

Algebra depth in tensor categories

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Abstract

Study of the quotient module of a finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pair in order to compute its depth yields a relative Maschke Theorem, in which semisimple extension is characterized as being separable, and is therefore an ordinary Frobenius extension. We study the core Hopf ideal of a Hopf subalgebra, noting that the length of the annihilator chain of tensor powers of the quotient module is linearly related to the depth, if the Hopf algebra is semisimple. A tensor categorical definition of depth is introduced, and a summary from this new point of view of previous results are included. It is shown in a last section that the depth, Bratteli diagram and relative cyclic homology of algebra extensions are Morita invariants.

1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Sometimes it is useful to classify numbers with the same prime factors together. Similarly, it is useful to classify together finite-dimensional modules over a finite-dimensional algebra with isomorphic indecomposable summands - two such modules, which have the same indecomposables but perhaps with different nonzero multiplicities, are said to be similar. Since an abelian category has direct sum \oplus that work as usual, similarity of two objects X, Y , denoted by $X \sim Y$, is defined by $X \oplus * \cong n \cdot Y$, i.e., "X divides a multiple of Y," and $Y \oplus * \cong m \cdot X$ (or briefly $Y \mid m \cdot X$) for some multiplicities $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. In the presence of a uniqueness

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theorem for indecomposables that includes X, Y , they share isomorphic indecomposable summands. Also, the endomorphism rings of X and Y are Morita equivalent in a particularly transparent way [1, 20]. For example, one may introduce the theory of basic algebras without complications using the regular representation and a similar direct sum of projective indecomposables with constant multiplicity one.

A special type of abelian category is a tensor category, which has a tensor product \otimes satisfying the usual distributive, associative and unital laws up to natural isomorphism. An algebra A may then be defined in terms of multiplication $A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ as usual. Define the minimum *depth* of A to be the least $2n + 1 = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ such that $A^{\otimes(n)} = A \otimes \dots \otimes A$ (n times A) is similar to $A^{\otimes(n+1)}$, which simplifies to $A^{\otimes(n+1)} \mid q \cdot A^{\otimes(n)}$ for some $q \in \mathbb{N}$, since $A^{\otimes(n)} \mid A^{\otimes(n+1)}$ follows from applying the multiplication and unit. This definition applied to an algebra A in the category of bimodules over a ring B with tensor $\otimes = \otimes_B$, recovers the minimum odd depth of the ring extension $B \rightarrow A$ [2], where it is applied to finite group algebra extensions to recover (together with minimum even depth) subgroup depth [7]. Interesting values of subgroup depth have been computed in [7, 2, 11, 13, 14, 18], where subgroup depth less than 3 are normal subgroups [3, 4, 25, 28, 26]. Several properties of subgroup depth extend to Hopf subalgebra (and left coideal subalgebra) pairs such as a characterization of normality [3] and unchanged minimum even depth when factoring out the subgroup core [2, 16].

The main problem in the area is the one formulated in [2, p. 259] for a finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pair $R \subseteq H$, where $d(R, H)$ denotes the minimum depth.

Problem 1.1. *Is $d(R, H) < \infty$?*

There are examples in subfactor theory by Haagerup of infinite depth, although not answering the problem. We bring up three other equivalent problems below.

In the opposite tensor category, algebra becomes a notion of coalgebra with the same definition of depth. In the tensor category of bimodules over B , a coalgebra in this sense is a B -coring. Applying the definition of depth to the Sweedler coring of a ring extension, one recovers the minimum h-depth of the ring extension as defined in [29]. The minimum h-depth of a Hopf subalgebra pair $R \subseteq H$ is shown in [31] to be precisely determined by the depth of their quotient module $Q_H = H/R^+H$ in the finite tensor category of finite-dimensional H -modules [12]. In turn the depth of Q is determined precisely by the length of the descending chain of annihilator ideals of the tensor powers of Q , if the Hopf algebra is semisimple, as proven in Theorem 3.14. The quotient module Q has many uses, including the following equivalent reformulation of the problem above, either as an H - or R -module isoclass in the respective representation ring (see [31] or Section 3, the notion below is algebraic element in a ring).

Problem 1.2. *Is Q an algebraic module?*

For example, a finite group algebra extension has quotient module Q equal to a permutation module, which is algebraic [13, Ch. 9]. The question in general

is only interesting for the projective-free summands of Q , since projectives form a finite rank ideal in the representation ring [15]. If either R or H has finite representation type (e.g., is semisimple, Nakayama serial), Q is similarly algebraic. Example 4.6 computes a finite depth where both Hopf algebras are of infinite representation type.

In Section 4, we study depth of a non-normal subalgebra in a factorisable Hopf algebra in terms of entwined subalgebras such as a matched pair of Hopf algebras. In Section 3, we prove a relative Maschke theorem characterizing semisimple extension of finite-dimensional Hopf algebras as a separable extension; as a corollary, these are ordinary (or untwisted) Frobenius extensions. We also define and study the core Hopf ideal of a Hopf subalgebra, which extends to Hopf algebras the usual notion of core of a subgroup pair of finite groups. We note that the length of the annihilator chain of tensor powers of the quotient module is linearly related to the depth if the Hopf algebra is semisimple, improving on some results in [15]. In Section 5, we make a categorical study of a Morita equivalence of noncommutative ring extensions. We show that depth and relative cyclic homology of a ring extension are Morita invariants, as is the inclusion matrix of a semisimple complex algebra extension.

1.1 Similar modules

Let A be a ring. Two left A -modules, ${}_A N$ and ${}_A M$, are said to be *similar* ([1], or H-equivalent [20]) denoted by ${}_A M \sim {}_A N$ if two conditions are met. First, for some positive integer r , N is isomorphic to a direct summand in the direct sum of r copies of M , denoted by ${}_A N \oplus * \cong r \cdot {}_A M \Leftrightarrow$

$$N \mid r \cdot M \Leftrightarrow \exists f_i \in \text{Hom}({}_A M, {}_A N), g_i \in \text{Hom}({}_A N, {}_A M) : \sum_{i=1}^r f_i \circ g_i = \text{id}_N \quad (1)$$

Second, symmetrically there is $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that $M \mid s \cdot N$. (Say that M and N are *dissimilar* if neither condition $M \mid s \cdot N$ or $N \mid r \cdot M$ holds.) It is easy to extend this definition of similarity to similarity of two objects in an abelian category, and to show that it is an equivalence relation.

Example 1.3. Suppose A is an artinian ring, with indecomposable A -modules $\{P_\alpha \mid \alpha \in I\}$ (representatives from each isomorphism class for some index set I). By Krull-Schmidt finitely generated modules M_A and N_A have a unique factorization into a direct sum of multiples of finitely many indecomposable module components. Denote the indecomposable constituents of M_A by $\text{Indec}(M) = \{P_\alpha \mid [P_\alpha, M] \neq 0\}$ where $[P_\alpha, M]$ is the number of factors in M isomorphic to P_α . Note that $M \mid q \cdot N$ for some positive q if and only if $\text{Indec}(M) \subseteq \text{Indec}(N)$. It follows that $M \sim N$ iff $\text{Indec}(M) = \text{Indec}(N)$.

Suppose $A_A = n_1 P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_r P_r$ is the decomposition of the regular module into its projective indecomposables. Let $P_A = P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_r$. Then P_A and A_A are similar (and call P the *basic* A -module in the similarity class of A). Then A and $\text{End } P_A$ are Morita equivalent. The algebra $\text{End } P_A$ is of course the basic algebra of A .

Suppose A is a semisimple ring. Then $P_i = S_i$ are simple modules. Note that the annihilator ideal $\text{Ann } S_i$ is a maximal ideal in A ; denote it by I_i . Note that $\text{Ann}(n_i \cdot S_i) = I_i$, $\text{Ann}(n_i \cdot S_i \oplus n_j \cdot S_j) = I_i \cap I_j$, and any ideal I is uniquely $\text{Ann}(S_{i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus S_{i_s})$ for the 2^r integer subsets, $1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_s \leq r$.

Proposition 1.4. *If two modules are similar, then their annihilator ideals are equal. Conversely, if A is a semisimple ring, two finitely generated modules with equal annihilator ideals are similar.*

Proof. Given modules M and N , if $M \hookrightarrow N$, then $\text{Ann } N \subseteq \text{Ann } M$. It follows that $M \mid r \cdot N$ implies that $\text{Ann } N \subseteq \text{Ann } M$. Hence, $M \sim N \Rightarrow \text{Ann } M = \text{Ann } N$.

Suppose A is a semisimple ring; we use the notation in the example. If M and N are finitely generated A -modules such that $\text{Ann } M = \text{Ann } N$ is the ideal I in A , then $I = I_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap I_{i_s}$ for some integers $1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_s \leq r$. It follows that $S_{i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus S_{i_s}$ is the basic module in the similarity class of both M and N ; in particular, $M \sim N$. ■

Example 1.5. Suppose R is an artinian ring that is not semisimple and with two additional indecomposable modules I_1, I_2 that are not projective and not isomorphic. Then the modules $M = R \oplus I_1$ and $N = R \oplus I_2$ are both faithful generators, but dissimilar by Krull-Schmidt. This contradicts the converse of the proposition for more general rings. (Without dissimilarity, one additional nonprojective indecomposable would suffice.)

1.2 Subring depth

Throughout this section, let A be a unital associative ring and $B \subseteq A$ a subring where $1_B = 1_A$; more generally, it suffices to assume $B \rightarrow A$ is a unital ring homomorphism, called a ring extension, although we suppress this option notationally. Note the natural bimodules ${}_B A_B$ obtained by restriction of the natural A - A -bimodule (briefly A -bimodule) A , also to the natural bimodules ${}_B A_A, {}_A A_B$ or ${}_B A_B$, which are referred to with no further ado. Let $A^{\otimes_B(n)}$ denote $A \otimes_B \cdots \otimes_B A$ (n times A , $n \in \mathbb{N}$), where $A^{\otimes_B(0)} = B$. For $n \geq 1$, the $A^{\otimes_B(n)}$ has a natural A -bimodule structure which restricts to B - A -, A - B - and B -bimodule structures occurring in the next definition. Note that $A^{\otimes_B(n)} \mid A^{\otimes_B(n+1)}$ automatically occurs in any case for $n \geq 2$, since $A \rightarrow A \otimes_B A$ given by $a \mapsto a \otimes_B 1$ is a split monomorphism. For $n = 1$ and A -bimodules, this is the separability condition on $A \supseteq B$; otherwise, $A \mid A \otimes_B A$ as A - B - or B - A -bimodules (via the split epi $a \otimes_B a' \mapsto aa'$).

Definition 1.6. The subring $B \subseteq A$ has depth $2n + 1 \geq 1$ if as B -bimodules $A^{\otimes_B(n)} \sim A^{\otimes_B(n+1)}$. The subring $B \subseteq A$ has left (respectively, right) depth $2n \geq 2$ if $A^{\otimes_B(n)} \sim A^{\otimes_B(n+1)}$ as B - A -bimodules (respectively, A - B -bimodules). Equivalently, $A \supseteq B$ has depth $2n + 1 \geq 1$, or left depth $2n \geq 2$, if

$$A^{\otimes_B(n+1)} \oplus * \cong q \cdot A^{\otimes_B(n)} \tag{2}$$

as B - B -bimodules, or B - A -bimodules, respectively. Right depth $2n$ is defined similarly in terms of A - B -bimodules.

It is clear that if $B \subseteq A$ has either left or right depth $2n$, it has depth $2n + 1$ by restricting the similarity condition to B -bimodules. If $B \subseteq A$ has depth $2n + 1$, it has depth $2n + 2$ by tensoring the similarity by $-\otimes_B A$ or $A \otimes_B -$. The *minimum depth* is denoted by $d(B, A)$; if $B \subseteq A$ has no finite depth, write $d(B, A) = \infty$. We similarly define minimum odd depth $d_{\text{odd}}(B, A)$ and minimum even depth $d_{\text{even}}(B, A)$.

