# THE CHARACTER ALGEBRA FOR MODULE CATEGORIES OVER HOPF ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Given a finite dimensional Hopf algebra H and an exact indecomposable module category  $\mathcal{M}$  over  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ , we explicitly compute the adjoint algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$  as an object in the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules over H, and the space of class functions  $\operatorname{CF}(\mathcal{M})$  associated to  $\mathcal{M}$ , as introduced by K. Shimizu [14]. We use our construction to describe these algebras when H is a group algebra and a dual group algebra. This result allows us to compute the adjoint algebra for certain group-theoretical fusion categories.

#### INTRODUCTION

In the paper [13], the author introduces the notion of adjoint algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}}$ and the space of class functions  $CF(\mathcal{C})$  for an arbitrary finite tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$ . The adjoint algebra is defined as the end  $\int_{X \in \mathcal{C}} X \otimes X^*$ . The dual object  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}}^*$  is a crucial ingredient in Lyubashenko's theory of the modular group action in non semisimple tensor categories [8], [9].

Both, the adjoint algebra and the space of class functions, are interesting objects that generalize the well known adjoint representation and the character algebra of a finite group. In [13] many results concerning table of characters, conjugacy classes, and orthogonality relations of characters in finite group theory have been generalized to the setting of fusion categories. Also, in [15] the adjoint algebra was used to develop a theory of integrals for finite tensor categories.

Assume  $\mathcal{M}$  is an arbitrary module categories over a finite tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$ . In [14], the author introduces the notion of adjoint algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$  and the space of class functions  $CF(\mathcal{M})$  associated to  $\mathcal{M}$ , generalizing the definitions given in [13]. The main task of this paper is the explicit computation of those objects in the particular case  $\mathcal{C}$  is the representation category of a finite dimensional Hopf algebra.

Assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a finite tensor category, and  $\mathcal{M}$  an exact left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category with action functor  $\overline{\otimes} : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$ . Then, we can consider the

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functor  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{C} \to \operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M}), \ \rho_{\mathcal{M}}(X)(M) = X \overline{\otimes} M, \ X \in \mathcal{C}, \ M \in \mathcal{M}.$  Here Rex  $(\mathcal{M})$  denotes the category of right exact endofunctors of  $\mathcal{M}$ . The right adjoint of the action functor is  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\operatorname{ra}} : \operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M}) \to \mathcal{C}$ , explicitly described as

$$\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F) = \int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, F(M))$$

for any  $F \in \text{Rex}(\mathcal{M})$  [14, Thm. 3.4]. Here for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(M, -)$ is the right adjoint of the functor  $\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{M}$ ,  $X \mapsto X \otimes M$ . It is called the *internal Hom* of the module category  $\mathcal{M}$ . The adjoint algebra is defined as  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} = \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\text{ra}}(\text{Id }_{\mathcal{M}})$ . This object has a half-braiding  $\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}(X) : \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes X \to X \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$  defined as the unique morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(X \overline{\otimes} M) \otimes \operatorname{id}_{V}} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{End}}(X \overline{\otimes} M) \otimes X \\ & \sigma_{\mathcal{M}}(X) & & \downarrow^{\simeq} \\ & X \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}_{X} \otimes \pi_{\mathcal{M}}} X \otimes \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M, M) \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(X \overline{\otimes} M, M) \end{array}$$

is commutative. Here  $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(M) : \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \to \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)$  is the dinatural transformation of the end  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$ . Turns out that  $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \sigma_{\mathcal{M}})$  is a commutative algebra in the Drinfeld center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ . Although this description of the halfbraiding of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$  is rather clear, for us it was complicated to use it to make calculations in particular examples. However, there is another way of describing this structure.

If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule category, one can consider the *relative center*  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B})$ . When  $\mathcal{C}$  is considered as a bimodule over itself, the relative center coincides with the Drinfeld center. The correspondence  $\mathcal{B} \mapsto \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{B})$  is in fact part of a 2-functor

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}: {}_{\mathcal{C}}\operatorname{Bimod} \to \operatorname{Ab}_{\Bbbk},$$

where  $_{\mathcal{C}}$ Bimod is the 2-category of finite  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule categories, bimodule functors and bimodule natural transformations, and Ab<sub>k</sub> is the 2-category of finite abelian k-linear categories. Both categories, Rex ( $\mathcal{M}$ ) and  $\mathcal{C}$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule categories. Turns out that  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{ra}$  has a  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule structure [14, Section 3.4]. Applying the 2-functor  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}$  one obtains a functor  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{ra})$  :  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\text{Rex}(\mathcal{M})) \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^* \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ . Hence  $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \sigma_{\mathcal{M}}) = \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{ra})(\text{Id }_{\mathcal{M}})$ .

Assume H is a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. If  $\mathcal{M}$  is an exact indecomposable module category over  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ , we describe explicitly the adjoint algebra  $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \sigma_{\mathcal{M}})$  and the space of class functions  $\operatorname{CF}(\mathcal{M})$ . For this purpose, we need to explain all ingredients in the construction of those objects. Our description of both algebras relies heavily on the explicit description of module categories over Hopf algebras. In Section 3 we embark on this task. Module categories over  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$  are categories  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  of finite dimensional left K-modules, where K are certain H-comodule algebras. We also recall how to describe module functor categories, and that there is a monoidal equivalence  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)^*_{K\mathcal{M}} \simeq {}_{K}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ . This equivalence will be used when explaining the functor  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\rho^{\operatorname{ra}}_{\mathcal{M}})$ . Another ingredient is the internal Hom. In this section we also describe, in a precise way, the internal Hom of the module category  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$ . In Section 4, after recalling the definitions of [14], for an object  $P \in {}_{K}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , representing a module functor in  $F_{P} \in \operatorname{End}_{\operatorname{Rep}(H)}({}_{K}\mathcal{M})$ , we explicitly give the structure of the functor

$$F_P \mapsto \int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, F_P(M)).$$

For this we compute, in an explicit way, the end  $\int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, F_P(M))$  as an object in the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  of Yetter-Drinfeld modules over H. In Section 5, we illustrate this description in the particular cases when H is a group algebra or its dual. As a direct consequence, we compute the adjoint algebra and the space of class functions for certain group-theoretical fusion categories.

# 1. Preliminaries

Let k be an algebraically closed field. All algebras are assumed to be over k. If A is an algebra, we shall denote by  $_{A}\mathcal{M}$  (respectively  $\mathcal{M}_{A}$ ) the category of finite dimensional left A-modules (respectively right A-modules). If A, B are two algebras, we shall denote by  $_{B}\mathcal{M}_{A}$  the category of finite dimensional (B, A)-modules. From now on, all categories are assumed to be abelian k-linear, and all functors are k-linear.

1.1. Hopf algebras. For a Hopf algebra H, we shall denote by  $\Delta : H \to H \otimes_{\Bbbk} H$  the comultiplication,  $S : H \to H$  the antipode, and  $\epsilon : H \to \Bbbk$  the counit. We shall use Sweedler's notation:  $\Delta(h) = h_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)}, h \in H$ . The category  ${}_{H}\mathcal{M}$  has a canonical structure of tensor category with monoidal product given by  $\otimes_{\Bbbk}$ . We shall denote this tensor category by  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ .

For a finite dimensional Hopf algebra H, we shall denote by  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  the category of finite-dimensional Yetter-Drinfeld modules. An object  $V \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is a left H-module  $\cdot : H \otimes_{\Bbbk} V \to V$ , and a left H-comodule  $\lambda : V \to H \otimes_{\Bbbk} V$  such that

(1.1) 
$$\lambda(h \cdot v) = h_{(1)}v_{(-1)}\mathcal{S}(h_{(3)}) \otimes h_{(2)} \cdot v_{(0)},$$

for any  $h \in H, v \in V$ . If  $V \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , the map  $\sigma_{X} : V \otimes_{\Bbbk} X \to X \otimes_{\Bbbk} V$ , given by  $\sigma_{X}(v \otimes x) = v_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes v_{(0)}$  is a half-braiding for V, and this correspondence establishes a monoidal equivalence  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D \simeq \mathcal{Z}(\operatorname{Rep}(H))$ .

# 1.2. Finite categories. A category C is finite [4] if

- it has finitely many simple objects;
- each simple object X has a projective cover P(X);
- the Hom spaces are finite-dimensional;
- each object has finite length.

Equivalently, a category is finite if it is equivalent to a category  ${}_{A}\mathcal{M}$  for some finite dimensional algebra A.

If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are two finite categories, and  $F : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a functor, we shall denote by  $F^{\text{la}}, F^{\text{ra}} : \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{M}$ , its left adjoint, respectively right adjoint of F, if it exists. We shall also denote by  $\text{Rex}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  the category of right exact functors from  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{N}$ .

1.3. Ends and coends. We briefly recall the notion of end and coend. The reader is referred to [10]. Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  be categories, and let  $S, T : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  be functors. A *dinatural transformation*  $\xi : S \xrightarrow{\sim} T$  is a collection of morphisms in  $\mathcal{D}$ 

$$\xi_X : S(X, X) \to T(X, X), \quad X \in \mathcal{C},$$

such that for any morphism  $f: X \to Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ 

(1.2) 
$$T(\operatorname{id}_X, f) \circ \xi_X \circ S(f, \operatorname{id}_X) = T(f, \operatorname{id}_Y) \circ \xi_Y \circ S(\operatorname{id}_Y, f).$$

An end of S is a pair (E, p) consisting of an object  $E \in \mathcal{D}$  and a dinatural transformation  $p : E \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} S$  satisfying the following universal property. For any pair (D, q) consisting of an object  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  and a dinatural transformation  $q : D \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} S$ , there exists a unique morphism  $h : D \to E$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  such that  $q_X = p_X \circ h$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ . A coend of S is the dual notion of an end, this means that it is a pair  $(C, \pi)$  consisting of an object  $C \in \mathcal{D}$  and a dinatural transformation  $\pi : S \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} C$  with the following universal property. For any pair (B, t), where  $B \in \mathcal{D}$  is an object and  $t : S \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} B$  is a dinatural transformation, there exists a unique morphism  $h : C \to B$  such that  $h \circ$  $\pi_X = t_X$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ .

