

# On the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld module-contramodule correspondence.

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## Abstract

We study a functor from anti-Yetter Drinfeld modules to contramodules in the case of a Hopf algebra  $H$ . This functor is unpacked from the general machinery of [7]. Some byproducts of this investigation are the establishment of sufficient conditions for this functor to be an equivalence, verification that the center of the opposite category of  $H$ -comodules is equivalent to anti-Yetter Drinfeld modules in contrast to [5] where the question of  $H$ -modules was addressed, and the observation of two types of periodicities of the generalized Yetter-Drinfeld modules introduced in [4]. Finally, we give an example of a symmetric 2-contratrace on  $H$ -comodules that does not arise from an anti-Yetter Drinfeld module.

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## 1 Introduction.

This paper grew out of the author's attempts to better understand contramodules at least in some simple examples. The simplest case being the Hopf algebra  $kG$  where  $G$  is a discrete infinite group. Contramodules over a coalgebra were introduced by Eilenberg and Moore in 1965 and can be viewed either as algebraic structures allowing infinite combinations or a better behaved notion than that of modules over the dual algebra (see Remark 4.6). They do not strictly speaking generalize comodules, but do have a non-trivial intersection with them. In our investigations we found

[6] to be very helpful, in fact the phenomenon of this underived comodule-contramodule correspondence without the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld enhancement is investigated there as well.

The introduction of anti-Yetter-Drinfeld contramodule coefficients to the Hopf-cyclic cohomology theory in [2] that followed the definition of anti-Yetter-Drinfeld module coefficients in [3] can in retrospect be conceptually understood as being completely natural since they are seen to be exactly corresponding to the representable symmetric 2-contratraces, see [7] and [5]. The latter form a well behaved class of Hopf-cyclic coefficients explored in [4] and [7], that lead directly to Hopf-cyclic type cohomology theories.

Roughly speaking, the category of stable anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules consists of  $H$ -modules and comodules such that the two structures are compatible in a way that ensures that they form the center of a certain bimodule category [4]. A similar statement with contramodule structure replacing the comodule one can be made about anti-Yetter-Drinfeld contramodules. In general understanding objects in these categories is not a simple task, however in the case of  $H = kG$  the former category is known to consist of  $G$ -graded  $G$ -equivariant vector spaces, i.e.,  $\oplus_{g \in G} M_g$  with  $x : M_g \rightarrow M_{xgx^{-1}}$ . Stability, a condition that ensures cyclicity, translates to  $x = Id_{M_x}$ . We could find no similarly simple description of the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld contramodule category in the literature. It turns out, Corollary 4.10, that this category is also equivalent to  $G$ -graded  $G$ -equivariant vector spaces but the objects are now  $\prod_{g \in G} M_g$ . The Theorem 4.5 is a more general case of this correspondence.

The above anti-Yetter-Drinfeld module-contramodule correspondence was the motivation for the rest of the results in this paper. Namely, the Proposition 4.7 shows that the equivalence arises from a functor  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  from comodules to contramodules. This functor can be found in [6] but arose independently from the considerations of [7] which furthermore demonstrate that it works on the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld versions as well. More precisely, for  $M$  a stable anti-Yetter-Drinfeld module we consider  $\mathcal{F}(-) = \text{Hom}(-, M)^H$  which is a symmetric 2-contratrace on  $H$ -comodules, i.e., a contravariant functor from  $\mathcal{M}^H$  to  $\text{Vec}$  subject to a trace-like symmetry. Its pullback to the category  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$  of  $H$ -modules is  $\text{Hom}_H(-, \widehat{M})$ . The pullback construction reduces in this case to the observation that  $H \in \mathcal{M}^H$  is an algebra and the category of  $H$ -bimodules in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is equivalent to  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$ . The pullback  $\text{Hom}_H(-, \widehat{M})$  is obtained as  $\mathcal{F}_H$ , i.e., the equalizer of the action maps  $\mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(H \otimes V)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V \otimes H)$  with the targets identified via

the symmetry of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Though this can be used as the definition of  $\widehat{M}$ , we give an explicit construction of both the contramodule structure, essentially agreeing with [6], and the  $H$ -action on  $\widehat{M} = \text{Hom}(H, M)^H$ .

It turns out that, not surprisingly,  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  is not always an equivalence, but it does have a left adjoint, that we found in [6] and upgraded to the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld setting here. The key object when studying the question of equivalence is the ideal of left integrals for  $H$  as introduced in [8]. This object seems to be the first example of a generalized Yetter-Drinfeld module of charge other than 1 or  $-1$ , its charge is 2. These were introduced in [4] without any hope that anything other than  $\pm 1$  would be useful. In fact, the conditions for the comodule-contramodule correspondence are closely related to the presence of a 2-periodicity of the charges, see Remark 5.7. Furthermore, in studying the question of stability of anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules/contramodules and the generalization of this concept to more general charges (in a way that was necessarily different from [4]) we observed a second kind of periodicity within a generalized Yetter-Drinfeld category of a fixed charge. The Remark 5.8 describes an action of  $\mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$  on Yetter-Drinfeld modules of charge  $i - 1$  and Yetter-Drinfeld contramodules of charge  $i + 1$ . This action is compatible with the generalized  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  that sends Yetter-Drinfeld modules of charge  $i - 1$  to Yetter-Drinfeld contramodules of charge  $i + 1$ ; the case of  $i = 0$  is the usual anti-Yetter-Drinfeld situation.

Identifying categories of interest with centers of bimodule categories such as was done in [4] and [5] is carried through this paper as well. We point to the summary Theorem 3.8 that is of the [4] flavor, and the Corollary 2.8 of the [5] flavor as examples. One of the natural questions that arose after [4] was if symmetric 2-contratraces give a more general class of coefficients for Hopf-cyclic type theories even in the case of Hopf algebras. It turns out [5] that for the case of  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$  the representable symmetric 2-contratraces are equivalent to the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld contramodules, and similarly (Corollary 2.9) for the case of  $\mathcal{M}^H$  the representable symmetric 2-contratraces are equivalent to the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules. Thus one needs only find a non-representable example of a contratrace in order to have a new coefficient in the  $H$ -comodule case. This is explained in Section 4.2.

The paper is arranged as follows: Section 2 is devoted to the establishment of the fact that  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is biclosed, and thus it makes sense to consider the opposite bimodule category  $\mathcal{M}^{Hop}$  with the adjoint action. The center is shown to consist of anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules; this identifies symmetric representable 2-contratraces with stable anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules.

Finally we introduce the functor  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$ . In Section 3 we demonstrate that the adjoint pair of functors between comodules and contramodules:  $N \mapsto N'$  and  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  induce the same between the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld versions and also the stable anti-Yetter-Drinfeld versions. Section 4 deals with the question of equivalence established by  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  and ends with an example of a new coefficient for the case of  $H = kG$ . In Section 5 we extend  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  to the generalized Yetter-Drinfeld modules and discuss two types of periodicities and the compatibility of  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  with them.

Some things to keep in mind: for a coalgebra  $C$  we use the following version of Sweedler notation  $\Delta(c) = c^1 \otimes c^2$ . For a right comodule  $N$  over  $C$  we use  $\rho(n) = n_0 \otimes n_1$ . All Hopf algebras have invertible antipodes  $S$  and are over a field  $k$  of characteristic 0. We denote by  $\text{Hom}(-, -)^H$  and  $\text{Hom}_H(-, -)$  the morphisms in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  and  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$  respectively, while  $\text{Hom}(-, -)$  stands for  $k$ -linear maps.

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## 2 The category of $H$ -comodules.

This section is primarily dedicated to the establishment of the fact that the monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}^H$  of  $H$ -comodules is biclosed, and the analysis of the center of the bimodule category over  $\mathcal{M}^H$  resulting from considering  $\mathcal{M}^{Hop}$ . This establishes an analogue of a result in [5] describing the center as the category of  $aYD$ -modules for  $H$ .

### 2.1 Internal Homs in the category of $H$ -comodules.

Motivated by the existence of internal Homs in  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$ , and thus the possibility of describing representable contratraces on  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$  as central elements in the opposite category, we will now address the same question in  $\mathcal{M}^H$ , the monoidal category of  $H$ -comodules.

Since in the finite dimensional  $H$  case, we have that  $\mathcal{M}^H \simeq {}_{H^*}\mathcal{M}$  so we have a suggestive way of obtaining the required formulas. We note that some modifications do need to be made to account for possible infinite dimensionality of  $H$ .

For  $W, V \in \mathcal{M}^H$  consider  $\rho : \text{Hom}(W, V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W, V \otimes H)$  given by

$$\rho f(w) = f(w_0)_0 \otimes f(w_0)_1 S(w_1). \quad (2.1)$$

**Definition 2.1.** Define  $\text{Hom}^l(W, V)$  as the subspace of  $\text{Hom}(W, V)$  that consists of  $f$  such that  $\rho f \in \text{Hom}(W, V) \otimes H$ .