A subring $B \subseteq A$ has *h-depth* $2n - 1$ if Eq. (2) is more strongly satisfied as A - A -bimodules ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$). Note that B has h-depth $2n - 1$ in A implies that it has h-depth $2n + 1$ (also that it has depth $2n$). Thus define the minimum h-depth $d_h(B, A)$ (and set this equal to ∞ if no such $n \in \mathbb{N}$ exists). Note that h-depth 1 is the Azumaya-like condition of Hirata in [20]. The notion of h-depth is studied in [29]; by elementary considerations the inequality $|d_h(B, A) - d(B, A)| \leq 2$ is satisfied if either the minimum depth or minimum h-depth is finite.

2 Depth of algebras and coalgebras in tensor categories

In this section, we define depth of algebras and coalgebras in tensor categories. When applied to algebras and coalgebras in a bimodule tensor category, this definition recovers minimum odd depth defined in [7] and h-depth defined in [30]. In particular, a coalgebra in bimodule tensor category is a coring, with depth defined in [16]. An algebra or coalgebra in a finite tensor category is an H -module algebra or H -module coalgebra with depth defined in [31].

2.1 Tensor Category

By a *tensor category* $(\mathcal{M}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$ we mean an abelian category \mathcal{M} with *unit object* $\mathbf{1} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ and *tensor product* $\otimes : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, an additive bifunctor (satisfying distributive laws w.r.t. \oplus) with *associativity constraint*, a natural isomorphism

$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \xrightarrow{\sim} X \otimes (Y \otimes Z), \quad X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{M}$$

satisfying the pentagon axiom (a commutative pentagon with 4 arbitrary objects in a tensor product grouped together in different ways, see for example [41, (2.3)]), and *unit constraints*, natural isomorphisms ℓ, r such that

$$\ell_X : \mathbf{1} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\sim} X, r_X : X \otimes \mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\sim} X, \quad X \in \mathcal{M}$$

satisfy the triangle axiom (a commutative triangle with the unit object between two other arbitrary objects in a tensor product associated in two ways using α, ℓ, r , [41, (2.4)]). The Coherence Theorem of MacLane states that every diagram constructed from associativity and unit constraints commutes. (Here we are making no requirement of left and right duals satisfying rigidity axioms.)

A *tensor functor* between tensor categories $(\mathcal{M}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$ and $(\mathcal{M}', \otimes', \mathbf{1}')$ is a functor $F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$ such that for every $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, there are isomorphisms $J_{X,Y} : F(X) \otimes' F(Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} F(X \otimes Y)$ defining a natural isomorphism, and

$\phi : \mathbf{1}' \xrightarrow{\sim} F(\mathbf{1})$ is an isomorphism satisfying a commutative hexagon and two commutative rectangles, see for example [41, (2.12),(2.13),(2.14)]. If F is an equivalence of categories, the tensor categories $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$ are said to be *tensor equivalent*.

Example 2.1. Let R be a ring, and ${}_R\mathcal{M}_R$ denote the category of R - R -bimodules and their bimodule homomorphisms (denoted by $\text{Hom}_{R-R}(X, Y)$ or $\text{Hom}({}_R X_R, {}_R Y_R)$). Note that ${}_R\mathcal{M}_R$ has a tensor product \otimes_R and unit object ${}_R R_R$, the natural bimodule structure on R itself. For example, $\ell_X : R \otimes_R X \xrightarrow{\sim} X$ is the well-known natural isomorphism. This makes $({}_R\mathcal{M}_R, \otimes_R, {}_R R_R)$ into a tensor category.

Let A, R are rings, $\mathcal{M}_A, \mathcal{M}_R$ their categories of right modules and homomorphisms. Recall that A and R are Morita equivalent rings if $R \cong \text{End } P_A$ for some progenerator A -module P , if and only if the categories \mathcal{M}_R and \mathcal{M}_A are equivalent, via the additive functor $- \otimes_R P$. The inverse bimodule of P is denoted without ambiguity by $P^* \cong \text{Hom}(P_A, A_A)$, since $\text{Hom}(P_A, A_A) \cong \text{Hom}({}_R P, {}_R R)$ as A - R -bimodules (by a theorem of Morita [39]).

Lemma 2.2. Suppose $T : \mathcal{M}_R \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}_A$ is an equivalence of categories given by $T(X) = X \otimes_R P_A$. Then the categories ${}_R\mathcal{M}_R$ and ${}_A\mathcal{M}_A$ are tensor equivalent via $F({}_R Y_R) = P^* \otimes_R Y \otimes_R P$.

Proof. The proof follows from $F(X \otimes_R Y) = P^* \otimes_R X \otimes_R Y \otimes_R P \cong$

$$P^* \otimes_R X \otimes_R R \otimes_R Y \otimes_R P \cong P^* \otimes_R X \otimes_R P \otimes_A P^* \otimes_R Y \otimes_R P \cong F(X) \otimes_A F(Y).$$

Also $F({}_R R_R) \cong {}_A A_A$. The functor F is an equivalence with inverse functor $F^{-1}({}_A Z_A) = P \otimes_A Z \otimes_A P^*$. ■

In a tensor category $(\mathcal{M}, \otimes, 1_{\mathcal{M}})$, one says (B, m, u) is an *algebra in \mathcal{M}* if the multiplication $m : B \otimes B \rightarrow B$, a morphism in \mathcal{M} , satisfies a commutative pentagon [41, 3.9] w.r.t. associativity isomorphism $\alpha_{A,A,A}$ and “the unit” $u : 1_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow A$, a morphism in \mathcal{M} , satisfies two commutative rectangles [41, 3.10] w.r.t. the natural isomorphisms ℓ_A, r_A in the notation of Subsection 2.1. (*Coalgebra* (B, Δ, ε) is defined dually by coassociative comultiplication $\Delta : B \rightarrow B \otimes B$ and counit $\varepsilon : B \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{M}}$ satisfying the counit diagrams.) That $B^{\otimes(n)} \mid B^{\otimes(n+1)}$ for $n \geq 1$ follows from using the multiplication epi, split by the unit (e.g., see commutative diagram [41, (3.10)]), or the counit splitting the comultiplication monomorphism.

Definition 2.3. Let B be an algebra (or coalgebra) in a tensor category \mathcal{M} . Define B to have depth 1 if $B \sim 1_{\mathcal{M}}$. Define B to have depth $2n + 1$ ($n \geq 1$) if $B^{\otimes(n+1)} \mid q \cdot B^{\otimes(n)}$ for some $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ($\Leftrightarrow B^{\otimes(n)} \sim B^{\otimes(n+1)}$); in this case, B also has depth $2n + 3, 2n + 5, \dots$ by tensoring repeatedly by $- \otimes B$. If there is a finite $n \in \mathbb{N}$ like this, let $d(B, \mathcal{M})$ denote the minimum depth (an odd number); otherwise, write $d(B, \mathcal{M}) = \infty$.

Example 2.4. Let A be a ring, with tensor category of bimodules ${}_A\mathcal{M}_A$. An algebra B (or monoid) in ${}_A\mathcal{M}_A$ has unit mapping $u : A \rightarrow B$ and multiplication $B \otimes_A B \rightarrow B$ satisfying associativity and unital axioms as usual. This is equivalently a ring extension. The depth just defined is the minimum odd depth; i.e., $d(B, {}_A\mathcal{M}_A) = d_{\text{odd}}(A, B)$, which is obvious from Definition 1.6 (with role reversal).

Remark 2.5. The reference [41, 3.8] also sketches the definition of modules and bimodules over such algebras, as well as Morita equivalence between two such algebras. For example, a left module over algebra A in tensor category ${}_B\mathcal{M}_B$ is an A - B -bimodule N as an exercise in applying these ideas. The category ${}_A\mathcal{M}_B$ is equivalent to the category ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ of left modules over A . If A' is another algebra in ${}_B\mathcal{M}_B$ Morita equivalent in the sense of [41], then ${}_{A'}\mathcal{M}_B$ is equivalent to ${}_A\mathcal{M}_B$. This is the case if the ring extensions $B \rightarrow A$ and $B \rightarrow A'$ are Morita equivalent in the sense of Section 5, cf. Diagram (34).

Example 2.6. Let $B = \mathcal{C}$ be an A -coring; i.e., a coalgebra (or comonoid) in the tensor category ${}_A\mathcal{M}_A$. Dual to algebra, there is a comultiplication $\Delta : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \otimes_A \mathcal{C}$ and counit $\varepsilon : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow A$, both A - A -bimodule homomorphisms, satisfying coassociativity and counit diagrams [5]. The definition of minimum depth $d(\mathcal{C}, {}_A\mathcal{M}_A)$ coincides with the depth $d(\mathcal{C}, A)$ of corings defined in [16, 2.1]: $d(\mathcal{C}, {}_A\mathcal{M}_A) = d(\mathcal{C}, A)$.

Let $A \supseteq B$ be a ring extension, and $\mathcal{C} = A \otimes_B A$ its Sweedler A -coring, with comultiplication simplifying to $A^{\otimes_B(2)} \rightarrow A^{\otimes_B(3)}$, $a_1 \otimes_B a_2 \mapsto a_1 \otimes_B 1 \otimes_B a_2$, and counit $\varepsilon_{\mathcal{C}} : A \otimes_B A \rightarrow A$, $a_1 \otimes_B a_2 \mapsto a_1 a_2$ ($a_1, a_2 \in A$). Comparing with Definition 1.6 and applying cancellations of the type $X \otimes_A A \cong X$, we see that coring depth of \mathcal{C} recovers h-depth of the ring extension: $d(\mathcal{C}, {}_A\mathcal{M}_A) = d_h(B, A)$.

Suppose k is a field, the ground field below for all algebras, coalgebras, modules and unadorned tensor products in finite tensor categories (including the tensor category of finite-dimensional vector spaces, Vect_k).

Example 2.7. Let H be a finite-dimensional Hopf k -algebra; its category of finite-dimensional modules \mathcal{M}_H is a finite tensor category [12]. The tensor $\otimes = \otimes_k$ is defined by the diagonal action, where $V \otimes W : (v \otimes w) \cdot h = v h_{(1)} \otimes w h_{(2)}$. The unit module is k_ε where $\varepsilon : H \rightarrow k$ is the counit. An algebra A in \mathcal{M}_H is a right H -module algebra, which the reader may check satisfies the (measuring) axioms $(ab).h = (a.h_{(1)})(b.h_{(2)})$ and $1_A.h = 1_A \varepsilon(h)$ for all $a, b \in A$ and $h \in H$. A coalgebra \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{M}_H is a right H -module coalgebra $(\mathcal{C}, \Delta, \varepsilon_{\mathcal{C}})$ satisfying

$$\Delta(ch) = c_{(1)}h_{(1)} \otimes c_{(2)}h_{(2)}, \quad \varepsilon_{\mathcal{C}}(ch) = \varepsilon_{\mathcal{C}}(c)\varepsilon(h) \tag{3}$$

for all $c \in \mathcal{C}, h \in H$.

The depth $d(A, \mathcal{M}_H)$ and $d(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M}_H)$ is a linear rescaling of the minimum depth of any object in \mathcal{M}_H defined in [31, 15, 16], not an important difference, though slightly more convenient in formulas given below.

Example 2.8. Continuing with H , the category of right H -comodules \mathcal{M}^H is a tensor category, where $X, Y \in \mathcal{M}^H$ has tensor product $X \otimes Y$ as linear space with comultiplication $x \otimes y \mapsto x_{(0)} \otimes y_{(0)} \otimes x_{(1)}y_{(1)}$. The unit module is k with coaction $1_k \mapsto 1_H$. An algebra A in \mathcal{M}^H has multiplication $m : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ and unit $k \rightarrow A$ right H -comodule morphisms. This condition is equivalent to the coaction of A , $\rho_A : A \rightarrow A \otimes H$, being an algebra homomorphism (w.r.t. the tensor algebra). Thus A is a right H -comodule algebra. See for example [36].