The end and coend of the functor S are denoted, respectively, as

$$\int_{X \in \mathcal{C}} S(X, X) \quad \text{and} \quad \int^{X \in \mathcal{C}} S(X, X).$$

#### 2. Representations of tensor categories

For basic notions on finite tensor categories we refer to [2], [4]. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a finite tensor category over  $\Bbbk$ . A (left) *module* over  $\mathcal{C}$  is a finite category  $\mathcal{M}$  together with a  $\Bbbk$ -bilinear bifunctor  $\overline{\otimes} : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$ , exact in each variable, endowed with natural associativity and unit isomorphisms

$$m_{X,Y,M}: (X \otimes Y) \overline{\otimes} M \to X \overline{\otimes} (Y \overline{\otimes} M), \quad \ell_M: \mathbf{1} \overline{\otimes} M \to M.$$

These isomorphisms are subject to the following conditions:

$$(2.1) \qquad m_{X,Y,Z\overline{\otimes}M} \ m_{X\otimes Y,Z,M} = (\mathrm{id}_X \overline{\otimes} m_{Y,Z,M}) \ m_{X,Y\otimes Z,M}(\alpha_{X,Y,Z} \overline{\otimes} \mathrm{id}_M),$$

(2.2) 
$$(\operatorname{id}_X \overline{\otimes} l_M) m_{X,\mathbf{1},M} = r_X \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{id}_M,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}, M \in \mathcal{M}$ . Here  $\alpha$  is the associativity constraint of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Sometimes we shall also say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module or a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  be a pair of  $\mathcal{C}$ -modules. A module functor is a pair (F, c), where  $F : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}'$  is a functor equipped with natural isomorphisms

$$c_{X,M}: F(X\overline{\otimes}M) \to X\overline{\otimes}F(M),$$

 $X \in \mathcal{C}, M \in \mathcal{M}$ , such that for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}, M \in \mathcal{M}$ :

(2.3) 
$$(\operatorname{id}_X \overline{\otimes} c_{Y,M}) c_{X,Y \overline{\otimes} M} F(m_{X,Y,M}) = m_{X,Y,F(M)} c_{X \otimes Y,M}$$

(2.4) 
$$\ell_{F(M)} c_{\mathbf{1},M} = F(\ell_M).$$

There is a composition of module functors: if  $\mathcal{M}''$  is another  $\mathcal{C}$ -module and  $(G, d) : \mathcal{M}' \to \mathcal{M}''$  is another module functor then the composition

(2.5)  $(G \circ F, e) : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}'', \qquad e_{X,M} = d_{X,F(M)} \circ G(c_{X,M}),$ 

is also a module functor.

A natural module transformation between module functors (F, c) and (G, d) is a natural transformation  $\theta : F \to G$  such that for any  $X \in C$ ,  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ :

(2.6) 
$$d_{X,M}\theta_{X\overline{\otimes}M} = (\operatorname{id}_X \overline{\otimes} \theta_M)c_{X,M}.$$

Two module functors F, G are *equivalent* if there exists a natural module isomorphism  $\theta : F \to G$ . We denote by  $\operatorname{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$  the category whose objects are module functors (F, c) from  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{M}'$  and arrows module natural transformations.

Two  $\mathcal{C}$ -modules  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  are *equivalent* if there exist module functors  $F: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}', G: \mathcal{M}' \to \mathcal{M}$ , and natural module isomorphisms  $\mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{M}'} \to F \circ G$ ,  $\mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{M}} \to G \circ F$ .

A module is *indecomposable* if it is not equivalent to a direct sum of two non trivial modules. Recall from [4], that a module  $\mathcal{M}$  is *exact* if for any projective object  $P \in \mathcal{C}$  the object  $P \otimes M$  is projective in  $\mathcal{M}$ , for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is an exact indecomposable module category over  $\mathcal{C}$ , the dual category  $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}} = \operatorname{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$  is a finite tensor category [4]. The tensor product is the composition of module functors.

A right module category over  $\mathcal{C}$  is a finite category  $\mathcal{M}$  equipped with an exact bifunctor  $\overline{\otimes} : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{M}$  and natural isomorphisms

$$\widetilde{m}_{M,X,Y}: M\overline{\otimes}(X\otimes Y) \to (M\overline{\otimes}X)\overline{\otimes}Y, \quad r_M: M\overline{\otimes}\mathbf{1} \to M$$

such that

$$(2.7) \qquad \widetilde{m}_{M\overline{\otimes}X,Y,Z} \ \widetilde{m}_{M,X,Y\otimes Z} (\mathrm{id}_{M}\overline{\otimes}a_{X,Y,Z}) = (\widetilde{m}_{M,X,Y}\otimes \mathrm{id}_{Z}) \ \widetilde{m}_{M,X\otimes Y,Z}$$

(2.8) 
$$(r_M \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{id}_X) \widetilde{m}_{M,\mathbf{1},X} = \operatorname{id}_M \overline{\otimes} l_X.$$

If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$  are right  $\mathcal{C}$ -modules, a module functor from  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{M}'$  is a pair (T, d) where  $T : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}'$  is a functor and  $d_{M,X} : T(M \otimes X) \to T(M) \otimes X$  are natural isomorphisms such that for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}, M \in \mathcal{M}$ :

(2.9) 
$$(d_{M,X} \otimes \operatorname{id}_Y) d_{M \otimes X,Y} T(m_{M,X,Y}) = m_{T(M),X,Y} d_{M,X \otimes Y},$$

(2.10) 
$$r_{T(M)} d_{M,1} = T(r_M).$$

Assume that  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are categories,  $F : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a functor with right adjoint  $G : \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{M}$ . We shall denote by  $\epsilon : F \circ G \to \mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{N}}, \eta : \mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{M}} \to G \circ F$ , the counit and unit of the adjunction. The next result will be needed later.

Lemma 2.1. [5, Lemma 2.11] The following holds.

(i) If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories and  $(F, c) : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a module functor then G has a module functor structure given by

$$e_{X,N}^{-1} = G(\operatorname{id}_X \overline{\otimes} \epsilon_N) G(c_{X,G(N)}) \eta_{X \overline{\otimes} G(N)},$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ .

(ii) If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are right  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories and  $(F, d) : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a module functor then G has a module functor structure given by

$$h_{N,X}^{-1} = G(\epsilon_N \overline{\otimes} \mathrm{id}_X) G(d_{G(N),X}) \eta_{G(N) \overline{\otimes} X},$$
  
for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}, N \in \mathcal{N}.$ 

2.1. Bimodule categories. Assume  $\mathcal{D}$  is another finite tensor category. A  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ -bimodule category is a category  $\mathcal{M}$  with left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category and right  $\mathcal{D}$ -module category structure together with natural isomorphisms

(2.11) 
$$\gamma_{X,M,Y} : (X \overline{\otimes} M) \overline{\otimes} Y \to X \overline{\otimes} (M \overline{\otimes} Y)$$

$$(2.13) \qquad (X\overline{\otimes}M)\overline{\otimes}(Y\otimes Z) \xrightarrow{\gamma} X\overline{\otimes}(M\overline{\otimes}(Y\otimes Z)) ,$$

$$\begin{array}{c} m^{r} \downarrow \\ ((X\overline{\otimes}M)\overline{\otimes}Y)\otimes Z \\ \gamma \otimes \mathrm{id} \downarrow \\ (X\overline{\otimes}(M\overline{\otimes}Y))\otimes Z \xrightarrow{\gamma} X\overline{\otimes}((M\overline{\otimes}Y)\overline{\otimes}Z), \end{array}$$

where  $m^l$  and  $m^r$  are the associativity isomorphisms of the left, respectively right, module category. If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ -bimodule categories, a *bimodule* functor is a triple  $(F, c, d) : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$ , where (F, c) is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module functor, (F, d) is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -module functor and equation

(2.15) 
$$\gamma_{X,F(M),Y}(c_{X,M}\overline{\otimes}\mathrm{id}_Y)d_{X\overline{\otimes}M,Y} = (\mathrm{id}_X\overline{\otimes}d_{M,Y})c_{X,M\overline{\otimes}Y}F(\gamma_{X,M,Y}),$$

is fulfilled for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}, Y \in \mathcal{D}, M \in \mathcal{M}$ .

It is known that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ -bimodule category if and only if it is a left  $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}$ -module category, and a bimodule functor is the same as a  $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}$ -module functor. See for example [7].

If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories, then  $\operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule category as follows. If  $X \in \mathcal{C}, F \in \operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}), M \in \mathcal{M}$ , then

(2.16) 
$$(X\overline{\otimes}F)(M) = X\overline{\otimes}F(M), \quad (F\overline{\otimes}X)(M) = F(X\overline{\otimes}M).$$

2.2. The internal Hom. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a tensor category and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a left  $\mathcal{C}$ module category. For any pair of objects  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$ , the *internal Hom* is an
object  $\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, N) \in \mathcal{C}$  representing the functor  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(-\overline{\otimes}M, N) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow$ vect  $_{\Bbbk}$ . This means that there are natural isomorphisms, one the inverse of
each other,

(2.17) 
$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{M,N}^X : \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, N)) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \overline{\otimes} M, N), \\ \psi_{M,N}^X : \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \overline{\otimes} M, N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, N)), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}, X \in \mathcal{C}$ . Sometimes we shall denote the internal Hom of the module category  $\mathcal{M}$  by  $\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}_{\mathcal{M}}$  to emphasize that it is related to this module category.

For any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$  define

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{coev}_{X,M}^{\mathcal{M}} &: X \to \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M, X \overline{\otimes} M), \quad \operatorname{ev}_{M,N}^{\mathcal{M}} &: \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M, N) \overline{\otimes} M \to N, \\ \operatorname{coev}_{X,M}^{\mathcal{M}} &= \psi_{M,X \overline{\otimes} M}^{X} (\operatorname{id}_{X \overline{\otimes} M}), \quad \operatorname{ev}_{M,N}^{\mathcal{M}} &= \phi_{M,N}^{\operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M,N)} (\operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M,N)}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Define also} f_{M} &= \operatorname{ev}_{M,M}^{\mathcal{M}} (\operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M,M)} \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{ev}_{M,M}^{\mathcal{M}}), \text{ and} \\ \operatorname{comp}_{M}^{\mathcal{M}} &: \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M, M) \otimes \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M, M) \to \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M, M), \\ \operatorname{comp}_{M}^{\mathcal{M}} &= \psi_{M,M}^{\operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M,M) \otimes \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}(M,M)} (f_{M}). \end{aligned}$$

It is known, see [4], that  $\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, M)$  is an algebra in the category  $\mathcal{C}$  with product given by  $\operatorname{comp}_{M}^{\mathcal{M}}$ .

2.3. The relative center. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a tensor category and  $\mathcal{M}$  a  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule category. The *relative center* of  $\mathcal{M}$  is the category of  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule functors from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{M}$ . We denote the relative center of  $\mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$ . Explicitly, objects of  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$  are pairs  $(\mathcal{M}, \sigma)$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is an object of  $\mathcal{M}$  and

$$\sigma_X: M\overline{\otimes}X \xrightarrow{\sim} X\overline{\otimes}M$$

is a family of natural isomorphisms such that

(2.18) 
$$m_{X,Y,M}^{l}\sigma_{X\otimes Y} = (\operatorname{id}_{X}\overline{\otimes}\sigma_{Y})\gamma_{X,M,Y}(\sigma_{X}\overline{\otimes}\operatorname{id}_{Y})m_{M,X,Y}^{r}$$

where  $\gamma_{X,M,Y} : (X \otimes M) \otimes Y \to X \otimes (M \otimes Y)$  are the associativity constraints of the left and right actions on  $\mathcal{M}$ , see (2.11). The isomorphism  $\sigma$  is called the *half-braiding* for M.

