

Isomorphism between the R -Matrix and Drinfeld Presentations of Quantum Affine Algebra: Types B and D

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Abstract. Following the approach of Ding and Frenkel [*Comm. Math. Phys.* **156** (1993), 277–300] for type A , we showed in our previous work [*J. Math. Phys.* **61** (2020), 031701, 41 pages] that the Gauss decomposition of the generator matrix in the R -matrix presentation of the quantum affine algebra yields the Drinfeld generators in all classical types. Complete details for type C were given therein, while the present paper deals with types B and D . The arguments for all classical types are quite similar so we mostly concentrate on necessary additional details specific to the underlying orthogonal Lie algebras.

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1 Introduction

The quantum affine algebras $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ associated with simple Lie algebras \mathfrak{g} admit at least three different presentations. The original definition of Drinfeld [9] and Jimbo [17] was followed by the *new realization* of Drinfeld [10] which is also known as the *Drinfeld presentation*, while the *R -matrix presentation* was introduced by Reshetikhin and Semenov-Tian-Shansky [23] and further developed by Frenkel and Reshetikhin [12]. A detailed construction of an isomorphism between the first two presentations was given by Beck [1].

An isomorphism between the Drinfeld and R -matrix presentations of the algebras $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ in type A was constructed by Ding and Frenkel [8]. In our previous work [20] we were able to extend this construction to the remaining classical types and gave detailed arguments in type C . The present article is concerned with types B and D , where we use the same approach as in [20] and mostly concentrate on necessary changes specific to the orthogonal Lie algebras \mathfrak{o}_N and their root systems. In particular, this applies to low rank relations with the underlying Lie algebras \mathfrak{o}_3 and \mathfrak{o}_4 , and to formulas for the universal R -matrices.

As with the corresponding isomorphisms between the R -matrix and Drinfeld presentations of the Yangians (see respective details in [4, 16] and [19]), their counterparts in the quantum affine algebra case allow one to connect two sides of the representation theory in an explicit way: the parameterization of finite-dimensional irreducible representations via their Drinfeld polynomials can be translated from one presentation to another; see [5, Chapter 12], [15] and [24]. As another consequence of the isomorphism theorems, one can derive the Poincaré–Birkhoff–Witt theorem

for the R -matrix presentation of the quantum affine algebra from the corresponding result of Beck [2] for $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$. We will give a more detailed account of these applications in our forthcoming project.

To work with the quantum affine algebras in types B and D , we apply the *Gauss decomposition* of the generator matrices in the R -matrix presentation in the same way as in types A and C ; see [8] and [20]. We show that the generators arising from the Gauss decomposition satisfy the required relations of the Drinfeld presentation. To demonstrate that the resulting homomorphism is injective we follow the argument of Frenkel and Mukhin [11] and rely on the formula for the universal R -matrix due to Khoroshkin and Tolstoy [21] and Damiani [6].

Similar to the type C case, we will introduce the *extended quantum affine algebra* in types B and D defined by an R -matrix presentation. We prove an embedding theorem which will allow us to regard the extended algebra of rank $n - 1$ as a subalgebra of the corresponding algebra of rank n . We also produce a Drinfeld-type presentation for the extended quantum affine algebra and give explicit formulas for generators of its center. It appears to be very likely that these formulas can be included in a general scheme as developed by Wendlandt [25] in the Yangian context.

To state our isomorphism theorem, let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}_N$ be the orthogonal Lie algebra, where odd and even values $N = 2n + 1$ and $N = 2n$ respectively correspond to the simple Lie algebras of types B_n and D_n . Choose their simple roots in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= \epsilon_i - \epsilon_{i+1} & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n-1, \\ \alpha_n &= \begin{cases} \epsilon_n & \text{if } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}_{2n+1}, \\ \epsilon_{n-1} + \epsilon_n & \text{if } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}_{2n}, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$ is an orthonormal basis of a Euclidian space with the inner product (\cdot, \cdot) . The Cartan matrix $[A_{ij}]$ is defined by

$$A_{ij} = \frac{2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)}. \quad (1.1)$$

For a variable q we set $q_i = q^{r_i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $r_i = (\alpha_i, \alpha_i)/2$. We will use the standard notation

$$[k]_q = \frac{q^k - q^{-k}}{q - q^{-1}} \quad (1.2)$$

for a nonnegative integer k , and

$$[k]_q! = \prod_{s=1}^k [s]_q, \quad \begin{bmatrix} k \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[k]_q!}{[r]_q! [k-r]_q!}.$$

We will take $\mathbb{C}(q^{1/2})$ as the base field to define most of our quantum algebras. In type B_n we will need its extension obtained by adjoining the square root of $[2]_{q_n} = q^{1/2} + q^{-1/2}$.

The *quantum affine algebra* $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{o}}_N)$ in its Drinfeld presentation is the associative algebra with generators $x_{i,m}^\pm$, $a_{i,l}$, k_i^\pm and $q^{\pm c/2}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $m, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $l \neq 0$, subject to the following defining relations: the elements $q^{\pm c/2}$ are central,

$$\begin{aligned} k_i k_i^{-1} &= k_i^{-1} k_i = 1, & q^{c/2} q^{-c/2} &= q^{-c/2} q^{c/2} = 1, \\ k_i k_j &= k_j k_i, & k_i a_{j,k} &= a_{j,k} k_i, & k_i x_{j,m}^\pm k_i^{-1} &= q_i^{\pm A_{ij}} x_{j,m}^\pm, \\ [a_{i,m}, a_{j,l}] &= \delta_{m,-l} \frac{[mA_{ij}]_{q_i}}{m} \frac{q^{mc} - q^{-mc}}{q_j - q_j^{-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [a_{i,m}, x_{j,l}^\pm] &= \pm \frac{[mA_{ij}]_{q_i}}{m} q^{\mp|m|c/2} x_{j,m+l}^\pm, \\
 x_{i,m+1}^\pm x_{j,l}^\pm - q_i^{\pm A_{ij}} x_{j,l}^\pm x_{i,m+1}^\pm &= q_i^{\pm A_{ij}} x_{i,m}^\pm x_{j,l+1}^\pm - x_{j,l+1}^\pm x_{i,m}^\pm, \\
 [x_{i,m}^+, x_{j,l}^-] &= \delta_{ij} \frac{q^{(m-l)c/2} \psi_{i,m+l} - q^{-(m-l)c/2} \varphi_{i,m+l}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}}, \\
 \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_r} \sum_{l=0}^r (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} r \\ l \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} x_{i,s_\pi(1)}^\pm \cdots x_{i,s_\pi(l)}^\pm x_{j,m}^\pm x_{i,s_\pi(l+1)}^\pm \cdots x_{i,s_\pi(r)}^\pm &= 0, \quad i \neq j,
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the last relation we set $r = 1 - A_{ij}$. The elements $\psi_{i,m}$ and $\varphi_{i,-m}$ with $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_i(u) &:= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \psi_{i,m} u^{-m} = k_i \exp \left((q_i - q_i^{-1}) \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_{i,s} u^{-s} \right), \\
 \varphi_i(u) &:= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{i,-m} u^m = k_i^{-1} \exp \left(-(q_i - q_i^{-1}) \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a_{i,-s} u^s \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

whereas $\psi_{i,m} = \varphi_{i,-m} = 0$ for $m < 0$.

To introduce the R -matrix presentation of the quantum affine algebra we will use the endomorphism algebra $\text{End}(\mathbb{C}^N \otimes \mathbb{C}^N) \cong \text{End} \mathbb{C}^N \otimes \text{End} \mathbb{C}^N$. For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}_{2n+1}$ consider the following elements of the endomorphism algebra (extended over $\mathbb{C}(q^{1/2})$):

$$P = \sum_{i,j=1}^N e_{ij} \otimes e_{ji}, \quad Q = \sum_{i,j=1}^N q^{\bar{i}-\bar{j}} e_{i'j'} \otimes e_{ij}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= q \sum_{i=1, i \neq i'}^N e_{ii} \otimes e_{ii} + e_{n+1, n+1} \otimes e_{n+1, n+1} + \sum_{i \neq j, j'} e_{ii} \otimes e_{jj} + q^{-1} \sum_{i \neq i'} e_{ii} \otimes e_{i'i'} \\
 &\quad + (q - q^{-1}) \sum_{i < j} e_{ij} \otimes e_{ji} - (q - q^{-1}) \sum_{i > j} q^{\bar{i}-\bar{j}} e_{i'j'} \otimes e_{ij},
 \end{aligned}$$

where $e_{ij} \in \text{End} \mathbb{C}^N$ are the matrix units, and we used the notation $i' = N + 1 - i$ and

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{N}) = \left(n - \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \dots, -n + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

In the case $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{o}_{2n}$ we define the elements P , Q and R by the same formulas by taking $N = 2n$, except that the second term $e_{n+1, n+1} \otimes e_{n+1, n+1}$ in the expression for R should be omitted, while the barred symbols are now given by

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{N}) = (n - 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, -1, \dots, -n + 1).$$

In both cases, following [12] consider the formal power series

$$f(u) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k u^k,$$

whose coefficients f_k are rational functions in q uniquely determined by the relation

$$f(u) f(u\xi) = \frac{1}{(1 - uq^{-2})(1 - uq^2)(1 - u\xi)(1 - u\xi^{-1})}, \quad (1.3)$$

where $\xi = q^{2-N}$. Equivalently, $f(u)$ is given by the infinite product formula

$$f(u) = \prod_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - u \xi^{2r})(1 - u q^{-2} \xi^{2r+1})(1 - u q^2 \xi^{2r+1})(1 - u \xi^{2r+2})}{(1 - u \xi^{2r-1})(1 - u \xi^{2r+1})(1 - u q^2 \xi^{2r})(1 - u q^{-2} \xi^{2r})}. \quad (1.4)$$

In accordance with [18], the R -matrix $R(u)$ given by

$$R(u) = f(u)(q^{-1}(u-1)(u-\xi)R - (q^{-2}-1)(u-\xi)P + (q^{-2}-1)(u-1)\xi Q) \quad (1.5)$$

is a solution of the *Yang-Baxter equation*

$$R_{12}(u) R_{13}(uv) R_{23}(v) = R_{23}(v) R_{13}(uv) R_{12}(u).$$

The associative algebra $U_q^R(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ is generated by an invertible central element $q^{c/2}$ and elements $l_{ij}^{\pm}[\mp m]$ with $1 \leq i, j \leq N$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ subject to the following defining relations. We have

$$l_{ij}^+[0] = l_{ji}^-[0] = 0 \quad \text{for } i > j \quad \text{and} \quad l_{ii}^+[0] l_{ii}^-[0] = l_{ii}^-[0] l_{ii}^+[0] = 1,$$

while the remaining relations will be written in terms of the formal power series

$$l_{ij}^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} l_{ij}^{\pm}[\mp m] u^{\pm m}, \quad (1.6)$$

which we combine into the respective matrices

$$L^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N l_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \otimes e_{ij} \in U_q^R(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)[[u, u^{-1}]] \otimes \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N.$$

Consider the tensor product algebra $\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N \otimes \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N \otimes U_q^R(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ and introduce the series with coefficients in this algebra by

$$L_1^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N l_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \otimes e_{ij} \otimes 1 \quad \text{and} \quad L_2^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N l_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \otimes 1 \otimes e_{ij}. \quad (1.7)$$

The defining relations then take the form

$$R(u/v) L_1^{\pm}(u) L_2^{\pm}(v) = L_2^{\pm}(v) L_1^{\pm}(u) R(u/v), \quad (1.8)$$

$$R(uq^c/v) L_1^+(u) L_2^-(v) = L_2^-(v) L_1^+(u) R(uq^{-c}/v), \quad (1.9)$$

together with the relations

$$L^{\pm}(u) D L^{\pm}(u \xi)^t D^{-1} = 1, \quad (1.10)$$

where t denotes the matrix transposition with $e_{ij}^t = e_{j,i}$ and D is the diagonal matrix

$$D = \text{diag} [q^{\overline{1}}, \dots, q^{\overline{N}}]. \quad (1.11)$$

Now apply the *Gauss decomposition* to the matrices $L^+(u)$ and $L^-(u)$. There exist unique matrices of the form

$$F^{\pm}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ f_{21}^{\pm}(u) & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_{N1}^{\pm}(u) & f_{N2}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E^{\pm}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e_{12}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & e_{1N}^{\pm}(u) \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & e_{2N}^{\pm}(u) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and $H^\pm(u) = \text{diag} [h_1^\pm(u), \dots, h_N^\pm(u)]$, such that

$$L^\pm(u) = F^\pm(u)H^\pm(u)E^\pm(u). \quad (1.12)$$

Set

$$X_i^+(u) = e_{i,i+1}^+(uq^{c/2}) - e_{i,i+1}^-(uq^{-c/2}), \quad X_i^-(u) = f_{i+1,i}^+(uq^{-c/2}) - f_{i+1,i}^-(uq^{c/2}),$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and

$$X_n^+(u) = \begin{cases} e_{n,n+1}^+(uq^{c/2}) - e_{n,n+1}^-(uq^{-c/2}) & \text{for type } B_n, \\ e_{n-1,n+1}^+(uq^{c/2}) - e_{n-1,n+1}^-(uq^{-c/2}) & \text{for type } D_n, \end{cases}$$

$$X_n^-(u) = \begin{cases} f_{n+1,n}^+(uq^{-c/2}) - f_{n+1,n}^-(uq^{c/2}) & \text{for type } B_n, \\ f_{n+1,n-1}^+(uq^{-c/2}) - f_{n+1,n-1}^-(uq^{c/2}) & \text{for type } D_n. \end{cases}$$

Combine the generators $x_{i,m}^\pm$ of the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ into the series

$$x_i^\pm(u) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} x_{i,m}^\pm u^{-m}.$$

Main Theorem. *The maps $q^{c/2} \mapsto q^{c/2}$,*

$$x_i^\pm(u) \mapsto (q_i - q_i^{-1})^{-1} X_i^\pm(uq^i),$$

$$\psi_i(u) \mapsto h_{i+1}^-(uq^i) h_i^-(uq^i)^{-1},$$

$$\varphi_i(u) \mapsto h_{i+1}^+(uq^i) h_i^+(uq^i)^{-1},$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and

$$x_n^\pm(u) \mapsto \begin{cases} (q_n - q_n^{-1})^{-1} [2]_{q_n}^{-1/2} X_n^\pm(uq^n) & \text{for type } B_n, \\ (q_n - q_n^{-1})^{-1} X_n^\pm(uq^{n-1}) & \text{for type } D_n, \end{cases}$$

$$\psi_n(u) \mapsto \begin{cases} h_{n+1}^-(uq^n) h_n^-(uq^n)^{-1} & \text{for type } B_n, \\ h_{n+1}^-(uq^{n-1}) h_{n-1}^-(uq^{n-1})^{-1} & \text{for type } D_n, \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi_n(u) \mapsto \begin{cases} h_{n+1}^+(uq^n) h_n^+(uq^n)^{-1} & \text{for type } B_n, \\ h_{n+1}^+(uq^{n-1}) h_{n-1}^+(uq^{n-1})^{-1} & \text{for type } D_n, \end{cases}$$

define an isomorphism $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \rightarrow U_q^R(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$.

To prove the Main Theorem we embed $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ into an extended quantum affine algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ which is defined by a Drinfeld-type presentation. The next step is to use the Gauss decomposition to construct a homomorphism from the extended quantum affine algebra to the algebra $U(R)$ which is defined by the same presentation as the algebra $U_q^R(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$, except that the relation (1.10) is omitted. The expressions on the left hand side of (1.10), considered in the algebra $U(R)$, turn out to be scalar matrices,

$$L^\pm(u)DL^\pm(u\xi)^t D^{-1} = z^\pm(u) \mathbf{1},$$

for certain formal series $z^\pm(u)$. Moreover, all coefficients of these series are central in $U(R)$. We will give explicit formulas for $z^\pm(u)$, regarded as series with coefficients in the algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$, in terms of its Drinfeld generators. The quantum affine algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ can therefore be considered as the quotient of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ by the relations $z^\pm(u) = 1$.

As a final step, we construct the inverse map $U(R) \rightarrow U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ by using the universal R -matrix for the quantum affine algebra and producing the associated L -operators corresponding to the vector representation of the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$.

2 Quantum affine algebras

Recall the original definition of the quantum affine algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ as introduced by Drinfeld [9] and Jimbo [17]. We suppose that \mathfrak{g} is a simple Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} of rank n and $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ is the corresponding (untwisted) affine Kac–Moody algebra with the affine Cartan matrix $[A_{ij}]_{i,j=0}^n$. We let $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ denote the simple roots and use the notation of [5, Sections 9.1 and 12.2] so that $q_i = q^{r_i}$ for $r_i = (\alpha_i, \alpha_i)/2$.

