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(HOPF) ALGEBRA AUTOMORPHISMS OF THE HOPF ALGEBRA $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we completely determine the group of algebra automorphisms for the two-parameter Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. As a result, the group of Hopf algebra automorphisms is determined for $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as well. We further characterize all the derivations of the subalgebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, and calculate its first degree Hochschild cohomology group.

INTRODUCTION

Motivated by the study of down-up algebras [2], a two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra (quantum group) $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ has recently been investigated by Benkart and Witherspoon in the references [3, 4]. The two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ remains as a close analogue of the one-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ associated to the finite dimensional complex simple special linear Lie algebra \mathfrak{sl}_n . As a matter of fact, the two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ shares many similar properties with its one-parameter analogue.

For instance, the two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ is also a Hopf algebras and it admits a triangular decomposition. Besides having a similar representation theory to that of the one-parameter quantum group $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, the Hopf algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ can be realized as the Drinfeld double of its Hopf sub-algebras $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ and $U_{r,s}^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$. However, the algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ does have some different ring-theoretic features in that $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ is more rigid and possesses less symmetries. In addition, the center of the algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ shows a different picture as well [1].

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To better understand the structure and properties of the algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, one naturally starts with the investigations of its subalgebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ and Hopf subalgebra $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$. In this paper, we will study the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ in terms of its derivations, and its augmented Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ in terms of its algebra automorphisms and Hopf algebra automorphisms. We shall determine all the algebra automorphisms and Hopf algebra automorphisms of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In addition, we will characterize all the derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. As a result, we will compute the first Hochschild cohomology group of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

Now let me briefly mention the methods which we shall follow. In order to determine the algebra and Hopf algebra automorphisms of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, we shall closely follow the approach used in [5]. In order to characterize the derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, we shall embed the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ into a quantum torus, whose derivations had been explicitly described in [7]. We would like to point out that this embedding will allow us to extend the derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ to the derivations of the associated quantum torus. Therefore, via this embedding, we shall be able to pull the information on derivations back to the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Based on a result on the derivations of quantum torus established in [7], we will be able to determine all the derivations of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ modulo its inner derivations. As an immediate application, we show that the first Hochschild cohomology group $HH^1(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is a 2-dimensional vector space over the base field \mathbb{C} .

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 1, we recall some basic definitions and properties on the two-parameter quantized enveloping algebras $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ and its augmented Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In Section 2, we determine the algebra automorphism group and Hopf algebra automorphism group of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In Section 3, we characterize the derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, and compute the first Hochschild cohomology group $HH^1(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$.

1. DEFINITIONS AND BASIC PROPERTIES OF $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ AND $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$

1.1. Definition and basic properties of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Motivated by the study of down-up algebras, a two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ associated to the finite dimensional simple complex Lie algebra \mathfrak{sl}_n has been recently studied by Benkart and Witherspoon in [3] and the references therein. For the purpose of this paper, we shall only recall the definitions of the algebras $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ and $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, which are indeed subalgebras of $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$. One easily sees that the algebra

$U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ can be regarded as a two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra of a maximal nilpotent Lie subalgebra of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{sl}_n .

Let $C = (a_{ij})$ denote the Cartan matrix associated to the Lie algebra \mathfrak{sl}_n . Let us define the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i, j \rangle &= a_{ij} \text{ for } i < j; \\ \langle i, i \rangle &= 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n-1; \\ \langle i, j \rangle &= 0 \text{ for } i > j. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $r, s \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $r^m s^n = 1$ implies $m = n = 0$. We recall the following definition:

Definition 1.1. The two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ is defined to be the \mathbb{C} -algebra generated by E_i, W_i subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} W_i^{\pm 1} W_j^{\pm 1} &= W_j^{\pm 1} W_i^{\pm 1}; \\ W_i^{\pm 1} W_i^{\mp 1} &= 1; \\ W_i E_j &= r^{\langle j, i \rangle} s^{-\langle i, j \rangle} E_j W_i; \\ E_i^2 E_{i+1} - (r+s) E_i E_{i+1} E_i + r s E_{i+1} E_i^2 &= 0; \\ E_{i+1}^2 E_i - (r^{-1} + s^{-1}) E_{i+1} E_i E_{i+1} + r^{-1} s^{-1} E_i E_{i+1}^2 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

And the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ is defined to be the subalgebra of $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ generated by E_i .

