

# Quasi-quantum groups obtained from tensor braided Hopf algebras

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## Abstract

Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra,  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  the category of two-sided two-cosided Hopf modules over *H* and  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  the category of left Yetter–Drinfeld modules over *H*. We show that  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  admits a braided monoidal structure for which the strong monoidal equivalence  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H} \cong {}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  established by the structure theorem for quasi-Hopf bimodules becomes braided monoidal. Using this braided monoidal equivalence, we prove that Hopf algebras within  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  can be characterized as quasi-Hopf algebras with a projection or as biproduct quasi-Hopf algebras in the sense of Bulacu and Nauwelaerts (J Pure Appl Algebra 174:1–42, 2002) . A particular class of such (braided, quasi-) Hopf algebras is obtained from a tensor product Hopf algebra type construction. Our arguments rely on general categorical facts.

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## **1** Introduction

The so-called quantum shuffle Hopf algebras are cotensor Hopf algebras of a Hopf bimodule M over a Hopf algebra H. Their importance resides on the fact that all quantized enveloping algebras associated with finite-dimensional simple Lie algebras or with affine Kac–Moody Lie algebras are of this type; see [25]. As the cotensor defines a monoidal structure on the category of Hopf H-bimodules isomorphic to the one determined by the tensor product over H, it follows that quantum shuffle algebras

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can be as well introduced as tensor Hopf algebras within the braided category of Hopf *H*-bimodules (also known under the name of two-sided two-cosided Hopf modules).

The structure of a Hopf algebra H with a projection  $\pi: B \to H$  is due to Radford [24]. Up to an isomorphism, B is a biproduct Hopf algebra  $A \times H$  between a left H-module algebra and left H-comodule coalgebra A and H, satisfying appropriate compatibility relations. Majid [19] observed that all these conditions are equivalent to the fact that A is a Hopf algebra within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , the braided monoidal category of left Yetter–Drinfeld modules over H. A second characterization of Hopf algebras with a projection is due to Bespalov and Drabant [1], where Hopf algebras with a projection are identified with Hopf algebras within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , the braided monoidal category of two-sided two-cosided Hopf modules over H introduced by Woronowicz in [28]. The connection with the Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  becomes clear now, since  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}{}^{H}_{H}$  and  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ are braided monoidally equivalent. The latest result was proved by Schauenburg in [26]; see also [25]. We should mention that in all this theory a key role is played by the structure theorem for two-sided two-cosided Hopf modules. Furthermore, by moving backwards, these equivalences associate to any vector space (viewed in a canonical way as Yetter-Drinfeld module) a two-sided two-cosided Hopf module, and then a quantum shuffle Hopf algebra.

The purpose of this note is to construct quasi-quantum shuffle groups, i.e., tensor Hopf algebras within categories of quasi-Hopf bimodules. This is possible because many of the above-mentioned results have already been generalized to the quasi-Hopf case. For instance, a structure theorem for quasi-Hopf (bi)comodule algebras was given in [9,23]. It is not possible to prove a similar structure theorem for quasi-Hopf module coalgebras, since H is not, in general, a module coalgebra over itself. Instead, it is more natural to try describing the bimodule coalgebras C over a quasi-Hopf algebra H, as H is a bimodule coalgebra over itself in a canonical way. We did this in [2, Theorem 5.6] where we proved that, up to an isomorphism, C is a smash product coalgebra between a coalgebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  and H. Note that all the mentioned structure theorems actually characterize the (co)algebras within some monoidal categories of quasi-Hopf (bi)modules. Furthermore, the involved structures are a smash product algebra and a smash product coalgebra, as they were defined in [2,7]; they are required to define a Hopf like object, and this leads naturally to the biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra construction from [5], as well to the structure of a quasi-Hopf algebra with a projection and its relation to the Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Although a quasi-Hopf algebra cannot be regarded as a braided Hopf algebra, we were able to adapt the categorical techniques used in [1] to the setting provided by quasi-Hopf algebras. Otherwise stated, we could produce structure theorems for the bialgebras and Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , similar to the ones in [1]. The choice of the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  rather than  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is imposed by the fact that the former is braided, while the latter is not, and so we can consider bialgebras and Hopf algebras only within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ . Finally,  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  with  $\otimes_{H}$  is strict monoidal and although is isomorphic to the monoidal structure given by the cotensor product, the latter is not strict; this led us to work with tensor braided Hopf algebras instead of cotensor ones.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we briefly recall the definition of a quasi-Hopf algebra, the language of braided monoidal categories and braided

monoidally equivalences, and the monoidally equivalence between  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  and  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Using a general categorical result, in Sect. 3 we uncover in a canonical way a braiding on  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  for which the strong monoidally equivalence  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H} \cong {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  from [2,27] becomes a braided monoidal equivalence. In Sect. 4, we characterize the Hopf algebras B in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  as quasi-Hopf algebras with a projection and show that, up to an isomorphism, such a B is nothing but a biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra in the sense of [5]. We should stress that our techniques allow us to show in a more elegant and less computational way that the biproduct is indeed a quasi-Hopf algebra. In addition, we get almost for free the converse of the construction in [5]: if the smash product algebra A # H of an algebra A in  ${}^{H}_{H} \mathcal{Y}D$  and H, and the smash product coalgebra  $A \ltimes H$ between the coalgebra A in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  and H afford a quasi-Hopf algebra structure on  $A \otimes H$ , then A is a Hopf algebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Inspired by the work of Nichols [22], in Sect. 5 we associate to any object  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  a braided Hopf algebra  $T_{H}(M)$  within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , the so-called tensor Hopf algebra of M over H. Furthermore, we describe the quasi-Hopf algebra structure of  $T_H(M)$  and show that it is isomorphic to the biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra of T(V) and H, where V is a certain set of coinvariants of M and T(V) is the tensor Hopf algebra of V built within the braided monoidal category of left *H*-Yetter–Drinfeld modules. Actually, the construction of T(V) within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  makes sense for any  $V \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . This fact is fully exploited in Sect. 6 where a concrete class of quasi-Hopf algebras with a projection is constructed out of a vector space, a cyclic group of order *n* and a primitive root of unity of degree  $n^2$  in  $k, n \ge 2$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

## 2.1 Quasi-bialgebras and quasi-Hopf algebras

We work over a field k. All algebras, linear spaces, etc., will be over k; unadorned  $\otimes$  means  $\otimes_k$ . Following Drinfeld [10], a quasi-bialgebra is a quadruple  $(H, \Delta, \varepsilon, \Phi)$  where H is an associative algebra with unit,  $\Phi$  is an invertible element in  $H \otimes H \otimes H$ , and  $\Delta : H \to H \otimes H$  and  $\varepsilon : H \to k$  are algebra homomorphisms satisfying the identities

$$(\mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \Delta)(\Delta(h)) = \Phi(\Delta \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H)(\Delta(h))\Phi^{-1}, \qquad (2.1)$$

$$(\mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \varepsilon)(\Delta(h)) = h, \quad (\varepsilon \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H)(\Delta(h)) = h, \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $h \in H$ , where  $\Phi$  is a 3-cocycle, in the sense that

$$(1 \otimes \Phi)(\mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \Delta \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H)(\Phi)(\Phi \otimes 1)$$
  
-  $(\mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \Delta)(\Phi)(\Delta \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H)(\Phi)$  (2.3)

$$= (\operatorname{Id}_H \otimes \operatorname{Id}_H \otimes \Delta)(\Psi)(\Delta \otimes \operatorname{Id}_H \otimes \operatorname{Id}_H)(\Psi), \qquad (2.3)$$

 $(\mathrm{Id} \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H)(\Phi) = 1 \otimes 1.$ (2.4)

The map  $\Delta$  is called the coproduct or the comultiplication,  $\varepsilon$  is the counit, and  $\Phi$  is the reassociator. As for Hopf algebras, we denote  $\Delta(h) = h_1 \otimes h_2$ , but since  $\Delta$  is only quasi-coassociative we adopt the further convention (summation understood):

$$(\Delta \otimes \mathrm{Id}_H)(\Delta(h)) = h_{(1,1)} \otimes h_{(1,2)} \otimes h_2,$$
  
$$(\mathrm{Id}_H \otimes \Delta)(\Delta(h)) = h_1 \otimes h_{(2,1)} \otimes h_{(2,2)},$$

for all  $h \in H$ . We will denote the tensor components of  $\Phi$  by capital letters, and the ones of  $\Phi^{-1}$  by lower case letters, namely

$$\Phi = X^1 \otimes X^2 \otimes X^3 = Y^1 \otimes Y^2 \otimes Y^3 = Z^1 \otimes Z^2 \otimes Z^3 = \cdots$$
  
$$\Phi^{-1} = x^1 \otimes x^2 \otimes x^3 = y^1 \otimes y^2 \otimes y^3 = z^1 \otimes z^2 \otimes z^3 = \cdots$$

*H* is called a quasi-Hopf algebra if, moreover, there exists an anti-morphism *S* of the algebra *H* and elements  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta \in H$  such that, for all  $h \in H$ , we have:

$$S(h_1)\alpha h_2 = \varepsilon(h)\alpha$$
 and  $h_1\beta S(h_2) = \varepsilon(h)\beta$ , (2.5)

$$X^{1}\beta S(X^{2})\alpha X^{3} = 1$$
 and  $S(x^{1})\alpha x^{2}\beta S(x^{3}) = 1.$  (2.6)

Our definition of a quasi-Hopf algebra is different from the one given by Drinfeld [10] in the sense that we do not require the antipode to be bijective. In the case where H is finite-dimensional or quasi-triangular, bijectivity of the antipode follows from the other axioms, see [3,6], so the two definitions are equivalent. Anyway, the bijectivity of the antipode S will be implicitly understood in the case when  $S^{-1}$ , the inverse of S, appears is formulas or computations.

It is well known that the antipode of a Hopf algebra is an anti-morphism of coalgebras. For a quasi-Hopf algebra H, there exists an invertible element  $f = f^1 \otimes f^2 \in H \otimes H$ , called the Drinfeld twist or the gauge transformation, such that  $\varepsilon(f^1)f^2 = \varepsilon(f^2)f^1 = 1$  and

$$f\Delta(S(h))f^{-1} = (S \otimes S)(\Delta^{\operatorname{cop}}(h)), \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $h \in H$ , where  $\Delta^{\text{cop}}(h) = h_2 \otimes h_1$ . *f* can be described explicitly: first we define  $\gamma, \delta \in H \otimes H$  by

$$\begin{split} \gamma &= S(x^{1}X^{2})\alpha x^{2}X_{1}^{3} \otimes S(X^{1})\alpha x^{3}X_{2}^{3(2,3,2,5)}S(X^{2}x_{2}^{1})\alpha X^{3}x^{2} \otimes S(X^{1}x_{1}^{1})\alpha x^{3}, \\ \delta &= X_{1}^{1}x^{1}\beta S(X^{3}) \otimes X_{2}^{1}x^{2}\beta S(X^{2}x^{3}) \overset{(2,3,2,5)}{=} x^{1}\beta S(x_{2}^{3}X^{3}) \otimes x^{2}X^{1}\beta S(x_{1}^{3}X^{2}). \end{split}$$

$$(2.9)$$

With this notation f and  $f^{-1}$  are given by the formulas

$$f = (S \otimes S)(\Delta^{\text{op}}(x^1))\gamma \Delta(x^2\beta S(x^3)), \qquad (2.10)$$

$$f^{-1} = \Delta(S(x^1)\alpha x^2)\delta(S \otimes S)(\Delta^{\operatorname{cop}}(x^3)).$$
(2.11)

Moreover, f satisfies the following relations:

$$f \Delta(\alpha) = \gamma, \ \Delta(\beta) f^{-1} = \delta.$$
 (2.12)

We will need the appropriate generalization of the formula  $h_1 \otimes h_2 S(h_3) = h \otimes 1$ in classical Hopf algebra theory. Following [13,14], we define

$$p_R = p^1 \otimes p^2 = x^1 \otimes x^2 \beta S(x^3), \qquad (2.13)$$

$$q_R = q^1 \otimes q^2 = X^1 \otimes S^{-1}(\alpha X^3) X^2.$$
 (2.14)

For all  $h \in H$ , we then have

$$\Delta(h_1)p_R(1\otimes S(h_2)) = p_R(h\otimes 1), \qquad (2.15)$$

$$(1 \otimes S^{-1}(h_2))q_R \Delta(h_1) = (h \otimes 1)q_R, \tag{2.16}$$

and the following relations hold:

$$\Delta(q^1)p_R(1\otimes S(q^2)) = 1\otimes 1, \tag{2.17}$$

$$q_1^1 x^1 \otimes q_2^1 x^2 \otimes q^2 x^3 = X^1 \otimes q^1 X_1^2 \otimes S^{-1}(X^3) q^2 X_2^2,$$
(2.18)

$$X^{1}p_{1}^{1} \otimes X^{2}p_{2}^{1} \otimes X^{3}p^{2} = x^{1} \otimes x_{1}^{2}p^{1} \otimes x_{2}^{2}p^{2}S(x^{3}).$$
(2.19)

#### 2.2 Braided monoidal equivalences

For the definition of a (co)algebra (resp. bialgebra, Hopf algebra) in a monoidal (resp. braided monoidal) category C and related topics, we refer to [11,16,21]. Usually, for a monoidal category C, we denote by  $\otimes$  the tensor product, by <u>1</u> the unit object, and by a, l, r the associativity constraint and the left and right unit constraints, respectively.

A strong monoidal functor between two monoidal categories C, C' is a triple  $(F, \varphi_2, \varphi_0)$ , where  $F : C \to C'$  is a functor,  $\varphi_0 : \underline{1} \to F(\underline{1}')$  is an isomorphism, and  $\varphi_{2,U,V} : F(U) \otimes' F(V) \to F(U \otimes V)$  is a family of natural isomorphisms in C'.  $\varphi_0$  and  $\varphi_2$  have to satisfy certain properties, see for example [16, XI.4].

When  $(\mathcal{C}, c)$  and  $(\mathcal{C}', c')$  are (pre)braided monoidal categories, a (pre)braided functor  $F : (\mathcal{C}, c) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}', c')$  is a strong monoidal functor  $(F, \varphi_2, \varphi_0) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ compatible with the (pre)braidings *c* and *c'*, in the sense that, for any objects  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , the diagram

commutes.

Finally, for the definition of a natural tensor isomorphism  $\omega$  between two strong monoidal functors  $(F, \varphi_2^F, \varphi_0^F)$ ,  $(G, \varphi_2^G, \varphi_0^G) : C \to C'$  we refer to [16, Definition XI.4.1]. Note that, according to our terminology, in loc. cit. a tensor functor is nothing but a strong monoidal functor. This is why, for consistency, we will call  $\omega$  as above a natural strong monoidal isomorphism.

We say that *F* is a strong monoidal equivalence if there exists a strong monoidal functor  $G : \mathcal{C}' \to \mathcal{C}$  such that *FG* is naturally strongly monoidally isomorphic to  $\mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{C}'}$  and *GF* is naturally strongly monoidally isomorphic to  $\mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ . If a functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}'$  defines a strong monoidal equivalence between  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}'$  we say that the categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}'$  are strongly monoidally equivalent.

If a functor  $F : C \to C'$  defines a strong monoidal equivalence between two (pre)braided categories C and C' we say that the categories C and C' are (pre)braided monoidally equivalent, provided that F is a (pre)braided functor, too.

## 2.3 A strong monoidal equivalence

Let *H* be a quasi-bialgebra. Then, the category of *H*-bimodules  ${}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}$  is monoidal, since it can be identified with the category of left modules over the quasi-Hopf algebra  $H^{\text{op}} \otimes H$ , where  $H^{\text{op}}$  is the opposite quasi-bialgebra associated to *H*. Explicitly,  ${}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}$  is monoidal with the following structure. The associativity constraints  $a'_{M,N,P}$ :  $(M \otimes N) \otimes P \to M \otimes (N \otimes P)$  are given by

$$a'_{M,N,P}((m \otimes n) \otimes p) = X^1 \cdot m \cdot x^1 \otimes (X^2 \cdot n \cdot x^2 \otimes X^3 \cdot p \cdot x^3).$$
(2.21)

The unit object is k viewed as an H-bimodule via the counit  $\varepsilon$  of H, and the left and right unit constraints are given by the natural isomorphisms  $k \otimes M \cong M \cong M \otimes k$ .

A (co)algebra in  ${}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}$  is called an *H*-bimodule (co)algebra.

With its regular comultiplication and counit, *H* is a coalgebra in  ${}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}$ . Then, we can define  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  as being the category of *H*-bicomodules in  ${}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}$ . For the explicit definition of an object *M* in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ , we refer to [2,8,27]. Roughly speaking, we have a left *H*-coaction on *M*, denoted by  $\lambda_{M} : M \ni m \mapsto m_{\{-1\}} \otimes m_{\{0\}} \in H \otimes M$ , and at the same time a right *H*-coaction on *M*, denoted by  $\rho_{M} : M \ni m \mapsto m_{\{0\}} \otimes m_{\{1\}} \in M \otimes H$ , which are counital and coassociative up to conjugation by the reassociator  $\Phi$  of *H* and, moreover, compatible each other, and also with the *H*-bimodule structure of *M*, respectively.

 ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is monoidal in such a way that the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{U} : {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H} \rightarrow ({}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}, \otimes_{H}, H)$  is strong monoidal. If  $M, N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  then the left and right coactions of H on  $M \otimes_{H} M$  are defined by those of M and N, and the multiplication of H.

It was proved by Schauenburg in [27] that  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is monoidally equivalent to the left center of the monoidal category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}$ . The latter is denoted by  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  and called the category of left Yetter–Drinfeld modules over H. Its objects were described for the first time by Majid in [20]. They are left H-modules M on which H coacts from the left such that  $\varepsilon(m_{[-1]})m_{[0]} = m$  and

$$X^{1}m_{[-1]} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot m_{[0]})_{[-1]}X^{3} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot m_{[0]})_{[0]}$$
  
=  $X^{1}(Y^{1} \cdot m)_{[-1]_{1}}Y^{2} \otimes X^{2}(Y^{1} \cdot m)_{[-1]_{2}}Y^{3} \otimes X^{3} \cdot (Y^{1} \cdot m)_{[0]}, \quad (2.22)$ 

for all  $m \in M$ . Here, and in what follows, we denote by  $\lambda_M : M \to H \otimes M$ ,  $\lambda_M(m) = m_{[-1]} \otimes m_{[0]}$  the left *H*-coaction on *M*. It is compatible with the left *H*-module structure on *M*, in the sense that, for all  $h \in H$  and  $m \in M$ ,

$$h_1 m_{[-1]} \otimes h_2 \cdot m_{[0]} = (h_1 \cdot m)_{[-1]} h_2 \otimes (h_1 \cdot m)_{[0]}.$$
(2.23)

The monoidal structure on  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is such that the forgetful functor  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D \to {}_{H}\mathcal{M}$  is strong monoidal. The coaction on the tensor product  $M \otimes N$  of two Yetter–Drinfeld modules M and N is given by

$$\lambda_{M\otimes N}(m\otimes n) = X^{1}(x^{1}Y^{1}\cdot m)_{[-1]}x^{2}(Y^{2}\cdot n)_{[-1]}Y^{3} \\ \otimes X^{2}\cdot (x^{1}Y^{1}\cdot m)_{[0]}\otimes X^{3}x^{3}\cdot (Y^{2}\cdot n)_{[0]}, \qquad (2.24)$$

for all  $m \in M$  and  $n \in N$ .

The strongly monoidally equivalence between  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  and  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is produced by the following functors, see [2].

**Proposition 2.1** Consider the functors  $\mathcal{F} : {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D \to {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  and  $\mathcal{G} : {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H} \to {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  defined as follows:

For  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , we have  $\mathcal{F}(M) = M \otimes H \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  with the structure given by

$$h \cdot (m \otimes h') \cdot h'' = h_1 \cdot m \otimes h_2 h' h'', \qquad (2.25)$$

$$\lambda_{M\otimes H}(m\otimes h) = X^{1} \cdot (x^{1} \cdot m)_{[-1]} \cdot x^{2}h_{1} \otimes \left(X^{2} \cdot (x^{1} \cdot m)_{[0]} \otimes X^{3}x^{3}h_{2}\right), \quad (2.26)$$

$$\rho_{M\otimes H}(m\otimes h) = (x^1 \cdot m \otimes x^2 h_1) \otimes x^3 h_2, \qquad (2.27)$$

for all  $h, h', h'' \in H$  and  $m \in M$ . If  $f : M \to N$  is a morphisms in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  then  $\mathcal{F}(f) = f \otimes \mathrm{Id}_{H}.$  $- \mathrm{If} M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}{}^{H}_{H}$  then

$$\mathcal{G}(M) = M^{\overline{co(H)}} := \{ m \in M \mid \rho_M(m) = x^1 \cdot m \cdot S(x_2^3 X^3) f^1 \otimes x^2 X^1 \beta S(x_1^3 X^2) f^2 \},$$

the set of alternative coinvariants of M, which belongs to  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  via the structure defined by

$$h \triangleright m = h_1 \cdot m \cdot S(h_2), \tag{2.28}$$

$$\lambda_{M^{\overline{co}(H)}}(m) = X^{1}Y_{1}^{1}m_{\{-1\}}g^{1}S(Z^{2}Y_{2}^{2})\alpha Z^{3}Y^{3} \otimes X^{2}Y_{2}^{1} \cdot m_{\{0\}} \cdot g^{2}S(X^{3}Z^{1}Y_{1}^{2}),$$
(2.29)

for all  $h \in H$  and  $m \in M^{\overline{co(H)}}$ , where  $f^{-1} = g^1 \otimes g^2$  is the inverse of the Drinfeld's twist f. On morphisms, we have that  $\mathcal{G}(f) = f|_{M^{\overline{co(H)}}}$ , a well-defined morphism in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{YD}$ , for any morphism  $f : M \to N$  in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ .

Then,  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are inverse strong monoidal equivalence functors.

According to [2], the strong monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{F}$  is given, for all  $M, N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ ,  $m \in M, h, h' \in H$  and  $n \in N$ , by

$$\varphi_{2,M,N}((m \otimes h) \otimes_H (n \otimes h')) = (x^1 \cdot m \otimes x^2 h_1 \cdot n) \otimes x^3 h_2 h', \qquad (2.30)$$

and the morphism  $\varphi_0 = \mathrm{Id}_H : H \to F(k) = k \otimes H \cong H$ .

The strong monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{G}$  is determined by

$$\overline{\phi}_{2,M,N}(m\otimes n) = q^1 x_1^1 \cdot m \cdot S(q^2 x_2^1) x^2 \otimes_H n \cdot S(x^3), \tag{2.31}$$

for all  $M, N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ ,  $m \in M^{\overline{co(H)}}$  and  $n \in N^{\overline{co(H)}}$ , and  $\overline{\phi}_{0} : k \to \mathcal{G}(H) = k\beta$ defined by  $\overline{\phi}_{0}(\kappa) = \kappa\beta$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ , respectively. Using arguments similar to the ones in the proof of [2, Corollary 3.2], a straightforward computation ensures us that

$$\overline{\phi}_{2,M,N}^{-1}(m \otimes_H n) = \overline{E}_M(m_{(0)}) \otimes \overline{E}_N(m_{(1)} \cdot n), \qquad (2.32)$$

for all  $M, N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  and  $m \otimes_{H} n \in (M \otimes_{H} N)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$ , where  $\overline{E}_{M} : M \to M^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  determined by  $\overline{E}_{M}(m) = m_{(0)} \cdot \beta S(m_{(1)})$ , for all  $m \in M$ , is the projection defined in [8].

Furthermore, for all  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ ,

$$\overline{\nu}_M: M^{\overline{co(H)}} \otimes H \ni m \otimes h \mapsto X^1 \cdot m \cdot S(X^2) \alpha X^3 h \in M,$$
(2.33)

is an isomorphism in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  with inverse  $\overline{\nu}_{M}^{-1}: M \ni m \mapsto \overline{E}(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)} \in M^{\overline{co(H)}} \otimes H$ . The family of all morphisms  $\overline{\nu}_{M}$  define a natural strong monoidal isomorphism  $\overline{\nu}$  between  $\mathcal{FG}$  and  $\mathrm{Id}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ . Likewise, for all  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{YD}$ ,

$$\zeta_M : (M \otimes H)^{\overline{co(H)}} \ni m \otimes h \mapsto \varepsilon(h)m \in M$$
(2.34)

is an isomorphism in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  and defines a natural strong monoidal isomorphism  $\zeta$  between  $\mathcal{GF}$  and  $\mathrm{Id}_{H}_{U}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

## 3 A braided monoidal equivalence

In Hopf algebra theory, it is well known that  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is braided monoidally equivalent to  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . A remarkable braiding on  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  was introduced by Woronowicz [28], and the fact that with respect to this braiding  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  and  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  are braided monoidally equivalent was proved by Schauenburg in [26, Theorem 5.7].

The aim of this section is to generalize the two results above to the quasi-Hopf setting. To this end, we start with a lemma of independent interest.

The results below are stated without proofs in [11, Remark 2.4.10] and [15, Example 2.4]. For the sake of completeness and also for further use, we outline them in what follows.

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $F : C \to D$  be a functor between two monoidal categories  $(C, \otimes, a, \underline{1}, l, r)$  and  $(D, \Box, \mathbf{a}, \underline{I}, \lambda, \rho)$ .

(i) *F* defines a strong monoidal equivalence if and only if *F* is strong monoidal and an equivalence of categories.

(ii) If F is as in (i) and C is, moreover, braided then there exists a unique braiding on D that turns F into a braided monoidal functor. Consequently, a functor defines a braided monoidal equivalence if and only if it is braided and an equivalence of categories.

**Proof** If  $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  is an equivalence of categories then by the proof of [18, IV.4 Theorem 1] there exist a functor  $G : \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{C}$  and natural isomorphisms  $\mu : \mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{D}} \to FG$  and  $\nu : GF \to \mathrm{Id}_{\mathcal{C}}$  such that, for all  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$F(\nu_X) = \mu_{F(X)}^{-1}.$$
(3.1)

(i) The direct implication is immediate. For the converse, we only indicate the unique strong monoidal structure (φ<sub>2</sub><sup>G</sup>, φ<sub>0</sub><sup>G</sup>) of *G* that turns μ and ν into monoidal transformations. To this end, we denote by (φ<sub>2</sub><sup>F</sup> := (φ<sub>2,X,Y</sub><sup>F</sup>)<sub>X,Y∈C</sub>, φ<sub>0</sub><sup>F</sup>) the strong monoidal structure of *F*, and by φ<sub>2</sub><sup>F</sup>, φ<sub>0</sub><sup>F</sup> the inverse morphisms of φ<sub>2</sub><sup>F</sup>, respectively, φ<sub>0</sub><sup>F</sup>. Then, φ<sub>0</sub><sup>G</sup> = G(φ<sub>0</sub><sup>F</sup>)ν<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup> and

$$\varphi_{2,U,V}^{G} = G((\mu_{U}^{-1} \Box \mu_{V}^{-1}) \widetilde{\varphi}_{2,G(U),G(V)}^{F}) \nu_{G(U) \otimes G(V)}^{-1}, \ \forall \ U, \ V \in \mathcal{D}.$$
 (3.2)

(ii) Any braiding c for C defines a braiding d on D as follows. For any objects U, V of D take  $d_{U,V}$  to be the following composition:

$$U \Box V \xrightarrow{\mu_U \Box \mu_V} FG(U) \Box FG(V) \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2,G(U),G(V)}} F(G(U) \otimes G(V)) \quad (3.3)$$

$$\downarrow^{\psi_{1,V}} \downarrow^{\psi_{1,V}} \downarrow^{\psi_{1,V}} FG(V) \Box FG(U) \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2,G(V),G(U)}} F(G(V) \otimes G(U))$$

Then,  $(\mathcal{D}, d = (d_{U,V})_{U,V \in \mathcal{D}})$  is a braided category and  $F : (\mathcal{C}, c) \to (\mathcal{D}, d)$  becomes a braided monoidal functor.

We specialize the above result to the strong monoidal equivalence in Proposition 2.1. Note that, according to [20] the category  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is braided via the braiding given by  $c = (c_{M,N})_{M,N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D}$ , where, for all  $m \in M$  and  $n \in N$ ,

$$c_{M,N}(m \otimes n) = m_{[-1]} \cdot n \otimes m_{[0]}. \tag{3.4}$$

From now on, throughout the paper *H* is a quasi-Hopf algebra with bijective antipode. If  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  then by  $E_{M} : M \to M$  we denote the projection on the space of coinvariants of *M*, defined by  $E_{M}(m) = X^{1} \cdot m_{(0)} \cdot \beta S(X^{2}m_{(1)})\alpha X^{3} =$  $q^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{M}(m) \cdot S(q^{2})$ , for all  $m \in M$ . Here,  $M \ni m \mapsto \rho_{M}(m) := m_{(0)} \otimes m_{(1)} \in M \otimes H$ denotes the right coaction of *H* on *M* and  $q_{R}$  is the element in (2.14).

Record from [14] the following properties of  $E_M$ :

$$h \cdot E_M(m) = E_M(h_1 \cdot m) \cdot h_2 , \qquad (3.5)$$

$$E_M(m \cdot h) = \varepsilon(h)E_M(m) , E_M(h \cdot E_M(m)) = E_M(h \cdot m) , \qquad (3.6)$$
$$E_M^2 = E_M, E_M(m_{(0)}) \cdot m_{(1)} = m ,$$

$$E_M(E_M(m)_{(0)}) \otimes E_M(m)_{(1)}$$

$$=E_M(m)\otimes 1, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\rho(E_M(m)) = E_M(x^1 \cdot m) \cdot x^2 \otimes x^3, \tag{3.8}$$

for all  $m \in M$  and  $h \in H$ . Also, recall from [8] that  $M^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  in invariant under the left adjoint action of H, that is  $h \triangleright \overline{E}_M(m) = \overline{E}_M(h \cdot m)$ , for all  $h \in H$  and  $m \in M$ , where  $\triangleright$  is defined by (2.28). Furthermore, the image of  $\overline{E}_M$  is  $M^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$ .

Another property of  $\overline{E}_M$  is the following.

**Lemma 3.2** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra and *M* a two-sided two-cosided Hopf module over *H*. Then, for all  $m \in M$ , we have that

$$m_{\{-1\}} \otimes \overline{E}_{M}(m_{\{0\}}) = X^{1}Y_{1}^{1}\overline{E}_{M}(m_{\{0\}})_{\{-1\}}g^{1}S(q^{2}Y_{2}^{2})Y^{3}m_{\{1\}}$$
$$\otimes X^{2}Y_{2}^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{M}(m_{\{0\}})_{\{0\}} \cdot g^{2}S(X^{3}q^{1}Y_{1}^{2}).$$
(3.9)

**Proof** For all  $m \in M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , we have

$$\begin{split} X^{1}Y_{1}^{1}\overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0)})_{\{-1\}}g^{1}S(q^{2}Y_{2}^{2})Y^{3}m_{(1)} \otimes X^{2}Y_{2}^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0)})_{\{0\}} \cdot g^{2}S(X^{3}q^{1}Y_{1}^{2}) \\ \stackrel{(2,7)}{=} X^{1}Y_{1}^{1}m_{(0,0)_{\{-1\}}}\beta_{1}g^{1}S(q^{2}Y_{2}^{2}m_{(0,1)_{2}})Y^{3}m_{(1)} \\ & \otimes X^{2}Y_{2}^{1} \cdot m_{(0,0)_{\{0\}}} \cdot \beta_{2}g^{2}S(X^{3}q^{1}Y_{1}^{2}m_{(0,1)_{1}}) \\ \stackrel{(2,12)}{=} X^{1}m_{(0)_{\{-1\}}}Y_{1}^{1}\delta^{1}S(q^{2}m_{(1)_{(1,2)}}Y_{2}^{2})m_{(1)_{2}}Y^{3} \\ & \otimes X^{2} \cdot m_{(0)_{\{0\}}} \cdot Y_{2}^{1}\delta^{2}S(X^{3}q^{1}m_{(1)_{(1,1)}}Y_{1}^{2}) \\ \stackrel{(2,16)}{=} m_{\{-1\}}X^{1}Y_{1}^{1}\delta^{1}S(q^{2}Y_{2}^{2})Y^{3} \otimes m_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot X^{2}Y_{2}^{1}\delta^{2}S(m_{\{0\}_{\{1\}}}X^{3}q^{1}Y_{1}^{2}) \\ \stackrel{(2,16)}{=} m_{\{-1\}}X^{1}q_{1,1}^{1}x_{1}^{1}\delta^{1}S(q^{2}x^{3}) \otimes m_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot X^{2}q_{1,2)}^{1}x_{2}^{1}\delta^{2}S(m_{\{0\}_{\{1\}}}X^{3}q_{2}^{1}x^{2}) \\ \stackrel{(2,18)}{=} m_{\{-1\}}X^{1}q_{1,1}^{1}x_{1}^{1}\delta^{1}S(q^{2}x^{3}) \otimes m_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot X^{2}q_{1,2)}^{1}x_{2}^{1}\delta^{2}S(m_{\{0\}_{\{1\}}}X^{3}q_{2}^{1}x^{2}) \\ \stackrel{(2,9),(2,1)}{=} m_{\{-1\}}q_{1}^{1}\beta S(q^{2}) \otimes m_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot q_{1,2,1}^{1}\beta S(m_{\{0\}_{\{1\}}}q_{1,2,2})) \\ \stackrel{(2,5),(2,6)}{=} m_{\{-1\}} \otimes m_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot \beta S(m_{\{0\}_{\{1\}}}) \\ = m_{\{-1\}} \otimes \overline{E}_{M}(m_{\{0\}}), \end{split}$$

as needed.

One can provide now a braiding for  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ .

**Theorem 3.3** If *H* is a quasi-Hopf algebra then  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  is a braided monoidal category with the braiding defined by

$$d_{M,N}: M \otimes_H N \ni m \otimes_H n \mapsto E_N(m_{\{-1\}} \cdot n_{(0)}) \otimes_H m_{\{0\}} \cdot n_{(1)} \in N \otimes_H M, \quad (3.10)$$

for all  $M, N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ .

Furthermore, if we consider  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  braided with the braiding d, then  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is braided monoidally equivalent to  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , where the braiding on  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is c as in (3.4).

**Proof** Let  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}}_{\leq \mathcal{G}} {}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  be the inverse strong monoidal equivalence functors defined in Proposition 2.1. We have that  $\overline{\nu}$  defined by (2.33) is a natural strong monoidal isomorphism between  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathrm{Id}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ , while  $\zeta$  given by (2.34) is a natural strong monoidal isomorphism between  $\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathrm{Id}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ , respectively.

We prove now that  $(\mathcal{F}, \overline{\nu}, \zeta)$  obeys the condition in (3.1), i.e., that  $\overline{\nu}_{\mathcal{F}(M)} = \mathcal{F}(\zeta_M) : (M \otimes H)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \otimes H \to M \otimes H$ , for all  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

To this end, by [8, Remark 2.4] we have  $(M \otimes H)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} = \{p^1 \cdot m \otimes p^2 \mid m \in M\}$ , where  $p_R = p^1 \otimes p^2$  is the element defined in (2.13). Thus,  $\zeta_M(p^1 \cdot m \otimes p^2) = m$ , for all  $m \in M$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{F}(\zeta_M)((p^1 \cdot m \otimes p^2) \otimes h) = m \otimes h$ , for all  $m \in M$  and  $h \in H$ .

If  $q_R$  is the element in (2.14) we then compute that

$$\overline{\nu}_{\mathcal{F}(M)}((p^1 \cdot m \otimes p^2) \otimes h)$$

$$\stackrel{(2.33),(2.14)}{=} q^1 \cdot (p^1 \cdot m \otimes p^2) \cdot S(q^2)h$$

$$\stackrel{(2.25)}{=} q_1^1 p^1 \cdot m \otimes q_2^1 p^2 S(q^2)h \stackrel{(2.17)}{=} m \otimes h,$$

for all  $m \in M$  and  $h \in H$ . We conclude that  $\overline{\nu}_{\mathcal{F}(M)} = \mathcal{F}(\zeta_M)$ , as stated.

It follows by Lemma 3.1 that the braiding c for  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  transports along  $\mathcal{F}$  to a braiding d on  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}$  becomes a braided monoidal equivalence. It only remains to show that d is as in (3.10). Using (3.3), we see that

$$\begin{split} d_{M,N} &= \left( m \otimes_{H} n^{\frac{\nabla M}{M} \otimes_{H} \overline{\nabla_{N}}^{-1}} (\overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)}) \otimes_{H} (\overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \otimes n_{(1)}) \right. \\ & \stackrel{\varphi_{2,\mathcal{G}(M),\mathcal{G}(N)}{\longrightarrow}}{} (x^{1} \triangleright \overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0)}) \otimes x^{2}m_{(1)_{1}} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)})) \otimes x^{3}m_{(1)_{2}}n_{(1)} \\ &= (\overline{E}_{M}(x^{1} \cdot m_{(0)}) \otimes x^{2}m_{(1)_{1}} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)})) \otimes x^{3}m_{(1)_{2}}n_{(1)} \\ & \stackrel{(3.6)}{=} (\overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0,0)}) \otimes m_{(0,1)} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)})) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)} \\ & \stackrel{c_{\mathcal{G}(M),\mathcal{G}(N)}{\longrightarrow} \otimes^{2}dH}{\longrightarrow} (\overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0,0)})_{[-1]}m_{(0,1)} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \otimes \overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0,0)})_{[0]}) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)} \\ & \stackrel{(2.29)}{=} (X^{1}Y_{1}^{1}\overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0,0)})_{\{-1\}}g^{1}S(q^{2}Y_{2}^{2})Y^{3}m_{(0,1)} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \\ & \otimes X^{2}Y_{2}^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0,0)})_{\{0\}} \cdot g^{2}S(X^{3}q^{1}Y_{1}^{2})) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)} \\ & \stackrel{(3.9)}{=} (m_{(0)_{\{-1\}}} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \otimes \overline{E}_{N}(m_{(0)_{\{0\}})}) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)} \\ & \stackrel{(3.6)}{=} (m_{\{0\}_{\{-1\}}\} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \otimes \overline{E}_{N}(m_{(0)_{\{0\}})}) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)} \\ & \stackrel{(3.6)}{=} (m_{\{-1\}\}} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \otimes 1_{H}) \otimes H (\overline{E}_{M}(m_{\{0\}_{(0)})} \otimes m_{\{0\}_{(1)}}n_{(1)}) \\ & \stackrel{(3.6)}{=} (m_{\{-1\}\}} \triangleright \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \otimes 1_{H}) \otimes H (\overline{E}_{M}(m_{\{0\}_{(0)})} \otimes m_{\{0\}_{(1)}}n_{(1)}) \\ & \stackrel{(2.14)}{=} X^{1}m_{\{-1\}_{1}} \cdot \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \cdot S(Z^{2}m_{\{-1\}_{2}})\alpha \\ & \otimes_{H} X^{3}Q^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{M}(m_{(0)_{(0)}}) \cdot S(Z^{2}m_{\{-1\}_{2}})\alpha \\ & \otimes_{H} X^{3}Q^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \cdot S(X^{2}m_{\{-1\}_{2}})\alpha \\ \end{array}$$

$$\bigotimes_{H} Q^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{M}(X_{1}^{3} \cdot m_{\{0\}_{(0)}}) \cdot S(Q^{2}) X_{2}^{3} m_{\{0\}_{(1)}} n_{(1)}$$

$$\overset{(3.6)}{=} m_{\{-1\}} X^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \cdot S(m_{\{0,-1\}} X^{2}) \alpha \otimes_{H} E_{M}(m_{\{0,0\}_{(0)}}) \cdot m_{\{0,0\}_{(1)}} X^{3} n_{(1)}$$

$$\overset{(3.7)}{=} m_{\{-1\}} X^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{N}(n_{(0)}) \cdot S(m_{\{0,-1\}} X^{2}) \alpha \otimes_{H} m_{\{0,0\}} \cdot X^{3} n_{(1)}$$

$$\overset{(2.14)}{=} q^{1} \cdot \overline{E}_{N}(m_{\{-1\}} \cdot n_{(0)}) \cdot S(q^{2}) \otimes_{H} m_{\{0\}} \cdot n_{(1)}$$

$$= E_{N}(m_{\{-1\}} \cdot n_{(0)}) \otimes_{H} m_{\{0\}} \cdot n_{(1)}$$

for all  $m \in M$  and  $n \in N$ , as desired.

## 4 Hopf algebras within ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$

The aim of this section is to characterize the bialgebras and the Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ . Inspired by some categorical results of Bespalov and Drabant [1], we show that giving a Hopf algebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is equivalent to giving a quasi-Hopf algebra projection for *H* as in [5]. Consequently, we obtain almost for free that quasi-Hopf algebra projections are characterized by the biproduct quasi-Hopf algebras constructed in [5], and therefore by Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{YD}$ , too.

A quasi-bialgebra map between two quasi-bialgebras H and A is an algebra map  $i: H \to A$  which intertwines the quasi-coalgebras structures, respects the counits and satisfies  $(i \otimes i \otimes i)(\Phi_H) = \Phi_A$ . If H, A are quasi-Hopf algebras then i is a quasi-Hopf algebra map if, in addition,  $i(\alpha_H) = \alpha_A$ ,  $i(\beta_H) = \beta_A$  and  $S_A \circ i = i \circ S_H$ .

For a quasi-Hopf algebra H denote by  $H - \underline{qBialgProj}$  (resp.  $H - \underline{qHopfProj}$ ) the category whose objects are triples  $(A, i, \pi)$  consisting of a quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) A and two quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) morphisms

 $H \xrightarrow[]{\tau} A$  such that  $\pi i = \text{Id}_H$ . A morphism between  $(A, i, \pi)$  and  $(A', i', \pi')$  in  $H - \underline{q}BialgProj$  (resp.  $H - \underline{q}HopfProj$ ) is a quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) morphism  $\tau : A \to A'$  such that  $\tau i = i'$  and  $\pi' \tau = \pi$ . In what follows, the objects of  $H - \underline{q}BialgProj$  (resp.  $H - \underline{q}HopfProj$ ) will be called quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) projections for H.

We also denote by  $\text{Bialg}(_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H})$  (resp.  $\text{Hopf}(_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H})$ ) the category of bialgebras (resp. Hopf algebras) and bialgebra morphisms within  $_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ .

As expected, we next prove that the categories  $\text{Bialg}(_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H})$  and H - qBialgProj(resp.  $\text{Hopf}(_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H})$  and H - qHopfProj) are isomorphic. We first need some lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1** Take  $M, N \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , and the elements  $m, m' \in M$  and  $n, n' \in N$ . Then,

$$m \otimes_H n = m' \otimes_H n' \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad E(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)} \cdot n = E(m'_{(0)}) \otimes m'_{(1)} \cdot n'. \tag{4.1}$$

**Proof** From [14], we have that  $\nu_M^{-1}: M \ni m \mapsto E_M(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)} \in M^{\operatorname{co}(H)} \otimes H$  is an isomorphism in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ , for all  $M \in {}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ . Here,  $M^{\operatorname{co}(H)}$  is the image of  $E_M$ , a left *H*-module via the structure given by  $h \neg E_M(m) = E_M(h \cdot m)$ , for all  $h \in H$  and  $m \in M$ . For a *k*-space *U* and  $V \in {}_H \mathcal{M}$  denote by  $\Upsilon_{U,V}: (U \otimes H) \otimes_H V \to U \otimes V$ 

the canonical isomorphism. We then have that  $m \otimes_H n = m' \otimes_H n'$  if and only if

$$\begin{split} \Upsilon_{M^{\text{co}(\text{H})},N^{\text{co}(\text{H})}\otimes H}(\nu_{M}^{-1}\otimes_{H}\nu_{N}^{-1})(m\otimes_{H}n) \\ &= \Upsilon_{M^{\text{co}(\text{H})},N^{\text{co}(\text{H})}\otimes H}(\nu_{M}^{-1}\otimes_{H}\nu_{N}^{-1})(m'\otimes_{H}n') \\ \Leftrightarrow E_{M}(m_{(0)})\otimes E_{N}(m_{(1)1}\cdot n_{(0)})\otimes m_{(1)2}n_{(1)} \\ &= E_{M}(m_{(0)}')\otimes E_{N}(m_{(1)1}'\cdot n_{(0)}')\otimes m_{(1)2}'n_{(1)}'. \end{split}$$

Thus, if  $m \otimes_H n = m' \otimes_H n'$  then

$$E_{M}(m_{(0)}) \otimes E_{N}(m_{(1)_{1}} \cdot n_{(0)}) \cdot m_{(1)_{2}}n_{(1)} = E_{M}(m'_{(0)}) \otimes E_{N}(m'_{(1)_{1}} \cdot n'_{(0)}) \cdot m'_{(1)_{2}}n'_{(1)}$$

$$\stackrel{(3.5)}{\Leftrightarrow} E_{M}(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)} \cdot E_{N}(n_{(0)}) \cdot n_{(1)} = E_{M}(m'_{(0)}) \otimes m'_{(1)} \cdot E_{N}(n'_{(0)}) \cdot n'_{(1)}$$

$$\stackrel{(3.7)}{\Leftrightarrow} E_{M}(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)} \cdot n = E_{M}(m'_{(0)}) \otimes m'_{(1)} \cdot n'.$$

The converse follows easily from (3.7), and we are done.

Now we can construct the functor that gives the desired categorical isomorphism. For the definition of an *H*-bicomodule algebra  $(\mathcal{A}, \lambda, \rho, \Phi_{\lambda}, \Phi_{r}, \Phi_{\lambda,r})$ , we refer to [13].

**Proposition 4.2** Let H be a quasi-Hopf algebra. Then, there is a functor

$$\mathcal{V}$$
: Bialg $({}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}{}^{H}_{H}) \rightarrow H - q$ BialgProj.

On objects,  $\mathcal{V}$  sends a bialgebra  $(B, \underline{m}_B, i : H \to B, \underline{\Delta}_B, \pi : B \to H)$  in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  to the triple  $(B, i, \pi)$ , where B is considered as a quasi-bialgebra via  $m_B := \underline{m}_B q_{B,B}$ ,  $q_{B,B} : B \otimes B \to B \otimes_{H} B$  being the canonical surjection,  $1_B = i(1_H)$ ,

$$\Delta_B(b) = b_{\underline{1}_{(0)}} \cdot b_{\underline{2}_{[-1]}} \otimes b_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot b_{\underline{2}_{[0]}}, \quad \varepsilon_B = \varepsilon \pi : B \to k, \tag{4.2}$$

and  $\Phi_B = (i \otimes i \otimes i)(\Phi)$ .  $\mathcal{V}$  acts as identity on morphisms.

**Proof** We must check that  $(B, m_B, 1_B, \Delta_B, \varepsilon_B, \Phi_B)$  is indeed a quasi-bialgebra and, moreover, that  $i, \pi$  become quasi-bialgebra morphisms.

By [2, Lemma 4.9],  $(B, \underline{m}_B, i)$  is an algebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  if and only if  $(B, m_B, 1_B)$ is a *k*-algebra and at the same time an *H*-bicomodule algebra via the original left and right *H*-coactions and reassociators  $\Phi_{\lambda} = X^1 \otimes X^2 \otimes i(X^3)$ ,  $\Phi_{\rho} = i(X^1) \otimes X^2 \otimes X^3$ and  $\Phi_{\lambda,\rho} = X^1 \otimes i(X^2) \otimes X^3$ , such that, for all  $h \in H$ ,

$$\lambda(i(h)) = h_1 \otimes i(h_2) \text{ and } \rho(i(h)) = i(h_1) \otimes h_2.$$
(4.3)

Otherwise stated, i is an H-bicomodule algebra morphism. Furthermore, the H-bimodule structure on B is nothing but the one induced by the restriction of scalars functor defined by i.

Likewise, by [2, Theorem 5.3], we have that  $(B, \Delta_B, \varepsilon_B = \varepsilon \pi)$  is a coalgebra in  $_H \overline{\mathcal{M}}_H := (_H \mathcal{M}_H, \otimes, k, a', l', r')$ , i.e., an *H*-bimodule coalgebra, and  $\pi : B \to H$  is a coalgebra morphism in  $_H \overline{\mathcal{M}}_H$ . If we denote  $\Delta_B(b) = b_1 \otimes b_2$  we then have

$$i(X^{1})b_{(1,1)}i(x^{1}) \otimes i(X^{2})b_{(1,2)}i(x^{2}) \otimes i(X^{3})b_{2}i(x^{3}) = b_{1} \otimes b_{(2,1)} \otimes b_{(2,2)}, (4.4)$$

for all  $b \in B$ ,  $\varepsilon \pi = \varepsilon_B$  and  $\Delta(\pi(b)) = \pi(b_1) \otimes \pi(b_2)$ , for all  $b \in B$ .

The left and right *H*-coactions on *B* can be recovered from  $\Delta_B$  and  $\pi$  as

$$\lambda(b) = \pi(b_1) \otimes b_2 \text{ and } \rho(b) = b_1 \otimes \pi(b_2), \forall b \in B.$$
(4.5)

Since *i* is the unit and  $\pi$  is the counit of the bialgebra *B* within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  it follows that  $\pi i = \mathrm{Id}_{H}$ , and therefore,  $\pi$  is surjective. Furthermore,  $\pi : B \to H$  is an algebra morphism in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , so  $\pi$  is a *k*-algebra morphism as well. As we have seen,  $\pi$  intertwines the comultiplications  $\Delta_{B}$  and  $\Delta$  of *B* and *H*, too. If we define  $\Phi_{B} := (i \otimes i \otimes i)(\Phi)$ , it is clear that  $(\pi \otimes \pi \otimes \pi)(\Phi_{B}) = \Phi$ .

Combining (4.3) and (4.5) we get

$$\lambda(i(h)) = \pi(i(h)_1) \otimes i(h)_2 = h_1 \otimes i(h_2), \ \forall \ h \in H,$$

and therefore  $\pi(i(h)_1) \otimes i(h)_2 = \pi(i(h_1)) \otimes i(h_2)$ , for all  $h \in H$ . As  $\pi$  is surjective, we obtain that *i* intertwines the comultiplications  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta_B$  of *H* and *B*, and so  $\Delta_B(1_B) = \Delta_B(i(1_H)) = i(1_H) \otimes i(1_H) = 1_B \otimes 1_B$ . It is also an algebra morphism such that  $(i \otimes i \otimes i)(\Phi) = \Phi_B$  and  $\varepsilon_B i = \varepsilon$ .

The most difficult part is to show that  $\Delta_B$  is multiplicative, that is

$$\Delta_B(bb') = (b_{\underline{1}_{(0)}} \cdot b_{\underline{2}_{\{-1\}}})(b'_{\underline{1}_{(0)}} \cdot b'_{\underline{2}_{\{-1\}}}) \otimes (b_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot b_{\underline{2}_{\{0\}}})(b'_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot b'_{\underline{2}_{\{0\}}}), \quad (4.6)$$

for all  $b, b' \in B$ . Toward this end, observe first that by (3.10) and (4.1) we have that  $\underline{\Delta}_B$  is multiplicative in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$  if and only if

$$E((bb')_{\underline{1}_{(0)}}) \otimes (bb')_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot (bb')_{\underline{2}} = E(b_{\underline{1}_{(0)}}E(b_{\underline{2}_{\{-1\}}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(0)}})_{(0)}) \otimes b_{\underline{1}_{(1)}}E(b_{\underline{2}_{\{-1\}}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(0)}})_{(1)} \cdot (b_{\underline{2}_{\{0\}}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(1)}})b'_{\underline{2}}, (4.7)$$

for all  $b, b' \in B$ , where, for simplicity, from now on we denote  $E_B$  by E. This allows us to compute that

$$\begin{split} &\Delta_{B}(bb') = (bb')_{\underline{1}_{(0)}} \cdot (bb')_{\underline{2}_{[-1]}} \otimes (bb')_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot (bb')_{\underline{2}_{[0]}} \\ &\stackrel{(3.7)}{=} E((bb')_{\underline{1}_{(0,0)}}) \cdot (bb')_{\underline{1}_{(0,1)}} (bb')_{\underline{2}_{[-1]}} \otimes (bb')_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot (bb')_{\underline{2}_{[0]}} \\ &\stackrel{(3.6)}{=} x^{1} \neg E((bb')_{\underline{1}_{(0)}}) \cdot x^{2}((bb')_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot (bb')_{\underline{2}})_{\{-1\}} \otimes x^{3} \cdot ((bb')_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} \cdot (bb')_{\underline{2}})_{\{0\}} \\ &\stackrel{(4.7)}{=} E(x^{1} \cdot b_{\underline{1}_{(0)}} E(b_{\underline{2}_{[-1]}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(0)}}) (0)) \cdot x^{2} b_{\underline{1}_{(1)}} E(b_{\underline{2}_{[-1]}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(0)}}) (1)_{1} ((b_{\underline{2}_{[0]}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(1)}}) b'_{\underline{2}})_{\{-1\}} \\ & \otimes x^{3} b_{\underline{1}_{(1)_{2}}} E(b_{\underline{2}_{[-1]}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(0)}}) (1)_{2} \cdot ((b_{\underline{2}_{[0]}} \cdot b'_{\underline{1}_{(1)}}) b'_{\underline{2}})_{\{0\}} \end{split}$$

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for all  $b, b' \in B$ , as needed. The remaining details are left to the reader.

We can construct an inverse for  $\mathcal{V}$  as follows.

**Proposition 4.3** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra and  $(B, i, \pi)$  a quasi-bialgebra projection for it. Then, *B* is a bialgebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  with the structure given, for all  $h, h' \in H$ and  $b, b' \in B$ , by

$$h \cdot b \cdot h' = i(h)bi(h'); \tag{4.8}$$

$$\lambda: B \ni b \mapsto \pi(b_1) \otimes b_2 \in H \otimes B, \ \rho: B \ni b \mapsto b_1 \otimes \pi(b_2) \in B \otimes H;$$
(4.9)

 $m_B(b \otimes_H b') = bb', \quad i : H \to B; \tag{4.10}$ 

$$\underline{\Delta}_{B}(b) = E(b_{1}) \otimes_{H} b_{2} \text{ and } \underline{\varepsilon}_{B} = \pi.$$

$$(4.11)$$

In this way we have a well-defined functor  $\mathcal{T} : H - \underline{qBialgProj} \rightarrow Bialg(^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H})$ .  $\mathcal{T}$  acts as identity on morphisms.

**Proof** It is easy to see that *B* is an object in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  with the structure as in (4.8) and (4.9). Since  $(b \cdot h)b' = b(h \cdot b')$ , for all  $b, b' \in B$  and  $h \in H$ , it follows that  $\underline{m}_{B}: B \otimes_{H} B \to B$  given by  $\underline{m}_{B}(b \otimes_{H} b') = bb'$ , for all  $b, b' \in B$ , is well defined. By [2, Lemma 4.9] we deduce that  $(B, \underline{m}_{B}, i)$  is an algebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , since

$$\lambda(i(h)) = \pi(i(h)_1) \otimes i(h)_2 = h_1 \otimes i(h_2) \text{ and}$$
  

$$\rho(i(h)) = i(h)_1 \otimes \pi(i(h)_2) = i(h_1) \otimes h_2,$$

for all  $h \in H$ , i.e., *i* is an *H*-bicomodule morphism, where the *H*-bicomodule structure of *B* is  $(B, \lambda, \rho, \Phi_{\lambda} = X^1 \otimes X^2 \otimes i(X^3), \Phi_{\rho} = i(X^1) \otimes X^2 \otimes X^3, \Phi_{\lambda,\rho} = X^1 \otimes i(X^2) \otimes X^3$ ). We should point out that all these facts follow because  $i : H \to B$  is a quasi-bialgebra morphism.

[2, Theorem 5.3] guarantees that *B* is a coalgebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  with the structure in (4.11). Thus, it only remains to show that  $\Delta_{B}$  is an algebra morphism, where the algebra structure on  $B \otimes_{H} B$  is the tensor product algebra one, modulo the braiding in (3.10). We compute

$$\begin{split} \underline{\Delta}_{B}i(h) &= E(i(h)_{1}) \otimes_{H} i(h)_{2} \\ &= q^{1} \cdot i(h_{1})_{(0)} \cdot \beta S(q^{2}i(h_{1})_{(1)}) \otimes i(h_{2}) \\ &= i(q^{1}h_{(1,1)}\beta S(q^{2}h_{(1,2)})h_{2}) \otimes_{H} 1_{H} \\ \stackrel{(2.16)}{=} i(hq^{1}\beta S(q^{2})) \otimes_{H} 1_{H} \\ \stackrel{(2.6)}{=} i(h) \otimes_{H} 1_{H}, \end{split}$$

and this shows that, up to the identification given by the unit constraints of the monoidal category  $({}_{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}, \otimes_{H}, H), \underline{\Delta}_{B}i = i \otimes_{H} i.$ 

Due to (4.7) and (4.11), that  $\underline{\Delta}_B$  is multiplicative is equivalent to

$$\begin{split} \underline{\Delta}_{B}(bb') &= E(b_{1})E(b_{2_{\{-1\}}} \cdot E(b'_{1})_{(0)}) \otimes_{H} (b_{2_{\{0\}}} \cdot E(b'_{1})_{(1)})b'_{2} \\ &\stackrel{(3.8)}{=} E(b_{1})E(\pi(b_{(2,1)}) \cdot E(x^{1} \cdot b'_{1}) \cdot x^{2}) \otimes_{H} (b_{(2,2)} \cdot x^{3})b'_{2} \\ &\stackrel{(3.6)}{=} E(X^{1} \cdot b_{(1,1)})E(X^{2}\pi(b_{(1,2)}) \cdot b'_{1}) \cdot X^{3} \otimes_{H} b_{2}b'_{2}, \end{split}$$

for all  $b, b' \in B$ . Since, for all  $b, b' \in B$ , we have that

$$\begin{split} E(X^{1} \cdot b_{1}) E(X^{2}\pi(b_{2}) \cdot b') \cdot X^{3} \\ &= i(q^{1}X_{1}^{1})b_{(1,1)}i(\beta S(q^{2}X_{2}^{1}\pi(b_{(1,2)})Q^{1}X_{1}^{2}\pi(b_{(2,1)}))b'_{1}i(\beta S(Q^{2}X_{2}^{2}\pi(b_{(2,2)})\pi(b'_{2}))X^{3}) \\ &= i(q^{1}Q_{(1,1)}^{1})(x^{1} \cdot b_{1})i(\beta S(q^{2}Q_{(1,2)}^{1}\pi((x^{1} \cdot b_{1})_{2}))Q_{2}^{1}\pi(x^{2} \cdot b_{(2,1)})) \\ b'_{1}i(\beta S(Q^{2}\pi(x^{3} \cdot b_{(2,2)})\pi(b'_{2})) \\ &\stackrel{(2.16)}{=} i(Q^{1}q^{1})(b_{1})_{(1,1)}i(\beta S(q^{2}\pi((b_{1})_{(1,2)}))\pi((b_{1})_{2}))b'_{1}i(\beta S(Q^{2}\pi(b_{2})\pi(b'_{2}))) \\ &= i(Q^{1})b_{1}i(q^{1}\beta S(q^{2}))b'_{1}i(\beta S(Q^{2}\pi(b_{2}b'_{2}))) \\ &\stackrel{(2.6)}{=} E(bb'), \end{split}$$

it follows that  $\underline{\Delta}_B$  is multiplicative if and only if

$$E((bb')_1) \otimes_H (bb')_2 = E(b_1b'_1) \otimes_H b_2b'_2, \ \forall b, b' \in B.$$

The latter equivalence is immediate since  $\Delta_B$  is multiplicative. This ends the proof.  $\Box$ 

At this point, we can prove one of the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 4.4** Let H be a quasi-Hopf algebra. Then, the functors

$$\operatorname{Bialg}({}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}}_{\mathcal{T}} H - \underline{\operatorname{qBialgProj}}$$

define a category isomorphism.

They also produce a category isomorphism between Hopf $(^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H})$  and H - qHopfProj.

**Proof** One can check directly that  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  are inverse to each other; see also [2, Lemma 4.9 & Corollary 5.4].

Take  $(B, i, \pi) \in H - \underline{q}$ HopfProj, and denote by  $S_B$  the antipode of B. We claim that  $\mathcal{T}((B, i, \pi)) = B$  is a Hopf algebra in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  with antipode determined by

$$\underline{S}(b) = q^1 \pi(b_{(1,1)}) \beta \cdot S_B(q^2 \cdot b_{(1,2)}) \cdot \pi(b_2), \ \forall \ b \in B.$$

Indeed, a technical but straightforward computation ensures that  $\underline{S}$  is a morphism in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ . Then, one can check that

$$\underline{S}(E(b)) = q^1 \pi(b_1) \beta \cdot S_B(q^2 \cdot b_2), \ \forall \ b \in B,$$

and this fact allows us to compute that

$$\underline{S}(b_{\underline{1}})b_{\underline{2}} = \underline{S}(E(b_{1}))b_{2}$$
  
=  $i(\pi(X^{1} \cdot b_{(1,1)})\beta)S_{B}(X^{2} \cdot b_{(1,2)})i(\alpha)(X^{3} \cdot b_{2})$   
=  $i\pi(b)i(X^{1}\beta S(X^{2})\alpha X^{3}) = i\pi(b),$ 

for all  $b \in B$ , as required. Similarly, one can easily see that

$$i(S(\pi(b_1))\alpha)\underline{S}(b_2) = \varepsilon_B(b)i(\alpha), \ \forall \ b \in B,$$

and from here we get that

$$\begin{split} b_{\underline{1}}\underline{S}(b_{\underline{2}}) &= E(b_{1})\underline{S}_{B}(b_{2}) \\ &= i(\pi(X^{1} \cdot b_{(1,1)})\beta S(\pi(X^{2} \cdot b_{(1,2)}))\alpha)\underline{S}(X^{3} \cdot b_{2}) \\ &= i(\pi(b_{1})X^{1}\beta S(\pi(b_{(2,1)})X^{2})\alpha)\underline{S}(b_{(2,2)})i(X^{3}) \\ &= \varepsilon_{B}(b_{2})i(\pi(b_{1})i(X^{1}\beta S(X^{2})\alpha X^{3}) = i\pi(b), \end{split}$$

for all  $b \in B$ . Hence, our claim is proved.

In a similar manner, we can prove that if  $\underline{S}$  is antipode for the bialgebra B in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  then the quasi-bialgebra  $\mathcal{V}(B)$  is actually a quasi-Hopf algebra with antipode determined by

$$S_B(b) = S(b_{(0)_{\{-1\}}} p^1) \alpha \cdot \underline{S}(b_{(0)_{\{0\}}}) \cdot p^2 S(b_{(1)}), \ \forall \ b \in B,$$
(4.12)

and distinguished elements  $\alpha_B = i(\alpha)$  and  $\beta_B = i(\beta)$ . We leave the verification of the remaining details to the reader.

We end this paper by presenting a second characterization for the bialgebras (resp. Hopf algebras) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ .

By Theorem 3.3, the categories  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  and  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  are braided monoidally equivalent. Therefore, bialgebras (resp. Hopf algebras) in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  are in a one to one correspondence to bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) structures in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . More precisely, if *B* is a bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  then  $A := B^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  is a bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . The inverse of this correspondence associates to any bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) A in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  the bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra)  $\mathcal{F}(A) = A \otimes H$  in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ . Thus, B and  $A \otimes H$  are isomorphic as braided bialgebras (resp. Hopf algebras) in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{V}(B)$  and  $\mathcal{V}(A \otimes H)$  are isomorphic as objects in H - qBialgProj (resp. H-qHopfProj).

Firstly,  $A \otimes H$  is an object in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  with the structure as in (2.25)–(2.27). By [2, Theorem 4.11], as an algebra  $\mathcal{V}(A \otimes H) = A \# H$ , the smash product algebra of A and H from [7]. The multiplication of A # H is given by

$$(a\#h)(a'\#h') = (x^1 \cdot a)(x^2h_1 \cdot a')\#x^3h_2h',$$

for all  $a, a' \in A$  and  $h, h' \in H$ , and its unit is  $1_A \otimes 1_H$ . This contributes to the structure of  $\mathcal{V}(A \otimes H)$  with  $j : H \ni h \mapsto 1_A \otimes h \in A \# H$ , so far an *H*-bicomodule algebra morphism, provided that *A* is an algebra in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{Y}D$  (see [2, Proposition 4.10] for more details).

