# Some constructions of compact quantum groups

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this paper is to consider some basic constructions in the category of compact quantum groups—for example the case of extensions— with special emphasis in the finite dimensional situation. We give conditions, in some cases necessary and sufficient, to extend to the new objects the original compact structure.

## 1. Introduction

Since the beginnings of group theory, in the work of Frobenius, Schur and others, the concept of product and its variations as well as the concept of "extension" have been recognized as important tools in order to understand the structure of the groups and of its representations. This line of thought has been carried through many different algebraic situations, more recently to the theory of Hopf algebras, see for example [4], [5], [11],[13], [14], [19] and [20]. This paper intends to understand how to carry on the

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classical constructions of products and extensions to the context of compact quantum groups. In this direction, previous results have been obtained in the particular settings of Kac algebras or von Neumann algebras, see for example [12], and [22], and also [5] for a Hopf algebra approach.

We assume the reader to be familiar with the basic results and notations in Hopf theory, specially in the case of compact quantum groups. We refer to [16] for the general theory and notations and to [1], [2] and [8] for the case of compact quantum groups.

Next we present a brief summary of the contents of this paper.

In Section 2, we recall the basic definitions of \*-Hopf algebras, its representations and corepresentations and the notion of unitary inner product. We list some basic well known results that will be used throughout the paper.

In Section 3, we study the behaviour of the compactness property of a \*-Hopf algebra when we perform a Drinfel'd twist.

In Section 4, we recall the definition of matched pair of Hopf algebras and the naturally obtained product, and find conditions to extend the compact structures on the factors to a compact structure on the product. We consider the particular case of the quantum double, and the characterization of compactness in terms of the category of Yetter–Drinfel'd modules.

In Section 5, we study the case of extensions of compact quantum groups, and find conditions to extend the compact structure from the given Hopf algebras to the extension.

In Section 6 we consider the particular cases of (cocycle) Singer pairs and of pairs of groups.

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### 2. Preliminaries and basic notations

All the objects considered will be based on vector spaces over the field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ . If V is a vector space, its linear dual will be denoted as  $V^{\vee}$ . We use the symbol  $\star$  for the convolution product of morphisms and if f is such a morphism,  $f^{-1}$  represents its (eventually existing) inverse. We adopt Sweedler's notation for the comultiplication and for the comodule structures.

2.1. Finite Hopf algebras. If H is a Hopf algebra a function  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$  is called a right or left integral if  $\sum \varphi(x_1)x_2 = \varphi(x)1$  or  $\sum x_1\varphi(x_2) = \varphi(x)1$ ,

for all  $x \in H$ , according to the case. A normal integral is a left and right integral  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi(1) = 1$ ; in case it exists, a normal integral is unique. If a right or left integral  $\varphi$  verifies  $\varphi(1) = 1$ , then it is a right and left integral and hence it is normal, see [7].

A finite Hopf algebra is a finite dimensional Hopf algebra. A Hopf algebra H is semisimple if every H-module is completely reducible and it is cosemisimple if every H-comodule is completely reducible. A semisimple Hopf algebra is always finite.

**Theorem 2.1** ([7], Theorem 7.4.6). Let H be a Hopf algebra. The following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) H is cosemisimple.
- (2) There exists a normal integral  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$ .

If H is a finite Hopf algebra, then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) H is semisimple.
- (2) There exists a (unique) element  $t \in H$  -called a normal integralsuch that  $\varepsilon(t) = 1$  and  $tx = xt = \varepsilon(x)t$ , for all  $x \in H$ .
- (3) H is cosemisimple.
- (4) The antipode of H is an involution i.e.  $S^2 = id$ .

Moreover if H is a semisimple Hopf algebra, and  $t \in H$  and  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$  are as above, then

- (1)  $S(x) = (\dim H) \sum \varphi(t_1 x) t_2$ , for all  $x \in H$ . (2)  $H \rightharpoonup \varphi = H^{\vee} = \varphi \leftharpoonup H$ , where  $(x \rightharpoonup \varphi)(y) = \varphi(yx)$  and  $(\varphi \leftharpoonup H) = (x \rightharpoonup \varphi)(y) = \varphi(yx)$  $(2) H \varphi (xy), \text{ for all } x, y \in H.$   $(3) S(t) = t \text{ and } \varphi S = \varphi.$   $(4) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} t_1 \otimes t_2 = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} t_2 \otimes t_1 \text{ and } \varphi(xy) = \varphi(yx), \text{ for all } x, y \in H.$

Remark 2.2 ([6]). Let H be a cosemisimple Hopf algebra and  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$  its normal integral. There exists a unique algebra automorphism  $\mathcal{N}: H \to H$ characterized by the equality

$$\varphi(xy) = \varphi(y\mathcal{N}(x)), \quad \forall x, y \in H$$
 (1)

called the Nakayama automorphism and an algebra homomorphism  $\alpha \in H^{\vee}$ -called the modular function—such that

$$\mathcal{N}(x) = \sum \mathcal{S}^2(x_1)\alpha(x_2), \quad \forall x \in H.$$
 (2)

It is easy to deduce from the above equation that the inverse of  $\mathcal{N}$  satisfies a similar equation:

$$\mathcal{N}^{-1}(x) = \sum \mathcal{S}^{-2}(x_1)(\alpha \mathcal{S})(x_2), \quad \forall x \in H.$$
 (3)

2.2. Compact quantum groups. A \*-bialgebra is a pair (H, \*), where H is a bialgebra, and  $H \stackrel{*}{\to} H$  is a conjugate linear involution which is antimultiplicative and comultiplicative. It follows from the definition that  $1^* = 1$  and  $\varepsilon * = \overline{\varepsilon}$ . A \*-Hopf algebra is a \*-bialgebra (H, \*) such that H is a Hopf algebra; in this situation it follows that  $(S*)^2 = \mathrm{id}$ . A \*-Hopf algebra morphism between \*-Hopf algebras is a Hopf algebra map that commutes with the \*-operators.

If H is a \*-Hopf algebra, and V is a right H-comodule, a sesquilinear form  $\langle \ , \ \rangle: V \times V \to \mathbb{C}$  is invariant if

$$\sum \langle u_0, v \rangle \mathcal{S}(u_1) = \sum \langle u, v_0 \rangle v_1^*, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$
(4)

A unitary (right) comodule is a pair  $(V, \langle , \rangle)$ , where V is a right H-comodule and  $\langle , \rangle$  is an invariant inner product on V.

In the case of left comodules, the definition is similar and the unitary condition becomes:

$$\sum \mathcal{S}^{-1}(u_{-1})\langle u_0, v \rangle = \sum v_{-1}^* \langle u, v_0 \rangle, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$
 (5)

If V is a unitary comodule and  $W \subset V$  is a subcomodule –right or left–, then the orthogonal complement  $W^{\perp}$  is also a subcomodule. Hence a unitary comodule is always completely reducible.

A compact quantum group (CQG) is a \*-Hopf algebra H such that every right H-comodule admits an invariant inner product (see [1], [2], [8], [21]).

If H is a CQG, then it is cosemisimple and admits an inner product  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  such that for all  $x,y\in H,$ 

$$\sum \langle x_1, y \rangle \mathcal{S}(x_2) = \sum \langle x, y_1 \rangle y_2^*.$$

Moreover, as every cosemisimple \*-Hopf algebra H admits a normal integral  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$ , and this integral satisfies that  $\varphi \mathcal{S} = \varphi$  and  $\varphi * = \overline{\varphi}$ , then the formula

$$\langle x, y \rangle_{\varphi} = \varphi(y^*x), \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

defines an invariant Hermitian form. A direct computation shows that:

$$\langle zx, y \rangle_{\varphi} = \langle x, z^*y \rangle_{\varphi}, \quad \forall x, y, z \in H.$$
 (6)

Moreover, if H is finite, then  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(yx)$  implies

$$\langle xz, y \rangle_{\varphi} = \langle x, yz^* \rangle_{\varphi}, \quad \langle x^*, y^* \rangle_{\varphi} = \langle y, x \rangle_{\varphi}, \quad \forall x, y, z \in H.$$
 (7)

**Theorem 2.3** ([3], [21]). A cosemisimple \*-Hopf algebra H is a CQG if and only if  $\langle , \rangle_{\varphi}$  is an inner product, i.e. if  $\varphi(x^*x) > 0, \forall x \neq 0, x \in H$ .  $\square$ 

Remark 2.4. A Hopf subalgebra of a cosemisimple \*-Hopf algebra is again a \*-Hopf algebra. Indeed, if we write the decomposition of H into simple coalgebras  $H = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_{\lambda}$ , we have (see for example [1]) that  $S(C_{\lambda}) = (C_{\lambda})^*$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Taking a Hopf-subalgebra K of H, it will be of the form  $K = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_{\lambda}$  and therefore  $K^* = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_{\lambda}^* = S(K) = K$ .

In view of Theorem 2.3 and Observation 2.4, we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.5.** If H is a CQG, then every sub-Hopf algebra of H is a CQG.

Remark 2.6. If (H, \*) is a \*-Hopf algebra, then it is easy to see that  $(H^{\text{op}}, *)$ ,  $(H^{\text{cop}}, *)$  and  $(H^{\text{bop}}, *)$  are \*-Hopf algebras. Using Theorem 2.3 we prove that if H is a CQG, then  $H^{\text{op}}$ ,  $H^{\text{cop}}$  and  $H^{\text{bop}}$  are also CQG.

