# A cogroupoid associated to preregular forms

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**Abstract.** We construct a family of cogroupoids associated to preregular forms and recover the Morita–Takeuchi equivalence for Artin–Schelter regular algebras of dimension two, observed by Raedschelders and Van den Bergh. Moreover, we study the 2-cocycle twists of pivotal analogues of these cogroupoids, by developing a categorical description of preregularity in any tensor category that has a pivotal structure.

# 1. Introduction

This paper examines superpotentials associated to Artin–Schelter (AS) regular algebras and their universal quantum groups via the construction of certain bi-Galois objects using the language of cogroupoids. Superpotentials, or their duals, preregular forms, can be associated to any *N*-Koszul AS-regular algebra [15] and play an important role in noncommutative algebra, noncommutative algebraic geometry, and quantum groups, for example, via the classification of algebras [9, 27, 28]. Quantum groups associated to these objects were introduced independently by Dubois-Violette and Launer [16] and by Wang [38]. Later, Bichon and Dubois-Violette [7] gave an explicit presentation of this quantum group by generators and relations. By [11], when the superpotential algebra is *N*-Koszul and ASregular, this quantum group coincides with Manin's universal quantum group (cf. [26]), the Hopf algebra that universally coacts on the underlying algebra. These quantum groups and their generalizations, which consist of a wide class of Hopf algebras, including the coordinate rings  $\mathcal{O}(GL_n)$  and their quantum analogues  $\mathcal{O}_q(GL_n)$  (as in [10]), have recently been studied in [11, 37].

Schauenburg showed in [34] that the categories of comodules over two Hopf algebras H and L are monoidally equivalent, called Morita–Takeuchi equivalent, if and only if there exists an H-L-bi-Galois object between them. Later, Bichon [6] introduced the notion of a cogroupoid to provide a categorical context for Hopf-(bi)Galois objects. An understanding of the structure of cogroupoids is useful since it enhances the classical theory by allowing categorical arguments on Hopf-(bi)Galois objects. Other applications of cogroupoids include explicit construction of new resolutions from old ones in homological

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algebra, invariant theory, monoidal equivalences between categories of Yetter–Drinfeld modules with applications to bialgebra cohomology and Brauer groups [5, 6]. Here, we construct a cogroupoid whose objects are determined by preregular forms.

**Proposition A** (Lemmas 3.1.3, 3.1.5, and Definition 3.1.6). For any integer  $m \ge 2$ , there is a cogroupoid  $\mathscr{GL}_m$ , whose objects are given by all *m*-preregular forms. In particular, for any *m*-preregular form f, the Hopf algebra  $\mathscr{GL}_m(f, f)$  is the universal quantum group associated to f, as given in [11].

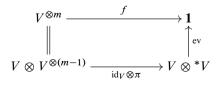
Since Dubois-Violette showed that any N-Koszul AS-regular algebra is a superpotential algebra associated to some preregular form [15], our construction provides an explicit way to establish the Morita–Takeuchi equivalence between Manin's universal quantum groups associated to N-Koszul AS-regular algebras. In particular, we recover a special case of a result of Raedschelders and Van den Bergh from [31] stating the Morita–Takeuchi equivalence between Manin's universal quantum groups associated to AS-regular algebras of the same dimension. Our method does not depend on the categorical approach of the Tannaka–Krein formalism, but relies instead on the non-vanishing of certain bi-Galois objects between any N-Koszul AS-regular algebras.

**Theorem B** (Theorem 3.2.2). *Manin's universal quantum groups associated to any two AS-regular algebras of dimension two are Morita–Takeuchi equivalent.* 

Moreover, we study  $\mathcal{SL}_m$ -type universal quantum groups under 2-cocycle twisting. As a necessary condition, we introduce the notion of a preregular morphism, a generalization of a preregular form, in any rigid tensor category that has a pivotal structure. Pivotal (also called sovereign) categories have been important in topological quantum field theory. The pivotal structure allows the definition of quantum dimension, which can be used to produce numerical invariants of 3-manifolds and knots [20, 23]. When the (co)representation category of a Hopf algebra is pivotal, the Hopf algebra is called (co)pivotal (or (co)sovereign, as in [3]). In our paper, we employ the pivotal structure to define a Hom-space operator  $D_V^m$  which resembles the cyclic permutation of tensor products of vector spaces  $V^{\otimes m}$ . This enables us to define the notion of preregularity on morphisms in a categorical context.

**Definition C** (Definition 4.1.1). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a pivotal tensor category. For any integer  $m \ge 2$ and  $V \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , a morphism  $f : V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbf{1}$  is called preregular if

(1) *f* is non-degenerate; namely there is a surjection  $\pi : V^{\otimes (m-1)} \rightarrow V$  for the right dual object \*V of V in C such that the diagram



commutes, and

(2)  $D_V^m(f) = f$ , where the operator  $D_V^m$ : Hom<sub>e</sub> $(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1}) \to \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1})$  is defined in (4.1).

We observe that the inverse duals of these Hom-space operators  $D_V^m$  are exactly those  $E_{V^*}^m$ , where  $V^*$  denotes the dual of V, used to define generalized Frobenius–Schur indicators in an arbitrary pivotal category [29, 30]. As a consequence, any preregular morphism is an eigenvector of the above operator  $D_V^m$  satisfying some nondegeneracy conditions. Moreover, the dual of a preregular morphism, which we refer to as a twisted superpotential, is invariant under the operator  $E_{V^*}^m$ . We use this generalization to construct another cogroupoid associated to preregular forms.

**Proposition D** (Definition 4.2.2 and Lemma 4.2.4). For any integer  $m \ge 2$ , there is a cogroupoid  $SL_m$ , whose objects are given by all *m*-preregular forms. In particular, for any *m*-preregular form *f*, the Hopf algebra

$$\mathcal{SL}_m(f,f) = \mathcal{GL}_m(f,f)/(D-1)$$

is the universal copivotal Hopf algebra associated to f, as given in [3,7]. Here, D is the quantum determinant of  $\mathcal{GL}_m(f, f)$ .

Using the cogroupoid  $\mathcal{SL}_m$ , we obtain the following result on the 2-cocycle twists of the universal quantum groups of preregular forms considered in [7], which are copivotal Hopf algebras.

**Theorem E** (Theorem 4.2.9). Let  $m \ge 2$  be an integer and V a finite-dimensional  $\Bbbk$ -vector space. Let f be an m-preregular form on V and  $\sigma$  a left 2-cocycle on  $S\mathcal{L}_m(f, f)$ . Then the twisted map  $f_{\sigma}$  (see Definition 4.2.7) is also an m-preregular form on V and the universal quantum groups

$$\mathcal{SL}_m(f_\sigma, f_\sigma) \cong \mathcal{SL}_m(f, f)^{\sigma}$$

are isomorphic as Hopf algebras.

# 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, let k be a base field with  $\otimes$  taken over k unless stated otherwise. All categories are k-linear and all algebras are associative over k. We use the Sweedler notation for the coproduct in a coalgebra  $B: \Delta(h) = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$  for any  $h \in B$ . When a Hopf algebra H (right) coacts on an algebra A, we denote the coaction  $\rho: A \to A \otimes H$  by  $a \mapsto \sum a_0 \otimes a_1$ . The category of all (resp. finite-dimensional) right B-comodules is denoted by comod(B) (resp. comod<sub>fd</sub>(B)).

In this section, we present some background on superpotential algebras associated to preregular forms, cogroupoids, and 2-cocycle twists. In [15, Theorem 4.3], Dubois-Violette proved that every N-Koszul AS-regular algebra of finite global dimension d,

generated by n elements in degree one, is a twisted superpotential algebra. In this paper, AS-regular algebras will refer to Gorenstein algebras with finite global dimension; one may view them as "nice" noncommutative analogues of polynomial rings. Note that we do not require AS-regular algebras to have finite Gelfand–Kirillov dimension.

### 2.1. Superpotential algebras and Manin's universal quantum groups

We use the definitions from [15] of an algebra associated to a preregular form.

**Definition 2.1.1.** Let  $2 \le N \le m$  be integers and V an *n*-dimensional k-vector space.

- (1) An *m*-linear form f on V is called *preregular* if it satisfies the following conditions:
  - (a)  $f(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m) = 0$  for any  $v_2, \ldots, v_m \in V$  implies that  $v_1 = 0$ , and
  - (b) there is some  $\mathbb{P} \in GL(V)$  so that

$$f(v_1, ..., v_m) = f(\mathbb{P}(v_m), v_1, ..., v_{m-1}), \text{ for all } v_1, ..., v_m \in V.$$

Given a preregular form f on a vector space V with fixed basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$ , we will typically denote by  $f_{i_1 \cdots i_m} = f(v_{i_1}, \ldots, v_{i_m})$ , for any  $1 \le i_1, \ldots, i_m \le n$ .

(2) Let f be an m-preregular form on V and {v<sub>1</sub>,..., v<sub>n</sub>} a fixed basis of V. The superpotential algebra associated to f, denoted by A(f, N), is the k-algebra generated by n generators x<sub>1</sub>,..., x<sub>n</sub> subject to the relations

$$\sum_{1 \le j_1, \dots, j_N \le n} f_{i_1 \cdots i_{m-N} j_1 \cdots j_N} x_{j_1} \cdots x_{j_N} = 0$$

for every possible  $1 \leq i_1, \ldots, i_{m-N} \leq n$ .

For any *m*-preregular form f on V, it is straightforward to check that there is an associated  $\mathbb{P} \in GL_n(\mathbb{k}) = GL(V)$  satisfying

$$\sum_{1 \le i \le n} \mathbb{P}_{ii_m} f_{ii_1 \cdots i_{m-1}} = f_{i_1 \cdots i_m}, \quad \sum_{1 \le i \le n} (\mathbb{P}^{-1})_{ii_1} f_{i_2 \cdots i_m i} = f_{i_1 \cdots i_m}$$
(2.1)

for every possible  $1 \le i_1, \ldots, i_m \le n$ . Henceforth, an algebra A will be called a *superpotential algebra* if there are some choice of integers m and N with  $2 \le N \le m$ , and an *m*-preregular form f so that  $A \cong A(f, N)$ . Here, any superpotential algebra can be considered as a graded algebra by assigning degree 1 to its generators.

