

# Representations of Yangians via Howe duality

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$$U(\mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}} \xrightarrow[\gamma]{\sim} U(\mathfrak{h})^{\mathfrak{S}}$$

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$N$  - arbitrary left  $A$ -module

$R$  acts on the space of **coinvariants**  $N_{\mathfrak{n}} = N / (\mathfrak{n}N)$

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**Theorem** (Asherova - Smirnov - Tolstoy):

$$P^2 = P \quad \text{and} \quad E_\alpha P = P F_\alpha = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \alpha \in \Delta^+$$

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**Proposition:**

- (i)  $\bar{Z} = \bar{A}/(n\bar{A} + \bar{A}n')$  is a torsion-free  $\overline{U(\mathfrak{h})}$ -bimodule, and an associative algebra with multiplication

$$A * B = APB$$

- (ii) restriction to  $\bar{R} \subset \bar{A}/(n\bar{A})$  of the projection  $\bar{A}/(n\bar{A}) \rightarrow \bar{Z}$  along  $\bar{A}n'$  is an algebra isomorphism  $\bar{R} \rightarrow \bar{Z}$

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$$\check{\xi}_\sigma = \check{\xi}_{c_1} \dots \check{\xi}_{c_k} : \bar{Z} \rightarrow \bar{Z}$$

does not depend on the choice of the decomposition.

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Twisted Yangian  $Y(\mathfrak{sp}_n)$  - subalgebra of  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  generated by  $S_{ij}^{(a)}$

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$$S(u) = T^t(-u) T(u)$$

${}^t$  - transposition relative to the form  $\langle , \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  fixed by  $\mathfrak{sp}_n \subset \mathfrak{gl}_n$

$\tilde{R}(u)$  - transpose of  $R(u)$  relative to  $\langle , \rangle$  in either tensor factor

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- (ii) comultiplication  $Y(\mathfrak{sp}_n) \rightarrow Y(\mathfrak{sp}_n) \otimes Y(\mathfrak{gl}_n) \neq Y(\mathfrak{sp}_n)^{\otimes 2}$

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The images of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_m)$  and  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  in  $\mathcal{GD}_{mn}$  are mutual centralizers











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**Theorem** (Arakawa - Suzuki - Tsuchiya):

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