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Generalized Schur Duality for Quantum Groups.

It has been known for some time that for the analogue V of the vector representation for quantum groups of classical Lie types the braid group generates the commutant of the action of the quantum group on tensor powers of V . This is generalized to spinor representations, where one has to make some well-known modifications for type D ; this was already necessary for the vector representation.

This statement is not true for exceptional Lie groups. However, it is still true for the minuscule representations for type E_6 and E_7 in a weaker sense, and may well be true for suitable representations of all exceptional groups. (Received September 20, 2005)