Secondly, by [2, Theorem 5.6], as a coalgebra  $\mathcal{V}(A \otimes H) = A \bowtie H$ , the smash product coalgebra of A and H. More exactly, the comultiplication is defined by

$$\Delta(a \bowtie h) = (y^1 X^1 \cdot a_1 \bowtie y^2 Y^1 (x^1 X^2 \cdot a_2)_{[-1]} x^2 X_1^3 h_1)$$
  
$$\otimes (y_1^3 Y^2 \cdot (x^1 X^2 \cdot a_2)_{[0]} \bowtie y_2^3 Y^3 x^3 X_2^3 h_2), \qquad (4.13)$$

and the counit is  $\varepsilon(a \otimes h) = \varepsilon_A(a)\varepsilon(h)$ , for all  $a \in A$  and  $h \in H$ . This contributes to the structure of  $\mathcal{V}(A \otimes H)$  with  $p : A \bowtie H \ni a \bowtie h \mapsto \varepsilon_A(a)h \in H$ , so far an *H*-bimodule coalgebra morphism, provided that *A* is a coalgebra in  ${}_H^H\mathcal{Y}D$ . As before,  $a \mapsto a_{[-1]} \otimes a_{[0]}$  is the left coaction of *H* on *A*,  $\Delta_A(a) = a_1 \otimes a_2$  is the comultiplication of *A* in  ${}_H^H\mathcal{Y}D$  and  $\varepsilon_A$  is its counit.

Summing up,  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{F}(A)) = (A \times H, j, p)$ , the biproduct quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) constructed in [5], provided that *A* is a bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Note that, in [5] we gave the coalgebra structure of  $A \times H$  by adapting the one in the Hopf algebra case, and that by hard computations we showed that  $A \times H$  is a quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra), provided that *A* is a bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Now we have a more conceptual and less computational proof, and at the same time a converse for the cited result in [5].

**Corollary 4.5** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra, and *B* an object of  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  which is at the same time an algebra and a coalgebra in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Then, the smash product algebra and the smash product coalgebra afford a quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) structure on  $A \otimes H$  if and only if *A* is a bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . If this is the case, then  $A \times H$  is a bialgebra (resp. Hopf algebra) in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ .

**Proof** Everything follows from the above comments, and the fact that  $\mathcal{F} : {}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D \rightarrow {}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  is a braided monoidal equivalence, and that  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{V}$  are inverse isomorphism functors.

Remark that, the antipode *s* of the quasi-Hopf algebra  $A \times H$  can be obtained from the antipode  $S_A$  of A in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{Y}D$  and the antipode *S* of *H* as follows. The antipode <u>*S*</u> of

 $\mathcal{F}(A)$  in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  is  $\mathcal{F}(S_{A}) = S_{A} \otimes \mathrm{Id}_{H}$ , and so we have that

for all  $a \in A$  and  $h \in H$ . Clearly, the distinguished elements that together with *s* define the antipode for  $A \times H$  are  $j(\alpha) = 1_A \times \alpha$  and  $j(\beta) = 1_A \times \beta$ . In this way, we gave an alternative proof for [5, Lemma 3.3]. In the computation above, we wrote  $a \times h$  in place of  $a \otimes h$  in order to distinguish the quasi-bialgebra structure on  $A \otimes H$  given by the biproduct construction.

Collecting the results proved in this section, we get the following.

**Theorem 4.6** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra. Then, there is a one-to-one correspondence between:

- bialgebras (resp. Hopf algebras) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ ;
- quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) projections for H;
- bialgebras (resp. Hopf algebras) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ ;
- biproduct quasi-bialgebra (resp. quasi-Hopf algebra) structures for H.

We end this paper by applying Theorem 4.6 to a class of braided Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  obtained from a tensor Hopf algebra type construction.

# 5 Tensor Hopf algebras within ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$

Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra and *M* an object of  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ . We show that the tensor algebra  $T_{H}(M)$  associated to *M* within  $({}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}, \otimes_{H}, H)$  admits a braided Hopf algebra structure in  $({}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}, \otimes_{H}, H)$  or, equivalently, a quasi-Hopf algebra structure with a projection.

Recall that the tensor algebra  $T_H(M)$  of M within  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$  is  $T_H(M) = H \oplus \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} M^{\otimes_H n}$ , where  $M^{\otimes_H 1} := M$  and  $M^{\otimes_H n} := M^{\otimes_H n-1} \otimes_H M$ , for all  $n \ge 2$ . For

l < n, we denote by  $m^{\otimes_{H}l+1,n}$  the element  $m^{l+1} \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} m^{n} \in M^{\otimes_{H}n-l}$ ; when l = 0 and  $n \ge 1$  we will write  $m^{\otimes_{H}n}$  instead of  $m^{\otimes_{H}1,n}$ .

The product \* on  $T_H(M)$  is given by concatenation over H, i.e.,

$$h * h' = h \otimes_H h' \equiv hh',$$
  

$$h * m^{\otimes_H l} = h \otimes_H m^{\otimes_H l} \equiv hm^1 \otimes_H m^2 \otimes_H \cdots \otimes_H m^l,$$
  

$$m^{\otimes_H l} * h = m^{\otimes_H l} \otimes_H h \equiv m^1 \otimes_H \cdots \otimes_H m^l h,$$
  

$$m^{\otimes_H l} * m^{\otimes_H l+1,n} = m^{\otimes_H n},$$

for all  $h, h' \in H, l \ge 1, n \ge 2$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ . The unit of  $T_H(M)$  is given by the unit 1 of H. As the monoidal category  $\binom{H}{H}\mathcal{M}_H^H, \otimes_H, H$  is strict, in the writing of an element of  $M^{\otimes_H n}$  we do not have to pay attention to parenthesis.

Using the monoidal structure on  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  given by  $\otimes_{H}$ , we find that  $T_{H}(M)$  is an object in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  via the structure induced by those of H and M, as follows: the H-bimodule structure of  $T_{H}(M)$  is given by the above product \*, while the H-bicomodule structure is defined, for all  $h \in H, l \geq 1$  and  $m^{1}, \ldots, m^{l} \in M$ , by

$$\begin{split} \lambda(h) &= \rho(h) = \Delta(h) = h_1 \otimes h_2 \in (H \otimes T_H(M)) \cap (T_H(M) \otimes H), \\ \lambda(m^{\otimes_H l}) &= m_{\{-1\}}^1 \cdots m_{\{-1\}}^l \otimes m_{\{0\}}^1 \otimes_H \cdots \otimes_H m_{\{0\}}^l, \\ \rho(m^{\otimes_H l}) &= m_{(0)}^1 \otimes_H \cdots \otimes_H m_{(0)}^l \otimes m_{(1)}^1 \cdots m_{(1)}^l. \end{split}$$

#### 5.1 A braided Hopf algebra structure on T<sub>H</sub>(M)

Denote by  $i: H \to T_H(M)$  and  $j: M \to T_H(M)$  the canonical embedding maps. It can be easily checked that *i* is an *H*-bicomodule algebra map, provided that  $T_H(M)$ is considered as an *H*-bicomodule algebra via  $(*, 1, \lambda, \rho)$  as above and reassociators  $\Phi_{\lambda} = \Phi_{\rho} = \Phi_{\lambda,\rho} = X^1 \otimes X^2 \otimes X^3$ , where, in general, by  $\otimes$  we denote the tensor product between  $T_H(M)$  and itself within the category of *k*-vector spaces. Otherwise stated,  $(T_H(M), *, i)$  is an algebra in  $(^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H, \otimes_H, H)$  and  $i: H \to T_H(M)$  is an algebra morphism in  $^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ . Finally, it is immediate that *j* is a morphism in  $^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ .

Similar to the Hopf case [22], the tensor algebra  $T_H(M)$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{M}^H_H$  is uniquely determined by the following universal property.

**Proposition 5.1** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra and  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ . Then for any algebra morphism  $u : A \to A'$  in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  and any morphism  $\zeta : M \to A'$  in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , there exists a unique morphism  $\overline{\zeta} : T_{H}(M) \to A'$  of algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  such that  $\overline{\zeta} j = \zeta$ .

**Proof** It is similar to the one given for [22, Proposition 1.4.1].

The above universal property allows to define a Hopf algebra structure on  $T_H(M)$  as follows. To avoid any possible confusion, by  $\overline{\otimes}$  we denote the tensor product between  $T_H(M)$  and itself within the strict braided monoidal category  $({}^H_H\mathcal{M}^H_H, \otimes_H, H)$ .

**Proposition 5.2** If *H* is a quasi-Hopf algebra and  $M \in {}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  then there exist algebra morphisms  $\underline{\Delta} : T_{H}(M) \rightarrow T_{H}(M) \overline{\otimes} T_{H}(M)$  and  $\underline{\varepsilon} : T_{H}(M) \rightarrow H$  in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ , uniquely determined by

$$\underline{\Delta}(h) = h \overline{\otimes} 1 = 1 \overline{\otimes} h \text{ and } \underline{\Delta}(m) = 1 \overline{\otimes} m + m \overline{\otimes} 1, \text{ resp. } \underline{\varepsilon}(h) = h \text{ and } \underline{\varepsilon}(m) = 0,$$

for all  $h \in H$  and  $m \in M$ . Furthermore,  $(*, 1, \underline{\Delta}, \underline{\varepsilon})$  provides a bialgebra structure on  $T_H(M)$  within  ${}^H_H\mathcal{M}^H_H$ .

**Proof** To define  $\underline{\Delta}$ , we apply Proposition 5.1 for A = H,  $A' = T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$ ,  $\zeta : M \ni m \mapsto m \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m \in A'$  and  $u : A \to A'$  the unit morphism of A', where A' has the tensor product algebra structure of  $T_H(M)$  and itself, within  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$ . Thus, u is an algebra morphism in  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$  and is given by  $u(h) = h \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes h$ , for all  $h \in H$ . Keeping in mind the monoidal structure of  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$ , one can easily check that  $\zeta$  is a morphism in  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$ . Therefore, there is a unique algebra morphism  $\underline{\Delta} : T_H(M) \to T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$  in  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$  such that  $\underline{\Delta} j = \zeta$ . Equivalently,  $\underline{\Delta}$  is the algebra morphism in  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$  completely determined by

$$\underline{\Delta}(h) = \underline{\Delta}i(h) = u(h) = h\overline{\otimes}1 = 1\overline{\otimes}h , \ \forall \ h \in H$$
  
$$\underline{\Delta}(m) = \underline{\Delta}j(m) = \zeta(m) = m\overline{\otimes}1 + 1\overline{\otimes}m , \ \forall \ m \in M.$$

Since  $\underline{\Delta}$  is an algebra morphism, inductively, we can uncover how it acts on an arbitrary element of  $T_H(M)$ . For instance,  $\underline{\Delta}(h \otimes_H m) = h\underline{\Delta}(m) = hm\overline{\otimes}1 + 1\overline{\otimes}hm = \underline{\Delta}(hm)$ , and

$$\underline{\Delta}(m^{\otimes_H 2}) = (m^1 \overline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \overline{\otimes} m^1)(m^2 \overline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \overline{\otimes} m^2) = m^1 \otimes_H m^2 \overline{\otimes} 1 + m^1 \overline{\otimes} m^2 + 1 \overline{\otimes} m^1 \otimes_H m^2 + d_{T_H(M), T_H(M)}(m^1 \overline{\otimes} m^2),$$

for all  $h \in H$  and  $m, m^1, m^2 \in M$ , where, as before, d is the braiding on  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$  as in (3.10). And so on.

To define  $\underline{\varepsilon}$ , we proceed in a similar manner. This time we apply Proposition 5.1 to A = A' = H,  $u = \text{Id}_H$  and  $\zeta : M \ni m \mapsto 0 \in A$ , the null morphism. This gives an algebra morphism  $\underline{\varepsilon} : T_H(M) \to H$ , completely determined by  $\underline{\varepsilon}(h) = \underline{\varepsilon}i(h) = u(h) = h$ , for all  $h \in H$ , and  $\underline{\varepsilon}(m) = \underline{\varepsilon}j(m) = \zeta(m) = 0$ , for all  $m \in M$ . Consequently, for any nonzero natural number *n* we have

$$\underline{\varepsilon}(h \otimes_H m^{\otimes_H n}) = 0$$
,  $\forall h \in H$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ .

So it remains to prove that  $(T_H(M), \underline{\Delta}, \underline{\varepsilon})$  is a coalgebra in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ . To show that  $\underline{\Delta}$  is coassociative we apply again Proposition 5.1, this time to the following datum: A = H, A' equals the tensor product algebra  $T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$  in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ , u equals the unit morphism of A' and

$$\zeta: M \ni m \mapsto m \overline{\otimes} 1 \overline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \overline{\otimes} m \overline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \overline{\otimes} 1 \overline{\otimes} m \in A',$$

a morphism in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ . We have, for all  $m \in M$ , that

$$\begin{split} (\underline{\Delta} \ \overline{\otimes} \ \mathrm{Id}_{T_H(M)}) \underline{\Delta}(m) &= \underline{\Delta}(m) \overline{\otimes} 1 + \underline{\Delta}(1) \overline{\otimes} m \\ &= m \overline{\otimes} 1 \overline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \overline{\otimes} m \overline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \overline{\otimes} 1 \overline{\otimes} m \\ &= m \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta}(1) + 1 \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta}(m) \\ &= (\mathrm{Id}_{T_H(M)} \ \overline{\otimes} \ \underline{\Delta}) \underline{\Delta}(m), \end{split}$$

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so  $(\underline{\Delta} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_H(M)})\underline{\Delta}j = (\operatorname{Id}_{T_H(M)} \otimes \underline{\Delta})\underline{\Delta}j = \zeta$ . As  $(\underline{\Delta} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_H(M)})\underline{\Delta}$  and  $(\operatorname{Id}_{T_H(M)} \otimes \underline{\Delta})\underline{\Delta}$  are algebras morphisms in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , it follows from the universal property of  $T_H(M)$  that  $(\underline{\Delta} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_H(M)})\underline{\Delta} = (\operatorname{Id}_{T_H(M)} \otimes \underline{\Delta})\underline{\Delta}$ , as desired.

Up to the identifications given by the left and right unit constraints of  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , we compute that  $(\underline{\varepsilon} \otimes_{H} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})\underline{\Delta}j = j = (\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \otimes_{H} \underline{\varepsilon})\underline{\Delta}j$ .  $(\underline{\varepsilon} \otimes_{H} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})\underline{\Delta}$  and  $(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \otimes_{H} \underline{\varepsilon})\underline{\Delta}$  are algebra morphisms in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , implying  $(\underline{\varepsilon} \otimes_{H} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})\underline{\Delta} = (\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \otimes_{H} \underline{\varepsilon})\underline{\Delta} = \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)}$ , as required.

Next, we construct the antipode of  $T_H(M)$ . It is well known that, in general, the antipode  $\underline{S}$  of a braided Hopf algebra B is an anti-morphism of the algebra B. Otherwise stated,  $\underline{S}$  is an algebra morphism from B to  $B^{\text{op}}$ , where  $B^{\text{op}}$  is the opposite algebra associated to B. Coming back to our setting,  $T_H(M)^{\text{op}}$  equals  $T_H(M)$  as object in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{M}^H_H$ , and is the algebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{M}^H_H$  having the same unit as  $T_H(M)$  and multiplication  $*_{\text{op}}$  given by  $*_{\text{op}} = * \circ d_{T_H(M),T_H(M)}$ . Thus, if  $T_H(M)$  admits an antipode  $\underline{S}$  then it will be completely determined by its restrictions to H and M, since, for all  $z, w \in T_H(M)$ ,

$$\underline{S}(z \otimes w) = * \circ d_{T_H(M), T_H(M)}(\underline{S}(z) \otimes \underline{S}(w)) = * \circ (\underline{S} \otimes \underline{S}) d_{T_H(M), T_H(M)}(z \otimes w).$$
(5.1)

**Theorem 5.3** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra and *M* an object in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ . Then, the tensor product algebra  $T_{H}(M)$  in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  admits a Hopf algebra structure within  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ .

**Proof** We know that  $T_H(M)$  is a braided bialgebra. As in the proof of Proposition 5.2, if we take A = H,  $A' = T_H(M)^{\text{op}}$ , u the unit morphism of A' and  $\zeta : M \ni m \mapsto$  $-m \in A'$ , then from the universal property of  $T_H(M)$  we get an algebra morphism  $\underline{S}: T_H(M) \to T_H(M)^{\text{op}}$  in  ${}_H^H \mathcal{M}_H^H$ , uniquely determined by

$$S(h) = h$$
,  $\forall h \in H$  and  $S(m) = -m$ ,  $\forall m \in M$ .

With the help of (5.1), we can see how  $\underline{S}$  acts on an arbitrary element of  $T_H(M)$ . To this end, for a fixed natural number  $n \ge 2$ , let  $\{s_l = (l, l+1) \mid 1 \le l \le n-1\}$  be the set of generators  $s_l$  of the symmetric group  $S_n$  permuting l and l+1. Also, for any  $1 \le l \le n-1$ , take  $d_l = \operatorname{Id}_{M^{\otimes_H l-1} \otimes_H} d_{M,M} \otimes_H \operatorname{Id}_{M^{\otimes_H n-l-1}}$ , an automorphism of  $M^{\otimes_H n}$ , for all  $1 \le l \le n-1$ . Finally, for  $\sigma \in S_n$  define  $T_{\sigma} := d_{l_1} \dots d_{l_r}$ , where  $\sigma = s_{l_1} \dots s_{l_r}$  is a reduced expression for  $\sigma$  (i.e., r is minimal among all such expressions of  $\sigma$ ). Note that, according to [17, Theorem 4.12],  $T_{\sigma}$  is well defined.

Now, if  $\sigma_0 \in S_n$  is given by  $\sigma_0(l) = n - l + 1$ , for all  $1 \le l \le n$ , then

$$\underline{S}(m^{\otimes_H n}) = (-1)^n T_{\sigma_0}(m^{\otimes_H n}), \tag{5.2}$$

for all  $n \ge 2$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ . Observe that  $s_1(s_2s_1) \ldots (s_{n-1} \ldots s_1)$  is a reduced expression for  $\sigma_0$ , since  $\sigma_0$  is what is called the longest element of  $S_n$  (for more details see the comments made before [17, Lemma 4.13]). Thus,  $T_{\sigma_0} = d_1(d_2d_1) \cdots (d_{n-1} \cdots d_1)$ .

We show that  $\underline{S}$  is antipode for the bialgebra structure of  $T_H(M)$ , that is,

$$* (\underline{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathrm{Id}_{T_H(M)}) \underline{\Delta}(z) = i \underline{\varepsilon}(z) = * (\mathrm{Id}_{T_H(M)} \overline{\otimes} \underline{S}) \underline{\Delta}(z), \tag{5.3}$$

for all  $z \in T_H(M)$ . Toward this end, remark first that (5.3) is satisfied for any  $z = h \in H$  and  $z = m \in M$ . Also, if we define  $*^2 = *$  and, in general,  $*^k = *(*^{k-1} \otimes_H Id_{T_H(M)})$ , for all  $k \ge 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &*(\underline{S} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})\underline{\Delta} * \\ &= *(\underline{S} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(*\overline{\otimes} *)(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} d_{T_{H}(M), T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(\underline{\Delta} \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta}) \\ &= *^{3}(\underline{S} \otimes \underline{S} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(d_{T_{H}(M), T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} *)(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} d_{T_{H}(M), T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(\underline{\Delta} \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta}) \\ &= *^{4}(\underline{S} \otimes \underline{S} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes}_{2})(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(d_{T_{H}(M), T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(\underline{\Delta} \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta}) \\ &= *^{3}(\underline{S} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes}_{2})(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} (*(\underline{S} \otimes \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)}) \underline{\Delta}) \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)}) \\ &\qquad (d_{T_{H}(M), T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} \operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)})(\operatorname{Id}_{T_{H}(M)} \overline{\otimes} \underline{\Delta}). \end{aligned}$$

We used that  $\underline{\Delta}$  is an algebra morphism in the first equality, the fact that  $\underline{S} : T_H(M) \rightarrow T_H(M)^{\text{op}}$  is an algebra morphism in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$  in the second equality, the naturality of the braiding *d* in the third equality, and the associativity of \* in the last equality.

The above computation says that if the first equality in (5.3) is satisfied by two elements of  $T_H(M)$  then it is also satisfied by their product in  $T_H(M)$ . As M generates  $T_H(M)$  as an algebra, this implies that the first equality of (5.3) is satisfied by any  $z \in T_H(M)$ . In a similar manner, we can show the second equality in (5.3), so our proof is finished.

## 5.2 A quasi-Hopf algebra structure on $T_H(M)$

It follows now from Theorem 4.6 that  $T_H(M)$  admits also the structure of a quasi-Hopf algebra with a projection or, equivalently, it has the structure of a biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra. More exactly, we have the following.