3 Entwining structures

In this section we summarize the equalities and inequalities obtained in [16] and [15] between depths of entwined corings and factorisable algebras on the one hand (in the “difficult” tensor bimodule category) and depth of an H -module coalgebra or algebra on the other hand (in a more manageable finite tensor category [12]). We study the quotient module Q of a finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pair $R \subseteq H$ in terms of core Hopf ideals, duals and Frobenius extensions, and under conditions of semisimplicity, relative or not.

Recall that an *entwining structure* of an algebra A and coalgebra C is given by a linear mapping $\psi : C \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes C$ (called the entwining mapping) satisfying two commutative pentagons and two triangles (a bow-tie diagram on [5, p. 324]). Equivalently, $(A \otimes C, \text{id}_A \otimes \Delta_C, \text{id}_A \otimes \varepsilon_C)$ is an A -coring with respect to the A -bimodule structure $a(a' \otimes c)a'' = aa'\psi(c \otimes a'')$ (or conversely defining $\psi(c \otimes a) = (1_A \otimes c)a$) (details in [5, 32.6] or [9, Theorem 2.8.1]).

In more detail, an entwining structure mapping $\psi : C \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes C$ takes values usually denoted by $\psi(c \otimes a) = a_\alpha \otimes c^\alpha = a_\beta \otimes c^\beta$, suppressing linear sums of rank one tensors, and satisfies the axioms: (for all $a, b \in A, c \in C$)

1. $\psi(c \otimes ab) = a_\alpha b_\beta \otimes c^{\alpha\beta}$;
2. $\psi(c \otimes 1_A) = 1_A \otimes c$;
3. $a_\alpha \otimes \Delta_C(c^\alpha) = a_{\alpha\beta} \otimes c_{(1)}^\beta \otimes c_{(2)}^\alpha$
4. $a_\alpha \varepsilon_C(c^\alpha) = a\varepsilon_C(c)$,

which is equivalent to two commutative pentagons (for axioms 1 and 3) and two commutative triangles (for axioms 2 and 4), in an exercise.

3.1 Doi-Koppinen entwining [5, 9]

Let H be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra. Suppose A is an algebra in the tensor category of right H -comodules, equivalently, A is a right H -comodule algebra. Moreover, let $(C, \Delta_C, \varepsilon_C)$ be a coalgebra in the tensor category \mathcal{M}_H , right H -module coalgebra as noted in the example above in Section 2. Of course, if $H = k$ is the trivial one-dimensional Hopf algebra, A may be any k -algebra and C any k -coalgebra.

Example 3.1. The Hopf algebra H is right H -comodule algebra over itself, where $\rho = \Delta$. Given a Hopf subalgebra $R \subseteq H$ the quotient module Q defined as $Q = H/R^+H$. Note that Q is a right H -module coalgebra. So is (H, Δ, ε) trivially a right H -module coalgebra. The canonical epimorphism $H \rightarrow Q$ denoted by $h \mapsto \bar{h}$ is an $\overline{}$ epi of right H -module coalgebras. The module Q_H is cyclic with generator $\bar{1}_H$.

The mapping $\psi : C \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes C$ defined by $\psi(c \otimes a) = a_{(0)} \otimes ca_{(1)}$ is an entwining (the *Doi-Koppinen entwining* [5, 33.4], [9, 2.1]). From the equivalence of corings with entwining, it follows that $A \otimes C$ has A -coring structure

$$a(a' \otimes c)a'' = aa'a''_{(0)} \otimes ca''_{(1)} \quad (4)$$

which defines the bimodule ${}_A(A \otimes C)_A$. The coproduct is given by $\text{id}_A \otimes \Delta_C$ and the counit by $\text{id}_A \otimes \varepsilon_C$.

Note that Eq. (4) above, and Eq. (5) below, exhibit the category \mathcal{M}_A as a module category over \mathcal{M}_H [12].

Proposition 3.2. [16, Prop. 4.2] *The depth of the A -coring $A \otimes C$ (of a Doi-Koppinen entwining) and the depth of the H -module coalgebra C are related by $d(A \otimes C, {}_A\mathcal{M}_A) \leq d(C, \mathcal{M}_H)$.*

Proof. One notes that $(A \otimes C)^{\otimes_A(n)} \cong A \otimes C^{\otimes(n)}$ as A - A -bimodules via cancellations of the type $X \otimes_A A \cong X$. Keeping track of the right A -module structure on $A \otimes C^{\otimes(n)}$, one shows that it is given by

$$(a \otimes c_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes c_n)b = ab_{(0)} \otimes c_1b_{(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes c_nb_{(n)}. \tag{5}$$

If $d(C, \mathcal{M}_H) = n$, then $C^{\otimes(n)} \sim C^{\otimes(n+1)}$ in the finite tensor category \mathcal{M}_H . Applying an additive functor, it follows that $A \otimes C^{\otimes(n)} \sim A \otimes C^{\otimes(n+1)}$ as A -bimodules. Then applying the isomorphism just above and Definition 2.3 obtains the inequality in the proposition. ■

For example, if $A = H$, and C a right H -module coalgebra, the Doi-Koppinen entwining mapping $\psi : C \otimes H \rightarrow H \otimes C$ is of course $\psi(c \otimes h) = h_{(1)} \otimes ch_{(2)}$. The associated H -coring $H \otimes C$ has coproduct $\text{id}_H \otimes \Delta_C$ and counit $\text{id}_H \otimes \varepsilon_C$ with H -bimodule structure: $(x, y, h \in H, c \in C)$

$$x(h \otimes c)y = xhy_{(1)} \otimes cy_{(2)} \tag{6}$$

Corollary 3.3. [16, Prop. 3.2] *The depth of the H -coring $H \otimes C$ and the depth of the H -module coalgebra C are related by $d(H \otimes C, H) = d(C, \mathcal{M}_H)$.*

Proof. This follows immediately from the proposition, but the proof reverses as follows. If $d(H \otimes C, {}_H\mathcal{M}_H) = 2n + 1$, so that $H \otimes C^{\otimes(n)} \sim H \otimes C^{\otimes(n+1)}$ as H - H -bimodules, apply the additive functor $k \otimes_H -$ to the similarity and obtain the similarity of right H -modules, $C^{\otimes(n)} \sim C^{\otimes(n+1)}$. Thus $d(C, \mathcal{M}_H) \leq d(H \otimes C, {}_H\mathcal{M}_H)$ as well. ■

The corollary applies as follows. Let $K \subseteq H$ be a left coideal subalgebra of a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra; i.e., $\Delta(K) \subseteq H \otimes K$. Let K^+ denote the kernel of the counit restricted to K . Then K^+H is a right H -submodule of H and a coideal by a short computation given in [5, 34.2]. Thus $Q := H/K^+H$ is a right H -module coalgebra (with a right H -module coalgebra epimorphism $H \rightarrow Q$ given by $h \mapsto h + K^+H := \bar{h}$). The H -coring $H \otimes Q$ has grouplike element $1_H \otimes \overline{1_H}$; in fact, [5, 34.2] together with [46] shows that this coring is Galois:

$$H \otimes_K H \xrightarrow{\cong} H \otimes Q \tag{7}$$

via $x \otimes_R y \mapsto xy_{(1)} \otimes \overline{y_{(2)}}$, an H - H -bimodule isomorphism. That H_K is faithfully flat follows from Skryabin’s Theorem [46] that K is a Frobenius algebra and H_K is free. Note that an inverse to (7) is given by $x \otimes \bar{z} \mapsto xS(z_{(1)}) \otimes_K z_{(2)}$ for all $x, z \in H$.

From Proposition 3.3, Eq. (7) and Example 2.6 we note the first statement below. The second statement is proven similarly as shown in [31].

Corollary 3.4. [16, Corollary 3.3][31, Theorem 5.1] The h -depth of $K \subseteq H$ is related to the depth of Q in \mathcal{M}_H by

$$d_h(K, H) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H). \quad (8)$$

If R is a Hopf subalgebra of H , the following holds:

$$d_{\text{even}}(R, H) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_R) + 1 \quad (9)$$

The following is of use to computing depth graphically from a bicolored graph in case R and H are semisimple \mathbb{C} -algebras. Let U denote the functor of restriction-induction, i.e., $U = \text{Ind}_R^H \text{Res}_R^H : \mathcal{M}_H \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_H$.

Proposition 3.5. The depth $d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H) = 2n + 1$ is the least n for which $U^n(k) \sim U^{n+1}(k)$.

Proof. Recall that $Q \cong k \otimes_R H$ and for any module M_H , $U(M) \cong M \otimes Q$ (tensor in \mathcal{M}_H) [31]. It follows by induction that $Q^{\otimes(n)} \cong U^n(k)$. ■

Note that decomposing Q into its projective-free direct summand Q_0 and projective summand Q_1 , such that $Q = Q_0 \oplus Q_1$, leads to the following from the fact that projectives form an ideal in the Green ring of H .

Proposition 3.6. The depth of the Hopf subalgebra, $d_h(R, H) < \infty$ if and only if the module depth $d(Q_0, \mathcal{M}_H) < \infty$.

Proof. For the statement and proof of this proposition, we apply the extended definition of module depth of any finitely generated module $X \in \mathcal{M}_H$ in terms of the depth n condition, $T_n(X) \sim T_{n+1}(X)$ where $T_n(X) = X \oplus \cdots \oplus X^{\otimes(n)}$ [31]. Since $T_n(X) | T_{n+1}(X)$, any projective module Y has finite depth, as there are a finite number of isoclasses of projective indecomposables. But $Y \otimes M$ is projective as well for any $M \in \mathcal{M}_H$. Then $Q^{\otimes(n)} = Q_0^{\otimes(n)} \oplus Q_1^{\otimes(n)} \oplus$ mixed terms of Q_0, Q_1 , which are all projective. Thus $d_h(R, H) < \infty \Leftrightarrow Q^{\otimes(n)} \sim Q^{\otimes(n+1)}$ as H -modules for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, which implies that the summand Q_0 has finite depth by [31, Lemma 4.4]. Conversely, if $T_n(Q_0) \sim T_{n+1}(Q_0)$ as H -modules, from $T_i(Q) | T_{i+1}(Q)$, we obtain that $T_{n+m}(Q) \sim T_{n+m+1}(Q)$, equivalently $Q^{\otimes(n+m)} \sim Q^{\otimes(n+m+1)}$, where m is the number of distinct isoclasses of projective indecomposables. ■

3.2 Semisimple and separable extensions

Recall that any ring extension $A \supseteq B$ is said to be a *right semisimple extension* if any right A -module N is relative projective, i.e., $N | N \otimes_B A$ as A -modules. More strongly, a ring extension $A \supseteq B$ is said to be a *separable extension* if for any right A -module M , the multiplication epimorphism $\mu_M : M \otimes_B A \rightarrow M$ splits [19], which also generalizes the straightforward notion of left semisimple extension. The following theorem is a *relative Maschke theorem* characterizing semisimple extensions of finite-dimensional Hopf algebras $R \subseteq H$. We freely use the notation $Q = H/R^+H$ and ground field k developed above.

Theorem 3.7. *The Hopf subalgebra pair $R \subseteq H$ is a right (or left) semisimple extension $\Leftrightarrow k_H | Q_H \Leftrightarrow k_H$ is R -relative projective \Leftrightarrow there is $q \in Q$ such that $\varepsilon_Q(q) \neq 0$ and $qh = q\varepsilon(h)$ for every $h \in H \Leftrightarrow \exists s \in H : sH^+ \subseteq R^+H$ and $\varepsilon(s) = 1 \Leftrightarrow H$ is a separable extension of R .*

Proof. The counit of Q , given by $\varepsilon_Q(\bar{h}) = \varepsilon(h)$ for $h \in H$, is always R -split by $1 \mapsto \bar{1}_H$. If all modules are relative projective, it follows that ε_Q H -splits, so k_H is isomorphic to a direct summand of Q_H . Conversely, if $Q_H \cong k_H \oplus Q'_H$, then any H -module N satisfies by [31, Lemma 3.1]

$$N \otimes_R H \cong N \otimes Q \cong N \oplus (N \otimes Q')$$

since $N \otimes k \cong N_H$. Thus, N and all H -modules are relative projective.

