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# Davydov-Yetter cohomology, comonads and Ocneanu rigidity

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## Abstract

Davydov-Yetter cohomology classifies infinitesimal deformations of tensor categories and of tensor functors. Our first result is that Davydov-Yetter cohomology for finite tensor categories is equivalent to the cohomology of a comonad arising from the central Hopf monad. This has several applications: First, we obtain a short and conceptual proof of Ocneanu rigidity. Second, it allows to use standard methods from comonad cohomology theory to compute Davydov-Yetter cohomology for a family of non-semisimple finite-dimensional Hopf algebras generalizing Sweedler's four dimensional Hopf algebra.

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# 1 Introduction

Tensor categories are ubiquitous in many problems in algebra, representation theory, quantum topology and mathematical physics. Considerable effort was spent to better understand their properties, especially for the subclass of *fusion categories* over the field of complex numbers (see e.g. [ENO]), which are semisimple finite tensor categories. In particular, there is only a finite number of fusion categories (up to equivalence) corresponding to a fusion ring and only a finite number of braidings for a given fusion category. This is a consequence of the so-called Ocneanu rigidity, the fact that fusion categories admit only trivial deformations of their monoidal structure.

In contrast to fusion categories, *non-semisimple* finite tensor categories are much less understood. The main motivation for this paper is to have a better understanding of the deformation theory of such categories and of tensor functors between them. We recall that infinitesimal deformations of tensor categories and tensor functors are controlled by Davydov-Yetter (DY) cohomology, see [CY, Da, Y1, Y2] or in this text Definition 3.4, which is the cohomology of a complex associated to a tensor functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , and will be denoted by  $H_{DY}^\bullet(F)$ . In particular, the third Davydov-Yetter cohomology group of the identity functor on a tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$  classifies infinitesimal deformations of the associator up to an equivalence. Infinitesimal deformations for the monoidal structure of tensor functors are classified by the second DY cohomology group of the respective functor. Deformations of braidings in  $\mathcal{C}$  can be also studied via deformations of appropriate tensor functors from  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ , see details in [Y1, Thm. 2.18].

For tensor functors  $F$  between (multi)-fusion categories, we have the following vanishing theorem

$$H_{DY}^n(F) = 0, \quad \text{for all } n > 0.$$

This immediately implies the absence of infinitesimal deformations. This fact is known as Ocneanu rigidity and it is proven in [ENO, Sec. 7] using weak Hopf algebras.

We know that for non-semisimple categories the Ocneanu rigidity in the above form can not hold in general. This is easy to see in the following example from Hopf algebras. Let  $H$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $k$ ,  $H\text{-mod}$  the finite tensor category of finite dimensional  $H$ -modules and  $F$  the forgetful functor. Then in this case, the groups  $H_{DY}^n(F)$  are isomorphic to the  $n$ th Hochschild cohomologies  $\text{HH}^n(H^*, k)$  of the dual Hopf algebra  $H^*$ . The latter are the extension groups  $\text{Ext}_{H^*}^n(k, k)$ , and there are indeed many examples where these groups are nonzero, e.g. for Sweedler's four dimensional Hopf algebra. For other functors like the identity functor – the case we are mostly interested in – a direct

calculation of  $H_{DY}^n(\text{id})$  is quite involved and there are no general (explicit) results, as for the forgetful functor, or at least non-trivial examples. We however provide an example in this paper that shows the DY cohomologies for the identity functor can not be in general zero.

A key result of this paper is a reformulation of the DY cohomology theory via a more classical comonad cohomology theory [BB]. The advantage of such a reformulation is that we can use then standard results from the comonad cohomology theory to prove useful properties of DY cohomologies and even to provide explicit calculations in the Hopf algebra cases. For a finite tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $F = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ , the comonad  $G$  in question is an endofunctor on the Drinfeld center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  constructed via the adjunction  $\mathcal{F} \dashv \mathcal{U}$  where  $\mathcal{U}: \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is the forgetful functor and  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  is the free functor, i.e.  $G = \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U}$ . We prove that the DY cohomology of  $\mathcal{C}$  is equivalent to the comonad cohomology of  $G$ . This is formulated in Theorem 3.11 for general (exact) tensor functors  $F$ .

The above adjunction also defines the corresponding monad  $Z = \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  that can be realized via the coend

$$Z(V) := \int^{X \in \mathcal{C}} X^{\vee} \otimes V \otimes X, \quad (1.1)$$

and the free functor  $\mathcal{F}$  is then just the induction functor corresponding to the monad  $Z$ .

We also note that  $Z$  is the well known central Hopf monad [DS, BV2, Sh3], and when applied to the tensor unit  $I$ ,  $Z(I)$  is the canonical Hopf algebra object in  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\mathcal{C}$  is braided. This algebra was also a central object of studies in understanding fundamental properties of factorizable tensor categories, e.g. in the mapping class group representations [Ly, KL, Sh1, FS, GR] associated to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Comonad cohomology theory for a comonad  $G$  has properties similar to standard homological algebra. For example, a variant of the comparison theorem (or fundamental lemma) of homological algebra holds for any additive category and ‘‘coefficient’’ functors, for details see [BB, B] or in this text Theorem 2.13. This theorem is a major tool for computation of cohomology groups. The only difference from the standard homological algebra is that one replaces the notions of projectiveness and exactness by the notions of  $G$ -projectiveness and  $G$ -exactness, respectively, see Definition 2.4. The comonad cohomology of  $G$ -projective objects – similar to projective objects in homological algebra – always vanishes (Proposition 2.12). Combined with the reformulation of Davydov-Yetter cohomology in Theorem 3.11, this fact implies a short and conceptual proof of Ocneanu rigidity for fusion categories and their tensor functors, see Corollary 3.18. More precisely, we first introduce a more general formulation of Davydov-Yetter cohomology where the coefficients (Definition 3.3) are objects in the Drinfeld center, and then show that all these coefficients are  $G$ -projective, and thus the cohomology groups in positive grades vanish.

In Section 4, we consider the special case of finite tensor categories that are representation categories of finite dimensional Hopf algebras. In Section 4.1, we describe the comonad  $G$  for the case  $F = \text{id}$  and its bar resolution, then in Section 4.2 we describe  $G$ -projective modules in Hopf algebraic terms and relate them to  $H^*$  projectiveness, see Corollaries 4.8 and 4.9. In Section 4.3, we show how to reformulate the Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the

forgetful functor as the Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the identity functor with non-trivial coefficients (Theorem 4.11).

Oceanu rigidity does not hold for non-semisimple finite tensor categories. As we show in this paper, there are examples of finite tensor categories with non-trivial DY cohomology. In general, these can hint towards finite deformations and, thus, be an indispensable tool to study continuous families of tensor categories. In particular, Section 5 is concerned with a family of non-semisimple Hopf algebras over the field  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers that generalize Sweedler’s four dimensional Hopf algebra: the so-called bosonization of the  $k$ -dimensional commutative super Lie algebra  $\Lambda\mathbb{C}^k$  which is  $B_k := \Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \rtimes \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ . We apply our reformulation of the DY cohomology as the comonad cohomology for the case of  $B_k$ -mod – the category of finite dimensional modules over  $B_k$ . The only technical part is a construction of a  $G$ -projective resolution which is  $G$ -exact, with the final result (see Theorem 5.1)

$$\dim H_{DY}^n(B_k\text{-mod}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \\ \binom{k+n-1}{n} & \text{for } n \text{ even,} \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

which turned out to agree with  $\dim H_{DY}^n(\mathcal{U}_{B_k})$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_{B_k}: B_k\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the forgetful functor. These results are to the best of our knowledge the first known examples of finite tensor categories with non-trivial Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the identity functor.

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## 2 (Co)monads and their cohomology theories

In this section, we recall some basic definitions about monads and then summarize results from [BB] on the cohomology theory of comonads. Most of the material in this section is standard, and a reader familiar with the subject can skip it.

### 2.1 Monads and comonads

**Definition 2.1** (Monads). A *monad* (sometimes called *triple*) on a category  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of the following data:

- An endofunctor  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ ,
- a natural transformation *unit*  $\eta: \text{id} \rightarrow T$  and

- a natural transformation *multiplication*  $\mu: T^2 := T \circ T \rightarrow T$ .

These are subject to the following relations for all  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T^3(X) & \xrightarrow{T(\mu_X)} & T^2(X) \\
 \mu_{T(X)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_X \\
 T^2(X) & \xrightarrow{\mu_X} & T(X)
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 T(X) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{T(X)}} & T^2(X) & \xleftarrow{T(\eta_X)} & T(X) \\
 & \searrow \text{id} & \downarrow \mu_X & \swarrow \text{id} & \\
 & & T(X) & & 
 \end{array}$$

A *comonad* (sometimes called a *cotriple*<sup>1</sup>)  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is a functor  $G: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  with natural transformations called *counit*  $\varepsilon: G \rightarrow \text{id}$  and *comultiplication*  $\Delta: G \rightarrow G^2$ . These have to satisfy the above diagrams with reversed arrows.

We need the notion of  $T$ -modules (which are sometimes also called  $T$ -algebras).

**Definition 2.2.** Given a monad on a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , the category  $T\text{-mod}$  of  $T$ -modules consists of objects being pairs  $(X, \beta_X)$  with  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\beta_X: T(X) \rightarrow X$ , such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T^2(X) & \xrightarrow{\mu_X} & T(X) \\
 T(\beta_X) \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta_X \\
 T(X) & \xrightarrow{\beta_X} & X
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\eta_X} & T(X) \\
 & \searrow \text{id} & \downarrow \beta_X \\
 & & X
 \end{array}
 \tag{2.1}$$

Furthermore, a morphism of  $T$ -modules  $f: (X, \beta_X) \rightarrow (Y, \beta_Y)$  is a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T(X) & \xrightarrow{T(f)} & T(Y) \\
 \beta_X \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta_Y \\
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y
 \end{array}$$

commutes.  $T\text{-mod}$  is sometimes called the Eilenberg-Moore category of  $T$ .

In what follows, for a  $T$ -module  $(X, \beta_X)$  we will also use the notation

$$\mathbf{X} := (X, \beta_X). \tag{2.2}$$

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<sup>1</sup>See e.g. [W, Sec. 8.6]

**Example 2.3.** A simple example of a monad is provided by a monoid  $(A, m, u)$  in a monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$ . The associated monad consists of the endofunctor  $T_A: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  such that  $T_A(X) = A \otimes X$  and the natural transformations

$$\mu_X = (m \otimes \text{id}_X) \circ \alpha_{A,A,X}: A \otimes (A \otimes X) \rightarrow (A \otimes A) \otimes X \rightarrow A \otimes X, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\eta_X = u \otimes \text{id}_X: X \rightarrow A \otimes X, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\alpha$  denotes the associator of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Analogously, to every comonoid in a monoidal category one can associate a comonad.

A source of monads and comonads are pairs of adjoint functors. More precisely, given a pair of adjoint functors  $\mathcal{F} \dashv \mathcal{U}$ , with  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  (left adjoint) and  $\mathcal{U}: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  (right adjoint) and unit  $\eta: \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F}$  and counit  $\varepsilon: \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{D}}$  of the adjunction, then  $T := \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F}$  admits a canonical structure of a monad on  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $G := \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U}$  admits a canonical structure of a comonad on  $\mathcal{D}$ . Here, unit and counit of the monad  $T$  and comonad  $G$  are  $\eta$  and  $\varepsilon$ , respectively. The corresponding multiplication and comultiplication are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu: T^2 &= \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{U}(\varepsilon_{\mathcal{F}(?)})} \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F} = T, \\ \Delta: G &= \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(\eta_{\mathcal{U}(?)})} \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} = G^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

However, given a monad  $T$  on a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is usually more than one way to construct a pair of adjoint functors such that  $T$  is induced by this adjunction. The adjunction corresponding to  $T$  is defined via the forgetful functor

$$\mathcal{U}: T\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}, \quad \mathcal{U}(X) := X \quad (2.6)$$

and the free functor

$$\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\text{-mod}, \quad \mathcal{F}(X) := (T(X), \mu_X). \quad (2.7)$$

Then we have  $T = \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F}$ . In the following, denote by

$$G_T := \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} \quad (2.8)$$

the associated comonad on  $T\text{-mod}$ . Notice that for  $(X, \beta_X) \in T\text{-mod}$

$$G_T: (X, \beta_X) \mapsto (T(X), \mu_X) \quad \text{and} \quad G_T^2: (X, \beta_X) \mapsto (T^2(X), \mu_{T(X)}).$$

Then, the comultiplication and counit of  $G_T$  are given on components by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_X: (T(X), \mu_X) &\xrightarrow{\eta_{T(X)}} (T^2(X), \mu_{T(X)}), \\ \varepsilon_X: (T(X), \mu_X) &\xrightarrow{\beta_X} (X, \beta_X). \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

## 2.2 $G$ -projective objects

Here, we discuss the notion of  $G$ -projective that is needed later for the comonad cohomology theory.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a comonad on an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$ . An object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is called  $G$ -projective if there exists a morphism  $s: X \rightarrow G(X)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\varepsilon_X \circ s = \text{id}_X$ .

The following lemma yields a criterium to identify  $G$ -projective objects.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a comonad on an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$ . The following statements hold:*

1. *Every object of the form  $G(X)$  for some  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is  $G$ -projective.*
2. *Direct summands of  $G$ -projective objects are  $G$ -projective.*

*Proof.* By definition of a comonad, we have  $\varepsilon_{G(X)} \circ \Delta_X = \text{id}_{G(X)}$ . This already proves the first statement. To prove the second one, let  $X \oplus Y$  be  $G$ -projective, with  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , i.e. there is a morphism  $s: X \oplus Y \rightarrow G(X \oplus Y)$  such that  $\varepsilon_{X \oplus Y} \circ s = \text{id}_{X \oplus Y}$ . Recall that the counit  $\varepsilon: G \rightarrow \text{id}$  is a natural transformation. Denote the canonical embedding of  $X$  into  $X \oplus Y$  with  $i_X: X \rightarrow X \oplus Y$  and the canonical projection onto  $X$  with  $p_X: X \oplus Y \rightarrow X$ . Then it follows that

$$\varepsilon_X \circ G(p_X) \circ s \circ i_X = p_X \circ \varepsilon_{X \oplus Y} \circ s \circ i_X = p_X \circ i_X = \text{id}_X, \quad (2.10)$$

where the first equality holds because  $\varepsilon$  is a natural transformation. Thus,  $X$  is  $G$ -projective.  $\square$

Using Lemma 2.5 and Definition 2.4 of  $G$ -projective objects we get the corollary:

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a comonad on an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$ . An object  $X$  is  $G$ -projective if and only if it is a retract of  $G(Y)$  for some  $Y$ , i.e. if  $X$  can be realised as a direct summand in  $G(Y)$ .*

The next lemma provides further examples of  $G$ -projective objects.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Given an adjunction  $\mathcal{F} \dashv \mathcal{U}$  defining a comonad  $G$  on  $\mathcal{D}$ . If the right adjoint  $\mathcal{U}$  is faithful, then every projective object in  $\mathcal{D}$  is also  $G$ -projective.*

*Proof.* Recall that  $G$  is equipped with a counit  $\varepsilon: G \rightarrow \text{id}$ . We need the technical fact that  $\varepsilon_X$  is an epimorphism for every  $X \in \mathcal{D}$ : It follows from [M, Sec. IV.3, Thm. 1] that the counit  $\varepsilon$  is component-wise an epimorphism if the right adjoint of the involved adjunction is faithful. This allows us to use the lifting property of a projective object  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  to lift  $\text{id}_P: P \rightarrow P$  to  $s_P: P \rightarrow G(P)$  such that  $\varepsilon_P \circ s_P = \text{id}_P$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & P & \\
 & \swarrow s_P & \downarrow \text{id}_P \\
 G(P) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_P} & P
 \end{array}$$



This is just the definition of  $G$ -projectiveness (compare Definition 2.4).  $\square$

### 2.3 Comonad cohomology

A comonad on an additive category gives rise to a cohomology theory via the construction of [BB]. It uses the notion of  $G$ -exactness:

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a comonad on an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

- A sequence  $X \xrightarrow{i} Y \xrightarrow{j} Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is called  $G$ -exact if  $j \circ i = 0$  and

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), X) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), Y) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), Z) \quad (2.11)$$

is exact for all  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ .

- A sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0 \quad (2.12)$$

is called a  $G$ -resolution of  $X$  if  $P_i$  is  $G$ -projective for  $i \geq 0$  and the sequence is  $G$ -exact.

**Definition 2.9.** Given a comonad  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  on an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$  and an object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , the following sequence in  $\mathcal{C}$  is called the *bar resolution of  $X$  associated to  $G$* :

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d_n} G^n(X) \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_2} G^2(X) \xrightarrow{d_1} G(X) \xrightarrow{d_0 := \varepsilon_X} X \rightarrow 0, \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$d_n := \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i G^{n-i}(\varepsilon_{G^i(X)}). \quad (2.14)$$

Given an abelian category  $\mathcal{D}$  and an additive functor  $E: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , the *homology of  $X$  associated to  $G$  with coefficients in  $E$*  is defined as the homology of the complex

$$\dots \xrightarrow{E(d_n)} E(G^n(X)) \xrightarrow{E(d_{n-1})} \dots \xrightarrow{E(d_2)} E(G^2(X)) \xrightarrow{E(d_1)} E(G(X)) \rightarrow 0. \quad (2.15)$$

We denote the cochain groups by  $C_n(X, E)_G = E(G^{n+1}(X))$  and the corresponding homology groups by  $H_n(X, E)_G$  with  $n \geq 0$ . Similarly, for an additive functor  $E: \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  we define cochain complexes and cohomology:  $C^\bullet(X, E)_G$  and  $H^\bullet(X, E)_G$ .

We note that from this definition it follows that  $H^\bullet(X, E)_G$  is functorial in the variable  $X$  (by using naturality of  $d_n$ ) and in the variable  $E$ , as stated in [BB, p.3].

The following statement was proven in [BB], and we give a proof for completeness.

**Lemma 2.10.** *The bar resolution is a  $G$ -resolution.*

*Proof.* Every object in the sequence (except possibly  $X$ ) is  $G$ -projective by Lemma 2.5 (1). It is  $G$ -exact as well, as can be seen as follows: For  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  and for the complex of abelian groups

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), G^{n+1}(X)) \xrightarrow{d_n^*} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), G^n(X)) \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}^*} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), G^{n-1}(X)) \rightarrow \cdots, \quad (2.16)$$

with  $d_n^*(f) = d_n \circ f$ , we define a family of maps

$$h_n: \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), G^n(X)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G(A), G^{n+1}(X)) \quad (2.17)$$

via  $h_n(f) := (-1)^n G(f) \circ \Delta_A$ . A simple calculation shows that this is a homotopy contraction:

$$\begin{aligned} (d_n^* \circ h_n + h_{n-1} \circ d_{n-1}^*)(f) &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{n+i} G^{n-i}(\varepsilon_{G^i(X)}) \circ G(f) \circ \Delta_A \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-1} G \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i G^{n-1-i}(\varepsilon_{G^i(X)}) \circ f \right) \circ \Delta_A \\ &= (-1)^{2n} \varepsilon_{G^n(X)} \circ G(f) \circ \Delta_A \\ &= f \circ \varepsilon_{G(A)} \circ \Delta_A = f, \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

where the first equality in the last line is due to naturality of  $\varepsilon$ , while the last equality is by the counit axiom of a comonad. The existence of a homotopy contraction implies that the complex is quasi-isomorphic to the zero complex.  $\square$

**Example 2.11** (Hochschild cohomology). *Hochschild cohomology provides an example of a comonad cohomology. For an associative algebra  $A$  over a commutative ring  $k$ , consider the adjunction for the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{U}: A \otimes A^{op}\text{-mod} \rightarrow k\text{-mod}$  and its left adjoint. This adjunction yields a comonad on  $A \otimes A^{op}\text{-mod}$  that is defined as follows:*

$$G(V) := A \otimes A^{op} \otimes_k V, \quad (2.19)$$

with the counit  $\varepsilon_V: a \otimes v \mapsto a.v$ , for  $a \in A \otimes A^{op}$  and  $v \in V$ . We also note that in this case a module is  $G$ -projective if and only if it is projective in  $A \otimes A^{op}\text{-mod}$ .

It is easy to check that the bar resolution (2.13) is the (standard) bar resolution of the  $A \otimes A^{op}$ -module  $X$ , see also [W, Sec. 8.6.12]. Therefore, applying the coefficient functor  $\mathrm{Hom}_{A \otimes A^{op}}(?, M)$  for an  $A \otimes A^{op}$ -module  $M$  to the bar resolution (2.13) with  $X = A$  and taking cohomology yields  $\mathrm{Ext}_{A \otimes A^{op}}^\bullet(A, M)$  which is the Hochschild cohomology of  $A$  with coefficients in  $M$ .

The following statements are proven in [BB, Sec. 4.2 & Sec. 4.3].

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $(G, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a comonad on an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$ . Given a  $G$ -projective object  $P \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $H^n(P, E)_G = 0$  for all  $n > 0$  and all coefficient functors  $E: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  where  $\mathcal{D}$  is abelian.*

The fundamental lemma of homological algebra also generalizes to comonad cohomology:

**Theorem 2.13** (Comparison theorem). *Given a  $G$ -projective complex (i.e. all objects except possibly  $X$  are  $G$ -projective)*

$$\dots P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow X \quad (2.20)$$

and a  $G$ -exact complex

$$\dots \rightarrow Y_1 \rightarrow Y_0 \rightarrow Y. \quad (2.21)$$

Then, every morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  can be extended to a morphism of complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & P_1 & \longrightarrow & P_0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow f & & \\ \dots & \longrightarrow & Y_1 & \longrightarrow & Y_0 & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array} \quad (2.22)$$

All extensions are pairwise chain homotopic. In particular, different  $G$ -resolutions of the same object lead to isomorphic (co)homologies.

For a given monad  $T$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , we now consider the comonad  $G_T$  on  $T\text{-mod}$  defined in (2.8). Furthermore, we consider the special case where the contravariant coefficient functor is

$$E = \text{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(? , \mathbf{Y}),$$

for  $\mathbf{Y} \in T\text{-mod}$ . Then, the complex (2.15) admits a canonical reformulation. The following proposition was proven in the section “nonhomogeneous complex” of [B, p. 19-21].

**Proposition 2.14.** *Given an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$ , a monad  $(T, \mu, \eta)$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  and two  $T$ -modules  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \beta_X)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y, \beta_Y)$ , then the complex  $C^\bullet(\mathbf{X}, \text{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(? , \mathbf{Y}))_G$  for  $G = G_T$  is isomorphic to the complex with the cochain groups  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T^n(X), Y)$ , with  $n \geq 0$ , and with the differential*

$$\partial(f) := f \circ T^n(\beta_X) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f \circ T^{n-i}(\mu_{T^{i-1}(X)}) + (-1)^{n+1} \beta_Y \circ T(f), \quad (2.23)$$

where  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T^n(X), Y)$ .

*Sketch of proof.* Recall from Definition 2.9 the cochain groups

$$C^n(\mathbf{X}, \text{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(? , \mathbf{Y}))_G = \text{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(G^{n+1}(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{Y}). \quad (2.24)$$

We have the following isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T^n(X), Y) &= \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T^n(X), \mathcal{U}(Y, \beta_Y)) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(\mathcal{F}(T^n(X)), (Y, \beta_Y)) \\
&= \mathrm{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(\mathcal{F} \circ (\mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F}) \circ \dots \circ (\mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F})(X), (Y, \beta_Y)) \\
&= \mathrm{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \dots \circ \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U}(X, \beta_X), (Y, \beta_Y)) \\
&= \mathrm{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}((\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U}) \circ \dots \circ (\mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{U})(X, \beta_X), (Y, \beta_Y)) \\
&= \mathrm{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(G^{n+1}(X, \beta_X), (Y, \beta_Y)) \\
&= C^n(X, \mathrm{Hom}_{T\text{-mod}}(? , Y))_G,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

where the only non-trivial map is the adjunction isomorphism, and the last equality is by definition of the cochain groups. One can also check that the above isomorphism is a cochain map.  $\square$

### 3 Davydov-Yetter cohomology as a comonad cohomology

In this section, we introduce Davydov-Yetter cohomology with coefficients, thereby generalizing the original notion [CY, Da, Y1, Y2]. We show that Davydov-Yetter cohomology can be reformulated as comonad cohomology of a generalization of the central Hopf monad (Theorem 3.11). After providing a detailed proof, we showcase the power of this point of view with a short and conceptual proof of Ocneanu rigidity.

#### 3.1 Conventions

Let  $k$  denote a field and  $\mathrm{Vec}_k$  is the category of finite dimensional  $k$ -linear vector spaces. A *tensor category* will always mean a rigid,  $k$ -linear, abelian monoidal category such that the monoidal product is bilinear. We call a category *finite* if it is  $k$ -linear and equivalent to the category of finite dimensional representations of a finite dimensional  $k$ -algebra. By a *finite tensor category* we mean a tensor category which is finite as an abelian category. Notice that we do not assume the tensor unit to be simple in contrast to e.g. [EGNO] or [ENO]. In fact, our definition of a finite tensor category is what is called a finite multi-tensor category in [EGNO].

Recall that a monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called rigid if every object  $V \in \mathcal{C}$  has a left dual  ${}^\vee V$  and a right dual  $V^\vee$  together with left and right (co)evaluation maps

$$\mathrm{ev}_V: V^\vee \otimes V \rightarrow I \quad , \quad \mathrm{coev}_V: I \rightarrow V \otimes V^\vee, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\tilde{\mathrm{ev}}_V: V \otimes {}^\vee V \rightarrow I \quad , \quad \widetilde{\mathrm{coev}}_V: {}^\vee V \otimes V \rightarrow I, \tag{3.2}$$

satisfying the standard axioms. We will use the following graphical notations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ev}_V &= \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ V^\vee \quad V \end{array}, & \text{coev}_V &= \begin{array}{c} V \quad V^\vee \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array}, \\
\tilde{\text{ev}}_V &= \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ V \quad V^\vee \end{array}, & \widetilde{\text{coev}}_V &= \begin{array}{c} V^\vee \quad V \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Here, string diagrams must be read upwards. General morphisms will be presented by coupons, see e.g. Remark 3.6.

A tensor functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  between tensor categories is a  $k$ -linear monoidal functor, i.e. equipped with a natural isomorphism  $\psi_{V,W}: F(V) \otimes F(W) \rightarrow F(V \otimes W)$  and an isomorphism  $\eta: F(I_{\mathcal{C}}) \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{D}}$  satisfying the usual commuting diagrams. Often, if it follows from the context, we suppress the subscript and use the notation  $I$  for both monoidal units  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $I_{\mathcal{D}}$ . Given a functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , we denote via

$$F^{\times n}: \mathcal{C} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{D}, \quad n \geq 0, \tag{3.4}$$

the functor that is defined by applying  $F$  component-wise, and where  $F^{\times 0}$  is the identity endofunctor on  $\text{Vec}_k$ . We reserve  $F^n$  for the composition  $F \circ \cdots \circ F$ , assuming  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}$ . By slight abuse of this notation, we denote with

$$\otimes^n: \mathcal{C} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \tag{3.5}$$

the functor that acts on objects  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathcal{C}$  as

$$\otimes^n(X_1, \dots, X_n) = X_1 \otimes (X_2 \otimes (\dots \otimes X_n) \dots),$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . Furthermore, we use the convention  $\otimes^1 = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $\otimes^0: \text{Vec}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is the additive functor that sends the ground field  $k$  to the tensor unit in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

As usual, we denote ends and coends via the integral notation, i.e. an end and a coend of a functor  $J: \mathcal{C}^{op} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  are denoted respectively by

$$\int_{X \in \mathcal{C}} J(X, X) \quad \text{and} \quad \int^{X \in \mathcal{C}} J(X, X). \tag{3.6}$$

## 3.2 Davydov-Yetter cohomology with coefficients

Davydov-Yetter cohomology for a monoidal functor targeting a tensor category was developed in [Y1] and [Y2] based on work in [CY] and independently in [Da]. We will introduce the case of a more general complex with ‘coefficients’. These will be objects in the centralizer of a monoidal functor (compare also [Sh3, Sec. 3]).

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a monoidal functor between monoidal categories and  $X \in \mathcal{D}$ . We say that a natural isomorphism  $\rho^X: X \otimes F(?) \rightarrow F(?) \otimes X$  is a *half-braiding relative to  $F$*  if the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \otimes F(V) \otimes F(W) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X \otimes \psi_{V,W}} & X \otimes F(V \otimes W) \\
\downarrow \rho_V^X \otimes \text{id}_{F(W)} & & \downarrow \rho_{V \otimes W}^X \\
F(V) \otimes X \otimes F(W) & & \\
\downarrow \text{id}_{F(V)} \otimes \rho_W^X & & \downarrow \\
F(V) \otimes F(W) \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\psi_{V,W} \otimes \text{id}_X} & F(V \otimes W) \otimes X
\end{array} \tag{3.7}$$

commutes for all  $V, W \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\rho^I = \text{id}$ , and for simplicity we assumed that  $\mathcal{D}$  is strict.

**Definition 3.2.** The *centralizer*  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$  of  $F$  is the category where objects are pairs  $(X, \rho^X)$  and morphisms  $f: (X, \rho^X) \rightarrow (Y, \rho^Y)$  are morphisms  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \otimes F(V) & \xrightarrow{\rho_V^X} & F(V) \otimes X \\
\downarrow f \otimes \text{id}_{F(V)} & & \downarrow \text{id}_{F(V)} \otimes f \\
Y \otimes F(V) & \xrightarrow{\rho_V^Y} & F(V) \otimes Y
\end{array} \tag{3.8}$$

commutes for all  $V \in \mathcal{C}$ . The special case of  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}$  and  $F = \text{id}$  is called *Drinfeld center of  $\mathcal{C}$*  and denoted by  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ .

It is well known that the category  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$  admits the canonical structure of a monoidal category [Maj2, Sh3]. In particular, the tensor unit in  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$  is  $I = I_{\mathcal{D}}$  together with the half-braiding

$$\sigma_X: I \otimes F(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} F(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} F(X) \otimes I. \tag{3.9}$$

We will denote the tensor unit in  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$  by  $\mathbf{l} = (I, \sigma)$ .

From now on for brevity, we will suppress coherence isomorphisms of monoidal categories and functors, that is, we work with strict monoidal categories and monoidal functors.

