

## EXAMPLES OF (NON-)BRAIDED TENSOR CATEGORIES

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**ABSTRACT.** Six examples of non-braidable tensor categories which are extensions of the category  $Comod(H)$ , for  $H$  a supergroup algebra; and two examples of braided categories where the only possible braiding is the trivial braiding are introduced.

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### 1. Introduction

Braided categories were introduced by Joyal and Street [5]. They are related to knot invariants, topology and quantum groups, since they can express symmetries. Some examples of braided categories are:

- graded modules over a commutative ring,
- (co)modules over a (co)quasi-triangular Hopf algebra,
- the Braid category, [5, Section 2.2],
- the center of a tensor category.

In the last example, we begin with a tensor category and construct a braided one. In a general scenario, a natural question is it is possible to construct braidings starting with tensor categories. In particular, if  $G$  is a finite group, can a  $G$ -extension of a tensor category be braided? In this work we show that this can be done in very few cases. Then, an extension of a braided category is not necessarily braided, so it is really complicated to extend that property.

However, constructing examples of non-braided categories is also important. A big family of these come from the category of (co)modules of a Hopf algebra without a (co)quasi-triangular structure, see [9, T 10.4.2]. Masuoka in [6] and [7] constructs explicit examples of non-Quasi-triangular or non-CoQuasi-triangular Hopf algebras. In particular these Hopf algebras can not be obtained from any group algebra by twist (or cocycle) deformation. Other examples were constructed in [4].

In the literature there are a few explicit examples of tensor categories, for this reason we construct in [8] eight tensor categories, following the description introduced in [3] of Crossed Products. These categories extend the module category over certain quantum groups, called *supergroup algebras*. In a few words, a *crossed product tensor category* is, as Abelian category, the direct sum of copies of a fixed tensor category, and the tensor product comes from certain data. Then founding all possible data, we explicitly construct tensor categories.

In the same work [3], the author also describes all possible braidings over a crossed product. Following this, three conditions were introduced to decide if a  $G$ -crossed product is braidable:

- (1) the base category has to be braided,
- (2)  $G$  has to be Abelian, and the biGalois objects associated to each crossed product have to be trivial,
- (3) the 3-cocycle associated to each crossed product over an specific supergroup algebra has to be trivial, if  $G$  is the cyclic group of order 2.

The goal in the present paper is to obtain all possible braidings over the categories introduced in [8]. With this, only two categories of the eight found in [8] are braided with the trivial braiding only, and the other 6 are not braidable.

In [8, Theorem 6.3], using the Frobenius-Perron dimension, we proved that these eight categories are the module category of a quasi-Hopf algebra. Although we do not know how to explicitly compute these algebras, as a corollary of this work, we know that six of these algebras are non-Quasi-triangular and two are Quasi-triangular only. In particular, we are obtaining information about certain quasi-Hopf algebras without knowing them explicitly; showing how useful it is to work in the category world. In a future, when we can explicitly describe these quasi-Hopf algebras, we will already know how their Quasi-triangular structures are.

## 2. Preliminaries and notation

Throughout this paper we shall work over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{k}$  of characteristic zero. For basic knowledge of Hopf algebras see [9]. Let  $H$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra and  $A$  be a left  $H$ -comodule. Then  $A$  is also a right  $H$ -comodule with right coaction  $a \mapsto a_0 \otimes S(a_{-1})$ , see [1, Proposition 2.2.1(iii)]. A *left  $H$ -Galois extension of  $A^{co(H)}$*  is a left  $H$ -comodule algebra  $(A, \rho)$  such that  $A \otimes_{A^{co(H)}} A \rightarrow H \otimes A$ ,  $a \otimes b \mapsto (1 \otimes a)\rho(b)$  is bijective. Similarly, we define right  $H$ -Galois extension.

Consider  $L$  another finite-dimensional Hopf algebra. An  $(H, L)$ -biGalois object [10] is an algebra  $A$  that is a left  $H$ -Galois extension and a right  $L$ -Galois extension of the base field  $\mathbb{k}$  such that the two comodule structures make it an  $(H, L)$ -bicomodule. Two biGalois objects are *isomorphic* if there exists a bijective bicomodule morphism that is also an algebra map. For  $A$  an  $(H, L)$ -biGalois object, define the tensor functor

$$\mathcal{F}_A : \text{Comod}(L) \rightarrow \text{Comod}(H), \quad \mathcal{F}_A = A \square_L - .$$

By [10], every tensor functor between comodule categories is one of these, and  $\mathcal{F}_A \simeq \mathcal{F}_B$  as tensor functors if and only if  $A \simeq B$  as biGalois objects.

