Notes on Fusion Categories and Their Modules

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2.1. Modules Over Fusion Categories

The primary focus of this work is on module categories over fusion categories, so we establish our notation now. Throughout this work, $\Bbbk$ will denote an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero unless otherwise stated. Moreover, given a monoidal category, we will denote by α, λ and ρ its monoidal associativity, left unitor and right unitor natural isomorphisms respectively.

Following [EGNO16], we offer the following standard definitions. Note that we omit the pentagon and triangle diagrams for brevity, though these may be found in the original definitions.

Definition 2.1. *((Multi)fusion Category).* [EGNO16, Definition 4.1.1] A *multifusion category* is a semisimple, $\Bbbk$-linear, locally finite, rigid monoidal category with finitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects and whose monoidal product $\otimes$ is $\Bbbk$-bilinear on morphisms. A multifusion category is called *fusion* if it is indecomposable, or equivalently, if the monoidal unit $\mathbb{1}$ is simple.

Given a multifusion category $\mathcal{C}$, $\mathrm{Irr}(\mathcal{C})$ will denote any set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of its simple objects. Further, given $X, Y \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, we will write $(X, Y) \coloneqq \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y))$ for the number of copies of Y appearing as distinct direct summands of X. We will also find it useful to denote by $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{rev}}$ the category $\mathcal{C}$ but with the reversed monoidal product, $X \otimes^{\mathrm{rev}} Y \coloneqq Y \otimes X$ for all $X, Y \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$.

Recall that in a fusion category $\mathcal{C}$, there is a notion of dimension coming from the underlying Grothendieck ring $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$, called the Frobenius-Perron dimension.

Definition 2.2. *(Frobenius-Perron Dimension (Fusion Category)).* [ENO05, Section 8.1] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a fusion category. The *Frobenius-Perron dimension* of an object in $\mathcal{C}$ is the value of the unique ring homomorphism $\mathrm{FPdim} : \mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathbb{R}$ with $\mathrm{FPdim}(X) > 0$ for all $X \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathcal{C})$. The Frobenius-Perron dimension of $\mathcal{C}$ is defined by $\mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{C}) \coloneqq \sum_{X \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathcal{C})} \mathrm{FPdim}(X)^2$.

Besides fusion categories, the other major player in this work are module categories. Although we will soon specialize to a special family of module categories over our fusion categories, it is helpful to start with some general definitions.

Definition 2.3. *(Module Category).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.1.2] A *(left) module category* over a monoidal category $\mathcal{C}$ is a category $\mathcal{M}$ equipped with:
- (1). a bifunctor $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$, called the *left module action*;
- (2). a natural isomorphism given by $m_{X,Y,M} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes M \to X \otimes (Y \otimes M)$ for all $X, Y \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, called the *left module associativity*;
- (3). a natural isomorphism given by $\lambda_M : \mathbb{1} \otimes M \to M$ for all $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, called the *left unitor*.

Moreover, this data is subject to the usual pentagon and triangle identities. Right module categories are defined analogously.

Definition 2.4. *(Module Functor).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.2.1] A $\mathcal{C}$-*module functor* between module categories $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ is a pair of a functor $F : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$ and a natural isomorphism with components

$s_{X,M} : F(X \otimes M) \to X \otimes F(M)$ for all $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ satisfying the relevant pentagon and triangle identities. We call F an *equivalence of module categories* if it is an equivalence of categories.

Definition 2.5. *(Bimodule Category).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.1.7] Let $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$ be monoidal categories. A $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-*bimodule category* is a category $\mathcal{M}$ that is both a left $\mathcal{C}$-module and right $\mathcal{D}$-module category, along with a natural isomorphism with components $b_{X,M,Z} : (X \otimes M) \otimes Z \to X \otimes (M \otimes Z)$ for all $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, $Z \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$ and $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ subject to two pentagon identities.

Following the standard notation established in [Ost03], we will also desire for our module categories to satisfy a few nice properties coming from the categories acting on them. In general, we will assume that the module action bifunctor is biexact and bilinear where applicable. For module categories over fusion categories, we will typically ask for a bit more. In the interest of being as explicit as possible, we make the following definition.

Definition 2.6. *(Fusion Module Category).* A *multifusion module category* is a module category $\mathcal{M}$ over multifusion category $\mathcal{C}$ that is semisimple, $\Bbbk$-linear, locally finite, has finitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects and whose module action bifunctor is biexact and $\Bbbk$-bilinear. A simple (indecomposable) mutlifusion module category is called a *fusion module category.*

It is worth drawing analogy with this definition and Definition 2.1. A multifusion module category can be thought of intuitively as just a module category with all of the qualities of a multifusion category, except for those properties coming from the monoidal product. Similarly, a fusion module category is just a module category that has the (non-monoidal) properties of a fusion category. As a remark, because our module categories are semisimple, they are automatically exact in the sense of [EGNO16, Definition 7.5.1].

For module categories over (multi)fusion categories, the distinction between left and right actions is mostly inconsequential: any left action can be turned into an "equivalent" right action, and conversely. More precisely, given a $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule category $\mathcal{M}$ over multifusion categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$, we will let $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}}$ denote the opposite category of $\mathcal{M}$ endowed with the $(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C})$-action given by $M \otimes^{\mathrm{op}} X := X^* \otimes M$ for $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and $Y \otimes^{\mathrm{op}} M := M \otimes^* Y$ for $Y \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$. Note that $(\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\mathrm{op}} \cong \mathcal{M}$, with $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}}$ (multi)fusion if and only if $\mathcal{M}$ is. This follows from the natural adjunctions arising from the rigid structures on $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$.

In the next section, we will see that one can understand simple fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module categories in terms of certain categories consisting of objects from $\mathcal{C}$. These objects are given by the internal hom construction, which we define now.

Definition 2.7. *(Internal Hom).* [Ost03, Definition 3.4] Let $\mathcal{M}$ be a module category over a monoidal category $\mathcal{C}$. The *internal hom* of $M, N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, denoted $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, N)$ if it exists, is the ind-object of $\mathcal{C}$ representing the functor $X \mapsto \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \otimes M, N)$.

While we will refer the reader to [Ost03, Section 3.2] and [EGNO16, Section 7.9] for general properties of the internal hom, there is one important fact that we mention here: if $\mathcal{M}$ is a fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category, the functor $X \mapsto \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \otimes M, N)$ is exact, and hence $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, N) \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ exists for all $M, N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ([Ost03, Remark 3.4]). We will see later that in this case, the internal hom also offers a less abstract description in terms of duals.

Finally, one can also define a notion of Frobenius-Perron dimension for objects in multifusion module categories. While the standard definition is only unique up to a choice of scalar (see [ENO05, Proposition 8.5]), there is a "canonical" choice of scalar that makes the Frobenius-Perron dimension into a $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$-module homomorphism on the Grothendieck group $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{M})$ of $\mathcal{M}$. Hence, we have the following.

Definition 2.8. *(Frobenius-Perron Dimension (Module Category)).* [ENO10, Section 2.5] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a fusion category and $\mathcal{M}$ a fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category. The *Frobenius-Perron dimension* of an object in $\mathcal{M}$ is the value of the the unique $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$-module homomorphism $\mathrm{FPdim} : \mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{M}) \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

(1). $\mathrm{FPdim}(M) > 0$, for all $M \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathcal{M})$;
(2). $\mathrm{FPdim}(X \otimes M) = \mathrm{FPdim}(X)\mathrm{FPdim}(M)$, for all $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$;
(3). $\mathrm{FPdim}(\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, N)) = \mathrm{FPdim}(M)\mathrm{FPdim}(N)$, for all $M, N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$;
(4). $\mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{M}) := \sum_{M \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathcal{M})} \mathrm{FPdim}(M)^2 = \mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{C})$.

Here, we regard $\mathbb{R}$ as a $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$-module with $[X] \otimes x := \mathrm{FPdim}(X)x$ for all $[X] \in \mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

We will see later that every fusion module category $\mathcal{M}$ that we care about gets its objects from the acting fusion category $\mathcal{C}$. In these cases, it may be unclear which Frobenius-Perron dimension we're talking about, so we will use a subscript to denote the category. For example, $\mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathcal{C}}$ or $\mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathcal{M}}$.

Examples? Are there any important theorems worth mentioning here? It's probably a good idea to say what the module categories over Vec_G look like.

2.2. Morita Theory and the Brauer-Picard Groupoid

2.2.1. Morita Theory

Considering fusion categories may be viewed as categorifications of certain types of rings, it is perhaps unsurprising that their theory of modules closely parallels the classical theory over rings.

Recall that given a ring R, a right R-module M and a left R-module N, one defines the tensor product of M and N to be the Abelian group $M \otimes_R N$ along with a R-balanced map $\otimes : M \times N \to M \otimes_R N$ which is universal with respect to the functor assigning Abelian groups A to their category of R-balanced maps $M \times N \to A$. In [ENO10], this notion of the tensor product is very naturally generalized to module categories over multifusion categories as follows.

Definition 2.9. *(Balanced Functor).* [ENO10, Definition 3.1] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a multifusion category, $\mathcal{M}$ a right multifusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category, $\mathcal{N}$ a left multifusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category, and consider any

Abelian category $\mathcal{A}$. A biadditive bifunctor $F : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{A}$ is said to be $\mathcal{C}$-*balanced* if there exists a natural isomorphism with components $b_{M,X,N} : F(M \otimes X, N) \to F(M, X \otimes N)$ satisfying

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
F(M \otimes (X \otimes Y), N) & \xrightarrow{\ b_{M,X \otimes Y,N}\ } & F(M, (X \otimes Y) \otimes N) \\
\big\uparrow {\scriptstyle F(m^{-1}_{M,X,Y}, \mathrm{id}_N)} & & \big\downarrow {\scriptstyle F(\mathrm{id}_M, n_{X,Y,N})} \\
F((M \otimes X) \otimes Y, N) & & F(M, X \otimes (Y \otimes N)) \\
& \searrow {\scriptstyle b_{M \otimes X, Y, N}} \quad \nearrow {\scriptstyle b_{M, X, Y \otimes N}} & \\
& F(M \otimes X, Y \otimes N) &
\end{array}
\qquad (2.1)
$$

for all $X, Y \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ and $N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{N})$. Here, m and n are the module associativity constraints for $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ respectively.

Definition 2.10. *(Balanced Tensor Product).* [ENO10, Definition 3.3] Let $\mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{M}$, and $\mathcal{N}$ be as in Definition 2.9. The *(balanced) tensor product* of $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ is a pair of an Abelian category $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N}$ along with a right exact $\mathcal{C}$-balanced functor $B_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{N}} : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N}$ which is universal with respect to the functor $\mathsf{Fun}_{\mathrm{bal}}(\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}, -)$ assigning Abelian categories $\mathcal{A}$ to their category of right exact $\mathcal{C}$-balanced functors $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{A}$.

Remark 2.11. This is really just an extension of Deligne's tensor product of locally finite, Abelian, linear categories to module categories with similar properties (cf. [EGNO16, Definition 1.11.1]). In fact, one can easily phrase this definition in terms of the Deligne tensor product $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes \mathcal{N}$ rather than $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ ([ENO10, Remark 3.2]).

Note that the tensor product of two multifusion module categories always exists, and in particular $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N} \cong \mathsf{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{N})$ ([ENO10, Proposition 3.5]). Furthermore, for any two multifusion categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$, there is a 2-object bicategory of multifusion bimodules over them, where for example the 1-morphisms from $\mathcal{C}$ to $\mathcal{D}$ are the $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule categories, and composition is given by the balanced tensor product. We will discuss this bicategory in more detail in Section 2.4.