**Definition 3.3** (Davydov-Yetter complex). Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a monoidal functor, where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a monoidal category and  $\mathcal{D}$  is a tensor category and let

$$\mathbf{X} = (X, \rho^X), \mathbf{Y} = (Y, \rho^Y) \in \mathcal{Z}(F).$$

The *Davydov-Yetter complex of  $F$  with coefficients  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$*  and denoted by  $C_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  consists of the following data:

- Cochain vector spaces for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$C_{DY}^n(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) := \text{Nat} \left( X \otimes (\otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}), (\otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}) \otimes Y \right). \quad (3.10)$$

- Differential

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^n(f)_{X_0, \dots, X_n} &:= (\text{id}_{F(X_0)} \otimes f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}) \circ (\rho_{X_0}^X \otimes \text{id}_{F(X_1) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n)}) + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f_{X_0, \dots, X_{i-1} \otimes X_i, \dots, X_n} + \\ &+ (-1)^{n+1} (\text{id}_{F(X_0) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_{n-1})} \otimes \rho_{X_n}^Y) \circ (f_{X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}} \otimes \text{id}_{F(X_n)}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Here, for  $n = 0$  the cochain spaces are  $C_{DY}^0(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y)$ , recall our conventions on  $\otimes^0$  and  $F^{\times 0}$ , and the differential takes the form

$$\delta^0(f)_{X_0} := (\text{id}_{F(X_0)} \otimes f) \circ \rho_{X_0}^X - \rho_{X_0}^Y \circ (f \otimes \text{id}_{F(X_0)}). \quad (3.12)$$

For the following complexes, we also use the notations

$$C_{DY}^\bullet(F) := C_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{l}), \quad C_{DY}^\bullet(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) := C_{DY}^\bullet(\text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}), \quad C_{DY}^\bullet(\mathcal{C}) := C_{DY}^\bullet(\text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}),$$

and call them *Davydov-Yetter complex of  $F$* , and *Davydov-Yetter complex of  $\mathcal{C}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$* , and *Davydov-Yetter complex of  $\mathcal{C}$* , respectively.

The fact that the right hand side of (3.11) is a natural transformation follows from naturality of  $f$  and naturality of the half-braidings  $\rho^X$  and  $\rho^Y$ . It is also straightforward to check that  $\delta^{n+1} \circ \delta^n = 0$ . The statement for trivial coefficients is well-known [Da, Y1], while the general case follows by a very similar calculation and using the half-braiding property (3.7).

**Definition 3.4** (Davydov-Yetter cohomology). The cohomology of the cochain complex  $C_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  is called *Davydov-Yetter cohomology*<sup>2</sup> and denoted by

$$H_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) := H^\bullet(C_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})).$$

We denote the special cases by

$$H_{DY}^\bullet(F) := H_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{l}), \quad H_{DY}^\bullet(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) := H_{DY}^\bullet(\text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}), \quad H_{DY}^\bullet(\mathcal{C}) := H_{DY}^\bullet(\text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}).$$

**Remark 3.5.** In the non-strict version of (3.11), the coherence isomorphisms of  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  and  $F$  can be inserted without much additional effort. For a formulation with coherence isomorphisms and trivial coefficients, we refer to [Y1] and [Y2].

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<sup>2</sup>We also use shorter *DY cohomology*.

**Remark 3.6.** The differential defining the Davydov-Yetter complex in (3.11) can be written using graphical notation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta^n(f)_{X_0, \dots, X_n} = & \begin{array}{c} F(X_0) \quad F(X_1) \quad \dots \quad F(X_n) \quad Y \\ \hline \boxed{f} \\ \hline \rho_{X_0}^X \quad \dots \\ \hline X \quad F(X_0) \quad F(X_1) \quad \dots \quad F(X_n) \end{array} + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \begin{array}{c} F(X_0) \quad \dots \quad F(X_n) \quad Y \\ \hline \boxed{f} \\ \hline X \quad \dots \quad F(X_{i-1} \otimes X_i) \quad F(X_n) \end{array} \\
& + (-1)^{n+1} \begin{array}{c} F(X_0) \quad \dots \quad F(X_n) \quad Y \\ \hline \boxed{f} \\ \hline X \quad F(X_0) \quad \dots \quad F(X_{n-1}) \quad \rho_{X_n}^Y \end{array} . \tag{3.13}
\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.7.** As it is often the case in cohomology theories, low degrees of Davydov-Yetter cohomology have concrete interpretations [CY, Da, Y1]. In particular,

- $H_{DY}^0(F, X, Y)$  consists of those elements in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y)$  which are also morphisms in the centralizer  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$ , recall (3.8);
- $H_{DY}^1(F)$  consists of derivations of  $F: \eta \in \text{Nat}(F, F)$  such that

$$\eta_{X \otimes Y} = \eta_X \otimes \text{id} + \text{id} \otimes \eta_Y$$

modulo the inner derivations of  $F$ . By inner derivations here we mean those derivations  $\eta$  that can be written as  $\eta_X = f \otimes \text{id}_{F(X)} - \text{id}_{F(X)} \otimes f$  for some  $f \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}(I_{\mathcal{D}})$ ;

- $H_{DY}^2(F)$  classifies first order infinitesimal deformations of the monoidal structure of  $F$  up to equivalence. Obstructions to extensions of them to finite deformations live in  $H_{DY}^3(F)$ ;
- $H_{DY}^3(\mathcal{C})$  classifies up to equivalence first order infinitesimal deformations of the associator of a tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$ , and obstructions are controlled by  $H_{DY}^4(\mathcal{C})$ .

### 3.3 The central monad and its variants

Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a strict monoidal functor between strict rigid monoidal categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ . If for every  $V \in \mathcal{D}$  the object

$$Z_F(V) := \int^{X \in \mathcal{C}} F(X)^\vee \otimes V \otimes F(X) \tag{3.14}$$

exists, then the functor  $Z_F(?): \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  has the natural structure of a monad [DS, Sh3]. Indeed, let

$$i_X^F(V): F(X)^\vee \otimes V \otimes F(X) \rightarrow Z_F(V). \tag{3.15}$$



denote the universal dinatural transformation associated to  $V \in \mathcal{D}$ . We know from the Fubini theorem for coends [M, Prop. IX.8] that the object

$$Z_F^2(V) := (Z_F \circ Z_F)(V) = \int^{(X,Y) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}} F(Y)^\vee \otimes F(X)^\vee \otimes V \otimes F(X) \otimes F(Y) \quad (3.16)$$

exists and is a coend with the universal dinatural transformation

$$i_{(X,Y)}^{(2)}(V): (FY)^\vee \otimes (FX)^\vee \otimes V \otimes FX \otimes FY \rightarrow Z_F^2(V)$$

defined as

$$i_{(X,Y)}^{(2)}(V) = i_Y^F(Z_F(V)) \circ (\text{id}_{(FY)^\vee} \otimes i_X^F(V) \otimes \text{id}_{FY}), \quad (3.17)$$

where for brevity we replace  $F(X)$  by  $FX$ , etc. Recall that  $F$  is a (strict) tensor functor, therefore we have the dinatural transformation

$$i_{X \otimes Y}^F(V): (FY)^\vee \otimes (FX)^\vee \otimes V \otimes FX \otimes FY \rightarrow Z_F(V). \quad (3.18)$$

Then, the multiplication for  $Z_F$  is defined as the unique family of morphisms

$$\mu_V^F: Z_F^2(V) \rightarrow Z_F(V)$$

such that

$$\mu_V^F \circ i_{(X,Y)}^{(2)}(V) = i_{X \otimes Y}^F(V). \quad (3.19)$$

Furthermore, the unit is defined as

$$\eta_V^F: V \rightarrow Z_F(V), \quad \eta_V^F := i_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}^F(V). \quad (3.20)$$

**Definition 3.8.** The above defined monad  $(Z_F, \mu^F, \eta^F)$  is called the *central monad of the monoidal functor  $F$* .

**Remark 3.9.** For  $F = \text{id}$ , we denote  $(Z, i) := (Z_{\text{id}}, i^{\text{id}})$ . This special case is called the *central monad of the category  $\mathcal{C}$* .

The central monad always exists for exact functors  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  between finite tensor categories. This follows from the following fact proven in [KL, Cor. 5.1.8.]: Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be finite  $k$ -linear, abelian categories and  $J: \mathcal{C}^{op} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  a functor that is  $k$ -linear and exact in each variable, then the coend  $\int^{X \in \mathcal{C}} J(X, X)$  exists. Thus, for  $J(X, Y) = F(X)^\vee \otimes V \otimes F(Y)$  we obtain that  $Z_F$  exists.

The monad  $Z_F$  can be further equipped with the structure of a bimonad. We recall that a monad  $T$  is called *bimonad* if it admits a natural transformation  $\Psi_{V,W}: T(V \otimes W) \rightarrow T(V) \otimes T(W)$  and a morphism  $\alpha: T(I) \rightarrow I$  satisfying axioms of a comonoidal functor (for details, see e.g. [BV1, Sec. 2]). A bimonad structure on  $T$  is equivalent to the structure of a  $k$ -linear monoidal category on  $T\text{-mod}$ . Here, the tensor unit is  $(I, \alpha)$  and it will be denoted by  $\mathbb{1}$ . For  $T = Z_F$ , the structural morphism  $\alpha: Z_F(I) \rightarrow I$  that we will denote by  $\alpha^F$  is the unique morphism satisfying

$$\alpha^F \circ i_X^F(I) := \text{ev}_{F(X)}. \quad (3.21)$$

The comultiplication  $\Psi^F$  for  $Z_F$  is the unique natural transformation fixed by

$$\Psi_{V,W}^F \circ i_X^F(V \otimes W) = (i_X^F(V) \otimes i_X^F(W)) \circ (\text{id}_{(FX)^\vee} \otimes \text{id}_V \otimes \text{coev}_{FX} \otimes \text{id}_W \otimes \text{id}_{FX}). \quad (3.22)$$

Furthermore,  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  is rigid [Sh3] and thus  $Z_F$  is a *Hopf monad* [BV1].

From here on, we will suppress the superscript in the structural maps if the functor  $F$  is clear from the context.

The central Hopf monad  $Z_F$  of  $F$  is closely related to the centralizer  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$  from Definition 3.2. The following can be found in [BV2, Thm. 5.12] for  $F = \text{id}$  and for general case in [Sh3, Lem. 3.3].

**Proposition 3.10.** *Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a tensor functor between finite tensor categories such that  $Z_F$  exists. Its centralizer  $\mathcal{Z}(F)$  is isomorphic as a tensor category to  $Z_F\text{-mod}$ .*

We summarize the construction of the isomorphism from Proposition 3.10, given in [BV2] in the case  $F = \text{id}$ . Given a pair  $(M, \rho) \in \mathcal{Z}(F)$  with  $M \in \mathcal{D}$  and a half-braiding  $\rho_X: M \otimes F(X) \rightarrow F(X) \otimes M$ . Then, the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX^\vee \otimes M \otimes FX & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{FX^\vee} \otimes \rho_X} & FX^\vee \otimes FX \otimes M \\ \downarrow i_X(M) & & \downarrow \text{ev}_{FX} \otimes \text{id}_M \\ Z_F(M) & \xrightarrow{\exists \beta} & M \end{array} \quad (3.23)$$

defines a unique morphism  $\beta: Z_F(M) \rightarrow M$  due to universality of the coend  $Z_F(M)$ . It is straightforward to prove that  $(M, \beta)$  is in  $Z_F\text{-mod}$ . In particular, to check (2.1), which is  $\beta \circ Z_F(\beta) = \beta \circ \mu_M^F$ , it is enough to precompose both sides by  $i_{(X,Y)}^{(2)}(M)$  and apply definitions of structural maps of  $Z_F$ .

On the other hand, given a  $Z_F$ -module structure  $\beta: Z_F(M) \rightarrow M$ , it can be shown that the following defines a half-braiding on  $M$ :

$$\rho_X: M \otimes FX \xrightarrow{\text{coev}_{FX} \otimes \text{id}} FX \otimes (FX)^\vee \otimes M \otimes FX \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes i_X(M)} FX \otimes Z_F(M) \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \beta} FX \otimes M. \quad (3.24)$$

We note that the inverse to this half-braiding is

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_X^{-1} = FX \otimes M & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \widetilde{\text{coev}}_{FX}} FX \otimes M \otimes {}^\vee(FX) \otimes FX \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \rho^\vee(FX) \otimes \text{id}} FX \otimes {}^\vee(FX) \otimes M \otimes FX \\ & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\text{ev}}_{FX} \otimes \text{id}} M \otimes FX. \end{aligned}$$

As described in Section 2,  $Z_F$  can be obtained from an adjunction consisting of the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{U}_F: Z_F\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and the free functor  $\mathcal{F}_F: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow Z_F\text{-mod}$  such that

$$Z_F = \mathcal{U}_F \circ \mathcal{F}_F. \quad (3.25)$$

The associated comonad  $G_{Z_F}$  on  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  as defined in (2.8) will be denoted for brevity by

$$G_F := \mathcal{F}_F \circ \mathcal{U}_F. \quad (3.26)$$

This allows us to formulate the following theorem: Davydov-Yetter cohomology of a tensor functor  $F$  can be reformulated as the cohomology of the comonad  $G_F$ , provided that the comonad  $G_F$  exists. In particular, this is the case for finite tensor categories and exact functors between them.

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be tensor categories and  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  a tensor functor such that the functor  $Z_F$  exists. Furthermore, let  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \rho^X), \mathbf{Y} = (Y, \rho^Y) \in \mathcal{Z}(F)$ . Then, the Davydov-Yetter complex  $C_{DY}^\bullet(F, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  from Definition 3.3 is isomorphic to the comonad complex  $C^\bullet(\mathbf{X}, \text{Hom}_{Z_F\text{-mod}}(?, \mathbf{Y}))_{G_F}$  from Definition 2.9, for the comonad  $G = G_F$  as defined in (3.26) and where  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  are identified with the corresponding objects in  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  as in (3.23).*

We provide a proof below but first we note that the isomorphism of complexes in Theorem 3.11 is a powerful tool for the computation of Davydov-Yetter cohomology as will be demonstrated in Section 3.5 (Ocneanu rigidity) and in Section 5 in a class of examples of non-semisimple Hopf algebras. A further advantage is that we obtain the following immediate corollary from the fact that comonad cohomology is functorial in its coefficients (recall the discussion after Definition 2.9).

**Corollary 3.12.** *Given a tensor functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  such that the functor  $Z_F$  exists, then Davydov-Yetter cohomology defines a functor*

$$H_{DY}^n(F, ?, !): \mathcal{Z}(F)^{op} \times \mathcal{Z}(F) \rightarrow \text{Vec}_k, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

This corollary can be used to compare cohomologies for different coefficients by using morphisms between them.

### 3.4 Proof of Theorem 3.11

The proof consists of a sequence of lemmas. We need first to relate Davydov-Yetter cohomology to the complex from Proposition 2.14 associated to the central monad  $Z_F$ . This is guided by the following sketch presented for  $F$  the identity functor and trivial coefficients:

$$\text{Nat}(\otimes^n, \otimes^n) \cong \int_{X_1, \dots, X_n} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n, X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n) \quad (3.27)$$

$$\cong \int_{X_1, \dots, X_n} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_n^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes X_1^\vee \otimes X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n, I) \quad (3.28)$$

$$\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}} \left( \int^{X_1, \dots, X_n} X_n^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes X_1^\vee \otimes X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n, I \right) \quad (3.29)$$

$$\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z^n(I), I), \quad (3.30)$$

for  $n > 0$ , while  $n = 0$  case is trivial: the space of natural endotransformations of the functor  $\otimes^0: k \mapsto I_{\mathcal{C}}$  is isomorphic to  $\text{End}(I_{\mathcal{C}})$ . The isomorphism (3.27) is a special case of the well known fact that

$$\text{Nat}(F, G) = \int_X \text{Hom}(F(X), G(X))$$

(compare e.g. [M, Chap. IX.5]). We note that (3.28) follows from the definition of right duals and (3.29) follows from the fact that the Hom-functor preserves limits. We thus get an isomorphism (3.30) between the cochain groups from Theorem 3.11 for  $F = \text{id}$  and trivial coefficients. To show that this isomorphism is also an isomorphism of cochain complexes (for general  $F$  and coefficients) is the main body of technical work in this section.

*Proof of Theorem 3.11.* We begin with a lemma which is a reformulation of Davydov-Yetter cohomology similar to the composition of isomorphisms (3.27) & (3.28).