**Remark 2.1.2.** Using the notation from Definition 2.1.1, let  $c: V^{\otimes m} \to V^{\otimes m}$  be the linear map defined by

$$c(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_m) := v_m \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{m-1}, \text{ for any } v_i \in V.$$

An element  $s \in V^{\otimes m}$  is a *twisted superpotential* if there is some  $\mathbb{P} \in GL(V)$  so that

$$(\mathbb{P} \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\otimes (m-1)})c(s) = s.$$

Given a twisted superpotential  $s \in V^{\otimes m}$ , the superpotential algebra associated to s is defined as

$$A(s, N) := T V / \partial^{m-N}(\Bbbk s),$$

where TV is the tensor algebra on V,

$$\partial(\Bbbk s) = \{ (\nu \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\otimes (m-1)})(\alpha s) \mid \nu \in V^*, \ \alpha \in \Bbbk \}, \\ \partial^{i+1}(\Bbbk s) = \partial(\partial^i(\Bbbk s)), \quad \text{for all } i \ge 0.$$

By identifying  $V^{\otimes m} \cong ((V^*)^{\otimes m})^*$ , where  $(-)^*$  denotes the k-dual, there is a one-to-one correspondence between *m*-preregular forms on  $V^*$  and twisted superpotentials in  $V^{\otimes m}$ :

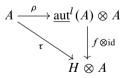
 $\{m$ -preregular forms on  $V^*\} \stackrel{1:1}{\longleftrightarrow} \{\text{twisted superpotentials in } V^{\otimes m}\}.$ 

Furthermore, the associated algebras A(f, N) and A(s, N) are isomorphic for f associated to s under the above correspondence [11, Lemma 2.4].

Next, we review Manin's construction of the universal quantum group  $\underline{\text{aut}}(A)$  associated to any superpotential algebra A = A(f, N) as described in [26]. Note that the original definition was only given under the assumption that A is a quadratic algebra, but it can be generalized to any graded algebra.

**Definition 2.1.3.** Let *A* be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebra.

- (1) We say a Hopf algebra *H* left coacts on *A* preserving the grading of *A* via ρ : A → H ⊗ A if each homogeneous component of A is a left *H*-comodule via ρ and ρ is an algebra map. In this case, we say A is a left graded comodule algebra over *H*.
- (2) Manin's left universal quantum group <u>aut</u><sup>l</sup>(A) associated to A is the Hopf algebra that left coacts on A preserving the grading of A via ρ : A → <u>aut</u><sup>l</sup>(A) ⊗ A satisfying the following universal property: if H is any Hopf algebra that left coacts on A preserving the grading of A via τ : A → H ⊗ A, then there is a unique Hopf algebra map f : <u>aut</u><sup>l</sup>(A) → H such that the diagram



commutes. Similarly, we can define  $\underline{aut}^r(A)$  by using the universal right coaction on A preserving the grading of A.

By [1, Example 4.8(1)–(2)], we know  $\underline{aut}^{l}(A)$  always exists if A is locally finite, namely, when  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}} A_{i} < \infty$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In particular, when A = A(f, N) is a superpotential algebra,  $\underline{aut}^{l}(A)$  and  $\underline{aut}^{r}(A)$  always exist.

**Example 2.1.4** ([32, Section 3.2]). Manin's left universal quantum group  $\underline{\text{aut}}^{l}(A)$  associated to the polynomial algebra  $A = \Bbbk[x, y]$  is generated by the entries of the 2 × 2 matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

together with the formal inverse of the determinant  $\delta = ad - cb$ , subject to the following relations:

$$ac - ca = 0 = bd - db,$$
  

$$a\delta^{-1}d - b\delta^{-1}c = 1 = d\delta^{-1}a - c\delta^{-1}b,$$
  

$$b\delta^{-1}a - a\delta^{-1}b = 0 = c\delta^{-1}d - d\delta^{-1}c.$$

The bialgebra structure of  $\underline{\operatorname{aut}}^{l}(A)$  is given by

$$\Delta(M) = M \otimes M, \quad \varepsilon(M) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The antipode is determined by

$$S(M) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{-1}a & -\delta^{-1}b \\ -\delta^{-1}c & \delta^{-1}d \end{pmatrix}.$$

As a consequence,  $\delta$  is a group-like element in <u>aut</u><sup>*l*</sup>(*A*).

# 2.2. Cogroupoids

We now discuss Morita–Takeuchi equivalence in the context of the universal quantum groups associated to preregular forms using the language of cogroupoids introduced by Bichon [6]. These provide a categorical framework for bi-Galois objects discussed by Schauenburg [34].

**Definition 2.2.1.** A  $\Bbbk$ -cocategory  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of the following:

- (1) a set of objects  $ob(\mathcal{C})$ ;
- (2) for any  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , a k-algebra  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ ;
- (3) for any  $X, Y, Z \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , k-algebra homomorphisms

$$\Delta_{XY}^{Z}: \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \to \mathcal{C}(X,Z) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Z,Y), \quad \varepsilon_{X}: \mathcal{C}(X,X) \to \Bbbk$$

such that for any  $X, Y, Z, T \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \xrightarrow{\Delta^{Z}_{X,Y}} \mathcal{C}(X,Z) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Z,Y) \\ \downarrow^{\Delta^{T}_{X,Y}} & \downarrow^{\Delta^{T}_{X,Z}} \\ \mathcal{C}(X,T) \otimes \mathcal{C}(T,Y) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id} \otimes \Delta^{Z}_{T,Y}} \mathcal{C}(X,T) \otimes \mathcal{C}(T,Z) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Z,Y), \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C}(X,Y) & \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \\ & & \downarrow^{\Delta^{Y}_{X,Y}} & \downarrow^{\Delta^{X}_{X,Y}} \\ \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Y,Y) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \otimes \varepsilon_{Y}} \mathcal{C}(X,Y), & \mathcal{C}(X,X) \otimes \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{X} \otimes \mathrm{id}} \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \end{array}$$

commute.

For  $a^{X,Y} \in \mathcal{C}(X,Y)$ , we use Sweedler's notation to write

$$\Delta_{X,Y}^Z(a^{X,Y}) = \sum a_1^{X,Z} \otimes a_2^{Z,Y}.$$

From its definition, a cocategory with one object is just a bialgebra. In particular,  $\mathcal{C}(X, X)$  is a bialgebra for any  $X \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ . A cocategory  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be *connected* if  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  is a nonzero algebra for any  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Definition 2.2.2.** A  $\Bbbk$ -cogroupoid  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of a  $\Bbbk$ -cocategory  $\mathcal{C}$  together with linear maps

$$S_{X,Y}: \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(Y,X),$$

for any  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathcal{C}(Y,X) & \xleftarrow{u} & \Bbbk & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_{X}} & \mathcal{C}(X,X) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{X}} & \Bbbk & \xrightarrow{u} & \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \\ & & & & & & & \\ m & & & & & \Delta_{X,X}^{Y} & & & & m \\ & & & & & & & & \\ \mathcal{C}(Y,X) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Y,X) & \xleftarrow{S_{X,Y} \otimes \mathrm{id}} & \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Y,X) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \otimes S_{Y,X}} & \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \otimes \mathcal{C}(X,Y) \end{array}$$

commutes.

The following proposition describes properties of the "antipodes" in cogroupoids. For other properties of cogroupoids, we refer the reader to [6]. In a cogroupoid  $\mathcal{C}$ , the bialgebra  $\mathcal{C}(X, X)$  is a Hopf algebra for any  $X \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , with the antipode map  $S_{X,X}$  described here.

**Proposition 2.2.3** ([6, Proposition 2.13]). *Let*  $\mathcal{C}$  *be a cogroupoid and*  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ *. Then the following hold.* 

- (1)  $S_{Y,X} : \mathcal{C}(Y,X) \to \mathcal{C}(X,Y)^{\text{op}}$  is an algebra homomorphism.
- (2) For any  $Z \in ob(\mathcal{C})$  and  $a^{Y,X} \in \mathcal{C}(Y,X)$ ,

$$\Delta_{X,Y}^{Z}(S_{Y,X}(a^{Y,X})) = \sum S_{Z,X}(a_{2}^{Z,X}) \otimes S_{Y,Z}(a_{1}^{Y,Z}).$$

The following is Bichon's reformulation of Schauenburg's result [34] about bi-Galois objects for Morita–Takeuchi equivalences in terms of cogroupoids.

**Theorem 2.2.4** ([6, Theorem 2.10]). *Let H and L be Hopf algebras. The following assertions are equivalent.* 

(1) There exists a k-linear equivalence of monoidal categories

$$\operatorname{comod}(H) \stackrel{\otimes}{\cong} \operatorname{comod}(L).$$

(2) There exists a connected cogroupoid  $\mathcal{C}$  and two objects  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$  such that  $H = \mathcal{C}(X, X)$  and  $L = \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ .

# 2.3. Pivotal tensor categories

We now recall some concepts and notation from the theory of tensor categories. We use  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \Phi, \mathbf{1}, r, \ell)$  to denote a k-linear tensor category, with a bifunctor  $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$  called the *tensor product*, a natural isomorphism  $\Phi_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \xrightarrow{\sim} X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$  called the *tensor product*, a natural isomorphism  $\Phi_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \xrightarrow{\sim} X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$  called the *associativity constraint*, a *unit object* **1** together with natural isomorphisms  $r_X : X \otimes \mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  and  $\ell_X : \mathbf{1} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  called the *right and left unit constraints* for all  $X, Y, Z \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ . These structure maps are subject to the pentagon and triangle axioms [22, Definition XI.2.1]. If two objects  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$  are obtained by tensoring together the same sequence of objects with two different arrangements of parentheses, one can then construct a natural isomorphism between them by composing several instances of the tensor products of  $\Phi, \Phi^{-1}$  and the identity. Any above isomorphism is unique by Mac Lane's coherence theorem [25], and will be denoted by  $\Phi^? : X \to Y$ . By [35], we may always assume that the unit object  $\mathbf{1}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is strict; namely  $X \otimes \mathbf{1} = X = \mathbf{1} \otimes X$  and the left and right unit constraints  $\ell_X$  and  $r_X$  are just the identity maps for every  $X \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be two tensor categories. Any *tensor functor*  $(\mathcal{F}, \xi) : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  consists of a functor  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  and a natural isomorphism  $\xi_{X,Y} : \mathcal{F}(X) \otimes \mathcal{F}(Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}(X \otimes Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$  satisfying the monoidal structure axiom (see, e.g., [17, Definition 2.4.1] and [22, Definition XI.4.1]). Along with the strictness of **1**, we also assume that  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}$ with  $\xi_{\mathbf{1},X} = \xi_{X,1} = id_{\mathcal{F}(X)}$  [17, Remark 2.4.6].

