

Goal (for ~2 classes): Construct a braid group action on  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$  (due to Lusztig), which will ultimately lead to the PBW basis.

Motivation: In the classical case, given a f.d.  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $V$ , its weights are  $\lambda$ -invariant. Moreover, an explicit operator  $V_\mu \rightarrow V_{s_\alpha(\mu)}$  representing the simple reflection is given by  $\tilde{S}_\alpha = \exp(e_\alpha) \exp(-f_\alpha) \exp(e_\alpha)$ , where  $e_\alpha, f_\alpha$  denote the endomorphisms of  $V$  by which gens  $e_\alpha, f_\alpha$  act. In the basic example of the adjoint repr.  $V = \mathfrak{g}$ , we get  $\exp(\text{ad}(e_\alpha)) \exp(-\text{ad}(f_\alpha)) \exp(\text{ad}(e_\alpha)) = \text{Ad}(\exp(e_\alpha) \exp(-f_\alpha) \exp(e_\alpha))$ . In the simplest case  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ , this is just  $\text{Ad} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Exercise 1: Verify that  $\tilde{S}_\alpha = \sum_{a,b,c \geq 0} \frac{e_\alpha^a}{a!} \cdot \frac{(-f_\alpha)^b}{b!} \cdot \frac{e_\alpha^c}{c!}$  indeed maps  $V_\mu$  to  $V_{s_\alpha(\mu)}$ .

Hint: It suffices to verify this for  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ ,  $V$ -irr. repr.  $n$ .

Want: Analogous operators on  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules.

As always, we will first propose a construction for  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ , which will be immediately generalized for an arbitrary  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$   
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We shall restrict our attention only to type 1 f.d.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -modules, i.e.  $V = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} V_m$ ,  $V_m = \{v \in V \mid K(v) = q^m \cdot v\}$ . For  $v \in V_m$ , we define its images under the 4 operators  $T, T', \omega T, \omega T'$  as follows:

$T(v) := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ -a+b-c=m}} (-1)^b q^{b-ac} E^{(a)} F^{(b)} E^{(c)} v, \quad T'(v) := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ -a+b-c=m}} (-1)^b q^{-b+ac} E^{(a)} F^{(b)} E^{(c)} v$
$\omega T(v) := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ a-b+c=m}} (-1)^b q^{b-ac} F^{(a)} E^{(b)} F^{(c)} v, \quad \omega T'(v) := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ a-b+c=m}} (-1)^b q^{b+ac} F^{(a)} E^{(b)} F^{(c)} v$

- Remarks:
- (1) As  $E, F$  act loc. nilpotently on  $V$ , each of these 4 sums is finite.
  - (2) Each of the 4 operators maps  $V_m$  to  $V_{-m}$ .
  - (3) If we use  ${}^\omega V$  to denote a twist of  $V$  by the Cartan involution, while  ${}^\omega v$  denotes  $v \in V$  when viewed as an el-t of  ${}^\omega V$ , then:
 
$${}^\omega T({}^\omega v) = {}^\omega(T(v)), \quad {}^\omega T'({}^\omega v) = {}^\omega(T'(v)) \quad \forall v \in V$$

Assuming  $q \neq \pm 1$ , any fin. dim.  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module is a direct sum of  $L(n, +)$ . For that reason it suffices to understand how  $T, T', \omega T, \omega T'$  act on  $L(n, +)$ . For the simplification of formulas, we will slightly rescale the basis of  $L(n, +)$  which was chosen in [Lecture 7, Prop. 1], so that now the basis  $\{v_i\}_{i=0}^n$  is still a weight basis with  $K(v_i) = q^{n-2i} v_i$  and

$$(1) \quad F(v_i) = \begin{cases} [i+1] \cdot v_{i+1}, & \text{if } i < n \\ 0, & \text{if } i = n \end{cases} \quad \& \quad E(v_i) = \begin{cases} [n+1-i] v_{i-1}, & \text{if } i > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } i = 0 \end{cases}$$