**Lemma 3.13.** *Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a tensor functor between finite tensor categories for which the functor  $Z_F$  is well-defined. Moreover, let  $(X, \rho^X), (Y, \rho^Y) \in \mathcal{Z}(F)$ . Then, the Davydov-Yetter complex  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  with coefficients  $(X, \rho_X)$  and  $(Y, \rho_Y)$  is isomorphic to the following complex: the cochain groups are*

$$\text{Dinat} \left( (?\vee \circ \otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}) \otimes X \otimes (\otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}), Y \right) . \quad (3.31)$$

For a dinatural transformation  $\gamma$  from (3.31),

$$\gamma_{X_1, \dots, X_n}: F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_1)^\vee \otimes X \otimes F(X_1) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) \rightarrow Y , \quad (3.32)$$

the differential is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\delta}^n(\gamma)_{X_0, \dots, X_n} &:= \gamma_{X_1, \dots, X_n} \circ \left( \text{id}_{FX_n^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes FX_1^\vee} \otimes \text{ev}_{FX_0} \otimes \text{id}_{X \otimes FX_1 \otimes \dots \otimes FX_n} \right) \circ \\ &\quad \circ \left( \text{id}_{FX_n^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes FX_0^\vee} \otimes \rho_{X_0}^X \otimes \text{id}_{FX_1 \otimes \dots \otimes FX_n} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \gamma_{X_0, \dots, X_{i-1} \otimes X_i, \dots, X_n} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} (\text{ev}_{FX_n} \otimes \text{id}_Y) \circ \left( \text{id}_{FX_n^\vee} \otimes \rho_{X_n}^Y \right) \circ \left( \text{id}_{FX_n^\vee} \otimes \gamma_{X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}} \otimes \text{id}_{FX_n} \right) \quad (3.33) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.14.** *Similar to Remark 3.6, we can express the above differential graphically:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\delta}^n(\gamma)_{X_0, \dots, X_n} = & \text{Diagram 1} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \text{Diagram 2} + (-1)^{n+1} \text{Diagram 3}
\end{aligned}$$

The diagrams are graphical representations of the differential components. Diagram 1 shows a box labeled  $\gamma$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and several vertical lines to  $F(X_n)^\vee, F(X_1)^\vee, F(X_0)^\vee X, F(X_0)F(X_1), F(X_n)$ . A coupon labeled  $\rho_{X_0}^X$  is connected to the  $F(X_0)^\vee X$  line. Diagram 2 shows a similar box  $\gamma$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and vertical lines to  $F(X_n)^\vee, F(X_{i-1} \otimes X_i)^\vee X, F(X_{i-1} \otimes X_i), F(X_n)$ . Diagram 3 shows a box  $\gamma$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and vertical lines to  $F(X_n)^\vee, F(X_{n-1})^\vee X, F(X_{n-1}), F(X_n)$ . A coupon labeled  $\rho_{X_n}^Y$  is connected to the  $F(X_{n-1})^\vee X$  line, and a curved arrow connects the  $F(X_n)^\vee$  line to the  $\rho_{X_n}^Y$  coupon.

where we omit indices in  $\gamma$  for brevity. We also note that for  $n = 0$  the cochain spaces are  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y)$  and in the differential  $\tilde{\delta}^0$  above only first and last terms are present, and the coupon with  $\gamma$  corresponds to a morphism from  $X$  to  $Y$ , i.e. the sources  $F(X_i)$  and  $F(X_i)^\vee$ , for  $i \neq 0$ , should be omitted in the picture of the differential.

*Proof of Lemma 3.13.* We first state the isomorphism of the cochain spaces. Using the graphical conventions introduced above, the isomorphism on the components of a natural transformation  $f \in \text{Nat}(X \otimes (\otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}), (\otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}) \otimes Y)$  is the following canonical map:

$$\Psi : \text{Diagram 4} \longmapsto \text{Diagram 5} \tag{3.34}$$

Diagram 4 shows a box labeled  $f$  with vertical lines to  $F(X_1), \dots, F(X_n) Y$  and vertical lines from  $X, F(X_1), \dots, F(X_n)$ . Diagram 5 shows a box labeled  $f$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and vertical lines from  $F(X_n)^\vee, F(X_1)^\vee X, F(X_1), F(X_n)$ . A curved arrow connects the  $F(X_n)^\vee$  line to the  $f$  box.

where the dots indicate the evaluation on  $\text{ev}_{F(X_k)} : F(X_k)^\vee \otimes F(X_k) \rightarrow I$  for  $2 \leq k \leq n-1$ . The inverse map  $\Psi^{-1}$  is defined similarly using the coevaluation maps.

Using these maps, one can easily transport the differential via  $\tilde{\delta} = \Psi \circ \delta \circ \Psi^{-1}$  and obtain (3.33). We write  $\delta^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \delta_i^n$  and show this for  $\delta_0^n$ . The transported differential is on components

$$\text{Diagram 6} \xrightarrow{\Psi^{-1}} \text{Diagram 7} \xrightarrow{\delta_0^n} \text{Diagram 8} \tag{3.35}$$

Diagram 6 shows a box labeled  $\gamma$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and vertical lines from  $F(X_n)^\vee, F(X_1)^\vee X, F(X_1), F(X_n)$ . Diagram 7 shows a box labeled  $\gamma$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and vertical lines from  $X, F(X_1), F(X_n)$ . A curved arrow connects the  $X$  line to the  $\gamma$  box. Diagram 8 shows a box labeled  $\gamma$  with a vertical line to  $Y$  and vertical lines from  $X, F(X_1), F(X_n)$ . A curved arrow connects the  $X$  line to the  $\gamma$  box.

$$(3.36)$$

The other summands can be computed similarly.  $\square$

We can now construct a canonical isomorphism between the complex from Lemma 3.13 and the spaces  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(Z_F^n(X), Y)$ , which corresponds to isomorphism (3.29) in the outline.

**Lemma 3.15.** *The complex presented in Lemma 3.13 is isomorphic to the complex with cochain vector spaces  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(Z_F^n(X), Y)$  and the differential*

$$\partial^n(f) := f \circ Z_F^n(\beta_X) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f \circ Z_F^{n-i}(\mu_{Z_F^{i-1}(X)}^F) + (-1)^{n+1} \beta_Y \circ Z_F(f), \quad (3.37)$$

where  $\beta_X$  and  $\beta_Y$  are defined as in (3.23) corresponding to  $\rho^X$  and  $\rho^Y$  respectively.

*Proof.* We first define isomorphisms to the cochain groups (3.31) of the complex described in Lemma 3.13. Recall that  $i(X): F(?)^\vee \otimes X \otimes F(?) \rightarrow Z_F(X)$  denotes the universal dinatural transformations for the coend  $Z_F(X)$ . Let  $i^{(n)}(X)$  denotes the universal dinatural transformation for the coend  $Z_F^n(X)$ , recall (3.17) for  $n = 2$ . Given

$$\gamma \in \text{Dinat}((?^\vee \circ \otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}) \otimes X \otimes (\otimes^n \circ F^{\times n}), Y),$$

we define  $\hat{\gamma}: Z_F^n(X) \rightarrow Y$  as the unique morphism that makes the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_1)^\vee \otimes X \otimes F(X_1) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) & \xrightarrow{i_{X_1, \dots, X_n}^{(n)}(X)} & Z_F^n(X) \\ \downarrow \gamma_{X_1, \dots, X_n} & \swarrow \exists \hat{\gamma} & \\ Y & & \end{array} \quad (3.38)$$

The inverse map can be written down explicitly. Given a morphism  $f: Z_F^n(X) \rightarrow Y$ , we define the corresponding element  $\tilde{f}$  from (3.31) component-wise via

$$\tilde{f}_{X_1, \dots, X_n} := f \circ i_{X_1, \dots, X_n}^{(n)}(X). \quad (3.39)$$

We write the differential in (3.37) as  $\partial^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \partial_i^n$  and describe how the isomorphism  $f \mapsto \tilde{f}$  transports the corresponding summands of the differential from Lemma 3.13. We begin with  $\partial_0^n$ . For  $n = 0$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y)$ , we have the equality:

$$\tilde{\delta}_0^0(f) = f \circ (\text{ev}_{FX_0} \otimes \text{id}_X) \circ (\text{id}_{FX_0^\vee} \otimes \rho_{X_0}^X) = f \circ \beta_X \circ i_{X_0}(X), \quad (3.40)$$

where we used (3.23), recall also Remark 3.14. The right hand side of (3.40) factors uniquely through the coend  $Z_F(X)$  and defines the map  $\partial_0^0 = f \circ \beta_X: Z_F(X) \rightarrow Y$ . We similarly treat the  $n > 0$  cases. Let now  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(Z_F^n(X), Y)$ , then the unique  $\partial_0^n(f)$  is fixed by the following commuting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_0)^\vee \otimes X \otimes F(X_0) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) & \xrightarrow{i_{X_0, \dots, X_n}^{(n+1)}(X)} & Z_F^{n+1}(X) \\
 \downarrow \text{id} \otimes \rho_{X_0}^X \otimes \text{id} & & \swarrow Z_F^n(\beta_X) \\
 F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_0)^\vee \otimes F(X_0) \otimes X \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) & & Z_F^n(X) \\
 \downarrow \text{id} \otimes \text{ev}_{F(X_0)} \otimes \text{id} & \nearrow i_{X_1, \dots, X_n}^{(n)}(X) & \\
 F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes X \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) & \searrow f & \\
 \downarrow \tilde{f}_{X_1, \dots, X_n} & & \\
 Y & \xleftarrow{\partial_0^n(f)} & 
 \end{array}$$

The vertical composition is just  $\tilde{\delta}_0^n(\tilde{f})$ . The above diagram consists of an upper pentagon and a lower left triangle. The upper pentagon is simply the definition of  $Z_F^n(\beta_X)$ , recall (3.23), while the lower left triangle is the definition of  $\tilde{f}$  in terms of  $f$ , see (3.39). Since both diagrams commute, the entire diagram commutes too. Comparing this diagram with the diagram in (3.38), where  $\gamma$  is the vertical composition  $\tilde{\delta}_0^n(\tilde{f})$ , it fixes  $\partial_0^n(f)$  uniquely as the first term in (3.37).

For  $n > 0$ , the maps  $\partial_i^n(f)$  for  $0 < i < n + 1$  are computed via the following commuting

diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_0)^\vee \otimes X \otimes F(X_0) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) & \xrightarrow{i_{X_0, \dots, X_n}^{(n+1)}(X)} & Z_F^{n+1}(X) \\
\downarrow \tilde{f}_{X_0, \dots, X_{i-1} \otimes X_i, \dots, X_n} & \searrow i_{X_0, \dots, X_{i-1} \otimes X_i, \dots, X_n}^{(n)}(X) & \swarrow Z_F^{n-i}(\mu_{Z_F^{i-1}}^F(X)) \\
& & Z_F^n(X) \\
& \searrow f & \swarrow \partial_i^n(f) \\
& & Y
\end{array}$$

Here, the upper triangle follows from the definition of the multiplication (3.19) of the monad  $Z_F$ , while the lower left triangle is the definition of  $\tilde{f}$  from (3.39). Comparing the above commuting diagram to (3.38) where  $\gamma = \tilde{f}$ , it fixes the map  $\partial_i^n(f)$  uniquely as those in the sum in (3.37).

Finally, we find for  $n \geq 0$  the term  $\partial_{n+1}^n(f)$  is computed via the commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
F(X_n)^\vee \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_0)^\vee \otimes X \otimes F(X_0) \otimes \dots \otimes F(X_n) & \xrightarrow{i_{X_0, \dots, X_n}^{(n+1)}(X)} & Z_F^{n+1}(X) \\
\downarrow \text{id}_{F(X_n)^\vee} \otimes \tilde{f} \otimes \text{id}_{F(X_n)} & & \swarrow Z_F(f) \\
F(X_n)^\vee \otimes Y \otimes F(X_n) & \xrightarrow{i_{X_n}(Y)} & Z_F(Y) \\
\downarrow \text{id}_{F(X_n)^\vee} \otimes \rho_{X_n}^Y & & \swarrow \beta_Y \\
F(X_n)^\vee \otimes F(X_n) \otimes Y & & \swarrow \partial_{n+1}^n(f) \\
\downarrow \text{ev}_{F(X_n)} \otimes \text{id}_Y & & \\
Y & & 
\end{array}$$

This works analogous to the first diagram for  $\partial_0^n$ : the upper triangle is by definition of  $Z_F(f)$ , while the lower one is by definition (3.23) of  $\beta_Y$ .  $\square$

We conclude the proof of Theorem 3.11 by observing that the differential  $\partial$  obtained in Lemma 3.15 is precisely of the form required in Proposition 2.14.  $\square$



**Remark 3.16.** For the special case of trivial coefficients and  $F = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ , a reformulation of Davydov-Yetter cohomology as a ‘Hochschild cohomology in tensor categories’ is stated in [EGNO, Prop. 7.22.7]. The algebra in question is the ‘canonical algebra’  $A$  in the tensor category  $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}$ , where  $\boxtimes$  is the Deligne product, and it can be written as  $A = \int^{X \in \mathcal{C}} X^{\vee} \boxtimes X$ , see [Sh2]. Therefore, due to Lemma 3.13 the Hochschild complex for  $A$  is isomorphic to the complex introduced in Lemma 3.15.

### 3.5 Ocneanu Rigidity

An immediate application of Theorem 3.11 is a conceptual proof of Ocneanu rigidity. In this subsection we assume additionally that the field  $k$  is of characteristic 0 and algebraically closed. Ocneanu rigidity in the sense that  $H_{DY}^n(F) = 0$  for a tensor functor  $F$  between fusion categories and for all  $n > 0$  is proven in [ENO, Sec. 7], using semisimple weak Hopf algebras. It is based on the construction of a homotopy contraction for the complex defining Davydov-Yetter cohomology, which makes crucial use of a left integral  $\mu$  of the weak Hopf algebra such that  $\mu(1) \neq 0$ . The proof does not hold for *non-semisimple* finite tensor categories, including the case of weak Hopf algebra. The reason for this is that Maschke’s theorem implies the absence of such left integrals for non-semisimple (weak) Hopf algebras. As will be shown in Section 5, there are indeed examples of non-semisimple finite tensor categories with non-trivial Davydov-Yetter cohomology.

**Lemma 3.17.** *Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a tensor functor between semisimple finite tensor categories. Then  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  is a semisimple finite tensor category.*

*Proof.* That  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  is a finite  $k$ -linear category was proven in [Maj2, Thm. 3.3] and [Sh3, Thm. 3.4]. It also follows from the discussion in [Sh3, Sec. 3.3] that  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  has a canonical structure of a tensor category.

To show that  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  is semisimple we use Maschke’s theorem for Hopf monads [BV1, Thm. 6.5 & Rem. 6.2]. For a given Hopf monad  $T$ , the theorem states that the category  $T\text{-mod}$  is semisimple if and only if  $T$  admits a *normalized cointegral*. We recall that a cointegral for a bimonad  $T$  is a morphism  $\Lambda: I \rightarrow T(I)$  such that

$$\mu_I \circ T(\Lambda) = \Lambda \circ \alpha, \quad (3.41)$$

where  $\alpha: T(I) \rightarrow I$  is the structural map of the bimonad  $T$ , recall the discussion above (3.21). A cointegral of  $T$  is called *normalized* if

$$\alpha \circ \Lambda = \text{id}_I. \quad (3.42)$$

In our case of the Hopf monad  $T = Z_F$  on  $\mathcal{D}$ , a normalized cointegral will be denoted by

$$\Lambda^F: I_{\mathcal{D}} \rightarrow Z_F(I_{\mathcal{D}})$$

and it should satisfy (if exists)

$$\mu_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}^F \circ Z_F(\Lambda^F) = \Lambda^F \circ \alpha^F \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha^F \circ \Lambda^F = \text{id}_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}, \quad (3.43)$$

where  $\alpha^F$  is the structural map of  $Z_F$  from (3.21). Therefore, to prove semisimplicity of  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  it is enough to show existence of such a normalized cointegral  $\Lambda^F$ .