Continuing our analogy to classical ring theory, recall that two rings R and S are said to be *Morita equivalent* if there exists a left R-module M such that $S^{\mathrm{op}} \cong \mathrm{End}_R(M)$, where S^{op} is the opposite ring of S. Note that this isomorphism endows M with the structure of an (R, S)-bimodule, and it is easy to show that any two bimodules arising in this fashion are isomorphic if and only if there exists $t \in S^{\times}$ such that the isomorphisms $\phi_1, \phi_2 : S^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathrm{End}_R(M)$ satisfy $\phi_2(s) = \phi_1(tst^{-1})$ for all $s \in S$. That is, the isomorphisms differ by an inner automorphism of S. Therefore, the Morita equivalence classes between R and S correspond to a pair of a left R-module M with $S^{\mathrm{op}} \cong \mathrm{End}_R(M)$ and an outer automorphism of S ([GS12, Section 2.2]).

The picture is quite similar in the world of multifusion categories. Just like in the classical case, an equivalence $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{rev}} \cong \mathsf{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$ gives $\mathcal{M}$ the structure of a multifusion $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule category, and a categorical equivalent of the argument above shows that we should expect the Morita equivalence classes between $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ correspond to a left multifusion $\mathcal{C}$-module $\mathcal{M}$ with $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{rev}} \cong \mathsf{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$

and an outer tensor auto-equivalence of $\mathcal{D}$. Here, an inner tensor auto-equivalence is a tensor equivalence of the form $X \mapsto (Y \otimes X) \otimes Y^{-1}$ for $Y, Y^{-1} \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$ satisfying $Y^{-1} \otimes Y \cong \mathbb{1} \cong Y \otimes Y^{-1}$. This motivates the following definitions.

Definition 2.12. *(Dual Category).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.12.2] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a (multi)fusion category and $\mathcal{M}$ a (multi)fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category. The *dual category* of $\mathcal{C}$ with respect to $\mathcal{M}$ is the (multi)fusion category $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}} := \mathsf{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}) \cong \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M}$.

Definition 2.13. *(Morita Equivalence).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.12.17] Two multifusion categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ are said to be *Morita equivalent*, denoted by $\mathcal{C} \overset{\mathrm{m.e.}}{\cong} \mathcal{D}$, if there exists a multifusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category $\mathcal{M}$ such that $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{rev}} \cong \mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}$ is a tensor equivalence.

Remark 2.14. Because the dual category of a (multi)fusion module category is (multi)fusion, a multifusion category can be Morita equivalent to a fusion category if and only if it is also fusion. Thus, we typically only consider module categories whose adjectives match those of the acting category.

2.2.2. The Brauer-Picard Groupoid

It is important to remark that the isomorphism classes of Morita auto-equivalences of a multifusion category form a group, with binary operation given by the balanced tensor product and inverses given by the opposite module category. We attempt to illuminate this claim now.

Definition 2.15. *(Invertible Bimodule Category).* [ENO10, Definition 4.1] Let $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ be fusion categories. A fusion $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule category is said to be *invertible* if $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{D}$ as $(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule categories and $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}} \cong \mathcal{C}$ as $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C})$-bimodule categories.

Proposition 2.16. *[ENO10, Proposition 4.2] Two fusion categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ are Morita equivalent iff there exists an invertible fusion $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule category.*

Note that any left (multi)fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category $\mathcal{M}$ is also a right (multi)fusion $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}$-module category by [EGNO16, Proposition 7.12.14]. In other words, every multifusion module category $\mathcal{M}$ is invertible with inverse $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{op}}$. Thus, every multifusion module category defines a Morita equivalence between $\mathcal{C}$ and $(\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}})^{\mathrm{rev}}$, so this is consistent with Definition 2.13.

One can generalize this group to the full collection of Morita equivalences, rather than just the auto-equivalences. This collection forms a categorical groupoid, which is key to the classification game.

Definition 2.17. *(Brauer-Picard Groupoid).* The *Brauer-Picard groupoid* of a multifusion category $\mathcal{C}$, denoted $\underline{\mathrm{BrPic}}(\mathcal{C})$, is a 3-groupoid with objects given by multifusion categories Morita equivalent to $\mathcal{C}$, 1-morphisms from $\mathcal{C}$ to $\mathcal{D}$ given by invertible multifusion $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$-bimodule categories, 2-morphisms given by equivalences of multifusion bimodule categories and 3-morphisms given by natural isomorphisms of bimodule equivalences.

Naturally, one can restrict this to a 1-groupoid, $\mathrm{BrPic}(\mathcal{C})$.

2.3. Algebra Objects and Ostrik's Theorem

2.3.1. Algebra and Module Objects

In general, the problem of finding module categories over your favourite category is not an easy one to solve directly. Fortunately, if we restrict ourselves to (multi)fusion module categories over (multi)fusion categories, this problem admits an alternative perspective in terms of *algebra objects*. In this section, we outline the general theory and work towards the statement of Ostrik's theorem. We begin with the following central definition.

Definition 2.18. *(Algebra Object).* [Ost03, Definition 3.1(i)] An algebra object in a monoidal category $\mathcal{C}$ is a triple (A, m, u) consisting of an object $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, a multiplication morphism $m : A \otimes A \to A$ and a unit morphism $u : \mathbb{1} \to A$ such that the following diagrams commute:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
(A \otimes A) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,A,A}} & A \otimes (A \otimes A) \\
{\scriptstyle m \otimes \mathrm{id}_A}\downarrow & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathrm{id}_A \otimes m} \\
A \otimes A & & A \otimes A \\
& \searrow{\scriptstyle m} \quad \swarrow{\scriptstyle m} & \\
& A &
\end{array}
\qquad , \tag{2.2}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{1} \otimes A \xrightarrow{u \otimes \mathrm{id}_A} A \otimes A & & A \otimes \mathbb{1} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_A \otimes u} A \otimes A \\
{\scriptstyle \lambda_A}\searrow \quad \swarrow{\scriptstyle m} & , & {\scriptstyle \rho_A}\searrow \quad \swarrow{\scriptstyle m} \\
A & & A
\end{array}
\qquad . \tag{2.3}
$$

Note that some authors refer to these as *monoid objects*. While in some ways this name is more "correct" given the definition, our name is more suggestive of what these objects typically look like in sufficiently "nice" categories. To explain what we mean by this, we now offer some key examples.

Example 2.19. Consider the category Vec of finite dimensional vector spaces over a field $\Bbbk$, and let (A, m, u) be an algebra object. By the universal property of the tensor product, there exists a unique balanced map $* : A \times A \to A$ such that $m \circ \otimes = *$, which is associative by the commutative pentagon 2.2. The unit map $u : \Bbbk \to A$, along with the commutative triangles 2.3, say that multiplication by scalars through $*$ should be the usual scalar multiplication of A as a $\Bbbk$-vector space. Thus, A has the structure of an associtive, unital $\Bbbk$-algebra.

Example 2.20. Consider instead the generalization to Vec_G^ω, the category of finite dimensional vector spaces graded by a finite group G with associativity $\omega \in H^3(G, \Bbbk^\times)$. It is easy to see that the (simple, see Definition 2.28 below) algebra objects are given by pairs (H, ψ) for some subgroup $H \leq G$ and 2-cochain $\psi : H^2 \to \Bbbk^\times$ with 2-coboundary $\omega|_{H^3}$. That is, we have $A = \Bbbk[H]$, $u(e) = e$ and $m(u \otimes v) = \sum_{h,h' \in H} \psi(h, h') u_h v_{h'} hh'$ for $u, v \in \Bbbk[H]$. In the case where ψ (and hence ω) are cohomologically trivial, we recover the usual group algebra. For details, we refer to [EGNO16, Example 9.7.2]. Reference the example in Section 2.1 when we add it!

Just as one defines modules over an algebra, one can also define module objects over an algebra object.

Definition 2.21. *(Module Object).* [Ost03, Definition 3.1(ii)] A right module object over an algebra (A, m, u) in a monoidal category $\mathcal{C}$ is a pair (M, a) consisting of an object $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and an action morphism $a : M \otimes A \to M$ such that the following diagrams commute:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
(M \otimes A) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{M,A,A}} & M \otimes (A \otimes A) \\
{\scriptstyle a \otimes \mathrm{id}_A} \downarrow & & \downarrow {\scriptstyle \mathrm{id}_M \otimes m} \\
M \otimes A & & M \otimes A \\
& \searrow {\scriptstyle a} \quad {\scriptstyle a} \swarrow & \\
& M &
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{ccc}
M \otimes \mathbb{1} & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_M \otimes u} & M \otimes A \\
{\scriptstyle \rho_M} \searrow & & \swarrow {\scriptstyle a} \\
& M &
\end{array}
\qquad (2.4)
$$

Left module objects are defined analogously.

Definition 2.22. *(Module Object Morphism).* [Ost03, Definition 3.1(iii)] A morphism between two right (A, m, u)-module objects $(M, a_M), (N, a_N)$ is a morphism $f \in \mathrm{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(M, N)$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{f \otimes \mathrm{id}_A} & N \otimes A \\
{\scriptstyle a_M} \downarrow & & \downarrow {\scriptstyle a_N} \\
M & \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} & N
\end{array}
\qquad (2.5)
$$

Left module object morphisms are defined analogously.

Naturally, we can really run away with this analogy to classical algebras if we want. Before moving on, it will be helpful to properly define the notions of bimodule objects and the tensor product of

module objects.

Definition 2.23. *(Bimodule Object).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.8.25] Let A, B be algebra objects in a monoidal category $\mathcal{C}$. An (A, B)-*bimodule object* is a triple (M, a, b) such that (M, a) is a left A-module, (M, b) is a right B-module and the following diagram commutes:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
(A \otimes M) \otimes B & \xrightarrow{\ \alpha_{A,M,B}\ } & A \otimes (M \otimes B) \\
{\scriptstyle a \otimes \mathrm{id}_B}\Big\downarrow & & \Big\downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathrm{id}_A \otimes b} \\
M \otimes B & & A \otimes M \\
& \searrow{\scriptstyle b} \qquad \swarrow{\scriptstyle a} & \\
& M &
\end{array}
\tag{2.6}
$$

A morphism of (A, B)-bimodule objects is a morphism in $\mathcal{C}$ that is both a left A-module morphism and a right B-module morphism.

Definition 2.24. *(Relative Tensor Product).* [EGNO16, Definition 7.8.21] Let A be an algebra object in a monoidal category $\mathcal{C}$, and let (M, a_M) and (N, a_N) be right and left A-modules respectively. The *(relative) tensor product* of M and N over A, denoted $M \otimes_A N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, is the coequalizer of the diagram in $\mathcal{C}$ consisting of the morphisms $a_M \otimes \mathrm{id}_N, (\mathrm{id}_M \otimes a_N) \circ \alpha_{M,A,N} : (M \otimes A) \otimes N \to M \otimes N$. That is, it is the cokernel of the morphism $(a_M \otimes \mathrm{id}_N) - ((\mathrm{id}_M \otimes a_N) \circ \alpha_{M,A,N})$.

Mention that the relative tensor product of two bimodule objects is a bimodule object itself in the obvious way. Further, explain that the monoidal structure on $\mathcal{C}$ gives rise to a natural associativity constraint and unitor isomorphisms for the monoidal product $\otimes_A$. It would be good to define these properly...

