

## Cohomology and coquasi-bialgebras in the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules

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**Abstract.** We prove that a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra with the dual Chevalley Property over a field of characteristic zero is quasi-isomorphic to a Radford-Majid bosonization whenever the third Hochschild cohomology group in the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules of its diagram with coefficients in the base field vanishes. Moreover we show that this vanishing occurs in meaningful examples where the diagram is a Nichols algebra.

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### Introduction

Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  of characteristic zero such that the coradical  $H$  of  $A$  is a sub-Hopf algebra (*i.e.*,  $A$  has the dual Chevalley Property). Denote by  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  the diagram of  $A$ . The main aim of this paper (see Theorem 5.6) is to prove that, if the third Hochschild cohomology group in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  of the algebra  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{k}$  vanishes, in symbols  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{D}(A), \mathbb{k}) = 0$ , then  $A$  is quasi-isomorphic to the Radford-Majid bosonization  $E\#H$  of some connected bialgebra  $E$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  with  $\text{gr}E \cong \mathcal{D}(A)$  as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

The paper is organized as follows. Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$ . In Section 1 we investigate the properties of coalgebras with multiplication and unit in the category  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  (in particular of coquasi-bialgebras) and their associated graded coalgebra. The main result of this section, Theorem 1.6, establishes that the associated graded coalgebra  $\text{gr}Q$  of a connected coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  is a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

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In Section 2 we study the deformation of coquasi-bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  by means of gauge transformations. In Proposition 2.5 we investigate its behaviour with respect to bosonization while in Proposition 2.6 with respect to the associated graded coalgebra.

In Section 3 we consider the associated graded coalgebra in case the Hopf algebra  $H$  is semisimple and cosemisimple (e.g.  $H$  is finite-dimensional cosemisimple over a field of characteristic zero). In particular, in Theorem 3.2, we prove that a finite-dimensional connected coquasi-bialgebra  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  is gauge equivalent to a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  whenever  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . This result is inspired by [18, Proposition 2.3].

In Section 4 we focus on the link between  $H^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(B, \mathbb{k})$  and the invariants of  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})$ , where  $B$  is a bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(B, \mathbb{k})$ . In particular, in Proposition 4.7 we show that  $H^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(B, \mathbb{k})$  is isomorphic to  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^{D(H)}$ , which is a subspace of  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H \cong H^n(B\#H, \mathbb{k})$ , see Corollary 4.3.

Section 5 is devoted to the proof of the main result of the paper, the aforementioned Theorem 5.6.

In Section 6 we provide examples where  $H^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(B, \mathbb{k}) = 0$  in case  $B$  is the Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  of a Yetter-Drinfeld module  $V$ . In particular we show that that  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k})$  can be zero although  $H^3(\mathcal{B}(V)\#H, \mathbb{k})$  is non-trivial.

**Notation** Given a category  $\mathcal{C}$  and objects  $M, N \in \mathcal{C}$ , the notation  $\mathcal{C}(M, N)$  stands for the set of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $M$  to  $N$ . This notation will be mainly applied to the case where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the category of vector spaces  $\mathbf{Vect}_{\mathbb{k}}$  over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  or  $\mathcal{C}$  is the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  over a Hopf algebra  $H$ . The set of natural numbers including 0 is denoted by  $\mathbb{N}_0$  while  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the same set without 0. Given  $C$  a coalgebra, we use the Sweedler notation for the coproduct,  $\Delta(c) = c_1 \otimes c_2, c \in C$ ; similarly, for  $V$  a left  $C$ -comodule, we use the following notation for the coaction:  $\lambda(v) = v_{-1} \otimes v_0 \in V \otimes C, v \in V$ .

### 1. Connected bialgebras in Yetter-Drinfeld categories

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $C$  be a coalgebra. Denote by  $C_n$  the  $n$ -th term of the coradical filtration of  $C$  and set  $C_{-1} := 0$ . For every  $x \in C$ , we set

$$|x| := \min \{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : x \in C_i\} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{x} := x + C_{|x|-1}.$$

Note that, for  $x = 0$ , we have  $|x| = 0$ . One can define the associated graded coalgebra

$$\text{gr}C := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} \frac{C_i}{C_{i-1}}$$

with structure given, for every  $x \in C$ , by

$$\Delta_{\text{gr}C}(\bar{x}) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq |x|} (x_1 + C_{i-1}) \otimes (x_2 + C_{|x|-i-1}), \tag{1.1}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{gr}C}(\bar{x}) = \delta_{|x|,0} \varepsilon_C(x). \tag{1.2}$$

**Claim 1.2.** For every  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , take a basis  $\{\overline{x^{i,j}} \mid j \in B_i\}$  of the  $\mathbb{k}$ -module  $C_i/C_{i-1}$  with  $\overline{x^{i,j}} \neq \overline{x^{i,l}}$  for  $j \neq l$  and

$$|x^{i,j}| = i.$$

Then  $\{x^{i,j} \mid 0 \leq i \leq n, j \in B_i\}$  is a basis of  $C_n$  and  $\{x^{i,j} \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_0, j \in B_i\}$  is a basis of  $C$ . Assume that  $C$  has a distinguished grouplike element  $1 = 1_C \neq 0$  and take  $i > 0$ . If  $\varepsilon(x^{i,j}) \neq 0$  then we have that

$$\overline{x^{i,j} - \varepsilon(x^{i,j})1} = \overline{x^{i,j}}$$

so that we can take  $x^{i,j} - \varepsilon(x^{i,j})1$  in place of  $x^{i,j}$ . In other words we can assume

$$\varepsilon(x^{i,j}) = 0, \text{ for every } i > 0, j \in B_i. \tag{1.3}$$

It is well-known that there is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear isomorphism  $\varphi : C \rightarrow \text{gr}C$  defined on the basis by  $\varphi(x^{i,j}) := \overline{x^{i,j}}$ .

We compute

$$\varepsilon_{\text{gr}C} \varphi(x^{i,j}) = \varepsilon_{\text{gr}C}(\overline{x^{i,j}}) \stackrel{(1.2)}{=} \delta_{i,0} \varepsilon(x^{0,j}) \stackrel{(1.3)}{=} \varepsilon(x^{i,j}).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\varepsilon_{\text{gr}C} \circ \varphi = \varepsilon. \tag{1.4}$$

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra. A coalgebra with multiplication and unit in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  is a datum  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  where  $(Q, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is a coalgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ ,  $m : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow Q$  is a coalgebra morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  called multiplication (which may fail to be associative) and  $u : \mathbb{k} \rightarrow Q$  is a coalgebra morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  called unit. In this case we set  $1_Q := u(1_{\mathbb{k}})$ .

Note that, for every  $h \in H, k \in \mathbb{k}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h1_Q &= hu(1_{\mathbb{k}}) = u(h1_{\mathbb{k}}) = u(\varepsilon_H(h)1_{\mathbb{k}}) \\ &= \varepsilon_H(h)u(1_{\mathbb{k}}) = \varepsilon_H(h)1_Q, \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1_Q)_{-1} \otimes (1_Q)_0 &= (u(1_{\mathbb{k}}))_{-1} \otimes (u(1_{\mathbb{k}}))_0 \\ &= (1_{\mathbb{k}})_{-1} \otimes u((1_{\mathbb{k}})_0) = 1_H \otimes u(1_{\mathbb{k}}) = 1_H \otimes 1_Q. \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

**Proposition 1.3.** *Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a coalgebra with multiplication and unit in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . If  $Q_0$  is a subcoalgebra of  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $Q_0 \cdot Q_0 \subseteq Q_0$ , then  $Q_n$  is a subcoalgebra of  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Moreover  $Q_a \cdot Q_b \subseteq Q_{a+b}$  for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and the graded coalgebra  $\text{gr}Q$ , associated with the coradical filtration of  $Q$ , is a coalgebra with multiplication and unit in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  with respect to the usual coalgebra structure and with multiplication and unit defined by*

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\text{gr}Q}((x + Q_{a-1}) \otimes (y + Q_{b-1})) &:= xy + Q_{a+b-1}, \\
 u_{\text{gr}Q}(k) &:= k1_Q + Q_{-1}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.7}$$

*Proof.* The coalgebra structure of  $Q$  induces a coalgebra structure on  $\text{gr}Q$ . Since  $Q_0$  is a subcoalgebra of  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and, for  $n \geq 1$ , one has  $Q_n = Q_{n-1} \wedge_Q Q_0$ , then inductively one proves that  $Q_n$  is a subcoalgebra of  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . As a consequence one gets that  $\text{gr}Q$  is a coalgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  (this construction can be performed in the setting of monoidal categories under suitable assumptions, see e.g. [5, Theorem 2.10]). Let us prove that  $\text{gr}Q$  inherits also a multiplication and unit. Let us check that  $Q_a \cdot Q_b \subseteq Q_{a+b}$  for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We proceed by induction on  $n = a + b$ . If  $n = 0$  there is nothing to prove. Let  $n \geq 1$  and assume that  $Q_i \cdot Q_j \subseteq Q_{i+j}$  for every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $0 \leq i + j \leq n - 1$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}_0$  be such that  $n = a + b$ . Since  $\Delta(Q_a) \subseteq \sum_{i=0}^a Q_i \otimes Q_{a-i}$  and  $c_{Q,Q}(Q_u \otimes Q_v) \subseteq Q_v \otimes Q_u$ , where  $c_{Q,Q}$  denotes the braiding in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , using the compatibility condition between  $\Delta$  and  $m$ , one easily gets that  $\Delta(Q_a \cdot Q_b) \subseteq Q_{a+b-1} \otimes Q + Q \otimes Q_0$ .

Therefore  $Q_a \cdot Q_b \subseteq Q_{a+b}$ . This property implies we have a well-defined map in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$

$$m_{\text{gr}Q}^{a,b} : \frac{Q_a}{Q_{a-1}} \otimes \frac{Q_b}{Q_{b-1}} \rightarrow \frac{Q_{a+b}}{Q_{a+b-1}}$$

defined, for  $x \in Q_a$  and  $y \in Q_b$ , by (1.7). This can be seen as the graded component of a morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  that we denote by  $m_{\text{gr}Q} : \text{gr}Q \otimes \text{gr}Q \rightarrow \text{gr}Q$ . Let us check that  $m_{\text{gr}Q}$  is a coalgebra morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Consider a basis of  $Q$  with terms of the form  $x^{i,j}$  as in 1.2. Hence we can write the comultiplication in the form

$$\Delta(x^{a,u}) = \sum_{s+t \leq a} \sum_{l,m} \eta_{s,t,l,m}^{a,u} x^{s,l} \otimes x^{t,m}.$$

Now, using (1.1), one gets that

$$\Delta_{\text{gr}Q}(\overline{x^{a,u}}) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq a} \sum_{l,m} \eta_{i,a-i,l,m}^{a,u} \overline{x^{i,l}} \otimes \overline{x^{a-i,m}}.
 \tag{1.8}$$

Using that  $\Delta_{\text{gr}Q \otimes_{\text{gr}Q}} = (\text{gr}Q \otimes c_{\text{gr}Q, \text{gr}Q} \otimes \text{gr}Q) (\Delta_{\text{gr}Q} \otimes \Delta_{\text{gr}Q})$  and (1.8), it is straightforward to check that  $(m_{\text{gr}Q} \otimes m_{\text{gr}Q}) \Delta_{\text{gr}Q \otimes_{\text{gr}Q}} (\overline{x^{a,u}} \otimes \overline{x^{b,v}}) = \Delta_{\text{gr}Q} m_{\text{gr}Q} (\overline{x^{a,u}} \otimes \overline{x^{b,v}})$ .

Moreover, since  $\varepsilon_{\text{gr}Q \otimes_{\text{gr}Q}} = \varepsilon_{\text{gr}Q} \otimes \varepsilon_{\text{gr}Q}$ , we get that  $\varepsilon_{\text{gr}Q} m_{\text{gr}Q} (\overline{x^{a,u}} \otimes \overline{x^{b,v}}) = \varepsilon_{\text{gr}Q \otimes_{\text{gr}Q}} (\overline{x^{a,u}} \otimes \overline{x^{b,v}})$ .

This proves that  $m_{\text{gr}Q}$  is a coalgebra morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

The fact that  $u_{\text{gr}Q} : \mathbb{k} \rightarrow \text{gr}Q$ , defined by  $u_{\text{gr}Q}(k) := k1_Q + Q_{-1}$  is a coalgebra morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  easily follows by means of (1.6) and (1.7).  $\square$

**Definition 1.4 ([2, Definition 5.2]).** Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra. We say that  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \alpha)$  is a *coquasi-bialgebra* in the pre-braided monoidal category  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  if  $(Q, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is a coalgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ ,  $m : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow Q$  and  $u : \mathbb{k} \rightarrow Q$  are coalgebra homomorphisms in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and  $\alpha \in {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(Q^{\otimes 3}, \mathbb{k})$  (*braided reassociator*) is a convolution invertible element such that

$$\alpha(Q \otimes Q \otimes m) * \alpha(m \otimes Q \otimes Q) = (\varepsilon \otimes \alpha) * \alpha(Q \otimes m \otimes Q) * (\alpha \otimes \varepsilon), \tag{1.9}$$

$$\alpha(Q \otimes u \otimes Q) = \alpha(u \otimes Q \otimes Q) = \alpha(Q \otimes Q \otimes u) = \varepsilon_{Q \otimes Q}, \tag{1.10}$$

$$m(Q \otimes m) * \alpha = \alpha * m(m \otimes Q), \tag{1.11}$$

$$m(u \otimes Q) = \text{Id}_Q = m(Q \otimes u). \tag{1.12}$$

Here  $*$  denotes the convolution product, where  $Q^{\otimes 3}$  is the tensor product of coalgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  whence it depends on the braiding of this category. Note that in (1.10) any of the three equalities such as  $\alpha(u \otimes Q \otimes Q) = \varepsilon_{Q \otimes Q}$  implies that  $\alpha$  is unital.

**Remark 1.5.** When  $H = \mathbb{k}$  we recover the usual definition of coquasi-bialgebra that will be also named an **ordinary coquasi-bialgebra**.

**Theorem 1.6.** *Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  be a connected coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Then  $\text{gr}Q$  is a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 1.3, we know that  $\text{gr}Q$  is a coalgebra with multiplication and unit in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . We have to check that the multiplication is associative and unitary.

Given two coalgebras  $D, E$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  endowed with coalgebras filtration  $(D_{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  and  $(E_{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $D_{(0)}$  and  $E_{(0)}$  are one-dimensional, let us check that  $C_{(n)} := \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n} D_{(i)} \otimes E_{(n-i)}$  gives a coalgebra filtration on  $C := D \otimes E$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . First note that the coalgebra structure of  $C$  depends on the

braiding. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_C (C_{(n)}) &= (D \otimes c_{D,E} \otimes E) (\Delta_D \otimes \Delta_E) \left( \sum_{i=0}^n D_{(i)} \otimes E_{(n-i)} \right) \\
 &\subseteq (D \otimes c_{D,E} \otimes E) \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{a=0}^i \sum_{b=0}^{n-i} D_{(a)} \otimes D_{(i-a)} \otimes E_{(b)} \otimes E_{(n-i-b)} \right) \\
 &\subseteq \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{a=0}^i \sum_{b=0}^{n-i} D_{(a)} \otimes c_{D,E} (D_{(i-a)} \otimes E_{(b)}) \otimes E_{(n-i-b)} \\
 &\subseteq \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{a=0}^i \sum_{b=0}^{n-i} D_{(a)} \otimes c_{D_{(i-a)}, E_{(b)}} (D_{(i-a)} \otimes E_{(b)}) \otimes E_{(n-i-b)} \\
 &\subseteq \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{a=0}^i \sum_{b=0}^{n-i} D_{(a)} \otimes E_{(b)} \otimes D_{(i-a)} \otimes E_{(n-i-b)} \\
 &\subseteq \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{w=0}^n \sum_{\substack{0 \leq a \leq i, \\ 0 \leq b \leq n-i, \\ a+b=w}} D_{(a)} \otimes E_{(b)} \otimes D_{(i-a)} \otimes E_{(n-i-b)} \\
 &\subseteq \sum_{w=0}^n C_{(w)} \otimes C_{(n-w)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by [37, Proposition 11.1.1], we have that the coradical of  $C$  is contained in  $D_{(0)} \otimes E_{(0)}$  and hence it is one-dimensional.