From [3], we know that the two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ has a Hopf algebra structure, which is defined by the following coproduct, counit and antipode:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(W_i^{\pm 1}) &= W_i^{\pm 1} \otimes W_i^{\pm 1}; \\ \Delta(E_i) &= E_i \otimes 1 + W_i \otimes E_i; \\ \epsilon(W_i^{\pm 1}) &= 1; \\ \epsilon(E_i) &= 0; \\ S(W_i^{\pm 1}) &= W_i^{\mp 1}; \\ S(E_i) &= -W_i^{-1} E_i. \end{aligned}$$

When $n = 3$, one has the corresponding two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, which will be of one of the major objects in this paper. In particular, we recall the following definition:

Definition 1.2. The algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is defined to be the \mathbb{C} -algebra generated by the generators E_1, E_2 subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} E_1^2 E_2 - (r+s)E_1 E_2 E_1 + r s E_2 E_1^2 &= 0; \\ E_1 E_2^2 - (r+s)E_1 E_2 E_1 + r s E_2^2 E_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Naturally, one may think of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as a two-parameter quantum Heisenberg algebra. Indeed, the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ shares many similar properties as the algebra $U_q^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, which has been traditionally called the quantum Heisenberg algebra.

In addition, we recall the definition of the following Hopf subalgebra algebra of $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:

Definition 1.3. The Hopf algebra $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is defined to be the \mathbb{C} -algebra generated by E_1, E_2, W_1, W_2 subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 W_1^{-1} &= 1 = W_2 W_2^{-1}; \\ W_1 W_2 &= W_2 W_1; \\ W_1 E_1 &= r s^{-1} E_1 W_1; \\ W_1 E_2 &= s E_2 W_1; \\ W_2 E_1 &= r^{-1} E_1 W_2; \\ W_2 E_2 &= r s^{-1} E_2 W_2; \\ E_1^2 E_2 - (r+s)E_1 E_2 E_1 + r s E_2 E_1^2 &= 0; \\ E_1 E_2^2 - (r+s)E_2 E_1 E_2 + r s E_2^2 E_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

However, we should mention that we will not study the Hopf algebra $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ in this paper. Instead, we will study its augmented version $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, which we shall define in the next subsection.

Before we introduce the Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, let us mention some basic properties of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ in the rest of this subsection. It is easy to see that the two-parameter quantized enveloping algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ can also be presented as an iterated skew polynomial ring and a PBW-basis can be constructed for $U_{r,s}(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ as well. For conveniences, we shall only recall the skew polynomial presentation for the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ here. For the general construction, we refer the reader to references [1, 8].

First of all, Let us fix some notation by setting the following new variables:

$$E_1 = E_1, \quad E_2 = E_2, \quad E_3 = E_1 E_2 - s E_2 E_1.$$

Then it is easy to see that we have the following relations between these new variables:

$$E_1 E_3 = r E_3 E_1, \quad E_2 E_3 = r^{-1} E_3 E_2.$$

Now let us further define some algebra automorphisms τ_2, τ_3 and some derivations δ_2, δ_3 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2(E_1) &= r^{-1} E_1; \\ \delta_2(E_1) &= 0; \\ \tau_3(E_1) &= s^{-1} E_1; \\ \tau_3(E_3) &= r^{-1} E_3; \\ \delta_3(E_1) &= -s^{-1} E_3; \\ \delta_3(E_3) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Then it is easy to see that we have the following result

Theorem 1.1. *The algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ can be presented as an iterated skew polynomial ring. In particular, we have the following result*

$$U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3) \cong \mathbb{C}[E_1][E_3, \tau_2, \delta_2][E_2, \tau_3, \delta_3].$$

□

Based on the previous theorem, we have an obvious corollary as follows:

Corollary 1.1. *The set $\{E_1^i E_3^j E_2^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0\}$ forms a PBW-basis of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In particular, $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ has a GK-dimension of 3.*

□

1.2. The Augmented Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In this subsection, we shall introduce an augmented Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, which contains the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as a subalgebra and enlarges the Hopf algebra $U_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

First of all, we need to define the following new variables:

$$K_1 = W_1^{2/3} W_2^{1/3}, \quad K_2 = W_1^{1/3} W_2^{2/3}$$

Then we have the following definition of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