Let H be a cosemisimple \*-Hopf algebra and let  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$  be the normal integral. As  $\varphi$  is also a normal integral for  $H^{\text{cop}}$ , then  $\langle , \rangle_{\varphi}$  is invariant in  $H^{\text{cop}}$ , *i.e.* for all  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$\sum S^{-1}(x_1)\langle x_2, y \rangle_{\varphi} = \sum y_1^* \langle x, y_2 \rangle_{\varphi},. \tag{8}$$

Let us assume that H is a CQG and that  $(V, \chi)$  is a left H-comodule. Then  $(V, \operatorname{sw} \chi)$  is naturally a right  $H^{\operatorname{cop}}$ -comodule where sw is the usual transposition of the tensor factors, hence  $-\operatorname{being} H^{\operatorname{cop}}$  a CQG—we deduce the existence a right invariant inner product  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  in  $(V, \operatorname{sw} \chi)$ , this inner product can be read as left invariant inner product in the original  $(V, \chi)$ .

Then a \*-Hopf algebra H is a CQG if and only if every left H-comodule admits an invariant inner product. Note that the equation (8) implies that  $\langle \; , \; \rangle_{\varphi}$  is an invariant inner product for the regular left H-comodule H.

For future reference we write the following result.

**Theorem 2.7** ([3], Theorem 2.6). If \* and # are involutions in a Hopf algebra H such that (H,\*) and (H,#) are CQG, then there exists a Hopf algebra automorphism  $T: H \to H$  such that T\* = #T.

2.3. Duality for finite compact quantum groups. Let H be a finite CQG. First we observe that the relations  $S^2 = \mathrm{id}$  and  $S * S * = \mathrm{id}$ , imply S \* = \*S. *i.e.* the antipode is a \*-map.

In this situation the dual Hopf algebra  $H^{\vee}$  has a conjugate linear involution defined by

$$\alpha^*(x) = \overline{\alpha(\mathcal{S}(x)^*)} = \overline{\alpha(\mathcal{S}(x^*))}, \quad \forall \alpha \in H^{\vee}, \ x \in H.$$
 (9)

It is clear that  $H^{\vee}$  equipped with this involution is a \*-Hopf algebra and that the functor  $H \mapsto H^{\vee}$  is a contravariant automorphism in the category of finite \*-Hopf algebras. Moreover, the cannonical injection  $H \to H^{\vee\vee}$  is an isomorphism of \*-Hopf algebras.

**Lemma 2.8.** If H is a finite \*-Hopf algebra, then H is a CQG if and only if  $H^{\vee}$  is a CQG.

*Proof:* From Theorem 2.1 it follows that H is semisimple if and only if  $H^{\vee}$  is semisimple. Assume the semisimplicity hypothesis and denote  $t \in H$  and  $\varphi \in H^{\vee}$  as before.

If  $n = \dim H$ , then:

$$\langle x \rightharpoonup \varphi, y \rightharpoonup \varphi \rangle_t = \frac{1}{n} \langle x, y \rangle_{\varphi}, \quad \forall x, y \in H$$

Indeed,

$$\langle x \rightharpoonup \varphi, y \rightharpoonup \varphi \rangle_t = \left( (y \rightharpoonup \varphi)^* (x \rightharpoonup \varphi) \right)(t) = \sum (y \rightharpoonup \varphi)^* (t_1)(x \rightharpoonup \varphi)(t_2)$$

$$= \sum \overline{\varphi(\mathcal{S}(t_1)^* y)} \, \varphi(t_2 x) = \sum \varphi \left( (\mathcal{S}(t_1)^* y)^* \right) \varphi(t_2 x)$$

$$= \sum \varphi(y^* \mathcal{S}(t_1)) \, \varphi(t_2 x) = \sum \varphi(y^* \mathcal{S}(t_2)) \, \varphi(t_1 x)$$

$$= \varphi \left( y^* \mathcal{S} \left( \sum \varphi(t_1 x) t_2 \right) \right) = \varphi \left( y^* \mathcal{S} \left( \frac{1}{n} \mathcal{S}(x) \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \langle x, y \rangle_{\varphi}.$$

Theorem 2.1 guarantees that  $H \to \varphi = H^{\vee}$ , hence in view of the above equality it is clear that  $\langle -, - \rangle_t$  is positive definite if and only if the same holds for  $\langle -, - \rangle_{\varphi}$ , and then Theorem 2.3 yields the result.

**Example 2.9.** If G is a finite group, then the group algebra  $\mathbb{C}G$  is a CQG with the structure  $g^* = g^{-1}$ , for all  $g \in G$ . Hence the dual Hopf algebra  $\mathbb{C}^G$  with dual basis  $\{e_g : g \in G\}$  is a CQG with respect to  $(e_g)^* = e_g$ , for all  $g \in G$ . Theorem 2.7 implies that the above are the unique possible CQG structures in  $\mathbb{C}G$  and  $\mathbb{C}^G$ .

Remark 2.10. Let H be a finite \*-Hopf algebra and V a left H-comodule with structure  $v \mapsto \sum v_{-1} \otimes v_0$ . Then V is a left  $H^{\vee}$ -module and the action and coaction are related by the equality:  $S(\alpha) \cdot v = \sum \alpha(v_{-1})v_0$ , for all  $\alpha \in H^{\vee}$ ,  $v \in V$ . If  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is an inner product on V, it is easy to see (using that S is bijective) that  $(V, \langle \ , \ \rangle)$  is an unitary H-comodule if and only if the representation of  $H^{\vee}$  in V is a \*-representation -the inner product in that case is said to be invariant for the action-, i.e.

$$\langle \alpha \cdot u, v \rangle = \langle u, \alpha^* \cdot v \rangle, \quad \forall \alpha \in H^{\vee}, \ u, v \in V.$$

From the above Observation and Lemma 2.8, we conclude:

**Lemma 2.11.** Let H be a semisimple \*-Hopf algebra. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(1) H is a CQG, i.e. for every right (left) H-comodule V there exists an inner product  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  on V such that

$$\sum \langle u_0, v \rangle \mathcal{S}(u_1) = \sum \langle u, v_0 \rangle v_1^*, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$
 (10)

$$\sum \mathcal{S}(u_{-1})\langle u_0, v \rangle = \sum v_{-1}^* \langle u, v_0 \rangle, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$
 (11)

(2) For every left (right) H-module V there exists an inner product  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  on V such that

$$\langle x \cdot u, v \rangle = \langle u, x^* \cdot v \rangle, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$
 (12)

$$\langle u \cdot x, v \rangle = \langle u, v \cdot x^* \rangle, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$
 (13)

In the preceding subsection we proved that the validity of (10) or (11) for all comodules are equivalent conditions, and the same is true regarding (12) and (13). Moreover, these last two equalities are consistent with the equalities appearing in (6) and (7).

Remark 2.12. If H is a finite CQG and V, W are right H-comodules with invariant inner products  $\langle \ , \ \rangle_V$  and  $\langle \ , \ \rangle_W$ , then it is clear that the inner product defined on  $V \otimes W$  by the formula:

$$\langle v \otimes w, v' \otimes w' \rangle = \langle v, v' \rangle_V \langle w, w' \rangle_W$$

is invariant with respect to the diagonal right H-comodule structure on  $V\otimes W$ . Obviously an analogous result is valid for H-modules and also changing right for left.

# 3. Compactness of Drinfel'd twists

In this section we study how compactness behaves under performing a Drinfel'd twist to a \*-Hopf algebra. We choose to develop the basic results in the case of twisting the product with a cocycle, the case of twisting the coproduct with a cococycle being similar.

3.1. **Twisting products.** Consider a Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H} = (H, \Delta, \varepsilon, m, u, \mathcal{S})$  with invertible antipode.

Recall that a cocycle is a (convolution) invertible element  $\chi: H \otimes H \to \mathbb{K}$  that satisfies the following properties.

$$(\chi \otimes \varepsilon) \star \chi(m \otimes \mathrm{id}) = (\varepsilon \otimes \chi) \star \chi(\mathrm{id} \otimes m) \tag{14}$$

$$\chi(1,x) = \chi(x,1) = \varepsilon(x) \tag{15}$$

The fist equation above becomes:

$$\sum \chi(x_1, y_1)\chi(x_2y_2, z) = \sum \chi(y_1, z_1)\chi(x, y_2z_2)$$
 (16)

Taking inverses one easily deduces that:

$$\chi^{-1}(m \otimes \mathrm{id}) \star (\chi^{-1} \otimes \varepsilon) = \chi^{-1}(\mathrm{id} \otimes m) \star (\varepsilon \otimes \chi^{-1})$$
 (17)

$$\chi^{-1}(1,x) = \chi^{-1}(x,1) = \varepsilon(x). \tag{18}$$

Equation (17) above can easily be transformed into:

$$\sum \chi(x_1, y_1 z_1) \chi^{-1}(x_2 y_2, z_2) = \sum \chi^{-1}(y_1, z) \chi(x, y_2).$$
 (19)

**Observation 3.1.** It is well known that if we let  $\mathcal{H}_{\chi} = (H, \Delta, \varepsilon, m_{\chi}, u, \mathcal{S}_{\chi})$  where  $m_{\chi} = \chi \star m \star \chi^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\chi} = \kappa \star \mathcal{S} \star \kappa^{-1}$  with  $\kappa = \chi(\mathrm{id} \otimes \mathcal{S})\Delta$  and  $\kappa^{-1}(x) = \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathrm{id})\Delta$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_{\chi}$  is a Hopf algebra (see V. G. Drinfel'd,[9]).

More explicitly we have that:

$$m_{\chi}(x,y) = x \cdot_{\chi} y = \sum_{\chi} \chi(x_1, y_1) x_2 y_2 \chi^{-1}(x_3, y_3),$$
  
 $S_{\chi}(x) = \sum_{\chi} \chi(x_1, S_{\chi}x_2) S(x_3) \chi^{-1}(S_{\chi}x_4, x_5), \text{ and}$   
 $\kappa(x) = \sum_{\chi} \chi(x_1, S_{\chi}x_2), \quad \kappa^{-1}(x) = \sum_{\chi} \chi^{-1}(S_{\chi}x_1, x_2).$ 

3.2. **Twisting** \*-**Hopf algebras.** In this subsection we review well known results concerning twistings and \*-structures on a Hopf algebra defined over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

We consider the case that we twist the product with a cocycle  $\chi: H \otimes H \to \mathbb{C}$ .

