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# On finite-dimensional irreducible modules for the universal Askey-Wilson algebra

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**Abstract:** Let  $\Delta_q$  be the universal Askey-Wilson algebra. If  $q$  is not a root of unity, it is shown in the Huang’s earlier paper that an  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional irreducible  $\Delta_q$ -module is a quotient  $V_n(a, b, c)$  of a  $\Delta_q$ -Verma module with

$$\text{Condition A: } abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \{q^{n-2i+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

The aim of this paper is to discuss the structures of  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\Delta_q$ -modules  $V_n(a, b, c)$  when the given triples  $(a, b, c)$  do not satisfy **Condition A**.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1991, Zhedanov in [15] introduced the Askey-Wilson algebra  $AW_q$  which has attracted a lot of attentions. The Askey-Wilson algebra  $AW_q$  is defined by three generators  $K_0, K_1, K_2$ . It satisfies the relations

$$\begin{aligned} [K_0, K_1]_q &= K_2, \\ [K_1, K_2]_q &= BK_1 + C_0K_0 + D_0, \\ [K_1, K_2]_q &= BK_0 + C_1K_1 + D_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $[L, M]_q = qLM - q^{-1}ML$ , and  $B, C_0, C_1, D_0, D_1$  are the structural constants of the algebra.

In the course of the research, it has been found that the Askey-Wilson algebra  $AW_q$  plays an important role in the quantum integrable systems (see [1, 9]) and in the theory of Leonard pairs (see [12–14]) and Leonard triples (see [2, 7]). The algebra  $AW_q$  has very closed relations with the quantum algebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  (see [11]) and the non-standard deformation  $U'_q(\mathfrak{so}_3)$  (see [3]).

In 2011, Terwilliger in [10] introduced the universal Askey-Wilson algebra  $\Delta_q$ . It is an associative  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebra generated by  $A, B, C$  such that

$$A + \frac{qBC - q^{-1}CB}{q^2 - q^{-2}}, \quad B + \frac{qCA - q^{-1}AC}{q^2 - q^{-2}}, \quad C + \frac{qAB - q^{-1}BA}{q^2 - q^{-2}}$$

are all central in  $\Delta_q$ . In 2015, Huang in [5] gave the classification of finite-dimensional irreducible modules of  $\Delta_q$  when  $q$  is not a root of unity. It is shown that an  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional irreducible  $\Delta_q$ -module is a quotient  $V_n(a, b, c)$  of a  $\Delta_q$ -Verma module with

$$abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \{q^{n-2i+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\}. \quad (1.1)$$

He also established the connections between this new classification and those of finite-dimensional irreducible modules of  $U'_q(\mathfrak{so}_3)$  (see [4]) and  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  (see [8]) respectively. Huang in [6] classified the finite-dimensional irreducible modules of  $\Delta_q$  at roots of unity.

The aim of this paper is to discuss the structures of  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\Delta_q$ -module  $V_n(a, b, c)$  when the given triples  $(a, b, c)$  do not satisfy the condition (1.1) under the assumption that  $q$  is not a root of unity.

In Section 1, we recall that the definition of the universal Askey-Wilson algebra  $\Delta_q$  and some known results about the construction of the Verma module  $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$  and its  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional quotient  $V_n(a, b, c)$ , respectively. In Section 2, for a given triple  $(a, b, c)$ , and the condition (1.1) is not satisfied, we show that there is at most four isomorphism classes of  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional irreducible  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module. In these cases, we also discuss the structures of  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module  $V_n(a, b, c)$ . In Section 3, we give some examples satisfying various conditions of the theorems.

## 2. Some known results

First of all, let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an algebraically closed field with  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  the ring of integers,  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of the nonnegative integers and  $\mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . All algebras, vector spaces etc. are defined over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ .

### 2.1. The universal Askey-Wilson algebra $\Delta_q$

Fix a nonzero  $q \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $q^4 \neq 1$ . Let us recall the concepts of the universal Askey-Wilson algebra  $\Delta_q$ , which was introduced by Terwilliger in [10, Definition 1.3].

**Definition 2.1.** *The universal Askey-Wilson algebra  $\Delta_q$  is an associative  $\mathbb{F}$ -algebra generated by  $A, B, C$  with the following relations*

$$\begin{aligned} A + \frac{qBC - q^{-1}CB}{q^2 - q^{-2}} &= \frac{\alpha}{q + q^{-1}}, \\ B + \frac{qCA - q^{-1}AC}{q^2 - q^{-2}} &= \frac{\beta}{q + q^{-1}}, \\ C + \frac{qAB - q^{-1}BA}{q^2 - q^{-2}} &= \frac{\gamma}{q + q^{-1}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where each of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  is central in  $\Delta_q$ .

The algebra  $\Delta_q$  has other presentation as follows (see [10, Theorem 2.6]).

**Theorem 2.2.** *The algebra  $\Delta_q$  can be presented by generators  $A, B, \gamma$  with relations*

$$A^3B - BA^3 + (q^2 + q^{-2} + 1)(ABA^2 - A^2BA) = (q^2 - q^{-2})^2(BA - AB), \quad (2.2)$$

$$B^3A - AB^3 + (q^2 + q^{-2} + 1)(BAB^2 - B^2AB) = (q^2 - q^{-2})^2(AB - BA), \quad (2.3)$$

$$A^2B^2 - B^2A^2 + (q^2 + q^{-2})(BABA - ABAB) = (q - q^{-1})^2(BA - AB)\gamma, \quad (2.4)$$

$$A\gamma = \gamma A, \quad B\gamma = \gamma B. \quad (2.5)$$

## 2.2. The Verma $\Delta_q$ -module $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$

Now we recall the concept of Verma  $\Delta_q$ -module  $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$  of the universal Askey-Wilson algebra  $\Delta_q$  for a given triple  $(a, b, c)$ .

Let us list some notations for convenience firstly.

Let  $\Lambda, Q, X, Y, Z$  denote five mutually commuting indeterminate elements over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i(\Lambda, Q; X) &= \Lambda Q^{-2i} X^{-1} + \Lambda^{-1} Q^{2i} X, & \text{for } i \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ \phi_i(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z) &= \Lambda Q X^{-1} Y^{-1} (Q^i - Q^{-i}) (\Lambda^{-1} Q^{i-1} - \Lambda Q^{1-i}) \\ &\quad \times (Q^{-i} - \Lambda^{-1} Q^{i-1} XYZ) (Q^{-i} - \Lambda^{-1} Q^{i-1} XYZ^{-1}), & \text{for } i \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ \omega(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z) &= (\Lambda Q + \Lambda^{-1} Q^{-1})(Z + Z^{-1}) + (X + X^{-1})(Y + Y^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $L(\Lambda, Q; X) = (L_{ij})$  be the  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  matrix with

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = i - 1; \\ \theta_j(\Lambda, Q; X), & \text{if } j = i; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $U(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z) = (U_{ij})$  be the  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  matrix with

$$U_{ij} = \begin{cases} \theta_j(\Lambda, Q; Y), & \text{if } j = i; \\ \phi_j(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z), & \text{if } j = i + 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $T(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z) = (T_{ij})$  be the  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  matrix with

$$T_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{Q^{-1}\theta_{j+1}(\Lambda, Q; Y) - Q\theta_j(\Lambda, Q; Y)}{Q^2 - Q^{-2}}, & \text{if } j = i - 1; \\ \frac{Q^{-1}\phi_{j+1}(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z) - Q\phi_j(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z)}{Q^2 - Q^{-2}} \\ \quad + \frac{\omega(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z) - \theta_j(\Lambda, Q; X)\theta_j(\Lambda, Q; Y)}{Q + Q^{-1}}, & \text{if } j = i; \\ \frac{Q^{-1}\theta_j(\Lambda, Q; X) - Q\theta_{j-1}(\Lambda, Q; X)}{Q^2 - Q^{-2}} \phi_j(\Lambda, Q; X, Y, Z), & \text{if } j = i + 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

All notations given in the above are fixed unless specified.