2.1 Drinfeld–Jimbo definition and new realization

The *quantum affine algebra* $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ is a unital associative algebra over $\mathbb{C}(q^{1/2})$ with generators $E_{\alpha_i}, F_{\alpha_i}$ and $k_i^{\pm 1}$ with $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, subject to the defining relations:

$$\begin{aligned} k_i k_i^{-1} &= k_i^{-1} k_i = 1, & k_i k_j &= k_i k_j, \\ k_i E_{\alpha_j} k_i^{-1} &= q_i^{A_{ij}} E_{\alpha_j}, & k_i F_{\alpha_j} k_i^{-1} &= q_i^{-A_{ij}} F_{\alpha_j}, \\ [E_{\alpha_i}, F_{\alpha_j}] &= \delta_{ij} \frac{k_i - k_i^{-1}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}}, \\ \sum_{r=0}^{1-A_{ij}} (-1)^r \begin{bmatrix} 1-A_{ij} \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} (E_{\alpha_i})^r E_{\alpha_j} (E_{\alpha_i})^{1-A_{ij}-r} &= 0, & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ \sum_{r=0}^{1-A_{ij}} (-1)^r \begin{bmatrix} 1-A_{ij} \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} (F_{\alpha_i})^r F_{\alpha_j} (F_{\alpha_i})^{1-A_{ij}-r} &= 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

By using the braid group action, the set of generators of the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ can be extended to the set of affine root vectors of the form $E_{\alpha+k\delta}, F_{\alpha+k\delta}, E_{(k\delta,i)}$ and $F_{(k\delta,i)}$, where α runs over the positive roots of \mathfrak{g} , and δ is the basic imaginary root; see [1, 3] for details. Moreover, we can introduce $k_\alpha = \prod_{i=0}^n k_i^{m_i}$ for every $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^n m_i \alpha_i$, $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Especially, we denote $q^C = k_\delta$. The root vectors are used in the explicit isomorphism between the Drinfeld–Jimbo presentation of the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ and the “new realization” of Drinfeld which goes back to [10], while detailed arguments were given by Beck [1]; see also [3, Lemma 1.5]. In particular, for the Drinfeld presentation of the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ given in the Introduction, we find that the isomorphism between these presentations is given by

$$\begin{aligned} q^{c/2} &\mapsto q^{C/2}, & x_{i,k}^+ &\mapsto o(i)^k E_{\alpha_i+k\delta}, & x_{i,-k}^- &\mapsto o(i)^k F_{\alpha_i+k\delta}, & k \geq 0, \\ x_{i,-k}^+ &\mapsto -o(i)^k F_{-\alpha_i+k\delta} k_i^{-1} q^{kC}, & x_{i,k}^- &\mapsto -o(i)^k q^{-kC} k_i E_{-\alpha_i+k\delta}, & & & k > 0, \\ a_{i,k} &\mapsto o(i)^k q^{-kC/2} E_{(k\delta,i)}, & a_{i,-k} &\mapsto o(i)^k F_{(k\delta,i)} q^{kC/2}, & & & k > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $o: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ is a map such that $o(i) = -o(j)$ whenever $A_{ij} < 0$.

2.2 Extended quantum affine algebra

We will embed the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ into an extended quantum affine algebra which we denote by $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$; cf. [8, 11] and [20]. Recalling the scalar function $f(u)$ defined by (1.3) and (1.4) set

$$g(u) = f(u)(u - q^{-2})(u - \xi). \quad (2.1)$$

To make formulas look simpler, for variables of type u, v , or similar, we will use the notation $u_\pm = u q^{\pm c/2}$, $v_\pm = v q^{\pm c/2}$, etc.

Definition 2.1. The *extended quantum affine algebra* $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ is an associative algebra over $\mathbb{C}(q^{1/2})$ with generators $X_{i,k}^{\pm}$, $h_{j,m}^+$, $h_{j,-m}^-$ and $q^{c/2}$, where the subscripts take values $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, while $j = 1, \dots, n+1$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. The defining relations are written with the use of generating functions in a formal variable u :

$$X_i^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} X_{i,k}^{\pm} u^{-k}, \quad h_i^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} h_{i,\mp m}^{\pm} u^{\pm m},$$

they take the following form. The element $q^{c/2}$ is central and invertible,

$$h_{i,0}^+ h_{i,0}^- = h_{i,0}^- h_{i,0}^+ = 1.$$

Type B: For the relations involving $h_i^{\pm}(u)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_i^{\pm}(u) h_j^{\pm}(v) &= h_j^{\pm}(v) h_i^{\pm}(u), \quad h_{n+1,0}^{\pm} = 1, \\ g((uq^c/v)^{\pm 1}) h_i^{\pm}(u) h_i^{\mp}(v) &= g((uq^{-c}/v)^{\pm 1}) h_i^{\mp}(v) h_i^{\pm}(u), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \\ g((uq^c/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{u_{\pm} - v_{\mp}}{qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp}} h_i^{\pm}(u) h_j^{\mp}(v) &= g((uq^{-c}/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}{qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm}} h_j^{\mp}(v) h_i^{\pm}(u), \end{aligned}$$

for $i < j$, while

$$\begin{aligned} g((uq^c/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp}}{qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp}} \frac{q^{1/2}u_{\pm} - q^{-1/2}v_{\mp}}{q^{-1/2}u_{\pm} - q^{1/2}v_{\mp}} h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) h_{n+1}^{\mp}(v) \\ = g((uq^{-c}/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{q^{-1}u_{\mp} - qv_{\pm}}{qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm}} \frac{q^{1/2}u_{\mp} - q^{-1/2}v_{\pm}}{q^{-1/2}u_{\mp} - q^{1/2}v_{\pm}} h_{n+1}^{\mp}(v) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u). \end{aligned}$$

The relations involving $h_i^{\pm}(u)$ and $X_j^{\pm}(v)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} h_i^{\pm}(u) X_j^+(v) &= \frac{u - v_{\pm}}{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} u - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} v_{\pm}} X_j^+(v) h_i^{\pm}(u), \\ h_i^{\pm}(u) X_j^-(v) &= \frac{q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} u_{\pm} - q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} v}{u_{\pm} - v} X_j^-(v) h_i^{\pm}(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i \neq n+1$, together with

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) X_n^+(v) &= \frac{(qu_{\mp} - v)(u_{\mp} - v)}{(u_{\mp} - qv)(qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v)} X_n^+(v) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u), \\ h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) X_n^-(v) &= \frac{(u_{\pm} - qv)(qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v)}{(qu_{\pm} - v)(u_{\pm} - v)} X_n^-(v) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) X_i^+(v) = X_i^+(v) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u), \quad h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) X_i^-(v) = X_i^-(v) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u),$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$. For the relations involving $X_i^{\pm}(u)$ we have

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)} v) X_i^{\pm}(uq^i) X_j^{\pm}(vq^j) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)} u - v) X_j^{\pm}(vq^j) X_i^{\pm}(uq^i)$$

for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, and

$$\begin{aligned} [X_i^+(u), X_j^-(v)] &= \delta_{ij} (q - q^{-1}) (\delta(uq^{-c}/v) h_i^-(v_+)^{-1} h_{i+1}^-(v_+) \\ &\quad - \delta(uq^c/v) h_i^+(u_+)^{-1} h_{i+1}^+(u_+)) \end{aligned}$$

together with the Serre relations

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_r} \sum_{l=0}^r (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} r \\ l \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} X_i^\pm(u_{\pi(1)}) \cdots X_i^\pm(u_{\pi(l)}) X_j^\pm(v) X_i^\pm(u_{\pi(l+1)}) \cdots X_i^\pm(u_{\pi(r)}) = 0,$$

which hold for all $i \neq j$ and we set $r = 1 - A_{ij}$. Here we used the notation

$$\delta(u) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} u^r$$

for the *formal δ -function*.

Type D: For the relations involving $h_i^\pm(u)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_i^\pm(u) h_j^\pm(v) &= h_j^\pm(v) h_i^\pm(u), & h_{n,0}^\pm h_{n+1,0}^\pm &= 1, \\ g((uq^c/v)^{\pm 1}) h_i^\pm(u) h_i^\mp(v) &= g((uq^{-c}/v)^{\pm 1}) h_i^\mp(v) h_i^\pm(u), & i &= 1, \dots, n+1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g((uq^c/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{u_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} h_n^\pm(u) h_{n+1}^\mp(v) \\ = g((uq^{-c}/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{u_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} h_{n+1}^\mp(v) h_n^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

together with

$$g((uq^c/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} h_i^\pm(u) h_j^\mp(v) = g((uq^{-c}/v)^{\pm 1}) \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} h_j^\mp(v) h_i^\pm(u)$$

for $i < j$ and $(i, j) \neq (n, n+1)$. The relations involving $h_i^\pm(u)$ and $X_j^\pm(v)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} h_i^\pm(u) X_j^+(v) &= \frac{u - v_\pm}{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} u - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} v_\pm} X_j^+(v) h_i^\pm(u), \\ h_i^\pm(u) X_j^-(v) &= \frac{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} u_\pm - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} v}{u_\pm - v} X_j^-(v) h_i^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i \neq n+1$, together with

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n+1}^\pm(u) X_n^+(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v}{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv} X_n^+(v) h_{n+1}^\pm(u), \\ h_{n+1}^\pm(u) X_n^-(v) &= \frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv}{u_\pm - v} X_n^-(v) h_{n+1}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n+1}^\pm(u) X_{n-1}^+(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v} X_{n-1}^+(v) h_{n+1}^\pm(u), \\ h_{n+1}^\pm(u) X_{n-1}^-(v) &= \frac{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v}{u_\pm - v} X_{n-1}^-(v) h_{n+1}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

while

$$h_{n+1}^\pm(u) X_i^+(v) = X_i^+(v) h_{n+1}^\pm(u), \quad h_{n+1}^\pm(u) X_i^-(v) = X_i^-(v) h_{n+1}^\pm(u),$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n-2$. For the relations involving $X_i^\pm(u)$ we have

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)} v) X_i^\pm(uq^i) X_j^\pm(vq^j) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)} u - v) X_j^\pm(vq^j) X_i^\pm(uq^i)$$

for $i, j = 1, \dots, n-1$,

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_n)}v)X_i^{\pm}(uq^i)X_n^{\pm}(vq^{n-1}) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_n)}u - v)X_n^{\pm}(vq^{n-1})X_i^{\pm}(uq^i)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$,

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_n, \alpha_n)}v)X_n^{\pm}(u)X_n^{\pm}(v) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_n, \alpha_n)}u - v)X_n^{\pm}(v)X_n^{\pm}(u)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [X_i^+(u), X_j^-(v)] &= \delta_{ij}(q - q^{-1}) \\ &\quad \times (\delta(uq^{-c}/v)h_i^-(v_+)^{-1}h_{i+1}^-(v_+) - \delta(uq^c/v)h_i^+(u_+)^{-1}h_{i+1}^+(u_+)) \end{aligned}$$

together with the Serre relations

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_r} \sum_{l=0}^r (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} r \\ l \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} X_i^{\pm}(u_{\pi(1)}) \cdots X_i^{\pm}(u_{\pi(l)}) X_j^{\pm}(v) X_i^{\pm}(u_{\pi(l+1)}) \cdots X_i^{\pm}(u_{\pi(r)}) = 0,$$

which hold for all $i \neq j$ and we set $r = 1 - A_{ij}$.

Introduce two formal power series $z^+(u)$ and $z^-(u)$ in u and u^{-1} , respectively, with coefficients in the algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ by

$$z^{\pm}(u) = \begin{cases} \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i})^{-1} h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \cdot h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(uq) & \text{for type } B, \\ \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i})^{-1} h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \cdot h_n^{\pm}(u) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) & \text{for type } D, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where we keep using the notation $\xi = q^{2-N}$. Note that by the defining relations of Definition 2.1, the ordering of the factors in the products is irrelevant.

The following claim is verified in the same way as for type C ; see [20, Section 2.2].

Proposition 2.2. *The coefficients of $z^{\pm}(u)$ are central elements of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$.*

Proposition 2.3. *The maps $q^{c/2} \mapsto q^{c/2}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} x_i^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto (q_i - q_i^{-1})^{-1} X_i^{\pm}(uq^i), \\ \psi_i(u) &\mapsto h_{i+1}^-(uq^i) h_i^-(uq^i)^{-1}, \\ \varphi_i(u) &\mapsto h_{i+1}^+(uq^i) h_i^+(uq^i)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ in both types,

$$\begin{aligned} x_n^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto (q_n - q_n^{-1})^{-1} X_n^{\pm}(uq^n), \\ \psi_n(u) &\mapsto h_{n+1}^-(uq^n) h_n^-(uq^n)^{-1}, \\ \varphi_n(u) &\mapsto h_{n+1}^+(uq^n) h_n^+(uq^n)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for type B , and

$$\begin{aligned} x_n^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto (q_n - q_n^{-1})^{-1} X_n^{\pm}(uq^{n-1}), \\ \psi_n(u) &\mapsto h_{n+1}^-(uq^{n-1}) h_{n-1}^-(uq^{n-1})^{-1}, \\ \varphi_n(u) &\mapsto h_{n+1}^+(uq^{n-1}) h_{n-1}^+(uq^{n-1})^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for type D , define an embedding $\varsigma: U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \hookrightarrow U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$.

Proof. As with type C [20, Section 2.2], it is straightforward to check that the maps define a homomorphism. To show that its kernel is zero, we extend the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ in type D by adjoining the square roots $(k_{n-1}k_n)^{\pm 1/2}$ and keep using the same notation for the extended algebra. In both types we will construct a homomorphism $\varrho: U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \rightarrow U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ such that the composition $\varrho \circ \varsigma$ is the identity homomorphism on $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$.

There exist power series $\zeta^\pm(u)$ with coefficients in the center of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ such that

$$\zeta^\pm(u) \zeta^\pm(u\xi) = z^\pm(u).$$

Explicitly,

$$\zeta^\pm(u) = \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} z^\pm(u\xi^{-2m-1}) z^\pm(u\xi^{-2m-2})^{-1}.$$

Note that although the formula involves an infinite product, the coefficients of powers of u turn out to be well-defined elements of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$; cf. the proof of Proposition 5.5 in [20]. The mappings $X_i^\pm(u) \mapsto X_i^\pm(u)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $h_j^\pm(u) \mapsto h_j^\pm(u) \zeta^\pm(u)$ for $j = 1, \dots, n+1$ define a homomorphism from the algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ to itself. The definition of the series $\zeta^\pm(u)$ implies that for the images of $h_i^\pm(u)$ we have the relation

$$h_i^\pm(u) \zeta^\pm(u) h_i^\pm(u\xi) \zeta^\pm(u\xi) = h_i^\pm(u) h_i^\pm(u\xi) z^\pm(u).$$

Hence the property $\varrho \circ \varsigma = \text{id}$ will be satisfied if we define the map $\varrho: U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \rightarrow U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ by

$$X_i^\pm(u) \mapsto (q_i - q_i^{-1}) x_i^\pm(uq^{-i}) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n-1,$$

and

$$X_n^\pm(u) \mapsto (q_n - q_n^{-1}) x_i^\pm(uq^{-n-1}),$$

while

$$h_i^\pm(u) \mapsto \alpha_i^\pm(u) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n+1,$$

where the series $\alpha_i^\pm(u)$ are defined in different ways for types B and D and so we consider these cases separately.