If $\varepsilon_Q : Q \rightarrow k$ is split by an H -module mapping $k_H \rightarrow Q_H$, where $1 \mapsto q$ under this mapping, then q satisfies the integral-like condition of the theorem as well as $\varepsilon_Q(q) = 1$. Moreover, $q = \bar{s} \neq \bar{0}$, satisfies $\varepsilon(s) = 1$ and $sh - s\varepsilon(h) \in R^+H$ for all $h \in H$, but all elements of H^+ are of the form $h - \varepsilon(h)1_H$.

If an element $s \in H$ exists satisfying the conditions of the theorem, for any H -module M , the epi $\mu_M : M \otimes_R H \rightarrow M$ is split by $m \mapsto mS(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_2$. This is also seen from a commutative triangle using $M \otimes_R H \xrightarrow{\cong} M \otimes Q$ and the mappings in [31, Lemma 3.1]. Note that $S(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_2$ is a separability element, for given any $h \in H$, $sh = \varepsilon(h)s - \sum_i x_i h_i$ for some $x_i \in R^+, h_i \in H$. Applying $\pi(S \otimes \text{id})\Delta$ (where $\pi : H \otimes H \rightarrow H \otimes_R H$ is the canonical epimorphism) to this equation: $S(h_{(1)})S(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_{(2)}h_{(2)} =$

$$\begin{aligned} &\varepsilon(h)S(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_{(2)} - \sum_i S(h_{i(1)})S(x_{i(1)}) \otimes_R x_{i(2)}h_{i(2)} \\ &= \varepsilon(h)S(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $hS(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_2 = S(s_{(1)}) \otimes_R s_{(2)}h$ for all $h \in H$ follows from a standard application of $h_{(1)}S(h_{(2)}) \otimes h_{(3)} = 1 \otimes h$. ■

Note that if $R = k1_H$, the theorem recovers the extended Maschke’s theorem for Hopf algebras (e.g., [39, Ch. 2]), since $R^+ = \{0\}$, $Q = H$ and q or s are integral elements of H with nonzero counit. For example, if $Q^{\otimes(n)}$ is projective as an H - or R -module for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, it follows from this theorem that R is semisimple, since $k_R | Q | \cdots | Q^{\otimes(n)}$.

Let t_R, t_H denote nonzero right integrals in R, H , respectively, for the proof of the corollary below.

Corollary 3.8. *Suppose $H \supseteq R$ is a semisimple extension of finite-dimensional Hopf algebras. Then*

1. *the modular functions of H and R satisfy $m_H|_R = m_R$;*
2. *the Nakayama automorphisms of H and R satisfy $\eta_H|_R = \eta_R$;*
3. *the extension $H \supseteq R$ is an ordinary Frobenius extension.*

Proof. Suppose $s \in H$ satisfies the conditions of the theorem, $\varepsilon(s) = 1$ and $sH^+ \subseteq R^+H$. By [31, Lemma 3.2]. the quotient module

$$Q \xrightarrow{\sim} t_R H,$$

which sends $q = \bar{s} \mapsto t_R s$. Then $t_R s H^+ \in t_R R^+ H = \{0\}$, i.e., $t_R s$ is a nonzero integral in H . Without loss of generality, set $t_H = t_R s$. Then for all $r \in R$,

$$m_H(r)t_H = rt_H = rt_{RS} = m_R(r)t_H,$$

from which it follows that m_H restricts on R to the modular function of R , m_R .

Recall that finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pairs such as $H \supseteq R$ are β -Frobenius extensions (Fischman-Montgomery-Schneider) with

$$\beta(r) = r \leftarrow m_H * m_R^{-1} = \eta_R(\eta_H^{-1}(r)).$$

See [24] or [45] for textbook coverages of the full details. Consequently, $\eta_H(r) = \eta_R(r)$, $m_H(r) = m_R(r)$ and $\beta(r) = r$ for all $r \in R$. ■

The hypothesis of semisimplicity that removes the twist in the Frobenius extension of Hopf algebra substantially uncomplicates the associated induction theory.

3.3 Depth of Hopf subalgebras from right or left quotient modules

Let $R \subseteq H$ be a Hopf subalgebra pair where H is finite-dimensional, and $R^+ = \ker \varepsilon \cap R$. The right quotient H -module $Q := H/R^+H$ controls induction of right H -module restricted to R -modules as follows: $\forall M \in \mathcal{M}_H$,

$$M \otimes_R H \xrightarrow{\cong} M \otimes Q, \quad m \otimes_R h \mapsto mh_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)} \tag{10}$$

with inverse mapping given by $m \otimes \bar{h} \mapsto mS(h_{(1)}) \otimes_R h_{(2)}$ where $S : H \rightarrow H$ denotes the antipode of H . At the same time, the k -dual of the left quotient H -module $\mathcal{Q} := H/HR^+$ controls the coinduction of right H -modules restricted to R -modules in a somewhat similar way: $\forall M \in \mathcal{M}_H$,

$$M \otimes \mathcal{Q}^* \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(H_R, M_R), \quad m \otimes q^* \mapsto (h \mapsto mh_{(1)}q^*(\overline{h_{(2)}})) \tag{11}$$

Both Eqs. (10) and (11) are first recorded in [47, Ulbrich]; we use the notation for cosets \bar{h} for both coset spaces Q and \mathcal{Q} .

The following is then a consequence of Eqs. (10) and (11). As mentioned above, $H \supseteq R$ is always a twisted (“beta”) Frobenius extension, with a twist automorphism $\beta : R \rightarrow R$ given by a relative modular function or a relative Nakayama automorphism. If the twist is trivially the identity on R , the Hopf subalgebra is an ordinary Frobenius extension: see subsection 5.1 of this paper for the definition. This hypothesis on $H \supseteq R$ allows us to prove the following.

Proposition 3.9. *If $H \supseteq R$ is a Frobenius extension, then $Q^* \cong Q$ as right H -modules.*

Proof. This follows from the characterization of Frobenius extension: for each right R -module N ,

$$N \otimes_R H \cong \text{Hom}(H_R, N_R). \tag{12}$$

Now apply this and the display equations above to $N = M = k_\epsilon$. ■

Recall that H and R are Frobenius algebras: let A be any Frobenius algebra. Then there are one-to-one correspondences of right ideals with left ideals of A via the correspondence $I \mapsto \ell(I) := \{a \in A : aI = 0\}$ for every right ideal I of A , and inverse correspondence $J \mapsto r(J) := \{a \in A : Ja = 0\}$ for every left ideal J of A . The following comes from the basic fact that $\ell(I) \cong \text{Hom}((A/I)_A, A_A)$ and $r(J) \cong \text{Hom}({}_A(A/J), {}_A A)$. See [34, Lam II].

Proposition 3.10. *Let t_R denote a nonzero right integral in R , a Hopf subalgebra of H as above. Then $\ell(R^+H) = Ht_R$,*

$$\text{Hom}({}_H(H/Ht_R), {}_H H) \cong R^+H$$

and $\text{Hom}(Q_H, H_H) \cong Ht_R$. *If H is a symmetric algebra, the k -duals $Q^* \cong Ht_R$ and $Q^* \cong t_R H$.*

Proof. Note that $Ht_R R^+H = 0$. From [31, 3.2] $Q \cong t_R H$ and $\dim Q = \dim H / \dim R$. By definition of Q , $\dim Q = \dim H - \dim R^+H$; similarly

$$\dim Ht_R = \dim Q = \dim H / \dim R.$$

For a Frobenius algebra A , we know that $\dim \ell(I) = \dim A - \dim I$ [34]. Setting $A = H$, it follows from dimensionality that $Ht_R = \ell(R^+H)$. The next two isomorphisms are applications of $r(\ell(I)) = I$ and $\ell(r(J)) = J$. The last statement follows from

$$\text{Hom}(M_A, A_A) \cong M^*$$

as left A -modules, for every A -module M , for a symmetric algebra A (and a similar statement for left A -modules, see [34]). ■

The equivalent problems in Section 1 have a third equivalent formulation based on elementary considerations using Eq. (1):

Problem 3.11. *Is there an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the composition*

$$\text{Hom}(Q^{\otimes(n)}, Q^{\otimes(n+1)}) \otimes_{\text{End } Q^{\otimes(n)}} \text{Hom}(Q^{\otimes(n+1)}, Q^{\otimes(n)}) \longrightarrow \text{End } Q^{\otimes(n+1)}$$

is surjective?

Either R -modules or H -modules suffice above. If we assume that $H \supseteq R$ is an ordinary Frobenius extension however, the following interesting isomorphisms of Hom-groups over H exist. Note that for any H -module M , there is a subring pair $\text{End } M_H \subseteq \text{End } M_R$.

Proposition 3.12. *There are $\text{End } Q_H^{\otimes(n)} := E$ -module isomorphisms,*

$$\text{Hom} (Q_H^{\otimes(n)}, Q_H^{\otimes(n+1)}) \cong \text{End } Q_R^{\otimes(n)} \cong \text{Hom} (Q_H^{\otimes(n+1)}, Q_H^{\otimes(n)})$$

(right and left E -modules respectively).

Proof. The second isomorphism follows from Eq. (10) and the hom-tensor adjoint isomorphism [1, 20.6]. The first isomorphism requires additionally the fact for any Frobenius extension $H \supseteq R$ with modules M_H and N_R :

$$\text{Hom} (M_H, N \otimes_R H_H) \cong \text{Hom} (M_R, N_R) \tag{13}$$

which follows from a natural isomorphism $\text{Hom} (H_R, N_R) \cong N \otimes_R H$ as right H -modules, and the hom-tensor adjoint isomorphism. ■

It is worth remarking that the tensor powers of Q are also H -module coalgebra quotients, since they are pullbacks via $\Delta^n : H \rightarrow H^{\otimes(n)}$ of the quotient module of the Hopf subalgebra pair $R^{\otimes(n)} \subseteq H^{\otimes(n)}$, which is isomorphic to $Q^{\otimes(n)}$ as $H^{\otimes(n)}$ -modules.

3.4 Core Hopf ideals of a Hopf subalgebra pair

Let $R \subseteq H$ be a finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pair. We continue the study begun in [15] relating the depth of a quotient module Q to its descending chain of annihilator ideals of its tensor powers:

$$\text{Ann } Q \supseteq \text{Ann} (Q \otimes Q) \supseteq \dots \supseteq \text{Ann } Q^{\otimes(n)} \supseteq \dots \tag{14}$$

The chain of ideals are either contained in R^+ or H^+ depending on whether Q is considered an R -module or H -module (as in Corollary 3.4). By classical theory recapitulated in [15, Section 4], for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $\text{Ann } Q^{\otimes(n)} = \text{Ann } Q^{\otimes(n+m)}$ for all integers $m \geq 1$: this ideal I is a Hopf ideal, indeed the maximal Hopf ideal contained in $\text{Ann } Q$. Let ℓ_Q denote the least n for which this stabilization of the descending chain of annihilator ideals takes place; call ℓ_Q the *length* of the annihilator chain of tensor powers of the quotient module. This may be nuanced by ℓ_{Q_R} or ℓ_{Q_H} depending on which module Q is being considered: since for any module M_H we have $\text{Ann } M_R = \text{Ann } M_H \cap R$, it follows that

$$\ell_{Q_R} \leq \ell_{Q_H}. \tag{15}$$

Let S_1, \dots, S_t be the simple composition factors of Q or one of its tensor powers; by elementary considerations with the composition series of $Q^{\otimes i}$, we note that

$$I \subseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^t \text{Ann } S_j, \tag{16}$$

in particular, if some $Q^{\otimes i}$ contains all simples (of R or H), $I \subseteq J_\omega$, the (Chen-Hiss [8]) Hopf radical ideal, since J_ω is the maximal Hopf ideal in the radical which is the intersection of the annihilator ideals of all simples. If one simple is projective,

the corresponding $J_\omega = 0$ by a result in [8], whence Q is conditionally faithful, i.e., $Q^{\otimes(n)}$ is faithful for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ [15].