Let  $a, b, c, \lambda$  be given nonzero scalars in  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$  an  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space with a basis  $\{m_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ . It is easy to see that there is a  $\Delta_q$ -module structure on  $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$  on which the matrices of  $A, B, C$  acting are

$$L(\lambda, q; a), \quad U(\lambda, q; a, b, c), \quad T(\lambda, q; a, b, c) \quad (2.6)$$

respectively, and the actions of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are as follows:

$$\alpha m_i = \omega(\lambda, q; b, c, a) m_i, \quad \beta m_i = \omega(\lambda, q; c, a, b) m_i, \quad \gamma m_i = \omega(\lambda, q; a, b, c) m_i, \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

### 2.3. Finite-dimension $\Delta_q$ -module $V_n(a, b, c)$

Under the condition that  $\lambda = q^n$ , we let  $N_\lambda(a, b, c)$  be a submodule of  $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$  spanned by the  $\{m_i\}_{i \geq n+1}$ , then

$$V_n(a, b, c) = M_\lambda(a, b, c) / N_\lambda(a, b, c)$$

is naturally an  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional quotient  $\Delta_q$ -module.

Let  $\{v_i | 0 \leq i \leq n\}$  be a basis of  $\Delta_q$ -module  $V_n(a, b, c)$ ,  $\mathbf{T}_n = \{q^{n-2i+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$  the set of all triples  $(a, b, c)$  of nonzero scalars in  $\mathbb{F}$  that satisfy

$$abc, \quad a^{-1}bc, \quad ab^{-1}c, \quad abc^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_n.$$

For all  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbf{T}$ , the group  $\{-1, 1\}^3$  acts on  $\mathbf{T}$  by

$$(a, b, c)^{(-1,1,1)} = (a^{-1}, b, c), \quad (2.8)$$

$$(a, b, c)^{(1,-1,1)} = (a, b^{-1}, c), \quad (2.9)$$

$$(a, b, c)^{(1,1,-1)} = (a, b, c^{-1}). \quad (2.10)$$

Let  $\mathbf{T}/\{-1, 1\}^3$  denote the set of the  $\{-1, 1\}^3$ -orbits of  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $[a, b, c]$  the  $\{-1, 1\}^3$ -orbit of  $\mathbf{T}$  that contains  $(a, b, c)$  for  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbf{T}$ . Denote the isomorphism class of  $\Delta_q$ -module  $V_n(a, b, c)$  by  $[V_n(a, b, c)]$ .

The following results are referred to [5, Lemma 4.2; Theorem 4.4; Theorem 4.7].

**Lemma 2.3.** *The matrices of  $A, B, C$  acting on the basis  $\{v_i^{(\varepsilon, g)}\}_{i=0}^n$  of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  for each  $(\varepsilon, g) \in K_4$  are as follows:*

|  | A                                   | B                                   | C                         |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| $\left\{v_i^{(1,1)}\right\}_{i=0}^n$       | $L(q; a)$                           | $U(q; a, b, c)$                     | $T(q; a, b, c)$           |
| $\left\{v_i^{(-1,1)}\right\}_{i=0}^n$      | $L(q; a^{-1})$                      | $U(q; a^{-1}, b, c^{-1})$           | $T(q; a^{-1}, b, c^{-1})$ |
| $\left\{v_i^{(1,\sigma)}\right\}_{i=0}^n$  | $T(q^{-1}; c^{-1}, b^{-1}, a^{-1})$ | $U(q^{-1}; c^{-1}, b^{-1}, a^{-1})$ | $L(q^{-1}; c^{-1})$       |
| $\left\{v_i^{(-1,\sigma)}\right\}_{i=0}^n$ | $T(q^{-1}; c, b^{-1}, a)$           | $U(q^{-1}; c, b^{-1}, a)$           | $L(q^{-1}; c)$            |

where  $K_4 = \{1, -1\} \times \{1, \sigma\}$  is a Klein group.

**Theorem 2.4.** The  $\Delta_q$ -module  $V_n(a, b, c)$  is irreducible if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $q^{2i} \neq 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ;
- (2)  $abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \{q^{n-2i+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be the set of the isomorphism classes of irreducible  $\Delta_q$ -modules with dimension  $n + 1$ . Then there exists a bijection  $\mathbf{T}/\{-1, 1\}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  given by

$$[a, b, c] \mapsto [V_n(a, b, c)], \quad [a, b, c] \in \mathbf{T}/\{-1, 1\}^3.$$

In the sequel, we always assume that  $q$  is not a root of unity, the values  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$  are fixed, and

$$\textbf{Condition A: } \quad abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \{q^{n-2i+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

Fix a set

$$\mathfrak{S} = \{(1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1)\}.$$

The parameters  $a, b, c$  in the Verma  $\Delta_q$ -module  $M_\lambda(a, b, c)$  are related with corresponding parameters of the Askey-Wilson polynomials  $\{p_i(X)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  in [5, Section 3.2]. If the **Condition A** fails, then there exist  $j(1 \leq j \leq n)$  and  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \in \mathfrak{S}$  such that  $a^{\varepsilon_1} b^{\varepsilon_2} c^{\varepsilon_3} = q^{n-2j+1}$ . In this case, the Askey-Wilson polynomials make sense only when  $0 \leq i \leq k$ , where

$$k = \min \{j \mid a^{\varepsilon_1} b^{\varepsilon_2} c^{\varepsilon_3} = q^{n-2j+1} \text{ for } (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \in \mathfrak{S}, 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

Also, we see that  $V_n(a, b, c)$  is not irreducible. Note that the actions of central elements  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are all fixed automatically, and we denote  $\Delta_q$  by  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  in this case. The structures of finite-dimensional  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module  $V_n(a, b, c)$  will be discussed.

### 3. The structures of $V_n(a, b, c)$

In this section, we consider  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module. Firstly, we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.1.** If the **Condition A** fails, then  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  has at most four isomorphism classes of  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional irreducible modules.

*Proof.* First of all, assume that  $abc \in \mathbf{T}_n$ , that is, there is  $j(1 \leq j \leq n)$  such that  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ .

Assume that  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  has an  $(n+1)$ -dimensional irreducible module  $V$ , we can get a triple  $(a', b', c')$  such that  $V \cong V_n(a', b', c')$  by Theorem 2.5. Obviously,  $(a', b', c') \notin [a, b, c]$ , otherwise,  $V_n(a', b', c') \cong V_n(a, b, c)$  is reducible. Let