For type B we have

$$\alpha_i^+(u) \alpha_i^+(u\xi) = \prod_{k=1}^n \varphi_k(u\xi q^k)^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{i-1} \varphi_k(u\xi q^{-k}) \prod_{k=i}^n \varphi_k(uq^{-k})^{-1}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and

$$\alpha_{n+1}^+(u) \alpha_{n+1}^+(u\xi) = \prod_{k=1}^n \varphi_k(u\xi q^k)^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^n \varphi_k(u\xi q^{-k}).$$

Explicitly, by setting $\tilde{\varphi}_j(u) = k_j \varphi_j(u)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i^+(u) &= \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m} q^j)^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1} q^j) \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1} q^{-j})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-2} q^{-j}) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(uq^{-j}) \times \prod_{j=i}^n k_j \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{n+1}^+(u) &= \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^j)^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^j) \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{-j})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-2}q^{-j}) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{\varphi}_j(uq^{-j}). \end{aligned}$$

In type D we have

$$\alpha_i^+(u) \alpha_i^+(u\xi) = \varphi_n(uq^{-n+1})^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-2} \varphi_k(u\xi q^k)^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{i-1} \varphi_k(u\xi q^{-k}) \prod_{k=i}^{n-1} \varphi_k(uq^{-k})^{-1}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$,

$$\alpha_n^+(u) \alpha_n^+(u\xi) = \varphi_n(uq^{-n+1})^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-2} \varphi_k(u\xi q^k)^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \varphi_k(u\xi q^{-k})$$

and

$$\alpha_{n+1}^+(u) \alpha_{n+1}^+(u\xi) = \varphi_n(u\xi q^{-n-1}) \prod_{k=1}^{n-2} \varphi_k(u\xi q^k)^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \varphi_k(u\xi q^{-k}).$$

Explicitly, by setting $\tilde{\varphi}_j(u) = k_j \varphi_j(u)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i^+(u) &= \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^j)^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^j) \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{-j})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-2}q^{-j}) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=n-1}^n \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^{n-1})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{n-1}) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(uq^{-j}) \prod_{j=i}^{n-2} k_j (k_{n-1} k_n)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n^+(u) &= \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^j)^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^j) \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{-j})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-2}q^{-j}) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=n-1}^n \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^{n-1})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{n-1}) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(uq^{-j}) (k_{n-1}^{-1} k_n)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{n+1}^+(u) &= \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^j)^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^j) \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{-j})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-2}q^{-j}) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=n-1}^n \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m}q^{n-1})^{-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(u\xi^{-2m-1}q^{n-1}) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\varphi}_j(uq^{-j}) \tilde{\varphi}_n(uq^{-n+1}) (k_{n-1}^{-1} k_n)^{-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

In both types the relations defining $\alpha_i^-(u)$ are obtained from those above by the respective replacements $\alpha_i^+(u) \rightarrow \alpha_i^-(u)$, $k_i \rightarrow k_i^{-1}$ and $\varphi_k(u) \rightarrow \psi_k(u)$. Although the above explicit

formulas of $\alpha_i^\pm(u)$ involve infinite products, their coefficients actually belong to $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$. For instance,

$$\alpha_1^+(u) = h_{1,0}^+ \exp \left(\sum_{k>0} \sum_{j=1}^n (q_j - q_j^{-1}) \tilde{B}_{1j}(q^k) a_{j,-k} u^k \right);$$

see the proof of Proposition 5.5 in [20] for more details.

As with type C , one can verify directly that the map ϱ defines a homomorphism or apply the calculations with Gaussian generators performed below; cf. [20, Remark 5.6]. \blacksquare

By Proposition 2.3 we may regard $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ as a subalgebra of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$. In the following corollary we will keep the same notation for the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ in type D extended by adjoining the square roots $(k_{n-1}k_n)^{\pm 1/2}$ (no extension is needed in type B). Let \mathcal{C} be the subalgebra of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ generated by the coefficients of the series $z^\pm(u)$.

Corollary 2.4. *We have the tensor product decomposition*

$$U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) = U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}(q^{1/2})} \mathcal{C}.$$

Proof. The argument is the same as for type C [20, Section 2.2]. \blacksquare

3 R -matrix presentations

3.1 The algebras $U(R)$ and $U(\overline{R})$

As defined in the introduction, the algebra $U(R)$ is generated by an invertible central element $q^{c/2}$ and elements $l_{ij}^\pm[\mp m]$ with $1 \leq i, j \leq N$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that

$$l_{ij}^+[0] = l_{ji}^-[0] = 0 \quad \text{for } i > j \quad \text{and} \quad l_{ii}^+[0] l_{ii}^-[0] = l_{ii}^-[0] l_{ii}^+[0] = 1,$$

and the remaining relations (1.8) and (1.9) (omitting (1.10)) written in terms of the formal power series (1.6). We will need another algebra $U(\overline{R})$ which is defined in a very similar way, except that it is associated with a different R -matrix $\overline{R}(u)$ instead of (1.5). Namely, the two R -matrices are related by $R(u) = g(u)\overline{R}(u)$ with $g(u)$ defined in (2.1), so that

$$\overline{R}(u) = \frac{u-1}{uq-q^{-1}} R + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{uq-q^{-1}} P - \frac{(q-q^{-1})(u-1)\xi}{(uq-q^{-1})(u-\xi)} Q. \quad (3.1)$$

Note the *unitarity property*

$$\overline{R}_{12}(u) \overline{R}_{21}(u^{-1}) = 1, \quad (3.2)$$

satisfied by this R -matrix, where $\overline{R}_{12}(u) = \overline{R}(u)$ and $\overline{R}_{21}(u) = P\overline{R}(u)P$. More explicitly the R -matrix $\overline{R}(u)$ can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R}(u) = & \sum_{i=1, i \neq i'}^N e_{ii} \otimes e_{ii} + \frac{u-1}{qu-q^{-1}} \sum_{i \neq j, j'} e_{ii} \otimes e_{jj} + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qu-q^{-1}} \sum_{i > j, i \neq j'} e_{ij} \otimes e_{ji} \\ & + \frac{(q-q^{-1})u}{qu-q^{-1}} \sum_{i < j, i \neq j'} e_{ij} \otimes e_{ji} + \frac{1}{(u-q^{-2})(u-\xi)} \sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{ij}(u) e_{ij'} \otimes e_{ij}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$a_{ij}(u) = \begin{cases} (q^{-2}u - \xi)(u - 1) & \text{for } i = j, \quad i \neq i', \\ q^{-1}(u - \xi)(u - 1) + (\xi - 1)(q^{-2} - 1)u & \text{for } i = j, \quad i = i', \\ (q^{-2} - 1)(q^{\bar{i}-\bar{j}}\xi(u - 1) - \delta_{ij'}(u - \xi)) & \text{for } i < j, \\ (q^{-2} - 1)u(q^{\bar{i}-\bar{j}}(u - 1) - \delta_{ij'}(u - \xi)) & \text{for } i > j. \end{cases}$$

The algebra $U(\overline{R})$ is generated by an invertible central element $q^{c/2}$ and elements $\ell_{ij}^{\pm}[\mp m]$ with $1 \leq i, j \leq N$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that

$$\ell_{ij}^+[0] = \ell_{ji}^-[0] = 0 \quad \text{for } i > j \quad \text{and} \quad \ell_{ii}^+[0] \ell_{ii}^-[0] = \ell_{ii}^-[0] \ell_{ii}^+[0] = 1.$$

Introduce the formal power series

$$\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \ell_{ij}^{\pm}[\mp m] u^{\pm m},$$

which we combine into the respective matrices

$$\mathcal{L}^{\pm}(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \otimes e_{ij} \in U(\overline{R})[[u, u^{-1}]] \otimes \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N.$$

The remaining defining relations of the algebra $U(\overline{R})$ take the form

$$\overline{R}(u/v) \mathcal{L}_1^{\pm}(u) \mathcal{L}_2^{\pm}(v) = \mathcal{L}_2^{\pm}(v) \mathcal{L}_1^{\pm}(u) \overline{R}(u/v), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\overline{R}(uq^c/v) \mathcal{L}_1^+(u) \mathcal{L}_2^-(v) = \mathcal{L}_2^-(v) \mathcal{L}_1^+(u) \overline{R}(uq^{-c}/v), \quad (3.5)$$

where the subscripts have the same meaning as in (1.7). The unitarity property (3.2) implies that relation (3.5) can be written in the equivalent form

$$\overline{R}(uq^{-c}/v) \mathcal{L}_1^-(u) \mathcal{L}_2^+(v) = \mathcal{L}_2^+(v) \mathcal{L}_1^-(u) \overline{R}(uq^c/v).$$

Remark 3.1. The defining relations satisfied by the series $\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)$ with $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ coincide with those for the quantum affine algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_n)$ in [8].

Following [8] and [20] we will relate the algebras $U(R)$ and $U(\overline{R})$ by using the Heisenberg algebra $\mathcal{H}_q(n)$ with generators q^c and β_r with $r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$. The defining relations of $\mathcal{H}_q(n)$ have the form

$$[\beta_r, \beta_s] = \delta_{r,-s} \alpha_r, \quad r \geq 1,$$

and q^c is central and invertible. The elements α_r are defined by the expansion

$$\exp \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \alpha_r u^r = \frac{g(uq^{-c})}{g(uq^c)}.$$

So we have the identity

$$g(uq^c/v) \exp \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \beta_r u^r \cdot \exp \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \beta_{-s} v^{-s} = g(uq^{-c}/v) \exp \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \beta_{-s} v^{-s} \cdot \exp \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \beta_r u^r.$$

Proposition 3.2. *The mappings*

$$\mathcal{L}^+(u) \mapsto \exp \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \beta_{-r} u^{-r} \cdot L^+(u), \quad \mathcal{L}^-(u) \mapsto \exp \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \beta_r u^r \cdot L^-(u),$$

define a homomorphism $U(\overline{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_q(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[q^c, q^{-c}]} U(R)$.

We will use the notation t_a for the matrix transposition defined in (1.10) applied to the a -th copy of the endomorphism algebra $\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N$ in a multiple tensor product. Note the following *crossing symmetry* relations satisfied by the R -matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R}(u) D_1 \overline{R}(u\xi)^{t_1} D_1^{-1} &= \frac{(u - q^2)(u\xi - 1)}{(1 - u)(1 - u\xi q^2)}, \\ R(u) D_1 R(u\xi)^{t_1} D_1^{-1} &= \xi^2 q^{-2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the diagonal matrix D is defined in (1.11) and the meaning of the subscripts is the same as in (1.7). The next two propositions are verified in the same way as for type C ; see [20, Section 3.1].

Proposition 3.3. *In the algebras $U(R)$ and $U(\overline{R})$ we have the relations*

$$DL^\pm(u\xi)^t D^{-1} L^\pm(u) = L^\pm(u) DL^\pm(u\xi)^t D^{-1} = z^\pm(u) 1,$$

and

$$D\mathcal{L}^\pm(u\xi)^t D^{-1} \mathcal{L}^\pm(u) = \mathcal{L}^\pm(u) D\mathcal{L}^\pm(u\xi)^t D^{-1} = \mathfrak{z}^\pm(u) 1, \quad (3.6)$$

for certain series $z^\pm(u)$ and $\mathfrak{z}^\pm(u)$ with coefficients in the respective algebra.

Proposition 3.4. *All coefficients of the series $z^+(u)$ and $z^-(u)$ belong to the center of the algebra $U(R)$.*

Remark 3.5. Although the coefficients of the series $\mathfrak{z}^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{z}^-(u)$ are central in the respective subalgebras of $U(\overline{R})$ generated by the coefficients of the series $\ell_{ij}^+(u)$ and $\ell_{ij}^-(u)$, they are not central in the entire algebra $U(\overline{R})$.

3.2 Homomorphism theorems

Now we aim to make a connection between the algebras $U(\overline{R})$ associated with the Lie algebras \mathfrak{o}_{N-2} and \mathfrak{o}_N . We will use quasideterminants as defined in [13] and [14]. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be a square matrix over a ring with 1. Denote by A^{ij} the matrix obtained from A by deleting the i -th row and j -th column. Suppose that the matrix A^{ij} is invertible. The ij -th quasideterminant of A is defined by the formula

$$|A|_{ij} = a_{ij} - r_i^j (A^{ij})^{-1} c_j^i,$$

where r_i^j is the row matrix obtained from the i -th row of A by deleting the element a_{ij} , and c_j^i is the column matrix obtained from the j -th column of A by deleting the element a_{ij} . The quasideterminant $|A|_{ij}$ is also denoted by boxing the entry a_{ij} in the matrix A .

The rank n of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{o}_N with $N = 2n + 1$ or $N = 2n$ will vary so we will indicate the dependence on n by adding a subscript $[n]$ to the R -matrices. Consider the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n-1]})$ and let the indices of the generators $\ell_{ij}^\pm[\mp m]$ range over the sets $2 \leq i, j \leq 2'$ and $m = 0, 1, \dots$, where $i' = N - i + 1$, as before.

Proofs of the following theorems are not different from those in type C ; see [20, Section 3.3].

Theorem 3.6. *The mappings $q^{\pm c/2} \mapsto q^{\pm c/2}$ and*

$$\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \mapsto \begin{vmatrix} \ell_{11}^{\pm}(u) & \ell_{1j}^{\pm}(u) \\ \ell_{i1}^{\pm}(u) & \boxed{\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)} \end{vmatrix}, \quad 2 \leq i, j \leq 2',$$

define a homomorphism $U(\overline{R}^{[n-1]}) \rightarrow U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$.

Fix a positive integer m such that $m < n$. Suppose that the generators $\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)$ of the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n-m]})$ are labelled by the indices $m+1 \leq i, j \leq (m+1)'$.

Theorem 3.7. *For $m \leq n-1$, the mapping*

$$\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \mapsto \begin{vmatrix} \ell_{11}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & \ell_{1m}^{\pm}(u) & \ell_{1j}^{\pm}(u) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \ell_{m1}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & \ell_{mm}^{\pm}(u) & \ell_{mj}^{\pm}(u) \\ \ell_{i1}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & \ell_{im}^{\pm}(u) & \boxed{\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)} \end{vmatrix}, \quad m+1 \leq i, j \leq (m+1)', \quad (3.7)$$

defines a homomorphism $\psi_m: U(\overline{R}^{[n-m]}) \rightarrow U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$.

We also point out a consistence property of the homomorphisms (3.7). Write $\psi_m = \psi_m^{(n)}$ to indicate the dependence of n . For a parameter l we have the corresponding homomorphism

$$\psi_m^{(n-l)}: U(\overline{R}^{[n-l-m]}) \rightarrow U(\overline{R}^{[n-l]})$$

provided by (3.7). Then we have the equality of maps $\psi_l^{(n)} \circ \psi_m^{(n-l)} = \psi_{l+m}^{(n)}$.

Corollary 3.8. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.7 we have*

$$\begin{aligned} [\ell_{ab}^{\pm}(u), \psi_m(\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(v))] &= 0, \\ \frac{u_{\pm} - v_{\mp}}{qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp}} \ell_{ab}^{\pm}(u) \psi_m(\ell_{ij}^{\mp}(v)) &= \frac{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}{qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm}} \psi_m(\ell_{ij}^{\mp}(v)) \ell_{ab}^{\pm}(u), \end{aligned}$$

for all $1 \leq a, b \leq m$ and $m+1 \leq i, j \leq (m+1)'$.

4 Gauss decomposition

Apply the Gauss decompositions (1.12) to the matrices $L^{\pm}(u)$ and $\mathcal{L}^{\pm}(u)$ associated with the respective algebras $U(R^{[n]})$ and $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$. These algebras are generated by the coefficients of the matrix elements of the triangular and diagonal matrices which we will refer to as the *Gaussian generators*. Here we produce necessary relations satisfied by these generators to be able to get presentations of the R -matrix algebras $U(R^{[n]})$ and $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$.

4.1 Gaussian generators

The entries of the matrices $F^{\pm}(u)$, $H^{\pm}(u)$ and $E^{\pm}(u)$ occurring in the decompositions (1.12) can be described by the universal quasideterminant formulas [13, 14]:

$$h_i^{\pm}(u) = \begin{vmatrix} l_{11}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & l_{1i-1}^{\pm}(u) & l_{1i}^{\pm}(u) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{i-11}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & l_{i-1i-1}^{\pm}(u) & l_{i-1i}^{\pm}(u) \\ l_{i1}^{\pm}(u) & \dots & l_{ii-1}^{\pm}(u) & \boxed{l_{ii}^{\pm}(u)} \end{vmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (4.1)$$

whereas

$$e_{ij}^{\pm}(u) = h_i^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \begin{vmatrix} l_{11}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & l_{1i-1}^{\pm}(u) & l_{1j}^{\pm}(u) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{i-11}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & l_{i-1i-1}^{\pm}(u) & l_{i-1j}^{\pm}(u) \\ l_{i1}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & l_{ii-1}^{\pm}(u) & \boxed{l_{ij}^{\pm}(u)} \end{vmatrix} \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$f_{ji}^{\pm}(u) = \begin{vmatrix} l_{11}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & l_{1i-1}^{\pm}(u) & l_{1i}^{\pm}(u) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{i-11}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & l_{i-1i-1}^{\pm}(u) & l_{i-1i}^{\pm}(u) \\ l_{j1}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & l_{ji-1}^{\pm}(u) & \boxed{l_{ji}^{\pm}(u)} \end{vmatrix} h_i^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \quad (4.3)$$

for $1 \leq i < j \leq N$. The same formulas hold for the expressions of the entries of the respective triangular matrices $\mathcal{F}^{\pm}(u)$ and $\mathcal{E}^{\pm}(u)$ and the diagonal matrices $\mathcal{H}^{\pm}(u) = \text{diag}[\mathfrak{h}_i^{\pm}(u)]$ in terms of the formal series $l_{ij}^{\pm}(u)$, which arise from the Gauss decomposition

$$\mathcal{L}^{\pm}(u) = \mathcal{F}^{\pm}(u) \mathcal{H}^{\pm}(u) \mathcal{E}^{\pm}(u)$$

for the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$. We will denote by $\mathfrak{e}_{ij}(u)$ and $\mathfrak{f}_{ji}(u)$ the entries of the respective matrices $\mathcal{E}^{\pm}(u)$ and $\mathcal{F}^{\pm}(u)$ for $i < j$.