These formulas immediately imply how the divided powers act:

$$(2) \quad F^{(r)}(v_i) = \begin{bmatrix} r+i \\ r \end{bmatrix} \cdot v_{i+r} \quad \& \quad E^{(r)}(v_i) = \begin{bmatrix} n+r-i \\ r \end{bmatrix} v_{i-r}, \quad \text{where } v_{\leq 0} = 0 = v_{> n}$$

Lemma 1: The following formulas hold:

$$(a) \quad T(v_i) = (-1)^{n-i} q^{(n-i)(i+1)} v_{n-i}$$

$$(b) \quad T'(v_i) = (-1)^{n-i} q^{-(n-i)(i+1)} v_{n-i}$$

$$(c) \quad \omega T(v_i) = (-1)^i q^{i(n+1-i)} v_{n-i}$$

$$(d) \quad \omega T'(v_i) = (-1)^i q^{-i(n+1-i)} v_{n-i}$$

Since  $v_i \in L(n, +)_{n-2i}$  and we know the explicit action of divided powers (2), parts (a, b) reduce to the following equality:

$$\sum_{\substack{a, b, c \geq 0 \\ a+b+c=n-2i}} (-1)^b \cdot q^{\pm(b-ac)} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} n+c-i \\ c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i-c+b \\ b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n+a-i-b+c \\ a \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{n-i} \cdot q^{\pm(n-i)(i+1)}$$

Note that  $\begin{bmatrix} n+a-i-b+c \\ a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ a \end{bmatrix}$  above as  $a-b+c = 2i-n$ . We also note that the nontrivial summands may appear only for  $c \leq i$ ,  $b \leq n+c-i \xrightarrow{a-b+c=2i-n} a \leq i$ .

Hence, if we use  $j$  to denote  $j = n-i$ , the above equality can be rewritten as:

$$(3) \quad \sum_{\substack{0 \leq a \leq i \\ 0 \leq c \leq i}} (-1)^{b+j} \cdot q^{\pm(b-ac-j(i+2))} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} i \\ a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} j+c \\ c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} j+a \\ i-c \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

Exercise d: Prove the equality (3)

Hint: You may want to use (and prove)  $\begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=0}^k q^{ai-b(k-i)} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ k-i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \\ i \end{bmatrix}$  (Provide an interpretation in spirit of ETHNKS, Publ)

Modelo this exercise, the proof of (a, b) is complete!

The proofs of (c, d) can be given along the same lines. However, they can be also immediately deduced from (a, b) by using Rmk (3) from p.1

► Continuation of the proof of Lemma 1.

To do that, we note that  ${}^{\omega}L(n,+) \cong L(n,+)$ , so that:

$${}^{\omega}v_{n+i} \rightarrow v_i$$

$${}^{\omega}T(v_i) = {}^{\omega}T({}^{\omega}v_{n-i}) \stackrel{\text{Rmk(3)}}{=} {}^{\omega}(T(v_{n-i})) \stackrel{(a)}{=} (-1)^i \cdot q^{(n-i+1)i} \cdot {}^{\omega}v_i = (-1)^i q^{i(n-i+1)} v_{n-i}$$

and likewise one computes  ${}^{\omega}T'(v_i)$

Corollary 1: For any fin. dim.  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module  $V$ , we have:

$$(a) T^{-1} = {}^{\omega}T', \quad (T')^{-1} = {}^{\omega}T$$

$$(b) \text{ for } v \in V_m: {}^{\omega}T(v) = (-q)^{-m} T(v), \quad {}^{\omega}T'(v) = (-q)^m T'(v)$$

► As noted right before Lemma 1, it suffices to treat the case  $V = L(n,+)$ , for which we have explicit formulas of Lemma 1. In particular, all four equalities follow immediately.

As a consequence, we see that  $T, T', {}^{\omega}T, {}^{\omega}T'$  are actually bijective endom.s.

