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Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space. It holds that  $C(X)$  is a commutative unital  $C^*$ -algebra and the **state space**  $S(C(X))$  can be identified with the **Radon probability measures** on  $X$ .

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## Definition (Rieffel)

The pair  $(\mathcal{A}, L)$  is a **compact quantum metric space** if the metric  $\rho_L$  **metrizes** the weak- $*$ -topology on the state space  $S(A)$ .

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Let  $X$  be a compact metric space with metric  $d$  and equip the Lipschitz functions  $\text{Lip}(X) \subseteq C(X)$  with the seminorm

$$L_d(f) := \text{“Lipschitz constant of } f\text{”}.$$

It then holds that  $(\text{Lip}(X), L_d)$  is a compact quantum metric space and  $d(p, q) = \rho_{L_d}(\text{ev}_p, \text{ev}_q)$  for all  $p, q \in X$ .

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## Example

Let  $M$  be a **compact spin manifold** and let  $\mathcal{D} : \Gamma^\infty(M, S) \rightarrow \Gamma^\infty(M, S)$  denote the **Dirac operator** acting on the smooth sections of the spinor bundle  $S$ .

- It holds that the triple  $(C^\infty(M), L^2(M, S), \mathcal{D})$  is a **unital spectral triple** on  $C(M)$ .

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## Theorem (Connes)

If  $M$  is a **compact spin manifold**, then the unital spectral triple  $(C^\infty(M), L^2(M, S), \not{D})$  is a **spectral metric space** and the Monge-Kantorovich metric recovers the metric on  $M$  (induced by the Riemannian metric).

## Definition (Woronowicz)

Let  $q \in (0, 1)$ . The **coordinate algebra for quantum  $SU(n)$**  is a Hopf  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(n))$  generated by  $n^2$  elements  $u_{ij}$  subject to quadratic relations

- $u_{ik}u_{jk} = q \cdot u_{jk}u_{ik}$  ,  $u_{ki}u_{kj} = q \cdot u_{kj}u_{ki}$       $i < j$
- $[u_{il}, u_{jk}] = 0$  ,  $[u_{ik}, u_{jl}] = (q - q^{-1}) \cdot u_{il}u_{jk}$       $i < j, k < l$

together with the determinant relation saying that the **quantum determinant equals 1**.

## Definition/Theorem (Drinfeld-Jimbo)

Let  $q \in (0, 1)$ . The **quantized enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{su}(n)$**  is a Hopf  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(n))$  which can be explicitly defined in terms of generators and relations.

- The quantized enveloping algebra acts on the coordinate algebra  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(n))$  via a **non-degenerate dual pairing** of Hopf  $*$ -algebras

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(n)) \times \mathcal{O}(SU_q(n)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

## Definition

The **coordinate algebra for quantum projective space**  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}P_q^{n-1})$  is the unital  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(n))$  generated by  $u_{ni} \cdot u_{nj}^*$  for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .



## Definition

The  $q$ -deformed **Dolbeault operator**

$$\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^\dagger : \Omega_q \rightarrow \Omega_q$$

*acts on the  $q$ -deformed **antiholomorphic forms**. It can be explicitly defined in terms of the action of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{su}(n))$  on  $\mathcal{O}(SU_q(n))$ .*

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- Another, and more challenging option, is to apply the **spectral propinquity** which has recently been invented by Frédéric Latrémolière.

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## Theorem (Mikkelsen and K.)

*It holds that  $(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C}P_q^{n-1}), L^2(\Omega_q, h), D_q)$  is a **spectral metric space** if and only if  $(\mathcal{O}(I_q), L^2(\Omega_q, h), D_q)$  is a **spectral metric space**.*

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