A *left dual* of an object  $V \in ob(\mathcal{C})$  is an object  $V^*$  together with two morphisms ev :  $V^* \otimes V \to \mathbf{1}$  and coev :  $\mathbf{1} \to V \otimes V^*$  such that

$$id_{V} = \left(V \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coev} \otimes id_{V}} (V \otimes V^{*}) \otimes V \xrightarrow{\Phi} V \otimes (V^{*} \otimes V) \xrightarrow{id_{V} \otimes ev} V\right),$$
  
$$id_{V^{*}} = \left(V^{*} \xrightarrow{id_{V^{*}} \otimes \operatorname{coev}} V^{*} \otimes (V \otimes V^{*}) \xrightarrow{\Phi} (V^{*} \otimes V) \otimes V^{*} \xrightarrow{ev \otimes id_{V^{*}}} V^{*}\right).$$

We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  is *left rigid* if every object of  $\mathcal{C}$  admits a left dual. A right dual of an object and right rigidity can be defined similarly for  $\mathcal{C}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is left rigid. Then  $(-)^*$ is a contravariant monoidal functor together with a monoidal structure

 $\zeta: Y^* \otimes X^* \xrightarrow{\sim} (X \otimes Y)^*.$ 

As a consequence, the double left dual  $(-)^{**}$ :  $\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$  is a monoidal functor.

**Definition 2.3.1.** A k-linear left rigid tensor category  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \Phi, \mathbf{1}, r, \ell)$  is called *pivotal* if there is a natural isomorphism  $j : id_{\mathcal{C}} \to (-)^{**}$  of monoidal functors. In this case, j is called a *pivotal structure of*  $\mathcal{C}$ .

If  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are two pivotal categories, and  $(\mathcal{F}, \xi) : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  is a monoidal functor, we say that  $\mathcal{F}$  preserves the pivotal structure if the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(V) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(j)} & \mathcal{F}(V^{**}) \\ \downarrow^{i_{\mathcal{F}(V)}} & & & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}(V)^{**} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\xi}^*} & \mathcal{F}(V^*)^* \end{array}$$

commutes, where the natural isomorphism  $\tilde{\xi}_V : \mathcal{F}(V^*) \to \mathcal{F}(V)^*$ , called the *duality* transformation, is uniquely determined by  $(\mathcal{F}, \xi)$  (see [29, Section 1]). A strict pivotal category is a strict monoidal category with a pivotal structure in which both the monoidal functor structure  $\xi$  of  $(-)^*$  and the pivotal structure j are identities. By [29, Theorem 2.2], every pivotal category is equivalent, as a pivotal category, to a strict one.

# 2.4. 2-cocycle twists

Schauenburg proved in [34] that Morita–Takeuchi equivalences for Hopf algebras are in bijection with bi-Galois objects. A subset of these equivalences correspond to 2-cocycle twists, which were introduced by Doi and Takeuchi [13,14] (in fact, when the Hopf algebra is finite-dimensional, every Morita–Takeuchi equivalence arises from a 2-cocycle). In this section, we give a brief overview of 2-cocycle twists, and in Section 4 we discuss 2-cocycle twists of preregular forms and their associated universal pivotal cogroupoids.

**Definition 2.4.1.** Let *H* be a Hopf algebra over a field  $\Bbbk$ . A 2-cocycle on *H* is a convolution invertible linear map  $\sigma : H \otimes H \to \Bbbk$  satisfying

$$\sum \sigma(x_1, y_1) \sigma(x_2 y_2, z) = \sum \sigma(y_1, z_1) \sigma(x, y_2 z_2),$$
$$\sigma(x, 1) = \sigma(1, x) = \varepsilon(x),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in H$ . The convolution inverse of  $\sigma$  is usually denoted by  $\sigma^{-1}$ .

Given a 2-cocycle  $\sigma : H \otimes H \to \mathbb{k}$ , let  $H^{\sigma}$  denote the coalgebra H endowed with the original unit and deformed product

$$x *_{\sigma} y := \sum \sigma(x_1, y_1) x_2 y_2 \sigma^{-1}(x_3, y_3)$$

for any  $x, y \in H$ . In fact,  $H^{\sigma}$  is a Hopf algebra with the deformed antipode  $S^{\sigma}$  given in [13, Theorem 1.6]. We call  $H^{\sigma}$  the 2-cocycle twist of H by  $\sigma$ . It is well known that two Hopf algebras are 2-cocycle twists of each other if and only if there exists a bicleft object between them (e.g., see [34]).

Now, suppose that  $\sigma : H \otimes H \to \Bbbk$  is a left 2-cocycle on H. It is well known that there is a monoidal equivalence between the category of comodules of H and that of  $H^{\sigma}$  given by

 $(F,\xi)$  : comod $(H) \xrightarrow{\sim}$  comod $(H^{\sigma})$ ,

where F is the identity functor on objects together with the monoidal functor structure

$$\xi_{U,V} : F(U \otimes V) \to F(U) \otimes_{\sigma} F(V)$$
$$u \otimes v \mapsto \sum \sigma(u_1, v_1) u_0 \otimes v_0,$$

for any  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$ , with inverse

$$\xi_{U,V}^{-1}: u \otimes v \mapsto \sum \sigma^{-1}(u_1, v_1)u_0 \otimes v_0.$$

Moreover, the set of all left 2-cocycles on a Hopf algebra H gives rise to an associated 2-cocycle cogroupoid  $\underline{H}$  as follows.

**Example 2.4.2** ([6, Definition 3.14]). Let H be any Hopf algebra. Then the 2-cocycle cogroupoid of H, denoted by <u>H</u>, is defined as follows:

- (1)  $ob(\underline{H}) = Z^2(H)$ , which is the set of all left 2-cocycles on H;
- (2) for any  $\sigma, \tau \in Z^2(H)$ , the algebra  $H(\sigma, \tau)$  is defined such that  $H(\sigma, \tau) = H$  as vector spaces with the new multiplication

$$x * y = \sum \sigma(x_1, y_1) x_2 y_2 \tau^{-1}(x_3, y_3),$$

for any  $x, y \in H(\sigma, \tau)$ ;

(3) the structural maps  $\Delta_{\bullet,\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\bullet}$  and  $S_{\bullet,\bullet}$  are given as follows: for any  $\sigma, \tau, \omega \in Z^2(H)$ ,

$$\begin{split} \Delta^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau} &= \Delta : H(\sigma,\tau) \to H(\sigma,\omega) \otimes H(\omega,\tau) \\ & x \mapsto \sum x_1 \otimes x_2, \\ \varepsilon_{\sigma} &= \varepsilon : H(\sigma,\sigma) \to \Bbbk, \\ & S_{\sigma,\tau} : H(\sigma,\tau) \to H(\tau,\sigma) \\ & x \mapsto \sum \sigma(x_1,S(x_2))S(x_3)\tau^{-1}(S(x_4),x_5) \end{split}$$

**Example 2.4.3.** As in Example 2.4.2, let *H* be any Hopf algebra. Take  $\underline{H}_Z$  to be the full subcogroupoid of  $\underline{H}$ , where the objects correspond to those 2-cocycles arising from twisting pairs (using the language of [21]). In this case, for a 2-cocyle  $\sigma$  on *H*, the Hopf algebra  $\underline{H}_Z(\sigma, \sigma)$  is equal to a twist (in the sense of [2, 40]) of *H* by a graded automorphism (see [8, Remark 2.9] or [21, Theorem E]).

# 3. The cogroupoids associated to preregular forms

In this section, we introduce a family of cogroupoids associated to preregular forms and discuss their properties. In Theorem 3.2.2, using the language of cogroupoids, we show the Morita–Takeuchi equivalence for AS-regular algebras of dimension two.

# 3.1. Construction of the cogroupoid $\mathscr{GL}_m$

Let V be a k-dimensional vector space and let W be an l-dimensional vector space over  $\Bbbk$  with fixed bases  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_k\}$  of V and  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_l\}$  of W, respectively. For any integer  $m \ge 2$ , let e be an m-linear preregular form on V and f an m-linear preregular form on W. Recall that we write

$$e(v_{i_1},\ldots,v_{i_m})=e_{i_1\cdots i_m}\in \mathbb{k}, \quad f(w_{i_1},\ldots,w_{i_m})=f_{i_1\cdots i_m}\in \mathbb{k},$$

respectively.

**Definition 3.1.1.** We define  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e, f)$  to be the k-algebra with (2kl + 2) generators

$$\mathbb{A} = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \le i \le k \\ 1 \le j \le l}}, \quad \mathbb{B} = (b_{ij})_{\substack{1 \le i \le l \\ 1 \le j \le k}}, \quad D^{\pm 1}$$

subject to the relations

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k}} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 j_1} \cdots a_{i_m j_m} = f_{j_1 \cdots j_m} D, \quad \text{for any } 1 \le j_1, \dots, j_m \le l,$$

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le l}} f_{i_1 \cdots i_m} b_{i_m j_m} \cdots b_{i_1 j_1} = e_{j_1 \cdots j_m} D^{-1}, \quad \text{for any } 1 \le j_1, \dots, j_m \le k,$$

$$DD^{-1} = D^{-1} D = 1,$$

$$\mathbb{AB} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}.$$
(3.1)

We denote the generators of  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e, f)$  by  $a_{ij}^{e,f}$ ,  $b_{ij}^{e,f}$ , and  $(D^{e,f})^{\pm 1}$  when multiple preregular forms are involved, and omit the superscripts when the context is clear. In particular, if W = V and f = e, then we simply write  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e) = \mathscr{GL}_m(e, e)$ .

**Remark 3.1.2.** We note that  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e)$  is the algebra  $\mathscr{H}(e)$  associated to a preregular form e, as defined in [11, Definition 5.1]. It is a Hopf algebra with the Hopf structure given in [11, Proposition 5.8]. When the superpotential algebra A(e, N) is N-Koszul and Gorenstein,  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e)$  is Manin's universal quantum group coacting on A(e, N) (see [11, Theorem 5.33]).