We first recall that the Drinfeld center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  of a fusion category  $\mathcal{C}$  over an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 is semisimple, see e.g. [EGNO, Thm. 9.3.2], and is equivalent to  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  for  $F = \text{id}$ . Therefore, by Maschke's theorem, the central Hopf monad  $Z$  admits a normalized cointegral  $\Lambda := \Lambda^{\text{id}}$  satisfying (3.43) for  $F = \text{id}$ .

We claim that

$$\Lambda^F := F(\Lambda) \tag{3.44}$$

is a normalized cointegral for  $Z_F$  for any tensor functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  between fusion categories. Indeed, we have that  $F$  is exact as it is an additive functor between semisimple categories and therefore  $F$  preserves colimits. Coends are a special case of colimits, and therefore for the coends  $Z_F(V)$  in (3.14) we can choose

$$Z_F(F(M)) := F(Z(M)), \quad M \in \mathcal{C},$$

and for the corresponding dinatural transformations (3.15)

$$i_X^F(F(M)) := F(i_X(M)), \quad X, M \in \mathcal{C}.$$

With this choice and the fact that  $F$  is a strict tensor functor, we obtain for the corresponding bimonad structure on  $Z_F$ :

$$\mu_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}^F = F(\mu_{I_{\mathcal{C}}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}^F = F(\eta_{\mathcal{C}})$$

and

$$\Psi_{FV, FW}^F = F(\Psi_{V, W}) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha^F = F(\alpha).$$

Recall their definitions in (3.19), (3.20), (3.22) and (3.21), correspondingly. Moreover, we have  $Z_F(\Lambda^F) = F(Z(\Lambda))$ .

Recall now that (3.43) holds for  $F = \text{id}$ , then we have

$$\mu_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}^F \circ Z_F(\Lambda^F) = F(\mu_{I_{\mathcal{C}}} \circ Z(\Lambda)) \stackrel{(3.43)}{=} F(\Lambda \circ \alpha) = \Lambda^F \circ \alpha^F \tag{3.45}$$

and similarly

$$\alpha^F \circ \Lambda^F = F(\alpha \circ \Lambda) = F(\text{id}_{I_{\mathcal{C}}}) = \text{id}_{I_{\mathcal{D}}}. \tag{3.46}$$

We have thus shown that  $F(\Lambda)$  is a normalized cointegral of  $Z_F$ , as claimed above, and therefore  $Z_F\text{-mod}$  is semisimple by Maschke's theorem for Hopf comonads.  $\square$

As a corollary, we can now use the relation to comonad cohomology in Theorem 3.11 to obtain a new proof of the following generalization of Ocneanu rigidity.

**Corollary 3.18** (Ocneanu rigidity with coefficients). *Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a tensor functor between semisimple finite tensor categories. Then,  $H_{\mathcal{D}Y}^n(F, X, Y) = 0$  for all  $n > 0$  and for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{Z}(F)$ . In particular, we have  $H_{\mathcal{D}Y}^n(F) = 0$  for all  $n > 0$ .*

*Proof.* Every additive functor between semisimple categories is exact. Thus, the monad  $Z_F$  exists and by Theorem 3.11 we can formulate Davydov-Yetter cohomology of  $F$  as the comonad cohomology associated to  $G_F$ . By Proposition 2.12, the comonad cohomology of a  $G_F$ -projective object is 0. It thus suffices to prove that any coefficient  $X$  in  $Z_F$ -mod is  $G_F$ -projective.

The right adjoint in  $\mathcal{F}_F \dashv \mathcal{U}_F$  is the forgetful functor and therefore faithful. Hence by Lemma 2.7, every projective object in  $Z_F$ -mod is  $G_F$ -projective as well. However, all objects in  $Z_F$ -mod are projective, because  $Z_F$ -mod is semisimple by Lemma 3.17.  $\square$

**Remark 3.19.** *Lemma 3.17 and thus Corollary 3.18 remain true for any algebraically closed field  $k$  in the case that  $\dim \mathcal{C} \neq 0$ . This is indeed the case where the Drinfeld center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  of a fusion category  $\mathcal{C}$  remains semisimple (compare with the proof of [EGNO, Thm. 9.3.2]).*

## 4 Finite dimensional Hopf algebras

In this section, we apply constructions and results obtained in the two previous sections to the case of Hopf algebras.

We consider a finite dimensional Hopf algebra  $(H, \mu, 1, \Delta, \varepsilon, S)$  over a field  $k$ , where  $\mu$  denotes the algebra multiplication,  $1$  is the unit in  $H$ ,  $\Delta$  is the comultiplication,  $\varepsilon$  is the counit, and  $S$  is the antipode. We will use Sweedler's notation for comultiplication:

$$\Delta(h) = h_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)}.$$

By  $H$ -mod we denote the rigid category of finite dimensional (left) modules over  $H$ . In Subsection 4.1, we describe the central monad  $Z$  and the corresponding comonad  $G$  for the case  $\mathcal{C} = H$ -mod and  $F = \text{id}$ , together with the bar resolution and the corresponding Davydov-Yetter complex. In Subsection 4.2, we discuss the notion of  $G$ -projective modules and relate them to  $H^*$  projectiveness. In Subsection 4.3, we study the Davydov-Yetter complex of the forgetful functor and reformulate it as Davydov-Yetter complex of the identity functor with a non-trivial coefficient.

Let us introduce the following  $H$ -modules:

- The *trivial module*  ${}_{\varepsilon}V$  associated to a vector space  $V$ . The action is  $h.v = \varepsilon(h)v$  with  $h \in H$  and  $v \in V$ .
- The *regular module*  $H_{\text{reg}}$  is the vector space  $H$  with the action being the left multiplication.
- The *coregular module*  $H_{\text{coreg}}^*$  is the vector space  $H^*$  with the action defined by

$$h.f = f(?h) .$$

- The *coadjoint module*  $H_{\text{coad}}^*$  is  $H^*$  as a vector space with the action

$$h.f = f(S(h_{(1)})?h_{(2)}) . \tag{4.1}$$

- The module  $(H^{*\otimes n} \otimes V)_{\text{coad}}$ , for any  $V \in H\text{-mod}$  and  $n \geq 1$ , with the action

$$h.(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \otimes v) = a_1 (S(h_{(1)})?h_{(2n+1)}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_n (S(h_{(n)})?h_{(n+2)}) \otimes h_{(n+1)}v, \quad (4.2)$$

for  $a_i \in H^*$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and  $v \in V$ . Notice that this module is in general not isomorphic to the  $n$ -fold tensor product of  $H^*_{\text{coad}}$  and  $V$ .

Furthermore, we note that the vector space  $H^*$  admits a canonical Hopf-algebra structure with the unit  $1_{H^*} := \varepsilon$  and the multiplication  $\mu_{H^*}$  defined by

$$\mu_{H^*}(f \otimes g)(h) := (f * g)(h) := f(h_{(2)})g(h_{(1)}) \quad (4.3)$$

for  $h \in H$ , the comultiplication is  $\Delta_{H^*} = \mu^*$  and the counit is defined by  $\varepsilon_{H^*}: f \mapsto f(1)$ .

## 4.1 The central monad for $H\text{-mod}$

Recall for this subsection the definition of the central monad  $Z = Z_{\text{id}}$  in Subsection 3.3.

**Proposition 4.1.** *The central monad  $Z$  on  $H\text{-mod}$  is given by the following data:*

- As a functor, it sends  $V$  to  $(H^* \otimes V)_{\text{coad}}$ , i.e.  $Z(V) = H^* \otimes_k V$  with  $H$ -action given by

$$h.(f \otimes v) = f (S(h_{(1)})?h_{(3)}) \otimes h_{(2)}.v, \quad (4.4)$$

for  $f \in H^*$ ,  $h \in H$  and  $v \in V$ . It acts on a morphism  $\psi: V \rightarrow W$  as  $Z(\psi) = \text{id}_{H^*} \otimes \psi$ .

- The multiplication  $\mu_V: Z^2(V) \rightarrow Z(V)$  given by

$$\mu_V(f \otimes g \otimes v) = (f * g) \otimes v, \quad (4.5)$$

with  $*$  defined in (4.3),  $f, g \in H^*$  and  $v \in V$ .

- The unit  $\eta_V: V \rightarrow Z(V)$  is given by  $\eta_V(v) = \varepsilon \otimes v$ .

*Proof.* The universal dinatural transformation is defined on components via

$$\begin{aligned} i_X: X^\vee \otimes V \otimes X &\rightarrow H^* \otimes V, \\ i_X(f \otimes v \otimes x) &= f(?..x) \otimes v, \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

for  $f \in X^\vee$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $v \in V$ . It was proven for the case  $V = I$  in [Ly, Sec. 3.3] and [K, Lem. 3] that this indeed yields a dinatural transformation with the universal property. The general case can be checked analogously. For the multiplication and the unit it is straightforward to check that the defining equations (3.19) and (3.20) are satisfied.  $\square$

A statement analogous to Proposition 4.1 was made in [Sh4, Ex. 3.12] for the central comonad.

In the Hopf algebra case, the Drinfeld center of  $H$ -mod is equivalent to the category of finite dimensional modules over the Drinfeld double  $D(H)$ . As a vector space, the Drinfeld double<sup>3</sup> of a finite dimensional Hopf algebra  $H$  is

$$D(H) := H^* \otimes_k H. \quad (4.7)$$

This vector space admits an algebra structure with unit  $1_{H^*} \otimes 1$  and multiplication such that  $H^* \otimes 1$  and  $1_{H^*} \otimes H$  are subalgebras identified with  $(H^*, *)$  and  $(H, \cdot)$ , respectively, and

$$\psi \cdot h := \psi \otimes h, \quad h \cdot \psi := \psi(S(h_{(1)})?h_{(3)}) \otimes h_{(2)}, \quad h \in H, \psi \in H^*, \quad (4.8)$$

where we identify  $\psi \in H^*$  with  $\psi \otimes 1$  and  $h \in H$  with  $1_{H^*} \otimes h$ .

The following Proposition follows from [DS].

**Proposition 4.2.** *The categories  $D(H)$ -mod and  $Z$ -mod are isomorphic. More precisely, an object  $(V, \beta) \in Z$ -mod corresponds to the unique  $D(H)$ -module with the underlying space  $V$  and the following action:*

$$(\psi \otimes h).v = \beta(\psi \otimes h.v), \quad \psi \in H^*, h \in H, v \in V. \quad (4.9)$$

where  $h.v$  denotes the  $H$ -action on  $V$ .

And conversely, a  $D(H)$ -module  $V$  corresponds to the underlying  $H$ -module with the structure of  $Z$ -module  $\beta: H^* \otimes V \rightarrow V$  given by the action of the subalgebra  $H^* \subset D(H)$  on  $V$ .

*Proof.* We check that the action in (4.9) is indeed a  $D(H)$ -action. Recall the relations (4.8). For  $\psi \in H^*$  and  $h \in H$ , we have

$$\psi.(h.v) = \beta(\psi \otimes h.v) = (\psi \otimes h).v = (\psi \cdot h).v, \quad (4.10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h.(\psi.v) &= h.\beta(\psi \otimes v) = \beta(\psi(S(h_{(1)})?h_{(3)})) \otimes h_{(2)}.v \\ &= (\psi(S(h_{(1)})?h_{(3)})) \otimes h_{(2)}.v = (h \cdot \psi).v \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

by the fact that  $\beta: Z(V) \rightarrow V$  is an  $H$ -module homomorphism. Finally, we have for  $\psi, \phi \in H^*$ :

$$\psi.(\phi.v) = \beta(\psi \otimes \phi.v) = \beta(\psi \otimes \beta(\phi \otimes v)) \stackrel{\dagger}{=} \beta(\psi * \phi \otimes v) = (\psi * \phi).v, \quad (4.12)$$

where  $\dagger$  is due to commutativity of the left diagram in (2.1) (for  $T = Z$ ) and we also used (4.5).  $\square$

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<sup>3</sup>Our conventions here coincide with those of [Maj3, Sec. 7].

We recall that  $D(H)\text{-mod}$  is monoidally equivalent to the Drinfeld center  $\mathcal{Z}(H\text{-mod})$ . Then the isomorphism in Proposition 4.2 is a corollary of Proposition 3.10 for  $F = \text{id}$ .

We can now reformulate Davydov–Yetter complex for  $H\text{-mod}$  with coefficients using Lemma 3.15. Recall that for an  $H$ -module  $X$  we have  $Z^n(X) = (H^{*\otimes n} \otimes X)_{\text{coad}}$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** *Given  $D(H)$ -modules  $X$  and  $Y$ , the Davydov–Yetter complex of  $H\text{-mod}$  with coefficients in  $X$  and  $Y$  is*

$$C_{DY}^n(H\text{-mod}, X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_H((H^{*\otimes n} \otimes X)_{\text{coad}}, Y) \quad (4.13)$$

with the differential

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^n(f)(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n \otimes x) &= a_0 \cdot f(a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n \otimes x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes (a_{i-1} * a_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n \otimes x) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} f(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1} \otimes a_n \cdot x), \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

with  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in H^*$  and  $x \in X$ .

**Remark 4.4.** *The differential  $\partial^n$  in Corollary 4.3 is  $(-1)^{n+1}$  times the differential  $\partial^n$  in Lemma 3.15. The two complexes are isomorphic via the following isomorphism: The  $n$ th cochains are multiplied by a sign, which is  $+1$  if  $n$  is 1 or 2 modulo 4 and  $-1$  otherwise.*

**Remark 4.5.** *The complex from Corollary 4.3 with trivial coefficients is (up to an isomorphism) the complex that was introduced in [ENO, Sec. 6] for weak Hopf algebras in order to prove Ocneanu rigidity.*

Recall the comonad  $G := G_{\text{id}}$  defined in (2.8) with the counit  $\varepsilon$  in (2.9) for  $T = Z$ . We have for  $(V, \beta) \in Z\text{-mod}$  and  $n \geq 1$

$$G^n: (V, \beta) \mapsto \left( (H^{*\otimes n} \otimes V)_{\text{coad}}, \mu_{H^*} \otimes \text{id}_{H^*}^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes \text{id}_V \right). \quad (4.15)$$

where the  $H$ -module  $(H^{*\otimes n} \otimes V)_{\text{coad}}$  is defined in (4.2). Notice that from coassociativity of the coproduct we have

$$(H^* \otimes (H^* \otimes V)_{\text{coad}})_{\text{coad}} = (H^{*\otimes 2} \otimes V)_{\text{coad}}. \quad (4.16)$$

We note that using the isomorphism in Proposition 4.2, the  $H$ -module  $(H^{*\otimes n} \otimes V)_{\text{coad}}$  in (4.15) has also  $D(H)$  action where  $H^*$  acts via  $\mu_{H^*} \otimes \text{id}_{H^{*\otimes(n-1)} \otimes V}$ . We now rewrite the bar resolution (2.13) of  $G$  using this action.

**Corollary 4.6.** *For  $X \in D(H)\text{-mod}$ , the bar resolution of  $X$  associated to  $G$  is a complex in  $D(H)\text{-mod}$  of the form*

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d_n} (H^{*\otimes n} \otimes X)_{\text{coad}} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \cdots \xrightarrow{d_2} (H^{*\otimes 2} \otimes X)_{\text{coad}} \xrightarrow{d_1} (H^* \otimes X)_{\text{coad}} \xrightarrow{\beta} X \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.17)$$

with

$$d_n = \text{id}_{H^*}^{\otimes n} \otimes \beta + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \text{id}_{H^*}^{\otimes(n-i)} \otimes \mu_{H^*} \otimes \text{id}_{H^*}^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes \text{id}_X,$$

and  $\beta$  is the action of  $H^* \subset D(H)$  on  $X$ . For the trivial  $D(H)$  module,  $\beta$  is given by  $\varepsilon_{H^*}$ .

