

q-rook monoid algebras, Hecke algebras, and Schur-Weyl duality

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When we were at the beginnings of our careers Sergei's support helped us to believe in our work. He generously encouraged us to publish our results on Brauer and Birman-Murakami-Wenzl algebras, results which had in part, or possibly in total, been obtained earlier by Sergei himself. He remains a great inspiration for us, both mathematically and in our memory of his kindness, modesty, generosity, and encouragement to the younger generation.

0. Introduction

The rook monoid R_k is the monoid of $k \times k$ matrices with entries from $\{0, 1\}$ and at most one nonzero entry in each row and column. Recently, the representation theory of its “Iwahori-Hecke” algebra $R_k(q)$, called the q -rook monoid algebra, has been analyzed. In particular, a Schur-Weyl type duality on tensor space was found for the q -rook monoid algebra and its irreducible representations were given explicit combinatorial constructions. In this paper we show that, in fact, the q -rook monoid algebra is a quotient of the affine Hecke algebra of type A. With this knowledge in hand, we show that the recent results on the q -rook monoid algebras actually come from known results about the affine Hecke algebra. In particular

- (a) The recent combinatorial construction of the irreducible representations of $R_k(q)$ by Halverson [Ha] turns out to be a special case of the construction of irreducible calibrated representations of affine Hecke algebras of Cherednik [Ch] (see also Ram [Ra]), the construction of irreducible representations of cyclotomic Hecke algebras by Ariki and Koike

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[AK], and the construction of the irreducible representations of Iwahori-Hecke algebras of type B by Hoefsmit [Ho].

- (b) The Schur-Weyl duality for the q -rook monoid algebra discovered by Solomon [So2-4] and studied by Halverson [Ha] turns out to be a special case of the Schur-Weyl duality for cyclotomic Hecke algebras given by Sakamoto and Shoji [SS].

Though these results show that the representation theory of the q -rook monoid algebra is “just” a piece of the representation theory of the affine Hecke algebra, this was not at all obvious at the outset. It was only on the analysis of the recent results in [So4] and [Ha] that the similarity to affine Hecke algebra theory was noticed. This observation then led us to search for and establish a concrete connection between these algebras.

The q -rook monoid algebra was first studied in its $q = 1$ version in the 1950’s by Munn [Mu1-2]. Solomon [So1] discovered the general q -version of the algebra as a Hecke algebra (double coset algebra) for the finite algebraic monoid $M_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$ of $n \times n$ matrices over a finite field with q elements, with respect to the “Borel subgroup” B of invertible upper triangular matrices. Later Solomon [So2] found a Schur-Weyl duality for $R_k(1)$ in which $R_k(1)$ acts as the centralizer algebra for the action of the general linear group $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ on $V^{\otimes k}$ where $V = L(\varepsilon_1) \oplus L(0)$ is the direct sum of the “fundamental” n -dimensional representation and the trivial module $L(0)$ for $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$. Then Solomon [So3,4] gave a presentation of $R_k(q)$ by generators and relations and defined an action of $R_k(q)$ on tensor space.

Halverson [Ha] found a new presentation of $R_k(q)$ and used it to show that Solomon’s action of $R_k(q)$ on tensor space extends the Schur-Weyl duality so that $R_k(q)$ is the centralizer of the quantum general linear group $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ on $V^{\otimes k}$ where now $V = L(\varepsilon_1) \oplus L(0)$ is the direct sum of the “fundamental” and the trivial module for $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$. Halverson also exploited his new presentation to construct, combinatorially, all the irreducible representations of $R_k(q)$ when $R_k(q)$ is semisimple.

The main results of this paper are the following:

- (a) We find yet another presentation (1.6) of $R_k(q)$ by generators and relations.
- (b) Our new presentation shows that

$$R_k(q) = H_k(0, 1; q)/I,$$

where $H_k(0, 1; q)$ is the Iwahori-Hecke algebra of type B_k with parameters specialized to 0 and 1, and I is the ideal generated by the minimal ideal of $H_2(0, 1; q)$ corresponding to the pair of partitions $\lambda = ((1^2), \emptyset)$.

- (c) We show that the irreducible representations of $R_k(q)$ found in [Ha] come from the constructions of irreducible representations of $H_k(0, 1; q)$.
- (d) We use the fact that $R_k(q)$ is a quotient of $H_k(0, 1; q)$ and the fact that the Iwahori-Hecke algebra $H_k(q)$ of type A_{k-1} is a quotient of $R_k(q)$ to easily determine, in Corollary 2.21, the values of q for which $R_k(q)$ is semisimple. These values were first found in [So4] using other methods.
- (e) We show that the Schur-Weyl duality between $R_k(q)$ and $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ comes from the Schur-Weyl duality of Sakamoto and Shoji [SS] for the cyclotomic Hecke algebras (Theorem 3.5).
- (f) We give a *different* Schur-Weyl duality for algebras $A_k(u_1, u_2; q) = H_k(u_1, u_2; q)/I$, where $u_1, u_2 \neq 0$, $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is the Iwahori-Hecke algebra of type B_k and I is the ideal generated by the minimal ideal of $H_2(u_1, u_2; q)$ corresponding to the pair of partitions $\lambda = ((1^2), \emptyset)$. This Schur-Weyl duality comes from the Schur-Weyl duality of Orellana and Ram for the affine Hecke algebra (Theorem 3.3).

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1. Presentations of the q -rook monoid algebras

Fix $q \in \mathbb{C}^*$. The q -rook monoid algebra is the algebra $R_k(q)$ given by generators

$$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k \quad \text{and} \quad T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{k-1}$$

with relations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A1)} \quad T_i^2 &= (q - q^{-1})T_i + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\ \text{(A2)} \quad T_i T_{i+1} T_i &= T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}, & 1 \leq i \leq k-2, \\ \text{(A3)} \quad T_i T_j &= T_j T_i, & |i-j| > 1, \\ \text{(R1)} \quad P_i^2 &= P_i, & 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ \text{(R2)} \quad P_i P_j &= P_j P_i, & 1 \leq i, j \leq k, \\ \text{(R3)} \quad P_i T_j &= T_j P_i, & 1 \leq i < j \leq k, \\ \text{(R4)} \quad P_i T_j &= T_j P_i = q P_i, & 1 \leq j < i \leq k, \\ \text{(R5)} \quad P_{i+1} &= q P_i T_i^{-1} P_i = q(P_i T_i P_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i), & 1 \leq i \leq k-1. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

The algebra $R_k(q)$ was introduced by Solomon [So1] as an analogue of the Iwahori-Hecke algebra for the finite algebraic monoid $M_k(\mathbb{F}_q)$ of $k \times k$ matrices over a finite field with q elements with respect to its ‘‘Borel subgroup’’ of invertible upper triangular matrices. The presentation of $R_k(q)$ given above is due to Halverson [Ha].

When $q = 1$, $R_k(q)$ specializes to the algebra of the rook monoid R_k that consists of $k \times k$ matrices with entries from $\{0, 1\}$ and *at most* one nonzero entry in each row and column. These correspond with the possible placements of nonattacking rooks on an $k \times k$ chessboard. In this specialization, T_i becomes the matrix obtained by switching rows i and $i+1$ in the identity matrix I and, for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, P_i becomes the matrix $E_{i+1, i+1} + E_{i+1, i+2} + \dots + E_{k, k}$, where $E_{i, j}$ is the matrix with a 1 in position (i, j) and zeros elsewhere. The generator P_k specializes to the 0 matrix (which is not the 0 element in the monoid algebra).

Remark 1.2. The definition of $R_k(q)$ in [So1,3,4] and [Ha] uses generators \tilde{T}_i in place of T_i . These generators satisfy $\tilde{T}_i^2 = (q-1)\tilde{T}_i + q$ in place of (A1). In our presentation, if we let $\tilde{T}_i = qT_i$, then $\tilde{T}_i^2 = q^2((q - q^{-1})T_i + 1) = (q^2 - 1)qT_i + q^2 = (q^2 - 1)\tilde{T}_i + q^2$, which shows that our algebra is the same except with parameter q^2 instead of q .