Lemma 2: For any fin. dim.  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module  $V$ , we have the following "commutation" relations between the operator  $T$  and action of generators:

$$(a) T(Kv) = K^{-1}T(v), \quad T(Ev) = (-FK)T(v), \quad T(Fv) = (-K^{-1}E)T(v)$$

$$(b) K^{-1}T(v) = T(Kv), \quad FT(v) = T(-EKv), \quad E^{-1}T(v) = T(-K^{-1}Fv)$$

► (a) As before, it suffices to consider the case  $V = L(n,+)$ ,  $v = v_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq n$ ).

$$\circ Kv_i = q^{n-2i} v_i, \quad K^{-1}v_{n-i} = q^{-(n-2(n-i))} v_{n-i} = q^{n-2i} v_{n-i}, \quad T(v_i) = \text{const} \cdot v_{n-i} \Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equality}$$

$$\circ T(Ev_i) \stackrel{(1)}{=} T([n+1-i]v_{i-1}) \stackrel{\text{Lemma 1}}{=} (-1)^{n-i+1} \cdot [n+1-i] q^{i(n-i+1)} v_{n-i+1}$$

$$(-FK)T(v_i) = -(FK)(-1)^{n-i} q^{(i+1)(n-i)} v_{n-i} = (-1)^{n-i+1} \cdot [n+1-i] \cdot q^{(i+1)(n-i)} \cdot q^{2i-n} v_{n-i+1}$$

$$\circ T(Fv_i) \stackrel{(1)}{=} [i+1]T(v_{i+1}) = (-1)^{n-i-1} \cdot [i+1] \cdot q^{(i+2)(n-i-1)} v_{n-i-1}$$

$$(-K^{-1}E)T(v_i) = (-1)^{n-i-1} \cdot q^{(i+1)(n-i)} K^{-1}E(v_{n-i}) = (-1)^{n-i-1} \cdot [i+1] \cdot q^{(i+1)(n-i)} q^{n-2i-2} v_{n-i-1}$$

(b) Follows immediately from (a)

Having established the key properties of these four operators  $T, T', {}^{\omega}T, {}^{\omega}T'$  (we will concentrate our main attention on  $T$ ) for the simplest case of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ , we are ready to provide the corresponding construction for a general  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

## General of

For every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}$ , we have an embedding  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ ; in particular, we can apply our construction from  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$  to the pull-back of  $V_\alpha$  along this embedding. In other words, we have operators  $\{\pi_\alpha, \pi'_\alpha, \omega\pi_\alpha, \omega\pi'_\alpha\}$  whose action on a fin. dim.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module  $V$  is given by:

$$\pi_\alpha(v) = \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ -a+b-c=m}} (-1)^b q_\alpha^{b-ac} E_\alpha^{(a)} F_\alpha^{(b)} E_\alpha^{(c)} v, \quad \pi'_\alpha(v) = \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ -a+b-c=m}} (-1)^b q_\alpha^{-b+ac} E_\alpha^{(a)} F_\alpha^{(b)} E_\alpha^{(c)} v$$

$$\omega\pi_\alpha(v) = \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ a-b+c=m}} (-1)^b q_\alpha^{b-ac} F_\alpha^{(a)} E_\alpha^{(b)} F_\alpha^{(c)} v, \quad \omega\pi'_\alpha(v) = \sum_{\substack{a,b,c \geq 0 \\ a-b+c=m}} (-1)^b q_\alpha^{-b+ac} F_\alpha^{(a)} E_\alpha^{(b)} F_\alpha^{(c)} v$$

for  $v \in V_\alpha$ ,  $m := \frac{2(\alpha, \alpha)}{d_\alpha} = \frac{2(\lambda, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)}$ ,  $E_\alpha^{(a)} := \frac{E_\alpha^a}{[a]_{q_\alpha}!}$ ,  $F_\alpha^{(a)} := \frac{F_\alpha^a}{[a]_{q_\alpha}!}$

As an immediate consequence of our discussion for  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ , we obtain:

**Corollary 2:** (a)  $\pi_\alpha, \pi'_\alpha, \omega\pi_\alpha, \omega\pi'_\alpha$  are bijective and map  $V_\alpha$  isomorphically onto  $V_{s_\alpha(\alpha)}$ .

(b)  $\pi_\alpha^{-1} = \omega\pi'_\alpha$ ,  $(\pi'_\alpha)^{-1} = \omega\pi_\alpha$

(c)  $\omega\pi_\alpha(v) = (-q_\alpha)^{-m} \pi_\alpha(v)$ ,  $\omega\pi'_\alpha(v) = (-q_\alpha)^m \pi'_\alpha(v)$ , where  $m$  is as above,  $v \in V_\alpha$ .