2.3.2. Ostrik's Theorem

In general, given an algebra object A in a (multi)fusion category $\mathcal{C}$, the *right* module objects over A form a finite, Abelian, $\Bbbk$-linear *left* $\mathcal{C}$-module category with a bilinear and biexact module action ([EGNO16, Chapter 7.8]), which we denote by $\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$. A similar statement holds for left module objects over A, which form a right $\mathcal{C}$-module category $A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}$ (with the same properties). Finally, given algebra objects A and B in a fusion category $\mathcal{C}$, the (A, B)-bimodule objects form a category $A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}B$ with all the same adjectives and properties as before. When the context is clear, we will usually denote the hom-sets of $\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ by $\mathrm{Hom}_A(-, -)$ and of $A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}B$ by $\mathrm{Hom}_{A\text{-}B}(-, -)$.

Remark 2.25. The unit object $\mathbb{1}$ of a fusion category $\mathcal{C}$ is always trivially an algebra object with multiplication $\lambda_{\mathbb{1}} = \rho_{\mathbb{1}}$ and unit morphism $\mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{1}}$. In fact, $\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}\mathbb{1} \cong \mathcal{C}$, so $\mathcal{C}$ is a fusion module category over itself. Moreover, given any algebra object $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, it is a straightforward consequence of [EGNO16, Proposition 2.2.4] that $\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A \cong \mathbb{1}\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ and $A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}} \cong A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}\mathbb{1}$ as $\mathcal{C}$-module categories.

Conversely, let $\mathcal{M}$ be a finite, Abelian, $\Bbbk$-linear $\mathcal{C}$-module category with a bilinear and biexact module action. For any $M, N \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $A := \underline{\text{Hom}}(M, M)$ has a canonical structure of an algebra object and $\underline{\text{Hom}}(M, N)$ is a right module object over A. The assignment $\underline{\text{Hom}}(M, -) : \mathcal{M} \to \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ is an exact $\mathcal{C}$-module functor. We refer the reader to [EGNO16, Section 7.9] for details on these facts.

Theorem 2.26. *[Ost03, Theorem 3.1] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a fusion category and $\mathcal{M}$ a left fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category. Then for any non-zero $M \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, the $\mathcal{C}$-module functor $\underline{\text{Hom}}(M, -)$ is an equivalence of $\mathcal{C}$-module categories, with $\underline{\text{Hom}}(M, M)$ an algebra object. In particular, any algebra object $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ with $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A \cong \mathcal{M}$ is of the form $A = \underline{\text{Hom}}(M, M)$ for some object $M \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$.*

According to [MMMT19], Ostrik's theorem can be viewed as a generalization of the fact that there is a bijective correspondence between irreducible representations and conjugacy classes of a finite group.

Remark 2.27. Despite the original statement applying only to fusion module categories over fusion categories, it does in fact generalize! If $\mathcal{C}$ is a multifusion category and $\mathcal{M}$ a multifusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category, then there exists an algebra object $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ such that $\mathcal{M} \cong \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ ([EGNO16, Corollary 7.10.5]). It is also easy to verify using [EGNO16, Proposition 7.1.6] that $(\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A)^{\text{op}} \cong A\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}$ and $(A\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}})^{\text{op}} \cong \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ for any algebra object $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, so we have an analogous result for right module categories.

The theorem above tells us that every (multi)fusion module category arises from an algebra object. We would like to classify these module categories by classifying algebra objects. Unfortunately, for an arbitrary algebra object A, $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ need not be semisimple nor indecomposable in general. That is, it may not be a (multi)fusion module category. To get a better handle on this sad reality, we first make the following definitions.

Definition 2.28. Let (A, m, u) be an algebra object in a (multi)fusion category $\mathcal{C}$. We say that it is
  (1). *connected* if $\dim_{\Bbbk}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbb{1}, A)) = 1$;
  (2). *separable* if m admits a section as a morphism of (A, A)-bimodule objects;
  (3). *semisimple* if $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ is semisimple;
  (4). *indecomposable* if $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ is indecomposable;
  (5). *simple* if it is semisimple and indecomposable.

In light of these definitions, Theorem 2.26 tells us that to classify the (multi)fusion module categories over a (multi)fusion category $\mathcal{C}$, it is equivalent to classify the connected (semi)simple algebra objects. In fact, this only needs to be done up to Morita equivalence of algebra objects.

Definition 2.29. *(Morita Equivalence (Algebra Objects)).* [EGNO16, Theorem 7.8.17] Two algebra objects $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ are said to be *Morita equivalent* if $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A \cong \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}B$ as $\mathcal{C}$-module categories.

Rather annoyingly though, the two properties we're most interested in (semisimple and indecomposable) are defined extrinsically. Fortunately, in our case, the following intrinsic characterizations exist. By [Ost03, Remark 3.1], an algebra object is indecomposable if and only if it is not a direct

sum of non-trivial algebra objects (in fact, this implies that all connected algebra objects are inde-composable). Moreover, we have the following result.

Corollary 2.30. *[EGNO16, Proposition 7.8.30] [DSS20, Corollary 2.6.9] Any separable algebra object in a fusion category is semisimple. The converse holds over (not necessarily algebraically closed) fields of characteristic zero.*

Remark 2.31. As a closing remark, it is important to mention that all of the constructions in Section 2.2 can be phrased quite neatly in terms of algebra objects. Letting $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ and $\mathcal{N} \cong B\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}$ for algebra objects A and B, one finds that $\mathcal{N} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \cong B\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ by [EGNO16, Proposition 7.11.1]. Therefore, following Remark 2.27, we have the lovely characterization $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}} \cong A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$.

As a follow-up to the previous remark, we should mention what the Frobenius-Perron dimensions look like in these module categories. This is basically just [EGNO16, Exercise 7.16.9]. It would be good to do this for bimodule categories, too!

Example 2.32. Maybe give some concrete examples here? $\mathsf{Rep}(G)$ (particularly $\mathsf{Rep}(S_3)$) and Vec_G would be good. We do kind of hint at Vec_G already, though.

2.3.3. Further Properties of Algebra Objects

We recall that in Theorem 2.26, one can always choose the algebra object A such that it contains only one copy of the unit object (that is, we can choose A to be connected). We prove now a well-known result originating (to the author's knowledge) from observations in subfactor theory, which generalizes this observation to the remaining simple objects of our fusion category.

Proposition 2.33. *[GS12, Lemma 3.8] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a fusion category and $\mathcal{M}$ a fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module cat-egory. Then there exists a simple algebra object $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ such that $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ and, for all $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, $\dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, X)) \leq \mathrm{FPdim}(X)$. In particular, A is connected.*

Proof. By Theorem 2.26, let $A = \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)$ for any simple $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$. Recall that by definition of the internal hom, we have a natural isomorphism $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \otimes M, M)$. In particular, these spaces have the same dimension over $\Bbbk$. However, since M is simple and $\mathcal{M}$ is semisimple, the dimension of the right-hand side counts the number of copies of M in $X \otimes M$. That is, $\dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, A)) = (X \otimes M, M)$. Now, because FPdim is a $\mathsf{Gr}(\mathcal{C})$-module homomorphism,

$$\mathrm{FPdim}(X \otimes M) \geq \mathrm{FPdim}(M^{\oplus(X \otimes M, M)}) = (X \otimes M, M)\,\mathrm{FPdim}(M)$$
$$\implies \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, A)) \leq \mathrm{FPdim}(X \otimes M)/\mathrm{FPdim}(M) = \mathrm{FPdim}(X),$$

where we have used the fact that $\mathrm{FPdim}(M) \neq 0$. Note that if $X = \mathbb{1}$, then since every algebra object contains at least one copy of the unit and $\mathrm{FPdim}(\mathbb{1}) = 1$, A is connected. This completes the proof. $\square$

Suppose $\mathcal{C}$ is a fusion category with a full monoidal subcategory $\mathcal{D}$ that is also fusion. Naturally, any $\mathcal{C}$-module category is a $\mathcal{D}$-module category simply be restricting the action. Using algebra objects, we obtain a kind of converse to this statement: because $\mathcal{D}$ is a full monoidal subcategory, there exists

an inclusion functor $\mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{C}$ which is monoidal, and hence preserves monoid (algebra) objects.

Lemma 2.34. *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a semisimple category and $\mathcal{D}$ a full Abelian subcategory. For any $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, if B is the restriction to $\mathcal{D}$ (by "throwing away" direct summands not living in $\mathcal{D}$), then there is a natural isomorphism $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(-, B) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A)$ of functors $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Set}$.*

Proof. Consider any morphisms $\iota_B : B \to A$ and $\pi_B : A \to B$ satisfying $\pi_B \circ \iota_B = \mathrm{id}_B$, which exist by additivity. We claim that the natural transformation $(\iota_B)_* : \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(-, B) \Rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A)$, given by post-composition with ι_B, is a natural isomorphism with inverse given by post-composition with π_B, $(\pi_B)_* : \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A) \Rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(-, B)$. It is clear that $(\pi_B)_* \circ (\iota_B)_* = (\pi_B \circ \iota_B)_* = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(-,B)}$, so it remains to show that the opposite composition is identity. Suppose by semisimplicity that $A \cong B \oplus C$ for some $C \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, which we remark has no subobjects in $\mathcal{D}$. Let $\iota_C : C \to A$ and $\pi_C : A \to C$ be morphisms satisfying $\pi_C \circ \iota_C = \mathrm{id}_C$ and $\iota_B \circ \pi_B + \iota_C \circ \pi_C = \mathrm{id}_A$. In particular, we have that for any $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$, $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, C) = 0$. Therefore, for any morphism $f : X \to A$, $\pi_C \circ f = 0$, so

$$f = \iota_B \circ \pi_B \circ f + \iota_C \circ \pi_C \circ f = \iota_B \circ \pi_B \circ f.$$

That is, $(\iota_B)_* \circ (\pi_B)_* = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-,A)}$, as required. $\qquad\square$

Proposition 2.35. *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a fusion category and $\mathcal{D}$ a full Abelian monoidal subcategory that is also fusion. If A is an algebra object in $\mathcal{C}$, then its restriction to $\mathcal{D}$ (by "throwing away" simple summands not living in $\mathcal{D}$) is an algebra object, and is simple if A is. Conversely, if B is an algebra object in $\mathcal{D}$, then its lifting to $\mathcal{C}$ is an algebra object, and is simple if B is.*

We should show that the restriction is semisimple and connected if A is, and that the lifting is separable and indecomposable if B is. We may be able to use subalgebra objects for this too: any subalgebra object of A is connected (and separable?) if A is. Proposition 7.6.7 of EGNO might be helpful here.

Proof. Let $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ be an algebra object with restriction $B \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$, $\mathcal{M} \coloneqq \mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ and denote by $\mathcal{N}$ the module category $\mathcal{M}$ treated as a $\mathcal{D}$-module category by restriction. By [EGNO16, Lemma 7.8.12], we have a natural isomorphism $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(- \otimes A, A)$ of functors $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Set}$, which restricts to a natural isomorphism of functors $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathsf{Set}$. Therefore, Lemma 2.34 implies that

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(-, B) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(- \otimes A, A) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{N}}(- \otimes A, A).$$

That is, $B \cong \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_{\mathcal{D}}(A, A)$, so B is indeed an algebra object in $\mathcal{D}$. Now, suppose that A is a simple connected algebra object. Then B is trivially connected, and $\mathcal{N}$ is semisimple because $\mathcal{M}$ is, but it need not be indecomposable. However, since A is connected, the trivial A-module object is simple, so there exists an indecomposable summand of $\mathcal{N}$ containing A. This summand is a fusion $\mathcal{D}$-module category which still satisfies $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_{\mathcal{D}}(A, A) \cong B$ by Lemma 2.34, whence Theorem 2.26 implies that it is equivalent to $\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{D}}\text{-}B$. That is, B is a simple connected algebra object.

