

## GRADED COALGEBRAS AND MORITA-TAKEUCHI CONTEXTS

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### 0. Introduction

Viewing a  $G$ -graded  $k$ -coalgebra over the field  $k$  as a right  $kG$ -comodule coalgebra it is possible to use a Hopf algebraic approach to the study of coalgebras graded by an arbitrary group that was started in [NT].

Let  $C = \bigoplus_{g \in G} C_g$  be a  $G$ -graded coalgebra. The graded  $C$ -comodules may be viewed as comodules over the smash product  $C \rtimes kG$ , the general definition of which was given in [M]. Coalgebras graded by an arbitrary group have been considered in [FM] in order to introduce the notion of  $G$ -graded Hopf algebras. On the other hand, M. Takeuchi introduced in [T] the sets of pre-equivalence data connecting categories of comodules over two coalgebras (we call such a set a Morita-Takeuchi context). The main result of this note is a coalgebra version of a result established by M. Cohen, S. Montgomery in [CM] for group-graded rings: for a graded coalgebra  $C$  the coalgebras  $C_1$  and  $C \rtimes kG$  are connected by a Morita-Takeuchi context in which one of the structure maps is injective. Most of the results in this note are consequences of the foregoing. As a first application we find that a coalgebra  $C$  is strongly graded if and only if the other structure map of the context is also injective. The final section provides analogues of the Cohen-Montgomery duality theorems: if  $C$  is a coalgebra graded by the finite group  $G$  of order  $n$ , then  $G$  acts on the smash coproduct as a group of automorphisms of coalgebras and  $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$  is coalgebra isomorphic to the comatrix coalgebra  $M^c(n, C)$ . If  $G$  is a finite group of order  $n$ , acting on the coalgebra  $D$  as a group of coalgebra automorphisms, then the smash coproduct  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is strongly graded by  $G$  and moreover:  $(D \rtimes kG^*) \rtimes kG \cong M^c(n, D)$ . The second duality theorem is again a direct consequence of the Morita-Takeuchi context mentioned above.

**1. Graded Coalgebras and the Smash Coproduct**

Throughout this paper  $k$  is a field. We use Sweedler’s “sigma” notation [S] and further notation and conventions in [T], [D]. Let  $G$  be a group with identity element 1. Recall that a  $k$ -coalgebra  $(C, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is graded by  $G$  if  $C$  is a direct sum of  $k$ -subspaces,  $C = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G} C_\sigma$ , such that  $\Delta(C_\sigma) \subset \sum_{xy=\sigma} C_x \otimes C_y$ , for all  $\sigma \in G$ , and  $\varepsilon(C_\sigma) = 0$  for  $\sigma \neq 1$ . A right  $C$ -comodule  $M$  with structure map  $\rho: M \rightarrow M \otimes C$  is a graded  $C$ -comodule if  $M = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G} M_\sigma$  as  $k$ -subspaces, such that  $\rho(M_\sigma) \subset \sum_{xy=\sigma} M_x \otimes C_y$  for all  $\sigma \in G$ . For graded right  $C$ -comodules  $M$  and  $N$  a graded comodule morphism is a  $C$ -comodule morphism  $f: M \rightarrow N$  such that  $f(M_\sigma) \subset N_\sigma$  for  $\sigma \in G$ . The category of graded right  $C$ -comodules, denoted by  $\text{gr}^C$ , is a Grothendieck category, cf. [NT]. The main purpose of this section is to develop a Hopf algebraic approach to the graded theory. First we recall, see [S] or [A], some definitions.

1.1. DEFINITION. Let  $H$  be a bialgebra over the field  $k$ ,  $A$  a  $k$ -algebra and  $(C, \Delta_C, \varepsilon_C)$  a  $k$ -coalgebra. Then:

- i.  $A$  is said to be a (right)  $H$ -module algebra if  $A$  is a right  $H$ -module such that  $(ab) \cdot h = \sum (a \cdot h_1)(b \cdot h_2)$  and  $1_A \cdot h = \varepsilon(h)1_A$  for any  $h \in H$ , and  $a, b \in A$ .
- ii.  $C$  is a right  $H$ -comodule coalgebra if  $C$  is an  $H$ -comodule by  $c \mapsto \sum c_{(0)} \otimes c_{(1)}$  such that we have:

$$\sum c_{1(0)} \otimes c_{2(0)} \otimes c_{1(1)} c_{2(1)} = \sum c_{(0)1} \otimes c_{(0)2} \otimes c_{1(1)},$$

$$\sum \varepsilon_C(c_{(0)}) c_{(1)} = \varepsilon_C(c)1_H \text{ for all } c \in C$$

- iii.  $C$  is a (left)  $H$ -module coalgebra if  $C$  is a left  $H$ -module such that:  $\Delta_C(h \cdot c) = \sum h_1 \cdot c_1 \otimes h_2 \cdot c_2$ ,  $\varepsilon_C(h \cdot c) = \varepsilon_H(h)\varepsilon_C(c)$  for  $c \in C$ ,  $h \in H$ .

In the sequel we shall not refer to “right” of “left” as in the above definitions, the choice of “sides” shall remain fixed throughout.

For any group  $G$  the group algebra  $kG$  has a bialgebra structure defined by  $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$  and  $\varepsilon(g) = 1$  for all  $g \in G$ . The next result establishes the connection between  $G$ -graded coalgebras and  $kG$ -comodule coalgebras.