This argument can be used to produce a coalgebra filtration on  $C := Q \otimes Q \otimes Q$  using as a filtration on  $Q$  the coradical filtration. Let  $n > 0$  and let  $w \in C_{(n)} = \sum_{i+j+k \leq n} Q_i \otimes Q_j \otimes Q_k$ . By [6, Lemma 3.69], we have that

$$\Delta_C (w) - w \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} - (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)}.$$

Thus we get

$$w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3 - \Delta_C (w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} - \Delta_C \left( (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \right) \otimes w \in \Delta_C (C_{(n-1)}) \otimes C_{(n-1)}$$

and hence, tensoring the first relation by  $(1_Q)^{\otimes 3}$  on the right and adding it to the second one, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3 - w \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} - (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes w \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \\
 - (1_Q)^{\otimes 6} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For shortness, we set  $v_n (z) := m (Q \otimes m) (z) + Q_{n-1}$  for every  $z \in C$ . Thus, by applying to the last displayed relation  $C_{(n-1)} \otimes m (Q \otimes m) \otimes C_{(n-1)}$  and factoring

out the middle term by  $Q_{n-1}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{aligned} & w_1 \otimes v_n(w_2) \otimes w_3 - w \otimes v_n((1_Q)^{\otimes 3}) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} + \\ & - (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} - (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n((1_Q)^{\otimes 3}) \otimes w \end{aligned} \right] \\ & \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes \left( \frac{v_n(C_{(n-1)})}{Q_{n-1}} \right) \otimes C_{(n-1)} \subseteq C_{(n-1)} \otimes \frac{Q_{n-1}}{Q_{n-1}} \otimes C_{(n-1)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can express the first term with respect to the remaining ones as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & w_1 \otimes v_n(w_2) \otimes w_3 \\ & = w \otimes v_n((1_Q)^{\otimes 3}) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} + (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \\ & \quad + (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n((1_Q)^{\otimes 3}) \otimes w \\ & = w \otimes (1_Q + Q_{n-1}) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} + (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \\ & \quad + (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes (1_Q + Q_{n-1}) \otimes w \\ & \stackrel{n \geq 0}{=} (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3}. \end{aligned}$$

We have so proved that for  $n > 0$  and  $w \in C_{(n)}$

$$w_1 \otimes v_n(w_2) \otimes w_3 = (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes v_n(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 3}. \tag{1.13}$$

The same equation trivially holds also in the case  $n = 0$  as  $C_{(n)}$  is one-dimensional.

Let  $x, y, z \in Q$ . Then  $x \otimes y \otimes z \in C_{(|x|+|y|+|z|)}$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}) \cdot \bar{z} & = ((x + Q_{|x|-1}) \cdot (y + Q_{|y|-1})) \cdot (z + Q_{|z|-1}) \\ & = (xy) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1} \cdot (z + Q_{|z|-1}) \\ & = (xy)z + Q_{|x|+|y|+|z|-1} \\ & = \omega^{-1}((x \otimes y \otimes z)_1) v_{|x|+|y|+|z|}((x \otimes y \otimes z)_2) \omega((x \otimes y \otimes z)_3) \\ & \stackrel{(1.13)}{=} \omega^{-1}(1_Q \otimes 1_Q \otimes 1_Q) v_{|x|+|y|+|z|}(x \otimes y \otimes z) \omega(1_Q \otimes 1_Q \otimes 1_Q) \\ & = v_{|x|+|y|+|z|}(x \otimes y \otimes z) \\ & = x(yz) + Q_{|x|+|y|+|z|-1} = \bar{x} \cdot (\bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the multiplication is associative. It is also unitary as

$$\bar{x} \cdot \overline{1_Q} = (x + Q_{|x|-1}) \cdot (1_Q + Q_{-1}) = x \cdot 1_Q + Q_{|x|-1} = x + Q_{|x|-1} = \bar{x}$$

and similarly  $\overline{1_Q} \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{x}$  for every  $x \in Q$ . □

## 2. Gauge transformations

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  be a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . A *gauge transformation for  $Q$*  is a morphism  $\gamma : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  which is convolution invertible in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and which is also unitary on both entries.

**Remark 2.2.** For  $\gamma$  as above, let us check that  $\gamma^{-1}$  is unitary whence a gauge transformation too.

First note that for all  $x \in Q$ , by means of (1.7) and (1.6), one gets

$$(1_Q \otimes x)_1 \otimes (1_Q \otimes x)_2 = 1_Q \otimes x_1 \otimes 1_Q \otimes x_2, \tag{2.1}$$

$$(x \otimes 1_Q)_1 \otimes (x \otimes 1_Q)_2 = x_1 \otimes 1_Q \otimes x_2 \otimes 1_Q. \tag{2.2}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^{-1}(1_Q \otimes x) &= \gamma^{-1}(1_Q \otimes x_1) \varepsilon(x_2) = \gamma^{-1}(1_Q \otimes x_1) \gamma(1_Q \otimes x_2) \\ &= (\gamma^{-1} * \gamma)(1_Q \otimes x) = \varepsilon(x) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly  $\gamma^{-1}(x \otimes 1_Q) = \varepsilon(x)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $C$  be a coalgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Given a map  $\gamma \in {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(C, \mathbb{k})$ , we have that  $\gamma$  is convolution invertible in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(C, \mathbb{k})$  if and only if it is convolution invertible in  $\mathbf{Vec}_{\mathbb{k}}(C, \mathbb{k})$ . Moreover the inverse is the same.

*Proof.* Assume there is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear map  $\gamma^{-1} : C \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  which is a convolution inverse of  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbf{Vec}_{\mathbb{k}}(C, \mathbb{k})$ . By [1, Remark 2.4(ii)],  $\gamma^{-1}$  is left  $H$ -linear. Let us check that  $\gamma^{-1}$  is left  $H$ -colinear:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{-1} \otimes \gamma^{-1}(c_0) &= (c_1)_{-1} 1_H \otimes \gamma^{-1}((c_1)_0) \gamma(c_2) \gamma^{-1}(c_3) \\ &= (c_1)_{-1} (c_2)_{-1} \otimes \gamma^{-1}((c_1)_0) \gamma((c_2)_0) \gamma^{-1}(c_3) \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} (c_1)_{-1} \otimes \gamma^{-1}(((c_1)_0)_1) \gamma(((c_1)_0)_2) \gamma^{-1}(c_2) \\ &= (c_1)_{-1} \otimes (\gamma^{-1} * \gamma)((c_1)_0) \gamma^{-1}(c_2) \\ &= (c_1)_{-1} \otimes \varepsilon_C((c_1)_0) \gamma^{-1}(c_2) \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} 1_H \otimes \varepsilon_C(c_1) \gamma^{-1}(c_2) = 1_H \otimes \gamma^{-1}(c) \end{aligned}$$

where in (\*) we used that the comultiplication or the counit of  $C$  is left  $H$ -colinear. Thus  $\gamma$  is convolution invertible in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(C, \mathbb{k})$ . The other implication is obvious.  $\square$



**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  be a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Let  $\gamma : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be a gauge transformation for  $Q$ . Then*

$$Q^\gamma := (Q, m^\gamma, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega^\gamma)$$

*is a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} m^\gamma &:= \gamma * m * \gamma^{-1} \\ \omega^\gamma &:= (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \omega * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proof is analogue to [24, Proposition XV.3.2] in its dual version. We include some details for the reader’s sake. Note that  $Q^\gamma$  has the same underlying coalgebra of  $Q$  which is a coalgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . The unit is also the same and hence it is a coalgebra map in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Since  $m^\gamma$  is the convolution product of morphisms in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , it results that  $m^\gamma$  is in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  as well.

Since  $m$  is a coalgebra map in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and  $\gamma$  is convolution invertible with convolution inverse  $\gamma^{-1}$ , it follows that  $m^\gamma$  is a coalgebra map in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

By means of (2.1) and (2.2), one gets that  $m^\gamma(1_Q \otimes x) = x = m^\gamma(x \otimes 1_Q)$ .

Let us consider now  $\omega^\gamma$ . Since it is the convolution product of morphisms in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , it results that  $\omega^\gamma$  is in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  as well.

Let us check that  $\omega^\gamma$  is unitary. Consider the map  $\alpha_2 : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow Q \otimes Q \otimes Q$  defined by  $\alpha_2(x \otimes y) = x \otimes 1_Q \otimes y$ . The equalities (2.2) and (1.7) yield

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_2(x \otimes y))_1 \otimes (\alpha_2(x \otimes y))_2 &= \alpha_2(x_1 \otimes (x_2)_{-1} y_1) \otimes \alpha_2((x_2)_0 \otimes y_2) \\ &= \alpha_2((x \otimes y)_1) \otimes \alpha_2((x \otimes y)_2) \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\alpha_2$  is comultiplicative.

Thus

$$\omega^\gamma \alpha_2 := (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) \alpha_2 * \gamma(Q \otimes m) \alpha_2 * \omega \alpha_2 * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) \alpha_2 * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \alpha_2$$

and computing the factors of this convolution products one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) \alpha_2 &= \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon, & \gamma(Q \otimes m) \alpha_2 &= \gamma, & \omega \alpha_2 &= \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon, \\ \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) \alpha_2 &= \gamma^{-1}, & (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \alpha_2 &= \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\omega^\gamma \alpha_2 = \gamma * \gamma^{-1} = \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon$ , which means that  $\omega^\gamma(x \otimes 1_Q \otimes y) = \varepsilon(x) \varepsilon(y)$  for every  $x, y \in Q$ .

Similarly, considering  $\alpha_1 : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow Q \otimes Q \otimes Q$  defined by  $\alpha_1(x \otimes y) = 1_Q \otimes x \otimes y$ , one proves that  $\omega^\gamma(1_Q \otimes x \otimes y) = \varepsilon(x) \varepsilon(y)$ . A symmetric argument shows that  $\omega^\gamma(x \otimes y \otimes 1_Q) = \varepsilon(x) \varepsilon(y)$  were  $D = Q \otimes Q \otimes Q$ .

Note that, by Lemma 2.3,  $\omega^\gamma$  is convolution invertible in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(D, \mathbb{k})$  as it is convolution invertible in  $\mathbf{Vec}_{\mathbb{k}}(D, \mathbb{k})$ .

Let us check that the multiplication is quasi-associative. By [2, Lemma 2.10 formula (2.7)], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
m^\gamma (Q \otimes \gamma * m * \gamma^{-1}) &= (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * m^\gamma (Q \otimes m) * (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma^{-1}), \\
(\varepsilon \otimes \gamma^{-1}) * (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) &= \varepsilon \otimes (\gamma^{-1} * \gamma) = \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon, \\
m^\gamma (m^\gamma \otimes Q) &= m^\gamma (\gamma * m * \gamma^{-1} \otimes Q) \\
&= (\gamma \otimes \varepsilon) * m^\gamma (m * \gamma^{-1} \otimes Q) \\
&= (\gamma \otimes \varepsilon) * m^\gamma (m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon), \\
(\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) * (\gamma \otimes \varepsilon) &= ((\gamma^{-1} * \gamma) \otimes \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

By using these equalities one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
&m^\gamma (Q \otimes m^\gamma) * \omega^\gamma \\
&= (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma (Q \otimes m) * m (Q \otimes m) * \omega * \gamma^{-1} (m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon), \\
&\omega^\gamma * m^\gamma (m^\gamma \otimes Q) \\
&= (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma (Q \otimes m) * \omega * m (m \otimes Q) * \gamma^{-1} (m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

so that  $\omega^\gamma * m^\gamma (m^\gamma \otimes Q) = m^\gamma (Q \otimes m^\gamma) * \omega^\gamma$ .

It remains to check that  $\omega^\gamma$  is a reassociator. By [2, Lemma 2.10 formula (2.7)], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega^\gamma (Q \otimes Q \otimes \gamma * m * \gamma^{-1}) &= (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \omega^\gamma (Q \otimes Q \otimes m) * (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \gamma^{-1}), \\
\omega^\gamma (\gamma * m * \gamma^{-1} \otimes Q \otimes Q) &= (\gamma \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) * \omega^\gamma (m \otimes Q \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon), \\
(\gamma \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) * (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \gamma) &= \gamma \otimes \gamma = (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * (\gamma \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

By using these equalities one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
&\omega^\gamma (Q \otimes Q \otimes m^\gamma) * \omega^\gamma (m^\gamma \otimes Q \otimes Q) \\
&= \left[ \begin{array}{c} (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma (Q \otimes m)) * \gamma (Q \otimes m (Q \otimes m)) \\ * \omega (Q \otimes Q \otimes m) * \omega (m \otimes Q \otimes Q) \\ * \gamma^{-1} (m (m \otimes Q) \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} (m \otimes Q) \otimes \varepsilon) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) \end{array} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\varepsilon \otimes \omega^\gamma) * \omega^\gamma (Q \otimes m^\gamma \otimes Q) * (\omega^\gamma \otimes \varepsilon) \\
&= \left[ \begin{array}{c} (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma (Q \otimes m)) * \gamma (Q \otimes m (Q \otimes m)) \\ * (\varepsilon \otimes \omega) * \omega (Q \otimes m \otimes Q) * (\omega \otimes \varepsilon) \\ * \gamma^{-1} (m (m \otimes Q) \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} (m \otimes Q) \otimes \varepsilon) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) \end{array} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\omega^\gamma(Q \otimes Q \otimes m^\gamma) * \omega^\gamma(m^\gamma \otimes Q \otimes Q) = (\varepsilon \otimes \omega^\gamma) * \omega^\gamma(Q \otimes m^\gamma \otimes Q) * (\omega^\gamma \otimes \varepsilon). \quad \square$$

In analogy to the case of Hopf algebras, one can define the bosonization  $E\#H$  of a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  by a Hopf algebra  $H$ , see [2, Definition 5.4] for further details on the structure. The following result was originally stated for  $E$  a Hopf algebra. Yorck Sommerhäuser suggested the present more general form that deals with the behaviour of the bosonization under a suitable gauge transformation.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(E, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  be a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Let  $\gamma : E \otimes E \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be a gauge transformation for  $E$ . Set*

$$\Gamma : (E\#H) \otimes (E\#H) \rightarrow \mathbb{k} : (x\#h) \otimes (x'\#h') \mapsto \gamma(x \otimes hx') \varepsilon_H(h').$$

*Then  $\Gamma$  is a gauge transformation and  $(E\#H)^\Gamma = E^\gamma\#H$  as ordinary coquasi-bialgebras.*

*Proof.* By [2, Lemma 2.15 and what follows], we have that  $\Gamma$  is convolution invertible  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced. Moreover  $\Gamma^{-1}((x\#h) \otimes (x'\#h')) = \gamma^{-1}(x \otimes hx') \varepsilon_H(h')$ . If  $\alpha : (E\#H) \otimes (E\#H) \rightarrow E\#H$  is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced, it is easy to check that  $\Gamma * \alpha * \Gamma^{-1}$  is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced too.

In particular, since

$$m_{E\#H}((x\#h) \otimes (x'\#h')) = m(x \otimes h_1x') \otimes h_2h'$$

we have that  $m_{E\#H}$  is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced where  $E\#H$  carries the left  $H$ -diagonal action and the right regular action over  $H$ .

Thus  $m_{(E\#H)^\Gamma} = \Gamma * m_{E\#H} * \Gamma^{-1}$  is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced. Moreover, since  $E^\gamma$  is also a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  we have that  $m_{E^\gamma\#H} : (E\#H) \otimes (E\#H) \rightarrow E\#H$  is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced too.

Therefore, in order to check that  $m_{(E\#H)^\Gamma} = m_{E^\gamma\#H}$ , it suffices to prove that they coincide on elements of the form  $(x\#1_H) \otimes (x'\#1_H)$ .

Let us consider the multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} & m_{(E\#H)^\Gamma}((x\#1_H) \otimes (x'\#1_H)) \\ &= (\Gamma * m_{E\#H} * \Gamma^{-1})((x\#1_H) \otimes (x'\#1_H)) \\ &= \Gamma((x\#1_H)_1 \otimes (x'\#1_H)_1) \cdot m_{E\#H}((x\#1_H)_2 \otimes (x'\#1_H)_2) \\ & \quad \cdot \Gamma^{-1}((x\#1_H)_3 \otimes (x'\#1_H)_3). \end{aligned}$$

Now, from

$$\Delta_{E\#H}(x\#h) = \sum (x^{(1)}\#x^{(2)}_{-1}h_1) \otimes (x^{(2)}_0\#h_2)$$

we get

$$(x\#1_H)_1 \otimes (x\#1_H)_2 \otimes (x\#1_H)_3 \\ = \sum \left( x^{(1)}\#x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle} \right) \otimes \left( x^{(2)}_0\#x^{(3)}_{-1} \right) \otimes \left( x^{(3)}_0\#1_H \right)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & m_{(E\#H)^\Gamma} \left( (x\#1_H) \otimes (x'\#1_H) \right) \\ = & \Gamma \left( (x\#1_H)_1 \otimes (x'\#1_H)_1 \right) \cdot m_{E\#H} \left( (x\#1_H)_2 \otimes (x'\#1_H)_2 \right) \\ & \cdot \Gamma^{-1} \left( (x\#1_H)_3 \otimes (x'\#1_H)_3 \right) \\ = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \Gamma \left( x^{(1)}\#x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle} \otimes x'^{(1)}\#x'^{(2)}_{-1}x'^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle} \right) \\ \cdot m_{E\#H} \left( x^{(2)}_0\#x^{(3)}_{-1} \otimes x'^{(2)}_0\#x'^{(3)}_{-1} \right) \\ \cdot \Gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0\#1_H \otimes x'^{(3)}_0\#1_H \right) \end{array} \right] \\ = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \gamma \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}x'^{(1)} \right) \\ \cdot m_{E\#H} \left( x^{(2)}_0\#x^{(3)}_{-1} \otimes x'^{(2)}\#x'^{(3)}_{-1} \right) \\ \cdot \gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)}_0 \right) \end{array} \right] \\ = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \gamma \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}x'^{(1)} \right) \\ \cdot m \left( x^{(2)}_0 \otimes x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}x'^{(2)} \right) \otimes x^{(3)}_{-1}x'^{(3)}_{-1} \\ \cdot \gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)}_0 \right) \end{array} \right] \\ = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \gamma \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}x'^{(1)} \right) \\ \cdot m \left( x^{(2)}_0 \otimes x^{(3)}_{-1}x'^{(2)} \right) \otimes \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)}_{-1} \right) \\ \cdot \gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)}_0 \right) \end{array} \right] \\ \stackrel{\gamma^{-1} \text{ colin.}}{=} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \gamma \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}x'^{(1)} \right) \cdot m \left( x^{(2)}_0 \otimes x^{(3)}_{-1}x'^{(2)} \right) \otimes 1_H \\ \cdot \gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)}_0 \right) \end{array} \right] \\ = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \gamma \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}x'^{(1)} \right) m \left( x^{(2)}_0 \otimes x^{(3)}_{-1}x'^{(2)} \right) \\ \gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)}_0 \right) \end{array} \right] \otimes 1_H. \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$\sum (x \otimes y)^{(1)} \otimes (x \otimes y)^{(2)} = \sum x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}y^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_0 \otimes y^{(2)}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum (x \otimes y)^{(1)} \otimes (x \otimes y)^{(2)} \otimes (x \otimes y)^{(3)} \\ = & \sum \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}_{-1}x^{(3)}_{\langle -2 \rangle}y^{(1)} \right) \otimes \left( x^{(2)}_0 \otimes x^{(3)}_{-1}y^{(2)} \right) \otimes \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes y^{(3)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using this equality we can proceed in our computation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m_{(E\#H)\Gamma} \left( (x\#1_H) \otimes (x'\#1_H) \right) \\
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum \gamma \left( x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)} \right)_{-1} x^{(3)} \langle_{-2} x'^{(1)} \\ \cdot m \left( x^{(2)}_0 \otimes x^{(3)} \right)_{-1} x'^{(2)} \end{array} \right] \gamma^{-1} \left( x^{(3)}_0 \otimes x'^{(3)} \right) \otimes 1_H \\
 &= \left[ \sum \gamma \left( (x \otimes x')^{(1)} \right) \cdot m \left( (x \otimes x')^{(2)} \right) \cdot \gamma^{-1} \left( (x \otimes x')^{(3)} \right) \right] \#1_H \\
 &= \left( \gamma * m * \gamma^{-1} \right) (x \otimes x') \#1_H \\
 &= m_{E^\gamma} (x \otimes x') \#1_H \\
 &= m_{E^\gamma \# H} \left( (x\#1_H) \otimes (x'\#1_H) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally  $u_{(E\#H)\Gamma} = u_{E\#H} = 1_E \# 1_H = 1_{E^\gamma} \# 1_H = u_{E^\gamma \# H}$ .