Definition 1.4. The algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is a \mathbb{C} -algebra generated by $E_1, E_2, K_1^{\pm 1}, K_2^{\pm 1}$ subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 K_1^{-1} &= 1 = K_2 K_2^{-1}; \\ K_1 K_2 &= K_2 K_1; \\ K_1 E_1 &= r^{1/3} s^{-2/3} E_1 K_1; \\ K_1 E_2 &= r^{1/3} s^{1/3} E_2 K_1; \\ K_2 E_1 &= r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3} E_1 K_2; \\ K_2 E_2 &= r^{2/3} s^{-1/3} E_2 K_2; \\ E_1^2 E_2 - (r+s) E_1 E_2 E_1 + r s E_2 E_1^2 &= 0; \\ E_1 E_2^2 - (r+s) E_2 E_1 E_2 + r s E_2^2 E_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

In order to introduce a Hopf algebra structure on $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, let us further define some operators as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(E_1) &= E_1 \otimes 1 + K_1^2 K_2^{-1} \otimes E_1; \\ \Delta(E_2) &= E_2 \otimes 1 + K_1^{-1} K_2^2 \otimes E_2; \\ \Delta(K_1) &= K_1 \otimes K_1; \\ \Delta(K_2) &= K_2 \otimes K_2; \\ S(E_1) &= -K_1^2 K_2^{-1} E_1; \\ S(E_2) &= -K_1^{-1} K_2^2 E_1; \\ S(K_1) &= K_1^{-1}; \\ S(K_2) &= K_2^{-1}; \\ \epsilon(E_1) &= \epsilon(E_2) = 0; \\ \epsilon(K_1) &= \epsilon(K_2) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then it is straightforward to verify the following result:

Proposition 1.1. *The algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is a Hopf algebra with the co-product, counit and antipode defined as above.*

□

Recall that we have $E_3 = E_1 E_2 - s E_2 E_1$, then it is easy to see that we have the following result

Theorem 1.2. *The algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ has a \mathbb{C} -basis*

$$\{K_1^m K_2^n E_1^i E_2^j E_3^k \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, i, j, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}.$$

□

In particular, one can see that all the invertible elements of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ are of the form $\lambda K_1^m K_2^n$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

2. ALGEBRA AND HOPF ALGEBRA AUTOMORPHISMS OF $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$

In this section, we will first determine the algebra automorphism group of the algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. As a result, we are able to determine the Hopf algebra automorphism group of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as well. We will closely follow the approach used in [5].

2.1. The algebra automorphism group of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Suppose that $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ is an algebra automorphism of the algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Note that the elements K_1, K_2 are invertible in $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ and θ is an algebra automorphism, then the elements $\theta(K_1)$ and $\theta(K_2)$ are invertible too. Therefore, we have the following

$$\theta(K_1) = a_1 K_1^x K_2^y, \quad \theta(K_2) = a_2 K_1^z K_2^w$$

for some $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $M_\theta = (M_{ij})$ denote the corresponding 2×2 -matrix associated to the algebra automorphism *theta*. Specifically, we will set $M_{11} = x, M_{12} = y, M_{21} = z$ and $M_{22} = w$. Since θ is an algebra automorphism, we know that the matrix M_θ is an invertible matrix with integer coefficients. In particular, we have the following

$$xw - yz = \pm 1.$$

Suppose that for $l = 1, 2$, we have

$$\theta(E_l) = \sum_{m_l, n_l, \beta_l^1, \beta_l^2, \beta_l^3} a_{m_l, n_l, \beta_l^1, \beta_l^2, \beta_l^3} K_1^{m_l} K_2^{n_l} E_1^{\beta_l^1} E_2^{\beta_l^2} E_3^{\beta_l^3}$$

where $a_{m_l, n_l, \beta_l^1, \beta_l^2, \beta_l^3} \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $m_l, n_l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\beta_l^1, \beta_l^2, \beta_l^3 \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Then we have the following

Proposition 2.1. *Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be an algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, then we have $M_\theta \in GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$.*

Proof: The proof of **Proposition 2.1** in [5] can essentially be adopted here word by word with the replacement of s by r^{-1} . For the reader's convenience, we will present the detailed proof here.

Since $K_1 E_1 = r^{1/3} s^{-2/3} E_1 K_1$ and $K_2 E_1 = r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3} E_1 K_2$, we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(K_1)\theta(E_1) &= r^{1/3} s^{-2/3} \theta(E_1)\theta(K_1); \\ \theta(K_2)\theta(E_1) &= r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3} \theta(E_1)\theta(K_2). \end{aligned}$$