Define

$$X_i = T_{i-1} T_{i-2} \cdots T_1 (1 - P_1) T_1 T_2 \cdots T_{i-1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k, \tag{1.3}$$

so that $X_{i+1} = T_i X_i T_i$.

Lemma 1.4. *In $R_k(q)$ we have the following relations*

- (a) $P_i P_j = P_j P_i = P_j$, for $i \leq j$.
- (b) $P_1 X_2 = P_1 - P_2$.

Proof. (a) If $i = j$ this is (R1). If $i < j$ then, by (R5) and induction,

$$P_i P_j = P_i (P_{j-1} T_{j-1} P_{j-1} - (q - q^{-1})P_{j-1}) = P_{j-1} T_{j-1} P_{j-1} - (q - q^{-1})P_{j-1} = P_j.$$

(b) We use relations (A1), (R4), and (R5) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
P_1 X_2 &= P_1 T_1 (1 - P_1) T_1 = P_1 T_1^2 - P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 \\
&= (q - q^{-1}) P_1 T_1 + P_1 - P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 \\
&= (q - q^{-1}) P_1 T_1 + P_1 - q^{-1} P_2 T_1 - (q - q^{-1}) P_1 T_1 \\
&= P_1 - q^{-1} P_2 T_1 = P_1 - P_2. \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1.5. *The q -rook monoid algebra $R_k(q)$ is generated by the elements X_1, T_1, \dots, T_{k-1} , and these elements satisfy the relations (A1), (A2), (A3), and*

- (B1) $X_1 T_j = T_j X_1$, for $2 \leq j \leq k$,
- (B2) $X_1^2 = X_1$,
- (B3) $X_1 T_1 X_1 T_1 = T_1 X_1 T_1 X_1$,
- (B4) $(1 - X_1)(T_1 - q)(1 - X_1)(1 - X_2) = 0$, where $X_2 = T_1 X_1 T_1$.

Proof. By (R5), $R_n(q)$ is generated by $X_1 = 1 - P_1, T_1, \dots, T_{k-1}$.

(B1) By (R3), $X_1 T_j = (1 - P_1) T_j = T_j (1 - P_1) = T_j X_1$.

(B2) By (R1), $X_1^2 = (1 - P_1)^2 = 1 - 2P_1 + P_1^2 = 1 - P_1 = X_1$.

(B3) Using (R4) and (R5),

$$q(T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 - (q - q^{-1}) T_1 P_1) = T_1 P_2 = P_2 T_1 = q(P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 - (q - q^{-1}) P_1 T_1),$$

and so

$$P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 = T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 + (q - q^{-1})(P_1 T_1 - T_1 P_1). \quad (*)$$

Now, using (*) and (A1),

$$\begin{aligned}
X_1 T_1 X_1 T_1 &= (1 - P_1) T_1 (1 - P_1) T_1 \\
&= T_1^2 - P_1 T_1^2 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 \\
&= T_1^2 - (q - q^{-1}) P_1 T_1 - P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 + (q - q^{-1})(P_1 T_1 - T_1 P_1) \\
&= T_1^2 - P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 - (q - q^{-1}) T_1 P_1 \\
&= T_1^2 - T_1^2 P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 \\
&= T_1 (1 - P_1) T_1 (1 - P_1) \\
&= T_1 X_1 T_1 X_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, to show (B4), we use Lemma 1.4(b),

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - X_1)(T_1 - q)(1 - X_1)(1 - X_2) &= P_1 (T_1 - q) P_1 (1 - X_2) \\
&= P_1 T_1 P_1 - q P_1 - P_1 T_1 P_1 X_2 + q P_1 X_2 \\
&= P_1 T_1 P_1 - q P_1 - P_1 T_1 (P_1 - P_2) + q (P_1 - P_2) \\
&= -q P_2 + P_1 T_1 P_2 \\
&= -q P_2 + q P_1 P_2 \quad \text{by (R4)} \\
&= -q P_2 + q P_2 \quad \text{by Lemma 1.4(a)} \\
&= 0. \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

Define a new algebra $A_k(q)$ by generators

$$X_1 \quad \text{and} \quad T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{k-1}$$

and relations

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{A1}) \quad T_i^2 &= (q - q^{-1})T_i + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\
(\text{A2}) \quad T_i T_{i+1} T_i &= T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}, & 1 \leq i \leq k-2, \\
(\text{A3}) \quad T_i T_j &= T_j T_i, & |i-j| > 1, \\
(\text{B1}) \quad X_1 T_j &= T_j X_1, & 2 \leq j \leq k, \\
(\text{B2}) \quad X_1^2 &= X_1, \\
(\text{B3}) \quad X_1 T_1 X_1 T_1 &= T_1 X_1 T_1 X_1, \\
(\text{B4}) \quad (1 - X_1)(T_1 - q)(1 - X_1)(1 - X_2) &= 0, \quad \text{where } X_2 = T_1 X_1 T_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

We will show that $R_k(q) \cong A_k(q)$. Define

$$P_1 = (1 - X_1) \quad \text{and} \quad P_{i+1} = q(P_i T_i P_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq k-1. \tag{1.7}$$

Lemma 1.8. *Relations (B1)-(B4) are equivalent, respectively, to*

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{B1}') \quad P_1 T_j &= T_j P_1, \quad \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq n, \\
(\text{B2}') \quad P_1^2 &= P_1, \\
(\text{B3}') \quad P_2 T_1 &= T_1 P_2, \\
(\text{B4}') \quad P_2^2 &= P_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Subtracting T_j from each side of

$$T_j - P_1 T_j = (1 - P_1)T_j = X_1 T_j = T_j X_1 = T_j(1 - P_1) = T_j - T_j P_1,$$

shows that (B1) is equivalent to (B1'). Relations (B2) and (B2') are equivalent since

$$1 - P_1 = X_1 = X_1^2 = (1 - P_1)^2 = 1 - 2P_1 + P_1^2.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
X_1 T_1 X_1 T_1 &= (1 - P_1)T_1(1 - P_1)T_1 = (1 - P_1)T_1^2 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 \\
&= (1 - P_1)((q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1) - T_1 P_1 T_1 + (q^{-1}P_2 + (q - q^{-1})P_1)T_1 \quad (\text{by (A1) and (1.7)}) \\
&= (q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1 - (q - q^{-1})P_1 T_1 - P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + q^{-1}P_2 T_1 + (q - q^{-1})P_1 T_1 \\
&= (q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1 - P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + q^{-1}P_2 T_1
\end{aligned}$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
T_1 X_1 T_1 X_1 &= T_1(1 - P_1)T_1(1 - P_1) = T_1^2(1 - P_1) - T_1 P_1 T_1 + T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 \\
&= ((q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1)(1 - P_1) - T_1 P_1 T_1 + T_1(q^{-1}P_2 + (q - q^{-1})P_1) \quad (\text{by (A1) and (1.7)}) \\
&= (q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1 - (q - q^{-1})T_1 P_1 - P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + q^{-1}T_1 P_2 + (q - q^{-1})T_1 P_1 \\
&= (q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1 - P_1 - T_1 P_1 T_1 + q^{-1}T_1 P_2,
\end{aligned}$$

(B3) is equivalent to (B3').