We can define two maps

$$“Id \otimes \Delta” = (Id \otimes \Delta) \circ -$$

and

$$“\rho \otimes Id” = (Id_V \otimes m \otimes Id_H) \circ (Id_{V \otimes H} \otimes \sigma_{H, H}) \circ (\rho_V \otimes Id_{H \otimes H}) \circ (f \otimes S) \circ \rho_W$$

from  $\text{Hom}(W, V \otimes H)$  to  $\text{Hom}(W, V \otimes H \otimes H)$ . The latter can be written down more manageably as follows: let  $f(w) = w^{(1)} \otimes w^{(2)}$  then

$$“\rho \otimes Id”(f)(w) = ((w_0)^{(1)})_0 \otimes ((w_0)^{(1)})_1 S(w_1) \otimes (w_0)^{(2)}.$$

A direct computation shows that

$$“Id \otimes \Delta” \circ \rho = “\rho \otimes Id” \circ \rho. \quad (2.2)$$

Note that when restricted to  $\text{Hom}(W, V) \otimes H$  the maps  $“Id \otimes \Delta”$  and  $“\rho \otimes Id”$  are actually  $Id \otimes \Delta$  and  $\rho \otimes Id$  respectively. The formula (2.2) has two important and immediate consequences:  $\rho : \text{Hom}^l(W, V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}^l(W, V) \otimes H$ , whereas before we only knew that it lands in  $\text{Hom}(W, V) \otimes H$ , and  $\rho$  is a coaction.

It is not hard to see that  $\text{Hom}^l(W, V)$  is contravariant in  $W$  and covariant in  $V$ . More precisely, let  $\phi \in \text{Hom}(W', W)^H$  and  $\theta \in \text{Hom}(V, V')^H$ , then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(W, V) & \xrightarrow{\theta \circ - \circ \phi} & \text{Hom}(W', V') \\ \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow \rho \\ \text{Hom}(W, V \otimes H) & \xrightarrow{(\theta \otimes Id) \circ - \circ \phi} & \text{Hom}(W', V' \otimes H) \end{array}$$

and so  $\theta \circ - \circ \phi : \text{Hom}^l(W, V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}^l(W', V')$  and it is a map of  $H$ -comodules.

**Lemma 2.2.** *We have natural identifications*

$$\mathrm{Hom}(T \otimes W, V)^H \simeq \mathrm{Hom}(T, \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V))^H,$$

*i.e.,  $\mathrm{Hom}^l(-, -)$  is the left internal Hom in  $\mathcal{M}^H$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $f \in \mathrm{Hom}(T \otimes W, V)^H$  if and only if

$$f(t \otimes w)_0 \otimes f(t \otimes w)_1 = f(t_0 \otimes w_0) \otimes t_1 w_1. \quad (2.3)$$

On the other hand  $\phi \in \mathrm{Hom}(T, \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V))^H$  if and only if

$$\rho \phi_t = \phi_{t_0} \otimes t_1 \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\phi_t \in \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V)$ .

Let  $f \in \mathrm{Hom}(T \otimes W, V)^H$  then if we define  $f_t(w) = f(t \otimes w)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho f_t(w) &= f(t \otimes w_0)_0 \otimes f(t \otimes w_0)_1 S(w_1) \\ &= f(t_0 \otimes w_{0,0}) \otimes t_1 w_{0,1} S(w_1) \\ &= f(t_0 \otimes w_0) \otimes t_1 w_1 S(w_2) \\ &= f(t_0 \otimes w) \otimes t_1 \\ &= f_{t_0} \otimes t_1. \end{aligned}$$

So that  $t \mapsto f_t \in \mathrm{Hom}(T, \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V))^H$ . Conversely, if  $\phi \in \mathrm{Hom}(T, \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V))^H$  then define  $\phi(t \otimes w) = \phi_t(w)$  then  $\phi(t_0 \otimes w) \otimes t_1 = \phi(t_0 \otimes w_0)_0 \otimes \phi(t_0 \otimes w_0)_1 S(w_1)$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t_0 \otimes w_0) \otimes t_1 w_1 &= \phi(t \otimes w_{0,0})_0 \otimes \phi(t \otimes w_{0,0})_1 S(w_{0,1}) w_1 \\ &= \phi(t \otimes w_0)_0 \otimes \phi(t \otimes w_0)_1 S(w_1) w_2 \\ &= \phi(t \otimes w)_0 \otimes \phi(t \otimes w)_1 \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $t \otimes w \mapsto \phi_t(w) \in \mathrm{Hom}(T \otimes W, V)^H$ .

So the usual bijection  $f(t \otimes w) = f_t(w)$  establishes a natural identification between  $\mathrm{Hom}(T \otimes W, V)^H$  and  $\mathrm{Hom}(T, \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V))^H$  as required.  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.** *From now on we will denote the coaction  $\rho$  of (2.1) by  $\rho^l$  since*

$$\rho^l : \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}^l(W, V) \otimes H.$$

**Remark 2.4.** Note that we have a natural fully faithful embedding of  $\mathcal{M}^H$  into  ${}_H^*\mathcal{M}$ . The right adjoint to it can be used to define  $\text{Hom}^l(W, V)$ . Namely, the formula (2.1) defines a left  $H^*$ -module structure on  $\text{Hom}(W, V)$  via  $\chi f = (Id_V \otimes \chi)(\rho f)$ . Then it is easy to see that

$$\text{Hom}(W, V)^{rat} = \text{Hom}^l(W, V)$$

where  $(-)^{rat}$  is the right adjoint that features prominently in [8].

Repeating the above considerations nearly verbatim, we define the right internal Hom for  $\mathcal{M}^H$  as follows. Begin by defining

$$\rho^r f(w) = f(w_0)_0 \otimes S^{-1}(w_1)f(w_0)_1. \quad (2.5)$$

**Definition 2.5.** Define  $\text{Hom}^r(W, V)$  as the subspace of  $\text{Hom}(W, V)$  that consists of  $f$  such that  $\rho^r f \in \text{Hom}(W, V) \otimes H$ .

We again obtain that  $\rho^r : \text{Hom}^r(W, V) \rightarrow \text{Hom}^r(W, V) \otimes H$  and is a coaction. Furthermore, we have natural adjunctions:

$$\text{Hom}(W \otimes T, V)^H \simeq \text{Hom}(T, \text{Hom}^r(W, V))^H.$$

As usual we now have the opposite category  $\mathcal{M}^{Hop}$  with

$$V \triangleleft W = \text{Hom}^r(W, V), \quad \text{and} \quad W \triangleright V = \text{Hom}^l(W, V)$$

and we may examine its center  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$ .

**Remark 2.6.** We observe that if  $V \in \mathcal{M}^H$  is finite dimensional then

$$\text{Hom}^l(V, W) = W \otimes V^*$$

and

$$\text{Hom}^r(V, W) = {}^*V \otimes W$$

where  $V^* = \text{Hom}^l(V, k)$  and  ${}^*V = \text{Hom}^r(V, k)$  and both  $V^*$  and  ${}^*V$  are  $\text{Hom}_k(V, k)$  as vector spaces. So that  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  is rigid with

$$**V = V^{S^{-2}} \quad \text{and} \quad V^{**} = V^{S^2},$$

where  $V^{S^{2i}}$  denotes the  $H$ -comodule with the coaction modified by  $S^{2i}$ .

## 2.2 The center of the opposite bimodule category.

We recall from [3] that a left-right anti-Yetter-Drinfeld module  $M$  over a Hopf algebra  $H$  is a left  $H$ -module and a right  $H$ -comodule satisfying

$$(hm)_0 \otimes (hm)_1 = h^2 m_0 \otimes h^3 m_1 S(h^1). \quad (2.6)$$

It is stable if  $m_1 m_0 = m$  for all  $m \in M$ .

Recall, for example from [7], the notions of the opposite bimodule category and of the center of a bimodule category.

**Proposition 2.7.** *The category of  $aYD$ -modules for  $H$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be an  $aYD$ -module and define the central structure

$$\tau : \text{Hom}(W, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W, M)$$

$$\tau f(w) = w_1 f(w_0).$$

Note that  $\tau$  is invertible with  $\tau^{-1} f(w) = S^{-1}(w_1) f(w_0)$ . Define a map “ $\tau \otimes Id$ ” :  $\text{Hom}(W, M \otimes H) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W, M \otimes H)$  by

$$“\tau \otimes Id” = (a \otimes Id) \circ \sigma_{M, H, H} \circ (f \otimes Id) \circ \rho_W$$

so that if  $f(w) = w^{(1)} \otimes w^{(2)}$  then

$$“\tau \otimes Id”(f)(w) = w_1(w_0)^{(1)} \otimes (w_0)^{(2)}.$$

A direct computation (using the  $aYD$  condition (2.6)) demonstrates that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(W, M) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \text{Hom}(W, M) \\ \downarrow \rho^l & & \downarrow \rho^r \\ \text{Hom}(W, M \otimes H) & \xrightarrow{“\tau \otimes Id”} & \text{Hom}(W, M \otimes H) \end{array} \quad (2.7)$$

and since “ $\tau \otimes Id$ ” restricted to  $\text{Hom}(W, M) \otimes H$  is actually  $\tau \otimes Id$ , so in fact  $\tau : \text{Hom}^l(W, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}^r(W, M)$  and it is an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{M}^H$ .

Observe that  $\tau$  is natural in  $W$ , i.e., if  $\phi : W' \rightarrow W$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  then  $\phi(w_0) \otimes w_1 = \phi(w)_0 \otimes \phi(w)_1$  so that  $w_1 f(\phi(w_0)) = \phi(w)_1 f(\phi(w)_0)$  and  $\tau(f \circ \phi) = \tau f \circ \phi$ .



