

## INDUCTION FUNCTORS FOR GROUP CORINGS

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### Abstract

In the paper, we prove that the induction functor stemming from every morphism of group coring versus coring has a left adjoint, called ad-induction functor. The separability of the induction functor is characterized, extending some results for corings.

### 1. Introduction

As the generalization of coring, introduced by Sweedler [8] and revised by Brzeziński [1], Caenepeel et al. introduced the group coring and developed Galois theory for group corings in [2], which have become increasingly an interesting subject to study. Some study of the new structure has been carried out in recent papers (see [4], [6] and [10]).

Given an  $A$ -coring  $C$ , where  $A$  is an algebra over a fixed field  $k$ , we have the category  $\mathcal{M}^C$  of all the right comodule over  $C$ . It follows from [1] that there exists a pair of adjoint functor between the category  $\mathcal{M}^C$  and the category  $\mathcal{M}_A$  of all the right  $A$ -modules. The extension of this result to the context of Hopf group-coalgebras was made in the work of the authors in [10], that is, there exists a pair of adjoint functor between the category  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  of all the right  $G$ - $C$ -comodule and the category  $\mathcal{M}_A$  of all the right  $A$ -modules. As we know, an algebra  $A$  has a canonical  $A$ -coring structure over itself. A natural question occurs to us: whether there exists a pair of adjoint functor between the category  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  of all the right  $G$ - $C$ -comodule and the category  $\mathcal{M}^D$  of all the right comodules over a given  $B$ -coring, if so, how to characterize its separability. This is done in this paper.

This paper is organized as follows.

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In Section 2, we recall some basic concepts such as group coring and cotensor product. In Section 3, we use the notion of homomorphism of corings to construct a pair of adjoint functors (the induction functor and its adjoint, called here ad-induction functor). Finally, the separability of the induction functor is characterized.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we always let  $G$  be a group with the unit  $e$  and  $k$  a field.

**2.1. Group corings.** First recall from [2] that a  $G$ -group  $A$ -coring (or shortly a  $G$ - $A$ -coring)  $C$  is a family  $\{C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  of  $A$ -bimodules together with a family of  $A$ -bimodule maps

$$\Delta_{\alpha, \beta} : C_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow C_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta, \quad \varepsilon : C_e \rightarrow A$$

such that

$$(\Delta_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes_A C_\gamma) \circ \Delta_{\alpha\beta, \gamma} = (C_\alpha \otimes_A \Delta_{\beta, \gamma}) \circ \Delta_{\alpha, \beta\gamma}$$

and

$$(C_\alpha \otimes_A \varepsilon) \circ \Delta_{\alpha, e} = C_\alpha = (\varepsilon \otimes_A C_\alpha) \circ \Delta_{e, \alpha}$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in G$ .

*Remark 2.1.* If  $C$  is a  $G$ - $A$ -coring, then  $C_e$  is an ordinary  $A$ -coring in sense of [8].

We use the following Sweedler-type notation for the comultiplication maps  $\Delta_{\alpha, \beta}$ :

$$\Delta_{\alpha, \beta}(c) = c_{(1, \alpha)} \otimes_A c_{(2, \beta)},$$

for all  $c \in C_{\alpha\beta}$ .

A right  $G$ - $C$ -comodule  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is a family of right  $A$ -modules, together with a family of right  $A$ -linear maps  $\rho^M = \{\rho_{\alpha, \beta}^M\}_{\alpha, \beta \in G}$ ,

$$\rho_{\alpha, \beta}^M : M_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta$$

such that

$$(M_\alpha \otimes_A \Delta_{\beta, \gamma}) \circ \rho_{\alpha, \beta\gamma}^M = (\rho_{\alpha, \beta}^M \otimes_A C_\gamma) \circ \rho_{\alpha\beta, \gamma}^M$$

and

$$(M_\alpha \otimes_A \varepsilon) \circ \rho_{\alpha, e}^M = M_\alpha$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in G$ .

We use the following Sweedler-type notation:

$$\rho_{\alpha,\beta}^M(m) = m_{[0,\alpha]} \otimes_A m_{[1,\beta]}$$

for  $m \in M_{\alpha\beta}$ .

