

## PRIMITIVITY OF SMASH PRODUCT $C_q \# B_q$

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### Abstract

It is proved that the Smash product  $C_q \# B_q$  is a primitive algebra, where  $B_q$  is the Hopf-algebra corresponding to the compact quantum group  $S_q U(2)$  and  $C_q$  is a Hopf-subalgebra of the topological dual  $B'_q$ .

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### §0. Introduction

The quantum Lorentz group  $S_q L(2, \mathbb{C})$  was introduced by Podleś and Woronowicz in 1990. This quantum group is combined with the double group  $S_q U(2)$  through the Iwasawa decomposition<sup>[3]</sup>. Recently, Takeuchi developed a  $*$ -Hopf algebraic version of their work and described explicitly all finite dimensional representations of the quantum Lorentz group  $S_q L(2, \mathbb{C})$ <sup>[4]</sup>.

In Takeuchi's work, the  $*$ -Hopf algebra  $B_q$ , which is corresponding to the compact quantum group  $S_q U(2)$ , was defined as the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra generated by  $a, b, c, d$  with the following relations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} ba &= qab, & ca &= qac, & db &= qbd, & dc &= qcd, \\ cb &= b c, & ad - q^{-1}bc &= da - qbc, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (0.1)$$

where  $q$  is a real parameter  $\neq 0, \pm 1$ . The algebra  $B_q$  has the following  $*$ -Hopf algebra structure:

$$\Delta \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \otimes 1 & b \otimes 1 \\ c \otimes 1 & d \otimes 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \otimes a & 1 \otimes b \\ 1 \otimes c & 1 \otimes d \end{pmatrix}, \quad (0.2)$$

$$\mathcal{E} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (0.3)$$

$$\mathcal{S} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^* & c^* \\ b^* & d^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d & -qb \\ -q^{-1}c & a \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.4)$$

Let  $B'_q = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(B_q, \mathbb{C})$ , the topological dual of  $B_q$ . [4] defined  $C_q$  to be a  $*$ -subalgebra of  $B'_q$  generated by the following three elements  $p, p^{-1}$  and  $n$ , where  $p$  was defined as an algebra

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map  $B_q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  decided by

$$p: \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} q^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix},$$

$p^{-1}$  was the inverse of  $p$  in the sense of the convolution product, and  $n$  was induced by an opposite algebra map  $\pi: B_q \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} q^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}, & b &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ c &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - q^{-2}) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & d &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} q^{-\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\pi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} p(x) & n(x) \\ 0 & p^{-1}(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{for any } x \in B_q. \quad (0.5)$$

Then  $n \in B'_q$  (but not an algebra map). It was proved that  $p, p^{-1}$  and  $n$  satisfy the following relations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p^* p &= p p^*, & n p &= q p n, & n p^* &= q p^* n, \\ [n^*, n] &= (1 - q^{-2})(p p^* - p^{-1}(p^{-1})^*). \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (0.6)$$

Moreover, [4] showed that  $C_q$  is a  $*$ -Hopf subalgebra of  $B'_q$ .

In this paper, we first prove that  $C_q$  is dense in  $B'_q$ . Next, we give a representation of a Smash product; the result may be viewed as a development of Xu's theory of the complete ring of linear transformations<sup>[7-8]</sup>. Finally, we use this technique to show that the Smash product  $C_q \# B_q$  is primitive.

## §1 $q$ -Binomial Coefficient and the Density of $C_q$

We start with a definition of  $q$ -binomial coefficient.

Let  $s$  and  $t$  be two non-negative integers. We define inductively so-called “ $q$ -binomial coefficient”  $\binom{s}{t}_q$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{s}{0}_q &= \binom{s}{s}_q = 1, \\ \binom{s+1}{t}_q &= \binom{s}{t-1}_q + \binom{s}{t}_q \cdot q^{2t}, \quad \text{for } 0 < t \leq s. \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

It is well-defined, and we agree on  $\binom{s}{t}_q = 0$  for any  $s < t$ . Note that our  $q$ -binomial coefficient is just usual one when  $q = 1$ . It is easy to check that

$$\binom{s}{1}_q = \binom{s}{s-1}_q = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} q^{2i}. \quad (1.2)$$

In the following, we always let  $e, f, g, h$  and  $i, j, k, l$  be non-negative integers with  $0 \leq i \leq e$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq f$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq g$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq h$  and denote

$$\begin{pmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{pmatrix}_q = \binom{e}{i}_q \cdot \binom{f}{j}_q \cdot \binom{g}{k}_q \cdot \binom{h}{l}_q.$$

For the sake of convenience, we omit the lower index  $q$  in the sequel.