As a coalgebra  $(E\#H)^\Gamma$  coincides with  $E\#H$  and hence with  $E^\gamma \# H$ .

Finally let us check that  $\omega_{E^\gamma \# H}$  and  $\omega_{(E\#H)\Gamma}$  coincide. To this aim, let us use the maps  $\mathcal{U}_{H,-}^*$  of [2, Lemma 2.15]. First note that  $\omega_{E^\gamma \# H} = \mathcal{U}_{H,E^\gamma}^3 (\omega_{E^\gamma})$  by [2, Proposition 5.3]. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_{(E\#H)\Gamma} &= (\varepsilon_{E\#H} \otimes \Gamma) * \Gamma (E\#H \otimes m_{E\#H}) * \omega_{E\#H} \\
 &\quad * \Gamma^{-1} (m_{E\#H} \otimes E\#H) * \left( \Gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon_{E\#H} \right) \\
 &= \left( \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^1 (\varepsilon) \otimes \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma) \right) * \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma) (E\#H \otimes m_{E\#H}) * \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^3 (\omega) \\
 &\quad * \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma^{-1}) (m_{E\#H} \otimes E\#H) \\
 &\quad * \left( \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma^{-1}) \otimes \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^1 (\varepsilon) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

One easily checks that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^1 (\varepsilon) \otimes \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma) &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E^\gamma}^3 (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma), \\
 \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma) (E\#H \otimes m_{E\#H}) &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E^\gamma}^3 (\gamma (E \otimes m)), \\
 \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma^{-1}) (m_{E\#H} \otimes E\#H) &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E^\gamma}^3 (\gamma^{-1} (m \otimes E)), \\
 \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^2 (\gamma^{-1}) \otimes \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^1 (\varepsilon) &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E^\gamma}^3 (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_{(E\#H)\Gamma} &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E\gamma}^3 (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \mathcal{U}_{H,E\gamma}^3 (\gamma (E \otimes m)) \\
 &\quad * \mathcal{U}_{H,E}^3 (\omega) * \mathcal{U}_{H,E\gamma}^3 (\gamma^{-1} (m \otimes E)) \\
 &\quad * \mathcal{U}_{H,E\gamma}^3 (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \\
 &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E\gamma}^3 \left[ (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma (E \otimes m) * \omega * \gamma^{-1} (m \otimes E) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \right] \\
 &= \mathcal{U}_{H,E\gamma}^3 (\omega_{E\gamma}) = \omega_{E\gamma\#H}. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  be a connected coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Let  $\gamma : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be a gauge transformation for  $Q$ . Then  $\text{gr}Q^\gamma$  and  $\text{gr}Q$  coincide as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.4,  $Q^\gamma$  is a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . It is obviously connected as it coincides with  $Q$  as a coalgebra. By Theorem 1.6, both  $\text{gr}Q$  and  $\text{gr}Q^\gamma$  are connected bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Let us check they coincide.

Note that, by Remark 2.2, we have that  $\gamma^{-1}$  is a gauge transformation, hence it is trivial on  $\mathbb{k}1_Q \otimes 1_Q$ . Let  $C := Q \otimes Q$ . Let  $n > 0$  and let  $w \in C_{(n)} = \sum_{i+j \leq n} Q_i \otimes Q_j$ . By [6, Lemma 3.69], we have that  $\Delta_C(w) - w \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} - (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)}$ . Thus we get

$$w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3 - \Delta_C(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} - \Delta_C((1_Q)^{\otimes 2}) \otimes w \in \Delta_C(C_{(n-1)}) \otimes C_{(n-1)}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3 - w \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} - (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \otimes w \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \\
 - (1_Q)^{\otimes 4} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $m(C_{(n-1)}) \subseteq Q_{n-1}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1 \otimes m(w_2) \otimes w_3 - w \otimes 1_Q \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} - (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \otimes m(w) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \\
 - (1_Q)^{\otimes 3} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes Q_{n-1} \otimes C_{(n-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$w_1 \otimes (m(w_2) + Q_{n-1}) \otimes w_3 = (1_Q)^{\otimes 2} \otimes (m(w) + Q_{n-1}) \otimes (1_Q)^{\otimes 2}. \quad (2.3)$$

Let  $x, y \in Q$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} \cdot_{\gamma} \bar{y} &= (x + Q_{|x|-1}) \cdot_{\gamma} (y + Q_{|y|-1}) \\ &= (x \cdot_{\gamma} y) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1} \\ &= \gamma((x \otimes y)_1) m((x \otimes y)_2) \gamma^{-1}((x \otimes y)_3) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1} \\ &= \gamma((x \otimes y)_1) (m((x \otimes y)_2) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1}) \gamma^{-1}((x \otimes y)_3) \\ &\stackrel{(2.3)}{=} \gamma\left((1_Q)^{\otimes 2}\right) (m(x \otimes y) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1}) \gamma^{-1}\left((1_Q)^{\otimes 2}\right) \\ &= m(x \otimes y) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1} = (x \cdot y) + Q_{|x|+|y|-1} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $Q^\gamma$  and  $Q$  have the same unit so that  $\text{gr}Q$  and  $\text{gr}Q^\gamma$  have the same unit as well. □

### 3. (Co)semisimple case

Assume  $H$  is a semisimple and cosemisimple Hopf algebra (e.g.  $H$  is finite-dimensional cosemisimple over a field of characteristic zero). Note that  $H$  is then separable (see e.g. [34, Corollary 3.7] or [6, Theorem 2.34]) whence finite-dimensional. Let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a finite-dimensional coalgebra with multiplication and unit in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Assume that the coradical  $Q_0$  is a subcoalgebra of  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $Q_0 \cdot Q_0 \subseteq Q_0$ . Let  $y^{n,i}$  with  $1 \leq i \leq \dim(Q_n/Q_{n-1})$  be a basis for  $Q_n/Q_{n-1}$ . Consider, for every  $n > 0$ , the exact sequence in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  given by

$$0 \longrightarrow Q_{n-1} \xrightarrow{s_n} Q_n \xrightarrow{\pi_n} \frac{Q_n}{Q_{n-1}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Now, since  $H$  is semisimple and cosemisimple, by [30, Proposition 7] the Drinfeld double  $D(H)$  is semisimple. By a result essentially due to Majid (see [28, Proposition 10.6.16]) and by [32, Proposition 6], we get that the category  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD} \cong_{D(H)} \mathfrak{M}$  is a semisimple category. Therefore  $\pi_n$  cosplits, i.e., there is a morphism  $\sigma_n : (Q_n/Q_{n-1}) \rightarrow Q_n$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $\pi_n \sigma_n = \text{Id}$ . Let  $u_n : \mathbb{k} \rightarrow Q_n$  be the corestriction of the unit  $u : \mathbb{k} \rightarrow Q$  and let  $\varepsilon_n = \varepsilon|_{Q_n} : Q_n \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be the counit of the subcoalgebra  $Q_n$ . Set  $\sigma'_n := \sigma_n - u_n \circ \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n$ . This is a morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_n \circ \sigma'_n &= \pi_n \circ \sigma_n - \pi_n \circ u_n \circ \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n \stackrel{n>0}{=} \text{Id}_{Q_n/Q_{n-1}} - 0 = \text{Id}_{Q_n/Q_{n-1}}, \\ \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma'_n &= \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n - \varepsilon_n \circ u_n \circ \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n = \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n - \varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, without loss of generality we can assume that  $\varepsilon_n \circ \sigma_n = 0$ . A standard argument on split short exact sequences shows that there exists a morphism  $p_n : Q_n \rightarrow Q_{n-1}$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $s_n p_n + \sigma_n \pi_n = \text{Id}_{Q_n}$ ,  $p_n s_n = \text{Id}_{Q_{n-1}}$  and  $p_n \sigma_n = 0$ . We set  $x^{n,i} := \sigma_n(y^{n,i})$ . Therefore

$$y^{n,i} = \pi_n \sigma_n(y^{n,i}) = \pi_n(x^{n,i}) = x^{n,i} + Q_{n-1} = \overline{x^{n,i}}.$$

These terms  $x^{n,i}$  define a  $\mathbb{k}$ -basis for  $Q$ . As  $Q$  is finite-dimensional, there exists  $d \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $Q = Q_d$ ; we fix  $d$  minimal. For all  $0 \leq a < b$ , define the maps

$$\begin{aligned} p_{a,b} &: Q_b \rightarrow Q_a, & p_{a,b} &:= p_{a+1} \circ p_{a+2} \circ \cdots \circ p_{b-1} \circ p_b, \\ s_{b,a} &: Q_a \rightarrow Q_b, & s_{b,a} &:= s_b \circ s_{b-1} \circ \cdots \circ s_{a+2} \circ s_{a+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly one has  $p_{a,b} \circ s_{b,a} = \text{Id}_{Q_a}$ . Thus, for  $0 \leq i, a < b$  we have

$$p_{i,b} \circ s_{b,a} = \begin{cases} p_{i,b} \circ s_{b,i} \circ s_{i,a} & i > a \\ p_{i,a} \circ p_{a,b} \circ s_{b,a} & i \leq a \end{cases} = \begin{cases} s_{i,a} & i > a \\ p_{i,a} & i \leq a \end{cases} \tag{3.1}$$

Thus we get an isomorphism  $\varphi : Q \rightarrow \text{gr}Q$  of objects in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &:= p_{0,d}(x) + \pi_1 p_{1,d}(x) + \pi_2 p_{2,d}(x) + \cdots + \pi_{d-2} p_{d-2,d}(x) \\ &\quad + \pi_{d-1} p_{d-1,d}(x) + \pi_d(x) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq t \leq d} \pi_t p_{t,d}(x), \text{ for every } x \in Q, \end{aligned}$$

where we set

$$\pi_0 = \text{Id}_{Q_0}, \quad p_{d,d} = \text{Id}_{Q_d}.$$

For  $0 \leq n \leq d$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x^{n,i}) &= \varphi(s_{d,n}(x^{n,i})) = \varphi(s_{d,n}\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) = \sum_{0 \leq t \leq d} \pi_t p_{t,d} s_{d,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) \\ &= \sum_{n < t \leq d} \pi_t p_{t,d} s_{d,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) + \sum_{0 \leq t \leq n} \pi_t p_{t,d} s_{d,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) \\ &\stackrel{(3.1)}{=} \sum_{n < t \leq d} \pi_t s_{t,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) + \sum_{0 \leq t < n} \pi_t p_{t,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) \\ &\quad + \pi_n p_{n,d} s_{d,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) \\ &= \sum_{n < t \leq d} \pi_t s_{t,t-1} s_{t-1,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) + \sum_{0 \leq t < n} \pi_t p_{t,n-1} p_{n-1,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) \\ &\quad + \pi_n p_{n,d} s_{d,n}(\sigma_n(y^{n,i})) \\ &= \sum_{n < t \leq d} \pi_t s_{t,t-1} \sigma_n(y^{n,i}) + \sum_{0 \leq t < n} \pi_t p_{t,n-1} p_n \sigma_n(y^{n,i}) + \pi_n \sigma_n(y^{n,i}) \\ &= 0 + 0 + y^{n,i} = y^{n,i}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\varphi(x^{n,i}) = y^{n,i}$ . Since  $y^{n,i}$  with  $1 \leq i \leq \dim(Q_n/Q_{n-1}) =: d_n$  form a basis for  $Q_n/Q_{n-1}$  we have that

$$hy^{n,i} \in \frac{Q_n}{Q_{n-1}}, \quad (y^{n,i})_{-1} \otimes (y^{n,i})_0 \in H \otimes \frac{Q_n}{Q_{n-1}}.$$



Therefore there are  $\chi_{t,i}^n \in H^*$  and  $h_{t,i}^n \in H$  such that

$$hy^{n,i} = \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,i}^n(h) y^{n,t}, \quad (y^{n,i})_{-1} \otimes (y^{n,i})_0 = \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_{t,i}^n \otimes y^{n,t}. \quad (3.2)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} h(h'y^{n,i}) &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \chi_{s,i}^n(h') hy^{n,s} = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \chi_{s,i}^n(h') \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,s}^n(h) y^{n,t} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,s}^n(h) \chi_{s,i}^n(h') y^{n,t}, \\ (hh')y^{n,i} &= \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,i}^n(hh') y^{n,t} \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\chi_{t,i}^n(hh') = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \chi_{t,s}^n(h) \chi_{s,i}^n(h').$$

Moreover

$$y^{n,i} = 1_H y^{n,i} = \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,i}^n(1_H) y^{n,t}$$

and hence

$$\chi_{t,i}^n(1_H) = \delta_{t,i}.$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} (y^{n,i})_{-1} \otimes ((y^{n,i})_0)_{-1} \otimes ((y^{n,i})_0)_0 &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_{i,s}^n \otimes (y^{n,s})_{-1} \otimes (y^{n,s})_0 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_{i,s}^n \otimes \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_{s,t}^n \otimes y^{n,t} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_{i,s}^n \otimes h_{s,t}^n \otimes y^{n,t}, \\ ((y^{n,i})_{-1})_1 \otimes ((y^{n,i})_{-1})_2 \otimes (y^{n,i})_0 &= \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \Delta_H(h_{t,i}^n) \otimes y^{n,t} \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\Delta_H(h_{t,i}^n) = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_{i,s}^n \otimes h_{s,t}^n.$$