## 4.2 $G$ -projective modules as induced modules

By Theorem 3.11, we can compute Davydov–Yetter cohomologies using the bar resolution (4.17), or any other  $G$ -resolution. The  $G$ -resolutions are made of  $G$ -projective modules – a certain class of modules over  $D(H)$ . Here, we discuss what  $G$ -projectivity means in the case of Hopf algebras. Due to Proposition 4.2, we will often identify objects from  $Z$ -mod with those from  $D(H)$ -mod. We have thus to describe  $G$ -projective objects in terms of  $D(H)$  modules.

We have the canonical embedding of Hopf algebras  $H \rightarrow D(H)$ , and have thus the induction functor

$$\text{Ind}: V \mapsto \text{Ind}_H^{D(H)} V := D(H) \otimes_H V . \quad (4.18)$$

We note that as the vector space  $\text{Ind}(V)$  is  $H^* \otimes_k V$ : indeed,  $D(H)$  is  $H^* \otimes_k H$  as a vector space and thus the  $H$  tensorand goes through the balanced tensor product over  $H$  in (4.18) and acts on  $V$ . The image of this action is  $V$  of course. We then recall that the  $D(H)$  action on  $\text{Ind}(V)$  is defined via multiplication:

$$\rho_{\text{Ind}(V)}: D(H) \otimes D(H) \otimes_H V \xrightarrow{\mu_{D(H)} \otimes \text{id}_V} D(H) \otimes_H V . \quad (4.19)$$

Let  $\psi \otimes v \in H^* \otimes_k V$  and  $\phi \in H^*$ , then the  $H^*$ -action on  $\text{Ind}(V) = H^* \otimes_k V$  is given just by multiplication on the left:

$$\phi.(\psi \otimes v) = (\phi * \psi) \otimes v , \quad (4.20)$$

while the  $H$ -action on  $\text{Ind}(V)$  is (recall the multiplication in (4.8))

$$h.(\psi \otimes v) = (h \cdot \psi) \otimes v = \psi(S(h_{(1)})h_{(3)}) \otimes h_{(2)}.v, \quad (4.21)$$

Comparing this  $D(H)$  action with the action on  $G(V)$ <sup>4</sup> defined in (4.15) for  $n = 1$ , we conclude with the following:

**Proposition 4.7.**  *$\text{Ind}(V)$  and  $G(V)$  are isomorphic as  $D(H)$  modules.*

And we thus get an immediate corollary (recall also Corollary 2.6):

**Corollary 4.8.** *A  $D(H)$ -module is  $G$ -projective if and only if it is a direct summand of the induced module  $\text{Ind}(V)$  for some  $V \in H$ -mod.*

Recall that we have the canonical embedding of algebras  $H^* \rightarrow D(H)$ . We then note from (4.20) that the  $H^*$ -module  $\text{Ind}(V)|_{H^*}$  is isomorphic to the direct sum  $(H^*)^{\oplus \dim(V)}$ , where  $H^*$  is the regular representation space of  $H^*$ . We thus conclude with the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.9.**  *$G$ -projective modules are projective as  $H^*$ -modules.*

We note that  $G$ -projective modules are not necessarily projective as  $H$ -modules. An important class of such  $G$ -projective modules appears in our example section 5 in constructing  $G$ -resolutions: as  $H$ -modules they are direct sums of one-dimensional modules, and in particular, they are non-projective as  $D(H)$  modules.

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<sup>4</sup>We use here and below a slight abuse of notations writing  $G(V)$  instead of  $G(V, \beta)$  because the image of  $G$  does not depend on the  $Z$ -module structure  $\beta$ .

### 4.3 Cohomology of the forgetful functor

The representation category  $H\text{-mod}$  comes with a canonical fiber functor: the forgetful functor

$$\mathcal{U}_H: H\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_k. \quad (4.22)$$

It is well known that the Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the forgetful functor is isomorphic to the Hochschild cohomology of the algebra  $(H^*, *)$  with the trivial bimodule coefficient (see e.g. [ENO, Prop. 7.4]). In this subsection, we reformulate Hochschild cohomology of  $(H^*, *)$  in a different direction: It is isomorphic to Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the identity functor with a non-trivial coefficient. The following diagram displays the relations between complexes made precise in this section:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{DY of the forgetful functor} & \xrightarrow{\text{[ENO, Prop. 7.4]}} & \text{Hochschild of } (H^*, *) \\
 \vdots & & \downarrow \text{Theorem 4.11} \\
 \text{DY of id with a coefficient} & \xleftarrow{\text{Theorem 3.11}} & \text{Comonad of id with a coefficient}
 \end{array}$$

where all arrows indicate isomorphisms of cochain complexes. We first explain what we mean by *non-trivial coefficient*. For the  $H$ -module  $H_{\text{coreg}}^*$ , we define the following map:

$$\beta_c: Z(H_{\text{coreg}}^*) \rightarrow H_{\text{coreg}}^*, \quad \beta_c(f \otimes g)(h) := f(S(h_{(1)})h_{(3)})g(h_{(2)}) \quad (4.23)$$

for  $f, g \in H^*$  and  $h \in H$ .

**Lemma 4.10.** *The linear map  $\beta_c$  from (4.23) equips  $H_{\text{coreg}}^*$  with the structure of a  $Z$ -module.*

*Proof.* We first check that  $\beta_c$  defines an  $H$ -module homomorphism. For  $a \in H$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_c(a.(f \otimes g))(h) &= f(S(a_{(1)})S(h_{(1)})h_{(3)}a_{(3)})g(h_{(2)}a_{(2)}) \\
 &= f(S((ha)_{(1)})(ha)_{(3)})g((ha)_{(2)}) = a.\beta_c(f \otimes g)(h).
 \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

We then directly verify the axioms (2.1) for a  $Z$ -action. The right diagram in (2.1) is

$$(\beta_c \circ \eta(f))(h) = \varepsilon(S(h_{(1)})h_{(3)})f(h_{(2)}) = f(\varepsilon(h_{(1)})h_{(2)}\varepsilon(h_{(3)})) = f(h). \quad (4.25)$$

We now check the left diagram of (2.1) by calculating both directions in the diagram. For  $p, q, f \in H^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_c \circ \mu_{H_{\text{coreg}}^*}(p \otimes q \otimes f) &= \beta_c(\mu_I(p \otimes q) \otimes f)(h) \\
 &= (p * q)(S(h_{(1)})h_{(3)})f(h_{(2)}) \\
 &\stackrel{\ddagger}{=} p(S(h_{(1)})h_{(5)})q(S(h_{(2)})h_{(4)})f(h_{(3)})
 \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$



where  $\dagger$  follows from

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \otimes \text{id} (S(h_{(1)}) h_{(3)} \otimes h_{(2)}) &= S(h_{(1)})_{(1)} h_{(3)(1)} \otimes S(h_{(1)})_{(2)} h_{(3)(2)} \otimes h_{(2)} \\ &= S(h_{(2)}) h_{(4)} \otimes S(h_{(1)}) h_{(5)} \otimes h_{(3)}.\end{aligned}\quad (4.27)$$

The other direction is

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_c \circ Z(\beta_c)(p \otimes q \otimes f)(h) &= \beta_c(p \otimes \beta_c(q \otimes f))(h) \\ &= p(S(h_{(1)}) h_{(3)}) \beta_c(q \otimes f)(h_{(2)}) \\ &= p(S(h_{(1)}) h_{(5)}) q(S(h_{(2)}) h_{(4)}) f(h_{(3)}).\end{aligned}\quad (4.28)$$

As both directions coincide the diagram commutes. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** *The Hochschild cochain complex  $C_{\text{HH}}^\bullet(H^*, k)$  is isomorphic to the comonad complex  $C^\bullet((I, \alpha), \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Z}(H\text{-mod})}(\cdot, (H_{\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)))_G$ .*

As an immediate corollary of this theorem, using Theorem 3.11 we get that the Davydov-Yetter complex of the forgetful functor  $C_{DY}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}_H)$  is isomorphic to the Davydov-Yetter complex of the identity functor with a non-trivial coefficient:  $C_{DY}^\bullet(\text{id}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{H})$ , where  $\mathbf{H} = (H_{\text{coreg}}^*, \rho_c)$  and  $\rho_c$  denotes the image of  $\beta_c$  under the isomorphism explained in (3.24).

Before proving Theorem 4.11, we first prove the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 4.12.** *The forgetful functor  $\mathcal{U}_H: H\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_k$  has a right adjoint from  $\text{Vec}_k$  to  $H\text{-mod}$ , with action  $V \mapsto H_{\text{coreg}}^* \otimes_\varepsilon V$ . In particular, there is a natural family of isomorphisms*

$$\text{Hom}_H(X, H_{\text{coreg}}^*) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_k(\mathcal{U}_H(X), k), \quad f \mapsto \bar{f} := f(?) (1), \quad (4.29)$$

for  $X \in H\text{-mod}$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward to check that the inverse to the map in (4.29) is

$$g \mapsto \tilde{g}, \quad \tilde{g}(x)(h) := g(h.x), \quad (4.30)$$

for  $g \in \text{Hom}_k(\mathcal{U}_H(X), k)$ ,  $h \in H$  and  $x \in X$ . Naturality in  $X$  for the map (4.29) is easy to check.  $\square$

With the identification of Corollary 4.3, we can reformulate Davydov-Yetter complex of the forgetful functor on  $H\text{-mod}$  using Proposition 4.1.

**Lemma 4.13.** *The Hochschild complex of the algebra  $(H^*, *)$  with trivial coefficients is isomorphic to the complex with cochain groups  $\text{Hom}_H((H^{*\otimes n})_{\text{coad}}, H_{\text{coreg}}^*)$  and differential*

$$\begin{aligned}\delta'(g)(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)(h) &= a_0(S(h_{(1)}) h_{(3)}) g(a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)(h_{(2)}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i g(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{i-1} * a_i \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)(h) + \\ &\quad (-1)^{n+1} g(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1})(h) a_n(1),\end{aligned}\quad (4.31)$$

where  $g \in \text{Hom}_H((H^{*\otimes n})_{\text{coad}}, H_{\text{coreg}}^*)$  and  $h \in H$  and  $a_i \in H^*$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

*Proof.* Recall that the Hochschild complex is  $\text{Hom}_k(H^{*\otimes n}, k)$  with a differential  $\delta = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \delta_i$  that acts on cochains  $f$  via

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_0(f)(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) &= a_0(1)f(a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) \\ \delta_i(f)(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) &= f(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes (a_{i-1} * a_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) \\ \delta_{n+1}(f)(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) &= f(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1})a_n(1).\end{aligned}$$

We directly transport this differential along the isomorphisms in Lemma 4.12. Let  $g \in \text{Hom}_H((H^{*\otimes n})_{\text{coad}}, H_{\text{coreg}}^*)$  and we recall the definition of  $\bar{?}$  and  $\tilde{?}$  notations from (4.29) and (4.30), then

$$\begin{aligned}\delta'(g)(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)(h) &:= \widetilde{\delta(\bar{g})}(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)(h) \\ &= \delta(\bar{g})(h.(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)) \\ &= \delta(\bar{g})(a_0(S(h_{(1)})?h_{(2n+2)}) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n(S(h_{(n+1)})?h_{(n+2)})) \\ &\stackrel{\dagger}{=} a_0(S(h_{(1)})h_{(3)})\bar{g}(h_{(2)}.(a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \bar{g}(h.(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes (a_{i-1} * a_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)) \quad (4.32) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} \bar{g}(h.(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1})) a_n(1)\end{aligned}$$

which equals the right hand side of (4.31). We show the equality  $\dagger$  for the  $\delta_i$  summands of  $\delta$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n+1$ . For the first term it is straightforward, for the last term corresponding to  $\delta_{n+1}$  we use the antipode and counit axioms. For the terms corresponding to  $\delta_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , without loss of generality we show it for  $i=1$ : for all  $b \in H$  the argument of  $\bar{g}$  in  $\delta_1$  is simplified as

$$\begin{aligned}&a_0(S(h_{(1)})?h_{(2n+2)}) * a_1(S(h_{(2)})?h_{(2n+1)})(b) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n(S(h_{(n+1)})?h_{(n+2)}) \\ &= a_0(S(h_{(1)})b_{(2)}h_{(2n+2)}) a_1(S(h_{(2)})b_{(1)}h_{(2n+1)}) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n(S(h_{(n+1)})?h_{(n+2)}) \\ &= a_0\left(S(h_{(1)})_{(2)}b_{(2)}(h_{(2n)})_{(2)}\right) a_1\left(S(h_{(1)})_{(1)}b_{(1)}(h_{(2n)})_{(1)}\right) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n(S(h_{(n)})?h_{(n+1)}) \\ &= a_0\left((S(h_{(1)})bh_{(2n)})_{(2)}\right) a_1\left((S(h_{(1)})bh_{(2n)})_{(1)}\right) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n(S(h_{(n)})?h_{(n+1)}) \\ &= a_0 * a_1(S(h_{(1)})bh_{(2n)}) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n(S(h_{(n)})?h_{(n+1)}), \quad (4.33)\end{aligned}$$

where in the second equality we used that the antipode is a coalgebra anti-homomorphism. We thus see from (4.33) that the argument of  $\bar{g}$  in  $\delta_1$  is indeed  $h.(a_0 * a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)$  as in (4.32). For the other summands in  $\delta$  the calculation is similar. This completes the proof.  $\square$

We can now put everything together to prove Theorem 4.11.

*Proof of Theorem 4.11.* We observe that the cochain complex with the differential (4.31) can be written as

$$\delta'(g) = \beta_c \circ Z(g) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i g \circ Z^{i-1}(\mu_{Z^{n-i}(I)}) + (-1)^{n+1} g \circ Z^n(\alpha), \quad (4.34)$$

where  $\alpha: H_{\text{coad}}^* \rightarrow k$  is the canonical  $Z$ -module action on  $I$  defined by  $\alpha(f) = f(1)$ . This is isomorphic to the complex from Proposition 2.14, setting  $\beta_Y = \beta_c$  and  $\beta_X = \alpha$ , via the isomorphism from Remark 4.4, which completes the proof.  $\square$

The Davydov-Yetter complex of the identity functor is contained in the Davydov-Yetter complex of the forgetful functor. This admits a simple expression in our reformulation.

**Remark 4.14.** *Let  $i: I \rightarrow H_{\text{coreg}}^*$  be the canonical embedding of  $I$  defined by  $i: 1 \mapsto \varepsilon$ . It is straightforward to check that it induces a  $Z$ -module map from  $(I, \alpha)$  to  $(H_{\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)$ . Therefore, by Corollary 3.12 we have a map from  $H_{DY}^n(H\text{-mod})$  to  $H_{DY}^n(\mathcal{U}_H)$ , which is just the map induced by the map of the corresponding cochain complexes.*

## 5 Example: the Hopf algebras $\Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \rtimes \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$

The exterior algebras  $\Lambda\mathbb{C}^k$  are Hopf algebras in the symmetric category  $\text{SVec}_{\mathbb{C}}$  of complex super vector spaces. Hence, their  $2^{k+1}$ -dimensional ‘bosonizations’  $B_k := \Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \rtimes \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$  are Hopf algebras in the usual sense, i.e. in the category of complex vector spaces. Compare e.g. [AEG]. As an algebra they are generated by one group-like generator  $g$  and  $k$  skew-primitive generators  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  being subject to the relations

$$gx_i = -x_i g, \quad x_i^2 = 0, \quad x_i x_j = -x_j x_i, \quad g^2 = 1, \quad (5.1)$$

with  $1 \leq i, j \leq k$ . This becomes a Hopf algebra with the following coalgebra structure and antipode

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(g) &= g \otimes g, & \Delta(x_i) &= 1 \otimes x_i + x_i \otimes g, \\ \varepsilon(g) &= 1, & \varepsilon(x_i) &= 0, \\ S(g) &= g, & S(x_i) &= gx_i. \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

The first member of this family,  $B_1$ , is also known as *Sweedler’s 4-dimensional Hopf algebra*.