Recall that the *core* of a subgroup $U \leq G$ is $N := \bigcap_{g \in G} gUg^{-1}$, and is the maximal normal subgroup of G contained in U .

Proposition 3.13. *Suppose H is a group algebra kG and R is a group algebra kU , where $U \leq G$ is a subgroup pair. Then I is determined by the core N as follows: $I_H = kN^+H$ and $I_R = kN^+R$.*

Proof. Note that $kN^+H = HkN^+$ is a Hopf ideal since N is normal in G . An arbitrary element in Q is the coset Ug annihilated by $1 - n$ for any $n \in N$, since $N \subseteq U$. Then $KN^+H \subseteq I$, since I is maximal Hopf ideal in the annihilator of Q . Conversely, the Hopf ideal $I = k\tilde{N}^+H$ for some normal subgroup $\tilde{N} \triangleleft G$ by a result in [43]. Since $1 - \tilde{n}$ annihilates each Ug , it follows that $\tilde{N} \subseteq U$, whence $\tilde{N} = N$ by maximality. ■

Due to the proposition, we propose calling the pair of Hopf ideals $I = \text{Ann } Q^{\otimes \ell_{Q_H}}$ and $I \cap R = \text{Ann } Q^{\otimes \ell_{Q_R}}$ the *core Hopf ideals* of the Hopf subalgebra $R \subseteq H$.

Note that [15, Prop. 4.3] is equivalent to the inequality

$$2\ell_{Q_R} + 1 < d_{\text{even}}(R, H), \tag{17}$$

true without further conditions on H and R , since the even depth of Q , determined from similarity of tensor powers of Q as R -modules, results in equal annihilator ideals: see the first statement in Proposition 1.4. Similarly, considering the H -module Q and h -depth instead, we note that

$$2\ell_{Q_H} + 1 \leq d_h(R, H) \tag{18}$$

Now we make use of the second statement in Proposition 1.4:

Theorem 3.14. *Suppose R is a semisimple Hopf algebra, then*

$$d_{\text{even}}(R, H) = 2\ell_{Q_R} + 2.$$

If moreover H is semisimple, then $d_h(R, H) = 2\ell_{Q_H} + 1$.

Proof. Semisimple rings satisfy the equal-annihilator-similar-module condition in Proposition 1.4. The definition 2.3 of depth of Q depends on similarity of tensor powers of Q and involves a rescaling of 1 plus a factor of 2 with respect to ℓ_Q . The rest follows from the inequalities (17) and (18); see also [31, Theorem 5.1] for $d_{\text{even}}(R, H) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_R) + 1$. ■

For a semisimple Hopf subalgebra pair, also note the equalities that follow from Def. 2.3 and Prop. 1.4:

$$d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H) = 2\ell_{Q_H} + 1 \tag{19}$$

$$d(Q, \mathcal{M}_R) = 2\ell_{Q_R} + 1. \tag{20}$$

For semisimple Hopf algebra-subalgebra pairs, these formulas put the length ℓ_Q of the annihilator chain of tensor powers of Q in close relation to diameter of same colored points in the bicolored graph [7] as well as the base size or minimal number of “conjugates” of the Hopf subalgebra intersecting in the core, cf. [14, 7].

A general finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pair $R \subseteq H$ may sometimes reduce to the hypothesis of the previous theorem via the following proposition, which extends [16, Corollary 4.13] from the core of a subgroup-group algebra pair.

Proposition 3.15. *Suppose I denotes the maximal Hopf ideal in the annihilator ideal of $Q = H/R^+H$; let $J = R \cap I$ denote the restricted Hopf ideal in R . Then h -depth $d_h(R, H) = d_h(R/J, H/I)$. Similarly, minimum even depth satisfies $d_{\text{even}}(R, H) = d_{\text{even}}(R/J, H/I)$.*

Proof. Note that $d_h(R, H) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H)$ by Corollary 3.4, and $d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_{H/I})$ by [16, Lemma 1.5]. Note that $R/J \hookrightarrow H/I$ is a Hopf subalgebra pair with quotient module isomorphic to Q by a Noether isomorphism theorem. Then $d_h(R/J, H/I) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_{H/I})$. ■

3.5 Quotient module for the permutation group series

It is interesting at this point to compute the quotient module Q for the inclusion $\mathbb{C} S_n \subseteq \mathbb{C} S_{n+1}$ of permutation group algebras. Notice that the proposition below implies that the character $\chi_Q = \chi_1 + \chi_t$, where χ_1 is the principal character and χ_t is the character of the standard irreducible representation $(n, 1)$.

Proposition 3.16. *The quotient module $Q = \mathbb{C} [S_n/S_{n+1}]$ is isomorphic to the standard representation of S_{n+1} on \mathbb{C}^{n+1} .*

Proof. Recall the Artin presentation of S_{n+1} with generators $\sigma_i = (i \ i + 1)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and relations

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i, \sigma_i^2 = 1$$

for all $|i - j| \geq 2$. Note that $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \in S_n$. An ordered basis for Q is given by

$$\langle S_n \sigma_n \sigma_{n-1} \cdots \sigma_1, S_n \sigma_n \cdots \sigma_2, \dots, S_n \sigma_n, S_n \rangle$$

This ordered basis maps onto the ordered basis $\langle e_1, \dots, e_{n+1} \rangle$ of the S_{n+1} representation space \mathbb{C}^{n+1} via the canonical order-preserving mapping. This mapping is an S_{n+1} -module isomorphism, since σ_i exchanges e_i and e_{i+1} as it does $S_n \sigma_n \cdots \sigma_i$ and $S_n \sigma_n \cdots \sigma_{i+1}$, respectively, (here we use $\sigma_i^2 = 1$), and it leaves the other basis elements fixed, since σ_i commutes with σ_{i+2} and/or σ_{i-2} (here we also use $\sigma_i \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1}$) etc. while $\sigma_i \in S_n$ for $i < n$. In more detail, note that

$$(S_n \sigma_n \cdots \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1}) \sigma_i = S_n \sigma_n \cdots \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_{i-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i-1} = S_n \sigma_n \cdots \sigma_{i-1}$$

The rest of the proof is routine. (A second proof follows from $Q \cong U(1) \cong \text{Ind}_{S_n}^{S_{n+1}} \mathbf{1}$ and Young diagram branching rule of adding a box.) ■

Since $S_n \subseteq S_{n+1}$ is corefree, i.e., the core of the subgroup is trivial, it follows that the character χ_Q is faithful (equivalently, the annihilator idea of Q does not contain a nonzero Hopf ideal \Leftrightarrow the representation of $\mathbb{C}G$ restricted to G has trivial kernel) [31, 4.2]. The Burnside-Brauer Theorem [22, p. 49] implies for the character χ_Q that each irreducible character of S_{n+1} is a constituent of its powers up to χ_Q^n , since $\dim Q = n + 1$. This implies that $d(Q, \mathcal{M}_{S_{n+1}}) \leq n$ by reasoning along the lines of Example 1.3. Indeed $d(Q, \mathcal{M}_{S_{n+1}}) = n$ follows from Corollary 3.4 and the graphical computation $d_h(S_n, S_{n+1}) = 2n + 1$ in [31].

We mention the theorem in [37], that hooks generate the Green ring of a permutation group, as the full picture to the discussion above.

Theorem 3.17. [37, Marin] *The representation ring $A(\mathbb{C}S_{n+1})$ is generated by the representations $\Lambda^k \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ for $0 \leq k \leq n$.*

Remark 3.18. Recall the notion of order of a module V_H over a semisimple Hopf algebra H . The order $ord(V)$ is the least natural number n such that $V^{\otimes(n)}$ has nonzero invariant subspace, i.e., $\dim(V^{\otimes(n)})^H \neq 0$. For example, $ord(Q_{S_{n+1}}) = 1$ since $\chi_Q = \chi_1 + \chi_t$. For general semisimple Hopf subalgebra pairs $H \supseteq R$ with quotient Q , one might conjecture that $ord(Q) \leq \ell_Q$, since order of Q and ℓ_Q are both bounded above by the degree d of the minimal polynomial of χ_Q in the character ring of H (or H/J -modules where $J = \text{Ann } Q^{\otimes \ell_Q}$ see [32, chs. 4,5, p. 37] and [7, 2.3], respectively). However, [32, p. 32] computes the order of a certain induced module V over the semidirect product group algebra $H = \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_{11}] \# \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_5]$ to be $ord(V) = 3$: with $R = \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_q]$, in fact $V \cong Q_H$. We deduce that $d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H) = 3$, since $d_h(R, H) = 1$ forces $R = H$ by [31, Cor. 3.3]), and $\ell_{Q_H} = 1$, since R is a normal Hopf subalgebra in H : so in general $ord(Q) \not\leq \ell_Q$.

4 Factorisable algebras

An algebra factorisation of a unital (associative) algebra C into two unital subalgebras A and B occurs when the multiplication mapping $B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\sim} C$ is a B - A -bimodule isomorphism [5, 9]. Conversely, the algebra C may be constructed from B and A as a twisted tensor product (denoted by $B \otimes^R A$) as follows: linearly $C = B \otimes A$ with multiplication given by the structure mapping $R : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A$, values denoted by $R(a \otimes b) = b^r \otimes a^r$ or $b^R \otimes a^R$, where summation over more than one simple tensor is suppressed. In this case, the multiplication in $B \otimes A$ is given by

$$(b_1 \otimes a_1)(b_2 \otimes a_2) = b_1 b_2^r \otimes a_1^r a_2 \tag{21}$$

In order for C to be associative, R must satisfy two pentagonal commutative diagrams, equationally given by

$$R(\mu_A \otimes B) = (B \otimes \mu_A)(R \otimes A)(A \otimes R) \tag{22}$$

(where μ_A denotes multiplication in A), and

$$R(A \otimes \mu_B) = (\mu_B \otimes A)(B \otimes R)(R \otimes B) \tag{23}$$

in $\text{Hom}(A \otimes B \otimes B, B \otimes A)$. These equations are satisfied if and only if C is associative. Additionally, the structure map R satisfies two commutative triangles given equationally by $R(A \otimes 1_B) = 1_B \otimes A$ and $R(1_A \otimes B) = B \otimes 1_A$. It follows that $A \rightarrow C, a \mapsto 1_B \otimes a$ and $B \rightarrow C, b \mapsto b \otimes 1_A$ are algebra monomorphisms.

Example 4.1. Let B be an algebra in ${}_H\mathcal{M}$, where $A = H$ is a Hopf algebra as before. Let $R : B \otimes H \rightarrow H \otimes B$ be given by $R(b \otimes h) = h_{(1)}.b \otimes h_{(2)}$. Then $B \otimes^R H = B\#H$, the smash product of H with a left H -module algebra B .

