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The principal objective in this paper is to provide a monoidal categorification of the quantum cluster algebra structure on the unipotent quantum coordinate ring $A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w))$ associated with a symmetric Kac-Moody algebra \mathfrak{g} and a Weyl group element w .

Cluster algebras were introduced by *S. Fomin* and *A. Zelevinsky* [J. Am. Math. Soc. 15, No. 2, 497–529 (2002; [Zbl 1021.16017](#))] for studying total positivity and upper global bases, having found a lot of connections and applications in various fields of mathematics such as representation theory, Teichmüller theory, tropical geometry, integrable systems and Poisson geometry. A *cluster algebra* is a \mathbb{Z} -subalgebra of a rational function field by a set of generators called the *cluster variables*, which are grouped into possibly overlapping subsets, called the clusters, being defined inductively by what is called *mutation* from the *initial cluster* $\{X_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}$ under the control of an exchange matrix \tilde{B} . A monomial in each cluster is called a *cluster monomial*. Fomin and Zelevinsky established that every cluster variable is a Laurent polynomial of the initial cluster $\{X_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}$, conjecturing that this Laurent polynomial has positive coefficients. This *positivity conjecture* was settled for *skew-symmetric* cluster algebras in [*K. Lee* and *R. Schiffler*, Ann. Math. (2) 182, No. 1, 73–125 (2015; [Zbl 1350.13024](#))], while the *linearly independence conjecture* on cluster monomials was established also for *skew-symmetric* cluster algebras in [*G. Cerulli Irelli et al.*, Compos. Math. 149, No. 10, 1753–1764 (2013; [Zbl 1288.18011](#))].

Quantum cluster algebras as a q -analogue of cluster algebras were introduced by *A. Berenstein* and *A. Zelevinsky* [Adv. Math. 195, No. 2, 405–455 (2005; [Zbl 1124.20028](#))]. The commutation relation among the cluster variables is determined by a skew-symmetric matrix L , while every cluster variable belongs to $\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm 1/2}][X_i^{\pm 1}]_{1 \leq i \leq r}$, being expected to be an element of $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[q^{\pm 1/2}][X_i^{\pm 1}]_{1 \leq i \leq r}$ (the *quantum positivity conjecture* [*B. Davison et al.*, Compos. Math. 151, No. 10, 1913–1944 (2015; [Zbl 1345.14014](#)), Conjecture 4.7]). *Y. Kimura* and *F. Qin* [Adv. Math. 262, 261–312 (2014; [Zbl 1331.13016](#))] established the quantum positivity conjecture for quantum cluster algebras with acyclic seed and specific coefficients. The *unipotent quantum coordinate rings* $A_q(\mathfrak{n})$ and $A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w))$ are examples of quantum cluster algebras stemming from Lie theory, where the algebra $A_q(\mathfrak{n})$ is a q -deformation of the coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[N]$ of the unipotent subgroup, being isomorphic to the negative half $U_q^-(\mathfrak{g})$ of the quantum group as $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -algebras, while the algebra $A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w))$ is a $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -subalgebra of $A_q(\mathfrak{n})$ generated by a set of the *dual Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt basis elements* associated with a Weyl group element w . The unipotent quantum coordinate ring $A_q(\mathfrak{n})$ is of a very interesting basis, the so-called *upper global basis* \mathbf{B}^{up} . It was shown in [*C. Geiß et al.*, Adv. Math. 228, No. 1, 329–433 (2011; [Zbl 1232.17035](#)); Ann. Sci. Éc. Norm. Supér. (4) 38, No. 2, 193–253 (2005; [Zbl 1131.17006](#)); Sel. Math., New Ser. 19, No. 2, 337–397 (2013; [Zbl 1318.13038](#))] that the unipotent quantum coordinate ring $A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w))$ is of a skew-symmetric quantum cluster algebra structure whose initial cluster consists of what are called *unipotent quantum minors*. *Y. Kimura* [Kyoto J. Math. 52, No. 2, 277–331 (2012; [Zbl 1282.17017](#))] established that $A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w))$ is compatible with the upper global basis \mathbf{B}^{up} of $A_q(\mathfrak{n})$, encouraging one to anticipate that every cluster monomial of is contained in the upper global basis $\mathbf{B}^{\text{up}}(w)$. Therefore we have

Conjecture. ([*C. Geiß et al.*, Sel. Math., New Ser. 19, No. 2, 337–397 (2013; [Zbl 1318.13038](#)), Conjecture 12.9], [*Y. Kimura*, Kyoto J. Math. 52, No. 2, 277–331 (2012; [Zbl 1282.17017](#)), Conjecture 1.1 (2)]). When \mathfrak{g} is a symmetric Kac-Moody algebra, every quantum cluster monomial in

$$A_{q^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{n}(w)) = \mathbb{Q}(q^{1/2}) \otimes A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w))$$

belongs the upper global basis \mathbf{B}^{up} up to a power $q^{1/2}$.

The conjecture is to be put down as a reformulation of Berenstein-Zelevinsky’s ideas on the multiplicative properties of \mathbf{B}^{up} . There are already some partial results of this conjecture. It was established for $\mathfrak{g} = A_2, A_3, A_4$ and $A_q(\mathfrak{n}(w)) = A_q(\mathfrak{n})$ in [*A. Berenstein* and *A. Zelevinsky*, Adv. Sov. Math. 16, 51–89 (1993; [Zbl 0794.17007](#))] and [*C. Geiss et al.*, Compos. Math. 143, No. 5, 1313–1334 (2007; [Zbl 1132.17004](#)), §12].

It was shown in [*P. Lampe*, Int. Math. Res. Not. 2011, No. 13, 2970–3005 (2011; [Zbl 1273.17020](#)); *P. Lampe*, Proc. Lond. Math. Soc. (3) 108, No. 1, 1–43 (2014; [Zbl 1284.13031](#))] that, when $\mathfrak{g} = A_1^{(1)}$, A_n and w is a square of a Coxeter element, the cluster variables belong to the upper global basis. When \mathfrak{g} is symmetric and w is a square of a Coxeter element, the conjecture was established in [*Y. Kimura* and *F. Qin*, Adv. Math. 262, 261–312 (2014; [Zbl 1331.13016](#))]. *F. Qin* [Duke Math. J. 166, No. 12, 2337–2442 (2017; [Zbl 1454.13037](#))] has recently provided a proof of the conjecture for a large class with a condition on the Weyl element.

This paper establishes the above conjecture perfectly by demonstrating existence of a *monoidal categorification* of $A_{q^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{n}(w))$. *D. Hernandez* and *B. Leclerc* [in: Symmetries, integrable systems and representations. Proceedings of the conference on infinite analysis: frontier of integrability, Tokyo, Japan, July 25–29, 2011 and the conference on symmetries, integrable systems and representations, Lyon, France, December 13–16, 2011. London: Springer. 175–193 (2013; [Zbl 1317.13052](#))] introduced the notion of *monoidal categorification* of cluster algebras, establishing that certain categories of modules over symmetric quantum affine algebras $U'(\mathfrak{g})$ give monoidal categorification of some cluster algebras. *H. Nakajima* [Kyoto J. Math. 51, No. 1, 71–126 (2011; [Zbl 1223.13013](#))] has extended this result to cluster algebras of types *A*, *D* and *E*. This paper extends Hernandez and Leclerc’s notion of monoidal categorification to quantum cluster algebras.

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