As explained in [14, Section 3.6], the relative center can be thought of as a 2-functor

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}: {}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{B}imod \to \operatorname{Ab}_{\Bbbk},$$

where  $_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{B}imod$  is the 2-category whose 0-cells are  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule categories, 1-cells are bimodule functors and 2-cells are bimodule natural transformations. Also Ab<sub>k</sub> is the 2-category of finite k-linear abelian categories. If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule categories, then  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$  is the relative center. If  $(F, c, d) : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$  is a bimodule functor, then  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(F) : \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}) \to \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{N})$  is the functor  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(F)(M, \sigma) = (F(M), \widetilde{\sigma})$ , where  $\widetilde{\sigma}_X : F(M) \otimes X \to X \otimes F(M)$ is defined as

(2.19) 
$$\widetilde{\sigma}_X = c_{X,M} F(\sigma_X) d_{M,X}^{-1}$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ .

The following example is [14, Example 3.11].

**Example 2.2.** If  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are exact  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories, then  $\operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule category, see (2.16). In this case there exists an equivalence  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})) \simeq \operatorname{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}).$ 

**Example 2.3.** When C is considered as a C-bimodule category, then  $\mathcal{Z}_{C}(C) = \mathcal{Z}(C)$  is the usual center of the category C.

Remark 2.4. If  $(X, \sigma) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category, then the functor  $L_{(X,\sigma)} : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$  given by  $L_{(X,\sigma)}(\mathcal{M}) = X \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{M}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module functor. The module structure is given by

$$c_{Y,M}^{(X,\sigma)}: X\overline{\otimes}(Y\overline{\otimes}M) \to Y\overline{\otimes}(X\overline{\otimes}M),$$
  
$$c_{Y,M}^{(X,\sigma)} = m_{Y,X,M}(\sigma_Y\overline{\otimes}\mathrm{id}_M)m_{X,Y,M}^{-1},$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}, M \in \mathcal{M}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** For any exact indecomposable left C-module category  $\mathcal{M}$ , we shall denote by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}) \to \mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad (V, \sigma) \mapsto V,$$

the forgetful functor. In particular  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{C}$  is the usual forgetful functor.

2.4. Morita invariance of the Drinfeld center. Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an exact indecomposable module category over  $\mathcal{C}$ . Using results of P. Schauenburg [12], K. Shimizu proved in [14, Section 3.7] that there exists a braided monoidal equivalence

$$\theta_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}).$$

For later uses, we shall recall the definition of this equivalence. Let  $(V, \sigma) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ . Then  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma) : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$  is the functor defined as  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma)(M) = V \otimes M$ , for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ . The module structure of the functor  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma)$  is

$$c_{X,M}: \theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V,\sigma)(X\overline{\otimes}M) = V\overline{\otimes}(X\overline{\otimes}M) \to X\overline{\otimes}(V\overline{\otimes}M),$$

given by the composition

$$V\overline{\otimes}(X\overline{\otimes}M) \xrightarrow{m_{V,X,M}^{-1}} (V \otimes X)\overline{\otimes}M \xrightarrow{\sigma_X\overline{\otimes}\mathrm{id}} (X \otimes V)\overline{\otimes}M \xrightarrow{m_{X,V,M}} X\overline{\otimes}(V\overline{\otimes}M).$$

Then  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma)$  becomes a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module functor. It remains to explain how the functor  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma)$  is an object in the center of  $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}$ . For any  $(F, d) \in \mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}$  we have to define a half-braiding  $\tau_{(F,d)} : \theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma) \circ (F, d) \to (F, d) \circ \theta_{\mathcal{M}}(V, \sigma)$ . This is the module natural transformation defined by

(2.20)  $(\tau_{(F,d)})_M : V \overline{\otimes} F(M) \to F(V \overline{\otimes} M), \quad (\tau_{(F,d)})_M = d_{V,M}^{-1},$ 

for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ .

### 3. MODULE CATEGORIES OVER HOPF ALGEBRAS

Throughout this section H will denote a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. We shall present families of module categories over Rep(H), and compute explicitly its internal Hom and their module functor categories.

If  $\lambda : K \to H \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$  is a left *H*-comodule algebra then the category of finite-dimensional left *K*-modules  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  is a module category over  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ with action  $\overline{\otimes}$  :  $\operatorname{Rep}(H) \times {}_{K}\mathcal{M} \to {}_{K}\mathcal{M}, \ X \overline{\otimes} M = X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M$ , for all  $X \in$  $\operatorname{Rep}(H), M \in {}_{K}\mathcal{M}$ . The left *K*-module structure on  $X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M$  is given by  $\lambda$ , that is, if  $k \in K, x \in X, m \in M$  then

$$k \cdot (x \otimes m) = \lambda(k)(x \otimes m) = k_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes k_{(0)} \cdot m.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** [1, Prop.1.20] If K is right H-simple then  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  is an exact indecomposable module category over Rep(H). Moreover, if  $\mathcal{M}$  is an exact indecomposable module category over Rep(H), there exists a right H-simple left H-comodule algebra K, with trivial coinvariants, such that  $\mathcal{M} \simeq {}_{K}\mathcal{M}$ .

Remark 3.2. If K, S are isomorphic H-comodule algebras, then the categories  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}, {}_{S}\mathcal{M}$  are equivalent as  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ -module categories. The converse is not always true.

3.1. The internal Hom. We shall explicitly compute the internal Hom of module categories over  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ .

If M, N are left K-modules, then the space  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N)$  has a left H-action given by

$$(h \cdot \alpha)(t \otimes m) = \alpha(th \otimes m),$$

for any  $h, t \in H$ ,  $\alpha \in \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N)$ ,  $m \in M$ . We can identify the space  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N)$  with the subspace of  $H^{*} \otimes_{\Bbbk} \operatorname{Hom}_{\Bbbk}(M, N)$  consisting of elements  $\sum_{i} f_{i} \otimes T_{i} \in H^{*} \otimes_{\Bbbk} \operatorname{Hom}_{\Bbbk}(M, N)$  such that

(3.1) 
$$\sum_{i} \langle f_{i}, k_{(-1)}h \rangle T_{i}(k_{(0)} \cdot m) = \sum_{i} \langle f_{i}, h \rangle k \cdot T_{i}(m),$$

for any  $h \in H$ ,  $k \in K$ ,  $m \in M$ . An element  $\sum_i f_i \otimes T_i$  is seen as a map from  $H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M$  to N, sending  $h \otimes m$  to  $\sum_i \langle f_i, h \rangle T_i(m)$ . We shall freely use this identification from now on. Condition (3.1) says that this morphism is a K-module map.

For any K-module M, the space  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, M)$  has an algebra structure as follows. If  $\sum_{i} f_{i} \otimes T_{i}$ ,  $\sum_{j} g_{j} \otimes U_{j}$  are elements in  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, M)$ , the product is defined by

(3.2) 
$$\left(\sum_{i} f_{i} \otimes T_{i}\right) \left(\sum_{j} g_{j} \otimes U_{j}\right) = \sum_{i,j} f_{i} g_{j} \otimes T_{i} \circ U_{j}.$$

The proof of the next result is straightforward.

**Lemma 3.3.** With the product described in (3.2),  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, M)$  becomes an *H*-module algebra.

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $M, N \in {}_{K}\mathcal{M}$ , and  $\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, N)$  the internal Hom of the module category  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$ . There is an isomorphism of H-modules

$$\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M,N) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M,N)$$

When M = N this isomorphism is an H-module algebra isomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H)$ . The maps

 $\phi: \operatorname{Hom}_{H}(X, \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N)) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N),$ 

 $\psi: \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{H}(X, \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N)),$ 

defined by  $\phi(\alpha)(x \otimes m) = \alpha(x)(1 \otimes m), \ \psi(\beta)(x)(h \otimes m) = \beta(h \cdot x \otimes m)$ , for any  $h \in H, x \in X, m \in M$ , are well-defined maps, one the inverse of each other. It follows straightforward that, when M = N, this isomorphism is an algebra map.

3.2. Module functors. Given two *H*-comodule algebras K, S, we shall explicitly describe the category of  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ -module functors between the associated module categories.

Under these hypothesis, we shall denote by  ${}_{S}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{K}$  the category of finitedimensional (S, K)-bimodules that are also left *H*-comodules, with comodule structure a morphism of (S, K)-bimodules.

**Proposition 3.5.** Asumme K, S are right H-simple left H-comodule algebras, and  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}, {}_{S}\mathcal{M}$  the corresponding  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ -module categories. There are equivalences

$$\operatorname{Rex}(_{K}\mathcal{M}, {}_{S}\mathcal{M}) \simeq {}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}, \quad \operatorname{Fun}_{\operatorname{Rep}(H)}(_{K}\mathcal{M}, {}_{S}\mathcal{M}) \simeq {}_{S}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{K}.$$

*Proof.* We shall only explain the definition of the equivalences. For the complete proof see [1, Prop.1.23]. The first equivalence is a consequence of a Theorem of Watts, see [16]. The functor  $\Phi : {}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K} \to \operatorname{Rex}({}_{K}\mathcal{M}, {}_{S}\mathcal{M}),$  $\Phi(B)(M) = B \otimes_{K} M$ , is an equivalence of categories.

If  $P \in {}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , define  $F_{P} : {}_{K}\mathcal{M} \to {}_{S}\mathcal{M}$  the functor given by  $F_{P}(M) = P \otimes_{K} M$ . The correspondence  $P \mapsto F_{P}$  is an equivalence of categories.

If  $P \in {}^{H}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}, X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H), M \in {}^{K}\mathcal{M}$  the functor  $F_{P}$  has a module structure as follows

$$c_{X,M}: P \otimes_K (X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M) \to X \otimes_{\Bbbk} (P \otimes_K M),$$
$$c_{X,M}(p \otimes x \otimes m) = p_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes p_{(0)} \otimes m,$$

for any  $p \in P, x \in X, m \in M$ . Here the map  $\lambda : P \to H \otimes P, \lambda(p) = p_{(-1)} \otimes p_{(0)}$ , is the left *H*-coaction of *P*.