Suppose instead that B is an algebra object in $\mathcal{D}$. It is clear that its lifting to $\mathcal{C}$ is also an algebra object, as the monoidal inclusion functor $\mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{C}$ preserves monoid objects. Thus, let B be simple and connected in $\mathcal{D}$. As before, its lifting will also be connected in $\mathcal{C}$, and in particular $\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}B$ is

indecomposable. How do we prove semisimplicity without assuming separability? □

It would be good to show that the algebra object B we obtain in this proposition actually is given by the "obvious" restriction of the structure of A. The restricted multiplication and unit morphisms do indeed give B the structure of a subalgebra object of A (check the second proposition in "Subalgebras.txt"), so it's just a matter of showing that this structure is the same as the one we have here. Because algebra objects are always bimodule objects over themselves and their subalgebra objects, we can factor them to find new algebra objects.

2.4. The Bimodule Bicategory

2.4.1. Frobenius Algebras and Q-Systems

What is a Frobenius algebra object? Mention that any connected algebra object is a normalized Frobenius algebra object, and that any simple algebra object is a normalized special Frobenius algebra object. What is a Q-system? Mention that a simple normalized Frobenius algebra object is a simple Q-system if it is unitarily separable. Check "FrobeniusAlgebras.txt" for some stuff on this.

2.4.2. Rigidity of Bimodule Objects

In the previous section, we saw that fusion module categories can be realized as categories of right A-modules for some simple algebra object A. Key to this theorem was the internal hom construction, which we concede is somewhat abstract and cumbersome to work with in general. Fortunately, given a module category over a fusion category, its internal hom admits a far nicer description in terms of a rigid structure. We spend some time now to briefly illucidate this description.

Discuss the explicit form of the internal hom in $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{C}^*_{\mathcal{M}}$, maybe. Note that since the internal end is always an algebra object, it follows that $X \otimes X^*$ is always an algebra object corresponding to $\mathcal{C}$ as a module over itself. This is somewhat useful in the near-group case.

We probably need to introduce (normalized, special) Frobenius algebra objects here. Remember that in a fusion category, every connected, separable algebra object is a normalized, special Frobenius algebra object. Once we know this, we can apply Yamagami's results on rigidity from *Frobenius Algebras in Tensor Categories and Bimodule Extensions*.

Suppose A is an algebra object in a fusion category $\mathcal{C}$, and consider the two object bicategory $\mathcal{S}_A$ with objects $\{\mathbb{1}, A\}$ and category of morphisms between a pair objects given by the corresponding bimodule category. Here, composition of 1-morphisms (bimodule objects) is the tensor product from Definition 2.24, the identity 1-morphisms are $\mathbb{1}$ and A, the left and right unitors are the appropriate module object actions and the associators are inherited from the associativity on $\mathcal{C}$. Recall that by Remark 2.25, the algebra object $\mathbb{1}$ corresponds to $\mathcal{C}$ as a module category over itself, and we can identify $\mathbb{1}\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}\mathbb{1} \cong \mathcal{C}$, $\mathbb{1}\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A \cong \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$, $A\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}\mathbb{1} \cong A\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}$ and $A\text{-Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A \cong \mathcal{C}^*_A$.

3. TEMPORARY RESULTS

3.1. Near-Group Fusion Categories

Excluding possibly the Extended Haagerups, all currently known fusion categories seem to arise from constructions involving groups, quantum groups at roots of unity or *quadratic fusion categories*. Here, by quadratic fusion categories, we refer to those categories whose monoidal product has two orbits under the action of their invertible objects (simple objects g for which $g^* \otimes g \cong \mathbb{1}$). In this work, we are chiefly interested in a special family of fusion categories belonging to this latter class, known as the *near-group* fusion categories.

Definition 3.1. A fusion category $\mathcal{C}$ is said to be *near-group* if it has exactly one non-invertible simple object X up to isomorphism. Letting G denote its group of invertible simple objects, we have

$$g \otimes X \cong X \cong X \otimes g, \ \forall g \in G,$$

$$X \otimes X \cong \bigoplus_{g \in G} g \oplus X^{\oplus m},$$

for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. We say that $\mathcal{C}$ is *near-group of type* (G, m).

It turns out that not any group or multiplicity m can produce a fusion category. It was proven by [Sie02, Theorem 1.1] in full generality that either $m = 0$ or $m \geq |G| - 1$, with the classification in

the case $m = 0$ being completed by [TY98]. In the unitary setting, it was shown in [Izu17, Theorem 1.1] that either G is an extra-special 2-group with $m = \sqrt{|G|/2}$, or G is Abelian with $m = |G| - 1$ or $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}|G|$. The former of these cases was classified by Izumi in the same paper, while the case G Abelian and $m = |G| - 1$ was classified by [EG14, Proposition 5]. The case of $m = \mathbb{Z}_{>0}|G|$ remains somewhat mysterious, with $m = |G|$ naturally being the most understood. As of writing, there exist only a handful of examples when $m = 2|G|$, and to the author's knowledge, no examples for $m > 2|G|$.

Before continuing, we quickly define some notation. Unless otherwise stated, let G be a finite Abelian group and $\mathcal{C}$ a near-group fusion category of type $(G, m|G|)$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. As in Definition 3.1, we will denote the unique non-invertible simple object by X. Moreover, if H is a subgroup of G, we will also often abuse notation by writing H to denote the object $\bigoplus_{h \in H} h$ when the meaning is clear.

Our combinatorial analysis in Section 3.2 will naturally require knowledge of the Frobenius-Perron dimensions of objects in near-group fusion categories. As we have restricted ourselves to the setting $m = \mathbb{Z}_{>0}|G|$, we can make the following useful observation.

Lemma 3.2. *The Frobenius-Perron dimension of X is irrational. In particular, $\mathbb{Q}(\mathrm{FPdim}(X))$ is a degree 2 field extension over $\mathbb{Q}$.*

Proof. Recall that in a near-group fusion category, we have $X \otimes X \cong G \oplus X^{\oplus m|G|}$. Therefore, $\mathrm{FPdim}(X) = (m|G| + \sqrt{m^2|G|^2 + 4|G|})/2$. We remark that for this quantity to be rational, we require that $m^2|G|^2 + 4|G|$ be a square integer. Well, note that since $m, n > 0$,

$$(m|G|)^2 < m^2|G|^2 + 4|G| < m^2|G|^2 + 4|G| + 4/m^2 = (m|G| + 2/m)^2 \leq (m|G| + 2)^2.$$

Thus, we require that $m^2|G|^2 + 4|G| = (m|G| + 1)^2$, which implies that $4|G| = 2m|G| + 1$. Of course, the left-hand side is always even, while the right-hand side is always odd, so this is impossible. Hence, $\mathrm{FPdim}(X)$ is irrational, and since it is the solution to a quadratic, $\mathbb{Q}(\mathrm{FPdim}(X))$ is degree 2 over $\mathbb{Q}$. □

Every fusion category contains a pointed fusion subcategory generated by its invertible objects, and this can be a handy source of algebra objects as per Proposition 2.35. In general, this subcategory could be twisted by an arbitrary non-trivial 3-cocycle, but things are fortunately not so dire in the near-group setting.

Proposition 3.3. *[Izu17, Remark 3.2] Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a fusion category with group G of invertible objects, and suppose there exists a simple object $X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ such that $g \otimes X \cong X$ for all $g \in G$. Then the full Abelian monoidal subcategory generated by G is Vec_G with trivial associativity.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{D}$ be the fusion subcategory generated by G. We remark that $\mathcal{D}$ is equivalent to Vec_G on the level of fusion rings, so it suffices to show that the associativity is trivial. Choose isomorphisms $f_g \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(g \otimes X, X)$ and $\omega_{g,h} \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(g \otimes h, gh)$ for all $g, h \in G$. Since $\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_X \neq 0$, it forms a basis for the 1-dimensional hom-space $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}((g \otimes h) \otimes X, gh \otimes X)$. Therefore, for all $g, h \in G$, there exists a unique $\mu_{g,h} \in \Bbbk^\times$ such that

$$(\mu_{g,h}\omega_{g,h}) \otimes \mathrm{id}_X = \mu_{g,h}(\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_X) = f_{gh}^{-1} \circ f_g \circ (\mathrm{id}_g \otimes f_h) \circ \alpha_{g,h,X}.$$

Hence, without loss of generality, we may redefine $\omega_{g,h}$ as $\mu_{g,h}\omega_{g,h}$ so that the morphism on the right-hand side is equal to $\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_X$.

Using the definition of $\omega_{g,h}$ above, one obtains the following commutative diagram:

The left-most pentagon is the definition of α, and the remaining pentagons commute by definition of the $\omega_{g,h}$. The upper and lower trapezoids, as well as one of the quadrilaterals in the upper-middle part of the diagram, follow from naturality of α. The final quadrilateral in the upper-middle part of the diagram is simply functoriality of $\otimes$. We are interested in the boundary of this diagram. By a similar argument to before, let $\omega_{gh,k} \circ (\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_k)$ be a basis for the 1-dimensional hom-space $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}((g \otimes h) \otimes k, ghk)$. Then there is a unique $\mu_{g,h,k} \in \Bbbk^{\times}$ such that

$$\omega_{g,hk} \circ (\mathrm{id}_g \otimes \omega_{h,k}) \circ \alpha_{g,h,k} = \mu_{g,h,k}(\omega_{gh,k} \circ (\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_k)).$$

Noting that $(\omega_{gh,k} \circ (\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_k)) \otimes \mathrm{id}_X$ is a basis for the hom-space $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(((g \otimes h) \otimes k) \otimes X, ghk \otimes X)$ containing $(\omega_{g,hk} \circ (\mathrm{id}_g \otimes \omega_{h,k}) \circ \alpha_{g,h,k}) \otimes \mathrm{id}_X$, our commutative diagram implies that $\mu_{g,h,k} = 1$. Thus, the boundary simplifies to

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
(g \otimes h) \otimes k & \xrightarrow{\ \omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_k\ } & gh \otimes k \\
{\scriptstyle \alpha_{g,h,k}}\big\downarrow & & \big\downarrow {\scriptstyle \omega_{gh,k}} \\
& & ghk \\
& & \big\uparrow {\scriptstyle \omega_{g,hk}} \\
g \otimes (h \otimes k) & \xrightarrow{\ \mathrm{id}_g \otimes \omega_{h,k}\ } & g \otimes hk
\end{array}
\qquad (3.1)
$$

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That is, $\mathcal{D}$ has associativity $\alpha_{g,h,k} = (\mathrm{id}_g \otimes \omega_{h,k}^{-1}) \circ \omega_{g,hk}^{-1} \circ \omega_{gh,k} \circ (\omega_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_k)$. We now claim that α may be identified with a cohomologically trivial 3-cocycle.

