

Crystal Bases, Path Models, and a Twining Character Formula for Demazure Modules

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Abstract

We give a combinatorial proof of a twining character formula for Demazure modules, by combining the isomorphism theorem between path models and crystal bases with our previous result about Lakshmibai-Seshadri paths fixed by a diagram automorphism.

§0. Introduction

In [FRS] and [FSS], they introduced new character-like quantities corresponding to a graph automorphism of a Dynkin diagram, called twining characters, for certain Verma modules and integrable highest weight modules over a symmetrizable Kac-Moody algebra, and gave twining character formulas for them. Recently, the notion of twining characters has naturally been extended to various modules, and formulas for them has been given ([KN], [KK], [N1]–[N4]).

The purpose of this paper is to give a twining character formula for Demazure modules over a symmetrizable Kac-Moody algebra. Our formula is an extension of one of the main results in [KN], which describes the twining characters of Demazure modules over a finite-dimensional semi-simple Lie algebra. While their proof is an algebro-geometric one, we give a combinatorial proof by using the theories of path models and crystal bases.

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Let us explain our formula more precisely. Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(A) = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$ be a symmetrizable Kac-Moody algebra over \mathbb{Q} associated to a generalized Cartan matrix $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ of finite size, where \mathfrak{h} is the Cartan subalgebra, \mathfrak{n}_+ the sum of positive root spaces, and \mathfrak{n}_- the sum of negative root spaces, and let $\omega : I \rightarrow I$ be a (Dynkin) diagram automorphism, that is, a bijection $\omega : I \rightarrow I$ satisfying $a_{\omega(i), \omega(j)} = a_{ij}$ for all $i, j \in I$. It is known that a diagram automorphism induces a Lie algebra automorphism $\omega \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ that preserves the triangular decomposition of \mathfrak{g} . Then we define a linear automorphism $\omega^* \in \text{GL}(\mathfrak{h}^*)$ by $(\omega^*(\lambda))(h) := \lambda(\omega(h))$ for $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*, h \in \mathfrak{h}$. We set $(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0 := \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \omega^*(\lambda) = \lambda\}$, and call its elements symmetric weights. We also set $\widetilde{W} := \{w \in W \mid w\omega^* = \omega^*w\}$.

Further we define a “folded” matrix \widehat{A} associated to ω , which is again a symmetrizable GCM if ω satisfies a certain condition, called the linking condition (we assume it throughout this paper). Then the Kac-Moody algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}(\widehat{A})$ associated to \widehat{A} is called the orbit Lie algebra. We denote by $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ the Cartan subalgebra of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ and by \widehat{W} the Weyl group of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$. Then there exist a linear isomorphism $P_\omega^* : \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ and a group isomorphism $\Theta : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow \widehat{W}$ such that $\Theta(\widehat{w}) = P_\omega^* \circ \widehat{w} \circ (P_\omega^*)^{-1}$ for all $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W}$.

Let λ be a dominant integral weight. Denote by $L(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*} L(\lambda)_\chi$ the irreducible highest weight \mathfrak{g} -module of highest weight λ . Then, for $w \in W$, we define the Demazure module $L_w(\lambda)$ of lowest weight $w(\lambda)$ in $L(\lambda)$ by $L_w(\lambda) := U(\mathfrak{b})u_{w(\lambda)}$, where $u_{w(\lambda)} \in L(\lambda)_{w(\lambda)} \setminus \{0\}$ and $U(\mathfrak{b})$ is the universal enveloping algebra of the Borel subalgebra $\mathfrak{b} := \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$ of \mathfrak{g} . If λ is symmetric, then we have a (unique) linear automorphism $\tau_\omega : L(\lambda) \rightarrow L(\lambda)$ such that

$$\tau_\omega(xv) = \omega^{-1}(x)\tau_\omega(v) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathfrak{g}, v \in L(\lambda)$$

and $\tau_\omega(u_\lambda) = u_\lambda$ with u_λ a (nonzero) highest weight vector of $L(\lambda)$. Then it is easily seen that the Demazure module $L_w(\lambda)$ with $w \in \widetilde{W}$ is τ_ω -stable. Here we define the twining character $\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda))$ of $L_w(\lambda)$ by:

$$\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)) := \sum_{\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \text{tr}(\tau_\omega|_{L_w(\lambda)_\chi})e(\chi).$$

Our main theorem is the following:

Theorem. *Let λ be a symmetric dominant integral weight and $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Set $\widehat{\lambda} := (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda)$ and $\widehat{w} := \Theta^{-1}(w)$. Then we have*

$$\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)) = P_\omega^*(\text{ch } \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})),$$

where $\widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})$ is the Demazure module of lowest weight $\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})$ in the irreducible highest weight module $\widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})$ of highest weight $\widehat{\lambda}$ over the orbit Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$.

The starting point of this work is the main result in [NS1]. Denote by $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ the set of Lakshmibai-Seshadri paths (L-S paths for short) of class λ , where the L-S paths of class λ are, by definition, piecewise linear, continuous maps $\pi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ parametrized by sequences of elements in $W\lambda$ and rational numbers with a certain condition, called the chain condition. In [Li1], Littelmann showed that there exists a subset $\mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)$ of $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ such that

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)} e(\pi(1)) = \text{ch } L_w(\lambda).$$

For $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$, we define $\omega^*(\pi) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ by $(\omega^*(\pi))(t) := \omega^*(\pi(t))$. If λ is symmetric and $w \in \widetilde{W}$, then $\mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)$ is ω^* -stable. We denote by $\mathbb{B}_w^0(\lambda)$ the set of elements of $\mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)$ fixed by ω^* . We see from the main result of [NS1] that

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathbb{B}_w^0(\lambda)} e(\pi(1)) = P_\omega^*(\text{ch } \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})).$$

In this paper, we prove that the left-hand side is, in fact, equal to $\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda))$.

In order to prove the equality $\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)) = \sum_{\pi \in \mathbb{B}_w^0(\lambda)} e(\pi(1))$, we introduce a “quantum version” of twining characters, called q -twining characters. Let $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ be the quantum group associated to the Kac-Moody algebra \mathfrak{g} over the field $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ of rational functions in q , and $V(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*} V(\lambda)_\chi$ the irreducible highest weight $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module of highest weight λ . For $w \in W$, the quantum Demazure module $V_w(\lambda)$ is defined by

$$V_w(\lambda) := U_q^+(\mathfrak{g})u_{w(\lambda)},$$

where $u_{w(\lambda)} \in V(\lambda)_{w(\lambda)} \setminus \{0\}$, and $U_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$ is the “positive part” of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$. A diagram automorphism ω induces a $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -algebra automorphism ω_q of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$. Assume that λ is symmetric. Then we get a $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -linear automorphism τ_{ω_q} of $V(\lambda)$ that has the same properties as τ_ω in the Lie algebra case. Note that $V_w(\lambda)$ is stable under τ_{ω_q} if $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Then we define the q -twining character $\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda))$ of $V_w(\lambda)$ by

$$\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda)) := \sum_{\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi})e(\chi),$$

where the traces are naively elements of $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ (in fact, they are elements of $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$). We show that the specialization of the q -twining character above by $q = 1$ is equal to the (ordinary) twining character $\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda))$, that is,

$$\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda)) \Big|_{q=1} = \text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)).$$

