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ISOMORPHISM BETWEEN QUANTUM AND CLASSICAL $SL(N)$

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Abstract: Quantum groups, introduced by Drinfeld and Jimbo, are Hopf algebras naturally associated to simple Lie algebras. For a simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , the quantum group $U_h(\mathfrak{g})$ is known to be isomorphic, as an algebra, to the enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})[[h]]$ (where h is a formal variable). This isomorphism exists due to a non-trivial cohomological argument and has only been written down for $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ by Drinfeld and Chari-Pressley. In this talk, I will give an explicit formula resulting in such an isomorphism between $U_h(\mathfrak{sl}(n))$ and $U(\mathfrak{sl}(n))[[h]]$ for every $n \geq 2$. This talk is based on a joint work with Andrea Appel (arxiv:1712.03601)

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