(d)  $\pi_\alpha(E_\alpha v) = (-F_\alpha K_\alpha) \pi'_\alpha(v)$ ,  $\pi_\alpha(F_\alpha v) = (-K_\alpha^{-1} E_\alpha) \pi'_\alpha(v)$   
 $E_\alpha \pi_\alpha(v) = \pi'_\alpha((-K_\alpha^{-1} F_\alpha)v)$ ,  $F_\alpha \pi_\alpha(v) = \pi'_\alpha(-E_\alpha K_\alpha v)$

(e) As  $(\alpha, \mu) = (s_\alpha \alpha, s_\alpha \mu)$ , we immediately see that  $\pi_\alpha(K_\mu v) = K_{s_\alpha \mu} \pi_\alpha(v) \forall \mu \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

Q: What about the "commutation" relation b/w  $\pi_\alpha$  and  $\{E_\beta, F_\beta\}_{\beta \neq \alpha}$ ?

If  $(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ , then  $[E_\beta, F_\alpha] = 0 = [E_\beta, E_\alpha]$  &  $[F_\beta, F_\alpha] = 0 = [F_\beta, E_\alpha]$

$\Rightarrow \pi_\alpha(E_\beta v) = E_\beta \pi_\alpha(v)$  &  $\pi_\alpha(F_\beta v) = F_\beta \pi_\alpha(v)$  if  $(\alpha, \beta) = 0$

Prop 1: For any  $\alpha \neq \beta \in \mathbb{T}$  and a fin. dim.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module  $V$ ,  $v \in V$ , we have:

$$\pi_\alpha(E_\beta v) = (\text{ad}(E_\alpha^{(\nu)}) E_\beta) \pi_\alpha(v) \text{ with } \nu := -\frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)}$$

Before we sketch the proof, let us discuss some properties of

$$\alpha_r(m) := \text{ad}(E_\alpha^{(m)}) E_\beta, \quad m \geq 0$$

First of all, we recall that according to [Lecture 11, Lemma 3], the Serre rel-n for  $E_\alpha$ 's is equivalent to  $a(r+1)=0$ . Hence,  $a(m)=0 \forall m > r$ .

Second, due to [Lecture 11, Lemma 2], we have:

$$a(m) = \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i q_\alpha^{i(m-1-i)} E_\alpha^{(m-i)} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i)}$$

Lemma 3:  $ad(F_\alpha^{(s)})(a(m)) = \begin{cases} [\tau+s-m]_\alpha \cdot a(m-s), & s \leq m \\ 0, & s > m. \end{cases}$

As  $ad(F_\alpha^s) = (ad(F_\alpha))^s$  and  $ad(F_\alpha)E_\beta = 0$ , it suffices to prove the above for  $s=1, m \geq 1$ .

According to [Lecture 11, Lemma 1]:  $ad(F_\alpha)u = [F_\alpha, u] \cdot K_\alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [F_\alpha, a(m)] &= \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i q_\alpha^{i(m-1-i)} (-E_\alpha^{(m-i)} [K_\alpha; m-i-1] E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i)} - E_\alpha^{(m-i)} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i-1)} [K_\alpha; i-1]) = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (-1)^{i-1} q_\alpha^{i(m-1-i)} E_\alpha^{(m-i-1)} \cdot \frac{K_\alpha q_\alpha^{m-i-1} - K_\alpha^{-1} q_\alpha^{-m+i+1}}{q_\alpha - q_\alpha^{-1}} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i)} + \\ &\quad \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (-1)^i q_\alpha^{(i+1)(m-1-i)} E_\alpha^{(m-i-1)} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i)} \cdot \frac{K_\alpha q_\alpha^i - K_\alpha^{-1} q_\alpha^{-i}}{q_\alpha - q_\alpha^{-1}} = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (-1)^i E_\alpha^{(m-1-i)} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i)} \left( q_\alpha^{(i+1)(m-1-i)} \cdot \frac{K_\alpha q_\alpha^i - K_\alpha^{-1} q_\alpha^{-i}}{q_\alpha - q_\alpha^{-1}} - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - q_\alpha^{i(m-1-i)} \cdot \frac{K_\alpha q_\alpha^{m+i-1} - K_\alpha^{-1} q_\alpha^{-m-i+1}}{q_\alpha - q_\alpha^{-1}} \right) \\ &= [\tau+1-m]_\alpha \cdot a(m-1) K_\alpha^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow ad(F_\alpha)(a(m)) = [F_\alpha, a(m)] \cdot K_\alpha = [\tau+1-m]_\alpha \cdot a(m-1)$$

