

Introduction to Macdonald polynomials: Lecture 8

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8 Affine Hecke algebra and q -Dunkl operators

We denote by $W = \mathfrak{S}_n$ the symmetric group of degree n (*Weyl group* of type A_{n-1}), following the convention of Macdonald-Cherednik theory for general root systems. In this section, we denote by $\tau_i = T_{q,x_i}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) the q -shift operators in variables x_i , in order to avoid the conflict with the generators T_i of Hecke algebras. Setting $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$, we denote by $\mathcal{D}_{q,x} = \mathbb{C}(x)[\tau^{\pm 1}]$ the algebra of q -difference operators in x variables with rational coefficients, and by $\mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ the algebra of all operators of the form,

$$A_x = \sum_{\mu \in P, w \in W} a_{\mu,w}(x) \tau^\mu w \quad (\text{finite sum}), \quad a_{\mu,w}(x) \in \mathbb{C}(x) \quad (\mu \in P, w \in W), \quad (8.1)$$

called the q -difference-reflection operators, where $P = \mathbb{Z}^n$ (*weight lattice* of GL_n), and for $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \in P$, $\tau^\mu = \tau_1^{\mu_1} \cdots \tau_n^{\mu_n}$. Through their natural action on rational functions, we regard $\mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ as a subalgebra of $\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}(x))$.

8.1 Affine Weyl groups and affine Hecke algebras

We denote by $\tau^P = \{\tau^\mu \mid \mu \in P\}$ the group of q -shift operators (*translations*) by P , and define the *extended affine Weyl group* \widetilde{W} by

$$\widetilde{W} = \tau^P \rtimes W = \{\tau^\mu w \mid \mu \in P, w \in W\}; \quad w\tau^\mu = \tau^{w \cdot \mu} w \quad (\mu \in P, w \in W), \quad (8.2)$$

which is an extension of the standard *affine Weyl group* $W^{\text{aff}} = \tau^Q \rtimes W$ with the group of translations by $Q = \{\mu \in P \mid |\mu| = \mu_1 + \cdots + \mu_n\}$ (*root lattice*). Denoting the canonical basis of P by ε_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$), we use the notation $\alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$, $\alpha_2 = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3$, \dots , $\alpha_{n-1} = \varepsilon_{n-1} - \varepsilon_n$ of the *simple roots*, so that $Q = \mathbb{Z}\alpha_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}\alpha_{n-1} \subset P$. The idea of (affine) Hecke algebras is to construct t -deformations of the groups

$$W = \mathfrak{S}_n \subset W^{\text{aff}} = \tau^Q \rtimes W \subset \widetilde{W} = \tau^P \rtimes W \subset \mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W] \quad (8.3)$$

within the algebra $\mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ of q -difference-reflection operators. Note that the group-ring of \widetilde{W}

$$\mathbb{C}[\widetilde{W}] = \mathbb{C}[\tau^P \rtimes W] = \mathbb{C}[\tau^{\pm 1}][W] \subset \mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W] \quad (8.4)$$

is the ring of q -difference-reflection operators with constant coefficients.

We denote by

$$s_1 = (12), \quad s_2 = (23), \quad \dots, \quad s_{n-1} = (n-1, n) \quad (8.5)$$

the adjacent transpositions in $W = \mathfrak{S}_n$ (*simple reflections*) so that $W = \langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle$. Note that s_i acts on the x variables by exchanging x_i and x_{i+1} . Besides these generators, we use the *affine reflection* s_0 and the *diagram automorphism* ω by setting

$$s_0 = \tau_1^{-1} \tau_n(1, n) \in W^{\text{aff}}, \quad \omega = \tau_n(n-1, \dots, 1) = \tau_n s_{n-1} \cdots s_1 \in \widetilde{W} \quad (8.6)$$

where $(1, n)$ stands for the transposition of 1 and n , and $(n, n-1, \dots, 1)$ for the cyclic permutation $n \rightarrow n-1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow n$. These s_0 and ω are characterized as field automorphisms of $\mathbb{C}(x)$ acting on the x -variables by

$$\begin{aligned} s_0(x_1) &= qx_n, & s_0(x_i) &= x_i \quad (i = 2, \dots, n-1), & s_0(x_n) &= q^{-1}x_1 \\ \omega(x_1) &= qx_n, & \omega(x_2) &= x_1, & \dots, & \omega(x_n) &= x_{n-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (8.7)$$