Moreover

$$y^{n,i} = \varepsilon_H \left( (y^{n,i})_{-1} \right) (y^{n,i})_0 = \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \varepsilon_H(h_{t,i}^n) y^{n,t}$$

and hence

$$\varepsilon_H (h_{t,i}^n) = \delta_{t,i}.$$

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} (h_1 y^{n,i})_{-1} h_2 \otimes (h_1 y^{n,i})_0 &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \chi_{s,i}^n (h_1) (y^{n,s})_{-1} h_2 \otimes (y^{n,s})_0 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \chi_{s,i}^n (h_1) \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_{s,t}^n h_2 \otimes y^{n,t} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_{s,t}^n \chi_{s,i}^n (h_1) h_2 \otimes y^{n,t}, \\ h_1 (y^{n,i})_{-1} \otimes h_2 (y^{n,i})_0 &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_1 h_{i,s}^n \otimes h_2 y^{n,s} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_1 h_{i,s}^n \otimes \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,s}^n (h_2) y^{n,t} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_1 \chi_{t,s}^n (h_2) h_{i,s}^n \otimes y^{n,t}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get

$$\sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_{s,t}^n \chi_{s,i}^n (h_1) h_2 = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq d_n} h_1 \chi_{t,s}^n (h_2) h_{i,s}^n.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} h x^{n,i} &= h \sigma_n (y^{n,i}) = \sigma_n (h y^{n,i}) = \sigma_n \left( \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,i}^n (h) y^{n,t} \right) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} \chi_{t,i}^n (h) x^{n,t}, \\ (x^{n,i})_{-1} \otimes (x^{n,i})_0 &= (\sigma_n (y^{n,i}))_{-1} \otimes (\sigma_n (y^{n,i}))_0 \\ &= (y^{n,i})_{-1} \otimes \sigma_n ((y^{n,i})_0) = \sum_{1 \leq t \leq d_n} h_{i,t}^n \otimes x^{n,t}, \\ \varepsilon_Q (x^{n,i}) &= \varepsilon_n (x^{n,i}) = \varepsilon_n \sigma_n (y^{n,i}) = 0 \text{ for } n > 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $Q$  is connected, then  $d_0 = 1$  so we may assume  $y^{0,0} := 1_Q + Q_{-1}$ . Since  $\pi_0 = \text{Id}_{Q_0}$  we get

$$\sigma_0 = \text{Id}_{Q_0} \circ \sigma_0 = \pi_0 \circ \sigma_0 = \text{Id}_{Q_0}$$

and hence

$$x^{0,0} = \sigma_0 (y^{0,0}) = \sigma_0 (1_Q + Q_{-1}) = 1_Q.$$

Since, by Proposition 1.3,  $Q_a \cdot Q_{a'} \subseteq Q_{a+a'}$  for every  $a, a' \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we can write the product of two elements of the basis in the form

$$x^{a,l} x^{a',l'} = \sum_{u \leq a+a'} \sum_v \mu_{u,v}^{a,l,a',l'} x^{u,v}. \tag{3.3}$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{x^{a,l} \cdot x^{a',l'}} &= (x^{a,l} + Q_{a-1})(x^{a',l'} + Q_{a'-1}) \\ &= (x^{a,l} x^{a',l'}) + Q_{a+a'-1} \\ &\stackrel{(3.3)}{=} \left( \sum_{u \leq a+a'} \sum_v \mu_{u,v}^{a,l,a',l'} x^{u,v} \right) + Q_{a+a'-1} \\ &= \left( \sum_v \mu_{a+a',v}^{a,l,a',l'} x^{a+a',v} \right) + Q_{a+a'-1} \\ &= \sum_v \mu_{a+a',v}^{a,l,a',l'} (x^{a+a',v} + Q_{a+a'-1}) \\ &= \sum_v \mu_{a+a',v}^{a,l,a',l'} \overline{x^{a+a',v}} \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\overline{x^{a,l} \cdot x^{a',l'}} = \sum_v \mu_{a+a',v}^{a,l,a',l'} \overline{x^{a+a',v}}. \tag{3.4}$$

**Remark 3.1.** Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $(A, m_A, u_A)$  be an algebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Let  $\varepsilon_A : A \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be an algebra map in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . The Hochschild cohomology in a monoidal category is known, see e.g. [7]. Consider  $\mathbb{k}$  as an  $A$ -bimodule in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  through  $\varepsilon_A$ . Then, following [7, 1.24], we can consider an analogue of the standard complex

$${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^0} {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(A, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^1} {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(A^{\otimes 2}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^2} {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(A^{\otimes 3}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^3} \dots$$

Explicitly, given  $f$  in the corresponding domain of  $\partial^n$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^0(f) &= f(1) \varepsilon_A - \varepsilon_A f(1) = 0, \\ \partial^1(f) &= f \otimes \varepsilon_A - f m_A + \varepsilon_A \otimes f, \\ \partial^2(f) &= f \otimes \varepsilon_A - f(A \otimes m_A) + f(m_A \otimes A) - \varepsilon_A \otimes f, \\ \partial^3(f) &= f \otimes \varepsilon_A - f(A \otimes A \otimes m_A) + f(A \otimes m_A \otimes A) \\ &\quad - f(m_A \otimes A \otimes A) + \varepsilon_A \otimes f. \end{aligned}$$

For every  $n \geq 1$  denote by

$$Z^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(A, \mathbb{k}) := \ker(\partial^n), \quad B^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(A, \mathbb{k}) := \text{Im}(\partial^{n-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad H^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(A, \mathbb{k}) := \frac{Z^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(A, \mathbb{k})}{B^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(A, \mathbb{k})}$$

the Abelian groups of  $n$ -cocycles, of  $n$ -coboundaries and the  $n$ -th Hochschild cohomology group in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  of the algebra  $A$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{k}$ . We point out that the construction above works for an arbitrary  $A$ -bimodule  $M$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  instead of  $\mathbb{k}$ .

Our next result is inspired by [18, Proposition 2.3]. Two coquasi-bialgebras  $Q$  and  $Q'$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  will be called *gauge equivalent* whenever there is some gauge transformation  $\gamma : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $Q^\gamma \cong Q'$  as coquasi-bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , see Proposition 2.4 for the structure of  $Q^\gamma$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $H$  be a semisimple and cosemisimple Hopf algebra and let  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  be a finite-dimensional connected coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . If  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$  then  $Q$  is gauge equivalent to a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .*

*Proof.* For  $t \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and  $x, y, z$  in the basis of  $Q$ , we set

$$\omega_t(x \otimes y \otimes z) := \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|, t} \omega(x \otimes y \otimes z).$$

Let us check it defines a morphism  $\omega_t : Q \otimes Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . It is left  $H$ -linear as, by means of (3.2), the definition of  $\omega_t$  and the  $H$ -linearity of  $\omega$ , we can prove that  $\omega_t \left( h \left( x^{n,i} \otimes x^{n',i'} \otimes x^{n'',i''} \right) \right) = \varepsilon_H(h) \omega_t \left( x^{n,i} \otimes x^{n',i'} \otimes x^{n'',i''} \right)$ .

Moreover it is left  $H$ -colinear as, by means of (3.2), the definition of  $\omega_t$  and the  $H$ -colinearity of  $\omega$ , we can prove that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( x^{n,i} \otimes x^{n',i'} \otimes x^{n'',i''} \right)_{-1} \otimes \omega_t \left( \left( x^{n,i} \otimes x^{n',i'} \otimes x^{n'',i''} \right)_0 \right) \\ &= 1_H \otimes \omega_t \left( x^{n,i} \otimes x^{n',i'} \otimes x^{n'',i''} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, for  $x, y, z \in Q$  in the basis, one has

$$\sum_{t \in \mathbb{N}_0} \omega_t(x \otimes y \otimes z) = \sum_{t \in \mathbb{N}_0} \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|, t} \omega(x \otimes y \otimes z) = \omega(x \otimes y \otimes z)$$

so that we can formally write

$$\omega = \sum_{t \in \mathbb{N}_0} \omega_t. \tag{3.5}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is trivial on elements in the basis of strictly positive degree, one gets

$$\omega_0 = \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon. \tag{3.6}$$

If  $\omega = \omega_0$  then  $Q$  is a (connected) bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and the proof is finished. Thus we can assume  $\omega \neq \omega_0$  and set

$$\begin{aligned} s &:= \min \{i \in \mathbb{N} : \omega_i \neq 0\}, \\ \bar{\omega}_s &:= \omega_s \left( \varphi^{-1} \otimes \varphi^{-1} \otimes \varphi^{-1} \right), \\ \bar{Q} &:= \text{gr}Q. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\bar{\omega}_s$  is a morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  as a composition of morphisms in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , let  $C^4 = Q \otimes Q \otimes Q \otimes Q$  and let  $u \in C^4_{(n)} = \sum_{i+j+k+l \leq n} Q_i \otimes Q_j \otimes Q_k \otimes Q_l$ .

A direct computation rewriting the cocycle condition using (3.5) proves that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and  $u \in C^4_{(n)}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{0 \leq i+j \leq n} [\omega_i (Q \otimes Q \otimes m) * \omega_j (m \otimes Q \otimes Q)](u) \tag{3.7} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq a+b+c \leq n} [(\varepsilon \otimes \omega_a) * \omega_b (Q \otimes m \otimes Q) * (\omega_c \otimes \varepsilon)](u). \end{aligned}$$

Next aim is to check that  $[\bar{\omega}_s] \in H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k})$  i.e., that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\omega}_s \left( m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q} \otimes \bar{Q} \right) + \bar{\omega}_s \left( \bar{Q} \otimes \bar{Q} \otimes m_{\bar{Q}} \right) &= \left( \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{\omega}_s \right) + \bar{\omega}_s \left( \bar{Q} \otimes m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q} \right) \\ &+ \left( \bar{\omega}_s \otimes \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

This is achieved by evaluating the two sides of the equality above on  $\bar{u} := \bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z} \otimes \bar{t}$  where  $x, y, z, t$  are elements in the basis and using (3.4). If  $\bar{u}$  has homogeneous degree greater than  $s$ , then both terms are zero. Otherwise, i.e., if  $\bar{u}$  has homogeneous degree at most  $s$ , one has  $\bar{\omega}_s \left( m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q} \otimes \bar{Q} \right) (\bar{u}) = \omega_s (m_Q \otimes Q \otimes Q) (u)$  and similarly for the other pieces so that one has to check that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_s (m \otimes Q \otimes Q) (u) + \omega_s (Q \otimes Q \otimes m) (u) &= (\varepsilon \otimes \omega_s) (u) \\ &+ \omega_s (Q \otimes m \otimes Q) (u) \\ &+ (\omega_s \otimes \varepsilon) (u). \end{aligned}$$

This equality follows by using (3.7) and the definition of  $s$ .

By assumption  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$  so that there exists a morphism  $\bar{v} : \bar{Q} \otimes \bar{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that

$$\bar{\omega}_s = \partial^2 \bar{v} = \bar{v} \otimes \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} - \bar{v} \left( \bar{Q} \otimes m_{\bar{Q}} \right) + \bar{v} \left( m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q} \right) - \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{v}.$$

Explicitly, on elements of the basis we get

$$\bar{\omega}_s (\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) = \bar{v} (\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}) \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} (\bar{z}) - \bar{v} (\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}) + \bar{v} (\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) - \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} (\bar{x}) \bar{v} (\bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}).$$

Define  $\bar{\zeta} : \bar{Q} \otimes \bar{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  on the basis by setting

$$\bar{\zeta}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}) := \delta_{|x|+|y|,s} \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}).$$

As we have done for  $\omega_r$ , one can check that  $\bar{\zeta}$  is a morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

Moreover on elements in the basis we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\partial^2 \bar{\zeta})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) \\ &= (\bar{\zeta} \otimes \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) - \bar{\zeta}(\bar{Q} \otimes m_{\bar{Q}})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) \\ & \quad + \bar{\zeta}(m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) - (\varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{\zeta})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) \\ &= \bar{\zeta}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}) \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{z}) - \bar{\zeta}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}) + \bar{\zeta}(\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) - \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{x}) \bar{\zeta}(\bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

By using (3.4), one gets

$$\bar{\zeta}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}) = \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\zeta}(\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) = \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \bar{v}(\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}).$$

By means of these equalities one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial^2 \bar{\zeta})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} (\partial^2 \bar{v})(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \bar{\omega}_s(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \omega_s(x \otimes y \otimes z) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \omega(x \otimes y \otimes z) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \omega(x \otimes y \otimes z) \\ &= \omega_s(x \otimes y \otimes z) = \bar{\omega}_s(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\partial^2 \bar{\zeta} = \bar{\omega}_s$ . This means that we can assume that  $\bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}) = 0$  for  $|x| + |y| \neq s$ . Equivalently

$$\bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}) = \delta_{|x|+|y|,s} \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{y}) \text{ for } x, y \text{ in the basis.} \tag{3.8}$$

Set

$$v := \bar{v} \circ (\varphi \otimes \varphi) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma := (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) + v.$$

In particular, one gets

$$v(x \otimes y) = \delta_{|x|+|y|,s} v(x \otimes y) \text{ for } x, y \text{ in the basis.} \tag{3.9}$$

Note also that both  $v$  and  $\gamma$  are morphisms in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  as they are obtained as composition or sum of morphisms in this category. Let us check that  $\gamma$  is a gauge transformation on  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

Recall that  $x^{0,0} = 1_Q$  is in the basis. For  $x$  in the basis, we have  $\gamma(x \otimes 1_Q) = \varepsilon(x) + v(x \otimes 1_Q)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \delta_{|x|,s} \varepsilon(x) = \delta_{|x|+|1_Q|+|1_Q|,s} \omega(x \otimes 1_Q \otimes 1_Q) \\ &= \omega_s(x \otimes 1_Q \otimes 1_Q) = \bar{\omega}_s(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}_Q \otimes \bar{1}_Q) \\ &= \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}_Q) \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{1}_Q) - \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}_Q \cdot \bar{1}_Q) + \bar{v}(\bar{x} \cdot \bar{1}_Q \otimes \bar{1}_Q) - \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{x}) \bar{v}(\bar{1}_Q \otimes \bar{1}_Q) \\ &\stackrel{(3.8)}{=} \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}_Q) - \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}_Q) + \bar{v}(\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}_Q) - \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{x}) \delta_{|1_Q|+|1_Q|,s} \bar{v}(\bar{1}_Q \otimes \bar{1}_Q) \\ &= v(x \otimes 1_Q) \end{aligned}$$

so that  $v(x \otimes 1_Q) = 0$  and hence  $\gamma(x \otimes 1_Q) = \varepsilon(x) + v(x \otimes 1_Q) = \varepsilon(x)$ . Similarly one proves  $\gamma(1_Q \otimes x) = \varepsilon(x)$ . Hence  $\gamma$  is unital. Note that the coalgebra  $C = Q \otimes Q$  is connected as  $Q$  is. Thus, in order to prove that  $\gamma : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  is convolution invertible it suffices to check (see [28, Lemma 5.2.10]) that  $\gamma|_{\mathbb{k}1_Q \otimes \mathbb{k}1_Q}$  is convolution invertible. But for  $k, k' \in \mathbb{k}$  we have

$$\gamma(k1_Q \otimes k'1_Q) = kk' \gamma(1_Q \otimes 1_Q) = kk' \varepsilon(1_Q) = kk' = (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(k1_Q \otimes k'1_Q)$$

Hence  $\gamma|_{\mathbb{k}1_Q \otimes \mathbb{k}1_Q} = (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)|_{\mathbb{k}1_Q \otimes \mathbb{k}1_Q}$  which is convolution invertible. Thus there is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear map  $\gamma^{-1} : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  and such that

$$\gamma * \gamma^{-1} = \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon = \gamma^{-1} * \gamma.$$

Note that, by Lemma 2.3,  $\gamma \in {}^H_H \mathcal{YD}$  implies  $\gamma^{-1} \in {}^H_H \mathcal{YD}$ .

Therefore  $\gamma$  is a gauge transformation for  $Q$ . By Proposition 2.4,  $Q^\gamma$  is a coquasi-bialgebra in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{YD}$ . By Proposition 2.6, we have that  $\text{gr}Q^\gamma$  and  $\text{gr}Q$  coincide as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H \mathcal{YD}$ . Hence  $H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\text{gr}Q^\gamma, \mathbb{k}) = H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . Therefore  $Q^\gamma$  fulfills the same requirement of  $Q$  as in the statement. Let us check that  $(\omega^\gamma)_t = 0$  for  $1 \leq t \leq s$  (this will complete the proof by an induction process as  $Q$  is finite-dimensional).

Note that the definition of  $\gamma$  and (3.9) imply

$$\gamma(x \otimes y) = \delta_{|x|+|y|,0} \gamma(x \otimes y) + \delta_{|x|+|y|,s} \gamma(x \otimes y) \text{ for } x, y \text{ in the basis. (3.10)}$$

Let  $C^2 = Q \otimes Q$  and let  $C^2_{(n)} = \sum_{i+j \leq n} Q_i \otimes Q_j$ . For  $u \in C^2_{(2s-1)}$  we have

$$[\gamma * ((\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) - v)](u) = (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(u) - v(u) + v(u) - v(u_1)v(u_2) \stackrel{(3.9)}{=} (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(u).$$

Therefore  $[\gamma * ((\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) - v)]|_{C^2_{(2s-1)}} = (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)|_{C^2_{(2s-1)}}$ . By uniqueness of the convolution inverse, we deduce

$$\gamma^{-1}(u) = (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(u) - v(u), \text{ for } u \in C^2_{(2s-1)}. \tag{3.11}$$

Let  $x, y, z$  be in the basis. Set  $\bar{u} := \bar{x} \otimes \bar{y} \otimes \bar{z}$  and  $u := x \otimes y \otimes z$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega^\gamma)_s(u) &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \omega^\gamma(u) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \left[ (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \omega * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \right](u) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \left[ (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * (\omega_0 + \omega_s) * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \right](u) \\ &\stackrel{(3.6)}{=} \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \left[ \begin{aligned} &(\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) + \\ &(\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \omega_s * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \end{aligned} \right](u) \\ &= \left[ \begin{aligned} &\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma)(u_1) \cdot \gamma(Q \otimes m)(u_2) \cdot \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q)(u_3) \cdot (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon)(u_4) + \\ &\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma)(u_1) \cdot \gamma(Q \otimes m)(u_2) \cdot \omega_s(u_3) \cdot \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q)(u_4) \cdot (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon)(u_5) \end{aligned} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, all terms appearing in the last two lines, excepted  $\omega_s$ , vanish out of degrees 0 and  $s$  and coincide with  $\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon$  on degree 0. On the other hand  $\omega_s$  vanishes out of  $s$ . Since  $\gamma := (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon) + v$  and in view of (3.11), the term  $\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s}$  forces the following simplification

$$(\omega^\gamma)_s(u) = \left[ \begin{aligned} &\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} [(\varepsilon \otimes v)(u) + v(Q \otimes m)(u) - v(m \otimes Q)(u) - (v \otimes \varepsilon)(u)] + \\ &\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \omega_s(u) \end{aligned} \right].$$

Now  $\omega_s(u) = \bar{\omega}_s(\bar{u})$  while one proves that

$$(\varepsilon \otimes v)(u) = (\varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{v})(\bar{u}), \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} v(m \otimes Q)(u) = \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \bar{v}(m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q})(\bar{u})$$

and similarly for the other pieces of the equality.