1.2. PROPOSITION. *A coalgebra  $C$  graded by  $G$  many in a natural way be viewed as a  $kG$ -comodule coalgebra; conversely every  $kG$ -comodule coalgebra is a  $G$ -graded coalgebra.*

PROOF. For a  $G$ -graded  $C$  the map  $\rho: C \rightarrow C \otimes kG$ ,  $c \mapsto c \otimes \sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in G$ ,

$c \in C_\sigma$ , defines a  $kG$ -comodule coalgebra structure on  $C$ . Conversely, if  $C$  is a  $kG$ -comodule coalgebra then any  $c \in C$  has a unique presentation  $\rho(c) = \sum_{g \in G} c_g \otimes g$ . Put  $C_g = \{c_g, c \in C\}$ ,  $g \in G$ ;  $C_g$  is a  $k$ -subspace of  $C$ . From  $(I \otimes \varepsilon)\rho(c) = c \otimes 1$  we derive that  $c = \sum_{g \in G} c_g$  and  $C = \sum_{g \in G} C_g$ . For  $c \in C$ ,  $g \in G$  we have that  $c \in C_g$  if and only if  $\rho(c) = c \otimes g$ . If  $\sum_{g \in G} c_g = 0$  for some  $c_g \in C_g$  then by applying  $\rho$  we obtain  $\sum c_g \otimes g = 0$  or  $c_g = 0$  for all  $g \in G$ . Therefore  $C = \bigoplus_{g \in G} C_g$ . Consider  $c \in C_\sigma$  and  $\Delta(c) = \sum c_1 \otimes c_2$  with homogeneous  $c_1$ 's and  $c_2$ 's. From 1.1 we retain that  $\sum c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes \sigma$  equals  $\sum c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes \deg c_1 \cdot \deg c_2$ , or in other words  $\Delta(c)$  is the sum of all terms with  $\sigma = \deg c_1 \cdot \deg c_2$ , establishing that  $C$  is a  $G$ -graded coalgebra. □

We say that the group  $G$  acts on the coalgebra  $D$  whenever there is a group morphism  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D)$ , the latter denoting the set of all coalgebra automorphisms of  $D$  with group structure defined as follows: if  $f, g \in \text{Aut}(D)$ ,  $f \cdot g = f \circ g$ .

1.3. PROPOSITION. *If  $G$  acts on the coalgebra  $D$  then  $D$  has the structure of a  $kG$ -module coalgebra; conversely any  $kG$ -module coalgebra has a natural  $G$ -action.*

PROOF. Suppose that  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D)$  determines that  $G$  acts on  $D$  then the map  $kG \otimes D \rightarrow D$ ,  $g \otimes d \mapsto \varphi(g)(d)$  defines a  $kG$ -module structure on  $D$  as desired. Conversely, if  $D$  is a  $kG$ -module coalgebra then we may define a  $G$ -action on  $D$  by  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D)$ ,  $\varphi(g)(d) = g \cdot d$  for  $g \in G$ ,  $d \in D$ . □

1.4. REMARK. Let, for a finite group  $G$ ,  $kG^*$  be the dual bialgebra for the finite dimensional bialgebra  $kG$ . If the finite group  $G$  acts on the coalgebra  $D$  then  $D$  is also a  $kG^*$ -comodule coalgebra. If  $\{p_g, g \in G\}$  is the dual basis of  $\{g, g \in G\}$  then  $\{p_g, g \in G\}$  is a system of orthogonal idempotents of  $kG^*$ . The coalgebra structure of  $kG^*$  is given in the usual way by:  $\Delta(p_g) = \sum_{xy=g} p_x \otimes p_y$ ,  $\varepsilon(p_g) = \delta_{g,1}$ .

The right comodule structure of  $D$  is given by  $\rho: D \rightarrow D \otimes kG^*$ ,  $\rho(d) = \sum_{g \in G} (g \cdot d) \otimes p_g$ .

In the sequel, the smash coproduct plays a central part. For a bialgebra  $H$  and an  $H$ -module coalgebra  $C$  the smash-coproduct  $C \bowtie H$  is defined as the  $k$ -space  $C \otimes H$  with  $\Delta: C \bowtie H \rightarrow (C \bowtie H) \otimes (C \bowtie H)$  given by  $\Delta(c \bowtie h) = \sum (c_1 \bowtie c_{2(1)} \cdot h_2) \otimes (c_{2(0)} \bowtie h_1)$ , and  $\varepsilon: C \bowtie H \rightarrow k$  given by  $\varepsilon(c \bowtie h) = \varepsilon_C(c) \varepsilon_H(h)$ .

1.5. PROPOSITION.  $C \rtimes H$  with  $\Delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  as above is a coalgebra.

PROOF. This is just the right hand version of Theorem 2.11 of [M], a proof is given in Proposition 2.3 of [FM]. □

The smash coproduct is useful in general but has particular interest in some special cases frequently considered:

**i. Graded smash coproduct**

If the coalgebra  $C$  is graded by  $G$  then the coalgebra structure of  $C \rtimes kG$  is given by:  $\Delta(c \rtimes g) = \sum (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 \cdot g) \otimes (c_2 \otimes g)$ , for any homogeneous  $c \in C$  and  $g \in G$  (where we assumed, as we will always do in the sequel, that we have used the homogeneous decomposition  $\sum c_1 \otimes c_2$ ), whereas for all  $c \in C$ ,  $g \in G$  we have that  $\varepsilon(c \rtimes g) = \varepsilon_C(c)$ .