The following Laurent series with coefficients in the respective algebras $U(R^{[n]})$ and $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ will be used frequently:

$$X_i^+(u) = e_{i,i+1}^+(u_+) - e_{i,i+1}^-(u_-), \quad X_i^-(u) = f_{i+1,i}^+(u_-) - f_{i+1,i}^-(u_+), \quad (4.4)$$

$$\mathcal{X}_i^+(u) = \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^+(u_+) - \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^-(u_-), \quad \mathcal{X}_i^-(u) = \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^+(u_-) - \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^-(u_+) \quad (4.5)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and

$$X_n^+(u) = \begin{cases} e_{n,n+1}^+(u_+) - e_{n,n+1}^-(u_-) & \text{for type } B, \\ e_{n-1,n+1}^+(u_+) - e_{n-1,n+1}^-(u_-) & \text{for type } D, \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

$$X_n^-(u) = \begin{cases} f_{n+1,n}^+(u_-) - f_{n+1,n}^-(u_+) & \text{for type } B, \\ f_{n+1,n-1}^+(u_-) - f_{n+1,n-1}^-(u_+) & \text{for type } D, \end{cases} \quad (4.7)$$

while

$$\mathcal{X}_n^+(u) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^+(u_+) - \mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^-(u_-) & \text{for type } B, \\ \mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^+(u_+) - \mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^-(u_-) & \text{for type } D, \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_n^-(u) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^+(u_-) - \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^-(u_+) & \text{for type } B, \\ \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^+(u_-) - \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^-(u_+) & \text{for type } D. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 4.1. *Under the homomorphism $U(\overline{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_q(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[q^c, q^{-c}]} U(R)$ provided by Proposition 3.2 we have*

$$\mathfrak{e}_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \mapsto e_{ij}^{\pm}(u),$$

$$\mathfrak{f}_{ij}^{\pm}(u) \mapsto f_{ij}^{\pm}(u),$$

$$\mathfrak{h}_i^{\pm}(u) \mapsto \exp \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_{\mp k} u^{\mp k} \cdot h_i^{\pm}(u).$$

Proof. This is immediate from the formulas for the Gaussian generators. \blacksquare

Suppose that $0 \leq m < n$. We will use the superscript $[n-m]$ to indicate square submatrices corresponding to rows and columns labelled by $m+1, m+2, \dots, (m+1)'$. In particular, we set

$$\mathcal{F}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \mathfrak{f}_{m+2m+1}^{\pm}(u) & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathfrak{f}_{(m+1)'m+1}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & \mathfrak{f}_{(m+1)'(m+2)'}^{\pm}(u) & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathfrak{e}_{m+1m+2}^{\pm}(u) & \cdots & \mathfrak{e}_{m+1(m+1)'}^{\pm}(u) \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \mathfrak{e}_{(m+2)'(m+1)'}^{\pm}(u) \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\mathcal{H}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) = \text{diag} [\mathfrak{h}_{m+1}^{\pm}(u), \dots, \mathfrak{h}_{(m+1)'}^{\pm}(u)]$. Furthermore, introduce the products of these matrices by

$$\mathcal{L}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) = \mathcal{F}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) \mathcal{H}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) \mathcal{E}^{\pm[n-m]}(u).$$

The entries of $\mathcal{L}^{\pm[n-m]}(u)$ will be denoted by $\ell_{ij}^{\pm[n-m]}(u)$.

The next series of relations are B and D type counterparts of the corresponding relations in type C and verified by the same calculations; see [20, Section 4.2].

Proposition 4.2. *The series $\ell_{ij}^{\pm[n-m]}(u)$ coincides with the image of the generator series $\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)$ of the extended quantum affine algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n-m]})$ under the homomorphism (3.7),*

$$\ell_{ij}^{\pm[n-m]}(u) = \psi_m(\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)), \quad m+1 \leq i, j \leq (m+1)'.$$

Corollary 4.3. *The following relations hold in $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$:*

$$\overline{R}_{12}^{[n-m]}(u/v) \mathcal{L}_1^{\pm[n-m]}(u) \mathcal{L}_2^{\pm[n-m]}(v) = \mathcal{L}_2^{\pm[n-m]}(v) \mathcal{L}_1^{\pm[n-m]}(u) \overline{R}_{12}^{[n-m]}(u/v),$$

$$\overline{R}_{12}^{[n-m]}(u_+/v_-) \mathcal{L}_1^{+[n-m]}(u) \mathcal{L}_2^{-[n-m]}(v) = \mathcal{L}_2^{-[n-m]}(v) \mathcal{L}_1^{+[n-m]}(u) \overline{R}_{12}^{[n-m]}(u_-/v_+).$$

Proposition 4.4. *Suppose that $m+1 \leq j, k, l \leq (m+1)'$ and $j \neq l'$. Then the following relations hold in $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$: if $j = l$ then*

$$\mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(u) \ell_{kl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) = \frac{qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}} \ell_{kj}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}} \ell_{kj}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\mp}(v),$$

$$\mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(u) \ell_{kl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) = \frac{qu - q^{-1}v}{u - v} \ell_{kj}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v} \ell_{kj}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(v); \quad (4.8)$$

if $j < l$ then

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(u), \ell_{kl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v)] = \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}} \ell_{kj}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}} \ell_{kj}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\mp}(v),$$

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(u), \ell_{kl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v)] = \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v} \ell_{kj}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v} \ell_{kj}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(v); \quad (4.9)$$

if $j > l$ then

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(u), \ell_{kl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v)] = \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}} \ell_{kj}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) (\mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(u) - \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\mp}(v)),$$

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{mj}^{\pm}(u), \ell_{kl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v)] = \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v} \ell_{kj}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) (\mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(u) - \mathfrak{e}_{ml}^{\pm}(v)).$$

Proposition 4.5. *Suppose that $m + 1 \leq j, k, l \leq (m + 1)'$ and $j \neq k'$. Then the following relations hold in $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$: if $j = k$ then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u) \ell_{jl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) &= \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \ell_{jl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) \mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\mp(v) \ell_{jl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u) \ell_{jl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) &= \frac{u - v}{qu - q^{-1}v} \ell_{jl}^{\pm[n-m]}(uv) \mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{qu - q^{-1}v} \mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(v) \ell_{jl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v); \end{aligned}$$

if $j < k$ then

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u), \ell_{kl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v)] &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp} \mathfrak{f}_{km}^\mp(v) \ell_{jl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\pm}{u_\pm - v_\mp} \mathfrak{f}_{km}^\pm(u) \ell_{jl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v), \\ [\mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u), \ell_{kl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v)] &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v} \mathfrak{f}_{km}^\pm(v) \ell_{jl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v} \mathfrak{f}_{km}^\pm(u) \ell_{jl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v); \end{aligned}$$

if $j > k$ then

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u), \ell_{kl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v)] &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp} (\mathfrak{f}_{km}^\mp(v) - \mathfrak{f}_{km}^\pm(u)) \ell_{jl}^{\mp[n-m]}(v), \\ [\mathfrak{f}_{jm}^\pm(u), \ell_{kl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v)] &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v} (\mathfrak{f}_{km}^\pm(v) - \mathfrak{f}_{km}^\pm(u)) \ell_{jl}^{\pm[n-m]}(v). \end{aligned}$$

4.2 Type A relations

Due to the observation made in Remark 3.1 and the quasideterminant formulas (4.1), (4.2) and (4.3), some of the relations between the Gaussian generators will follow from those for the quantum affine algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_n)$; see [8]. To reproduce them, set

$$\mathcal{L}^{A^\pm}(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \ell_{ij}^\pm(u) \otimes e_{ij}$$

and consider the R -matrix used in [8] which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_A(u) &= \sum_{i=1}^n e_{ii} \otimes e_{ii} + \frac{u - 1}{qu - q^{-1}} \sum_{i \neq j} e_{ii} \otimes e_{jj} \\ &\quad + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qu - q^{-1}} \sum_{i > j} e_{ij} \otimes e_{ji} + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{qu - q^{-1}} \sum_{i < j} e_{ij} \otimes e_{ji}. \end{aligned}$$

By comparing it with the R -matrix (3.1), we come to the relations in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$:

$$\begin{aligned} R_A(u/v) \mathcal{L}_1^{A^\pm}(u) \mathcal{L}_2^{A^\pm}(v) &= \mathcal{L}_2^{A^\pm}(v) \mathcal{L}_1^{A^\pm}(u) R_A(u/v), \\ R_A(uq^c/v) \mathcal{L}_1^{A^+}(u) \mathcal{L}_2^{A^-}(v) &= \mathcal{L}_2^{A^-}(v) \mathcal{L}_1^{A^+}(u) R_A(uq^{-c}/v). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get the following relations for the Gaussian generators which were verified in [8], where we use notation (4.5).

Proposition 4.6. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_j^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_j^\pm(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \quad \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v) = \mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \\ \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_j^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_j^\mp(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i < j \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v}{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}u_\mp - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}v} \mathcal{X}_j^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_j^\mp(v) &= \frac{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}u_\pm - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}v}{u_\pm - v} \mathcal{X}_j^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j < n, \end{aligned}$$

while

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}v)\mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i)\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(vq^j) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}u - v)\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(vq^j)\mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{X}_i^+(u), \mathcal{X}_j^-(v)] &= \delta_{ij}(q - q^{-1}) \\ &\quad \times (\delta(uq^{-c}/v)\mathfrak{h}_i^-(v_+)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_{i+1}^-(v_+) - \delta(uq^c/v)\mathfrak{h}_i^+(u_+)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_{i+1}^+(u_+)) \end{aligned}$$

for $1 \leq i, j < n$, together with the Serre relations for the series $\mathcal{X}_1^\pm(u), \dots, \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^\pm(u)$.

Remark 4.7. Consider the inverse matrices $\mathcal{L}^\pm(u)^{-1} = [\ell_{ij}^\pm(u)]_{i,j=1}^N$. By the defining relations (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1^\pm(u)^{-1}\mathcal{L}_2^\pm(v)^{-1}\bar{R}^{[n]}(u/v) &= \bar{R}^{[n]}(u/v)\mathcal{L}_2^\pm(v)^{-1}\mathcal{L}_1^\pm(u)^{-1}, \\ \mathcal{L}_2^-(v)^{-1}\mathcal{L}_1^+(u)^{-1}\bar{R}^{[n]}(uq^c/v) &= \bar{R}^{[n]}(uq^{-c}/v)\mathcal{L}_2^-(v)^{-1}\mathcal{L}_1^+(u)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

So we can get another family of generators of the algebra $U(\bar{R}^{[n]})$ which satisfy the defining relations of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_n)$. Namely, these relations are satisfied by the coefficients of the series $\ell_{ij}^\pm(u)'$ with $i, j = n', \dots, 1'$. In particular, by taking the inverse matrices, we get a Gauss decomposition for the matrix $[\ell_{ij}^\pm(u)']_{i,j=n', \dots, 1'}$ from the Gauss decomposition of the matrix $\mathcal{L}^\pm(u)$.

4.3 Relations for low rank algebras: type B

In view of Theorem 3.7, a significant part of relations between the Gaussian generators is implied by those in low rank algebras. In this section we describe them for the algebra $U(\bar{R}^{[1]})$ in type B associated with the Lie algebra \mathfrak{o}_3 .

Lemma 4.8. *The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\bar{R}^{[1]})$. For the diagonal generators we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_1^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

$$\frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) = \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u). \tag{4.11}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{1,2}^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{e}_{1,2}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{1,2}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{1,2}^\pm(v) &= \frac{u - v}{qu - q^{-1}v} \mathfrak{e}_{1,2}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{qu - q^{-1}v} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{1,2}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{2,1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) &= \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{2,1}^\mp(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\pm}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{f}_{2,1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

$$f_{2,1}^{\pm}(v)h_1^{\pm}(u) = \frac{u-v}{qu-q^{-1}v}h_1^{\pm}(u)f_{2,1}^{\pm}(v) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})u}{qu-q^{-1}v}f_{2,1}^{\pm}(u)h_1^{\pm}(u), \quad (4.13)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u), f_{2,1}^{\mp}(v)] &= \frac{(q-q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{qu_{\mp}-q^{-1}v_{\pm}}h_2^{\mp}(v)h_1^{\mp}(v)^{-1} - \frac{(q-q^{-1})u_{\pm}}{qu_{\pm}-q^{-1}v_{\mp}}h_2^{\pm}(u)h_1^{\pm}(u)^{-1}, \\ [e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u), f_{2,1}^{\pm}(v)] &= \frac{(q-q^{-1})u}{qu-q^{-1}v}(h_2^{\pm}(v)h_1^{\pm}(v)^{-1} - h_2^{\pm}(u)h_1^{\pm}(u)^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

Proof. All relations in the lemma are consequences of those between the series $\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)$ and $\ell_{kl}^{\pm}(v)$ with $i \neq k'$ and $j \neq l'$ in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[1]})$. Therefore, they are essentially relations occurring in type A and verified in the same way; cf. Proposition 4.6. \blacksquare

Now we turn to the B -type-specific relations.

Lemma 4.9. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[1]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u)e_{1,2}^{\mp}(v) &= \frac{u_{\mp}-q^{-1}v_{\pm}}{q^{-1}u_{\mp}-v_{\pm}}e_{1,2}^{\mp}(v)e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q-q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{q^{-1}u_{\mp}-qv_{\pm}}e_{1,2}^{\mp}(v)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{(u_{\mp}-q^{-1}v_{\pm})(1-q^{-2})v_{\pm}}{(q^{-1}u_{\mp}-v_{\pm})(u_{\mp}-q^{-2}v_{\pm})}e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{(u_{\mp}-v_{\pm})q^{-1/2}(q^{-2}-1)v_{\pm}}{(q^{-1}u_{\mp}-v_{\pm})(u_{\mp}-q^{-2}v_{\pm})}e_{1,3}^{\pm}(u) \\ &\quad + \frac{(u_{\mp}-v_{\pm})q^{-1/2}(q^{-1}-q)u_{\mp}}{(q^{-1}u_{\mp}-v_{\pm})(q^{-1}u_{\mp}-qv_{\pm})}e_{1,3}^{\mp}(v) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u)e_{1,2}^{\pm}(v) &= \frac{u-q^{-1}v}{q^{-1}u-v}e_{1,2}^{\pm}(v)e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q-q^{-1})u}{q^{-1}u-qv}e_{1,2}^{\pm}(v)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{(u-q^{-1}v)(1-q^{-2})v}{(q^{-1}u-v)(u-q^{-2}v)}e_{1,2}^{\pm}(u)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{(u-v)q^{-1/2}(q^{-2}-1)v}{(q^{-1}u-v)(u-q^{-2}v)}e_{1,3}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{(u-v)q^{-1/2}(q^{-1}-q)u}{(q^{-1}u-v)(q^{-1}u-qv)}e_{1,3}^{\pm}(v). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{2,1}^{\mp}(v)f_{2,1}^{\pm}(u) &= \frac{u_{\pm}-q^{-1}v_{\mp}}{q^{-1}u_{\pm}-v_{\mp}}f_{2,1}^{\pm}(u)f_{2,1}^{\mp}(v) - \frac{(q-q^{-1})v_{\mp}}{q^{-1}u_{\pm}-qv_{\mp}}f_{2,1}^{\mp}(v)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{(u_{\pm}-q^{-1}v_{\mp})(1-q^{-2})u_{\pm}}{(q^{-1}u_{\pm}-v_{\mp})(u_{\pm}-q^{-2}v_{\mp})}f_{2,1}^{\pm}(u)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{(u_{\pm}-v_{\mp})q^{-1/2}(q^{-2}-1)u_{\pm}}{(q^{-1}u_{\pm}-v_{\mp})(u_{\pm}-q^{-2}v_{\mp})}f_{3,1}^{\pm}(u) \\ &\quad + \frac{(u_{\pm}-v_{\mp})q^{-1/2}(q^{-1}-q)v_{\mp}}{(q^{-1}u_{\pm}-v_{\mp})(q^{-1}u_{\pm}-qv_{\mp})}f_{3,1}^{\mp}(v) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f_{2,1}^{\pm}(v)f_{2,1}^{\pm}(u) = \frac{u-q^{-1}v}{q^{-1}u-v}f_{2,1}^{\pm}(u)f_{2,1}^{\pm}(v) - \frac{(q-q^{-1})v}{q^{-1}u-qv}f_{2,1}^{\pm}(v)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \frac{(u - q^{-1}v)(1 - q^{-2})u}{(q^{-1}u - v)(u - q^{-2}v)} \mathfrak{f}_{2,1}^{\pm}(u)^2 \\
& + \frac{(u - v)q^{-1/2}(q^{-2} - 1)u}{(q^{-1}u - v)(u - q^{-2}v)} \mathfrak{f}_{3,1}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{(u - v)q^{-1/2}(q^{-1} - q)v}{(q^{-1}u - v)(q^{-1}u - qv)} \mathfrak{f}_{3,1}^{\pm}(v).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. By using the expression (3.3) for the R -matrix, we obtain from (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) &= \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{12}(y)\ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{13}^+(u) \\
& + a_{22}(y)\ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u) + a_{32}(y)\ell_{13}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u)),
\end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

where we set $y = u_-/u_+$. Similarly, we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) &= \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u), \\
\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) &= \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