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = & - \left[ (q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6}) a^2 b^3 \right] x^8 \\ & + \left[ (q^{n-2j+6} a^4 + q^{n-2j+6} a^2) b^4 + (q^{3n-6j+8} a^2 + q^{3n-6j+8}) b^2 \right] x^7 \\ & + \left[ (q^{n-2j+6} a^4 + q^{n-2j+6} a^2) b^5 + (q^{n-2j+6} a^4 + (2q^{3n-4j+8} + 2q^{n-4j+6} + q^{n-2j+6} \right. \\ & \left. + q^{3n-6j+8} + 2q^{4-n-4j} + 2q^{5n+4j+10}) a^2 + q^{3n-6j+8}) b^3 + (q^{3n-6j+8} a^2 + q^{3n-6j+8}) b \right] x^6 \\ & - \left[ (q^{n+6} + q^{4-n}) a^4 b^6 + ((q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{n-2j+6} + q^{n+6} + q^{4-n} + 3q^{4-n-2j} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +3q^{3n-2j+8})a^4 + (4q^{3n-4j+8} + 4q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{n-2j+6} + 3q^{4-n-2j} + 3q^{3n-2j+8})a^2 \\
& + q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6})b^4 + ((q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6})a^4 + (4q^{3n-4j+8} + 4q^{n-4j+6} \\
& + 3q^{3n-6j+8} + 3q^{n-6j+6} + 3q^{5n-6j+10})a^2 + q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{3n-6j+8} \\
& + 3q^{n-6j+6} + 3q^{5n-6j+10} + q^{5n-8j+10} + q^{3n-8j+8})b^2 + q^{5n-8j+10} + q^{3n-8j+8}]x^5 \\
& + [((3q^{n+6} + 3q^{4-n} + 4q^{n-2j+6} + q^{-n+4-2j} + q^{3n-2j+8} + q^{2-3n} + q^{3n+8})a^4 \\
& + (4q^{n-2j+6} + q^{3n-2j+8} + q^{4-n-2j})a^2)b^5 + ((3q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{3n-4j+8} + 4q^{n-2j+6} \\
& + q^{4-n-4j} + q^{4-n-2j} + q^{3n-2j+8} + q^{5n-4j+10})a^4 + (4q^{3n-6j+8} - q^{7n-4j+12} - q^{2-3n-4j} \\
& + 4q^{n-2j+6} + q^{n-6j+6} + q^{5n-6j+10} + q^{4-n-2j} + q^{3n-2j+8} + 8q^{3n-4j+8} + 8q^{n-4j+6} \\
& + 3q^{4-n-4j} + 3q^{5n-4j+10})a^2 + 3q^{3n-4j+8} + 3q^{n-4j+6} + 4q^{3n-6j+8} + q^{4-n-4j} + q^{n-6j+6} \\
& + q^{5n-4j+10} + q^{5n-6j+10})b^3 + ((4q^{3n-6j+8} + q^{n-6j+6} + q^{5n-6j+10})a^2 + 4q^{3n-6j+8} \\
& + q^{n-6j+6} + q^{5n-6j+10} + 3q^{5n-8j+10} + 3q^{3n-8j+8} + q^{n-8j+6} + q^{7n-8j+12})b]x^4 \\
& - [(q^{n+6} + q^{4-n})a^4b^6 + ((q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{n-2j+6} + q^{n+6} + q^{4-n} + 3q^{4-n-2j} \\
& + 3q^{3n-2j+8})a^4 + (4q^{3n-4j+8} + 4q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{n-2j+6} + 3q^{4-n-2j} + 3q^{3n-2j+8})a^2 \\
& + q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6})b^4 + ((q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6})a^4 + (4q^{3n-4j+8} + 4q^{n-4j+6} \\
& + 3q^{3n-6j+8} + 3q^{n-6j+6} + 3q^{5n-6j+10})a^2 + q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6} + 3q^{3n-6j+8} \\
& - 3q^{n-6j+6} + 3q^{5n-6j+10} + q^{5n-8j+10} + q^{3n-8j+8})b^2 + q^{5n-8j+10} + q^{3n-8j+8}]x^3 \\
& + [(q^{n-2j+6}a^4 + q^{n-2j+6}a^2)b^5 + (q^{n-2j+6}a^4 + (2q^{3n-4j+8} + 2q^{n-4j+6} + 2q^{5n-4j+10} \\
& + q^{n-2j+6} + q^{3n-6j+8} + 2q^{4-n-4j})a^2 + q^{3n-6j+8})b^3 + (q^{3n-6j+8}a^2 + q^{3n-6j+8})b]x^2 \\
& + [q^{n-2j+6}a^4 + q^{n-2j+6}a^2b^4 + (q^{3n-6j+8}a^2 + q^{3n-6j+8})b^2]x \\
& - [q^{3n-4j+8} + q^{n-4j+6}]a^2b^3.
\end{aligned}$$

By the direct calculation, we get that  $f(x) = x^8 f(x^{-1})$ . So, if  $f(x) = 0$ , then  $f(x^{-1}) = 0$ .

By the actions of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  as (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega(a', b', c') &= \omega(a, b, c), \\
\omega(b', c', a') &= \omega(b, c, a), \\
\omega(c', a', b') &= \omega(c, a, b).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Eliminating  $b'$  and  $c'$  from the Eq (3.1) implies that  $a'$  is the root of  $f(x) = 0$ . Since  $\mathbb{F}$  is an algebraically closed field, there are 8 roots  $a'$  that satisfy the above equation.

Since  $U(q; a', b', c') = U(q; a', b', c'^{-1})$  and  $\omega(q; a', b', c') = \omega(q; a', b', c'^{-1})$ , we can get that  $V_n(a', b', c') \cong V_n(a', b', c'^{-1})$  by (2.6)–(2.7). Also  $V_n(a', b', c') \cong V_n(a'^{-1}, b', c'^{-1})$  by Lemma 2.3, so we have  $V_n(a'^{-1}, b', c') \cong V_n(a', b', c')$ .

It follows that  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  has at most four  $(n+1)$ -dimensional irreducible module up to isomorphism. Other cases for  $a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1}$  belonging to  $\mathbf{T}_n$  can be similarly to discuss.

Therefore, there is at most four  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional irreducible  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module up to isomorphism if the **Condition A** fails.  $\square$

In the following, we discuss the structures of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  when  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$  are fixed and **Condition A** fails. For this purpose, we first give some notations.

For  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3), (\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3), (\varepsilon''_1, \varepsilon''_2, \varepsilon''_3) \in \mathfrak{S}$ , denote

$$V_1 = \sum_{i=j}^n \mathbb{F}v_i^{(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, 1)}, \quad V_2 = \sum_{i=k}^n \mathbb{F}v_i^{(\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, 1)}, \quad V_3 = \sum_{i=l}^n \mathbb{F}v_i^{(\varepsilon''_1, \varepsilon''_2, 1)}, \quad (3.2)$$

we have the following results.

**Theorem 3.2.** Assume that  $a^{\varepsilon_1} b^{\varepsilon_2} c^{\varepsilon_3} = q^{n-2j+1}$  for some  $j(1 \leq j \leq n)$  and  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Then

- 1)  $V_1$  is a submodule of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  and  $V_1 \cong V_{n-j}(q^j a^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}, q^j b, q^j c^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2})$ ;
- 2)  $V_n(a, b, c)/V_1 \cong V_{j-1}(q^{j-n-1} a^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}, q^{j-n-1} b, q^{j-n-1} c^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2})$ ;
- 3) the equivalent conditions of irreducibility of  $V_1$  are described as follows:

| $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$ | $V_1$ is irreducible  |
|---|---|
| $(1, 1, 1)$                                     | $a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$   |
| $(-1, 1, 1)$                                    | $a^2, b^{-2} \notin \{q^{2j-2i}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ ; |
| $(1, -1, 1)$                                    | $a^2, b^{-2}, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ and $j > \frac{n}{3}$                             |
| $(1, 1, -1)$                                    | $a^2, b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2n-2}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$    |

- 4) the equivalent conditions of maximality of  $V_1$  are described as follows:

| $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$ | $V_1$ is maximal   |
|---|--|
| $(1, 1, 1)$                                     | $a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j}   1 \leq i \leq j - 1\}$   |
| $(-1, 1, 1)$                                    | $a^2, b^{-2} \notin \{q^{2i+2j-2n-2}   1 \leq i \leq j - 1\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2n-2}   1 \leq i \leq j - 1\}$ . |
| $(1, -1, 1)$                                    | $a^2, b^{-2}, c^2 \notin \{q^{2n-2i-2j+2}   1 \leq i \leq j - 1\}$ with $j < \frac{2}{3}n + 1$                         |
| $(1, 1, -1)$                                    | $a^2, b^2 \notin \{q^{2n-2i-2j+2}   1 \leq i \leq j - 1\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2n-2i+2}   1 \leq i \leq j - 1\}$      |

*Proof.* We only prove the case when  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = (1, 1, 1)$ , the others are similar. At this time, by (3.2), we have

$$V_1 = \sum_{i=j}^n \mathbb{F}v_i^{(1,1)}.$$

For convenience, we denote

$$(a', b', c') = (q^j a, q^j b, q^j c), \quad (a'', b'', c'') = (q^{j-n-1} a, q^{j-n-1} b, q^{j-n-1} c).$$

1) Firstly, let us show that  $V_1$  is a submodule of  $V_n(a, b, c)$ .

By Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, the actions of  $A, B, \gamma$  on this basis  $\{v_i^{(1,1)} | 0 \leq i \leq n\}$  of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  are as follows:

$$Av_i^{(1,1)} = \theta_i(q; a)v_i^{(1,1)} + v_{i+1}^{(1,1)}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$Bv_i^{(1,1)} = \theta_i(q; b)v_i^{(1,1)} + \phi_i(q; a, b, c)v_{i-1}^{(1,1)}, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\gamma v_i^{(1,1)} = \omega(q; a, b, c)v_i^{(1,1)}. \quad (3.5)$$

By (3.3) and (3.5),  $V_1 = \sum_{k=j}^n \mathbb{F}v_k^{(1,1)}$  is an  $A$ - and  $\gamma$ -invariant subspace of  $V_n(a, b, c)$ , it is enough to show that  $V_1$  is  $B$ -invariant.

Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $\phi_j(q; a, b, c) = 0$  by direct calculation.

By (3.4), we know

$$Bv_j^{(1,1)} = \theta_j(q; b)v_j^{(1,1)}.$$

Therefore  $V_1$  is  $B$ -invariant and  $V_1$  is a  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -submodule of  $V_n(a, b, c)$ .

Now we show that  $V_1 \cong V_{n-j}(a', b', c')$ .

Let  $\{v_i'^{(1,1)} | 0 \leq i \leq n-j\}$  be a canonical basis of  $V_{n-j}(a', b', c')$ .

Construct a linear map  $\varphi : V_1 \rightarrow V_{n-j}(a', b', c')$  sending  $v_{j+k}^{(1,1)}$  to  $v_k'^{(1,1)}$ . Obviously,  $\varphi$  is bijective since  $\dim V_1 = \dim V_{n-j} = n-j+1$ . So it is enough to show that  $\varphi$  is a  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -modules homomorphism.

Since  $a' = q^j a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A\varphi(v_{j+k}^{(1,1)}) &= Av_k'^{(1,1)} \\ &= \theta_k(q^{n-j}, q; a')v_k'^{(1,1)} + v_{k+1}'^{(1,1)} \\ &= \theta_{j+k}(q^n, q; a)v_k'^{(1,1)} + v_{k+1}'^{(1,1)} \\ &= \varphi(\theta_{j+k}(q^n, q; a)v_{j+k}^{(1,1)} + v_{j+k+1}^{(1,1)}) \\ &= \varphi(Av_{j+k}^{(1,1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $B\varphi(v_{j+k}^{(1,1)}) = \varphi(Bv_{j+k}^{(1,1)})$  and  $\gamma\varphi(v_{j+k}^{(1,1)}) = \varphi(\gamma v_{j+k}^{(1,1)})$ .

Therefore,  $V_1 \cong V_{n-j}(q^j a, q^j b, q^j c)$  is a submodule of  $V_n(a, b, c)$ .

2)  $V_n(a, b, c)/V_1$  has a basis  $\{v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1 | 0 \leq i \leq j-1\}$  and let  $\{v_i''^{(1,1)} | 0 \leq i \leq j-1\}$  be a basis of  $V_{j-1}(a'', b'', c'')$ .

Define a map  $\psi : V_n(a, b, c)/V_1 \rightarrow V_{j-1}(a'', b'', c'')$  that sends  $v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1$  to  $v_i''^{(1,1)}$ . Obviously,  $\psi$  is bijective since  $\dim V_n(a, b, c)/V_1 = \dim V_{j-1}(a'', b'', c'') = j$ . So it is enough to show that  $\psi$  is a  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -modules homomorphism.

Since  $a'' = q^{j-n-1} a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A\psi(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1) &= Av_i''^{(1,1)} \\ &= \theta_i(q^{j-1}, q; a'')v_i''^{(1,1)} + v_{i+1}''^{(1,1)} \\ &= \theta_i(q^n, q; a)v_i''^{(1,1)} + v_{i+1}''^{(1,1)} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \psi(\theta_i(q^n, q; a)(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1) + (v_{i+1}^{(1,1)} + V_1)) \\
&= \psi(A(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1)).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $B\psi(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1) = \psi(B(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1))$  and  $\gamma\psi(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1) = \psi(\gamma(v_i^{(1,1)} + V_1))$ .

It follows that  $V_n(a, b, c)/V_1$  is isomorphic to  $V_{j-1}(a'', b'', c'')$ .

3) By 1), it is sufficient to describe the equivalent conditions for  $V_{n-j}(a', b', c')$  is irreducible or equivalently  $a'b'c', a'^{-1}b'c', a'b'^{-1}c', a'b'c'^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  by Theorem 2.4. Indeed

$$a'b'c', a'^{-1}b'c', a'b'^{-1}c', a'b'c'^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j} \iff a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}.$$

( $\implies$ ) Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$  and  $a'^{-1}b'c' = q^j a^{-1}bc = q^{n-j+1}a^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , we have  $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ .

Similarly, we can obtain that  $b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Assume that  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$  and  $a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ . Obviously,  $a'b'c' = q^{3j}abc = q^{n+j+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ , we have  $a'^{-1}b'c' = q^j a^{-1}bc = q^{n-j+1}a^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ , we have  $a'b'^{-1}c' = q^j ab^{-1}c = q^{n-j+1}b^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ , we have  $a'b'c'^{-1} = q^j abc^{-1} = q^{n-j+1}c^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

In summary,  $V_1$  is irreducible if and only if  $a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ .

4) By 2), it is sufficient to describe the equivalent conditions for  $V_n(a, b, c)/V_1 \cong V_{j-1}(a'', b'', c'')$  is irreducible or equivalently  $a''b''c'', a''^{-1}b''c'', a''b''^{-1}c'', a''b''c''^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1}$  by Theorem 2.4. Indeed

$$a''b''c'', a''^{-1}b''c'', a''b''^{-1}c'', a''b''c''^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1} \iff a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq j-1\}.$$

( $\implies$ ) Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , and  $a''^{-1}b''c'' = q^{j-n-1}a^{-1}bc = q^{-j}a^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1}$ , we have  $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq j-1\}$ .

Similarly, we can obtain that  $b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq j-1\}$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Assume that  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$  and  $a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq j-1\}$ . Obviously,  $a''b''c'' = q^{3j-3n-3}abc = q^{j-2-2n} = q^{j-2(n+1)} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1}$ .

Since  $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq j-1\}$ , we have  $a''^{-1}b''c'' = q^{j-n-1}a^{-1}bc = q^{-j}a^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1}$ .

Since  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ , we have  $a''b''^{-1}c'' = q^{j-n-1}ab^{-1}c = q^{-j}b^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1}$ .