If  $A = H$ , then every natural monoidal equivalence  $\beta : \mathcal{F}_H \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_H$  is given by

$$f \otimes \text{id}_X : H \square_H X \rightarrow H \square_H X, \quad (X, \rho_X) \in \text{Comod}(H),$$

where  $f : H \rightarrow H$  is a bicomodule algebra isomorphism.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Every natural monoidal equivalence  $\text{id}_{\text{Comod}(H)} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\text{Comod}(H)}$  is given by  $(\varepsilon f \otimes \text{id}_X) \rho_X$ .*

**Proof.** For  $X \in \text{Comod}(H)$ , the coaction induces an isomorphism  $X \simeq H \square_H X$  with inverse induced by  $\varepsilon$ , the counit. Then  $\text{id}_{\text{Comod}(H)} \simeq \mathcal{F}_H$  as tensor functors. Since all natural monoidal autoequivalences of  $\mathcal{F}_H$  are given by  $f \otimes \text{id}_X$  then all natural monoidal autoequivalences of  $\text{id}_{\text{Comod}(H)}$  are given by  $(\varepsilon f \otimes \text{id}_X) \rho_X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.2.** [9, Definition 10.1.5]  $(H, R)$  is a *Quasi-triangular* (or QT) Hopf algebra if  $H$  is a Hopf algebra and there exists  $R \in H \otimes H$ , called the *R-matrix*, invertible such that

$$(\Delta \otimes \text{id})R = R^{13}R^{23}, \quad (\text{id} \otimes \Delta)R = R^{13}R^{12}, \quad \Delta^{op}(h) = R\Delta(h)R^{-1}, h \in H.$$

Dualizing we can define,  $(H, r)$  is a *CoQuasi-triangular* (or CQT) Hopf algebra if  $H$  is a Hopf algebra and  $r : H \otimes H \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$ , called the *r-form*, is a linear functional which is invertible with respect to the convolution multiplication and satisfies for arbitrary  $a, b, c \in H$

$$r(c \otimes ab) = r(c_1 \otimes b)r(c_2 \otimes a), \quad r(ab \otimes c) = r(a \otimes c_1)r(b \otimes c_2),$$

$$r(a_1 \otimes b_1)a_2b_2 = r(a_2 \otimes b_2)b_1a_1.$$

**Remark 2.3.** Drinfeld defined a *quantum group* as a non-commutative, non-cocommutative Hopf algebra. Examples of these are the QT Hopf algebras. The

importance of quantum groups lies in they allow to construct solutions for the quantum Yang-Baxter equation in statistical mechanics (the  $R$ -matrix is a solution of this equation). An example of quantum group are the supergroup algebras.

A *supergroup algebra* is a supercocommutative Hopf algebra of the form  $\mathbb{k}[G] \ltimes \wedge V$ , where  $G$  is a finite group and  $V$  is a finite-dimensional  $G$ -module. They appear and have an interesting role in the classification of triangular algebras, see [2, Theorem 4.3].

**Example 2.4.** Consider  $H = \mathbb{k}C_2 \ltimes \mathbb{k}V$ , for  $V$  a 2-dimensional vector space and  $C_2$  the 2-cyclic group generated by  $u$  with  $u \cdot v = -v$  for  $v \in V$ . As an algebra, it is generated by elements  $v \in V, g \in C_2$  subject to relations  $vw + wv = 0; gv = (g \cdot v)g$  for all  $v, w \in V, g \in C_2$ . The coproduct and antipode are determined by

$$\Delta(v) = v \otimes 1 + u \otimes v; \Delta(g) = g \otimes g; S(v) = -uv; S(g) = g^{-1}, \quad v \in V, g \in C_2.$$

Taking  $R = \frac{1}{2}(1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes u + \otimes 1 - u \otimes u)$ ,  $(H, R)$  is a QT-Hopf algebra. We can construct a CoQuasi-triangular structure taking  $r = R^*$  since  $H$  is auto-dual. Then  $(H, R^*)$  is a CQT-Hopf algebra.

