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Tensor isomorphism between Yangians and quantum loop algebras

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The Yangian and the quantum loop algebra of a simple Lie algebra g arise naturally in the study of the rational and trigonometric solutions of the Yang—Baxter equation, respectively. These algebras are deformations of the current algebra g[s] and the loop algebra $g[z; z^1]$ respectively.

The aim of this talk is to establish an explicit relation between the finite-dimensional representation categories of these algebras, as *meromorphic braided tensor categories*. The notion of meromorphic tensor categories was introduced by Y. Soibelman and finite-dimensional representations of Yangians and quantum loop algebras are among the first non-trivial examples of these.

The isomorphism between these two categories is governed by the monodromy of an abelian difference equation. Moreover, the twist relating the tensor products is a solution of an abelian version of the qKZ equations of Frenkel and Reshetikhin.

These results are part of an ongoing project, joint with V. Toledano Laredo.

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