Via a detailed calculation, we further have the following

$$\begin{aligned} (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^3)x + (\beta_1^2 + \beta_1^3)y &= 1; \\ (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^3)z + (\beta_1^2 + \beta_1^3)w &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we also have the following

$$\begin{aligned}(\beta_2^1 + \beta_2^3)x + (\beta_2^2 + \beta_2^3)y &= 0 \\ (\beta_2^1 + \beta_2^3)z + (\beta_2^2 + \beta_2^3)w &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Now let us set a 2×2 -matrix $B = (b_{ij})$ with the following entries

$$\begin{aligned}b_{11} &= (\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^3); \\ b_{21} &= (\beta_1^2 + \beta_1^3); \\ b_{12} &= (\beta_2^1 + \beta_2^3); \\ b_{22} &= (\beta_2^2 + \beta_2^3).\end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}b_{11}x + b_{21}y &= 1; \\ b_{12}x + b_{22}y &= 0; \\ b_{11}z + b_{21}w &= 0; \\ b_{12}z + b_{22}w &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that the product $M_\theta B$ of matrices M_θ and B is equal to the identity matrix. Therefore, we have $M_{\theta^{-1}} = B$, where $M_{\theta^{-1}}$ is the corresponding matrix associated to the algebra automorphism θ^{-1} . Note that the entries $b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{21}, b_{22}$ are all nonnegative integers, thus we have $M_{\theta^{-1}} \in GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$.

Applying similar arguments to the algebra automorphism θ^{-1} , we can prove that $M_\theta \in GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$ as desired. \square

To proceed, we now recall an important lemma (**Lemma 2.2** from [5]), which characterizes the matrix M_θ :

Lemma 2.1. *If M is a matrix in $GL(n, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$ such that its inverse matrix M^{-1} is also in $GL(n, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$, then we have $M = (\delta_{i\sigma(j)})_{i,j}$, where σ is an element of the symmetric group \mathbb{S}_n .*

\square

Based the previous Proposition and Lemma, we immediately have the following result

Corollary 2.1. *Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be an algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Then for $l = 1, 2$, we have*

$$\theta(K_l) = a_l K_{\sigma(l)}$$

where $\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_2$ and $a_l \in \mathbb{C}^*$.

\square

Furthermore, we can further prove the following result:

Proposition 2.2. *Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be an algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Then for $l = 1, 2$, we have*

$$\theta(E_l) = b_l K_1^{m_l} K_2^{n_l} E_{\sigma(l)}$$

where $b_l \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $m_l, n_l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof: Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be an algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. To prove the proposition, there are two cases to consider:

Case 1: Suppose that $\theta(K_1) = a_1 K_1$ and $\theta(K_2) = a_2 K_2$, then we need to prove that

$$\theta(E_1) = b_1 K_1^{m_1} K_2^{n_1} E_1, \quad \theta(E_2) = b_2 K_1^{m_2} K_2^{n_2} E_2.$$

Since $K_1 E_1 = r^{1/3} s^{-2/3} E_1 K_1$ and $K_2 E_1 = r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3} E_1 K_2$, we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(K_1)\theta(E_1) &= r^{1/3} s^{-2/3} \theta(E_1)\theta(K_1); \\ \theta(K_2)\theta(E_1) &= r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3} \theta(K_2)\theta(E_1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} & a_1 K_1 \left(\sum_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} b_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} K_1^{m_1} K_2^{n_1} E_1^{\beta_1^1} E_2^{\beta_1^2} E_3^{\beta_1^3} \right) \\ &= a_1 r^{1/3} s^{-2/3} \left(\sum_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} b_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} K_1^{m_1} K_2^{n_1} E_1^{\beta_1^1} E_2^{\beta_1^2} E_3^{\beta_1^3} \right) K_1. \end{aligned}$$

We also have the following

$$\begin{aligned} & a_2 K_2 \left(\sum_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} b_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} K_1^{m_1} K_2^{n_1} E_1^{\beta_1^1} E_2^{\beta_1^2} E_3^{\beta_1^3} \right) \\ &= a_2 r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3} \left(\sum_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} b_{m_1, n_1, \beta_1^1, \beta_1^2, \beta_1^3} K_1^{m_1} K_2^{n_1} E_1^{\beta_1^1} E_2^{\beta_1^2} E_3^{\beta_1^3} \right) K_2. \end{aligned}$$

Via detailed calculations and simplifications, we have the following

$$\beta_1^1 + \beta_1^3 = 1, \quad \beta_1^2 + \beta_1^3 = 0.$$

Based on the fact that β_i^j are nonnegative integers, we have that

$$\beta_1^1 = 1, \quad \beta_1^2 = 0 = \beta_1^3.$$

Similarly, we can also have the following

$$\beta_2^1 = \beta_2^3 = 0, \quad \beta_2^2 = 1.$$

Thus we have proved **Case 1**.