Since  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$ , we have  $a''b''c''^{-1} = q^{j-n-1}abc^{-1} = q^{-j}c^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{j-1}$ .

In summary,  $V_1$  is maximal if and only if  $a^2, b^2, c^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq j-1\}$ .

This proof is finished.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Assume that  $a^{\varepsilon_1}b^{\varepsilon_2}c^{\varepsilon_3} = q^{n-2j+1}$  and  $a^{\varepsilon'_1}b^{\varepsilon'_2}c^{\varepsilon'_3} = q^{n-2k+1}$  for some  $j, k (1 \leq j, k \leq n)$  and  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3), (\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3) \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Then

1)  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -submodules of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  and

$$V_1 \cong V_{n-j}(q^j a^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}, q^j b, q^j c^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}), \quad V_2 \cong V_{n-k}(q^k a^{\varepsilon'_1 \varepsilon'_2}, q^k b, q^k c^{\varepsilon'_1 \varepsilon'_2});$$

- 2) if  $\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon'_1\varepsilon'_2$ , then  $V_2$  is reducible and  $V_1$  is a submodule of  $V_2$  when  $j > k$ ;  $V_1$  is reducible and  $V_2$  is a submodule of  $V_1$  when  $j < k$ ;  
 3) the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are described as follows:

| $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$<br>$(\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3)$ | $V_1$ is irreducible  | $V_2$ is irreducible  |
|---|---|---|
| $(1, 1, 1)$<br>$(-1, 1, 1)$   | $j > k - 1$ and<br>$b^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$                                   | $k > n - j$ and<br>$b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2i-2k-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$               |
| $(1, 1, 1)$<br>$(1, -1, 1)$   | $j > k - 1$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$                                   | $k > n - j$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2i+2k-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$               |
| $(1, 1, 1)$<br>$(1, 1, -1)$   | $j > k$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$                                       | $j < k$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2k-2j}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$                   |
| $(-1, 1, 1)$<br>$(1, -1, 1)$  | $j > \max\{k, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\}$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2j-2i}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ | $k > \max\{j, \frac{n}{3}\}$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2j-2i}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$ |
| $(-1, 1, 1)$<br>$(1, 1, -1)$  | $j > k - 1$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2j-2i}, q^{2i-2k+4j}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$                             | $k > j - 1$ and<br>$a^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2j-2i-4k}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$               |
| $(1, -1, 1)$<br>$(1, 1, -1)$  | $j > \max\{k - 1, \frac{n}{3}\}$ and<br>$b^2 \notin \{q^{2j-2i}, q^{2i-2k}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$           | $k > j - 1$ and<br>$b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2j-2i-4k}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$               |

*Proof.* 1) It can be implied directly by Theorem 3.2.

2) If  $\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon'_1\varepsilon'_2$ , it is obvious by (3.2).

3) We only prove the case when  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $(\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3) = (-1, 1, 1)$ , the others are similar. At this time, by (3.2), we have

$$V_1 = \sum_{i=j}^n \mathbb{F}v_i^{(1,1)} \cong V_{n-j}(q^j a, q^j b, q^j c), \tag{3.6}$$

$$V_2 = \sum_{i=k}^n \mathbb{F}v_i^{(1,1)} \cong V_{n-k}(q^k a^{-1}, q^k b, q^k c^{-1}). \tag{3.7}$$

For convenience, we denote

$$(a_1, b_1, c_1) = (q^j a, q^j b, q^j c), \quad (a_2, b_2, c_2) = (q^k a^{-1}, q^k b, q^k c^{-1}).$$

Firstly, we discuss the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_1$ .

By (3.6), it is sufficient to describe the equivalent conditions for  $V_{n-j}(a_1, b_1, c_1)$  is irreducible or equivalently  $a_1 b_1 c_1, a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1, a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1, a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  by Theorem 2.4. Indeed

$$a_1 b_1 c_1, a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1, a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1, a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j} \iff b^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k} | 1 \leq i \leq n - j\}, j > k - 1.$$

( $\implies$ ) Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1 = q^j a b^{-1} c = q^{n-j+1} b^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  and  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1 = q^j a^{-1} b c = q^{j+n-2k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , so  $j > k - 1$ . And  $a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} = q^j a b c^{-1} = q^{j-n+2k-1} b^2 \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , we have  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k} | 1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ .

Therefore,  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k} | 1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$  and  $j > k - 1$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k} | 1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$  and  $j > k - 1$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1 c_1 = q^{3j} abc = q^{n+j+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  and  $a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1 = q^j ab^{-1} c = q^{n-j+1} b^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1 = q^j a^{-1} bc = q^{j+n-2k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  and  $a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} = q^{j-n+2k-1} b^2 \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Therefore  $V_1$  is irreducible if and only if  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i}, q^{2i-2k} | 1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$  with  $j > k - 1$ .

Now we discuss the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_2$ .

Similarly, it is enough to show that

$$a_2 b_2 c_2, a_2^{-1} b_2 c_2, a_2 b_2^{-1} c_2, a_2 b_2 c_2^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k} \iff b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2i-2k-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n - k\}, k > n - j.$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_2 b_2 c_2 = q^{3k} a^{-1} bc^{-1} = q^{2k-n+2j-1} b^2 \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$ , so  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$ . And  $a_2 b_2^{-1} c_2 = q^k a^{-1} b^{-1} c^{-1} = q^{k-n+2j-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$ , so  $k > n - j$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_2^{-1} b_2 c_2 = q^k abc^{-1} = q^{3k-n-1} b^2 \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$ , so  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k} | 1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$ .

Therefore,  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2i-2k-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$  and  $k > n - j$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2i-2k-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$  and  $k > n - j$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_2 b_2^{-1} c_2 = q^k a^{-1} b^{-1} c^{-1} = q^{k-n+2j-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$  and  $a_2 b_2 c_2 = q^{3k} a^{-1} bc^{-1} = q^{2k-n+2j-1} b^2 \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_2 b_2 c_2^{-1} = q^k abc^{-1} = q^{n-k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$  and  $a_2^{-1} b_2 c_2 = q^k abc^{-1} = q^{3k-n-1} b^2 \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k}$ .

Therefore  $V_2$  is irreducible if and only if  $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2k}, q^{2i-2k-2j} | 1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$  with  $k > n - j$ .

This proof is finished. □

**Theorem 3.4.** Assume that  $a^{\varepsilon_1} b^{\varepsilon_2} c^{\varepsilon_3} = q^{n-2j+1}$ ,  $a^{\varepsilon'_1} b^{\varepsilon'_2} c^{\varepsilon'_3} = q^{n-2k+1}$ ,  $a^{\varepsilon''_1} b^{\varepsilon''_2} c^{\varepsilon''_3} = q^{n-2l+1}$ , for some  $j, k, l (1 \leq j, k, l \leq n)$  and  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3), (\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3), (\varepsilon''_1, \varepsilon''_2, \varepsilon''_3) \in \mathfrak{S}$ . If  $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon'_1 \varepsilon'_2$ , then

1)  $V_1, V_2$  and  $V_3$  are submodules of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  and

$$V_1 \cong V_{n-j}(q^j a^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}, q^j b, q^j c^{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}), \quad V_2 \cong V_{n-k}(q^k a^{\varepsilon'_1 \varepsilon'_2}, q^k b, q^k c^{\varepsilon'_1 \varepsilon'_2}), \quad V_3 \cong V_{n-l}(q^l a^{\varepsilon''_1 \varepsilon''_2}, q^l b, q^l c^{\varepsilon''_1 \varepsilon''_2});$$

2) if  $j > k$ ,  $V_2$  is reducible and  $V_1$  is a submodule of  $V_2$ ; if  $j < k$ ,  $V_1$  is reducible and  $V_2$  is a submodule of  $V_1$ ;