A morphism between two right  $G$ - $C$ -comodules  $M$  and  $N$  is a family of right  $A$ -linear maps  $f = \{f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  such that

$$(f_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta) \circ \rho_{\alpha,\beta} = \rho_{\alpha,\beta} \circ f_{\alpha\beta}.$$

The category of right  $G$ - $C$ -comodules will be denoted by  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$ .

**2.2. The cotensor product.** Let  $D$  be a  $B$ -coring. Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}^D$  and  $N \in {}^D\mathcal{M}$ . First recall that the cotensor product  $M \square_D N$  of  $M$  and  $N$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M \square_D N &= \left\{ \sum_i m_i \otimes_B n_i \in M \otimes N \mid \sum_i m_{i[0]} \otimes_B m_{i[1]} \otimes_B n_i \right. \\ &= \left. \sum_i m_i \otimes_B n_{i[-1]} \otimes_B n_{i[0]} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $M \square_D N$  fits an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \square_D N \rightarrow M \otimes_B N \rightrightarrows M \otimes_B D \otimes_B N,$$

where the two maps  $M \otimes_B N \rightarrow M \otimes_B D \otimes_B N$  are  $\rho^M \otimes_B N$  and  $M \otimes_B \rho^N$ .

### 3. Separable homomorphisms of $G$ - $A$ -corings versus corings

Consider a  $G$ - $A$ -coring  $C$  and a  $B$ -coring  $D$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $k$ -algebra.

**DEFINITION 3.1.** A *coring homomorphism* is a pair  $(\varphi, \mu)$ , where  $\mu : A \rightarrow B$  is a homomorphism of algebras and  $\varphi : C_e \rightarrow D$  is a homomorphism of  $A$ -bimodules, and such that the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}_{D,D} \circ (\varphi \otimes_A \varphi) \circ \Delta_{e,e} &= \Delta_D \circ \varphi, \\ \mu \circ \varepsilon_e &= \varepsilon_D \circ \varphi, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathfrak{g}_{D,D} : D \otimes_A D \rightarrow D \otimes_B D$  is the canonical map induced by  $\mu$ .

Throughout the rest of this section, we always assume that there exists a coring homomorphism  $(\varphi, \mu)$  between two corings  $C_e$  and  $D$ .

#### 3.1. The induction functor.

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *The assignment  $M \mapsto M_e \otimes_A B$  establishes a functor  $(-)_e \otimes_A B : \mathcal{M}^{G,C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^D$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\rho^M = \{\rho_{\alpha,\beta}^M : M_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta\}_{\alpha,\beta \in G}$  be a right  $G$ - $C$ -comodule. Define

$$\rho^{M_e \otimes_A B} : M_e \otimes_A B \rightarrow M_e \otimes_A B \otimes_B D, \quad m \otimes_A b \mapsto m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[1,e]}) \cdot b.$$

It is straightforward to check that  $M_e \otimes_A B$  is an object of  $\mathcal{M}^D$ . In order to show the assignment  $M \mapsto M_e \otimes_A B$  is functorial, we will prove that  $f_e \otimes_A B$  is a homomorphism of right  $D$ -comodules for every morphism  $f = \{f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  in  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$ . In fact, for all  $m \in M_e$  and  $b \in B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{N_e \otimes_A B} \circ (f_e \otimes_A B)(m \otimes_A b) &= f(m)_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B \otimes_B \varphi(f(m)_{[1,e]}) \cdot b \\ &= f(m_{[0,e]}) \otimes_A 1_B \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[1,e]}) \cdot b \\ &= (f_e \otimes_A B \otimes_B D) \circ \rho^{M_e \otimes_A B}(m \otimes_A b). \end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof.  $\square$

**3.2. The ad-induction functor.** For each  $\alpha \in G$ , define

$$\rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha} : B \otimes_A C_\alpha \rightarrow D \otimes_B B \otimes_A C_\alpha, \quad b \otimes_A c \mapsto b \cdot \varphi(c_{(1,e)}) \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A c_{(2,\alpha)}.$$

LEMMA 3.3.  $B \otimes_A C = \{B \otimes_A C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is a  $D$ - $C$ -bicomodule.

