

# Set-theoretic YBE: quantum algebras & universal $\mathcal{R}$ -matrices

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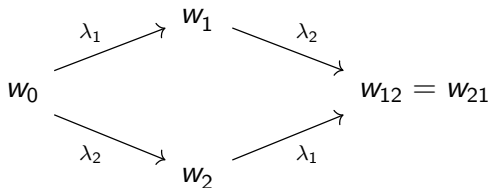
# Review

- [Drinfeld] introduced the “Set-theoretic YBE”.
- [Hietiranta] first to find examples of such solutions. [Etingof, Shedler & Soloviev] set-theoretic solutions & quantum groups for param. free  $R$ -matrices.
- Connections to: geometric crystals [Berenstein & Kazhdan, Etingof] and cellular automata [Hatayama, Kuniba & Takagi]. Etingof rational solutions from geometric crystal theory.
- Classical discrete integrable systems (YB maps), quad-graph, discrete maps, solitons interactions: [Veselov, Bobenko, Suris, Papageorgiou, Tongas,...]  
**Parametric!**
- Set-theoretic involutive solutions of YBE from **braces**:  
[Rump, Guarnieri, Vendramin, Gateva-Ivanova, Cedó, Jespers, Okniński, Smoktunowicz,...]
- Connections to: *braid theory, Hopf algebras, knot theory, low dimensional topology, Hopf-Galois extensions, ternary structures, such as heaps & trusses ...*

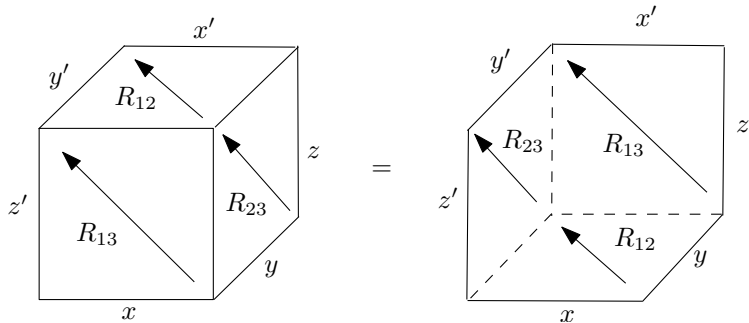
# Motivation

- Non-parametric case: algebraic approach.
- Parametric case: discrete integrable systems and re-factorization problem (Bäcklund transform or discrete zero curvature condition), synonymous to Bianchi permutability: multi-solitons (soliton lattice). Also, **Cube or 3D consistency** condition 3D integrable discrete systems (time evolution).

## Bianchi Permutability



## 3D Consistency Condition: YB Maps



# Talk outline

- I will discuss the algebraic approach for the parametric case [AD]. Basic blueprint for the non-parametric case by [AD, Rybolowicz, Stefanelli].
- Introduce some preliminaries and motivations. Introduce the set-theoretic YBE and the notions of shelves, racks and quandles.
- Introduce the notions of parametric set-theoretic YBE and  $p$ -shelve and racks: parametric self-distributivity lead to solutions of the YBE
- Admissible Drinfel'd twist: all set theoretic solutions obtained from  $p$ -shelves (racks) and an admissible twist! Prototypical algebraic solutions presented.
- Formulate the underlying quasi-triangular Hopf-like algebraic structures. Well known examples of quantum algebras: Yangians and  $q$ -deformed algebras.

**A new paradigm of Quantum Algebra.**

# Preliminaries: Set theoretic-YBE

- Let a set  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  and  $\check{r} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ . Denote

## Set-theoretic solution

$$\check{r}(x, y) = (\sigma_x(y), \tau_y(x))$$

- ①  $(X, \check{r})$  non-degenerate:  $\sigma_x$  and  $\tau_y$  are bijective functions
- ②  $(X, \check{r})$  involutive:  $\check{r}(\sigma_x(y), \tau_y(x)) = (x, y)$ ,  $\check{r}^2 = \text{id}$
- Suppose  $(X, \check{r})$  is an involutive, non-degenerate set-theoretic solution of the Braid equation:

$$(\check{r} \times \text{Id}_X)(\text{Id}_X \times \check{r})(\check{r} \times \text{Id}_X) = (\text{Id}_X \times \check{r})(\check{r} \times \text{Id}_X)(\text{Id}_X \times \check{r}).$$

# Matrices

- **Linearization:**  $x_j \rightarrow e_{x_j}$ , then  $\mathbb{B} = \{e_{x_j}\}$ ,  $x_j \in X$  is a basis of  $V = \mathbb{C}X$  space of dimension equal to the cardinality of  $X$ . Recall,  $e_{x,y} = e_x e_y^T$ ,  $\mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}$  matrices. *Set-theoretic  $\check{r}$  as  $\mathcal{N}^2 \times \mathcal{N}^2$  matrix:*

## Matrix form

$$\check{r} = \sum_{x,y \in X} e_{x,\sigma_x(y)} \otimes e_{y,\tau_y(x)}$$

- **Baxterization for involutive solutions:**  $\check{r} : V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V$ :  $\check{r}^2 = I_{V \otimes V}$ . Reps of the symmetric group. *Baxterization:*

$$\check{R}(\lambda) = \lambda \check{r} + \mathbb{I} \Rightarrow R(\lambda) = \lambda r + \mathcal{P}$$

Define  $r = \mathcal{P}\check{r}$ . In the special case  $\check{r} = \mathcal{P}$  ( $r = \mathbb{I}$ ) we recover the **Yangian**.  
If  $\lambda = 0$  then  $r = \mathcal{P} \rightarrow$  commuting Hamiltonians!