The next result is a direct consequence of Proposition 3.5.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let K be a right H-simple left H-comodule algebra. There is a monoidal equivalence

$$\operatorname{Rep}(H)_{K\mathcal{M}}^* \simeq {}_K^H \mathcal{M}_K.$$

Assume K, S are H-comodule algebras. The category  ${}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}$  has a  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ bimodule structure as follows. If  $P \in {}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ ,  $X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H)$ , then

$$X\overline{\otimes}P = X \otimes_{\Bbbk} P, \quad P\overline{\otimes}X = P \otimes_K (X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K).$$

The (S, K)-action on the spaces  $X \overline{\otimes} P, P \overline{\otimes} X$  are

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$$s \cdot (x \otimes p) \cdot k = s_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes s_{(0)} \cdot p \cdot k,$$
$$s \cdot (p \otimes (x \otimes l)) \cdot k = s \cdot p \otimes (x \otimes lk),$$

for any  $s \in S, k, l \in K, p \in P, x \in X$ . The natural isomorphisms relating both actions are given by

(3.3)

$$\gamma_{X,P,Y} : (X \overline{\otimes} P) \overline{\otimes} Y \to X \overline{\otimes} (P \overline{\otimes} Y), \gamma_{X,P,Y}((x \otimes p) \otimes (y \otimes k)) = x \otimes (p \otimes y \otimes k)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \text{Rep}(H)$ ,  $P \in {}_{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ ,  $x \in X, y \in Y, p \in P$ ,  $k \in K$ . It follows by a straightforward computation that the maps  $\gamma_{X,P,Y}$  satisfy (2.12), (2.13) and (2.14).

Recall that  $\operatorname{Rex}(_{K}\mathcal{M}, _{S}\mathcal{M})$  has a  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ -bimodule category structure, see (2.16). The proof of the next lemma follows straightforward.

**Lemma 3.7.** The equivalence  $\operatorname{Rex}(_{K}\mathcal{M}, _{S}\mathcal{M}) \simeq _{S}\mathcal{M}_{K}$  presented in Proposition 3.5 is an equivalence of  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ -bimodule categories.

3.3. The center of dual tensor categories. In Section 2.4, for any exact  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category  $\mathcal{M}$  we presented an equivalence of braided tensor categories  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}})$ . In this section, we shall explicitly give this equivalence in the case  $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Rep}(H)$  and  $\mathcal{M} = {}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  for a right H-simple left H-comodule algebra K. For this, we shall use the monoidal equivalences  $\mathcal{Z}(\operatorname{Rep}(H)) \simeq {}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , and  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)^*_{K\mathcal{M}} \simeq {}_{K}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ . The last one presented in Corollary 3.6.

Set  $\theta_K = \theta_{KM} : {}^H_H \mathcal{Y}D \to \mathcal{Z}({}^H_K \mathcal{M}_K)$ . If  $V \in {}^H_H \mathcal{Y}D$  then  $\theta_K(V) = V \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$ . The K-bimodule and left H-comodule structure are given by

$$\begin{aligned} k \cdot (v \otimes t) \cdot s &= k_{(-1)} \cdot v \otimes k_{(0)} ts, \\ \lambda(v \otimes t) &= v_{(-1)} t_{(-1)} \otimes v_{(0)} \otimes t_{(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $v \in V$ ,  $t, k, s \in K$ . The half braiding of the object  $V \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$  is given by

$$\sigma_P^V : (V \otimes_{\Bbbk} K) \otimes_K P \to P \otimes_K (V \otimes_{\Bbbk} K),$$
  
$$\sigma_P^V (v \otimes t \otimes p) = (t \cdot p)_{(0)} \otimes \mathcal{S}^{-1}((t \cdot p)_{(-1)}) \cdot v \otimes 1$$

for any  $P \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}, v \in V, p \in P, t \in K$ . This formula comes from (2.20).

### 4. The character algebra for representations of $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$

Given a finite dimensional Hopf algebra H, and  $\mathcal{M}$  a representation of the tensor category  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ . We aim to compute the adjoint algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$ and the corresponding space of class functions as introduced by K. Shimizu [13], [14].

4.1. The adjoint algebra and the space of class functions. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a finite tensor category, and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an exact indecomposable left module category over  $\mathcal{C}$ . We shall further assume that  $\mathcal{M}$  is strict. First, we shall recall the definition of the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ .

The action functor  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{C} \to \operatorname{Rex}(\mathcal{M})$  is

$$\rho_{\mathcal{M}}(X)(M) = X \overline{\otimes} M, \quad X \in \mathcal{C}, M \in \mathcal{M}.$$

It was proven in [14, Thm. 3.4] that the right adjoint of  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}$  is the functor  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}$ : Rex  $(\mathcal{M}) \to \mathcal{C}$ , such that for any  $F \in \mathrm{Rex}(\mathcal{M})$ 

$$\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F) = \int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, F(M)).$$

The counit and unit of the adjunction  $(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}, \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}})$ , will be denoted by

$$\epsilon: \rho_{\mathcal{M}} \circ \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}} \to \mathrm{Id}_{\mathrm{Rex}\,(\mathcal{M})}, \quad \eta: \mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{C}} \to \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}} \circ \rho_{\mathcal{M}}$$

According to Lemma 2.1 the functor  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\text{ra}}$  has a structure of  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule functor as follows. The left and right module structure of  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\text{ra}}$  are

(4.1)  $\begin{aligned} \xi_{X,F}^{l} : \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(X\overline{\otimes}F) \to X\overline{\otimes}\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F), \\ \left(\xi_{X,F}^{l}\right)^{-1} = \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(\mathrm{id}_{X}\overline{\otimes}\epsilon_{F})\eta_{X\overline{\otimes}\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F)}, \end{aligned}$ 

(4.2) 
$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{X,F}^{r} : \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F\overline{\otimes}X) \to \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F)\overline{\otimes}X, \\ \left(\xi_{X,F}^{r}\right)^{-1} = \rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(\epsilon_{F}\overline{\otimes}\mathrm{id}_{X})\eta_{\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}}(F)\overline{\otimes}X}, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $F \in \text{Rex}(\mathcal{M})$ . This description appears in [14, Equation A.9].

Since the functor  $\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{ra}$ : Rex  $(\mathcal{M}) \to \mathcal{C}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule functor, we can consider the functor  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{ra})$ : End<sub> $\mathcal{C}$ </sub> $(\mathcal{M}) \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ . Here  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is the 2-functor described in Section 2.3.

**Definition 4.1.** [14, Subsection 4.2] The *adjoint algebra* of the module category  $\mathcal{M}$  is the algebra in the center of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} := \mathcal{Z}(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathrm{ra}})(\mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{M}}) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ . The *adjoint algebra of the tensor category*  $\mathcal{C}$  is the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}}$  of the regular module category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

It was explained in [14, Subsction 4.2] that the algebra structure of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$  is given as follows. Let  $\pi_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(-, -)$  denote the dinatural transformation of the end  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$ . The product and the unit of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$  are

$$m_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \to \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad u_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathbf{1} \to \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$$

defined to be the unique morphisms such that they satisfy

(4.3) 
$$\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(M) \circ m_{\mathcal{M}} = \operatorname{comp}_{M}^{\mathcal{M}} \circ (\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(M) \otimes \pi_{\mathcal{M}}(M)),$$
$$\pi_{\mathcal{M}}(M) \circ u_{\mathcal{M}} = \operatorname{coev}_{\mathbf{1},M}^{\mathcal{M}},$$

for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ . For the definition of  $\operatorname{coev}^{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\operatorname{comp}^{\mathcal{M}}$  see Section 2.2.

**Definition 4.2.** [14, Definition 5.1] The space of class functions of  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $CF(\mathcal{M}) := Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}), \mathbf{1}) = Hom_{\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}}).$ 

The following result will be useful when computing the adjoint algebra in particular examples. The first three statements are contained in [13], [14].

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an exact indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category. The following statements hold.

- (i) If  $I : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  is a right adjoint to the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{C}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}} \simeq I(\mathbf{1})$ .
- (ii) There exists an isomorphism  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}} \simeq \theta_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}})$  as algebra objects in  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}})$ .

(*iii*)  $\operatorname{CF}(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}) \simeq \operatorname{End}_{\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}).$ 

(*iv*) FPdim ( $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}$ ) = FPdim ( $\mathcal{C}$ ).

*Proof.* Recall that  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}})$  is the braided equivalence presented in Section 2.4.

It is proven in [14, Corollary 3.15] that the functor  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}} \circ \mathcal{Z}(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{ra})$  is the right adjoint of the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^{*}}$ . Taking  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$ , this implies part (i), and taking arbitrary  $\mathcal{M}$  follows part (ii).

(iii). This is [14, Theorem 5.12].

(iv). Let  $F : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{C}$  be the forgetful functor, and  $I : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  its right adjoint. It was proven in [2, Proposition 7.16.5 ] that FPdim  $(I(\mathbf{1})) =$ FPdim  $(\mathcal{C})$ . Hence FPdim  $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}}) =$  FPdim  $(\mathcal{C})$ , for any finite tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$ . Applying this result to  $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}$  we obtain that

$$\operatorname{FPdim}\left(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}\right) = \operatorname{FPdim}\left(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^{*}}\right) = \operatorname{FPdim}\left(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^{*}\right) = \operatorname{FPdim}\left(\mathcal{C}\right).$$

The first equality follows from part (ii), and the last one is [4, Corollary 3.43].

4.2. The adjoint algebra for module categories over Hopf algebras. Let H be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. Let K be a finite-dimensional left H-comodule algebra. The category  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  is a left  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ -module category. See Section 3. We aim to compute  $\mathcal{A}_{K} = \mathcal{A}_{K\mathcal{M}}$  as an algebra in the category  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  of Yetter-Drinfeld modules over H. For this, we shall explicitly give a description of the functor  $\mathcal{Z}(\rho_{\mathcal{M}}^{\operatorname{ra}})$ .

Identifying  $\operatorname{Rex}(_{K}\mathcal{M}) = {}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , we shall denote by  $\rho_{K} : \operatorname{Rep}(H) \to {}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , the action functor. Explicitly, if  $X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H)$  then

$$\rho_K(X) = X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K.$$

The left and right K-action on  $X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$  are given by:

$$s \cdot (x \otimes k) \cdot t = s_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes s_{(0)} kt,$$

for any  $x \in X, s, t, k \in K$ .

**Definition 4.4.** For any  $P \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , define  $S^{K}(H, P)$  as the space of left *K*-linear morphisms  $\alpha \in \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} K, P)$  such that for any  $k \in K, h \in H$ 

(4.4) 
$$\alpha(h \otimes k) = \alpha(h \otimes 1) \cdot k.$$

The space  $S^{K}(H, P)$  has a left *H*-module structure  $\cdot : H \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^{K}(H, P) \rightarrow S^{K}(H, P)$  and a left *H*-comodule structure  $\lambda : S^{K}(H, P) \rightarrow H \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^{K}(H, P)$ , defined by:

(4.5) 
$$(h \cdot \alpha)(x \otimes k) = \alpha(xh \otimes k),$$

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(4.6) 
$$\lambda: S^{K}(H, P) \to H \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^{K}(H, P), \quad \lambda(\alpha) = \alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^{0},$$

for any  $\alpha \in S^{K}(H, P), h, x \in H, k \in K$ . Here for any  $h \in H, k \in K$ 

(4.7) 
$$\alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^{0}(h \otimes k) = \mathcal{S}(h_{(1)}) \alpha(h_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(-1)} h_{(3)} \otimes \alpha(h_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k$$

When P = K, we shall denote  $S(H, K) := S^{K}(H, K)$ . It follows by a straightforward computation that, (4.5), (4.6) are well defined maps, and they define an *H*-action and a *H*-coaction.

