

# On Braiding and Dyslexia

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ABSTRACT. Braided monoidal categories have important applications in knot theory, algebraic quantum field theory, and the theory of quantum groups and Hopf algebras. We will construct a new class of braided monoidal categories.

Typical examples of braided monoidal categories are the category of modules over a quasitriangular Hopf algebra and the category of comodules over a coquasitriangular Hopf algebra. We consider the notion of a commutative algebra  $A$  in such a category. The category of (left and/or right)  $A$ -modules with the tensor product over  $A$  is again a monoidal category which is not necessarily braided. However, if we restrict this category to a special class of modules which we call *dyslectic* then this new category of dyslectic  $A$ -modules turns out to be a braided monoidal category, too, and it is a coreflexive subcategory of all  $A$ -modules.

The easiest way to obtain a braided monoidal category is to consider all modules over a quasitriangular Hopf algebra or all comodules over a coquasitriangular Hopf algebra [1, 8, 14]. In particular representation theory of quantum groups is braided. There is a converse to this theorem.

Consider a symmetric monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}$  (which is cocomplete such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits in both variables) such as  $\mathbb{K}\text{-Vec}$ . Given a diagram  $\mathcal{D}$  of finite objects in  $\mathcal{M}$  (objects having right duals, finite dimensional vector spaces) then there is a universal coalgebra  $C$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  such that all objects of  $\mathcal{D}$  are comodules over  $C$ . If the diagram is closed w.r.t. tensor products (or the corresponding functor  $\omega : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  together with  $\mathcal{D}$  are monoidal) then the associated universal coalgebra is a bialgebra [11]. Furthermore if the category  $\mathcal{D}$  is braided ( $\omega$  will not preserve the braiding) then the associated bialgebra is coquasitriangular. The bialgebras obtained in this way may be of special interest [12].

Our main object in this paper is to construct a new interesting braided monoidal category.

The property of symmetry of a monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}$  easily carries over to many other categories constructed over  $\mathcal{M}$ . So for example the category of algebras in  $\mathcal{M}$  under the same tensor product is symmetric, the category of (monoids) of modules over

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a cocommutative Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{M}$  is symmetric, or the category of  $A$ -modules for a commutative algebra  $A$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  with tensor product over  $A$  is symmetric.

This is not the case for braidings. If  $\mathcal{M}$  is only braided, then algebras in  $\mathcal{M}$  do not form a braided category, or modules over a commutative algebra  $A$  will not form a braided category. This is remedied by a new concept of dyslectic modules over a commutative algebra  $A$ .

We will show that the category of dyslectic modules over a commutative algebra  $A$ , i.e. right modules that do not "see" if the multiplication has been twisted around the module via (a twofold application of) the braiding or not, is a braided monoidal category with tensor product  $M \otimes_A N$  taken over  $A$ . Furthermore this category is a coreflexive subcategory of all  $A$ -modules.

## 1. MODULES OVER A COMMUTATIVE ALGEBRA IN A BRAIDED MONOIDAL CATEGORY

As base category we consider a cocomplete braided monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits in both variables. Using coherence we may assume without loss of generality that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a strict monoidal category. A braiding of a monoidal category  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C})$  consists of a natural isomorphism of bifunctors  $\sigma_{M,N} : M \otimes N \rightarrow N \otimes M$  such that

$$\sigma_{M,N \otimes P} = (\text{id}_N \otimes \sigma_{M,P})(\sigma_{M,N} \otimes \text{id}_P)$$

and

$$\sigma_{M \otimes N, P} = (\sigma_{M,P} \otimes \text{id}_N)(\text{id}_M \otimes \sigma_{N,P}).$$

We do not require  $\sigma_{N,M}\sigma_{M,N} = \text{id}_{M \otimes N}$ . If this also holds, then  $\sigma$  is called a symmetry for  $\mathcal{C}$ . Observe that the first two conditions generate representations of the braid groups on objects  $M \otimes M \dots \otimes M$ ; if in addition the last condition holds then we have representations of the symmetric groups.

