## QUANTUM $SL(2,\mathbb{R})$ AND ITS IRREDUCIBLE REPRESENTATIONS

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Abstract: Let I and J be two orthogonal respectively left and right coideal \*-subalgebras of a dual pair of Hopf \*-algebras. We define the Drinfeld double coideal of J and I. Next, we define for 0 < q < 1 the unital \*-algebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{R}))$ , quantizing the universal enveloping \*-algebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{R})$ , as the Drinfeld double of the equatorial Podleś sphere coideal \*-subalgebra of  $O_q(SU(2))$  and its associated orthogonal coideal \*-subalgebra of  $U_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ . We finally classify its admissible irreducible \*-representations.