**Proposition 1.1.** *For any positive integers  $e, f, g, h$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(a^e) &= \sum_{i=0}^e \binom{e}{i} a^i b^{e-i} \otimes a^i c^{e-i}, \\ \Delta(b^f) &= \sum_{j=0}^f \binom{f}{j} a^j b^{f-j} \otimes b^j d^{f-j}, \\ \Delta(c^g) &= \sum_{k=0}^g \binom{g}{k} c^k d^{g-k} \otimes a^k c^{g-k}, \\ \Delta(d^h) &= \sum_{l=0}^h \binom{h}{l} c^l d^{h-l} \otimes b^l d^{h-l}.\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** We prove only the first statement by induction, the others can be proved similarly.

If  $e = 1$ , the result is clear from (0.2). Now let  $e > 1$  and assume that the statement for  $e$  is correct. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(a^{e+1}) &= \Delta(a) \cdot \Delta(a^e) \\ &= (a \otimes a + b \otimes c) \left( \sum_{i=0}^e \binom{e}{i} a^i b^{e-i} \otimes a^i c^{e-i} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{e+1} \binom{e}{i-1} a^i b^{e+1-i} \otimes a^i c^{e+1-i} + \sum_{i=0}^e \binom{e}{i} q^{2i} a^i b^{e+1-i} \otimes a^i c^{e+1-i} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{e+1} \binom{e+1}{i} a^i b^{e+1-i} \otimes a^i c^{e+1-i}.\end{aligned}$$

Here we have used (1.1). The statement follows by induction.

From the proposition above, one can compute easily

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(a^e b^f c^g d^h) &= \Delta(a^e) \Delta(b^f) \Delta(c^g) \Delta(d^h) \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \binom{e}{i} \binom{f}{j} \binom{g}{k} \binom{h}{l} q^{j(e-i)+l(g-k)+(f-j-k)(g-k+l)} \\ &\quad \cdot a^{i+j} b^{e+f-i-j} c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l} \otimes a^i b^{j+l} c^{e+g-i-k} d^{f-j} a^k d^{h-l}.\end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$\begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} = \binom{e}{i} \binom{f}{j} \binom{g}{k} \binom{h}{l} q^{j(e-i)+l(g-k)+(f-j-k)(g-k+l)}.$$

We need to notice that

$$\begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} \neq 0. \quad (1.3)$$

**Proposition 1.2.** *For any non-negative integers  $e, f, g, h$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(a^e b^f c^g d^h) &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} a^{i+j} b^{e+f-i-j} c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l} \otimes a^i b^{j+l} c^{e+g-i-k} d^{f-j} a^k d^{h-l}.\end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

**Proposition 1.3.** *For any positive integer  $s$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} n^s(a^e b^f c^g d^h) &\neq 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad f = 0 \text{ and } g = s. \\ n^{*s}(a^e b^f c^g d^h) &\neq 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad f = s \text{ and } g = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** We use induction for  $s$  to show the first statement. In the case of  $s = 1$ , from (0.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\pi(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \\ &= \pi(d^h) \cdot \pi(c^g) \cdot \pi(b^f) \cdot \pi(a^e) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} q^{-\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}^h \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - q^{-2}) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^g \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^f \cdot \begin{pmatrix} q^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}^e \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} p(a^e b^f c^g d^h) & n(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \\ 0 & p^{-1}(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $n(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \neq 0$  iff  $f = 0$  and  $g = 1$ . If  $s > 1$  and the result for  $s$  is correct, then

$$\begin{aligned} &n^{s+1}(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \\ &= (n^s \cdot n)(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} n^s(a^{i+j} b^{e+f-i-j} c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l}) \\ &\quad \cdot n(a^i b^{j+l} c^{e+g-i-k} d^{f-j} a^k d^{h-l}). \end{aligned}$$

The non-zero term  $(i, j, k, l)$  in the summation above occurs only when  $(i, j, k, l)$  satisfies the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} e + f - i - j = 0, & k + l = s, \\ j + l = 0, & e + g - i - k = 1. \end{cases}$$

Noting that  $0 \leq i \leq e$ , we get a unique solution  $(i, j, k, l) = (e, 0, s, 0)$  and  $f = 0, g = s + 1$ . Hence,  $n^{s+1}(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \neq 0$  iff  $f = 0, g = s + 1$ . The first statement then follows by induction.