To obtain an example of such a category one can start with a cocomplete symmetric monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}$  such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits. As an example consider  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{K}\text{-Mod}$ , the category of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules over a commutative ring  $\mathbb{K}$ . (The reader may assume throughout, that  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{K}\text{-Mod}$ . Otherwise he should view the calculations as calculations with generalized elements in the sense of [9].)

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{M}$  with the structure morphisms  $\Delta_H, \varepsilon_H, \nabla_H, \eta_H, S_H$ . Then the category of right  $H$ -comodules  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is known to be a monoidal category with tensor product as in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Observe that colimits in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  exist and are formed in  $\mathcal{M}$  with a uniquely defined suitable comodule structure. If we assume furthermore that  $H$  is *coquasitriangular* or *braided*, then  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is braided [14]. All in all we have a cocomplete braided monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}^H$  such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits.

Many examples of braided monoidal categories can be found in the literature e.g. [3, 6, 7].

In the base category  $\mathcal{C}$  we consider now an algebra  $A$  and the category of right  $A$ -modules  $\mathcal{C}_A$ .

For the special example  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{M}^H$ , with  $H$  a coquasitriangular Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{M}$ , we take  $A$  an  $H$ -comodule algebra in  $\mathcal{M}$  with structure morphisms  $\nabla_A : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  and  $\delta_A : A \rightarrow A \otimes H$ ,  $\delta(a) = \sum a_{(0)} \otimes a_{(1)}$ . We study the category of right  $(H, A)$ -Hopf-modules  $\mathcal{M}_A^H$  with structure morphisms  $\delta_M : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$  and  $\rho_M : M \otimes A \rightarrow M$ , i.e. of right  $H$ -comodules and right  $A$ -modules  $M$  such that

$$\delta_M(ma) = \sum m_{(0)}a_{(0)} \otimes m_{(1)}a_{(1)}.$$

They are the right  $A$ -modules in the base category  $\mathcal{M}^H$ .

Since tensor products in  $\mathcal{C}$  preserve colimits,  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is cocomplete with colimits formed in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a uniquely defined suitable module structure.

*Remark 1.1.* The category  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  of  $(A, A)$ -bimodules in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a monoidal category with the tensor product  $M \otimes_A N$  the cokernel of

$$M \otimes A \otimes N \rightrightarrows M \otimes N \rightarrow M \otimes_A N.$$

To show this one can apply arguments similar to [10], 1.8 and 1.10, in particular the fact that the tensor product is right exact, to prove the associativity  $M \otimes_A (N \otimes_A P) \cong (M \otimes_A N) \otimes_A P$ .

Since colimits preserve colimits (in our case the tensor product over  $A$ ) the category  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  is cocomplete and the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits.

Assume now that  $A$  is commutative in  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e. the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & A \otimes A \\ & \searrow \nabla & \swarrow \nabla \\ & & A \end{array}$$

*Remark 1.2.* Let  $M \in \mathcal{C}_A$ . Then it is easy to see that the morphism

$$\lambda_M : A \otimes M \xrightarrow{\sigma} M \otimes A \xrightarrow{\rho_M} M$$

defines an  $(A, A)$ -bimodule structure on  $M$ . The compatibility of the left and right

$A$ -structures follow for example from the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A \otimes M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\sigma \otimes 1} & M \otimes A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\rho_M \otimes 1} & M \otimes A \\
 \downarrow \sigma_{A, M \otimes A} & \searrow & \downarrow 1 \otimes \sigma & \searrow 1 \otimes \nabla & \downarrow \rho_M \\
 1 \otimes \rho_M & & M \otimes A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \nabla} & M \otimes A \\
 & & \downarrow \rho_M \otimes 1 & \searrow \rho_M & \\
 A \otimes M & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\rho_M} & M
 \end{array}$$

The category of right  $A$ -modules  $\mathcal{C}_A$  thus can be viewed as a full subcategory of  $A$ - $A$ -bimodules  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$ . Actually this is possible in two distinct ways, namely by defining the left structure by  $A \otimes M \xrightarrow{\sigma} M \otimes A \xrightarrow{\rho} M$  or by  $A \otimes M \xrightarrow{\sigma^{-1}} M \otimes A \xrightarrow{\rho} M$ . So we get the two full embeddings  $\Sigma_l : \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  and  $\Sigma_r : \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}_A$ . We shall restrict our considerations to  $\Sigma_l : \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  defined by the left action as in remark 1.2.