**Proposition 5.4** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra and *M* an object of  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$ . Then, the tensor algebra  $(T_{H}(M), *, 1)$  within  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{M}_{H}^{H}$  admits the structure of a quasi-Hopf algebra with a projection. Its comultiplication  $\widetilde{\Delta}$  is given by  $\widetilde{\Delta}(h) = \Delta(h)$ , for all  $h \in H$ , and

$$\Delta(m) = \lambda_M(m) + \rho_M(m) = m_{\{-1\}} \otimes m_{\{0\}} + m_{(0)} \otimes m_{(1)} \in T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M) ,$$

for all  $m \in M$ , extended to the whole  $T_H(M)$  as an algebra morphism from  $T_H(M)$ to  $T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$ , while its counit is determined by  $\tilde{\epsilon}(h) = \epsilon(h)$ , for all  $h \in H$ , and  $\tilde{\epsilon}(m) = 0$ , for all  $m \in M$ , extended this time to the whole  $T_H(M)$  as an algebra morphism from  $T_H(M)$  to k. The reassociator of  $T_H(M)$  is  $\tilde{\Phi} = X^1 \otimes X^2 \otimes X^3$ , where  $\Phi = X^1 \otimes X^2 \otimes X^3$  is the reassociator of H. An antipode  $(\tilde{S}, \tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta})$  for  $T_H(M)$  can be obtained from an antipode  $(S, \alpha, \beta)$  of H as follows:  $\tilde{\alpha} = i(\alpha) = \alpha$ ,  $\tilde{\beta} = i(\beta) = \beta$ ,  $\tilde{S}(h) = S(h)$ , for all  $h \in H$ , and

$$\widetilde{S}(m) = -S(m_{(0)_{\{-1\}}}p^1)\alpha \cdot m_{(0)_{\{0\}}} \cdot p^2 S(m_{(1)}),$$

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for all  $m \in M$ , extended to the whole  $T_H(M)$  as an anti-morphism of k-algebras from  $T_H(M)$  to itself, that is, for all  $n \ge 1$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ , we have

$$\widetilde{S}(m^{\otimes_{H}n}) = (-1)^{n} S(m^{n}_{(0)_{\{-1\}}} p^{1}) \alpha \cdot m^{n}_{(0)_{\{0\}}} \cdot p^{2} S(m^{n}_{(1)}) \otimes_{H} \\ \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} S(m^{1}_{(0)_{\{-1\}}} \mathbf{p}^{1}) \alpha \cdot m^{1}_{(0)_{\{0\}}} \cdot \mathbf{p}^{2} S(m^{1}_{(1)})$$
(5.4)

(each tensor component over *H* contains a different copy of  $p_R = p^1 \otimes p^2 = \cdots = \mathbf{p}^1 \otimes \mathbf{p}^2$ ).

Finally, via this structure we have quasi-Hopf algebra morphisms  $H \stackrel{i}{\underset{\pi}{\leftarrow}} T_H(M)$ such that  $\pi i = \text{Id}_H$ , where  $\pi = \underline{\varepsilon}$  is the counit of  $T_H(M)$  in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{M}^H_H$ .

**Proof** The unital *k*-algebra structure on  $T_H(M)$  is given by concatenation, i.e., by \*, and 1, the unit of *H*. The fact that  $(T_H(M), *, 1, \widetilde{\Delta}, \widetilde{\varepsilon}, \widetilde{\Phi}, \widetilde{S}, \alpha, \beta)$  is a quasi-Hopf algebra is an immediate consequence of Theorems 4.4 and 5.3.

*Remarks 5.5* (i) The formula in (5.4) can be also obtained from (5.2) and (4.12), we leave the verification of this fact to the reader.

(ii) The quasi-Hopf algebra structure of *T<sub>H</sub>(M)* can be deduced as well from the following universal property of *T<sub>H</sub>(M)*: for any *k*-algebras *A*, *A'*, any *k*-algebra morphisms *u* : *H* → *A*, *v* : *A* → *A'* and any *H*-bimodule morphism *ζ* : *M* → *A'* there exists a unique *k*-algebra morphism *ξ* : *T<sub>H</sub>(M)* → *A'* which is *H*-bilinear and such that *ζi* = *vu* and *ζj* = *ζ*; here *A*, *A'* are considered *H*-bimodules via *u vu*, respectively.

Explicitly,  $\overline{\zeta}(h) = vu(h)$ , for all  $h \in H$ , and, for all  $n \ge 1$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ ,

$$\overline{\zeta}(m^{\otimes_H n}) = \zeta(m^1) \cdots \zeta(m^n).$$

Now,  $\widetilde{\Delta}$ ,  $\widetilde{\varepsilon}$  and  $\widetilde{S}$  are uniquely determined by the following data:  $(A = H \otimes H, A' = T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M), u = \Delta, v = i \otimes i, \zeta = \lambda_M + \rho_M), (A = H, A' = k, u = Id_H, v = \varepsilon, \zeta = 0)$  and  $(A = H, A' = T_H(M)^{\text{opp}}, u = Id_H, v = iS, \zeta : M \ni m \mapsto -S(m_{(0)_{\{-1\}}}p^1)\alpha \cdot m_{(0)_{\{0\}}} \cdot p^2S(m_{\{1\}}) \in T_H(M)^{\text{opp}})$ , respectively. Note that  $H \otimes H$  and  $T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$  are viewed as H-bimodules via  $\Delta$ , and  $T_H(M)^{\text{opp}}$  is the opposite k-algebra associated to  $T_H(M)$ , regarded as an H-bimodule via the actions  $h *_{op} z *_{op} h' = S(h') * z * S(h)$ , for all  $h, h' \in H$  and  $z \in T_H(M)$ .

Next, we want to describe, in two equivalent ways, how  $\widetilde{\Delta}$  acts on an element of  $T_H(M)$ . By the universal property of  $\otimes_H$ , if A is a k-algebra and an H-bimodule, and  $f_1, f_2 : M \to A$  are H-bimodule morphisms, then we have a well-defined H-bimodule morphism  $f_1 \cdot f_2 : M \otimes_H M \to A$  sending  $m^1 \otimes_H m^2 \in M \otimes_H M$  to  $f_1(m^1)f_2(m^2) \in A$ . We use this simple observation in order to see how  $\widetilde{\Delta}$  extends to the whole  $T_H(M)$ . Actually, we have that  $\lambda_M + \rho_M : M \to T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$  is an H-bimodule morphism and

$$\widetilde{\Delta}(m^{\otimes_H n}) = (\lambda_M + \rho_M)(m^1) \cdots (\lambda_M + \rho_M)(m^n),$$

for all  $n \ge 1$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ , where, once more, the product in the right hand side is made in the tensor product algebra  $T_H(M) \boxtimes T_H(M)$  built within the category of *k*-vector spaces, viewed as an *H*-bimodule via the monoidal structure of  ${}_H\mathcal{M}_H$ given by  $\otimes$ . Equivalently,

$$\widetilde{\Delta}(m^{\otimes_H n}) = (\lambda_M + \rho_M)^n (m^1 \otimes_H \cdots \otimes_H m^n),$$

where, in general, by  $f^n$  we denote the product  $\cdot$  of n copies of f, an H-bimodule morphism from M to a k-algebra that is an H-bimodule, too. Since  $\cdot$  is not commutative, we get that  $\widetilde{\Delta}$  restricted to  $M^{\otimes_H n}$  is the sum of  $2^n$  distinct terms, each of them having the form  $f_1 \dots \cdot f_n$  with  $f_l \in \{\lambda_M, \rho_M\}$ , for all  $1 \leq l \leq n$ . For instance,

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Delta}(m^{\otimes_{H}2}) &= (\lambda_{M}^{2} + \lambda_{M} \cdot \rho_{M} + \rho_{M} \cdot \lambda_{M} + \rho_{M}^{2})(m^{1} \otimes_{H} m^{2}) \\ &= m_{\{-1\}}^{1} m_{\{-1\}}^{2} \underline{\otimes} m_{\{0\}}^{1} \otimes_{H} m_{\{0\}}^{2} + m_{\{-1\}}^{1} \cdot m_{(0)}^{2} \underline{\otimes} m_{\{0\}}^{1} \cdot m_{(1)}^{2} \\ &+ m_{(0)}^{1} \cdot m_{\{-1\}}^{2} \underline{\otimes} m_{(1)}^{1} \cdot m_{\{0\}}^{2} + m_{(0)}^{1} \otimes_{H} m_{(0)}^{2} \underline{\otimes} m_{(1)}^{1} m_{(1)}^{2}, \end{split}$$

for all  $m^1, m^2 \in M$ .

A second description for  $\widetilde{\Delta}$  can be derived from the following result. It is a generalization of [25, Lemma 7] to the quasi-Hopf setting.

**Lemma 5.6** For any  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ , we have  $\lambda_{M} \cdot \rho_{M} = (\rho_{M} \cdot \lambda_{M}) \circ d_{M,M}$ .

**Proof** For  $m^1, m^2 \in M$ , we compute

$$\begin{split} &(\rho_{M} \cdot \lambda_{M}) \circ d_{M,M}(m^{1} \otimes_{H} m^{2}) \\ &= \rho_{M}(E(m^{1}_{\{-1\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(0)}))\lambda_{M}(m^{1}_{\{0\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(1)}) \\ &= (E(x^{1}m^{1}_{\{-1\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(0)}) \cdot x^{2} \underline{\otimes} x^{3})(m^{1}_{\{0\}_{\{-1\}}}m^{2}_{(1)_{1}}\underline{\otimes} m^{1}_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot m^{2}_{(1)_{2}}) \\ &= E(x^{1}m^{1}_{\{-1\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(0)}) \cdot x^{2}m^{1}_{\{0\}_{\{-1\}}}m^{2}_{(1)_{1}}\underline{\otimes} x^{3} \cdot m^{1}_{\{0\}_{\{0\}}} \cdot m^{2}_{(1)_{2}}) \\ &= E(m^{1}_{\{-1\}_{1}}x^{1} \cdot m^{2}_{(0)}) \cdot m^{1}_{\{-1\}_{2}}x^{2}m^{2}_{(1)_{1}}\underline{\otimes} m^{1}_{\{0\}} \cdot x^{3}m^{2}_{(1)_{2}}} \\ &= m^{1}_{\{-1\}} \cdot E(m^{2}_{(0)_{(0)}}) \cdot m^{2}_{(0)_{(1)}}\underline{\otimes} m^{1}_{\{0\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(1)} \\ &= m^{1}_{\{-1\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(0)}\underline{\otimes} m^{1}_{\{0\}} \cdot m^{2}_{(1)} = (\lambda_{M} \cdot \rho_{M})(m^{1} \otimes_{H} m^{2}), \end{split}$$

as needed.

For any  $1 \le k \le n$ , let  $S_{k,n-k}$  be the set of (k, n-k)-shuffles, that is the set of permutations  $\sigma \in S_n$  for which  $\sigma(1) < \cdots \sigma(k)$  and  $\sigma(k+1) < \cdots \sigma(n)$ . It can be easily seen that giving an element  $\sigma \in S_{k,n-k}$  is equivalent to giving a subset  $X_k = \{i_1, \ldots, i_k\}$  of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ : we can assume that the elements of  $X_k$  are arranged in ascending order, and thus, the one-to-one correspondence maps  $X_k$  to the permutation  $\sigma$  given by  $\sigma(1) = i_1, \ldots, \sigma(k) = i_k$  and, for  $j > k, \sigma(j)$  equals the j<sup>th</sup>-element of the set  $\{1, \ldots, n\} \setminus X_k$ , ordered in ascending order. Consequently,  $S_{k,n-k}$  has  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  elements.

Following [25],  $\widetilde{B}_{k,n-k} := \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{k,n-k}} T_{\sigma}$ , where  $T_{\sigma}$  is defined by a reduced expression of  $\sigma$  as in the proof of Theorem 5.3.

**Corollary 5.7** With the above notation, the comultiplication  $\Delta$  of the quasi-Hopf algebra  $T_H(M)$  is given by  $\widetilde{\Delta}(h) = \Delta(h)$ , for all  $h \in H$ , and

$$\widetilde{\Delta}(m^{\otimes_H n}) = \sum_{k=0}^n (\rho_M^k \cdot \lambda_M^{n-k}) \circ \widetilde{B}_{k,n-k}(m^{\otimes_H n}),$$

for all  $n \ge 1$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ .

**Proof** Exactly as in the proof of [25, Proposition 6], we can show that, for any two H-bimodule morphisms  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  from M to a k-algebra A that is also an H-bimodule, we have

$$(f_1 + f_2)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (f_1^k \cdot f_2^{n-k}) \circ \widetilde{B}_{k,n-k},$$

provided that  $f_2 \cdot f_1 = (f_1 \cdot f_2) \circ d_{M,M}$ . Our assertion follows now by taking in the above formula  $A = T_H(M) \otimes T_H(M)$ ,  $f_1 = \rho_M$  and  $f_2 = \lambda_M$ .

## 5.3 $T_H(M)$ as a biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra

For simplicity, for  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  we denote  $M^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  by *V*. Also, by T(V) we denote the *k*-vector space  $\bigoplus_{n\geq 0} T^{n}(V)$ , where  $T^{0}(V) = k$ ,  $T^{\otimes 1}(V) = V$ ,  $T^{\otimes 2}(V) = V \otimes V$ and  $T^{\otimes n} = V \otimes T^{\otimes n-1}(V)$ , for all  $n \geq 3$ . Since  $V \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  with structure (2.28– 2.29) and  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is monoidal, it follows that T(V) is a left Yetter–Drinfeld module over *H*. As  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is not strict monoidal, the order of the parenthesis in the definition of T(V) is essential for the structure of T(V) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ ; the notation  $T^{\otimes n}(V)$  suggests that we deal with the tensor product of *n*-copies of *V* in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  such that all the closing parentheses are placed on the right-handed side of the last term of  $\otimes$ , i.e.,  $T^{\otimes n}(V) = V \otimes (V \otimes (\cdots \otimes (V \otimes V) \cdots))$ , as objects in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . This also motivates to denote by  $v^{l+1,n} = v^{l+1} \otimes (v^{l+2} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{n-1} \otimes v^{n}) \cdots))$  an element of  $T^{\otimes n-l}(V)$ , for all l < n; in the case when l = 0 and  $n \ge 1$ , in place of  $v^{1,n}$  we simply write  $v^{\hat{n}}$ . We next show that  $T_{H}(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  and T(V) are isomorphic objects of  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

**Lemma 5.8** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra,  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ ,  $V = M^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  and  $\overline{E} = \overline{E}_{M}$ . Then, for any  $n \ge 2$ ,  $\overline{\phi}_{n}^{-1} : (M^{\otimes_{H}n})^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \to V^{\otimes n}$  given by

$$\overline{\phi}_{k}^{-1}(m^{\otimes_{H}n}) = \overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{1}) \otimes m_{(1)}^{1} \cdot \left(\overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{2}) \otimes m_{(1)}^{2} \cdot \left(\cdots \otimes m_{(1)}^{n-2} \cdot \left(\overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{n-1}) \otimes m_{(1)}^{n-1} \triangleright \overline{E}(m^{n})\right) \cdots\right)\right),$$

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for all  $m^{\otimes_{H^n}} \in (M^{\otimes_{H^n}})^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$ , is an isomorphism of left Yetter–Drinfeld modules. Consequently, if we set  $\overline{\phi}_1^{-1} = \operatorname{Id}_V$  and  $\overline{\phi}_0^{-1} : H^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} = k\beta \ni \kappa\beta \to \kappa \in k$  then

$$\overline{\phi}^{-1} := \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} \phi_k^{-1} : T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} = \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} (M^{\otimes_H n})^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \to \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} T^{\otimes n}(V) = T(V)$$

is an isomorphism in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ .

**Proof** Observe that  $\overline{\phi}_2^{-1} = \overline{\phi}_{2,M,M}^{-1}$  defined by (2.32), and this justifies our notation. By mathematical induction on  $n \ge 2$ , we show that

$$\overline{\phi}_n^{-1} = (\mathrm{Id}_V^{\otimes n-2)} \otimes \overline{\phi}_{2,M,M}^{-1}) \cdots (\mathrm{Id}_V \otimes \overline{\phi}_{2,M,M^{\otimes H^{n-2}}}^{-1}) \overline{\phi}_{2,M,M^{\otimes H^{n-1}}}^{-1}.$$

Actually,  $\overline{\phi}_{n+1}^{-1} = (\mathrm{Id}_V \otimes \overline{\phi}_{n-1}^{-1})\overline{\phi}_{2,M,M^{\otimes_{H^n}}}^{-1}$ , for all  $n \ge 2$ , and since

$$\overline{\phi}_{2,M,M^{\otimes_{H^{n}}}(m^{\otimes_{H^{n+1}}})}^{-1} = \overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{1}) \otimes m_{(1)_{1}}^{1} \cdot m_{(0)}^{2} \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} m_{(0)}^{n} \otimes_{H} \overline{E}(m^{n+1}) \cdot S(m_{(1)_{2}}^{1}m_{(1)}^{2} \cdots m_{(1)}^{n}),$$

for all  $m^{\otimes_H n+1} \in (M^{\otimes_H n+1})^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{split} \overline{\phi}_{n+1}^{-1}(m^{\otimes_{H}n+1}) \\ &= \overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{1}) \otimes \overline{\phi}_{n}^{-1}(m_{(1)_{1}}^{1} \cdot m_{(0)}^{2} \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} \overline{E}(m^{n+1}) \cdot S(m_{(1)_{2}}^{1}m_{(1)}^{2} \cdots m_{(1)}^{n})) \\ &= \overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{1}) \otimes \left(\overline{E}(m_{(1)_{(1,1)}}^{1} \cdot m_{(0,0)}^{2}) \otimes m_{(1)_{(1,2)}}^{1}m_{(0,1)}^{2} \cdot \left(\overline{E}(m_{(0,0)}^{3}) \otimes m_{(0,1)}^{3} \cdot \left(\cdots (\overline{E}(m_{(0,0)}^{n}) \otimes m_{(0,1)}^{n} \triangleright \overline{E}(\overline{E}(m^{n+1}) \cdot S(m_{(1)_{2}}^{1}m_{(1)}^{2} \cdots m_{(1)}^{n})))\right) \right) \\ &= \overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{1}) \otimes m_{(1)}^{1} \cdot \left(\overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{2}) \otimes m_{(1)}^{2} \cdot \left(\cdots \otimes m_{(1)}^{n-1} - \left(\overline{E}(m_{(0)}^{n}) \otimes m_{(1)}^{n} \triangleright \overline{E}(m^{n+1})\right) \cdots \right)\right) \right) \end{split}$$

for all  $m^{\otimes_H n+1} \in (M^{\otimes_H n+1})^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$ , as required. It is clear at this moment that  $\overline{\phi}_n^{-1}$  is an isomorphism in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{Y}D$ , for all  $n \ge 2$ . Note that its inverse, denoted by  $\overline{\phi}_n$ , is determined by

$$\overline{\phi}_n(v^{\stackrel{\frown}{n}}) = q^1 x_1^1 \cdot v^1 \cdot S(q^2 x_2^1) x^2 \otimes_H \cdots \otimes_H \mathbf{q}^1 y_1^1 \cdot v^{n-1} \cdot S(\mathbf{q}^2 y_2^1) y^2 \otimes_H v^n \cdot S(x^3 \cdots y^3),$$

for all  $v^{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{n}} \in T^{n}(V)$ , where each tensor component contains a distinct copy of  $q_R = q^1 \otimes q^1 = \cdots = \mathbf{q}^1 \otimes \mathbf{q}^2$ ; also,  $\Phi^{-1} = x^1 \otimes x^2 \otimes x^3 = \cdots = y^1 \otimes y^2 \otimes y^3$  appears in the definition of  $\overline{\phi}_n$  for (n-1)-times.

 $T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  is a Hopf algebra in the braided category  ${}^H_H\mathcal{Y}D$ , and this induces a Hopf algebra structure on T(V) within  ${}^H_H\mathcal{Y}D$  as follows.

The comultiplication  $\Delta$  of H is not coassociative, and this forces to introduce the notation  $\Delta_{2} = \Delta$ ,  $\Delta_{3} = (\mathrm{Id}_{H} \otimes \Delta) \Delta$  and, in general,  $\Delta_{n} = (\mathrm{Id}_{H} \otimes \Delta_{n-1}) \Delta$ , for all  $n \geq 3$ . If  $h \in H$  and  $n \geq 2$ , we denote

$$\Delta_{n}(h) := h_{\mathbf{1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes h_{\mathbf{n}} = h_{1} \otimes h_{(2,1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes h_{\underbrace{(2,\ldots,2,1)}_{n-2}} \otimes h_{\underbrace{(2,\ldots,2,2)}_{n-2}}.$$

**Proposition 5.9** In the hypothesis of Lemma 5.8, we have that T(V) is a Hopf algebra in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  via the following structure. The multiplication, denoted by  $\odot$ , is given by

$$\begin{split} v^1 \odot v^2 &= v^1 \otimes v^2, \ v^1 \odot v^{2,n+1} = v^{n+1}, \\ v^{\overleftarrow{n}} \odot v^{n+1} &= X^1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (Y^1 X_1^2 \triangleright v^2 \otimes (\cdots \\ \otimes (Z^1 \cdots Y_{n-3}^2 X_{n-2}^2 \triangleright v^{n-1} \\ \otimes (Z^2 \cdots Y_{n-2}^2 X_{n-1}^2 \triangleright v^n \otimes Z^3 \cdots Y^3 X^3 \triangleright v^{n+1})) \cdots)), \\ v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1,m+n} &= X^1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (Y^1 X_1^2 \triangleright v^2 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (Z^1 \cdots Y_{m-3}^2 X_{m-2}^2 \triangleright v^{m-1} \\ \otimes (Z^2 \cdots Y_{m-2}^2 X_{m-1}^2 \triangleright v^m \otimes Z^3 \cdots Y^3 X^3 \cdot v^{m+1,m+n})) \cdots)), \end{split}$$

for all  $m, n \ge 2$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^{m+n} \in V$ , and the unit equals the unit of the field k. The comultiplication  $\underline{\Delta}$  and the counit  $\underline{\varepsilon}$  are defined, for all  $\kappa \in k$  and  $v \in V$ , by

$$\underline{\Delta}(\kappa) = \kappa \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes \kappa \text{ and } \underline{\Delta}(v) = v \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes v,$$

and, respectively, by  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(\kappa) = \kappa$  and  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(v) = 0$ , extended to the whole T(V) as algebra morphisms in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ . As before  $\underline{\otimes}$  stands for the tensor product over k between T(V) and itself.

The antipode  $\underline{\underline{S}}$  of T(V) is determined by  $\underline{\underline{S}}(\kappa) = \kappa$  and  $\underline{\underline{S}}(v) = -v$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ and  $v \in V$ , extended as an anti-morphism of algebras in  $\frac{H}{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  between T(V) and itself.

