0 = \sum_i q^{2\rho, \text{wt}(v_i)} q^{2\langle \mu, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} v_\mu^+ \\ &= \sum_i q^{2\langle \mu + \rho, \text{wt}(v_i) \rangle} v_\mu^+ = \text{ev}_{2(\mu + \rho)}(s_\nu)v_\mu^+ \\ &= \frac{\sum_{w \in W_0} \det(w) q^{2\langle \mu + \rho, w(\nu + \rho) \rangle}}{\sum_{w \in W_0} \det(w) q^{2\langle \mu + \rho, w\rho \rangle}}. \end{aligned}$$

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2 Some q -dimension examples

Type B_r . The crystal for $L(\varepsilon_1)$ is

$$v_{\varepsilon_1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_1} v_{\varepsilon_2} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_{r-1}} v_{\varepsilon_r} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_r} v_0 \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_r} v_{-\varepsilon_r} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_{r-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_2} v_{-\varepsilon_2} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_1} v_{-\varepsilon_1}$$

which indicates that

$$\alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \quad \alpha_2 = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \quad \dots, \quad \alpha_{r-1} = \varepsilon_{r-1} - \varepsilon_r, \quad \alpha_r = \varepsilon_r,$$

so that

DYNKIN DIAGRAM WITH double bond connecting α_{r-1} and α_r with α_r short,

and

$$R^+ = \{\varepsilon_i \pm \varepsilon_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r\} \cup \{\varepsilon_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}.$$

Then

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum \alpha \in R^+ = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \varepsilon_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) + (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r (2r - 2i + 1) \varepsilon_i$$

satisfies $\langle \rho, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = \langle \rho, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1} \rangle = 1$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r-1$ and

$$\langle \rho, \alpha_r^\vee \rangle = \langle \rho, 2\varepsilon_r \rangle = 1.$$

Then the quantum dimension of $L(\varepsilon_1)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} &q^{\langle 2\rho, \varepsilon_1 \rangle} + \dots + q^{\langle 2\rho, \varepsilon_r \rangle} + q^{\langle 2\rho, 0 \rangle} + q^{\langle 2\rho, -\varepsilon_r \rangle} + \dots + q^{\langle 2\rho, -\varepsilon_1 \rangle} \\ &= q^{2r-2+1} + q^{2r-4+1} + \dots + q^{2r-2r+1} + q^0 + q^{-(2r-2r+1)} + \dots + q^{-(2r-2+1)} \\ &= q^{2r-1} + q^{2r-3} + \dots + q + 1 + q^{-1} + \dots + q^{-(2r-1)} = [2r] + 1. \end{aligned}$$

If $\lambda = \varepsilon_1$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{[\langle \lambda + \rho, \alpha \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle]} &= \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{[\langle \lambda + \rho, \varepsilon_i \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \varepsilon_i \rangle]} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[\langle \lambda + \rho, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j \rangle]} \frac{[\langle \lambda + \rho, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j \rangle]} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{[\lambda_i + r - i + \frac{1}{2}]}{[r - i + \frac{1}{2}]} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[\lambda_i - \lambda_j + j - i]}{[j - i]} \frac{[\lambda_i + \lambda_j + 2r - i - j + 1]}{[2r - i - j + 1]} \\
&= \frac{[r + \frac{1}{2}]}{[r - \frac{1}{2}]} \prod_{j=2}^r \frac{[2][3] \cdots [r]}{[1][2] \cdots [r-1]} \frac{[2r-1][2r-2] \cdots [r+1]}{[2r-2][2r-3] \cdots [r]} \\
&= \frac{[r + \frac{1}{2}]}{[r - \frac{1}{2}]} \frac{[r]}{[1]} \frac{[2r-1]}{[r]} = \frac{[r + \frac{1}{2}][2r-1]}{[r - \frac{1}{2}][1]} = \frac{(q^{r+\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-(r+\frac{1}{2})})(q^{2r-1} - q^{-(2r-1)})}{(q^{r-\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-(r-\frac{1}{2})})(q - q^{-1})} \\
&= \frac{(q^{r+\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-(r+\frac{1}{2})})(q^{r-\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-(r-\frac{1}{2})})}{q - q^{-1}} = \frac{q^{2r} + q - q^{-1} - q^{-2r}}{q - q^{-1}} = [2r] + 1.
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satisfies $\langle \rho, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = \langle \rho, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1} \rangle = 1$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r-1$ and

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&= q^{2r-2+2} + q^{2r-4+2} + \cdots + q^{2r-2r+2} + q^{-(2r-2r+2)} + \cdots + q^{-(2r-2+2)} \\
&= q^{2r} + q^{2r-2} + \cdots + q^2 + q^{-2} + \cdots + q^{-2r} = [2r+1] - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

If $\lambda = \varepsilon_1$ then

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\prod_{\alpha \in R^+} \frac{[\langle \lambda + \rho, \alpha \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \alpha \rangle]} &= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[\langle \lambda + \rho, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j \rangle] [\langle \lambda + \rho, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j \rangle]}{[\langle \rho, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j \rangle] [\langle \rho, \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j \rangle]} \\
&= \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[\lambda_i - \lambda_j + j - i] [\lambda_i + \lambda_j + 2r - i - j]}{[j - i] [2r - i - j]} \\
&= \prod_{j=2}^r \frac{[2][3] \cdots [r]}{[1][2] \cdots [r-1]} \frac{[2r-2][2r-3] \cdots [r]}{[2r-3][2r-4] \cdots [r-1]} \\
&= \frac{[r] [2r-2]}{[1] [r-1]} = \frac{(q^r - q^{-r})(q^{2r-2} - q^{-(2r-2)})}{(q - q^{-1})(q^{r-1} - q^{-(r-1)})} \\
&= \frac{(q^r - q^{-r})(q^{r-1} - q^{-(r-1)})}{q - q^{-1}} = \frac{q^{2r-1} + q - q^{-1} - q^{-(2r-1)}}{q - q^{-1}} = [2r-1] + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

We'd also like to match up with [BB, Prop. 7.6] where

$$\dim_q(L(\lambda)) = \prod_{j=1}^r \frac{[r + \lambda_j - j + \frac{1}{2}]}{[r - j + \frac{1}{2}]} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[2r + \lambda_i - i + \lambda_j - j + 1] [\lambda_i - i - \lambda_j + j]}{[2r - i - j + 1] [j - i]}, \quad \text{for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}_{2r+1},$$

$$\dim_q(L(\lambda)) = (-1)^{|\lambda|} \prod_{j=1}^r \frac{[2r + 2 + 2\lambda_j - 2j]}{[2r + 2 - 2j]} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[2r + 2 + \lambda_i - i + \lambda_j - j] [\lambda_i - i - \lambda_j + j]}{[2r + 2 - i - j] [j - i]}, \quad \text{for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sp}_{2r},$$

$$\dim_q(L(\lambda)) = 2^{\delta_{\lambda, 0}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{[2r + \lambda_i - i + \lambda_j - j] [\lambda_i - i - \lambda_j + j]}{[2r - i - j] [j - i]}, \quad \text{for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}_{2r},$$

As John Enyang has explained the relation between the central element generating functions $Z^\pm(u)$ and the q -dimension formulas is given by

$$(Z_{k-1})_{TT} = \sum_{S \otimes T} \frac{(E_{k-1})_{SS}}{u - (Y_{k-1})_{SS}}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $(a)_{ST}$ denotes the (S, T) -matrix entry of a in the seminormal representation (this formula is another way of stating Nazarov's residue formula). The conversion to the [BB, Prop. 7.6] formula should be determined by the identity (2.1).

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