



## ON THE NICHOLS ALGEBRA ASSOCIATED TO

$$(q_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & -1 \\ -\omega^2 & \omega \end{pmatrix}, \text{ OF TYPE } A_2$$

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### Abstract

We examine the defining relations of the Nichols algebra associated to

$$(q_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & -1 \\ -\omega^2 & \omega \end{pmatrix}, \text{ of type } A_2, \text{ by using the method introduced by}$$

Nichols [1] (see also [3]).

### 1. Introduction

Nichols algebras are graded braided Hopf algebras with the base field in degree 0 and which are coradically graded and generated by its primitive elements ([4-7]). Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $c: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V$  be a linear isomorphism. Then  $(V, c)$  is called a *braided vector space*, if  $c$  is a solution of the braid equation, that is  $(c \otimes id)(id \otimes c)(c \otimes id) = (id \otimes c)(c \otimes id)(id \otimes c)$ . The pair  $(V, c)$  determines the Nichols algebras up to isomorphism. Let  $G$  be a group. A Yetter-Drinfeld module  $V$  over  $\mathbb{K}G$  is a  $G$ -graded vector space  $V = \bigoplus_{g \in G} V_g$ , which is a

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$G$ -module such that  $g \cdot V_h \subset V_{ghg^{-1}}$ , for all  $g, h \in G$ . The category  ${}^G_G YD$  of  $\mathbb{K}G$ -Yetter-Drinfeld module is braided. For  $V, W \in {}^G_G YD$ , the braiding  $c : V \otimes W \rightarrow W \otimes V$  is defined by  $c(v \otimes w) = (g \cdot w) \otimes v$ ,  $v \in V_g$ ,  $w \in W$ . Let  $V$  be a Yetter-Drinfeld module over  $G$  and let  $T(V) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} T(V)(n)$  denote the tensor algebra of the vector space  $V$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all ideals and coideals  $I$  of  $T(V)$  which are generated as ideals by  $\mathbb{N}$ -homogeneous elements of degree  $\geq 2$ , and which are Yetter-Drinfeld submodules of  $T(V)$ . Let  $I(V) = \sum_{I \in S} I$ . Then  $B(V) := T(V)/I(V)$  is called the *Nichols algebra* of  $V \in {}^G_G YD$ . In this article, we examine the defining relations of the Nichols algebra  $B(V)$  associated to  $(q_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & -1 \\ -\omega^2 & \omega \end{pmatrix}$ , of type  $A_2$ .

## 2. Nichols Algebras of Cartan Type

Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Let  $G$  be an abelian group and  $V$  be a finite dimensional Yetter-Drinfeld module. Then the braiding is given by a nonzero scalar  $q_{ij} \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq \theta$ , in the form  $c(x_i \otimes x_j) = q_{ij} x_j \otimes x_i$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_\theta$ , is a basis of  $V$ . If there is a basis such that  $g \cdot x_i = \chi_i(g) x_i$  and  $x_i \in V_{g_i}$ , then  $V$  is called *diagonal type*. For the braiding, we have  $c(x_i \otimes x_j) = \chi_j(g_i) x_j \otimes x_i$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq \theta$ . Hence, we have  $(q_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq \theta} = (\chi_j(g_i))_{1 \leq i, j \leq \theta}$ . Let  $B(V)$  be the Nichols algebra of  $V$ . We can construct the Nichols algebra by  $B(V) \cong T(V)/I$ , where  $I$  denotes the sum of all ideals of  $T(V)$  that are generated by homogeneous elements of degree  $\geq 2$  and that are coideals. If  $B(V)$  is finite-dimensional, then the matrix  $(a_{ij})$  defined by for all  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq \theta$  by  $a_{ii} := 2$  and  $a_{ij} := -\min\{r \in \mathbb{N} \mid q_{ij} q_{ji} q_{ii}^r = 1 \text{ or } (r+1)_{q_{ii}} = 0\}$  is a generalized Cartan matrix fulfilling  $q_{ij} q_{ji} = q_{ii}^{a_{ij}}$  or  $\text{ord } q_{ii} = 1 - a_{ij}$ .  $(a_{ij})$  is called *Cartan matrix* associated to  $B(V)$ . To examine the defining relations of  $B(V)$ , we use the technique introduced by Nichols [1] and the following Proposition [3]. For all  $1 \leq i \leq \theta$ , let  $\sigma_i : B(V) \rightarrow B(V)$  be the algebra automorphism given by the action

of  $g_i$ . If  $\sigma : B(V) \rightarrow B(V)$  is an algebra automorphism, an  $(id, \sigma)$ -derivation  $D : B(V) \rightarrow B(V)$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear map such that  $D(xy) = D(x)\sigma(y) + xD(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in B(V)$ .