Proposition 4.2. [15, Theorem 5.2] *The minimum odd depth of H embedded canonically in the smash product $B\#H$ satisfies*

$$d_{\text{odd}}(H, B\#H) = d(B, {}_H\mathcal{M}) \tag{24}$$

Proof. Via cancellations of the type $X \otimes_H H \cong X$, one establishes an H - H -bimodule isomorphism,

$$(B\#H)^{\otimes_H n} \cong B^{\otimes(n)} \otimes H, \tag{25}$$

where the left H -module structure on $B^{\otimes(n)} \otimes H$ is given by the diagonal action:

$$x.(b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n \otimes h) = x_{(1)}.b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{(n)}.b_n \otimes x_{(n+1)}.h$$

If $B^{\otimes(n+1)} \mid q \cdot B^{\otimes(n)}$ in ${}_H\mathcal{M}$ for some $q \in \mathbb{N}$, then tensoring this by $- \otimes H$ yields $(B\#H)^{\otimes_H(n+1)} \mid q \cdot (B\#H)^{\otimes_H n}$ as H - H -bimodules. Thus the minimum odd depth $d_{\text{odd}}(H, B\#H) \leq d(B, {}_H\mathcal{M})$ by Definition 1.6.

Conversely, if $(B\#H)^{\otimes_H(n+1)} \mid q \cdot (B\#H)^{\otimes_H n}$ as H - H -bimodules, then $B^{\otimes(n+1)} \otimes H \mid q \cdot B^{\otimes(n)} \otimes H$, to which one applies $- \otimes_H k$, obtaining $B^{\otimes(n+1)} \mid q \cdot B^{\otimes(n)}$ in ${}_H\mathcal{M}$. Therefore $d(B, {}_H\mathcal{M}) \leq d_{\text{odd}}(H, B\#H)$. ■

Using the notation developed in Section 3 for a finite-dimensional Hopf subalgebra pair $R \subseteq H$ with quotient right H -module coalgebra Q , we note that its k -dual Q^* becomes a left H -module algebra via $\langle hq^*, q \rangle = \langle q^*, qh \rangle$. Yet another equivalent formulation of the fundamental problem in Section 1 follows easily from the proposition since $d(Q^*, {}_H\mathcal{M}) = d(Q, \mathcal{M}_H)$ [31, 15].

Problem 4.3. *Is $d(H, Q^*\#H) < \infty$ or $d(R, Q^*\#R) < \infty$?*

Example 4.4. Suppose B and H are a *matched pair* of Hopf algebras (see [36, 7.2.1] or [33, IX.2.2]). I.e., H is a coalgebra in \mathcal{M}_B with action denoted by $h \triangleleft b$, and B is coalgebra in ${}_H\mathcal{M}$ with action denoted by $h \triangleright b$ satisfying compatibility conditions given in [36, (7.7)-(7.9)]. A twisting $R : H \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes H$ is given by

$$R(h \otimes b) = h_{(1)} \triangleright b_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)} \triangleleft b_{(2)}, \tag{26}$$

which defines an algebra structure on $B \otimes^R H = B \bowtie H$; moreover, this is a Hopf algebra, called the double cross product, where H and B are canonically Hopf subalgebras [36].

For example, H and its dual Hopf algebra (with opposite multiplication) $B = H^{op*}$ are a matched pair via \triangleright , the left coadjoint action of H on H^* ,

$$h \triangleright b = b_{(2)} \langle (Sb_{(1)})b_{(3)}, h \rangle, \tag{27}$$

and \triangleleft the analogous left coadjoint action of H^* on H . This defines the Drinfeld double $D(H)$ as a special case of double cross product, $D(H) = H^{op*} \bowtie H$.

Proposition 4.5. *Let B and H be a matched pair of finite-dimensional Hopf algebras with $A = B \bowtie H$ their double cross product. Then the minimum h -depth and even depth of the Hopf subalgebra B in A is given by the depth of H in the finite tensor category \mathcal{M}_B (w.r.t. \triangleleft in Example 4.4): $d_h(B, A) = d(H, \mathcal{M}_B)$ and $d_{even}(B, A) = d(H, \mathcal{M}_B) + 1$. Similarly, the Hopf subalgebra H has depth in A given by $d_h(H, A) = d(B, {}_H\mathcal{M})$ (w.r.t. \triangleright) and $d_{even}(H, A) = d(B, {}_H\mathcal{M}) + 1$.*

Proof. This follows from Cor. 3.4 if we show that the quotient module $Q_B \cong (H_B, \triangleleft)$. Note that $Q = B \bowtie H / B^+(B \bowtie H) \cong H$ via $\overline{b \bowtie h} \mapsto \varepsilon_B(b)h$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{hb} &= \overline{(1_B \bowtie h)(b \bowtie 1_H)} = \overline{h_{(1)} \triangleright b_{(1)} \bowtie h_{(1)} \triangleleft b_{(2)}} = \varepsilon_B(h_{(1)} \triangleright b_{(1)}) \overline{h_{(2)} \triangleleft b_{(2)}} \\ &= \overline{h \triangleleft b}, \end{aligned}$$

where we use axiom (3) for B , a left H -module coalgebra. ■

For example, if $B = H^{op*}$ and $B \bowtie H = D(H)$, suppose H is cocommutative. From the formula for coadjoint action, it is apparent that $H_B \cong (\dim H) \cdot k$, so $d(H, \mathcal{M}_B) = 1$ and $d(H^*, D(H)) \leq 2$. Indeed, it is known that $D(H) \cong H^* \# H$ in case H is quasitriangular [36, Majid, 1991, 7.4]), but a smash product is a Hopf-Galois extension of its left H -module algebra (which has depth 2).

Example 4.6. A study of the 8-dimensional small quantum group H_8 (see for example [31, Example 4.9] for its Hopf algebra structure) and its quantum double $D(H_8)$ indicates that minimum depth satisfies $3 \leq d(H_8, D(H_8)) \leq 4$. The method is to compute $D(H_8)$ in terms of generators and relations, compute the quotient Q as an 8-dimensional H_8 -module, then decompose it into its indecomposable summands (twice each simple, and two 2-dimensional indecomposables), compute the tensor products between these indecomposables, noting that $Q \sim Q \otimes Q$ as H_8 -modules, and using Eq. (9). Since both algebras have infinite representation type, we cannot otherwise predict a finite depth from known results [31, 17].

Let ${}_{ad}H$ denote the adjoint action of H on itself, given by $h.x = h_{(1)}xS(h_{(2)})$ for all $h, x \in H$.

Corollary 4.7. [15, Cor. 5.4] *Let G be a finite group and $D(G)$ its Drinfeld double as a complex group algebra. Then $d(\mathbb{C}G, D(G)) = d({}_{ad}\mathbb{C}G, {}_{\mathbb{C}G}\mathcal{M})$.*

Proof. From the remark about cocommutativity just above, the double $D(G) = H^* \# H$ (with $H = \mathbb{C}G$) is a smash product to which Proposition 4.2 applies: thus $d_{{}_{ad}}(\mathbb{C}G, D(G)) = d(H^*, {}_{\mathbb{C}G}\mathcal{M})$. The smash product multiplication formula for $g, h \in G, p_g, p_h \in H^*$ one-point projections, is given by

$$(p_x \# g)(p_y \# h) = p_x p_{gyg^{-1}} \# gh \tag{28}$$

which visibly demonstrates that ${}_H H^* \cong_{ad} H^* \cong_{ad} \mathbb{C}G$.

It remains to show that $d_{even}(\mathbb{C}G, D(G)) = 1 + d_{odd}(\mathbb{C}G, D(G))$. Note that $S(p_x) = p_{x^{-1}}$,

$$\Delta^2(p_x) = \sum_{z,y \in G} p_z \otimes p_{z^{-1}y} \otimes p_{y^{-1}x}$$

whence using Eq. (27)

$$h \triangleright p_x = \sum_{z,y \in G} p_{z^{-1}y} \langle p_{z^{-1}y} p_{y^{-1}x}, h \rangle = \sum_{z,y \in G} \langle p_{z^{-1}}, h \rangle \langle p_{y^{-1}x}, h \rangle p_{z^{-1}y} = p_{hxh^{-1}},$$

the adjoint action of h on p_x . Use Proposition 4.5 to conclude the proof. ■

5 Morita equivalent ring extensions

In this section we continue a study of Morita equivalence of ring extensions in [38, 21, 48], though with an emphasis on functors and categories. We will briefly provide the classical background theory, and prove that depth, relative cyclic homology as well as the bipartite graphs of a semisimple complex subalgebra pair are all Morita invariant properties of a ring or algebra extension. In addition, we note a natural example of Morita equivalence in towers of Frobenius extensions.

Define two ring extensions $A | B$ and $R | S$ to be Morita equivalent if there are additive equivalences $\mathcal{P} : {}_R \mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_A \mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{Q} : {}_S \mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_B \mathcal{M}$ satisfying a commutative rectangle (up to a natural isomorphism) with respect to the functors of restriction from R -modules into S -modules, and from A -modules into B -modules.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_R \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow[\mathcal{P}]{\sim} & {}_A \mathcal{M} \\
 \text{Res}_S^R \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_B^A \\
 {}_S \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow[\mathcal{Q}]{\sim} & {}_B \mathcal{M}
 \end{array} \tag{29}$$

The requirement then is that there be a natural isomorphism $\mathcal{Q} \text{Res}_S^R \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Res}_B^A \mathcal{P}$. One shows in an exercise that this is an equivalence relation on ring extensions by using operations on natural transformation by functors.

From ordinary Morita theory we know that $\mathcal{P}({}_R R) = {}_A P$, a progenerator such that $\text{End}_A P \cong R$, so that P is in fact an A - R -bimodule with $\mathcal{P}({}_R X) = P \otimes_R X$ for all ${}_R X$. The dual of P is unequivocally $P^* = \text{Hom}({}_R P, {}_R R)$, an R - A -bimodule, since $\text{Hom}({}_A P, {}_A A) \cong P^*$ as R - A -bimodules by [39, Theorem 1.1]. Then $P^* \otimes_A - : {}_A \mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_R \mathcal{M}$ is an inverse equivalence to \mathcal{P} : one has bimodule isomorphisms $P^* \otimes_A P \cong {}_R R$ and $P \otimes_R P^* \cong {}_A A$.

Similarly there is an invertible Morita bimodule ${}_B Q_S$, a left and right progenerator module, such that $\mathcal{Q}({}_S Y) = {}_B Q \otimes_S Y$. The condition that the rectangle above commutes applied to $R \in {}_R \mathcal{M}$ becomes ${}_B Q \otimes_S R \cong {}_B P$, also valid as B - R -bimodules due to naturality, noted as an equivalent condition in the proposition below.

Example 5.1. Given a ring extension $R \supseteq S$, let $A = M_n(R) \supseteq B = M_n(S)$. Of course, A and R are Morita equivalent via $P = n \cdot R$, also B and S are Morita equivalent via $Q = n \cdot S$. Note that

$${}_B Q \otimes_S R_R \cong n \cdot R = {}_B P_R.$$

Thus, as one would expect, the ring extensions $R \supseteq S$ and $A \supseteq B$ are Morita equivalent.

Example 5.2. Suppose $B \subseteq A$ and $S \subseteq R$ are ring extensions with ring isomorphism $\psi : A \xrightarrow{\sim} R$ restricting to a ring isomorphism $\eta : B \xrightarrow{\sim} S$. Defining bimodules ${}_A P_R := \psi R_R$ and ${}_B Q_S := \eta S_S$, one shows in an exercise that the two ring extensions are Morita equivalent.

The proposition below characterizes Morita equivalence of ring extensions in many equivalent ways, condition (2) being the definition in [38, 21, 48].