**Lemma 4.5.** The space  $S^{K}(H, P)$  is an object in the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

*Proof.* We must prove compatibility condition (1.1), that is

(4.8) 
$$\lambda(x \cdot \alpha) = x_{(1)}\alpha^{-1}S(x_{(3)}) \otimes x_{(2)} \cdot \alpha^0,$$

for any  $x \in H$  and for all  $\alpha \in S^{K}(H, P)$ . Take  $\phi \in H^{*}$ ,  $h, x \in H$  and  $k \in K$ . Evaluating the right hand side of (4.8) in  $\phi \otimes h \otimes k$  gives

$$\begin{split} \left\langle \phi, x_{(1)} \alpha^{-1} S(x_{(3)}) \right\rangle (x_{(2)} \cdot \alpha^{0}) (h \otimes k) &= \\ &= \left\langle \phi_{(1)}, x_{(1)} \right\rangle \left\langle \phi_{(3)}, S(x_{(3)}) \right\rangle \left\langle \phi_{(2)}, \alpha^{-1} \right\rangle x_{(2)} \cdot \alpha^{0} (h \otimes k) \\ &= \left\langle \phi_{(1)}, x_{(1)} \right\rangle \left\langle \phi_{(3)}, S(x_{(3)}) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \phi_{(1)}, x_{(1)} \right\rangle \left\langle \phi_{(3)}, S(x_{(3)}) \right\rangle \\ &\left\langle \phi_{(2)}, S((hx_{(2)})_{(1)}) \alpha((hx_{(2)})_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(-1)} (hx_{(2)})_{(3)} \right\rangle \alpha((hx_{(2)})_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k \\ &= \left\langle \phi, x_{(1)} S(x_{(2)}) S(h_{(1)}) \alpha(h_{(2)} x_{(3)} \otimes 1)_{(-1)} h_{(3)} x_{(4)} S(x_{(5)}) \right\rangle \\ &\alpha(h_{(2)} x_{(3)} \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k \\ &= \left\langle \phi, S(h_{(1)}) \alpha(h_{(2)} x \otimes 1)_{(-1)} h_{(3)} \right\rangle \alpha(h_{(2)} x \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k \\ &= \left\langle \phi, S(h_{(1)}) (x \cdot \alpha) (h_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(-1)} h_{(3)} \right\rangle (x \cdot \alpha) (h_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k \\ &= \left\langle \phi, (x \cdot \alpha)^{-1} \right\rangle (x \cdot \alpha)^{0} (h \otimes k). \end{split}$$

**Lemma 4.6.** The space S(H, K) is identified with the subspace of elements  $\sum_i f_i \otimes k_i \in H^* \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} K$  such that for any  $t \in K$ ,  $h \in H$ 

(4.9) 
$$\sum_{i} \langle f_{i}, t_{(-1)}h \rangle k_{i}t_{(0)} = \sum_{i} \langle f_{i}, h \rangle tk_{i}.$$

Proof. We explained in Section 3.1 that the space  $\operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} K, K)$  can be identified with elements  $\sum_{i} f_{i} \otimes T_{i} \in H^{*} \otimes_{\Bbbk} \operatorname{End}(K)$  such that they verify (3.1). An element  $\sum_{i} f_{i} \otimes T_{i} \in H^{*} \otimes_{\Bbbk} \operatorname{End}(K)$ , with  $\{f_{i}\}_{i}$  linearly independent, belongs to S(H, K) if it satisfies (4.4). This means that  $T_{i}(k) = T_{i}(1)k$ , for all i, and all  $k \in K$ . Thus, we can identify  $T_{i}$  with the left multiplication map by the element  $T_{i}(1)$ . Under this identification (3.1) is equivalent to (4.9).  $\Box$  Remark 4.7. If  $K \subseteq H$  is a left coideal subalgebra, then elements of the space  $(H/K^+H)^* \otimes_{\Bbbk} Z(K)$  are inside of S(H, K). Here Z(K) is the center of K. This observation follows from the fact that  $(H/K^+H)^*$  can be identified with elements  $f \in H^*$  such that  $\langle f, kh \rangle = \langle \epsilon, k \rangle \langle f, h \rangle$ , for any  $k \in K, h \in H$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** Let K be a finite dimensional left H-comodule algebra and  $P \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M} = {}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  is a left Rep(H)-module category. There is an isomorphism of H-modules

$$S^{K}(H,P) \simeq \int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M,P \otimes_{K} M).$$

When P = K, this isomorphism is an algebra map.

Proof. We shall use the description of the internal Hom of the module category  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  given in Lemma 3.4. First, we shall prove that  $S^{K}(H, P) = \int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, P \otimes_{K} M)$  as objects in  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ . Observe that if M, M', N, N'are objects in  ${}_{K}\mathcal{M}$ , and  $f: M \to M', g: N \to N'$  are K-module morphisms, then the functor  $\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}: \mathcal{M}^{\operatorname{op}} \times \mathcal{M} \to \operatorname{Rep}(H)$  is defined on morphisms by

$$\underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(f,g): \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M', N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, N'),$$
  

$$\alpha \mapsto g \circ \alpha \circ (\operatorname{id}_{H} \otimes f).$$
  
For any  $M \in {}_{K}\mathcal{M}$  define  $\pi_{M}^{P}: S^{K}(H, P) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{K}(H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M, P \otimes_{K} M),$  by  
 $\pi_{M}^{P}(\alpha)(h \otimes m) = \alpha(h \otimes 1) \otimes_{K} m,$ 

for any  $h \in H$ ,  $m \in M$ . Equation (4.4) implies that  $\pi_M^P(\alpha)$  is a K-module morphism. It follows straightforward that  $\pi_M^P$  is an H-module map and that it is dinatural.

Assume that (E, d) is a pair, where  $E \in \operatorname{Rep}(H)$ , and

$$d: E \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(-, P \otimes_K -)$$

is a dinatural transformation. Dinaturality, in this case, implies that for any pair of K-modules M, N, and a K-module map  $f: M \to N$ , we have

(4.10) 
$$(\operatorname{id}_P \otimes f) \circ d_M(e) = d_N(e)(\operatorname{id}_H \otimes f),$$

for any  $e \in E$ . In particular, if N is any K-module, and  $n \in N$ , define  $f_n : K \to N$ ,  $f_n(k) = k \cdot n$ . Hence  $f_n$  is a K-module map, whence, equation (4.10) implies that  $(\operatorname{id}_P \otimes f_n) \circ d_K(e) = d_N(e)(\operatorname{id}_H \otimes f_n)$ . Evaluating this equality in the element  $h \otimes 1 \in H \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$  we have that

(4.11) 
$$d_K(e)(h\otimes 1)\otimes n = d_N(e)(h\otimes n),$$

for any  $h \in H$ . This implies, taking N = K, that the element  $d_K(e) \in S^K(H, P)$ , that is,  $d_K(e)$  satisfies (4.4).

Define  $\phi: E \to S^K(H, P)$  as  $\phi = d_K$ . Then, equation (4.11) implies that  $d_N = \pi_N^P \circ \phi$  for any K-module N. This proves that the object  $S^K(H, P)$  together with the dinatural transformations  $\pi^P$  satisfies the universal property of the end. Thus  $S^K(H, P) = \int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, P \otimes_K M)$ .

When P = K, it is not difficult to verify that the product of the adjoint algebra defined in terms of the dinatural transformation, see (4.3), coincides with the product described in (3.2).

So far, we have described the structure of the end  $\int_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\operatorname{Hom}}(M, P \otimes_K M)$  as an object in  $\operatorname{Rep}(H)$ . It remains to describe the structure as an object in the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules over H. The next two results will be initial steps towards this objective.

Define the functor  $\bar{\rho}_K : {}_K \mathcal{M}_K \to \operatorname{Rep}(H), \ \bar{\rho}_K(P) = S^K(H, P)$  for any  $P \in {}_K \mathcal{M}_K$ . If  $P, Q \in {}_K \mathcal{M}_K$  and  $f : P \to Q$  is a morphism of K-bimodules, then

$$\bar{\rho}_K(f): S^K(H, P) \to S^K(H, Q), \quad \bar{\rho}_K(f)(\alpha) = f \circ \alpha$$

**Proposition 4.9.** The functor  $\bar{\rho}_K : {}_K \mathcal{M}_K \to \operatorname{Rep}(H)$  is the right adjoint of the functor  $\rho_K$ . The unit and counit of the adjunction  $(\rho_K, \bar{\rho}_K)$  are given by

$$\eta : \mathrm{Id}_{\mathrm{Rep}(H)} \to \bar{\rho}_K \circ \rho_K, \quad \epsilon : \rho_K \circ \bar{\rho}_K \to \mathrm{Id}_{K\mathcal{M}_K},$$
$$\eta_X(x)(h \otimes k) = h \cdot x \otimes k, \quad \epsilon_P(\alpha \otimes k) = \alpha(1 \otimes k),$$

for any  $X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H), P \in {}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}, x \in X, h \in H, \alpha \in S^{K}(H, P), k \in K.$ 

*Proof.* For any  $X \in \text{Rep}(H), P \in {}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}, x \in X, k \in K, h \in H$  define

(4.12) 
$$\phi_{X,P} : \operatorname{Hom}_{H}(X, S^{\kappa}(H, P)) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{(K,K)}(X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K, P), \\ \phi_{X,P}(\alpha)(x \otimes k) = \alpha(x)(1 \otimes k),$$

(4.13) 
$$\psi_{X,P} : \operatorname{Hom}_{(K,K)}(X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K, P) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{H}(X, S^{K}(H, P)), \\ \psi_{X,P}(\beta)(x)(h \otimes k) = \beta(h \cdot x \otimes k).$$

It follows by a straightforward computation that the maps  $\phi_{X,P}, \psi_{X,P}$  are natural morphisms, and are inverses of each other. The unit and counit of the adjunction are given by

$$\eta_X = \psi_{X, X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K} (\mathrm{id}_{X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K}), \quad \epsilon_P = \phi_{S^K(H, P), P} (\mathrm{id}_{S^K(H, P)}).$$

The next result is a particular case of Example 2.2. Since we need the explicit equivalence, we shall write the proof.