For all $g, h, k \in G$, let $\alpha_{g,h,k}^1$ denote the components of the trivial associativity constraint in $\mathcal{D}$, and note that this morphism factors as

$$\alpha_{g,h,k}^1 = (\mathrm{id}_g \otimes b_{h,k}^{-1}) \circ b_{g,hk}^{-1} \circ b_{gh,k} \circ (b_{g,h} \otimes \mathrm{id}_k),$$

where we define $b_{g,h} \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(g \otimes h, gh)$ by $b_{g,h}(u \otimes v) = uv$ for all $g, h \in G$. We first remark that by linearity, there exists a 3-cochain $a : G^2 \to \Bbbk^\times$ such that $\alpha_{g,h,k} = a(g, h, k)\alpha_{g,h,k}^1$. Further, we can identify the morphisms $\omega_{g,h}$ with a 2-cochain $w : G^2 \to \Bbbk^\times$ satisfying $\omega_{g,h} = w(g, h)b_{g,h}$. From here, we observe that $a(g, h, k) = w(h, k)^{-1}w(gh, k)w(g, hk)^{-1}w(g, h)$. In particular, it is clear that $a^{-1} = d^2(w)$, where d^2 is the second differential, implying that a^{-1} and hence a are 3-coboundaries. Thus, they are cohomologous to the trivial 3-cocycle, so the classification of monoidal structures on Vec_G ([EGNO16, Proposition 2.6.1]) implies that the $\mathcal{D} \cong \mathsf{Vec}_G$ with trivial associativity. $\qquad\square$

Following this proposition, it is now an easy corollary of the classification of simple algebra objects in Vec_G given in Example 2.20 that any simple algebra object is of the form $H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ for some subgroup $H \leq G$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. In the next section, we analyze combinatorial obstructions to help narrow down the potential values of a.

3.2. Combinatorial Observations

Exposition. Introduce this technology.

Definition 3.4. *(Fusion Matrix).* [GS12, Definition 3.2] Let $\mathcal{M}$ be a multifusion module category over a fusion category $\mathcal{C}$ with representatives of isomorphism classes of simple objects $\{M_i\}_{i=1}^m$ and $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ respectively. We define the *fusion matrix* of $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ to be the matrix F^M with $(F^M)_{ij} := \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X_i \otimes M, M_j))$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ and $j \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$.

If A is an algebra object in $\mathcal{C}$, we will often denote its fusion matrix F^A, where we consider it as living in the trivial $\mathcal{C}$-module category as per Remark 2.25. Recalling that $A \cong \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)$ for some object $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A)$ when A is simple, we may relate F^A to F^M as follows.

Proposition 3.5. *[GS12, Lemma 3.4] Let $\mathcal{M}$ be a fusion module category over a fusion category $\mathcal{C}$, and let $A \cong \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)$ for some $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$. Then $F^A = F^M(F^M)^T$, and F^A is symmetric.*

Proof. Let $\{M_i\}_{i=1}^m$ and $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ denote representatives of the isomorphism classes of simple objects

in $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{C}$ respectively. For any $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$, $j \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
(F^A)_{ij} &= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_i \otimes \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M), X_j)) \\
&= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_i^* \otimes X_j, \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M))) \\
&= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X_i^* \otimes X_j \otimes M, M)) \\
&= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X_i \otimes M, X_j \otimes M)) \\
&= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\bigoplus_{l=1}^{m} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X_i \otimes M, M_l) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M_l, X_j \otimes M)) \\
&= \sum_{l=1}^{m} \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X_i \otimes M, M_l)) \dim_{\Bbbk}(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M_l, X_j \otimes M)) \\
&= (F^M (F^M)^T)_{ij}.
\end{aligned}
$$

The second and fourth equalities follow from the adjoint property of the dual, while the fifth equality is exactly the isomorphism given in [Tur16, Lemma VI.1.1.1]. Finally, F^A is symmetric since it is the product of a matrix and its transpose. □

Is it possible to say what $(F^M)^T F^M$ is? In every example I've checked, it's the matrix of multiplication by A in $\mathcal{M}$, but the proof seems non-trivial.

Maybe give the reduced fusion matrix and the corresponding proposition! Definitely give an example of what the fusion matrix for Vec_G looks like!

Recall that any simple algebra object is of the form $H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ for some subgroup $H \leq G$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. As promised, we now offer some constraints on which values of the multiplicity a are allowable. We dedicate the next couple of lemmas to providing some progress in this direction. Lemma 3.8 is particularly useful, as we will see later that it provides a tight upper bound on this parameter.

Lemma 3.6. *If $A = H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ is a simple algebra object in $\mathcal{C}$, then $|H| \mid |G/H| a^2$.*

We need to fix some holes in this lemma. We use a lot of properties of the bimodule bicategory and Frobenius-Perron dimensions that I'm not sure about. We also use some facts about subalgebra objects: these I've proven, and just need to copy into this document.

Proof. We begin by observing that due to Proposition 2.35, A contains H as a simple subalgebra object. Hence, the result of [EGNO16, Exercise 7.8.22] implies that we have a factoring of bimodule objects ${}_{\mathbb{1}}A_A = {}_{\mathbb{1}}H_H \otimes_H {}_H A_A$, whence we can write (we're using [unproven!!] properties of Frobenius-Perron dimensions of bimodule objects here)

$$
\mathrm{FPdim}_{H-A}(A) = \mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathbb{1}-A}(A)/\mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathbb{1}-H}(H) = \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathcal{C}}(A)}{\mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathcal{C}}(H)}} = \sqrt{1 + (a/|H|)\mathrm{FPdim}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)}.
$$

Now, note that ${}_H A_A \otimes_A {}_A A_H = {}_H A_H$ and ${}_A A_H \otimes_H {}_H A_A$ are simple algebra objects in the dual fusion categories $H\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}H$ and $A\text{-}\mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A$ respectively (we need to prove that $({}_A M_B)^* = {}_B(M^*)_A$, and that tensoring with a dual gives a simple algebra object). Therefore, these categories contain a

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simple algebra object with dimension $1 + (a/|H|)\mathrm{FPdim}_\mathcal{C}(X)$. Since this algebra object must contain a copy of the unit object, we get that the dual fusion categories in particular contain an object (not necessarily simple) of dimension $(a/|H|)\mathrm{FPdim}_\mathcal{C}(X)$. Letting $x = (a/|H|)\mathrm{FPdim}_\mathcal{C}(X)$, we observe that

$$x^2 = (a^2/|H|^2)\mathrm{FPdim}_\mathcal{C}(X)^2 = (a^2/|H|^2)(|G| + m|G|\mathrm{FPdim}_\mathcal{C}(X)) = |G|a^2/|H|^2 + (m|G|a/|H|)x,$$
$$\implies x^2 - (m|G|a/|H|)x - |G|a^2/|H|^2 = 0.$$

Since x is irrational by Lemma 3.2, it follows that this must be its minimal polynomial. However, [ENO05, Corollary 8.54] tells us that the Frobenius-Perron dimensions of objects in fusion categories are algebraic integers, so in fact $|G/H|a^2/|H| \in \mathbb{Z}$. This completes the proof. $\qquad\square$

Remark 3.7. Note that [ENO05, Corollary 8.54] actually tells us that the Frobenius-Perron dimensions are cyclotomic integers. However, this additional information is unfortunately not much help: because the roots of the minimal polynomial above live in a quadratic (and hence Abelian) field extension of $\mathbb{Q}$, the Kronecker-Weber theorem tells us that they must live in a cyclotomic field. Thus, the roots are cyclotomic integers if and only if they are algebraic integers.

Lemma 3.8. *Any simple algebra object in $\mathcal{C}$ is of the form $H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ for some subgroup $H \leq G$ and integer $a \in \{0, 1, \ldots, m|H|\}$.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{M} = \mathsf{Mod}_\mathcal{C}\text{-}A$, and choose any simple object $M \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ for which $A = \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)$. By Proposition 3.5, we have fusion matrix $F_\mathcal{C}^A = F_\mathcal{C}^M (F_\mathcal{C}^M)^T$ given by

$$F_\mathcal{C}^A = \begin{bmatrix} F_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}^H & a \\ a & |H| + m|G|a \end{bmatrix} \implies F_\mathcal{C}^M = \begin{bmatrix} F_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}^N & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a & x_1 & \cdots & x_s \end{bmatrix},$$

for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_s \in Z_{>0}$ satisfying $|G/H|a^2 + \sum_{j=1}^s x_j^2 = m|G|a + |H|$. Here, we write $F_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}^H = F_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}^N (F_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}^N)^T$ to denote the fusion matrix of H as a simple algebra object in Vec_G, where $N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathsf{Vec}_G)$ is chosen such that $H \cong \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}(N, N)$. Note also that we have abused notation by writing a and 0 to represent rows and columns whose entries are all a and 0 respectively.

Let $M = M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_{|G/H|}$ denote the simple objects of $\mathcal{M}$ corresponding to the columns of $F_{\mathsf{Vec}_G}^N$ (which we remark has $|G/H|$ columns by we still need to show what module categories over Vec_G look like!), and let $M_1', M_2', \ldots, M_s'$ denote the remaining simple objects. Note that the M_i all live in the same G-orbit, and thus have the same Frobenius-Perron dimensions $\mathrm{FPdim}(M_i) = \sqrt{|H| + a\mathrm{FPdim}(X)}$.

Finally, recall that by definition of the Frobenius-Perron dimension for module categories, we have $\mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{M}) = \mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{C})$. Expanding both sides out, we find that

$$|G| + \frac{a}{|H|}|G|\mathrm{FPdim}(X) + \sum_{j=1}^s \mathrm{FPdim}(M_j')^2 = 2|G| + m|G|\mathrm{FPdim}(X).$$

Since each $\mathrm{FPdim}(M_j')^2 = \mathrm{FPdim}(\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M_j', M_j'))$ is the dimension of an object in $\mathcal{C}$, they cannot contain a negative multiple of $\mathrm{FPdim}(X)$. Therefore, since $\mathbb{Q}[\mathrm{FPdim}(X)]$ admits $\mathbb{Q}$-basis $\{1, \mathrm{FPdim}(X)\}$

by Lemma 3.2, we cannot equate the $\mathrm{FPdim}(X)$ terms unless $a \leq m|H|$. This completes the proof. $\square$

Now that we've made some comments on the algebra object side, we will briefly switch our focus to the world of module categories. Note that every fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category $\mathcal{M}$ restricts to a module category over Vec_G. It is important to remark that while this restriction is semisimple (and multifusion), it need not be indecomposable, even when $\mathcal{M}$ is. A natural question to ask then is how this restricted module category decomposes in Vec_G, that is, how many "G-orbits" it has.

Proposition 3.9. *Every fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category $\mathcal{M}$ has exactly two G-orbits.*

Proof. The beginning of this proof follows that of Lemma 3.8 identically, so we will assume the same notation. That is, $\mathcal{M}$ has simple objects $M = M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_{|G/H|}$ belonging to one G-orbit, and remaining simple objects $M_1', M_2', \ldots, M_s'$ for some $s \geq 0$. Recall that we had the identity

$$|G| + \frac{a}{|H|}|G|\mathrm{FPdim}(X) + \sum_{j=1}^{s} \mathrm{FPdim}(M_j')^2 = 2|G| + m|G|\mathrm{FPdim}(X).$$

As before Lemma 3.2, implies that we must have $s > 0$, as we cannot equate the integer terms by varying a. Thus, denote $M' = M_1'$. Since M' is simple, $A' := \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M', M')$ is a simple algebra object, so $A' \cong H' \oplus X^{\oplus a'}$ for some subgroup $H' \leq G$ and $a' \in Z_{\geq 0}$. In particular, $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathsf{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}\text{-}A'$, and looking to the fusion matrix of A' shows that M contains a second G-orbit generated by M' and distinct from the M_i. That is, $\mathcal{M}$ has $|G/H'|$ simple objects with Frobenius-Perron dimensions $\sqrt{|H'| + a'\mathrm{FPdim}(X)}$. Without loss of generality,

$$\mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{M}) = 2|G| + \left(\frac{a}{|H|} + \frac{a'}{|H'|}\right)|G|\mathrm{FPdim}(X) + \sum_{j=|G/H'|+1}^{s} \mathrm{FPdim}(M_j')^2. \qquad (3.2)$$

Again, however, this sum must be equal to $\mathrm{FPdim}(\mathcal{C}) = 2|G| + m|G|\mathrm{FPdim}(X)$. Repeating the argument above shows that we cannot have a third G-orbit, as we would unavoidably add a third copy of $|G|$. Hence, we must have $s = |G/H'|$, and $\mathcal{M}$ has exactly two G-orbits. $\square$

If $M, N \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ are simple objects that live in the same G-orbit, then [Ost03, Lemma 3.3] tells us that the algebra objects $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(M, M)$ and $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(N, N)$ are related by an inner automorphism of invertible objects. Of course, since the fusion ring of $\mathcal{C}$ is commutative, it follows that these internal homs are isomorphic (as objects). It turns out that if M and N live in distinct G-orbits, then their internal homs are also distinct.