**Proof** We show that the structure in the statement is the unique Hopf algebra structure on T(V) within  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  that turns  $\overline{\phi}^{-1}$ :  $T_{H}(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \to T(V)$  into a braided Hopf algebra isomorphism. In this sense, the multiplication  $\odot$  is given by

$$\odot: T(V) \underline{\otimes} T(V) \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi} \underline{\otimes} \overline{\phi}} T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \underline{\otimes} T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}_{2, T_H(M), T_H(M)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}_{2, T_H(M), T_H(M)}}$$
$$(T_H(M) \overline{\otimes} T_H(M))^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}(*)} T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}^{-1}} T(V),$$

where \* is the multiplication on  $T_H(M)$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is the functor defined in Proposition 2.1. We have  $\overline{\phi}_1 = \mathrm{Id}_V$ , and therefore  $v^1 \odot v^2 = v^1 \otimes v^2$ , for all  $v^1, v^2 \in V$ . For a generic  $v \in V$ , let us denote  $w \otimes x^3 = q^1 x_1^1 \cdot v \cdot S(q^2 x_2^1) x^2 \otimes x^3$ . Then, since  $\overline{E}(v_{(0)}) \otimes v_{(1)} = p^1 \triangleright v \otimes p^2$ , for all  $v \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \overline{E}(w_{(0)}) \otimes w_{(1)} \otimes x^3 &= (q^1 x_1^1)_1 \triangleright \overline{E}(v_{(0)}) \otimes (q^1 x_1^1)_2 v_{(1)} S(q^2 x_2^1) x^2 \otimes x^3 \\ &= (q^1 x_1^1)_1 p^1 \triangleright v \otimes (q^1 x_1^1)_2 p^2 S(q^2 x_2^1) x^2 \otimes x^3 \\ &= q_1^1 p^1 x^1 \triangleright v \otimes q_2^1 p^2 S(q^2) x^2 \otimes x^3 = x^1 \triangleright v \otimes x^2 \otimes x^3. \end{split}$$

This fact allows to compute

$$\begin{split} v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1,\overrightarrow{m}+n} \\ &= \overrightarrow{\phi}_{m+n}^{-1} \mathcal{G}(*) \overrightarrow{\phi}_{2,T_{H}(M),T_{H}(M)} \left( q^{1}x_{1}^{1} \cdot v^{1} \cdot S(q^{2}x_{2}^{1})x^{2} \\ & \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} \mathbf{q}^{1}y_{1}^{1} \cdot v^{m-1} \cdot S(\mathbf{q}^{2}y_{2}^{1})y^{2} \\ & \otimes_{H} v^{m} \cdot S(x^{3} \cdots y^{3}) \otimes Q^{1}z_{1}^{1} \cdot v^{m+1} \cdot S(Q^{2}z_{2}^{1})z^{2} \otimes_{H} \cdots \\ & \otimes_{H} \mathbf{Q}^{1}t_{1}^{1} \cdot v^{m+n-1} \cdot S(\mathbf{Q}^{2}t_{2}^{1})t^{2} \otimes_{H} v^{m+n} \cdot S(z^{3} \cdots t^{3})) \\ &= \overrightarrow{\phi}_{m+n}^{-1} \left( \mathfrak{q}^{1}u_{1}^{1} \cdot w^{1} \otimes_{H} w^{2} \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} w^{m-1} \otimes_{H} v^{m} \cdot S(\mathfrak{q}^{2}u_{2}^{1}x^{3} \cdots y^{3})u^{2} \\ & \otimes_{H} w^{m+1} \otimes_{H} \cdots \otimes_{H} w^{m+n-1} \otimes_{H} v^{m+n} \cdot S(u^{3}z^{3} \cdots t^{3}) \right) \\ &= \mathfrak{q}_{1}^{1}u_{(1,1)}^{1} \triangleright \overline{E}(w_{(0)}^{1}) \otimes (\mathfrak{q}_{2}^{1}u_{(1,2)}^{1}2w_{(1)}^{1} \cdot (\overline{E}(w_{(0)}^{2}) \otimes w_{(1)}^{2} \cdot (\cdots \otimes w_{(1)}^{m-1} \cdot (\overline{E}(v_{(0)}^{m}) \otimes w_{(1)}^{m+n-1}) \\ & \otimes w_{(1)}^{m+n-1} \triangleright \overline{E}(v^{m+n} \cdot S(u^{3}z^{3} \cdots t^{3}))) \cdots ))) \\ &= \mathfrak{q}_{1}^{1}x^{1} \triangleright v^{1} \otimes (\mathfrak{q}_{2}^{1}x^{2} \cdot (y^{1} \triangleright v^{2} \otimes y^{2} \cdot (\cdots \otimes (z^{1} \triangleright v^{m-1} \otimes z^{2} \cdot (p^{1} \triangleright v^{m} \otimes p^{2}S(\mathfrak{q}^{2}x^{3}y^{3} \cdots z^{3}) \cdot (v^{m+1} \otimes (v^{m+2} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m+n-1} \otimes v^{m+n}) \cdots))))) \\ & \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m, n \ge 2$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^{m+n} \in V$ . Now, to get the formula claimed in the statement we must apply (2.19) and (2.1) until we are able to use (2.17). We illustrate this way of computation with few examples: for all  $v^1, \ldots, v^5 \in V$  we have

$$\begin{split} (v^1 \otimes v^2) & \odot (v^3 \otimes v^4) \\ &= q_1^1 x^1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (q_2^1 x^2 \cdot (p^1 \triangleright v^2 \otimes p^2 S(q^2 x^3) \cdot (v^3 \otimes v^4))) \\ &= q_1^1 x^1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (q_{(2,1)}^1 x_1^2 p^1 \triangleright v^2 \otimes q_{(2,2)}^1 x_2^2 p^2 S(q^2 x^3) \cdot (v^3 \otimes v^4)) \\ (2.19) & (2.19) (2.1) \\ &= (2.19) (2.1) X^1 (q_1^1 p^1)_1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (X^2 (q_1^1 p^1)_2 \triangleright v^2 \otimes X^3 q_2^1 p^2 S(q^2) \cdot (v^3 \otimes v^4)) \\ &= (2.19) (2.1) X^1 (q_1^1 p^1)_1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (X^2 (q_1^1 p^1)_2 \triangleright v^2 \otimes X^3 q_2^1 p^2 S(q^2) \cdot (v^3 \otimes v^4)) \\ &= (2.19) (2.1) X^1 (q_1^1 p^1)_1 \triangleright v^1 \otimes (X^2 (q_1^1 p^1)_2 \triangleright v^2 \otimes X^3 q_2^1 p^2 S(q^2) \cdot (v^3 \otimes v^4)) \\ &= (2.19) (2.1$$

and similarly

$$v^{5} \odot (v^{4} \otimes v^{5})$$

$$= q_{1}^{1} x^{1} \triangleright v^{1} \otimes (q_{2}^{1} x^{2} \cdot (y^{1} \triangleright v^{2} \otimes y^{2} \cdot (p^{1} \triangleright v^{3} \otimes p^{2} S(q^{2} x^{3} y^{3}) \cdot (v^{4} \otimes v^{5}))))$$

$$\stackrel{(2.19)}{=} (2.1) q_{1}^{1} x^{1} \triangleright v^{1}$$

$$\otimes (q_{2}^{1} \cdot (Y^{1} (x_{1}^{2} p^{1})_{1} \triangleright v^{2} \otimes (Y^{2} (x_{2}^{1} p^{2})_{2} \triangleright v^{3} \otimes Y^{3} x_{2}^{2} p^{2} S(q^{2} x^{3}) \cdot (v^{4} \otimes v^{5}))))$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \overset{(2.19)}{=} \overset{(2.1)}{=} X^1 (q_1^1 p^1)_{\mathbf{1}} \triangleright (Y^1 X_1^2 (q_1^1 p^1)_{\mathbf{2}} \triangleright v^2 \otimes (Y^2 X_2^2 (q_1^1 p^1)_{\mathbf{3}} \\ \otimes Y^3 X^3 q_2^1 p^2 S(q^2) \cdot (v^4 \otimes v^5))) \\ \overset{(2.17)}{=} X^1 \triangleright (Y^1 X_1^2 \triangleright v^2 \otimes (Y^2 X_2^2 \otimes Y^3 X^3 \cdot (v^4 \otimes v^5))). \end{array}$$

In a manner similar to the one above we can show the remaining two relations related to the definition of  $\odot$ , we leave the verification of this fact to the reader.

As  $\overline{\phi}_0(\kappa) = \kappa\beta$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ , we get  $\kappa \odot \kappa' = \kappa\kappa'$  and  $\kappa \odot v^{\overleftarrow{n}} = v^{\overleftarrow{n}} \odot \kappa = \kappa v^{\overleftarrow{n}}$ , for all  $\kappa, \kappa' \in k$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^n \in V$ . In particular, we deduce that  $\odot$  is unital with unit given by the unit of k. This completes the algebra structure of T(V) in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{Y}D$ .

The coalgebra structure  $(\underline{\Delta}, \underline{\varepsilon})$  of T(V) in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is obtained from the one of  $T_{H}(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$  as follows:  $\underline{\varepsilon}: T(V) \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}} T_{H}(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}(\underline{\varepsilon})} H^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi_{0}}^{-1}} k$  and

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta}}: T(V) \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}} T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}(\underline{\Delta})} (T_H(M)\overline{\otimes}T_H(M))^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$$
$$\xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}_{2,T_H(M),T_H(M)}} T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \underline{\otimes} T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}^{-1}} T(V) \underline{\otimes} T(V).$$

Explicitly,  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{\Delta}}$  are algebra morphisms in  ${}_{H}^{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , completely determined by  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(\kappa) = \kappa, \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(v) = 0, \underline{\underline{\Delta}}(\kappa) = \kappa(\overline{\phi}^{-1}\underline{\otimes}\overline{\phi}^{-1})(\beta\underline{\otimes}\beta) = \kappa\underline{\otimes}1 = 1\underline{\otimes}\kappa$  and

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v) = (\overline{\phi}^{-1} \underline{\otimes} \overline{\phi}^{-1}) (\overline{E}(v_{(0)}) \overline{\otimes} \overline{E}_H(v_{(1)}) + \overline{E}_H(1) \underline{\otimes} \overline{E}(v))$$
$$= (\overline{\phi}^{-1} \underline{\otimes} \overline{\phi}^{-1}) (v \underline{\otimes} \beta + \beta \underline{\otimes} v)$$
$$= v \underline{\otimes} 1 + 1 \underline{\otimes} v,$$

for all  $\kappa \in k$  and  $v \in V$ . In general, for all  $n \ge 2$  and  $v^1, \ldots v^n \in V$  we have  $\underline{\varepsilon}(v^n) = 0$  and

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{n}}) = \underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^1)(\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^2)(\cdots(\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^{n-1})\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^n))\cdots)),$$

where in the right hand side the product is made in the tensor product algebra  $T(V) \otimes T(V)$  within  ${}^{H}_{H} \mathcal{Y}D$ .

Finally, the formula for the antipode  $\underline{\underline{S}}$  follows from the equality  $\underline{\underline{S}} = \overline{\phi}^{-1} \mathcal{G}(\underline{S}) \overline{\phi}$ . Note only that it extends to the whole T(V) as an anti-morphism of algebras in  ${}_{H}^{H} \mathcal{Y}D$ ; thus, the braiding c of  ${}_{H}^{H} \mathcal{Y}D$  plays an important role in this case.

**Remark 5.10** Any object V of  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$  is the set of right coinvariants of a certain  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$ . Thus, the braided tensor Hopf algebra construction T(V) makes sense for any  $V \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ : the structure is the one in Proposition 5.9, of course with the left adjoint H-action  $\triangleright$  replaced by the given left H-action, say  $\cdot$ , on V.

By the above results, we get the following.

**Theorem 5.11** Let *H* be a quasi-Hopf algebra,  $M \in {}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{M}^{H}_{H}$  and  $V = M^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}}$ . Then,  $T_{H}(M)$  is isomorphic to the biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra  $T(V) \times H$ .

**Proof** We know that  $\overline{\phi}^{-1} : T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \to T(V)$  is an isomorphism of Hopf algebras in  ${}^{H}_{H}\mathcal{Y}D$ , and therefore  $\overline{\phi}^{-1} \times \operatorname{Id}_{H} : T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \times H \to T(V) \times H$  is an isomorphism of quasi-Hopf algebras. But  $\overline{\nu}_{T_H(M)}^{-1} : T_H(M) \to T_H(M)^{\overline{\operatorname{co}(H)}} \times H$  is a quasi-Hopf algebra isomorphism as well, and from here we conclude that  $\Gamma := (\overline{\phi}^{-1} \times \operatorname{Id}_{H})\overline{\nu}_{T_H(M)}^{-1} : T_H(M) \to T(V) \times H$  is a quasi-Hopf algebra isomorphism. More precisely,  $\Gamma(h) = 1 \times h$ ,  $\Gamma(m) = \overline{E}(m_{(0)}) \times m_{(1)}$  and

$$\begin{split} \Gamma(m^{\otimes_{H}n}) &= \overline{E}(m^{1}_{(0,0)}) \otimes (m^{1}_{(0,1)} \cdot (\overline{E}(m^{2}_{(0,0)}) \otimes m^{2}_{(0,1)} \cdot (\cdots \\ &\otimes m^{n-2}_{(0,1)} \cdot (\overline{E}(m^{n-1}_{(0,0)}) \otimes m^{n-1}_{(0,1)} \triangleright \overline{E}(m^{n}_{(0)})) \cdots ))) \times m^{1}_{(1)} \cdots m^{n}_{(1)}, \end{split}$$

for all  $h \in H$ ,  $m \in M$ , and  $n \ge 2$  and  $m^1, \ldots, m^n \in M$ . The inverse of  $\Gamma$  is  $\Gamma^{-1}$  given by  $\Gamma^{-1}(z \times h) = q^1 \cdot \overline{\phi}(z) \cdot S(q^2)h$ , for all  $z \in T(V)$  and  $h \in H$ .  $\Box$ 

## 6 An example

Denote by  $C_n$  the cyclic group of order  $n \ge 2$ , assume that k contains a primitive root of unity q of order  $n^2$  and take  $q := q^n$ , a primitive root of unity in k of order n (in particular,  $n \ne 0$  in k). If g is a generator of  $C_n$  then, for any  $0 \le j \le n - 1$ ,

$$1_j := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{(n-j)i} g^i$$

is an idempotent of the group algebra  $k[C_n]$ . Furthermore,  $g1_j = q^j 1_j$ , and so  $g^l 1_j = q^{lj} 1_j$ , for all  $0 \le l$ ,  $j \le n - 1$ . This implies  $1_l 1_j = \delta_{l,j} 1_l$ , for all  $0 \le l$ ,  $j \le n - 1$ , and  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1_j = \mathbf{1}$ , the identity element of  $C_n$ .

For a rational number r, denote by [r] the integer part of r. According to [12, Lemma 3.4] or [4, Proposition 5.1], we know that

$$\Phi := \sum_{i,j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{i \left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} \mathbf{1}_i \otimes \mathbf{1}_j \otimes \mathbf{1}_l$$
(6.1)

is a non-trivial normalized 3-cocycle on  $C_n$  (in the Harrison cohomology, we refer to [4] for more details). Thus, we can endow  $k[C_n]$  with a quasi-Hopf algebra structure as follows: the algebra structure is that of the group algebra  $k[C_n]$ , the coalgebra structure is given by

$$\Delta(g^s) = g^s \otimes g^s$$
 and  $\varepsilon(g^s) = 1$ ,

for all  $1 \le s \le n - 1$ , the reassociator is  $\Phi$  as above, and the antipode is determined by  $S(g^s) = g^{n-s}$ , for all  $0 \le s \le n - 1$ , and distinguished elements  $\alpha = g^{-1}$  and  $\beta = 1$ . Otherwise stated, the fact that  $k[C_n]$  is a commutative algebra allows to view the Hopf group algebra  $k[C_n]$  as a quasi-Hopf algebra with reassociator  $\Phi$ . We will denote this quasi-Hopf algebra structure on  $k[C_n]$  by  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ .

Let now V be a k-vector space. We equip V with a left Yetter–Drinfeld module structure over  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ , and then, we construct a Hopf algebra T(V) in the braided category  ${}_{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}^{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}\mathcal{Y}D$ . Thus,  $T(V) \times k_{\Phi}[C_n]$  is a quasi-Hopf algebra with projection, and our goal is to compute explicitly this quasi-Hopf algebra structure.

**Lemma 6.1** With the above notation, V is a left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -Yetter–Drinfeld module via the structure given, for all  $v \in V$ , by

 $g^s \cdot v = q^s v$ ,  $\forall 0 \le s \le n-1$  and  $\lambda_V : V \ni v \mapsto K \otimes v \in k_{\Phi}[C_n] \otimes V$ ,

where  $K := \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^j 1_j = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{j}{n}} 1_j.$ 

**Proof** For any  $0 \le j, l \le n - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \Delta(K)(1_{j} \otimes 1_{l}) &= \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{s}{n}} \Delta(1_{s})(1_{j} \otimes 1_{l}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s,i=0}^{n-1} q^{(n-s)i+\frac{s}{n}} g^{i} 1_{j} \otimes g^{i} 1_{l} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{s}{n}} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{(j+l-s)i} \right) 1_{j} \otimes 1_{l} = \begin{cases} q^{\frac{j+l}{n}} 1_{j} \otimes 1_{l} &, \text{ if } j+l < n \\ q^{\frac{j+l-n}{n}} 1_{j} \otimes 1_{l} &, \text{ if } j+l \geq n. \end{cases}$$

We use this equality together with  $1_j \cdot v = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{(n-j)i} g^i \cdot v = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{(n-j+1)i} v$ =  $\delta_{j,1}v$ , for all  $0 \le j \le n-1$  and  $v \in V$ , to compute that

$$\begin{split} X^{1}(Y^{1} \cdot v)_{[-1]_{1}}Y^{2} \otimes X^{2}(Y^{1} \cdot v)_{[-1]_{2}}Y^{3} \otimes X^{3} \cdot (Y^{1} \cdot v)_{[0]} \\ &= \sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} X^{1}K_{1}1_{j} \otimes X^{2}K_{2}1_{l} \otimes X^{3} \cdot v \\ &= \sum_{j+l < n} q^{\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right] + \frac{j+l}{n}} X^{1}1_{j} \otimes X^{2}1_{l} \otimes X^{3} \cdot v \\ &+ \sum_{j+l \ge n} q^{\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right] + \frac{j+l-n}{n}} X^{1}1_{j} \otimes X^{2}1_{l} \otimes X^{3} \cdot v \end{split}$$

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$$=\sum_{j+l< n}q^{\frac{j+l}{n}+j\left[\frac{l+1}{n}\right]}1_{j}\otimes 1_{l}\otimes v+\sum_{j+l\geq n}q^{\frac{j+l}{n}+j\left[\frac{l+1}{n}\right]}1_{j}\otimes 1_{l}\otimes v$$
$$=\sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1}q^{\frac{j+l}{n}+j\left[\frac{l+1}{n}\right]}1_{j}\otimes 1_{l}\otimes v,$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Likewise, since  $1_i K = q^{\frac{i}{n}} 1_i$ , for all  $0 \le i \le n - 1$ , we see that

$$\begin{split} X^{1}v_{[-1]} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot v_{[0]})_{[-1]} X^{3} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot v_{[0]})_{[0]} &= X^{1}K \otimes (X^{2} \cdot v)_{[-1]} X^{3} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot v)_{[0]} \\ &= \sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{j \left[\frac{l+1}{n}\right]} \mathbf{1}_{j} K \otimes v_{[-1]} \mathbf{1}_{l} \otimes v_{[0]} \\ &= \sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{j \left[\frac{l+1}{n}\right] + \frac{j}{n}} \mathbf{1}_{j} \otimes K \mathbf{1}_{l} \otimes v \\ &= \sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{j \left[\frac{l+1}{n}\right] + \frac{j+l}{n}} \mathbf{1}_{j} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{l} \otimes v, \end{split}$$

for all  $v \in V$ , and this shows (2.22). The Yetter–Drinfeld condition in (2.23) is satisfied by our structure since  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$  is a commutative algebra. Finally, as  $\varepsilon(1_j) = \delta_{j,0}$ , for all  $0 \le j \le n - 1$ , we deduce that  $\varepsilon(K) = 1$ , and this finishes our proof.

We start to describe the braided Hopf algebra structure of T(V) by computing its algebra structure in  ${}_{k\phi[C_n]}^{k\Phi[C_n]}\mathcal{Y}D$ . For this, we need first a lemma.

**Lemma 6.2** For any  $m \ge 2$ , we have

$$(\mathrm{Id}_{k\Phi}[C_n] \otimes \Delta_m) \otimes \mathrm{Id}_{k\Phi}[C_n])\Phi$$
  
=  $\sum_{i,j_1,\dots,j_m,l=0}^{n-1} q^i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m+l}{n}\right] - i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m}{n}\right] \mathbf{1}_i \otimes \mathbf{1}_{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{1}_{j_m} \otimes \mathbf{1}_l$ .