If  $\theta : M \rightarrow M'$  is a map of  $aYD$ -modules, then

$$\theta \circ \tau f(w) = \theta(w_1 f(w_0)) = w_1 \theta f(w_0) = \tau(\theta \circ f)(w)$$

so that a map of  $aYD$ -modules induces a map of central elements.

To check the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W \triangleright (V \triangleright M) & \xrightarrow{Id \triangleright \tau} & W \triangleright (M \triangleleft V) \xrightarrow{\tau \triangleleft Id} (M \triangleleft W) \triangleleft V \\ \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ (W \otimes V) \triangleright M & \xrightarrow{\tau} & M \triangleleft (W \otimes V) \end{array} \quad (2.8)$$

is to check that going along the bottom and obtaining  $w \otimes v \mapsto (w_1 v_1) f(w_0 \otimes v_0)$  is the same as the long way around which gives  $w \otimes v \mapsto w_1(v_1 f_{w_0}(v_0)) = w_1(v_1 f(w_0 \otimes v_0))$ ; and they are the same by the usual  $H$ -action axiom. Similarly, the unitality of the action implies that  $k \triangleright M \rightarrow M \triangleleft k$  is the identity since  $\tau : m \mapsto 1m$ .

What has been shown so far is that if  $M$  is an  $aYD$ -module, then  $(M, \tau) \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$  and any  $\theta : M \rightarrow M'$  a morphism of  $aYD$ -modules induces a morphism between the corresponding central elements.

Conversely, let  $M \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$  so that we have natural isomorphisms  $\tau : \text{Hom}^l(W, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}^r(W, M)$ . Note that

$$\text{Hom}(W, M) = \varprojlim_{\alpha} \text{Hom}^l(W_{\alpha}, M)$$

where  $W_{\alpha} \subset W$  is a finite dimensional sub-comodule since any  $w \in W$  is contained in such an  $W_{\alpha}$  and so

$$\text{Hom}(W, M) = \text{Hom}(\varinjlim_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}, M) = \varprojlim_{\alpha} \text{Hom}(W_{\alpha}, M) = \varprojlim_{\alpha} \text{Hom}^l(W_{\alpha}, M).$$

So we have a  $\tau : \text{Hom}(W, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W, M)$  that satisfies a version of all the properties that make the original  $\tau$  so useful. Denote by  $r$  the composition

$$M \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, M)$$

so that  $m \mapsto \tau(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)m)$ . Define

$$hm = r_m(h). \quad (2.9)$$

Note that we needed to use  $\text{Hom}(H, M)$  instead of  $\text{Hom}^l(H, M)$  since  $h \mapsto \epsilon(h)m$  is not in  $\text{Hom}^l(H, M)$ .

By the unitality of  $\tau$  we have  $ev_1 \circ \tau = ev_1$  so that

$$1m = r_m(1) = ev_1 \tau(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)m) = ev_1(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)m) = \epsilon(1)m = m.$$

Furthermore by the “associativity” of  $\tau$ , i.e., the diagram (2.8) and its naturality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (xy)m &= r_m(xy) \\ &= \tau(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)m)(xy) \\ &= \tau(h \otimes h' \mapsto \epsilon(hh')m)(x \otimes y) \\ &= \tau(h \mapsto \tau(h' \mapsto \epsilon(hh')m)(y))(x) \\ &= \tau(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)\tau(h' \mapsto \epsilon(h')m)(y))(x) \\ &= \tau(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)r_m(y))(x) \\ &= r_{r_m(y)}(x) \\ &= x(y m). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta : M \rightarrow M'$  be a map in the center, then we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M & \xrightarrow{-\circ\epsilon} & \text{Hom}(H, M) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \text{Hom}(H, M) \\ \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow \theta \circ - & & \downarrow \theta \circ - \\ M' & \xrightarrow{-\circ\epsilon} & \text{Hom}(H, M') & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \text{Hom}(H, M') \end{array}$$

where the left square commutes trivially and the right one commutes by definition, so that

$$\theta(hm) = \theta(r_m(h)) = r_{\theta(m)}(h) = h\theta(m).$$

Before proving that the  $H$ -action defined above satisfies the  $aYD$ -module condition (2.6) we will show that the definition of the action from  $\tau$  and vice versa are mutually inverse. Let an  $H$ -action be given, then we set  $\tau f(w) = w_1 f(w_0)$  so that the action becomes

$$r_m(h) = \tau(x \mapsto \epsilon(x)m)(h) = h^2 \epsilon(h^1)m = hm,$$

i.e., the original action. On the other hand if  $\tau : \text{Hom}(W, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W, M)$  is given and we defined the action by  $hm = r_m(h) = \tau(x \mapsto \epsilon(x)m)(h)$ , then we obtain the following. Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(W, M)$ , consider  $f \otimes \epsilon \in \text{Hom}(\underline{W} \otimes H, M)$  where  $\underline{W}$  is a trivial  $H$ -comodule. Note that the co-action map  $\rho_W$

is a morphism in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  from  $W$  to  $\underline{W} \otimes H$ . So  $\tau(f \otimes \epsilon \circ \rho_W) = \tau(f \otimes \epsilon) \circ \rho_W$  and the former is  $\tau f$  while the latter is

$$\begin{aligned} w &\mapsto \tau(w \otimes h \mapsto f(w)\epsilon(h))(w_0 \otimes w_1) \\ &= \tau(w \mapsto \tau(h \mapsto f(w)\epsilon(h))(w_1))(w_0) \end{aligned}$$

and since the coaction of  $H$  on  $\underline{W}$  is trivial so

$$\begin{aligned} &= \tau(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)f(w_0))(w_1) \\ &= w_1 f(w_0). \end{aligned}$$

So that no matter if we start with a  $\tau$  or an  $H$ -action, we always have

$$\tau f(w) = w_1 f(w_0). \quad (2.10)$$

Now recall the diagram (2.7), and note that it now commutes essentially by definition. Let  $W = H$  and keep in mind the formula (2.10). We now get that for any  $f \in \text{Hom}(H, M)$  we have

$$h^3 f(h^1)_0 \otimes f(h^1)_1 S(h^2) = (h^2 f(h^1))_0 \otimes S^{-1}(h^3)(h^2 f(h^1))_1$$

and let us apply it to  $f(h) = \epsilon(h)m$  to obtain

$$h^2 m_0 \otimes m_1 S(h^1) = (h^1 m)_0 \otimes S^{-1}(h^2)(h^1 m)_1$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} h^2 m_0 \otimes h^3 m_1 S(h^1) &= (h^1 m)_0 \otimes h^3 S^{-1}(h^2)(h^1 m)_1 \\ &= (h^1 m)_0 \otimes \epsilon(h^2)(h^1 m)_1 \\ &= (hm)_0 \otimes (hm)_1 \end{aligned}$$

and  $M$  satisfies the  $aYD$ -module condition (2.6). □

Recall that we denote by  $\mathcal{Z}'_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$  the full subcategory that consists of objects such that the identity map  $Id \in \text{Hom}(M, M)^H$  is mapped to itself via

$$\text{Hom}(M, M)^H \simeq \text{Hom}(1, M \triangleright M)^H \simeq \text{Hom}(1, M \triangleleft M)^H \simeq \text{Hom}(M, M)^H. \quad (2.11)$$

We have a straightforward corollary:

**Corollary 2.8.** *The category of  $saYD$ -modules for  $H$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{Z}'_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that an  $aYD$ -module  $M$  is stable if  $m_1 m_0 = m$  for all  $m \in M$ . On the other hand considering  $\tau : \text{Hom}(M, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, M)$  we see that according to (2.10) we have  $\tau Id(m) = m_1 m_0$  and so  $\tau Id = Id$  if and only if  $M$  is stable.  $\square$

Thus we have established the following:

**Corollary 2.9.** *The category of  $saYD$ -modules for  $H$  is equivalent to the category of representable symmetric 2-contratraces on  $\mathcal{M}^H$  via*

$$M \longleftrightarrow \text{Hom}(-, M)^H.$$

Contrast that with the  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$  case considered in [5] where the category of representable symmetric 2-contratraces is equivalent to the more unusual  $saYD$ -contramodules.

### 2.3 A functor from $(s)aYD$ -modules to $(s)aYD$ -contramodules

This section is motivated by the adjunction on cyclic cohomology of [7] that we explain below. Given an  $saYD$ -module  $M$ , i.e., a representable symmetric 2-contratrace  $\text{Hom}(-, M)^H$ , as a special case of the theory developed in [7], we obtain an  $H$ -module  $\widehat{M}$  such that  $\text{Hom}_H(-, \widehat{M})$  is a representable symmetric 2-contratrace.

We will need to recall from [2] that a right  $C$ -contramodule  $N$ , where  $C$  is a counital coassociative coalgebra, is equipped with the contraaction

$$\alpha : \text{Hom}(C, N) \rightarrow N$$

satisfying

$$\alpha(x \mapsto \alpha(h \mapsto f(x \otimes h))) = \alpha(h \mapsto f(h^1 \otimes h^2)) \quad (2.12)$$

for any  $f \in \text{Hom}(C \otimes C, N)$  and

$$\alpha(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)n) = n \quad (2.13)$$

for any  $n \in N$ . Furthermore, a left-right  $aYD$ -contramodule  $N$  is a left  $H$ -module and a right  $H$ -contramodule such that for all  $h \in H$  and any linear map  $f \in \text{Hom}(H, N)$  we have

$$h\alpha(f) = \alpha(h^2 f(S(h^3) - h^1)). \quad (2.14)$$

It is called stable, i.e., an *saYD*-contramodule, if for all  $n \in N$  we have  $\alpha(r_n) = n$  where  $r_n(h) = hn$ .