**ii.** If the finite group  $G$  acts on the coalgebra  $D$ , i. e.  $D$  is a  $kG^*$ -comodule coalgebra, then the coalgebra structure of  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is given by:

$$\Delta(d \rtimes p_g) = \sum_{uv=g} (d_1 \rtimes p_v) \otimes (v \cdot d_2 \rtimes p_u),$$

and

$$\varepsilon(d \rtimes p_g) = \varepsilon_D(d) \delta_{g,1}, \quad \text{for all } d \in D, g \in G.$$

Note that the graded smash coproduct appears in a natural way when one studies graded comodules. Recall that a  $k$ -Abelian category is  $k$ -equivalent to a category of comodules  $\mathcal{M}^c$  over some coalgebra  $C$  if and only if it is of finite type (Theorem 5.1 of [T]). The coalgebra giving the category as a category of comodules may, in general, be a somewhat mystical object. However for a  $G$ -graded coalgebra  $C$  the  $k$ -Abelian category of graded comodules, say  $\text{gr}^C$ , is of finite type and it is therefore, equivalent to a category of comodules over the coalgebra given in the following.

**THEOREM 1.6.** *If  $C$  is a coalgebra graded by  $G$  then the categories  $\text{gr}^C$  and  $\mathcal{M}^{C \rtimes kG}$  are isomorphic.*

PROOF. Take  $M \in \text{gr}^C$  with  $\rho: M \rightarrow M \otimes C$ ,  $\rho(m) = \sum m_0 \otimes m_1$ . We make  $M$  into a right  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodule by defining  $\rho': M \rightarrow M \otimes (C \rtimes kG)$ ,  $m \mapsto \sum m_0 \otimes (m_1 \rtimes (\deg m)^{-1})$  for homogeneous  $m \in M$ . A morphism  $f: M \rightarrow N$  of  $G$ -graded  $C$ -comodules is also a morphism of  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodules and we have defined a functor  $T: \text{gr}^C \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{C \rtimes kG}$ .

Conversely, starting from an  $M \in \mathcal{M}^{C \rtimes kG}$  we obtain on  $M$  a right  $C$ -comodule

structure and a right  $kG$ -comodule structure because the linear maps  $\alpha: C \rtimes kG \rightarrow C$ ,  $c \rtimes g \mapsto c$ , and  $\beta: C \rtimes kG \rightarrow kG$ ,  $c \rtimes g \mapsto \varepsilon_C(c)g^{-1}$  for  $c \in C$ ,  $g \in G$ , are coalgebra morphisms. As in the proof of Proposition 1.2 it follows that  $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$  and a straightforward verification learns that  $M$  becomes a graded  $C$ -comodule. Now, for  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}^{C \rtimes kG}$  and a morphism of  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodules  $f: M \rightarrow N$  it follows that  $f$  is also a morphism of  $G$ -graded  $C$ -comodules when  $M$  and  $N$  are viewed as such. This defines the functors  $S: \mathcal{M}^{C \rtimes kG} \rightarrow \text{gr}^C$  and it is easily seen that  $T$  and  $S$  are isomorphisms of categories and inverse to each other.

1.7. REMARKS. 1. If the coalgebra  $C$  is graded by a finite group  $G$ , then the dual algebra  $C^*$  is graded by  $G$  with  $C_g^* = \{f \in C^*, f(C_x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \neq g\}$ . Hence  $C^*$  is a  $kG^*$ -module algebra and we may construct the smash product  $C^* \# kG^*$  with multiplication given by:  $(c^* \# h^*)(d^* \# g^*) = \sum (c^*(d^* \cdot h_1^*) \# g^* h_2^*)$ , for all  $c^*, d^* \in C^*$  and  $h^*, g^* \in kG^*$ . It is easy to see that the algebra  $C^* \# kG^*$  is algebra-isomorphic to the dual algebra of  $C \rtimes kG$ .

2. If  $G$  acts on the coalgebra  $D$  via  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D)$ , then the group morphism  $\bar{\varphi}: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D^*)$  given by  $\bar{\varphi}(g)(d^*) = d^* \varphi(g)$  for  $g \in G$ ,  $d^* \in D^*$ , defines an action of  $G$  on the algebra  $D^*$ . Note that  $\text{Aut}(D^*)$  is a group with respect to  $\sigma \cdot \tau = \tau \circ \sigma$  for  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Aut}(D^*)$ . Thus  $D$  is a  $kG$ -module coalgebra and  $D^*$  is a  $kG$ -module algebra. If  $G$  is finite then  $D$  is a  $kG^*$ -comodule coalgebra and the dual algebra of the smash coproduct  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is isomorphic to the skew group ring  $D^* \# kG$ .

2. The Morita-Takeuchi Context Associated to a Graded Coalgebra

The Morita-theorems for categories of comodules have been proved by M. Takeuchi in [T]; we call a set of pre-equivalence data as in [T] a Morita-Takeuchi context.

2.1. DEFINITION. A Morita-Takeuchi context  $(C, D, {}_C P_D, {}_D Q_C, f, g)$  consists of coalgebras  $C$  and  $D$ , bicomodules  ${}_C P_D, {}_D Q_C$  and bilinear maps  $f: C \rightarrow P \square_D Q$ ,  $g: D \rightarrow Q \square_C P$  making the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P \xrightarrow{\cong} P \square_D D & & Q \xrightarrow{\cong} Q \square_C C \\
 \downarrow \cong & \downarrow I \square g & \cong \downarrow & \downarrow I \square f \\
 C \square_C P \xrightarrow{f \square I} P \square_D Q \square_C P & & D \square_D Q \xrightarrow{g \square I} Q \square_C P \square_D Q
 \end{array}$$

The context is called **strict** if  $f$  and  $g$  are injective, hence isomorphisms. In

this case the categories  $\mathcal{M}^C$  and  $\mathcal{M}^D$  of comodules over  $C$ , resp.  $D$ , are equivalent categories.

The following remark extends a corresponding one for Morita contexts given in [CRW].