In terms of Gaussian generators the left hand side of (4.15) can now be written as

$$\frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v),$$

which equals

$$\frac{q^{-1}y - q}{y - 1} \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{y - 1} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)^2.$$

Now use another consequence of (3.5),

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{13}^-(v) &= \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{13}(y)\ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{13}^+(u) \\
& + a_{23}(y)\ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u) + a_{33}(y)\ell_{13}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u)),
\end{aligned}$$

which together with (4.16) brings (4.15) to the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{q^{-1}y - q}{y - 1} \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{y - 1} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)^2 \\
& = \frac{q^{-1/2}(q^{-2} - 1)(q^{-1}y - q)}{(y - q^{-2})(q^{-1}y - 1)} \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^+(u) \\
& + \frac{(y - q^{-1})(q^{-1}y - q)}{(y - 1)(q^{-1}y - 1)} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) \\
& - \frac{(y - q^{-1})(q^{-2}y - 1)(q - q^{-1})}{(y - q^{-2})(q^{-1}y - 1)(y - 1)} \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)^2 \\
& + \frac{q^{1/2}(q^{-2} - 1)y}{q^{-1}y - 1} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^-(v).
\end{aligned}$$

Since the series $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{h}_1^-(u)$ are invertible and their coefficients pairwise commute, we arrive at one case of the first relation of the lemma. The remaining relations are verified by quite a similar calculation. \blacksquare

Now we will be concerned with relations in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[1]})$ involving the diagonal generators $\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(u)$.

Lemma 4.10. *We have the relations*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-1}u_\pm - qv_\mp)(u_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp)}{(u_\pm - v_\mp)(q^{-1}u_\pm - v_\mp)}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) + \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)q^{1/2}v_\mp}{q^{-1}u_\pm - v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{32}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-1}u - qv)(u - q^{-1}v)}{(u - v)(q^{-1}u - v)}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) + \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)q^{1/2}v}{q^{-1}u - v}\mathfrak{f}_{32}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\mp}{u_\mp - v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm)(u_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm)}{(u_\mp - v_\pm)(q^{-1}u_\mp - v_\pm)}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)q^{1/2}u_\mp}{q^{-1}u_\mp - v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{32}^\mp(v) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v}\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-1}u - qv)(u - q^{-1}v)}{(u - v)(q^{-1}u - v)}\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)q^{1/2}u}{q^{-1}u - v}\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{32}^\pm(v). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. All eight relations are verified in the same way so we only give full details to check one case of (4.17), where the top signs are chosen. The defining relations (3.5) imply

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})(x - q^{-1})} (a_{21}(x)\ell_{31}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) + a_{22}(x)\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{22}^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{32}^-(v)) \\ &= \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}}\ell_{22}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qy - q^{-1}}\ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u), \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

where $x = u_+/v_-$ and $y = u_-/v_+$. In terms of the Gaussian generators the right hand side can be written as

$$\frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qy - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u).$$

Applying (3.5) again we get the relations

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x - 1}{qx - q^{-1}}\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qx - q^{-1}}\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{22}^-(v) \\ &= \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}}\ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qy - q^{-1}}\ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{21}^-(v) = \ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u).$$

They allow us to bring the right hand side of (4.18) to the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{22}^-(v) \\ &= \frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \left(\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{21}^-(v) \right) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) \\ & \quad + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \end{aligned}$$

which is equal to

$$\frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v).$$

Due to (3.5) the expression

$$\frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{21}(x)\ell_{31}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) + a_{22}(x)\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{21}^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{31}^-(v))$$

coincides with $\ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)$ so that the right hand side of (4.18) equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{21}(x)\ell_{31}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) + a_{22}(x)\ell_{21}^+(u)\ell_{21}^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{31}^-(v)) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) \\ & \quad + \frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can write (4.18) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x)\ell_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{11}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)) \\ &= \frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{q-q^{-1}}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

Together with (4.12) this leads to the relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} - \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) \ell_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ & \quad + \frac{a_{23}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ &= \frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})(x-1)}{(qx-q^{-1})^2}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

By the following consequence of (4.13),

$$\ell_{21}^+(u) = \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) = q\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2),$$

the relation takes the form

$$\left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} - \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) q\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{a_{23}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\
& = \frac{q(y-1)}{qy-q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})(x-1)}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, apply relations (4.11) between $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)$ and use the invertibility of $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ to come to the relation

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} - \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) q \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{a_{23}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} \mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\
& = \frac{q(x-1)}{qx-q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})(x-1)}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v). \tag{4.19}
\end{aligned}$$

It remains to use the formulas for $a_{ij}(u)$ to see that (4.19) is equivalent to the considered case of (4.17). \blacksquare

Lemma 4.11. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[1]})$ we have*

$$\frac{(q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})}{(qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})(q^{-1}u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})} \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v) = \frac{(q^{-1}u_{\mp} - qv_{\pm})(u_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm})}{(qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm})(q^{-1}u_{\mp} - v_{\pm})} \mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)$$

and

$$\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v) = \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u).$$

Proof. We only give details for one case of the more complicated first relation by choosing the top signs; the remaining cases are considered in a similar way. We begin with the following consequence of (3.5),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{21}(x) \ell_{32}^+(u) \ell_{12}^-(v) + a_{22}(x) \ell_{22}^+(u) \ell_{22}^-(v) + a_{23}(x) \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{32}^-(v)) \tag{4.20} \\
& = \frac{1}{(y-q^{-2})(y-q^{-1})} (a_{12}(y) \ell_{21}^-(v) \ell_{23}^+(u) + a_{22}(y) \ell_{22}^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u) + a_{32}(y) \ell_{23}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u)),
\end{aligned}$$

where $x = u_+/v_-$ and $y = u_-/v_+$, and then express both sides in terms of the Gaussian generators. The left hand side takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{21}(x) \ell_{32}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v) + a_{22}(x) \ell_{22}^+(u) \ell_{21}^-(v) + a_{23}(x) \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{31}^-(v)) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) \\
& + \frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x) \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x) \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)).
\end{aligned}$$

The defining relations (3.5) also give

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} (a_{21}(x) \ell_{32}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v) + a_{22}(x) \ell_{22}^+(u) \ell_{21}^-(v) + a_{23}(x) \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{31}^-(v)) \\
& = \frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})y}{qy-q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u)
\end{aligned}$$

so that the left hand side of (4.20) takes the form

$$\frac{y-1}{qy-q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})y}{qy-q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})(x - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x)\ell_{22}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)).$$

A similar calculation shows that the right hand side of (4.20) equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{22}^-(v) \\ & + \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(y)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u) + a_{23}(y)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{23}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by rearranging (4.20) we come to the relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})(x - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x)\ell_{22}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)) \\ & - \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) - \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{22}^-(v) \\ & = \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(y)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u) + a_{23}(y)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{23}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)) \\ & - \frac{y-1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v). \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

Furthermore, by (3.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{21}^-(v) \\ & = \frac{y-1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u), \end{aligned}$$

which allows us to write (4.21) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})(x - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x)\ell_{22}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x)\ell_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)) \\ & - \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ & = \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(y)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{22}^+(u) + a_{23}(y)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{23}^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)) \\ & - \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)\ell_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v). \end{aligned} \quad (4.22)$$

Now transform the left hand side of this relation. Since

$$\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v) = \frac{y-1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) = \ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{11}^-(v)^{-1}\ell_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ & = \frac{y-1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v), \end{aligned}$$

which equals

$$\frac{y-1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^-(v)\ell_{11}^+(u)\ell_{11}^-(v)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)$$

$$- \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \ell_{11}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v).$$

Furthermore, by (3.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{21}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v) \\ &= \frac{y-1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{21}^-(v) \ell_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^-(v) \ell_{11}^+(u) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) &= \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ &\quad - \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the left hand side of (4.22) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})(x - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x) \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x) \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)) \\ & - \frac{(q - q^{-1})(x-1)}{(qx - q^{-1})^2} \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx - q^{-1})^2} \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ & + \frac{(q - q^{-1})^2 y}{(qx - q^{-1})(qy - q^{-1})} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the right hand side of (4.22) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(y) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u) + a_{23}(y) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{23}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u)) \\ & - \frac{(q - q^{-1})y(y-1)}{(qy - q^{-1})^2} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})^2 y}{(qy - q^{-1})^2} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u) \\ & + \frac{(q - q^{-1})^2 y}{(qx - q^{-1})(qy - q^{-1})} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v), \end{aligned}$$

and taking into account the relation $\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v) = \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})(x - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(x) \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + a_{23}(x) \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{32}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)) \\ & - \frac{(q - q^{-1})(x-1)}{(qx - q^{-1})^2} \ell_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx - q^{-1})^2} \ell_{22}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \\ & = \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})(y - q^{-1})} (a_{22}(y) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u) + a_{23}(y) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{23}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u)) \\ & - \frac{(q - q^{-1})y(y-1)}{(qy - q^{-1})^2} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v) \ell_{21}^+(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})^2 y}{(qy - q^{-1})^2} \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \ell_{22}^+(u). \end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

It follows from (4.13) that $\mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) = q \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2)$ which implies

$$\mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) = q \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) = q \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2) - q \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(uq^2).$$

Furthermore, (4.14) gives

$$f_{21}^+(u)h_1^+(u)e_{12}^+(u) = qh_1^+(u)e_{12}^+(u)f_{21}^+(uq^2) + h_1^+(u)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1}h_2^+(uq^2) - h_2^+(u)$$

and so

$$\ell_{22}^+(u) = qh_1^+(u)e_{12}^+(u)f_{21}^+(uq^2) + h_1^+(u)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1}h_2^+(uq^2).$$

Therefore, the left hand side of (4.23) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} - \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) q\ell_{12}^+(u)f_{21}^+(uq^2)h_2^-(v) \\ & + \frac{a_{23}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})}\ell_{12}^+(u)f_{32}^-(v)h_2^-(v) - \frac{(q-q^{-1})(x-1)}{(qx-q^{-1})^2}\ell_{12}^+(u)f_{21}^-(v)h_2^-(v) \\ & + \left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} + \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) h_1^+(u)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1}h_2^+(uq^2)h_2^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by using the (4.19) we can write the left hand side of (4.23) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} + \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) h_1^+(u)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1}h_2^+(uq^2)h_2^-(v) \\ & + \frac{q(x-1)}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{12}^+(u)h_2^-(v)f_{21}^+(uq^2). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the right hand side of (4.23) equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a_{22}(y)}{(y-q^{-2})(y-q^{-1})} + \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 y}{(qy-q^{-1})^2} \right) h_2^-(v)h_2^+(uq^2)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1}h_1^+(u) \\ & + \frac{q(x-1)}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{12}^+(u)h_2^-(v)f_{21}^+(uq^2). \end{aligned}$$

Cancelling equal terms on both sides and applying (4.10) and (4.11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a_{22}(x)}{(x-q^{-2})(x-q^{-1})} + \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 x}{(qx-q^{-1})^2} \right) \frac{q^2 x - 1}{q^3 x - q^{-1}} \frac{q^3 y - q^{-1}}{q^2 y - 1} h_1^+(u)h_2^+(uq^2)h_2^-(v)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1} \\ & = \left(\frac{a_{22}(y)}{(y-q^{-2})(y-q^{-1})} + \frac{(q-q^{-1})^2 y}{(qy-q^{-1})^2} \right) \frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}} \frac{qy-q^{-1}}{y-1} h_1^+(u)h_2^-(v)h_2^+(uq^2)h_1^+(uq^2)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Recalling the formula for $a_{22}(u)$ and using the invertibility of $h_1^+(u)$, we come to the relation

$$\frac{(x-1)(qx-q^{-2})}{(x-q^{-1})(q^2x-q^{-2})}h_2^+(uq^2)h_2^-(v) = \frac{(y-1)(qy-q^{-2})}{(y-q^{-1})(q^2y-q^{-2})}h_2^-(v)h_2^+(uq^2),$$

which is equivalent to the considered case of the first relation in the lemma. \blacksquare

4.4 Relations for low rank algebras: type D

As with the case of type B , a key role in deriving relations in $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ between the Gaussian generators will be played by Theorem 3.7 and Proposition 4.2. This time we will need relations in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ in type D associated with the semisimple Lie algebra \mathfrak{o}_4 .

Lemma 4.12. *The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$. For the diagonal generators we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & i &= 1, 2, \\ \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), & \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v) &= \frac{u - v}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) &= \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\pm}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u) &= \frac{u - v}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) &= \frac{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm}{u_\mp - v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\mp}{u_\mp - v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v), \\ \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) &= \frac{qu - q^{-1}v}{u - v}\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v}\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v), \\ \mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) &= \frac{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v), \\ \mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) &= \frac{qu - q^{-1}v}{u - v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v). \end{aligned}$$

For the off-diagonal generators we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v) &= -\frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\mp}{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v)^2 - \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\pm}{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)^2 + \frac{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm}{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v) &= -\frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{q^{-1}u - qv}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v)^2 - \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{q^{-1}u - qv}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u)^2 + \frac{qu - q^{-1}v}{q^{-1}u - qv}\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v) &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\pm}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)^2 + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)^2 + \frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v) &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u)^2 + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)^2 + \frac{q^{-1}u - qv}{qu - q^{-1}v}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

together with

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)] &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\mp}{u_\mp - v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_2^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\mp(v)^{-1} - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\pm}{u_\pm - v_\mp}\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)^{-1}, \\ [\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)] &= \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v}(\mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(v)^{-1} - \mathfrak{h}_2^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The generating series $\ell_{ij}^\pm(u)$ with $i, j = 1, 2$ satisfy the same relations as those in the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_2)$; cf. Section 4.2. Therefore, all relations follow by the same calculations as in [8]. \blacksquare

Lemma 4.13. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ we have*

$$\mathfrak{e}_{23}^{\pm}(u) = \mathfrak{f}_{32}^{\pm}(u) = 0.$$

Proof. By Corollary 4.3,

$$\ell_{22}^{\pm[1]}(u)\ell_{23}^{\pm[1]}(v) = \frac{(q^{-1}u - qv)(u - v)}{(qu - q^{-1}v)(u - q^{-1}v)}\ell_{23}^{\pm[1]}(v)\ell_{22}^{\pm[1]}(u).$$

Hence $\ell_{22}^{\pm[1]}(u)\ell_{23}^{\pm[1]}(v) = 0$. Since the series $\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)$ is invertible, we get $\mathfrak{e}_{23}^{\pm}(u) = 0$. The second relation follows by a similar argument. \blacksquare

Lemma 4.14. *All relations of Lemma 4.12 remain valid after the replacements*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto \mathfrak{h}_3^{\pm}(u), & \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto \mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u), & \mathfrak{e}_{21}^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto \mathfrak{e}_{31}^{\pm}(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{12}^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto \mathfrak{f}_{13}^{\pm}(u), & \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u) &\mapsto \mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. In view of Lemma 4.13, this holds because the series $\ell_{ij}^{\pm}(u)$ with $i, j = 1, 3$ satisfy the same relations as in the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_2)$. \blacksquare