Proposition 3.10. *Every fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module category $\mathcal{M}$ is the category of module objects over exactly two simple algebra objects up to isomorphism of objects in $\mathcal{C}$.*

Are there only two simple algebra objects up to algebra object isomorphism, or is it only up to regular object isomorphism in $\mathcal{C}$? We don't really use the former, so maybe we don't need it. This doesn't really matter, since we only need to classify them up to inner automorphism under invertibles.

It might be good to ask Pinhas for advice on how to word this. The question is really whether isomorphic as objects plus Morita equivalent as algebra objects implies isomorphic as algebra objects.

Proof. Let $A = H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ and $A' = H \oplus X^{\oplus a'}$ be algebra objects corresponding to the two orbits of $\mathcal{M}$, as in Proposition 3.9. We would like to show that $A \not\cong A'$. Using the notation of Lemma 3.8, define $g_{i,j}$ by $g_{i,j} \otimes M'_i \cong M'_j$. Since $g \otimes X \cong X$ for all $g \in G$, rigidity of $\mathcal{C}$ implies that

$$
\begin{aligned}
x_i &= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \otimes M, M'_i)) \\
&= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}\big(g_{i,j}^{-1} \otimes (X \otimes M), M'_i\big)) \\
&= \dim_{\Bbbk}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}\big(X \otimes M, M'_j\big)) \\
&= x_j.
\end{aligned}
$$

Denote $x := x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_s$. By equating $F_{\mathcal{C}}^M (F_{\mathcal{C}}^M)^T = F_{\mathcal{C}}^A$ and looking at the bottom-right entry of $F_{\mathcal{C}}^A$, we find that $|G/H|a^2 + |G/H'|x^2 = m|G|a + |H|$. If $H = H'$ and $a = a'$, then Equation 3.2 shows that $a = m|H|/2$, whence we require that $x = \sqrt{m^2|H|^2/4 + |H|^2/|G|} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. In other words, $x = (|H|/2|G|)\mathrm{FPdim}(X)$, which is irrational by Lemma 3.2. Hence $A \not\cong A'$, completing the proof. $\square$

Corollary 3.11. *Every simple algebra object $A = H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ is Morita equivalent to another simple algebra object $A' = H' \oplus X^{\oplus a'}$ satisfying*

(1). $a/|H| + a'/|H'| = m$,
(2). $\sqrt{|H||H'|/|G| + aa'} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Proof. The first property is an immediate consequence of Equation 3.2, while the second arises from the equation $|G/H|a^2 + |G/H'|x^2 = m|G|a + |H|$ derived in Proposition 3.10. $\square$

From the first condition in this corollary, we can make a few important observations. First, we see that any simple algebra object H lifting directly from Vec_G is Morita equivalent to one the form $H' \oplus X^{\oplus m|H'|}$ for some subgroup $H' \leq G$, and conversely. It is in this sense that the bound given in Lemma 3.8 is tight. We also comment that if H and H' are two distinct subgroups of G, then their corresponding algebra objects cannot be Morita equivalent (as we have assumed $m > 0$).

In the simplest case, where $m = 1$ and the order of G is square-free, we may put all of our results together to obtain a classification of the fusion module categories over $\mathcal{C}$.

Lemma 3.12. *Suppose $G = \mathbb{Z}/p_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/p_l\mathbb{Z}$ for pairwise distinct primes $p_1, \ldots, p_l$. If $H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ is a simple algebra object, then $a \in \{0, |H|, 2|H|, \ldots, m|H|\}$.*

Proof. We begin by noting that the claim follows immediately from Lemma 3.8 when $H = \mathbb{1}$, so assume H is not the trivial group. Then without loss of generality, we may reorder $p_1, \ldots, p_l$ such

that $H = \mathbb{Z}/p_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/p_{l'}\mathbb{Z}$ for some $l' \in \{0, 1, \ldots, l\}$. Using Lemma 3.6, we have that

$$p_1 p_2 \ldots p_{l'} = |H| \mid |G/H|a^2 = p_{l'+1}p_{l'+2} \ldots p_l a^2.$$

Of course, since the primes are pairwise distinct, none of the primes in $|H|$ appear in $|G/H|$. Thus, a must be an integer multiple of $|H|$, whence Lemma 3.8 once again gives the desired result. $\square$

Proposition 3.13. *Let $m = 1$ and $G = \mathbb{Z}/p_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2\mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}/p_l\mathbb{Z}$ for pairwise distinct primes $p_1, \ldots, p_l$. Then fusion module categories over $\mathcal{C}$ correspond bijectively to fusion module categories over Vec_G.*

Proof. By Lemma 3.12, every simple algebra object in $\mathcal{C}$ is either of the form H or $H \oplus X^{\oplus|H|}$ for some subgroup $H \leq G$. Recall that due to the first condition of Corollary 3.11, any simple algebra object of the latter form is Morita equivalent to one of the former. Proposition 2.35 tells us that every simple algebra object in Vec_G lifts to one in $\mathcal{C}$, and a second application of Corollary 3.11 tells us that two simple algebra objects that are not Morita equivalent in Vec_G cannot be Morita equivalent after lifting to $\mathcal{C}$. Therefore, $\mathcal{C}$ has exactly as many fusion module categories as Vec_G. $\square$

Maybe talk about the Brauer-Picard group. If G has prime order, then we have exactly two fusion $\mathcal{C}$-module categories, and they're both self-dual (I think). Unfortunately, this doesn't tell us everything. For example, if $G = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, then $|\mathrm{Out}(\mathcal{C})| = 1$, so $|\mathrm{BrPic}(\mathcal{C})| = 2$. However, if $G = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$, then one of the fusion categories has $|\mathrm{Out}(\mathcal{C})| = 2$, so $|\mathrm{BrPic}(\mathcal{C})| = 4$. See "BrauerPicardGroupsNear-Group.txt" for more on this. The last case is interesting too, as it seems to be both the only category with non-trivial outer automorphisms and the only category where the second group appearing in the centre is different.

3.3. Direct Computations

3.3.1. The Cuntz Algebra Approach

In this section, we derive a set of conditions that determine when an object in a *unitary* near-group fusion category admits the structure of a standard Q-system. Because we assume unitarity, we are able to use the Cuntz algebra approach developed by Izumi in [Izu01; Izu17]. We begin with a brief introduction to this technology.

Introduce the endomorphism category and the explicit details for the near-groups.

3.3.2. Algebra Object Equations

Maybe clean up the notation in this section. It might be good to use bars for scalar complex conjugation rather than stars. The other main problem here is that it seems like there's nothing preventing a lot of these constants from being zero. I feel like ψ and $s(1)$ should both be non-zero for separability reasons. Finally, it'd be nice if we could have $\psi(h, h^{-1}) = 1$.

Throughout this section, let $\mathcal{C}$ be a unitary near-group fusion category of type $(G, m|G|)$ for some finite Abelian group G and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and consider the object $A = H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ for some subgroup $H \leq G$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. We recall that this object is a standard Q-system if there exist morphisms $m_A : A \otimes A \to A$ and $u_A : \mathbb{1} \to A$ such that

   (i). Unit: $m_A u_A = 1 = m_A A(u_A)$,
   (ii). Normalized: $u_A u_A^* = \sqrt{\dim(A)}$,
   (iii). Associativity: $m_A^2 = m_A A(m_A)$,
   (iv). Unitarily separable: $m_A m_A^* = \sqrt{\dim(A)}$.

We begin by fixing isometries $v_h : h \to A$ for $h \in H$ and $v_{X,i} : X \to A$ for $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, a\}$ satisfying

$$v_h^* v_{h'} = \delta_{h,h'}, \quad v_{X,i}^* v_{X,j} = \delta_{i,j}, \quad \sum_{h \in H} v_h v_h^* + \sum_{i=1}^{a} v_{X,i} v_{X,i}^* = 1,$$

which exist by additivity. Moreover, we can normalize these morphisms so that $h(v_{h'}) = v_{hh'}$ and $h(v_{X,i}) = v_{X,i}$ for all $h, h' \in H$ and $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, a\}$. Then in terms of this basis, we can write

$$m_A = \dim(A)^{-1/4} \Bigg(\sum_{h,h' \in H} \psi_{h,h'} v_{hh'} v_{hh'}^* v_h^* \qquad\qquad +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} \lambda_{h,i,j} v_{X,i} v_{X,j}^* v_h^* \qquad + \sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} \rho_{h,i,j} v_{X,i} U(h)^* X(v_h^*) v_{X,j}^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} s_{h,i,j} v_h S_h^* X(v_{X,i}^*) v_{X,j}^* + \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,k} v_{X,i} T_x^* X(v_{X,j}^*) v_{X,k}^* \Bigg),$$

$$u_A = \dim(A)^{1/4} w v_1,$$

for some constants $\psi_{h,h'}, \lambda_{h,i,j}, \rho_{h,i,j}, s_{h,i,j}, t_{x,i,j,k}, w \in \mathbb{C}$. Our aim is to construct a set of equations in terms of these constants that, when satisfied, ensure that (A, m_A, u_A) is a standard Q-system. Note that the normalization factors of $\dim(A)^{\pm 1/4}$ are arbitrary, but will allow us to state our equations more succinctly.

With the setup complete, we start with the unit condition. This can be written as

$$1 = m_A u_A \quad = w \sum_{h \in H} \psi_{1,h} v_h v_h^* + w \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} \lambda_{1,i,j} v_{X,i} v_{X,j}^*,$$

$$1 = m_A A(u_A) = w \sum_{h \in H} \psi_{h,1} v_h v_h^* + w \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} \rho_{1,i,j} v_{X,i} v_{X,j}^*,$$

which imply that $\psi_{1,h} = w^{-1} = \psi_{h,1}$ for all $h \in H$ and $\lambda_{1,i,j} = \delta_{i,j} w^{-1} = \rho_{1,i,j}$ for $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., a\}$. In fact, this dependence on w can be immediately removed using the normalization condition, which we write as $\sqrt{\dim(A)} w w^* = u_A u_A^* = \sqrt{\dim(A)}$. This implies that $|w| = 1$, but by moving the phase of w into v_1 (CHECK: we *can* do this, right?), we can assume without loss of generality that $w = 1$.