We now investigate the tensor product over  $A$  in  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$ . A straightforward calculation gives

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $M, N \in \mathcal{C}_A$ . Then the left module structure on  $M \otimes_A N$  as defined in 1.2 coincides with the induced left module structure of  $M \otimes_A N$  in  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$ , hence  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is a monoidal category with tensor product over  $A$  and  $\Sigma_l : \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  defines a full monoidal embedding.*

We see that for a commutative algebra  $A$  the category  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is a full monoidal subcategory of  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$ . Actually we have more.

**Proposition 1.4.** *If  $A$  is commutative in  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is a cocomplete monoidal category such that the tensor product  $M \otimes_A N$  preserves arbitrary colimits in both variables.*

## 2. DYSLECTIC ALGEBRAS AND MODULES

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be as before. We call an algebra  $A$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  *dyslectic* [4] if

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\sigma^2} & A \otimes A \\
 \searrow \nabla & & \swarrow \nabla \\
 & A &
 \end{array}$$

commutes or equivalently if  $(\nabla \sigma : A \otimes A \rightarrow A) = (\nabla \sigma^{-1} : A \otimes A \rightarrow A)$ .

A module  $M$  in  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is called *dyslectic* if the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\sigma^2} & M \otimes A \\ & \searrow \rho & \swarrow \rho \\ & M & \end{array}$$

A commutative algebra  $A$  is clearly dyslectic. However, not all  $A$ -modules over a commutative algebra  $A$  are dyslectic. In fact the category of dyslectic  $A$ -modules  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  is the equalizer of the two embedding functors  $\Sigma_l, \Sigma_r : \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow {}_A \mathcal{C}_A$ .

For a commutative algebra  $A$  there is a braiding morphism for the tensor product.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be commutative and  $M \in \mathcal{C}_A$  be dyslectic. Then the following is a commutative diagram of difference cokernels*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M \otimes A \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\rho_M \otimes 1} & M \otimes N \otimes A & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \rho_N} & M \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\nu} & M \otimes_A N \\ \downarrow 1 \otimes \sigma & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \sigma} & \downarrow 1 \otimes \rho_N & & \downarrow \sigma & & \downarrow \tilde{\sigma} \\ M \otimes N \otimes A & & M \otimes N & & N \otimes M & & N \otimes_A M \\ \downarrow \sigma_{M,N \otimes A} & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \sigma} & \downarrow 1 \otimes \rho_M & & \downarrow \nu & & \downarrow \nu \\ N \otimes A \otimes M & \xrightarrow{\rho_N \otimes 1} & N \otimes M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \rho_M} & N \otimes M & \xrightarrow{\nu} & N \otimes_A M \end{array}$$

*Proof.* The lower left hand "square"  $(\rho_N \otimes 1)\sigma_{M,N \otimes A}(1 \otimes \sigma) = \sigma(1 \otimes \rho_N)(1 \otimes \sigma)$  commutes by functoriality of  $\sigma$ . Furthermore if  $M$  is dyslectic then the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M \otimes A \otimes N & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \sigma} & M \otimes N \otimes A & & \\ \downarrow \rho_M \otimes 1 & \searrow \sigma_{M \otimes A, N} & \downarrow \sigma \otimes 1 & \searrow \sigma_{M, N \otimes A} & \\ & N \otimes M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \sigma} & N \otimes A \otimes M & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \sigma} & N \otimes M \otimes A \\ & \downarrow 1 \otimes \rho_M & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \rho_M & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \rho_M \\ M \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & N \otimes M & \xrightarrow{1} & N \otimes M \end{array}$$

which is the upper left hand "square".  $\square$

*Remark 2.3.* There is a second way to define a quasi-symmetry map in  $\mathcal{C}_A$ , namely with  $\sigma_{M,N}^{-1}$  instead of  $\sigma_{M,N}$ . A similar proof as for Proposition 2.2 gives:

Let  $A$  be commutative and  $N \in \mathcal{C}_A$  be dyslectic. Then  $\sigma_{M,N}^{-1}$  induces a morphism on the difference cokernels:  $\tilde{\sigma} : M \otimes_A N \rightarrow N \otimes_A M$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *If  $M$  and  $N$  in  $\mathcal{C}_A$  are dyslectic then so is  $M \otimes_A N$ .*

*Proof.* We have to show that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M \otimes_A N) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\sigma^2} & (M \otimes_A N) \otimes A \\ & \searrow \rho & \swarrow \rho \\ & M & \end{array}$$

commutes. Since the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M \otimes N \otimes A & \xrightarrow[\mathbf{1}]{\sigma^2} & M \otimes N \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{1} \otimes \rho_N} & M \otimes N \\ \downarrow \nu \otimes \mathbf{1} & & \downarrow \nu \otimes \mathbf{1} & & \downarrow \nu \\ (M \otimes_A N) \otimes A & \xrightarrow[\mathbf{1}]{\sigma^2} & (M \otimes_A N) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\rho_{M \otimes_A N}} & M \otimes_A N \end{array}$$

and the left most  $\nu \otimes 1$  is an epimorphism it suffices to show that  $\nu(1 \otimes \rho_N)\sigma^2 = \nu(1 \otimes \rho_N)$ . Observe that tensor products preserve difference cokernels. If we expand  $\sigma^2$  we get a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} M \otimes N \otimes A & \xrightleftharpoons[\mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma]{\mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma} & M \otimes A \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\sigma \otimes \mathbf{1}} & A \otimes M \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\sigma \otimes \mathbf{1}} & M \otimes A \otimes N & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma} & M \otimes N \otimes A \\ & \searrow \mathbf{1} \otimes \rho_N & & \searrow \rho_M \otimes \mathbf{1} & & \swarrow \rho_M \otimes \mathbf{1} & & \swarrow \mathbf{1} \otimes \rho_N & \\ & & M \otimes N & & M \otimes N & & M \otimes N & & \\ & & & & \downarrow \nu & & & & \\ & & & & M \otimes_A N & & & & \end{array}$$

where the left quadrangle commutes by definition of  $\nu$  and since  $N$  is dyslectic. The center triangle commutes since  $M$  is dyslectic. The right quadrangle commutes by definition of  $\nu$ .  $\square$

It is now clear that the monoidal structure of  $\mathcal{C}_A$  restricts to a monoidal structure on  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  and that  $\tilde{\sigma} : M \otimes_A N \longrightarrow N \otimes_A M$  defines a braiding of  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  a cocomplete braided monoidal category such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits. Let  $A$  be a commutative algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then the category of dyslectic right  $A$ -modules  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  is a cocomplete braided monoidal category such that the tensor product  $M \otimes_A N$  preserves arbitrary colimits.*

*Proof.* With the help of the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X_i \otimes A & \xrightarrow[\underset{1}{\sigma^2}]{\sigma^2} & X_i \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\rho} & X_i \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \varinjlim X_i \otimes A & \xrightarrow[\underset{1}{\sigma^2}]{\sigma^2} & \varinjlim X_i \otimes A & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim X_i
 \end{array}$$

and the fact that tensor products in  $\mathcal{C}$  preserve colimits it is easy to see that the colimit in  $\mathcal{C}$  of dyslectic right  $A$ -modules is again dyslectic, so  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  is cocomplete, the embedding  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_A$  preserves colimits, and the tensor product  $M \otimes_A N$  in  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  preserves arbitrary colimits. It is an easy exercise to check that the morphism  $\tilde{\sigma}$  from 2.2 is functorial and is a braiding for  $\mathcal{C}_A$ .  $\square$