# Local Hamiltonians

- Results by [AD & Smoktunowicz] and [AD].

## Local Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{x,y \in X} e_{x,\sigma_x(y)}^{(n)} e_{y,\tau_y(x)}^{(n+1)}$$

**Unlike Yangian, periodic Ham is *not*  $\mathfrak{gl}_N$  symmetric...*Surprise!***  
(twisted Yangian coproducts, quasi bialgebra!).

**Lyubashenko solution**,  $\sigma(y) = y + 1$ ,  $\tau(x) = x - 1$ ,  $\text{mod } \mathcal{N}$ ,  $x, y \in \{1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{N}\}$ ,

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{x,y=1}^{\mathcal{N}} e_{x,y+1}^{(n)} e_{y,x-1}^{(n+1)}$$

- Spectrum and eigenstates of commuting Hams challenging (symmetries of transfer matrix). Deriving Drinfeld twist key step (non-local maps [Soloviev])!
- $q$ -deformed version of the involutive set-theoretic solutions has been constructed via an admissible Drinfeld twist.



# Shelves, racks & quandles

- Shelves, racks & quandles [Joyce, Matveev, Dehornoy,...] satisfy axioms analogous to the Reidemeister moves used to manipulate knot diagrams. Link invariants, coloring of links a knot is tri-colored or not; Alexander's theorem: all links closed braids. → Special non-involutive set-theoretic solutions.

## Definition

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $\triangleright$  a binary operation on  $X$ . Then, the pair  $(X, \triangleright)$  is said to be a *left shelf* if  $\triangleright$  is left self-distributive, namely, the identity

$$a \triangleright (b \triangleright c) = (a \triangleright b) \triangleright (a \triangleright c)$$

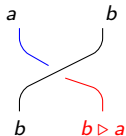
is satisfied, for all  $a, b, c \in X$ . Moreover, a left shelf  $(X, \triangleright)$  is called

- 1 a *left rack* if  $a \triangleright$  is bijective, for every  $a \in X$ .
  - 2 a *quandle* if  $(X, \triangleright)$  is a left rack and  $a \triangleright a = a$ , for all  $a \in X$ .
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- 1 **Conjugation quandle.** Let  $(X, \bullet)$  be a group and  $\triangleright : X \times X \rightarrow X$ , such that  $a \triangleright b = a^{-1} \bullet b \bullet a$ . Then  $(X, \triangleright)$  is a quandle.
  - 2 **Core quandle:** Let  $(X, \bullet)$  be a group and  $\triangleright : X \times X \rightarrow X$ , such that  $a \triangleright b = a \bullet b^{-1} \bullet a$ . Then  $(X, \triangleright)$  is a quandle.

## Proposition

Let  $X$  be a non empty set, then the map  $\check{r} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that  $\check{r}(a, b) = (b, b \triangleright a)$  is a solution of the braid equation if and only if  $(X, \triangleright)$  is a shelf. The solution is invertible if and only if  $(X, \triangleright)$  is a rack.

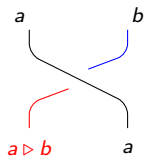
- Solutions from quandles **non-involutive!** All non-involutive set-theoretic solutions come from quandles by admissible Drinfeld twist [AD, Rybolowicz, Stefanelli].
- Extra motivation:  $q$ -deformed racks, quandles....from  $q$  braids.



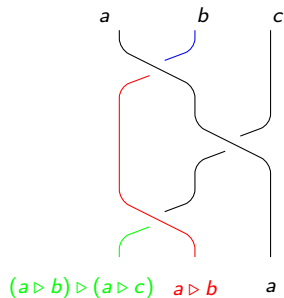
$$\check{r} = \sum_{a,b \in X} e_{a,b} \otimes e_{b,b \triangleright a}$$

- $\check{r}^{-1}(a, b) = (a \triangleright^{-1} b, a)$ ,  $\check{r}(a, b) = (a \triangleright b, a)$  also solution of braid equ.

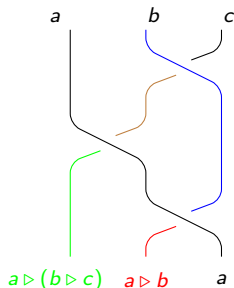
# Self-distributivity - shelf solutions



$$\check{r} = \sum_{a,b \in X} e_{a,a \triangleright b} \otimes e_{b,a}$$



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$$(\check{r} \times id)(id \times \check{r})(\check{r} \times id) = (id \times \check{r})(\check{r} \times id)(id \times \check{r})$$

# Examples of quandles

- Let  $i, j \in X := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and define  $i \triangleright j = 2i - j \pmod n$ :  $(X, \triangleright)$  is a quandle called the **dihedral quandle** (a core quandle).
- Special case [Dehornoy].  $n = 3$ ,  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $\triangleright : X \times X \rightarrow X$ , such that:

$\triangleright$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
$x_1$	$x_1$	$x_3$	$x_2$
$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_2$	$x_1$
$x_3$	$x_2$	$x_1$	$x_3$