Lemma 4.15. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^{\pm}(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_3^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u), \\ \frac{(q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})}{(qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})}\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^{\mp}(v) &= \frac{(q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})}{(qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})}\mathfrak{h}_3^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Corollary 4.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{(q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})}{(qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})}\ell_{22}^{\pm[1]}(u)\ell_{33}^{\pm[1]}(v) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})}{(qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})(u_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})}\ell_{33}^{\pm[1]}(v)\ell_{22}^{\pm[1]}(u). \end{aligned}$$

Writing this in terms of the Gaussian generators and using Lemma 4.13 we get the second relation. The first relation is verified in the same way. \blacksquare

Lemma 4.16. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(u) &= -\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u) = -\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{41}^{\pm}(u) &= -\mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u) = -\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u), \end{aligned} \tag{4.24}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\mp}(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u), & \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\mp}(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u), & \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u). \end{aligned} \tag{4.25}$$

Proof. The arguments are similar for all relations so we only give details for the first equality in (4.24) and the first part of (4.25). The defining relations (3.4) give

$$\ell_{12}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{13}^{\pm}(v) = \frac{1}{(u/v - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i2}(u/v)\ell_{1i}^{\pm}(v)\ell_{1i'}^{\pm}(u)$$

and

$$\ell_{11}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{14}^{\pm}(v) = \frac{1}{(u/v - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i4}(u/v)\ell_{1i}^{\pm}(v)\ell_{1i'}^{\pm}(u).$$

Hence we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{12}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{13}^{\pm}(v) &= \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)(q^{-1}u/v - q)}{(u/v - q^{-2})(u/v - 1)} \ell_{11}^{\pm}(v)\ell_{14}^{\pm}(u) \\ &\quad + \frac{q^{-2}u/v - 1}{u/v - q^{-2}} \ell_{12}^{\pm}(v)\ell_{13}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{(q^{-1} - q)u/v}{u/v - 1} \ell_{11}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{14}^{\pm}(v). \end{aligned}$$

Using again (3.4), we get

$$\ell_{11}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{12}^{\pm}(v) = \frac{u/v - 1}{qu/v - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^{\pm}(v)\ell_{11}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{q - q^{-1}}{qu/v - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^{\pm}(v)\ell_{12}^{\pm}(u).$$

Therefore, (4.4) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{q^{-1}u/v - q}{u/v - 1} (\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v) - \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)(q^{-1}u/v - q)}{(u/v - q^{-2})(u/v - 1)} \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)(\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(u) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(q^{-1} - q)u/v}{u/v - 1} \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)(\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(v) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)$ and the series $\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)$ is invertible, we come to the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q^{-1}u/v - q}{u/v - 1} (\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v) - \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)) &= \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)(q^{-1}u/v - q)}{(u/v - q^{-2})(u/v - 1)} (\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(u) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(q^{-1} - q)u/v}{u/v - 1} (\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(v) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v)). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $u/v = q^2$, we get $\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(v) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v) = 0$ which is the first relation in (4.24).

For the proof of the first part of (4.25), consider the relations

$$\ell_{12}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{13}^{\mp}(v) = \frac{1}{(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i2}(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm})\ell_{1i}^{\mp}(v)\ell_{1i'}^{\pm}(u)$$

and

$$\ell_{11}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{14}^{\mp}(v) = \frac{1}{(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i4}(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm})\ell_{1i}^{\mp}(v)\ell_{1i'}^{\pm}(u),$$

which hold by (3.5). As with the above argument, they imply

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{q^{-1}u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - q}{u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - 1} (\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\mp}(v) - \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-2} - 1)(q^{-1}u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - q)}{(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - q^{-2})(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - 1)} (\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\pm}(u) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(q^{-1} - q)u_{\mp}/v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - 1} (\mathfrak{e}_{14}^{\mp}(v) + \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\mp}(v)). \end{aligned}$$

Using (4.24), we get $\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\mp}(v) - \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u) = 0$. ■

Lemma 4.17. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^{\mp}(v) &= \mathbf{e}_{13}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u), & \mathbf{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v) &= \mathbf{e}_{13}^{\pm}(v)\mathbf{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u), \\ \mathbf{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{f}_{31}^{\mp}(v) &= \mathbf{f}_{31}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u), & \mathbf{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{f}_{31}^{\pm}(v) &= \mathbf{f}_{31}^{\pm}(v)\mathbf{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. All relations are verified in the same way so we only give details for the first one with the top signs. By the defining relations (3.5), we have

$$\ell_{12}^{\pm}(u)\ell_{13}^{\mp}(v) = \frac{1}{(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm} - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i2}(u_{\mp}/v_{\pm})\ell_{1i}^{\mp}(v)\ell_{1i}^{\pm}(u).$$

Using the Gauss decomposition and (4.24), we can write the right hand side of (4.4) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x - q^{-2})^2} \left(-a_{12}(x)\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)\mathbf{h}_1^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^+(u) + a_{22}(x)\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathbf{h}_1^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^+(u) \right. \\ & \left. + a_{32}(x)\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v)\mathbf{h}_1^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u) - a_{42}(x)\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v)\mathbf{h}_1^+(u) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $x = u_-/v_+$. Note that $\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^+(u) = \mathbf{e}_{13}^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)$ by (4.24). Hence, using the relations between $\mathbf{h}_1^+(u)$ and the series $\mathbf{e}_{12}^-(v)$ and $\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v)$, provided by Lemmas 4.12 and 4.14, we can write the right hand side of (4.4) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{h}_1^-(v)\mathbf{h}_1^+(u) \left(\frac{q^{-1}x - 1}{x - 1} \mathbf{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{13}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{x - 1} \mathbf{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(1 - q^{-2})^2 qx}{(x - 1)(x - q^{-2})} (\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u) - \mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by the relations between $\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)$ and $\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)$, the left hand side of (4.4) can be written as

$$\mathbf{h}_1^+(u)\mathbf{h}_1^-(v) \left(\frac{q^{-1}x - 1}{x - 1} \mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{x - 1} \mathbf{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v) \right).$$

Hence, due to (4.25) and the property $\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)\mathbf{h}_1^+(u) = \mathbf{h}_1^+(u)\mathbf{h}_1^-(v)$ we get

$$\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v)\mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u) = \mathbf{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathbf{e}_{13}^-(v),$$

as required. ■

Lemma 4.18. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ we have*

$$\mathbf{e}_{24}^{\pm}(u) = -\mathbf{e}_{13}^{\pm}(u), \quad \mathbf{e}_{34}^{\pm}(u) = -\mathbf{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u), \quad \mathbf{f}_{43}^{\pm}(u) = -\mathbf{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u), \quad \mathbf{f}_{42}^{\pm}(u) = -\mathbf{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u).$$

Proof. We only verify the first relation. By Proposition 3.3, we have the matrix relation

$$\mathcal{L}^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[2]}(u) = D^{[2]} \mathcal{L}^{\pm}(uq^{-2})^{\dagger} (D^{[2]})^{-1}.$$

Take (4,4) and (2,4)-entries on both sides and use the property $\mathbf{e}_{23}^{\pm}(u) = 0$, which holds by Lemma 4.13, to get

$$\mathbf{h}_1^{\pm}(uq^{-2}) = \mathbf{h}_4^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[2]}(u)$$

and

$$q \mathbf{h}_1^{\pm}(uq^{-2}) \mathbf{e}_{13}^{\pm}(uq^{-2}) = -\mathbf{e}_{24}^{\pm}(u) \mathbf{h}_4^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[2]}(u).$$

This implies

$$q \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(uq^{-2}) \mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(uq^{-2}) = -\mathfrak{e}_{24}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(uq^{-2}).$$

By the relations between $\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)$ and $\mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(v)$ from Lemma 4.14, we also have

$$q \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(uq^{-2}) \mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(uq^{-2}) = \mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(uq^{-2}).$$

By comparing the two formulas we conclude that $\mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(u) = -\mathfrak{e}_{24}^\pm(u)$. ■

Lemma 4.19. *We have the relations*

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \mathfrak{f}_{31}^\mp(v)] = 0, \quad [\mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u), \mathfrak{f}_{31}^\pm(v)] = 0, \quad (4.26)$$

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(u), \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v)] = 0, \quad [\mathfrak{e}_{13}^\pm(u), \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v)] = 0, \quad (4.27)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v) &= \frac{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}{u_\mp - v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_\mp}{u_\mp - v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\mp(v), \\ \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_3^\pm(v) &= \frac{q^{-1}u - qv}{u - v} \mathfrak{h}_3^\pm(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v} \mathfrak{h}_3^\pm(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^\pm(v), \\ \mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) &= \frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_\mp}{u_\pm - v_\mp} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\mp(v) \mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v), \\ \mathfrak{h}_3^\pm(v) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) &= \frac{q^{-1}u - qv}{u - v} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_3^\pm(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^\pm(v) \mathfrak{h}_3^\pm(v). \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

Proof. We only give a proof of one case of (4.26) and (4.28), the remaining relations are verified in a similar way. As before, we set $x = u_+/v_-$ and $y = u_-/v_+$. The defining relations (3.5) imply

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{x - 1}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{31}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{32}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v) \\ &= \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{31}^-(v) \ell_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{32}^-(v) \ell_{11}^+(u). \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

Taking into account Lemma 4.13, we can write the right hand side as

$$\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v) \left(\frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^-(v) \ell_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^-(v) \ell_{11}^+(u) \right).$$

Using again (3.5), we get

$$\ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v) = \frac{y - 1}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{11}^-(v) \ell_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{qy - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^-(v) \ell_{11}^+(u).$$

Therefore, (4.29) is equivalent to

$$\frac{x - 1}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{31}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}} \ell_{32}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v) = \mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v) \ell_{12}^+(u) \ell_{11}^-(v). \quad (4.30)$$

By using the relation between $\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v)$ and $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ from Lemma 4.14 bring the right hand side to the form

$$\frac{x - 1}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{f}_{31}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v).$$

On the other hand, Lemma 4.13 implies that the left hand side of (4.30) equals

$$\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})x}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v),$$

thus proving that $[\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u), \mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v)] = 0$.

Now turn to (4.28). The defining relations (3.5) give

$$\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{33}^-(v) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})x}{qx-q^{-1}}\ell_{32}^+(u)\ell_{13}^-(v) = \frac{1}{(y-q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i3}(y)\ell_{3i}^-(v)\ell_{1i'}^+(u). \quad (4.31)$$

By Lemma 4.13, the left hand side can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v) \\ & + \left(\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})x}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) \right) \mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^-(v). \end{aligned}$$

Due to (4.26), this expression equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v) \\ & + \left(\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})x}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \right) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{13}^-(v), \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies further to

$$\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v) + \mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v)\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{13}^-(v)$$

by the relation between $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v)$ provided by Lemma 4.14. Furthermore, by (3.5) we also have

$$\ell_{12}^+(u)\ell_{13}^-(v) = \frac{1}{(y-q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i3}(y)\ell_{1i}^-(v)\ell_{1i'}^+(u)$$

so that the left hand side of (4.31) becomes

$$\frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v) + \frac{\mathfrak{f}_{31}^-(v)}{(y-q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i3}(y)\ell_{1i}^-(v)\ell_{1i'}^+(u).$$

Using Lemmas 4.13 and 4.18, in terms of Gaussian generators we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x-1}{qx-q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v) \\ & = \frac{y-1}{(qy-q^{-1})^2} \left((y-1)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) + (q-q^{-1})y\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \right). \end{aligned}$$

As a final step, use the relations between $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v)$ and those between $\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)$ and $\mathfrak{h}_3^\mp(v)$ from Lemmas 4.12 and 4.14, respectively, to come to the relation

$$\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v) = \frac{q^{-1}y-q}{y-1}\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^+(u) + \frac{(q-q^{-1})y}{y-1}\mathfrak{h}_3^-(v)\mathfrak{e}_{12}^-(v),$$

as required. ■

Lemma 4.20. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{13}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v) &= \frac{q^{-1}u_{\mp} - qv_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v)\epsilon_{13}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v)\epsilon_{13}^{\mp}(v), \\ \epsilon_{13}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v) &= \frac{q^{-1}u - qv}{u - v}\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v)\epsilon_{13}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u}{u - v}\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v)\epsilon_{13}^{\pm}(v), \\ \mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u) &= \frac{q^{-1}u_{\pm} - qv_{\mp}}{u_{\pm} - v_{\mp}}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_{\mp}}{u_{\pm} - v_{\mp}}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\mp}(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\mp}(v), \\ \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u) &= \frac{q^{-1}u - qv}{u - v}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})v}{u - v}\mathfrak{f}_{31}^{\pm}(v)\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v).\end{aligned}$$

Proof. The arguments for all relations are quite similar so we only give details for one case of the first relation. By (3.5) we have

$$\frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\ell_{13}^+(u)\ell_{22}^-(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}}\ell_{23}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) = \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i2}(y)\ell_{2i}^-(v)\ell_{1i'}^+(u). \quad (4.32)$$

Taking into account Lemma 4.13, write the left hand side as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\ell_{12}^-(v) \\ + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v).\end{aligned}$$

By (4.27) this equals

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) \\ + \frac{(q - q^{-1})x}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{f}_{21}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v).\end{aligned}$$

Then by using the relation between $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)$ from Lemma 4.12, we bring the left hand side of (4.32) to the form

$$\frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v).$$

By the defining relations between $\ell_{13}^+(u)$ and $\ell_{12}^-(v)$ we have

$$\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\ell_{12}^-(v) = \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i2}(y)\ell_{1i}^-(v)\ell_{1i'}^+(u)$$

and so the left hand side of (4.32) can be written as

$$\frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) + \frac{\mathfrak{f}_{21}^-(v)}{(y - q^{-2})^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{i2}(y)\ell_{1i}^-(v)\ell_{1i'}^+(u).$$

Hence by Lemma 4.13 relation (4.32) now reads

$$\frac{x-1}{qx - q^{-1}}\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)\epsilon_{13}^+(u)\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(y - q^{-2})^2} (a_{22}(y) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{e}_{13}^+(u) + a_{42}(y) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{24}^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)). \quad (4.33)$$

Using the equality $\mathfrak{e}_{24}^-(v) = -\mathfrak{e}_{13}^-(v)$ from Lemma 4.18 and the relations between $\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)$ and $\mathfrak{e}_{13}^\mp(v)$ from Lemma 4.14, we find that the right hand side of (4.33) equals

$$\frac{q^{-1}y - q}{y - 1} \frac{x - 1}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{13}^+(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})y}{y - 1} \frac{x - 1}{qx - q^{-1}} \mathfrak{h}_1^+(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^-(v) \mathfrak{e}_{13}^-(v),$$

where we also applied the relations between $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$ and $\mathfrak{h}_2^-(v)$. Now (4.33) turns into one case of the first relation due to the invertibility of $\mathfrak{h}_1^+(u)$. \blacksquare

4.5 Formulas for the series $z^\pm(u)$ and $\mathfrak{z}^\pm(u)$

We will now consider the cases of odd and even N simultaneously, unless stated otherwise. Recall that the series $z^\pm(u)$ and $\mathfrak{z}^\pm(u)$ were defined in Proposition 3.3. We will now indicate the dependence on n by adding the corresponding superscript. Write relation (3.6) in the form

$$D\mathcal{L}^\pm(u\xi)^t D^{-1} = \mathcal{L}^\pm(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u). \quad (4.34)$$

Using the Gauss decomposition for $\mathcal{L}^\pm(u)$ and taking the (N, N) -entry on both sides of (4.34) we get

$$\mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u\xi) = \mathfrak{h}_1^\pm(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u). \quad (4.35)$$

Lemma 4.21. *The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$:*

$$\mathfrak{e}_{(i+1)'}^\pm(u) = -\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u\xi q^{2i}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{f}_{i'}^\pm(u) = -\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u\xi q^{2i}) \quad (4.36)$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

Proof. By Propositions 3.3 and 4.2, for any $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ we have

$$\mathcal{L}^{\pm[n-i+1]}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n-i+1]}(u) = D^{[n-i+1]} \mathcal{L}^{\pm[n-i+1]}(u\xi q^{2i-2})^t (D^{[n-i+1]})^{-1}, \quad (4.37)$$

where

$$D^{[n-i+1]} = \begin{cases} \text{diag} [q^{n-i+1/2}, \dots, q^{1/2}, 1, q^{-1/2}, \dots, q^{-n+i-1/2}] & \text{for type } B, \\ \text{diag} [q^{n-i}, \dots, q, 1, 1, q^{-1}, \dots, q^{-n+i}] & \text{for type } D. \end{cases}$$

By taking the (i', i') and $((i+1)', i')$ -entries on both sides of (4.37) we get

$$\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}) = \mathfrak{h}_{i'}^\pm(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n-i+1]}(u) \quad (4.38)$$

and

$$-\mathfrak{e}_{(i+1)', i'}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_{i'}^\pm(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n-i+1]}(u) = q \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}).$$

Due to (4.38), this formula can be written as

$$-\mathfrak{e}_{(i+1)', i'}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}) = q \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}). \quad (4.39)$$

Furthermore, by the results of [8],

$$q \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u) = \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(uq^2) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u),$$

so that (4.39) is equivalent to

$$-\mathfrak{e}_{(i+1)', i'}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}) = \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u\xi q^{2i}) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u\xi q^{2i-2}),$$

thus proving the first relation in (4.36). The second relation is verified in a similar way. \blacksquare

Proposition 4.22. *In the algebras $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ and $U(R^{[n]})$ we have the respective formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{h}_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i})^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{h}_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \cdot \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\pm}(uq), \\ z^{\pm[n]}(u) &= \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i})^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \cdot h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(uq) \end{aligned}$$

for type B , and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathfrak{h}_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i})^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathfrak{h}_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \cdot \mathfrak{h}_n^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\pm}(u), \\ z^{\pm[n]}(u) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i})^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i^{\pm}(u\xi q^{2i-2}) \cdot h_n^{\pm}(u) h_{n+1}^{\pm}(u) \end{aligned}$$

and for type D .