Next, note that  $(* \circ S) \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$  from (0.4), and the definition of  $*$ -structure on  $B'_q$  is

$$\alpha^*(x) = \overline{\alpha(S(x)^*)}, \quad x \in B_q, \quad \alpha \in B'_q;$$

the second statement follows immediately.

**Remark.** It is easy to see that whether  $n^i(a^e b^f c^g d^h a^s d^t)$  equals zero or not has nothing to do with  $s$  and  $t$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** *Suppose that  $s \leq f$  or  $t \leq g$ . Then we have*

$$(n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \neq 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad f = s \text{ and } g = t.$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} & (n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} n^{*s}(a^{i+j} b^{e+f-i-j} c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l}) \\ & \quad \cdot n^t(a^i b^{j+l} c^{e+g-i-k} d^{f-j} a^k d^{h-l}). \end{aligned}$$

The non-zero term  $(i, j, k, l)$  in the summation above occurs only when  $(i, j, k, l)$  satisfies the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} e + f - i - j = s, & k + l = 0, \\ e + g - i - k = t, & j + l = 0. \end{cases}$$

Noting that  $i \leq e$  and  $s \leq f$  or  $t \leq g$ , we get a unique solution  $(i, j, k, l) = (e, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $f = s, g = t$ .

**Proposition 1.5.** *Suppose that  $s \leq f$  or  $t \leq g$ . Then*

$$(p^m \cdot n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \neq 0 \text{ iff } f = s \text{ and } g = t.$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} & (p^m \cdot n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} p^m(a^{i+j} b^{e+f-i-j} c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l}) \\ & \quad \cdot (n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(a^i b^{j+l} c^{e+g-i-k} d^{f-j} a^k d^{h-l}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p^m(a^e b^f c^g d^h) \neq 0$  iff  $f = g = 0$ , the non-zero term  $(i, j, k, l)$  occurs in the following case:

$$\begin{cases} e + f - i - j = 0, & k + l = 0, \\ j + l = s, & e + g - i - k = t. \end{cases}$$

We get a unique solution  $(i, j, k, l) = (e, s, 0, 0)$  and  $f = s, g = t$ .

Denote the non-zero element  $\mu(efgh) = (n^{*f} \cdot n^g)(a^e b^f c^g d^h)$ . Then the following result is obtained easily

$$(p^m \cdot n^{*f} \cdot n^g)(a^e b^f c^g d^h) = \mu(efgh) q^{\frac{m}{2}(e+f-g-h)}. \quad (1.5)$$

**Theorem 1.1.**  $C_q$  is dense in  $B'_q$ .

**Proof.** We have to prove that for any  $\lambda \in B_q (\lambda \neq 0)$  there exists  $x \in C_q$  such that  $x(\lambda) \neq 0$ .

From [6], we can write

$$\lambda = \sum_{\substack{e,f,g,h \\ eh=0}} \alpha_{efgh} a^e b^f c^g d^h, \quad \alpha_{efgh} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Take

$$s = \min\{f \mid \alpha_{efgh} \neq 0\}, \quad t = \min\{g \mid f = s\}.$$

For any  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have

$$(p^m \cdot n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(\lambda) = \sum_{\substack{e,h \\ eh=0}} \alpha_{efgh} \mu(esth) q^{\frac{m}{2}(e+s-t-h)}. \quad (1.6)$$

Take

$$-N = \min\{e + s - t - h, \quad 0\}.$$

We see that the polynomial

$$\sum_{\substack{e,h \\ eh=0}} \alpha_{esth} \mu(esth) X^{N+e+s-t-h} \quad (1.7)$$

is non-zero, since

$$N + e + s - t - h = N + e' + s - t - h'$$

forces  $(e, h) = (e', h')$  in the condition  $eh = e'h' = 0$ .

On the other hand, if (1.6) keeps zero for any  $m$ , then Equation (1.7) has infinite number of solutions, since  $q$  is not a root of unity. Hence there exist  $m, s$  and  $t$  such that

$$(p^m \cdot n^{*s} \cdot n^t)(\lambda) \neq 0.$$

This ends the proof.