Case 2: Suppose that $\theta(K_1) = a_1 K_2$ and $\theta(K_2) = a_2 K_1$, we need to prove that $\theta(E_1) = b_1 K_1^{m_1} K_2^{n_1} E_2$ and $\theta(E_2) = b_2 K_1^{m_2} K_2^{n_2} E_1$. Since the

proof goes the same as in **Case 1**, we will not repeat the detail here.
□

Furthermore, we can easily verify that E_1, E_2 can not be exchanged. In particular, we have the following result

Corollary 2.2. *Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be an algebra automorphism. Then for $l = 1, 2$, we have*

$$\theta(K_l) = a_l K_l, \quad \theta(E_l) = b_l K_1^{m_l} K_2^{n_l} E_l$$

where $a_l, b_l \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $m_l, n_l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

□

Now we are going to prove one of the main results of this paper, which describes the algebra automorphism group of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$:

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be an algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Then for $l = 1, 2$, we have the following*

$$\theta(K_l) = a_l K_l, \quad \theta(E_1) = b_1 K_1^a K_2^b E_1, \quad \theta(E_2) = b_2 K_1^c K_2^d E_2$$

where $a_l, b_l \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = c, a + b + d = 0$.

Proof: Let θ be an algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ and suppose that

$$\theta(E_1) = b_1 K_1^a K_2^b E_1, \quad \theta(E_2) = b_2 K_1^c K_2^d E_2.$$

Then we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} (K_1^a K_2^b E_1)(K_1^a K_2^b E_1)(K_1^c K_2^d E_2) &= (r^{-1/3} s^{2/3})^a (r^{1/3} s^{1/3})^b (r^{-1/3} s^{2/3})^{2c} \\ &\quad (r^{1/3} s^{1/3})^{2d} K_1^{2a+c} K_2^{2b+d} E_1^2 E_2 \\ &= r^{(-a+b-2c+2d)/3} s^{(2a+b+4c+2d)/3} \\ &\quad K_1^{2a+c} K_2^{2b+d} E_1^2 E_2; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (K_1^a K_2^b E_1)(K_1^c K_2^d E_2)(K_1^a K_2^b E_1) &= (r^{-1/3} s^{2/3})^c (r^{1/3} s^{1/3})^d (r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3})^a \\ &\quad (r^{-1/3} s^{2/3})^a (r^{-2/3} s^{1/3})^b (r^{1/3} s^{1/3})^b \\ &\quad K_1^{2a+c} K_2^{2b+d} E_1 E_2 E_1 \\ &= r^{(-2a-b-c+d)/3} s^{(a+2b+2c+d)/3} \\ &\quad K_1^{2a+c} K_2^{2b+d} E_1 E_2 E_1; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(K_1^c K_2^d E_2)(K_1^a K_2^b E_1)(K_1^a K_2^b E_1) &= (r^{-1/3} s^{-1/3})^a (r^{-2/3} s^{1/3})^b (r^{-2/3} s^{1/3})^a \\
&\quad (r^{-1/3} s^{2/3})^b K_1^{2a+c} K_2^{2b+d} E_2 E_1^2 \\
&= r^{(-3a-3b)/3} s^{3b/3} K_1^{2a+c} \\
&\quad K_2^{2b+d} E_2 E_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the automorphism θ to the first two-parameter quantum Serre relation

$$E_1^2 E_2 - (r+s)E_1 E_2 E_1 + r s E_2 E_1^2 = 0,$$

we have the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
-a + b - 2c + 2d &= -2a - b - c + d; \\
-3a - 3b &= -2a - b - c + d; \\
2a + b + 4c + 2d &= a + 2b + 2c + d; \\
3b &= a + 2b + 2c + d.
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the previous system of equations is reduced to the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
a + 2b - c + d &= 0; \\
a - b + 2c + d &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, from the second two-parameter quantum Serre relation

$$E_1 E_2^2 - (r+s)E_2 E_1 E_2 + r s E_2^2 E_1 = 0,$$

we also have the same system of equations as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
a + 2b - c + d &= 0; \\
a - b + 2c + d &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Solving the system

$$\begin{aligned}
a + 2b - c + d &= 0; \\
a - b + 2c + d &= 0;
\end{aligned}$$

we have that $b = c$ and $a + b + d = 0$. Thus we have proved the theorem as desired. \square

2.2. Hopf algebra automorphisms of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In this subsection, we further determine all the Hopf algebra automorphisms of the Hopf algebra $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Let us denote by $Aut_{Hopf}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ the group of all Hopf algebra automorphisms of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