**Definition 2.5.** A *finite tensor category* is a locally finite,  $\mathbb{T}$ -linear, rigid, monoidal Abelian category  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{1}) \cong \mathbb{T}$ . Given a finite group  $\Gamma$ , a (faithful)  $\Gamma$ -grading on a finite tensor category  $\mathcal{D}$  is a decomposition  $\mathcal{D} = \bigoplus_{g \in \Gamma} \mathcal{D}_g$ , where  $\mathcal{D}_g$  are full Abelian subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}$  such that

- $\mathcal{D}_g \neq 0$ ;
- $\otimes : \mathcal{D}_g \times \mathcal{D}_h \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in \Gamma$ .

We have that  $\mathcal{C} := \mathcal{D}_e$  is a tensor subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}$ . The category  $\mathcal{D}$  is call a  $\Gamma$ -extension of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Denote by  $[V, g]$  the homogeneous elements in  $\mathcal{D}$ , for  $V \in \mathcal{D}_g, g \in \Gamma$ .

A *braided tensor category* is a tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$  with natural isomorphisms  $c_{X,Y} : X \otimes Y \rightarrow Y \otimes X$  such that

$$\alpha_{V,W,U} c_{U,V \otimes W} \alpha_{U,V,W} = (\text{id} \otimes c_{U,W}) \alpha_{V,U,W} (c_{U,V} \otimes \text{id}), \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha_{W,U,V}^{-1} c_{U \otimes V,W} \alpha_{U,V,W}^{-1} = (c_{U,W} \otimes \text{id}) \alpha_{U,W,V}^{-1} (\text{id} \otimes c_{V,W}). \quad (2)$$

If  $(H, r)$  is a CQT-Hopf algebra then  $\text{Comod}(H)$  is a braided tensor category with braiding given by  $c_{V \otimes W}(x \otimes y) = r(y_{-1} \otimes x_{-1})y_0 \otimes x_0$ , for all  $V, W \in \text{Comod}(H)$ .

The following theorem gives us the first condition to know when an extension can be braided.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{D} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{D}_g$  be a  $\Gamma$ -extension of  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $\mathcal{D}$  is a braided tensor category then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a braided tensor category.*

**Proof.** Let  $c$  be the braiding of  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $c_{[V,e],[W,e]} : [V \otimes W, e] \rightarrow [W \otimes V, e]$  and  $c_{[V,e],[W,e]} = [\bar{c}_{V,W}, e]$  for some natural isomorphism  $\bar{c}_{V,W} : V \otimes W \rightarrow W \otimes V$ , for  $V, W$  objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since the associativity isomorphism satisfies  $a_{[V,e],[W,e],[U,e]} = [\bar{a}_{V,W,U}, e]$ , where  $\bar{a}$  is the associativity morphism for  $\mathcal{C}$ ; then  $\bar{c}$  is a braiding for  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $\square$

In [3], the author describes and classifies a family of such extensions and calls it crossed product tensor category. Fix  $H$  a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra. In the case when  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Comod}(H)$ , in [8], we described crossed products in terms of Hopf-algebraic datum. A continuation they are introduced.

If  $g \in G(H)$  and  $L$  is a  $(H, H)$ -biGalois object then the cotensor product  $L \square_H \mathbb{k}_g$  is one-dimensional. Let  $\phi(L, g) \in \Gamma$  be the group-like element such that  $L \square_H \mathbb{k}_g \simeq \mathbb{k}_{\phi(L,g)}$  as left  $H$ -comodules. Assume that  $A$  is an  $H$ -biGalois object with left  $H$ -comodule structure  $\lambda : A \rightarrow H \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} A$ . If  $g \in G(H)$  is a group-like element we can define a new  $H$ -biGalois object  $A^g$  on the same underlying algebra  $A$  with unchanged right comodule structure and a new left  $H$ -comodule structure given by  $\lambda^g : A^g \rightarrow H \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} A^g$ ,  $\lambda^g(a) = g^{-1} a_{-1} g \otimes a_0$  for all  $a \in A$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** [8, Lemma 5.7, Theorem 5.4] *Let  $\Upsilon = (L_a, (g(a, b), f^{a,b}), \gamma)_{a,b \in \Gamma}$  be a collection where*