## §2. A Lemma

To prove the main result, we introduce first an isomorphism theorem for Smash products.

Let  $H$  be a Hopf-algebra over a field  $K$ . Then  $\text{End}_K(H)$  is the quantum double of  $H$  in the sense of [3] and [4]. Here, the multiplication as quantum double is the convolution product induced by the Hopf-algebra structure of  $H$ . In the following, notations “ $\cdot$ ” and “ $*$ ” represent the composite product and the convolution product of linear transformations of  $H$ , respectively. It is easy to see that the dual algebra  $H' = \text{Hom}_K(H, K)$  can be embedded in  $(\text{End}_K(H), *)$  in a natural way.

We write a linear transformation of  $H$  on the right. In particular, we write also  $xu = \langle x, u \rangle$  for any  $u \in H', x \in H$ .

Let  $A$  be a sub-bialgebra of  $H'$ . For any  $x \in H, u \in A$ , we define

$$x \rightharpoonup u = \sum_{(u)} u_{(1)} \langle x, u_{(2)} \rangle. \quad (2.1)$$

Then  $A$  becomes an  $H$ -module algebra. Therefore, we can form a Smash product  $A \# H$ .

Let  $H^\sigma$  be the algebra of all right multiplications of  $H$ . Then (2.1) can be expressed as

$$x \rightharpoonup u = x^\sigma \cdot u.$$

In fact, for any  $h \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} h\left(\sum_{(u)} u_{(1)} \langle x, u_{(2)} \rangle\right) &= \langle h, \sum_{(u)} u_{(1)} \langle x, u_{(2)} \rangle \rangle \\ &= \sum_{(u)} \langle h, u_{(1)} \rangle \langle x, u_{(2)} \rangle \\ &= \langle hx, u \rangle = (hx)u \\ &= h(x^\sigma \cdot u), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\sum_{(u)} u_{(1)} \langle x, u_{(2)} \rangle = x^\sigma \cdot u.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $H$  be a Hopf-algebra over a field  $K$ ,  $A$  a sub-bialgebra of  $H'$ . Then the Smash product  $A \# H$  is isomorphic to the subalgebra  $A * H^\sigma$  of  $(\text{End}_K(H), \cdot)$ .*

**Proof.** We first prove that

$$A * H^\sigma = \{u * x^\sigma \mid u \in A, x \in H\}$$

is a subalgebra of  $(\text{End}_K(H), \cdot)$ . Because of the identity map on  $H$ , and

$$I = \mathcal{E} * 1_H^\sigma \in A * H^\sigma,$$

it is enough to show that  $A * H^\sigma$  is closed related to the composite product. Indeed, for any

$$u * x^\sigma, v * y^\sigma \in A * H^\sigma,$$

and  $h \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h((u * x^\sigma) \cdot (v * y^\sigma)) &= (h(u * x^\sigma))(v * y^\sigma) \\ &= \left(\sum_{(h)} (h_{(1)}u)(h_{(2)}x^\sigma)\right)(v * y^\sigma) \\ &= \left(\sum_{(h)} \langle h_{(1)}, u \rangle h_{(2)}x^\sigma\right)(v * y^\sigma) \\ &= \sum_{(h), (x)} \langle h_{(1)}, u \rangle \langle h_{(2)}x_{(1)}, v \rangle (h_{(3)}x_{(2)})y^\sigma \\ &= \sum_{(h), (x)} \langle h_{(1)}, u \rangle \langle h_{(2)}, x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v \rangle h_{(3)}(x_{(2)}^\sigma \cdot y^\sigma) \\ &= h\left(\sum_{(x)} (u * x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v) * x_{(2)}^\sigma \cdot y^\sigma\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(u * x^\sigma) \cdot (v * y^\sigma) = \sum_{(x)} (u * x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v) * (x_{(2)}^\sigma \cdot y^\sigma). \quad (2.2)$$

Noting that

$$u * x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v \in A, \quad x_{(2)}^\sigma \cdot y^\sigma = (x_{(2)}y)^\sigma \in H^\sigma,$$

we complete the proof that  $A * H^\sigma$  is a subalgebra of  $(\text{End}_K(H), \cdot)$ .