We will also recall the definitions from [7]: if  $M$  is an *aYD*-module then

$$\widehat{M} = \text{Hom}(H, M)^H$$

has a left  $H$ -action via

$$h \cdot \phi(-) = h^2 \phi(S(h^3) - h^1) \quad (2.15)$$

and furthermore  $\widehat{M}$  has a contraaction  $\alpha : \text{Hom}(H, \widehat{M}) \rightarrow \widehat{M}$  defined as follows. Let  $\theta \in \text{Hom}(H, \widehat{M})$  be viewed as  $h \mapsto \theta_h(-)$  then

$$\alpha\theta(h) = \theta_{h^1}(h^2). \quad (2.16)$$

It is not hard to check all these statements directly (note that the *aYD*-module condition for  $M$  is only used to ensure that the action (2.15) preserves the  $H$ -comodule morphisms inside  $\text{Hom}(H, M)$ ), and most importantly we can also check that  $\alpha$  is compatible with the action in the *aYD*-contramodule sense, i.e., the identity (2.14) holds.

The constructions above describe a functor

$$M \mapsto \widehat{M} \quad (2.17)$$

from  $(s)aYD$ -modules to  $(s)aYD$ -contramodules. Furthermore, the functor (2.17) is a special case of the pullback of contratraces [7] and so we have the following:

**Proposition 2.10.** *Given an  $H$ -module algebra  $A$  and a *saYD*-module  $M$ , we have an isomorphism of cyclic cohomologies:*

$$\widehat{HC}_H^n(A, \widehat{M}) \simeq HC^{n,H}(A \rtimes H, M)$$

where the theories considered are of the derived type.

We denote by  $\widehat{HC}_H^n(A, \widehat{M})$  the cyclic cohomology obtained from an algebra  $A$  and a *saYD*-contramodule  $\widehat{M}$  via the associated representable symmetric 2-contratrace  $\text{Hom}_H(-, \widehat{M})$  on  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$ , while  $HC^{n,H}(A \rtimes H, M)$  denotes the Hopf-cyclic cohomology of an  $H$ -comodule algebra  $A \rtimes H$  with coefficients in a *saYD*-module  $M$  obtained from the representable symmetric 2-contratrace  $\text{Hom}(-, M)^H$  on  $\mathcal{M}^H$ .

**Remark 2.11.** *In light of the Corollary 2.9 that shows the equivalence between saYD-modules and representable symmetric 2-contratraces on  $\mathcal{M}^H$  and [5] where a similar result is demonstrated for saYD-contramodules and  ${}_H\mathcal{M}$ , the Proposition 2.10 is a concrete realization of the pullback of representable contratraces of [7].*

### 3 An adjoint pair of functors.

We will now analyze the functor  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  with a view towards establishing some sufficient conditions for it being an equivalence. Consider the category  $\mathcal{M}^H$  of right  $H$ -comodules and we are interested in comparing it to the category  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H$  of right  $H$ -contramodules. It turns out that the functor  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$ , that appeared in [7] motivated by the pullback of contratraces has already appeared in the literature on comodule-contramodule correspondences [6], but considered without the extra  $H$ -module structure that we need. We will abuse notation somewhat and not usually distinguish between  $\widehat{(-)} : \mathcal{M}^H \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H$  of [6] and the upgraded version of [7] mentioned above (2.17). When we do want to emphasize the difference, the latter will be denoted by  $\widehat{(-)}_H$ .

Furthermore,  $\widehat{(-)}$  has a left adjoint [6]

$$N \mapsto N' \tag{3.1}$$

where  $N' = H \odot_H N$  is the cokernel of the difference between the maps  $Id \otimes \alpha$  and  $h \otimes f \mapsto h^2 \otimes f(h^1)$  between  $H \otimes_k \text{Hom}(H, N)$  and  $H \otimes_k N$ :

$$H \otimes_k \text{Hom}(H, N) \rightarrow H \otimes_k N \rightarrow H \odot_H N \rightarrow 0.$$

The comodule structure on  $N'$  is given by

$$(h \otimes n)_0 \otimes (h \otimes n)_1 = (h^1 \otimes n) \otimes h^2. \tag{3.2}$$

When  $H$  is finite dimensional then  $N' = H \otimes_{H^*} N$  so that the notation  $\odot_H$  is a bit misleading.

The adjunctions are

$$H \odot_H \text{Hom}(H, M)^H \rightarrow M$$

$$h \otimes f \mapsto f(h)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, H \odot_H N)^H \\ n &\mapsto \{h \mapsto h \otimes n\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.1.** Just as the functor  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  was upgraded from the functor between comodules and contramodules to a functor between  $aYD$ -modules and  $aYD$ -contramodules by converting an  $H$ -action on  $M$  to an  $H$ -action on  $\widehat{M}$ , we can do the same to its left adjoint directly. Namely, define an  $H$ -action on  $H \otimes_k N$  via

$$x \cdot (h \otimes n) = x^3 h S(x^1) \otimes x^2 n \quad (3.3)$$

then one can check that if  $N$  is an  $aYD$ -contramodule, then the action is well defined on the cokernel  $H \odot_H N$  and gives  $N'$  the  $aYD$ -module structure.

We will now conceptually investigate if the adjoint pair of the functors above is compatible with the extra structure that we require. More precisely,  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is a tensor category in the usual way with

$$\rho(m \otimes n) = m_0 \otimes n_0 \otimes m_1 n_1$$

for  $m \otimes n \in M \otimes N$  with  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}^H$ . Thus  $\mathcal{M}^H$  is a bimodule category over itself.

On the other hand if  $N \in \widehat{\mathcal{M}^H}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ , i.e.,  $T$  is a finite dimensional  $H$ -comodule, then we can define a natural contramodule structure on both  $N \otimes T$  and  $T \otimes N$ . Namely, due to the finite dimensionality of  $T$ , we represent elements of  $\text{Hom}(H, N \otimes T)$  by  $f \otimes t$  with  $f \in \text{Hom}(H, N)$  and  $t \in T$ , then

$$\alpha_{N \otimes T}(f \otimes t) = \alpha_N(f(-t_1)) \otimes t_0 \quad (3.4)$$

and similarly

$$\alpha_{T \otimes N}(t \otimes f) = t_0 \otimes \alpha_N(f(t_1 -)) \quad (3.5)$$

which makes  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}^H}$  into a bimodule category over  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ .

The following is the key technical result of this section. It describes the exact nature of the compatibility of  $M \mapsto \widehat{M}$  with the  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ -bimodule structure on both sides.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $W \in \mathcal{M}^H$  and  $T, L \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(H, T \otimes W \otimes L)^H &\simeq T^{S^2} \otimes \text{Hom}(H, W)^H \otimes L^{S^{-2}} \\ t \otimes f \otimes l &\mapsto t_0 \otimes f(S^2(t_1) - S^{-2}(l_1)) \otimes l_0 \end{aligned}$$

a natural isomorphism in  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}^H}$ .

*Proof.* Recall that  $\text{Hom}^L(H, W)$  has a left  $H^*$ -action and a right  $H$ -contraaction and they commute. Namely,

$$(\chi \cdot f)(h) = f(h^1)_0 \chi(f(h^1)_1 S(h^2))$$

and

$$\alpha(h \mapsto \theta_h(-)) = \{h \mapsto \theta_{h^1}(h^2)\}.$$

One quickly checks that the map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}^L(H, T \otimes W) &\rightarrow \overline{T} \otimes \text{Hom}^L(H, W) \\ t \otimes f &\mapsto t \otimes f \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

is an isomorphism of both  $H^*$ -modules and  $H$ -contramodules, where  $\overline{T}$  has the usual  $H^*$  structure, but is considered trivial for the purposes of defining the  $H$ -contraaction on the right hand side.

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}^L(H, W) \otimes \overline{T} &\rightarrow \underline{T} \otimes \text{Hom}^L(H, W) \\ f \otimes t &\mapsto t_0 \otimes f(t_1 -) \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

is also an isomorphism of both structures where  $\underline{T}$  has trivial  $H^*$  structure but non-trivially modifies the contraaction on the right hand side.

So as  $H$ -contramodules we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(H, T \otimes W)^H &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \text{Hom}^L(H, T \otimes W)) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \overline{T} \otimes \text{Hom}^L(H, W)) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \text{Hom}^L(H, W) \otimes \overline{T^{S^2}}) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \underline{T^{S^2}} \otimes \text{Hom}^L(H, W)) \\ &\simeq T^{S^2} \otimes \text{Hom}(H, W)^H \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, T \otimes V) \simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, V \otimes T^{S^2})$  is due to the rigidity of  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  and the isomorphism  $T^{**} \simeq T^{S^2}$ .