Observe that any commutative algebra  $A$  is dyslectic as an  $A$ -module. Since  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  is cocomplete any colimit of a diagram with objects coproducts  $A^{(n)}$  of  $A$  is dyslectic. So there are many dyslectic modules over a commutative algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

*Remark 2.6.* There is an interesting relation between the notion of dyslectic modules and the center of a monoidal category (we owe this remark to the referee). Since each object  $M \in \text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  comes with a natural transformation  $a(M) : M \otimes_A - \rightarrow - \otimes_A M$  of functors on  $\mathcal{C}_A$  as defined in 2.2 the category of dyslectic modules is also a braided monoidal subcategory of the center of  $\mathcal{C}_A$  in the sense of [5]. Unlike the center, however, it is a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_A$ .

### 3. COFREE DYSLECTIC MODULES

The purpose of this section is to show that there are many examples of dyslectic modules. To this end we have to study inner hom-functors. So we assume now that the cocomplete braided monoidal base category  $\mathcal{C}$  has difference kernels (equalizers) and is right closed, i.e. there is a right adjoint functor  $[M, -] : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  for every functor "tensor product with  $M$  on the right"  $- \otimes M : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

To get examples of such categories we start, as in section 1, with a symmetric monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}$  (which is cocomplete such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits). Assume that  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed and has difference kernels.

If  $H$  is a Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{M}$  and has a dual (see [14] Chap. 2) then we call  $H$  a finite Hopf algebra.

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $H$  is a finite Hopf algebra then  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is right closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $\sum h_i^* \otimes h_i$  be a dual basis for  $H$  (with  $\sum h_i^*(h)h_i = h$ ).

For  $N, P \in \mathcal{M}^H$  define the structure of an  $H$ -comodule on  $\text{Hom}(N, P)$  by

$$\delta : \text{Hom}(N, P) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, P) \otimes H, \quad \delta(f) = \sum f(-_{(0)})_{(0)} \cdot h_i^*(f(-_{(0)})_{(1)} S(-_{(1)})) \otimes h_i.$$

Then the canonical morphism  $\mathcal{M}(M \otimes N, P) \cong \mathcal{M}(M, \text{Hom}(N, P))$  given by  $f(m \otimes n) = g(m)(n)$  restricts to

$$\mathcal{M}^H(M \otimes N, P) \cong \mathcal{M}^H(M, \text{Hom}(N, P))$$

since let  $f$  satisfy  $\sum f(m_{(0)} \otimes n_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)} = \sum f(m \otimes n)_{(0)} \otimes f(m \otimes n)_{(1)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum g(m_{(0)})(n) \otimes m_{(1)} &= \sum f(m_{(0)} \otimes n) \otimes m_{(1)} \\ &= \sum f(m_{(0)} \otimes n_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)}\varepsilon(n_{(1)}) \\ &= \sum f(m_{(0)} \otimes n_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)}n_{(1)}S(n_{(2)}) \\ &= \sum f(m \otimes n_{(0)})_{(0)} \otimes f(m \otimes n_{(0)})_{(1)}S(n_{(1)}) \\ &= \sum f(m \otimes n_{(0)})_{(0)} \otimes h_i^*(f(m \otimes n_{(0)})_{(1)}S(n_{(1)}))h_i \\ &= \sum f(m \otimes n_{(0)})_{(0)} \cdot h_i^*(f(m \otimes n_{(0)})_{(1)}S(n_{(1)})) \otimes h_i \\ &= \sum g(m)(n_{(0)})_{(0)} \cdot h_i^*(g(m)(n_{(0)})_{(1)}S(n_{(1)})) \otimes h_i \\ &= \sum g(m)_{(0)}(n) \otimes g(m)_{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way one shows that the inverse map also restricts to morphisms in  $\mathcal{M}^H$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.2.* In general  $\mathcal{M}^H$  will not be left closed.

If  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{K}\text{-Vek}$  then  $\mathcal{M}^H$  has kernels. So for a finite coquasitriangular Hopf algebra  $H$  over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  the category of  $H$ -comodules  $\mathcal{M}^H$  satisfies the properties for  $\mathcal{C}$  as required at the beginning of this section.