Lemma 4: For any  $m, i \geq 0$ , we have:

$$(a) a(m) E_\alpha^{(i)} = \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j [m+j]_\alpha q_\alpha^{i(\tau-2m)-j(i-1)} E_\alpha^{(i-j)} a(m+j)$$

$$(b) a(m) F_\alpha^{(i)} = \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j [r-m+j]_\alpha q_\alpha^{j(i-1)} F_\alpha^{(i-j)} a(m-j) K_\alpha^{-j}$$

Let us first verify both claims for  $i=1$  (as  $i=0$  is trivial).

$$ad(E_\alpha) a(m) = [m+1]_\alpha \cdot a(m+1)$$

|| [Lecture 11, Lemma 1]

$$E_\alpha \cdot a(m) - K_\alpha a(m) K_\alpha^{-1} E_\alpha = E_\alpha \cdot a(m) - q_\alpha^{2m-\tau} \cdot a(m) E_\alpha \Rightarrow a(m) E_\alpha = q_\alpha^{\tau-2m} E_\alpha \cdot a(m) - q_\alpha^{\tau-2m} [m+1]_\alpha \cdot a(m+1)$$

which is part (a) for  $i=1$ .

$$\text{By Lemma 3: } \left. \begin{aligned} ad(F_\alpha) a(m) &= [\tau+1-m]_\alpha \cdot a(m-1) \\ (F_\alpha \cdot a(m) - a(m) F_\alpha) K_\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow a(m) F_\alpha = F_\alpha a(m) - [\tau+1-m]_\alpha a(m-1) K_\alpha^{-1}$$

which is part (b) for  $i=1$

The case of general  $i > 1$  is left as an exercise.

Exercise 3: Use induction to prove Lemma 4 for  $i > 1$ .

Corollary 3: As  $a(z) = 0$ , part (a) of Lemma 4 implies

$$a(z) E_d^{(i)} = q_d^{-iz} E_d^{(i)} a(z)$$

Exercise 4: Prove Proposition 1.

Hint: Use Lemma 4 to reduce the equality to a quite simple identity involving  $q$ -binomial coefficients.

Corollary 4: For  $\alpha \neq \beta \in \Pi$ , we have the following equality  $\forall v \in V$  - f. d.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -mod:

$$T_\alpha(F_\beta v) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_d^i E_d^{(i)} F_\beta E_d^{(z-i)} \right) T_\alpha(v)$$

First of all, using Corollary 2, it is easy to see that if  $T_\alpha(uv) = u' T_\alpha(v) \forall v \in V$ , then  $T_\alpha(\omega(u)v) = (-q_d)^{-\frac{2\langle \mu, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}} \omega(u') T_\alpha(v)$  for  $u \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ . Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} T_\alpha(F_\beta v) &= T_\alpha(\omega(E_\beta) v) = (-q_d)^z \cdot \omega \left( \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_d^i E_d^{(z-i)} E_\beta E_d^{(i)} \right) T_\alpha(v) = \\ &= \omega \left( \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^{z-i} \cdot q_d^{z-i} E_d^{(z-i)} E_\beta E_d^{(i)} \right) T_\alpha(v) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_d^i E_d^{(i)} E_\beta E_d^{(z-i)} \right) T_\alpha(v) \end{aligned}$$

Prop 2: (a) For any  $\alpha \in \Pi$  and any  $u \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ ,  $\exists! u' \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$  such that

$$T_\alpha(uv) = u' T_\alpha(v)$$

for any fin. dim.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module  $V$  and  $v \in V$ .