Analogously we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(H, W \otimes L)^H &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \text{Hom}^R(H, W \otimes L)) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \text{Hom}^R(H, W) \otimes \overline{L}) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \overline{L^{S^{-2}}} \otimes \text{Hom}^R(H, W)) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{H^*}(k, \text{Hom}^R(H, W) \otimes \underline{L^{S^{-2}}}) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}(H, W)^H \otimes L^{S^{-2}}. \end{aligned}$$



In the latter we have used the analogues of (3.6) and (3.7); namely the isomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Hom}^R(H, W \otimes L) &\rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}^R(H, W) \otimes \overline{L} \\ f \otimes l &\mapsto f \otimes l\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{L} \otimes \mathrm{Hom}^R(H, W) &\rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}^R(H, W) \otimes \underline{L} \\ l \otimes f &\mapsto f(-l_1) \otimes l_0.\end{aligned}$$

The result now follows after tracing through the isomorphisms.  $\square$

Denote by  $\mathcal{M}^{H\#}$  the  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  bimodule category with

$$T \cdot M \cdot L = T \otimes M \otimes L^{S^2}$$

and by  $\# \widehat{\mathcal{M}^H}$  the  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  bimodule category with

$$T \cdot N \cdot L = T^{S^2} \otimes N \otimes L$$

then we immediately obtain the following as a Corollary of Proposition 3.2:

**Corollary 3.3.** *The functors*

$$\widehat{(-)} : \mathcal{M}^{H\#} \rightarrow \# \widehat{\mathcal{M}^H}$$

and

$$(-)' : \# \widehat{\mathcal{M}^H} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{H\#}$$

are bimodule functors over  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  and so induce functors between the corresponding centers of bimodule categories.

*Proof.* The claim about  $\widehat{(-)}$  is immediate from Proposition 3.2. Since  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  is rigid, the statement about  $(-)'$  follows from the one about  $\widehat{(-)}$  through adjunction juggling, since they are adjoint functors.  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** *The adjunction manipulations mentioned in the proof of Corollary 3.3 can be traced through to obtain an explicit analogue of Proposition 3.2 for the functor  $N \mapsto N'$ . Namely, for  $N \in \widehat{\mathcal{M}^H}$  and  $T, L \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  we have a natural isomorphism in  $\mathcal{M}^H$ :*

$$\begin{aligned}H \odot_H (T \otimes N \otimes L) &\simeq T^{S^{-2}} \otimes (H \odot_H N) \otimes L^{S^2} \\ h \otimes t \otimes n \otimes l &\mapsto t_0 \otimes S^{-1}(t_1) h S(l_1) \otimes n \otimes l_0.\end{aligned}$$

As in [4], we have central interpretations of  $aYD$  objects.

**Lemma 3.5.** *The center of  $\mathcal{M}^{H\#}$  is equivalent to the category of anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules, namely*

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{H\#}) \simeq aYD\text{-mod}.$$

*Proof.* The proof proceeds very much like that of Proposition 2.7 and so we provide only a sketch. Let  $M \in {}_H\mathcal{M}^H$ , i.e., it is both a left module and a right comodule, and let  $T \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ . Consider the map

$$\tau : T \otimes M \rightarrow M \otimes T^{S^2}$$

$$t \otimes m \mapsto t_1 m \otimes t_0.$$

It is an isomorphism with inverse  $m \otimes t \mapsto t_0 \otimes S(t_1)m$ . It is a map in  $\mathcal{M}^H$  if and only if  $M \in aYD\text{-mod}$ . It is immediate that  $(M, \tau) \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{H\#})$ .

Conversely, let  $M \in \mathcal{M}^H$  such that we have natural isomorphisms  $\tau_T : T \otimes M \rightarrow M \otimes T^{S^2}$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ . Now proceed in a by now familiar fashion. We need an action  $H \otimes M \rightarrow M$  which we obtain via a limit over finite dimensional subcoalgebras  $C \subset H$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(H \otimes M, M) &= \text{Hom}((\varinjlim C) \otimes M, M) \\ &= \text{Hom}(\varinjlim (C \otimes M), M) \\ &= \varprojlim \text{Hom}(C \otimes M, M) \end{aligned}$$

and the latter contains  $(Id \otimes \epsilon_C) \circ \tau_C$ . □

**Remark 3.6.** *Note that what these limit arguments demonstrate is that in contrast to the  $H$ -module case considered in [5], the  $H$ -comodule case is much easier as it reduces to the rigid category  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ . More precisely, Proposition 2.7 shows that  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop}) \simeq aYD\text{-mod}$  by essentially showing that  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop}) \simeq \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{Hop})$ , but the latter is clearly  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{H\#})$ , which as we saw above is equivalent to  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{H\#})$ .*

**Lemma 3.7.** *The center of  $\# \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H$  is equivalent to the category of anti-Yetter-Drinfeld contramodules, namely*

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\# \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H) \simeq aYD\text{-ctrmd}.$$

*Proof.* Repeat the proof of Lemma 3.5 verbatim with the exception that

$$\tau : T^{S^2} \otimes N \rightarrow N \otimes T$$

$$t \otimes n \mapsto t_1 n \otimes t_0$$

is a map in  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H$  if and only if  $N \in aYD\text{-ctrmd}$ .  $\square$

We summarize this section with the following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.8.** *The following diagram commutes:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^{H\#}) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\widehat{(-)})} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}((-)'_H} \end{array} & \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\# \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H) \\ \text{Lemma 3.5} \uparrow \simeq & & \simeq \uparrow \text{Lemma 3.7} \\ aYD\text{-mod} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\widehat{(-)}_H} \\ \xleftarrow{(-)'_H} \end{array} & aYD\text{-ctrmd} \end{array}$$

Recall that for  $M \in aYD\text{-mod}$  we equip  $\widehat{M}$  with (2.16) and (2.15), whereas for  $N \in aYD\text{-ctrmd}$  we equip  $N'$  with (3.2) and (3.3).

*Proof.* For the  $\widehat{(-)}$  case we have the map  $T \otimes M \rightarrow M \otimes T^{S^2}$  with  $t \otimes m \mapsto t_1 m \otimes t_0$  mapping to  $\text{Hom}(H, T \otimes M)^H \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, M \otimes T^{S^2})^H$  with  $t \otimes f \mapsto t_1 f \otimes t_0$  which maps under the identification of Proposition 3.2 to  $T^{S^2} \otimes \text{Hom}(H, M)^H \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, M)^H \otimes T$  with  $t_0 \otimes f(S^2(t_1) -) \mapsto t_2 f(-t_1) \otimes t_0$  and the latter coincides with  $t \otimes g \mapsto t_1 \cdot g \otimes t_0$ .

For the adjoint  $(-)'_H$  we have  $T^{S^2} \otimes N \rightarrow N \otimes T$  with  $t \otimes n \mapsto t_1 n \otimes t_0$  mapping to  $H \odot_H (T^{S^2} \otimes N) \rightarrow H \odot_H (N \otimes T)$  with  $h \otimes t \otimes n \mapsto h \otimes t_1 n \otimes t_0$  which identifies with  $T \otimes (H \odot_H N) \rightarrow (H \odot_H N) \otimes T^{S^2}$  with  $t_0 \otimes S(t_1) h \otimes n \mapsto h S(t_1) \otimes t_2 n \otimes t_0$  under the isomorphisms of Remark 3.4 and the latter coincides with  $t \otimes (x \otimes m) \mapsto t_1 \cdot (x \otimes m) \otimes t_0$ .  $\square$

In the end we see that  $((-)'_H, \widehat{(-)}_H)$  is an adjoint pair between  $aYD\text{-mod}$  and  $aYD\text{-ctrmd}$  extending the result of [6].

### 3.0.1 Stability.

Recall that in order to obtain cyclic cohomology we need to consider the coefficients in *stable* anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules or contramodules. We

now address the preservation of the stability conditions under the adjoint pair of functors of the previous section.

Recall the map

$$\sigma_M : M \rightarrow M$$

$$m \mapsto m_1 m_0$$

with the inverse  $m \mapsto S^{-1}(m_1)m_0$ ; it defines an element  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(Id_{aYD\text{-mod}})$ . Similarly, there is a

$$\sigma_N : N \rightarrow N$$

$$n \mapsto \alpha(r_n)$$

with the inverse  $n \mapsto \alpha(h \mapsto S^{-1}(h)n)$ ; it defines an element  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(Id_{aYD\text{-ctrmd}})$ .

It is an easy calculation to see that  $\widehat{\sigma_M} : \widehat{M} \rightarrow \widehat{M}$  coincides with  $\sigma_{\widehat{M}} : \widehat{M} \rightarrow \widehat{M}$  and also  $(\sigma_N)' = \sigma_{N'}$ . For example to prove the latter equality observe that the left hand side is  $h \otimes n \mapsto h \otimes \alpha(r_n) = h^2 \otimes r_n(h^1) = h^2 \otimes h^1 n = (h \otimes n)_1 (h \otimes n)_0$  which is the right hand side.