2.2. PROPOSITION. *Let  $(C, D, {}_cP_D, {}_DQ_C, f, g)$  be a Morita-Takeuchi context such that  $f$  is injective. Then  $\mathcal{M}^C$  is equivalent to a quotient category of  $\mathcal{M}^D$ .*

PROOF. Theorem 2.5 of [T] yields that  $f$  is an isomorphism and the exact functor  $S = -\square_D Q : \mathcal{M}^D \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^C$ , has a right adjoint  $T = -\square_C P : \mathcal{M}^C \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^D$  such that the natural transformation  $f^{-1} : ST \rightarrow Id$  is an isomorphism. By a result of P. Gabriel (cf. [G] or Proposition 15.18 of [F]) we have:  $\ker S = \{X \in \mathcal{M}^D, X \square_D Q = 0\}$  is a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{M}^D$  and  $S$  induces an equivalence from the quotient category  $\mathcal{M}/\text{Ker } S$  to  $\mathcal{M}^C$ . □

2.3. COROLLARY. *Let  $(C, D, {}_cP_D, {}_DQ_C, f, g)$  be a Morita-Takeuchi context such that  $f$  is injective then  $g$  is injective (i.e. the context is strict) if and only if  ${}_DQ$  is faithfully coflat.* □

PROOF. By Proposition 2.2 the injectivity of  $g$  is equivalent to  $S$  being an equivalence, again equivalent to  $\text{Ker } S = \{0\}$  or  ${}_DQ$  being faithfully coflat. □

Before establishing the main result of this section let us point out that there is a natural way to associate a graded coalgebra to a given Morita-Takeuchi context. Indeed, if we have a Morita-Takeuchi context  $(C, D, {}_cP_D, {}_DQ_C, f, g)$  let  $x \mapsto \sum x_{-1} \otimes x_0$ , resp.  $x \mapsto \sum x_{(0)} \otimes x_{(1)}$ , be the left, resp. right, comodule structure of  $P$ , resp.  $Q$ . The image of  $u \in C$  (resp.  $D$ ) under  $f$  (resp.  $g$ ) in  $P \square_D Q$  (resp.  $Q \square_C P$ ) will be denoted by  $\sum f(u)_1 \otimes f(u)_2$ . (resp.  $\sum g(u)_1 \otimes g(u)_2$ ).

Put  $\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} C & P \\ Q & D \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} c & p \\ q & d \end{pmatrix}, c \in C, d \in D, p \in P, q \in Q \right\}$ .

We make  $\Gamma$  into a coalgebra by defining  $\Delta : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes \Gamma$  as follows :

$$\Delta \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sum \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sum \begin{pmatrix} 0 & f(c)_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ f(c)_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} = \sum \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ d_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sum \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ g(d)_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g(d)_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sum \begin{pmatrix} p_{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sum \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_{(0)} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_{(1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ q & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sum \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q_{-1} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ q_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sum \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ q_{(0)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} q_{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $c \in C, d \in D, p \in P, q \in Q$ , and extended linearly,  $\varepsilon : \Gamma \rightarrow k$  given by  $\varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} c & p \\ q & d \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon_C(c) + \varepsilon_D(d)$ . Moreover  $\Gamma$  is  $\mathbf{Z}$ -graded by putting  $\Gamma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}, \Gamma_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ Q & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Gamma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \Gamma_k = 0$  for  $k \neq -1, 0, 1$ .

Let  $C = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G} C_\sigma$  be a coalgebra, graded by  $G$ . Recall from [NT] that  $C_1$  is a coalgebra with comultiplication  $\Delta_1 : C_1 \rightarrow C_1 \otimes C_1$  given by  $\Delta_1(c) = \sum \pi(c_1) \otimes \pi(c_2) = \sum \pi(c_1) \otimes c_2 = \sum c_1 \otimes \pi(c_2)$  for all  $c \in C_1$ , where  $\pi : C \rightarrow C_1$  is the natural projection. The co-unit of  $C_1$  is just  $\varepsilon_C$  restricted to  $C_1$ . Since  $\pi$  is a coalgebra map,  $C$  becomes a left  $C_1$ -comodule via the structure map  $\rho_1^l : C \rightarrow C_1 \otimes C, c \mapsto \sum \pi(c_1) \otimes c_2$  ( $c$  homogeneous) and it becomes a right  $C_1$ -comodule via  $\rho_1^r : C \rightarrow C \otimes C_1, c \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes \pi(c_2)$  ( $c$  homogeneous). Now  $C$  is a graded right  $C$ -comodule, so by Theorem 1.6  $C$  is a right  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodule via the map

$$\rho_2^r : C \rightarrow C \otimes (C \rtimes kG), c \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes (c_2 \rtimes (\deg c)^{-1})$$

for  $c$  homogeneous. For any homogeneous  $c \in C$ , we have  $(I \otimes \rho_2^r) \rho_1^l(c) = (\rho_1^l \otimes I) \rho_2^r(c) = \sum \pi(c_1) \otimes c_2 \otimes (c_3 \rtimes (\deg c)^{-1})$ ; thus  $C$  becomes a left  $C_1$ , right  $C \rtimes kG$ -bicomodule. In a similar way  $C$  becomes a left  $C \rtimes kG$ , right  $C_1$ -bicomodule where the left  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodule-structure of  $C$  is given by  $\rho_2^l(c) = \sum (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2) \otimes c_2$ , for any homogeneous  $c \in C$ .