**Lemma 3.1.3.** For any integer  $m \ge 2$ ,  $\mathscr{GL}_m$  forms a k-cocategory, where the objects are m-linear preregular forms on k-vector spaces. In particular, for any vector spaces U, V, W with dim U = p, dim V = q, and dim W = r, for any m-linear preregular forms e on U, f on V, and g on W, there exist algebra maps

$$\Delta = \Delta_{e,g}^f : \mathscr{GL}_m(e,g) \to \mathscr{GL}_m(e,f) \otimes \mathscr{GL}_m(f,g),$$

such that

$$\begin{split} \Delta(a_{ij}^{e,g}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{q} a_{ik}^{e,f} \otimes a_{kj}^{f,g}, \quad for \ 1 \le i \le p, \ 1 \le j \le r, \\ \Delta(b_{ji}^{e,g}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{q} b_{ki}^{e,f} \otimes b_{jk}^{f,g}, \quad for \ 1 \le i \le p, \ 1 \le j \le r, \\ \left( (D^{e,g})^{\pm 1} \right) &= (D^{e,f})^{\pm 1} \otimes (D^{f,g})^{\pm 1}, \end{split}$$

and

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$$\varepsilon_e: \mathcal{GL}_m(e) \to \mathbb{k}$$

such that  $\varepsilon_e(a_{ij}^{e,e}) = \varepsilon_e(b_{ji}^{e,e}) = \delta_{ij}$ , for  $1 \le i, j \le p$ , and  $\varepsilon_e((D^{e,e})^{\pm 1}) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Delta = \Delta_{e,g}^{f}$  is already defined on the generators of  $\mathscr{GL}_{m}(e,g)$ , it suffices to verify that it preserves all relations:

$$\Delta \Big( \sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le p} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 j_1} \cdots a_{i_m j_m} \Big)$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le p \\ 1 \le k_1, \dots, k_m \le q}} (e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 k_1} \cdots a_{i_m k_m}) \otimes a_{k_1 j_1} \cdots a_{k_m j_m}$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le k_1, \dots, k_m \le q}} f_{k_1 \cdots k_m} D \otimes a_{k_1 j_1} \cdots a_{k_m j_m}$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le k_1, \dots, k_m \le q}} D \otimes (f_{k_1 \cdots k_m} a_{k_1 j_1} \cdots a_{k_m j_m})$$
  
= 
$$D \otimes g_{j_1 \cdots j_m} D = \Delta(g_{j_1 \cdots j_m} D).$$

Similarly, we may also show that

$$\Delta\Big(\sum_{1\leq i_1,\ldots,i_m\leq r}g_{i_1\cdots i_m}b_{i_mj_m}\cdots b_{i_1j_1}\Big)=\Delta(e_{j_1\ldots j_m}D^{-1}).$$

On the other hand, one can check that

$$\Delta(DD^{-1}) = \Delta(D)\Delta(D^{-1}) = 1 \otimes 1 = \Delta(1) = \Delta(D^{-1})\Delta(D) = \Delta(D^{-1}D)$$

and

$$\Delta \left(\sum_{1 \le k \le r} a_{ik} b_{kj}\right) = \sum_{1 \le k \le r} \sum_{1 \le s, t \le q} a_{is} b_{tj} \otimes a_{sk} b_{kt}$$
$$= \sum_{1 \le s, t \le q} a_{is} b_{tj} \otimes \left(\sum_{1 \le k \le r} a_{sk} b_{kt}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{1 \le s, t \le q} \delta_{st} a_{is} b_{tj} \otimes 1$$
$$= \sum_{1 \le s \le q} a_{is} b_{sj} \otimes 1$$
$$= \delta_{ij} 1 \otimes 1$$
$$= \Delta(\delta_{ij} 1).$$

Hence

$$\Delta_{e,g}^f: \mathscr{GL}_m(e,g) \to \mathscr{GL}_m(e,f) \otimes \mathscr{GL}_m(f,g)$$

is a well-defined algebra map. Note that  $\varepsilon : \mathscr{GL}_m(e) \to \mathbb{k}$  is a well-defined algebra map since  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e)$  is a Hopf algebra [11, Proposition 5.8]. It remains to show that the diagrams in Definition 2.2.1 commute, which is straightforward on the generators.

The following result is similar to [11, Lemma 5.6] in the context of cogroupoids, and we leave its proof to the reader.

**Lemma 3.1.4.** Let V and W be k-vector spaces of dimensions k and l, respectively. Consider two m-preregular forms e and f on V and W, respectively, together with invertible matrices  $\mathbb{P} \in GL_k(\mathbb{k}) = GL(V)$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \in GL_l(\mathbb{k}) = GL(W)$  as in (2.1). Then the following equalities hold in  $\mathcal{GL}_m(e, f)$ :

$$D^{-1}\mathbb{Q}^T \mathbb{A}^T \mathbb{P}^{-T} D\mathbb{B}^T = \mathbb{B}\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{I}_{l \times l},$$
$$\mathbb{B}^T D^{-1}\mathbb{Q}^T \mathbb{A}^T \mathbb{P}^{-T} D = \mathbb{A}\mathbb{B} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}.$$

**Lemma 3.1.5.** For any integer  $m \ge 2$ , the cocategory  $\mathscr{GL}_m$  forms a cogroupoid, with  $\Delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  defined as in Lemma 3.1.3, and the algebra map

$$S_{e,f}: \mathscr{GL}_m(e,f) \to \mathscr{GL}_m(f,e)^{\mathrm{op}}$$

is defined by the formulas

$$S_{e,f}(\mathbb{A}^{e,f}) = \mathbb{B}^{f,e},$$
  

$$S_{e,f}(\mathbb{B}^{e,f}) = (D^{f,e})^{-1} \mathbb{Q}^{-1} \mathbb{A}^{f,e} \mathbb{P} D^{f,e},$$
  

$$S_{e,f}((D^{e,f})^{\pm 1}) = (D^{f,e})^{\mp 1}.$$

*Proof.* Set dim V = k and dim W = l. We first show that

$$S_{e,f}: \mathscr{GL}_m(e,f) \to \mathscr{GL}_m(f,e)^{\mathrm{op}}$$

preserves the relations in  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e, f)$  and hence it is a well-defined algebra map. One can see that

$$S_{e,f} \left( \sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 j_1} \cdots a_{i_m j_m} \right)$$
  
=  $\sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} S_{e,f}(a_{i_m j_m}) \cdots S_{e,f}(a_{i_1 j_1})$   
=  $\sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} b_{i_m j_m} \cdots b_{i_1 j_1}$   
=  $f_{j_1 \cdots j_m} D^{-1}$   
=  $S_{e,f}(f_{j_1 \dots, j_m} D),$ 

and similarly,

$$S_{e,f}\left(\sum_{1\leq i_1,\dots,i_m\leq l}f_{i_1\cdots i_m}a_{i_mj_m}\cdots a_{i_1j_1}\right)=S_{e,f}(e_{j_1\dots j_m}D^{-1}).$$

Moreover, it is clear that  $S_{e,f}$  preserves the relation

$$DD^{-1} = D^{-1}D = 1$$

and

$$S_{e,f}\left(\sum_{1 \le p \le l} a_{ip} b_{pj}\right) = \sum_{1 \le p \le l} S(b_{pj})S(a_{ip})$$
$$= \sum_{1 \le p \le l} (D^{-1}\mathbb{Q}^{-1}\mathbb{A}\mathbb{P}D)_{pj}\mathbb{B}_{ip}$$
$$= \sum_{1 \le p \le l} (D^{-1}\mathbb{P}^T\mathbb{A}^T\mathbb{Q}^{-T}D)_{jp}\mathbb{B}_{pi}^T$$
$$= (D^{-1}\mathbb{P}^T\mathbb{A}^T\mathbb{Q}^{-T}D\mathbb{B}^T)_{ij} = \delta_{ij}.$$

The last equality holds in  $\mathscr{GL}_m(f, e)$  by Lemma 3.1.4. It remains to show the commutativity of the two diagrams in Definition 2.2.2, which is straightforward to check on the generators.

We summarize the discussion above in the following definition/theorem, which follows similarly to [6, Definitions 2.1 and 2.4].

**Definition 3.1.6.** For any integer  $m \ge 2$ , the cogroupoid  $\mathscr{GL}_m$  is defined as follows:

- (1)  $\operatorname{ob}(\mathscr{GL}_m) = \{e : V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbb{k} \mid e \text{ is a preregular form on some finite-dimensional vector space } V\};$
- (2) for  $e, f \in ob(\mathscr{GL}_m), \mathscr{GL}_m(e, f)$  is the algebra defined in Definition 3.1.1;
- (3) the structural maps  $\Delta_{\bullet,\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\bullet}$ ,  $S_{\bullet,\bullet}$  are given in Lemmas 3.1.3 and 3.1.5.

# **3.2.** Connectivity of $\mathcal{GL}_2$

It is proved in [31, Theorem 7.2.3] that the universal quantum groups of any two Koszul AS-regular algebras are Morita–Takeuchi equivalent as long as the two algebras share the same global dimension. We present an alternate criterion for the Morita–Takeuchi equivalence of universal quantum groups, using the language of cogroupoids.

**Proposition 3.2.1.** Let  $2 \le N, N' \le m$  be three integers and let V, W be two finitedimensional k-vector spaces. Let e and f be two m-preregular forms on V and W, respectively, such that the associated superpotential algebras A = A(e, N) and B = A(f, N')are two N and N'-Koszul AS-regular algebras, respectively. If the algebra  $\mathscr{GL}_m(e, f) \ne 0$ , then the universal quantum groups  $\operatorname{aut}^l(A)$  and  $\operatorname{aut}^l(B)$  are Morita–Takeuchi equivalent.

Proof. By [11, Theorem 5.33], we have

$$\underline{\operatorname{aut}}^{l}(A(e,N)) \cong \mathscr{GL}_{m}(e), \quad \underline{\operatorname{aut}}^{l}(A(f,N')) \cong \mathscr{GL}_{m}(f)$$

The result follows from [6, Theorems 2.10, 2.12] and the cogroupoid construction in Definition 3.1.6.

In the following, we give an application of Proposition 3.2.1 for the case when m = 2 and  $e: V^{\otimes 2} \to \Bbbk$  and  $f: W^{\otimes 2} \to \Bbbk$  are two preregular forms. As a consequence, it provides another proof of a special case of [31, Theorem 7.2.3] for AS-regular algebras of dimension two. Recall that in the classification of AS-regular algebras of dimension two [41, Theorem 0.1], being AS-regular is equivalent to being a superpotential algebra.

**Theorem 3.2.2.** Let A and B be any two AS-regular algebras of dimension two. Then  $\underline{\operatorname{aut}}^{l}(A)$  and  $\underline{\operatorname{aut}}^{l}(B)$  are Morita–Takeuchi equivalent.

*Proof.* By the classification of AS-regular algebras of dimension 2 in [41, Theorem 0.1], A and B can be presented as superpotential algebras A = A(e, 2) and B = A(f, 2), respectively, for some 2-preregular forms e and f. Hence, by Remark 3.1.2 and Proposition 3.2.1, it suffices to show that the bi-Galois object  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  between  $\underline{\operatorname{aut}}^l(A) = \mathscr{GL}_2(e)$  and  $\underline{\operatorname{aut}}^l(B) = \mathscr{GL}_2(f)$  is nonzero.

Suppose that *e* and *f* are preregular forms on vector spaces *V* and *W*, respectively, of dimensions *k* and *l*. We fix a basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_k\}$  for *V* and write *e* as a matrix  $\mathbb{E} \in M_k(\mathbb{k})$  such that  $E_{ij} = e(v_i, v_j)$  for  $1 \le i, j \le k$ . It is easy to check that *e* is a preregular form if and only if  $\mathbb{E} \in GL(V) = GL_k(\mathbb{k})$ ; in this case, the twisting matrix for *e* is given by  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{E}^{-T}\mathbb{E}$ . Similarly, we denote the matrix  $\mathbb{F} \in GL(W) = GL_l(\mathbb{k})$  associated to the preregular form *f*, and the twisting matrix for *f* is given by  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{F}^{-T}\mathbb{F}$ .