**Lemma 4.10.** There is an equivalence of categories  $\mathcal{Z}_{\text{Rep}(H)}(_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}) \simeq {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}.$ 

Proof. Let  $(M, \sigma) \in \mathcal{Z}_{\text{Rep}(H)}(_K\mathcal{M}_K)$ . This means that  $M \in {}_K\mathcal{M}_K$ , and the half-braiding is given by  $\sigma_X : M \otimes_K (X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K) \to X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M$ , for any  $X \in$ Rep(H). Define  $\lambda : M \to H \otimes_{\Bbbk} M$ ,  $\lambda(m) = \sigma_H(m \otimes 1_H \otimes 1_K)$  for any  $m \in M$ . This establishes a functor

$$\Phi: \mathcal{Z}_{\operatorname{Rep}(H)}({}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}) \to {}_{K}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{K}, \quad \Phi(M, \sigma) = (M, \lambda)$$

If  $(M, \lambda) \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , define  $\sigma_{X}^{\lambda} : M \otimes_{K} (X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K) \to X \otimes_{\Bbbk} M$ , the map  $\sigma_{X}^{\lambda}(m \otimes x \otimes k) = m_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes m_{(0)} \cdot k$ ,

for any  $X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H)$ ,  $m \in M$ ,  $k \in K$ . It follows by a simple computation that  $\sigma_X^{\lambda}$  is a well-defined isomorphism, it is a K-bimodule map and it satisfies (2.18). This defines a functor  $\Psi : {}^H_K \mathcal{M}_K \to \mathcal{Z}_{\operatorname{Rep}(H)}({}^K_K \mathcal{M}_K)$ ,  $\Psi(M, \lambda) = (M, \sigma^{\lambda})$ .

For any  $P \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$  recall the structure of Yetter-Drinfeld module over H of  $S^{K}(H, P)$  given by (4.5), (4.6).

**Theorem 4.11.** For any  $P \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$  there is an isomorphism  $S^{K}(H, P) \simeq \mathcal{Z}(\bar{\rho}_{K})(P)$  as objects in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

Proof. If  $P \in {}^{H}_{K}\mathcal{M}_{K}$ , then  $\mathcal{Z}(\bar{\rho}_{K})(P, \sigma^{\lambda}) = (S^{K}(H, P), \sigma^{P})$ , where, according to (2.19), the half braiding for  $\bar{\rho}_{K}(P) = S^{K}(H, P)$  is the morphism  $\sigma_{X}^{P}: S^{K}(H, P) \otimes_{\Bbbk} X \to X \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^{K}(H, P)$ , given by the composition

$$S^{K}(H,P) \otimes_{\Bbbk} X \xrightarrow{(\xi^{r}_{X,P})^{-1}} S^{K}(H,P \otimes_{K} (X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K)) \xrightarrow{\bar{\rho}_{K}(\sigma^{\lambda}_{X})} \longrightarrow$$
$$\rightarrow S^{K}(H,X \otimes_{\Bbbk} P) \xrightarrow{\xi^{l}_{X,P}} X \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^{K}(H,P),$$

for any  $X \in \operatorname{Rep}(H)$ . Recall that  $\sigma^{\lambda}$  is the half braiding associated to P explained in Lemma 4.10. To compute  $\sigma^{P}$ , we need to compute the bimodule structure of the functor  $\bar{\rho}_{K}$ . Both structures are given by equations (4.1), (4.2).

Using the formula for the unit and counit of the adjunction  $(\rho_K, \bar{\rho}_K)$  given in Proposition 4.9 we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi_{X,P}^l)^{-1}(x \otimes \alpha)(h \otimes k) &= \bar{\rho}_K (\operatorname{id}_X \otimes \epsilon_P) \eta_{X \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^K(H,P)}(x \otimes \alpha)(h \otimes k) \\ &= (\operatorname{id}_X \otimes \epsilon_P) \eta_{X \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^K(H,P)}(x \otimes \alpha)(h \otimes k) \\ &= (\operatorname{id}_X \otimes \epsilon_P)(h_{(1)} \cdot x \otimes h_{(2)} \cdot \alpha \otimes k) \\ &= h_{(1)} \cdot x \otimes h_{(2)} \cdot \alpha(1 \otimes k) \\ &= h_{(1)} \cdot x \otimes \alpha(h_{(2)} \otimes k), \end{aligned}$$

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$$(\xi_{X,P}^{r})^{-1}(\alpha \otimes x)(h \otimes k) = (\epsilon_{P} \otimes \operatorname{id}_{X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K})\eta_{S^{K}(H,P) \otimes_{\Bbbk} X}(\alpha \otimes x)(h \otimes k)$$
$$= (\epsilon_{P} \otimes \operatorname{id}_{X \otimes_{\Bbbk} K})(h_{(1)} \cdot \alpha \otimes 1 \otimes h_{(2)} \cdot x \otimes k)$$
$$= (h_{(1)} \cdot \alpha)(1 \otimes 1) \otimes h_{(2)} \cdot x \otimes k$$
$$= \alpha(h_{(1)} \otimes 1) \otimes h_{(2)} \cdot x \otimes k,$$

for any  $\alpha \in S^K(H, P), x \in X, h \in H, k \in K$ .

Now, the *H*-coaction of  $\mathcal{Z}(\bar{\rho}_K)(P, \sigma^{\lambda})$  associated with the half braiding  $\sigma^P$  is

$$\lambda^P: S^K(H, P) \to H \otimes_{\Bbbk} S^K(H, P), \quad \lambda^P(\alpha) = \sigma^P_H(\alpha \otimes 1_H).$$

Let us denote  $\lambda^P(\alpha) = \alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^0$ . Using the formula for  $\sigma_X^P$ , we know that  $(\xi_{H,P}^l)^{-1} \sigma_H^P(\alpha \otimes 1_H) = \bar{\rho}_K(\sigma_H^\lambda)(\xi_{H,P}^r)^{-1}(\alpha \otimes 1_H)$ . Evaluating this equality in  $h \otimes k \in H \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$  we obtain that

$$(\xi_{H,P}^l)^{-1}\sigma_H^P(\alpha \otimes 1_H)(h \otimes k) = h_{(1)}\alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^0(h_{(2)} \otimes k),$$

is equal to

$$\bar{\rho}_{K}(\sigma_{H}^{\lambda})\xi_{H,P}^{r}(\alpha\otimes 1_{H})(h\otimes k) = \sigma_{H}^{\lambda}(\xi_{H,P}^{r})^{-1}(\alpha\otimes 1_{H})(h\otimes k)$$
$$= \sigma_{H}^{\lambda}(\alpha(h_{(1)}\otimes 1)\otimes h_{(2)}\otimes k)$$
$$= \alpha(h_{(1)}\otimes 1)_{(-1)}h_{(2)}\otimes \alpha(h_{(1)}\otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k.$$

Thus

(4.14) 
$$h_{(1)}\alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^{0}(h_{(2)} \otimes k) = \alpha(h_{(1)} \otimes 1)_{(-1)}h_{(2)} \otimes \alpha(h_{(1)} \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k,$$

for any  $\alpha \in S^{K}(H, P), h \otimes k \in H \otimes_{\Bbbk} K$ . Hence

$$\alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^{0}(h \otimes k) = \alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^{0}(\epsilon_{H}(h_{(1)})h_{(2)} \otimes k)$$
$$= \mathcal{S}(h_{(1)})h_{(2)}\alpha^{-1} \otimes \alpha^{0}(h_{(3)} \otimes k)$$
$$= \mathcal{S}(h_{(1)})\alpha(h_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(-1)}h_{(3)} \otimes \alpha(h_{(2)} \otimes 1)_{(0)} \cdot k.$$

The last equality follows from (4.14). This formula coincides with (4.7).  $\Box$ 

As a consequence of Theorems 4.8 and 4.11 we obtain the next result.

**Corollary 4.12.** Let K be a finite dimensional right H-simple left Hcomodule with trivial coinvariants. There exists an isomorphism of algebras

$$S(H,K) \simeq \mathcal{A}_K,$$

in the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

**Example 4.13** (Case K = H). We denote by  $H_{ad}$  the algebra in the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  whose underlying algebra is H, with H-coaction given by the coproduct and H-action given by the adjoint action, that is  $h \triangleright x = h_{(1)}xS(h_{(2)}), h, x \in H$ . Since H is an H-comodule algebra with the coproduct, we can consider  $S^{H}(H, H)$ . The map  $\phi : S(H, H) \to H_{ad}, \phi(\alpha) = \alpha(1 \otimes 1)$  is an isomorphism of algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Indeed, it is an H-module map. Take  $\alpha \in S(H, H), h, t \in H$ , then

(4.15) 
$$\alpha(h \otimes t) = \alpha(h_1 \otimes h_2 \mathcal{S}(h_3)t) = h_{(1)}\alpha(1 \otimes \mathcal{S}(h_2)t)$$
$$= h_{(1)}\alpha(1 \otimes 1)\mathcal{S}(h_2)t.$$

The second equality because  $\alpha$  is an *H*-module map, and the last equality follows from (4.4). Then

$$\phi(h \cdot \alpha) = (h \cdot \alpha)(1 \otimes 1) = \alpha(h \otimes 1)$$
$$= h_{(1)}\alpha(1 \otimes 1)\mathcal{S}(h_2) = h \triangleright \phi(\alpha).$$

It follows by a straightforward computation that,  $\phi$  is an algebra and an H-comodule map. Using (4.15), it follows that the map  $\psi : H_{ad} \to S(H, H)$ ,  $\psi(x)(h \otimes t) = h_{(1)} x \mathcal{S}(h_2) t$ ,  $x, h, t \in H$ , is the inverse of  $\phi$ .

**Example 4.14** (Case  $K = \mathbb{k}$ ). We denote by  $H_{ad}^*$  the following algebra in the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . The underlying algebra is  $H^*$ . The *H*-action and *H*-coaction are  $\cdot : H \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} H_{ad}^* \to H_{ad}^*$ ,  $\lambda : H_{ad}^* \to H \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} H_{ad}^*$ ,  $\lambda(f) = f_{(-1)} \otimes f_{(0)}$ , where

$$(h \cdot f)(x) = f(xh), \quad \langle g, f_{(-1)} \rangle = \mathcal{S}(g_{(1)})fg_{(2)},$$

for any  $h, x \in H, g \in H^*$ . It follows that  $S(H, \Bbbk) = H^*_{ad}$ .

# 5. Some explicit calculations

In this section we shall explicitly compute the adjoint algebra for the representation categories of group algebras and their duals. We shall use the identification of S(H, K) with elements in  $H^* \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} K$  such that they satisfy (4.9). First we recall the classification of exact indecomposable module categories over group algebras and their duals.

5.1. Module categories over the tensor categories  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk^G)$ ,  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk G)$ . Assume G is a finite group. We shall recall the classification of exact indecomposable module categories over  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk^G)$  and  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk G)$ . For this, we shall give families of simple left H-comodule algebras, where  $H = \Bbbk^G, \Bbbk G$ .