In this situation, we want to find conditions on  $\chi$  that guarantee that the same \*-structure is compatible with the new product.

We have:

$$(x \cdot_{\chi} y)^* = \sum \overline{\chi(x_1, y_1)} y_2^* x_2^* \overline{\chi^{-1}(x_3, y_3)}.$$

Also

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

Hence, a reasonable hypothesis to work with is to ask  $\chi$  to be a \*-coccycle, compare with ([11]).

**Definition 3.2.** We say that the cocycle  $\chi$  is a \*-cocycle provided that the condition

$$\chi(x^*, y^*) = \overline{\chi(y, x)},\tag{20}$$

is satisfied.

**Observation 3.3.** It is clear that in case that  $\chi$  is an invertible \*-cocycle, then  $\chi^{-1}$  is also a \*-cocycle, and then  $\mathcal{H}_{\chi}$  is also a \*-Hopf algebra with the same involution that  $\mathcal{H}$  (compare with [11]).

3.3. Twisting compact quantum groups. To study the preservation of compactness by Drinfel'd twists we need to consider the positivity of the integral.

If  $\varphi$  is a normal left integral in  $\mathcal{H}$ , as the cocycle twist does not affect the coproduct,  $\varphi$  is also a normal integral for  $\mathcal{H}_{\chi}$ .

Hence in this case, assuming that the cocycle satisfies the additional property (20), and considering the two existing products on H one can define two hermitian forms in H as follows:  $\langle x,y\rangle=\varphi(y^*x)$  and  $[x,y]=\varphi(y^*\cdot_\chi x)$ .

To perform our computations we need the following two formulæ involving \* and  $\langle$  ,  $\rangle$  (see for example [1] or section 2.2).

$$\sum \langle x_1, y \rangle \mathcal{S}(x_2) = \sum \langle x, y_1 \rangle y_2^* , \sum \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1) \langle x_2, y \rangle = \sum y_1^* \langle x, y_2 \rangle.$$
 (21)

One has that:

$$[x,y] = \varphi(y^* \cdot_{\chi} x) = \sum \chi(y_1^*, x_1) \varphi(y_2^* x_2) \chi^{-1}(y_3^*, x_3).$$

Also

$$\sum \chi(y_1^*, x_1) \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle \chi^{-1}(y_3^*, x_3) = \sum \chi(y_1^*, x_1) \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}x_3, x_4)$$
$$= \sum \chi(\mathcal{S}^{-1}x_2, x_1) \langle x_3, y \rangle \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}x_4, x_5),$$

where for the last two equalities above we have used equations (21). Similarly

$$\sum \chi(y_1^*, x_1) \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle \chi^{-1}(y_3^*, x_3) = \sum \chi(y_1^*, \mathcal{S}y_2^*) \langle x, y_3 \rangle \chi^{-1}(y_5^*, \mathcal{S}^{-1}y_4^*)$$
$$= \overline{\chi}(\mathcal{S}^{-1}y_2, y_1) \langle x, y_3 \rangle \overline{\chi^{-1}}(\mathcal{S}y_4, y_5).$$

Consider the map  $\Phi: H \to H$  defined as:

$$\Phi(x) = \sum \chi(\mathcal{S}^{-1}x_2, x_1)x_3\chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}x_4, x_5).$$

We have shown that:

$$[x,y] = \langle \Phi(x), y \rangle = \langle x, \Phi(y) \rangle. \tag{22}$$

Concerning the map  $\Phi$  one has the following.

- vation 3.4. (1) As  $\kappa(S^{-1}x) = \sum \chi(S^{-1}(x_2), x_1)$ , the map  $\Phi$  can be written as:  $\Phi = (\kappa \circ S^{-1}) \star \operatorname{id} \star \kappa^{-1}$ . Recalling that  $S_{\chi} = \kappa \star S \star \kappa^{-1}$ , we conclude that:  $\Phi \star S_{\chi} = (\kappa \circ S^{-1}) \star \kappa^{-1}$ . Hence, if Observation 3.4. we call  $\zeta = (\kappa \circ \mathcal{S}^{-1}) \star \kappa^{-1}$  we conclude that  $\zeta$  is invertible and that  $\Phi$  is the convolution inverse of  $\mathcal{S}_{\chi} \star \zeta^{-1}$ .
  - (2) Moreover, from the definition of  $S_{\chi}$  we deduce that:  $S^{-1} \circ S_{\chi} = \kappa \star \operatorname{id} \star \kappa^{-1}$  and comparing with the definition of  $\Phi$ , we conclude that  $S^{-1} \circ S_{\chi} = \zeta^{-1} \star \Phi$ , or equivalently  $\Phi = \zeta \star (S^{-1} \circ S_{\chi})$ .

    (3) In the particular case that  $\zeta = \varepsilon$ , i.e. if  $\kappa \circ S = \kappa$ , we deduce that
  - $\Phi = \mathcal{S}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{S}_{\chi}$  is the convolution inverse of  $\mathcal{S}_{\chi}$ .

The next theorem follows directly from the observation above (Observation 3.4) and equation (22).

**Theorem 3.5.** In the hypothesis above, the map  $\Phi: H \to H$  is self adjoint with respect to the original inner product  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  in H. Moreover,  $\mathcal{H}_{\chi}$  is a compact quantum group if and only if  $\Phi$  is a positive operator, where  $\Phi = (\kappa \circ \mathcal{S}^{-1}) \star \operatorname{id} \star \kappa^{-1}.$ 

# 4. Matched pairs of CQG

In this section, we consider the situation of a matched pair of Hopf algebras, as defined in [11], and the product naturally obtained in this context -that is called the bicrossproduct-. We study the particular case where the Hopf algebras in question are equipped with a compatible \*-involution and present a necessary and sufficient compatibility condition (linking the involution with the actions) for the bicrossproduct to be a \*-Hopf algebra. We prove that if the factors are CQG, then so is the product.

A matched pair of bialgebras is a quadruple  $(A, H, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  where A and H are bialgebras and

$$H \stackrel{\triangleleft}{\leftarrow} H \otimes A \stackrel{\triangleright}{\rightarrow} A,$$
$$x \triangleleft a \leftarrow x \otimes a \rightarrow x \triangleright a$$

are linear maps subject to the following compatibility conditions:

(1)  $(A, \triangleright)$  is a left H-module coalgebra, i.e.  $(A, \triangleright)$  is a left H-module

$$\Delta_A(x \triangleright a) = \sum (x_1 \triangleright a_1) \otimes (x_2 \triangleright a_2), \quad \varepsilon_A(x \triangleright a) = \varepsilon_H(x)\varepsilon_A(a), \quad (23)$$
$$\forall x \in H, \ a \in A.$$

(2)  $(H, \triangleleft)$  is a right A-module coalgebra, *i.e.*  $(H, \triangleleft)$  is a right A-module and

$$\Delta_H(x \triangleleft a) = \sum_{\alpha} (x_1 \triangleleft a_1) \otimes (x_2 \triangleleft a_2),$$

$$\varepsilon_H(x \triangleleft a) = \varepsilon_H(x)\varepsilon_A(a), \quad \forall x \in H, \ a \in A.$$
(24)

(3) The actions  $\triangleright$  and  $\triangleleft$  verify the compatibility relations:

$$x \triangleright ab = \sum (x_1 \triangleright a_1) ((x_2 \triangleleft a_2) \triangleright b), \quad x \triangleright 1 = \varepsilon_H(x)1,$$
(25)

$$xy \triangleleft a = \sum (x \triangleleft (y_1 \triangleright a_1))(y_2 \triangleleft a_2), \quad 1 \triangleleft a = \varepsilon_A(a)1,$$
(26)

$$\sum (x_1 \triangleleft a_1) \otimes (x_2 \triangleright a_2) = \sum (x_2 \triangleleft a_2) \otimes (x_1 \triangleright a_1), \tag{27}$$

for all  $x, y \in H$  and  $a, b \in A$ .

**Observation 4.1.** (1) It is well known –see [11], Theorem 7.2.2– that in the above situation the operations:  $(a \otimes x)(b \otimes y) = \sum a(x_1 \triangleright b_1) \otimes (x_2 \triangleleft b_2)y$ ,  $\Delta(a \otimes x) = \sum a_1 \otimes x_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes x_2$  and the usual unit and counit, endow the vector space  $A \otimes H$  with a bialgebra structure. The bialgebra thus obtained is called the *bicrossproduct* of A and H and will be denoted by  $A \bowtie H$ .

Representing the element  $a \otimes x \in A \bowtie H$  as ax, we can abbreviate:

$$xa = \sum (x_1 \triangleright a_1)(x_2 \triangleleft a_2), \quad \Delta(ax) = \sum a_1 x_1 \otimes a_2 x_2, \forall x \in H, \ a \in A.$$
 (28)

Moreover, if A and H are Hopf algebras, then  $A\bowtie H$  is also a Hopf algebra with antipode

$$\mathcal{S}(ax) = \mathcal{S}(x)\mathcal{S}(a) = \sum (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \triangleright \mathcal{S}(a_2))(\mathcal{S}(x_1) \triangleleft \mathcal{S}(a_1)), \quad \forall x \in H, \ a \in A.$$

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  be a matched pair of cosemisimple Hopf algebras and call  $\varphi_A \in A^{\vee}$  and  $\varphi_H \in H^{\vee}$  its corresponding normal integrals. Then,  $A \bowtie H$  is a cosemisimple Hopf algebra and the linear map  $\varphi_{A\bowtie H}: A\bowtie H \to \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\varphi_{A\bowtie H}(ax) = \varphi_A(a)\varphi_H(x)$  is a normal integral. Moreover, the following equations hold:

$$\varphi_A(a)\,\varphi_H(xy) = \sum \varphi_A(x_1 \triangleright a_1)\,\varphi_H\big((x_2 \triangleleft a_2)y\big), \quad \forall x, y \in H, \ a \in A. \tag{29}$$

$$\varphi_A(ba)\,\varphi_H(x) = \sum \varphi_A(b(x_1 \triangleright a_1))\,\varphi_H((x_2 \triangleleft a_2)), \quad \forall x \in H, \ a, b \in A. \ (30)$$

*Proof:* The proof that  $\varphi_{A\bowtie H} \in (A\bowtie H)^{\vee}$  is a normal integral on  $A\bowtie H$  follows directly from the definitions; hence  $A\bowtie H$  is cosemisimple.

