## Toward a Holographic Transform for the Quantum Clebsch-Gordan Formula

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#### Goal

The focus of today's talk will be fusion rules for finite dimensional representations of the Lie group  $SL(2,\mathbb{C})$  and the quantum group  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C}))$ .

We will study the representation theory of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  via the representation theory of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

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Since the Clebsch-Gordan formula is multiplicity free, symmetry breaking operators and holographic operators for the Clebsch-Gordan formula will be unique up to multiplicative constants.

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As explicit  $\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C})$ -modules, we have:

$$\mathbb{C}_{\leq n}[x] \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\leq m}[y] \cong \mathbb{C}[x, y]_{n, m}$$

where  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]_{n,m}$  denotes the vector space of polynomials with degree in x less than n and degree in y less than m.

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#### Proposition (q-Binomial Theorem)

If x and y are variables subject to the relation:

$$yx = q^2 xy$$

Then, for  $n \ge 0$ :

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#### Remark

In order to develop a method could be applied to the quantum case, we first focused on the classical case (with Molchanov's Poisson transform as a convenient reference point).

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where:

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#### **Bonus Slides**

### **Example of Calculations**

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