Proof. The arguments for both formulas are quite similar so we only give a proof of the first ones for types B and D . Taking the $(2', 2')$ -entry on both sides of (4.37) and expressing the entries of the matrices $\mathcal{L}^{\pm[n]}(u)^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{L}^{\pm[n]}(u\xi)^t$ in terms of the Gauss generators, we get

$$\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u\xi) + \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u\xi) = (\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)^{-1} + \mathfrak{e}_{2',1'}^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_{1'}^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{f}_{1',2'}^{\pm}(u)^{-1}) \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u).$$

As we pointed out in Remark 3.5, the coefficients of the series $\mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u)$ are central in the respective subalgebras generated by the coefficients of $\ell_{ij}^{\pm[n]}(u)$. Therefore, using (4.35), we can rewrite the above relation as

$$\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u\xi) + \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u\xi) - \mathfrak{e}_{2',1'}^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{f}_{1',2'}^{\pm}(u).$$

Now apply Lemma 4.21 to obtain

$$\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u\xi) + \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u\xi) - \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u\xi q^2) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u\xi q^2).$$

On the other hand, by the results of [8] we have

$$\mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u) = q^{-1} \mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(uq^2) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u), \quad \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(uq^2) = q^{-1} \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u),$$

and

$$[\mathfrak{e}_{12}^{\pm}(u), \mathfrak{f}_{21}^{\pm}(v)] = \frac{u(q - q^{-1})}{u - v} (\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(v) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(v)^{-1} - \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u)^{-1}).$$

This leads to the expression

$$\mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u\xi q^2) \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi q^2)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi).$$

Since $\mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n-1]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_2^{\pm}(u\xi q^2)$, we get a recurrence formula

$$\mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi q^2)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_1^{\pm}(u\xi) \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[n-1]}(u).$$

Here we need note that $\xi = q^{2-N}$. To complete the proof, we only need the formulas of $\mathfrak{z}^{\pm[1]}(u)$. Working with the algebras $U(\overline{R}^{[1]})$ and $U(\overline{R}^{[2]})$, respectively, we find by a similar argument to the above that

$$\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\pm}(u)^{-1} \mathfrak{z}^{\pm[1]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\pm}(uq) \mathfrak{h}_n^{\pm}(uq)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_n^{\pm}(uq^{-1})$$

for type B , and

$$\mathfrak{z}^{\pm[1]}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_n^{\pm}(u) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\pm}(u)$$

for type D . ■

4.6 Drinfeld-type relations in the algebras $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ and $U(R^{[n]})$

We will now extend the sets of relations produced in Sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 to obtain all necessary relations in the algebras $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ and $U(R^{[n]})$ to be able to prove the Main Theorem. We begin by stating three lemmas which are immediate consequences of Corollary 3.8.

Lemma 4.23. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \\ \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp}\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm}\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

where $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ for type B , and $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ for type D .

Lemma 4.24. *In the algebra $U(R^{[n]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ in type B , while

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ in type D .

Lemma 4.25. *In the algebra $U(R^{[n]})$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ in type B , while

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-3$ in type D .

Now we consider the cases B and D separately.

Lemma 4.26. *The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ of type B :*

$$\begin{aligned} (qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v) &= (u_\mp - v_\pm)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n}^\pm(u) \\ &+ (q - q^{-1})v_\pm\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(u) - (q - q^{-1})u_\mp\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v) \\ &- (q - q^{-1})u_\mp\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v), \\ (qu - q^{-1}v)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n}^\pm(u)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v) &= (u - v)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n}^\pm(u) + (q - q^{-1})v\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(u) \\ &- (q - q^{-1})u\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n}^\pm(v)\mathfrak{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v) - (q - q^{-1})u\mathfrak{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})f_{n,n-1}^{\pm}(u)f_{n+1,n}^{\mp}(v) &= (qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})f_{n+1,n}^{\mp}(v)f_{n,n-1}^{\pm}(u) + (q - q^{-1})v_{\mp}f_{n+1,n-1}^{\mp}(v) \\
&\quad - (q - q^{-1}v_{\mp})f_{n+1,n}^{\mp}(v)f_{n,n-1}^{\mp}(v) - (q - q^{-1})u_{\pm}f_{n+1,n-1}^{\pm}(u), \\
(u - v)f_{n,n-1}^{\pm}(u)f_{n+1,n}^{\pm}(v) &= (qu - q^{-1}v)f_{n+1,n}^{\pm}(v)f_{n,n-1}^{\pm}(u) + (q - q^{-1})vf_{n+1,n-1}^{\pm}(v) \\
&\quad - (q - q^{-1})vf_{n+1,n}^{\pm}(v)f_{n,n-1}^{\pm}(v) - (q - q^{-1})uf_{n+1,n-1}^{\pm}(u).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. We will only prove the first relation. By (4.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^{\mp}(v) - \mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\pm}(u) \\
&= \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\mp}(v).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.40}$$

Relation (4.8) implies

$$\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\pm}(u)\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v) = \frac{qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\pm}(u) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\mp}(v)$$

so that (4.40) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^{\mp}(v) + \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^{\mp}(v) \\
&\quad - \mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n}^{\pm}(u) \\
&= \frac{(q - q^{-1})v_{\pm}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\pm}(u) - \frac{(q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}}{u_{\mp} - v_{\pm}}\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\mp}(v).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathfrak{h}_n^{\mp}(v)$ is invertible, this gives the first relation. ■

A similar argument proves the counterpart of Lemma 4.26 for type D .

Lemma 4.27. *The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ of type D :*

$$\begin{aligned}
&(qu_{\mp} - q^{-1}v_{\pm})\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n-1}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\mp}(v) \\
&= (u_{\mp} - v_{\pm})\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n-1}^{\pm}(u) + (q - q^{-1})v_{\pm}\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n+1}^{\pm}(u) \\
&\quad - (q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n-1}^{\mp}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\mp}(v) - (q - q^{-1})u_{\mp}\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n+1}^{\mp}(v), \\
&(qu - q^{-1}v)\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n-1}^{\pm}(u)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\pm}(v) \\
&= (u - v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\pm}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n-1}^{\pm}(u) + (q - q^{-1})v\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n+1}^{\pm}(u) \\
&\quad - (q - q^{-1})u\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n-1}^{\pm}(v)\mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^{\pm}(v) - (q - q^{-1})u\mathbf{e}_{n-2,n+1}^{\pm}(v),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&(u_{\pm} - v_{\mp})f_{n-1,n-2}^{\pm}(u)f_{n+1,n-1}^{\mp}(v) \\
&= (qu_{\pm} - q^{-1}v_{\mp})f_{n+1,n-1}^{\mp}(v)f_{n-1,n-2}^{\pm}(u) + (q - q^{-1})v_{\mp}f_{n+1,n-2}^{\mp}(v) \\
&\quad - (q - q^{-1}v_{\mp})f_{n+1,n-1}^{\mp}(v)f_{n-1,n-2}^{\mp}(v) - (q - q^{-1})u_{\pm}f_{n+1,n-2}^{\pm}(u), \\
&(u - v)f_{n-1,n-2}^{\pm}(u)f_{n+1,n-1}^{\pm}(v) \\
&= (qu - q^{-1}v)f_{n+1,n-1}^{\pm}(v)f_{n-1,n-2}^{\pm}(u) + (q - q^{-1})vf_{n+1,n-2}^{\pm}(v) \\
&\quad - (q - q^{-1})vf_{n+1,n-1}^{\pm}(v)f_{n-1,n-2}^{\pm}(v) - (q - q^{-1})uf_{n+1,n-2}^{\pm}(u).
\end{aligned}$$

The next lemma is verified by a similar argument with the use of Corollary 3.8.

Lemma 4.28. *In the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u) \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n}^\pm(v) &= \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n}^\pm(v) \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), & \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u) \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n}^\mp(v) &= \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n}^\mp(v) \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u) \mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^\pm(v) \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), & \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u) \mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathbf{e}_{n,n+1}^\mp(v) \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

for type B , and for all $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u) \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\pm(v) &= \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\pm(v) \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), & \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u) \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\mp(v) &= \mathbf{f}_{n+1,n-1}^\mp(v) \mathbf{e}_{i,i+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u) \mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v) &= \mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\pm(v) \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), & \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u) \mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v) &= \mathbf{e}_{n-1,n+1}^\mp(v) \mathbf{f}_{i+1,i}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

for type D .

We are now in a position to summarise the results of Sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 and give complete lists of relations between the Gaussian generators. The completeness of the relations will be established in Section 5.

Theorem 4.29.

- (i) *The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ of type B . For the relations involving $\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_j^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_j^\pm(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & i &= 1, \dots, n, \\ \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_j^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_j^\mp(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), & i &< j, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \frac{q^{1/2}u_\pm - q^{-1/2}v_\mp}{q^{-1/2}u_\pm - q^{1/2}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v) \\ = \frac{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \frac{q^{1/2}u_\mp - q^{-1/2}v_\pm}{q^{-1/2}u_\mp - q^{1/2}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u). \end{aligned}$$

The relations involving $\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)$ and $\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(v)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_j^+(v) &= \frac{u - v_\pm}{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} u - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} v_\pm} \mathcal{X}_j^+(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_j^-(v) &= \frac{q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} u_\pm - q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)} v}{u_\pm - v} \mathcal{X}_j^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i \neq n+1$, together with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_n^+(v) &= \frac{(qu_\mp - v)(u_\mp - v)}{(u_\mp - qv)(qu_\mp - q^{-1}v)} \mathcal{X}_n^+(v) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_n^-(v) &= \frac{(u_\pm - qv)(qu_\pm - q^{-1}v)}{(qu_\pm - v)(u_\pm - v)} \mathcal{X}_n^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_i^+(v) = \mathcal{X}_i^+(v) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \quad \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_i^-(v) = \mathcal{X}_i^-(v) \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u),$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$. For the relations involving $\mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u)$ we have

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)} v) \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i) \mathcal{X}_j^\pm(vq^j) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)} u - v) \mathcal{X}_j^\pm(vq^j) \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i)$$

for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$; and

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{X}_i^+(u), \mathcal{X}_j^-(v)] &= \delta_{ij}(q - q^{-1}) \\ &\quad \times (\delta(uq^{-c}/v)\mathfrak{h}_i^-(v_+)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_{i+1}^-(v_+) - \delta(uq^c/v)\mathfrak{h}_i^+(u_+)^{-1}\mathfrak{h}_{i+1}^+(u_+)) \end{aligned}$$

together with the Serre relations

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_r} \sum_{l=0}^r (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} r \\ l \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(1)}) \cdots \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(l)}) \mathcal{X}_j^\pm(v) \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(l+1)}) \cdots \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(r)}) = 0, \quad (4.41)$$

which hold for all $i \neq j$ and we set $r = 1 - A_{ij}$.

(ii) The following relations hold in the algebra $U(\overline{R}^{[n]})$ of type D .

For the relations involving $\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_j^\pm(v) &= \mathfrak{h}_j^\pm(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \quad \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v) = \mathfrak{h}_i^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \quad i = 1, \dots, n+1, \\ \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_j^\mp(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_j^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i < j$ with $(i, j) \neq (n, n+1)$, and

$$\frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv_\mp}{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \frac{u_\pm - v_\mp}{u_\pm - q^{-1}v_\mp} \mathfrak{h}_n^\pm(u)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v) = \frac{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv_\pm}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \frac{u_\mp - v_\pm}{u_\mp - q^{-1}v_\pm} \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\mp(v)\mathfrak{h}_n^\pm(u).$$

The relations involving $\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)$ and $\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(v)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_j^+(v) &= \frac{u - v_\pm}{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}u - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}v_\pm} \mathcal{X}_j^+(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_j^-(v) &= \frac{q^{(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}u_\pm - q^{-(\epsilon_i, \alpha_j)}v}{u_\pm - v} \mathcal{X}_j^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_i^\pm(u) \end{aligned}$$

for $i \neq n+1$, together with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_n^+(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v}{q^{-1}u_\mp - qv} \mathcal{X}_n^+(v)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_n^-(v) &= \frac{q^{-1}u_\pm - qv}{u_\pm - v} \mathcal{X}_n^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_{n-1}^+(v) &= \frac{u_\mp - v}{qu_\mp - q^{-1}v} \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^+(v)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \\ \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_{n-1}^-(v) &= \frac{qu_\pm - q^{-1}v}{u_\pm - v} \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_i^+(v) = \mathcal{X}_i^+(v)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u), \quad \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u)\mathcal{X}_i^-(v) = \mathcal{X}_i^-(v)\mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^\pm(u),$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n-2$. For the relations involving $\mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u)$ we have

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}v)\mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i)\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(vq^j) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}u - v)\mathcal{X}_j^\pm(vq^j)\mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i)$$

for $i, j = 1, \dots, n-1$;

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_n)}v) \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i) \mathcal{X}_n^\pm(vq^{n-1}) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_i, \alpha_n)}u - v) \mathcal{X}_n^\pm(vq^{n-1}) \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(uq^i)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$;

$$(u - q^{\pm(\alpha_n, \alpha_n)}v) \mathcal{X}_n^\pm(u) \mathcal{X}_n^\pm(v) = (q^{\pm(\alpha_n, \alpha_n)}u - v) \mathcal{X}_n^\pm(v) \mathcal{X}_n^\pm(u)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{X}_i^+(u), \mathcal{X}_j^-(v)] &= \delta_{ij}(q - q^{-1}) \\ &\quad \times (\delta(uq^{-c}/v) \mathfrak{h}_i^-(v_+)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_{i+1}^-(v_+) - \delta(uq^c/v) \mathfrak{h}_i^+(u_+)^{-1} \mathfrak{h}_{i+1}^+(u_+)) \end{aligned}$$

together with the Serre relations

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_r} \sum_{l=0}^r (-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} r \\ l \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(1)}) \cdots \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(l)}) \mathcal{X}_j^\pm(v) \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(l+1)}) \cdots \mathcal{X}_i^\pm(u_{\pi(r)}) = 0, \quad (4.42)$$

which hold for all $i \neq j$ and we set $r = 1 - A_{ij}$.

Proof. All relations except for (4.41) and (4.42) follow from the corresponding results in Sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 by applying Theorem 3.7 and Proposition 4.2 and recalling the definition (4.5). The remaining Serre relations are verified in the same way as for type C [20, Section 4.6] by adapting the Levendorski argument [22] to the quantum affine algebras. ■

By using Theorem 4.29 and Proposition 4.1 we arrive at the following homomorphism theorem for the extended quantum affine algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ introduced in Definition 2.1.

Theorem 4.30. *The mapping*

$$\begin{aligned} X_i^+(u) &\mapsto X_i^+(u), & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n, \\ X_i^-(u) &\mapsto X_i^-(u), & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n, \\ h_j^\pm(u) &\mapsto h_j^\pm(u), & \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n+1, \end{aligned}$$

defines a homomorphism $DR: U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \rightarrow U(R)$, where $X_i^\pm(u)$ on the right hand side is given by (4.4), (4.6) and (4.7).

We will show in the next section that the homomorphism DR provided by Theorem 4.30 is an isomorphism by constructing the inverse map with the use of the universal R -matrix for the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ in a way similar to types A and C ; see [11] and [20, Section 5].