Expanding

$$\begin{aligned}
(T_1 - q)(1 - X_2) &= (T_1 - q)(1 - T_1 X_1 T_1) = (T_1 - q)(1 - T_1(1 - P_1)T_1) \\
&= (T_1 - q)(1 - (q - q^{-1})T_1 - 1 + T_1 P_1 T_1) \quad (\text{by (A1)}) \\
&= (T_1 - q)T_1(- (q - q^{-1}) + P_1 T_1) \\
&= ((q - q^{-1})T_1 + 1 - qT_1)(q^{-1} - q + P_1 T_1) \quad (\text{by (A1)}) \\
&= (1 - q^{-1}T_1)(q^{-1} - q + P_1 T_1) \\
&= q^{-1} - q + P_1 T_1 - q^{-2}T_1 + T_1 - q^{-1}T_1 P_1 T_1 \\
&= -(q - q^{-1}) + q^{-1}(q - q^{-1})T_1 + P_1 T_1 - q^{-1}T_1 P_1 T_1,
\end{aligned}$$

gives

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - X_1)(T_1 - q)(1 - X_2)(1 - X_1) &= P_1(T_1 - q)(1 - X_2)P_1 \\
&= -(q - q^{-1})P_1 + q^{-1}(q - q^{-1})P_1 T_1 P_1 + P_1 T_1 P_1 - q^{-1}P_1 T_1 P_1 T_1 P_1 \quad (\text{by (B2')}) \\
&= -(q - q^{-1})P_1 + (2 - q^{-2})P_1 T_1 P_1 - q^{-1}(P_1 T_1 P_1)^2 \quad (\text{by (B2')}) \\
&= -(q - q^{-1})P_1 + (2 - q^{-2})(q^{-1}P_2 + (q - q^{-1})P_1) - q^{-1}(q^{-1}P_2 + (q - q^{-1})P_1)^2 \quad (\text{by (1.7)}) \\
&= (q - q^{-1})(-1 + 2 - q^{-2})P_1 + q^{-1}(2 - q^{-2})P_2 \\
&\quad - q^{-1}(q^{-2}P_2^2 + 2q^{-1}(q - q^{-1})P_2 + (q - q^{-1})^2 P_1) \\
&= (q - q^{-1})^2(q^{-1} - q^{-1})P_1 + q^{-1}(q^{-2}P_2 - q^{-2}P_2^2) \\
&= q^{-3}(P_2 - P_2^2).
\end{aligned}$$

and so $(1 - X_1)(T_1 - q)(1 - X_2)(1 - X_1) = 0$ if and only if $P_2^2 = P_2$. Thus (B4) is equivalent to (B4'). ■

Proposition 1.9. *The algebra $A_k(q)$ is generated by $T_1, \dots, T_{k-1}, P_1, \dots, P_k$, and these elements satisfy the relations (A1), (A2), (A3), and*

- (E1) $P_i T_j = T_j P_i$, for $1 \leq i < j \leq k$,
- (E2) $P_i P_j = P_j P_i = P_i$, for all $1 \leq j < i \leq k$,
- (E3) $P_i^2 = P_i$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$,
- (E4) $P_i T_j = T_j P_i = q P_i$, for $1 \leq j < i \leq k$,
- (E5) $P_{i+1} = q P_i T_i^{-1} P_i = q(P_i T_i P_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i)$, for $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$.

Proof. Since $X_1 = 1 - P_1$, the elements T_1, \dots, T_{k-1}, P_1 generate $A_k(q)$. Relation (E5) is the definition of P_{i+1} .

We prove (E1) by induction on i . The case $i = 1$ is (B1'). Assume that $j > i + 1 > 1$, then T_j commutes with P_i by induction and T_j commutes with T_i by (A3), so

$$T_j P_{i+1} = q^{-1} T_j P_i T_j P_i - (q - q^{-1}) T_j P_i = q^{-1} P_i T_j P_i T_j - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_j = P_{i+1} T_j,$$

proving (E1).

We now prove (E2)-(E4) collectively by induction on i . The case $i = 1$ for (E2) follows from (B2') since

$$P_2 P_1 = q(P_1 T_1 P_1 - (q - q^{-1})P_1)P_1 = q(P_1 T_1 P_1 - (q - q^{-1})P_1) = P_2. \quad (*)$$

The relation $P_1P_2 = P_2$ is similar. The first two cases of (E3) are (B2') and (B4'). The $i = 1$ case of (E4) follows from (B4') since

$$\begin{aligned} P_2^2 &= P_2q(P_1T_1P_1 - (q - q^{-1})P_1) \\ &= q(P_2T_1P_1 - (q - q^{-1})P_2) \quad (\text{by } (*)) \\ &= q(T_1P_2P_1 - (q - q^{-1})P_2) \quad (\text{by (B3')}) \\ &= q(T_1P_2 - (q - q^{-1})P_2) \quad (\text{by } (*)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $P_2^2 = P_2$, we have $T_1P_2 = qP_2$. The case $P_2T_1 = qP_2$ is similar.

Now fix $i > 1$ and assume the following relations,

$$(E2^*) \quad P_iP_j = P_jP_i = P_i, \text{ for all } 1 \leq j < i,$$

$$(E3^*) \quad P_i^2 = P_i,$$

$$(E4^*) \quad P_iT_j = T_jP_i = qP_i, \text{ for } 1 \leq j < i,$$

We show each of these relations for $i + 1$.

For (E2) we use (E3*) to get

$$P_{i+1}P_i = q(P_iT_iP_i^2 - (q - q^{-1})P_i^2) = q(P_iT_iP_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i) = P_{i+1},$$

and when $j < i$, we use (E2*) to get

$$P_{i+1}P_j = q(P_iT_iP_iP_j - (q - q^{-1})P_iP_j) = q(P_iT_iP_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i) = P_{i+1}.$$

The relations $P_iP_{i+1} = P_{i+1}$ and $P_jP_{i+1} = P_{i+1}$ are similar, and so (E2) is established.

To establish (E3), let $i > 2$ (note that we have established $i = 1, 2$),

$$\begin{aligned} P_{i+1}^2 &= q^2(P_iT_iP_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i)^2 \\ &= q^2(P_iT_iP_iT_iP_i - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (E3*)}) \\ &= q^2(P_iT_iqP_{i-1}T_{i-1}P_{i-1}T_iP_i - q(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_{i-1}T_iP_i \\ &\quad - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (E5)}) \\ &= q^2(qP_iP_{i-1}T_iT_{i-1}T_iP_{i-1}P_i - q(q - q^{-1})P_iP_{i-1}T_i^2P_i \\ &\quad - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (E1)}) \\ &= q^2(qP_iT_iT_{i-1}T_iP_i - q(q - q^{-1})P_iT_i^2P_i - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (E2)}) \\ &= q^2(qP_iT_{i-1}T_iT_{i-1}P_i - q(q - q^{-1})P_iT_i^2P_i - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (A2)}) \\ &= q^2(qP_iT_{i-1}T_iT_{i-1}P_i - q(q - q^{-1})^2P_iT_iP_i - q(q - q^{-1})P_i \\ &\quad - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (A1)}) \\ &= q^2(q^3P_iT_iP_i - q(q - q^{-1})^2P_iT_iP_i - q(q - q^{-1})P_i \\ &\quad - 2(q - q^{-1})P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})^2P_i) \quad (\text{by (E4*)}) \\ &= q^2((q^3 - q(q - q^{-1})^2 - 2(q - q^{-1}))P_iT_iP_i + (q - q^{-1})(-q + q - q^{-1})P_i) \\ &= q(P_iT_iP_i - (q - q^{-1})P_i) \\ &= P_{i+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove (E4). First let $j < i$. Then, by (E4*),

$$P_{i+1}T_j = q(P_iT_iP_iT_j - (q - q^{-1})P_iT_j) = q(qP_iT_iP_i - (q - q^{-1})qP_i) = qP_{i+1},$$

and $T_j P_{i+1} = q P_{i+1}$ is similar. Now we consider the case where $j = i$,