**Proposition 2.1** [3]. (1) For all  $1 \leq i \leq \theta$ , there exists a uniquely determined  $(id, \sigma)$ -derivation  $D_i : B(V) \rightarrow B(V)$  with  $D_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$  (Kronecker  $\delta$ ), for all  $j$ .

$$(2) \bigcap_{i=1}^{\theta} \ker(D_i) = \mathbb{K}1.$$

Let  $B(V)$  be a Nichols algebra with Cartan matrix  $(a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  of type  $A_2$ , i.e., the braiding matrix  $(q_{ij})$  fulfills  $q_{12}q_{21} = q_{11}^{-1}$  or  $q_{11} = -1$ , and  $q_{12}q_{21} = q_{22}^{-1}$ .

From the results of Helbig [2], if  $q_{12}q_{21} = q_{11}^{-1} = q_{22}^{-1}$  ( $\begin{smallmatrix} q & q^{-1} & q \\ \circ & \text{---} & \circ \end{smallmatrix}$ ) and  $N := \text{ord} q_{11} \geq 3$ , then  $B(V) = T(V)/([x_1x_1x_2], [x_1x_2x_2], x_1^N, [x_1x_2]^N, x_2^N)$  with basis  $\{x_2^{r_2}[x_1x_2]^{\eta_2}x_1^{\eta_1} \mid 0 \leq r_2, \eta_2, \eta_1 < N\}$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}} B(V) = N^3$ . Using this, we obtain the following.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $(q_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & -1 \\ -\omega^2 & \omega \end{pmatrix}$ , (type  $A_2$ ) (where  $\omega$  is a primitive cube root of unity, i.e.,  $\omega^3 = 1$ ,  $\omega^2 + \omega + 1 = 0$ ). Then the Nichols algebra  $B(V)$  is described as follows:

*Generators:*  $x_1, x_2$ .

*Relations:*  $x_1^3 = 0, x_2^3 = 0$ ,

$$x_1^2x_2 - \omega^2x_1x_2x_1 + \omega x_2x_1^2 = 0,$$

$$x_2^2x_1 - \omega x_2x_1x_2 + \omega^2x_1x_2^2 = 0,$$

$$x_1x_2x_1x_2^2 - \omega x_2x_1x_2x_1x_2 + \omega^2x_2^2x_1x_2x_1 = 0,$$

$$x_2x_1x_2x_1^2 - \omega^2x_1x_2x_1x_2x_1 + \omega x_1^2x_2x_1x_2 = 0,$$

$$3\omega x_2^2x_1x_2x_1^2 + x_1x_2x_1x_2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_1x_2x_1x_2x_1 = 0,$$

$$3\omega^2x_1^2x_2x_1x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2x_1x_2x_1x_2 + x_2x_1x_2x_1x_2x_1 = 0.$$

Its basis is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{1, x_1, x_2, x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2, x_2x_1, x_1x_2x_1, x_2x_1^2, x_2x_1x_2, x_1x_2^2, \\ &(x_1x_2)^2, x_1x_2^2x_1, x_2x_1x_2^2, (x_2x_1)^2, x_1x_2x_1^2, x_2(x_1x_2)^2, (x_1x_2)^2x_1, \\ &(x_2x_1)^2x_1, (x_1x_2)^2x_2, (x_2x_1)^3, (x_2x_1)^2x_2^2, (x_1x_2)^2x_1^2, (x_1x_2)^3\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Hilbert polynomial of  $B(V)$  is

$$P(t) = 1 + 2t + 4t^2 + 4t^3 + 5t^4 + 4t^5 + 4t^6 + 2t^7 + t^8.$$

**Proof.** From Proposition 2.1, we see that  $D_1(x_1^2x_2) = \omega^2x_1x_2$ ,  $D_1(x_1x_2x_1) = -\omega x_2x_1 + x_1x_2$ ,  $D_1(x_2x_1^2) = -\omega^2x_2x_1$ ,  $D_2(x_1^2x_2) = x_1^2$ ,  $D_2(x_1x_2x_1) = -\omega^2x_1^2$ ,  $D_2(x_2x_1^2) = \omega x_1^2$ , and from these  $D_i(x_1^2x_2 - \omega^2x_1x_2x_1 + \omega x_2x_1^2) = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). So, we obtain the relation  $x_1^2x_2 - \omega^2x_1x_2x_1 + \omega x_2x_1^2 = 0$ . The other relations are similarly obtained.  $\square$

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