Now, set a map  $\varphi : A \# H \longrightarrow A * H^\sigma$  as follows :

$$\varphi : u \# x \longmapsto u * x^\sigma, \quad u \in A, \quad x \in H.$$

To prove that  $\varphi$  is an algebra isomorphism, it is enough to show that  $\varphi$  remains the multiplication operations.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((u \# x)(v \# y)) &= \varphi\left(\sum_{(x)} (u * (x_{(1)} \rightharpoonup v)) \# (x_{(2)} y)\right) \\ &= \varphi\left(\sum_{(x)} (u * x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v) \# (x_{(2)} y^\sigma)\right) \\ &= \sum_{(x)} (u * x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v) * (x_{(2)} y^\sigma)^\sigma \\ &= \sum_{(x)} (u * x_{(1)}^\sigma \cdot v) * (x_{(2)}^\sigma \cdot y^\sigma) \\ &= (u * x^\sigma) \cdot (v * y^\sigma) \\ &= \varphi(u \# x) \cdot \varphi(v \# y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have proved that  $(A \# H, \#)$  is isomorphic to  $(A * H^\sigma, \cdot)$  as algebras.

### §3. Main Theorem

Now we are in a position to give our main result.

**Theorem 3.1.**  $C_q \# B_q$  is a primitive algebra.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.1,  $(C_q \# B_q, \#)$  is isomorphic to the subalgebra  $(C_q * B_q^\sigma, \cdot)$  of  $(\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(B_q), \cdot)$ . Thus, it is equivalent to prove that  $C_q * B_q^\sigma$  is primitive for our purpose. The advantage of such doing is that we get naturally a faithful (right)  $C_q * B_q^\sigma$ -module  $B_q$ . The remaining thing is to show that  $B_q$  is irreducible as  $C_q * B_q^\sigma$ -module, that is,  $\lambda(C_q * B_q^\sigma) = B_q$  for any non-zero element  $\lambda \in B_q$ .

Firstly, suppose  $\lambda = 1$ , the identity of  $B_q$ . In this case, it is clear that

$$\tilde{\lambda} = 1(\epsilon * \tilde{\lambda}^\sigma)$$

for any  $\tilde{\lambda} \in B_q$ , which shows  $1(C_q * B_q^\sigma) = B_q$ .

Secondly, suppose that  $\lambda$  has the following form

$$\lambda = \lambda_m = \sum_{e=0}^m \alpha_e a^e b^{m-e}, \quad \alpha_e \in \mathbb{C}.$$

In this case, we shall prove  $1 \in \lambda(C_q * B_q^\sigma)$  by induction. Then the case is reduced to the above one.

If  $m = 1$ , then  $\lambda = \alpha a + \beta b$ . Taking

$$k = \frac{p(a)}{n^*(b)} q^{-1},$$

we get

$$\lambda(p * d^\sigma - k n^* * b^\sigma) = \alpha p(a) 1;$$



hence  $1 \in \lambda(C_q * B_q^\sigma)$  in the case of  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Otherwise, taking