The advantage of considering a quantum version is the existence of a basis of $V_w(\lambda)$ compatible with τ_{ω_q} . Let $(\mathcal{L}(\lambda), \mathcal{B}(\lambda))$ be the (lower) crystal base of $V(\lambda)$. In [Kas3], Kashiwara showed that, for each $w \in W$, there exists a subset $\mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)$, called the Demazure crystal for $V_w(\lambda)$, of $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$ such that

$$V_w(\lambda) := \bigoplus_{b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)} \mathbb{Q}(q)G_\lambda(b),$$

where $G_\lambda(b)$ denotes the (lower) global base introduced in [Kas2]. We prove that τ_{ω_q} stabilizes the basis $\{G_\lambda(b) \mid b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)\}$ of $V_w(\lambda)$.

By combining these facts and the equivalence theorem between path models $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ and crystal bases $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$, which was proved by Kashiwara [Kas5] et al., we can obtain the desired equality above, and hence the our main theorem.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 1 we review some facts about Kac-Moody algebras, diagram automorphisms, orbit Lie algebras, quantum groups, crystal bases, and path models. There we also define an algebra automorphism of the quantum group $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ induced from a diagram automorphism. In Section 2, we recall the definitions of the twining characters of $L(\lambda)$ and $L_w(\lambda)$, and then introduce the q -twining characters of the irreducible highest weight $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module $V(\lambda)$ and the quantum Demazure module $V_w(\lambda)$. Furthermore, we explain that the q -twining characters of $V(\lambda)$ and $V_w(\lambda)$ are q -analogues of the twining characters of $L(\lambda)$ and $L_w(\lambda)$, respectively. In Section 3 we give a proof of our main theorem by calculating the q -twining character of $V_w(\lambda)$.

§1. Preliminaries

§1.1. Kac-Moody algebras and diagram automorphisms

In this subsection, we review some basic facts about Kac-Moody algebras from [Kac] and [MP], and about diagram automorphisms from [FRS] and [FSS].

Let $A = (a_{ij})_{i, j \in I}$ be a symmetrizable generalized Cartan matrix (GCM for short) indexed by a finite set I . Then there exists a diagonal matrix $D = \text{diag}(\varepsilon_i)_{i \in I}$ with $\varepsilon_i \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ such that $D^{-1}A$ is a symmetric matrix. Let $\omega : I \rightarrow I$ be a diagram automorphism of order N , that is, a bijection $\omega : I \rightarrow I$ of order N such that $a_{\omega(i), \omega(j)} = a_{ij}$ for all $i, j \in I$.

Remark 1. Set

$$D' = \text{diag}(\varepsilon'_i)_{i \in I} := \text{diag} \left(\frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \varepsilon_{\omega^k(i)}} \right)_{i \in I}.$$

Then we see that $\varepsilon'_{\omega(i)} = \varepsilon'_i$ and $(D')^{-1}A$ is a symmetric matrix. Hence, by replacing D with D' above if necessary, we may (and will henceforth) assume that $\varepsilon_{\omega(i)} = \varepsilon_i$ (see also [N1, Section 3.1]).

We take a realization $(\mathfrak{h}, \Pi, \Pi^\vee)$ of the GCM $A = (a_{ij})_{i, j \in I}$ over \mathbb{Q} and linear automorphisms $\omega : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ and $\omega^* : \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ as follows (cf. [Kac, Exercises 1.15 and 1.16]). Let \mathfrak{h}' be an n -dimensional vector space over \mathbb{Q} with $\Pi^\vee := \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in I}$ a basis. We define a \mathbb{Q} -linear automorphism $\omega' : \mathfrak{h}' \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}'$ by $\omega'(\alpha_i^\vee) = \alpha_{\omega(i)}^\vee$, and $\omega'' : (\mathfrak{h}')^* \rightarrow (\mathfrak{h}')^*$ by $(\omega''(\lambda))(h) := \lambda((\omega')^{-1}(h))$ for $\lambda \in (\mathfrak{h}')^*$ and $h \in \mathfrak{h}'$. We also define $\varphi : \mathfrak{h}' \rightarrow (\mathfrak{h}')^*$ by $(\varphi(\alpha_i^\vee))(\alpha_j^\vee) = a_{ij}$. It can be readily seen that $\omega'' \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ \omega'$. This means that $\text{Im } \varphi$ is ω'' -stable, and hence we can take a complementary subspace \mathfrak{h}'' of $\text{Im } \varphi$ in $(\mathfrak{h}')^*$ that is also ω'' -stable. Now set $\mathfrak{h} := \mathfrak{h}' \oplus \mathfrak{h}''$, and $\Pi := \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$, where $\alpha_i \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad \alpha_i \left(\sum_{j \in I} c_j \alpha_j^\vee + h'' \right) := \sum_{j \in I} c_j (\varphi(\alpha_j^\vee))(\alpha_i^\vee) + h''(\alpha_i^\vee) \quad \text{for } h'' \in \mathfrak{h}''.$$

Then we see that Π is a linearly independent subset of \mathfrak{h}^* . Furthermore, since $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{h}'' = \#I - \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{Im } \varphi = \#I - \text{rank } A$, we have $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{h} = 2\#I - \text{rank } A$. Hence $(\mathfrak{h}, \Pi, \Pi^\vee)$ is a (minimal) realization of the GCM A . We define a \mathbb{Q} -linear automorphism $\omega : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ by $\omega(h' + h'') := \omega'(h') + \omega''(h'')$ for $h' \in \mathfrak{h}'$ and $h'' \in \mathfrak{h}''$, and the transposed map $\omega^* : \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ by $(\omega^*(\lambda))(h) = \lambda(\omega(h))$ for $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ and $h \in \mathfrak{h}$. Then we can check, by using (1.1), that $\omega^*(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{\omega^{-1}(i)}$ for each $i \in I$.

Here, as in [Kac, Section 2.1], we define the (standard) nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form (\cdot, \cdot) on \mathfrak{h} associated to the decomposition $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}' \oplus \mathfrak{h}''$ above. We set

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha_i^\vee, h) := \alpha_i(h)\varepsilon_i & \text{for } i \in I, h \in \mathfrak{h}, \\ (h, h') := 0 & \text{for } h, h' \in \mathfrak{h}''. \end{cases}$$

Then it follows from the construction above and Remark 1 that $(\omega(h), \omega(h')) = (h, h')$ for all $h, h' \in \mathfrak{h}$. We denote also by (\cdot, \cdot) the nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form on \mathfrak{h}^* induced from the bilinear form on \mathfrak{h} . Then $(\omega^*(\lambda), \omega^*(\lambda')) = (\lambda, \lambda')$ for all $\lambda, \lambda' \in \mathfrak{h}^*$. We set

$$(1.2) \quad (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0 := \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* \mid \omega^*(\lambda) = \lambda\}, \quad \mathfrak{h}^0 := \{h \in \mathfrak{h} \mid \omega(h) = h\}.$$

Elements of $(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ are called symmetric weights. Note that $(\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ can be identified with $(\mathfrak{h}^0)^*$ in a natural way.

