Research Plan

The differential operator ${}^tf(\partial)$ determining the b-function of an invariant f on a flag manifold G/P is defined by a universal Verma module. This module is defined similarly to a usual Verma module by a scalar extension $R \otimes U(\mathfrak{g})$ of the enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})$ of $\mathfrak{g} = \mathrm{Lie}(G)$. Here R is a polynomial ring. For invariants on G/P, ideals of R are defined by universal Verma modules, and the generators of these ideals correspond to b-function.

In the case of the quantum analogue a universal Verma module is defined similarly. Then the coefficient ring R is a Laurent polynomial ring over the rational function field $\mathbb{C}(q)$. By the similar way "quantum differential operators" are defined, and quantum deformations of b-functions correspond to generators of ideals of R. I will research "quantum differential operators". For the prehomogeneous vector space (L, \mathfrak{m}^+) of commutative parabolic type associated with the simple Lie algebra of type A_{2n-1} , Noumi, Umeda and Wakayama were construct "quantum differential operators" by the R-matrix, and gave the quantum deformation of the b-function. I will consider the construction of R-matrices from "quantum differential operators" defined by universal Verma modules.

The b-function of the basic relative invariant f of (L, \mathfrak{m}^+) of type A_{2n-1} is calculate by the Capelli identity. The Capelli identity is the following:

$$\det(x_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le n} \det(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{ij}})_{1 \le i,j \le n} = \det\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{ki} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{kj}} + (n-j)\delta_{ij}\right)_{1 \le i,j \le n}.$$

The right hand side of the Capelli identity is in center of $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$. The left hand side is coincide with the operator $f^t f(\partial)$. I will study the central element corresponding to this operator $f^t f(\partial)$ in terms of universal Verma modules. Moreover I will study the existence of the corresponding central elements and the Capelli identity in the case of the quantum analogue. Since the unit of R is not only scalar in this cases, there is the question whether such central elements and the Capelli identity depend on the choice of generator of ideal of R. From this correspondence I want to get the new expression and properties of central elements of quantized enveloping algebras. I hope that the good relation between the center of the quantized enveloping algebra and "quantum differential operators".

I also have an interest in the space consisting of "quantum differential operators". Can this space be constructed in general? In the classical case, that is q=1, differential operators are generated by $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ and x_j , where $\{x_i\}$ is a coordinate system. In the quantum case are there the generators corresponding to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$? I want to investigate the structure of the space of "quantum differential operators".

Furthermore, I will construct "quantum differential operators" on a quantum analogue of a general algebraic variety with an action of an algebraic group except for G/P.