By (3.1), the k-algebra  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  is presented by (2kl + 2) generators

$$\mathbb{A} = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \le i \le k \\ 1 \le j \le l}}, \quad \mathbb{B} = (b_{ij})_{\substack{1 \le i \le l \\ 1 \le j \le k}}, \quad D^{\pm 1}$$

subject to the relations

$$\mathbb{A}^T \mathbb{E} \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{F} D, \quad \mathbb{B}^T \mathbb{F}^T \mathbb{B} = \mathbb{E}^T D^{-1}, \quad \mathbb{A} \mathbb{B} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}, \quad DD^{-1} = D^{-1}D = 1.$$
(3.2)

By Lemma 3.1.4, we also have  $\mathbb{B}\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{I}_{l \times l}$ . Hence

$$\mathbb{E}^T D^{-1} \mathbb{A} = (\mathbb{B}^T \mathbb{F}^T \mathbb{B}) \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{B}^T \mathbb{F}^T (\mathbb{B} \mathbb{A}) = \mathbb{B}^T \mathbb{F}^T.$$

This implies that  $\mathbb{B}^T = D^{-1} \mathbb{E}^T \mathbb{A} \mathbb{F}^{-T}$ , and so  $\mathbb{B} = D^{-1} \mathbb{F}^{-1} \mathbb{A}^T \mathbb{E}$ . Hence  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  is the quotient of the free algebra  $\Bbbk \langle \mathbb{A}, D^{\pm 1} \rangle$  by the relations

$$\mathbb{A}^T \mathbb{E} \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{F} D, \quad \mathbb{A} D^{-1} \mathbb{F}^{-1} \mathbb{A}^T = \mathbb{E}^{-1}, \quad D D^{-1} = D^{-1} D = 1.$$

Recall the algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{F})$  defined in [4, Definition 3.1]. One checks directly that

$$\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)/(D-1) \cong \mathscr{B}(\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{F}).$$

For arbitrary  $\mathbb{F} \in GL(W)$  with corresponding preregular form f, let k = 2 and

$$\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{E}_q := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -q^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{k})$$

such that  $q^2 + tr(\mathbb{F}^T \mathbb{F}^{-1}) + 1 = 0$ . Denote  $e_q$  as the preregular form corresponding to  $\mathbb{E}_q$ . Then  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e_q, f) \neq 0$  by [4, Proposition 3.4].

Now in view of [6, Proposition 2.15], to show that  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f) \neq 0$  it suffices to show that

$$\mathscr{GL}_2(e_q, e_{q'}) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } q, q' \in \mathbb{k}^{\times},$$

which follows from the lemma below.

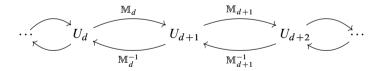
**Lemma 3.2.3.** Let e and f be two 2-preregular forms on the same vector space V. Then  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Use the notation from the previous proof. Note that from the presentation given above, by setting the degree of each  $a_{ij}$  to be 1, the degree of each  $b_{ij}$  to be -1, and the degree of  $D^{\pm 1}$  to be  $\pm 2$ ,  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebra. Let  $\mathbb{M} \in \mathrm{GL}(V) = \mathrm{GL}_k(\mathbb{k})$ . We construct a nonzero graded representation U for  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  based on the matrix  $\mathbb{M}$  in the following way.

- (1) As a vector space, set  $U := \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} U_d$ , where each  $U_d$  is defined to be the 1-dimensional vector space k.
- (2) Set  $\mathbb{M}_0 := \mathbb{M}$  and inductively define

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{M}_{d+1} := \mathbb{E}^{-T} \mathbb{M}_d^{-T} \mathbb{F}^T, & \text{for } d \ge 0, \\ \mathbb{M}_{d-1} := \mathbb{E}^{-1} \mathbb{M}_d^{-T} \mathbb{F}, & \text{for } d \le 0. \end{cases}$$

(3) Define the action of  $\mathbb{A}$  on each graded component  $U_d$  to be given by scalar multiplication  $U_d \to U_{d+1}$ , according to the matrix  $\mathbb{M}_d$ . Similarly, define the action of  $\mathbb{B}$  on the graded component  $U_d$  to be given by scalar multiplication  $U_d \to U_{d-1}$ , given by the matrix  $\mathbb{M}_{d-1}^{-1}$ . This gives the following diagram, where the action of  $\mathbb{A}$  moves to the right, and the action of  $\mathbb{B}$  moves to the left:



(4) The action of  $D^{\pm 1}$  on  $U_d$  will be defined as the multiplication by 1 from  $U_d \rightarrow U_{d\pm 2}$ .

By the equalities

$$\mathbb{M}_{d+1}^T \mathbb{E} \mathbb{M}_d = \mathbb{F}, \quad \mathbb{M}_{d-1}^{-T} \mathbb{F}^T \mathbb{M}_d^{-1} = \mathbb{E}^T, \quad \mathbb{M}_d \mathbb{M}_d^{-1} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}.$$

for all  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , these actions respect the relations (3.2). Hence U is a nonzero representation for  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$ , and so this algebra is itself nonzero.

The following result is a straightforward consequence of the proof of Theorem 3.2.2.

# **Corollary 3.2.4.** The cogroupoid $\mathcal{GL}_2$ is connected.

**Example 3.2.5.** Let  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $\mathbb{F}$  be identity matrices on k- and l-dimensional vector spaces V and W, respectively, with l and  $k \ge 2$ . In this case, it can be checked that the following collection of relations forms a noncommutative Gröbner basis (see, e.g., [33, Section 1.4]) for the ideal of relations for  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$ , under the graded lexicographic ordering with the variables ordered  $a_{11} > a_{12} > \cdots > a_{21} > \cdots > b_{11} > b_{12} > \cdots > b_{lk} > D > D^{-1}$  (and where  $\delta_{hi}$  in all formulas represents the Kronecker delta function):

$$A\mathbb{B} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}, \qquad \mathbb{B}A = \mathbb{I}_{l \times l}, \qquad D^{-1}A = \mathbb{B}^{T},$$
$$D\mathbb{B} = A^{T}, \qquad DD^{-1} = 1, \qquad D^{-1}D = 1,$$
$$\mathbb{B}^{T}\mathbb{B} = D^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{k \times k}, \qquad A^{T}A = D\mathbb{I}_{l \times l};$$

for all triples  $1 \le h, i, j \le k$ , the relations

$$\sum_{\substack{l \ge m > 1}} (a_{hm}b_{mi}b_{1j} - a_{h1}b_{mi}b_{mj}) = \delta_{hi}b_{1j} - \delta_{ij}a_{h1}D^{-1},$$
$$\sum_{\substack{l \ge m > 1}} (b_{mh}b_{mi}b_{1j} - b_{1h}b_{mi}b_{mj}) = \delta_{hi}D^{-1}b_{1j} - \delta_{ij}b_{1h}D^{-1};$$

and for all triples  $1 \le h, i, j \le l$ , the relations

$$\sum_{\substack{k \ge m > 1}} (b_{hm} a_{mi} a_{1j} - b_{h1} a_{mi} a_{mj}) = \delta_{hi} a_{1j} - \delta_{ij} b_{h1} D,$$
$$\sum_{\substack{k \ge m > 1}} (a_{mh} a_{mi} a_{1j} - a_{1h} a_{mi} a_{mj}) = \delta_{hi} D a_{1j} - \delta_{ij} a_{1h} D.$$

It follows that there exists a basis for the algebra  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  consisting of all monomials in the variables  $\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}, D$ , and  $D^{-1}$  which do not contain any leading term in the above list of relations. In particular, we can observe concretely that this algebra is nonzero. This calculation follows similarly to the argument given by Cohn in [12, Section 5] for the related algebra with generators  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $\mathbb{B}$  and relations  $\mathbb{AB} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}, \mathbb{BA} = \mathbb{I}_{l \times l}$ , which was originally constructed by Leavitt [24]. Note, however, that the additional relations for  $\mathscr{GL}_2(e, f)$  lead to a more complicated normal form.

# 4. Preregular forms in pivotal tensor category and their 2-cocycle twists

In this section, we introduce categorical descriptions of superpotentials and preregular forms in pivotal tensor categories. We also study their realization in comodule categories over copivotal Hopf algebras. We refer the reader to Section 2.3 for some background on such categories.

# 4.1. Twisted superpotentials and preregular forms in pivotal tensor categories

Consider a k-linear Hom-finite tensor category  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \Phi, \mathbf{1}, r, \ell)$  with pivotal structure

$$j: \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \to (-)^{**}$$

For any  $V \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , we denote by  $V^{\otimes n}$  the *n*-fold tensor product of V with rightmost parentheses. This means that  $V^{\otimes 0} = \mathbf{1}$  and  $V^{\otimes (n+1)} = V \otimes V^{\otimes n}$ . Following the notation in [29], there is a unique isomorphism

$$\Phi^{(n)}: V^{\otimes (n-1)} \otimes V \to V^{\otimes n}$$

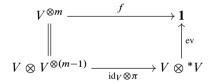
that is inductively defined by  $\Phi^{(1)}: V \to V$  as the identity, and for  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$\Phi^{(n+1)} = \left( (V \otimes V^{\otimes (n-1)}) \otimes V \xrightarrow{\Phi} V \otimes (V^{\otimes (n-1)} \otimes V) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}_V \otimes \Phi^{(n)}} V \otimes V^{\otimes n} = V^{\otimes (n+1)} \right).$$

We now generalize the notion of a preregular form to its categorical analogue.

**Definition 4.1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a tensor category with pivotal structure j. For any integer  $m \ge 2$  and object V in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we define the following.

(1) A morphism  $f: V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbf{1}$  is called *non-degenerate* if there is a surjection  $\pi: V^{\otimes (m-1)} \twoheadrightarrow *V$  for the right dual \*V such that the diagram



commutes.