- $L_a$  is a  $(H, H)$ -biGalois object;
- $g(a, b) \in G(H)$ ;
- $f^{a,b} : (L_a \square_H L_b)^{g(a,b)} \rightarrow L_{ab}$  are bicomodule algebra isomorphisms;
- $\gamma \in Z^3(G(H), \mathbb{k}^\times)$  normalized,

such that for all  $a, b, c \in \Gamma$ :

$$L_e = H, \quad (g(e, a), f^{e,a}) = (e, \text{id}_{L_a}) = (g(a, e), f^{a,e}); \quad (3)$$

$$\phi(L_a, g(b, c))g(a, bc) = g(a, b)g(ab, c); \quad (4)$$

$$f^{ab,c}(f^{a,b} \otimes \text{id}_{L_c}) = f^{a,bc}(\text{id}_{L_a} \otimes f^{b,c}). \quad (5)$$

Then  $\text{Comod}(H)(\Upsilon) := \bigoplus_{g \in \Gamma} \text{Comod}(H)$  as a structure of tensor category.

**Proof.** We give an sketch of the proof. Let  $\Upsilon$  be a collection as in the Theorem. For  $V, W \in \text{Comod}(H)$ ,  $a, b \in \Gamma$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} [V, a] \otimes [W, b] &:= [V \otimes (L_a \square_H W) \otimes \mathbb{k}_{g(a,b)}, ab], \\ [V, 1]^* &:= [V^*, 1], \\ [\mathbb{k}, a]^* &:= [\mathbb{k}_{g(a,a^{-1})}, a^{-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Using [8, Eq (5.8)], we obtain the pentagon diagram and therefore  $\text{Comod}(H)(\Upsilon)$  is a monoidal category. Since  $\text{Comod}(H)$  is finite tensor category, then  $\text{Comod}(H)(\Upsilon)$  is also finite tensor category.  $\square$

The following theorem gives us a second condition to decided if our extensions can be braided.

**Theorem 2.8.** *If  $\text{Comod}(H)(\Upsilon)$  is braided with braiding  $c$  then the following conditions have to hold*

- (1)  $L_a \simeq H$  for all  $a \in \Gamma$ ,
- (2)  $\Gamma$  is Abelian,
- (3)  $\Upsilon$  comes from a data  $(g, f^{a,b}, \gamma)_{a,b \in \Gamma}$  with
  - $g \in Z^2(\Gamma, G(H))$  normalized,
  - $f^{a,b} : H^{g(a,b)} \rightarrow H$  a bicomodule algebra isomorphism with  $f^{ab,c} f^{a,b} = f^{a,bc} f^{b,c}$ ,
  - $\gamma \in Z^3(G(H), \mathbb{k}^\times)$  normalized.

**Proof.** (1) Take, for any  $V \in \text{Comod}(H)$ ,  $c_{[V,e][1,a]} : [V, a] \rightarrow [L_a \square_H V, a]$ , this defines a natural isomorphism  $\bar{c}_a : \text{id}_C \rightarrow L_a \square_H -$  which is monoidal since  $c$  is a braiding. Then  $L_a \simeq H$  as bicomodule algebras for all  $a \in \Gamma$ .

(2) Consider  $c_{[1,a][1,b]} : [\mathbb{k}_{g(a,b)}, ab] \rightarrow [\mathbb{k}_{g(b,a)}, ba]$  then  $ab = ba$  for all  $a, b \in \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma$  is Abelian.

(3) Since  $L_a$  is trivial, then Equation (4) of Theorem 2.7 is equivalent to  $g \in Z^2(\Gamma, G(H))$  and it is normalized by Equation (3) of Theorem 2.7. Moreover  $f^{a,b} : H^{g(a,b)} \rightarrow H$  is a bicomodule algebra isomorphism that satisfies  $f^{ab,c} f^{a,b} = f^{a,bc} f^{b,c}$  which is equivalent to Equation (5) of Theorem 2.7.  $\square$

**Remark 2.9.** By definition of bicomodule morphism,  $f^{a,b} : H \rightarrow H$  has to be an algebra isomorphism such that  $f^{a,b}(h)_1 \otimes f^{a,b}(h)_2 = g^{-1} h_1 g \otimes f^{a,b}(h_2)$  and  $f^{a,b}(h)_1 \otimes f^{a,b}(h)_2 = f^{a,b}(h_1) \otimes h_2$ , then  $g^{-1} h_1 g \otimes f^{a,b}(h_2) = f^{a,b}(h_1) \otimes h_2$ .

In the case when  $H = \wedge V \# \mathbb{k}C_2$ , as Example 2.4, using the previous Theorem we obtained eight tensor categories non-equivalent pairwise, [8, Section 6.3], named  $\mathcal{C}_0(1, \text{id}, \pm 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_0(u, \iota, \pm 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, \pm 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, \pm 1)$ .