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{i+1} T_i &= q(P_i T_i P_i T_i - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E5)}) \\
&= q(P_i T_i q P_{i-1} T_{i-1} P_{i-1} T_i - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i P_{i-1} T_i - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E5)}) \\
&= q(q P_i P_{i-1} T_i T_{i-1} T_i P_{i-1} - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i P_{i-1} T_i^2 - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E1)}) \\
&= q(q P_i T_i T_{i-1} T_i P_{i-1} - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i^2 - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E2)}) \\
&= q(q P_i T_{i-1} T_i T_{i-1} P_{i-1} - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i^2 - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (A2)}) \\
&= q(q^2 P_i T_i T_{i-1} P_{i-1} - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i^2 - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E4*)}) \\
&= q(q^2 P_i T_i T_{i-1} P_{i-1} - q(q - q^{-1})^2 P_i T_i - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i - (q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (A1)}) \\
&= q(q^2 P_i T_i T_{i-1} P_{i-1} - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i) \\
&= q(q^2 P_i P_{i-1} T_i T_{i-1} P_{i-1} - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i) \quad (\text{by (E2)}) \\
&= q(q^2 P_i T_i P_{i-1} T_{i-1} P_{i-1} - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i) \quad (\text{by (E1)}) \\
&= q(q P_i T_i P_i + q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i P_{i-1} - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i - q(q - q^{-1}) P_i) \quad (\text{by (E5)}) \\
&= q(P_{i+1} + q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i P_{i-1} - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E5)}) \\
&= q(P_{i+1} + q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i P_{i-1} T_i - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E1)}) \\
&= q(P_{i+1} + q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i - q^2(q - q^{-1}) P_i T_i) \quad (\text{by (E2)}) \\
&= q P_{i+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

The case $T_i P_{i+1} = q P_{i+1}$ is similar. ■

Propositions 1.5 and 1.9 give the following theorem.

Theorem 1.10. $R_k(q) \cong A_k(q)$ and thus (1.6) is a new presentation of $R_k(q)$.

2. Hecke algebras

The affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k

Fix $q \in \mathbb{C}^*$. The affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k is the algebra given by generators

$$X_1, \dots, X_k \quad \text{and} \quad T_1, \dots, T_{k-1}$$

with relations

$$\begin{aligned}
(1) \quad & T_i T_j = T_j T_i, & |i - j| > 1, \\
(2) \quad & T_i T_{i+1} T_i = T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}, & 1 \leq i \leq k - 2, \\
(3) \quad & T_i^2 = (q - q^{-1}) T_i + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq k, \\
(4) \quad & X_i X_j = X_j X_i, & 1 \leq i, j \leq k, \\
(5) \quad & X_i T_i = T_i X_{i+1} + (q - q^{-1}) X_i, & 1 \leq i \leq k - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from relations (3) and (5) that

$$X_i = T_{i-1} \cdots T_2 T_1 X_1 T_1 T_2 \cdots T_{i-1}, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

and from (4) that

$$(6) \quad X_1 T_1 X_1 T_1 = T_1 X_1 T_1 X_1.$$

In fact, \tilde{H}_k can be presented as the algebra generated by X_1 and T_1, \dots, T_{k-1} with relations (1-3) and (6).

Let

$$[k]! = [1][2] \cdots [k], \quad \text{where} \quad [i] = 1 + q^2 + \cdots + q^{2(i-1)}.$$

When $[k]! \neq 0$ a large class of irreducible representations of the affine Hecke algebra $\tilde{H}_k(q)$, the integrally calibrated irreducible representations, have a simple combinatorial construction. An \tilde{H}_k -module M is *integrally calibrated* if M has a basis of simultaneous eigenvectors for X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k for which the eigenvalues are all of the form q^j with $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. The construction of these \tilde{H}_k -modules is originally due to Cherednik [Ch] (see [Ra] for greater detail) and is a generalization of the classical seminormal construction of the irreducible representations of the symmetric group by A. Young. Young's construction had been generalized to Iwahori-Hecke algebras of classical type (see Theorem 2.8 below) by Hoefsmit [Ho] in 1974.

To describe the construction we shall use the notations of [Mac] for partitions so that a partition is identified with a collection of boxes in a corner, $\ell(\lambda)$ is the number of rows of λ , and $|\lambda|$ is the number of boxes in λ . For example, the partition

$$\lambda = (5, 5, 3, 1, 1) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & & \\ \hline \square & & & & \\ \hline \square & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{has } \ell(\lambda) = 5 \text{ and } |\lambda| = 15.$$

If λ is a partition that is obtained from μ by adding k boxes let λ/μ be the *skew shape* consisting of those boxes of λ that are not in μ . A *standard tableau* of shape λ/μ is a filling of the boxes of λ/μ with $1, 2, \dots, k$ such that

- (a) the entries in the rows increase left to right, and
- (b) the entries in the columns increase top to bottom.

If b is a box in λ/μ define

$$CT(b) = q^{2(c-r)}, \quad \text{if } b \text{ is in position } (r, c) \text{ of } \lambda. \tag{2.1}$$

Theorem 2.2. ([Ch], see also [Ra, Theorem 4.1], and [OR, Theorem 6.20a]) Assume that $[k]! \neq 0$. Then the calibrated irreducible representations $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ of the affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k are indexed by skew shapes and can be given explicitly as the vector space

$$H^{\lambda/\mu} = \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{v_L \mid L \text{ is a standard tableau of shape } \lambda/\mu\}$$

(so that the symbols v_L form a basis of $H^{\lambda/\mu}$) with \tilde{H}_k -action given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_i v_L &= CT(L(i)) v_L, \\ T_i v_L &= \left(\frac{CT(L(i+1))(q - q^{-1})}{CT(L(i+1)) - CT(L(i))} \right) v_L + \left(q^{-1} + \frac{CT(L(i+1))(q - q^{-1})}{CT(L(i+1)) - CT(L(i))} \right) v_{s_i L}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$s_i L$ is the same as L except i and $i + 1$ are switched, and

$v_{s_i L} = 0$, if $s_i L$ is not a standard tableau.

Remark 2.3. In [OR] it is explained how the basis v_L of $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ and the action of \tilde{H}_k in Theorem 2.2 can be derived in a natural way from the general mechanism of quantum groups (\mathcal{R} -matrices, quantum Casimirs, the tensor product rule in (3.1)) and a Schur-Weyl duality theorem (Theorem 3.3 below) for the affine Hecke algebra.

The cyclotomic Hecke algebra $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$

Let $u_1, \dots, u_r \in \mathbb{C}$ and $q \in \mathbb{C}^*$. The *cyclotomic Hecke algebra* $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ is the quotient of the affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k by the ideal generated by the relation

$$(X_1 - u_1)(X_1 - u_2) \cdots (X_1 - u_r) = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

The algebra $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ is a deformation of the group algebra of the complex reflection group $G(r, 1, k) = (\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}) \wr S_k$ and is of dimension $\dim(H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)) = r^k k!$. These algebras were introduced by Ariki and Koike [AK]. Ariki has generalized the classical result of Gyoja and Uno [GU] and given precise conditions for the semisimplicity of the cyclotomic Hecke algebras.

Theorem 2.5. ([Ar]) *The algebra $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ is semisimple if and only if*

$$q^{2d} u_i \neq u_j \text{ for all } -k < d < k, 1 \leq i < j \leq r, \quad \text{and} \quad [k]! \neq 0,$$

where $[k]! = [1][2] \cdots [k]$ and $[i] = 1 + q^2 + \cdots + q^{2(i-1)}$.

Proof. Let us only explain the conversion between the statement in [Ar] and the statement here. This conversion is the same as in Remark 1.2. If $\tilde{T}_i = qT_i$ then $\tilde{T}_i^2 = q^2((q - q^{-1})T_i + 1) = (q^2 - 1)qT_i + q^2 = (q^2 - 1)\tilde{T}_i + q^2$, which shows that our algebra is the same as Ariki's except with parameter q^2 . ■

Ariki and Koike give a combinatorial construction of the irreducible representations of the cyclotomic Hecke algebra $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ when it is semisimple. Define

$$\hat{H}_k^{(r)} = \{r\text{-tuples } \lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r)}) \text{ of partitions with } k \text{ boxes total}\}. \quad (2.6)$$

Let $\lambda \in \hat{H}_k^{(r)}$. A *standard tableau of shape λ* is a filling of the boxes of λ with $1, 2, \dots, k$ such that for each $\lambda^{(i)}$, $1 \leq i \leq r$,

- (a) the entries in the rows are increasing left to right, and
- (b) the entries in the columns are increasing top to bottom.