First of all, we have the following result

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\text{Hopf}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$. Then for $l = 1, 2$, we have the following*

$$\theta(K_l) = K_l, \quad \theta(E_l) = b_l E_l,$$

where $b_l \in \mathbb{C}^*$. In particular, we have

$$\text{Aut}_{\text{Hopf}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)) \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^2.$$

Proof: Let $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\text{Hopf}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ be a Hopf algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, then we have $\theta \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$. Therefore, we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(K_l) &= a_l K_l; \\ \theta(E_1) &= b_1 K_1^a K_2^b E_1; \\ \theta(E_2) &= b_2 K_1^c K_2^d E_2; \end{aligned}$$

where $a_l, b_l \in \mathbb{C}^*$ for $l = 1, 2$ and $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = c$ and $a + b + d = 0$.

First of all, we need to prove that $a_l = 1$ for $l = 1, 2$. Since θ is a Hopf algebra automorphism, we have the following

$$(\theta \otimes \theta)(\Delta(K_l)) = \Delta(\theta(K_l))$$

for $l = 1, 2$, which imply the following

$$a_l^2 = a_l$$

for $l = 1, 2$. Thus we have $a_l = 1$ for $l = 1, 2$ as desired.

Second of all, we need to prove that $a = b = c = d = 0$. Note that we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\theta(E_1)) &= \Delta(b_1 K_1^a K_2^b E_1) \\ &= \Delta(b_1 K_1^a K_2^b) \Delta(E_1) \\ &= b_1 (K_1^a K_2^b \otimes K_1^a K_2^b) (E_1 \otimes 1 + K_1^2 K_2^{-1}) \\ &= b_1 K_1^a K_2^b E_1 \otimes K_1^a K_2^b + b_1 K_1^a K_2^b K_1^2 K_2^{-2} \otimes K_1^a K_2^b E_1 \\ &= \theta(E_1) \otimes K_1^a K_2^b + K_1^a K_2^b K_1^2 K_2^{-1} \otimes \theta(E_1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta \otimes \theta)(\Delta(E_1)) &= (\theta \otimes \theta)(E_1 \otimes 1 + K_1^2 K_2^{-1} \otimes E_1) \\ &= \theta(E_1) \otimes 1 + \theta(K_1^2 K_2^{-1}) \otimes \theta(E_1) \\ &= \theta(E_1) \otimes 1 + K_1^2 K_2^{-1} \otimes \theta(E_1). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Delta(\theta(E_1)) = (\theta \otimes \theta)\Delta(E_1)$, we have $a = b = 0$. Since $b = c$ and $a + b + d = 0$, we have $a = b = c = d = 0$.

In addition, it is obvious that the algebra automorphism θ defined by $\theta(K_l) = K_l$ and $\theta(E_l) = b_l E_l$ for $l = 1, 2$ is a Hopf algebra automorphism of $\check{U}_{r,s}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as well. Therefore, we have proved the theorem. \square

3. DERIVATIONS AND THE FIRST HOCHSCHILD COHOMOLOGY GROUP OF $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$

In this section, we determine all the derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. In particular, we prove each derivation of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ can be uniquely written as the sum of an inner derivation and a linear combination to certain specifically defined derivations. As a result, we are able to prove that the first Hochschild cohomology group of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is a two-dimensional vector space over the base field \mathbb{C} . All these will be done through an embedding of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ into a quantum torus, whose derivations had been described in [7]. This method has also been successfully used to compute the derivations of the algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_4^+)$ in [6].

3.1. The embedding of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ into a quantum torus. In this subsection, we embed the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ into a quantum torus, which enables us to extend the derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ to derivations of the quantum torus. Note that the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ has a Goldie quotient ring, which we shall denote by $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$. Inside the Goldie quotient ring $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, let us define the following new variables

$$T_1 = E_1, \quad T_2 = E_2 - \frac{1}{r-s} E_3 E_1^{-1}, \quad T_3 = E_3.$$

Concerning the relationships between the variables $T_i, i = 1, 2, 3$, it is easy to see that we have the following proposition

Proposition 3.1. *The following identities hold:*

- (1) $T_1 T_2 = s T_2 T_1;$
- (2) $T_1 T_3 = r T_3 T_1;$
- (3) $T_2 T_3 = r^{-1} T_3 T_2.$

\square

Let us denote by A^3 the subalgebra of $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ generated by $T_1^{\pm 1}, T_2, T_3$, then we have the following