(2) A non-degenerate morphism  $f: V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbf{1}$  is called *m*-preregular of characteristic q if  $D_V^m(f) = qf$ , for some  $q \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ . Here, the operator

$$D_V^m$$
: Hom <sub>$\mathcal{C}$</sub>  $(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1}) \to \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1})$ 

is defined as

$$D_{V}^{m}(f) := \left( V^{\otimes m} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coev}\otimes\operatorname{id}} ({}^{*}V \otimes V) \otimes V^{\otimes m} \\ \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}\otimes(\Phi^{(m)})^{-1}} ({}^{*}V \otimes V) \otimes (V^{\otimes(m-1)} \otimes V) \\ \xrightarrow{\Phi^{2}} {}^{*}V \otimes (V^{\otimes m} \otimes V) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}\otimes(f \otimes \operatorname{id})} {}^{*}V \otimes V \\ \xrightarrow{j_{*V}\otimes\operatorname{id}} V^{*} \otimes V \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ev}} \mathbf{1} \right).$$

$$(4.1)$$

for any  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1})$ . See Section 2.3 for the definition of  $\Phi^{?}$ . We simply say that  $f: V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbf{1}$  is *preregular* if f is preregular of characteristic q = 1. **Example 4.1.2.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the tensor category  $\operatorname{Vec}_{\Bbbk}$  of all finite-dimensional  $\Bbbk$ -vector spaces. It is clear that  $\operatorname{Vec}_{\Bbbk}$  is pivotal with the pivotal structure given by the natural identification  $V \cong V^{**}$  for any finite-dimensional vector space V over  $\Bbbk$ . Remark that the operator  $D_V^m$  on  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Bbbk}(V^{\otimes m}, \Bbbk)$  defined in Definition 2.1.1 (2) is given by

$$D_V^m(f)(v_1,\ldots,v_m)=f(v_m,v_1,\ldots,v_{m-1})$$

for any k-linear map  $f: V^{\otimes m} \to k$  and  $v_1, \ldots, v_m \in V$ . Moreover, f is an *m*-preregular form of character q on V if and only if it is an *m*-preregular form in the sense of Definition 2.1.1 with the matrix  $\mathbb{P} \in GL(V)$  given by  $\mathbb{P} = \text{diag}(q, \ldots, q)$ .

To connect the generalization of a preregular form from Definition 4.1.1 to the notion of superpotential, we recall some Hom-space operators used in the definition of higher Frobenius–Schur indicators, which play the same role as the cyclic condition in Definition 2.1.1(1)(b) of a preregular form. Remark that superpotentials in the categorical context are slightly different from the formal dual of preregular forms.

**Definition 4.1.3** ([29, Definition 3.1]). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a tensor category with pivotal structure j and  $V, W \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ .

(1) Define  $T_{V,W}$ : Hom<sub>e</sub> $(V^*, W) \rightarrow$  Hom<sub>e</sub> $(W^*, V)$  via

$$T_{V,W}(f) = \left(W^* \xrightarrow{f^*} V^{**} \xrightarrow{j_V^{-1}} V\right).$$

(2) Define  $A_{V,W}$ : Hom<sub> $\mathcal{C}$ </sub>(1,  $V \otimes W$ )  $\rightarrow$  Hom<sub> $\mathcal{C}$ </sub>( $V^*, W$ ) via

$$A_{V,W}(h) = \left( V^* \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_{V^*} \otimes h} V^* \otimes (V \otimes W) \xrightarrow{\Phi^{-1}} (V^* \otimes V) \otimes W \xrightarrow{\mathrm{ev} \otimes \mathrm{id}_{W}} W \right)$$

with inverse

$$A_{V,W}^{-1}(g) = \left(\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coev}} V \otimes V^* \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}_V \otimes g} V \otimes W\right).$$

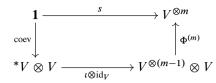
(3) For any  $n \ge 1$ , define

$$E_{V}^{(n)} = \left(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{1}, V^{\otimes n}) \xrightarrow{A_{V,V^{\otimes (n-1)}}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V^{*}, V^{\otimes (n-1)}) \\ \xrightarrow{T_{V,V^{\otimes (n-1)}}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}\left((V^{\otimes (n-1)})^{*}, V\right) \\ \xrightarrow{A_{V^{\otimes (n-1)},V}^{-1}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{1}, V^{\otimes (n-1)} \otimes V) \\ \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{1}, \Phi^{(n)})} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{1}, V^{\otimes n})\right).$$

We now define a superpotential in a categorical context by making use of the above Hom-space operators.

**Definition 4.1.4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a tensor category with pivotal structure j. Let  $m \ge 2$  be an integer and  $V \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ .

(1) A morphism  $s : \mathbf{1} \to V^{\otimes m}$  is called *non-degenerate* if the right dual module \*V is a subobject of  $V^{\otimes (m-1)}$  with embedding  $\iota : *V \hookrightarrow V^{\otimes (m-1)}$  such that the diagram



commutes.

(2) A non-degenerate morphism  $s : \mathbf{1} \to V^{\otimes m}$  is called a *twisted-superpotential* if there exists some  $q \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$  such that  $E_V^{(m)}(s) = qs$ . In particular, s is said to be a *superpotential* if s is non-degenerate and q = 1.

Remark that the above definition extends our earlier notion of superpotential in the category of finite-dimensional vector spaces  $\operatorname{Vec}_{\Bbbk}$ : let *V* be an *n*-dimensional  $\Bbbk$ -vector space and let  $s : \Bbbk \to V^{\otimes m}$  be a superpotential as in Remark 2.1.2. This is a superpotential in the sense of Definition 4.1.4.

**Lemma 4.1.5.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be any two pivotal tensor categories. For any pivotal equivalence  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ , we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1}) \xrightarrow{D_{V}^{m}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1}) \\ & \varphi \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{F}(V^{\otimes m}), \mathbf{1}) & \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}((V^{\otimes m}), \mathbf{1}) \\ & \stackrel{\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\xi_{V^{\otimes m}}^{-1}, \mathbf{1}) \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{F}(V)^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1}) \xrightarrow{D_{\mathcal{F}(V)}^{m}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{F}(V)^{\otimes m}, \mathbf{1}). \end{array}$$

In particular, pivotal equivalence preserves preregular forms of the same characteristic.

*Proof.* Note that the operator  $D_V^m$  can be interpreted as follows: for any  $V, W \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , we define

$$D_{V,W}$$
: Hom <sub>$\mathcal{C}$</sub>  $(V \otimes W, \mathbf{1}) \to$  Hom <sub>$\mathcal{C}$</sub>  $(W \otimes V, \mathbf{1})$ 

such that

$$D_{V,W}(f) := \left( W \otimes V \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coev} \otimes \operatorname{id}} ({}^*V \otimes V) \otimes (W \otimes V) \xrightarrow{\Phi^?} {}^*V \otimes (V \otimes W) \otimes V \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id} \otimes (f \otimes \operatorname{id})} {}^*V \otimes V \xrightarrow{j_{*V} \otimes \operatorname{id}} V^* \otimes V \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ev}} \mathbf{1} \right),$$

for any  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V \otimes W, \mathbf{1})$ . We recall the operator

 $E_{V,W}$ : Hom<sub> $\mathcal{C}$ </sub>(1,  $V \otimes W$ )  $\rightarrow$  Hom<sub> $\mathcal{C}$ </sub>(1,  $W \otimes V$ )

given in [29, Definition 3.1] such that

$$E_{V,W}(f) := \left(\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coev}\otimes\operatorname{coev}} (W \otimes W^*) \otimes (V^* \otimes V^{**}) \xrightarrow{\Phi^?} (W \otimes (W^* \otimes V^*)) \otimes V^{**} \\ \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}\otimes(f \otimes \operatorname{id})} (W \otimes (W^* \otimes V^*)) \otimes (V \otimes W) \otimes V^{**} \\ \xrightarrow{\Phi^?} W \otimes \left( (W^* \otimes V^*) \otimes (V \otimes W) \right) \otimes V^{**} \\ \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}\otimes\operatorname{ev}\otimes\operatorname{id}} W \otimes V^{**} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}\otimes j_V^{-1}} W \otimes V \right).$$

A straightforward computation shows that the diagram

commutes. Moreover, one sees that  $D_V^m = D_{V,W}$  and  $E_V^{(m)} = E_{V,W}$  (see [29, Definition 3.1]) with  $W = V^{\otimes (m-1)}$ . So our result follows from [29, Proposition 4.3] and the commutativity of (4.2).

By Lemma 4.1.5, for the remainder of the paper we assume that the categories we consider are strict.

# 4.2. Preregular forms in comodule categories over copivotal Hopf algebras

In this subsection, we discuss preregular forms in an arbitrary comodule category that admits a pivotal structure [19, 39] and 2-cocycle twists of such preregular forms.

Let  $(H, \Phi)$  be a copivotal Hopf algebra with character  $\Phi$ . It follows that the antipode S of H is bijective with inverse  $S^{-1} = \Phi * S * \Phi^{-1}$ . Moreover, by [3, Proposition 3.10], the category comod<sub>fd</sub>(H) admits a pivotal structure  $\varphi : *(-) \xrightarrow{\sim} (-)^*$ . Here  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of monoidal functors between the right and left duality functors. For any finite-dimensional right H-comodule V, the linear map  $\varphi_V : *V \to V^*$  is defined as follows:  $\varphi_V = (\mathrm{id} \otimes \Phi^{-1}) \circ \rho_{*V}$  (we use the fact that  $*V = V^*$  as vector spaces). To describe  $\varphi_V$  explicitly, let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  be a basis of V with  $\rho_V(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_j \otimes h_{ji}$  for  $h_{ji} \in H$ . Then

$$\varphi_V(v^i) = \sum_{j=1}^n \Phi(h_{ij}) v^j$$
(4.3)

with dual basis  $\{v^1, \ldots, v^n\}$  of \*V and  $V^*$ . We now generalize the notion of a copivotal (or cosovereign) Hopf algebra to a cogroupoid.

**Definition 4.2.1.** A cogroupoid  $\mathcal{C}$  is called *copivotal* if for any  $X \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ , there exists some character  $\Phi_X : \mathcal{C}(X, X) \to \Bbbk$  such that for any  $X, Y \in ob(\mathcal{C})$ ,

$$S_{Y,X} \circ S_{X,Y} = \Phi_X^{-1} * \mathrm{id} * \Phi_Y,$$

where the right-hand side is defined as

$$\Phi_X^{-1} * \mathrm{id} * \Phi_Y := \left( \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{X,Y}^X} \mathcal{C}(X, X) \otimes \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \right.$$
$$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \otimes \Delta_{X,Y}^Y} \mathcal{C}(X, X) \otimes \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$$
$$\xrightarrow{\Phi_X^{-1} \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \Phi_Y} \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \right),$$

and  $\Phi_X^{-1} = \Phi_X \circ S_{X,X}$  is the convolution inverse of  $\Phi_X$ .

Note that if the cogroupoid  $\mathcal{C}$  only has one object X, then  $\mathcal{C}$  is copivotal if and only if the Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{C}(X, X)$  is a copivotal Hopf algebra (cf. [3, Definition 3.7 and Remark 3.8]).

**Definition 4.2.2.** For any integer  $m \ge 2$ , we define the cogroupoid  $\mathcal{SL}_m$  as follows:

- (1)  $\operatorname{ob}(\mathcal{SL}_m) = \operatorname{ob}(\mathcal{SL}_m);$
- (2) for any two *m*-preregular forms *e* and *f*,  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e, f) = \mathcal{GL}_m(e, f)/(D-1)$  as in (3.1);
- (3) the structural maps  $\Delta_{\bullet,\bullet}^{\bullet}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\bullet}$ ,  $S_{\bullet,\bullet}$  are all induced from those of  $\mathscr{GL}_m$  in Definition 3.1.6.