We return now to the general case. If  $\mathcal{C}$  is right closed and has difference kernels then  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  is also right closed with  $[M, N]_A$  the difference kernel in

$$[M, N]_A \longrightarrow [M, N] \rightrightarrows [M \otimes A, N].$$

Techniques as in [9] can be used to prove this.

We consider the pair of adjoint functors  $- \otimes A$  and  $[A, -]$ . Let  $\eta : M \longrightarrow [A, M \otimes A]$  be the unit and  $\varepsilon : [A, M] \otimes A \longrightarrow M$  be the counit of the adjoint pair. Then the isomorphism  $\text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(M \otimes A, N) \cong \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, [A, M])$  is given by  $f \mapsto [A, f]\eta$  and  $g \mapsto \varepsilon[g \otimes 1_A]$ , in particular we get  $\varepsilon([A, f]\eta \otimes 1_A) = f$ .

Let  $M$  be a right  $A$ -module with structure morphism  $\rho_M : M \otimes A \longrightarrow M$ . Let

$$K \xrightarrow{\iota_K} M \xrightleftharpoons[\substack{[A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta}]{\substack{[A, \rho_M] \eta}} [A, M]$$

be a difference kernel (equalizer). (We abbreviate  $\sigma_{M,A}^2 := \sigma_{A,M}\sigma_{M,A}$ .)

**Lemma 3.3.**  *$K$  is an  $A$ -submodule of  $M$ .*



*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \epsilon([A, \rho_M] \eta \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \epsilon([A, \rho_M] \eta \otimes 1_A) (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \rho_M (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \rho_M (1_A \otimes \nabla) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \rho_M (1_A \otimes \nabla) (1_M \otimes \sigma_{A,A}) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \quad \text{since } A \text{ is commutative} \\
&= \rho_M (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) (1_M \otimes \sigma_{A,A}) \\
&= \rho_M (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) (\sigma_{M,A}^2 \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) (1_M \otimes \sigma_{A,A}) \quad \text{(by definition of } \iota_K) \\
&= \rho_M (1_A \otimes \nabla) (1_M \otimes \sigma_{A,A}) (\sigma_{M,A}^2 \otimes 1_A) (1_M \otimes \sigma_{A,A}) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \rho_M (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) \sigma_{M \otimes A, A}^2 (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \quad \text{(property of } \sigma) \\
&= \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2 (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \epsilon([A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta \otimes 1_A) (\rho_M \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \epsilon([A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) \otimes 1_A)
\end{aligned}$$

which implies  $[A, \rho_M] \eta \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) = [A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A)$ . So there is a unique morphism  $\rho_K : K \otimes A \rightarrow K$  such that  $\iota_K \rho_K = \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A)$ , since  $\iota_K$  is the difference kernel of  $[A, \rho_M] \eta$  and  $[A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.**  *$K$  is dyslectic.*

*Proof.* We have  $\iota_K \rho_K \sigma_{K,A}^2 = \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) \sigma_{K,A}^2 = \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2 (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) = \epsilon([A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta \otimes 1_A) (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) = \epsilon([A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta \iota_K \otimes 1_A) = \epsilon([A, \rho_M] \eta \iota_K \otimes 1_A) = \rho_M (\iota_K \otimes 1_A) = \iota_K \rho_K$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** *If  $P \in \text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  is dyslectic,  $M \in \mathcal{C}_A$  and  $f : P \rightarrow M$  an  $A$ -homomorphism, then  $f$  factors uniquely through  $\iota_K : K \rightarrow M$ .*

*Proof.* We have to show that  $[A, \rho_M] \eta f = [A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta f$ . This follows from

$$\begin{aligned}
& \epsilon([A, \rho_M] \eta f \otimes 1_A) = \epsilon([A, \rho_M] \eta \otimes 1_A) (f \otimes 1_A) = \rho_M (f \otimes 1_A) = f \rho_P = f \rho_P \sigma_{P,A}^2 \\
&= \rho_M (f \otimes 1_A) \sigma_{P,A}^2 = \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2 (f \otimes 1_A) = \epsilon([A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta \otimes 1_A) (f \otimes 1_A) \\
&= \epsilon([A, \rho_M \sigma_{M,A}^2] \eta f \otimes 1_A). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be as in Theorem 2.5, be right closed and have difference kernels. Let  $A$  be a commutative algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then the category of dyslectic  $A$ -modules  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  is a coreflexive subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_A$ .*