Remark 2. Let ρ be a Weyl vector, i.e., an element of \mathfrak{h}^* such that $\rho(\alpha_i^\vee) = 1$ for all $i \in I$. Then, by replacing ρ with $(1/N) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (\omega^*)^k(\rho)$ if necessary, we may (and will henceforth) assume that a Weyl vector ρ is a symmetric weight.

Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(A)$ be the Kac-Moody algebra over \mathbb{Q} associated to the GCM A with \mathfrak{h} the Cartan subalgebra, $\Pi = \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ the set of simple roots, and $\Pi^\vee = \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in I}$ the set of simple coroots. Denote by $\{x_i, y_i \mid i \in I\}$ the Chevalley generators, where x_i (resp. y_i) spans the root space of \mathfrak{g} corresponding to α_i (resp. $-\alpha_i$). The Weyl group W of \mathfrak{g} is defined by $W := \langle r_i \mid i \in I \rangle$, where r_i is the simple reflection with respect to α_i . The following lemma is obvious from the definitions of Kac-Moody algebras and the linear map $\omega : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ above.

Lemma 1.1. *The \mathbb{Q} -linear map $\omega : \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ above can be extended to a Lie algebra automorphism $\omega \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{g})$ of order N such that $\omega(x_i) = x_{\omega(i)}$ and $\omega(y_i) = y_{\omega(i)}$.*

Let λ be a dominant integral weight. Denote by $L(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*} L(\lambda)_\chi$ the irreducible highest weight \mathfrak{g} -module of highest weight λ , where $L(\lambda)_\chi$ is the χ -weight space of $L(\lambda)$. We set $\mathfrak{b} := \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$, where \mathfrak{n}_+ is the sum of positive root spaces of \mathfrak{g} . For $w \in W$, the Demazure module $L_w(\lambda) \subset L(\lambda)$ of lowest weight $w(\lambda)$ is defined by $L_w(\lambda) := U(\mathfrak{b})u_{w(\lambda)}$, where $U(\mathfrak{b})$ is the universal enveloping algebra of \mathfrak{b} and $u_{w(\lambda)} \in L(\lambda)_{w(\lambda)} \setminus \{0\}$. In addition, for each $i \in I$, we define the Demazure operator D_i by

$$(1.3) \quad D_i(e(\lambda)) := \frac{e(\lambda + \rho) - e(r_i(\lambda + \rho))}{1 - e(-\alpha_i)} e(-\rho) \quad \text{for } \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*.$$

By [Kas3], [Ku] and [M], we know the following character formula for Demazure modules.

Theorem 1.1. *Let λ be a dominant integral weight and $w \in W$. Assume that $w = r_{i_1} r_{i_2} \cdots r_{i_k}$ is a reduced expression of w . Then we have*

$$(1.4) \quad \text{ch } L_w(\lambda) = D_{i_1} \circ D_{i_2} \circ \cdots \circ D_{i_k}(e(\lambda)).$$

Remark 3. The Demazure operators $\{D_i\}_{i \in I}$ satisfy the braid relations (see [D]). Hence the right-hand side of (1.4) above does not depend on the choice of a reduced expression of w .

§1.2. Orbit Lie algebras

In this subsection, we review the notion of orbit Lie algebras. For details, see [FRS] and [FSS].

We set

$$(1.5) \quad c_{ij} := \sum_{k=0}^{N_j-1} a_{i, \omega^k(j)} \quad \text{for } i, j \in I \quad \text{and} \quad c_i := c_{ii} \quad \text{for } i \in I,$$

where N_i is the number of elements of the ω -orbit of $i \in I$ in I . From now on, we assume that a diagram automorphism ω satisfies

$$(1.6) \quad c_i = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 2 \quad \text{for each } i \in I.$$

This condition is called the linking condition. Here we choose a complete set \widehat{I} of representatives of the ω -orbits in I , and define a matrix $\widehat{A} = (\widehat{a}_{ij})_{i, j \in \widehat{I}}$ by

$$(1.7) \quad \widehat{A} = (\widehat{a}_{ij})_{i, j \in \widehat{I}} := (2c_{ij}/c_j)_{i, j \in \widehat{I}}.$$

Proposition 1.1 ([FSS, Section 2.2]). *The matrix $\widehat{A} = (\widehat{a}_{ij})_{i, j \in \widehat{I}}$ is a symmetrizable GCM.*

The Kac-Moody algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} := \mathfrak{g}(\widehat{A})$ over \mathbb{Q} associated to the GCM \widehat{A} is called the orbit Lie algebra (associated to the diagram automorphism ω). Denote by $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ the Cartan subalgebra of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$, and by $\widehat{\Pi} = \{\widehat{\alpha}_i\}_{i \in \widehat{I}}$ and $\widehat{\Pi}^\vee = \{\widehat{\alpha}_i^\vee\}_{i \in \widehat{I}}$ the set of simple roots and simple coroots of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$, respectively.

As in [FRS, Section 2], we have a \mathbb{Q} -linear isomorphism $P_\omega : \mathfrak{h}^0 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} P_\omega \left(\frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{k=0}^{N_i-1} \alpha_{\omega^k(i)}^\vee \right) = \widehat{\alpha}_i^\vee & \text{for each } i \in \widehat{I}, \\ (P_\omega(h), P_\omega(h')) = (h, h') & \text{for all } h, h' \in \mathfrak{h}^0, \end{cases}$$

where we denote also by (\cdot, \cdot) the (standard) nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form on $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$. Let $P_\omega^* : \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^* \rightarrow (\mathfrak{h}^0)^* \cong (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ be the transposed map of P_ω defined by

$$(1.8) \quad (P_\omega^*(\widehat{\lambda}))(h) := \widehat{\lambda}(P_\omega(h)) \quad \text{for } \widehat{\lambda} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}^*, h \in \mathfrak{h}^0.$$

Proposition 1.2 ([FRS, Proposition 3.3]). *Set $\widetilde{W} := \{w \in W \mid w\omega^* = \omega^*w\}$. Then there exists a group isomorphism $\Theta : \widehat{W} \rightarrow \widetilde{W}$ such that $\Theta(\widehat{w}) =$*

$P_\omega^* \circ \widehat{w} \circ (P_\omega^*)^{-1}$ for each $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{W}$.