In this section we will prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.1.** *For the dimensions of the Davydov-Yetter cohomologies of the identity and forgetful functor on the representation categories  $B_k\text{-mod}$  we have*

$$\dim H_{DY}^n(B_k\text{-mod}) = \dim H_{DY}^n(\mathcal{U}_{B_k}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } n \text{ odd,} \\ \binom{k+n-1}{n} & \text{for } n \text{ even.} \end{cases} \quad (5.3)$$

**Remark 5.2.** *In particular, we have  $H_{DY}^3(B_k\text{-mod}) = 0$ . Hence,  $B_k\text{-mod}$  does not admit non-trivial first order deformations. Nevertheless,  $H_{DY}^2(B_k\text{-mod}) = \frac{(k+1)k}{2}$ , which implies the existence of non-trivial first order deformations of the identity functor, which are furthermore unobstructed. We give few explicit examples in Remark 5.8. Already the case of  $B_1$  shows that Ocneanu rigidity does not hold for general non-semisimple finite tensor categories.*

The proof is based on our reformulation of DY cohomologies (Theorem 3.11) and the representation theory of the Drinfeld double  $D(B_k)$ . More precisely, we construct a (non-trivial)  $G$ -resolution for the tensor unit  $(I, \alpha)$  in  $D(B_k)\text{-mod}$  and then apply the functor  $\text{Hom}_{Z\text{-mod}}(?, (I, \alpha))$ , recall the isomorphism of categories in Proposition 4.2. By Theorem 2.13, the resulting complex is quasi-isomorphic to the comonad  $G$  complex with trivial coefficients in Theorem 3.11, and hence to the Davydov-Yetter complex of the identity functor. We can use the same  $G$ -resolution in the case of the forgetful functor, but here we apply the coefficient functor  $\text{Hom}_{Z\text{-mod}}(?, (H_{\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c))$ .

Let

$$e_{\pm} := \frac{1 \pm g}{2} \quad (5.4)$$

denote the idempotents of the algebra  $B_k$ . The following are indecomposable modules over  $B_k$  that we will make use of:

- The two one-dimensional simple modules  $I_{\pm}$  with one generator  $v$  such that  $x_i.v = 0$  and  $g.v = \pm v$ . We denote the trivial module with  $I = I_+$  as well.
- The projective covers  $P_{\pm}$  of  $I_{\pm}$ , they are given by

$$P_{\pm} := B_k \cdot e_{\pm}$$

and they are  $2^k$ -dimensional.

The Drinfeld double  $D(B_k)$  has additional generators (those of the subalgebra  $B_k^*$ )

$$y_i := x_i^* - (x_i g)^* \quad \text{and} \quad h := 1^* - g^*, \quad (5.5)$$

where  $?^*$  denotes the dual basis elements of the basis in  $B_k$ :

$$\{x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_l} g^r \mid 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_l \leq k, 0 \leq l \leq k, r \in \mathbb{Z}_2\}.$$

These generators are subject to the following relations, recall (4.3) and (4.8),

$$h^2 = 1, \quad \{y_i, y_j\} = 0, \quad \{y_i, h\} = 0 \quad (5.6)$$

and

$$[g, h] = 0, \quad \{y_i, g\} = 0, \quad \{x_i, h\} = 0, \quad \{x_i, y_j\} = \delta_{i,j}(1 - hg) \quad (5.7)$$

for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq k$  and with  $\{a, b\} := ab + ba$  denoting the anticommutator. The last relation implies that on any  $D(B_k)$ -module the action of the generator  $h$  is determined by the actions of the other generators, and therefore we will often suppress it in the discussion.

The following are some indecomposable modules of  $D(B_k)$  that we will make use of (compare [FGR, Prop. 3.10 & Sec. 3.7]<sup>5</sup>):

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<sup>5</sup>We note that conventions on the Drinfeld double in [FGR] are slightly different but the two doubles are isomorphic.

- The two one-dimensional simple modules  $\mathcal{I}_\pm := \text{Span}(v)$  with  $x_i.v = y_i.v = 0$  while the action of  $g$  is given by  $\pm 1$ . Note that the action of  $h$  is then fixed by the relations (5.7) to be  $g$ . In particular, we have for the tensor unit

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_+ = (I, \alpha).$$

- The projective (and injective) simple modules  $\mathcal{A}_\pm$  of dimension  $2^k$  are defined as

$$\mathcal{A}_\pm := \text{Span}\left\{x_1^{i_1} \dots x_k^{i_k} v_\pm \mid (i_1, \dots, i_k) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^k\right\}, \quad (5.8)$$

where  $v_\pm$  is a cyclic vector such that  $y_i.v_\pm = 0$  and  $g.v_\pm = \pm v_\pm$ , and  $h.v_\pm = \mp v_\pm$ . We note that  $\mathcal{A}_\pm$  considered as a  $B_k$ -module is isomorphic to  $P_\pm$ .

- The modules  $\mathcal{B}_\pm$  are  $P_\pm$  as  $B_k$ -modules and with the trivial action  $y_i.v = 0$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{B}_\pm$ . In this case, we have that  $h$  acts as  $g$ . We note that these modules are reducible but indecomposable.
- The modules  $\mathcal{C}_\pm$ : let  $f_\pm = \frac{1 \pm h}{2}$  denote the primitive idempotents of  $B_k^*$ , then  $\mathcal{C}_\pm$  as a  $B_k^*$ -module is defined as

$$\mathcal{C}_\pm := B_k^* \cdot f_\pm \quad (5.9)$$

while the  $B_k$  action is fixed via  $x_i.v = 0$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{C}_\pm$  and  $g$  acts as  $h$ . These modules are also reducible but indecomposable.

- We will use the notation  $B_{k,\text{coad}}^* = (B_k^*)_{\text{coad}}$  for the coadjoint module defined as in (4.1).

We have the following simple lemma.

**Lemma 5.3.** *The modules  $\mathcal{A}_\pm$  and  $\mathcal{I}_\pm$  exhaust all simple  $D(B_k)$ -modules up to isomorphism. Their isomorphism class is uniquely determined by the action of the pair  $(g, h)$  on the cyclic vector:  $(\pm, \mp)$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{A}_\pm$  while  $(\pm, \pm)$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{I}_\pm$ .*

In the following lemma we decompose the  $G$ -projective module  $(Z(I), \mu_I) = (B_{k,\text{coad}}^*, \mu_I)$ . Direct summands of this module are  $G$ -projective and we will use them as building blocks for a  $G$ -resolution in Lemma 5.7.

**Lemma 5.4.** *We have the following decomposition of  $D(B_k)$ -modules:*

$$G(\mathcal{I}) = (B_{k,\text{coad}}^*, \mu_I) \cong \mathcal{A}_{(-)^k} \oplus \mathcal{C}_+ \quad (5.10)$$

and

$$G(\mathcal{I}_-) = (Z(I_-), \mu_{I_-}) \cong \mathcal{A}_{(-)^{k+1}} \oplus \mathcal{C}_-. \quad (5.11)$$

*Proof.* To prove the decomposition of  $G(\mathcal{I})$  in (5.10), we first analyze the  $B_k$ -action in the coadjoint representation. On the basis elements in  $B_k^*$ , we have

$$g.(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* = (-1)^m (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* \quad g.(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* = (-1)^m (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*$$

and

$$x_j.(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* = 0 \quad \text{for all } j, \quad (5.12)$$

$$x_j.(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* = \begin{cases} 2(-1)^{m-l+1} (x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* & \text{for } i_l = j \\ 0 & \text{for } i_l \neq j \quad \forall l, \end{cases} \quad (5.13)$$

where the notation  $\hat{x}_{i_l}$  means that we omit the corresponding element. From this action, we obtain the following  $B_k$ -submodules in a basis:

$$\begin{aligned} B_k.(x_1 \dots x_k g)^* &= \text{Span} \{ (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* \mid 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m \leq k \} \\ &\cong P_{(-)^k} \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

and

$$\text{Span} \{ (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* \mid 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m \leq k \} \cong I_+^{\oplus 2^{k-1}} \oplus I_-^{\oplus 2^{k-1}}. \quad (5.15)$$

We note that the isomorphism in (5.14) is easy to establish after identifying the cyclic vector  $w = (x_1 x_2 \dots x_k g)^*$ , where  $g$  acts by  $(-1)^k$ , with the cyclic vector  $e_{(-)^k}$  of  $P_{(-)^k}$  defined in (5.4). The isomorphism in (5.15) is obvious. We therefore have a decomposition over the  $B_k$  subalgebra:

$$G(\mathcal{I})|_{B_k} = P_{(-)^k} \oplus I_+^{\oplus 2^{k-1}} \oplus I_-^{\oplus 2^{k-1}}. \quad (5.16)$$

Next, we compute the actions of  $y_i \in B_k^*$ . Recall that  $B_k^*$  acts via the multiplication on  $B_k^*$  defined by  $\phi * \psi = \phi \otimes \psi \circ \Delta^{op}$  for  $\phi, \psi \in B_k^*$ . We use the coproduct formula for the basis elements of  $B_k$

$$\Delta(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g^r) = (1 \otimes x_{i_1} + x_{i_1} \otimes g) \dots (1 \otimes x_{i_m} + x_{i_m} \otimes g) g^r \otimes g^r \quad (5.17)$$

$$= \sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\times m}} x_{i_1}^{b_1} \dots x_{i_m}^{b_m} g^r \otimes x_{i_1}^{1-b_1} g^{b_1} \dots x_{i_m}^{1-b_m} g^{b_m} g^r, \quad (5.18)$$

where  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , to calculate the products

$$y_{i_l}.(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m})^* = y_{i_l}.(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* = 0 \quad (5.19)$$

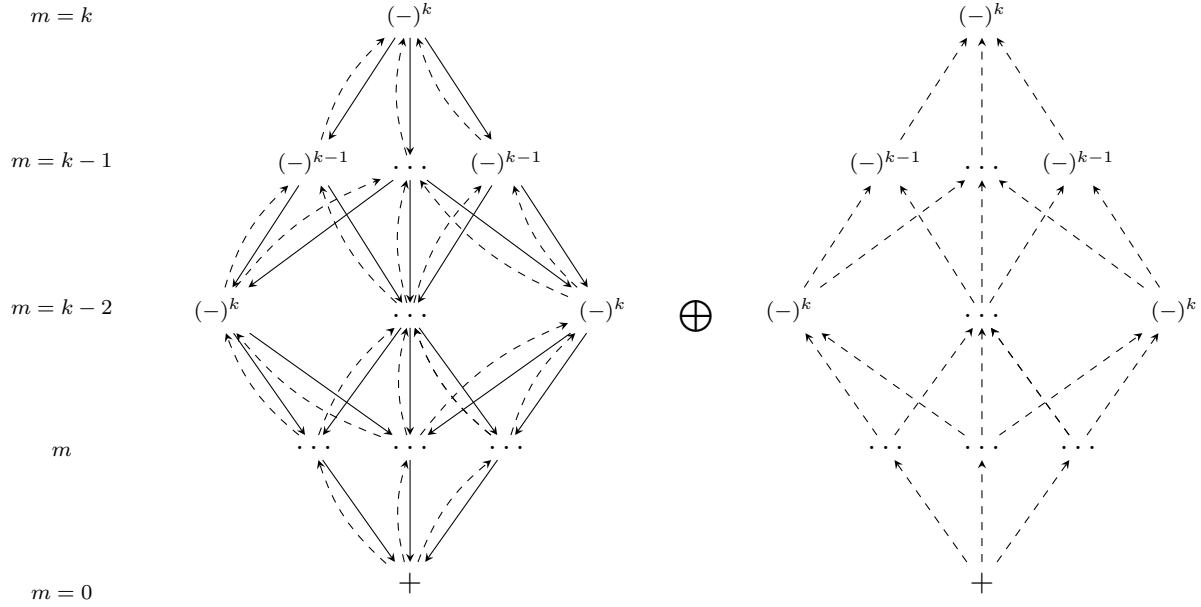
and

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i_l}.(x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m})^* &= (-1)^{m-l} (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m})^*, \\ y_{i_l}.(x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* &= (-1)^{m-l-1} (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*. \end{aligned} \quad (5.20)$$

With these explicit actions, we are now able to analyze the decomposition of  $G(\mathcal{I})$  over  $D(B_k)$ . We first note that  $B_k^*$  acts on the direct summand  $P_{(-)^k}$  in (5.16) because of its

basis given in (5.14). We claim that the resulting  $D(B_k)$  module is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}_{(-)^k}$ , recall its definition in (5.8). First, the resulting  $D(B_k)$  module has the cyclic vector  $w = (x_1 x_2 \dots x_k g)^*$  such that  $y_i w = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Secondly, this module has action of  $h = -g$  and it is indecomposable. Due to the classification in Lemma 5.3, this module should have  $\mathcal{A}_{(-)^k}$  as a simple subquotient but they both have the same dimension. Therefore, the first direct summand in (5.16) is indeed isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}_{(-)^k}$ . For the reader's convenience we also present the  $D(B_k)$  action schematically in the left part of Figure 1.

We now analyze the second part of (5.16). Again, from the  $y_i$  actions in (5.19) and (5.20) the summand  $I_+^{\oplus 2^{k-1}} \oplus I_-^{\oplus 2^{k-1}}$  is closed under the action of  $B_k^*$ . It has a cyclic vector  $1^*$  with the action  $h.1^* = 1^*$ . Moreover, the action of the subalgebra generated by  $y_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , is free as follows from (5.20). We therefore have that the resulting  $D(B_k)$ -module is a projective module over  $B_k^*$  isomorphic to  $B_k^*.f_+$ , i.e. we identify the cyclic vector  $1^*$  with  $f_+$ . Finally, the action of  $x_i$ 's is trivial due to (5.12), and so the submodule is identified with  $\mathcal{C}_+$ , recall the definition in (5.9) (see also the right part of Figure 1). This concludes the proof of (5.10).



**Figure 1:** Action of  $D(B_k)$  on  $G(\mathcal{I}) = \mathcal{A}_{(-)^k} \oplus \mathcal{C}_+$ . The  $m$ th layer consists of  $2\binom{k}{m}$  simple (one-dimensional)  $B_k$ -subquotients having the same sign (the signs  $\pm$  correspond to the  $g$ -action):  $\binom{k}{m}$  of them in the left summand are spanned by basis elements  $(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*$ , while  $\binom{k}{m}$  ones in the right summand are spanned by  $(x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^*$ . The solid lines indicate the action of  $x_i$ 's and the dashed ones are for the  $y_i$ 's action.