Proposition 5.3. *The following conditions on ring extensions $A \supseteq B$ and $R \supseteq S$ are equivalent:*

1. $A \supseteq B$ and $R \supseteq S$ are Morita equivalent;
2. there are Morita bimodules ${}_A P_R$ and ${}_B Q_S$ satisfying ${}_B Q \otimes_S R_R \cong {}_B P_R$ [38];
3. there are Morita bimodules ${}_A P_R$ and ${}_B Q_S$ satisfying ${}_R R \otimes_S Q^*_B \cong {}_R P^*_B$;
4. there are Morita bimodules ${}_A P_R$ and ${}_B Q_S$ satisfying ${}_A A \otimes_B Q_S \cong {}_A P_S$;
5. there are Morita bimodules ${}_A P_R$ and ${}_B Q_S$ satisfying ${}_S Q^* \otimes_B A_A \cong {}_S P^*_A$;
6. the following rectangle, with sides representing the induction functors, commutes up to a natural isomorphism,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_R \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow[\mathcal{P}]{\sim} & {}_A \mathcal{M} \\
 \text{Ind}_S^R \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{Ind}_B^A \\
 {}_S \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow[Q]{\sim} & {}_B \mathcal{M}
 \end{array} \tag{30}$$

7. the following rectangle, with sides representing the coinduction functors, commutes up to a natural isomorphism,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_R \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow[\mathcal{P}]{\sim} & {}_A \mathcal{M} \\
 \text{CoInd}_S^R \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{CoInd}_B^A \\
 {}_S \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow[Q]{\sim} & {}_B \mathcal{M}
 \end{array} \tag{31}$$

8. any of the conditions above stated identically with right module categories $\mathcal{M}_R, \mathcal{M}_A, \mathcal{M}_S,$ and \mathcal{M}_B replacing the corresponding left module categories.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) is sketched above. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) follows from the computation

$$\begin{aligned} {}_R P^*_B &\cong {}_R \text{Hom} (P_R, R_R)_B \cong {}_R \text{Hom} (Q \otimes_S R_R, R_R)_B \cong {}_R \text{Hom} (Q_S, R_S)_B \\ &\cong {}_R R \otimes_S Q^*_B \text{ using adjoint theorems in [1, pp. 240, 243]. This shows (2) } \Rightarrow \\ &\text{(3). This argument reverses by using the reflexive property of progenerators} \\ &({}_A \text{Hom} ({}_R P^*, {}_R R)_R \cong {}_A P_R). \end{aligned}$$

(3) \Rightarrow (4) and (8). The following rectangle is commutative up to a natural isomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_R & \xrightarrow[\sim]{- \otimes_R P^*} & \mathcal{M}_A \\ \text{Res}_S^R \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_B^A \\ \mathcal{M}_S & \xrightarrow[\sim]{- \otimes_S Q^*} & \mathcal{M}_B \end{array}$$

since for any module X_R one has

$$X \otimes_R P^*_B \cong X \otimes_R R \otimes_S Q^*_B \cong X \otimes_S Q^*_B.$$

To the natural isomorphism identifying the sides of this rectangle, apply the functor $- \otimes_B Q$ from the left and the functor $- \otimes_A P$ from the right to obtain the following commutative rectangle up to natural isomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_A & \xrightarrow[\sim]{- \otimes_A P} & \mathcal{M}_R \\ \text{Res}_B^A \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_S^R \\ \mathcal{M}_B & \xrightarrow[\sim]{- \otimes_B Q} & \mathcal{M}_S \end{array}$$

(4) now follows from applying the rectangle to A_A . (4) \Rightarrow (5). The same type of argument as in (2) \Rightarrow (3) above shows that

$${}_S P^*_A \cong {}_S \text{Hom} ({}_A P, {}_A A)_A \cong {}_S \text{Hom} ({}_B Q, {}_B B) \otimes_B A_A \cong {}_S Q^* \otimes_B A_A.$$

(4) \Rightarrow (6). By using (4), compute for any module ${}_S Y,$

$${}_A A \otimes_B Q \otimes_S Y \cong {}_A P \otimes_S Y \cong {}_A P \otimes_R R \otimes_S Y,$$

which shows the rectangle (6) is commutative up to a natural isomorphism. The converse (6) \Rightarrow (4) follows from applying the rectangle to ${}_S S \in {}_S \mathcal{M}$ as well as naturality.

(5) \Rightarrow (7) For any module ${}_S W,$ it suffices to show that $P \otimes_R \text{Hom} ({}_S R, {}_S W) \cong \text{Hom} ({}_B A, {}_B Q \otimes_S W)$ using natural isomorphisms in [1, 20.6, 20.11, exercise 20.12] and (5):

$${}_A P \otimes_R \text{Hom} ({}_S R, {}_S W) \cong {}_A \text{Hom} ({}_S P^*, {}_S W) \cong {}_A \text{Hom} ({}_S Q^* \otimes_B A, {}_S W)$$

$$\cong {}_A\text{Hom}({}_B A, {}_B\text{Hom}({}_S Q^*, {}_S W)) \cong {}_A\text{Hom}({}_B A, {}_B Q \otimes_S W)$$

The rest of the proof is similar and left as an exercise. ■

In the following proposition, we note some different, quick proofs for certain results in [21], while building up results which show that depth and bipartite graphs are Morita invariants of ring extensions.

Proposition 5.4. *Suppose $A | B$ and $R | S$ are Morita equivalent ring extensions. In the notation of the previous proposition, it follows that*

1. if the extension $A \supseteq B$ is a separable, then $R \supseteq S$ is a separable extension [21];
2. if the extension $A \supseteq B$ is QF, then $R \supseteq S$ is a QF extension [21];
3. if the extension $A \supseteq B$ is Frobenius, then $R \supseteq S$ is a Frobenius extension [21];
4. if $B \subseteq A$ is a semisimple complex subalgebra pair, then so is $S \subseteq R$ with identical inclusion matrix and bipartite graph;
5. the following diagram of tensor categories and functors commutes up to natural isomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_R\mathcal{M}_R & \xrightarrow[\sim]{F} & {}_A\mathcal{M}_A \\
 \text{Res}_{S^e}^{R^e} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_{B^e}^{A^e} \\
 {}_S\mathcal{M}_S & \xrightarrow[\sim]{G} & {}_B\mathcal{M}_B
 \end{array} \tag{32}$$

where $F({}_R X_R) := {}_A P \otimes_R X \otimes_R P^*_A$ and $G({}_S Y_S) := {}_B Q \otimes_S Y \otimes_S Q^*_B$ define tensor equivalences;

6. $G(R^{\otimes_S(n)}) \cong A^{\otimes_B(n)}$ as B - B -bimodules and $F(R^{\otimes_S(n)}) \cong A^{\otimes_B(n)}$ as A - A -bimodules for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
7. the centralizers are isomorphic: $A^B \cong R^S$ [21];
8. the ring extensions $A | B$ and $R | S$ have the same minimum depth and h -depth.

Proof. 1. Let $0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow W \rightarrow U \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence in ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ that is split exact when restricted to ${}_B\mathcal{M}$. By Rafael’s characterization [44] of separability, the short exact sequence splits in ${}_A\mathcal{M}$. The rest of the proof follows from applying the commutative rectangle (29).

2. Suppose ${}_A V$ is (A, B) -projective (or “relative projective”), i.e., ${}_A V | {}_A A \otimes_B V$ (or the multiplication epi $A \otimes_B V \rightarrow V$ splits as an A -module map). By the relative Faith-Walker theorem for QF extensions [40], V is also (A, B) -injective: i.e., the canonical A -module monomorphism $V \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}({}_B A, {}_B V)$ splits. In fact the class of relative projectives coincides with the class of relative injectives for QF extensions. It is clear from the commutative diagram (30) that the equivalence \mathcal{P} sends relative projectives into relative

projective; similarly, it is clear from the commutative rectangle (31) that relative injectives are sent by an equivalence into relative injectives. The rest of the proof is then an application of the relative Faith-Walker characterization of QF extension.

3. The proof is an application of the commutative rectangles (30) and (31) and the characterization of Frobenius extensions as having naturally isomorphic induction and coinduction functors. Suppose $R \supseteq S$ is Frobenius. Then

$$\text{Ind}_B^A Q \cong \mathcal{P}\text{Ind}_S^R \cong \mathcal{P}\text{CoInd}_S^R \cong \text{CoInd}_B^A Q.$$

Since Q is an equivalence, it follows that Ind_B^A and CoInd_B^A are naturally isomorphic functors, whence $A \supseteq B$ is Frobenius.

4. Let V_1, \dots, V_s be the simples of S (up to isomorphism). Then $U_i := Q \otimes_S V_i$ are representatives of the simple isoclasses of B by Morita theory. Induce each V_i to an R -module, expressing this uniquely up to isomorphism as a sum of nonnegative multiples of the simples of R , W_1, \dots, W_r :

$$R \otimes_S V_i \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^r r_{ij} W_j.$$

The $s \times r$ matrix is the inclusion matrix $K_0(S) \rightarrow K_0(R)$ of the semisimple complex subalgebra pair $S \subseteq R$. This matrix determines the bipartite graph of the inclusion, an edge connecting black dot i with white dot j in case the (i, j) -entry is nonzero.

Since A and R Morita equivalent rings, both are semisimple complex algebras; the same is true of B and S . Moreover, their centers are isomorphic, thus A and R each have r distinct simples, and B, S each have s pairwise nonisomorphic simples. Denote the simples of A by X_1, \dots, X_r where $X_i \cong P \otimes_R W_i$ for each i . Suppose the inclusion matrix of $B \subseteq A$ is given by $A \otimes_B U_i \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^r b_{ij} X_j$. Since

$$A \otimes_B U_i \cong A \otimes_B Q \otimes_S V_i \cong P \otimes_R R \otimes_S V_i \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^r r_{ij} X_j$$

this implies by Krull-Schmidt that the inclusion matrices (b_{ij}) and (r_{ij}) are equal. Thus the bipartite graphs are equal.

5. The functors F and G are tensor equivalences according to Lemma 2.2. Let ${}_R X_R$ be a bimodule. Note that $\text{Res}_{B^e}^{A^e}(F(X)) = {}_B P \otimes_R X \otimes_R P^*_B \cong {}_B Q \otimes_S R \otimes_R X \otimes_R R \otimes_S Q^*_B \cong G(\text{Res}_{S^e}^{R^e}(X))$ by applying (2) and (3) in Proposition 5.3. Whence the rectangle is commutative.
6. From the commutative rectangle just established it follows that $G({}_S R_S) \cong {}_B A_B$ and from the tensor functor property of G that $G(R^{\otimes_S(n)}) \cong {}_B A^{\otimes_B(n)}_B$.

A computation similar to the one in (4) of this proof shows that the following rectangle is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_R\mathcal{M}_R & \xrightarrow[\sim]{F} & {}_A\mathcal{M}_A \\
 \text{Ind}_{S^e}^{R^e} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{Ind}_{B^e}^{A^e} \\
 {}_S\mathcal{M}_S & \xrightarrow[\sim]{G} & {}_B\mathcal{M}_B
 \end{array}$$

where $\text{Ind}_{S^e}^{R^e}({}_S Z_S) := {}_R R \otimes_S Z \otimes_S R_R$. Since F preserves tensor category unit objects, $F({}_R R_R) \cong {}_A A_A$. Starting with ${}_S S_S \in {}_S\mathcal{M}_S$, the rectangle shows that $F({}_R R \otimes_S R_R) \cong {}_A A \otimes_B A_A$. Starting with $R^{\otimes_S(n)} \in {}_S\mathcal{M}_S$ in the rectangle, we note that for $n \geq 1$,

$$F({}_R R^{\otimes_S(n+2)}_R) \cong \text{Ind}_{B^e}^{A^e}({}_A A^{\otimes_B(n)}) = {}_A A^{\otimes_B(n+2)}_A.$$

7. Note the equivalence of bimodule categories $H : {}_S\mathcal{M}_R \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{M}_A$ given by $H({}_S W_R) := {}_B Q \otimes_S W \otimes_R P^*_A$. We claim that $H({}_S R_R) \cong {}_B A_A$; moreover,

$$H({}_S R^{\otimes_S(n)}_R) \cong {}_B A^{\otimes_B(n)}_A \tag{33}$$

for all $n \geq 1$. This follows from the diagram below, commutative up to natural isomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_R\mathcal{M}_R & \xrightarrow[\sim]{F} & {}_A\mathcal{M}_A \\
 \text{Res}_S^R \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_B^A \\
 {}_S\mathcal{M}_R & \xrightarrow[\sim]{H} & {}_B\mathcal{M}_A
 \end{array} \tag{34}$$

which is established by a short computation using (2) in Prop. 5.3. Applied to $R^{\otimes_S(n)} \in {}_R\mathcal{M}_R$, we obtain Eq. (33).