Thus one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega^\gamma)_s(u) &= \left[ \begin{aligned} &\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \left[ (\varepsilon_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{v})(\bar{u}) + \bar{v}(m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q})(\bar{u}) - \bar{v}(m_{\bar{Q}} \otimes \bar{Q})(\bar{u}) \right. \\ &\left. - (\bar{v} \otimes \varepsilon_{\bar{Q}})(\bar{u}) \right] + \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \bar{\omega}_s(\bar{u}) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &= -\delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \partial^2 \bar{v} + \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,s} \bar{\omega}_s(\bar{u}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 \leq t \leq s - 1$ , analogously to the above, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega^\gamma)_t(u) &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,t} \omega^\gamma(u) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,t} \left[ (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \omega * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \right](u) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,t} \left[ (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \omega_0 * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \right](u) \\ &\stackrel{(3.6)}{=} \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,t} \left[ (\varepsilon \otimes \gamma) * \gamma(Q \otimes m) * \gamma^{-1}(m \otimes Q) * (\gamma^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) \right](u) \\ &= \delta_{|x|+|y|+|z|,t} (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(u) = \delta_{0,t} (\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(u). \end{aligned}$$



Therefore we can now repeat the argument on  $\omega'$  instead of  $\omega$ . Deforming several times we will get a reassociator, say  $\omega'$ , whose first non trivial component  $\omega'_t$ , with  $t \neq 0$ , exceeds the dimension of  $Q$ . In other words  $\omega' = \omega'_0$  which is trivial. Hence  $Q$  is gauge equivalent to a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .  $\square$

### 4. Invariants

Given a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra  $A$ , we denote by  $H^n(A, -)$  the  $n$ -th right derived functor of  $\text{Hom}_{A,A}(A, -)$  in the category of  $A$ -bimodules. In other words, for every  $A$ -bimodule  $M$ ,  $H^n(A, M)$  is the Hochschild cohomology group of  $A$  with coefficients in  $M$ . Denote by  $Z^n(A, M)$  and  $B^n(A, M)$  the Abelian groups of  $n$ -cocycles and of  $n$ -coboundaries respectively.

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra, let  $B$  be a left  $H$ -module algebra and let  $M$  be a  $B\#H$ -bimodule, where  $B\#H$  denotes the smash product algebra, see e.g. [28, Definition 4.1.3]. Then  $H^n(B, M)$  becomes an  $H$ -bimodule as follows. Its structure of left  $H$ -module is given via  $\varepsilon_H$  and its structure of right  $H$ -module is defined, for every  $f \in Z^n(B, M)$  and  $h \in H$ , by setting

$$[f]h := \left[ \chi_n^h(M)(f) \right]$$

where, for every  $k \in \mathbb{k}, b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_0^h(M)(f)(k) &:= (1_B\#S(h_1)) f(k) (1_B\#h_2) \\ &\quad \text{for } n = 0 \text{ while and for } n \geq 1 \\ \chi_n^h(M)(f)(b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n) &:= (1_B\#S(h_1)) f(h_2b_1 \otimes h_3b_2 \otimes \dots \\ &\quad \dots \otimes h_{n+1}b_n) (1_B\#h_{n+2}). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\partial^n \circ \chi_n^h(M) = \chi_{n+1}^h(M) \circ \partial^n, \text{ for every } n \geq -1, \tag{4.1}$$

where  $\partial^n : \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes(n+1)}, M)$  denotes the differential of the usual Hochschild cohomology.

Denote by  $H^n(B, M)^H$  the space of  $H$ -invariant elements of  $H^n(B, M)$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $H$  be a semisimple Hopf algebra and let  $B$  be a left  $H$ -module algebra. Denote by  $A := B\#H$ . Then, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and for every  $A$ -bimodule  $M$*

$$H^n(B\#H, M) \cong H^n(B, M)^H .$$

*Proof.* We will apply [34, Equation (3.6.1)]. To this aim we have to prove first that  $A/B$  is an  $H$ -Galois extension such that  $A$  is flat as left and right  $B$ -module. Now,  $A = B\#_{\xi}H$  for  $\xi : H \otimes H \rightarrow B$  defined by  $\xi(x, y) = \varepsilon_H(x) \varepsilon_H(y) 1_A$ , cf. [28, Definition 7.1.1]. Moreover a direct computation shows that  $\iota : B \rightarrow A : b \mapsto b\#1_H$  is a right  $H$ -extension where  $A$  is regarded as a right  $H$ -comodule via

$\rho : A \rightarrow A \otimes H : b\#h \mapsto (b\#h_1) \otimes h_2$ . Thus, by [28, Proposition 7.2.7], we know that  $\iota : B \rightarrow A$  is  $H$ -cleft and hence, by [28, Theorem 8.2.4], it is  $H$ -Galois. The  $B$ -bimodule structure of  $A$  is induced by  $\iota$  so that, explicitly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} b' (b\#h) &= (b'\#1_H) (b\#h) = b' b\#h, \\ (b\#h) b' &= (b\#h) (b'\#1_H) = b (h_1 b') \#h_2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $A = B\#H$  is flat as a left  $B$ -module as  $H$  is a free  $\mathbb{k}$ -module ( $\mathbb{k}$  is a field). Now consider the map  $\alpha : H \otimes B \rightarrow A$  defined by setting  $\alpha (h \otimes b) := h_1 b \otimes h_2$  (note that it is defined as the braiding in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ ). We have

$$\alpha (h \otimes bb') = h_1 (bb') \otimes h_2 = (h_1 b) (h_2 b') \otimes h_3 = (h_1 b\#h_2) b' = \alpha (h \otimes b) b'$$

so that  $\alpha$  is right  $B$ -linear where  $H \otimes B$  is regarded as a right module via  $(h\#b) b' := h\#bb'$ . Now  $H$  is semisimple and hence separable (see [34, Corollary 3.7]). Thus  $H$  is finite-dimensional and hence it has bijective antipode  $S_H$ . Thus  $\alpha$  is invertible with inverse given by  $\alpha^{-1} (b\#h) := h_2 \otimes S_H^{-1} (h_1) b$ . Therefore  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism of right  $B$ -modules and hence  $A$  is flat as a right  $B$ -module as  $H \otimes B$  is.

We have now the hypotheses necessary to apply [34, Equation (3.6.1)] and obtain

$$H^n (A, M) \cong \text{Hom}_{-,H} (\mathbb{k}, H^n (B, M)) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}} (\mathbb{k}, H^n (B, M))^H \cong H^n (B, M)^H. \quad \square$$

**Remark 4.2.** Proposition 4.1 in the particular case when  $M = \mathbb{k}$  and  $B$  is finite-dimensional is [36, Theorem 2.17]. Note that in the notation therein, one has  $E(B) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} E_n(B, \mathbb{k})$  where  $E_n(B, \mathbb{k}) = \text{Ext}_B^n (\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^n (B, \mathbb{k})$ . The latter isomorphism is [15, Corollary 4.4, page 170].

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra and let  $B$  be a bialgebra in the braided category  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Denote by  $A := B\#H$  the Radford-Majid bosonization of  $B$  by  $H$ , see e.g. [31, Theorem 1]. Note that  $A$  is endowed with an algebra map  $\varepsilon_A : A \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  defined by  $\varepsilon_A (b\#h) = \varepsilon_B (b) \varepsilon_H (h)$  so that we can regard  $\mathbb{k}$  as an  $A$ -bimodule via  $\varepsilon_A$ . Then we can consider  $H^n (B, \mathbb{k})$  as an  $H$ -bimodule as follows. Its structure of left  $H$ -module is given via  $\varepsilon_H$  and its structure of right  $H$ -module is defined, for every  $f \in Z^n (B, \mathbb{k})$  and  $h \in H$ , by setting

$$[f] h := [fh],$$

where  $(fh) (z) = f (hz)$ , for every  $z \in B^{\otimes n}$ . The latter is the usual right  $H$ -module structure of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}} (B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})$ . Indeed, for every  $n \geq -1$ , the vector space  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}} (B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})$  is an  $H$ -bimodule with respect to this right  $H$ -module structure and the left one induced by  $\varepsilon_H$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $H$  be a semisimple Hopf algebra and let  $B$  be a bialgebra in the braided category  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Set  $A := B\#H$ . Then, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$*

$$H^n (B\#H, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^n (B, \mathbb{k})^H$$

and the differential  $\partial^n : \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes(n+1)}, \mathbb{k})$  of the usual Hochschild cohomology is  $H$ -bilinear.

*Proof.* In the particular case  $M = \mathbb{k}$ , the right module  $H$ -structure used in Proposition 4.1 simplifies as follows. It is defined, for every  $f \in Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})$  and  $h \in H$ , by setting

$$[f]h := [\chi_n^h(\mathbb{k})(f)]$$

where, for every  $k \in \mathbb{k}, b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_0^h(\mathbb{k})(f)(k) &:= \varepsilon_H(h)f(k) \text{ for } n = 0 \text{ while and for } n \geq 1 \\ \chi_n^h(\mathbb{k})(f)(b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n) &:= f(h_1b_1 \otimes h_2b_2 \otimes \dots \otimes h_nb_n). \end{aligned}$$

More concisely  $\chi_n^h(\mathbb{k})(f)(z) = f(hz)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $z \in B^{\otimes n}$  i.e.  $[f]h := [fh]$  where  $fh := \chi_n^h(\mathbb{k})(f)$ .

Now consider the differential  $\partial^n : \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes(n+1)}, \mathbb{k})$  of the usual Hochschild cohomology. Note that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})$  is regarded as a bimodule over  $H$  using the left  $H$ -module structures of its arguments. By (4.1), we have

$$\partial^n \chi_n^h(\mathbb{k})(f) = \chi_{n+1}^h(\mathbb{k})\partial^n(f)$$

Since  $\chi_n^h(\mathbb{k})(f) = fh$ , the last displayed equality becomes  $\partial^n(fh) = \partial^n(f)h$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Thus  $\partial^n$  is right  $H$ -linear. Since  $hf = \varepsilon_H(h)f$  for every  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}), h \in H$ , we get that  $\partial^n$  is also left  $H$ -linear whence  $H$ -bilinear. □

**Remark 4.4.** Note that, in the context of the proof of [18, Proposition 5.1], one has

$$H^3(B(V) \# \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_p], \mathbb{C}) \cong H^3(B(V), \mathbb{C})^{\mathbb{Z}_p}.$$

This is a particular case of Corollary 4.3 where  $H = \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}_p], V \in {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and  $B = \mathcal{B}(V)$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be Abelian categories. Let  $r, \omega : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be exact functors such that  $r$  is a subfunctor of  $\omega$  i.e., there is a natural transformation  $\eta : r \rightarrow \omega$  which is a monomorphism when evaluated on objects. If  $X$  is a subobject of  $Y$  then  $r(X) = \omega(X) \cap r(Y)$ . Moreover, for every morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  one has*

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(r(f)) &= r(\ker(f)) = \omega(\ker(f)) \cap r(X) = \ker(\omega(f)) \cap r(X), \\ \text{Im}(r(f)) &= \text{Im}(\omega(f)) \cap r(Y) = r(\text{Im}(f)). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to [35, Proposition 1.7, page 138]. □

**Remark 4.6.** From Corollary 4.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H &= \{[f] \mid f \in Z^n(B, \mathbb{k}), \varepsilon_H(h)[f] = [f]h, \text{ for every } h \in H\} \\ &= \{[f] \mid f \in Z^n(B, \mathbb{k}), [\varepsilon_H(h)f] = [fh], \text{ for every } h \in H\} \end{aligned}$$

where, for every  $z \in B^{\otimes n}$ , we have

$$(fh)(z) = f(hz).$$

Note that, for any  $H$ -bimodule  $M$  one has

$$\text{Hom}_{H,H}(H, M) \cong M^H = \{m \in M \mid hm = mh, \text{ for every } h \in H\}.$$

Note also that  $H$  is a separable  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra whence it is projective in the category of  $H$ -bimodules. As a consequence  $\text{Hom}_{H,H}(H, -) \cong (-)^H : {}_H\mathfrak{M}_H \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}$  is an exact functor (here  ${}_H\mathfrak{M}_H$  is the category of  $H$ -bimodules and  $\mathfrak{M}$  the category of  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector spaces). By Proposition 4.5 applied to the case when  $r := (-)^H : {}_H\mathfrak{M}_H \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\omega$  is the forgetful functor, for every morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of  $H$ -bimodules one has

$$\ker(f^H) = \ker(f) \cap X^H = (\ker(f))^H \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Im}(f^H) = \text{Im}(f) \cap Y^H = (\text{Im}(f))^H.$$

Still by Corollary 4.3, we know that the differential  $\partial^n : \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes(n+1)}, \mathbb{k})$  of the usual Hochschild cohomology is  $H$ -bilinear. Thus we can apply the argument above to get

$$\begin{aligned} \ker((\partial^n)^H) &= \ker(\partial^n) \cap \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})^H = (\ker(\partial^n))^H \quad \text{and} \\ \text{Im}((\partial^{n-1})^H) &= \text{Im}(\partial^{n-1}) \cap \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})^H = (\text{Im}(\partial^{n-1}))^H. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})^H = \text{Hom}_{H,-}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})$  so that we get

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k}) &= Z^n(B, \mathbb{k}) \cap \text{Hom}_{H,-}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) = Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H \quad \text{and} \\ B_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k}) &= B^n(B, \mathbb{k}) \cap \text{Hom}_{H,-}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) = B^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k})$  and  $B_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k})$  denotes the the Abelian groups of  $n$ -cocycles, of  $n$ -coboundaries for the cohomology of the algebra  $B$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{k}$  computed in the monoidal category  $H\text{-Mod}$  of left  $H$ -modules. The corresponding  $n$ -th Hochschild cohomology group is

$$H_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k}) := \frac{Z_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k})}{B_{H\text{-Mod}}^n(B, \mathbb{k})} = \frac{Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H}{B^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H} \cong \left( \frac{Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})}{B^n(B, \mathbb{k})} \right)^H = H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H.$$

Denote by  $D(H)$  the Drinfeld double, see e.g. the first structure of [25, Theorem 7.1.1].

**Proposition 4.7.** *In the setting of Corollary 4.3 assume that  $H$  is also cosemisimple. Then, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$*

$$\begin{aligned} Z^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(B, \mathbb{k}) &= Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})^{D(H)}, \quad B^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(B, \mathbb{k}) = B^n(B, \mathbb{k})^{D(H)} \\ \text{and } H^n_{\mathcal{YD}}(B, \mathbb{k}) &\cong H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^{D(H)}. \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})$  and  $B^n(B, \mathbb{k})$  are regarded as  $D(H)$ -subbimodules of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})$  whose structure is induced by the left  $D(H)$ -module structures of its arguments.

Moreover  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^{D(H)}$  is a subspace of  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H$ .