Assume  $F \subseteq G$  is a subgroup and  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$  a 2-cocycle. We denote by  $\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F$  the twisted group algebra. We can choose  $\psi$  (in a cohomology class) such that

$$\psi(f,g)\psi(g^{-1},f^{-1}) = 1, \quad \psi(f,1) = \psi(1,f) = 1$$

for any  $f, g \in F$ . In such case we shall say that  $\psi$  is *normalized*.

The twisted group algebra  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$  is a left  $\Bbbk G$ -comodule algebra as follows. Elements in  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$  are linear combinations of  $e_f, f \in F$ . The product and left  $\Bbbk G$ -coaction are

$$e_f e_h = \psi(f, h) e_{fh}, \quad \lambda(e_f) = f \otimes e_f$$

for any  $f, h \in F$ . If V is a simple  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$ -module, we can form the following algebra. The endomorphism algebra  $\operatorname{End}(V)$  is a right  $\Bbbk F$ -module, with action given by

$$(T \cdot f)(v) = f^{-1} \cdot T(f \cdot v),$$

for any  $f \in F, v \in V, T \in \text{End}(V)$ . Define  $\mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V) = \text{End}(V) \otimes_{\Bbbk F} \Bbbk G$ . Let  $S \subseteq G$  be a set of representative elements of cosets  $F \setminus G$ .

Any element in  $\mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$  is of the form  $\overline{T \otimes s}$ , for some  $s \in S, T \in$ End(V). Here  $\overline{z}$  denotes the class of the element  $z \in \Bbbk G \otimes_{\Bbbk} \text{End}(V)$  in the quotient  $\Bbbk G \otimes_{\Bbbk F} \text{End}(V)$ . The product in  $\mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$  is defined as follows:

$$(\overline{T \otimes x})(\overline{U \otimes y}) = \delta_{x,y} \ \overline{T \circ U \otimes x},$$

for any  $T, U \in \text{End}(V), x, y \in S$ . The unit is  $\sum_{s \in S} \overline{\text{Id} \otimes s}$ . The vector space  $\mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$  has a structure of right  $\Bbbk G$ -module that makes it into a module algebra. The right action is:

$$(\overline{T \otimes x}) \cdot g = \overline{T \otimes xg}, \quad g \in G$$

With this action  $\mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$  is a right &G-module algebra, hence it is a left &G-comodule algebra, with coaction

$$\lambda: \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V) \to \mathbb{k}^G \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V), \lambda(k) = k_{(-1)} \otimes k_{(0)},$$

such that for any  $g \in G$ ,  $\langle k_{(-1)}, g \rangle k_{(0)} = k \cdot g$ .

The next result is part of the folklore of representations of tensor categories. See, for example, [4, Proposition 4.1, Lemma 4.3]. It also follow from Theorem 3.1.

# **Theorem 5.1.** Let G be a finite group.

- (i) If  $\mathcal{M}$  is an exact indecomposable module category over  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk G)$ , there exists a subgroup  $F \subseteq G$ , a normalized 2-cocycle  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \Bbbk^{\times})$ such that  $\mathcal{M} \simeq_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F} \mathcal{M}$  as module categories.
- (ii) If  $\mathcal{M}$  is an exact indecomposable module category over  $\operatorname{Rep}(\mathbb{k}^G)$ , there exists a subgroup  $F \subseteq G$ , a normalized 2-cocycle  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$ ,

and a simple  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$ -module V such that  $\mathcal{M} \simeq {}_{\mathcal{K}(F,\psi,V)}\mathcal{M}$  as module categories.  $\Box$ 

Remark 5.2. The equivalence class of the module category  $_{\mathcal{K}(F,\psi,V)}\mathcal{M}$  does not depend on the choice of the simple  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$ -module V. The twisted group algebra  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$  is an algebra in the category  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk^G)$ . One can prove that, regardless the choice of V, the module category  $_{\mathcal{K}(F,\psi,V)}\mathcal{M}$  is equivalent to  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk^G)_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}$ .

Remark 5.3. Let  $F = \{1\}$  be the trivial subgroup of G,  $\psi = 1$  and  $V = \Bbbk$ with the trivial action. Denote  $K = \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$ . It is not difficult to see that  $K \simeq \Bbbk^G$  as left  $\Bbbk^G$ -comodule algebras. Hence  $_{\mathcal{K}(\{1\},1,\Bbbk)}\mathcal{M} \simeq \operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk^G)$  as  $\operatorname{Rep}(\Bbbk^G)$ -module categories.

5.2. Case  $H = \Bbbk G$ . Let  $F \subset G$  be a subgroup, and a normalized 2-cocycle  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \Bbbk^{\times})$ . Let  $K = \Bbbk_{\psi}F$  be the twisted group algebra. We shall denote by  $\{e_f\}_{f \in F}$  the canonical basis of  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$ . The product in this algebra is then  $e_f e_l = \psi(f, l) e_{fl}$ , for any  $f, l \in F$ .

Let  $S \subseteq G$  be a set of representatives of right cosets  $F \setminus G$  such that  $1 \in S$ . Define  $b : F \times F \to \Bbbk^{\times}$  as

$$b(l,f) = \frac{\psi(l,l^{-1}fl)}{\psi(f,l)}$$

Also, for any  $l \in F$ , set  $C_l = \{(g, f) \in F \times F : g^{-1}fg = l\}$ . For any  $s \in S$ ,  $l \in F$  define

$$\alpha_{s,l} = \sum_{(g,f)\in C_l} b(g,f) \,\delta_{gs} \otimes e_f \in \mathbb{k}^G \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} K.$$

Using the identification explained in Subsection 3.1, the element  $\alpha_{s,l}$  can be seen as an element in Hom $(\Bbbk G \otimes_{\Bbbk} K, K)$ , where

(5.1) 
$$\alpha_{s,l}(x \otimes e_h) = \delta_{s,t} \, b(f, flf^{-1}) \psi(flf^{-1}, h) \, e_{flf^{-1}h},$$

if  $x = ft \in G, t \in S, h \in F$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** The set  $B = \{\alpha_{s,l} \in \mathbb{k}^G \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \mathbb{k}_{\psi} F : s \in S, l \in F\}$  is a basis of  $S(\mathbb{k}G, \mathbb{k}_{\psi}F)$ .

Proof. Clearly B is a set of linearly independent elements. Let z be an arbitrary element of  $\Bbbk^G \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk_{\psi} F$ . Thus  $z = \sum_{x \in G, f \in F} \xi_{x,f} \delta_x \otimes e_f$ , for certain scalars  $\xi_{x,f} \in \Bbbk$ . If  $z \in S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi} F)$ , equation (4.9) implies that

$$\sum_{x \in G, f \in F} \xi_{x,f} \delta_x(ly) e_f e_l = \sum_{x \in G, f \in F} \xi_{x,f} \delta_x(y) e_l e_f$$

for any  $y \in G, l \in F$ . This implies that

$$\sum_{f \in F} \xi_{ly,f} \,\psi(f,l) \,e_{fl} = \sum_{f \in F} \xi_{y,f} \,\psi(l,f) \,e_{lf}.$$

This equality implies, by looking at the coefficient of  $e_{lf}$ , that

$$\xi_{ly,f} = \xi_{y,l^{-1}fl} \, b(l,f),$$

for any  $l, f \in F, y \in G$ . Whence

$$z = \sum_{x \in G, f \in F} \xi_{x,f} \, \delta_x \otimes e_f = \sum_{s \in S, g, f \in F} \xi_{gs,f} \, \delta_{gs} \otimes e_f$$
$$= \sum_{s \in S, g, f \in F} \xi_{s,g^{-1}fg} \, b(g,f) \, \delta_{gs} \otimes e_f$$
$$= \sum_{s \in S, l \in F} \sum_{(g,f) \in C_l} \xi_{s,l} \, b(g,f) \, \delta_{gs} \otimes e_f = \sum_{s \in S, l \in F} \xi_{s,l} \alpha_{s,l}.$$

Thus z is a linear combination of elements of B.

The proof of the next result follows by a straightforward computation.

**Lemma 5.5.** The kG-coaction of  $S(kG, k_{\psi}F)$ , given in (4.7), is determined by

$$\lambda(\alpha_{s,g}) = s^{-1}gs \otimes \alpha_{s,g}$$

for any  $g \in F$ ,  $s \in S$ . The kG-action on  $S(kG, k_{\psi}F)$ , given in (4.5), is determined by

$$x \cdot \alpha_{s,g} = b(h^{-1}, h^{-1}gh) \, \alpha_{r,h^{-1}gh},$$
  
and  $st^{-1}f^{-1} = hr$ , where  $f, h \in F, t, r \in S$ .

For any subgroup  $F \subset G$  and a normalized 2-cocycle  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$ , define  $C_{\psi}(G, F)$  as the subspace of  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbb{k}[S \times F], \mathbb{k})$  generated by functions  $\phi : S \times F \to \mathbb{k}$  such that

(5.2) 
$$b(x, xs^{-1}gsx^{-1})\phi(s, g) = b(h^{-1}, h^{-1}gh)\phi(r, h^{-1}gh),$$

for any  $x \in G$  such that  $sx^{-1} = hr$ ,  $r \in S$ ,  $h \in F$ . Observe that if F = G,  $\psi = 1$  then  $C_{\psi}(G, F)$  is the space of class functions on G.

**Proposition 5.6.** Let  $F \subset G$  be a subgroup, and  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$  a normalized 2-cocycle. There exists a linear isomorphism  $CF(_{\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F}\mathcal{M}) \simeq C_{\psi}(G, F)$ .

Proof. As before, denote  $S \subseteq G$  a set of representatives of elements of  $F \setminus G$ . Let be  $\phi \in CF(_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}\mathcal{M})$ . This means that  $\phi : S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi}F) \to S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk G)$  is a morphism of  $\Bbbk G$ -Yetter-Drinfeld modules. Elements of the basis described in Lemma 5.4 for  $S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk G)$  are of the form  $\alpha_{1,g} \in \Bbbk^G \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk G$ , for any  $g \in G$ .

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if x = ft

Using Lemma 5.5, since  $\phi$  is a &G-comodule map, we observe that

$$\phi(\alpha_{s,g}) = \phi_{s,g} \; \alpha_{1,s^{-1}gs}$$

for any  $s \in S$ ,  $g \in F$ . Here  $\phi_{s,g} \in \mathbb{k}$ . This implies that  $\phi$  is determined by the scalars  $\phi_{s,g}$ . It remains to prove that these scalars satisfy (5.2). Take  $x \in G$ , and write it as x = ft, where  $f \in F$ ,  $t \in S$ . Assume that  $st^{-1}f^{-1} = hr$ , where  $h \in F$ ,  $r \in S$ . Since  $\phi$  is a  $\mathbb{k}G$ -module map, then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x \cdot \alpha_{s,g}) &= b(h^{-1}, h^{-1}gh) \,\phi(\alpha_{r,h^{-1}gh}) \\ &= b(h^{-1}, h^{-1}gh) \,\phi_{r,h^{-1}gh} \,\alpha_{1,r^{-1}h^{-1}ghr} \\ &= x \cdot \phi(\alpha_{s,g}) = \phi_{s,g} \, x \cdot \alpha_{1,s^{-1}gs} = \phi_{s,g} \, b(x, xs^{-1}gsx^{-1}) \alpha_{1,xs^{-1}gsx^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $b(h^{-1}, h^{-1}gh)\phi_{r,h^{-1}gh} = b(x, xs^{-1}gsx^{-1})\phi_{s,g}$ .