Let us call  $\mathcal{N}:A\bowtie H\to A\bowtie H$  the Nakayama automorphism of  $A\bowtie H$ . Observe that from equation (2) we deduce that A and H are  $\mathcal{N}$ -invariant, and therefore it follows by the definition of  $\mathcal{N}$  –recall (1)– that the restrictions  $\mathcal{N}|_A$  and  $\mathcal{N}|_H$  are the Nakayama automorphisms of A and H, respectively.

To prove (29) we take  $a \in A$  and  $x, y \in H$  and compute:

$$\varphi_A(a)\,\varphi_H(xy) = \varphi_A(a)\,\varphi_H(y\mathcal{N}(x)) = \varphi_{A\bowtie H}(ay\mathcal{N}(x)) = \varphi_{A\bowtie H}(xay)$$
$$= \varphi_{A\bowtie H}\left(\sum (x_1 \triangleright a_1)(x_2 \triangleleft a_2)y\right) = \sum \varphi_A(x_1 \triangleright a_1)\,\varphi_H\left((x_2 \triangleleft a_2)y\right).$$

Equation (30) is proved similarly using  $\mathcal{N}^{-1}$  instead of  $\mathcal{N}$  and formula (3).

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  be a matched pair of Hopf algebras where A and H are \*-Hopf algebras. Then there exists a structure of \*-Hopf algebra in  $A \bowtie H$  such that A and H are sub-\*-Hopf algebras of  $A \bowtie H$  if and only if

$$a^* \varepsilon_H(x^*) = \sum (x_2 \triangleleft a_2)^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright a_1)^* \text{ and}$$
  

$$\varepsilon_A(a^*) x^* = \sum (x_2 \triangleleft a_2)^* \triangleleft (x_1 \triangleright a_1)^* \forall x \in H, \ a \in A.$$
(31)

Moreover, in this situation A and H are CQG if and only if  $A \bowtie H$  is a CQG.

*Proof:* As any \*-structure in  $A \bowtie H$  as above will satisfy:

$$(ax)^* = x^*a^* = \sum (x_1^* \triangleright a_1^*)(x_2^* \triangleleft a_2^*), \quad \forall x \in H, \ a \in A.$$
 (32)

Hence it is natural to take the above equation (32) as the definition of a \*-structure on  $A \bowtie H$ . Clearly this \*-structure is comultiplicative on  $A \bowtie H$  and restricts to A and H as stated. To prove the antimultiplicativity we observe that:  $((ax)(by))^* = (\sum a(x_1 \triangleright b_1)(x_2 \triangleleft b_2)y)^* = \sum y^*(x_2 \triangleleft b_2)^*(x_1 \triangleright b_1)^*a^*, (by)^*(ax)^* = y^*b^*x^*a^*$ . Then \* is antimultiplicative if and only if

$$a^*x^* = \sum (x_2 \triangleleft a_2)^* (x_1 \triangleright a_1)^*$$
  
= 
$$\sum ((x_2 \triangleleft a_2)_1^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright a_1)_1^*) ((x_2 \triangleleft a_2)_2^* \triangleleft (x_1 \triangleright a_1)_2^*), [using (28)].$$

Or, in the tensor product notation, if and only if

$$a^* \otimes x^* = \sum \left( (x_3 \triangleleft a_3)^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright a_1)^* \right) \otimes \left( (x_4 \triangleleft a_4)^* \triangleleft (x_2 \triangleright a_2)^* \right) \in A \otimes H,$$
$$\forall a \in A, \ x \in H.$$

Then, the relations (31) follows by applying  $id_A \otimes \varepsilon_H$  and  $\varepsilon_A \otimes id_H$  to the equation above.

Conversely, if we assume equations (31), then:

$$\sum (x_{2} \triangleleft a_{2})^{*} (x_{1} \triangleright a_{1})^{*}$$

$$= \sum ((x_{2} \triangleleft a_{2})_{1}^{*} \triangleright (x_{1} \triangleright a_{1})_{1}^{*}) ((x_{2} \triangleleft a_{2})_{2}^{*} \triangleleft (x_{1} \triangleright a_{1})_{2}^{*})$$

$$= \sum ((x_{3} \triangleleft a_{3})^{*} \triangleright (x_{1} \triangleright a_{1})^{*}) ((x_{4} \triangleleft a_{4})^{*} \triangleleft (x_{2} \triangleright a_{2})^{*})$$

$$= \sum ((x_{2} \triangleleft a_{2})^{*} \triangleright (x_{1} \triangleright a_{1})^{*}) ((x_{4} \triangleleft a_{4})^{*} \triangleleft (x_{3} \triangleright a_{3})^{*}) \text{ [using (27)]}$$

$$= \sum (a_{1}^{*} \varepsilon_{H}(x_{1}^{*})) (x_{2}^{*} \varepsilon_{A}(a_{2}^{*})) = a^{*} x^{*}.$$

We deduce that in this situation \* is antimultiplicative, and then, the fact that it is an involution follows immediately.

We assume now that A and H are CQG and verify conditions (31). Let  $\varphi_A \in A^{\vee}$  and  $\varphi_H \in H^{\vee}$  be the normal integrals. As A and H are CQG, the hermitian forms  $\langle \ , \ \rangle_A$  and  $\langle \ , \ \rangle_H$  defined by the formulæ:  $\langle a,b\rangle_A = \varphi_A(b^*a), \langle x,y\rangle_H = \varphi_H(y^*x), \forall a,b\in H,\ x,y\in H$ , are inner products.

Considering the previously defined normal integral  $\varphi_{A\bowtie H}:A\bowtie H\to\mathbb{C}$  and computing explicitly its associated hermitian form one obtains that:

$$\langle ax, by \rangle_{A\bowtie H} = \varphi_{A\bowtie H} ((by)^* ax) = \varphi_{A\bowtie H} (y^* b^* ax)$$

$$= \sum_{A} \varphi_A (y_1^* \triangleright (b^* a)_1) \varphi_H (y_2^* \triangleleft (b^* a)_2) x$$

$$= \varphi_A (b^* a) \varphi_H (y^* x) = \langle a, b \rangle_A \langle x, y \rangle_H.$$
(33)

The penultimate equation above, follows directly from condition (29). It is then clear that when A and H are CQGs, the hermitian form:  $\langle ax, by \rangle_{A\bowtie H} = \langle a, b \rangle_A \langle x, y \rangle_H$ ,  $\forall a, b \in H$ ,  $x, y \in H$ , is indeed an inner product.

4.1. The quantum double. The Drinfel'd double of a finite Hopf algebra is a particular case of the above construction, and thus we can apply to this situation the results just proved. In that sense, using condition (31) we deduce that H is a CQG if and only if, its double is a CQG.

Let H be a finite Hopf algebra. We consider the actions  $H \stackrel{\triangleleft}{\leftarrow} H \otimes H^{\vee} \stackrel{\triangleright}{\rightarrow} H^{\vee}$  defined by

$$(x \triangleright \alpha)(y) = \sum \alpha \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_2) y x_1 \right),$$
  
$$x \triangleleft \alpha = \sum \alpha \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_3) x_1 \right) x_2, \quad \forall \alpha \in H^{\vee}, \ x, y \in H.$$

In this situation it is well known that  $(H^{\vee cop}, H, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of Hopf algebras and the bicrossproduct  $D(H) = H^{\vee cop} \bowtie H$  is called the quantum double –or the Drinfel'd double– of H. Hence D(H) is a Hopf algebra with the property that  $H^{\vee cop}$  and H are Hopf subalgebras and  $D(H) = H^{\vee cop}H$ . In explicit terms the Hopf structure maps of D(H) are:

$$(\alpha x)(\beta y) = \sum \alpha(x_1 \triangleright \beta_2)(x_2 \triangleleft \beta_1)y = \sum \alpha(x_1 \rightharpoonup \beta \leftharpoonup \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_3))x_2y,$$

$$\Delta(\alpha x) = \sum \alpha_2 x_1 \otimes \alpha_1 x_2,$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\alpha x) = \sum (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \triangleright \mathcal{S}(\alpha_1))(\mathcal{S}(x_1) \triangleleft \mathcal{S}(\alpha_2))$$

$$= \sum (\mathcal{S}(x_3) \rightharpoonup \mathcal{S}^{-1}(\alpha) \leftharpoonup x_1)\mathcal{S}(x_2),$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in H^{\vee}$  and  $x, y \in H$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** A finite Hopf algebra H is a CQG if and only if its quantum double D(H) is a CQG.