*Proof.* For shortness, in this proof, we denote  $D(H)$  by  $D$ . Consider the analogue of the standard complex as in Remark 3.1

$${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^0} {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(B, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^1} {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}(B^{\otimes 2}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^2} \dots$$

where  $\partial^n$  is induced by the differential  $\partial^n : \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes(n+1)}, \mathbb{k})$  of the ordinary Hochschild cohomology. Now, since  $H$  is semisimple, it is finite-dimensional (whence it has bijective antipode) so that, by a result essentially due to Majid (see [28, Proposition 10.6.16]) and by [32, Proposition 6], we get a category isomorphism  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD} \cong {}_D\mathfrak{M}$ . Thus the complex above can be rewritten as follows

$$\text{Hom}_{D,-}(\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^0} \text{Hom}_{D,-}(B, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^1} \text{Hom}_{D,-}(B^{\otimes 2}, \mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^2} \dots$$

Now, since, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have  $\text{Hom}_{D,-}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})^D$ , we obtain the complex

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k})^D \xrightarrow{\partial^0} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B, \mathbb{k})^D \xrightarrow{\partial^1} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes 2}, \mathbb{k})^D \xrightarrow{\partial^2} \dots$$

We will write  $(\partial^n)^D$  instead of  $\partial^n$  when we would like to stress that the map considered is the one induced on invariants. Thus we will write equivalently

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k})^D \xrightarrow{(\partial^0)^D} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B, \mathbb{k})^D \xrightarrow{(\partial^1)^D} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes 2}, \mathbb{k})^D \xrightarrow{(\partial^2)^D} \dots$$

Now, assume  $H$  is also cosemisimple. Since  $H$  is both semisimple and cosemisimple, by [30, Proposition 7] the Hopf algebra  $D$  is semisimple as an algebra. Thus, as in Remark 4.6 in case of  $H$ , the functor  $(-)^D : {}_D\mathfrak{M}_D \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}$  is exact (here  ${}_D\mathfrak{M}_D$  is the category of  $D$ -bimodules and  $\mathfrak{M}$  the category of  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector spaces). By

Proposition 4.5 applied to the case when  $r := (-)^D : {}_D\mathfrak{M}_D \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\omega$  is the forgetful functor, for every morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of  $D$ -bimodules one has

$$\ker(f^D) = \ker(f) \cap X^D = (\ker(f))^D$$

and

$$\operatorname{Im}(f^D) = \operatorname{Im}(f) \cap Y^D = (\operatorname{Im}(f))^D.$$

In particular we get

$$\ker((\partial^n)^D) = \ker(\partial^n) \cap \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})^D = \ker(\partial^n)^D$$

and

$$\operatorname{Im}((\partial^{n-1})^D) = \operatorname{Im}(\partial^{n-1}) \cap \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})^D = \operatorname{Im}(\partial^{n-1})^D$$

and hence

$$Z_{\mathcal{YD}}^n(B, \mathbb{k}) = Z^n(B, \mathbb{k}) \cap \operatorname{Hom}_{D,-}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) = Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})^D \quad \text{and}$$

$$B_{\mathcal{YD}}^n(B, \mathbb{k}) = B^n(B, \mathbb{k}) \cap \operatorname{Hom}_{D,-}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k}) = B^n(B, \mathbb{k})^D.$$

Then we obtain

$$H_{\mathcal{YD}}^n(B, \mathbb{k}) = \frac{Z_{\mathcal{YD}}^n(B, \mathbb{k})}{B_{\mathcal{YD}}^n(B, \mathbb{k})} = \frac{Z^n(B, \mathbb{k})^D}{B^n(B, \mathbb{k})^D} \cong H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^D.$$

Let us prove the last part of the statement. The correspondence between the left  $D$ -module structure and the structure of Yetter-Drinfeld module over  $H$  is written explicitly in [25, Proposition 7.1.6]. In particular  $D = H^* \otimes H$  and given  $V \in {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , the two structures are related by the following equality  $(f \otimes h) \triangleright v = f((h \triangleright v)_{-1})(h \triangleright v)_0$  for every  $f \in H^*, h \in H, v \in V$ . Thus  $(\varepsilon_H \otimes h) \triangleright v = h \triangleright v$ . Moreover  $H$  is a Hopf subalgebra of  $D$  via  $h \mapsto \varepsilon_H \otimes h$ , where  $D$  is considered with the first structure of [25, Theorem 7.1.1]. Since the  $D$ -bimodule structure of  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})$  is induced by the one of  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(B^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{k})$  which comes from the left  $D$ -module structures of its arguments and similarly for the  $H$ -bimodule structure of  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})$ , we deduce that  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^D$  is a subspace of  $H^n(B, \mathbb{k})^H$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.8.** In the setting of the proof of [9, Theorem 4.1.3], a Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  such that  $H^3(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k})^{\mathbb{Z}_m} = 0$  is considered where  $\mathbb{k}$  is a field of characteristic zero. By Proposition 4.7 applied in the case  $H = \mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_m$  and  $B = \mathcal{B}(V)$ , we have that  $H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k}) \cong H^3(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k})^{D(H)}$  is a subspace of  $H^3(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k})^H = H^3(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k})^{\mathbb{Z}_m} = 0$ . Thus we get  $H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . Therefore, in view of Theorem 3.2, if  $(Q, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \omega)$  is a finite-dimensional connected coquasibialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  such that  $\operatorname{gr}Q \cong \mathcal{B}(V)$  (as above) as augmented algebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  (the counit must be the same in order to have the same Yetter-Drinfeld module structure on  $\mathbb{k}$ ), then we can conclude that  $Q$  is gauge equivalent to a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

**Remark 4.9.** Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional coquasi-bialgebra with the dual Chevalley property *i.e.*, the coradical  $H$  of  $A$  is a coquasi-subbialgebra of  $A$  (in particular  $H$  is cosemisimple). Assume the coquasi-bialgebra structure of  $H$  has trivial reassociator (*i.e.*, it is an ordinary bialgebra) and also assume it has an antipode (*i.e.*, it is a Hopf algebra). Then, by [10, Corollary 6.4],  $\text{gr}A$  is isomorphic to  $R\#H$  as a coquasi-bialgebra, where  $R$  is a suitable connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Note that  $R\#H$  is the usual Radford-Majid bosonization as  $H$  has trivial reassociator, see [10, Definition 5.4]. Hence we can compute

$$H^3(\text{gr}A, \mathbb{k}) = H^3(R\#H, \mathbb{k}).$$

Assume further that  $H$  is semisimple. Then, by Corollary 4.3, we have

$$H^n(R\#H, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^n(R, \mathbb{k})^H$$

so that  $H^3(\text{gr}A, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^3(R, \mathbb{k})^H$ . Thus, if  $H^3(R, \mathbb{k})^H = 0$ , one gets  $H^3(\text{gr}A, \mathbb{k}) = 0$  which is the analogue of the condition [18, Proposition 2.3] (note that our  $A$  is the dual of the one considered therein) which guarantees that  $A$  is gauge equivalent to an ordinary Hopf algebra, if  $A$  has a quasi-antipode and  $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$ . Next we will give another approach to arrive at the same conclusion but just requiring  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(R, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . Note that a priori  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(R, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^3(R, \mathbb{k})^{D(H)}$  is smaller than  $H^3(R, \mathbb{k})^H$ . We point out that requiring, as above, that  $H$  has trivial reassociator is equivalent to asking that  $\text{gr}A$  has trivial reassociator (see *e.g.* [10, Proposition 6.2]) which is the standing hypothesis of [18, Proposition 2.3].

## 5. The dual Chevalley property

The main aim of this section is to prove Theorem 5.6. Let  $A$  be a Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  of characteristic zero such that the coradical  $H$  of  $A$  is a sub-Hopf algebra (*i.e.*,  $A$  has the dual Chevalley Property). Assume  $H$  is finite-dimensional so that  $H$  is semisimple. By [2, Theorem I], there is a gauge transformation  $\zeta : A \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  such that  $A^\zeta$  is isomorphic, as a coquasi-bialgebra, to the bosonization  $Q\#H$  of a connected coquasi-bialgebra  $Q$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  by  $H$ . By construction  $\zeta$  is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced: this follows from [2, Proposition 5.7] (note that gauge transformation  $v_B : B \otimes B \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$ , used therein for  $B := R\#_\xi H$ , is  $H$ -bilinear and  $H$ -balanced, as observed in the proof) and the fact that there is an  $H$ -bilinear Hopf algebra isomorphism  $\psi : B \rightarrow A$  (see [2, Proof of Theorem I, page 36 and Theorem 6.1] which is a consequence of [6, Theorem 3.64]) where  $(R, \xi)$  is a suitable connected pre-bialgebra with cocycle in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  (note that  $\zeta = v_B \circ (\psi^{-1} \otimes \psi^{-1})$ ): here by connected pre-bialgebra we mean that the coradical  $R_0$  of  $R$  is  $\mathbb{k}1_R$  (by the properties of  $1_R$  this implies that  $R_0$  is a subcoalgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  of  $R$ ). Assume that  $A$  is finite-dimensional. Then  $Q\#H$  and hence  $Q$  is finite dimensional.

Thus, by Theorem 3.2, if  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ , then  $Q$  is gauge equivalent to a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

First let us check which condition on  $A$  guarantee that  $H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . Note that by construction  $Q = R^v$  (see [2, Proposition 5.7]) where  $v := (\lambda\xi)^{-1}$ , the convolution inverse of  $\lambda\xi$  and  $\lambda : H \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  denotes the total integral on  $H$ . Thus we can rewrite  $\text{gr} Q$  as  $\text{gr} R^v$ .

Moreover  $v_B$  is given by  $v_B((r\#h) \otimes (r'\#h')) = v(r \otimes hr') \varepsilon_H(h')$  for every  $r, r' \in R, h, h' \in H$ . By [8, Proposition 2.5],  $\text{gr}R$  inherits the pre-bialgebra structure in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  of  $R$ . This is proved by checking that  $R_i \cdot R_j \subseteq R_{i+j}$  for every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where  $R_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th term of the coradical filtration of  $R$ . Moreover  $R_i$  is a subcoalgebra of  $R$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** *Keep the above hypotheses and notation. Then  $\text{gr} R^v$  and  $\text{gr} R$  coincide as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  where the structures of  $\text{gr} R$  are induced by the ones of  $(R, \xi)$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.6,  $\text{gr} R^v = \text{gr} Q$  is a connected bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

Note that  $R^v$  and  $R$  coincide as coalgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  so that  $\text{gr} R^v$  and  $\text{gr} R$  coincide as coalgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . They also have the same unit. It remains to check that their two multiplications coincide too.

Since  $\xi$  is unital, by [6, Proposition 4.8], we have that  $v$  is unital and this is equivalent to  $v^{-1}$  unital (see the proof therein).

Let  $C := R \otimes R$ . Let  $n > 0$  and let  $w \in C_{(n)} = \sum_{i+j \leq n} R_i \otimes R_j$ . By [6, Lemma 3.69], we have that

$$\Delta_C(w) - w \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} - (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)}.$$

Thus we get

$$w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3 - \Delta_C(w) \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} - \Delta_C\left((1_R)^{\otimes 2}\right) \otimes w \in \Delta_C(C_{(n-1)}) \otimes C_{(n-1)}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 \otimes w_2 \otimes w_3 - w \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} - (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \otimes w \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \\ - (1_R)^{\otimes 4} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)} \otimes C_{(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $m(C_{(n-1)}) \subseteq \sum_{i+j \leq n} m(R_i \otimes R_j) \subseteq R_{n-1}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 \otimes m(w_2) \otimes w_3 - w \otimes 1_R \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} - (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \otimes m(w) \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \\ - (1_R)^{\otimes 3} \otimes w \in C_{(n-1)} \otimes R_{n-1} \otimes C_{(n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$w_1 \otimes (m(w_2) + R_{n-1}) \otimes w_3 = (1_R)^{\otimes 2} \otimes (m(w) + R_{n-1}) \otimes (1_R)^{\otimes 2}. \tag{5.1}$$



Let  $x, y \in R$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{x} \cdot_v \bar{y} &= (x + R_{|x|-1}) \cdot_v (y + R_{|y|-1}) \\
 &= (x \cdot_v y) + R_{|x|+|y|-1} = m^v(x \otimes y) + R_{|x|+|y|-1} \\
 &= v((x \otimes y)_1) m((x \otimes y)_2) v^{-1}((x \otimes y)_3) + R_{|x|+|y|-1} \\
 &= v((x \otimes y)_1) (m((x \otimes y)_2) + R_{|x|+|y|-1}) v^{-1}((x \otimes y)_3) \\
 &\stackrel{(5.1)}{=} v((1_R)^{\otimes 2}) (m(x \otimes y) + R_{|x|+|y|-1}) v^{-1}((1_R)^{\otimes 2}) \\
 &= m(x \otimes y) + R_{|x|+|y|-1} = (x \cdot y) + R_{|x|+|y|-1} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

The following result is inspired by [6, Theorem 3.71].

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $H$  be a cosemisimple Hopf algebra. Let  $C$  be a left  $H$ -comodule coalgebra such that  $C_0$  is a one-dimensional left  $H$ -comodule subcoalgebra of  $C$ . Let  $B = C \# H$  be the smash coproduct of  $C$  by  $H$  i.e., the coalgebra defined by*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_B(c \# h) &= \sum (c_1 \# (c_2)_{-1} h_1) \otimes ((c_2)_0 \# h_2), \\
 \varepsilon_B(c \# h) &= \varepsilon_C(c) \varepsilon_H(h).
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have  $B_n = C_n \# H$ .

*Proof.* Since  $C_0$  is a subcoalgebra of  $C$  in  ${}^H\mathcal{M}$  and, for  $n \geq 1$ , one has  $C_n = C_{n-1} \wedge_C C_0$ , then inductively one proves that  $C_n$  is a subcoalgebra of  $C$  in  ${}^H\mathcal{M}$ . Set  $B_{(n)} := C_n \# H$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Let us check that  $B_{(n)} = B_n$  by induction on  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Let  $n = 0$ . First note  $B = \cup_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} B_{(m)}$  and, since  $\Delta_C(C_m) \subseteq \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} C_i \otimes C_{m-i}$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_B(B_{(m)}) &= \Delta_B(C_m \# H) \subseteq \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} \sum (C_i \# (C_{m-i})_{-1} (H)_1) \otimes ((C_{m-i})_0 \# (H)_2) \\
 &\subseteq \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} (C_i \# H) \otimes (C_{m-i} \# (H)) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} B_{(i)} \otimes B_{(m-i)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(B_{(m)})_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is a coalgebra filtration for  $B$  and hence, by [37, Proposition 11.1.1], we get that  $B_{(0)} \supseteq B_0$ . Since  $C_0$  is one-dimensional, there is a grouplike element  $1_C \in C_0$  such that  $C_0 = \mathbb{k}1_C$ . Moreover one checks that  $C_0$  is a subcoalgebra of  $C$  in  ${}^H\mathcal{M}$  implies  $\sum (1_C)_{-1} \otimes (1_C)_0 = 1_H \otimes 1_C$ .

Let  $\sigma : H \rightarrow C \otimes H : h \mapsto 1_C \otimes h$  be the canonical injection. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_B \sigma(h) &= \Delta_B(1_C \otimes h) = \sum (1_C \# (1_C)_{-1} h_1) \otimes ((1_C)_0 \# h_2) \\
 &= \sum (1_C \# 1_H h_1) \otimes (1_C \# h_2) = \sum \sigma(h_1) \otimes \sigma(h_2) = (\sigma \otimes \sigma) \Delta_H(h), \\
 \varepsilon_B \sigma(h) &= \varepsilon_B(1_C \otimes h) = \varepsilon_C(1_C) \varepsilon_H(h) = \varepsilon_H(h)
 \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\sigma$  is a coalgebra map. Since  $H$  is cosemisimple and  $\sigma$  an injective coalgebra map we deduce that also  $\sigma(H) = C_0 \otimes H = B_{(0)}$  is a cosemisimple subcoalgebra of  $B$  whence  $B_{(0)} \subseteq B_0$ .

Let  $n > 0$  and assume that  $B_i = B_{(i)}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Let  $\sum_{i \in I} c_i \# h_i \in B_n$ .

Then

$$\Delta_B \left( \sum_{i \in I} c_i \# h_i \right) \in B_{n-1} \otimes B + B \otimes B_0 = C_{n-1} \otimes H \otimes C \otimes H + C \otimes H \otimes C_0 \otimes H.$$

Let  $p_n : C \rightarrow \frac{C}{C_n}$  be the canonical projection. If we apply  $(p_{n-1} \otimes \varepsilon_H \otimes p_0 \otimes H)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (p_{n-1} \otimes \varepsilon_H \otimes p_0 \otimes H) \Delta_B \left( \sum_{i \in I} c_i \# h_i \right) \\ &= (p_{n-1} \otimes \varepsilon_H \otimes p_0 \otimes H) \left( \sum_{i \in I} ((c_i)_1 \# ((c_i)_2)_{-1} (h_i)_1) \otimes (((c_i)_2)_0 \# (h_i)_2) \right) \\ &= (p_{n-1} \otimes p_0 \otimes H) \left( \sum_{i \in I} (c_i)_1 \otimes (c_i)_2 \otimes h_i \right) \\ &= ((p_{n-1} \otimes p_0) \Delta_C \otimes H) \left( \sum_{i \in I} c_i \# h_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\sum_{i \in I} c_i \# h_i \in \ker((p_{n-1} \otimes p_0) \Delta_C \otimes H) = [\ker((p_{n-1} \otimes p_0) \Delta_C)] \otimes H = C_n \otimes H = B_{(n)}$ . Thus  $B_n \subseteq B_{(n)}$ . On the other hand, from  $\Delta_C(C_n) \subseteq C_{n-1} \otimes C + C \otimes C_0$  we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_B(B_{(n)}) &= \Delta_B(C_n \otimes H) \\ &\subseteq \sum ((C_n)_1 \# ((C_n)_2)_{-1} (H)_1) \otimes (((C_n)_2)_0 \# (H)_2) \\ &\subseteq \sum (C_{n-1} \# (C)_{-1} H) \otimes ((C)_0 \# H) \\ &\quad + \sum (C \# (C_0)_{-1} H) \otimes ((C_0)_0 \# H) \\ &\subseteq (C_{n-1} \# H) \otimes (C \# H) + (C \# H) \otimes (C_0 \# H) \\ &= B_{(n-1)} \otimes B + B \otimes B_{(0)} = B_{n-1} \otimes B + B \otimes B_0 \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $B_{(n)} \subseteq B_n$ . □

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $A$  be a Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  such that the coradical  $H$  of  $A$  is a sub-Hopf algebra (i.e.,  $A$  has the dual Chevalley Property). Set  $G := \text{gr } A$ . There are two canonical Hopf algebra maps

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_G : H &\rightarrow \text{gr } A : h \mapsto h + A_{-1}, \\ \pi_G : \text{gr } A &\rightarrow H : a + A_{n-1} \mapsto a \delta_{n,0}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \end{aligned}$$

The diagram of  $A$  (see [11, page 659]) is the vector space

$$\mathcal{D}(A) := \left\{ d \in \text{gr } A \mid \sum d_1 \otimes \pi_G(d_2) = d \otimes 1_H \right\}.$$

It is a bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  as follows.  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is a subalgebra of  $G$ . The left  $H$ -action, the left  $H$ -coaction of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , the comultiplication and counit are given respectively by

$$\begin{aligned} h \triangleright d &:= \sum \sigma_G(h_1) d \sigma_G S(h_2), & \rho(d) &= \sum \pi_G(d_1) \otimes d_2, \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(d) &:= \sum d_1 \sigma_G S_H \pi_G(d_2) \otimes d_3, & \varepsilon_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(d) &= \varepsilon_G(d). \end{aligned}$$

Although the following result seems to be folklore, we include here its statement for future reference.