**Proof** We prove the formula by mathematical induction on  $m \ge 2$ . To this end, for any natural number p we denote by p' the remainder of the division of p by n, that is  $p = \left[\frac{p}{n}\right]n + p'$ . Consequently,  $\left[\frac{p'+l}{n}\right] = \left[\frac{p+l}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{p}{n}\right]$ , for any natural numbers p, l. We have  $g^s = g^s \mathbf{1} = \sum_{a=0}^{n-1} g^s \mathbf{1}_a = \sum_{a=0}^{n-1} q^{as} \mathbf{1}_a$ , for all  $0 \le s \le n-1$ , and therefore

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} \Delta(1_j) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j,s=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right] + (n-j)s} g^s \otimes g^s$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} \left( \sum_{a,b=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} q^{(a+b-j)s} \right) 1_a \otimes 1_b \right)$$

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$$=\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{a+b=j} q^{i\left[\frac{(a+b)'+l}{n}\right]} 1_a \otimes 1_b + \sum_{a+b=n+j} q^{i\left[\frac{(a+b)'+l}{n}\right]} 1_a \otimes 1_b \right)$$
$$=\sum_{j_1, j_2=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{(j_1+j_2)'+l}{n}\right]} 1_{j_1} \otimes 1_{j_2}$$
$$=\sum_{j_1, j_2=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j_1+j_2+l}{n}\right] - i\left[\frac{j_1+j_2}{n}\right]} 1_{j_1} \otimes 1_{j_2}$$

for all  $0 \le i, l \le n - 1$ , proving the equality in the statement for m = 2. Using the mathematical induction and a computation similar to the one above, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathrm{Id}_{k\Phi}[C_n] \otimes \Delta_{m+1}) \otimes \mathrm{Id}_{k\Phi}[C_n]) \Phi \\ &= \sum_{i,j_1,\dots,j_m,l=0}^{n-1} q^{i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m+l}{n}\right] - i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m}{n}\right]} 1_i \otimes 1_{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes 1_{j_{m-1}} \otimes \Delta(1_{j_m}) \otimes 1_l \\ &= \sum_{i,j_1,\dots,j_{m-1},l=0}^{n-1} 1_i \otimes 1_{j_1} \dots \otimes 1_{j_{m-1}} \\ &\otimes \left( \sum_{j_m=0}^{n-1} q^{i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m+l}{n}\right] - i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m}{n}\right]} \Delta(1_{j_m}) \right) \otimes 1_l \\ &= \sum_{i,j_1,\dots,j_{m+1},l=0}^{n-1} q^{i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_{m-1}+(j_m+j_{m+1})'+l}{n}\right] - i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_{m-1}+(j_m+j_{m+1})'}{n}\right]} 1_i \\ &\otimes 1_{j_1} \dots \otimes 1_{j_{m+1}} \otimes 1_l \\ &= \sum_{i,j_1,\dots,j_{m+1},l=0}^{n-1} q^{i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m+l+l}{n}\right] - i \left[\frac{j_1+\dots+j_m+l}{n}\right]} 1_i \otimes 1_{j_1} \dots \otimes 1_{j_{m+1}} \otimes 1_l, \end{aligned}$$

as needed.

We can describe now the monoidal algebra structure of T(V).

**Proposition 6.3** Let V be the left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -Yetter–Drinfeld module defined in Lemma 6.1. Then, T(V) is a left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -Yetter–Drinfeld module via the structure given by

$$g^{s} \cdot \kappa = \kappa, \ g^{s} \cdot v^{\overleftarrow{m}} = q^{sm} v^{\overleftarrow{m}}, \ v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \mapsto g^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} K^{m} \otimes v^{\overleftarrow{m}} = K^{m+n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} \otimes v^{\overleftarrow{m}},$$

for all  $0 \le s \le n-1$ ,  $\kappa \in k$ ,  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$ .

Furthermore, T(V) is an algebra in  ${k_{\Phi}[C_n] \atop k_{\Phi}[C_n]} \mathcal{Y}D$  via the multiplication  $\odot$  determined by

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$$v^{1} \odot v^{2} = v^{1} \otimes v^{2}, \quad v^{1} \odot v^{2,m+1} = v^{m+1}, \quad v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1} = q^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m+1}},$$

$$v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1,m+p} = q^{(m+p)\left[\frac{m-1+p'}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m+p}} = q^{m\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right] + p\left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m+p}},$$

for all  $m, p \ge 2$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^{m+p} \in V$ , and is unital with unit equals the unit of k.

**Proof** We specialize the structure in Proposition 5.9 for  $H = k_{\Phi}[C_n]$  and V as in Lemma 6.1. As any element of  $C_n$  is grouplike, it follows from the monoidal structure on  $_{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}\mathcal{M}$  that T(V) is a left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -module via the action  $\cdot$  defined above.

We prove the formula concerning the left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -coaction on T(V) by mathematical induction on  $m \ge 1$ . Let us start by noting that, for all  $m \ge 2$  and  $1 \le l \le n - 1$ , we have

$$1_l \cdot v^{\overleftarrow{m}} = \delta_{l,m'} v^{\overleftarrow{m}}. \tag{6.2}$$

For m = 1, we recover the formula for the left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -coaction on V. If we assume that it is true for  $m \ge 1$  and for any m elements of V, then it is also true for any m + 1 elements  $v^1, \dots, v^{m+1} \in V$ , since, by (2.24) and the fact that  $1_j \cdot v = \delta_{j,1}v$ , for all  $0 \le j \le n - 1$  and  $v \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{split} v^{\overleftarrow{m+1}} &\mapsto \sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} X^{1} (x^{1} \cdot v^{1})_{[-1]} x^{2} (1_{j} \cdot v^{2,\overleftarrow{m+1}})_{[-1]} 1_{l} \\ &\otimes (X^{2} \cdot (x^{1} \cdot v^{1})_{[0]} \otimes X^{3} x^{3} \cdot (1_{j} \cdot v^{2,\overleftarrow{m+1}})_{[0]}) \\ {}^{(6.2)} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^{\left[\frac{l+m'}{n}\right]} X^{1} (x^{1} \cdot v^{1})_{[-1]} x^{2} g^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} K^{m} 1_{l} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot (x^{1} \cdot v^{1})_{[0]} \otimes X^{3} x^{3} \cdot v^{2,\overleftarrow{m+1}}) \\ {}^{(*1)} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} g^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} K^{m+1} X^{1} 1_{l} \otimes (X^{2} \cdot v^{1} \otimes X^{3} \cdot v^{2,\overleftarrow{m+1}}) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^{l \left[\frac{1+m'}{n}\right]} g^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} K^{m+1} 1_{l} \otimes v^{\overleftarrow{m+1}} \\ {}^{(*2)} g^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} + \left[\frac{m'+1}{n}\right] K^{m+1} \otimes v^{\overleftarrow{m+1}} = g^{\left[\frac{m+1}{n}\right]} K^{m+1} \otimes v^{\overleftarrow{m+1}}, \end{split}$$

as required. In (\*1), we used that  $\Phi^{-1} = \sum_{i,j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{-i \left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} \mathbf{1}_i \otimes \mathbf{1}_j \otimes \mathbf{1}_l$ , and in (\*2) the facts that  $g^a \mathbf{1}_l = q^{la} \mathbf{1}_l$ , for all  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \le l \le n-1$ , and  $\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{1}_l = \mathbf{1}$ . We have also that  $K^a = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{al}{n}} \mathbf{1}_l$ , for all  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ , and therefore  $K^n = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^l \mathbf{1}_l = g$ . This implies  $g^a K^b = K^{na+b}$ , for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ , proving the second formula for the left  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ -coaction on T(V) claimed in the statement.

Now, the first two relations defining  $\odot$  follow directly from the definition of  $\odot$ , while the third one can be derived from  $1_j \cdot v = \delta_{j,1}v$ , for all  $0 \le j \le n - 1$  and  $v \in V$ , and the formula in Lemma 6.2 as follows:

$$\begin{split} v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1} &= X^1 \cdot v^1 \otimes (Y^1 X_1^2 \cdot v^2 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (Z^1 \cdots Y_{\mathbf{m-3}}^2 X_{\mathbf{m-2}}^2 \cdot v^{m-1} \\ &\otimes (Z^2 \cdots Y_{\mathbf{m-2}}^2 X_{\mathbf{m-1}}^2 \cdot v^m \otimes Z^3 \cdots Y^3 X^3 \cdot v^{m+1})) \cdots)) \\ &= q^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right]} v^1 \otimes (Y^1 \cdot v^2 \otimes (T^1 Y_1^2 \cdot v^3 \\ &\otimes (\cdots \otimes (Z^1 \cdots T_{\mathbf{m-4}}^2 Y_{\mathbf{m-3}}^2 \cdot v^{m-1} \\ &\otimes (Z^2 \cdots T_{\mathbf{m-3}}^2 Y_{\mathbf{m-2}}^2 \cdot v^m \otimes Z^3 \cdots T^3 Y^3 \cdot v^{m+1})) \cdots)) \\ &= q^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-2}{n}\right]} v^1 \otimes (v^2 \otimes (T^1 \cdot v^3 \otimes (\cdots \\ &\otimes (Z^1 \cdots T_{\mathbf{m-4}}^2 \cdot v^{m-1} \otimes (Z^2 \cdots T_{\mathbf{m-3}}^2 \cdot v^m \otimes Z^3 \cdots T^3 \cdot v^{m+1})) \cdots)) \\ &= q^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-2}{n}\right] + \cdots + \left[\frac{3}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{2}{n}\right]} v^1 \otimes (v^2 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m-2} \otimes (Z^1 \cdot v^{m-1} \otimes (Z^2 \cdot v^m \otimes Z^3 \cdot v^{m+1}))) \cdots)) \\ &= q^{\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m+1}}. \end{split}$$

The proof of the fourth relation involving  $\odot$  is quite technical. Note that (6.2) implies

$$\begin{split} v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1,\overline{m}+p} &= X^{1} \cdot v^{1} \otimes (Y^{1}X_{1}^{2} \cdot v^{2} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (Z^{1} \cdots Y_{m-3}^{2}X_{m-2}^{2} \cdot v^{m-1} \\ \otimes (Z^{2} \cdots Y_{m-2}^{2}X_{m-1}^{2} \cdot v^{m} \\ \otimes Z^{3} \cdots Y^{3}X^{3} \cdot (v^{m+1} \otimes (v^{m+2} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m+p-1} \otimes v^{m+p}) \cdots)))))) \cdots)) \\ &= \sum_{l_{1},...,l_{m-2}=0}^{n-1} q^{\left[\frac{m-1+l_{1}}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{m-2+l_{2}}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-2}{n}\right] + \cdots + \left[\frac{2+l_{m-2}}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{2}{n}\right]} \\ v^{1} \otimes (v^{2} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m-2} \otimes (Z^{1} \cdot v^{m-1} \otimes (Z^{2} \cdot v^{m} \otimes Z^{3} 1_{l_{m-2}} \cdots 1_{l_{1}} \cdot (v^{m+1} \otimes v^{m+p}) \cdots))))))) \cdots)) \\ &= q^{\left[\frac{m-1+p'}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{m-2+p'}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-2}{n}\right] + \cdots + \left[\frac{2+p'}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{2}{n}\right] v^{1}} \\ \otimes (v^{2} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m-2} \otimes (Z^{1} \cdot v^{m-1} \otimes (v^{m+p-1} \otimes v^{m+p}) \cdots))))))) \cdots)) \\ &= q^{\left[\frac{m-1+p'}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{m-2+p'}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m-2}{n}\right] + \cdots + \left[\frac{1+p'}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{1}{n}\right] v^{m+p}}. \end{split}$$

This leads to the first formula for the  $\odot$  mentioned above, since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{n} \end{bmatrix} = (1+2+\dots+\begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{n} \end{bmatrix}-1)n + (a'+1)\begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{n} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= (a+1)\begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{n} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{n} \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{n} \end{bmatrix}+1 \right) \frac{n}{2},$$

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for any nonzero natural number a, and therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{p'+1}{n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p'+m-1}{n} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p+1}{n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p+m-1}{n} \end{bmatrix} - (m-1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p}{n} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= (p+m) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p+m-1}{n} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p+m-1}{n} \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p+m-1}{n} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \right) \frac{m}{2}$$
$$- (p+1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p}{n} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p}{n} \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p}{n} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \right) \frac{m}{2} - (m-1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{p}{n} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m-1}{n} \end{bmatrix} = (m+1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \right) \frac{n}{2} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= m \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m}{n} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \right) \frac{n}{2}.$$

The second formula involving the product  $v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1,m+p}$  follows from the first one and the fact that

$$a\left(\left[\frac{a}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{a-1}{n}\right]\right) \equiv 0 \mod n , \ \forall \ a \in \mathbb{N}.$$
(6.3)

So our proof is finished.

Next, we complete the algebra structure on T(V) up to a braided Hopf algebra one, making the coalgebra structure of it explicit in terms of the braid group action. Recall that for  $1 \le l \le m - 1$  by  $S_{l,m-l}$  we denoted the set of (l, m - l)-shuffles. We extend this notation to  $0 \le l \le m$ , by defining  $S_{0,m} = \{e\} = S_{m,0}$ , where *e* is the identity permutation of  $S_m$ . In what follows, by  $S_m$  we understand the symmetric group of  $\{2, \ldots, m + 1\}$ . Finally, the length of a permutation  $\sigma \in S_{l,m-l}$  is the length of any reduced expression for  $\sigma$  in terms of the generators  $s_l = (l, l + 1), 1 \le l \le m - 1$ . We will denote it by  $r(\sigma)$ ; by convention, r(e) = 0.

**Proposition 6.4** The algebra T(V) in  ${}_{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}^{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}\mathcal{Y}D$  built in Proposition 6.3 admits a Hopf algebra structure in the braided category  ${}_{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}^{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}\mathcal{Y}D$ . The coalgebra structure is defined by the comultiplication  $\underline{\Delta}, \underline{\Delta}(\kappa) = \kappa \underline{\otimes} 1 = 1 \underline{\otimes} \kappa$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ , and

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{m}}) = \sum_{l=0}^{m} \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]}$$
$$v^{\sigma(1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots) \underline{\otimes} v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots),$$
(6.4)

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for all  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$  (if a component of the  $\underline{\otimes}$  monomial does not make sense then it is equal to the unit of k), and counit  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$  determined by  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(\kappa) = \kappa$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ , and  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(v^1 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m-1} \otimes v^m) \cdots)) = 0$ , for all  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$ . The antipode  $\underline{S}$  of T(V) is completely determined by  $\underline{\underline{S}}(\kappa) = \kappa$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ , and

$$\underline{\underline{S}}(v^{\overleftarrow{m}}) = (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} v^m \otimes (\dots \otimes (v^2 \otimes v^1) \dots),$$
(6.5)

for all  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$ .

**Proof** We specialize Proposition 5.9 for  $H = k_{\Phi}[C_n]$  and V as in Lemma 6.1. The defining relations for  $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$  are immediate, as well as that for  $\underline{\underline{\Delta}}$  restricted to k. We prove now by mathematical induction on  $m \ge 1$  that  $\underline{\underline{\Delta}}$  restricted to  $T^{\otimes m}(V)$  has the form stated in (6.4). For m = 1, this reduces to  $\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v) = v \ge 1 + 1 \ge v$ , for all  $v \in V$ , which is just the definition of  $\underline{\underline{\Delta}}$  restricted to V. To see that m implies m + 1, we proceed as follows. Firstly, from (3.4) and  $K \cdot (v^2 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^m \otimes v^{m+1}) \cdots)) = q^{\frac{m'}{n}} v^2 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^m \otimes v^{m+1}) \cdots)$ , for all  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^2, \ldots, v^{m+1} \in V$ , we get that

$$c_{T(V),T(V)}(v^1 \underline{\otimes} v^{2,m+1}) = q^{\frac{m'}{n}} v^{2,m+1} \underline{\otimes} v^1,$$

for all  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$ . Secondly, by the definition of  $\Phi$  and the above formula for *c* we deduce that

$$(1\underline{\otimes}v^{1})(v^{2,m+1}\underline{\otimes}v^{m+2,m+p+1}) = q^{m'\left[\frac{p'+1}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right] + \frac{m'}{n}}v^{2,m+1}\underline{\otimes}(v^{1}\otimes v^{m+2,m+p+1}),$$
$$(v^{1}\underline{\otimes}1)(v^{2,m+1}\underline{\otimes}v^{m+2,m+p+1}) = q^{-\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right]}v^{m+1}\underline{\otimes}v^{m+2,m+p+1},$$

for all  $m, p \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^{m+p} \in V$ . Once more, the product is made in the tensor product algebra  $T(V) \underline{\otimes} T(V)$ , built within the braided category  ${}_{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}^{k_{\Phi}[C_n]} \mathcal{Y}D$ .

Now we use that  $\underline{\Delta}$  is an algebra morphism in  ${}^{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}_{k_{\Phi}[C_n]}\mathcal{Y}D$  and the mathematical induction to compute that

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^{\overrightarrow{m+1}}) = \underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^{1})\underline{\underline{\Delta}}(v^{2,\overrightarrow{m+1}})$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{m} \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-l}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]}(v^{1}\underline{\otimes}1 + 1\underline{\otimes}v^{1})$$

$$\left(v^{\sigma(2)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l+1)}) \cdots)\underline{\otimes}v^{\sigma(l+2)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m+1)}) \cdots)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{m} \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{l'+(m-l)'}{n}\right]}$$

$$v^{1} \otimes (v^{\sigma(2)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l+1)}) \cdots)) \otimes v^{\sigma(l+2)}$$

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$$\begin{split} &\otimes(\cdots\otimes(v^{\sigma(m)}\otimes v^{\sigma(m+1)})\cdots) \\ &+ \sum_{l=0}^{m}\sum_{\sigma^{-1}\in S_{l,m-l}}q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})+l'}{n}+l\left\lfloor\frac{l-1}{n}\right\rfloor-m\left\lfloor\frac{m-1}{n}\right\rfloor+m\left\lfloor\frac{m-l}{n}\right\rfloor-\left\lfloor\frac{l'+(m-l)'}{n}\right\rfloor+l'\left\lfloor\frac{1+(m-l)'}{n}\right\rfloor} \\ &v^{\sigma(2)}\otimes(\cdots\otimes(v^{\sigma(l)}\otimes v^{\sigma(l+1)})\cdots)\underline{\otimes}v^{1}\otimes(v^{\sigma(l+2)}\otimes(\cdots\otimes(v^{\sigma(m)}\otimes v^{\sigma(m+1)})\cdots)). \end{split}$$

So we have two double sums, each of them having  $2^m$  summands. Now, for the first double sum we can write its general term under the form

$$q^{E_1}v^{\sigma_1(1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma_1(l)} \otimes v^{\sigma_1(l+1)}) \cdots) \underline{\otimes} v^{\sigma_1(l+2)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma_1(m)} \otimes v^{\sigma_1(m+1)}) \cdots),$$

where  $\sigma_1^{-1} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & m+1 \\ 1 & \sigma^{-1}(2) & \cdots & \sigma^{-1}(m+1) \end{pmatrix}$ . It is clear that  $\sigma_1^{-1} \in S_{l+1,m-l}$  with  $r(\sigma_1^{-1}) = r(\sigma^{-1})$ . Also,

$$E_{1} = \frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{l'+(m-l)'}{n}\right]$$
$$= \frac{r(\sigma_{1}^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{l}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m}{n}\right] + (m+1)\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]$$
$$\equiv \frac{r(\sigma_{1}^{-1})}{n} + (l+1)\left[\frac{l}{n}\right] - (m+1)\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] + (m+1)\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] \pmod{n},$$

where the congruence modulo n is due to (6.3).

Analogously, we can write a summand of the second double sum under the general form

$$q^{E_2}v^{\sigma_2(1)}\otimes(\cdots\otimes(v^{\sigma_2(l-1)}\otimes v^{\sigma_2(l)})\cdots)\underline{\otimes}v^{\sigma_2(l+1)}\otimes(\cdots\otimes(v^{\sigma_2(m)}\otimes v^{\sigma_2(m+1)})\cdots),$$

with  $\sigma_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & l & l+1 & l+2 & \cdots & m+1 \\ \sigma^{-1}(2) & \cdots & \sigma^{-1}(l+1) & 1 & \sigma^{-1}(l+2) & \cdots & \sigma^{-1}(m+1) \end{pmatrix} \in S_{l,m+1-l}.$ 

By [17, Lemma 4.7], for  $w \in S_n$  and  $1 \le l \le n-1$  we have  $r(ws_l) = r(w) + 1$  if and only if w(l) < w(l+1). By using inductively this result and the fact that

$$\sigma_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & m+1 \\ 1 & \sigma^{-1}(2) & \cdots & \sigma^{-1}(m+1) \end{pmatrix} s_1 \cdots s_l \in S_{m+1}$$

we get that  $r(\sigma_2^{-1}) = r(\sigma^{-1}) + l$ , and consequently, a reduced expression for  $\sigma_2^{-1}$  can be obtained by multiplying to the right a reduced expression for  $\sigma^{-1}$  with  $s_1 \cdots s_l$  in  $S_{m+1}$ . Hence, we have that

$$E_2 = \frac{r(\sigma^{-1}) + l'}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]$$

$$-\left[\frac{l'+(m-l)'}{n}\right] + l'\left[\frac{1+(m-l)'}{n}\right]$$
  
$$\equiv \frac{r(\sigma^{-1})+l}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right]$$
  
$$+ (m-l+1)\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] - \left[\frac{m}{n}\right] + l\left[\frac{m-l+1}{n}\right] \pmod{n}$$
  
$$\equiv \frac{r(\sigma_2^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - (m+1)\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] + (m+1)\left[\frac{m-l+1}{n}\right] \pmod{n}.$$

Otherwise stated, we have proved that all the summands of the two double sums considered above are also summands of the double sum

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \sum_{\theta^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l+1}} q^{\frac{r(\theta^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - (m+1)\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] + (m+1)\left[\frac{m-l+1}{n}\right]}$$
$$v^{\theta(1)} \otimes (\dots \otimes (v^{\theta(l-1)} \otimes v^{\theta(l)}) \dots) \underline{\otimes} v^{\theta(l+1)} \otimes (\dots \otimes (v^{\theta(m)} \otimes v^{\theta(m+1)}) \dots),$$

which means that the latter double sum contains the two mentioned double sums. Actually, it is the sum of the two because in both cases we have  $2^{m+1}$  summands. This completes the induction.