5.3. Case  $H = \mathbb{k}^G$ . Let  $F \subset G$  be a subgroup, and  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$  be a normalized 2-cocycle. Let also V be a simple  $\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F$ -module. Recall the definition of the left  $\mathbb{k}^G$ -comodule algebra  $\mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$  presented in Subsection 5.1. Again, let  $S \subseteq G$  be a set of representatives of right cosets  $F \setminus G$  such that  $1 \in S$ . The following technical result will be needed later.

**Lemma 5.7.** Let  $f \in F$ . The vector space consisting of  $T \in \text{End}(V)$  such that

$$(5.3) U \circ T = T \circ (U \cdot f),$$

for any  $U \in \text{End}(V)$ , is 1-dimensional.

Proof. Since the group F is finite, the linear operator  $f \colon : V \to V$  is diagonalizable. Let  $\{v_i\}_{i=1...n}$  be a basis of V such that  $f \cdot v_i = q_i v_i, q_i \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$  for any i = 1...n. Let  $T \in \operatorname{End}(V)$  be a linear transformation such that it satisfies (5.3). For any j, k = 1...n define  $U_{j,k} : V \to V$  the operator  $U_{j,k}(v_i) = \delta_{j,i}v_k$ , for any i = 1...n. Assume that  $T(v_i) = \sum_l t_{i,l} v_l$ . On one hand, for any i = 1...n we have that

$$(U_{j,k} \circ T)(v_i) = t_{i,j}v_k.$$

And, on the other hand we have

$$T \circ (U_{j,k} \cdot f)(v_i) = q_i q_k^{-1} \delta_{j,i} \sum_l t_{k,l} v_l.$$

Whence, equation (5.3) implies that if  $i \neq j$ , then  $t_{i,j} = 0$ , and if i = j then  $q_i q_k^{-1} t_{k,k} = t_{i,i}$ . This implies the Lemma.

For any  $f \in F$  denote by  $T_f \in \text{End}(V)$  the unique (up to scalar) non zero linear operator such that it fulfils condition (5.3) of Lemma 5.7. For any  $(f, s) \in F \times S$ , denote  $\alpha_{(f,s)} \in \Bbbk G \otimes_{\Bbbk} \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V)$  by

$$\alpha_{(f,s)} = s^{-1} f s \otimes \overline{T_f \otimes s}.$$

When f = 1, we can choose  $T_f = \operatorname{Id}_V$ .

**Proposition 5.8.** The linearly independent set  $\{\alpha_{(f,s)} : (f,s) \in F \times S\}$  is a basis for  $S(\mathbb{k}^G, \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V))$ .

*Proof.* It follows straightforward that for any  $(f, s) \in F \times S$  the element  $\alpha_{(f,s)}$  satisfies condition (4.9). It follows from Lemma 4.3 (iv) that

$$\dim(S(\mathbb{k}^G, \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V))) = \dim(\mathbb{k}^G) = |G|.$$

Since the set  $\{\alpha_{(f,s)} : (f,s) \in F \times S\}$  has cardinal equal to |G|, then it must be a basis.

For any 
$$(f,s) \in F \times S$$
 define  $I(f,s) = \{(h,a) \in G \times G : aha^{-1} = s^{-1}fs\}$ .

**Lemma 5.9.** The  $\mathbb{k}^{G}$ -coaction of  $S(\mathbb{k}^{G}, \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V))$ , given in (4.7), is determined by

$$\lambda(\alpha_{(f,s)}) = \sum_{(a,h)\in I(f,s)} \delta_a \otimes h \otimes \overline{T_f \otimes sa}$$

for any  $(f,s) \in F \times S$ . The  $\mathbb{k}^{G}$ -action on  $S(\mathbb{k}^{G}, \mathcal{K}(F, \psi, V))$ , given in (4.5), is determined by

$$\delta_g \cdot \alpha_{(f,s)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } g \neq s^{-1} f s \\ \alpha_{(f,s)} & \text{if } g = s^{-1} f s. \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 5.10.** Let  $F \subset G$  be a subgroup, and  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$  be a normalized 2-cocycle. Let V be a simple  $\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F$ -module. There exists a linear isomorphism  $CF(_{\mathcal{K}(F,\psi,V)}\mathcal{M}) \simeq \mathbb{k}^S$ .

Proof. Recall that the comodule algebra representing the regular module category Rep( $\mathbb{k}^G$ ) is the algebra  $\mathcal{K}(\{1\}, 1, \mathbb{k})$ , see Remark 5.3. Let  $\phi \in CF(_{\mathcal{K}(F,\psi,V)}\mathcal{M})$ . Thus  $\phi : S(\mathbb{k}^G, \mathcal{K}(F,\psi,V)) \to S(\mathbb{k}^G, \mathcal{K}(\{1\}, 1, \mathbb{k}))$  is a  $\mathbb{k}^G$ -module and  $\mathbb{k}^G$ -comodule morphism.

Elements in the basis of  $S(\Bbbk^G, \mathcal{K}(\{1\}, 1, \Bbbk))$  are  $\alpha_{(1,g)}$ , for any  $g \in G$ . Hence

$$\begin{split} \phi(\alpha_{(f,s)}) &= \phi(\delta_{sfs^{-1}} \cdot \alpha_{(f,s)}) = \delta_{sfs^{-1}} \cdot \phi(\alpha_{(f,s)}) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f \neq 1 \\ \phi(\alpha_{(f,s)}) & \text{if } f = 1. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

for any  $f \in F$ ,  $s \in S$ . We deduce that  $\phi$  is determined in values of  $\alpha_{(1,s)}$  for any  $s \in S$ . Assume that

$$\phi(\alpha_{(1,s)}) = \sum_{g \in G} \phi_{s,g} \,\alpha_{(1,g)},$$

for certain  $\phi_{s,g} \in \mathbb{k}$ . Since  $I(1, s) = \{(1, a) \in G \times G\}$ , and  $\phi$  is a  $\mathbb{k}^{G}$ -comodule map, we have that  $\phi_{sa,g} = \phi_{s,ga^{-1}}$  for any  $s \in S, g, a \in G$ . Here we are abusing of the notation, since sa denotes the element  $t \in S$  that represents the class in which sa belongs. Whence scalars  $\phi_{s,g}$  are determined by a function  $f: F \setminus G \to \mathbb{k}$ , as follows

$$\phi_{s,g} = f(\overline{sg^{-1}}),$$

for any  $s \in S, g \in G$ .

5.4. The adjoint algebra for tensor categories  $\mathcal{C}(G, 1, F, \psi)$ . Let G be a finite group and  $\omega \in Z^3(G, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$  be a 3-cocycle. The category  $\mathcal{C}(G, \omega)$  stands for the category of finite dimensional G-graded vector spaces, with associativity constraint defined by

$$a_{X,Y,Z}((x \otimes y) \otimes z) = \omega(g,h,f) \, x \otimes (y \otimes z),$$

for any G-graded vector space X, Y, Z, and any homogeneous elements  $x \in X_g, y \in Y_h, z \in Z_f$ . Note that if  $\omega = 1$ , then there is a monoidal equivalence  $\mathcal{C}(G, \omega) \simeq \operatorname{Rep}(\mathbb{k}^G)$ .

If  $F \subseteq G$  is a subgroup, and  $\psi \in Z^2(F, \mathbb{k}^{\times})$  is a 2-cocycle such that  $d\psi \,\omega = 1$ , then the twisted group algebra  $\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F$  is an algebra in  $\mathcal{C}(G, \omega)$ . The category  $\mathcal{C}(G, \omega, F, \psi)$  is the category  $\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F\mathcal{C}(G, \omega)_{\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F}$  of  $\mathbb{k}_{\psi}F$ -bimodules in  $\mathcal{C}(G, \omega)$ . These categories are called group-theoretical fusion categories.

We shall describe the adjoint algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{D}}$ , and the space of class functions  $CF(\mathcal{D})$  when  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C}(G, 1, F, \psi)$ . We shall keep the notation of Section 5.2.

It follows from Corollary 3.6 that there is a monoidal equivalence

$$\mathcal{C}(G, 1, F, \psi) \simeq \operatorname{Rep}(G)^*_{\mathbb{K}_{d}, F}\mathcal{M}$$

Using this equivalence and Lemma 4.3 (ii), it follows that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}(G,1,F,\psi)}$  is isomorphic to  $\theta_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}(\mathcal{A}_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F})$ . Here  $\mathcal{A}_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}$  is the adjoint algebra corresponding to the Rep(G)-module category  $_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}\mathcal{M}$ .

Using the explicit description of the functor  $\theta_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}$  given in Subsection 3.3, we obtain that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}(G,1,F,\psi)}$  is isomorphic to  $S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi}F) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk_{\psi}F$ . Recall that  $S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi}F)$  has a basis consisting of elements  $\alpha_{s,l} \in \Bbbk^G \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk_{\psi}F$ ,  $s \in$  $S, l \in F$ . The vector space  $S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi}F) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk_{\psi}F$  is an object in the category  $\mathcal{Z}(_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F}\mathcal{C}(G, \omega)_{\Bbbk_{\psi}F})$  as follows. The left  $\Bbbk G$ -coaction is given by

$$\lambda: S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi} F) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk_{\psi} F \to \Bbbk G \otimes_{\Bbbk} S(\Bbbk G, \Bbbk_{\psi} F) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \Bbbk_{\psi} F,$$

$$\lambda(\alpha_{s,f} \otimes e_h) = s^{-1} f sh \otimes \alpha_{s,f} \otimes e_h$$

for any  $f, h \in F, s \in S$ . The  $\Bbbk_{\psi}F$ -bimodule structure is given by

 $e_g \cdot (\alpha_{s,f} \otimes e_h) \cdot e_l = b(d^{-1}, d^{-1}fd)\psi(g, h)\psi(gh, l) \alpha_{r, d^{-1}fd} \otimes e_{ghl},$ 

if  $sg^{-1} = df, g, f, l, d \in F, r, s \in S$ .

The next result is a direct consequence of Lemma 4.3 and (the proof of) Proposition 5.6.

**Lemma 5.11.** The space of class functions  $CF(\mathcal{C}(G, 1, F, \psi))$  is isomorphic to  $C_1(G, F)$ .

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