The analysis of the decomposition of  $G(\mathcal{I}_-)$  is completely analogous and we skip it. Indeed, reproducing the above calculations in this case shows that  $G(\mathcal{I}_-)$  is isomorphic to  $G(\mathcal{I}) \otimes \mathcal{I}_-$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.5.** *The modules  $\mathcal{C}_+$  and  $\mathcal{C}_-$  are  $G$ -projective.*

*Proof.*  $G(\mathcal{I}_\pm)$  and their direct summands are  $G$ -projective by Lemma 2.5. Therefore due to Lemma 5.4,  $\mathcal{C}_\pm$  are  $G$ -projective.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.6.** *Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra with an augmentation map  $\epsilon: A \rightarrow k$ , for a field  $k$ . Assume we have an exact complex of  $k$ -vector spaces*

$$R: \dots \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} k^{c_n} \xrightarrow{f_n} k^{c_{n-1}} \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{f_2} k^{c_1} \xrightarrow{f_1} k^{n_0} \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0. \quad (5.21)$$

*Let  ${}_\epsilon R$  denotes the corresponding complex of  $A$ -modules with  $k^{c_n}$  replaced by  ${}_\epsilon k^{\oplus c_n}$ . Then for any  $A$ -module  $M$  the complex  $\text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon R)$  is also exact.*

*Proof.* The cochain spaces of the complex  $\text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon R)$  are

$$C^n := \text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon k^{\oplus c_n}) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon k) \otimes k^{c_n}, \quad (5.22)$$

and cochain maps  $\widehat{f}_n: C^n \rightarrow C^{n-1}$  are given by  $\widehat{f}_n: \phi \mapsto f_n \circ \phi$  for each  $\phi \in C^n$ . Using the isomorphism in (5.22), we can assume without loss of generality that  $\phi = \psi \otimes v$  for some  $\psi \in \text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon k)$  and  $v \in k^{c_n}$ . On such vectors  $\widehat{f}_n(\phi) = \psi \otimes f_n(v)$ , or  $\widehat{f}_n = \text{id} \otimes f_n$ <sup>6</sup>. Therefore, we have an isomorphism of complexes:

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon R) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon k) \otimes R,$$

with cochain maps of the form  $\text{id} \otimes f_n$ , and exactness of  $\text{Hom}_A(M, {}_\epsilon R)$  follows from exactness of  $R$ .  $\square$

We can now construct the desired  $G$ -resolution:

**Lemma 5.7.** *There is a  $G$ -resolution in  $D(B_k)\text{-mod}$  of the following form:*

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_-^{\oplus a_3} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_+^{\oplus a_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_-^{\oplus a_1} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_+^{\oplus a_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \rightarrow 0 \quad (5.23)$$

with  $a_n = \binom{k+n-1}{n}$ .

*Proof.* We first construct an exact sequence of  $D(B_k)$ -modules of the form (5.23) and then check that it is also  $G$ -exact. Since the action of  $x_i$  on  $\mathcal{C}_\pm$  is trivial and  $g$  acts as  $h$ , it suffices to construct an exact sequence in  $B_k^*\text{-mod}$ .

We have from (5.6) and (5.7) that

$$B_k^* = \langle y_1, \dots, y_k, h \rangle \cong \Lambda \mathbb{C}^k \rtimes \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$$

where  $\Lambda \mathbb{C}^k$  is the exterior algebra of  $\mathbb{C}^k = \text{Span}\{y_i, 1 \leq i \leq k\}$  and the isomorphism is obvious. Under the isomorphism, the  $B_k^*$ -modules  $\mathcal{C}_\pm$  are isomorphic to the vector space  $\Lambda \mathbb{C}^k$  with  $\Lambda \mathbb{C}^k$ -action given by the multiplication  $\wedge$  on  $\Lambda \mathbb{C}^k$  and with the action  $h.1 = \pm 1$ .

<sup>6</sup>For brevity, we omit the conjugation by the isomorphism from (5.22).



We recall the ‘Koszul resolution’ of the trivial module  $\mathbb{C}$  over the exterior algebra<sup>7</sup>:

$$\dots \rightarrow S^2(\mathbb{C}^k) \otimes \Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_2} S^1(\mathbb{C}^k) \otimes \Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_1} S^0(\mathbb{C}^k) \otimes \Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_0} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 0, \quad (5.24)$$

where the subspaces  $S^n(\mathbb{C}^k)$  of the symmetric algebra  $S(\mathbb{C}^k)$  consist of elements of the form of  $n$ -fold tensor products, and  $\tilde{f}_i$  are  $\Lambda\mathbb{C}^k$ -module maps such that  $\tilde{f}_{i+1} \circ \tilde{f}_i = 0$ .

We are now able to construct a resolution of the form (5.23). Note that the action of  $h$  endows the cochain spaces in (5.23) with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  grading. Let  $\Pi: \mathcal{C}_\pm \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_\mp$  denotes the corresponding parity shift operator, i.e. it is  $\Lambda\mathbb{C}^k$ -equivariant and sends 1 to 1. Then, the above Koszul complex (5.24) can be extended to a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant one as follows:

$$\dots \rightarrow S^2(\mathbb{C}^k) \otimes \mathcal{C}_+ \xrightarrow{f_2} S^1(\mathbb{C}^k) \otimes \mathcal{C}_- \xrightarrow{f_1} S^0(\mathbb{C}^k) \otimes \mathcal{C}_+ \xrightarrow{f_0} \mathcal{I} \rightarrow 0 \quad (5.25)$$

where the tensor products are over  $\mathbb{C}$  and we define

$$f_n := (\text{id}_{S^n(\mathbb{C}^k)} \otimes \Pi) \circ \tilde{f}_n. \quad (5.26)$$

The parity shift part in (5.26) is necessary in order to make the cochain maps even, indeed the maps  $\tilde{f}_n$  used in (5.24) are odd. We note that the complex (5.25) is just a projective resolution of the trivial  $B_k^*$ -module<sup>8</sup>. The formula for the multiplicities  $a_n$  in (5.23) then follows from the fact that  $\dim S^n(\mathbb{C}^k) = \binom{k+n-1}{n}$ .

In the remainder of the proof we show that the exact sequence in (5.25) is in fact a  $G$ -resolution. All objects (except  $\mathcal{I}$ ) are  $G$ -projective by Corollary 5.5. We can further check that the resolution is  $G$ -exact: If we apply the functor

$$\text{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(G(X), ?) \cong \text{Hom}_{B_k}(\mathcal{U}(X), \mathcal{U}(?)), \quad (5.27)$$

with  $X \in D(B_k)\text{-mod}$  and via  $\mathcal{U}$  forgetting the  $B_k^*$  part of the  $D(B_k)$ -action, we obtain the complex

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_{n+1}} \text{Hom}_{B_k}(\mathcal{U}(X), \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}_{(-)^n})^{\oplus a_n}) \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_n} \text{Hom}_{B_k}(\mathcal{U}(X), \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}_{(-)^{n-1}})^{\oplus a_{n-1}}) \xrightarrow{\hat{f}_{n-1}} \dots \quad (5.28)$$

where  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}_\pm)$  are completely decomposed into copies of  $I$  and  $I_-$ :

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}_\pm) \cong I^{\oplus 2^{k-1}} \oplus I_-^{\oplus 2^{k-1}}. \quad (5.29)$$

We note that the maps  $\hat{f}_n$  in (5.28) are given by post-composing with the maps from (5.25):  $\hat{f}_n: \phi \mapsto f_n \circ \phi$ . Therefore, as the cochain maps from (5.25) preserve the  $h$ -action, the complex (5.28) decomposes into a direct sum of complexes, one with cochain spaces  $C^n = \text{Hom}_{B_k}(\mathcal{U}(X), I^{\oplus a_n 2^{k-1}})$  and the other with  $C^n = \text{Hom}_{B_k}(\mathcal{U}(X), I_-^{\oplus a_n 2^{k-1}})$ . It is therefore enough to show exactness for each copy separately. Recall that the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{U}$  is exact and therefore its image on (5.25) is split on direct sum of two resolutions, one with direct sums of  $I$  and the other with  $I_-$ . They are both resolutions in vector spaces after applying the fiber functor. Then applying Lemma 5.6 for each of these resolutions and the case  $A = B_k$  and  $M = \mathcal{U}(X)$  proves exactness of (5.28).  $\square$

<sup>7</sup>This is the complex dual to the one in [E, Ex. 17.21 (c)] and composed with the augmentation map  $\Lambda\mathbb{C}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $y_i \rightarrow 0$ ,  $1 \rightarrow 1$ .

<sup>8</sup>One can check that this is actually a minimal projective resolution.

Finally, we can apply the general theory of comonad cohomology to prove the formula in Theorem 5.1 for  $\dim H_{DY}^n(B_k\text{-mod})$ .

*Proof of Theorem 5.1 for the identity functor.* By Theorem 3.11, we can reformulate Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the identity functor as the comonad cohomology of the comonad  $G$  for the case when the coefficients  $\mathsf{X} = \mathsf{Y} = \mathcal{I}$  are the trivial  $D(B_k)$ -module. Theorem 2.13 allows to use any  $G$ -resolution to compute the cohomologies. We compute the comonad cohomology (and hence DY cohomology) by applying the respective coefficient functor  $\text{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(-, \mathcal{I})$  to the  $G$ -resolution constructed in Lemma 5.7. The statement for the identity functor in (5.3) follows immediately from observing that  $\text{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\mathcal{C}_-, \mathcal{I}) = 0$  and  $\text{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\mathcal{C}_+, \mathcal{I}) = \mathbb{C}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 5.8.** *We can write down generators of  $H_{DY}^2(B_k\text{-mod})$  explicitly. For a Hopf algebra  $H$ , the algebra of natural transformations  $\text{Nat}_{H\text{-mod}}(\otimes^n, \otimes^n)$  is isomorphic to the subalgebra in  $H^{\otimes n}$  that commutes with the  $n$ -fold coproduct  $\Delta^{(n)}(h)$  for any  $h \in H$ , as was observed in [ENO, Sec. 6]. In the following table,  $f = \sum_i f_1^i \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n^i \in H^{\otimes n}$  corresponds to the natural transformation defined by  $\eta_f(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n) := \sum_i f_1^i \cdot v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n^i \cdot v_n$ , for  $v_k \in V_k$ .*

Hopf algebra	Generators of $H_{DY}^2(B_k\text{-mod})$
$B_1$	$x \otimes xg$
$B_2$	$x_1 \otimes x_1g, x_2 \otimes x_2g, x_1 \otimes x_2g + x_2 \otimes x_1g$
$B_3$	$x_1 \otimes x_1g, x_2 \otimes x_2g, x_3 \otimes x_3g,$ $x_1 \otimes x_3g + x_3 \otimes x_1g, x_2 \otimes x_1g + x_1 \otimes x_2g, x_2 \otimes x_3g + x_3 \otimes x_2g$

*These natural transformations define infinitesimal deformations of the monoidal structure of the identity functor. Due to the fact that  $H_{DY}^3 = 0$  in this case, the deformations have no obstructions.*

In the remainder of this section we prove the formula in Theorem 5.1 for the forgetful functor, i.e. for  $\dim H_{DY}^n(\mathcal{U}_{B_k})$ . Using Theorem 4.11 and the discussion after it, we compute the DY cohomology of the forgetful functor via the DY cohomology of the identity functor with second coefficient  $(B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)$ , recall its definition in (4.23). In the following lemma we decompose the  $D(B_k)$ -module corresponding to  $(B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)$ .

**Lemma 5.9.** *We have a decomposition of the  $D(B_k)$ -module  $(B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)$ :*

$$(B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c) \cong \mathcal{A}_{(-)^{k+1}} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{(-)^k}. \quad (5.30)$$

*Proof.* We first analyze the action of the subalgebra  $B_k \subset D(B_k)$ . The action of  $B_k$  on

$(B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)$  is just the coregular action. We have the following actions of  $x_j$  and  $g$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
g \cdot (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* &= (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*, \\
g \cdot (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* &= (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^*, \\
x_j \cdot (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{m-l} (x_1 \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m})^* & \text{for } i_l = j \\ 0 & \text{for } i_l \neq j, 1 \leq l \leq m, \end{cases} \\
x_j \cdot (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{m-l+1} (x_1 \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* & \text{for } i_l = j \\ 0 & \text{for } i_l \neq j, 1 \leq l \leq m. \end{cases} \quad (5.31)
\end{aligned}$$

It is clear that this is a free action and isomorphic to the regular  $B_k$ -module. Therefore,  $B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*$  as a  $B_k$ -module can be decomposed as

$$B_{k,\text{coreg}}^* = P_+ \oplus P_-, \quad (5.32)$$

where in a basis we have the identification

$$P_+ \cong B_k \cdot ((x_1 \dots x_k)^* + (x_1 \dots x_k g)^*) \quad , \quad P_- \cong B_k \cdot ((x_1 \dots x_k)^* - (x_1 \dots x_k g)^*). \quad (5.33)$$

The action of the subalgebra  $B_k^*$  is given by  $\beta_c: B_k^* \otimes B_k^* \rightarrow B_k^*$ , recall (4.23). Using the formula (5.18) twice, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{i_l} \cdot (x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m})^* &= (-1)^{m-l} (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* + (-1)^{l-1} (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*, \\
y_{i_l} \cdot (x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^* &= (-1)^l (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* + (-1)^{m-l-1} (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*. \quad (5.34)
\end{aligned}$$

In particular, we obtain on the basis elements of the  $B_k$ -submodules  $P_+, P_-$ :

$$y_{i_l} \cdot ((x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m})^* \pm (x_{i_1} \dots \hat{x}_{i_l} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*) \quad (5.35)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } (-1)^m = \mp \\ 2(-1)^l (\pm 1) ((x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m})^* \mp (x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} g)^*) & \text{for } (-1)^m = \pm. \end{cases} \quad (5.36)$$

Hence, we can identify the cyclic vector  $v_{(-)k+1} := (x_1 \dots x_k)^* + (-1)^{k+1} (x_1 \dots x_k g)^*$  such that the  $B_k$  submodule  $P_{(-)k+1} \cong B_k \cdot v_{(-)k+1}$  becomes the module  $\mathcal{A}_{(-)k+1}$  under the action of  $B_k^* \subset D(B_k)$ . This follows again from the fact that this module is indecomposable and admits the action  $g = -h$ , which implies that it contains  $\mathcal{A}_{(-)k+1}$  as a simple submodule due to Lemma 5.3. Similarly  $P_{(-)k}$  becomes  $\mathcal{B}_{(-)k}$  under the action of  $B_k^*$ .  $\square$

The comonad cohomology with the coefficient functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Z}(B_k\text{-mod})}(\cdot, \mathbf{Y})$  preserves direct sums. Thus, we can simply neglect the summand  $\mathcal{A}_{\pm}$  in  $\mathbf{Y} = (B_{k,\text{coreg}}^*, \beta_c)$  because it is injective and makes the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Z}(B_k\text{-mod})}(\cdot, \mathcal{A}_{\pm})$  exact.

**Corollary 5.10.** *We have*

$$H^n(\cdot, \text{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\cdot, \mathcal{A}_{\pm} \oplus \mathcal{B}_{\mp}))_G \cong H^n(\cdot, \text{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\cdot, \mathcal{B}_{\mp}))_G \quad (5.37)$$

for all  $n > 0$ .

*Proof of Theorem 5.1 for the forgetful functor.* The statement for the forgetful functor follows from the identities  $\mathrm{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\mathcal{C}_-, \mathcal{B}_-) = 0$  and  $\mathrm{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\mathcal{C}_+, \mathcal{B}_-) \cong \mathbb{C}$  for odd  $k$  and  $\mathrm{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\mathcal{C}_-, \mathcal{B}_+) = 0$  and  $\mathrm{Hom}_{D(B_k)}(\mathcal{C}_+, \mathcal{B}_+) \cong \mathbb{C}$  for even  $k$ .  $\square$

**Remark 5.11.** *The formula (5.3) for the Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the forgetful functor can be obtained by using the following well known isomorphism for a Hopf algebra  $H$  and an  $H$ -bimodule  $M$ :*

$$\mathrm{HH}^\bullet(H, M) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_{H \otimes H^{op}}^\bullet(H, M) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_H^\bullet(k, M_{ad}), \quad (5.38)$$

where  $k$  is the trivial module and  $M_{ad}$  is the adjoint representation corresponding to the bimodule  $M$ . Specifically, for the trivial bimodule  $M = k$ , the latter is just  $\mathrm{Ext}_H^\bullet(k, k)$ . The Davydov-Yetter cohomology of the forgetful functor is isomorphic to the Hochschild cohomology of the dual Hopf algebra for  $M = k$ . It is thus enough to compute  $\mathrm{Ext}_{B_k^*}^n(I, I)$ . This can be done with standard homological algebra techniques. In fact, the minimal projective resolution of the trivial module  $I$  is identical to the one in (5.23) restricted to the subalgebra  $B_k^*$ . The calculation is therefore analogous to the end of the proof of Theorem 5.1 for the identity functor.

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