§1.3. Quantum groups

From now on, we take the bilinear form (\cdot, \cdot) in such a way that $(\alpha_i, \alpha_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ for all $i \in I$. Let $P \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$ be an ω^* -stable integral weight lattice such that $\alpha_i \in P$ for all $i \in I$, and set $P_+ := \{\lambda \in P \mid \lambda(\alpha_i^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in I\}$. Notice that the dual lattice $P^\vee := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(P, \mathbb{Z})$ of P is stable under ω . The quantum group (or quantized universal enveloping algebra) $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ associated to \mathfrak{g} is, by definition, the algebra generated by the symbols X_i, Y_i and q^h ($h \in P^\vee$) over the field $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ of rational functions in q with the following defining relations:

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{cases} q^0 = 1, & q^{h_1} q^{h_2} = q^{h_1+h_2} \quad \text{for } h_1, h_2 \in P^\vee, \\ q^h X_i q^{-h} = q^{\alpha_i(h)} X_i, & q^h Y_i q^{-h} = q^{-\alpha_i(h)} Y_i \quad \text{for } i \in I, h \in P^\vee, \\ [X_i, Y_i] = \delta_{ij} \frac{t_i - t_i^{-1}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}} & \text{for } i \in I, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^k X_i^{(k)} X_j X_i^{(1-a_{ij}-k)} = 0 & \text{for } i, j \in I \text{ with } i \neq j, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^k Y_i^{(k)} Y_j Y_i^{(1-a_{ij}-k)} = 0 & \text{for } i, j \in I \text{ with } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Here we have used the following notation:

$$q_i := q^{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)}, \quad t_i := q^{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i) \alpha_i^\vee},$$

$$[n]_i := \frac{q_i^n - q_i^{-n}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}}, \quad [n]_i! := \prod_{k=1}^n [k]_i, \quad \text{and } X_i^{(n)} := \frac{X_i^n}{[n]_i!}, \quad Y_i^{(n)} := \frac{Y_i^n}{[n]_i!}.$$

Lemma 1.2. *There exists a unique $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -algebra automorphism ω_q of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ such that $\omega_q(X_i) = X_{\omega(i)}$, $\omega_q(Y_i) = Y_{\omega(i)}$, and $\omega_q(q^h) = q^{\omega(h)}$.*

Proof. We need only show that the images of the generators by ω_q also satisfy the defining relations (1.9). However it can easily be checked by using the equalities $q_{\omega(i)} = q_i$, $[n]_{\omega(i)} = [n]_i$, and $t_{\omega(i)} = t_i$. □

Let $\lambda \in P_+$. Denote by $V(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*} V(\lambda)_\chi$ the irreducible highest weight $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module of highest weight λ , where $V(\lambda)_\chi$ is the χ -weight space of $V(\lambda)$. It is known (cf. [Kas1, (1.2.7)]) that

$$(1.10) \quad V(\lambda) \cong U_q^-(\mathfrak{g}) / \left(\sum_{i \in I} U_q^-(\mathfrak{g}) Y_i^{1+\lambda(\alpha_i^\vee)} \right),$$

where $U_q^-(\mathfrak{g})$ is the $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -subalgebra of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ generated by $\{Y_i\}_{i \in I}$. For each $w \in W$, we define the quantum Demazure module $V_w(\lambda) \subset V(\lambda)$ of lowest weight $w(\lambda)$ by $V_w(\lambda) := U_q^+(\mathfrak{g})u_{w(\lambda)}$, where $U_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$ is the $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -subalgebra of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ generated by $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$, and where $u_{w(\lambda)} \in V(\lambda)_{w(\lambda)} \setminus \{0\}$.

§1.4. Crystal bases and global bases

In this subsection, we recall the definitions of (lower) crystal bases and (lower) global bases. For details, see [Ja] and [Kas1]–[Kas3].

First let us recall the definition of the Kashiwara operators E_i, F_i on $V(\lambda)$. It is known that each element $u \in V(\lambda)_\chi$ can be uniquely written as $u = \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_i^{(k)} u_k$, where $u_k \in (\ker X_i) \cap V(\lambda)_{\chi+k\alpha_i}$. We define the $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -linear operators E_i, F_i on $V(\lambda)$ by

$$(1.11) \quad E_i u := \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_i^{(k-1)} u_k, \quad F_i u := \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_i^{(k+1)} u_k.$$

Denote by A_0 the subring of $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ consisting of the rational functions in q regular at $q = 0$, and by $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ the A_0 -submodule of $V(\lambda)$ generated by all elements of the form $F_{i_1} F_{i_2} \cdots F_{i_k} u_\lambda$, where u_λ is a (nonzero) highest weight vector of $V(\lambda)$. Let $\mathcal{B}(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ be the set of nonzero images of $F_{i_1} F_{i_2} \cdots F_{i_k} u_\lambda$ by the canonical map $\bar{\cdot} : \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$. Then it is known from [Kas1, Theorem 2] that $(\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda), \mathcal{B}(\lambda))$ is a (lower) crystal base of $V(\lambda)$, i.e.,

- (1) $V(\lambda) = \mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{A_0} \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$,
- (2) $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*} \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)_\chi$, where $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)_\chi = \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda) \cap V(\lambda)_\chi$,
- (3) $E_i \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ and $F_i \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$,
- (4) $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$ is a basis of the \mathbb{Q} -vector space $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$,
- (5) $E_i \mathcal{B}(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{B}(\lambda) \cup \{0\}$ and $F_i \mathcal{B}(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{B}(\lambda) \cup \{0\}$,
- (6) $\mathcal{B}(\lambda) = \bigcup_{\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*} \mathcal{B}(\lambda)_\chi$ (disjoint union),
 where $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)_\chi := \mathcal{B}(\lambda) \cap (\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)_\chi / q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)_\chi)$,
- (7) For $b_1, b_2 \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)$, $b_1 = F_i b_2$ if and only if $b_2 = E_i b_1$.

Note that, by (3), we have the operators on $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ induced from E_i, F_i , which are also denoted by E_i, F_i (cf. (5), (7)).

Next we recall the notion of (lower) global bases. Set $V_{\mathbb{Q}}(\lambda) := U_q^{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{g})u_{\lambda} \subset V(\lambda)$, where $U_q^{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{g})$ is the $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -subalgebra of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ generated by all $X_i^{(n)}$, $Y_i^{(n)}$, q^h , and

$$\begin{Bmatrix} q^h \\ n \end{Bmatrix} := \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{q^{1-k}q^h - q^{k-1}q^{-h}}{q^k - q^{-k}}$$

for $i \in I$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $h \in P^{\vee}$. We define a \mathbb{Q} -algebra automorphism $\psi : U_q(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ by

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{cases} \psi(X_i) := X_i, \psi(Y_i) := Y_i & \text{for } i \in I, \\ \psi(q) := q^{-1}, \psi(q^h) := q^{-h} & \text{for } h \in P^{\vee}. \end{cases}$$

By virtue of (1.10), we can define the automorphism ψ of $V(\lambda)$ by $\psi(xu_{\lambda}) := \psi(x)u_{\lambda}$ for $x \in U_q^{-}(\mathfrak{g})$. Let $\mathcal{L}_{\infty}(\lambda)$ be the image of $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ by ψ . It is known from [Kas1] that the restriction of the canonical map $\bar{\cdot}$ to $E(\lambda) := V_{\mathbb{Q}}(\lambda) \cap \mathcal{L}_0(\lambda) \cap \mathcal{L}_{\infty}(\lambda)$ is an isomorphism from $E(\lambda)$ to $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ as \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces. We denote by G_{λ} the inverse of this isomorphism. Then we have

$$(1.13) \quad V(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{b \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)} \mathbb{Q}(q)G_{\lambda}(b).$$

Moreover we have the following.

