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*Schur Algebras in Type B*

In type A, the  $q$ -Schur algebra of Dipper and James forms a graded cellular quasi-hereditary cover of the Hecke algebra as the commutant via Jimbo's quantum Schur–Weyl duality. In type B, however, the commutant  $\mathcal{L}^n(m)$  and the quasi-hereditary cover  $\mathcal{S}^n(\Lambda)$  (the cyclotomic  $q$ -Schur algebra of Dipper, James and Mathas) are non-isomorphic. At generic parameters they are both Morita equivalent to the type B Hecke algebra, but this fails at special parameters. By realizing  $\mathcal{L}^n(m)$  as an idempotent truncation of  $\mathcal{S}^n(\Lambda)$  we leverage the well-known structure of the cyclotomic  $q$ -Schur algebra to investigate the representation theory of  $\mathcal{L}^n(m)$ .