Define  $f : C_1 \rightarrow C \square_{C \rtimes kG} C, c \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes c_2 = \Delta_C(c)$ . Observe that for any  $c \in C_1$  we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \rho_2^r(c_1) \otimes c_2 &= \sum c_1 \otimes c_2 (\deg c_2)^{-1} (\deg c_1)^{-1} \otimes c_3 \\ &= \sum c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes \deg c_3 \otimes c_3 \\ &= \sum c_1 \otimes \rho_2^l(c_2) \end{aligned}$$

so the definition of  $f$  above is satisfactory. Moreover,  $f$  is a morphism of left and right  $C_1$ -comodules as is easily verified. Note also that  $f$  is injective because it is the restriction of the comultiplication of  $C$  to  $C_1$ .

Next define  $g : C \rtimes kG \rightarrow C \square_{C_1} C, c \rtimes x \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes \pi_{x^{-1}}(c_2)$  for  $x \in G$  and homogeneous  $c \in C$ , where  $\pi_x$  denotes the projection from  $C$  to  $C_x$ . In order to have that  $g$  is well-defined it is necessary that:  $\sum (c_1)_1 \otimes \pi((c_1)_2) \otimes \pi_{x^{-1}}(c_2) = \sum c_1 \otimes \pi(\pi_{x^{-1}}((c_2)_1)) \otimes \pi_{x^{-1}}((c_2)_2)$ . However the left hand side is obtained from  $\sum c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3$  by collecting the terms with  $\deg c_2 = 1$  and  $\deg c_3 = x^{-1}$ ; on the other hand the right hand sum is an expression of the same thing. Moreover  $g$  is a morphism of right (and left)  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodules; this follows from:  $\sum_{\deg c_2 = x^{-1}} (c_1 \otimes$

$(c_2)_1 \otimes ((c_2)_2 \rtimes x) = \sum_{\deg(c_1)_2 = x^{-1}(\deg c_2) - 1} ((c_1)_1 \otimes (c_1)_2) \otimes (c_2 \rtimes x)$  because both members are actually equal to:  $\sum_{\deg c_2 \deg c_3 = x^{-1}} (c_1 \otimes c_2) \otimes (c_3 \rtimes x)$ . The other assertion (left) follows in a similar way.

**2.4. THEOREM.** *With notation as above:  $(C_1, C \rtimes kG, {}_{c_1}C_{C \rtimes kG}, {}_{C \rtimes kG}C_{C_1}, f, g)$  is a Morita-Takeuchi context. The map  $f$  is injective hence an isomorphism.*

**PROOF.** The only thing left to be proved is that  $f$  and  $g$  do satisfy the compatibility conditions, i.e. the following diagrams are commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C & \xrightarrow{\theta} & C \square_{C \rtimes kG} C \rtimes kG & & C & \xrightarrow{\theta'} & C \square_{C_1} C \\
 \cong \downarrow \psi & \cong & \downarrow I \square g & & \cong \downarrow \psi' & \cong & \downarrow I \square f \\
 C_1 \square_{C_1} C & \xrightarrow{f \square I} & C \square_{C \rtimes kG} C \square_{C_1} C & (C \rtimes kG) \square_{C \rtimes kG} C & \xrightarrow{g \square I} & C \square_{C_1} C \square_{C \rtimes kG} C.
 \end{array}$$

Now for  $c \in C_x$  we have:  $(I \square g)\theta(c) = (I \square g)(\sum c_1 \otimes (c_2 \rtimes x^{-1})) = \sum c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes \pi_x(c_3) = \sum_{\deg c_3 = x} c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3$ , and also  $(f \square I)(\psi(c)) = (f \square I)(\sum \pi(c_1) \otimes c_2) = (f \square I)(\sum_{\deg c_1 = 1} c_1 \otimes c_2) = (f \square I)(\sum_{\deg c_2 = x} c_1 \otimes c_2) = \sum_{\deg c_3 = x} c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3$ .

That proves commutativity of the first diagram. For the second diagram we just compute:  $(I \square f)\theta'(c) = (I \square f)(\sum c_1 \otimes \pi(c_2)) = (I \square f)(\sum_{\deg c_2 = 1} c_1 \otimes c_2) = (I \square f)(\sum_{\deg c_1 = x} c_1 \otimes c_2) = \sum_{\deg c_1 = x} c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3$  and also  $(g \square I)\psi'(c) = (g \square I)(\sum (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2) \otimes c_2) = \sum_{\deg c_2 = (\deg c_3) - 1} c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3 = \sum_{\deg c_2 \deg c_3 = 1} c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3 = \sum_{\deg c_1 = x} c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes c_3$ .  $\square$

**2.5. COROLLARY.** *If  $C = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G} C_\sigma$  is a graded coalgebra then  $\mathcal{M}^C$  is equivalent to a quotient category of  $gr^C$ .*

**PROOF.** A consequence of Theorem 1.6, Theorem 2.4 and Proposition 2.2.  $\square$

Recall that a  $G$ -graded coalgebra  $C = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G} C_\sigma$  is said to be strongly graded if the canonical  $k$ -linear map  $\gamma_{u,v}: C_{u,v} \rightarrow C_u \otimes C_v, c \mapsto \sum \pi_u(c_1) \otimes \pi_v(c_2)$ , is injective for all  $u, v \in G$  (see [NT]). The next result establishes that strongly graded coalgebras may be characterized using the Morita-Takeuchi context from Theorem 2.4 just like in the case of group-graded rings (see [CM]).

**2.6. COROLLARY.** *Let  $C = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G} C_\sigma$  be a  $G$ -graded coalgebra, then the following assertions are equivalent:*

1.  $C$  is strongly  $G$ -graded
2. The context given in Theorem 2.4. is strict
3.  $C$  is faithfully coflat as a left  $C \rtimes kG$ -comodule.