Theorem 1.2 ([Kas3, Proposition 3.2.3]). *Let $\lambda \in P_+$ and $w \in W$. Then there exists a subset $\mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)$ of $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$ such that*

$$(1.14) \quad V_w(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)} \mathbb{Q}(q)G_{\lambda}(b).$$

§1.5. Path models

Let $\lambda \in P_+$. For $\mu, \nu \in W\lambda$, we write $\mu \geq \nu$ if there exist a sequence $\mu = \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s = \nu$ of elements in $W\lambda$ and a sequence β_1, \dots, β_s of positive real roots such that $\lambda_k = r_{\beta_k}(\lambda_{k-1})$ and $\lambda_{k-1}(\beta_k^{\vee}) < 0$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, s$, where for a positive real root β , we denote by r_{β} the reflection with respect to β , and by β^{\vee} the dual root of β . Then we define $\text{dist}(\mu, \nu)$ to be the maximal length s among all possible such sequences.

Remark 4. Assume that $\lambda \in P_+ \cap (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$. It immediately follows that $\mu \geq \nu$ if and only if $\omega^*(\mu) \geq \omega^*(\nu)$. Moreover, we have $\text{dist}(\omega^*(\mu), \omega^*(\nu)) = \text{dist}(\mu, \nu)$ when $\mu \geq \nu$.

Let $\lambda \in P_+$, $\mu, \nu \in W\lambda$ with $\mu \geq \nu$, and $0 < a < 1$ a rational number. An a -chain for (μ, ν) is, by definition, a sequence $\mu = \lambda_0 > \lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_r = \nu$ of elements in $W\lambda$ such that $\text{dist}(\lambda_i, \lambda_{i-1}) = 1$ and $\lambda_i = r_{\beta_i}(\lambda_{i-1})$ for some positive real root β_i , and such that $a\lambda_{i-1}(\beta_i^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$.

Here let us consider a pair $\pi = (\underline{\nu}; \underline{a})$ of a sequence $\underline{\nu} : \nu_1 > \nu_2 > \dots > \nu_s$ of elements in $W\lambda$ and a sequence $\underline{a} : 0 = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_s = 1$ of rational numbers such that for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$, there exists an a_i -chain for (ν_i, ν_{i+1}) . Then we associate to $\pi = (\underline{\nu}; \underline{a})$ the following path $\pi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$:

$$(1.15) \quad \pi(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} (a_i - a_{i-1})\nu_i + (t - a_{j-1})\nu_j \quad \text{for } a_{j-1} \leq t \leq a_j.$$

Such a path is called a Lakshmibai-Seshadri path (L-S path for short) of class λ . Denote by $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ the set of L-S paths of class λ .

Let us recall the raising and lowering root operators (cf. [Li1]–[Li4]). For convenience, we introduce an extra element θ that is not a path. For $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ and $i \in I$, we set

$$(1.16) \quad h_i^\pi(t) := (\pi(t))(\alpha_i^\vee), \quad m_i^\pi := \min\{h_i^\pi(t) \mid t \in [0, 1]\}.$$

First we define the raising root operator e_i with respect to the simple root α_i . We define $e_i\theta := \theta$, and $e_i\pi := \theta$ for $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ with $m_i^\pi > -1$. If $m_i^\pi \leq -1$, then we can take the following points:

$$(1.17) \quad \begin{aligned} t_1 &:= \min\{t \in [0, 1] \mid h_i^\pi(t) = m_i^\pi\}, \\ t_0 &:= \max\{t' \in [0, t_1] \mid h_i^\pi(t) \geq m_i^\pi + 1 \text{ for all } t \in [0, t']\}. \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$(1.18) \quad (e_i\pi)(t) := \begin{cases} \pi(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq t_0, \\ \pi(t) - (h_i^\pi(t) - m_i^\pi - 1)\alpha_i & \text{if } t_0 \leq t \leq t_1, \\ \pi(t) + \alpha_i & \text{if } t_1 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

The lowering root operator f_i is defined in a similar fashion. We define $f_i\theta := \theta$, and $f_i\pi := \theta$ for $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ with $h_i^\pi(1) - m_i^\pi < 1$. If $h_i^\pi(1) - m_i^\pi \geq 1$, then we can take the following points:

$$(1.19) \quad \begin{aligned} t_0 &:= \max\{t \in [0, 1] \mid h_i^\pi(t) = m_i^\pi\}, \\ t_1 &:= \min\{t' \in [t_0, 1] \mid h_i^\pi(t) \geq m_i^\pi + 1 \text{ for all } t \in [t', 1]\}. \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$(1.20) \quad (f_i\pi)(t) := \begin{cases} \pi(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq t_0, \\ \pi(t) - (h_i^\pi(t) - m_i^\pi)\alpha_i & \text{if } t_0 \leq t \leq t_1, \\ \pi(t) - \alpha_i & \text{if } t_1 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then we know the following.

Theorem 1.3 ([Li1] and [Li2]). *Let $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$. If $e_i\pi \neq \theta$ (resp. $f_i\pi \neq \theta$), then $e_i\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ (resp. $f_i\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$). Hence the set $\mathbb{B}(\lambda) \cup \{\theta\}$ is stable under the action of the root operators. Moreover, every element $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ is of the form $\pi = f_{i_1}f_{i_2} \cdots f_{i_k}\pi_\lambda$ for some $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in I$, where $\pi_\lambda := (\lambda; 0, 1) = t\lambda$ is the only element of $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ such that $e_i\pi_\lambda = \theta$ for all $i \in I$. Furthermore, we have*

$$(1.21) \quad \sum_{\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)} e(\pi(1)) = \text{ch } L(\lambda), \quad \sum_{\pi \in \mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)} e(\pi(1)) = \text{ch } L_w(\lambda),$$

where $\mathbb{B}_w(\lambda) := \{(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_s; \underline{a}) \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda) \mid \nu_1 \leq w(\lambda)\}$ for each $w \in W$.

It is known from [Kas5] et al. that $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ has a natural crystal structure isomorphic to $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$. Namely, we have the following theorem (see [La2] for the second assertion).