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove that the following diagram is commutative,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta} & \xrightarrow{B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta}} & B \otimes_A C_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \\ \rho^{B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta} \\ D \otimes_B B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta} & \xrightarrow{D \otimes_B B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta}} & D \otimes_B B \otimes_A C_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \end{array}$$

Indeed, for all  $b \in B$  and  $c \in C_{\alpha\beta}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha} \otimes_A C_\beta) \circ (B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta})(b \otimes_A c) \\ &= b \cdot \varphi(c_{(1,\alpha)(1,e)}) \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A c_{(1,\alpha)(2,\alpha)} \otimes_A c_{(2,\beta)} \\ &= b \cdot \varphi(c_{(1,e)}) \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A c_{(2,\alpha\beta)(1,\alpha)} \otimes_A c_{(2,\alpha\beta)(2,\beta)} \\ &= (D \otimes_B B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta}) \circ \rho^{B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta}}(b \otimes_A c). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $B \otimes_A C = \{B \otimes_A C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is a  $D$ - $C$ -bicomodule.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 3.4. We have a pair of adjoint functors  $(F, U)$  between the categories  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_B$  (the category of right  $B$ -module).

*Proof.* Take  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$ , and define

$$F : \mathcal{M}^{G,C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_B, \quad M \mapsto M_e \otimes_A B.$$

For a morphism  $f = \{f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow M'_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  in  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$ , we simply define

$$F(f) = f_e \otimes_A B.$$

Let us now define  $U$ . For  $N \in \mathcal{M}_B$ , and define

$$U : \mathcal{M}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{G,C}, \quad N \mapsto N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C),$$

where  $N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C) = \{N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in G}$  with the  $G$ -comodule structure maps

$$\rho^{G(N)} = \{\rho_{\alpha,\beta}^{G(N)} = N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta})\}_{\alpha,\beta \in G}.$$

Consider the map

$$(3.1) \quad \phi : \text{Hom}_B(M_e \otimes_A B, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}^C(M, N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C)),$$

sending  $f$  to  $\phi(f) = \{\phi(f)_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$ , where

$$\phi(f)_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha), \phi(f)_\alpha(m) = f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]})$$

and

$$\varphi : \text{Hom}^C(M, N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(M_e \otimes_A B, N), g \mapsto \varphi(g),$$

where

$$\varphi(g)(m \otimes_A b) = (N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)(g_e(m))) \cdot b.$$

Let us check that  $\phi$  and  $\varphi$  are mutually inverse:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\varphi(g))_\alpha(m) &= \varphi(g)(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}) \\ &= (N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)(g_e(m_{[0,e]}))) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}) \\ &= ((N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(g_e(m_{[0,e]}) \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}) \\ &= ((N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(g_\alpha(m)_{[0,e]} \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A g_\alpha(m)_{[1,\alpha]}) \\ &\quad (g_\alpha(m) = n_i \otimes_B (b_i \otimes_A c_i) \in N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \\ &= ((N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(n_i \otimes_B (b_i \otimes_A c_{i(1,e)}) \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A c_{i(2,\alpha)}) \\ &= n_i \cdot b_i \mu(\varepsilon(c_{i(1,e)})) \otimes_B 1_B \otimes_A c_{i(2,\alpha)} \\ &= n_i \otimes_B b_i \otimes_A \varepsilon(c_{i(1,e)}) \cdot c_{i(2,\alpha)} \\ &= n_i \otimes_B b_i \otimes_A c_i = g_\alpha(m) \end{aligned}$$

For all  $m \in M_\alpha$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi \circ \phi(f)(m \otimes_A b) &= (N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)(\phi(f)_e(m))) \cdot b \\
&= (N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \varepsilon)(f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,e]})) \cdot b \\
&= f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \cdot \mu(\varepsilon(m_{[1,e]}))b \\
&= f(m_{[0,e]} \cdot \varepsilon(m_{[1,e]}) \otimes_A b) = f(m \otimes_A b).
\end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof.  $\square$

For a  $G$ - $A$ -coring  $C$ , recall from [10, Lemma 3.1] that there exists a pair of adjoint functors  $(F_1, U_1)$  between the categories  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_A$  (the category of right  $A$ -modules). Notice that the adjoint functors  $(F, U)$  in Proposition 3.4 are the composition of the functors  $(F_1, U_1)$  and the restriction/induction functor induced by  $A \rightarrow B$ :

$$\mathcal{M}^{G,C} \rightleftarrows \mathcal{M}_A \rightleftarrows \mathcal{M}_B.$$