Proposition 3.2. *The subalgebra A^3 is the same as the subalgebra of $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ generated by $E_1^{\pm 1}, E_2, E_3$. In particular, A^3 is a free module over the subalgebra generated by E_2, E_3 .*

□

Furthermore, let us denote by A^2 the subalgebra of $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ generated by $T_1^{\pm 1}, T_2, T_3^{\pm 1}$. Then we have the following proposition

Proposition 3.3. *The subalgebra A^2 is the same as the subalgebra of $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ generated by $E_1^{\pm 1}, E_2, E_3^{\pm 1}$.*

□

Similarly, let us denote by A^1 the subalgebra of $Q(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ generated by $T_1^{\pm 1}, T_2^{\pm 1}, T_3^{\pm 1}$. Thanks to **Proposition 3.1**, we know that the indeterminates T_1, T_2, T_3 generate a quantum torus, which we shall denote by $Q_3 = \mathbb{C}_{r,s}[T_1^{\pm 1}, T_2^{\pm 1}, T_3^{\pm 1}]$. In particular, we have the following

Proposition 3.4. *The algebra $A^1 = Q_3 = \mathbb{C}_{r,s}[T_1^{\pm 1}, T_2^{\pm 1}, T_3^{\pm 1}]$ is a quantum torus.*

□

Now let us define a linear map

$$\mathcal{I}: U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3) \longrightarrow Q_3$$

from $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ into $A^1 = Q_3$ as follows

$$\mathcal{I}(E_1) = T_1, \quad \mathcal{I}(E_2) = T_2 + \frac{1}{r-s} T_3 T_1^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{I}(E_3) = T_3.$$

It is easy to see that the linear map \mathcal{I} can be extended to an algebra monomorphism from $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ into $A^1 = Q_3$. Furthermore, it is straightforward to prove the following result:

Theorem 3.1. *Let us set $A^4 = U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, $\Sigma_4 = \{T_1^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$, $\Sigma_3 = \{T_3^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$, $\Sigma_2 = \{T_2^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$, then we have the following*

- (1) $A^3 = A^4 \Sigma_4^{-1}$;
- (2) $A^2 = A^3 \Sigma_3^{-1}$;
- (3) $A^1 = A^2 \Sigma_2^{-1}$;
- (4) $A^4 \subset A^3 \subset A^2 \subset A^1$;
- (5) *The center of A^i is the base field \mathbb{C} for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$.*

□

From the reference [7], one knows that a derivation D of the quantum torus $A^1 = Q_3$ is of the form $D = ad_t + \delta$ where ad_t is an inner derivation

determined by some $t \in A^4$, and δ is a central derivation which acts on the variables $T_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ as follows:

$$\delta(T_i) = \alpha_i T_i$$

for $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$.

Let D be a derivation of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3) = A^4$. According to the previous theorem, one can extend the derivation D to a derivation of A^i for $i = 3, 2, 1$, and thus a derivation of the quantum torus A^1 . We still denote the extension by D . Therefore, as a derivation of the quantum torus A^1 , the derivation D can be decomposed as follows

$$D = ad_t + \delta$$

where ad_t is an inner derivation determined by some $t \in A^1$, and δ is a central derivation of A^1 which is defined by $\delta(T_i) = \alpha_i T_i$ for $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}, i = 1, 2, 3$.

Now we are going to prove that the element t can actually be chosen from the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ and the scalars α_1, α_2 and α_3 are related to each other. In particular, we have the following key lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *The following is true:*

- (1) *The element t can be chosen from $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$;*
- (2) *We have $\alpha_3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$;*
- (3) *We have $D(E_i) = ad_t(E_i) + \alpha_i E_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$.*

Proof: First of all, we show that $t \in A^2$. Suppose that we have $t = \sum_{i,j,k} a_{i,j,k} T_1^i T_3^j T_2^k \in A_1$.

If $k \geq 0$ for all k , then we are done. Otherwise, let us set

$$t_- = \sum_{k < 0} a_{i,j,k} T_1^i T_3^j T_2^k$$

and

$$t_+ = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_{i,j,k} T_1^i T_3^j T_2^k.$$

Then we have that $t = t_- + t_+$.

First of all, we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} D(T_1) &= ad_t(T_1) + \delta(T_1) \\ &= (t_- T_1 - T_1 t_-) + (t_+ T_1 - T_1 t_+) + \alpha_1(T_1) \end{aligned}$$

for some $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{C}$.