Sadly, the pentagon equations are not so straightforward. Here, we have that

$$m_A^2 = \dim(A)^{-1/2}\bigg(\sum_{h,h',h''\in H}\psi_{hh',h''}\psi_{h,h'}v_{hh'h''}v_{hh'h''}^*v_{hh'}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j=1}^{a}\lambda_{hh',i,j}\psi_{h,h'}v_{X,i}v_{X,j}^*v_{hh'}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}\rho_{h',i,k}\lambda_{h,k,j}v_{X,i}U(h')^*X(v_{h'}^*)v_{X,j}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}\rho_{h',i,k}\rho_{h,k,j}v_{X,i}U(hh')^*X(v_{hh'}^*v_h^*)v_{X,j}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}s_{hh',i,k}\lambda_{h,k,j}v_{hh'}S_{hh'}^*X(v_{X,i}^*)v_{X,j}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}t_{x,i,j,l}\lambda_{h,l,k}v_{X,i}T_x^*X(v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}s_{h',i,k}\rho_{h,k,j}v_{h'}S_{h'}^*U(h)^*X(v_{X,i}^*v_h^*)v_{X,j}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}t_{x,i,j,l}\rho_{h,l,k}v_{X,i}T_x^*U(h)^*X(v_{X,j}^*v_h^*)v_{X,k}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j=1}^{a}\psi_{h',h}s_{h',i,j}v_{h'h}S_{h'}^*X(X(v_h^*)v_{X,i}^*)v_{X,j}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}\rho_{h,i,l}t_{x,l,j,k}v_{X,i}U(h)^*T_x^*X(X(v_h^*)v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}s_{h,i,l}t_{x,l,j,k}v_hS_h^*T_x^*X(X(v_{X,i}^*)v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}\lambda_{h,i,j}s_{h,k,l}v_{X,i}S_h^*X(X(v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*)v_{X,l}^*+$$

$$\sum_{x,y=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l,l'=1}^{a}t_{x,i,j,l'}t_{y,l',k,l}v_{X,i}T_x^*T_y^*X(X(v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*)v_{X,l}^*\bigg),$$

$$m_A A(m_A) = \dim(A)^{-1/2}\Bigg(\sum_{h,h',h''\in H} \psi_{h,h'h''}\psi_{h',h''}v_{hh'h''}v_{hh'h''}^*v_{hh'}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}\lambda_{h,i,k}\lambda_{h',k,j}v_{X,i}v_{X,j}^*v_{hh'}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}\lambda_{h,i,k}\rho_{h',k,j}v_{X,i}h(U(h'))^*X(v_{h'}^*)v_{X,j}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j=1}^{a}\rho_{hh',i,j}\psi_{h,h'}v_{X,i}U(hh')^*X(v_{hh'}^*v_h^*)v_{X,j}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j=1}^{a}\psi_{h,h'}s_{h',i,j}v_{hh'}S_{hh'}^*X(v_{X,i}^*)v_{X,j}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}\lambda_{h,i,l}t_{x,l,j,k}v_{X,i}h(T_x)^*X(v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*v_h^*+$$

$$\sum_{h,h'\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}s_{h',k,j}\lambda_{h,k,i}v_{h'}S_{h'}^*X(v_{X,i}^*v_h^*)v_{X,j}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}t_{x,i,l,k}\lambda_{h,l,j}v_{X,i}T_x^*X(v_{X,j}^*v_h^*)v_{X,k}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{a}s_{h',k,j}\rho_{h,k,i}v_{h'}S_{h'}^*X(U(h)^*)X(X(v_h^*)v_{X,i})v_{X,j}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}t_{x,i,l,k}\rho_{h,l,j}v_{X,i}T_x^*X(U(h)^*)X(X(v_h^*)v_{X,j})v_{X,k}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}s_{h,l,k}t_{x,l,i,j}v_h S_h^*X(T_x^*)X(X(v_{X,i}^*)v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*+$$

$$\sum_{h\in H}\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{a}\rho_{h,i,l}s_{h,j,k}v_{X,i}U(h)^*X(S_h^*)X(X(v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*)v_{X,l}^*+$$

$$\sum_{x,y=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{i,j,k,l,l'=1}^{a}t_{x,i,l',l}t_{y,l',j,k}v_{X,i}T_x^*X(T_y^*)X(X(v_{X,j}^*)v_{X,k}^*)v_{X,l}^*\Bigg).$$

These equations certainly look intimidating. However, because of how we've chosen our basis morphisms v_h and $v_{X,i}$, the terms (except for the last two) in both of these equations are linearly independent. Hence, equating these sums, we obtain the following twelve equations:

$$\psi_{hh',h''}\psi_{h,h'} = \psi_{h,h'h''}\psi_{h',h''}, \tag{3.3}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} \lambda_{h,i,r}\lambda_{h',r,j} = \lambda_{hh',i,j}\psi_{h,h'}, \tag{3.4}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} \rho_{h',i,r}\rho_{h,r,j} = \rho_{hh',i,j}\psi_{h,h'}, \tag{3.5}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{hh',i,r}\lambda_{h,r,j} = \psi_{h,h'}s_{h',i,j}, \tag{3.6}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h'h,r,j}\rho_{h,r,i} = \psi_{h',h}s_{h',i,j}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} \rho_{h',i,r}\lambda_{h,r,j} = \chi_h(h')\sum_{r=1}^{a} \lambda_{h,i,r}\rho_{h',r,j}, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h',r,j}\lambda_{h,r,i} = \chi_{h'}(h)^*\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h',i,r}\rho_{h,r,j}, \tag{3.9}$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,r}\lambda_{h,r,k}T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} \lambda_{h,i,r}t_{x,r,j,k}T_x^*V(h)^*, \tag{3.10}$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,r,k}\lambda_{h,r,j}T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,r}\rho_{h,r,k}T_x^*U(h)^*, \tag{3.11}$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} \rho_{h,i,r}t_{x,r,j,k}U(h)^*T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,r,k}\rho_{h,r,j}T_x^*X(U(h)^*), \tag{3.12}$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h,i,r}t_{x,r,j,k}S_h^*T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h,r,k}t_{x,r,i,j}S_h^*X(T_x^*), \tag{3.13}$$

$$\sum_{h'''\in H} \lambda_{h''',i,j}s_{h''',k,l}S_{h'''}^* + \sum_{x,y=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,r}t_{y,r,k,l}T_x^*T_y^* =$$
$$\sum_{h'''\in H} \rho_{h''',i,l}s_{h''',j,k}U(h''')^*X(S_{h'''}^*) + \sum_{x,y=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,r,l}t_{y,r,j,k}T_x^*X(T_y^*). \tag{3.14}$$

These must be satisfied for all $h, h', h'' \in H$ and $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2, \ldots, a\}$.

From these equations, we can make some observations. Well, Equation 3.3 tells us that we have a 2-cocycle $\psi : H^2 \to \mathbb{C}^\times$ (There doesn't seem to be anything implying $\psi(h, h') \neq 0$. This is probably needed for separability of the subalgebra object in Vec_G.) given by $\psi(h, h') = \psi_{h,h'}$: this is hopefully not at all surprising, as H is known to be a subalgebra object of A. However, suppose we let $V = \mathbb{C}^a$, and fix any orthonormal basis $(e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_a)$. Then we can interpret the remaining constants as functions $\lambda, \rho, s : H \to \mathrm{End}_\mathbb{C}(V)$ and $t : G \to \mathrm{Hom}_\mathbb{C}(V, \mathrm{End}_\mathbb{C}(V))$ defined by $(\lambda(h))_{i,j} = \lambda_{h,i,j}$, $(\rho(h))_{i,j} = \rho_{h,i,j}$, $(s(h))_{i,j} = s_{h,i,j}$ (as matrices in the basis $(e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_a)$) and $([t(x)](e_i))_{j,k} = t_{h,i,j,k}$. Under this identification, the unit property implies that $\lambda(1) = \mathrm{id}_V = \rho(1)$, whence Equations 3.4 and 3.5 tell us that $\lambda, \rho : H \to \mathrm{GL}(V)$ are in fact projective representations of V with respect to ψ.

Finally, for (A, m_A, u_A) to be unitarily separable, we require

$$\sum_{h' \in H} \psi_{hh',(h')^{-1}} \psi^*_{hh',(h')^{-1}} + \sum_{k,l=1}^{a} s_{h,k,l} s^*_{h,k,l} = \dim(A),$$

$$\sum_{h' \in H} \sum_{k=1}^{a} \lambda_{h',i,k} \lambda^*_{h',j,k} + \sum_{h' \in H} \sum_{k=1}^{a} \rho_{h',i,k} \rho^*_{h',j,k} + \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \sum_{k,l=1}^{a} t_{x,i,k,l} t^*_{x,j,k,l} = \delta_{i,j} \dim(A),$$

for all $h \in H$ and $i, j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, a\}$. In light of our previous observations, these can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{h' \in H} |\psi(hh', (h')^{-1})|^2 + \mathrm{tr}(s(h)s(h)^*) = \dim(A), \tag{3.15}$$

$$\sum_{h' \in H} (\lambda(h')\lambda(h')^*)_{i,j} + \sum_{h' \in H} (\rho(h')\rho(h')^*)_{i,j} + \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \mathrm{tr}([t(x)](e_i)[t(x)](e_j)^*) = \delta_{i,j} \dim(A). \tag{3.16}$$

Here, $s(h)^*$ denotes the adjoint of s, and similarly for λ and ρ. Can we interpret the second separability equation stating that $\lambda(h)\lambda(h)^* + \rho(h)\rho(h)^* + \text{something} = \dim(A)\mathrm{id}_V$? I also feel like λ and ρ should be unitary, in which case this is a lot simpler.

At this stage, it seems like there is more to say about s, but our data needs some massaging first. Intuition tells us that ψ is cohomologous to a 2-cocycle satisfying $\psi(h^{-1}, h) = 1 = \psi(h, h^{-1})$ for all $h \in H$. To verify this, we write out precisely what it means for two algebra objects to be isomorphic.

Proposition 3.14. *Two algebra objects (A, m_A, u_A) and (A, m'_A, u'_A) corresponding to the data $(\psi, \lambda, \rho, s, t)$ and $(\psi', \lambda', \rho', s', t')$ respectively are isomorphic (as algebra objects) if and only if there exists $f_H : H \to \mathbb{C}^\times$ and $f_X \in \mathrm{GL}(V)$ satisfying*

$$f_H(1) = 1,$$
$$f_H(h)f_H(h')\psi(h, h')' = f_H(hh')\psi(h, h'),$$
$$f_H(h)\lambda'(h)f_X = f_X\lambda(h),$$
$$f_H(h)\rho'(h)f_X = f_X\rho(h),$$
$$f_X^T s'(h) f_X = f_H(h)s(h),$$
$$f_X^T [t'(x)](e_i) f_X = [t(x)](e_i^T f_X),$$

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for all $h, h' \in H$ and $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, a\}$. If (A, m_A, u_A) and (A, m'_A, u'_A) define Q-systems, then they are isomorphic (as Q-systems) if moreover f_H and f_X are unitary.