Note that the centralizer $R^S = \{r \in R : \forall s \in S, rs = sr\}$ is isomorphic to $\text{End}({}_S R_R) \cong R^S$ via $f \mapsto f(1)$. Recall that an equivalence H satisfies

$$\text{End}({}_S R_R) \cong \text{End}(H({}_S R_R)) \cong \text{End}({}_B A_A) \cong A^B.$$

8. Similarly to Eq. (33), we establish that the equivalence of bimodule categories given by $H' : {}_R\mathcal{M}_S \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}_B, {}_R V_S \mapsto P \otimes_R V \otimes_S Q^*$ satisfies

$$H'({}_R R^{\otimes_S(n)}_S) \cong {}_A A^{\otimes_B(n)}_B \tag{35}$$

Of course, equivalences preserve similarity of modules since they are additive. Suppose $R^{\otimes_S(n)} \sim R^{\otimes_S(n+1)}$ as R - S -bimodules, i.e., $R|S$ has right

depth $2n$. Applying H' , one obtains $A^{\otimes_B(n)} \sim A^{\otimes_B(n+1)}$ as A - B -bimodules, i.e., $A \mid B$ has right depth $2n$. Similarly for left depth $2n$ using the equivalence H . Similarly, if $R \mid S$ has depth $2n + 1$, applying G we obtain that $A \mid B$ has depth $2n + 1$. Going in the reverse direction using G^{-1}, H^{-1} , we obtain $d(S, R) = d(B, A)$. Using F we likewise show that $d_h(S, R) = d_h(B, A)$. ■

5.1 Example: tower above Frobenius extension

A Frobenius extension $A \supseteq B$ is characterized by any of the following four conditions [24]. First, that A_B is finite projective and ${}_B A_A \cong \text{Hom}(A_B, B_B)$. Secondly, that ${}_B A$ is finite projective and ${}_A A_B \cong \text{Hom}({}_B A, {}_B B)$. Thirdly, that coinduction and induction of right (or left) B -modules into A -modules are naturally isomorphic functors. Fourth, there is a Frobenius coordinate system $(E : A \rightarrow B; x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_m \in A)$, which satisfies $(\forall a \in A)$

$$E \in \text{Hom}({}_B A_B, {}_B B_B), \sum_{i=1}^m E(ax_i)y_i = a = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i E(y_i a). \tag{36}$$

These equations may be used to show that $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i \in (A \otimes_B A)^A$.

By [30, Lemma 4.1], a Frobenius extension $A \supseteq B$ has both A_B and ${}_B A$ generator modules if and only if the Frobenius homomorphism $E : A \rightarrow B$ is surjective: although most Frobenius extensions in the literature are generator extensions, there is a somewhat pathological example in [24, 2.7] of a matrix algebra Frobenius extension with a non-surjective Frobenius homomorphism.

A Frobenius extension $A \supseteq B$ enjoys an endomorphism ring theorem, which states that $A_2 := \text{End } A_B \supseteq A$ is itself a Frobenius extension, where the ring monomorphism $A \rightarrow A_2$ is the left multiplication mapping $\lambda : a \mapsto \lambda_a$, $\lambda_a(x) = ax$. It is worth noting that λ is a left split A -monomorphism (by evaluation at 1_A) so ${}_A A_2$ is a generator. It is an exercise to check that $A_2 \cong A \otimes_B A$ via $f \mapsto \sum_i f(x_i) \otimes_B y_i$; the induced ring structure on $A \otimes_B A$ is the “E-multiplication,” given by

$$(a \otimes_B c)(d \otimes_B e) = aE(cd) \otimes_B e. \tag{37}$$

The identity is given $1 = \sum_i x_i \otimes_B y_i$. The Frobenius coordinate system for $A_2 \supseteq A$ is given by $E_2(a \otimes_B c) = ac$ (always surjective!) with dual bases $\{x_i \otimes_B 1\}$ and $\{1 \otimes_B y_i\}$.

The *tower* of a Frobenius extension is obtained by iteration of the endomorphism ring and λ , obtaining a tower of Frobenius extensions; with the notation $B := A_0, A := A_1$ and defining $A_{n+1} = \text{End } A_n A_{n-1}$, we obtain the tower,

$$A_0 \hookrightarrow A_1 \hookrightarrow A_2 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow A_n \hookrightarrow A_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \dots \tag{38}$$

By transitivity of Frobenius extension or QF extension [42], all sub-extensions $A_m \hookrightarrow A_{m+n}$ in the tower are also Frobenius extensions. Note that $A_n \cong A^{\otimes_B(n)}$: the ring, module and Frobenius structures in the tower are worked out in [30].

Theorem 5.5. *Suppose $A \supseteq B$ is a Frobenius extension with the tower and data notation given above. Then $A_{n-1} \supseteq A_{n-2}$ is Morita equivalent to $A_{n+1} \supseteq A_n$ for all integers $n > 1$. Also $A \supseteq B$ is Morita equivalent to $A_3 \supseteq A_2$ if the Frobenius homomorphism is epi.*

Proof. It suffices to assume $E : A \rightarrow B$ is surjective, let $S = A_2 = \text{End } A_B$, $R = A_3$, and show that $B \hookrightarrow A$ is Morita equivalent to $A_2 \hookrightarrow A_3$. Since A is a Frobenius extension of B with surjective Frobenius homomorphism, it follows that the module A_B is a progenerator; since $A_2 = \text{End } A_B$, it follows that B and A_2 are Morita equivalent rings. Similarly, A and $A_3 \cong \text{End } A \otimes_B A_A$ are Morita equivalent rings.

In the notation of Proposition 5.3 (exchanging R with A , B with S), note that $Q = A$ and $P = A \otimes_B A$. Thus ${}_S Q \otimes_B A_A \cong {}_S P_A$, the condition in the proposition for Morita equivalent ring extensions. ■

The theorem states in other words that the tower above a Frobenius extension has up to Morita equivalence period two. Note that consecutive ring extensions in the tower are almost never Morita equivalent: in [30, Example 1.12], the depth is $d(S_3, S_4) = 5$, but of its reflected graph, the depth is $d(A, A_2) = 6$ (where $A = \mathbb{C} S_4$, using the graph-theoretic depth calculation in [7, Section 3]).

5.2 Relative cyclic homology of ring extensions is Morita invariant

We extend a result in [23] that relative cyclic homology of a ring extension $R \supseteq S$ and of its $n \times n$ -matrix ring extension $M_n(R) \supseteq M_n(S)$ are isomorphic via a Dennis trace map adapted to this set-up. The relative cyclic homology (or any of its several variant homologies) is computed from cyclic modules

$$Z_n(R, S) := R \otimes_{S^e} R^{\otimes_S(n)},$$

which has the effect of considering tensor products of the natural bimodule ${}_S R_S$ with itself over S $n + 1$ times arranged in a circle (in place of a line). For each $n \geq 0$, there are $n + 1$ face maps are given by $d_i : Z_n(R, S) \rightarrow Z_{n-1}(R, S)$ defined from tensoring $n - 1$ copies of the $\text{id}_{{}_S R_S}$ with one copy of the multiplication $\mu \in \text{Hom}({}_S R \otimes_S R_S, {}_S R_S)$ at the i th position, there are $n + 1$ degeneracy mappings $s_j : Z_n(R, S) \rightarrow Z_{n+1}(R, S)$ by tensoring n copies of $\text{id}_{{}_S R_S}$ with one copy of the unit mapping $\eta \in \text{Hom}({}_S S_S, {}_S R_S)$ in the i th position, and a cyclic permutation $t_n : Z_n(R, S) \rightarrow Z_n(R, S)$ of order $n + 1$ (see [23] for the Connes cyclic object relations [10] and the textbook [35] for further details).

Suppose ring extensions $R \supseteq S$ and $A \supseteq B$ are Morita equivalent, and assume the same structural bimodules and module equivalences with notation as in this section. Now recall from the diagram (32) that the tensor equivalence $G : {}_S \mathcal{M}_S \rightarrow {}_B \mathcal{M}_B$, defined by $G(X) = Q \otimes_S X \otimes_S Q^*$, sends ${}_S R_S$ into ${}_B A_B$. We note the following commutative diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_S\mathcal{M}_S \times {}_S\mathcal{M}_S & \xrightarrow[\cong]{G \times G} & {}_B\mathcal{M}_B \times {}_B\mathcal{M}_B \\
 \downarrow - \otimes_{S^e} - & & \downarrow - \otimes_{B^e} - \\
 Ab_S & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\hat{G}} & Ab_B
 \end{array} \tag{39}$$

where Ab_B denotes ${}_B\mathcal{M}_B \otimes_{B^e} {}_B\mathcal{M}_B$, a subcategory of abelian groups (and similarly for Ab_S), from a computation with $X, Y \in {}_S\mathcal{M}_S$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(X) \otimes_{B^e} G(Y) &\cong X \otimes_S Q^* \otimes_B Q \otimes_{S^e} Q^* \otimes_B Q \otimes_S Y \\
 &\cong X \otimes_S S \otimes_{S^e} S \otimes_S Y \cong X \otimes_{S^e} Y.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $Z_n(R, S) \xrightarrow{\cong} Z_n(A, B)$ via \hat{G} (restricted to the cyclic modules) as abelian groups for each $n \geq 0$. Now \hat{G} commutes with face maps since the functor G sends the multiplication of $R \supseteq S$,

$$\mu \in \text{Hom}({}_S R \otimes_S R_S, {}_S R_S) \mapsto \mu \in \text{Hom}({}_B A \otimes_B A_B, {}_B A_B),$$

the multiplication of the ring extension $A \supseteq B$. That $\hat{G} : Z_n(R, S) \rightarrow Z_n(A, B)$ commutes with the degeneracy maps follows from the functor G sending the unit $\eta \in \text{Hom}({}_S S_S, {}_S R_S)$ into the unit $\eta \in \text{Hom}({}_B B_B, {}_B A_B)$. That $\hat{G} : Z_n(R, S) \rightarrow Z_n(A, B)$ commutes with the cyclic group action generator t_n follows from $G \times G$ commuting with simple exchange $X \times Y \mapsto Y \times X$. We have sketched the proof of the next proposition.

Proposition 5.6. *If $R \supseteq S$ and $A \supseteq B$ are Morita equivalent ring extensions, then their cyclic modules, cyclic chain complexes and cyclic homology groups are isomorphic: $HC_n(R, S) \cong HC_n(A, B)$, all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

The isomorphism is given by a generalized Dennis trace mapping as follows. Suppose the S -bimodule isomorphism $Q^* \otimes_B Q \xrightarrow{\cong} S$ sends $\sum_{i=1}^r q_i^* \otimes q_i \mapsto 1_S$. Then an isomorphism of cyclic modules $Z_n(A, B) \xrightarrow{\cong} Z_n(R, S)$ is given by

$$a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n \mapsto \sum_{i_0, \dots, i_n=1}^r q_{i_0} \otimes a_0 \otimes q_{i_1}^* \otimes q_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes q_{i_n} \otimes a_n \otimes q_{i_0}^* \tag{40}$$

In the matrix example 5.1 of Morita equivalent ring extensions, where each a_i denotes an $n \times n$ -matrix, this expression simplifies to the classical Dennis trace isomorphism of cyclic modules noted in [23],

$$a_0 \otimes_{B^e} a_1 \otimes_B \cdots \otimes_B a_n \mapsto \sum_{i_0, \dots, i_n=1}^r a_0^{i_0 i_1} \otimes_{S^e} a_1^{i_1 i_2} \otimes_S \cdots \otimes_S a_n^{i_n i_0}.$$

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