*Proof.* We have to show that the construction of  $K$  as in the previous Lemmas defines a right adjoint functor to the embedding of  $\text{dys } \mathcal{C}_A$  into  $\mathcal{C}_A$ . But this is demonstrated by the universal property given in 3.5.  $\square$

We remark, that we only needed a right adjoint functor  $[A, -]$  for  $- \otimes A$  in the proof.

## 4. EXAMPLES OF SUITABLE BRAIDED BASE CATEGORIES

We close with some special examples of braided monoidal categories  $\mathcal{C}$  (cocomplete such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits), that may be used as base categories. One special example is the category of Yetter-Drinfel'd modules  $\mathcal{YD}_H^H$  over a Hopf algebra  $H$ . By [14] it can be viewed as a category of comodules over a coquasitriangular Hopf algebra.

For an arbitrary cocommutative Hopf algebra  $H$  such a category can also be obtained in the following way. Consider the category of right  $H$ -modules which is a cocomplete symmetric monoidal category such that the tensor product preserves arbitrary colimits.

Observe that  $H$  acts on itself by the adjoint action

$$\alpha : H \otimes H \ni h \otimes k \mapsto \sum S(k_{(1)})hk_{(2)} \in H.$$

$H$  is a right  $H$ -module Hopf algebra by the adjoint action as can be easily checked. Thus  $H$  is a Hopf algebra in the category  $\mathcal{M}_H$  and the category  $\mathcal{M}_H^{H\bullet}$  of  $H$ -comodules in  $\mathcal{M}_H$  is a monoidal category. A  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $M$  is in  $\mathcal{M}_H^{H\bullet}$  iff

a) it is a right  $H$ -module  $\rho : M \otimes H \rightarrow M$ ,

b) it is a right  $H$ -comodule  $\delta : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$ , and

c)  $\delta(mh) = \delta(m)h$  or  $\delta(mh) = \sum m_{(0)}h_{(1)} \otimes m_{(1)} \cdot h_{(2)} = \sum m_{(0)}h_{(1)} \otimes S(h_{(2)})m_{(1)}h_{(3)}$ .

In view of the cocommutativity of  $H$  the last condition is equivalent to

$$\sum (mh_1)_0 \otimes h_2(mh_1)_1 = \sum m_0h_1 \otimes m_1h_2$$

which is the Yetter-Drinfel'd condition [13]. Thus  $\mathcal{M}_H^{H\bullet} = \mathcal{YD}_H^H$  is a braided monoidal category [2, 15], the braiding morphism being defined by

$$\sigma : M \otimes N \ni m \otimes n \mapsto \sum n_{(0)} \otimes mn_{(1)} \in N \otimes M.$$

Obviously  $\mathcal{M}_H^{H\bullet}$  is not symmetric since  $\sum m_{(0)}n_{(1)} \otimes n_{(0)}m_{(1)}n_{(2)} = m \otimes n$  does not hold in general.

A special case for this structure is obtained by choosing  $H = \mathbb{K}G$ , a group algebra with a finite group  $G$ . In this situation the name of dyslectic algebra was first introduced by Haran [4].