In all cases, the underlying Abelian category is  $\text{Comod}(H) \oplus \text{Comod}(H)$  and for  $V, W, Z \in \text{Comod}(H)$  they are defined in the following way:

- The tensor product, dual objects and associativity in  $\mathcal{C}_0(1, \text{id}, \pm 1)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} [V, e][W, g] &= [V \otimes W, g], & [V, u][W, g] &= [V \otimes \mathbf{U}_0 \square_H W, ug], \\ [V, e]^* &= [V^*, e], & [\mathbf{1}, u]^* &= [\mathbb{k}, u], \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha_{[V, u], [W, u], [Z, u]}$  is not trivial, and  $\mathbf{U}_0$  is certain BiGalois object, see [8, Section 4].

- The tensor product, dual objects and associativity in  $\mathcal{C}_0(u, \iota, \pm 1)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} [V, e][W, e] &= [V \otimes W, 1], & [V, u][W, u] &= [V \otimes \mathbf{U}_0 \square_H W \otimes \mathbb{k}_u, e], \\ [V, e][W, u] &= [V \otimes W, u], & [V, u][W, e] &= [V \otimes \mathbf{U}_0 \square_H W, u], \\ [V, e]^* &= [V^*, e], & [\mathbf{1}, u]^* &= [\mathbb{k}_u, u], \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha_{[V, u], [W, u], [Z, u]}$  is not trivial.

- The tensor product, dual objects and associativity in  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, \pm 1)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} [V, e][W, g] &= [V \otimes W, g], & [V, u][W, g] &= [V \otimes W, ug], \\ [V, e]^* &= [V^*, e], & [\mathbf{1}, u]^* &= [\mathbb{k}, u], \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha_{[V, u], [W, u], [Z, u]} = [\pm \text{id}_{V \otimes W \otimes Z}, u]$  and the others are trivial.

- The tensor product, dual objects and associativity in  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, \pm 1)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} [V, e][W, e] &= [V \otimes W, e], & [V, u][W, u] &= [V \otimes W \otimes \mathbb{k}_u, e], \\ [V, e][W, u] &= [V \otimes W, u], & [V, u][W, e] &= [V \otimes W, u], \\ [V, e]^* &= [V^*, e], & [\mathbf{1}, u]^* &= [\mathbb{k}_u, u], \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha_{[V, u], [W, u], [Z, u]} = [\pm \text{id}_{V \otimes W} \otimes \tau(\varepsilon \iota \rho_Z \otimes \text{id}_{Z \otimes \mathbb{k}_u}), u]$ , where  $\iota : H^u \rightarrow H$  is the unique bicomodule algebra isomorphism which satisfies  $\iota(u) = -u$  and  $\iota(x) = -x$  for  $x \in V$ ; and  $\tau : X \otimes Y \rightarrow Y \otimes X$ ,  $\tau(z \otimes k) = k \otimes z$  for all  $X, Y \in \text{Comod}(H)$ , see [8, Remark 2.2].

**Remark 2.10.** By Lemma 2.8(1), we obtain that only the categories  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, \pm 1)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, \pm 1)$  could be braided, since the BiGalois objects have to be trivial.

By direct calculation on Equation (1),  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, -1)$  is not braided with trivial braiding. So, in this case, we want to know if there exist another possible braidings.

### 3. Braided crossed product

Let  $\Gamma$  be an Abelian group. In [8], following the ideas developed in [3], we described all  $\Gamma$ -crossed product tensor categories which are extensions of  $\text{Comod}(H)$  for  $H$  a Hopf algebra in terms of certain Hopf-algebraic datum. Fix  $(H, r)$  a CQT-Hopf algebra. In the first Lemma of this Section, we do the same for the braiding of crossed products that are  $\Gamma$ -extensions of  $\text{Comod}(H)$ .