We simply write  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e) = \mathcal{SL}_m(e, e)$ .

**Example 4.2.3.** Note that when m = 2,  $\mathcal{SL}_2$  coincides with the cogroupoid  $\mathcal{B}(E, F)$  considered in [4]. While  $\mathcal{SL}_2$  is connected by Corollary 3.2.4, a straightforward calculation shows that for *e* and *f* as in Example 3.2.5, where l = 2 and k = 3, we have  $\mathcal{SL}_2(e, f) = 0$ , and so  $\mathcal{SL}_2$  is not connected.

Let *V* be a finite-dimensional k-vector space with a fixed basis  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  and let  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbb{k}$  be an *m*-preregular form with associated matrix  $\mathbb{P} \in GL_n(\mathbb{k})$  subject to (2.1). We point out that our  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$  is the universal Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  described in [7, Section 5]. Recall that  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$  is generated over  $\mathbb{k}$  by  $\mathbb{A} = (a_{ij})_{1 \le i, j \le n}$  and  $\mathbb{B} = (b_{ij})_{1 \le i, j \le n}$  subject to relations:

$$\sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le n} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 j_1} \cdots a_{i_m j_m} = e_{j_1 \cdots j_m}, \quad \text{for any } 1 \le j_1, \dots, j_m \le n,$$
$$\sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le n} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} b_{i_m j_m} \cdots b_{i_1 j_1} = e_{j_1 \cdots j_m}, \quad \text{for any } 1 \le j_1, \dots, j_m \le n,$$

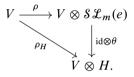
$$\mathbb{AB} = \mathbb{I}_{n \times n},$$

with Hopf algebra structure

$$\Delta(a_{ij}) = \sum_{1 \le k \le n} a_{ik} \otimes a_{kj}, \quad \Delta(b_{ji}) = \sum_{1 \le k \le n} b_{ki} \otimes b_{jk},$$
$$\varepsilon(a_{ij}) = \delta(b_{ji}) = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{for } 1 \le i, j \le n,$$
$$S(\mathbb{A}) = \mathbb{B}, \quad S(\mathbb{B}) = \mathbb{P}^{-1} \mathbb{A} \mathbb{P}.$$

In particular, we know that  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$  is copivotal with character  $\Phi_e : \mathcal{SL}_m(e) \to \mathbb{k}$  such that  $\Phi_e(\mathbb{A}) = \mathbb{P}$  and  $\Phi_e(B) = \mathbb{P}^{-1}$ . We view *V* as a right  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$ -comodule via  $\rho : V \to V \otimes \mathcal{SL}_m(e)$  with  $\rho(v_i) = \sum_{1 \le j \le n} v_j \otimes a_{ji}$ . Thus the  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$ -comodule map  $e : V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbb{k}$  has the following universal property.

**Lemma 4.2.4** ([7, Theorem 5]). Let H be any Hopf algebra that right coacts on V via  $\rho_H : V \to V \otimes H$  such that  $e : V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$  is H-colinear. Then there is a unique Hopf algebra map  $\theta : S\mathcal{L}_m(e) \to H$  such that the following diagram commutes:



**Lemma 4.2.5.** The cogroupoid  $\mathcal{SL}_m$  is copivotal, with characters  $\Phi_e : \mathcal{SL}_m(e) \to \mathbb{K}$  given by  $\Phi_e(\mathbb{A}) = \mathbb{P}$  and  $\Phi_e(\mathbb{B}) = \mathbb{P}^{-1}$ ; that is,

$$S_{f,e} \circ S_{e,f} = \Phi_e^{-1} * \mathrm{id} * \Phi_f$$

in  $S\mathcal{L}_m(e, f)$ , for any two *m*-preregular forms  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$  and  $f: W^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$  with associated invertible matrices  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* It is straightforward to show that  $\mathcal{SL}_m$  is a well-defined cogroupoid. Next, we verify that  $\Phi_e$  is a well-defined character on  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e) = \mathcal{SL}_m(e, e)$ . Suppose that V is of dimension k. By (3.1), in  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$  we have

$$\Phi_e \Big( \sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 j_1} \cdots a_{i_m j_m} \Big) = \sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} \mathbb{P}_{i_1 j_1} \cdots \mathbb{P}_{i_m j_m} = e_{j_1 \cdots j_m},$$
  
$$\Phi_e \Big( \sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} b_{i_m j_m} \cdots b_{i_1 j_1} \Big) = \sum_{1 \le i_1, \dots, i_m \le k} e_{i_1 \cdots i_m} \mathbb{P}_{i_m j_m}^{-1} \cdots \mathbb{P}_{i_1 j_1}^{-1} = e_{j_1 \cdots j_m},$$
  
$$\Phi_e (\mathbb{AB}) = \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P}^{-1} = \mathbb{I}_{k \times k}.$$

Finally, by Lemma 3.1.5, in  $S\mathcal{L}_m(e, f)$  we have

$$S_{f,e} \circ S_{e,f}(\mathbb{A}^{e,f}) = \mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{A}^{e,f}\mathbb{Q} = (\Phi_e^{-1} \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \Phi_f)(\mathrm{id} \otimes \Delta_{e,f}^f)(\Delta_{e,f}^e \otimes \mathrm{id})(\mathbb{A}^{e,f})$$
$$= (\Phi_e^{-1} * \mathrm{id} * \Phi_f)(\mathbb{A}^{e,f}),$$

$$S_{f,e} \circ S_{e,f}(\mathbb{B}^{e,f}) = \mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{B}^{e,f}\mathbb{Q} = (\Phi_e^{-1} \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \Phi_f)(\mathrm{id} \otimes \Delta_{e,f}^f)(\Delta_{e,f}^e \otimes \mathrm{id})(\mathbb{B}^{e,f})$$
$$= (\Phi_e^{-1} * \mathrm{id} * \Phi_f)(\mathbb{B}^{e,f}).$$

It follows that the cogroupoid  $\mathcal{SL}_m$  is copivotal.

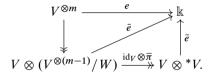
**Lemma 4.2.6.** Let e be an m-preregular form on some n-dimensional k-vector space V. In the pivotal tensor category  $\operatorname{comod}_{\operatorname{fd}}(\mathcal{SL}_m(e))$ , the  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$ -comodule map  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbb{k}$  is preregular.

*Proof.* We show that e satisfies both conditions in Definition 4.1.1 to be preregular.

For (1): we define the *H*-comodule map  $\pi : V^{\otimes (m-1)} \to {}^*V$  to be

$$\pi := \left( V^{\otimes (m-1)} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coev} \otimes \operatorname{id}} ({}^*V \otimes V) \otimes V^{\otimes (m-1)} \xrightarrow{\cong} {}^*V \otimes (V^{\otimes m}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id} \otimes e} {}^*V \right)$$

or  $\pi(v_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \cdots v_{i_{m-1}})(v_i) = e(v_i \otimes v_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_{m-1}})$ . By Definition 2.1.1 (1), one sees that  $\pi$  is surjective. Set  $W = \text{Ker}(\pi)$ , which is an *H*-subcomodule of  $V^{\otimes (m-1)}$ . Thus *e* factors through  $V \otimes (V^{\otimes (m-1)}/W)$  via  $\bar{e} : V \otimes (V^{\otimes (m-1)}/W) \to \mathbb{K}$ . Note that  $\pi$  induces an isomorphism of *H*-comodules  $\bar{\pi} : V^{\otimes (m-1)}/W \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$ . Set  $\tilde{e} = \bar{e} \circ (\text{id}_V \otimes \bar{\pi}^{-1})$ . Then we obtain a commutative diagram:



It is clear that the *H*-colinear map  $\tilde{e}: V \otimes {}^*V \to \Bbbk$  is nondegenerate.

For (2): let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the invertible matrix associated to *e*. By definition, we have

$$D_{V}^{m}(e)(v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i_{m}})$$

$$= (ev) \circ (\varphi_{V} \otimes id) \circ (id \otimes e \otimes id) \circ (coev \otimes id)(v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i_{m}})$$

$$= (ev) \circ (\varphi_{V} \otimes id) \circ (id \otimes e \otimes id) \left(\sum_{1 \le i \le n} v^{i} \otimes v_{i} \otimes v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i_{m}}\right)$$

$$= (ev) \circ (\varphi_{V} \otimes id) \left(\sum_{1 \le i \le n} e(v_{i} \otimes v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots v_{i_{m-1}})v^{i} \otimes v_{i_{m}}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{(4.3)}{=} (ev) \left(\sum_{1 \le i, j \le n} e(v_{i} \otimes v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots v_{i_{m-1}})\Phi_{e}(h_{ij})v^{j} \otimes v_{i_{m}}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \le i, j \le n} e(v_{i} \otimes v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots v_{i_{m-1}})\Phi_{e}(h_{ij})\delta_{ji_{m}}$$

$$= \sum_{1 \le i \le n} e_{ii_{1} \cdots i_{m-1}}\mathbb{P}_{ii_{m}}$$

$$\stackrel{(2.1)}{=} e_{i_{1} \cdots i_{m}}$$

$$= e(v_{i_{1}} \otimes \dots \otimes v_{i_{m}}),$$

for any  $1 \le i_1, \ldots, i_m \le n$ . Hence,  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \mathbb{k}$  is preregular.

We point out from the above proof that if an *H*-comodule map  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$  is preregular in comod<sub>fd</sub>(*H*), then it is an *m*-preregular form on *V* with matrix  $\mathbb{P} \in GL_n(\Bbbk)$  given by

$$\varphi_V: {}^*V \to V^*: v^i \mapsto \sum_{1 \le j \le n} \mathbb{P}_{ij} v^j,$$

where  $\{v^1, \ldots, v^n\}$  is the dual basis of  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  of V.

Let H be an arbitrary Hopf algebra and  $\sigma$  a left 2-cocycle on H. We denote by

$$F: \operatorname{comod}_{\operatorname{fd}}(H) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{comod}_{\operatorname{fd}}(H^{\sigma})$$

the monoidal equivalence between the categories of finite-dimensional right comodules over H and  $H^{\sigma}$ , respectively. Suppose that comod<sub>fd</sub>(H) has a pivotal structure

$$\varphi: ^{\ast}(-) \xrightarrow{\sim} (-)^{\ast}.$$

Thus  $\varphi$  induces a pivotal structure  $\varphi_{\sigma}$  on  $\text{comod}_{\text{fd}}(H^{\sigma})$  via the monoidal equivalence F, which is uniquely determined by the commutative diagram

for any finite-dimensional right H-comodule V. Here

$$r: {}^{*}F(-) \xrightarrow{\sim} F({}^{*}(-)), \quad l: F(-)^{*} \xrightarrow{\sim} F((-)^{*})$$

are isomorphisms of monoidal functors described in [3, (2.8.4)].