If fact, it is known that the three groups in (8.3) are generate by these operators as

$$W = \langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle \subset W^{\text{aff}} = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle \subset \widetilde{W} = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, \omega \rangle, \quad (8.8)$$

with the fundamental relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (0) \quad & s_i^2 = 1 \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1) \\ (1) \quad & s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad (j \neq i, i \pm 1 \pmod n) \\ (2) \quad & s_i s_j s_i = s_j s_i s_j \quad (j = i \pm 1 \pmod n) \\ (3) \quad & \omega s_i = s_{i-1} \omega \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \quad \omega s_0 = s_{n-1} \omega. \end{aligned} \quad (8.9)$$

In terms of these generators, the q -shift operators τ_i ($= T_{q, x_i}$) are expressed as follows:

$$\tau_1 = s_1 \cdots s_{n-1} \omega, \quad \tau_2 = s_2 \cdots s_{n-1} \omega s_1, \quad \dots, \quad \tau_n = \omega s_1 \cdots s_{n-1}. \quad (8.10)$$

We now defines the q -difference-reflection operators T_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$) by

$$T_i = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1 - tx_i/x_{i+1}}{1 - x_i/x_{i+1}} (s_i - 1) + t^{\frac{1}{2}} = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1 - tx_i/x_{i+1}}{1 - x_i/x_{i+1}} s_i + \frac{t^{\frac{1}{2}} - t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - x_i/x_{i+1}} \quad (8.11)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ and

$$T_0 = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1 - tqx_n/x_i}{1 - qx_n/x_1} (s_0 - 1) + t^{\frac{1}{2}} = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1 - tqx_n/x_i}{1 - qx_n/x_1} s_0 + \frac{t^{\frac{1}{2}} - t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - qx_n/x_1}. \quad (8.12)$$

Note that $x_i/x_{i+1} = x^{\alpha_i}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n-1$) correspond to the simple roots, and $qx_n/x_1 = x^{\alpha_0}$ to the *simple affine root* $\alpha_0 = \delta - \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_n$ with the convention $x^\delta = q$.

Theorem A: These operators T_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$) in $\mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ together with ω satisfy the following relations.

$$\begin{aligned} (0) \quad & (T_i - t^{\frac{1}{2}})(T_i + t^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = 1 \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1) \\ (1) \quad & T_i T_j = T_j T_i \quad (j \neq i, i \pm 1 \pmod n) \\ (2) \quad & T_i T_j T_i = T_j T_i T_j \quad (j = i \pm 1 \pmod n) \\ (3) \quad & \omega T_i = T_{i-1} \omega \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1). \quad \omega T_0 = T_{n-1} \omega. \end{aligned} \quad (8.13)$$

In this way, we obtain t -deformations of the group-rings of W , W^{aff} , \widetilde{W} in $\mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}[W] &= \mathbb{C}\langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle & H[W] &= \mathbb{C}\langle T_1, \dots, T_{n-1} \rangle \\ \cap & & \cap & \\ \mathbb{C}[W^{\text{aff}}] &= \mathbb{C}\langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle & H[W^{\text{aff}}] &= \mathbb{C}\langle T_0, T_1, \dots, T_{n-1} \rangle \\ \cap & & \cap & \\ \mathbb{C}[\widetilde{W}] &= \mathbb{C}\langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, \omega^{\pm 1} \rangle & H[\widetilde{W}] &= \mathbb{C}\langle T_0, T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}, \omega^{\pm 1} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (8.14)$$

Here $H(W)$ denotes the Hecke algebra associate with the Weyl group W ; $H(W^{\text{aff}})$ and $H(\widetilde{W})$ are called (extended) *affine Hecke algebras*. Note that the fundamental relations $s_i^2 = 1$ are replaced by the quadratic relations $(T_i - t^{\frac{1}{2}})(T_i + t^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = 0$, and hence $T_i^{-1} = T_i - (t^{\frac{1}{2}} - t^{-\frac{1}{2}})$.