*Proof:* We assume first that H is a \*-Hopf algebra and we endow  $H^{\vee}$  with the \*-structure given in (9). We show that the first of the equations (31) is verified –the other is similar–:

$$\sum (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})^{*} \triangleleft (x_{1} \triangleright \alpha_{2})^{*} 
= \sum (x_{1} \triangleright \alpha_{2})^{*} \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1} \left( (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{3}^{*} \right) (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{1}^{*} \right) (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{2}^{*} 
= \sum \overline{(x_{1} \triangleright \alpha_{2}) \left( (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{3} \mathcal{S}^{-1} \left( (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{1} \right) \right)} (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{2}^{*} 
= \left( \sum (x_{1} \triangleright \alpha_{2}) \left( (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{3} \mathcal{S}^{-1} \left( (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{1} \right) \right) (x_{2} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{2} \right)^{*} 
= \left( \sum \alpha_{2} \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{2}) (x_{3} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{3} \mathcal{S}^{-1} \left( (x_{3} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{1} \right) x_{1} \right) (x_{3} \triangleleft \alpha_{1})_{2} \right)^{*} 
= \left( \sum \alpha_{1} \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{7}) x_{3} \right) \alpha_{2} \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{2}) x_{6} \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{4}) x_{1} \right) x_{5} \right)^{*} 
= \left( \sum \alpha \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{7}) x_{3} \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{2}) x_{6} \mathcal{S}^{-1} (x_{4}) x_{1} \right) x_{5} \right)^{*} 
= \overline{\alpha(1)} x^{*}, \forall \alpha \in H^{\vee}, x \in H.$$

Then the result follows directly from Theorem 4.3.

**Observation 4.5.** If H is a finite CQG, then the corresponding \*-structure in D(H) is defined by

$$(\alpha x)^* = \sum (x_1^* \rightharpoonup \alpha^* \leftharpoonup \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_3)^*) x_2^* = \sum (x_3 \rightharpoonup \alpha \leftharpoonup \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))^* x_2^*,$$

for all  $\alpha \in H^{\vee}$ ,  $x \in H$ .

4.2. Yetter-Drinfel'd modules. It is well known that for a finite Hopf algebra H, the Yetter-Drinfel'd modules over H can be interpreted as modules over D(H). In view of the general results just proved, the compactness of H (in the finite case) can be expressed in terms of the category of D(H)—modules. Hence, one produces a characterization of the compactness of a finite \*-Hopf algebra in terms of its category of Yetter-Drinfel'd modules.

Assume that H is also endowed with a \*-operation and take in D(H) the involution defined above. In this situation, not only a vector space can be equivalently viewed as a Yetter-Drinfeld module or as a D(H)-module but it is also equivalent for an hermitian form to be invariant for the module and comodule structures than to be invariant for the D(H)-structure. Recall the definition of inner product invariant for an action that appears in Observation 2.10.

**Proposition 4.6.** Let H be a finite \*-Hopf algebra and take  $V \in {}^H_H \mathcal{YD}$ . Assume that  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is an hermitian form in V. Then,  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is invariant for the D(H)-module structure if and only if it is simultaneously invariant for the H-module and for the H-comodule structures.

*Proof:* Assume first that  $\langle , \rangle$  is invariant for the D(H)-module structure:  $\langle \alpha x \cdot u, v \rangle = \langle u, (\alpha x)^* \cdot v \rangle, \quad \forall \alpha \in H^{\vee}, \ x \in H, \ u, v \in V.$ 

Being H and  $H^{\vee}$  \*-subalgebras of D(H), we deduce that  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is invariant for the H-module and for the  $H^{\vee}$ -module structures. The fact that the  $H^{\vee}$ - invariance of  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is equivalent to the invariance for the corresponding H-comodule structure is the content of Observation 2.10.

Conversely, assume that  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is invariant for the H-module and for the H-comodule structures. Arguing as above we deduce that  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is invariant for the  $H^{\vee}$ -module structure. As  $D(H)=H^{\vee}H$  and  $H\subset D(H),\ H^{\vee}\subset D(H)$  as \*-subalgebras, we conclude that  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is invariant for the D(H)-module structure.

## 5. Extensions of CQG

We consider in this section the case of extensions of Hopf algebras and more particularly, the case of cleft and cocleft extensions. It is proved in [4], that cleft and cocleft extensions are exactly the Hopf algebras arising from what we call here a cocycle linked pair of Hopf algebras (by duality this concept is closely related to the notion of matched pair of Hopf algebras –see Observation 5.14). We consider the case in which the Hopf algebras involved are CQG, and –inspired on the results of [5]–give necessary and sufficient conditions for the product to be a \*-Hopf algebra and a CQG.

A cocycle linked pair of bialgebras (of Hopf algebras) is a sextuple  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$ , where A and H are bialgebras (Hopf algebras) and

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
H \otimes A \xrightarrow{\blacktriangleright} A & H \xrightarrow{\rho} H \otimes A \\
x \otimes a \mapsto x \blacktriangleright a & x \mapsto \sum x_H \otimes x_A & x \mapsto \sum x_H \otimes x_A & x \mapsto \sum x_H \otimes x_A & x \mapsto \sum x_I \otimes x_{II} & x \mapsto$$

are linear maps such that: (compare with [4], [5] and [11])

(1)  $(A, \triangleright, \chi)$  is a cocycle left H-module algebra:

$$x \blacktriangleright 1 = \varepsilon(x)1,\tag{35}$$

$$x \blacktriangleright ab = \sum (x_1 \blacktriangleright a)(x_2 \blacktriangleright b), \tag{36}$$

$$1 \triangleright a = a, \tag{37}$$

$$\sum (x_1 \blacktriangleright (y_1 \blacktriangleright a)) \chi(x_2, y_2) = \sum \chi(x_1, y_1) ((x_2 y_2) \blacktriangleright a), \qquad (38)$$

$$\sum (x_1 \blacktriangleright \chi(y_1, z_1)) \chi(x_2, y_2 z_2) = \sum \chi(x_1, y_1) \chi(x_2 y_2, z), \tag{39}$$

$$\chi(x,1) = \chi(1,x) = \varepsilon(x)1,\tag{40}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in H$ ,  $a, b \in A$ .

(2)  $(H, \rho, \psi)$  is a cocycle right A-comodule coalgebra:

$$\sum \varepsilon(x_H)x_A = \varepsilon(x)1,\tag{41}$$

$$\sum x_{H1} \otimes x_{H2} \otimes x_A = \sum x_{1H} \otimes x_{2H} \otimes x_{1A} x_{2A}, \qquad (42)$$

$$\sum x_H \varepsilon(x_A) = x,\tag{43}$$

$$\sum x_{2HH} \otimes x_{1I}x_{2HA} \otimes x_{1II}x_{2A} = \sum x_{1H} \otimes x_{1A1}x_{2I} \otimes x_{1A2}x_{2II},$$
(44)

$$\sum x_{1I1}x_{2HI} \otimes x_{1I2}x_{2HII} \otimes x_{1II}x_{2A} = \sum x_{1I} \otimes x_{1II1}x_{2I} \otimes x_{1II2}x_{2II},$$
(45)

$$\sum \varepsilon(x_I)x_{II} = \sum x_I \varepsilon(x_{II}) = \varepsilon(x)1, \tag{46}$$

for all  $x \in H$ .

(3) the maps  $\triangleright$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\psi$  verify the following compatibility relations:

$$\varepsilon(x \triangleright a) = \varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(a),\tag{47}$$

$$\sum 1_A \otimes 1_H = 1 \otimes 1,\tag{48}$$

$$\varepsilon(\chi(x,y)) = \varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(y),\tag{49}$$

$$\sum 1_I \otimes 1_{II} = 1 \otimes 1,\tag{50}$$

$$\sum (x_1 \triangleright a)_1 x_{2I} \otimes (x_1 \triangleright a)_2 x_{2II} = \sum x_{1I} (x_{2H} \triangleright a_1) \otimes x_{1II} x_{2A} (x_3 \triangleright a_2),$$
(51)

$$\sum (x_2 y_2)_H \otimes \chi(x_1, y_1)(x_2 y_2)_A = \sum x_{1H} y_{1H} \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright y_{1A}) \chi(x_3, y_2),$$
(52)

$$\sum x_{2H} \otimes (x_1 \triangleright a) x_{2A} = \sum x_{1H} \otimes x_{1A} (x_2 \triangleright a), \tag{53}$$

$$\sum \chi(x_1, y_1)_1(x_2 y_2)_I \otimes \chi(x_1, y_1)_2(x_2 y_2)_{II}$$

$$= \sum x_{1I}(x_{2H} \triangleright y_{1I}) \chi(x_{4H}, y_{2H}) \otimes$$
(54)

 $x_{1II}x_{2A}(x_3 \triangleright y_{1II})x_{4A}(x_5 \triangleright y_{2A})\chi(x_6, y_3),$ 

for all  $x, y \in H$ ,  $a \in A$ .

**Observation 5.1.** (1) In this context, see for example [4], [5] and [11] Theorem 6.3.9, one can define a bialgebra structure on  $A \otimes H$ , that is called the *cocycle bismash product* of A and H and it is usually denoted by  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$ . The basic operations—computed on the elementary tensors of  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$ , that will be denoted generically as a # x with  $a \in A, x \in H$ — are the following:

Product:  $(a\#x)(b\#y) = \sum a(x_1 \triangleright b)\chi(x_2, y_1)\#x_3y_2$ , with unit 1#1; Coproduct:  $\Delta(a\#x) = \sum a_1(x_1)_I\#(x_2)_H \otimes a_2(x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A\#x_3$ , with counit  $\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon$ .