**Remark 3.1.** If  $v : H \rightarrow H$  is a left  $H$ -comodule morphism, since the coaction is the coproduct,  $v$  satisfies  $v(x)_1 \otimes v(x)_2 = x_1 \otimes v(x_2)$ , for all  $x \in H$ . In particular,  $v$  is not a coalgebra morphism and if  $g \in G(H)$ ,  $v(g) = g\varepsilon(v(g))$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Fix a datum  $(g, f^{a,b}, \gamma)_{a,b \in \Gamma}$ , as in Lemma 2.8, and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the associated tensor category. Consider a pair  $(v^a, w^a)_{a \in \Gamma}$  where  $v^a, w^a : H \rightarrow H$  are left  $H$ -comodule algebra isomorphisms. Let  $W^a = \varepsilon w^a$ ,  $V^a = \varepsilon v^a$  and  $F^{a,b} = \varepsilon f^{a,b}$ . If for all  $a, b, c \in \Gamma$  and  $X \in \text{Comod}(H)$  we have

$$v^1 = w^1 = \text{id}_H, \tag{6}$$

$$(g(a, b), f^{a,b}) = (g(b, a), f^{b,a}), \tag{7}$$

$$W^b(x_{-3})W^a(x_{-2})(W^{ab})^{-1}(x_{-1})x_0 = F^{a,b}(x_{-2})r(x_{-1} \otimes g(a, b))x_0, \quad x \in X, \tag{8}$$

$$V^b(x_{-3})V^a(x_{-2})(V^{ab})^{-1}(x_{-1})x_0 = r(x_{-2} \otimes g(a, b))F^{a,b}(x_{-1})x_0, \quad x \in X, \tag{9}$$

$$V^a(g(b, c)) = (\gamma_{a,b,c} \gamma_{b,c,a})^{-1} \gamma_{b,a,c}, \tag{10}$$

$$W^b(g(c, a)) = \gamma_{c,a,b} \gamma_{b,c,a} \gamma_{c,b,a}^{-1}; \tag{11}$$

then we obtain a braiding over  $\mathcal{C}$  given by

$$c_{[V,a],[W,b]} = c_{V,W}((V^a \otimes \text{id})\rho_V \otimes (W^a \otimes \text{id})\rho_W) \otimes \text{id}, \quad V, W \in \text{Comod}(H), a, b \in \Gamma.$$

All braidings over  $\mathcal{C}$  come from a pair  $(v^a, w^a)_{a \in \Gamma}$  which satisfies (7) to (11).

**Proof.** By [3, Definition 5.3], a datum  $(g, f^{a,b}, \gamma)_{a,b \in \Gamma}$  has associated a braiding if there exist a triple  $(\theta^a, \tau^a, t_{a,b})_{a,b \in G}$  where

- $\theta^a, \tau^a : \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$  are monoidal natural isomorphisms,
- for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $t_{a,b} : (U_{a,b}, \sigma^{a,b}) \rightarrow (U_{b,a}, \sigma^{b,a})$  are isomorphisms in  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ , where  $\sigma_X^{a,b} = \tau(\varepsilon f^{a,b} \otimes \text{id}_X)\rho_X$ , for  $(X, \rho_X) \in \text{Comod}(H)$ , and  $U_{a,b} = \mathbb{k}_{g(a,b)}$ ,

such that for all  $a, b, c \in \Gamma$  and  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , the following conditions hold

$$\theta^1 = \tau^1 = \text{id}, \quad \theta_{\mathbf{1}}^a = \text{id}_{\mathbf{1}} = \tau_{\mathbf{1}}^a, \quad t_{a,1} = t_{1,a} = \text{id}_{\mathbf{1}}, \tag{12}$$

$$c_{U_{a,b}, X} \sigma_X^{a,b} = ((\tau_X^{ab})^{-1} \tau_X^a \tau_X^b) \otimes \text{id}_{U_{a,b}}, \tag{13}$$

$$\sigma_X^{a,b} c_{U_{a,b},X} = \text{id}_{U_{a,b}} \otimes ((\theta_X^{ab})^{-1} \theta_X^a \theta_X^b), \quad (14)$$

$$\gamma_{a,b,c}(\theta_{U_{b,c}}^a \otimes t_{bc,a}) \gamma_{b,c,a} = (t_{b,c} \otimes \text{id}_{U_{ba,c}}) \gamma_{b,a,c}(t_{c,a} \otimes \text{id}_{U_{b,ac}}), \quad (15)$$

$$\gamma_{c,a,b}^{-1}(\tau_{c,a}^b \otimes t_{b,ca}) \gamma_{b,c,a}^{-1} = (t_{b,a} \otimes \text{id}_{U_{c,ba}}) \gamma_{c,b,a}^{-1}(t_{b,c} \otimes \text{id}_{U_{bc,a}}). \quad (16)$$

By Lemma 2.1, each monoidal natural isomorphism of the identity functor comes from a left  $H$ -comodule algebra isomorphism, then  $\theta_X^a := (\varepsilon v^a \otimes \text{id}) \rho_X$  and  $\tau_X^a := (\varepsilon w^a \otimes \text{id}_X) \rho_X$  for all  $X \in \text{Comod}(H)$ . Since  $U_{g(a,b)} = \mathbb{k}_{g(a,b)}$ , we can take  $t_{a,b} \in \mathbb{k}^*$ .