Theorem 1.4. *There exists a unique bijection $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ such that*

$$(1.22) \quad \Phi(F_{i_1}F_{i_2} \cdots F_{i_k}\bar{u}_\lambda) = f_{i_1}f_{i_2} \cdots f_{i_k}\pi_\lambda.$$

Moreover, $\Phi(\mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)) = \mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)$ for each $w \in W$.

At the end of this subsection, we recall the main result of [NS1]. Let $\lambda \in P_+ \cap (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$. For $\pi \in \mathbb{B}(\lambda)$, we define a path $\omega^*(\pi) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ by $(\omega^*(\pi))(t) := \omega^*(\pi(t))$. Then we deduce that $\mathbb{B}(\lambda)$ and $\mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)$ with $w \in \widetilde{W}$ are ω^* -stable (cf. [NS1, Lemma 3.1.1] and Remark 4). Denote by $\mathbb{B}^0(\lambda)$ the set of L-S paths that are fixed by ω^* , and set $\mathbb{B}_w^0(\lambda) := \mathbb{B}_w(\lambda) \cap \mathbb{B}^0(\lambda)$ for each $w \in \widetilde{W}$.

Theorem 1.5 ([NS1, Theorem 3.2.4]). *Let $\lambda \in P_+ \cap (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ and $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Set $\widehat{\lambda} := (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda)$ and $\widehat{w} := \Theta^{-1}(w)$. Then we have*

$$(1.23) \quad \mathbb{B}^0(\lambda) = P_\omega^*(\widehat{\mathbb{B}}(\widehat{\lambda})), \quad \mathbb{B}_w^0(\lambda) = P_\omega^*(\widehat{\mathbb{B}}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})),$$

where we denote by $\widehat{\mathbb{B}}(\widehat{\lambda})$ the set of L-S paths of class $\widehat{\lambda}$ for the orbit Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$, and set $\widehat{\mathbb{B}}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}) := \{(\widehat{v}_1, \dots, \widehat{v}_s; \underline{a}) \in \widehat{\mathbb{B}}(\widehat{\lambda}) \mid \widehat{v}_1 \preceq \widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})\}$ with \preceq the relative Bruhat order on $\widehat{W}\widehat{\lambda}$. Here, for $\widehat{\pi} \in \widehat{\mathbb{B}}(\widehat{\lambda})$, we define a path $P_{\omega}^*(\widehat{\pi}) : [0, 1] \rightarrow (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ by $(P_{\omega}^*(\widehat{\pi}))(t) := P_{\omega}^*(\widehat{\pi}(t))$.

§2. Twining Characters and q -twining Characters

§2.1. The twining characters

From now on, we always assume that $\lambda \in P_+ \cap (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ and $w \in \widetilde{W}$. First we consider the linear automorphism $\omega^{-1} \otimes \text{id}$ of the Verma module $M(\lambda) := U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{Q}(\lambda)$ of highest weight λ over \mathfrak{g} , where $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda)$ is the one-dimensional \mathfrak{b} -module on which $h \in \mathfrak{h}$ acts by the scalar $\lambda(h)$ and \mathfrak{n}_+ acts trivially. Since this map stabilizes the (unique) maximal proper \mathfrak{g} -submodule $N(\lambda)$ of $M(\lambda)$, we obtain the induced \mathbb{Q} -linear automorphism $\tau_{\omega} : L(\lambda) \rightarrow L(\lambda)$, where $L(\lambda) = M(\lambda)/N(\lambda)$. It is easily seen that τ_{ω} has the following properties:

$$\tau_{\omega}(xv) = \omega^{-1}(x)\tau_{\omega}(v) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathfrak{g}, v \in L(\lambda)$$

and $\tau_{\omega}(u_{\lambda}) = u_{\lambda}$, where u_{λ} is a (nonzero) highest weight vector of $L(\lambda)$.

Remark 5. From [N1, Lemma 4.1] (or [NS2, Lemma 2.2.3]), we know that τ_{ω} is a unique endomorphism of $L(\lambda)$ with the properties above.

The twining character $\text{ch}^{\omega}(L(\lambda))$ of $L(\lambda)$ is defined to be the formal sum

$$(2.1) \quad \text{ch}^{\omega}(L(\lambda)) := \sum_{\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega}|_{L(\lambda)_{\chi}})e(\chi).$$

Since $\tau_{\omega}(L(\lambda)_{\chi}) = L(\lambda)_{\omega^*(\chi)}$ for all $\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ and $\dim L(\lambda)_{w(\lambda)} = 1$ for all $w \in W$, we see that the Demazure module $L_w(\lambda)$ is τ_{ω} -stable for all $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Hence we can define the twining character $\text{ch}^{\omega}(L_w(\lambda))$ of $L_w(\lambda)$ by

$$(2.2) \quad \text{ch}^{\omega}(L_w(\lambda)) := \sum_{\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega}|_{L_w(\lambda)_{\chi}})e(\chi).$$

§2.2. The q -twining characters

In this subsection, we introduce the q -twining characters of $V(\lambda)$ and $V_w(\lambda)$, which are q -analogues of $\text{ch}^{\omega}(L(\lambda))$ and $\text{ch}^{\omega}(L_w(\lambda))$, respectively (see Proposition 2.1 below).

By (1.10), we have a $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -linear automorphism $\tau_{\omega_q} : V(\lambda) \rightarrow V(\lambda)$ induced from $\omega_q^{-1} : U_q^-(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U_q^-(\mathfrak{g})$. As in the usual Lie algebra case in Section 2.1, τ_{ω_q} has the following properties:

$$\tau_{\omega_q}(xv) = \omega_q^{-1}(x)\tau_{\omega_q}(v) \quad \text{for } x \in U_q(\mathfrak{g}), v \in V(\lambda)$$

and $\tau_{\omega_q}(u_\lambda) = u_\lambda$, where u_λ is a (nonzero) highest weight vector of $V(\lambda)$.

Remark 6. In a similar way to the proof of [N1, Lemma 4.1], we can show that τ_{ω_q} is a unique endomorphism of $V(\lambda)$ with the properties above.

The q -twining character $\text{ch}_q^\omega(V(\lambda))$ of $V(\lambda)$ is defined to be the formal sum

$$(2.3) \quad \text{ch}_q^\omega(V(\lambda)) := \sum_{\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\chi})e(\chi).$$

We easily see that the quantum Demazure module $V_w(\lambda)$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable for every $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Hence we can define the q -twining character $\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda))$ of $V_w(\lambda)$ by

$$(2.4) \quad \text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda)) := \sum_{\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0} \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi})e(\chi).$$

Remark 7. Naively the traces of τ_{ω_q} above are elements of $\mathbb{Q}(q)$. In fact, they are elements of $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ (see Proposition 2.1 below).