- (2) Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  be a cocycle linked pair of bialgebras. Condition (38) shows that  $\triangleright$  is not necessarily an action. If  $\chi$  is invertible and belongs to the center of the convolution algebra  $\operatorname{Hom}(H \otimes H, A)$ , then  $\chi$  cancels in (38) and  $\triangleright$  becomes an action. This is the case for example whenever  $\chi$  is  $\operatorname{trivial}$ , i.e.  $\chi = \varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon$  or whenever A is commutative, H is cocommutative and  $\chi$  is convolution invertible. Dual considerations hold for  $\rho$  and  $\psi$ . This particular situation can be generalized to the notion of  $\operatorname{cocycle}$   $\operatorname{Singer}$   $\operatorname{pair}$  that will be introduced in Definition 6.1.
- (3) For the product of two elements of the form  $1\#x, 1\#y \in A^{\psi}\#_{\chi}H$ , we have the following formula:  $(1\#x)(1\#y) = \sum \chi(x_1, y_1) \#x_2y_2$ .
- (4) The rather complicated compatibility condition (54) can be samewhat simplified as we can write it as:

$$\Delta \chi \star \psi m = (\psi \otimes \varepsilon) \star \theta \star (1 \otimes \chi), \tag{55}$$

with

$$\theta(x,y) = \sum (x_{1H} \blacktriangleright y_{1I}) \chi(x_{3H}, y_{2H}) \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \blacktriangleright y_{1II}) x_{3A}(x_4 \blacktriangleright y_{2A})$$

$$= \sum (x_{1H} \triangleright y_{1I}) \chi(x_{2H}, y_{2H}) \otimes x_{1A} x_{2A} (x_3 \triangleright y_{1II}) (x_4 \triangleright y_{2A}), \quad (56)$$

where the last equality follows from a direct application of equation (53). Using equations (36) and (42) the above expression can be transformed into:

$$\theta(x,y) = \sum (x_{1H1} \triangleright y_{1I}) \chi(x_{1H2}, y_{2H}) \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright (y_{1II}y_{2A})).$$
 (57)

Let  $(M): A \xrightarrow{\iota} M \xrightarrow{\pi} H$  be a sequence of Hopf algebras and Hopf algebra maps. In this situation the correstriction  $m \mapsto \sum m_1 \otimes \pi(m_2): M \to M \otimes H$  endows M with a structure of right H-comodule algebra and the restriction  $a \otimes m \mapsto \iota(a)m: A \otimes M \to M$  endows M with a structure of a left A-module coalgebra. The space of right coinvariants of M is  $M^{\text{coH}} = \{m \in M: \sum m_1 \otimes \pi(m_2) = m \otimes 1\}.$ 

**Definition 5.2** ([4]). We say that (M) is *exact* and that M is an *extension* of H by A if

- (1)  $\iota$  is injective,
- (2)  $\pi$  is surjective,
- (3)  $\operatorname{Im}(\iota) = M^{\operatorname{coH}}$ ,
- (4)  $\operatorname{Ker}(\pi) = MA^+$ , being  $A^+$  the kernel of the counit of A.

An equivalence of exact sequences (M) and (M') is a Hopf algebra map  $M \to M'$  which induces the identity map in A and H. This algebra map is necessarily bijective.

The extension is *cleft* if there exists a convolution invertible H-comodule map  $H \to M$ , and is *cocleft* if there exists a convolution invertible A-module map  $M \to A$ .

**Proposition 5.3** (Lemma 3.2.17, [4]). Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  be a cocycle linked pair of Hopf algebras, where  $\chi : H \otimes H \to A$  and  $\psi : H \to A \otimes A$  are convolution invertible. Then  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  is a Hopf algebra and

$$A \xrightarrow{\iota_A} A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H \xrightarrow{\pi_H} H$$

is a cleft and cocleft extension of Hopf algebras. Conversely, any cleft and cocleft extension of Hopf algebras  $A \to M \to H$  is equivalent to  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$ , for some  $\triangleright$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\psi$  as above, where  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are convolution invertible.

In this situation, if we write the inverses of  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  as  $x \otimes y \mapsto \chi^{-1}(x,y)$  and  $x \mapsto \sum x_{\widehat{I}} \otimes x_{\widehat{II}}$  respectively,

then the antipode of  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  is given by

$$S(a\#x) = \sum \left( \chi^{-1} \left( S(x_{2H}), x_{3H} \right) \# S(x_{1H}) \right) \left( x_{4\widehat{I}} S\left( ax_{1A}x_{2A}x_{3A}x_{4\widehat{II}} \right) \# 1 \right)$$

$$= \sum \left( \chi^{-1} \left( S(x_{1H2}), x_{1H3} \right) \# S(x_{1H1}) \right) \left( x_{2\widehat{I}} S\left( ax_{1A}x_{2\widehat{II}} \right) \# 1 \right)$$

It is well known (see Theorem 3.3 in [18]) that an exact sequence of finite Hopf algebras is always cleft and cocleft, and –being  $\iota$  injective and  $\pi$  surjective–conditions (3) and (4) in Definition 5.2 are equivalent ([13]).

**Observation 5.4.** In the context considered above, the bialgebra  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  can be endowed with natural structures of left A-module and a right H-comodule as follows:

$$a' \cdot (a\#x) = a'a\#x, \qquad \delta(a\#x) = \sum a\#x_1 \otimes x_2, \quad \forall a \in A, \ x \in H.$$

Observe that  $a' \cdot (a\#x) = (a'\#1)(a\#x)$ , and  $\delta = ((\mathrm{id}_A \otimes \mathrm{id}_H) \otimes (\varepsilon \otimes \mathrm{id}_H))\Delta$ .

If we consider the natural inclusion and projection maps

$$\begin{array}{cccc} A \xrightarrow{\iota_{A}} A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H & , & H \xrightarrow{\iota_{H}} A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H \\ a \mapsto a \# 1 & , & x \mapsto 1 \# x \end{array},$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H \xrightarrow{\pi_{A}} A & , & A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H \xrightarrow{\pi_{H}} H \\ a \# x \mapsto a \varepsilon(x) & , & a \# x \mapsto \varepsilon(a) x \end{array},$$

then,  $\iota_A$  and  $\pi_H$  are bialgebra maps,  $\iota_H$  is a morphism of H-comodules and  $\pi_A$  is morphism of A-modules.

**Lemma 5.5.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  be a cocycle linked pair of cosemisimple bialgebras and call  $\varphi_A : A^{\vee} \to \mathbb{C}$  and  $\varphi_H : H^{\vee} \to \mathbb{C}$  its corresponding normal integrals. Then, the linear map  $\Phi : A\#H \to \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\Phi(a\#x) = \varphi_A(a)\varphi_H(x)$  is a normal integral on  $A^{\psi}\#_{\chi}H$  that is then cosemisimple.

*Proof:* The following computation shows that  $\Phi$  is a left integral:

$$\sum (a\#x)_1 \Phi((a\#x)_2) = \sum a_1(x_1)_I \#(x_2)_H \Phi(a_2(x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A \#x_3)$$

$$= \sum a_1(x_1)_I \#(x_2)_H \varphi_A(a_2(x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A) \varphi_H(x_3)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_H(x) a_1 1_I \# 1_H \varphi_A(a_2 1_{II} 1_A)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_H(x) a_1 \# 1_H \varphi_A(a_2) = \Phi(a\#x) 1 \# 1.$$

As  $\Phi(1\#1)=1$  it follows that A#H is cosemisimple and hence that  $\Phi$  is also right integral.

**Definition 5.6.** An extension of \*-Hopf algebras is an extension (M):  $A \stackrel{\iota}{\to} M \stackrel{\pi}{\to} H$  where A, M and H are \*-Hopf algebras and  $\iota$  and  $\pi$  are \*-maps.

The following theorem is inspired in [5], Proposition 3.2.9.

**Theorem 5.7.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  be a cocycle linked pair of bialgebras, where  $\chi : H \otimes H \to A$  and  $\psi : H \to A \otimes A$  are convolution invertible and A and H are \*-Hopf algebras. Let  $\gamma : H \to A$  be a linear map such that  $\gamma(1) = 1$  and  $\varepsilon \gamma = \varepsilon$ . Then the formula below:

$$(a\#x)^* = \sum \gamma(x_1^*) (x_2^* \triangleright a^*) \#x_3^*, \quad \forall a \in A, \ x \in H$$
 (58)

defines a structure of \*-Hopf algebra in  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  if and only if

$$\sum \gamma(x_2^*) (x_3^* \blacktriangleright \gamma(x_1)^*) = \varepsilon(x^*) 1, \tag{59}$$

$$\sum \gamma (x_2^*) (x_3^* \blacktriangleright (x_1 \blacktriangleright a)^*) = a^* \gamma (x^*), \tag{60}$$

$$\sum \gamma(y_1^*) (y_2^* \blacktriangleright \gamma(x_1^*)) \chi(y_3^*, x_2^*) = \sum \gamma(y_2^* x_2^*) ((y_3^* x_3^*) \blacktriangleright \chi(x_1, y_1)^*), \quad (61)$$

$$\sum (x_2^*)_H \otimes \gamma(x_1^*)(x_2^*)_A = \sum ((x_1)_H)^* \otimes \gamma(x_2^*) (x_3^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_A)^*), \quad (62)$$

$$\sum (\gamma(x_1^*))_1(x_2^*)_I \otimes (\gamma(x_1^*))_2(x_2^*)_{II}$$

$$= \sum \gamma \left( \left( (x_2)_H \right)^* \right) \left( \left( (x_3)_H \right)^* \blacktriangleright \left( (x_1)_I \right)^* \right) \otimes$$

$$\gamma(x_4^*) \left( x_5^* \blacktriangleright \left( (x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A(x_3)_A \right)^* \right),$$
(63)

for all  $a \in A$ ,  $x \in H$ . Hence in this situation  $A \to A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H \to H$  is an extension of \*-Hopf algebras.

*Proof:* First we assume that conditions (59)–(63) are verified. The fact that the operator \* is an involution, i.e. that  $(a\#x)^{**} = a\#x$ , follows easily from (59) and (60).