PROOF. 2.⇒1. Take  $u, v \in G$  and  $c \in C_{uv}$  such that we have:  $\gamma_{u,v}(c) = \sum \pi_u(c_1) \otimes \pi_v(c_2) = 0$ . Then  $g(c \rtimes v^{-1}) = \sum c_1 \otimes \pi_v(c_2) = \sum \pi_u(c_1) \otimes \pi_u(c_2) = 0$ , hence  $c \rtimes v^{-1} = 0$  and  $c = 0$ .

1.⇒2. Let  $\alpha = \sum c_i \rtimes x_i \in C \rtimes kG$  with  $c_i$  homogeneous of degree  $\sigma_i$ . Suppose that for  $i \neq j$  we have  $(\sigma_i, x_i) \neq (\sigma_j, x_j)$ . If  $g(\alpha) = 0$  then  $\sum_{i, (c_i)} (c_i)_1 \otimes \pi_{x_i^{-1}}((c_i)_2) = 0$ , therefore  $\sum_{i, (c_i)} \pi_{\sigma_i x_i}((c_i)_1) \otimes \pi_{x_i^{-1}}((c_i)_2) = 0$ . On the other hand:  $\pi_{\sigma_i x_i}((c_i)_1) \otimes \pi_{x_i^{-1}}((c_i)_2) \in C_{\sigma_i x_i} \otimes C_{x_i^{-1}}$ . Since  $C \otimes C = \bigoplus_{u, v \in G} C_u \otimes C_v$  we obtain for fixed  $i$ , the relation:  $\sum_{(c_i)} \pi_{\sigma_i x_i}((c_i)_1) \otimes \pi_{x_i^{-1}}((c_i)_2) = 0$ . The latter yields  $\gamma_{\sigma_i x_i, x_i^{-1}}(c_i) = 0$  and therefore  $c_i = 0$  for every choice of  $i$ , i.e.  $\alpha = 0$  follows.

2.⇔3. Follows from Corollary 2.3. □

As a further application we reobtain Theorem 5.3 of [NT] which is a co-algebra version of a well-known result of E. Dade.

2.7. COROLLARY. *The graded coalgebra  $C$  is strongly graded if and only if the induced functor  $-\square_{C_1} C : \mathcal{M}^{C_1} \rightarrow \text{gr}^C$  is an equivalence of categories.*

2.8. REMARK. The functor  $(-)_1 : \text{gr}^C \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{C_1}, M \rightarrow M_1$ , is naturally isomorphic to the functor  $-\square_{C \rtimes kG} G$  since they are both left adjoints of the induced functor  $-\square_{C_1} C$  (see [NT] Proposition 4.1, [T] Remark 2.4). Therefore the localizing category implicit in Corollary 2.5 is just  $\text{Ker}(-)_1 = \text{Ker}(-\square_{C \rtimes kG} C)$ .

As a final application of these techniques let us include a short proof of Corollary 6.4 in [NT].

2.9. COROLLARY. *If  $C$  is a strongly graded coalgebra for the group  $G$  then  $G$  is a finite group.*

PROOF. If  $G$  is infinite we could select a non-zero homogeneous  $c \in C$  and  $x \in G$  such that  $x \neq \text{deg}(c_2)^{-1}$  for all  $c_2$ . Then  $g(c \rtimes x) = 0$ , but that would contradict injectivity of  $g$ . □

### 3. Duality.

For a quasi-finite right  $C$ -comodule  $M$ , the so-called coalgebra of “co-endomorphisms” of  $M$  has been defined in [T., 1.17] and it is denoted by  $e_{-C}(M)$ . Unfortunately this coalgebra is not easy to use because of the rather complex comultiplication, so it will be useful to give a nicer description of  $e_{-C}(M)$  in some particular situation, e.g. in case  $M$  is a finitely cogenerated free-comodule (that is,  $M \cong X \otimes C$ , for some finite dimensional  $k$ -vectorspace  $X$ , with the obvious

comodule structure).

Let  $C$  be a coalgebra,  $X$  an  $n$ -dimensional  $k$ -space with basis  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Consider the  $n \times n$  comatrix coalgebra  $M^c(n, k)$  which is a  $k$ -space with basis  $\{x_{ij}, 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$  and  $\Delta, \varepsilon$  given as follows:  $\Delta(x_{ij}) = \sum_p x_{ip} \otimes x_{pj}$ ,  $\varepsilon(x_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}$ .

The  $n \times n$  comatrix coalgebras over  $C$ , denoted by  $M^c(n, C)$  is defined to be the tensor product of coalgebra  $C \otimes M^c(n, k)$ . We endow  $C \otimes X$  with a left  $C$ - and a right  $M^c(n, C)$ -bicomodule structure as follows. The left  $C$ -comodule structure is given by the map:  $\rho_1^l: C \otimes X \rightarrow C \otimes C \otimes X$ ,  $c \otimes x \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes c_2 \otimes x$ . The right  $M^c(n, C)$ -comodule structure is given by the map:  $\rho_2^r: C \otimes X \rightarrow C \otimes X \otimes M^c(n, C)$ ,  $c \otimes x_i \mapsto \sum_p c_1 \otimes x_p \otimes c_2 \otimes x_{pi}$ .