Each  $t_{a,b}$  is a left  $H$ -comodule isomorphism if and only if  $g(a,b) \otimes t_{a,b} \text{id}_{\mathbb{k}} = g(b,a) \otimes t_{a,b} \text{id}_{\mathbb{k}}$  which gives  $g(a,b) = g(b,a)$  for all  $a, b \in \Gamma$ . Moreover, each  $t_{a,b}$  is a braided morphism if and only if  $\sigma_X^{a,b} t_{a,b} = \sigma_X^{b,a} t_{a,b}$  for  $a, b \in \Gamma$  and  $X \in \text{Comod}(H)$  if and only if  $\sigma^{a,b} = \sigma^{b,a}$ . Then  $t_{a,b}$  is an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{Z}(\text{Comod}(H))$  if and only if Condition (7) holds.

Condition (12) is equivalent to  $v^1 = w^1 = \text{id}_H$  and  $t_{a,1} = t_{1,a} = 1$ , since  $\theta_{\mathbb{k}}^a = \text{id}_{\mathbb{k}} = \tau_{\mathbb{k}}^a$  is always true. Condition (13) is equivalent to

$$F^{a,b}(x_{-2})r(x_{-1} \otimes g(a,b))x_0 \otimes k = W^b(x_{-3})W^a(x_{-2})(W^{ab})^{-1}(x_{-1})x_0 \otimes k,$$

for  $x \otimes k \in X \otimes \mathbb{k}_{g(a,b)}$ , which is equivalent to Condition (8). In the same way, Condition (14) is equivalent to Condition (9). Condition (15) is equivalent to  $\gamma_{a,b,c} V^a(g(b,c)) t_{bc,a} \gamma_{b,c,a} = t_{b,c} \gamma_{b,a,c} t_{c,a}$  but if we take  $c = 1$  then

$$1 = t_{b,a}, \text{ for } a, b \in \Gamma,$$

so, this Condition is equivalent to Condition (10), and Condition (16) is equivalent to Condition (11).

By [3, Theorem 5.4], this pair produces a braiding over  $\mathcal{C}$  given by

$$c_{[V,a],[W,b]} = [c_V, w(\theta_V^a \otimes \tau_W^a), ab], \text{ for all } V, W \in \text{Comod}(H), a, b \in \Gamma, \quad (17)$$

and all braidings come from such a pair.  $\square$

Now, we focus our attention into the case  $\Gamma = C_2$ . By Lemma 2.8, a datum  $\Upsilon' = (g, f, \gamma)$  with  $g \in G(H)$  a group-like element,  $f : H^g \rightarrow H$  a bicomodule algebra isomorphism and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ ,  $\gamma^2 = 1$ ; generates a tensor category  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Comod}(H)(\Upsilon')$ .

The following theorem gives us the third and last condition to decide if our categories are braidable.

**Theorem 3.3.** *The category  $\text{Comod}(H)(\Upsilon')$  is a braided  $C_2$ -extension if and only if, there exists a pair of isomorphisms of left  $H$ -comodule algebras  $v, w : H \rightarrow H$  such that for all  $X \in \text{Comod } H$  and  $x \in X$*

$$\text{a. } \varepsilon(w(x_{-2})w^{-1}(x_{-1}))x_0 = x,$$

- b.  $\varepsilon(w(x_{-2})w(x_{-1}))x_0 = \varepsilon f(x_{-2})r(x_{-1} \otimes g)x_0$ ,
- c.  $\varepsilon(v(x_{-2})v^{-1}(x_{-1}))x_0 = x$ ,
- d.  $\varepsilon(v(x_{-2})v(x_{-1}))x_0 = r(x_{-2} \otimes g)\varepsilon f(x_{-1})x_0$ ,
- e.  $\varepsilon(v(g)) = \gamma^{-1}$ ,
- f.  $\varepsilon(w(g)) = \gamma$ .