- The 3D vector space. The canonical basis:

$$\hat{e}_{x_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{e}_{x_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{e}_{x_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall  $\check{r} = \sum_{x,y \in X} e_{x,y} \otimes e_{y,y \triangleright x}$ , where  $e_{x,y}$  the elementary  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $e_{x,y} = e_x e_y^T$ .  
 i.e.  $\check{r} = \sum_{j=1}^3 e_{x_j, x_j} \otimes e_{x_j, x_j} + e_{x_1, x_2} \otimes e_{x_2, x_3} + e_{x_2, x_1} \otimes e_{x_1, x_3} + \dots$

## The $\check{r}$ matrix:

$$\check{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\check{r}^{-1} = \check{r}^T$ . Unitary quantities from Twisted Yangian, [AD] in progress.
- Combinatorial matrices! [Kauffman...]: **qudits**, **topological quantum computing** - **braid gates**.

### More quandles: Affine (or Alexander) quandles.

Let  $X$  be a non empty set equipped with two group operations,  $+$  and  $\circ$ . Define  $\triangleright : X \times X \rightarrow X$ , such that for  $z \in X$  and  $\forall a, b \in X$ ,  $a \triangleright b = -a \circ z + b \circ z + a$ . Similar to a  $\mathbb{Z}(t, t^{-1})$  ring module. (For non-abelian  $(X, +)$  [AD, Stefanelli, Rybolowicz]).

### KEY STATEMENTS.

- 1 All involutive set-theoretic solutions,  $\check{r} = \sum_{a,b \in X} e_{a, \sigma_a(b)} \otimes e_{b, \tau_b(a)}$  come from the permutation operator via an *admissible Drilfen'd twist* (similarity) [AD].
- 2 All generic **non**-involutive set-theoretic solutions come from quandle solutions operator via an *admissible Drilfen'd twist* [AD, Stefanelli, Rybolowicz].  
*To be generalized in the parametric case.*

# Parametric set-theoretic YBE

- Let  $X, Y \subseteq X$  be non-empty sets,  $z_{i,j} \in Y, i, j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $R^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $R^{z_{ij}}(y, x) = (\sigma_x^{z_{ij}}(y), \tau_y^{z_{ij}}(x))$ .  $(X, R^{z_{ij}})$  is a solution of the parametric, set-theoretic YBE if

## Parametric set-theoretic YBE

$$R_{12}^{z_{12}} R_{13}^{z_{13}} R_{23}^{z_{23}} = R_{23}^{z_{23}} R_{13}^{z_{13}} R_{12}^{z_{12}}$$

$$R_{12}^{z_{ij}}(c, b, a) = (\sigma_b^{z_{ij}}(c), \tau_c^{z_{ij}}(b), a), \quad R_{13}^{z_{ij}}(c, b, a) = (\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(c), b, \tau_c^{z_{ij}}(a)) \text{ and} \\ R_{23}^{z_{ij}}(c, b, a) = (c, \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b), \tau_b^{z_{ij}}(a)).$$

- $R^{z_{ij}}$  is a left non-degenerate if  $\forall, z_{i,j} \in Y, \sigma_x^{z_{ij}}$  is a bijection and non-degenerate if both  $\sigma_x^{z_{ij}}, \tau_y^{z_{ij}}$  are bijections.  $z_{ij}$  denotes dependence on  $(z_i, z_j)$ .
- $R^{z_{ij}}$  is called "reversible" if  $R_{21}^{z_{21}} R_{12}^{z_{12}} = \text{id}$  [Bobenko, Suris, Papageorgiou, Veselov]. All solutions from discrete integrable systems are reversible.

- For the first time we present **non-unitary solutions** of the  $p$  set-theoretic YBE.
- Focus first on special type of solution  $R^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  such that  $R^{z_{ij}}(a, b) = (a, a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b)$ .

### Definition

Let  $X, Y \subseteq X$  be non empty sets. We define for all  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ , the binary operation  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X, (a, b) \mapsto a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b$ . The pair  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  is said to be a *left parametric (p)-shelf* if  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}}$  satisfies the generalized left  $p$ -self-distributivity:

$$a \triangleright_{z_{ik}} (b \triangleright_{z_{jk}} c) = (a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b) \triangleright_{z_{jk}} (a \triangleright_{z_{ik}} c)$$

for all  $a, b, c \in X, z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ . Moreover, a left  $p$ -shelf  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  is called a *left p-rack* if the maps  $L_a^{z_{ij}} : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $L_a^{z_{ij}}(b) := a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b$ , for all  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y$ , are bijective.

- Henceforth, whenever we say  $p$ -shelf or  $p$ -rack we mean left  $p$ -shelf or left  $p$ -rack.



## Proposition

Let  $X, Y \subseteq X$  be non empty sets. We define for  $z_{i,j} \in Y$  the binary operation  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X, (a, b) \mapsto a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b$ . Then  $R^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that for all  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y, R^{z_{ij}}(b, a) = (b, b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a)$  is a solution of the parametric set-theoretic Yang-Baxter equation if and only if  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  is a  $p$ -shelf. If  $R^{z_{ij}}$  invertible then  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  is a  $p$ -rack.

