Fusion process and representations of affine Hecke algebras

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We want to provide a detailed account of a combinatorial construction (after Cherednik) which exhibits the irreducible (finite dimensional) modules of the affine Hecke algebra of GL_n as cyclic modules over the Hecke algebra of GL_n .

The main theorem we are going to discuss has been (roughly) stated by Cherednik without proof.

The affine Hecke algebra $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_n$ (of GL_n) is the $\mathbb{C}(q)$ -algebra with the following presentation

Affine Hecke algebras: Bernstein presentation

Generators for $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_n$

$$T_1,\ldots,T_{n-1}$$
$$X_1^{\pm 1},\ldots,X_n^{\pm 1}$$

Relations $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_n$

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The "finite" Hecke algebra \mathcal{H}_n is the subalgebra of \mathcal{H}_n generated by the T_i ; it has the following presentation, which shows it as a q deformation of $\mathbb{C}[S_n]$.

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Corollary

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Zelevinsky classification sounds like: for a certain ordering of M, a suitable induced module built up starting form M has a unique irreducible quotient. The irreducible $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_n$ -modules obtained in this way are non-equivalent for different multisegments M and form a complete set with all eigenvalues of X_1, \ldots, X_n in $q^{\mathbb{Z}}$.

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- Proving the above step is non trivial. However, it can be done by resorting to instances in which the results are known: indeed we use a version of a Drinfeld functor which reduces our problem to a statement about quantum affine algebras, known by the work of Akasaka-Kashiwara.

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The combinatorial definition of E_{λ} and χ_{λ} will be the main theme of this lecture.

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- Ours seems to be the first instance of a combinatorial treatment of non-semisimple representations.

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Let C_n denote the collection of Cherednik diagrams with n boxes.

The conditions can rephrased as follows. Think of λ as the juxtaposition of its rows $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r$, where $\lambda_i = [a_i, b_i]$.

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From the above remarks, it is clear that C_n contains all ordinary and skew diagrams with n boxes.

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C_5, C_6 contains neither $\{[1, 2], [1, 4]\}$ nor $\{[1, 3], [3, 4]\}$



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$\mathcal{C}_7 \text{ contains } \{[1,2],[0,2],[1,2]\}$, $\{[1,2],[-1,1],[0,1]\}$, $\{[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]\}$



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Roughly speaking, it consists in obtaining E_{λ} as a limiting value of suitable rational functions, by using a mixture of combinatorics and noncommutative ring theory.

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Using any reduced decomposition $w = s_{k_1} \dots s_{k_m} \in S_n$ define the rational function

$$\varphi_{w} = \varphi_{k_1}({}^{s_{k_1}}\varphi_{k_2})({}^{s_{k_1}s_{k_2}}\varphi_{k_3})\dots({}^{s_{k_1}\dots s_{k_{m-1}}}\varphi_{k_m}).$$
For instance, if $w = s_1 s_2 s_3$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\mathbf{w}} &= \left(T_1 + \langle x_2/x_1 \rangle\right) \left(T_2 + {}^{s_1} \langle x_3/x_2 \rangle\right) \left(T_3 + {}^{s_1s_2} \langle x_4/x_3 \rangle\right) \\ &= \left(T_1 + \langle x_2/x_1 \rangle\right) \left(T_2 + {}^{(12)} \langle x_3/x_2 \rangle\right) \left(T_3 + {}^{(123)} \langle x_4/x_3 \rangle\right) \\ &= \left(T_1 + \langle x_2/x_1 \rangle\right) \left(T_2 + \langle x_3/x_1 \rangle\right) \left(T_3 + \langle x_4/x_1 \rangle\right). \end{aligned}$$

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The above proposition is better understood if we write φ_w as

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\mathsf{w}} &= (\varphi_{i_1}) {}^{(s_{i_1}} \varphi_{i_2}) {}^{(s_{i_1}s_{i_2}} \varphi_{i_3}) \dots {}^{(s_{i_1}\dots s_{i_{m-1}}} \varphi_{i_m}) \\ &= (T_{i_1} + \langle \beta_1 \rangle) (T_{i_2} + \langle \beta_2 \rangle) (T_{i_3} + \langle \beta_3 \rangle) \dots (T_{i_m} + \langle \beta_m \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta_k = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_{k-1}}(\alpha_{i_k})$ for each $k = 1, \dots, m$ and $\alpha_i = x_i x_{i+1}^{-1}$ is a simple root written multiplicatively. Therefore, if we set

$$\varphi_{\beta_k}^{i_k} = T_{i_k} + \langle \beta_k \rangle$$

then we get

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Therefore, when we change the reduced expression for w, the upper indices change according to the braid relations, whereas the lower roots change according to the "moves" that regulate the convex orders on $N(w) = \{ \alpha \in \Delta^+ \mid w^{-1}(\alpha) \in -\Delta^+ \}$. In this case these moves are