Let $L(i)$ denote the the box of L containing i , and define

$$CT(b) = u_i q^{2(c-r)}, \quad \text{if the box } b \text{ is in position } (r, c) \text{ of } \lambda^{(i)}. \quad (2.7)$$

Theorem 2.8. [AK, Theorem 3.7] *If $H_k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r; q)$ is semisimple its irreducible representations H^λ , $\lambda \in \hat{H}_k^{(r)}$, are given by*

$$H^\lambda = H^{(\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r)})} = \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{v_L \mid L \text{ is a standard tableau of shape } \lambda\}$$

(so that the symbols v_L form a basis of the vector space H^λ) with $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ -action given by

$$X_i v_L = CT(L(i))v_L, \quad \text{and} \quad T_i v_L = (T_i)_{LL} v_L + (q^{-1} + (T_i)_{LL})v_{s_i L},$$

where

$$(T_i)_{LL} = \begin{cases} q, & \text{if } L(i) \text{ and } L(i+1) \text{ are in the same row,} \\ & \text{of } \lambda^{(j)} \text{ for some fixed } j, \\ -q^{-1}, & \text{if } L(i) \text{ and } L(i+1) \text{ are in the same column,} \\ & \text{of } \lambda^{(j)} \text{ for some fixed } j, \\ \frac{CT(L(i+1))(q - q^{-1})}{CT(L(i+1)) - CT(L(i))}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$s_i L$ is the same as L except i and $i+1$ are switched, and

$v_{s_i L} = 0$, if $s_i L$ is not a standard tableau.

It is interesting to note that Theorem 2.8 is almost an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.2.

The Iwahori-Hecke algebra $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ of type B_k

The Iwahori-Hecke algebra of type B_k is the cyclotomic Hecke algebra $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$. Thus, for $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $q \in \mathbb{C}^*$, $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is the quotient of the affine Hecke algebra by the ideal generated by the relation

$$(X_1 - u_1)(X_1 - u_2) = 0. \quad (2.9)$$

The algebra $H_k(1, -1; q)$ is the group algebra of the Weyl group of type B_k (the hyperoctahedral group of signed permutations).

In the case of the Iwahori-Hecke algebra $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ of type B_k Theorem 2.8 is due to Hoefsmit [Ho]. When $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple Hoefsmit's construction of the irreducible representations of $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ implies that, as $H_{k-1}(u_1, u_2; q)$ -modules

$$\text{Res}_{H_{k-1}}^{H_k} H^\lambda = \bigoplus_{\lambda^-} H^{\lambda^-}, \quad (2.10)$$

where the sum runs over all pairs of partitions λ^- which are obtained from λ by removing a single box, and

$$H^{\lambda^-} = \mathbb{C}\text{-span} \left\{ v_L \mid \begin{array}{l} L \text{ is a standard tableau of shape } \lambda \\ \text{and } L^- \text{ has shape } \lambda^- \end{array} \right\}, \quad (2.11)$$

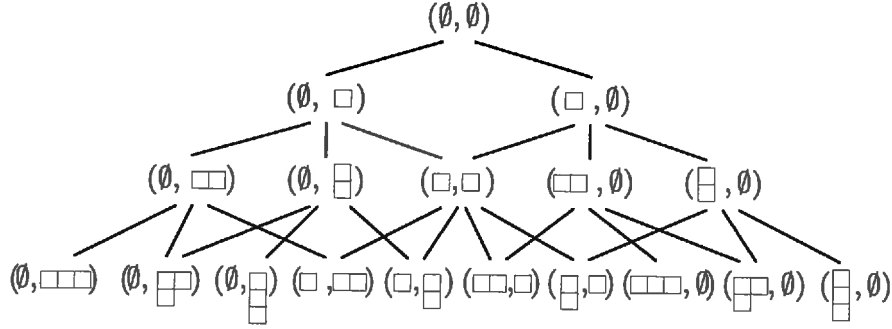
where L^- is the standard tableau with $k-1$ boxes which is obtained by removing the entry k from L . The restriction rules (2.10) can be encoded in the Bratteli diagram for the sequence of algebras

$$H_1(u_1, u_2; q) \subseteq H_2(u_1, u_2; q) \subseteq H_3(u_1, u_2; q) \subseteq \dots \quad (2.12)$$

i.e., the graph which has

$$\text{vertices on level } k \text{ indexed by } \lambda \in \hat{H}_k^{(2)} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{edges } \lambda \longleftrightarrow \lambda^-$$

if λ^- is obtained from λ by removing a single box. The first few rows of the Bratteli diagram for $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ are displayed in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Bratteli Diagram for $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$

If $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple then

$$H_k(u_1, u_2; q) \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \hat{B}_k} M_{d_\lambda}(\mathbb{C}), \quad (2.13)$$

where d_λ is the number of standard tableaux L of shape λ , and $M_d(\mathbb{C})$ is the algebra of $d \times d$ matrices with entries from \mathbb{C} .

The minimal ideals I^λ of $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ are in one-to-one correspondence with the summands in (2.13). Let $m < k$, let I^μ be a fixed minimal ideal of $H_m(u_1, u_2; q)$ and define

$$\langle I^\mu \rangle_k \text{ is the ideal of } H_k(u_1, u_2; q) \text{ generated by } I^\mu$$

($I^\mu \subseteq H_m(u_1, u_2; q) \subseteq H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$). The restriction rules (2.10) imply that

$$\langle I^\mu \rangle_k = \bigoplus_{\lambda \supseteq \mu} I^\lambda, \quad (2.14)$$

where the sum is over all pairs of partitions $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)}) \in H_k^{(2)}$ which are obtained from $\mu = (\mu^{(1)}, \mu^{(2)}) \in \hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ by adding $(k - m)$ boxes.

The ideal $I^{((1^2), \emptyset)}$

Lemma 2.15. *Assume that $H_2(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple. The minimal ideal $I^{((1^2), \emptyset)}$ of $H_2(u_1, u_2; q)$ is generated by the element*

$$p = \begin{cases} (X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2)(X_2 - q^2 u_1), & \text{if } u_1 \neq 0, \\ (X_1 - u_2)(T_1 - q)(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2), & \text{if } u_1 = 0, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } X_2 = T_1 X_1 T_1.$$

Proof. Using the construction of the simple $H_2(u_1, u_2; q)$ -modules in Theorem 2.8 it is not tedious to check that, when $u_1 \neq 0$,

$$pv_L = \begin{cases} (u_1 - u_2)(q^{-2}u_1 - u_2)(q^{-2}u_1 - q^2u_1)v_L, & \text{if } L \text{ has shape } ((1^2), \emptyset), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and, when $u_1 = 0$,

$$pv_L = \begin{cases} (0 - u_2)(-q^{-1} - q)(0 - u_2)(0 - u_2)v_L, & \text{if } L \text{ has shape } ((1^2), \emptyset), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus p is an element of the ideal $I^{((1^2), \emptyset)}$. Since $I^{((1^2), \emptyset)}$ is a minimal ideal it is generated by any one of its (nonzero) elements. ■

The algebra $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$

Let $u_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $u_2, q \in \mathbb{C}^*$. Let $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ be the algebra given by generators

$$X_1 \quad \text{and} \quad T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{k-1}$$

and relations

- (1) $T_i T_j = T_j T_i, \quad |i - j| > 1,$
- (2) $T_i T_{i+1} T_i = T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - 2,$
- (3) $T_i^2 = (q - q^{-1})T_i + q, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k - 1,$
- (4) $X_1 T_1 X_1 T_1 = T_1 X_1 T_1 X_1,$
- (5) $(X_1 - u_1)(X_1 - u_2) = 0,$
- (6) $(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2)(X_2 - q^2 u_1) = 0, \quad \text{if } u_1 \neq 0,$
 $(X_1 - u_2)(T_1 - q)(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2), \quad \text{if } u_1 = 0,$ where $X_2 = T_1 X_1 T_1.$

Let

$$\hat{A}_k = \{(\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)}) \in \hat{H}_k^{(2)} \mid \lambda^{(1)} \text{ has at most one row}\}. \quad (2.16)$$

Theorem 2.17. Assume $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple.