8.2 q -Dunkl operators

In view of the two expressions

$$\mathbb{C}[\widetilde{W}] = \mathbb{C}\langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, \omega^{\pm 1} \rangle = \mathbb{C}[\tau^{\pm 1}][W] \quad (8.15)$$

of the group-ring of \widetilde{W} , it would be natural to ask what are the “translations” in $H(\widetilde{W})$. Imitating the formulas (8.10) for τ_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$), we define the q -Dunkl operators (or Cherednik operators) Y_1, \dots, Y_n by

$$Y_1 = T_1 \cdots T_{n-1} \omega, \quad Y_2 = T_2 \cdots T_{n-1} \omega T_1^{-1}, \quad \dots, \quad Y_n = \omega T_1^{-1} \cdots T_{n-1}^{-1} \in H(\widetilde{W}). \quad (8.16)$$

Notice here that T_i are replaced by their inverses T_i^{-1} when they are located to the right side of ω .

Theorem B: The q -Dunkl operators $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \in H(\widetilde{W})$ commute with each other. Furthermore, they generate a commutative subalgebra $\mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}] = \mathbb{C}[Y_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, Y_n^{\pm 1}] \subset H(\widetilde{W})$ isomorphic to the algebra of Laurent polynomials in n variables.

One can directly verify the commutativity $Y_i Y_j = Y_j Y_i$ ($i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$) by the definition (8.16) and the fundamental relations of T_i, ω in (8.13). With this “translation subalgebra” of q -Dunkl operators, the extended affine Heck algebra is expressed in the form

$$H(\widetilde{W}) = \mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}] \otimes H(W) = \bigoplus_{w \in W} \mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}] T_w, \quad (8.17)$$

where, for each $w \in W$, T_w is the element defined as $T_w = T_{s_{i_1}} \cdots T_{s_{i_l}}$ in terms of a reduced (shortest) expression $w = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_l}$ of w ; this definition does not depend on the choice of the reduced expression (Lemma of Iwahori-Matsumoto). From this, we see that one can take T_1, \dots, T_{n-1} and the q -Dunkl operators $Y_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, Y_n^{\pm 1}$ for the generators of the extended affine Heck algebra:

$$H(\widetilde{W}) = \mathbb{C}\langle T_0, T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}; \omega^{\pm 1} \rangle = \mathbb{C}\langle T_1, \dots, T_n; Y_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, Y_n^{\pm 1} \rangle. \quad (8.18)$$

Theorem C (Bernstein): The center $\mathcal{Z}H(\widetilde{W})$ of the extended affine Hecke algebra is precisely the W -invariant part of the commutative algebra of q -Dunkl operators:

$$\mathcal{Z}H(\widetilde{W}) = \mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}]^W = \{f(Y) \mid f(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]^W\}, \quad \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n). \quad (8.19)$$

8.3 From q -Dunkl operators to Macdonald-Ruijsenaars operators

Let $A_x \in \mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ be a q -difference-reflection operator in the form

$$A_x = \sum_{\mu \in P, w \in W} a_{\mu,w}(x) \tau^\mu w \quad (\text{finite sum}), \quad a_{\mu,w}(x) \in \mathbb{C}(x) \quad (\mu \in P, w \in W). \quad (8.20)$$

If $\varphi(x)$ is a symmetric (W -invariant) function, A_x acts on $\varphi(x)$ as a q -difference operator: since $w\varphi(x) = \varphi(x)$ ($w \in W$), we have

$$A_x \varphi(x) = \sum_{\mu \in P, w \in W} a_{\mu,w}(x) \tau^\mu \varphi(x) = L_x \varphi(x), \quad L_x = \sum_{\mu \in P, w \in W} a_{\mu,w}(x) \tau^\mu. \quad (8.21)$$

In order to describe the action of q -Dunkl operators, we set

$$c(z) = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1-tz}{1-z}, \quad d_\pm(z) = t^{\pm\frac{1}{2}} - c(z) \quad (8.22)$$

so that

$$T_i^{\pm 1} = c(x_i/x_{i+1})s_i + d_\pm(x_i/x_{i+1}) \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \quad T_0^{\pm 1} = c(qx_n/x_q)s_i + d_\pm(qx_n/x_1). \quad (8.23)$$

Note also that $c(z)$ satisfies $c(z) + c(z^{-1}) = t^{\frac{1}{2}} + t^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

• **Example ($n = 2$):** In this case, we have two q -Dunkl operators.