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \alpha, \alpha + \beta, \beta & \leftrightarrow & \beta, \alpha + \beta, \alpha \\ \alpha, \beta & \leftrightarrow & \beta, \alpha & \qquad \text{if } \alpha \perp \beta \end{array}$$

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For any $\lambda \in C_n$ the restriction of the rational function $\delta_\lambda \varphi_{w_0}$,

$$(\delta_{\lambda} \varphi_{w_0})(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \prod \left(1-\frac{x_l}{x_k}\right) \prod (T_{i_s}+\langle \beta_s \rangle)$$

to the subspace \mathcal{F}_{λ} is regular and non-zero at the point $(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = (q^{c_1}, \ldots, q^{c_n})$. Its value E_{λ} is a cyclic generator for V_{λ} as a submodule of the $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_n$ -module obtained by inducing the character of \mathcal{A}_n

$$\chi_{\lambda}(X_k) = q^{c_k}$$

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Lemma

Suppose that the pair (i, j) is singular. Set $\underline{x} = (q^{c_1}, \dots, q^{c_n})$. (a) If i, i + 1 belong to the same row of Λ then

$$(\varphi_{i,i+1}^k \varphi_{i,j}^{k+1} \varphi_{i+1,j}^k)|_{\mathcal{F}_{\lambda}}(\underline{x}) = (1+T_k) (T_{k+1}T_k - q T_{k+1} - q).$$

(b) If j - 1, j belong to the same row of Λ then

$$(\varphi_{i,j-1}^k \varphi_{i,j}^{k+1} \varphi_{j-1,j}^k)|_{\mathcal{F}_{\lambda}}(\underline{x}) = (T_k T_{k+1} - q T_{k+1} - q) (1 + T_k).$$

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Using the local moves on the ordering, we will achieve

$$\alpha, \alpha + \beta, \gamma_1, \dots \gamma_k, \beta \to \alpha, \alpha + \beta, \beta, \gamma'_1, \dots \gamma'_k$$

so that we can use the lemma.

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$$\alpha, \alpha + \beta \dots \beta$$
 or $\alpha \dots \alpha + \beta, \beta$

Using the local moves on the ordering, we will achieve

$$\alpha, \alpha + \beta, \gamma_1, \dots \gamma_k, \beta \to \alpha, \alpha + \beta, \beta, \gamma'_1, \dots \gamma'_k$$

so that we can use the lemma.

Caveat: we should perform this procedure for each singular pair, so we should check some kind of compatibility conditions. Moreover, not all singularities are removed in this way: here the correction factor δ_{λ} plays its role.

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$$\mathcal{F}_{\lambda} = \{x_2 = qx_1, x_4 = qx_3, x_6 = qx_5\}$$

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 $\begin{array}{rll} \Delta_{11}^{+}:&(1,2),\\ \Delta_{12}^{+}:&(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3}),\,(1,4),\,\underline{(2,3)},\,(\mathbf{2},\mathbf{4}),\\ \Delta_{22}^{+}:&(\mathbf{3},4),\\ \Delta_{13}^{+}:&(1,5),\,(2,5),\,\underline{(\mathbf{1,6})},\,(2,6),\\ \Delta_{23}^{+}:&(\mathbf{3},5),\,(4,5),\,\underline{(\mathbf{3,6})},\,(4,6),\\ \Delta_{33}^{+}:&(\mathbf{5},6). \end{array}$

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In the above display (i, j) is a shortcut for $\varphi_{i,j}$. We shall start desingularizing from the rightmost singular pair in the "red" piece. So we move (3, 4) next to (3, 6), (4, 6), which are already adjacent thanks to the special choice of the order. Then we apply the Lemma evaluating the three factors restricted to \mathcal{F}_{λ} . Here the main technical point is that $\varphi_{3,4}$, upon restriction to \mathcal{F}_{λ} , is a constant function, hence it is unaffected by evaluation! Therefore we can take back $\varphi_{3,4}$ to its original position.

The next display should suggest that a careful choice of the order on pairs to desingularize allows us to perform the previous procedure for any singular pair (up to those which are canceled by the correction factor δ_{λ}).

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