Recall that  $saYD\text{-mod}$  is the full subcategory of  $aYD\text{-mod}$  that consists of  $M$  such that  $\sigma_M = Id_M$ . The definition of  $saYD\text{-ctrmd}$  is identical. We have proved the following Corollary to Theorem 3.8:

**Corollary 3.9.** *The functors  $((-)'_H, \widehat{(-)}_H)$  is an adjoint pair between  $saYD\text{-mod}$  and  $saYD\text{-ctrmd}$ .*

## 4 A comodule-contramodule correspondence.

Here we will address the question of  $\widehat{(-)}$  (equivalently  $(-)'$ ) being an equivalence. Note that in light of the preceding discussion if  $\widehat{(-)} : \mathcal{M}^H \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H$  is an equivalence, then so is  $\widehat{(-)}_H : aYD\text{-mod} \rightarrow aYD\text{-ctrmd}$  and also  $\widehat{(-)}_H : saYD\text{-mod} \rightarrow saYD\text{-ctrmd}$ .

As usual, let us consider  $k$  as the trivial  $H$ -comodule, and let  $J = \widehat{k}$  be its contramodule image under  $\widehat{(-)}$ . Note that this is nothing but the two-sided ideal in  $H^*$  consisting of right integrals [8]. Namely,  $\chi \in J$  if and only if we have  $\chi(h^1)h^2 = \chi(h)1$  for all  $h \in H$ . Strictly speaking it is left integrals that are considered in [8] but if  $\chi$  is a left integral then  $\chi(S(-))$  is right and vice versa. It is known [1] that  $\dim J \leq 1$  and if  $J \neq 0$  then  $S$  is invertible, which we have been assuming anyhow.

**Remark 4.1.** Dually, we may consider  $k$  as the trivial contramodule, i.e.,  $\alpha : H^* \rightarrow k$  is evaluation at  $1 \in H$ . Let  $K = k'$  and note that  $K = H/I$  where  $I$  is generated by  $\mu(h^1)h^2 - \mu(1)h$  for  $\mu \in H^*$  and  $h \in H$ . Thus  $K^* = I^\perp = \{\chi \in H^* \mid \mu(1)\chi(h) = \mu(h^1)\chi(h^2) \forall h\}$  and the latter is the ideal of left integrals.

We are ready for the first negative result:

**Lemma 4.2.** If  $J = 0$  then  $\widehat{(-)}$  is not an equivalence.

*Proof.* Obviously we have that  $\widehat{k} = 0$ , but furthermore, by Proposition 3.2 we have that for  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$ ,  $\widehat{M} \simeq M^{S^2} \otimes J = 0$ .  $\square$

On the other hand let us assume that  $J \neq 0$ . Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{rfd}^H$  denote the full subcategory of  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^H$  consisting of finite dimensional, rational contramodules. By analogy with the  $H^*$ -module case, we say that a finite dimensional contramodule  $M$  is *rational* if the structure map  $\alpha$  factors through  $\text{Hom}(C, M)$  for some  $C$  a finite dimensional subcoalgebra of  $H$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $J \neq 0$  then  $\widehat{(-)} : \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H \simeq \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{rfd}^H$ .

*Proof.* Again, for  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  we have that  $\widehat{M} \simeq M^{S^2} \otimes J$ . Note that by [8] the contramodule  $J$  is rational and thus so is  $\widehat{M}$ . On the other hand any rational finite dimensional contramodule is essentially a comodule (see Lemma 5.6) and so  $(- \otimes^* J)^{S^{-2}}$  is the inverse of  $\widehat{(-)}$ .  $\square$

The above Lemma should be considered as in general a negative result. Namely, if exotic, i.e., non-rational contramodules are possible, then the equivalence fails. More precisely, let us consider the possibility of exotic contramodule structures on  $k$ . Let  $\chi \in J$  and observe that

$$\alpha(x \mapsto \alpha(y \mapsto \chi(xS(y)))) = \alpha(h \mapsto \chi(h^1S(h^2))) = \alpha(h \mapsto \epsilon(h))\chi(1) = \chi(1).$$

Since by [8], as  $x$  ranges over  $H$ , the functional  $\chi(xS(-))$  ranges over  $H^{*rat}$  so if

$$\chi(1) \neq 0$$

then  $\exists \mu \in H^{*rat}$  such that  $\mu \cdot 1 = c \neq 0$ . So that for any  $\eta \in H^*$  we have  $\eta \cdot 1 = \eta\mu_c^1 = \eta(\mu_1)\mu_0^1$  and so the action of  $H^*$  on  $k$  factors through  $C^*$  and the structure on  $k$  is necessarily rational. On the other hand if  $\chi(1) = 0$

then it is possible that the whole of  $H^{*rat}$  acts trivially without  $H^*$  doing the same, resulting in an exotic structure.

This suggests two possibilities for  $\widehat{(-)}$  being an equivalence:

- $\exists \chi \in J$  with  $\chi(1) \neq 0$ .
- $H$  is finite dimensional.

Note that the second case may appear trivial at first, but it isn't. It is true that there is no difference between  $H$ -comodules,  $H^*$ -modules and  $H$ -contramodules in the case when  $H$  is finite dimensional. However, we are not interested in the naive identification of the categories, rather the  $\widehat{(-)}$  one. The latter functor is the one that translates the equivalence between comodules and contramodules to the equivalence between the *saYD* versions that we need. Of course given all the work already done on this matter, the conclusion is easy to obtain, so we start with this case.

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $H$  be finite dimensional, then  $\widehat{(-)}$  is an equivalence, and so is  $\widehat{(-)}_H$ .*

*Proof.* From [8] we know that  $J \neq 0$ . Furthermore, for  $M \in \mathcal{M}^H$  we have  $M = \varinjlim M_i$  with  $M_i \in \mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  so that  $\widehat{M} = \text{Hom}(H, M)^H = \text{Hom}(H, \varinjlim M_i)^H$  which by the finite dimensionality of  $H$  is  $\varinjlim \text{Hom}(H, M_i)^H \simeq \varinjlim (M_i^{S^2} \otimes J) = M^{S^2} \otimes J$ . Since there are no exotic contramodules here this proves the equivalence.  $\square$

Moving on to the first case we get by [8] that the  $\chi(1) \neq 0$  condition is actually very strict. Namely, we have that  $H$  is such that as a coalgebra  $H = \bigoplus_i C_i$  where  $C_i$  are finite dimensional simple subcoalgebras. Let  $\epsilon_i$  denote the counit of  $C_i$  with  $\epsilon = \sum \epsilon_i$ . For  $x \in H$  let  $x = \sum_i x_i$  denote its decomposition with respect to that of  $H$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *The category of  $H$ -comodules and  $H$ -contramodules are equivalent. The former consists of  $\bigoplus_i M_i$  and the latter of  $\prod_i M_i$  where  $M_i$  are right  $C_i$ -comodules, i.e.,  $M_i \in \mathcal{M}^{C_i}$ .*

*Proof.* The assertion about the comodules is immediate. Now let  $M$  be an  $H$ -contramodule, define  $\alpha_i : M \rightarrow M$  via  $\alpha_i(m) = \alpha(\epsilon_i(-)m)$ . Note that

$$\alpha_i(\alpha_j(m)) = \alpha(x \mapsto \epsilon_i(x)\alpha(y \mapsto \epsilon_j(y)m)) = \alpha(h \mapsto \epsilon_i(h^1)\epsilon_j(h^2)m) = \delta_{ij}\alpha_i(m).$$

Let  $M_i = \alpha_i(M)$  and consider  $\beta : M \rightarrow \prod M_i$  such that

$$\beta(m) = (\alpha_i(m))_i$$

and  $\iota : \prod M_i \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, M)$  via

$$\iota((m_i)_i)(x) = \sum \epsilon_i(x)m_i.$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\iota\beta(m) &= \alpha(x \mapsto \sum \epsilon_i(x)\alpha_i(m)) \\ &= \alpha(x \mapsto \sum \epsilon_i(x)\alpha(y \mapsto \epsilon_i(y)m)) \\ &= \alpha(h \mapsto \sum \epsilon_i(h^1)\epsilon_i(h^2)m) \\ &= \alpha(h \mapsto \epsilon(h)m) = m. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have that  $\beta\alpha\iota((m_i)_i) = (\alpha_i(\alpha(x \mapsto \sum \epsilon_j(x)m_j)))_i$  and so we need to show that

$$m_i = \alpha_i(\alpha(x \mapsto \sum \epsilon_j(x)m_j)),$$

but the latter is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(y \mapsto \epsilon_i(y)\alpha(x \mapsto \sum \epsilon_j(x)m_j)) &= \alpha(h \mapsto \sum_j \epsilon_i(h^1)\epsilon_j(h^2)m_j) \\ &= \alpha(h \mapsto \epsilon_i(h^1)\epsilon_i(h^2)m_i) \\ &= \alpha(\epsilon_i(-)m_i) = \alpha_i(m_i) = m_i. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\beta : M \simeq \prod_i M_i$  and using this identification we see that  $\alpha : \text{Hom}(H, M) \rightarrow M$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_i \text{Hom}(H, M_i) &\rightarrow \prod_i M_i \\ (f_i)_i &\mapsto (\alpha(h \mapsto f_i(h_i)))_i \end{aligned}$$

so that if we denote by  $\alpha^i : \text{Hom}(C_i, M_i) \rightarrow M_i$  the map  $\alpha^i(f) = \alpha(h \mapsto f(h_i))$  then we see that the original  $\alpha$  identifies with  $\prod_i \alpha^i : \prod_i \text{Hom}(C_i, M_i) \rightarrow \prod_i M_i$ . It is immediate that  $\alpha^i$  is a  $C_i$ -contramodule structure on  $M_i$  and since  $C_i$  is finite dimensional is the same as a  $C_i$ -comodule structure.