Finally, by definition  $\underline{\underline{S}}(\kappa) = \kappa$ , for all  $\kappa \in k$ . We have  $\underline{\underline{S}}(v) = -v$ , for all  $v \in V$ , and

$$\underline{\underline{S}}(v^{m+1}) = -q^{\frac{m'}{n}} \underline{\underline{S}}(v^{2,m+1}) \odot v^1,$$

for all  $m \ge 1$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^{m+1} \in V$ . Thus, the formula in (6.5) is a consequence of the mathematical induction and of the explicit definition of  $\odot$  in the statement.

By using the biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra construction, to the triple  $(V, C_n, \mathfrak{q})$  we associate a quasi-Hopf algebra with projection  $H(n, q, V) := T(V) \times k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ , where  $q = \mathfrak{q}^n$  and  $\Phi$  is as in (6.1). We next describe this structure.

Recall that, for  $\kappa \in k \setminus \{0\}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $(a)_{\kappa} := \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \kappa^j = \begin{cases} a & \text{, if } \kappa = 1 \\ \frac{\kappa^a - 1}{\kappa - 1} & \text{, if } \kappa \neq 1 \end{cases}$ . If  $v^{\overleftarrow{m}} = v^1 \otimes (v^2 \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{m-1} \otimes v^m) \cdots))$  then  $v^{\overleftarrow{m}_{\tau}} := v^m \otimes (v^{m-1} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^2 \otimes v^1) \cdots))$ . Also, the Heaviside symbol [i > j] stands for the integer 1 if i > j and for 0 otherwise.

**Theorem 6.5** Let k be a field containing a primitive root of unity  $\mathfrak{q}$  of degree  $n^2$ ,  $n \ge 2$ , V a k-vector space and  $C_n$  the cyclic group of order n generated by g. If  $q = \mathfrak{q}^n$  then the quasi-Hopf algebra structure of  $H(n, q, V) = T(V) \times k_{\Phi}[C_n]$  is the following.

The multiplication is given by

$$(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^{s})(v^{m+1,\overrightarrow{m}+p} \times g^{t}) = q^{p\left(s + \left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right]\right) + m\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right]}$$
$$v^{\overleftarrow{m}+p} \times \left( \left(1 - \frac{p'}{n} + \frac{p'}{n}q^{-m}\right)g^{s+t} + \frac{1 - q^{-m}}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - (p'+1)_{q^{i}}\right)g^{i+s+t}\right),$$

for all  $m, p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \le s, t \le n - 1$ , where, by convention,  $v^{0} = 1$ , the unit of k. It is unital with unit  $1 \times 1$ .

*The comultiplication*  $\Delta$  *is completely determined by* 

$$\begin{split} \Delta(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^{j}) &= q^{-m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right]} \sum_{l=0}^{m} q^{l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] + (m-l)\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]} \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n}} \\ &\sum_{s,t=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{(m-l)s}{n} + (l+s)\left[\frac{m-l+t}{n}\right]} \\ &q^{(s+t)j-m\left[\frac{s+t}{n}\right]} v^{\sigma(1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots) \times 1_{s} \\ &\underline{\otimes} v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots) \times 1_{t}, \end{split}$$

and is counital with counit given by  $\underline{\varepsilon}(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^{j}) = \delta_{m,0}v^{\overleftarrow{m}}$ , for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j \in \{0, \ldots, n-1\}$  and  $v^{1}, \ldots, v^{m} \in V$ .

The antipode s is defined, for all  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$  and  $0 \le l \le n - 1$ , by

$$s(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^{l}) = (-1)^{m} q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overleftarrow{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l + [i > n - m'])} 1_{i} \right).$$

The distinguished elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  that together with *s* define the antipode of H(n, q, V) are  $1 \times g^{-1}$  and  $1 \times \mathbf{1}$ , respectively.

Proof We have

$$(1_{j})_{1} \cdot v^{m+1, \overrightarrow{m+p}} \times (1_{j})_{2} 1_{l} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{(n-j)i} g^{i} \cdot v^{m+1, \overrightarrow{m+p}} \times g^{i} 1_{l}$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{(n-j)i+pi+li} v^{m+1, \overrightarrow{m+p}} \times 1_{l}$$
$$= \delta_{j, (p+l)'} v^{m+1, \overrightarrow{m+p}} \times 1_{l},$$

and therefore

$$(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times 1_j)(v^{m+1,\overleftarrow{m+p}} \times 1_l) = (x^1 \cdot v^{\overleftarrow{m}}) \odot (x^2(1_j)_1 \cdot v^{m+1,\overleftarrow{m+p}}) \times x^3(1_j)_2 1_l$$
  
=  $\delta_{j,(p+l)'}(x^1 \cdot v^{\overleftarrow{m}}) \odot (x^2 \cdot v^{m+1,\overleftarrow{m+p}}) \times x^3 1_l$ 

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$$= \delta_{j,(p+l)'} q^{-m' \left[\frac{p'+l}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \odot v^{m+1,\overrightarrow{m}+p} \times 1_l$$
  
$$= \delta_{j,(p+l)'} q^{m \left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right] + p \left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{p'+l}{n}\right]} v^{\overrightarrow{m}+p} \times 1_l$$

From here, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^{s})(v^{m+1,\overline{m}+p} \times g^{t}) &= \sum_{j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{sj+tl} (v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times 1_{j})(v^{m+1,\overline{m}+p} \times 1_{l}) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^{s(p+l)'+tl+m\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right]+p\left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right]-m\left[\frac{p'+l}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m}+p} \times 1_{l} \\ &= q^{p\left(s+\left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right]\right)+m\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m}+p} \times \left(\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^{-m\left[\frac{p'+l}{n}\right]} 1_{l}\right) g^{s+t}, \end{aligned}$$

and since

$$\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^{-m\left[\frac{p'+l}{n}\right]} \mathbf{1}_{l} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-p'-1} \mathbf{1}_{l} + q^{-m} \sum_{l=n-p'}^{n-1} \mathbf{1}_{l}$$
$$= q^{-m} \mathbf{1} + \frac{1-q^{-m}}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{n-p'-1} (q^{i})^{n-l}\right) g^{i}$$
$$= \left(1 - \frac{p'}{n} + \frac{p'}{n} q^{-m}\right) \mathbf{1} + \frac{1-q^{-m}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - (p'+1)_{q^{i}}\right) g^{i}$$

we conclude that

$$\begin{array}{l} (v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^{s})(v^{m+1,\overline{m}+p} \times g^{t}) \\ &= q^{p\left(s + \left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right]\right) + m\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right]} v^{\overleftarrow{m}+p} \times \left( \left(1 - \frac{p'}{n} + \frac{p'}{n}q^{-m}\right) g^{s+t} \\ &+ \frac{1 - q^{-m}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - (p'+1)_{q^{i}}\right) g^{i+s+t} \right), \end{array}$$

as stated. For the computation of  $\Delta(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^s)$ , we proceed in a similar manner. First, we use (4.13) to calculate

$$\Delta(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times 1_i) = \sum_{l=0}^{m} \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]} y^1 X^1$$

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$$\begin{split} \cdot (v^{\sigma(1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots)) \\ & \times y^2 Y^1(x^1 X^2 \cdot (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots)))_{l-1} x^2 X_1^3(1_l)_1 \\ & \otimes y_1^3 Y^2 \cdot (x^1 X^2 \cdot (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots)))_{l0}) \\ & \times y_2^3 Y^3 x^3 X_2^3(1_l)_2 \\ = \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} \sum_{s,t=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + t \left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + (m-l) \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + t \left[\frac{m-l+i}{n}\right] - (m-l) \left[\frac{s+i}{n}\right] \\ & y^1 \cdot (v^{\sigma(1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots)) \\ & \times y^2 Y^1 (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots))_{l-1} 1_s(1_l)_1 \\ & \otimes y_1^3 Y^2 \cdot (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots))_{l0}] \times y_2^3 Y^3 1_t(1_l)_2 \\ = \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + t \left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right] + (m-l) \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + t \left[\frac{m-l+s+l}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{s+l}{n}\right] \\ & y^1 \cdot (v^{\sigma(1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots)) \times y_2^2 Y^1 K^{m-l+n} \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] 1_s \\ & \otimes y_1^3 Y^2 \cdot (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots)) \times y_2^3 Y^3 1_t \\ = \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} \sum_{0 \le s, t \le n-1 \mid (s+t)' = i} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})+(m-l)s}{n} + t \left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + (m-l) \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + (m-l) \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + s \left[\frac{m-l+s+l}{n}\right] \\ & gy_1^3 Y^2 \cdot (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots)) \times y_2^3 Y^3 1_t \\ = \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + t \left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + (m-l) \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right] + s \left[\frac{m-l+s+l}{n}\right] \\ & gy_1^3 \cdot (v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(m)}) \cdots)) \times y_2^3 1_t \\ = \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{\frac{r(\sigma^{-1})}{n} + t \left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] - m \left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]} \\ & \sum_{v \neq 0} y^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(l-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots) \times 1_s \\ & \otimes v^{\sigma(l+1)} \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v^{\sigma(m-1)} \otimes v^{\sigma(l)}) \cdots) \times 1_t. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to the claimed formula for  $\Delta(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times g^j)$  since  $g^j = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{ij} 1_i$ . So it remains to prove the formula for *s*. For this, notice that  $S(1_l) = 1_{n-l}$ , for all  $0 \le l \le n-1$ , where by convention  $1_n = 1_0$ . Therefore, the element  $p_R$  in  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]^{\otimes 2}$ is

$$p_{R} = \sum_{i,j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]} 1_{i} \otimes 1_{j} 1_{n-l}$$
  
=  $\mathbf{1} \otimes 1_{0} + \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i} 1_{i}\right) \otimes \left(\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} 1_{n-l}\right)$   
=  $\mathbf{1} \otimes 1_{0} + g^{-1} \otimes (\mathbf{1} - 1_{0}) = \mathbf{1} \otimes 1_{0} + g^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{1} - g^{-1} \otimes 1_{0},$ 

where in the last but one equality we used the fact that  $g \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i} \mathbf{1}_i = \mathbf{1}$  in  $k_{\Phi}[C_n]$ . Thus,

$$X^{1}p_{1}^{1} \otimes X^{2}p_{2}^{1} \otimes X^{3}p^{2}$$
  
=  $X^{1} \otimes X^{2} \otimes X^{3}1_{0} + X^{1}g^{-1} \otimes X^{2}g^{-1} \otimes X^{3} - X^{1}g^{-1} \otimes X^{2}g^{-1} \otimes X^{3}1_{0}$   
=  $\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{0} + \sum_{i,j,l=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right]-i-j}\mathbf{1}_{i} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{j} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{l} - g^{-1} \otimes g^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{0}.$ 

Remark also that *K* is invertible with inverse  $K^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{-j} \mathbf{1}_j$ , and this allows to prove that  $K^a = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{aj} \mathbf{1}_j$ , for any integer number *a*. Hence, for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $v^1, \ldots, v^m \in V$ ,

$$S(K^{a}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{aj}{n}} \mathbf{1}_{n-j} = \mathbf{1}_{0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q^{\frac{a(n-i)}{n}} \mathbf{1}_{i} = \mathbf{1}_{0} + q^{a}(K^{-a} - \mathbf{1}_{0})$$
$$= (1 - q^{a})\mathbf{1}_{0} + q^{a}K^{-a},$$
$$\mathbf{1} \times K^{a}(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times \mathbf{1}_{0}) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{a(i+j)'}{n}} \mathbf{1}_{i} \cdot v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times \mathbf{1}_{j}\mathbf{1}_{0} = q^{\frac{am'}{n}}v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times \mathbf{1}_{0}.$$

Finally, for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j \in \{0, ..., n-1\}$  the equation (m'+t)' = j has a unique solution in  $\{0, ..., n-1\}$ . Namely, if  $j \in \{0, ..., m'-1\}$  then t = n + j - m', and if  $j \in \{m', ..., n+m'-1\}$  then t = j - m'. By using all these facts and the formula for the antipode *s* of a biproduct quasi-Hopf algebra found in Corollary 4.5, we get that

$$\begin{split} s(v^{\overline{m}} \times g^{l}) \\ &= (1 \times S(K^{m+n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]}g^{l})g^{-1})(\underline{S}(v^{\overline{m}}) \times 1_{0}) \\ &- (1 \times S(g^{-1}K^{m+n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]}g^{l})g^{-1})(g^{-1} \cdot \underline{S}(v^{\overline{m}}) \times 1_{0}) \\ &+ \sum_{i,j,t=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j+t}{n}\right]-i-j}(1 \times S(1_{i}K^{m+n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]}g^{l})g^{-1})(1_{j} \cdot \underline{S}(v^{\overline{m}}) \times 1_{t}) \\ &= (-1)^{m}q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}}(1 \times (1-q^{m})1_{0}+1 \times q^{m}K^{-m-n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right]-n(l+1)})(v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_{0}) \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} &+ (-1)^{m+1} q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} (1 \times (1-q^m) 1_0 + 1 \times q^m K^{-m-n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - nl}) (q^{-m'} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_0) \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} \sum_{i,t=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{t+m}{n}\right] - m + \frac{tm}{n} + il} (1 \times 1_{n-i}) (v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_t) \\ &= (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} \left( q^m 1 \times K^{-m-n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - n(l+1)} - 1 \times K^{-m-n\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - nl} \right) (v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_0) \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} \left( \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} q^{-m} (1 \times 1_0) (v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_t) \right) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} q^{-j\left[\frac{t+m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - jl} (1 \times 1_j) (v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_t) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} q^{-j\left[\frac{t+m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - jl} (1 \times 1_j) (v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_t) \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n} - m} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_{n-m'} \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n} - m} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_{n-m'} + (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} \\ &= (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n} - m} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_{n-m'} + (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n}} \\ &\sum_{j=1}^{n'-1} q^{-j\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{j(l+1)}{2n} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_{n+j-m'}} \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2n} - m} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_{n+j-m'} \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} \sum_{j=m'}^{n-m'-1} q^{-j\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - jl} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &+ (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m'-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - il} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} \sum_{i=n-m'+1}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l+1)} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l+1)} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l+1)} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l+1)} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l+1)} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(l+1)} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times 1_i \\ &= (-1)^m q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2n} - ml} v^{\overline{m_{\tau}}} \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}$$

as stated (for the third equality we used that  $(1 \times 1_0)(v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times 1_0) = \delta_{m',0}v^{\overleftarrow{m}} \times 1_0$ ).  $\Box$ 

We end by specializing Theorem 6.5 for V = kv, a one dimensional vector space. In this situation  $\{v_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a basis for T(V), where  $v_m := v \otimes (v \otimes (\cdots \otimes (v \otimes v) \cdots)) \in T^{(m)}(V)$ ; by convention  $v_0 = 1$ , the unit of k. It follows that  $\{v_m g^l \mid m \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \le l \le n-1\}$  is a basis for H(n, q, kv), where we identify  $v_m \equiv v_m \times \mathbf{1}$  and  $g^l \equiv 1 \times g^l$ , and therefore  $v^m \times g^l = (v_m \times \mathbf{1})(1 \times g^l) \equiv v_m g^l$ . With these identifications in mind, we have that

$$g^{l}v_{m} \equiv (1 \times g^{l})(v_{m} \times \mathbf{1}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q^{l(m+j)'}v_{m} \times 1_{j} = q^{lm}v_{m} \times \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} g^{lj}1_{j}$$
$$= q^{lm}v_{m} \times g^{l} \equiv q^{lm}v_{m}g^{l},$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \le l \le n - 1$ . Therefore, H(n, q, kv) is the unital associative algebra generated by  $\{v_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  and g with relations

$$v_m v_p = q^{p\left[\frac{m+p'}{n}\right] + m\left[\frac{m'+p'}{n}\right]} \\ \left( \left(1 - \frac{p'}{n} + \frac{p'}{n}q^{-m}\right) v_{m+p} + \frac{1 - q^{-m}}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} (1 - (p'+1)_{q^l}) v_{m+p}g^l \right),$$
(6.6)

$$g^{a}g^{b} = g^{a+b}, \ g^{n} = 1, \ gv_{m} = q^{m}v_{m}g,$$
 (6.7)

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \le l, a, b \le n - 1$ . The unit is  $1 = v_0$ .

In order to give a nicer form for the comultiplication of H(n, q, kv), we need a preliminary result. We believe that it was proved already somewhere else, but because we were not able to find a reference we decided to include its proof here. Recall that  $(0)!_{\mathfrak{q}} := 1$  and  $(p)!_{\mathfrak{q}} = (1)_{\mathfrak{q}}(2)_{\mathfrak{q}} \cdots (p)_{\mathfrak{q}}$  is the q-factorial of  $p, p \in \mathbb{N}$ , and that  $\binom{p}{s}_{\mathfrak{q}} = \frac{(p)!_{\mathfrak{q}}}{(s)!_{\mathfrak{q}}(p-s)!_{\mathfrak{q}}}$ , with  $0 \le s \le p$ , are the so-called Gauss polynomials.

**Lemma 6.6** We have 
$$\sum_{w \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{r(w)} = \binom{m}{m-l}_q$$
, for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \le l \le m$ .

**Proof** For simplicity, denote  $\lambda_m(q, l) := \sum_{w \in S_{l,m-l}} q^{r(w)}$ . As we observed, any (l, m-l) shuffle is completely determined by a subset  $\{i_1, \ldots, i_l\}$  of  $\{1, \ldots, m\}$ , arranged in ascending order. Actually, any (l, m-l) shuffle is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdots l \ l+1 \cdots l+i_k-k \ l+i_k-k+1 \cdots i_l \ i_l+1 \cdots m \\ i_1 \cdots i_l \ 1 \ \cdots \ i_k-1 \ i_k+1 \ \cdots i_l-1 \ i_l+1 \cdots m \end{pmatrix},$$

for some  $1 \le i_1 < \cdots < i_k < \cdots < i_l \le m$ . Consequently, the inversions of it are

$$(k \ l+1), \ \ldots, \ (k \ l+i_k-k), \ 1 \le k \le l,$$

and so these are in number of  $i_1 + \cdots + i_l - \frac{l(l+1)}{n}$ . According to [17, Lemma 4.7], the length of a permutation is equal to the number of its inversions, and so

$$\lambda_m(\mathfrak{q}, l) = \mathfrak{q}^{-\frac{l(l+1)}{2}} \sum_{\substack{1 \le i_1 < \dots < i_l \le m}} \mathfrak{q}^{i_1 + \dots + i_l}$$
$$= \mathfrak{q}^{-\frac{l(l+1)}{2}} \sum_{i_1=1}^{m-l+1} q^{i_1} \sum_{i_1+1 \le i_2 < i_3 < \dots < i_l \le m} \mathfrak{q}^{i_2 + \dots + i_l}$$

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$$= \mathfrak{q}^{-\frac{l(l+1)}{2}} \sum_{i_1=1}^{m-l+1} q^{li_1} \sum_{1 \le j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{l-1} \le m-i_1} \mathfrak{q}^{j_1 + \dots + j_{l-1}}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m-l+1} \mathfrak{q}^{(i-1)l} \lambda_{m-i}(\mathfrak{q}, l-1),$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq l \leq m$ . This recurrence together with  $\lambda_m(\mathfrak{q}, 0) = 1$  and the Pascal identity, see [16, Proposition IV.2.1],

$$\binom{n}{k}_{\mathfrak{q}} = \binom{n-1}{k}_{\mathfrak{q}} + q^{n-k} \binom{n-1}{k-1}_{\mathfrak{q}},$$

valid for any  $0 \le k \le n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ , allows to obtain in an inductive way the formula for  $\lambda_m(\mathfrak{q}, l)$  stated above. We leave this detail to the reader.

One can present now the quasi-Hopf algebra structure of H(n, q, kv).

**Corollary 6.7** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \ge 2$  and  $\mathfrak{q}$ , a primitive root of unity of degree  $n^2$  in k denote by  $H_{\aleph}(n, q)$  the k-algebra generated by  $\{v_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  and g with relations (6.6), (6.7) and unit  $1 = v_0$ , where  $q = \mathfrak{q}^n$ . Then,  $H_{\aleph}(n, q)$  is a quasi-Hopf algebra with projection, via the quasi-coalgebra structure given, for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , by

$$\begin{split} \Delta(v_m) &= \frac{q^{-m\left[\frac{m-1}{n}\right]}}{n^2} \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{m-l}_q q^{l\left[\frac{l-1}{n}\right] + (m-l)\left[\frac{m-l}{n}\right]} \\ &\sum_{a,b,s,t=0}^{n-1} q^{\frac{(m-l)s}{n} + (l+s)\left[\frac{m-l+t}{n}\right] - m\left[\frac{s+t}{n}\right]} \\ &q^{-sa-tb} v_l g^a \otimes v_{m-l} g^b, \ \varepsilon(v_m) &= \delta_{m,0}, \end{split}$$
$$\Delta(g) &= g \otimes g, \ \varepsilon(g) &= 1, \\ \Phi &= \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i,j,l,a,b,c=0}^{n-1} q^{i\left[\frac{j+l}{n}\right] - ia - jb - jc} g^a \otimes g^b \otimes g^c, \end{split}$$

and antipode *s* determined by  $s(g) = g^{-1}$  and

$$s(v_m) = \frac{(-1)^m}{n} q^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2}} v_m \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{-i\left[\frac{m}{n}\right] - \frac{im}{n} - i(j+[i>n-m'])} \right) g^j \right),$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and distinguished elements  $\alpha = g^{-1}$  and  $\beta = 1$ .

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**Proof** We have  $H_{\aleph}(n, q) = H(n, q, kv)$ , so everything follows from the comments made after Theorem 6.5 and the formula in Lemma 6.6.

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