Next, take  $N \in \mathcal{M}^D$  and  $N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)$  denotes the cotensor product of  $N$  and  $B \otimes_A C_\alpha$ . Let  $N \square_D (B \otimes_A C) = \{N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in G}$ . From the proof of Prop. 3.4, we have

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** *If  $C$  is flat as a left  $A$ -module (means that each  $C_\alpha$  is flat), and  $N \in \mathcal{M}^D$ ,  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G} \in \mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  then  $N \square_D (B \otimes_A C) = \{N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is an object of  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  via the structure map  $\{N \otimes_B B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in G}$ . (3.1) restricts to an isomorphism*

$$\mathrm{Hom}^D(M_e \otimes_A B, N) \cong \mathrm{Hom}^C(M, N \square_D (B \otimes_A C)).$$

Therefore,  $-\square_D (B \otimes_A C)$  is right adjoint to  $(-)_e \otimes_A B$ .

*Proof.* We have to show that, for all  $\sum_i n_i \otimes_B (b_i \otimes c_i) \in N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})$  with  $\alpha, \beta \in G$ :

$$x = \sum_i (n_i \otimes_B (b_i \otimes_A c_{i(1,\alpha)})) \otimes c_{i(2,\beta)} \in (N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta.$$

For each  $\alpha \in G$ , we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \rightarrow N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \rightrightarrows N \otimes_B D \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha).$$

Since  $C_\beta$  is flat, we have another exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow (N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta &\rightarrow N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \otimes_A C_\beta \\
&\rightrightarrows N \otimes_B D \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \otimes_A C_\beta.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in order to show that  $x \in (N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta$ , it suffices to show that

$$(\rho^N \otimes_B B \otimes_A C_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta)(x) = (N \otimes_B \rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha} \otimes_A C_\beta)(x).$$

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\rho^N \otimes_B B \otimes_A C_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta)(x) &= \sum_i n_{i(0)} \otimes_B n_{i(1)} \otimes_B b_i \otimes_A c_{i(1,\alpha)} \otimes_A c_{i(2,\beta)} \\
&= \sum_i n_{i(0)} \otimes_B n_{i(1)} \otimes_B b_i \otimes_A c_{i(1,\alpha)} \otimes_A c_{i(2,\beta)} \\
&= \sum_i n_i \otimes_B b_i \cdot \varphi(c_{i(1,\alpha)(1,e)}) \otimes_A c_{i(1,\alpha)(2,\alpha)} \otimes_A c_{i(2,\beta)} \\
&= (N \otimes_B \rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha} \otimes_A C_\beta)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

So  $N \square_D (B \otimes_A C) = \{N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is an object of  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$ .

Take  $f \in \text{Hom}^D(M_e \otimes_A B, N)$ , for all  $\alpha \in G$  and  $m \in M_\alpha$ , since

$$\begin{aligned}
(\rho^N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \circ \phi(f)_\alpha(m) &= (\rho^N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]})) \\
&= (f \otimes_B D \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(\rho^{M_e \otimes_A B}(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]})) \\
&= (f \otimes_B D \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(m_{[0,e][0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[0,e][1,e]}) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]})) \\
&= (f \otimes_B D \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha))(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[1,\alpha](1,e)}) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha](2,\alpha)})) \\
&= f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[1,\alpha](1,e)}) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha](2,\alpha)}) \\
&= (N \otimes_B \rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha}) \circ \phi(f)_\alpha(m).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows  $\phi(f)_\alpha(m) \in N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)$ . Conversely, let  $f \in \text{Hom}_B(M_e \otimes_A B, N)$ . Assume that  $\phi(f)_\alpha(m) \in N \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)$ , by (3.1), it is sufficient to check that

$$(3.2) \quad \phi(\rho^N \circ f) = \phi((f \otimes_B D) \circ \rho^{M_e \otimes_A B}).$$

In fact, for all  $\alpha \in G$  and  $m \in M_\alpha$ , since

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi((f \otimes_B D) \circ \rho^{M_e \otimes_A B})_\alpha(m) &= (f \otimes_B D) \circ \rho^{M_e \otimes_A B}(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}) \\
&= f(m_{[0,e][0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[0,e][1,e]}) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}) \\
&= f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \otimes_B \varphi(m_{[1,\alpha](1,e)}) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha](2,\alpha)}) \\
&= (N \otimes_B \rho^{B \otimes_A C_\alpha}) \circ \phi(f)_\alpha(m)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(\rho^N \circ f)_\alpha(m) &= \rho^N(f(m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B)) \otimes_B (1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}) \\
&= (\rho^N \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \circ \phi(f)_\alpha(m).
\end{aligned}$$