Conversely, given the data of  $\rho_i : M_i \rightarrow M_i \otimes C_i$  we can define

$$\alpha^i : \text{Hom}(C_i, M_i) = M_i \otimes C_i^* \rightarrow M_i$$

$$m \otimes \chi \mapsto \chi(m_1)m_0$$

and assemble the  $\alpha^i$  into an  $\alpha : \text{Hom}(H, \prod_i M_i) \rightarrow \prod_i M_i$  that satisfies the contramodule axioms.

Now let  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  be a map of contramodules and let  $m \in M$  with  $m = (m_i)_i$  under the  $\beta$  identification, then

$$\phi(m)_i = \alpha_N(\epsilon_i(-)\phi(m)) = \phi(\alpha_M(\epsilon_i(-)m)) = \phi(m_i)$$

so that  $\phi = \prod_i \phi_i$  with  $\phi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$ . It is immediate that  $\phi_i \in \text{Hom}(M_i, N_i)^{C_i}$  and that conversely, any such  $(\phi_i)_i$  data can be reassembled into a  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  a map of contramodules.

□

**Remark 4.6.** *The proof of Theorem 4.5 demonstrates a difference between  $H$ -contramodules and  $H^*$ -modules. While there is a forgetful functor from the former to the latter, the contramodule condition is better behaved than the  $H^*$ -module one in the case of the infinite dimensional  $H$ . Considering finite dimensional contramodules, that at first glance appear to be given an action indistinguishable from that of an  $H^*$ -module, it is the associativity that is strictly strengthened in the contramodule case. More precisely, there exist exotic 1-dimensional  $kG^*$ -modules (for example given by non-principal ultrafilters on  $G$ ), yet any 1-dimensional  $kG$ -contramodule is supported at some  $g \in G$ , just as is the case for  $kG$ -comodules. The difference is due to the fact that in the contramodule case we have the freedom to work with the full  $(H \otimes H)^*$  as opposed to only  $H^* \otimes H^*$ . Of course in the case when  $H$  is finite dimensional all three categories:  $H$ -contramodules,  $H$ -comodules and  $H^*$ -modules are equal.*

We need to connect the above to our adjoint pair of functors.

**Proposition 4.7.** *The correspondence*

$$\bigoplus_i M_i \leftrightarrow \prod_i M_i$$

*of Theorem 4.5 is given, up to equivalence, by the adjoint functor pair  $(\widehat{(-)}, (-)')$ . Thus  $\widehat{(-)}$  is an equivalence and so is  $(-)_H$ .*

*Proof.* Observe that

$$\widehat{M} = \text{Hom}(H, M)^H = \prod_i \text{Hom}(C_i, M_i)^{H_i} = \prod_i \text{Hom}_{A_i}(A_i^*, M_i)$$



where  $A_i = C_i^*$  is a unital simple finite dimensional algebra. Let

$$\mu_i : A_i \rightarrow A_i^*$$

be given by  $\mu_i(a)(b) = \text{tr}_{A_i}(l_{ab})$ , i.e., it is the trace of left multiplication by  $ab \in A_i$ . Note that  $\mu_i$  is an  $A_i$ -bimodule map and  $\mu_i(1)(1) = \text{tr}_{A_i}(1) = \dim A_i \neq 0$  since  $\text{char } k = 0$ , so that  $\mu_i$  is an isomorphism by the simplicity of  $A_i$ . So  $\widehat{M} \simeq \prod_i \text{Hom}_{A_i}(A_i, M_i) \simeq \prod_i M_i$ .

Similarly

$$N' = \bigoplus_i C_i \otimes_{C_i^*} N_i = \bigoplus_i A_i^* \otimes_{A_i} N_i \simeq \bigoplus_i N_i.$$

□

#### 4.1 The case of $H = kG$ .

Let  $G$  be an infinite discrete group. We ask that  $G$  be infinite as otherwise all of our considerations here become more or less trivial. Let  $M$  be a  $kG$ -contramodule, i.e., we view  $kG$  as a counital coalgebra with  $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$  and  $\epsilon(g) = 1$ . We have the following corollary of Theorem 4.5:

**Corollary 4.8.** *The category of  $kG$ -contramodules  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{kG}$  is equivalent to the category of  $G$ -graded vector spaces  $\text{Vec}_G$ . The equivalence is given by*

$$\Gamma(G, -) : \text{Vec}_G \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{kG}.$$

*Compare this with the well known equivalence*

$$\Gamma_c(G, -) : \text{Vec}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{kG}$$

*where  $\Gamma_c$  are global sections with compact support.*

*Proof.* Note that  $kG = \bigoplus_{g \in G} kg$  with  $kg = k$  as coalgebras. □

It is well known that the category of anti Yetter-Drinfeld modules for  $kG$  (since  $S^2 = Id$  it coincides with the category of Yetter-Drinfeld modules, and thus with the center of the monoidal category of  $kG$ -modules) is equivalent to the category  $\text{Vec}_{G/G}$  of  $G$ -equivariant  $G$ -graded vector spaces. More precisely, the  $kG$ -comodule part of the structure gives the  $G$ -grading, and the

$kG$ -module part gives the  $G$ -action, while the Yetter-Drinfeld compatibility ensures that the action obeys

$$x : M_g \rightarrow M_{xgx^{-1}}.$$

We have an immediate Corollary to Proposition 4.7:

**Corollary 4.9.** *The category of  $aYD$ -contramodules for  $kG$  is equivalent to the category of  $G$ -graded  $G$ -equivariant vector spaces via*

$$\Gamma(G, -) : \text{Vec}_{G/G} \rightarrow aYD\text{-ctrmd}.$$

We now would like to address the question of stability. A stable  $aYD$ -module for  $kG$  is known to be  $G$ -graded  $G$ -equivariant vector space with the stability condition translating into

$$x \cdot m_x = m_x \tag{4.1}$$

for all  $x \in G$  and all  $m_x \in M_x$ . Denote by  $\text{Vec}'_{G/G}$  the full subcategory of  $\text{Vec}_{G/G}$  consisting of objects for which (4.1) holds. We have another immediate Corollary to Proposition 4.7:

**Corollary 4.10.** *The functor*

$$\Gamma(G, -) : \text{Vec}'_{G/G} \rightarrow saYD\text{-ctrmd}$$

*is an equivalence.*

We can now restate the Proposition 2.10 more elegantly in the case of  $H = kG$ .

**Proposition 4.11.** *Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -equivariant algebra, and  $\mathcal{M} \in \text{Vec}'_{G/G}$ . Then*

$$\widehat{HC}_G^n(A, \Gamma(G, \mathcal{M})) \simeq HC^{n,G}(A \rtimes G, \Gamma_c(G, \mathcal{M})).$$

**Remark 4.12.** *While the right hand side of the above Proposition is definition invariant, the left hand side uses the definition of [7] and not the more classical one used in [4].*

## 4.2 A new “coefficient”.

Since the introduction of coefficients in symmetric 2-contratraces in [4], there remained an obvious question: do these simply generalize the already well known coefficients in *saYD*-modules or contramodules to other settings, or do these traces furnish examples of coefficients that had not yet been considered even in the classical theories? In [7] we gave a derived version of the definition of cyclic cohomology with coefficients that restricted the possible symmetric 2-contratraces to the left exact ones. The results obtained in [5] immediately tell us that in the case of *H*-module algebras we need to look beyond the representable symmetric 2-contratraces if we are to obtain anything but the usual *saYD*-contramodule coefficients. In the present paper, Corollary 2.9 implies the same about *H*-comodule algebras, i.e., we need a non-representable contratrace to get away from the usual *saYD*-module coefficients. We will construct one below.

Let *G* have infinitely many conjugacy classes (such as when *G* =  $\mathbb{Z}$  for example). Let  $\mathcal{M}_{\langle g \rangle} \in \text{Vec}'_{G/G}$  be supported on the conjugacy class  $\langle g \rangle$ , for example we can let

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\langle g \rangle})_x = \begin{cases} k, & x \in \langle g \rangle \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

with the trivial *G*-action. Then each  $\mathcal{M}_{\langle g \rangle}$  yields a representable left exact symmetric 2-contratrace

$$\mathcal{F}_{\langle g \rangle}(V) = \text{Hom}(V, \Gamma_c(G, \mathcal{M}_{\langle g \rangle}))^G,$$

yet

$$\bigoplus_{\langle g \rangle} \mathcal{F}_{\langle g \rangle} : V \mapsto \bigoplus_{\langle g \rangle} \mathcal{F}_{\langle g \rangle}(V)$$

is an example of a non-representable, left exact symmetric 2-contratrace on  $\mathcal{M}^H$ . Note that taking  $\mathcal{M}$  to be the superposition of all  $\mathcal{M}_{\langle g \rangle}$ ’s would result in  $V \mapsto \prod_{\langle g \rangle} \mathcal{F}_{\langle g \rangle}(V)$ .

## 5 Periodicities.

In this section we revisit the *YD<sub>i</sub>*-modules from [4] and see that under the conditions that we have been looking at in this paper, there is nothing new that arises and we still only have the Yetter-Drinfeld and the anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules and contramodules; this is the first observed periodicity.

In addition, we examine a natural symmetry on these objects and observe that it too is periodic; this we refer to as the second periodicity.