Since D is a derivation of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ and the variable T_1 is in the algebra $A^4 = U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, we have that the element $D(T_1)$ is in the

algebra A^4 , and furthermore in the algebra A^2 . Note that the elements of A^2 don't involve negative powers of the variable T_2 , thus we have the following

$$t_- T_1 = T_1 t_-.$$

Therefore, we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 \left(\sum_{k < 0} a_{i,j,k} T_1^i T_3^j T_2^k \right) &= \left(\sum_{k < 0} a_{i,j,k} r^j s^k T_1^i T_3^j T_2^k \right) T_1 \\ &= \left(\sum_{k < 0} a_{i,j,k} T_1^i T_3^j T_2^k \right) T_1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have $k = 0$. Since we are supposed to have $k < 0$ in the expression of t_- , we have run into a contradiction. Therefore, we have that $t_- = 0$ and $t = t_+ \in A^2$. Similarly, we can also prove that $t \in A^3$.

Since the algebra A^3 is also generated by the elements $E_1^{\pm 1}, E_2, E_3$, we have the following

$$t = \sum_{i,j \geq 0, k \geq 0} a_{i,j,k} E_1^i E_3^j E_2^k.$$

Applying the derivation D to the variable E_3 , we can further prove that $i \geq 0$. Therefore, we have proved that $t \in A^4 = U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as desired.

Since we have $D = ad_t + \delta$ for some $t \in U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(E_2) &= ad_t(E_2) + \delta(E_2) \\ &= (tE_2 - E_2t) + \delta\left(T_2 + \frac{1}{r-s} T_3 T_1^{-1}\right) \\ &= (tE_2 - E_2t) + \alpha_2 \left(T_2 + \frac{1}{r-s} T_3 T_1^{-1}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{r-s} (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) T_3 T_1^{-1} \\ &= (tE_2 - E_2t) + \alpha_2 E_2 + \frac{1}{r-s} (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) T_3 T_1^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $D(E_2) \in U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$, we have $\frac{1}{r-s} (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) T_3 T_1^{-1} \in A^4$. Thus we have the following

$$\alpha_3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

and

$$D(E_2) = ad_t(E_2) + \alpha_2 E_2.$$

So we have proved the lemma as desired. \square

Now let us define two derivations D_1, D_2 of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D_1(E_1) &= E_1, & D_2(E_2) &= 0, & D_1(E_3) &= E_3; \\ D_2(E_1) &= 0, & D_2(E_2) &= E_2, & D_2(E_3) &= E_3. \end{aligned}$$

Based on the previous lemma, we have the following

Theorem 3.2. *Let D be a derivation of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. Then we have*

$$D = ad_t + \mu_1 D_1 + \mu_2 D_2$$

for some $t \in U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ and $\mu_i \in \mathbb{C}$ for $i = 1, 2$.

□

Recall that the Hochschild cohomology group in degree 1 of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is denoted by $HH^1(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$, which is defined as follows

$$HH^1(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)) := Der(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)) / InnDer(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)).$$

where $InnDer(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)) := \{ad_t \mid t \in U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)\}$ is the Lie algebra of inner derivations of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$. It is well known that $HH^1(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ is a module over $HH^0(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)) := Z(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)) = \mathbb{C}$.

Now we state the structural result for the first Hochschild cohomology of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

Theorem 3.3. *The following is true:*

- (1) *Every derivation D of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ can be uniquely written as follows:*

$$D = ad_t + \mu_1 D_1 + \mu_2 D_2$$

where $ad_t \in InnDer(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ and $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{C}$.

- (2) *The first Hochschild cohomology group $HH^1(U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3))$ of $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ is a two-dimensional vector space spanned by $\overline{D_1}$ and $\overline{D_2}$.*

Proof: Suppose that we have $ad_t + \mu_1 D_1 + \mu_2 D_2 = 0$, then we need to prove that $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = ad_t = 0$. Let us set $\delta = \mu_1 D_1 + \mu_2 D_2$. Then δ is a derivation of the algebra $U_{r,s}^+(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$.

Note that we can extend the derivation δ to a derivation of A^1 , and we also have $ad_t + \delta = 0$ as a derivation of A^1 . Furthermore, we have the following

$$\delta(T_1) = \mu_1 T_1, \quad \delta(T_2) = \mu_2 T_2, \quad \delta(T_3) = (\mu_1 + \mu_2) T_3.$$

Thus the derivation δ is a central derivation of the quantum torus A^1 . According to the result in [7], we have that $ad_t = 0 = \delta$. Thus we have $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ as desired.

So we have proved the uniqueness for the decomposition of D , which further implies the second statement of the theorem. \square

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