(a) $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple.

(b) As in (2.14) let $\langle I^{((1^2), \emptyset)} \rangle_k$ be the ideal of $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ generated by the minimal ideal $I^{((1^2), \emptyset)}$ of $H_2(u_1, u_2; q)$. Then

$$A_k(u_1, u_2; q) \cong \frac{H_k(u_1, u_2; q)}{\langle I^{((1^2), \emptyset)} \rangle_k}.$$

(c) As in (2.13) let d_λ denote the number of standard tableaux of shape $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)})$ and $M_d(\mathbb{C})$ the algebra of $d \times d$ matrices with entries from \mathbb{C} . Then

$$A_k(u_1, u_2; q) \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \hat{A}_k} M_{d_\lambda}(\mathbb{C}).$$

(d) The irreducible $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ -modules $H^\lambda, \lambda \in \hat{A}_k$, are given by Hoefsmit's construction (Theorem 2.8).

(e) The Bratelli diagram for the sequence of algebras $A_1(u_1, u_2; q) \subseteq A_2(u_1, u_2; q) \subseteq \dots \subseteq A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ has vertices on level m indexed by $\lambda \in \hat{A}_m$ and edges $\lambda \longleftrightarrow \lambda^-$ if λ^- is obtained from λ by removing a box. See Figure 2.

Proof. (a) follows from the fact that $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is a quotient of $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$.

(b) By Lemma 2.15, the element p generates the ideal $\langle I^{((1^2), \emptyset)} \rangle$ in $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ and so this is a consequence of the definition of $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$.

(c) By (2.14)

$$\langle I^{((1^2), \emptyset)} \rangle_k = \bigoplus_{\lambda \supseteq ((1^2), \emptyset)} I^\lambda, \quad (2.18)$$

and so, by (b) and (2.13), the simple components of $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ are indexed by those elements of $\lambda \in \hat{H}_k^{(2)}$ which do not contain $((1^2), \emptyset)$. These are exactly the elements of \hat{A}_k .

(d) and (e) are consequences of (b), (c) and (2.18). ■

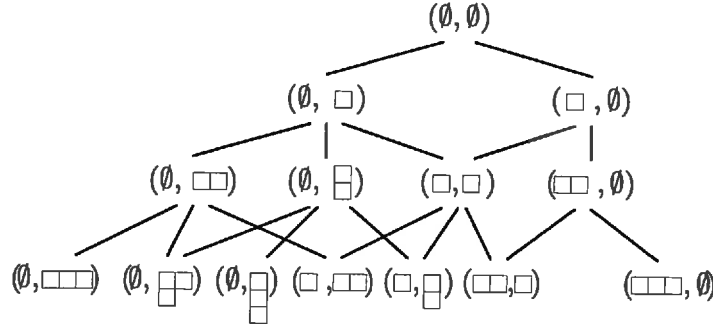


Figure 2. Bratteli Diagram of $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ and $R_k(q)$

By construction it is clear that the Bratteli diagram for $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is a subgraph of the Bratteli diagram for $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$. It is the subgraph which is obtained by removing all pairs of partitions $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)})$ which appear in (2.18) (for all k). Thus, it is the subgraph which is obtained by removing the vertex $((1^2), \emptyset)$ and all its *descendants*, i.e., all pairs of partitions $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)})$ which are obtained by adding boxes to $((1^2), \emptyset)$.

Theorem 2.19. *The algebra $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple if and only if*

$$q^{2d}u_1 \neq u_2 \text{ for all } -k < d < k, \quad \text{and} \quad [k]! \neq 0,$$

where $[k]! = [1][2] \cdots [k]$ and $[i] = 1 + q^2 + \cdots + q^{2(i-1)}$.

Proof. Since $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is a quotient of $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$, we know that $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple when $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is. Thus $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple when (a) and (b) hold.

The Iwahori-Hecke algebra $H_k(q)$ of type A_{k-1} is the cyclotomic Hecke algebra $H_k(1, 1; q)$. Thus, $H_k(q)$ is the quotient $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ by the relation $X_1 = u_1$. By Theorem 2.5 (in this case originally due to Gyoja and Uno) $H_k(q)$ is semisimple if and only if $[k]! \neq 0$. Since $H_k(q)$ is a quotient of $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$, the algebra $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is not semisimple when $H_k(q)$ is not semisimple. Thus, $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is not semisimple when $[k]! = 0$.

If $u_1 = u_2$ then the representation $\rho: A_k(u_1, u_2; q) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})$ given by setting

$$\rho(X_1) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & 1 \\ 0 & u_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(T_i) = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix}$$

is an indecomposable representation which is not irreducible. Thus $A_k(u_1, u_1; q)$ is not semisimple.

The Tits deformation theorem (see [CR, (68.17)]) says that the algebra $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ has the same structure for any choice of the parameters u_1, u_2 for which it is semisimple. Assume that $[k]! \neq 0$ and $u_2 = q^{2d}u_1$, $u_1 \neq 0$. Let λ/μ be the skew shape given by $\lambda = (k-1, d)$ and $\mu = (d-1)$ and define

$$CT(b) = u_1 q^{2(c-r)+2}, \quad \text{if } b \text{ is a box in position } (r, c) \text{ of } \lambda.$$

With these definitions the formulas in Theorem 2.2 define an $H_k(u_1, q^{2d}u_1; q)$ -module $H^{\lambda/\mu}$. A check that

$$(X_1 - q^{2d}u_1)(X_2 - q^{2d}u_1)(X_2 - q^2u_1)v_L = 0,$$

for all standard tableaux L of shape λ/μ shows that that $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ is an $A_k(u_1, q^{2d}u_1; q)$ -module. The standard proof (see [Ra, Theorem 4.1]) of Theorem 2.5 applies in this case to show that $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ is an irreducible $A_k(u_1, q^{2d}u_1; q)$ -module. It has dimension

$$\dim(H^{\lambda/\mu}) = (\text{the number of standard tableaux of shape } \lambda/\mu) = \binom{k}{d} - 1.$$

When we restrict this $A_k(u_1, q^{2d}u_1; q)$ -module to $H_k(q)$, it is a direct sum of irreducible $H_k(q)$ -modules indexed by partitions $\nu \vdash k$ with multiplicity given by the classical Littlewood-Richardson coefficient $c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda$ (see [Ra, Theorem 6.1]). Since $\lambda = (k-1, d)$ and $\mu = (d-1)$ we have $c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \neq 0$ only if ν has ≤ 2 rows and $c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = 0$ when $\nu = (k)$. So $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ is an irreducible $A_k(u_1, q^{2d}u_1; q)$ -module such that upon restriction to $H_k(q)$ is a direct sum of irreducible representations indexed by partitions with length ≤ 2 , and which does not contain the “trivial” representation of $H_k(q)$.

When $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple its irreducible representations H^λ are indexed by pairs of partitions $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)})$ such that $\lambda^{(1)}$ has at most one row. If $\lambda^{(1)}$ has length r , then, on restriction to $H_k(q)$, H^λ is a direct sum of irreducibles indexed by partitions $\nu \vdash k$ with multiplicities $c_{\lambda^{(1)}\lambda^{(2)}}^\nu$. By the Pieri rule [Mac, (5.16)] the resulting ν are those obtained by adding a horizontal strip of length r to $\lambda^{(2)}$. Only when $\lambda^{(2)}$ has a single row will all the ν have ≤ 2 rows and, in this case, $c_{\lambda^{(1)}\lambda^{(2)}}^\nu = c_{(r), (k-r)}^\nu = 1$ for $\nu = (k)$. Thus, when $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ is semisimple every irreducible representation which, on restriction to $H_k(q)$, decomposes as a direct sum of components indexed by partitions with ≤ 2 rows does contain the “trivial” representation of $H_k(q)$.