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= T_1 \omega = c(x_1/x_2)s_1 \omega + d_+(x_1/x_2)\omega = c(x_1/x_2)\tau_1 + d_+(x_1/x_2)\tau_2 s_1 \\ Y_2 &= \omega T_1^{-1} = \omega c(x_1/x_2)s_1 + \omega d_-(x_1/x_2) = c(qx_2/x_1)\tau_2 + d_-(qx_2/x_1)\tau_2 s_1 \end{aligned} \quad (8.24)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 + Y_2 &= c(x_1/x_2)\tau_1 + c(qx_2/x_1)\tau_2 + (d_-(qx_2/x_1) + d_+d_+(x_1/x_2))\tau_2 s_1 \\ Y_2 Y_1 &= \omega^2 = \tau_1 \tau_2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.25)$$

Since

$$c(qx_2/x_1) + d_-(qx_2/x_2) + d_+(x_1/x_2) = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} + t^{-\frac{1}{2}} - c(x_1/x_2) = c(x_2/x_1), \quad (8.26)$$

for any symmetric function $\varphi(x) = \varphi(x_1, x_2)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Y_1 + Y_2)\varphi(x) &= (c(x_1/x_2)\tau_1 + c(x_2/x_1)\tau_2)\varphi(x) \\ &= t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1-tx_1/x_2}{1-x_1/x_2} \tau_1 + \frac{1-tx_2/x_1}{1-x_2/x_1} \tau_2 \right) \varphi(x) \\ &= t^{-\frac{1}{2}} D_x^{(1)} \varphi(x) \\ (Y_2 Y_1)\varphi(x) &= \tau_1 \tau_2 \varphi(x) = t^{-1} D_x^{(2)} \varphi(x), \end{aligned} \quad (8.27)$$

where $D_x^{(1)}$, $D_x^{(2)}$ are the Macdonald-Ruijsenaars operators in two variables.

For each $f(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]$, there exists a unique q -difference operator $L_x^f \in \mathcal{D}_{q,x}$ such that

$$f(Y)\varphi(x) = L_x^f \varphi(x) \quad (8.28)$$

for any symmetric function $\varphi(x)$; express $A_x = f(Y)$ in the form (8.20), and take $L_x = L_x^f$ as in (8.21).

Theorem D: For any $f \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]^W$, $L_x^f \in \mathcal{D}_{q,x}$ is a W -invariant q -difference operator. Furthermore, L_x^f ($f \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]^W$) commute with each other: $L_x^f L_x^g = L_x^g L_x^f$ for any $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]^W$.

Let's take the elementary symmetric functions $e_r(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]^W$ ($r = 1, \dots, n$) for $f(\xi)$. Then, one can show that the q -Dunkl operators

$$e_r(Y) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n} Y_{i_1} \cdots Y_{i_r} \quad (8.29)$$

induce a commuting family of W -invariant q -difference operator $L_x^{e_r}$ of the form

$$L_x^{e_r} = \left(\prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq r \\ r+1 \leq j \leq n}} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1 - tx_i/x_j}{1 - x_i/x_j} \right) \tau_1 \cdots \tau_r + \dots \quad (8.30)$$

This implies that $L_x^{e_r}$ are constant multiples of $D_x^{(r)}$ respectively,

$$L_x^{e_r} = t^{-\frac{1}{2}(n-1)r} D_x^{(r)} \quad (r = 0, 1, \dots, n), \quad (8.31)$$

and also that they are diagonalized by the Macdonald polynomials:

$$L_x^{e_r} P_\lambda(x) = e_r(t^\rho q^\lambda) P_\lambda(x) \quad (\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n), \quad (8.32)$$

where $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (n - 2i + 1) \varepsilon_i = \delta - \frac{1}{2}(n-1)(1^n)$.