5 The universal R -matrix and inverse map

We will need explicit formulas for the universal R -matrix for the quantum affine algebras obtained by Khoroshkin and Tolstoy [21] and Damiani [6, 7].

Recall that the Cartan matrix for the Lie algebra \mathfrak{o}_N is defined in (1.1) and consider the diagonal matrix $C = \text{diag}[r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n]$ with $r_i = (\alpha_i, \alpha_i)/2$. The matrix $B = [B_{ij}] := CA$ is symmetric with $B_{ij} = (\alpha_i, \alpha_j)$. We will use the notation $\tilde{B} = [\tilde{B}_{ij}]$ for the inverse matrix B^{-1} . We will also need the q -deformed matrix $B(q) = [B_{ij}(q)]$ with $B_{ij}(q) = [B_{ij}]_q$ and its inverse $\tilde{B}(q) = [\tilde{B}_{ij}(q)]$; see (1.2). Both $n \times n$ matrices \tilde{B} and $B(q)$ are symmetric and for $N = 2n + 1$ (type B) we have

$$\tilde{B}_{ij} = j \quad \text{for } j \leq i$$

and

$$\tilde{B}_{ij}(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{[j]_q}{[n]_q - [n-1]_q} & \text{for } i = n, \\ \frac{[j]_q ([n-i]_q - [n-i-1]_q)}{[n]_q - [n-1]_q} & \text{for } j \leq i < n, \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

whereas for $N = 2n$ (type D) the entries are given by

$$\tilde{B}_{ij} = \begin{cases} j & \text{for } j \leq i \leq n-2, \\ j/2 & \text{for } j \leq n-2, \quad i = n-1, n, \\ n/4 & \text{for } i = j \geq n-1, \\ (n-2)/4 & \text{for } i = n, \quad j = n-1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\tilde{B}_{ij}(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{[j]_q [2]_{q^{n-1-i}}}{[2]_{q^{n-1}}} & \text{for } j \leq i \leq n-2, \\ \frac{[j]_q}{[2]_{q^{n-1}}} & \text{for } j \leq n-2, \quad i = n-1, n, \\ \frac{[n]_q}{[2]_q [2]_{q^{n-1}}} & \text{for } i = j \geq n-1, \\ \frac{[n-2]_q}{[2]_q [2]_{q^{n-1}}} & \text{for } i = n, \quad j = n-1. \end{cases} \quad (5.2)$$

As with type C [20, Section 5], we will use the parameter-dependent universal R -matrix defined in terms of the presentation of the quantum affine algebra used in Section 2.1. The formula for the R -matrix uses the \hbar -adic settings so we will regard the algebra over $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$ and set $q = \exp(\hbar) \in \mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$. It is well-known that the $\mathbb{C}(q^{1/2})$ -algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{g}_N)$ actually embeds inside the $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$ -algebra $U_\hbar(\mathfrak{g}_N)$ due to the flatness of the latter as a deformation of $U(\mathfrak{g}_N)$. Define elements h_1, \dots, h_n by setting $k_i = \exp(\hbar h_i)$. The universal R -matrix is given by

$$\mathcal{R}(u) = \mathcal{R}^{>0}(u) \mathcal{R}^0(u) \mathcal{R}^{<0}(u), \quad (5.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}^{>0}(u) &= \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \prod_{k \geq 0} \exp_{q_i}((q_i^{-1} - q_i) u^k E_{\alpha+k\delta} \otimes F_{\alpha+k\delta}), \\ \mathcal{R}^{<0}(u) &= T^{-1} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \prod_{k > 0} \exp_{q_i}((q_i^{-1} - q_i) u^k E_{-\alpha+k\delta} \otimes F_{-\alpha+k\delta}) T \end{aligned}$$

with $T = \exp(-\hbar \tilde{B}_{ij} h_i \otimes h_j)$ and

$$\mathcal{R}^0(u) = \exp \left(\sum_{k > 0} \sum_{i, j=1}^n \frac{(q_i^{-1} - q_i)(q_j^{-1} - q_j)}{q^{-1} - q} \frac{k}{[k]_q} \tilde{B}_{ij}(q^k) u^k q^{kc/2} a_{i,k} \otimes a_{j,-k} q^{-kc/2} \right) T$$

(see [6, Definition 4] for the description of the order of the products in $\mathcal{R}^{>0}$ and $\mathcal{R}^{<0}$). It satisfies the Yang–Baxter equation in the form

$$\mathcal{R}_{12}(u) \mathcal{R}_{13}(uvq^{-c_2}) \mathcal{R}_{23}(v) = \mathcal{R}_{23}(v) \mathcal{R}_{13}(uvq^{c_2}) \mathcal{R}_{12}(u) \quad (5.4)$$

where $c_2 = 1 \otimes c \otimes 1$; cf. [12].

A straightforward calculation verifies the following formulas for the vector representation of the quantum affine algebra. As before, we denote by $e_{ij} \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N$ the standard matrix units.

Proposition 5.1. *The mappings $q^{\pm c/2} \mapsto 1$,*

$$\begin{aligned} x_{ik}^+ &\mapsto -q^{-ik} e_{i+1,i} + q^{-(2n-1-i)k} e_{i',(i+1)'}, \\ x_{ik}^- &\mapsto -q^{-ik} e_{i,i+1} + q^{-(2n-1-i)k} e_{(i+1)',i'}, \\ a_{ik} &\mapsto \frac{[k]_{q_i}}{k} (q^{-ik} (q^{-k} e_{i+1,i+1} - q^k e_{ii}) + q^{-(2n-1-i)k} (q^{-k} e_{i'i'} - q^k e_{(i+1)')(i+1)'}), \\ k_i &\mapsto q(e_{i+1,i+1} + e_{i',i'}) + q^{-1}(e_{ii} + e_{(i+1)',(i+1)'}) + \sum_{j \neq i, i+1, i', (i+1)'} e_{jj}, \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and

$$\begin{aligned} x_{nk}^+ &\mapsto [2]_{q_n}^{1/2} (-q^{-nk} e_{n+1,n} + q^{-(n-1)k} e_{n',n+1}), \\ x_{nk}^- &\mapsto [2]_{q_n}^{1/2} (-q^{-nk} e_{n,n+1} + q^{-(n-1)k} e_{n+1,n'}), \\ a_{nk} &\mapsto \frac{[2k]_{q_n}}{k} (-q^{-(n-1)k} e_{nn} + (q^{-nk} - q^{-(n-1)k}) e_{n+1,n+1}) + q^{-nk} e_{n'n'}, \\ k_n &\mapsto q e_{n',n'} + q^{-1} e_{nn} + \sum_{j \neq n, n'} e_{jj}, \end{aligned}$$

in type B , and the mappings $q^{\pm c/2} \mapsto 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{ik}^+ &\mapsto -q^{-ik} e_{i+1,i} + q^{-(2n-2-i)k} e_{i',(i+1)'}, \\ x_{ik}^- &\mapsto -q^{-ik} e_{i,i+1} + q^{-(2n-2-i)k} e_{(i+1)',i'}, \\ a_{ik} &\mapsto \frac{[k]_{q_i}}{k} (q^{-ik} (q^{-k} e_{i+1,i+1} - q^k e_{ii}) + q^{-(2n-2-i)k} (q^{-k} e_{i'i'} - q^k e_{(i+1)')(i+1)'}), \\ k_i &\mapsto q(e_{i+1,i+1} + e_{i',i'}) + q^{-1}(e_{ii} + e_{(i+1)',(i+1)'}) + \sum_{j \neq i, i+1, i', (i+1)'} e_{jj}, \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and

$$\begin{aligned} x_{nk}^+ &\mapsto q^{-(n-1)k} (-e_{n+1,n-1} + e_{n+2,n}), \\ x_{nk}^- &\mapsto q^{-(n-1)k} (-e_{n-1,n+1} + e_{n,n+2}), \\ a_{nk} &\mapsto \frac{[k]_{q_n}}{k} q^{-(n-1)k} (q^{-k} e_{n+1,n+1} - q^k e_{n-1,n-1} + q^{-k} e_{n+2,n+2} - q^k e_{n,n}), \\ k_n &\mapsto q(e_{n+1,n+1} + e_{n+2,n+2}) + q^{-1}(e_{n-1,n-1} + e_{n,n}) + \sum_{j \neq n-1, n, n+1, n+2} e_{jj}, \end{aligned}$$

in type D , define a representation $\pi_V: U_{\hbar}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N) \rightarrow \text{End } V$ of the algebra $U_{\hbar}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ on the vector space $V = \mathbb{C}^N[[\hbar]]$.

It follows from the results of [12, Theorem 4.2] that the R -matrix defined in (1.5) coincides with the image of the universal R -matrix:

$$R(u) = (\pi_V \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}(u).$$

Introduce the L -operators in $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$ by the formulas

$$\tilde{L}^+(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}_{21}(uq^{c/2}), \quad \tilde{L}^-(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}_{12}(u^{-1}q^{-c/2})^{-1}.$$

Recall the series $z^{\pm}(u)$ defined in (2.2). Their coefficients are central in the algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$; see Proposition 2.2. Therefore, the Yang–Baxter equation (5.4) implies the relations for the L -operators:

$$R(u/v) L_1^{\pm}(u) L_2^{\pm}(v) = L_2^{\pm}(v) L_1^{\pm}(u) R(u/v),$$

$$R(u_+/v_-)L_1^+(u)L_2^-(v) = L_2^-(v)L_1^+(u)R(u_-/v_+),$$

where we set

$$L^+(u) = \tilde{L}^+(u) \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} z^+(u\xi^{-2m-1}) z^+(u\xi^{-2m-2})^{-1},$$

$$L^-(u) = \tilde{L}^-(u) \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} z^-(u\xi^{-2m-1}) z^-(u\xi^{-2m-2})^{-1}.$$

Note that although these formulas for the entries of the matrices $L^\pm(u)$ involve a completion of the center of the algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$, it will turn out that the coefficients of the series in $u^{\pm 1}$ actually belong to $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$; see the proof of Proposition 5.5 below. Thus, we may conclude that the mapping

$$RD: L^\pm(u) \mapsto L^\pm(u) \tag{5.5}$$

defines a homomorphism RD from the algebra $U(R)$ to a completed algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$, where we use the same notation for the corresponding elements of the algebras.

By using the vector representation π_V defined in Proposition 5.1, introduce the matrices $F^\pm(u)$, $E^\pm(u)$ and $H^\pm(u)$ by setting

$$F^+(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}_{21}^{>0}(uq^{c/2}), \quad E^+(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}_{21}^{<0}(uq^{c/2}),$$

$$H^+(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}_{21}^0(uq^{c/2}) \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} z^+(u\xi^{-2m-1}) z^+(u\xi^{-2m-2})^{-1},$$

and

$$E^-(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}^{>0}(u_+^{-1})^{-1}, \quad F^-(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) \mathcal{R}^{<0}(u_+^{-1})^{-1},$$

$$H^-(u) = (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V) (\mathcal{R}^0(u_+^{-1}))^{-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} z^-(u\xi^{2m-1})^{-1} z^-(u\xi^{2m-2}).$$

The decomposition (5.3) implies the corresponding decomposition for the matrix $L^\pm(u)$:

$$L^\pm(u) = F^\pm(u)H^\pm(u)E^\pm(u).$$

Recall the Drinfeld generators $x_{i,k}^\pm$ of the algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$, as defined in the Introduction, and combine them into the formal series

$$x_i^-(u)^{\geq 0} = \sum_{k \geq 0} x_{i,-k}^- u^k, \quad x_i^+(u)^{> 0} = \sum_{k > 0} x_{i,-k}^+ u^k,$$

$$x_i^-(u)^{< 0} = \sum_{k > 0} x_{i,k}^- u^{-k}, \quad x_i^+(u)^{\leq 0} = \sum_{k \geq 0} x_{i,k}^+ u^{-k}.$$

Furthermore, for all $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ set

$$f_i^+(u) = (q_i - q_i^{-1}) x_i^-(u_+ q^{-i})^{\geq 0}, \quad e_i^+(u) = (q_i - q_i^{-1}) x_i^+(u_- q^{-i})^{> 0},$$

$$f_i^-(u) = (q_i^{-1} - q_i) x_i^-(u_- q^{-i})^{< 0}, \quad e_i^-(u) = (q_i^{-1} - q_i) x_i^+(u_+ q^{-i})^{\leq 0},$$

whereas

$$f_n^+(u) = (q_n - q_n^{-1}) [2]_{q_n}^{1/2} x_n^-(u_+ q^{-n})^{\geq 0}, \quad e_n^+(u) = (q_n - q_n^{-1}) [2]_{q_n}^{1/2} x_n^+(u_- q^{-n})^{> 0},$$

$$+ q(q^{-1} - q) \sum_{k \geq 0} ((k_{n-1}^{-1} k_n)^{-1/2} x_{n-1, -k}^+ (k_{n-1}^{-1} k_n)^{1/2}) (u - q^{-(n-1)})^k \otimes e_{(n+1)', (n-1)'}$$

By using the relations $k_i x_{j,k}^\pm k_i^{-1} = q_i^{\pm A_{ij}} x_{j,k}^\pm$, we can write this expression as

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - (q^{-1} - q) x_n^+ (u - q^{-(n-1)})^{>0} \otimes e_{n-1, n+1} + (q^{-1} - q) x_n^+ (u - \xi q^{n-1})^{>0} \otimes e_{(n+1)', (n-1)'} \\ & = 1 + e_n^+(u) \otimes e_{n-1, n+1} - e_n^+(u) \otimes e_{(n+1)', (n-1)'}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that the $(n-1, n+1)$ entry of $E^+(u)$ is $e_n^+(u)$, while the $((n+1)', (n-1)')$ entry is $-e_n^+(u)$, as required. \blacksquare

In the next proposition we use the series $z^\pm(u)$ introduced in (2.2). Their coefficients belong to the center of the algebra $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$; see Proposition 2.2. For a nonnegative integer m with $m < n$ we will denote by $z^{\pm[n-m]}(u)$ the respective series for the subalgebra of $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$, whose generators are all elements $X_{i,k}^\pm$, $h_{j,k}^\pm$ and $q^{c/2}$ such that $i, j \geq m+1$; see Definition 2.1. We also denote by $\xi^{[n-m]}$ the parameter ξ for this subalgebra so that

$$\xi^{[n-m]} = \begin{cases} q^{-2n+2m+1} & \text{for type } B, \\ q^{-2n+2m+2} & \text{for type } D. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 5.5. *The matrix $H^\pm(u)$ is diagonal and has the form*

$$H^\pm(u) = \text{diag} [h_1^\pm(u), \dots, h_n^\pm(u), h_{n+1}^\pm(u), z^{\pm[1]}(u) h_n^\pm(u \xi^{[1]})^{-1}, \dots, z^{\pm[n]}(u) h_1^\pm(u \xi^{[n]})^{-1}]$$

for type B , and

$$H^\pm(u) = \text{diag} [h_1^\pm(u), \dots, h_n^\pm(u), z^{\pm[1]}(u) h_n^\pm(u \xi^{[1]})^{-1}, \dots, z^{\pm[n]}(u) h_1^\pm(u \xi^{[n]})^{-1}]$$

for type D .

Proof. The starting point is a universal expression for $H^\pm(u)$ which is valid for all three types B , D and C (the latter was considered in [20, Section 5]) and is implied by the definition. In particular, for $H^+(u)$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} H^+(u) &= \exp \left(\sum_{k>0} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{(q_i^{-1} - q_i)(q_j^{-1} - q_j)}{q^{-1} - q} \frac{k}{[k]_q} \tilde{B}_{ij}(q^k) u^k a_{j,-k} \otimes \pi_V(a_{i,k}) \right) \\ &\quad \times (\text{id} \otimes \pi_V)(T_{21}) \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} z^+(u \xi^{-2m-1}) z^+(u \xi^{-2m-2})^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where the matrix elements $\tilde{B}_{ij}(q)$ are defined in (5.1) and (5.2). The calculation is then performed in the same way as for type C with the use of Propositions 2.3, 5.1 and Lemma 5.3; see [20, Proposition 5.5]. \blacksquare

Taking into account Propositions 5.2, 5.4 and 5.5 we arrive at the following result.

Corollary 5.6. *The homomorphism*

$$RD: U(R) \rightarrow U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$$

defined in (5.5) is the inverse map to the homomorphism DR defined in Theorem 4.30. Hence the algebra $U(R)$ is isomorphic to $U_q^{\text{ext}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_N)$.

Corollary 5.6 together with the results of Sections 2.2 and 4.5 complete the proof of the Main Theorem.

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