3) the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are described as follows:

| $(\varepsilon''_1, \varepsilon''_2, \varepsilon''_3)$ | $V_1$ is irreducible  | $V_2$ is irreducible  |
|---|---|---|
| $(1, 1, 1)$   | $j > \max\{k, n - l, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2j-2l}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$ | $k > \max\{j, \frac{n}{3}, n - l\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2k-2l}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$ |
| $(-1, 1, 1)$  | $j > \max\{k, l - 1\}$ and $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$                                  | $k > \max\{j, l - 1\}$ and $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2k-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$              |
| $(1, -1, 1)$  | $j > \max\{k, l - 1\}$ and $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$                                  | $k > \max\{j, l - 1\}$ and $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2k-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$              |
| $(1, 1, -1)$  | $j > \max\{k, l - 1, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\}$ and $a^2 \notin \{q^{2j-2i}   1 \leq i \leq n - j\}$    | $k > \max\{j, \frac{n}{3}, l - 1\}$ and $b^2 \notin \{q^{2k-2i}   1 \leq i \leq n - k\}$    |

4) the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_3$  are described as follows:

| $(\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3)$ | $V_3$ is irreducible  |
|--|---|
| $(1, 1, 1)$  | $l > \max\{j-1, k-1\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i}   1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$                    |
| $(-1, 1, 1)$                                       | $l > \max\{k-1, n-j\}$ and $b^2 \notin \{q^{2i-2j-2l}   1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$              |
| $(1, -1, 1)$                                       | $l > \max\{\frac{n}{3}, k-1, n-j\}$ and $a^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2l-2j}   1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$ |
| $(1, 1, -1)$                                       | $l > \max\{j-1, k-1\}$ and $c^2 \notin \{q^{-2i-2l}   1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$                |

*Proof.* 1) It is obvious by Theorem 3.3.

2) If  $\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon'_1\varepsilon'_2$ , then  $V_1 = \sum_{i=j}^n v_i^{(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2, 1)}$  and  $V_2 = \sum_{i=k}^n v_i^{(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2, 1)}$  by (3.2). Therefore, it is obvious.

We only prove the case of  $(\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3) = (1, 1, 1)$ , the others are similar. In this case,  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = (-1, 1, 1)$  and  $(\varepsilon'_1, \varepsilon'_2, \varepsilon'_3) = (1, -1, 1)$ . By (3.2), we get that

$$V_1 = \sum_{i=j}^n v_i^{(-1, 1)} \cong V_{n-j}(q^k a^{-1}, q^k b, q^k c^{-1}), \quad (3.8)$$

$$V_2 = \sum_{i=k}^n v_i^{(-1, 1)} \cong V_{n-k}(q^j a^{-1}, q^j b, q^j c^{-1}), \quad (3.9)$$

$$V_3 = \sum_{i=l}^n v_i^{(1, 1)} \cong V_{n-l}(q^l a, q^l b, q^l c). \quad (3.10)$$

For convenience, denote

$$(a_1, b_1, c_1) = (q^k a^{-1}, q^k b, q^k c^{-1}),$$

$$(a_2, b_2, c_2) = (q^j a^{-1}, q^j b, q^j c^{-1}),$$

$$(a_3, b_3, c_3) = (q^l a, q^l b, q^l c).$$

3) Firstly, we show the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_1$ .

By 2), the equivalent condition of irreducibility of  $V_1$  should be discussed in the case of  $j > k$ . By (3.8), it is sufficient to describe the equivalent conditions for  $V_{n-j}(a_1, b_1, c_1)$  is irreducible or equivalently  $a_1 b_1 c_1, a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1, a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1, a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  by Theorem 2.4. Indeed

$$a_1 b_1 c_1, a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1, a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1, a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j} \iff c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2j-2l} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}, j > \max\left\{n-l, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\right\}.$$

( $\implies$ ) Since  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1 c_1 = q^{3j} a^{-1} b c^{-1} = q^{3j-n+2k-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , so  $j > \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2l+1}$ , we have  $a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1 = q^j a b c^{-1} = q^{j+n-2l+1} c^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , so  $c^2 \notin q^{2i+2j-2l}$ . And  $a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1 = q^j a^{-1} b^{-1} c^{-1} = q^{j-n+2l-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , so  $j > n-l$ .

Therefore,  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2j-2l} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$  with  $j > \max\left\{n-l, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\right\}$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Assume that  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2j-2l} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$  and  $j > \max\left\{k, n-l, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\right\}$ .

Since  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1 c_1 = q^{3j} a^{-1} b c^{-1} = q^{3j-n+2k-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2l+1}$ , we have  $a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1 = q^j a b c^{-1} = q^{j+n-2l+1} c^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  and  $a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1 = q^j a^{-1} b^{-1} c^{-1} = q^{j-n+2l-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_1b_1c_1^{-1} = q^ja^{-1}bc = q^{n-j+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Therefore,  $V_1$  is irreducible if and only if  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2j-2l} | 1 \leq i \leq n-j\}$  with  $j > \max\{k, n-l, \frac{n}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\}$ .

Now we show the equivalent conditions of the irreducibility of  $V_2$ .

By 2), the equivalent condition of irreducibility of  $V_2$  should be discussed in the case of  $j < k$ . In this case, it is enough to show that

$$a_2b_2c_2, a_2^{-1}b_2c_2, a_2b_2^{-1}c_2, a_2b_2c_2^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-k} \iff c^2 \notin \{q^{2i+2k-2l} | 1 \leq i \leq n-k\}, k > \max\{\frac{n}{3}, n-l\}.$$

The proof is analogous to the above process omitted here.

$$a_3b_3c_3, a_3^{-1}b_3c_3, a_3b_3^{-1}c_3, a_3b_3c_3^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l} \iff c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-l\}, l > \max\{j-1, k-1\}.$$

( $\implies$ ) Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_3^{-1}b_3c_3 = q^la^{-1}bc = q^{l+n-2j+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$ , so  $l > j-1$ .

Since  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_3b_3^{-1}c_3 = q^lab^{-1}c = q^{l+n-2k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$ , so  $l > k-1$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2l+1}$ ,  $a_3b_3c_3^{-1} = q^labc^{-1} = q^{n-l+1}c^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$ , so  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$ .

Therefore,  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$  and  $l > \max\{j-1, k-1\}$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Assume that  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$  and  $l > \max\{j-1, k-1\}$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2l+1}$ , we have  $a_3b_3c_3 = q^{3l}abc = q^{n+l+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$  and  $a_3b_3c_3^{-1} = q^labc^{-1} = q^{n-l+1}c^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_3^{-1}b_3c_3 = q^la^{-1}bc = q^{l+n-2j+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$ .

Since  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_3b_3^{-1}c_3 = q^lab^{-1}c = q^{l+n-2k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-l}$ .