Thus, the Tits deformation theorem implies that $A_k(u_1, q^{2d}u_1; q)$ is not semisimple. ■

Remark 2.20. It is interesting to note that the blob algebras (see [MW]) are also quotients of $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$.

The q -rook monoid algebras $R_k(q)$

The new presentation of the q -rook monoid given in Section 1 shows that

$$R_k(q) = A_k(0, 1; q),$$

and thus $R_k(q)$ is a quotient of Iwahori-Hecke algebra $H_n(0, 1; q)$ of type B_k .

Corollary 2.21.

- (a) *The q -rook monoid algebra $R_k(q)$ is semisimple if and only if $[k]_q! \neq 0$.*
- (b) *If $R_k(q)$ is semisimple then the irreducible representations of $R_k(q)$ are indexed by $\lambda \in \hat{A}_k$ (see (2.16)) and are given explicitly by the construction in Theorem 2.8.*

Part (a) of Corollary 2.21 is Theorem 2.19 applied to $R_k(q)$ and (b) is Theorem 2.17(e) for $R_k(q)$. Part (a) was proved in a different way by Solomon [So4] and part (b) is the result of Halverson [Ha, Theorem 3.2] which was the catalyst for the results of this paper.

As in (2.10) it follows that, as $R_{k-1}(q)$ -modules

$$\text{Res}_{R_{k-1}}^{R_k} R^\lambda = \bigoplus_{\lambda^-} R^{\lambda^-},$$

where the sum runs over all pairs of partitions λ^- which are obtained from λ by removing a single box, and

$$R^{\lambda^-} = \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{v_L \mid L^- \text{ has shape } \lambda^-\},$$

where L^- is the standard tableau with $k - 1$ boxes which is obtained by removing the k from L . The first few rows of the Bratteli diagram for the sequence of algebras

$$R_1(q) \subseteq R_2(q) \subseteq R_3(q) \subseteq \dots$$

are as displayed in Figure 2.

3. Schur-Weyl dualities

Let $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ be the quantum group corresponding to $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$. This is the algebra given by generators

$$E_i, \quad F_i, \quad (1 \leq i < n), \quad \text{and} \quad q^{\pm \varepsilon_i}, \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

with relations

$$\begin{aligned} q^{\varepsilon_i} q^{\varepsilon_j} &= q^{\varepsilon_j} q^{\varepsilon_i}, & q^{\varepsilon_i} q^{-\varepsilon_i} &= q^{-\varepsilon_i} q^{\varepsilon_i} = 1, \\ q^{\varepsilon_i} e_j q^{-\varepsilon_i} &= \begin{cases} q^{-1} e_j, & \text{if } j = i - 1, \\ q e_j, & \text{if } j = i, \\ e_j, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} & q^{\varepsilon_i} f_j q^{-\varepsilon_i} &= \begin{cases} q f_j, & \text{if } j = i - 1, \\ q^{-1} f_j, & \text{if } j = i, \\ f_j, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ e_i f_j - f_j e_i &= \delta_{ij} \frac{q^{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1}} - q^{-(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1})}}{q - q^{-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$e_{i\pm 1} e_i^2 - (q + q^{-1}) e_i e_{i\pm 1} e_i + e_i^2 e_{i\pm 1} = 0, \quad f_{i\pm 1} f_i^2 - (q + q^{-1}) f_i f_{i\pm 1} f_i + f_i^2 f_{i\pm 1} = 0,$$

$$e_i e_j = e_j e_i, \quad f_i f_j = f_j f_i, \quad \text{if } |i - j| > 1.$$

Part of the data of a quantum group is an \mathcal{R} -matrix, which provides a canonical $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -module isomorphism

$$\tilde{R}_{MN}: M \otimes N \longrightarrow N \otimes M$$

for any two $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -modules M and N .

The irreducible polynomial representations $L(\lambda)$ of $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ are indexed by dominant integral weights $\lambda \in L^+$ where

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} \varepsilon_i = \{\lambda = \lambda_1 \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \lambda_n \varepsilon_n \mid \lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

and $L^+ = \{\lambda \in L \mid \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n\}$. The elements of L^+ can be identified with partitions λ with $\leq n$ rows.

The irreducible representation

$$V = L(\varepsilon_1) \quad \text{has} \quad \dim(V) = n, \quad \text{and} \quad L(\mu) \otimes V \cong \bigoplus_{\mu^+} L(\mu^+) \quad (3.1)$$

as $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -modules, where the direct sum is over all partitions μ^+ which are obtained from μ by adding a box. The $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -module V can be given explicitly as the vector space

$$V = \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

(so that the symbols v_i form a basis of V) with $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -action given by

$$e_i v_j = \begin{cases} v_{j-1}, & \text{if } j = i + 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } j \neq i + 1, \end{cases} \quad f_i v_j = \begin{cases} v_{j+1}, & \text{if } j = i, \\ 0, & \text{if } j \neq i, \end{cases} \quad \text{and}$$

$$q^{\pm \epsilon_i} v_j = \begin{cases} q^{\pm 1} v_j, & \text{if } j = i, \\ v_j, & \text{if } j \neq i. \end{cases}$$

With this notation the R -matrix for $V \otimes V$ is given explicitly by

$$\check{R}_{VV}: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\check{R}_{VV}(v_i \otimes v_j) = \begin{cases} qv_j \otimes v_i, & \text{if } i = j, \\ v_j \otimes v_i, & \text{if } i > j, \\ v_j \otimes v_i + (q - q^{-1})(v_i \otimes v_j), & \text{if } i < j. \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

A Schur-Weyl duality for affine and cyclotomic Hecke algebras

Theorem 3.3. (see [OR, Theorem 6.17ab and Theorem 6.18])

(a) For any $\mu \in L^+$ there is an action of the affine Hecke algebra \check{H}_k on $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ given by $\check{\Phi}: \check{H}_k \rightarrow \text{End}(L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k})$ where

$$\check{\Phi}(X_1) = \check{R}_{V, L(\mu)} \check{R}_{L(\mu), V} \otimes id_V^{\otimes(k-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \check{\Phi}(T_i) = id_{L(\mu)} \otimes id_V^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes \check{R}_{VV} \otimes id_V^{\otimes(k-i-1)}.$$

(b) The \check{H}_k action on $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ commutes with the $U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)$ -action and the map

$$\check{\Phi}: \check{H}_k \rightarrow \text{End}_{U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)}(L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}) \quad \text{is surjective.}$$

(c) As a $(U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n), \check{H}_k)$ bimodule

$$L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} L(\lambda) \otimes H^{\lambda/\mu},$$

where the sum is over all partitions λ which are obtained from μ by adding k boxes and $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ is a simple \check{H}_k -module.

(d) The representation $\check{\Phi}$ given in part (a) is a representation of the cyclotomic Hecke algebra $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$, i.e.

$$\check{\Phi}: H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q) \rightarrow \text{End}_{U_q\mathfrak{gl}(n)}(L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}),$$

for any (multi)set of parameters u_1, \dots, u_r containing the (multi)set of values $CT(b)$ (defined in (2.1)) as b runs over the boxes which can be added to μ (to get a partition).

Remark 3.4. The affine Hecke algebra module $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ which appears in Theorem 3.3(c) is the same as the module $H^{\lambda/\mu}$ constructed in Theorem 2.2.