**Proposition 5.4.** *Let  $A$  be a Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  such that the coradical  $H$  of  $A$  is a sub-Hopf algebra. Let  $A'$  be a Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$ . Let  $f : A' \rightarrow A$  be an isomorphism of Hopf algebras. Then  $H' := f^{-1}(H) \cong H$  is the coradical of  $A'$  and it is a sub-Hopf algebra of  $A'$ . Thus we can identify  $H'$  with  $H$ . Moreover  $f$  induces an isomorphism  $\mathcal{D}(f) : \mathcal{D}(A') \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A)$  of bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .*

**Proposition 5.5.** *Keep the hypotheses and notation of the beginning of the section. Then  $\mathcal{D}(A) \cong \mathcal{D}(R\#_{\xi}H) \cong \text{gr } R$  as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Proposition 5.4 to the canonical isomorphism  $\psi : B := R\#_{\xi}H \rightarrow A$  that we recalled at the beginning of the section to get that  $\mathcal{D}(R\#_{\xi}H) \cong \mathcal{D}(A)$ . Note that, by  $H$ -linearity we have

$$\psi(1_R\#h) = \psi((1_R\#1_H)(1_R\#h)) = \psi((1_R\#1_H)h) = \psi(1_R\#1_H)h = h$$

so that  $\psi(\mathbb{k}1_R \otimes H) = H$  and hence  $H' = \psi^{-1}(H) = \mathbb{k}1_R \otimes H$  with the notation of Proposition 5.4. Thus  $B_0 = \mathbb{k}1_R \otimes H = R_0 \otimes H$  so that we can identify  $B_0$  with  $H$  via the canonical isomorphism  $H \rightarrow R_0 \otimes H : h \mapsto 1_R \otimes h$ . Its inverse is  $R_0 \otimes H \rightarrow H : r \otimes h \mapsto \varepsilon_R(r)h$ . With this identification and by setting  $G := \text{gr } B$ , we can consider the canonical bialgebra maps

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_G : H &\rightarrow \text{gr } B : h \mapsto 1_R\#h + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{-1}, \\ \pi_G : \text{gr } B &\rightarrow H : r\#h + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{n-1} \mapsto \varepsilon_R(r)h\delta_{n,0}, \text{ where } r\#h \in (R\#_{\xi}H)_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \end{aligned}$$

Since the underlying coalgebra of  $B$  is exactly the smash coproduct of  $R$  by  $H$  and  $(R, \xi)$  is a connected pre-bialgebra with cocycle in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ , by Lemma 5.2, we have that  $B_n = R_n \otimes H$ . Let us compute  $\mathcal{D} := \mathcal{D}(B)$ . As a vector space it is

$$\mathcal{D} := \left\{ d \in G \mid \sum d_1 \otimes \pi_G(d_2) = d \otimes 1_H \right\}.$$

By [11, Lemma 2.1], we have that  $\mathcal{D} = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \mathcal{D}^n$  where  $\mathcal{D}^n = \mathcal{D} \cap G^n = \mathcal{D} \cap \frac{B_n}{B_{n-1}}$ . Let  $d := \overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} \in \mathcal{D}^n$  where we can assume  $\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i \in B_n \setminus B_{n-1}$  and, for every  $i \in I$ ,  $r_i \# h_i \in B_n \setminus B_{n-1}$ . Then  $\overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} = \overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i}$  and hence the fact that  $d$  is coinvariant rewrites as

$$\sum_{i \in I} (\overline{r_i \# h_i})_1 \otimes \pi_G ((\overline{r_i \# h_i})_2) = \sum_{i \in I} \overline{r_i \# h_i} \otimes 1_H. \tag{5.3}$$

By definition of  $\pi_G$  and (1.1), the left-hand side becomes

$$\sum_{i \in I} (\overline{r_i \# h_i})_1 \otimes \pi_G ((\overline{r_i \# h_i})_2) = \sum_{i \in I} ((r_i \# (h_i)_1) + B_{n-1}) \otimes (h_i)_2$$

so that (5.3) becomes

$$\sum_{i \in I} ((r_i \# (h_i)_1) + B_{n-1}) \otimes (h_i)_2 = \sum_{i \in I} \overline{r_i \# h_i} \otimes 1_H = \sum_{i \in I} (r_i \# h_i + B_{n-1}) \otimes 1_H$$

*i.e.*

$$\sum_{i \in I} (r_i \# (h_i)_1) \otimes (h_i)_2 - \sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i \otimes 1_H \in B_{n-1} \otimes H = R_{n-1} \otimes H \otimes H.$$

If we apply  $R \otimes \varepsilon_H \otimes H$ , we get

$$\sum_{i \in I} r_i \otimes h_i - \sum_{i \in I} r_i \varepsilon_H (h_i) \otimes 1_H \in R_{n-1} \otimes H = B_{n-1}.$$

Thus  $\overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} = \overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} = \sum_{i \in I} (r_i \# h_i + B_{n-1}) = \sum_{i \in I} (r_i \varepsilon_H (h_i) \otimes 1_H) + B_{n-1}$ .

Since  $\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i \in B_n \setminus B_{n-1}$  we get that  $\left(\sum_{i \in I} r_i \varepsilon_H (h_i)\right) \otimes 1_H \notin B_{n-1}$  and hence  $\sum_{i \in I} r_i \varepsilon_H (h_i) \notin R_{n-1}$  and we can write

$$\overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} = \overline{\left(\sum_{i \in I} r_i \varepsilon_H (h_i)\right) \otimes 1_H}.$$

Therefore we have proved that the map

$$\varphi_n : \frac{R_n}{R_{n-1}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^n : \bar{r} \mapsto \overline{r \otimes 1_H},$$

which is well-defined as  $\mathcal{D}^n = \mathcal{D} \cap G^n = \mathcal{D} \cap \frac{B_n}{B_{n-1}} = \mathcal{D} \cap \frac{R_n \otimes H}{R_{n-1} \otimes H}$ , is also surjective.

It is also injective as  $\varphi_n(\bar{r}) = \varphi_n(\bar{s})$  implies  $r \otimes 1_H - s \otimes 1_H \in B_{n-1} = R_{n-1} \otimes H$  and hence, by applying  $R \otimes \varepsilon_H$ , we get  $r - s \in R_{n-1}$ , i.e.,  $\bar{r} = \bar{s}$ . Therefore  $\varphi_n$  is an isomorphism such that  $\overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} = \varphi_n \left( \overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \varepsilon_H(h_i)} \right)$  and hence

$$\varphi_n^{-1} \left( \overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \# h_i} \right) = \overline{\sum_{i \in I} r_i \varepsilon_H(h_i)}.$$

Clearly this extends to a graded  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear isomorphism

$$\varphi : \text{gr } R \rightarrow \mathcal{D}.$$

Let us check that  $\varphi$  is a morphism in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . First note that, for every  $r \in R_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r + R_{n-1}) &= \delta_{|r|,n} \varphi(r + R_{n-1}) = \delta_{|r|,n} \varphi_n(r + R_{n-1}) = \delta_{|r|,n} \varphi_n(\bar{r}) \\ &= \delta_{|r|,n} \overline{r \otimes 1_H} = \delta_{|r|,n} \left( r \otimes 1_H + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{n-1} \right) = r \otimes 1_H \\ &\quad + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\varphi(r + R_{n-1}) = r \otimes 1_H + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{n-1}, \text{ for every } r \in R_n. \tag{5.4}$$

For every  $r \in R_n \setminus R_{n-1}$ , by using (5.4), it is straightforward to prove that  $h \triangleright \varphi(\bar{r}) = \varphi(h\bar{r})$ . Moreover, by applying (1.1), (5.2), the definition of  $\pi_G$  and (5.4), we get that  $\rho\varphi(\bar{r}) = (H \otimes \varphi) \rho(\bar{r})$ .

Let us check that  $\varphi$  is a morphism of bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Fix  $r \in R_n \setminus R_{n-1}$ . Using the definition of  $\Delta_{\mathcal{D}}$ , (1.1), (5.2), the definition of  $\pi_G$ , the definition of  $\sigma_G$ , (5.4) and (1.1) again, we obtain  $\Delta_{\mathcal{D}}\varphi(\bar{r}) = (\varphi \otimes \varphi) \Delta_{\text{gr } R}(\bar{r})$ .

Let us check  $\varphi$  is counitary:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\mathcal{D}}\varphi(\bar{r}) &= \varepsilon_G\varphi(\bar{r}) = \varepsilon_G(\overline{r \otimes 1_H}) \stackrel{(1,2)}{=} \delta_{n,0} \varepsilon_B(r \otimes 1_H) \\ &= \delta_{n,0} \varepsilon_R(r) \stackrel{(1,2)}{=} \varepsilon_{\text{gr } R}(\bar{r}). \end{aligned}$$

Let us check  $\varphi$  is multiplicative. Let  $s \in R_m \setminus R_{m-1}$ . Then, by definition of  $\varphi$ , of  $m_{\mathcal{D}}$  and of the multiplication of  $R\#_{\xi}H$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\mathcal{D}}(\varphi \otimes \varphi)(\bar{s} \otimes \bar{r}) &= \sum \left( s^{(1)} \left( \left( s^{(2)} \right)_{-1} r^{(1)} \right) \#_{\xi} \left( \left( s^{(2)} \right)_0 \otimes r^{(2)} \right) \right) \\ &\quad + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now write  $\sum s^{(1)} \otimes s^{(2)} = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} s_i \otimes s'_{m-i}$  for some  $s_i, s'_i \in R_i$  and similarly  $\sum r^{(1)} \otimes r^{(2)} = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} r_j \otimes r'_{n-j}$  for some  $r_j, r'_j \in R_j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\mathcal{D}}(\varphi \otimes \varphi)(\bar{s} \otimes \bar{r}) &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq m \\ 0 \leq j \leq n}} \left( s_i \left( (s'_{m-i})_{-1} r_j \right) \#_{\xi} \left( (s'_{m-i})_0 \otimes r'_{n-j} \right) \right) + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq m \\ 0 \leq j \leq n}} \delta_{i,m} \delta_{j,n} \left( s_i \left( (s'_{m-i})_{-1} r_j \right) \#_{\xi} \left( (s'_{m-i})_0 \otimes r'_{n-j} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= \sum \left( s_m \left( (s'_0)_{-1} r_n \right) \#_{\xi} \left( (s'_0)_0 \otimes r'_0 \right) \right) + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &\stackrel{R_0 = \mathbb{k}1_R}{=} \sum s_m \left( (s'_0)_{-1} r_n \right) \#_{\varepsilon_R} \left( (s'_0)_0 \right) \varepsilon_R(r'_0) 1_H + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= \sum s_m \varepsilon_R(s'_0) r_n \varepsilon_R(r'_0) \# 1_H + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq m \\ 0 \leq j \leq n}} \delta_{i,m} \delta_{j,n} \left( s_i \varepsilon_R(s'_{m-i}) r_j \varepsilon_R(r'_{m-j}) \# 1_H \right) \\
 &\quad + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq m \\ 0 \leq j \leq n}} \left( s_i \varepsilon_R(s'_{m-i}) r_j \varepsilon_R(r'_{m-j}) \# 1_H \right) + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= \sum \left( s^{(1)} \varepsilon_R(s^{(2)}) r^{(1)} \varepsilon_R(r^{(2)}) \# 1_H \right) + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \\
 &= (sr \# 1_H) + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{m+n-1} \stackrel{(5.4)}{=} \varphi(sr + R_{m+n-1}) \\
 &= \varphi((s + R_{m-1})(r + R_{n-1})) = \varphi m_{\text{gr}R}(\bar{s} \otimes \bar{r}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us check  $\varphi$  is unitary. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(1_{\text{gr}R}) &= \varphi(1_R + R_{-1}) = \varphi(\overline{1_R}) \\
 &= \overline{1_R \otimes 1_H} = (1_R \otimes 1_H) + (R\#_{\xi}H)_{-1} = 1_B + B_{-1} = 1_G. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Summing up we have proved that

$$\text{gr}Q \stackrel{Q=R^v}{=} \text{gr}R^v \stackrel{\text{Lem. 5.1}}{\cong} \text{gr}R \stackrel{\text{Pro. 5.5}}{\cong} \mathcal{D}(R\#_{\xi}H) \stackrel{\text{Pro. 5.4}}{\cong} \mathcal{D}(A)$$

as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Therefore  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{D}(A), \mathbb{k}) = 0$  (the Hochschild cohomology in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  of the algebra  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  with values in  $\mathbb{k}$ ) if, and only if,  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\text{gr}Q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . In this case, by the foregoing, we get that  $Q$  is gauge equivalent to a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .

Now let  $E$  be a connected bialgebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and let  $\gamma : E \otimes E \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be a gauge transformation for  $E$  such that  $Q = E^\gamma$ . We proved that  $A^\zeta \cong Q\#H \cong E^\gamma\#H$  as coquasi-bialgebras. By Proposition 2.5, we have that  $(E\#H)^\Gamma = E^\gamma\#H$  as an ordinary coquasi-bialgebras. Recall that two coquasi-bialgebras  $A$  and  $A'$  are called *gauge equivalent* or *quasi-isomorphic* whenever there is some gauge transformation  $\gamma : Q \otimes Q \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  in  $\mathbf{Vec}_\mathbb{k}$  such that  $A^\gamma \cong A'$  as coquasi-bialgebras. We point out that, if  $A$  and  $A'$  are ordinary bialgebras and  $A^\gamma \cong A'$ , then  $\gamma$  comes out to be a unitary cocycle. This is encoded in the triviality of the reassociators of  $A$  and  $A'$ .

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  of characteristic zero such that the coradical  $H$  of  $A$  is a sub-Hopf algebra (i.e.,  $A$  has the dual Chevalley Property). If  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{D}(A), \mathbb{k}) = 0$ , then  $A$  is quasi-isomorphic to the Radford-Majid bosonization  $E\#H$  of some connected bialgebra  $E$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  by  $H$ . Moreover  $\text{gr } E \cong \mathcal{D}(A)$  as bialgebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ .*

*Proof.* By the foregoing  $A^\zeta \cong Q\#H \cong E^\gamma\#H = (E\#H)^\Gamma$  as coquasi-bialgebras. Now  $A$  is quasi-isomorphic to  $A^\zeta$  which is quasi-isomorphic to  $E\#H$  so that  $A$  is quasi-isomorphic to  $E\#H$ . Moreover

$$\text{gr } E = \text{gr } E^\gamma = \text{gr } Q \cong \mathcal{D}(A).$$

where the first equality holds by Proposition 2.6. □

More generally, given a (finite-dimensional) Hopf algebra  $A$  whose coradical  $H$  is a sub-Hopf algebra, then if  $H$  is also semisimple, we expect that  $A$  is quasi-isomorphic to the Radford-Majid bosonization  $E\#H$  of some connected bialgebra  $E$  in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  by  $H$ . See e.g. [21, Corollary 3.4] and the proof therein and [3,4] for a further clue in this direction.

## 6. Examples

We notice that the Hochschild cohomology of a finite-dimensional Nichols algebras has been computed in a few examples. We consider here those Nichols algebras to compute  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbb{k})$ .

### 6.1. Braidings of Cartan type

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq \theta}$  be a finite Cartan matrix,  $\Delta$  the corresponding root system,  $(\alpha_i)_{1 \leq i \leq \theta}$  a set of simple roots and  $W$  its Weyl group. Let  $w_0 = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_M}$  be a reduced expression of the element  $w_0 \in W$  of maximal length as a product of simple reflections,  $\beta_j = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_{j-1}}(\alpha_{i_j})$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq M$ . Then  $\beta_j \neq \beta_k$  if  $j \neq k$  and  $\Delta^+ = \{\beta_j | 1 \leq j \leq M\}$ , see [22, page 25 and Proposition 3.6].

Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite Abelian group,  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  its group of characters.  $\mathcal{D} = (\Gamma, (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq \theta}, (\chi_i)_{1 \leq i \leq \theta}, A)$  is a datum of finite Cartan type [12] associated to  $\Gamma$  and  $A$  if  $g_i \in \Gamma$ ,

$\chi_j \in \widehat{\Gamma}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq \theta$ , satisfy  $\chi_i(g_i) \neq 1$ ,  $\chi_i(g_j)\chi_j(g_i) = \chi_i(g_i)^{a_{ij}}$  for all  $i, j$ . Set  $\mathfrak{q} = (q_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq \theta}$ , where  $q_{ij} = \chi_j(g_i)$ .