Here let us recall some facts from [Ja, Sections 5.12 through 5.15]. Let $V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ (resp. $V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}$) be the $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -submodule of $V(\lambda)$ generated by all elements of the form $Y_{i_1}Y_{i_2} \cdots Y_{i_k}u_\lambda$ (resp. with $\alpha_{i_1} + \alpha_{i_2} + \cdots + \alpha_{i_k} = \lambda - \chi$). It is clear that all $V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}$ are finitely generated, torsion free $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -modules. Therefore they are free $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -modules of finite rank because $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ is a principal ideal domain. We also know that the natural map $\mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow V(\lambda)$ (given by $a \otimes v \rightarrow av$) is a $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -linear isomorphism.

Now we consider \mathbb{Q} as a $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -module by the evaluation at $q = 1$. Set $V := \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ and $V_\chi := \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}$. It follows from [Ja, Lemma 5.12] that $V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ is stable under the actions of X_i, Y_i , and $(q^h - q^{-h})/(q - q^{-1})$ for $i \in I, h \in P^\vee$. Thus we obtain endomorphisms x_i, y_i , and h of V defined by

$$x_i := 1 \otimes X_i, \quad y_i := 1 \otimes Y_i, \quad \text{and} \quad h := 1 \otimes (q^h - q^{-h})/(q - q^{-1}),$$

respectively. From [Ja, Lemmas 5.13 and 5.14], we know that the endomorphisms x_i, y_i , and h of V satisfy the Serre relations, and hence that these endomorphisms make V into a \mathfrak{g} -module. Moreover, $V \cong L(\lambda)$ as \mathfrak{g} -modules, and the image of V_χ by this \mathfrak{g} -module isomorphism is $L(\lambda)_\chi$ for all $\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*$. Taking these facts into account, we show the following proposition.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ and $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Then $\text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\chi})$ and $\text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi})$ are elements of $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$. Moreover, we have*

$$(2.5) \quad \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\chi})\Big|_{q=1} = \text{tr}(\tau_\omega|_{L(\lambda)_\chi}), \quad \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi})\Big|_{q=1} = \text{tr}(\tau_\omega|_{L_w(\lambda)_\chi}),$$

and hence

$$(2.6) \quad \text{ch}_q^\omega(V(\lambda))\Big|_{q=1} = \text{ch}^\omega(L(\lambda)), \quad \text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda))\Big|_{q=1} = \text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)).$$

Proof. It can easily be checked that $V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable, and the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{CD} \mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} @>\sim>> V(\lambda) \\ @V{1 \otimes (\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}})}VV @VV{\tau_{\omega_q}}V \\ \mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} @>\sim>> V(\lambda). \end{CD}$$

Since $V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}$ is a free $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -module, we can define the trace of $\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}}$ for each $\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$. Note that a basis of $V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}$ over $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ is also a basis of $V(\lambda)_\chi$ over $\mathbb{Q}(q)$. We obtain from the commutative diagram above that

$$(2.7) \quad \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\chi}) = \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}}) \in \mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}] \quad \text{for all } \chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0.$$

Now let $w \in \widetilde{W}$, and take $u_{w(\lambda)} \in V(\lambda)_{w(\lambda), \mathbb{Q}} \setminus \{0\}$. Here we remark that the rank of the free $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -module $V(\lambda)_{w(\lambda), \mathbb{Q}}$ is one. We define $V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ to be the $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -submodule of $V(\lambda)$ generated by the elements of the form $X_{i_1} X_{i_2} \cdots X_{i_k} u_{w(\lambda)}$. It is clear that $V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable. Since $V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ is stable under the action of X_i , we see that $V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ is a $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -submodule of $V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$. We set $V_w(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}} := V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} \cap V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}$. Then we immediately obtain the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{CD} \mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} @>\sim>> V_w(\lambda) \\ @V{1 \otimes (\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}})}VV @VV{\tau_{\omega_q}}V \\ \mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} @>\sim>> V_w(\lambda). \end{CD}$$

Hence, in the same way as above, we have

$$\text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi}) = \text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}}) \in \mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}] \quad \text{for all } \chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0,$$

thereby completing the proof of the first assertion.

Next we show the equalities (2.5). Note that the \mathbb{Q} -linear automorphism $\tau'_\omega := 1 \otimes (\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}})$ of $V := \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ satisfies $\tau'_\omega(xv) = \omega^{-1}(x)\tau'_\omega(v)$ for $x \in \mathfrak{g}$, $v \in V$, and $\tau'_\omega(1 \otimes u_\lambda) = 1 \otimes u_\lambda$. Hence it follows from Remark 5 that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V = \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & L(\lambda) \\ \tau'_\omega = 1 \otimes (\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}}) \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau_\omega \\ V = \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & L(\lambda). \end{array}$$

Remark that, for all $\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$,

(2.8)

$$\mathrm{tr}(\tau_\omega|_{L(\lambda)_\chi}) = \mathrm{tr}(\tau'_\omega|_{V_\chi}) = 1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} \mathrm{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}}) = \mathrm{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}}) \Big|_{q=1},$$

since we regard \mathbb{Q} as a $\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]$ -module by the evaluation at $q = 1$. Combining (2.8) with (2.7), we obtain

$$\mathrm{tr}(\tau_\omega|_{L(\lambda)_\chi}) \stackrel{(2.8)}{=} \mathrm{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_{\chi, \mathbb{Q}}}) \Big|_{q=1} \stackrel{(2.7)}{=} \mathrm{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V(\lambda)_\chi}) \Big|_{q=1} \quad \text{for all } \chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0,$$

which proves the first equality of (2.5). By considering $V_w := \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[q, q^{-1}]} V_w(\lambda)_\mathbb{Q}$ for $w \in \widetilde{W}$, we also obtain

$$\mathrm{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi}) \Big|_{q=1} = \mathrm{tr}(\tau_\omega|_{L_w(\lambda)_\chi}) \quad \text{for all } \chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$$

in the same way. This completes the proof of Proposition 2.1. □

§3. Twining Character Formula for Demazure Modules

The main result of this paper is the following.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $\lambda \in P_+ \cap (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ and $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Set $\widehat{\lambda} := (P_\omega^*)^{-1}(\lambda)$ and $\widehat{w} := \Theta^{-1}(w)$. Then we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \mathrm{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)) = P_\omega^*(\mathrm{ch} \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})),$$

where $\widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})$ is the Demazure module of lowest weight $\widehat{w}(\widehat{\lambda})$ in the irreducible highest weight module $\widehat{L}(\widehat{\lambda})$ of highest weight $\widehat{\lambda}$ over the orbit Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$.

We need some lemmas in order to prove this theorem.