So we can get relation (3.2) from the assumption.  $\square$

Let us finally describe the unit  $\eta$  of this adjunction in Prop. 3.5. Taking  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G} \in \mathcal{M}^{G,C}$ , the unit  $\eta^M = \{\eta_\alpha^M\}_{\alpha \in G}$  for  $(-)_e \otimes_A B^{-1} - \square_D(B \otimes_A C)$  at  $M$  is given by

$$\eta_\alpha^M(m) = (m_{[0,e]} \otimes_A 1_B) \square_D(1_B \otimes_A m_{[1,\alpha]}).$$

Now, we shall achieve the main goal in this section. Before presenting the main theorem, we first give the following remark which is necessary.

*Remark 3.6.* (1) Let  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G} \in \mathcal{M}^{G,C}$ . For each  $\alpha \in G$ ,  $M^\alpha = \{M_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\beta \in G}$  is a  $G$ - $C$ -comodule via the structure map  $\{\rho_{\beta,\gamma}^{M_\alpha} = \rho_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}^M\}_{\beta,\gamma \in G}$ .

(2) Let  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G} \in \mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  be flat as a right  $A$ -module. Then the map

$$(M_{\alpha\beta} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\gamma) \xrightarrow{(\rho_{\alpha,\beta}^M \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\gamma)} M_\alpha \otimes_A (C_\beta \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\gamma)$$

restricts to

$$\begin{aligned} (M_{\alpha\beta} \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_\gamma) &\rightarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A (C_\beta \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_\gamma) \\ &= (M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in G$ , where  $M_{\alpha\beta} \otimes_A B$ ,  $C_\beta \otimes_A B$  are considered as right  $D$ -comodules by applying the functor  $(-)_e \otimes_A B$  to  $M^{\alpha\beta}$ ,  $C^\beta$ , and  $M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \otimes_A B$  via  $M_\alpha \otimes_A \rho^{C_\beta \otimes_A B}$ .

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Assume that  $C$  is flat as a left  $A$ -module and every object in  $\mathcal{M}^{G,C}$  is flat as right  $A$ -module. The functor  $(-)_e \otimes_A B : \mathcal{M}^{G,C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^D$  is separable if and only if there is a family of homomorphisms of  $A$ -bimodule*

$$\theta = \{\theta^{(\alpha)} : (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \rightarrow A\}_{\alpha \in G},$$

such that

- (1)  $\theta^{(\alpha)} \circ \eta_\alpha^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}} = \varepsilon$ ,
- (2)  $\theta$  satisfies the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta}) & \xrightarrow{(\Delta_{\beta, (\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})} & C_\beta \otimes_A ((C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) \\ \downarrow (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha,\beta}) & & \downarrow C_\beta \otimes_A \theta^{(\alpha\beta)} \\ ((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta & \xrightarrow{\theta^{(\alpha)} \otimes_A C_\beta} & C_\beta \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $(-)_e \otimes_A B$  is separable. By Rafael's Theorem (see [7]), there exists a natural transformation  $\omega : ((-)_e \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C) \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{M}^{G,C}}$  such that  $\omega \circ \eta = 1$  (the identity natural transformation.) Specially, considering  $G$ - $C$ -comodule  $C^{\alpha^{-1}} = \{C_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}\}_{\beta \in G}$  via  $\Delta_{\alpha^{-1}\beta,\gamma}$  and applying  $\omega$  to it, we have

$$\omega^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}} = \{\omega_\beta^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}} : (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D(B \otimes_A C_\beta) \rightarrow C_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}\}_{\beta \in G}.$$



Then we construct a family of  $k$ -linear maps  $\theta = \{\theta^{(\alpha)}\}_{\alpha \in G}$ ,

$$\theta^{(\alpha)} = \varepsilon \circ \omega_\alpha^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}} : (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \rightarrow A.$$