In summary,  $V_3$  is irreducible if and only if  $c^2 \notin \{q^{2i} | 1 \leq i \leq n-l\}$  with  $l > \max\{j-1, k-1\}$ .  $\square$

Denote

$$V_1 = \sum_{i=j}^n \mathbb{F}V_i^{(1,1)}, \quad V_2 = \sum_{i=k}^n \mathbb{F}V_i^{(-1,1)}, \quad V_3 = \sum_{i=l}^n \mathbb{F}V_i^{(-1,1)}, \quad V_4 = \sum_{i=m}^n \mathbb{F}V_i^{(1,1)}. \quad (3.11)$$

**Theorem 3.5.** Assume that  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ ,  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ ,  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2l+1}$  and  $abc^{-1} = q^{n-2m+1}$  for some  $j, k, l, m (1 \leq j, k, l, m \leq n)$ . Then

1)  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  and  $V_4$  are submodules of  $V_n(a, b, c)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &\cong V_{n-j}(q^ja, q^jb, q^jc), & V_2 &\cong V_{n-k}(q^ka^{-1}, q^kb, q^kc^{-1}), \\ V_3 &\cong V_{n-l}(q^la^{-1}, q^lb, q^lc^{-1}), & V_4 &\cong V_{n-m}(q^ma, q^mb, q^mc); \end{aligned}$$

2) we have the following statements:

|         |  |  |
|---------|--|--|
| $j > m$ | $V_1$ is irreducible $\iff$<br>$j > \max\{k-1, l-1\}$                | $V_4$ is reducible<br>$V_1$ is a submodule of $V_4$                |
| $j < m$ | $V_1$ is reducible<br>$V_4$ is a submodule of $V_1$                  | $V_4$ is irreducible $\iff$<br>$m > \{l-1, k-1\}$                  |
| $k > l$ | $V_2$ is irreducible $\iff$<br>$k > \max\{\frac{n-l}{2}, m-1, n-j\}$ | $V_3$ is reducible<br>$V_2$ is a submodule of $V_3$                |
| $k < l$ | $V_2$ is reducible<br>$V_3$ is a submodule of $V_2$                  | $V_3$ is irreducible $\iff$<br>$l > \max\{\frac{n}{3}, m-1, n-j\}$ |

*Proof.* 1) It is obvious by Theorem 3.2.

For convenience, denote

$$\begin{aligned}(a_1, b_1, c_1) &= (q^k a, q^k b, q^k c), & (a_2, b_2, c_2) &= (q^j a^{-1}, q^j b, q^j c^{-1}), \\ (a_3, b_3, c_3) &= (q^l a^{-1}, q^l b, q^l c^{-1}), & (a_4, b_4, c_4) &= (q^m a, q^m b, q^m c).\end{aligned}$$

2) Firstly, let us consider  $j > m$ .

If  $j > m$ , it is obvious that  $V_4$  is reducible,  $V_1$  is a submodule of  $V_4$  by (3.11). Also,  $V_1$  is irreducible if and only if  $V_{n-1}(a_1, b_1, c_1)$  is irreducible by 1), or equivalently  $a_1 b_1 c_1, a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1, a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1, a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$  by Theorem 2.4. Indeed

$$a_1 b_1 c_1, a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1, a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1, a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j} \iff j > \max\{k-1, l-1\}.$$

( $\implies$ ) Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1^{-1}b_1c_1 = q^j a^{-1}bc = q^{j+n-2k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , so  $j > k-1$ .

Since  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2l+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1 = q^j ab^{-1}c = q^{j+n-2l+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ , so  $j > l-1$ .

Therefore,  $j > \max\{k-1, l-1\}$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Assume that  $j > \max\{k-1, l-1\}$ .

Since  $abc = q^{n-2j+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1 c_1 = q^{3j} abc = q^{n+j+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $a^{-1}bc = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1^{-1} b_1 c_1 = q^j a^{-1} bc = q^{j+n-2k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $ab^{-1}c = q^{n-2l+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1^{-1} c_1 = q^j ab^{-1}c = q^{j+n-2l+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Since  $abc^{-1} = q^{n-2k+1}$ , we have  $a_1 b_1 c_1^{-1} = q^k a^{-1} bc = q^{n-k+1} \notin \mathbf{T}_{n-j}$ .

Therefore  $V_1$  is irreducible if and only if  $j > \max\{k-1, l-1\}$ .

Similarly, if  $j < m$ , we can get that  $V_1$  is reducible,  $V_4$  is a submodule of  $V_1$  by (3.11).  $V_4$  is irreducible if and only if  $m > \max\{k-1, l-1\}$  by 1).

The remain proof is similar to the above.  $\square$

#### 4. Some examples

Keeping all notations as the previous sections. Fixing  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$  and assuming that the **Condition A** fail or not, we give some examples to explain various structures of  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -modules.

**Example 4.1.** Assume that  $V_1(a, b, c)$  has the basis  $\{v_0^{(1,1)}, v_1^{(1,1)}\}$ .

(1) If we choose  $a, b, c$  such that  $abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_1 = \{1\}$ , then  $V_1(a, b, c)$  is an irreducible  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module by Theorem 2.4.

(2) If  $a = q, b = q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, c = q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(a, b, c) &= q^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}}, \\ \omega(b, c, a) &= q^3 + 2q + 2 + 2q^{-1} + q^{-3}, \\ \omega(c, a, b) &= q^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

By the tedious calculation, it concludes that  $\Delta_q(q^3 + 2q + 2 + 2q^{-1} + q^{-3}, q^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}}, q^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}})$  has three 2-dimensional irreducible modules up to isomorphism. We also have  $abc = 1 \in \mathbf{T}_1, a^{-1}bc = q^{-2} \notin \mathbf{T}_1, ab^{-1}c = q \notin \mathbf{T}_1, abc^{-1} = q \notin \mathbf{T}_1$ . By Theorem 3.2, we have  $V_1(q, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}})$  is reducible and for  $V = \mathbb{F}v_1^{(1,1)}$ ,

- (a)  $V$  is a submodule of  $V_1(q, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $V \cong V_0(q^2, q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^{\frac{1}{2}})$ ;  
 (b)  $V_1(q, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}})/V \cong V_0(1, q^{-\frac{3}{2}}, q^{-\frac{3}{2}})$ ;  
 (c)  $V$  is irreducible and maximal.

**Example 4.2.** Assume that  $V_3(a, b, c)$  has two bases  $\{v_0^{(1,1)}, v_1^{(1,1)}, v_2^{(1,1)}, v_3^{(1,1)}\}$  and  $\{v_0^{(-1,1)}, v_1^{(-1,1)}, v_2^{(-1,1)}, v_3^{(-1,1)}\}$ .

(1) If we choose  $a, b, c$  such that  $abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_3 = \{q^2, 1, q^{-2}\}$ , then  $V_3(a, b, c)$  is an irreducible  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module by Theorem 2.4.

(2) If  $a = q^{\frac{3}{2}}, b = q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, c = q$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(a, b, c) &= q^5 + q^3 + q^2 + q + q^{-1} + q^{-2} + q^{-3} + q^{-5}, \\ \omega(b, c, a) &= q^{\frac{11}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{11}{2}}, \\ \omega(c, a, b) &= q^{\frac{9}{2}} + q^{\frac{7}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{7}{2}} + q^{-\frac{9}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

By the tedious calculation, it concludes that  $\Delta_q(q^{\frac{11}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{11}{2}}, q^{\frac{9}{2}} + q^{\frac{7}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{7}{2}} + q^{-\frac{9}{2}}, q^5 + q^3 + q^2 + q + q^{-1} + q^{-2} + q^{-3} + q^{-5})$  has four 4-dimensional irreducible modules up to isomorphism. We also have  $abc = q^2 \in \mathbf{T}_3$ ,  $a^{-1}bc = q^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_3$ ,  $ab^{-1}c = q^3 \notin \mathbf{T}_3$ ,  $abc^{-1} = 1 \in \mathbf{T}_3$ . By Theorem 3.3, we have  $V_3(q^{\frac{3}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, q)$  is reducible and

(a)  $V_1, V_2$  are submodules of  $V_3(q^{\frac{3}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}, q)$  and

$$V_1 \cong V_2(q^{\frac{5}{2}}, q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^2), \quad V_2 \cong V_1(q^{\frac{7}{2}}, q^{\frac{3}{2}}, q^3);$$

(b)  $V_1$  is reducible and  $V_2$  is a submodule of  $V_1$ ;

(c)  $V_2$  is an irreducible module,

where  $V_1 = \mathbb{F}v_1^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)}$  and  $V_2 = \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)}$ .