To summarize: There is an isomorphism of algebras

$$\mathcal{Z}H(\widetilde{W}) = \mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}]^W \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[D_1^{(1)}, \dots, D_x^{(n)}, (D_x^{(n)})^{-1}] : f(Y) \rightarrow L_x^f \quad (8.33)$$

from the algebra of symmetric q -Dunkl operators to the algebra of Macdonald-Ruijsenaars operators. Furthermore, for all $f(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]^W$, we have

$$f(Y) P_\lambda(x) = L_x^f P_\lambda(x) = f(t^\rho q^\lambda) P_\lambda(x) \quad (\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n). \quad (8.34)$$

One can directly check that the operators T_i ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$) stabilize the algebra $\mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}]$ of Laurent polynomials in $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Hence $\mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}]$ can be regarded as a left $H(\widetilde{W})$ -module. It would be natural to anticipate that the commutative subalgebra $\mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}]$ of $H(\widetilde{W})$ can be simultaneously diagonalized on $\mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}]$. In fact, the q -Dunkl operators have common eigenfunctions $E_\mu(x)$ ($\mu \in P$), called the *nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials*.

In the following, we denote by

$$P_+ = \{\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in P \mid \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n\} = \mathbb{N}\varpi_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{N}\varpi_{n-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\varpi_n, \quad (8.35)$$

the cone of *dominant integral weights*, where, for $r = 1, \dots, n$, $\varpi_r = (1^r) = \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_r$ (*fundamental weights*). Then, for each $\mu \in P$, there exists a unique $\mu_+ \in P_+$ in the W -orbit of μ : $W.\mu \cap P_+ = \{\mu_+\}$. For the diagonalization of the q -Dunkl operators, we make use of the partial order

$$\mu \preceq \nu \iff \mu_+ < \nu_+ \text{ or } (\mu_+ = \nu_+ \text{ and } \mu \leq \nu). \quad (8.36)$$

defined by applying the dominance order in two steps.

Theorem E: Assume that $t \in \mathbb{C}^*$ is generic. Then there exists a unique Laurent polynomial $E_\mu(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}]$ such that

- (1) $f(Y)E_\mu(x) = f(t^{\rho_\mu} q^\mu)E_\mu(x)$ for all $f(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}[\xi^{\pm 1}]$,
- (2) $E_\mu(x) = x^\mu + (\text{lower order terms with respect to } \preceq)$.

Then, regarded as a $H(\widetilde{W})$ -module, the algebra of Laurent polynomials $\mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}]$ is decomposed into irreducible components as follows:

$$\mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P_+} V(\lambda), \quad V(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\mu \in W \cdot \lambda} \mathbb{C}E_\mu(x). \quad (8.37)$$

Furthermore, for each $\lambda \in P_+$, we have

$$V(\lambda)^{H(W)} = \left\{ v \in V(\lambda) \mid T_i v = t^{\frac{1}{2}} v \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1) \right\} = \mathbb{C}P_\lambda(x), \quad (8.38)$$

where $P_\lambda(x)$ is the Macdonald (Laurent) polynomial attached λ ; if we take $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$ such that $\lambda = \mu + (l^n)$, then $P_\lambda(x)$ is expressed as $P_\lambda(x) = (x_1 \dots x_n)^l P_\mu(x)$ in terms of the Macdonald polynomial $P_\mu(x)$ attached to a partition $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$.

8.4 Double affine Hecke algebra and Cherednik involution

The algebra $\mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W]$ contains the subalgebra

$$\mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}; \tau^{\pm 1}][W] = \mathbb{C}\langle x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}; s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}; \tau_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, \tau_n^{\pm 1} \rangle \subset \mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W] \quad (8.39)$$

of q -difference-reflection operators with Laurent polynomial coefficients. This algebra can be thought of as a q -version of $\mathbb{C}[x; \partial_x][W]$ (crossed product of the Heisenberg algebra and the Weyl group.) One can consider the t -deformation of this algebra

$$\begin{aligned} DH(\widetilde{W}) &= \mathbb{C}[x^{\pm 1}] \otimes H(W) \otimes \mathbb{C}[Y^{\pm 1}] \\ &= \mathbb{C}\langle x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}; T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}; Y_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, Y_n^{n-1} \rangle \subset \mathcal{D}_{q,x}[W], \end{aligned} \quad (8.40)$$

called the *double affine Hecke algebra*. This algebra consists of all operators of the form

$$A = \sum_{\mu, \nu \in P; w \in W} a_{\mu, w, \nu} x^\mu T_w Y^\nu \quad (\text{finite sum}) \quad (a_{\mu, w, \nu} \in \mathbb{C}). \quad (8.41)$$