Next we show that \* is antimultiplicative:

$$((a\#x)(b\#y))^* = \sum (a(x_1 \triangleright b)\chi(x_2, y_1)\#x_3y_2)^*$$

$$= \sum \gamma(y_2^*x_3^*) \left(y_3^*x_4^* \triangleright (\chi(x_2, y_1)^*(x_1 \triangleright b)^*a^*)\right) \#y_4^*x_5^*$$

$$= \sum \gamma(y_2^*x_3^*) \left(y_3^*x_4^* \triangleright \chi(x_2, y_1)^*\right)$$

$$\left(y_4^*x_5^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright b)^*\right) \left(y_5^*x_6^* \triangleright a^*\right) \#y_6^*x_7^*$$
 [using (36)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright \gamma(x_2^*)\right) \chi(y_3^*, x_3^*)$$

$$\left(y_4^*x_4^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright b)^*\right) \left(y_5^*x_5^* \triangleright a^*\right) \#y_6^*x_6^*$$
 [using (61)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright \gamma(x_2^*)\right) \left(y_3^* \triangleright (x_3^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright b)^*)\right)$$

$$\chi(y_4^*, x_4^*) \left(y_5^*x_5^* \triangleright a^*\right) \#y_6^*x_6^*$$
 [using (38)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright \left(\gamma(x_2^*)\right) \left(x_3^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright b)^*\right)\right)$$

$$\chi(y_3^*, x_4^*) \left(y_4^*x_5^* \triangleright a^*\right) \#y_5^*x_6^*$$
 [using (36)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*))\right) \chi(y_3^*, x_2^*) \left(y_4^*x_3^* \triangleright a^*\right) \#y_5^*x_4^*$$
 [using (60)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*)) \left(y_3^* \triangleright (x_2^* \triangleright a^*)\right) \chi(y_4^*, x_3^*) \#y_5^*x_4^*$$
 [using (38)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*)) \left(x_2^* \triangleright a^*\right)\right) \chi(y_3^*, x_3^*) \#y_4^*x_4^*$$
 [using (36)]
$$= \sum \gamma(y_1^*) \left(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*)(x_2^* \triangleright a^*)\right) \chi(y_3^*, x_3^*) \#y_4^*x_4^*$$
 [using (36)]
$$= \sum (\gamma(y_1^*)(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*)(x_2^* \triangleright a^*)) \chi(y_3^*, x_3^*) \#y_4^*x_4^*$$
 [using (36)]
$$= \sum (\gamma(y_1^*)(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*)(x_2^* \triangleright a^*)) \chi(y_3^*, x_3^*) \#y_4^*x_4^*$$
 [using (36)]
$$= \sum (\gamma(y_1^*)(y_2^* \triangleright (b^*\gamma(x_1^*)(x_2^* \triangleright a^*)) \chi(y_3^*, x_3^*) \#y_4^*x_4^*$$
 [using (36)]

In order to prove the comultiplicativity of \*, it is enough to show that

$$\Delta((a\#1)^*) = (\Delta(a\#1))^{*\otimes *}, \quad \Delta((1\#x)^*) = (\Delta(1\#x))^{*\otimes *},$$
$$\forall a \in A, x \in H.$$

The first equality is obvious, for the second:

$$(\Delta(1\#x))^{*\otimes*} = \sum ((x_1)_I \#(x_2)_H)^* \otimes ((x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A \#x_3)^*$$

$$= \sum \gamma \Big( ((x_2)_H)_1^* \Big) \Big( ((x_2)_H)_2^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_I)^* \Big) \# \Big( (x_2)_H \Big)_3^* \otimes$$

$$\gamma(x_3^*) \Big( x_4^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A)^* \Big) \# x_5^*$$

$$= \sum \gamma \Big( ((x_2)_H)^* \Big) \Big( ((x_3)_H)^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_I)^* \Big) \# \Big( (x_4)_H \Big)^* \otimes$$

$$\gamma(x_5^*) \Big( x_6^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A(x_3)_A(x_4)_A \Big)^* \Big) \# x_7^* \quad [using (42)]$$

$$= \sum \gamma \Big( ((x_2)_H)^* \Big) \Big( ((x_3)_H)^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II})^* \Big) \# \Big( (x_4)_H \Big)^* \otimes$$

$$\gamma(x_5^*) \Big( x_6^* \blacktriangleright ((x_4)_A)^* \Big) \Big( x_7^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A(x_3)_A \Big)^* \Big) \# x_8^* \quad [using (36)]$$

$$= \sum \gamma \Big( ((x_2)_H)^* \Big) \Big( ((x_3)_H)^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II})^* \Big) \# (x_5^*)_H \otimes$$

$$\gamma(x_4^*) \Big( (x_5)_A \Big)^* \Big( x_6^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A(x_3)_A \Big)^* \Big) \# x_7^* \quad [using (62)]$$

$$= \sum \gamma \Big( ((x_2)_H)^* \Big) \Big( ((x_3)_H)^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II})^* \Big) \# (x_6^*)_H \otimes$$

$$\gamma(x_4^*) \Big( x_5^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1)_{II}(x_2)_A(x_3)_A \Big)^* \Big) \Big( (x_6)_A \Big)^* \# x_7^* \quad [using (53)]$$

$$= \sum (\gamma(x_1^*)_1(x_2^*)_{I} \# (x_3^*)_H \otimes (\gamma(x_1^*)_1(x_2^*)_{II} \# x_4^*$$

$$= \Delta(1\# x^*). \quad [using (63)]$$

Hence we have proved that A#H is a \*-Hopf algebra.

Conversely, let us assume that the formula (58) endows  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  with a \*-bialgebra structure. Then from the equalities

$$((1\#x)(a\#1))^* = (a\#1)^*(1\#x)^*$$
 and  $((1\#x)(1\#y))^* = (1\#y)^*(1\#x)^*$ ,

we obtain (60) and (61), respectively. Moreover from  $(a\#x)^{**} = a\#x$ , we deduce (59). Finally, if we apply  $\varepsilon \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \varepsilon$  and  $\mathrm{id} \otimes \varepsilon \otimes \mathrm{id} \otimes \varepsilon$  to both sides of  $\Delta((1\#x)^*) = (\Delta(1\#x))^{**}$ , we deduce (62) and (63).

**Observation 5.8.** For future use we present below a slightly different and equivalent version of the conditions of last theorem.

$$\sum \gamma(x_2)(x_3 \triangleright \gamma(x_1^*)^*) = \varepsilon(x)1, \tag{64}$$

$$\sum \gamma(x_2) (x_3 \blacktriangleright (x_1^* \blacktriangleright a^*)^*) = a\gamma(x), \tag{65}$$

$$\sum \gamma(y_1) (y_2 \triangleright \gamma(x_1)) \chi(y_3, x_2) = \sum \gamma(y_2 x_2) ((y_3 x_3) \triangleright \chi(x_1^*, y_1^*)^*), \quad (66)$$

$$\sum x_{2H} \otimes \gamma(x_1) x_{2A} = \sum ((x_1^*)_H)^* \otimes \gamma(x_2) (x_3 \triangleright ((x_1^*)_A)^*), \qquad (67)$$

$$\sum (\gamma(x_1))_1 x_{2I} \otimes (\gamma(x_1))_2 x_{2II}$$

$$= \sum \gamma \left( \left( (x_2^*)_H \right)^* \right) \left( \left( (x_3^*)_H \right)^* \blacktriangleright \left( (x_1^*)_I \right)^* \right) \otimes \qquad (68)$$

$$\gamma(x_4) \left( x_5 \blacktriangleright \left( (x_1^*)_{II} (x_2^*)_A (x_3^*)_A \right)^* \right),$$

**Observation 5.9.** We consider two particular situations of special relevance.

(1) In the hypothesis of the Theorem 5.7, if one takes the particular case that  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$  –see [5]–, then it can be proved that conditions:

$$(x \triangleright a)^* = \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*) \triangleright a^*, \qquad \chi(x,y)^* = \chi^{-1} \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*), \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y^*) \right)$$

taken from [5], Proposition 3.2.9, imply (59), (60) and (61).

(2) If we consider  $\gamma(x) = \varepsilon(x)1$ , then conditions (59)–(63) become:

$$\sum x_{2}^{*} \blacktriangleright (x_{1} \blacktriangleright a)^{*} = a^{*} \varepsilon(x^{*}),$$

$$\chi(x^{*}, y^{*}) = \sum (x_{2}^{*} y_{2}^{*}) \blacktriangleright \chi(y_{1}, x_{1})^{*},$$

$$\sum x_{H}^{*} \otimes x_{A}^{*} = \sum (x_{1H})^{*} \otimes (x_{2}^{*} \blacktriangleright (x_{1A})^{*}),$$

$$\sum x_{I}^{*} \otimes x_{II}^{*} = \sum ((x_{2H})^{*} \blacktriangleright (x_{II})^{*}) \otimes (x_{3}^{*} \blacktriangleright (x_{III} x_{2A})^{*}),$$

for all  $a \in A$ ,  $x \in H$ . These conditions, were the ones appearing in a preliminary version of this paper.

**Theorem 5.10.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  be a cocycle linked pair of Hopf algebras, where A and H are CQG and  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are invertible. We consider the map  $\gamma: H \to A$  defined by  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$ , for all  $x \in H$ . Let  $\varphi_A, \varphi_H, \Phi$  be normal integrals given as in Lemma 5.5. Assume that  $\Phi$  is central, i.e. it satisfies  $\Phi((a\#x)(b\#y)) = \Phi((b\#y)(a\#x))$ . If (59)-(63) are verified, then  $A^{\psi}\#_{\chi}H$  with the \*-structure considered in (58) is a CQG.

*Proof:* Let  $\langle -, - \rangle_{A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H}$ ,  $\langle -, - \rangle_{A}$  and  $\langle -, - \rangle_{H}$  the hermitians forms corresponding respectively to  $\Phi$ ,  $\varphi_{A}$  and  $\varphi_{H}$ .