**Proof.** Equating LHS and RHS of YBE.

## Definition (skew braces)

[Rump, Guarnieri & Vendramin] A *left skew brace* is a set  $B$  together with two group operations  $+, \circ : B \times B \rightarrow B$ , the first is called addition and the second is called multiplication, such that for all  $a, b, c \in B$ ,

$$a \circ (b + c) = a \circ b - a + a \circ c.$$

If  $+$  is an abelian group operation  $B$  is called a *left brace*. Moreover, if  $B$  is a left skew brace and for all  $a, b, c \in B$   $(b + c) \circ a = b \circ a - a + c \circ a$ , then  $B$  is called a *two sided skew brace*.

# Examples of braces

- The additive identity of  $B$  will be denoted by 0 and the multiplicative identity by 1. In every skew brace  $0 = 1$ . Braces  $\rightarrow$  radical rings [Rump, Smoktunowicz,...]!  
From now on when we say skew brace we mean left skew brace.

## Example

**1. Finite braces.** Let  $U(\mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z}) =: U_n$  denote a set of odd integers mod  $2^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define also  $+_1 : U_n \times U_n \rightarrow U_n$ , such that  $a +_1 b := a - 1 + b$ , for all  $a, b \in U_n$ . Moreover,  $+$  is the usual addition and  $\circ$  is the usual multiplication of integers. Then the triplet  $(U_n, +_1, \circ)$  is a brace. For instance: 1.  $n = 1$ ,  $U_1 = \{1\}$ , 2.  $n = 2$ ,  $U_2 = \{1, 3\}$ , 3.  $n = 3$ ,  $U_3 = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  ...

## Example

**2. Infinite braces.** Consider a set  $O := \{\frac{2n+1}{2k+1} | n, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  together with two binary operations  $+_1 : O \times O \rightarrow O$  such that  $(a, b) \mapsto a - 1 + b$  and  $\circ : O \times O \rightarrow O$  such that  $(a, b) \mapsto a \circ b$ , where  $+$ ,  $\circ$  are addition and multiplication of rational numbers, respectively. Then the triplet  $(O, +_1, \circ)$  is a brace

# Solutions from $p$ -racks

## Proposition

Let  $(X, +, \circ)$  be a skew brace and  $Y \subseteq X$ , such that

- for all  $a, b \in X, z \in Y, (a + b) \circ z = a \circ z - z + b \circ z,$
- $z \in Y$  are central in  $(X, +)$ .

Define also for all  $z_{i,j} \in Y$  the binary operation  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X$ , such that for all  $a, b \in X,$

- 1  $a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b = -a \circ z_i \circ z_j^{-1} + b + a \circ z_i \circ z_j^{-1}.$
- 2  $a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b = -a \circ z_i \circ z_j^{-1} \circ z + b \circ z + a \circ z_i \circ z_j^{-1}, z \in Y.$

Then the map  $R^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that for all  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y,$

$$R^{z_{ij}}(a, b) = (a, a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b)$$

is a solution of the parametric Yang-Baxter equation. The map  $R^{z_{ij}}$  is invertible.

**Proof.** It suffices to show parametric self-distributivity for  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}}$ , which indeed holds. Also,  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}}$ , is a bijection indeed.

- **Remark.** In the special case where  $(X, +, \circ)$  is a brace, i.e.  $(X, +)$  is an abelian group, then in cae 1, for all  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y, a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b = b$ , and hence  $R^{z_{ij}} = \text{id}.$

# Generic solutions

- We focus on the generic solution of the set-theoretic YBE,  $R^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that for all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ ,

$$R^{z_{ij}}(b, a) = (\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b), \tau_b^{z_{ij}}(a))$$

- In this case,  $p$ -biracks and  $p$ -biquandles (**two binary operations**). Biracks and biquandles: virtual links and braids (ribbons).
- Generic solution obtained via admissible Drinfeld twist!!

## Definition

Let  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  be a  $p$ -shelf. We say that the twist  $\varphi^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that  $\varphi^{z_{ij}}(a, b) := (a, \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b))$  for all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j} \in Y$  is admissible, if for all  $a, b, c \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$  :  $(\sigma_a^{z_{ik}}(\sigma_b^{z_{ij}}(c))) = \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(\sigma_b^{z_{jk}}(c))$  &  $\sigma_c^{z_{ik}}(b) \triangleright_{z_{ij}} \sigma_c^{z_{jk}}(a) = \sigma_c^{z_{jk}}(b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a)$ .

# Admissible twists & general solutions

## Theorem

Let  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  be a  $p$ -shelf and  $\varphi^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$ , such that  $\varphi^{z_{ij}}(a, b) := (a, \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b))$  for all  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y$ . Then, the map  $R^{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  defined by

$$R^{z_{ij}}(a, b) = \left( \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b), (\sigma_{\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b)}^{z_{ij}})^{-1}(\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b) \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a) \right)$$

for all  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y$  is a solution if and only if  $\varphi^{z_{ij}}$  is an admissible twist.

**Proof.** The proof is involved based on the (1), (2) of the Definition of the adm. twist and the fundamental relations from the YBE.  $R^{z_{ij}} = (\varphi^{z_{ij}})^{-1} S^{z_{ij}} (\varphi^{z_{ij}})^{(op)}$ , where  $S^{z_{ij}}(x, y) = (x, x \triangleright_{z_{ij}} y)$ .

- **Conclusion.** *The problem of generic solutions of the  $p$  set-theoretic Yang-Baxter equation is reduced to the classification of  $p$ -shelf/rack solutions & admissible twists.*
- Explicit solutions derived [AD].