(3) If  $a = q, b = q^{\frac{1}{2}}, c = q^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(a, b, c) &= q^{\frac{9}{2}} + q^{\frac{7}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{7}{2}} + q^{-\frac{9}{2}}, \\ \omega(b, c, a) &= q^5 + q^3 + q + 2 + q^{-1} + q^{-3} + q^{-5}, \\ \omega(c, a, b) &= q^{\frac{9}{2}} + q^{\frac{7}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{7}{2}} + q^{-\frac{9}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

By the tedious calculation, it concludes that  $\Delta_q(q^5 + q^3 + q + 2 + q^{-1} + q^{-3} + q^{-5}, q^{\frac{9}{2}} + q^{\frac{7}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{7}{2}} + q^{-\frac{9}{2}}, q^{\frac{9}{2}} + q^{\frac{7}{2}} + q^{\frac{5}{2}} + q^{\frac{3}{2}} + q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} + q^{-\frac{5}{2}} + q^{-\frac{7}{2}} + q^{-\frac{9}{2}})$  has three 4-dimensional irreducible modules up to isomorphism. We also have  $abc = q^2 \in \mathbf{T}_3$ ,  $a^{-1}bc = 1 \in \mathbf{T}_3$ ,  $ab^{-1}c = q \notin \mathbf{T}_3$  and  $abc^{-1} = q \notin \mathbf{T}_3$ . By Theorem 3.3, we have  $V_3(q, q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^{\frac{1}{2}})$  is reducible and

(a)  $V_1, V_2$  are submodules of  $V_3(q, q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^{\frac{1}{2}})$  and

$$V_1 \cong V_2(q^2, q^{\frac{3}{2}}, q^{\frac{3}{2}}), \quad V_2 \cong V_1(q, q^{\frac{5}{2}}, q^{\frac{3}{2}});$$

(b)  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are reducible,

where  $V_1 = \mathbb{F}v_1^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)}$  and  $V_2 = \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)}$ .

**Example 4.3.** Assume that  $V_4(a, b, c)$  has two bases  $\{v_0^{(1,1)}, v_1^{(1,1)}, v_2^{(1,1)}, v_3^{(1,1)}, v_4^{(1,1)}\}$  and  $\{v_0^{(-1,1)}, v_1^{(-1,1)}, v_2^{(-1,1)}, v_3^{(-1,1)}, v_4^{(-1,1)}\}$ .

(1) If we choose  $a, b, c$  such that  $abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_4 = \{q^3, q, q^{-1}, q^{-3}\}$ , then  $V_4(a, b, c)$  is an irreducible  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module by Theorem 2.4.

(2) If  $a = q^2, b = q^{-2}, c = q$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(a, b, c) &= q^6 + 2q^4 + 2 + 2q^{-4} + q^{-6}, \\ \omega(b, c, a) &= q^7 + 2q^3 + q + q^{-1} + 2q^{-3} + q^{-7}, \\ \omega(c, a, b) &= q^7 + 2q^3 + q + q^{-1} + 2q^{-3} + q^{-7}.\end{aligned}$$

By tedious calculation, it concludes that  $\Delta_q(q^7 + 2q^3 + q + q^{-1} + 2q^{-3} + q^{-7}, q^7 + 2q^3 + q + q^{-1} + 2q^{-3} + q^{-7}, q^6 + 2q^4 + 2 + 2q^{-4} + q^{-6})$  has three 5-dimensional irreducible module up to isomorphism. We also have  $abc = q \in \mathbf{T}_4, a^{-1}bc = q^{-3} \in \mathbf{T}_4, ab^{-1}c = q^5 \notin \mathbf{T}_4, abc^{-1} = q^{-1} \in \mathbf{T}_4$ . By Theorem 3.4, we have  $V_4(q^2, q^{-2}, q)$  is reducible and

(a)  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  are submodules of  $V_4(q^2, q^{-2}, q)$  and

$$V_1 \cong V_2(q^4, 1, q^3), \quad V_2 \cong V_1(q^5, q, q^4), \quad V_3 \cong V_0(q^2, q^2, q^3);$$

(b)  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are reducible,  $V_2$  is a submodule of  $V_1$ ;

(c)  $V_3$  is irreducible,

where  $V_1 = \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_4^{(1,1)}, V_2 = \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_4^{(1,1)}$  and  $V_3 = \mathbb{F}v_4^{(-1,1)}$ .

**Example 4.4.** Assume that  $V_5(a, b, c)$  has two bases  $\{v_0^{(1,1)}, v_1^{(1,1)}, v_2^{(1,1)}, v_3^{(1,1)}, v_4^{(1,1)}, v_5^{(1,1)}\}$  and  $\{v_0^{(-1,1)}, v_1^{(-1,1)}, v_2^{(-1,1)}, v_3^{(-1,1)}, v_4^{(-1,1)}, v_5^{(-1,1)}\}$ .

(1) If we choose  $a, b, c$  such that  $abc, a^{-1}bc, ab^{-1}c, abc^{-1} \notin \mathbf{T}_5 = \{q^4, q^2, 1, q^{-2}, q^{-4}\}$ , then  $V_5(a, b, c)$  is an irreducible  $\Delta_q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -module by Theorem 2.4.

(2) If  $a = q^2, b = q, c = q^{-1}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\omega(a, b, c) &= q^7 + q^5 + q^3 + q + q^{-1} + q^{-3} + q^{-5} + q^{-7}, \\ \omega(b, c, a) &= q^8 + q^4 + q^2 + 2 + q^{-2} + q^{-4} + q^{-8}, \\ \omega(c, a, b) &= q^7 + q^5 + q^3 + q + q^{-1} + q^{-3} + q^{-5} + q^{-7}.\end{aligned}$$

By tedious calculation, it concludes that  $\Delta_q(q^8 + q^4 + q^2 + 2 + q^{-2} + q^{-4} + q^{-8}, q^7 + q^5 + q^3 + q + q^{-1} + q^{-3} + q^{-5} + q^{-7}, q^7 + q^5 + q^3 + q + q^{-1} + q^{-3} + q^{-5} + q^{-7})$  has three 6-dimensional irreducible modules up to isomorphism. We also have  $abc = q^2 \in \mathbf{T}_5, a^{-1}bc = q^{-2} \in \mathbf{T}_5, ab^{-1}c = 1 \in \mathbf{T}_5, abc^{-1} = q^4 \in \mathbf{T}_5$ . By Theorem 3.5, we have  $V_5(q^2, q, q^{-1})$  is reducible and

(a)  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  and  $V_4$  are submodules of  $V_5(q^2, q, q^{-1})$  and

$$\begin{aligned}V_1 &\cong V_3(q^4, q^3, q), & V_2 &\cong V_1(q^2, q^5, q^5), \\ V_3 &\cong V_2(q, q^4, q^4), & V_4 &\cong V_4(q^3, q^2, 1); \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $V_1$  and  $V_4$  are reducible,  $V_1$  is a submodule of  $V_4$ ;

(c)  $V_3$  is reducible,  $V_2$  is a submodule of  $V_3$  and  $V_2$  is irreducible,

where  $V_1 = \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_4^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_5^{(1,1)}, V_2 = \mathbb{F}v_4^{(-1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_5^{(-1,1)}, V_3 = \mathbb{F}v_3^{(-1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_4^{(-1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_5^{(-1,1)}$  and  $V_4 = \mathbb{F}v_1^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_2^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_3^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_4^{(1,1)} + \mathbb{F}v_5^{(1,1)}$ .



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