$$k = \frac{n^*(b)}{p(a)}q,$$

we have

$$\lambda(n^* * a^\sigma - kp * c^\sigma) = \beta n^*(b)1;$$

hence

$$1 \in \lambda(C_q * B_q^\sigma).$$

Suppose  $m > 1$ , and

$$1 \in \lambda_{m-1}(C_q * B_q^\sigma).$$

Then in the case of  $\lambda = \lambda_m$ , take

$$k = \frac{n^*(a^{m-1}b)}{p(a^m)} \binom{m}{1} q.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lambda(n^* * b^\sigma - kp * d^\sigma) \\
&= \sum_{e=0}^m \alpha_e \left\{ \sum_{i,j} \begin{bmatrix} e & m-e \\ i & j \end{bmatrix} n^*(a^{i+j}b^{m-i-j})a^ib^jc^{e-i}d^{m-e-j}b \right. \\
&\quad \left. - k \sum_{i,j} \begin{bmatrix} e & m-e \\ i & j \end{bmatrix} p(a^{i+j}b^{m-i-j})a^ib^jc^{e-i}d^{m-e-j}d \right\} \\
&= \alpha_0 \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & m \\ 0 & m-1 \end{bmatrix} n^*(a^{m-1}b)b^{m-1}db - kp(a^m)b^md \right\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{e=1}^m \alpha_e \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} e & m-e \\ e & m-e-1 \end{bmatrix} n^*(a^{m-1}b)a^eb^{m-e-1}d \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \begin{bmatrix} e & m-e \\ e-1 & m-e \end{bmatrix} n^*(a^{m-1}b)a^{e-1}b^{m-e}c \right) b - kp(a^m)a^eb^{m-e}d \right\} \\
&= \sum_{e=1}^m \alpha_e a^{e-1}b^{m-e} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} m-e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} q^{-(m-e-1)} n^*(a^{m-1}b)ad \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \begin{pmatrix} e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} q^{m-e} n^*(a^{m-1}b)bc - kp(a^m)q^{-(m-e)}ad \right\} \\
&= \sum_{e=1}^m \alpha_e a^{e-1}b^{m-e} \left\{ \left[ \left( \begin{pmatrix} m-e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} q^{-(m-e-1)} + \begin{pmatrix} e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} q^{m-e+1} \right) n^*(a^{m-1}b) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - kp(a^m)q^{-(m-e)} \right] ad - \begin{pmatrix} e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} q^{m-e+1} n^*(a^{m-1}b) \right\} \\
&= \sum_{e=1}^m (-\alpha_e) q^{m-e+1} \begin{pmatrix} e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} n^*(a^{m-1}b) a^{e-1} b^{m-e} \\
&\quad + \sum_{e=1}^m \alpha_e a^{e-1} b^{m-e} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} q^{-(m-e-1)} n^*(a^{m-1}b) - kp(a^m) q^{-(m-e)} \right\} ad \\
&= \sum_{e=1}^m (-\alpha_e) q^{m-e+1} \begin{pmatrix} e \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} n^*(a^{m-1}b) a^{e-1} b^{m-e} \\
&= \sum_{e=0}^{m-1} \alpha'_e a^e b^{m-1-e} \\
&= \lambda_{m-1},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\alpha'_e = -\alpha_{e+1} q^{m-e} \begin{pmatrix} e+1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} n^*(a^{m-1}b), \quad e = 0, 1, \dots, m-1.$$

There exists an element  $x'$  in  $C_q * B_q^\sigma$  such that  $\lambda_{m-1}x' = 1$  by the inductive assumption.

Take  $x = (n^* * b^\sigma - kp * d^\sigma)x'$ . Then  $1 = \lambda x \in \lambda(C_q * B_q^\sigma)$ .

Finally,  $\lambda$  has the following form in the general case

$$\lambda = \sum_{\substack{e,f,g,h \\ eh=0}} \alpha_{efgh} a^e b^f c^g d^h, \quad \alpha_{efgh} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Take  $T = \max\{e + f \mid \alpha_{efgh} \neq 0\}$ . If  $T = 0$ , then

$$\lambda = \sum_{g,h} \alpha_{gh} c^g d^h.$$

If  $T > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda(n^{*T} * 1^\sigma) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{e,f,g,h \\ eh=0}} \alpha_{efgh} \sum_{i,j,k,l} \begin{bmatrix} e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \end{bmatrix} n^{*T} (a^{i+j} b^{e+f-i-j} c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l}) \\ & \quad \cdot a^i b^{j+l} c^{e+g-i-k} d^{f-j} a^k d^{h-l} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{e+f=T \\ eh=0}} \alpha_{efgh} n^{*T} (b^T d^{g+h}) c^{e+g} d^{f+h}. \end{aligned}$$

There is no similar term to be merged in the condition of  $e + f = T$  and  $eh = 0$ , this shows that  $\lambda(n^{*T} * 1^\sigma)$  is non-zero. Thus, without loss of the generality we can assume that

$$\lambda = \sum_{g,h} \alpha_{gh} c^g d^h, \quad \alpha_{gh} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Take  $T = \max\{g + h \mid \alpha_{gh} \neq 0\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 \neq \lambda(n^T * 1^\sigma) \\ &= \sum_{g,h} \alpha_{gh} \sum_{k,l} \begin{bmatrix} g & h \\ k & l \end{bmatrix}' n^T (c^{k+l} d^{g+h-k-l}) b^l c^{g-k} a^k d^{h-l} \\ &= \sum_{g+h=T} \alpha_{gh} n^T (c^T) b^h a^g. \end{aligned}$$

So the case is reduced to the above ones.

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**Remark.** We have denoted

$$\begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ i & j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e & f & 0 & 0 \\ i & j & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} g & h \\ k & l \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & g & h \\ 0 & 0 & k & l \end{bmatrix}$$

in the proof of Theorem 3.1.

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