**Proof.** Condition (7) is always true. Condition (8) is equivalent to  $r(x_{-1} \otimes 1)x_0 = x$ , and items a,b. Condition (9) is equivalent to  $r(x_{-1} \otimes 1)x_0 = x$ , and items c,d. Condition (10) is equivalent to item e. Condition (11) is equivalent to item f.

Regarding condition  $r(x_{-1} \otimes 1)x_0 = x$ , it is always true over a CoQuasi-triangular Hopf algebra.  $\square$

If  $H = \wedge V \# \mathbb{k}C_2$ , as Example 2.4, by [8, Proposition 4.10], the isomorphisms  $v$  and  $w$  are identities. Then if the extension is braided the only possible braiding is the trivial, see Equation (17), since the category  $\text{Comod } H$  has a braiding giving by the r-form. With this information, Conditions a-f are equivalent to

- a'.  $\varepsilon(x_{-2}x_{-1})x_0 = x$ ,
- b'.  $\varepsilon(x_{-2}x_{-1})x_0 = \varepsilon f(x_{-2})r(x_{-1} \otimes g)x_0$ ,
- c'.  $\varepsilon(x_{-2}x_{-1})x_0 = r(x_{-2} \otimes g)\varepsilon f(x_{-1})x_0$ ,
- d'.  $\varepsilon(g) = \gamma^{-1}$ ,
- e'.  $\varepsilon(g) = \gamma$ .

Since  $g$  is a group-like element, d' and e' imply that  $\gamma = 1$ . Thus, the only categories that could be braided are  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, 1)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, 1)$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *A  $C_2$ -extension over  $\text{Comod}(\wedge V \# \mathbb{k}C_2)$  is braided if and only if, for all comodule  $X$ ,  $r(f(x_{-1}) \otimes g)x_0 = x$ , for all  $x \in X$ .*

**Proof.** Condition a' is always true over comodules. Since  $x_1 y_1 r(x_2 \otimes y_2) = r(x_1 \otimes y_1) y_2 x_2$  for  $x, y \in H$  we have

$$(x_{-1}g)r(x_{-2} \otimes g) \otimes x_0 = r(x_{-1} \otimes g)g x_{-2} \otimes x_0.$$

Applying  $\varepsilon f \otimes \text{id}_X$ , we obtain  $r(x_{-2} \otimes g)\varepsilon f(x_{-1})x_0 = \varepsilon f(x_{-2})r(x_{-1} \otimes g)x_0$ . This implies that Conditions b' and c' are equivalent. Since

$$r(f(x) \otimes g) = r(f(x)_1 \otimes g)\varepsilon(g(f(x)_2)) = r(x_1 \otimes g)\varepsilon(f(x_2))$$

we have  $r(f(x_{-1}) \otimes g)x_0 = \varepsilon f(x_{-2})r(x_{-1} \otimes g)x_0$ , then Condition b' is equivalent to

$$r(f(x_{-1}) \otimes g)x_0 = x.$$

$\square$

We are ready for our main result.

**Theorem 3.5.** *The categories  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, 1)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, 1)$  are braided tensor categories. The remaining 6 categories found in [8] are non-braidable.*

**Proof.** By [3, Theorem 5.4], the only possible option for  $v$  and  $w$  is for there to be the identity. Then the categories  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, 1)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, 1)$  have associated at most a single pair  $(\text{id}, \text{id})$ , which would give it a braided structure. For the remaining six categories, we already know that they are non-braidable.

Since  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, 1)$  has trivial associativity and  $\text{Comod}(H)$  is braided then the braiding for  $\mathcal{D}(1, \text{id}, 1)$  is

$$c_{[V,a],[W,b]} = [c_{V,W}, ab], \quad \text{for all } V, W \in \text{Comod}(H), a, b \in C_2. \quad (18)$$

Over  $\mathcal{D}(u, \iota, 1)$  it is enough to check Equations (1) and (2) where the associativity is not trivial. Since  $(f \otimes \text{id})(\text{id} \otimes g) = (\text{id} \otimes g)(f \otimes \text{id})$  for any  $f, g$  morphisms in the category, also the braiding given in (18) also satisfies the desired Equations.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *For  $X \in \text{Comod}(\wedge V \# \mathbb{k}C_2)$ ,  $r(\iota(x_{-1}) \otimes g)x_0 = x$ , for all  $x \in X$ .*

**Remark 3.7.** Since  $\text{Comod}(H)$  is not symmetric, then these two categories are not symmetric either.

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