From  $\varepsilon$  and  $\omega_\alpha^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}}$  being both right  $A$ -linear, it follows that the map  $\theta^{(\alpha)}$  is a right  $A$ -module morphism. Next for all  $a \in A$ , we consider a family of  $k$ -linear maps  $f^{(a, \alpha^{-1})} = \{f_\beta^{(a, \alpha^{-1})}\}_{\beta \in G}$ ,

$$f_\beta^{(a, \alpha^{-1})} : C_{\alpha^{-1}\beta} \rightarrow C_{\alpha^{-1}\beta}, \quad f_\beta^{(a, \alpha^{-1})}(c) = a \cdot c.$$

It is checked easily that  $f^{a, \alpha}$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{M}^{G, C}$ . By the naturality of  $\omega$ , we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\beta) & \xrightarrow{\omega_\beta^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}}} & C_{\alpha^{-1}\beta} \\ (f_e^{(a, \alpha^{-1})} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\beta) \downarrow & & \downarrow f_\beta^{(a, \alpha^{-1})} \\ (C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\beta) & \xrightarrow{\omega_\beta^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}}} & C_{\alpha^{-1}\beta} \end{array}$$

for all  $\alpha \in G$ . It follows from the above commutative diagram that  $\omega_\beta^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}}$  is left  $A$ -linear, thus  $\theta^{(\alpha)}$  is left  $A$ -linear. Since

$$\omega_\alpha^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}} ((c_{(1, \alpha^{-1})} \otimes_A 1_B) \square_D (1_B \otimes_A c_{(2, \alpha)})) = c$$

for any  $c \in C_e$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{(\alpha)} \circ \eta_\alpha^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}}(c) &= \theta^\alpha((c_{(1, \alpha^{-1})} \otimes_A 1_B) \square_D (1_B \otimes_A c_{(2, \alpha)})) \\ &= \varepsilon \circ \omega_\alpha^{C^{\alpha^{-1}}} ((c_{(1, \alpha^{-1})} \otimes_A 1_B) \square_D (1_B \otimes_A c_{(2, \alpha)})) = \varepsilon(c). \end{aligned}$$

Now, for all  $c \in C_\beta$ , we consider the morphism

$$I_\gamma^{(c, \alpha\beta)} : C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}\gamma} \rightarrow C_\beta \otimes_A C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}\gamma}, \quad c' \mapsto c \otimes_A c'.$$

By the naturality of  $\omega$ , we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\gamma) & \xrightarrow{\omega_\gamma^{C^{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}}}} & C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}\gamma} \\ \downarrow (I_e^{(c, \alpha\beta)} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\beta) & & \downarrow I_\gamma^{(c, \alpha\beta)} \\ (C_\beta \otimes_A C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\gamma) & \xrightarrow{\omega_\gamma^{\mathfrak{R}(\beta, \alpha)}} & C_\beta \otimes_A C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}\gamma} \end{array}$$

where

$$\mathfrak{R}^{(\beta, \alpha)} = \{\mathfrak{R}_\gamma^{(\beta, \alpha)} = C_\beta \otimes_A C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}\gamma}\}_{\gamma \in G}.$$

It follows from the commutative diagram above that

$$\omega_\gamma^{\mathfrak{R}(\beta, \alpha)}(c \otimes_A x) = c \otimes_A \omega_\gamma^{C^{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}}}(x)$$

for any  $c \in C_\beta$  and  $x \in (C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\gamma)$ . Since  $c$  is arbitrary, we have

$$\omega_\gamma^{\mathfrak{R}(\beta, \alpha)} = C_\beta \otimes_A \omega_\gamma^{C^{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}}}.$$

The condition (2) in Theorem 3.7 follows from the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta}) & \xrightarrow{(\Delta_{\beta, (\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})} & C_\beta \otimes_A ((C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) \\
\downarrow & \searrow^{\omega_{\alpha\beta}^{C_{\alpha^{-1}}}} & \downarrow \omega_{\alpha\beta}^{\mathfrak{R}(\beta, \alpha)} \\
(C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha, \beta}) & & C_\beta \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\beta, e}} C_\beta \otimes_A C_e \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta_{e, \beta} \quad \downarrow C_\beta \otimes_A \varepsilon \\
((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta & \xrightarrow{\omega_{\alpha}^{C_{\alpha^{-1}}} \otimes_A C_\beta} & C_e \otimes_A C_\beta \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \otimes_A C_\beta} C_\beta
\end{array}$$