A Schur-Weyl duality for Iwahori-Hecke algebras of type B

Suppose that μ is a partition with two addable boxes, i.e.

$$\mu = \underbrace{d}_{\ell} \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right\} = \ell^d, \quad \text{for some } 0 < d \leq n, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

Proposition 3.5. *Let $\mu = \ell^d$, $0 < d \leq n$, $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Then Theorem 3.3(d) provides a Schur-Weyl duality for $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ with $u_1 = q^{2\ell}$ and $u_2 = q^{2d}$.*

Proof. One only needs to note that if b_1, b_2 are the addable boxes of μ and $CT(b)$ is as defined in (2.1) then

$$u_1 = CT(b_1) = q^{2\ell}, \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = CT(b_2) = q^{2d}. \quad \blacksquare$$

A Schur-Weyl duality for $A_n(u_1, u_2; q)$

Keeping the notation of Proposition 3.5, consider the special case $\ell = n-1$ and $d \geq k$, so that

$$\mu = \underbrace{n-1}_{\ell} \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right\} = \ell^{(n-1)}, \quad \text{for some } \ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

Then, as a $(U_q \mathfrak{gl}(n), H_k(u_1, u_2; q))$ bimodule

$$L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} L(\lambda) \otimes H^{\lambda}, \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \mu & \lambda^{(2)} \\ \hline \lambda^{(1)} & \hline \end{array} \quad (3.6)$$

and H^{λ} is a simple $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ module indexed by a pair of partitions $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)})$ with k boxes total and such that $\lambda^{(1)}$ has at most one row. The following result shows that, in this case, the Schur-Weyl duality in Theorem 3.3 becomes a Schur-Weyl duality for the algebra

$$A_k(u_1, u_2; q), \quad \text{where} \quad u_1 = q^{2(n-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = q^{2\ell}.$$

Proposition 3.7. *Let $\mu = (n-1)^d$. Then the \tilde{H}_k action on $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ which is given by Theorem 3.3 factors through the algebra $A_k(u_1, u_2; q)$, where $u_1 = q^{2(n-1)}$ and $u_2 = q^{2\ell}$.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.3(d), the \tilde{H}_k action on $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ factors through the algebra $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ where $u_1 = q^{2(n-1)}$ and $u_2 = q^{2\ell}$. It remains to check that $(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2)X_2 - q^2u_1 = 0$ as operators on $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$. To do this it is sufficient to show that $(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2)X_2 - q^2u_1 = 0$ as operators on H^{λ} for each H^{λ} which appears in the decomposition (3.6). The $H_k(u_1, u_2; q)$ -module H^{λ} has basis indexed by the standard tableaux L of shape λ and

$$(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2)(X_2 - q^2u_1)v_L = (CT(L(1)) - u_2)(CT(L(2)) - u_2)(CT(L(2)) - q^2u_1)v_L.$$

For each of the possible positions of the first two boxes of L at least one of the factors in the last product is 0. Thus $(X_1 - u_2)(X_2 - u_2)X_2 - q^2u_1 = 0$ as operators on H^{λ} . \blacksquare

Another Schur-Weyl duality for cyclotomic Hecke algebras

Let m_1, \dots, m_r be positive integers such that $m_1 + \dots + m_r = n$. Then $\mathfrak{g}_P = \mathfrak{gl}(m_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{gl}(m_r)$ is a Lie subalgebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(n)$, and correspondingly

$$U_P = U_q \mathfrak{gl}(m_1) \otimes \dots \otimes U_q \mathfrak{gl}(m_r) \quad \text{is a subalgebra of } U_q \mathfrak{gl}(n).$$

There is a corresponding decomposition of the fundamental representation V of $U_q \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ as a U_P -module:

$$V = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_r, \quad \text{where} \quad \dim(V_j) = m_j,$$

and V_j is the fundamental representation for $U_q \mathfrak{gl}(m_j)$.

$$\text{If } v \in V_j, \quad \text{we write} \quad \deg(v) = j$$

and say that v is *homogeneous of degree* j .

Let $u_1, \dots, u_r \in \mathbb{C}$ and define

$$d: V \rightarrow V \quad \text{by} \quad d(v) = u_j v, \quad \text{if } \deg(v) = j. \quad (3.8)$$

Recall the action of $\check{R}_{VV}: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V$ as given in (3.2), define

$$\check{S}_{VV}: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V \quad \text{by} \quad \check{S}_{VV}(v \otimes w) = \begin{cases} \check{R}_{VV}(v \otimes w), & \text{if } \deg(v) = \deg(w), \\ w \otimes v, & \text{if } \deg(v) \neq \deg(w), \end{cases}$$

(for homogeneous $v, w \in V$), and define $d_i, R_i, S_i \in \text{End}(V^{\otimes k})$ by

$$\begin{aligned} d_i &= \text{id}_V^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes d \otimes \text{id}_V^{(k-i)}, & 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ \check{R}_i &= \text{id}_V^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes \check{R}_{VV} \otimes \text{id}_V^{(k-i-1)}, & 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\ \check{S}_i &= \text{id}_V^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes \check{S}_{VV} \otimes \text{id}_V^{(k-i-1)}, & 1 \leq i \leq k-1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Theorem 3.10. (Sakamoto-Shoji [SS])

(a) There is an action of $H_k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r; q)$ on $V^{\otimes k}$ given by $\Phi_P: H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q) \rightarrow \text{End}(V^{\otimes k})$ where

$$\Phi_P(T_i) = \check{R}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_P(X_1) = \check{R}_1^{-1} \dots \check{R}_k^{-1} \check{S}_k \dots \check{S}_1 d_1.$$

(b) The action of $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ commutes with the action of U_P on $V^{\otimes k}$,

i.e., $\Phi_P: H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q) \rightarrow \text{End}_{U_P}(V^{\otimes k})$.

(c) As a $(U_P, H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q))$ -bimodule

$$V^{\otimes k} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda=(\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r)})} L_P(\lambda) \otimes H^\lambda,$$

where the sum is over all r -tuples $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r)})$ of partitions such that $\ell(\lambda^{(j)}) \leq m_j$, $L_P(\lambda)$ is the simple U_P -module given by

$$L_P(\lambda) = L^{(1)}(\lambda^{(1)}) \otimes \dots \otimes L^{(r)}(\lambda^{(r)}),$$

where $L^{(j)}(\lambda^{(j)})$ is the simple $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}(m_j))$ -module corresponding to the partition $\lambda^{(j)}$, and H^λ is a (not necessarily simple) $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ -module.

Remark 3.11. The $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ -module H^λ appearing in Theorem 3.10(c) is simple whenever $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ is semisimple. In that case H^λ coincides with the $H_k(u_1, \dots, u_r; q)$ -module constructed in Theorem 2.8.

A Schur-Weyl duality for $R_k(q)$

Consider the case of Theorem 3.10 when

$$r = 2, \quad m_1 = 1, \quad m_2 = n, \quad u_1 = 0, \quad u_2 = 1.$$

Then

$$V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \quad \text{where} \quad V_1 = \mathbb{C}v_0, \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}.$$

Let us analyze the action of $H_k(0, 1; q)$ on $V^{\otimes k}$ as given by Sakamoto and Shoji. Since $dv_0 = u_1v_0 = 0$,

$$\Phi_P(X_1)(v_0 \otimes v_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_k}) = 0,$$

and, for $\ell > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_P(X_1)(v_\ell \otimes v_{i_2} \cdots \otimes v_{i_k}) &= \check{R}_1^{-1} \cdots \check{R}_{k-1}^{-1} \check{S}_{k-1} \cdots \check{S}_1 d_1(v_\ell \otimes v_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_k}) \\ &= \check{R}_1^{-1} \cdots \check{R}_{k-1}^{-1} \check{S}_{k-1} \cdots \check{S}_1(v_\ell \otimes v_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_k}) \\ &= \check{R}_1^{-1} \cdots \check{R}_{k-1}^{-1} \check{R}_{k-1} \cdots \check{R}_1(v_\ell \otimes v_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_k}) \\ &= v_\ell \otimes v_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_k}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus $\Phi_P(X_1) = d_1$. This calculation shows that the Sakamoto-Shoji action of $H_k(0, 1; q)$ coincides exactly with action for the Schur-Weyl duality for the q -rook monoid algebra $R_k(q)$ in the form given by Halverson [Ha, Corollary 6.3].

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