

Modular deformations of Lie algebras - from $sl(2)$ to Virasoro

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In this talk, I introduce new q-deformations of Lie algebras linked to the modular group and the q-rational numbers of Morier-Genoud and Ovsienko. In particular, a deformation of the Lie algebra $sl(2)$, the Witt algebra and a glimpse on the Virasoro algebra will be presented. These deformations are realized through concrete differential operators and lead to a new understanding of q-rationals.

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