The following definition introduces the notion of twisting of a preregular form via the monoidal equivalence between comodule categories.

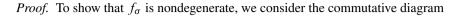
**Definition 4.2.7.** Let  $m \ge 2$  be an integer and V a finite-dimensional right comodule over a Hopf algebra H. For any H-comodule map  $f: V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$ , we define an  $H^{\sigma}$ -comodule map  $f_{\sigma}: F(V)^{\otimes_{\sigma} m} \to \Bbbk$  via

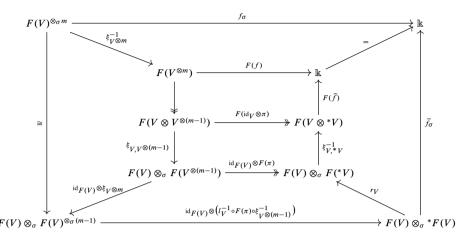
$$f_{\sigma} := \left( F(V)^{\otimes_{\sigma} m} \xrightarrow{\xi_{V^{\otimes m}}^{-1}} F(V^{\otimes m}) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(\Bbbk) = \Bbbk \right).$$

**Proposition 4.2.8.** Denote  $\mathcal{C} = \text{comod}_{\text{fd}}(H)$  and  $\mathcal{D} = \text{comod}_{\text{fd}}(H^{\sigma})$  together with pivotal  $\varphi_{\sigma}$  satisfying (4.4). If  $f : V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$  is preregular in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then

$$f_{\sigma}: F(V)^{\otimes_{\sigma} m} \to \Bbbk$$

is preregular in D.





where  $\tilde{f}_{\sigma} := F(\tilde{f}) \circ \xi_{V,*V}^{-1} \circ r_V$ . It is clear that

$$r_V^{-1} \circ F(\pi) \circ \xi_{V^{\otimes (m-1)}}^{-1} : F(V)^{\otimes_\sigma (m-1)} \to {}^*F(V)$$

is surjective. Since  $\tilde{f}: V \otimes {}^*V \to \Bbbk$  is a nondegenerate pairing in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we have a morphism  $g: \Bbbk \to {}^*V \otimes V$  such that

$$(\tilde{f} \otimes \mathrm{id}_V) \circ (\mathrm{id}_V \otimes g) = \mathrm{id}_V, \quad (\mathrm{id}_{*V} \otimes \tilde{f}) \circ (g \otimes \mathrm{id}_{*V}) = \mathrm{id}_{*V}.$$

By [36, Lemma 1.5], we know that  $\tilde{f}_{\sigma}$  is again a nondegenerate pairing in  $\mathcal{D}$  together with morphism

$$\Bbbk \xrightarrow{F(g)} F({}^*V \otimes V) \xrightarrow{\xi_{*V,V}} F({}^*V) \otimes_{\sigma} F(V) \xrightarrow{r_V^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{id}_{F(V)}} {}^*F(V) \otimes_{\sigma} F(V).$$

Moreover, we have  $D_{F(V)}^m(f_{\sigma}) = f_{\sigma}$  from Lemma 4.1.5 since  $D_V^m(f) = f$ . This proves our result.

We now state our main result in this section to describe how a preregular form and its associated cogroupoid behave under 2-cocycle twists.

**Theorem 4.2.9.** Let  $m \ge 2$  be an integer and V a finite-dimensional  $\Bbbk$ -vector space. Let e be an m-preregular form on V and  $\sigma$  a left 2-cocycle on  $S\mathcal{L}_m(e)$ . Then  $e_{\sigma}$  is also an m-preregular form on V and

$$\mathcal{SL}_m(e_\sigma) \cong \mathcal{SL}_m(e)^\sigma$$

as Hopf algebras.

To prove the above theorem, we first state some results, without proof, for 2-cocycle twists. Parts (3) and (4) appear in the dual context of Drinfeld twists in [18, Lemma 2.7].

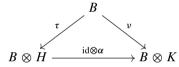
**Lemma 4.2.10.** Let H and K be two arbitrary Hopf algebras with a Hopf algebra map  $\alpha : H \to K$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a left 2-cocycle on K and B a right K-comodule algebra via  $v : B \to B \otimes K$ .

(1) We have a left 2-cocycle on H, which is denoted by

$$\alpha^* \sigma := (H \otimes H \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes \alpha} K \otimes K \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Bbbk)$$

with convolution inverse  $\alpha^* \sigma^{-1}$ .

- (2) The Hopf algebra map  $\alpha : H \to K$  induces a Hopf algebra map  $\alpha^{\sigma} : H^{\alpha^*\sigma} \to K^{\sigma}$  for the 2-cocycle twists of the corresponding Hopf algebras, where  $\alpha = \alpha^{\sigma}$  as linear maps.
- (3)  $\sigma^{-1}$  is a left 2-cocycle on  $K^{\sigma}$  with  $(K^{\sigma})^{\sigma^{-1}} = K$ . Similarly,  $\alpha^* \sigma^{-1}$  is a left 2-cocycle on  $H^{\alpha^*\sigma}$  with  $(H^{\alpha^*\sigma})^{\alpha^*\sigma^{-1}} = H$ . In particular, we have  $(\alpha^{\sigma})^{\sigma^{-1}} = \alpha : H \to K$ .
- (4)  $B_{\sigma^{-1}}$  is a right  $K^{\sigma}$ -comodule algebra via  $\nu^{\sigma} : B_{\sigma^{-1}} \to B_{\sigma^{-1}} \otimes K^{\sigma}$ , where  $\nu^{\sigma} = \nu$  as linear maps. In particular,  $(B_{\sigma^{-1}})_{\sigma} = B$  and  $(\nu^{\sigma})^{\sigma^{-1}} = \nu$ .
- (5) Suppose that B is also a right H-comodule algebra via  $\tau : B \to B \otimes H$  such that the diagram



commutes. Then  $B_{\sigma^{-1}}$  is also a right  $H^{\alpha^*\sigma}$ -comodule algebra via  $\tau^{\sigma}: B_{\sigma^{-1}} \rightarrow B_{\sigma^{-1}} \otimes H^{\alpha^*\sigma}$  satisfying  $\nu^{\sigma} = (\mathrm{id} \otimes \alpha^{\sigma}) \circ \tau^{\sigma}$ , where  $\tau^{\sigma} = \tau$  as linear maps.

*Proof of Theorem* 4.2.9. By Lemma 4.2.6 and Proposition 4.2.8 with  $H = \mathcal{SL}_m(e)$ , we know that e and  $e_{\sigma}$  are preregular in  $\operatorname{comod}_{\mathrm{fd}}(H)$  and in  $\operatorname{comod}_{\mathrm{fd}}(H^{\sigma})$ , respectively. Then  $e_{\sigma}$  is an *m*-preregular form on F(V) = V. Recalling Lemma 4.2.4, we write the universal right Hopf coactions of  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$  and  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma})$  on V and F(V) as

$$\rho: V \to V \otimes \mathcal{SL}_m(e), \quad \tau: F(V) \to F(V) \otimes \mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma}),$$

such that  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$  and  $e_{\sigma}: F(V)^{\otimes_{\sigma} m} \to \Bbbk$  are colinear with respect to the corresponding coactions. Since  $\mathcal{SL}(e)^{\sigma}$  left coacts on F(V) via  $\rho^{\sigma}: F(V) \to F(V) \otimes_{\sigma} \mathcal{SL}_m(e)^{\sigma}$ and  $e_{\sigma}$  is  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)^{\sigma}$ -colinear, we have a unique Hopf algebra map

$$h: \mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma}) \to \mathcal{SL}_m(e)^{\sigma}$$

such that

$$(\mathrm{id}_{F(V)}\otimes h)\circ\tau=\rho^{\sigma}$$

It follows from Lemma 4.2.10 that  $\sigma^{-1}$  is a left 2-cocycle on  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)^{\sigma}$  which induces a left 2-cocycle  $h^*\sigma^{-1}$  on  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma})$ . Furthermore, one checks that  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma})^{h^*\sigma^{-1}}$  left coacts on V via  $\tau^{h^*\sigma^{-1}}: V \to V \otimes S\mathcal{L}_m(e_\sigma^{-1})^{h^*\sigma^{-1}}$  while preserving the map  $e: V^{\otimes m} \to \Bbbk$ . So we get another unique Hopf algebra map  $g: S\mathcal{L}_m(e) \to S\mathcal{L}_m(e_\sigma)^{h^*\sigma^{-1}}$  such that

$$(\mathrm{id}_V \otimes g) \circ \rho = \tau^{h^* \sigma^{-1}}.$$

We denote by  $h^{\sigma^{-1}}: S\mathcal{L}_m(e_{\sigma})^{h^*\sigma^{-1}} \to S\mathcal{L}_m(e)$  the Hopf algebra map induced by

$$h: \mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma}) \to \mathcal{SL}_m(e)^{\sigma}.$$

Thus, the commutative diagram

$$V \otimes S\mathcal{L}_{m}(e) \xrightarrow[id\otimes g]{} V \otimes S\mathcal{L}_{m}(e_{\sigma})^{h^{*}\sigma^{-1}} \xrightarrow[id\otimes h^{\sigma^{-1}}]{} V \otimes S\mathcal{L}_{m}(e)$$

implies that

$$h^{\sigma^{-1}} \circ g = \mathrm{id} \quad \mathrm{on} \, \mathcal{SL}_m(e)$$

Similarly, we have that  $(h^{\sigma^{-1}})^* \sigma = h^* \sigma$  is a left 2-cocycle on  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma})^{h^* \sigma^{-1}}$ . Note that  $g^*(h^{\sigma^{-1}})^* \sigma = (h^{\sigma^{-1}} \circ g)^* \sigma = \sigma$  on  $\mathcal{SL}_m(e)$ . Therefore, we have a Hopf algebra map

$$g^{(h^{\sigma^{-1}})^*\sigma}: \mathcal{SL}_m(e)^{\sigma} \to \mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma}),$$

making the diagram

$$F(V) \otimes S\mathcal{L}_{m}(e_{\sigma}) \xrightarrow[\mathrm{id} \otimes h]{\tau} V \otimes S\mathcal{L}_{m}(e)^{\sigma} \xrightarrow[\mathrm{id} \otimes g^{(h^{\sigma^{-1}})^{*}\sigma}]{\tau} F(V) \otimes S\mathcal{L}_{m}(e_{\sigma})$$

commute. This implies that

$$g^{(h^{\sigma^{-1}})^*\sigma} \circ h = \mathrm{id} \mathrm{ on } \mathcal{SL}_m(e_{\sigma}).$$

Finally, it is routine to check that h and  $g^{(h^{\sigma^{-1}})^*\sigma}$  are inverse to each other.

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