To prove the converse, we need to construct a natural transformation  $\omega$  from the  $A$ -bimodule  $\theta$ . Given a right  $G$ - $C$ -comodule  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$ , we define a family of  $k$ -linear maps  $\omega^M = \{\omega_\alpha^M\}_{\alpha \in G}$ , where  $\omega_\alpha^M$  can be defined by the composition

$$\begin{aligned}
(M_e \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) & \xrightarrow{(\rho_{\alpha, \alpha^{-1}}^M \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)} M_\alpha \otimes_A ((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \\
& \xrightarrow{M_\alpha \otimes_A \theta^{(x)}} M_\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from  $\theta^{(x)}$  being  $A$ -linear that each  $\omega_\alpha^M$  is right  $A$ -linear. Using the following commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
(M_e \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta}) & \xrightarrow{(\rho_{\alpha\beta, (\alpha\beta)^{-1}}^M \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})} & M_{\alpha\beta} \otimes_A ((C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) & \xrightarrow{M_{\alpha\beta} \otimes_A \theta^{(\alpha\beta)}} & M_{\alpha\beta} \\
\downarrow & \downarrow (\rho_{\alpha, \alpha^{-1}}^M \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta}) & \downarrow \rho_{\alpha, \beta}^M \otimes_A ((C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) & \downarrow & \downarrow \rho_{\alpha, \beta}^M \\
(M_e \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha, \beta}) & & M_\alpha \otimes_A ((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) & & M_\alpha \otimes_A ((\Delta_{\beta, (\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A ((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A \Delta_{\alpha, \beta})) & & \downarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \otimes_A ((C_{(\alpha\beta)^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_{\alpha\beta})) \\
((M_e \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta & \xrightarrow{(\rho_{\alpha, \alpha^{-1}}^M \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) \otimes_A C_\beta} & M_\alpha \otimes_A ((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) \otimes_A C_\beta & \xrightarrow{M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \otimes_A \theta^{(\alpha\beta)}} & M_\alpha \otimes_A C_\beta \\
& & \downarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A \theta^{(x)} & & \downarrow M_\alpha \otimes_A \theta^{(x)} \otimes_A C_\beta
\end{array}$$

shows that  $\omega^M$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{M}^{G, C}$ , and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
M_\alpha & \xrightarrow{\eta_\alpha^M} & (M_e \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) & \xrightarrow{\omega_\alpha^M} & M_\alpha \\
\rho_{\alpha, e}^M \downarrow & & \downarrow (\rho_{\alpha, \alpha^{-1}}^M \otimes_A B) \otimes_B (B \otimes_A C_\alpha) & & \downarrow M_\alpha \\
M_\alpha \otimes_A C_e & \xrightarrow{M_\alpha \otimes_A \eta_\alpha^{C_{\alpha^{-1}}}} & M_\alpha \otimes_A ((C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A B) \square_D (B \otimes_A C_\alpha)) & \xrightarrow{M_\alpha \otimes_A \theta^{(x)}} & M_\alpha
\end{array}$$

shows  $\omega_\alpha^M \circ \eta_\alpha^M = id_{M_\alpha}$ . It is easily to check that  $\omega$  is natural at  $M$ .

The proof is completed.  $\square$

By considering on  $A$  the canonical  $A$ -coring structure, as a corollary of Theorem 3.7, we have the main result of [10].

**COROLLARY 3.8** ([10]). *For a  $G$ - $A$ -coring  $\mathcal{C}$ , the forgetful functor  $F: \mathcal{M}^{G, \mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_A$  is separable if and only if there exists a family of  $A$ -bimodules  $\theta = \{\theta^{(\alpha)}: C_{\alpha^{-1}} \otimes_A C_\alpha \rightarrow A\}_{\alpha \in G}$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{(\alpha)}(c'_{(1, \alpha^{-1})} \otimes_A c'_{(2, \alpha)}) &= \varepsilon(c'), \\ c_{(1, \beta)} \cdot \theta^{(\alpha\beta)}(c_{(2, \beta^{-1}\alpha^{-1})} \otimes_A d) &= \theta^{(\alpha)}(c \otimes_A d_{(1, \alpha)}) \cdot d_{(2, \beta)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $c' \in C_\varepsilon$ ,  $c \in C_{\alpha^{-1}}$ ,  $d \in C_{\alpha\beta}$ .

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