- Back to the linearized version, recall:

$$\textcircled{1} R^{z_{ij}} = \sum_{a,d \in X} e_{b, \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b)} \otimes e_{a, \tau_b^{z_{ij}}(a)}, \text{ generic set-theoretic solutions:}$$

$$\textcircled{2} R^{z_{ij}} = \sum_{a,b \in X} e_{b,a} \otimes e_{a,b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a}, \text{ } p\text{-shelves solutions,}$$

- Linearization formally generalizes to infinite countable sets & for compact sets, use of functional analysis and study of kernels of integral operators required.
- We establish the algebraic framework in the tensor product formulation. This naturally provides solutions to the parametric set-theoretic YBE, thus the linearized version is essential in what follows.
- Next, explore algebraic structures that provide universal  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrices associated to  $p$ -rack and general set-theoretic solutions of the YBE.

# $p$ -rack algebras

## Definition

Let  $Y \subseteq X$  be non-empty sets. We define for all  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ , the binary operation,  $\triangleright_{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  $(a, b) \mapsto a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b$ . Let also  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  be a finite magma, or such that  $a \triangleright_{z_{ij}}$  is surjective, for every  $a \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ . We say that the unital, associative algebra  $\mathcal{Q}$ , over a field  $k$  generated by,  $1_{\mathcal{Q}}$ ,  $q_a^{z_{ij}}$ ,  $(q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1}$ ,  $h_a \in \mathcal{Q}$  ( $h_a = h_b \Leftrightarrow a = b$ ) and relations for all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ :

$$q_a^{z_{ij}} (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1} = (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1} q_a^{z_{ij}} = 1_{\mathcal{Q}}, \quad q_a^{z_{jk}} q_b^{z_{ik}} = q_b^{z_{ik}} q_{b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a}^{z_{jk}},$$
$$h_a h_b = \delta_{a,b} h_a, \quad q_b^{z_{ij}} h_{b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a} = h_a q_b^{z_{ij}}$$

is a  $p$ -rack algebra.

The choice of the name  $p$ -rack algebra is justified by the following result.

## Proposition

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the  $p$ -rack algebra, then for all  $a, b, c \in X$  and  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ ,  $c \triangleright_{z_{ik}} (b \triangleright_{z_{jk}} a) = (c \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b) \triangleright_{z_{jk}} (c \triangleright_{z_{ik}} a)$ , i.e.  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  is a  $p$ -rack.

**Proof.** We compute  $h_a q_b^{z_{jk}} q_c^{z_{ik}}$  using the **associativity** of the algebra, also due to invertibility of  $q_a^{z_{ij}}$  for all  $a \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ :

$$h_{c \triangleright_{z_{ik}} (b \triangleright_{z_{jk}} a)} = h_{(c \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b) \triangleright_{z_{jk}} (c \triangleright_{z_{ik}} a)} \Rightarrow c \triangleright_{z_{ik}} (b \triangleright_{z_{jk}} a) = (c \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b) \triangleright_{z_{jk}} (c \triangleright_{z_{ik}} a).$$

Also,  $a \triangleright_{z_{ij}}$  is bijective and thus  $(X, \triangleright_{z_{ij}})$  is a  $p$ -rack.



# The universal $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix

## Proposition

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the  $p$ -rack algebra and  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}} \in \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$  be an invertible element, such that  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}} = \sum_a h_a \otimes q_a^{z_{ij}}$ ,  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}}$  satisfies the parametric Yang-Baxter equation

$$\mathcal{R}_{12}^{z_{12}} \mathcal{R}_{13}^{z_{13}} \mathcal{R}_{23}^{z_{23}} = \mathcal{R}_{23}^{z_{23}} \mathcal{R}_{13}^{z_{13}} \mathcal{R}_{12}^{z_{12}}$$

$\mathcal{R}_{12}^{z_{12}} = \sum_{a \in X} h_a \otimes q_a^{z_{12}} \otimes 1_{\mathcal{Q}}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{13}^{z_{13}} = \sum_{a \in X} h_a \otimes 1_{\mathcal{Q}} \otimes q_a^{z_{13}}$ , and  
 $\mathcal{R}_{23}^{z_{23}} = \sum_{a \in X} 1_{\mathcal{Q}} \otimes h_a \otimes q_a^{z_{23}}$ . The inverse  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix is  $(\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}})^{-1} = \sum_{a \in X} h_a \otimes (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** From YBE and  $p$ -rack algebra relations. Also,  $(\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}})^{-1} = \sum_{a \in X} h_a \otimes (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1}$ .

- **Fundamental representation:** Recall,  $e_{i,j}$ ,  $n \times n$  matrices with elements  $(e_{i,j})_{k,l} = \delta_{i,k} \delta_{j,l}$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the  $p$ -rack algebra and  $\rho : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$ , defined by  $q_a^{z_{ij}} \mapsto \sum_{x \in X} e_{x,a} \triangleright_{z_{ij} x}$ ,  $h_a \mapsto e_{a,a}$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}} \mapsto R^{z_{ij}} = \sum_{a,b \in X} e_{b,b} \otimes e_{a,b} \triangleright_{z_{ij} a}$  : the linearized  $p$ -rack solution.