Now we can give an example of a module which is not dyslectic. Let  $G = C_2 \times C_2$  be the Klein four group. Let  $\text{char}(\mathbb{K}) \neq 2$ . Then the Hopf algebra  $H := \mathbb{K}G = \mathbb{K}[s, t]/(s^2 - 1, t^2 - 1)$  is coquasitriangular with  $r : H \otimes H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  defined by  $r(s \otimes s) = r(t \otimes s) = r(t \otimes t) = 1$ ,  $r(s \otimes t) = -1$ . Observe that  $r(st \otimes t) = r(s \otimes t)r(t \otimes t) = -1$ . Let  $A = \mathbb{K}1 \oplus \mathbb{K}x$  with  $\delta(1) = 1 \otimes 1$ ,  $\delta(x) = x \otimes t$ . Then  $A$  becomes a commutative algebra in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  by  $x^2 = 1$ . Let  $M = \mathbb{K}y \oplus \mathbb{K}z$  with  $\delta(y) = y \otimes s$  and  $\delta(z) = z \otimes st$ . Then  $M$  becomes an  $A$ -module in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  by  $yx = z$  and  $zx = y$ . In particular we get  $\sigma(y \otimes x) = -x \otimes y$ ,  $\sigma^2(y \otimes x) = -y \otimes x$  and  $\sigma(z \otimes x) = -x \otimes z$ ,  $\sigma^2(z \otimes x) = -z \otimes x$ . The maximal dyslectic submodule  $K$  of  $M$  turns out to be zero, since  $\rho_M((\alpha y + \beta z) \otimes x) =$

$\alpha z + \beta y$  and  $\rho_M \sigma^2((\alpha y + \beta z) \otimes x) = -\alpha z - \beta y$ . In particular  $M$  is not dyslectic. It is easy to check that the diagram in Prop. 2.2 with  $N = A$  has a non-commutative upper left hand square so it induces no braiding for  $\mathcal{M}_A^H$ . If there was a map  $\tilde{\sigma}$  induced by  $\sigma$ , then  $\tilde{\sigma}(y \otimes_A x) = -x \otimes_A y = x \otimes_A y = 0$ . So there is no induced braiding on  $\mathcal{M}_A^H$ .

We close with another example of a suitable monoidal category. Let  $G$  be a group and  $X$  be a (right)  $G$ -set.  $G$  itself can be considered as a  $G$ -set by the (right) adjoint action. The Freyd-Yetter category  $\text{Cr}(G)$  of crossed  $G$ -sets consists of pairs  $(X, |\cdot|)$  with a  $G$ -set  $X$  and a  $G$ -morphism  $|\cdot| : X \rightarrow G$  as objects and  $G$ -morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $|\cdot|_Y f = |\cdot|_X$ . By [3] Thm. 4.2.2 this is a braided monoidal category with  $(X, |\cdot|) \otimes (Y, |\cdot|) = (X \times Y, |\cdot|)$ , such that  $|(x, y)| = |x||y|$ , and the braiding  $\sigma_{X,Y}(x, y) = (y, x|y)$ . The unit object  $I$  of this category is the one point set being mapped into the unit of  $G$ .

An algebra in this category is a set  $A$  with maps  $|\cdot| : A \rightarrow G$ ,  $A \times G \rightarrow A$ ,  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  and  $\{1\} \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(gg') &= (ag)g', & ae &= a, \\ |ab| &= |a||b|, & |1| &= e, \\ (ab)g &= (ag)(bg), & 1g &= 1, \\ (ab)c &= a(bc), & 1a &= a = a1, \\ |ag| &= g^{-1}ag. \end{aligned}$$

The algebra is commutative iff

$$ab = b(a|b).$$

So  $A$  is a commutative algebra in  $\text{Cr}(G)$  iff  $A$  is a crossed semi-module [6]. (We thank the referee for drawing our attention to this fact.)

An  $A$ -module is a set  $X$  with maps  $|\cdot| : X \rightarrow G$ ,  $X \times G \rightarrow X$  and  $X \times A \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x(gg') &= (xg)g', & xe &= x, \\ |xa| &= |x||a|, & (xa)g &= (xg)(ag), \\ x(ab) &= (xa)b, & x1 &= x, \\ |xg| &= g^{-1}|x|g. \end{aligned}$$

A module  $X$  over a commutative algebra  $A$  is dyslectic iff

$$xa = (x(a|a|^{-1}|x|))|a|.$$

In particular the dyslectic part of an  $A$ -module  $X$  is

$$K = \{x \in X | \forall a \in A : xa = (x(a|a|^{-1}|x|))|a|\}.$$

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