Lemma 3.1. *For each $i \in I$, we have $\tau_{\omega_q} \circ E_i = E_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \tau_{\omega_q}$ and $\tau_{\omega_q} \circ F_i = F_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \tau_{\omega_q}$.*

Proof. We show only $\tau_{\omega_q} \circ E_i = E_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \tau_{\omega_q}$ since the proof of $\tau_{\omega_q} \circ F_i = F_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \tau_{\omega_q}$ is similar. Let $u = \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_i^{(k)} u_k \in V(\lambda)$, where $u_k \in (\ker X_i) \cap V(\lambda)_{\chi + k\alpha_i}$. Since $\omega_q^{-1}(Y_i^{(k)}) = Y_{\omega^{-1}(i)}^{(k)}$, we have

$$\tau_{\omega_q} \circ E_i(u) = \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_{\omega^{-1}(i)}^{(k-1)} \tau_{\omega_q}(u_k).$$

On the other hand, $\tau_{\omega_q}(u) = \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_{\omega^{-1}(i)}^{(k)} \tau_{\omega_q}(u_k) \in V(\lambda)_{\omega^*(\chi)}$. Here we note that $\tau_{\omega_q}(u_k) \in (\ker X_{\omega^{-1}(i)}) \cap V(\lambda)_{\omega^*(\chi) + k\alpha_{\omega^{-1}(i)}}$. Hence, by the uniqueness of the expression of $\tau_{\omega_q}(u)$, we have

$$E_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \tau_{\omega_q}(u) = \sum_{k \geq 0} Y_{\omega^{-1}(i)}^{(k-1)} \tau_{\omega_q}(u_k).$$

Therefore we obtain $\tau_{\omega_q} \circ E_i(u) = E_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \tau_{\omega_q}(u)$ for all $u \in V(\lambda)$, thereby completing the proof. □

This lemma implies that $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable. Hence we have a \mathbb{Q} -linear automorphism $\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}$ of $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$ induced from τ_{ω_q} . Then, by the definition of $\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}$ and Lemma 3.1, we can easily check that the set $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$ is $\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}$ -stable. Moreover, by Theorem 1.4, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B}(\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathbb{B}(\lambda) \\ \bar{\tau}_{\omega_q} \downarrow & & \downarrow \omega^* \\ \mathcal{B}(\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathbb{B}(\lambda). \end{array}$$

Here we have used the fact that $\omega^* \circ e_i = e_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \omega^*$ and $\omega^* \circ f_i = f_{\omega^{-1}(i)} \circ \omega^*$ ([NS1, Lemma 3.1.1]). The next lemma immediately follows from the commutative diagram (3.2) and Theorem 1.4, since $\mathbb{B}_w(\lambda)$ is ω^* -stable for all $w \in \widetilde{W}$.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $w \in \widetilde{W}$. Then $\mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)$ is stable under $\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}$. Hence we obtain the following commutative diagram:*

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathbb{B}_w(\lambda) \\ \bar{\tau}_{\omega_q} \downarrow & & \downarrow \omega^* \\ \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathbb{B}_w(\lambda). \end{array}$$

Because $\psi \circ \tau_{\omega_q} = \tau_{\omega_q} \circ \psi$, we see that $\mathcal{L}_\infty(\lambda)$ is also τ_{ω_q} -stable. Since $V_{\mathbb{Q}}(\lambda)$ is obviously τ_{ω_q} -stable, we deduce that $E(\lambda)$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable.

Lemma 3.3. $\tau_{\omega_q} \circ G_\lambda = G_\lambda \circ \bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}$.

Proof. Remark that $\{G_\lambda(b) \mid b \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)\}$ is a basis of the \mathbb{Q} -vector space $E(\lambda)$. Hence, for $b \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)$, we have $\tau_{\omega_q}(G_\lambda(b)) = \sum_{b' \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)} c_{b'} G_\lambda(b')$ for some $c_{b'} \in \mathbb{Q}$ since $E(\lambda)$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable. Then we obtain $\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}(b) = \sum_{b' \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)} c_{b'} b'$ in $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$. Put $b'' := \bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}(b) \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)$. Because $\mathcal{B}(\lambda)$ is a basis of the \mathbb{Q} -vector space $\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)/q\mathcal{L}_0(\lambda)$, we see that $c_{b''} = 1$ and $c_{b'} = 0$ for all $b' \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)$, $b' \neq b''$. Hence we obtain $\tau_{\omega_q}(G_\lambda(b)) = G_\lambda(b'') = G_\lambda(\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}(b))$, as desired. \square

Proof of Theorem 3.1. By combining Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3, we see that the set $\{G_\lambda(b) \mid b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)\}$ is τ_{ω_q} -stable. Because $\{G_\lambda(b) \mid b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda) \cap \mathcal{B}(\lambda)_\chi\}$ is a basis of the χ -weight space $V_w(\lambda)_\chi$ of $V_w(\lambda)$ over $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ (see (1.14)), we obtain

$$\text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi}) = \#\{G_\lambda(b) \mid \tau_{\omega_q}(G_\lambda(b)) = G_\lambda(b), b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda) \cap \mathcal{B}(\lambda)_\chi\}$$

for $\chi \in (\mathfrak{h}^*)^0$ (note that if an endomorphism f on a finite-dimensional vector space V stabilizes a basis of V , then the trace of f on V is equal to the number of basis elements fixed by f). By Lemma 3.3 again, we get

$$\text{tr}(\tau_{\omega_q}|_{V_w(\lambda)_\chi}) = \#\{b \in \mathcal{B}_w(\lambda) \cap \mathcal{B}(\lambda)_\chi \mid \bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}(b) = b\},$$

and hence

$$(3.4) \quad \text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda)) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_w^0(\lambda)} e(\text{wt}(b)),$$

where $\text{wt}(b) := \chi$ if $b \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda)_\chi$, and $\mathcal{B}_w^0(\lambda)$ is the set of elements of $\mathcal{B}_w(\lambda)$ fixed by $\bar{\tau}_{\omega_q}$. The commutative diagram (3.3) implies that

$$\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda)) \stackrel{(3.4)}{=} \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_w^0(\lambda)} e(\text{wt}(b)) \stackrel{(3.3)}{=} \sum_{\pi \in \mathbb{B}_w^0(\lambda)} e(\pi(1)).$$

We see from Theorems 1.3 and 1.5 that the right-hand side of the above equality coincides with $P_w^*(\text{ch } \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}))$, where $\widehat{\lambda} := (P_w^*)^{-1}(\lambda)$ and $\widehat{w} := \Theta^{-1}(w)$. Therefore we obtain

$$\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda)) = P_w^*(\text{ch } \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})).$$

Since the right-hand side is independent of q , we find that $\text{ch}_q^\omega(V_w(\lambda))|_{q=1} = P_\omega^*(\text{ch } \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda}))$. Combining this with (2.6), we finally arrive at the conclusion that

$$\text{ch}^\omega(L_w(\lambda)) = P_\omega^*(\text{ch } \widehat{L}_{\widehat{w}}(\widehat{\lambda})).$$

Thus we have proved Theorem 3.1. \square

Remark 8. By replacing $V_w(\lambda)$ by $V(\lambda)$ and $L_w(\lambda)$ by $L(\lambda)$ in the arguments above, we can give another proof of the twining character formula for the integrable highest weight module $L(\lambda)$, which is the main result of [FSS] ([FRS]).

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