## Definition

A  $p$ -rack algebra  $\mathcal{Q}$  is called a restricted  $p$ -rack algebra if for all  $z_{i,j} \in Y$  there exists a binary operation  $\bullet_{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  $(a, b) \mapsto a \bullet_{z_{ij}} b$ , such that,  $a \bullet_{z_{ij}}$ , is a bijection and  $a \bullet_{z_{ji}} b = b \bullet_{z_{ij}} (b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a)$ , for all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ .

- **NOTE.** In the parameter free case: motivated by pre-Lie algebras (chronological algebras) [*Agrachev, Gerstenhaber....* ] introduce the **pre-Lie skew brace**. Identified families of affine quandles that generate pre-Lie skew braces [*AD, Rybołowicz, Stefanelli*].

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the restricted  $p$ -rack algebra and  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}} = \sum_a h_a \otimes q_a^{z_{ij}} \in \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$  be a solution of the Yang-Baxter equation. Moreover, assume that for all  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ ,  $a, b \in X$ ,  $(b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a_1) \bullet_{z_{jk}} (b \triangleright_{z_{ik}} a_2) = b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} (a_1 \bullet_{z_{jk}} a_2)$ . We also define for  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ ,  $\Delta_{z_{ij}} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$ , such that for all  $a \in X$ ,

$$\Delta_{z_{jk}}((q_a^{z_{jk}})^{\pm 1}) := (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{\pm 1} \otimes (q_a^{z_{ik}})^{\pm 1}, \quad \Delta_{z_{ij}}(h_a) := \sum_{b,c \in X} h_b \otimes h_c \Big|_{b \bullet_{z_{ij}} c = a}.$$

Then the following statements hold:

- 1  $\Delta_{z_{ij}}$  is a  $\mathcal{Q}$  algebra homomorphism for all  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ .
- 2  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{jk}} \Delta_{z_{jk}}(y) = \Delta_{z_{kj}}^{(op)}(y) \mathcal{R}^{z_{jk}}$ , for all  $z_{j,k} \in Y$ ,  $y \in \{h_a, q_a^{z_{ik}}\}$ . Recall  $\Delta_{z_{ij}}^{(op)} := \pi \circ \Delta_{z_{ij}}$ , where  $\pi$  is the flip map.

# Parametric co-associativity

- Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the restricted  $p$ -rack algebra, assume also that for all  $a, b, c \in X$  and  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ ,  $(b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a) \bullet_{z_{jk}} (b \triangleright_{z_{ik}} c) = b \triangleright_{z_{ik}} (a \bullet_{z_{jk}} c)$  and  $(a \bullet_{z_{ij}} b) \bullet_{z_{jk}} c = a \bullet_{z_{ik}} (b \bullet_{z_{jk}} c)$ .

We also define for  $z_{i,1,2,\dots,n} \in Y$ ,  $\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{\otimes n}$ , such that

$$\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)}((q_a^{z_{in}})^{\pm 1}) = (q_a^{z_{i1}})^{\pm 1} \otimes (q_a^{z_{i2}})^{\pm 1} \otimes \dots \otimes (q_a^{z_{in}})^{\pm 1},$$

$$\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)}(h_a) := \sum_{a_1, \dots, a_n \in X} h_{a_1} \otimes h_{a_2} \otimes \dots \otimes h_{a_n} \Big|_{\prod_{z_{1\dots n}}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = a},$$

where for all  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in X$ ,  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in Y$  :

$$\prod_{z_{12}}(a_1, a_2) : = a_1 \bullet_{z_{12}} a_2$$

$$\prod_{z_{12\dots n}}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : = a_1 \bullet_{z_{1n}} (a_2 \bullet_{z_{2n}} (a_3 \dots \bullet_{z_{n-2n}} (a_{n-1} \bullet_{z_{n-1n}} a_n) \dots))$$

$$= ((\dots ((a_1 \bullet_{z_{12}} a_2) \bullet_{z_{23}} a_3) \dots a_{n-1}) \bullet_{z_{n-1n}} a_n, n > 2.$$

Then:

- ① For all  $z_{i,1,2,\dots,n} \in Y$ ,

$$\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)} := (\Delta_{z_{12\dots n-1}}^{(n-1)} \otimes \text{id})\Delta_{z_{n-1n}} = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{z_{23\dots n}}^{(n-1)})\Delta_{z_{1n}}.$$

- ② For all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $z_{i,1,2,\dots,n} \in Y$ ,  $\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)}$  is an algebra homomorphism.

### Example

Consider the binary operations  $\bullet_{z_{ij}}, \triangleright_{z_{ij}} : X \times X \rightarrow X$  such as  $a \bullet_{z_{ij}} b = a \circ z_i + b \circ z_j$  and  $a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b = -a \circ z_i \circ z_j^{-1} + b + a \circ z_i \circ z_j^{-1}$ , then for all  $a, b, c \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ ,