(b) The assignment  $u \mapsto u'$  is an automorphism of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ .

(a) According to Corollary 2(d,e), Prop 1, Corollary 4, such  $u'$  exist for  $u$  chosen to be any of the generators  $\{E_\beta, F_\beta, K_\beta^{\pm 1}\}_{\beta \in \Pi}$ . Hence, such  $u'$  exists for any  $u$ .

The uniqueness of  $u'$  follows from the fact that  $T_\alpha$  is bijective and the fact that any el-t of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$  acting trivially on all fin. dim.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules must be ZERO, see [Lecture 12, Theorem 2].

(b) As  $(u_1 + u_2)' = u_1' + u_2'$ ,  $(u_1 u_2)' = u_1' u_2'$ , the assignment  $u \mapsto u'$  is an algebra endomorphism of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ . It is injective for the same reason as above.

The surjectivity of this assignment follows from our next exercise. ⑥

Exercise 5: Consider an algebra homomorphism  $\sigma_{ad}: \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \text{End}_k(\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g}))$

$$x \longmapsto \sigma \circ ad(x) \circ \sigma^{-1}: \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$$

(a) Prove  $(\sigma_{ad}(E_\alpha)u)' = ad(F_\alpha)u'$

(b) Prove  $(\sigma_{ad}(F_\alpha)u)' = ad(E_\alpha)u'$

(c) Combine part (a) with Lemma 3 to deduce  $\exists u \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$  s.t.  $u' = E_\beta$ .

(d) Establish the surjectivity of the assignment  $u \mapsto u'$ .

Abusing notations, we shall denote the automorphism  $u \mapsto u'$  of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$  from Prop 2 also by  $T_\alpha$ , i.e.  $u' = T_\alpha(u)$ . Then:

$$\boxed{T_\alpha(uv) = T_\alpha(u)T_\alpha(v) \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g}), \forall v \in V}$$

Due to Corollary 2(d,e), Prop 1, Corollary 4:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} T_\alpha: E_\alpha &\mapsto -F_\alpha K_\alpha, & E_\beta &\mapsto \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_\alpha^{-i} E_\alpha^{(z-i)} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(i)} \text{ for } \beta \neq \alpha, & z &= -\frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \\ F_\alpha &\mapsto -K_\alpha^{-1} E_\alpha, & F_\beta &\mapsto \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_\alpha^i F_\alpha^{(i)} F_\beta F_\alpha^{(z-i)} \\ K_\mu &\mapsto K_{s_\alpha \mu} \end{aligned}} \quad (*_1)$$

Due to Exercise 5, we also get explicit formulas for  $T_\alpha^{-1}$ :

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} T_\alpha^{-1}: E_\alpha &\mapsto -K_\alpha^{-1} F_\alpha, & E_\beta &\mapsto \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_\alpha^{-i} E_\alpha^{(i)} E_\beta E_\alpha^{(z-i)} \\ F_\alpha &\mapsto -E_\alpha K_\alpha, & F_\beta &\mapsto \sum_{i=0}^z (-1)^i q_\alpha^i F_\alpha^{(z-i)} F_\beta F_\alpha^{(i)} \\ K_\mu &\mapsto K_{s_\alpha \mu} \end{aligned}} \quad (*_2)$$

Comparing formulas  $(*_1, *_2)$ , we immediately get the following result:

Corollary 5:  $\boxed{T_\alpha^{-1} = \sigma \circ T_\alpha \circ \sigma}$

Let us conclude today's lecture by noticing that if  $(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ , then  $\{E_\alpha, F_\alpha\}$  commute with  $\{E_\beta, F_\beta\}$ , and so  $\boxed{T_\alpha T_\beta = T_\beta T_\alpha \text{ if } (\alpha, \beta) = 0}$

Indeed, this equality viewed inside  $\text{End}(V)$  ( $V$ -f.d.) is obvious. On the other hand, knowing this equalities for all f.d.  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules. But then this equality also holds in  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g}))$ , since  $\forall u \in \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$   $T_\alpha T_\beta(u) = T_\beta T_\alpha(u)$  acts trivially on all f.d. reps.