In a similar way  $C \otimes X$  is a left  $M^c(n, C)$ -right  $C$ -bicomodule via the structure maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1^r: C \otimes X &\rightarrow C \otimes X \otimes C, \quad c \otimes x \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes x \otimes c_2 \\ \rho_2^l: C \otimes X &\rightarrow M^c(n, C) \otimes C \otimes X, \quad c \otimes x_i \mapsto \sum_p c_1 \otimes x_{ip} \otimes c_2 \otimes x_p \end{aligned}$$

Define  $f: C \rightarrow (C \otimes X) \square_{M^c(n, C)} (C \otimes X)$ ,  $c \mapsto \sum_{i, (c)} (c_i \otimes x_i) \otimes (c_2 \otimes x_i)$ , which is obviously injective and  $C$ -bilinear. Define  $g: M^c(n, C) \rightarrow (C \otimes X) \square_C (C \otimes X)$ ,  $c \otimes x_{ij} \mapsto \sum (c_1 \otimes x_i) \otimes (c_2 \otimes x_j)$  which is also injective and  $M^c(n, C)$ -bilinear. One easily verifies the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (I \square f) \rho_1^r(c \otimes x_i) &= (g \square I) \rho_2^l(c \otimes x_i) = \sum_p c_1 \otimes x_i \otimes c_2 \otimes x_p \otimes c_3 \otimes x_p \\ (f \square I) \rho_1^l(c \otimes x_i) &= (I \square g) \rho_2^r(c \otimes x_i) = \sum_p c_1 \otimes x_p \otimes c_2 \otimes x_p \otimes c_3 \otimes x_i \end{aligned}$$

According to results of [T] we immediately obtain:

3.1. PROPOSITION.  $(C, M^c(n, C), C \otimes X, C \otimes X, f, g)$  is a strict Morita-Takeuchi context. In particular we have coalgebra isomorphisms:

$$e_{C-}(C \otimes X) \cong M^c(n, C) \cong e_{-C}(C \otimes X)$$

3.2. THEOREM. Let  $G$  be a finite group acting on the coalgebra  $D$ , then  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is a strongly graded coalgebra and there exist coalgebra isomorphisms:

$$(D \rtimes kG^*) \rtimes kG \cong e_{D-}(D \rtimes kG^*) \cong M^c(n, D)$$

where  $n = |G|$ .

PROOF. The map  $\rho: D \otimes kG^*, d \mapsto \sum_g (g \cdot d) \otimes p_g$ , makes  $D$  into a  $kG^*$ -comodule. The comultiplication of  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is given by  $\Delta(d \rtimes p_x) = \sum_{uv=x} (d \rtimes p_v) \otimes (vd_2 \rtimes p_u)$ . This establishes that  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is a graded coalgebra of type  $G$  with grading given by  $(D \rtimes kG^*)_g = D \rtimes p_{g^{-1}}$ . The canonical morphism  $D \rtimes p_1 \rightarrow$

$(D \rtimes p_{\sigma^{-1}}) \otimes (D \rtimes p_{\sigma})$ ,  $d \rtimes p_1 \mapsto \sum (d_1 \rtimes p_{\sigma^{-1}1}) \otimes (\sigma^{-1}d_2 \rtimes p_{\sigma})$ , is clearly injective. Thus  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is a strongly graded coalgebra, and  $(D \rtimes kG^*)_1 = D \rtimes p_1 \cong D$ . Applying the Morita-Takeuchi context (constructed in Section 2) to  $D \rtimes kG^*$ , we have a strict context and so it provides us with coalgebra isomorphisms:

$$(D \rtimes kG^*) \rtimes kG \cong e_{(D \rtimes p_1)-}(D \rtimes kG^*) \cong e_{D-}(D \rtimes kG^*).$$

The left  $(D \rtimes p_1)$ -structure of  $D \rtimes kG^*$  is given by  $d \rtimes p_x \mapsto \sum (d_1 \rtimes p_1) \otimes (d_2 \rtimes p_x)$ , and this yields exactly the left  $D$ -comodule structure of  $D \otimes X$  where  $X = kG^*$  is a  $k$ -space of dimension  $n$ . Proposition 3.1 yields the second isomorphism.  $\square$

A similar result holds for graded coalgebras (or coactions).

**3.3. THEOREM.** *Let  $C$  be a coalgebra graded by the finite group  $G$ . Then  $G$  acts on the coalgebra  $C \rtimes kG$  and there are coalgebra isomorphisms:*

$$(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^* \cong e_{C-}(C \rtimes kG) \cong M^c(n, C)$$

**PROOF.** An action of  $G$  on the coalgebra  $C \rtimes kG$  is given by  $h \cdot (c \rtimes g) = c \rtimes gh^{-1}$ ,  $g, h \in G$  and  $c \in C$ . Thus  $C \rtimes kG$  becomes a  $kG^*$ -comodule coalgebra via the map:

$$c \rtimes g \mapsto \sum_y y \cdot (c \rtimes g) \otimes p_y = \sum_y (c \rtimes gy^{-1}) \otimes p_y.$$

The comultiplication of  $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$  is given by

$$\Delta((c \rtimes x) \rtimes p_g) = \sum_{uv=g} ((c_1 \rtimes \text{deg } c_2 \cdot x) \rtimes p_v) \otimes ((c_2 \rtimes xv^{-1}) \rtimes p_u)$$