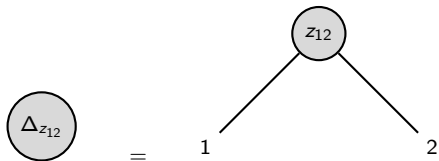
$$(a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} b) \bullet_{z_{jk}} (b \triangleright_{z_{ik}} c) = a \triangleright_{z_{io}} (b \bullet_{z_{jk}} c), \quad (a \bullet_{z_{ij}} b) \bullet_{z_{ok}} c = a \bullet_{z_{io}} (b \bullet_{z_{jk}} c),$$

where  $z_o = 1$  and

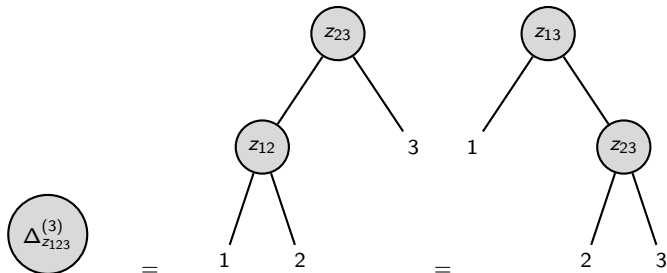
$$\Pi_{z_1\dots z_n}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = a_1 \circ z_1 + a_2 \circ z_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \circ z_{n-1} + a_n \circ z_n.$$

# Binary Trees

- Graphical representation of the parametric co-product  $\Delta_{z_{12}}$  :

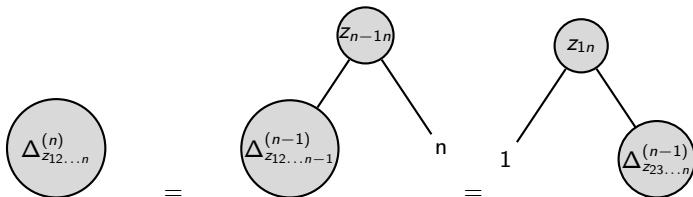


- $\Delta_{z_{123}}^{(3)} := (\Delta_{z_{12}} \otimes \text{id})\Delta_{z_{23}} = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{z_{23}})\Delta_{z_{13}}$



The  $n^{\text{th}}$  coproduct  $\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)}$ ,  $a \in X$ ,  $z_{k,1,2,\dots,n} \in Y$  is depicted by  $2^{n-2}$  equivalent diagrams.

$$\Delta_{z_{12\dots n}}^{(n)} := (\Delta_{z_{12\dots n-1}}^{(n-1)} \otimes \text{id})\Delta_{z_{n-1n}} = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_{z_{23\dots n}}^{(n-1)})\Delta_{z_{1n}}.$$



Unfolding  $\Delta^{(n-1)}$  in the LHS and RHS produces  $2^{n-2}$  binary tree diagrams.

# The parameter free case: quasi-triangular Hopf algebra

- The  $p$ -rack algebra reduces to a *rack algebra* in the parameter free case. In this case one recovers a quasi-triangular Hopf algebra if  $(X, \bullet)$  is a group [AD, Rybolowicz, Stefanelli].

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a rack algebra, with  $(X, \bullet, e)$  being a group. Let also  $\mathcal{R} = \sum_{a \in X} h_a \otimes q_a$  be a solution of the Yang-Baxter equation and  $q_a \in \mathcal{A}$  are such that  $q_a q_b = q_{a \bullet b}$ . Then the structure  $(\mathcal{A}, \Delta, \epsilon, S, \mathcal{R})$  is a quasi-triangular Hopf algebra:

- Co-product.  $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\Delta(q_a^{\pm 1}) = q_a^{\pm 1} \otimes q_a^{\pm 1}$  and  $\Delta(h_a) = \sum_{b, c \in X} h_b \otimes h_c \Big|_{b \bullet c = a}$ .
  - Co-unit.  $\epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow k$ ,  $\epsilon(q_a^{\pm 1}) = 1$ ,  $\epsilon(h_a) = \delta_{a, e}$ .
  - Antipode.  $S : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ,  $S(q_a^{\pm 1}) = q_a^{\mp 1}$ ,  $S(h_a) = h_{a^*}$ , where  $a^*$  is the inverse in  $(X, \bullet)$  for all  $a \in X$ .
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- Relevant: Pointed Hopf Algebras from racks [Andruskiewitsch & Grana].



# The $p$ -decorated algebra

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the  $p$ -rack algebra. Let also  $\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}, \tau_b^{z_{ij}} : X \rightarrow X$ , and  $\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}$  be a bijection for all  $a \in X, z_{i,j} \in Y$ . We say that the unital, associative algebra  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  over  $k$ , generated by indeterminates  $q_a^{z_{ij}}, (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1}, h_a, \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $w_a^{z_{ij}}, (w_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1} \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}, a \in X, 1_{\hat{\mathcal{Q}}} = 1_{\mathcal{Q}}$  is the unit element and relations, for  $a, b \in X, z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ :

## Decorated $p$ -rack algebras

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_a^{z_{ij}} (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1} &= (q_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1} q_a^{z_{ij}} = 1_{\hat{\mathcal{Q}}}, & q_a^{z_{jk}} q_b^{z_{ik}} &= q_b^{z_{ik}} q_{b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a}^{z_{jk}}, & h_a h_b &= \delta_{a,b} h_a, \\
 q_b^{z_{ij}} h_{b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a} &= h_a q_b^{z_{ij}} & w_a^{z_{ij}} (w_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1} &= 1_{\hat{\mathcal{A}}}, & w_a^{z_{ki}} w_b^{z_{ji}} &= w_{\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b)}^{z_{ji}} w_{\tau_b^{z_{ij}}(a)}^{z_{ki}} \\
 w_a^{z_{ji}} h_b &= h_{\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b)} w_a^{z_{ji}}, & w_a^{z_{kj}} q_b^{z_{ij}} &= q_{\sigma_a^{z_{ik}}(b)}^{z_{ij}} w_a^{z_{kj}}
 \end{aligned}$$

is a decorated  $p$ -rack algebra.