Also, commutation relations between T_i and x_j, Y_j are given by

$$T_i x_i T_i = x_{i+1} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \quad T_i x_j = x_j T_i \quad (j \neq i, i+1). \quad (8.42)$$

and

$$T_i Y_{i+1} T_i = Y_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \quad T_i Y_j = Y_j T_i \quad (j \neq i, i+1). \quad (8.43)$$

Theorem F (Cherednik): There exists a unique involutive anti-homomorphism $\phi : DH(\widetilde{W}) \rightarrow DH(\widetilde{W})$ such that

$$\phi(x_i) = Y^{-i}, \quad \phi(Y_i) = x_i^{-1} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \quad \phi(T_i) = T_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1). \quad (8.44)$$

This anti-involution ϕ is called the *Cherednik involution* ($\phi(ab) = \phi(b)\phi(a)$, $\phi^2 = 1$).

We define the *expectation value* $\langle \cdot \rangle : DH(\widetilde{W}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$\langle A \rangle = A(1)|_{x=t^{-\rho}} = \sum_{\mu, \nu \in P; w \in W} a_{\mu, w, \nu} t^{-\langle \rho, \mu \rangle} t^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} t^{\langle \rho, \nu \rangle}, \quad (8.45)$$

where $\ell(w)$ the length of w (= the number of pairs (i, j) ($1 \leq i < j \leq n$) such that $w(i) > w(j)$). We also define a scalar product (bilinear form)

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : DH(\widetilde{W}) \times DH(\widetilde{W}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad (8.46)$$

by

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \langle \phi(A)B \rangle \in \mathbb{C} \quad (A, B \in DH(\widetilde{W})). \quad (8.47)$$

By the definition of the Cherednik involution, we have

$$\langle \phi(A) \rangle = \langle A \rangle, \quad \langle A, B \rangle = \langle B, A \rangle. \quad (8.48)$$

(This bilinear form is a variation of Fisher's scalar product.)

We apply formula (8.48) to Macdonald polynomials $A = P_\lambda(x)$ and $B = P_\mu(x)$ ($\lambda, \mu \in P_+$).

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_\lambda(x), P_\mu(x) \rangle &= \langle \phi(P_\lambda(x))P_\mu(x) \rangle = \langle P_\lambda(Y^{-1})P_\mu(x) \rangle \\ &= \langle P_\lambda(t^{-\rho}q^{-\mu})P_\mu(x) \rangle = P_\lambda(t^{-\rho}q^{-\mu})P_\mu(t^{-\rho}) \end{aligned} \quad (8.49)$$

Since $\langle P_\lambda(x), P_\mu(x) \rangle = \langle P_\mu(x), P_\lambda(x) \rangle$, we have

$$P_\lambda(t^{-\rho}q^{-\mu})P_\mu(t^{-\rho}) = P_\mu(t^{-\rho}q^{-\lambda})P_\lambda(t^{-\rho}) \quad (\lambda, \mu \in P_+), \quad (8.50)$$

and hence

$$\frac{P_\lambda(t^{-\rho}q^{-\mu})}{P_\lambda(t^{-\rho})} = \frac{P_\mu(t^{-\rho}q^{-\lambda})}{P_\mu(t^{-\rho})}. \quad (8.51)$$

By the property $P_\lambda(x; q, t) = P_\lambda(x; q^{-1}, t^{-1})$ of Macdonald polynomials, from (8.51) we obtain

$$\frac{P_\lambda(t^\rho q^\mu)}{P_\lambda(t^\rho)} = \frac{P_\mu(t^\rho q^\lambda)}{P_\mu(t^\rho)} \quad (\lambda, \mu \in P_+). \quad (8.52)$$

Since $\rho = \delta - \frac{1}{2}(n-1)(1^n)$, this formula is identical to the self-duality we discussed in Section 5.