In what follows  $V$  denotes the Yetter-Drinfeld module over  $\mathbb{k}\Gamma$ ,  $\dim V = \theta$ , with a fixed basis  $x_1, \dots, x_\theta$ , where the action and the coaction over each  $x_i$  is given by  $\chi_i$  and  $g_i$ , respectively. Then the associated braiding is  $c(x_i \otimes x_j) = q_{ij}x_j \otimes x_i$  for all  $i, j$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{q}} = \mathcal{B}(V)$ . The tensor algebra  $T(V)$  is  $\mathbb{N}_0^\theta$ -graded with grading  $\alpha_i$  for each  $x_i$ . For  $\beta = \sum_{i=1}^\theta a_i \alpha_i \in \Delta^+$ , set

$$g_\beta = g_1^{a_1} \cdots g_\theta^{a_\theta}, \quad \chi_\beta = \chi_1^{a_1} \cdots \chi_\theta^{a_\theta}, \quad q_\beta = \chi_\beta(g_\beta).$$

Given  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta^+$ , we denote  $q_{\alpha\beta} = \chi_\beta(g_\alpha)$ .

We assume as in [12,26] that the order of  $q_{ii}$  is odd for all  $i$ , and not divisible by 3 for each connected component of the Dynkin diagram of  $A$  of type  $G_2$ . Therefore the order of  $q_{ii}$  is the same for all the  $i$  in the same connected component  $J$ . Given  $\beta \in J$ , we denote by  $N_\beta$  the order of the corresponding  $q_{ii}$  in  $J$ , which is also the order of  $q_\beta$ .

By [23] there exist homogeneous elements  $x_\beta$  of degree  $\beta$ ,  $\beta \in \Delta^+$ , such that the Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{q}}$  of  $V$  is presented by generators  $x_1, \dots, x_\theta$  and relations

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ad}_c x_i)^{1-a_{ij}} x_j &= 0, & 1 \leq i \neq j \leq \theta; \\ x_\beta^{N_\beta} &= 0, & \beta \in \Delta_+. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover  $\{x_{\beta_1}^{n_1} \dots x_{\beta_M}^{n_M} \mid 0 \leq n_i < N_{\beta_i}\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ .

We shall prove that  $H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{q}}, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ . We need first some technical results.

**Lemma 6.1.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta^+$ . Then either  $g_\alpha g_\beta^{N_\beta} \neq e$ , or else  $\chi_\alpha \chi_\beta^{N_\beta} \neq \epsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $g_\alpha g_\beta^{N_\beta} = e$ ,  $\chi_\alpha \chi_\beta^{N_\beta} = \epsilon$ . Then

$$q_\alpha = \chi_\alpha^{-1}(g_\alpha^{-1}) = \chi_\beta^{N_\beta}(g_\beta^{N_\beta}) = q_\beta^{N_\beta^2} = 1,$$

since  $q_\beta$  is a root of unity of order  $N_\beta$ . But this is a contradiction, since  $q_\alpha \neq 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Delta^+$  be pairwise different. Then either  $g_\alpha g_\beta g_\gamma \neq e$ , or else  $\chi_\alpha \chi_\beta \chi_\gamma \neq \epsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $g_\alpha g_\beta g_\gamma = e$  and  $\chi_\alpha \chi_\beta \chi_\gamma = \epsilon$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} q_\alpha &= \chi_\alpha^{-1}(g_\alpha^{-1}) = \chi_\beta \chi_\gamma (g_\beta g_\gamma) = q_\beta q_\gamma q_\beta q_\gamma, \\ q_\beta &= q_\alpha q_\gamma q_\alpha q_\gamma, \\ q_\gamma &= q_\alpha q_\beta q_\alpha q_\beta. \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$



Notice that  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  belong to the same connected component. Indeed, if  $\gamma$  belongs to a different connected component, then  $q_{\beta\gamma}q_{\gamma\beta} = q_{\alpha\gamma}q_{\gamma\alpha} = 1$ . Thus  $q_\beta = q_\alpha q_\gamma = q_\beta q_\gamma^2$ , so  $q_\gamma^2 = 1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore we may assume that the Dynkin diagram is connected.

One can prove that  $q_{s_i(\alpha)} = q_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . As we observed that  $\Delta^+ = \{\beta_j | 1 \leq j \leq M\}$ , we deduce that for every  $\beta \in \Delta^+$  there is some  $j$  such that  $q_\beta = q_j$ . One can prove that there is some  $q \in \mathbb{k}$  such that  $q_\alpha = q^{(\alpha, \alpha)/2}$  and  $q_{\alpha\gamma}q_{\gamma\alpha} = q^{(\alpha, \gamma)}$ , where  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the invariant bilinear form on the simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  associated with the finite Cartan matrix [13, Chapter VI, Section 1, Proposition 3 and Definition 3] and the basis of the root systems given in [13, Chapter VI, Section 4] should be normalized in such a way that  $q = q_\delta, (\delta, \delta) = 2$  for each short root  $\delta \in \Delta$ . Note that  $q_\alpha = q^{(\alpha, \alpha)/2} \neq 1$  for all  $\alpha$  as  $(\alpha, \alpha) \neq 0$ . Thus

- $q_\alpha = q_\beta = q_\gamma = q$  if the Dynkin diagram is simply laced,
- $q_\alpha, q_\beta, q_\gamma \in \{q, q^2\}$  if the Dynkin diagram has a double arrow,
- $q_\alpha, q_\beta, q_\gamma \in \{q, q^3\}$  if the Dynkin diagram is of type  $G_2$ .

If the Dynkin diagram is simply laced, then, by (6.1), we have  $q_{\beta\gamma}q_{\gamma\beta} = q_{\alpha\gamma}q_{\gamma\alpha} = q_{\alpha\beta}q_{\beta\alpha} = q^{-1}$ . Then  $q^{(\alpha, \gamma)} = q^{-1}$ . Now set  $n(\alpha, \beta) := 2(\alpha, \beta)/(\beta, \beta) = (\alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $n(\alpha, \beta)$  is symmetric whence, by [13, Chapter VI, Section 1, page 148] we have  $(\alpha, \gamma) = -1$  as the order of  $q$  is odd, so  $\alpha + \gamma \in \Delta^+$ , by [13, VI, Section 1, Corollary, page 149]. Now the same argument we used above shows that also  $(\alpha, \beta) = -1 = (\gamma, \beta)$  and hence  $(\alpha + \gamma, \beta) = -2$ , so  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma \in \Delta^+$ , since  $\alpha + \gamma \neq -\beta$  (as  $\alpha + \gamma$  and  $\beta$  are both in  $\Delta^+$ ). But  $q_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} = q_\alpha q_\beta q_\gamma q_{\beta\gamma} q_{\gamma\beta} q_{\alpha\gamma} q_{\gamma\alpha} q_{\alpha\beta} q_{\beta\alpha} = 1$ , which is a contradiction.

If the Dynkin diagram has a double arrow, then  $q_\alpha, q_\beta, q_\gamma \in \{q, q^2\}$ . If  $q_\alpha = q_\beta = q_\gamma$ , then the proof follows as for the simply-laced case because  $n(u, v) = n(v, u)$  for  $u, v \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ . If  $q_\alpha = q_\beta = q$  and  $q_\gamma = q^2$ , then  $q_{\beta\gamma}q_{\gamma\beta} = q_{\alpha\gamma}q_{\gamma\alpha} = q^{-2}$ , and  $q_{\alpha\beta}q_{\beta\alpha} = 1$ , by (6.1). Then a simple calculation yields  $(\beta, \gamma) = -2$  so that  $\beta + \gamma \in \Delta^+$ . One also gets  $(\alpha, \beta) = 0$  and  $(\alpha, \gamma) = -2$  so that  $(\alpha, \beta + \gamma) = (\alpha, \beta) + (\alpha, \gamma) = -2 < 0$  by the conditions on the order of  $q$ , so again  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma \in \Delta^+$ ; but again we obtain  $q_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} = 1$ , which is a contradiction. The proof for  $q_\alpha = q_\beta = q^2$  and  $q_\gamma = q$  follows analogously.

Finally, if the Dynkin diagram is of type  $G_2$ , then a similar analysis gives a contradiction. □

For each  $1 \leq k \leq M$ , set  $\mathcal{B}_q(k)$  as the subspace of  $\mathcal{B}_q$  spanned by  $\{x_{\beta_1}^{n_1}, \dots, x_{\beta_k}^{n_k} | 0 \leq n_i < N_{\beta_i}\}$ . By [17] this gives an algebra filtration, and the graded algebra  $\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q$  associated to this filtration is presented by generators  $\mathbf{x}_\beta, \beta \in \Delta^+$ , and relations

$$\mathbf{x}_\beta \mathbf{x}_\gamma = q_{\beta\gamma} \mathbf{x}_\gamma \mathbf{x}_\beta, \quad \mathbf{x}_\beta^{N_\beta} = 0, \quad \beta < \gamma \in \Delta^+.$$

In [26]  $\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q$  is viewed as an algebra in  $\mathbb{k}_{\Gamma}^{\Gamma} \mathcal{YD}$ , which (as an algebra) is the Nichols algebra of Cartan type  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_1, M$  copies, with action and coaction on  $\mathbf{x}_\beta$

given by  $\chi_\beta, g_\beta$ , respectively. By [26, Theorem 4.1],  $H^\bullet(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  is the algebra generated by  $\xi_\beta, \eta_\beta, \beta \in \Delta^+$ , where  $\deg \xi_\beta = 2, \deg \eta_\beta = 1$ , and relations

$$\xi_\beta \xi_\gamma = q_{\beta\gamma}^{N_\beta N_\gamma} \xi_\gamma \xi_\beta, \quad \eta_\beta \xi_\gamma = q_{\beta\gamma}^{N_\gamma} \xi_\gamma \eta_\beta, \quad \eta_\beta \eta_\gamma = -q_{\beta\gamma} \eta_\gamma \eta_\beta, \quad \beta, \gamma \in \Delta^+.$$

As we assume that all the  $q_{ii}$  have odd order, we deduce in particular from the last equality that  $\eta_\beta^2 = 0$  for all  $\beta \in \Delta^+$ . As an algebra in  ${}_{\mathbb{k}\Gamma}^{\mathbb{k}\Gamma} \mathcal{YD}$ , the action and coaction on  $\xi_\beta$  is given by  $\chi_\beta^{-N_\beta}, g_\beta^{-N_\beta}$ , while the action and coaction on  $\eta_\beta$  is given by  $\chi_\beta^{-1}, g_\beta^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 6.3.**  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ .

*Proof.* First we will prove that  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})^D = 0$  for  $D := D(\mathbb{k}\Gamma)$ . Now, the invariants are with respect to the  $D$ -bimodule structure that  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  inherits from  $\text{Hom}((\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q)^{\otimes 3}, \mathbb{k})$  (this is a  $D$ -bimodule as its arguments are left  $D$ -modules). Since the left  $D$ -module structure is induced by the one of  $\mathbb{k}$ , it is trivial. Thus the invariants of  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  as a  $D$ -bimodule reduce to its invariants as a right  $D$ -module. Since right  $D$ -modules are equivalent to left  $D$ -modules, via the antipode of  $D$  which is invertible as  $D$  is finite-dimensional, the right  $D$ -module structure of  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  becomes the structure of object in  ${}_{\mathbb{k}\Gamma}^{\mathbb{k}\Gamma} \mathcal{YD}$  described above. Thus, in order to prove that  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})^D = 0$  we just have to check that the invariants of  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  as a left-left Yetter-Drinfeld modules are zero.

Now, by the defining relations of  $H^\bullet(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$ , a basis  $B$  of  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  is given by  $\{\xi_\alpha \eta_\beta\} \cup \{\eta_\alpha \eta_\beta \eta_\gamma | \alpha < \beta < \gamma\}$ . If  $v \in H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})$  is invariant, then  $v$  is written as a linear combination of elements in the trivial component. Indeed, write  $v = \sum_{b \in B} c_b b$  for some  $c_b \in \mathbb{k}$ , and let  $g_b, \chi_b$  be the elements describing the component of  $b \in B$ . Then

$$v = g \cdot v = \sum_{b \in B} c_b g \cdot b = \sum_{b \in B} c_b \chi_b(g) b, \quad \text{for all } g \in \Gamma,$$

$$1 \otimes v = \rho(v) = \sum_{b \in B} c_b \rho \cdot b = \sum_{b \in B} c_b g_b \otimes b.$$

If  $c_b \neq 0$ , then  $\chi_b(g) = 1$  for all  $g \in \Gamma$  so  $\chi_b = \epsilon$ , and  $g_b = 1$ . Thus  $b$  is invariant. We have so proved that the existence of  $v \neq 0$  invariant implies the existence of  $b \in B$  invariant. Hence, if  $B$  has no invariant element then there is no invariant element at all. Note that, for all  $h \in H$ , we have  $h \cdot (\xi_\alpha \eta_\beta) = (\chi_\alpha^{-N_\alpha} \chi_\beta^{-1})(h) \xi_\alpha \eta_\beta$  and  $\rho(\xi_\alpha \eta_\beta) = g_\alpha^{-N_\alpha} g_\beta^{-1} \otimes \xi_\alpha \eta_\beta$  so that, by Lemma 6.1, the element  $\xi_\alpha \eta_\beta$  is not  $D$ -invariant. A similar argument, using Lemma 6.2, shows that also  $\eta_\alpha \eta_\beta \eta_\gamma$  is not  $D$ -invariant. Thus the elements in  $B$  are not  $D$ -invariant, so  $H^3(\text{Gr } \mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})^D = 0$ . Since the elements in  $\{x_{\beta_1}^{n_1} \dots x_{\beta_k}^{n_k} | 0 \leq n_i < N_{\beta_i}\}$  are eigenvectors for  $D$ , we can

mimic the argument in [26, Section 5] by taking into account the spectral sequence associated to the filtration of algebras therein; see for example [26, Corollary 5.5] for a similar argument. Thus  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^3(\mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})^D = 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark 6.4.** Notice that  $H^3_{\mathcal{YD}}(\mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^3(\mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})^{D(\mathbb{k}\Gamma)} = 0$  although  $H^3(\mathcal{B}_q \# \mathbb{k}\Gamma, \mathbb{k}) \cong H^3(\mathcal{B}_q, \mathbb{k})^\Gamma$  can be non-trivial, see for example [26, Example 5.8].

**6.2. Braidings of non-diagonal type**

For  $n \geq 3$ , denotes  $\mathcal{FK}_n$  the quadratic algebra [19] with a presentation by generators  $x_{(ij)}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , and relations

$$\begin{aligned} x^2_{(ij)} &= 0, & 1 \leq i < j \leq n, \\ x_{(ij)}x_{(jk)} &= x_{(jk)}x_{(ik)} + x_{(ik)}x_{(ij)}, & 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n, \\ x_{(jk)}x_{(ij)} &= x_{(ik)}x_{(jk)} + x_{(ij)}x_{(ik)}, & 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n, \\ x_{(ij)}x_{(kl)} &= x_{(kl)}x_{(ij)}, & \#\{i, j, k, l\} = 4. \end{aligned}$$

According to [27] each  $\mathcal{FK}_n$  is a graded bialgebra in the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules over the symmetric group  $S_n$ , generated as an algebra by the vector space  $V_n$  with basis  $\{x_{(ij)} \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$ . The action is described by identifying  $(ij)$  with the corresponding transposition in  $S_n$  and then consider the conjugation twisted by the sign, while the coaction is given by declaring  $x_\sigma$  a homogeneous element of degree  $\sigma$ . Then the braiding on  $V_n$  becomes

$$c(x_\sigma \otimes x_\tau) = \chi(\sigma, \tau)x_{\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}} \otimes x_\sigma, \quad \chi(\sigma, \tau) = \begin{cases} 1 & \sigma(i) < \sigma(j), \tau = (ij), i < j, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are transpositions. Moreover  $\mathcal{FK}_n$  projects onto the Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{B}(V_n)$ . For  $n = 3, 4, 5$ , it is known that  $\mathcal{FK}_n = \mathcal{B}(V_n)$  and has dimension, respectively, 12, 576 and 8294400.

The Hochschild cohomology of  $\mathcal{FK}_3$  is a consequence of the results in [36] as follows.

**Theorem 6.5.**  $H^{\bullet}_{\mathbb{k}S_3\text{-Mod}}(\mathcal{FK}_3, \mathbb{k})$  is isomorphic to the graded algebra

$$\mathbb{k}[X, U, V]/(U^2V - VU^2), \quad \text{where } \deg U = \deg V = 2, \deg X = 4.$$

*Proof.* By [36, Theorem 4.19], we have that  $E(B \# \mathbb{k}S_3)$  is isomorphic to the algebra in the claim, where  $B = \mathcal{FK}_3$ . By [36, Theorem 2.17], we know that  $E(B \# \mathbb{k}S_3) \cong E(B)^{\mathbb{k}S_3}$  as graded algebras. As observed in Remark 4.2, we have that  $E(B) \cong H^\bullet(B, \mathbb{k})$ . By Remark 4.6, we have  $H^\bullet(B, \mathbb{k})^{\mathbb{k}S_3} \cong H^{\bullet}_{\mathbb{k}S_3\text{-Mod}}(\mathcal{FK}_3, \mathbb{k})$ .  $\square$

From this result we get  $H_{\mathbb{k}S_3\text{-Mod}}^3(\mathcal{FK}_3, \mathbb{k}) = 0$  so that, by Proposition 4.7 we conclude that the following holds:

**Corollary 6.6.**  $H_{\mathcal{YD}}^3(\mathcal{FK}_3, \mathbb{k}) = 0$ .

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