for any  $x, g \in G$  and homogeneous  $c \in C$ . Now let  $\{e_{x,y}, x, y \in G\}$  be a basis for  $M^c(n, k)$ . Define a map  $F: (C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^* \rightarrow M^c(n, C)$ ,  $(c \rtimes x) \rtimes p_g \mapsto c \otimes e_{\alpha, \beta}$  where  $\alpha = \text{deg } c \cdot x$ ,  $\beta = xg^{-1}$  for  $x, g \in G$  and homogeneous  $c \in C$ . Let us check that  $F$  is a coalgebra morphism. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(F((c \rtimes x) \rtimes p_g)) &= \Delta(c \otimes e_{\alpha, \beta}) \\ &= \sum_{z, (c)} (c_1 \otimes e_{\alpha, z}) \otimes (c_2 \otimes e_{z, \beta}) \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} (F \otimes F)(\Delta((c \rtimes x) \rtimes p_g)) &= \sum_{uv=g} (c_1 \otimes e_{\text{deg } c_1 \text{ deg } c_2 x \text{ deg } c_2 xv^{-1}}) \otimes (c_2 \otimes e_{\text{deg } c_2 xv^{-1}, xv^{-1}, u^{-1}}) \\ &= \sum_v (c_1 \otimes e_{\alpha, \text{deg } c_2 xv^{-1}}) \otimes (c_2 \otimes e_{\text{deg } c_2 xv^{-1}, \beta}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{\text{deg } c_2 xv^{-1}, v \in G\} = G$ , both sums are equal. Now, consider  $(c \rtimes x) \rtimes p_g \in (C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$  for  $x, g \in G$  and  $c$  homogeneous. Write  $\varepsilon$  for the co-unit of  $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$  and  $\varepsilon'$  for the co-unit of  $M^c(n, C)$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon((c \rtimes x) \rtimes p_g) &= \varepsilon_C(c) \delta_{\deg c, 1} \delta_{g, 1} \\ \varepsilon'(c \otimes e_{\alpha, \beta}) &= \varepsilon_C(c) \delta_{\deg c, 1} \delta_{\deg cx, xg^{-1}} \\ &= \varepsilon_C(c) \delta_{\deg c, 1} \delta_{x, xg^{-1}} = \varepsilon_C(c) \delta_{\deg c, 1} \delta_{1, g^{-1}} \\ &= \varepsilon_C(c) \delta_{\deg c, 1} \delta_{g, 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $F$  is a coalgebra map as claimed. Now define  $H: M^c(n, C) \rightarrow (C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$  by putting  $H(c \otimes c_{u, v}) = (c \rtimes (\deg c)^{-1}u) \rtimes p_{v^{-1}(\deg c)^{-1}u}$ , for  $u, v \in G$  and homogeneous  $c \in C$ . Again  $H$  is a coalgebra morphism because:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(H(c \otimes e_{u, v})) &= \sum_{xt=v^{-1}(\deg c)^{-1}u} ((c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 (\deg c)^{-1}u) \rtimes p_t) \otimes ((c_2 \rtimes (\deg c)^{-1}ut^{-1}) \rtimes p_z) \\ (H \otimes H)(\Delta(c \otimes e_{u, v})) &= (H \otimes H)(\sum_h (c_1 \otimes e_{u, h}) \otimes (c_2 \otimes e_{h, v})) \\ &= \sum_h ((c_1 \rtimes (\deg c_1)^{-1}u) \rtimes p_{h^{-1}(\deg c_1)^{-1}u}) \otimes ((c_2 \rtimes (\deg c_2)^{-1}h) \rtimes p_{v^{-1}(\deg c_2)^{-1}h}). \end{aligned}$$

For fixed  $c_1$  and  $u$  we have that  $\{h^{-1}(\deg c_1)^{-1}u, h \in G\} = G$  and if we write  $t = h^{-1}(\deg c_1)^{-1}u$ ,  $z = v^{-1}(\deg c_2)^{-1}h$ , then the above sums are clearly equal as desired. The fact that  $H$  preserves the co-unit too is obvious. Finally it is clear that  $F \cdot H$  and  $H \cdot F$  are the identities so that we do arrive at a coalgebra isomorphism. The isomorphism involving  $e_{c_-}(C \rtimes kG)$  is obvious because of Proposition 3.1 (the left  $C$ -comodule structure of  $C \rtimes kG$  is given by  $c \rtimes g \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes (c_2 \rtimes g)$ ).  $\square$

3.4. COROLLARY. *There exists a strict Morita-Takeuchi context connecting  $C$  and  $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$ .*

PROOF.  $C \rtimes kG$  is a left  $C$ -comodule that is a quasi-finite injective cogenerator (in view of Proposition 3.1 and [T]). Moreover  $C \rtimes kG$  is a right  $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$ -comodule via  $c \rtimes g \mapsto \sum_u (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 gu) \otimes (c_2 \rtimes gu) \rtimes p_{u^{-1}}$ , for  $g \in G$  and homogeneous  $c \in C$ . Hence  $C \rtimes kG$  is a  $C$ - $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$ -bicomodule. The assertion now follows from [T, Theorem 3.5 iv].  $\square$

3.5. REMARKS. The Morita-Takeuchi context of the above corollary may be given in detail. This may have an independent interest because it provides another proof of Theorem 3.3 and provides a hint for establishing a more general duality result we do not dwell upon here. The second bicomodule is also  $C \rtimes kG$  with right  $C$ -comodule structure given by the map:  $c \rtimes g \mapsto \sum (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 g) \otimes c_2$  (for homogeneous  $c$ ) and left  $(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*$ -comodule struc-

ture given by:  $c \rtimes g \mapsto \sum_h (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 g) \rtimes p_h \otimes (c_2 \rtimes gh)$  (for homogeneous  $c$ ) we have  $f: C \rightarrow (C \rtimes kG) \square_{(C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^*} (C \rtimes kG)$ ,  $f(c) = \sum_h (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 h) \otimes (c_2 \rtimes h_2)$  for homogeneous  $c \in C$ ,  $g: (C \rtimes kG) \rtimes kG^* \rightarrow (C \rtimes kG) \square_C (C \rtimes kG)$ ,  $g((c \rtimes g) \rtimes p_h) = \sum (c_1 \rtimes \deg c_2 g) \otimes (c_2 \rtimes gh)$ , for homogeneous  $c \in C$ . It is also easily seen that  $f$  and  $g$  are injective maps.

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