Proof. Let (A, m_A, u_A) and (A, m'_A, u'_A) denote the algebra objects associated to the solutions, and consider any isomorphism of algebra objects (we still need to write down what this means!)

$$f = \sum_{h \in H} f_h v_h v_h^* + \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} f_{X,i,j} v_{X,i} v_{X,j}^*,$$

for $f_h, f_{X,i,j} \in \mathbb{C}$. Because f is an isomorphism of objects, we can identify the f_h with a character $f_H : H \to \mathbb{C}^\times$ and the $f_{X,i,j}$ with an invertible matrix $f_X \in \mathrm{GL}(V)$ given by $f_H(h) = f_h$ and $(f_X)_{i,j} = f_{X,i,j}$ respectively. Following the definition of an algebra object isomorphism, we write

$$\dim(A)^{1/4} v_1 = u'_A = f u_A = \dim(A)^{1/4} f_1 v_1 \iff f_1 = 1;$$

$$m'_A f A(f) = \dim(A)^{-1/4} \Bigg(\sum_{h,h' \in H} f_h f_{h'} \psi'_{h,h'} v_{hh'} v_{hh'}^* v_h^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j,r=1}^{a} \lambda'_{h,i,r} f_h f_{X,r,j} v_{X,i} v_{X,j}^* v_h^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j,r=1}^{a} \rho'_{h,i,r} f_h f_{X,r,j} v_{X,i} U(h)^* X(v_h^*) v_{X,j}^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j,r,r'=1}^{a} s'_{h,r,r'} f_{X,r,i} f_{X,r',j} v_h S_h^* X(v_{X,i}^*) v_{X,j}^* +$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \sum_{i,j,k,r,r'=1}^{a} t'_{x,i,r,r'} f_{X,r,j} f_{X,r',k} v_{X,i} T_x^* X(v_{X,j}^*) v_{X,k}^* \Bigg);$$

$$f m_A = \dim(A)^{-1/4} \Bigg(\sum_{h,h' \in H} f_{hh'} \psi_{h,h'} v_{hh'} v_{hh'}^* v_h^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j,r=1}^{a} f_{X,i,r} \lambda_{h,r,j} v_{X,i} v_{X,j}^* v_h^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j,r=1}^{a} f_{X,i,r} \rho_{h,r,j} v_{X,i} U(h)^* X(v_h^*) v_{X,j}^* +$$

$$\sum_{h \in H} \sum_{i,j=1}^{a} f_h s_{h,i,j} v_h S_h^* X(v_{X,i}^*) v_{X,j}^* +$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \sum_{i,j,k,r=1}^{a} f_{X,i,r} t_{x,r,j,k} v_{X,i} T_x^* X(v_{X,j}^*) v_{X,k}^* \Bigg).$$

As before, the terms in these sums are linearly independent. Thus, equating $m'_A f A(f) = f m'_A$, we obtain the desired results. The final claim follows by noting that the morphism f is unitary if and only if $|f_h| = 1$ for all $h \in H$ and f_X is unitary. $\qquad\square$

It might also be worth working on this a bit more to try and rule out s. It looks like we can write it in terms of λ and ρ using Equations 3.6, 3.7 and 3.9:
$$\psi(h, h^{-1})^{-1} s(1) \lambda(h^{-1}) = s(h) = \psi(h^{-1}, h)^{-1} \rho(h^{-1})^T s(1).$$
Normalizing the 2-cocycle such that $\psi(h, h^{-1}) = 1 = \psi(h^{-1}, h)$ requires the f_h in Proposition 3.14 to be non-unitary unless $|\psi(h, h^{-1})| = 1$. Do we expect this to be the case anyway, though? Maybe there's some argument involving the subalgebra object H.

Unfortunately, in the general case, Equations 3.10 to 3.14 are difficult to reduce. Fortunately, things become much simpler when we assume $m = 1$. Here, the morphisms T_x are indexed by elements of G, $\chi_h(h') = \langle h, h' \rangle$ and we have explicit equations for $X(S_h)$, $X(T_x)$ and $X(U(h))$ in as polynomials in S_h, T_x and $U(h)$. In particular, we find
$$[t(x)](e_i) \lambda(h) = \langle h, x \rangle^* [t(x)](e_i^T \lambda(h)),$$
$$\lambda(h)^T [t(x)](e_i) = [t(xh)](e_i) \rho(h),$$
$$[t(xh)](e_i^T \rho(h)) = a(h)^* \langle x, h \rangle \rho(h)^T [t(x)](e_i),$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h,i,r} t_{x,r,j,k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{z \in G} \sum_{r=1}^{a} a(z) \langle x, z \rangle^* \langle x, h \rangle^* s_{h,r,k} t_{z,r,i,j},$$

$$\delta_{x \in H} \sqrt{d} \lambda_{x,i,j} s_{x,k,l} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{h' \in H} \langle h', x \rangle^* \rho_{h',i,l} s_{h',j,k} + \frac{c^*}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{z,w \in G} \sum_{r=1}^{a} \langle z, w \rangle^* \langle x, z \rangle t_{z,i,r,l} t_{w,r,j,k}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,r} t_{y,r,k,l} = \delta_{xy \in H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} a(x^{-1})^* \rho_{(xy)^{-1},i,l} s_{(xy)^{-1},j,k} + \sum_{z \in G} \sum_{r=1}^{a} a(x^{-1})^* b(zx^{-1})^* \langle xy, z \rangle^* t_{xy,i,r,l} t_{z,r,j,k},$$

where we denote $d := \dim(X)$. While these equations are rather complicated, we will see soon that they are in principle solvable in simple cases. First, though, we briefly summarize our findings with the following proposition.

Proposition 3.15. *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a unitary near-group fusion category of type $(G, m|G|)$ for some finite Abelian group G and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $V = \mathbb{C}^a$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ with basis $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_a)$. Then the object $A = H \oplus X^{\oplus a}$ admits the structure of a standard Q-system if there exists a 2-cocycle $\psi : H^2 \to \mathbb{C}^\times$, projective representations $\lambda, \rho : H \to \mathrm{GL}(V)$ and functions $s : H \to \mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$, $t : G \to \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(V, \mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V))$ satisfying*
$$\sum_{h'' \in H} |\psi(hh'', (h'')^{-1})|^2 + \mathrm{tr}(s(h) s(h)^*) = \dim(A),$$

$$\sum_{h'' \in H} (\lambda(h'') \lambda(h'')^*)_{i,j} + \sum_{h'' \in H} (\rho(h'') \rho(h'')^*)_{i,j} + \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \mathrm{tr}([t(x)](e_i)[t(x)](e_j)^*) = \delta_{i,j} \dim(A),$$

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$$\lambda(h)\lambda(h') = \psi(h,h')\lambda(hh'),$$

$$\rho(h)\rho(h') = \psi(h',h)\rho(hh'),$$

$$s(hh')\lambda(h) = \psi(h,h')s(h'),$$

$$\rho(h)^T s(hh') = \psi(h',h)s(h'),$$

$$\rho(h')\lambda(h) = \chi_h(h')\lambda(h)\rho(h'),$$

$$\lambda(h)^T s(h') = \chi_{h'}(h)^* s(h')\rho(h),$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} [t(x)](e_i)\lambda(h)T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} [t(x)](e_i^T\lambda(h))T_x^* V(h)^*,$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \lambda(h)^T[t(x)](e_i)T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} [t(x)](e_i)\rho(h)T_x^* U(h)^*,$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} [t(x)](e_i^T\rho(h))U(h)^* T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|} \rho(h)^T[t(x)](e_k)T_x^* X(U(h)^*),$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h,i,r}t_{x,r,j,k}S_h^* T_x^* = \sum_{x=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h,r,k}t_{x,r,i,j}S_h^* X(T_x^*),$$

$$\sum_{h''\in H} \lambda_{h'',i,j}s_{h'',k,l}S_{h''}^* \qquad + \sum_{x,y=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,r}t_{y,r,k,l}T_x^* T_y^* =$$

$$\sum_{h''\in H} \rho_{h'',i,l}s_{h'',j,k}U(h'')^* X(S_{h''}^*) + \sum_{x,y=1}^{m|G|}\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,r,l}t_{y,r,j,k}T_x^* X(T_y^*),$$

for all $h,h'\in H$ and $i,j,k,l\in\{1,2,...,a\}$. When $m=1$, the last five equations reduce to

$$[t(x)](e_i)\lambda(h) = \langle h,x\rangle^*[t(x)](e_i^T\lambda(h)),$$

$$\lambda(h)^T[t(x)](e_i) = [t(xh)](e_i)\rho(h),$$

$$[t(xh)](e_i^T\rho(h)) = a(h)^*\langle h,x\rangle\rho(h)^T[t(x)](e_i),$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} s_{h,i,r}t_{x,r,j,k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{|G|}}\sum_{z\in G}\sum_{r=1}^{a} a(z)\langle x,z\rangle^*\langle x,h\rangle^* s_{h,r,k}t_{z,r,i,j},$$

$$\delta_{x\in H}\sqrt{d}\lambda_{x,i,j}s_{x,k,l} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}\sum_{h'\in H}\langle h',x\rangle^*\rho_{h',i,l}s_{h',j,k} + \frac{c^*}{\sqrt{|G|}}\sum_{z,w\in G}\sum_{r=1}^{a}\langle z,w\rangle^*\langle x,z\rangle t_{z,i,r,l}t_{w,r,j,k}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{a} t_{x,i,j,r}t_{y,r,k,l} = \delta_{xy\in H}\frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}a(x^{-1})^*\rho_{(xy)^{-1},i,l}s_{(xy)^{-1},j,k} + \sum_{z\in G}\sum_{r=1}^{a} a(x^{-1})^* b(zx^{-1})^*\langle xy,z\rangle^* t_{xy,i,r,l}t_{z,r,j,k}.$$

for all $h\in H$, $x,y\in G$ and $i,j,k,l\in\{1,2,...,a\}$. Here, $d\coloneqq\dim(X)$. *Can we shorten these so they don't stretch the lines as much?*

Corollary 3.16. *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a unitary near-group fusion category of type $(G, |G|)$ for some finite Abelian group G, and consider any subgroup $H \leq G$. Then $A = H \oplus X$ admits the structure of a standard Q-system if $\langle h, h' \rangle = 1$ for all $h, h' \in H$, and there exists a 2-cocycle $\psi : H^2 \to \mathbb{C}^\times$, projective representations $\lambda, \rho : H \to \mathrm{GL}(\mathbb{C})$, a scalar $s_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ and a function $t : G \to \mathbb{C}$ satisfying*

$$\sum_{h'' \in H} |\psi(hh'', (h'')^{-1})|^2 + |\psi(h^{-1}, h)^{-1} \lambda(h^{-1}) s_1|^2 = \dim(A),$$

$$\sum_{h'' \in H} |\lambda(h'')|^2 + \sum_{h'' \in H} |\rho(h'')|^2 + \sum_{x \in G} |t(x)|^2 = \dim(A),$$

$$\lambda(h)\lambda(h') = \psi(h, h')\lambda(hh'),$$
$$\rho(h)\rho(h') = \psi(h', h)\rho(hh'),$$
$$s_1 \lambda(h) = \rho(h) s_1,$$

$$t(x) = \langle h, x \rangle^* t(x),$$
$$t(xh)\rho(h) = \lambda(h)t(x),$$
$$t(xh) = a(h)^* t(x),$$

$$s_1 t(x) = \frac{c s_1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{z \in G} a(z) \langle x, z \rangle^* \langle x, h \rangle^* t(z),$$

$$\delta_{x \in H} \sqrt{d} s_1 = \frac{s_1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{h'' \in H} \langle h'', x \rangle^* + \frac{c^*}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{z, w \in G} \langle z, w \rangle^* \langle x, z \rangle t(z) t(w)$$

$$t(x)t(y) = \delta_{xy \in H} \frac{s_1}{\sqrt{d}} a(x^{-1})^* + \sum_{z \in G} a(x^{-1})^* b(zx^{-1})^* \langle xy, z \rangle^* t(xy)t(z).$$

Finish this, and maybe give a proof. There's nothing to it, really, but it might at least be worth stating why $\langle h, h' \rangle = 1$. If $s_1 \neq 0$, then we get $\lambda = \rho$, so $t(x) = t(xh)$.

Give the proof for existence of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus X$ in the $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ near-group.

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