We recall the definition of  $YD_i$ -modules:

**Definition 5.1.** *Let  $M$  be a left module and a right comodule over  $H$ , and let  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We say that  $M$  is a  $YD_i$ -module if*

$$(hm)_0 \otimes (hm)_1 = h^2 m_0 \otimes h^3 m_1 S^{-1-2i}(h^1), \quad (5.1)$$

for  $h \in H$  and  $m \in M$ .

**Remark 5.2.** *Equivalently, we can define  $YD_i$ -modules by requiring that the comodule structure map  $M \rightarrow M \otimes H$  is  $H$ -equivariant with respect to the  $H$ -structure on the right hand side given by  $x \cdot (m \otimes h) = x^2 m \otimes x^3 h S^{-1-2i}(x^1)$ .*

Note that  $YD_{-1}$ -modules are anti-Yetter-Drinfeld modules, while  $YD_0$ -modules are Yetter-Drinfeld modules.

We can rephrase the above a little more conceptually. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  act on  $\mathcal{M}^H$  with  $1 \cdot M = M^{S^2}$  so that we may consider the monoidal category  $\mathcal{M}^H \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ . We get an immediate generalization of Lemma 3.5:

**Lemma 5.3.** *We have an equivalence of monoidal categories:*

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^H \rtimes \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} YD_{-i}\text{-mod}.$$

There are a few consequences of the above. First, if  $M \in YD_i\text{-mod}$  and  $N \in YD_j\text{-mod}$  then  $M \otimes N \in YD_{i+j}\text{-mod}$  with the usual comodule structure, but  $_{S^{-2i}}N \otimes M$  as an  $H$ -module, i.e.,

$$(m \otimes n)_0 \otimes (m \otimes n)_1 = m_0 \otimes n_0 \otimes m_1 n_1$$

but

$$x \cdot (m \otimes n) = x^2 m \otimes S^{-2i}(x^1) n.$$

Second, if  $M \in YD_i\text{-mod}$  then so is  $1 \cdot M = _{S^{-2}}M^{S^2} \in YD_i\text{-mod}$ . Third,  $\mathcal{M}^H$  has internal Homs, and so does  $\mathcal{M}^H \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ , i.e.,

$$\text{Hom}^l((M, j), (N, i)) = (\text{Hom}^l((i - j)M, N), i - j)$$

and the same for right Homs. Consequently,  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}^H \rtimes \mathbb{Z})$  has internal Homs as well. In particular  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H$  is rigid, so is  $\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$  with  $(V, i)^* =$

$((-i)V^*, -i)$  and  ${}^*(V, i) = ((-i)^*V, -i)$  and so is  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H}(\mathcal{M}_{fd}^H \rtimes \mathbb{Z})$ . Thus if  $M \in YD_i^{fd}\text{-mod}$  then we have elements  $M^*$  and  ${}^*M$  in  $YD_{-i}^{fd}\text{-mod}$  that are its right and left duals.

Just as we have generalized  $aYD\text{-mod}$  to  $YD_i\text{-mod}$ , we can do the same to  $aYD\text{-ctrmd}$ .

**Definition 5.4.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $H$ -module and a right  $H$ -contramodule, we say that  $M$  is a  $YD_i$ -contramodule if the contramodule structure  $\alpha : \text{Hom}(H, M) \rightarrow M$  is  $H$ -equivariant with respect to the  $H$ -action on the left given by*

$$h \cdot f = h^2 f(S(h^3) - S^{2-2i}(h^1)), \quad (5.2)$$

where  $h \in H$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}(H, M)$ .

Note that  $YD_1$ -contramodules are  $aYD$ -contramodules.

## 5.1 The first periodicity.

We can easily generalize the content of Section 3 as follows. We have the Proposition/Definition below.

**Proposition 5.5.** *Let  $M$  be a  $YD_{i-1}$ -module, define  $\widehat{M} = \text{Hom}(H, M)^H$  and equip the latter with a left  $H$ -action via*

$$h \cdot f = h^2 f(S(h^3) - S^{-2i}(h^1))$$

and an  $H$ -contraaction as before (2.16). Let  $N$  be a  $YD_{i+1}$ -contramodule, define  $N' = H \odot_H N$  and equip the latter with a left  $H$ -action via

$$h \cdot (x \otimes n) = S^{1-2i}(h^3)xS(h^1) \otimes h^2n$$

and an  $H$ -coaction as before (3.2).

This defines an adjoint pair of functors  $((-)'_H, \widehat{(-)}_H)$ :

$$YD_{i-1}\text{-mod} \xrightleftharpoons[( - )'_H]{\widehat{(-)}_H} YD_{i+1}\text{-ctrmd}.$$

Let us again (see Remark 4.1 and the preceding discussion) consider the trivial  $YD_0$ -module  $k$  from which we obtain by the Proposition 5.5 the

object  $J = \widehat{k}$  which is now seen to be in  $YD_2^{fd}\text{-ctrmd}$ . Conversely, again considering the trivial  $YD_0$ -contramodule  $k$ , we obtain  $K = k'$  which is now seen to be in  $YD_{-2}^{fd}\text{-mod}$ . If we denote by  $YD_i^{rfd}\text{-ctrmd}$  the full subcategory of  $YD_i\text{-ctrmd}$  that consists of objects that as contramodules are in  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{rfd}^H$  then  $J \in YD_2^{rfd}\text{-ctrmd}$ . Observe that we have an easy Lemma:

**Lemma 5.6.** *We have an equivalence (equality actually) of categories:*

$$\iota : YD_i^{fd}\text{-mod} \rightarrow YD_i^{rfd}\text{-ctrmd}$$

*that does not change the underlying vector space  $M$ , nor the  $H$ -action, and sends the coaction to the contraaction:*

$$\text{Hom}(H, M) = H^* \otimes M \rightarrow M$$

$$\chi \otimes m \mapsto \chi(S^2(m_1))m_0.$$

As a consequence, we have  $\iota^{-1}J \in YD_2^{fd}\text{-mod}$  which is the dual of  $K \in YD_{-2}^{fd}\text{-mod}$ .

**Remark 5.7.** *If  $H$  is a Hopf algebra with  $J \neq 0$  then both  $YD_i\text{-mod}$  and  $YD_i\text{-ctrmd}$  are 2-periodic, i.e.,*

$$J \otimes - : YD_i\text{-mod} \simeq YD_{i+2}\text{-mod}$$

*and the same for contramodules.*

For a finite dimensional  $H$ , the functor  $(-)_H$  is essentially the periodicity above. Not so for the infinite dimensional case.

## 5.2 The second periodicity.

Recall our discussion of stability in Section 3.0.1. We observe that the

$$\sigma \in \text{Aut}(Id_{aYD\text{-mod}})$$

that was used to define stability for  $aYD$ -modules (and its contramodule variant) can be generalized, with an interesting difference, to an arbitrary  $i$  for both modules and contramodules. More precisely,

$$\sigma \in \text{Iso}(Id_{YD_{i-1}\text{-mod}}, (-i)\cdot),$$

i.e., for  $M \in YD_{i-1}\text{-mod}$  we have  $\sigma_M : M \rightarrow {}_{S^{2i}}M^{S^{-2i}}$ , with  $m \mapsto S^{2i}(m_1)m_0$  and the inverse  $m \mapsto S^{-1}(m_1)m_0$ , is an identification in  $YD_{i-1}\text{-mod}$ .

**Remark 5.8.** *The above implies that if  $M$  is a Yetter-Drinfeld module, then it is canonically isomorphic to  ${}_{S^{-2}}M^{S^2}$  as a Yetter-Drinfeld module. More generally, the action of  $\mathbb{Z}$  on  $YD_{i-1}\text{-mod}$  factors through  $\mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$ . We will see below that the same holds for  $YD_{i+1}\text{-ctrmd}$ .*

Note that the  $M \mapsto {}_{S^{-2}}M^{S^2}$  symmetry of  $YD_i$ -modules also exists for  $YD_i$ -contramodules, i.e.,  ${}_{S^{-2}}N^{S^2}$  has its  $H$ -action modified by  $S^{-2}$  and  $\alpha^{S^2}(f) = \alpha(f(S^2(-)))$ . Then we have

$$\sigma \in \text{Iso}(Id_{YD_{i+1}\text{-ctrmd}}, (-i)\cdot),$$

i.e., for  $N \in YD_{i+1}\text{-ctrmd}$  we have  $\sigma_N : N \rightarrow {}_{S^{2i}}N^{S^{-2i}}$ , with  $n \mapsto \alpha(r_n)$  and the inverse  $n \mapsto \alpha(h \mapsto S^{2i-1}(h)n)$ , is an identification in  $YD_{i+1}\text{-ctrmd}$ .

Furthermore, the generalized functor  $\widehat{(-)}_H$  of Proposition 5.5 is compatible with these symmetries, namely the diagram of isomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{M} & \xrightarrow{\widehat{\sigma}_M} & \widehat{{}_{S^{2i}}M^{S^{-2i}}} \\ \searrow \sigma_M & & \nearrow f \mapsto f(S^{2i}(-)) \\ & \widehat{{}_{S^{2i}}M^{S^{-2i}}} & \end{array}$$

commutes in  $YD_{i+1}\text{-ctrmd}$ , where  $M \in YD_{i-1}\text{-mod}$ .

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