

Quantised $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -differential algebras

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I. G -differential algebras

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where $L: \mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes V \rightarrow V$ denotes the action map. Then
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Thank you!