- **Proposition.** Let  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  be the decorated  $p$ -rack algebra, then for all  $a, b, c \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$  :

$$\sigma_a^{z_{ik}}(\sigma_b^{z_{ij}}(c)) = \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(\sigma_b^{z_{jk}}(\sigma_a^{z_{ik}}(c))) \quad \& \quad \sigma_c^{z_{ik}}(b) \triangleright_{z_{ij}} \sigma_c^{z_{jk}}(a) = \sigma_c^{z_{jk}}(b \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a).$$

**Proof.** Follow from the algebra associativity. **These are the conditions of the Def. of an admissible twist!**

- **Proposition.** Let  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  be the decorated  $p$ -rack algebra and  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}} = \sum_a h_a \otimes q_a^{z_{ij}} \in \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$  be a solution of the Yang-Baxter equation. We also define for  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ ,  $\Delta_{z_{ij}} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$ , such that for all  $a \in X$ ,

$$\Delta_{z_{jk}}((y_a^{z_{ik}})^{\pm 1}) := (y_a^{z_{ij}})^{\pm 1} \otimes (y_a^{z_{jk}})^{\pm 1}, \quad \Delta_{z_{ij}}(h_a) := \sum_{b,c \in X} h_b \otimes h_c \Big|_{b \bullet_{z_{ij}} c = a}.$$

$$y_a^{z_{ik}} \in \{q_a^{z_{ik}}, w_a^{z_{ik}}\}.$$

Then the following statements hold:

- ①  $\Delta_{z_{ij}}$  is a  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  algebra homomorphism for all  $z_{i,j} \in Y$ .
- ②  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{jk}} \Delta_{z_{jk}}(y_a^{z_{ik}}) = \Delta_{z_{kj}}^{(op)}(y_a^{z_{ik}}) \mathcal{R}^{z_{jk}}$ , for  $y_a^{z_{ik}} \in \{q_a^{z_{ik}}, w_a^{z_{ik}}\}$ ,  $a \in X$ ,  $z_{i,j,k} \in Y$ . Recall,  $\Delta_{z_{ij}}^{(op)} := \pi \circ \Delta_{z_{ij}}$ , where  $\pi$  is the flip map.

# Universal $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix by twisting

- **Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{R}^{z_{ij}} = \sum_{a \in X} h_a \otimes q_a^{z_{ij}} \in \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$  be the  $\mathcal{p}$ -rack universal  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix. Let also  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  be the decorated  $\mathcal{p}$ -rack algebra and  $\mathcal{F}^{z_{ij}} \in \hat{\mathcal{Q}} \otimes \hat{\mathcal{Q}}$ , such that  $\mathcal{F}^{z_{ij}} = \sum_{b \in X} h_b \otimes (w_b^{z_{ij}})^{-1}$  (invertible) for all  $z_{i,j} \in Y$  then  $\mathcal{F}$  is an admissible twist. *This guarantees that if  $\mathcal{R}$  is a solution of the YBE then  $\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$  also is!*
- The twisted  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix:

$$\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{F}z_{12}} = (\mathcal{F}^{z_{21}})^{(op)} \mathcal{R}^{z_{12}} (\mathcal{F}^{z_{12}})^{-1}$$

- The twisted coproducts: for  $z_{12} \in Y$ ,  $\Delta_{z_{12}}^{\mathcal{F}}(y) = \mathcal{F}^{z_{12}} \Delta_{z_{12}}(y) (\mathcal{F}^{z_{12}})^{-1}$ ,  $y \in \hat{\mathcal{Q}}$ . Moreover it follows that  $\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{F}z_{21}} \Delta_{z_{12}}^{\mathcal{F}}(y) = \Delta_{z_{12}}^{\mathcal{F}(op)}(y) \mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{F}z_{12}}$ ,  $y \in \hat{\mathcal{Q}}$ ,  $z_{1,2} \in Y$ .

- **Fundamental representation & the set-theoretic solution:**

Let  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  be the decorated  $p$ -rack algebra,  $\rho : \hat{\mathcal{Q}} \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$ , such that

$$q_a^{z_{ij}} \mapsto \sum_a e_{x, a \triangleright_{z_{ij}} x}, \quad h_a \mapsto e_{a, a}, \quad w_a^{z_{ij}} \mapsto \sum_{b \in X} e_{\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b), b},$$

then  $\mathcal{R}^{Fz_{ij}} \mapsto R^{Fz_{ij}} = \sum_{a, b \in X} e_{b, \sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b)} \otimes e_{a, \tau_b^{z_{ij}}(a)}$ , where

$$\tau_b^{z_{ij}}(a) := \sigma_{(\sigma_a^{z_{ij}})^{-1}(b)}^{z_{ij}}(\sigma_a^{z_{ij}}(b) \triangleright_{z_{ij}} a).$$

$R^{Fz_{ij}}$  is the linearized version of the set-theoretic solution.

- The associated quantum algebra (non-parametric case) is a *quasi-triangular quasi Hopf algebra* [AD, Vlaar, Ghionis].