From condition (39) it follows that –see also equation (83)–:

$$\sum (x_1 \triangleright \gamma(y_1)) \chi(x_2, y_2) = \sum \chi^{-1}(xy_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y_1)), \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

Also it is easy to see that

$$(b\#y)^*(a\#x) = \sum (\gamma(y_1^*)\#y_2^*)(b^*a\#x), \quad \forall x, y \in H, \ a, b \in A.$$

Then

$$\langle a\#x, b\#y \rangle_{A\#H} = \Phi \left( (b\#y)^* (a\#x) \right) = \sum \Phi \left( \left( \gamma(y_1^*) \# y_2^* \right) \left( b^* a \# x \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum \Phi \left( \left( b^* a \# x \right) \left( \gamma(y_1^*) \# y_2^* \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_A \left( b^* a \left( x_1 \blacktriangleright \gamma(y_1^*) \right) \chi(x_2, y_2^*) \right) \varphi_H(x_3 y_3^*)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_A \left( b^* a \chi^{-1} \left( x y_2^*, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y_1^*) \right) \right) \varphi_H(x_3 y_3^*)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_A \left( b^* a \chi^{-1} \left( x_1 y_2^* \varphi_H(x_2 y_3^*), \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y_1^*) \right) \right)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_A \left( b^* a \chi^{-1} \left( 1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y_1^*) \right) \right) \varphi_H(x y_2^*)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_A \left( b^* a \chi^{-1} \left( 1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y_1^*) \right) \right) \varphi_H(x y_2^*)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_A \left( b^* a \chi^{-1} \left( 1, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y_1^*) \right) \right) \varphi_H(x y_2^*)$$

The proof of the positivity of the inner product in  $A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  follows immediately from the above equality.

**Observation 5.11.** In the case that A and H are finite, the fact that  $\Phi$  is central follows immediately from Theorem 2.1.

Next we study the particular case of this construction when  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are trivial.

5.1. Linked pair of bialgebras. In this section we consider the special case of a cocycle linked pair of bialgebras with trivial cocycle and cococycle, in which case one can prove more precise results.

**Definition 5.12.** A *linked pair of bialgebras* is a cocycle linked pair of bialgebras with trivial cocycle and cococycle.

**Observation 5.13.** (1) If we have a linked pair of bialgebras  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$ , where A and H are Hopf algebras, then conditions (47) and (48) are automatically verified (see [20]).

- (2) Clearly if  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  is a linked pair of bialgebras, then  $(A, \triangleright)$  is a left H-module algebra and  $(H, \rho)$  is right A-comodule coalgebra. In this situation, the remaining compatibility relations are (47), (48), (51), (52) and (53).
- **Observation 5.14.** (1) If  $(H, A, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of bialgebras and A is finite dimensional, we have that  $(A^{\vee}, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  becomes a linked pair of bialgebras with the following structures:

$$(x \triangleright \alpha)(a) = \alpha(a \triangleleft x), \qquad \rho(x) = \sum x_H \otimes x_{A^{\vee}} \iff \sum x_H x_{A^{\vee}}(a) = a \triangleright x$$

for all  $a \in A$ ,  $x \in H$  and  $\alpha \in A^{\vee}$ .

(2) In view of Observation 5.1.1, a linked pair of bialgebras gives rise to a bialgebra  $A^{\psi}\#_{\chi}H$ , for which  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  are trivial. The bialgebra obtained in this particular case is called the *bismash* product of A and H and is denoted by A#H. (See [20], Theorem 6.2.2 or [11].) We have the following explicit formulae:

$$(a\#x)(b\#y) = \sum a(x_1 \triangleright b)\#x_2y,$$
  
$$\Delta(a\#x) = \sum a_1\#(x_1)_H \otimes a_2(x_1)_A\#x_2, \forall a, b \in A, \ x, y \in H.$$

In the case that A and H are Hopf algebras, then A#H is a Hopf algebra with antipode

$$S(a\#x) = \sum (1\#S(x_H))(S(ax_A)\#1), \quad \forall a \in A, \ x \in H.$$

Moreover, if we consider the natural inclusion and projection maps defined in Observation 5.4 then,  $\iota_H$  is an algebra map and  $\pi_A$  is a coalgebra map. Hence A#H is generated as an algebra by the subalgebras A#1 and 1#H.

**Lemma 5.15.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  be a linked pair of bialgebras. If A and H are cosemisimple bialgebras with normal integrals  $\varphi_A$  and  $\varphi_H$  respectively, then A#H is cosemisimple and  $\Phi: A\#H \to \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\Phi(a\#x) = \varphi_A(a)\varphi_H(x)$  is a normal integral. Moreover, in this situation  $\varphi_H: H \to \mathbb{C}$  is a morphism of A-comodules.

*Proof:* The first assertion follows from Lemma 5.5. The second assertion is proved by writing the right integral condition of  $\Phi$  to 1#x and then applying  $id_A \otimes \varepsilon_H$  to obtain:

$$\sum \varphi_H(x_H) x_A = \varphi_H(x) 1_A, \quad \forall x \in H.$$

In connection with Observation 5.9 we have the following.

**Lemma 5.16.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  be a linked pair of bialgebras, where A and H are \*-Hopf algebras. We consider  $\gamma : H \to A$  defined by  $\gamma(x) = \varepsilon(x)1$ , for all  $x \in H$ . Then condition (60) is equivalent to

$$(x \triangleright a)^* = \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*) \triangleright a^*. \tag{69}$$

*Proof:* If we assume (69), then

$$\sum x_2^* \blacktriangleright (x_1 \blacktriangleright a)^* = \sum x_2^* \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1^*) \blacktriangleright a^*) = a^* \varepsilon(x^*).$$

If we assume (60), then

$$(x \triangleright a)^* = \sum \varepsilon(x_2^*)(x_1 \triangleright a)^* = \sum \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_3^*) \triangleright (x_2^* \triangleright (x_1 \triangleright a)^*)$$
$$= \sum \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_2^*) \triangleright a^* \varepsilon(x_1^*) = \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*) \triangleright a^*.$$

From Theorems 5.7 and 5.10, Observation 5.11 and Lema 5.16 we get:

**Corollary 5.17.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  be a linked pair of bialgebras, where A and H are \*-Hopf algebras. Then the formula below:

$$(a\#x)^* = \sum x_1^* \triangleright a^* \# x_2^*, \quad \forall a \in A, \ x \in H$$

defines a structure of \*-Hopf algebra in A#H if and only if

$$(x \triangleright a)^* = \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*) \triangleright a^*$$
 and  $\rho(x^*) = \sum (x_{1H})^* \otimes (x_2^* \triangleright (x_{1A})^*),$ 

for all  $a \in A$ ,  $x \in H$ . In this situation, if A and H are finite CQG, then so is A # H.

In order to apply theorem 5.10 without assuming that A and H are finite, we have the following.

**Proposition 5.18.** Let  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  be a linked pair of bialgebras. Let  $\varphi_A$ ,  $\varphi_H$ ,  $\Phi$ , be as in Lemma 5.15. Then  $\Phi$  is central if and only if  $\varphi_A$  and  $\varphi_H$  are central and  $\varphi_A : A \to \mathbb{C}$  is a morphism of H-modules.

*Proof:* We have  $\Phi((a\#x)(b\#y)) = \sum \varphi_A(a(x_1 \triangleright b))\varphi_H(x_2y)$ , then  $\Phi$  is central if and only if

$$\sum \varphi_A (a(x_1 \triangleright b)) \varphi_H(x_2 y) = \sum \varphi_A (b(y_1 \triangleright a)) \varphi_H(y_2 x),$$

$$\forall a, b \in A, x, y \in H.$$
(70)

Assume that  $\varphi_A$  and  $\varphi_H$  are central and  $\varphi_A$  is a morphism of H-modules. The last condition on  $\varphi_A$  means that  $\varphi_A(x \triangleright a) = \varepsilon(x)\varphi_A(a)$  for all  $x \in$ 

 $H, a \in A$ . Then

$$\sum \varphi_{A}(a(x_{1} \triangleright b))\varphi_{H}(x_{2}y) = \sum \varphi_{A}((x_{1} \triangleright b)a)\varphi_{H}(x_{2}y)$$

$$= \sum \varphi_{A}((x_{1} \triangleright b)((x_{2}y_{1}) \triangleright a))\varphi_{H}(x_{3}y_{2})$$

$$= \sum \varphi_{A}((x_{1} \triangleright b)(x_{2} \triangleright (y_{1} \triangleright a)))\varphi_{H}(x_{3}y_{2})$$

$$= \sum \varphi_{A}(x_{1} \triangleright (b(y_{1} \triangleright a))\varphi_{H}(x_{2}y_{2})$$

$$= \sum \varphi_{A}(b(y_{1} \triangleright a))\varphi_{H}(xy_{2})$$

$$= \sum \varphi_{A}(b(y_{1} \triangleright a))\varphi_{H}(y_{2}x).$$

Assume now that  $\Phi$  is central. If we put a = b = 1 in (70) we get that  $\varphi_H$  is central and if we put x = y = 1 we get that  $\varphi_A$  is central.

Using that  $\varphi_H$  is central, if we put b=1 in (70) we get

$$\varphi_A(a)\varphi_H(yx) = \sum \varphi_A(y_1 \triangleright a)\varphi_H(y_2x), \quad \forall a \in A, \ x, y \in H.$$

Now, as H is co Frobenius the validity of the above equation for all  $x \in H$  implies that

$$\varphi_A(a)y = \sum \varphi_A(y_1 \triangleright a)y_2, \quad \forall a \in A, \ y \in H,$$

and applying  $\varepsilon$  we obtain that  $\varphi_A$  is a morphism of H-modules.

### 6. The case of a cocycle Singer pair

In this section we consider the general construction of a star for a cocycle linked pair of \*-Hopf algebras in the case that H is cocommutative and A is commutative. Notice that in this situation the antipodes of A and of H are involutive.

### 6.1. General definitions.

**Definition 6.1.** A cocycle linked pair of Hopf algebras  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  is said to be a *cocycle Singer pair* if H is cocommutative, A is commutative, and the cocycle and cococycle  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are invertible.

The above definition is motivated by the fact that a linked pair of Hopf algebras  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  in which A is a commutative Hopf algebra and H is a cocommutative Hopf algebra is called a *Singer pair* (see for example [13]).

**Observation 6.2.** (1) Notice that if we have a cocycle Singer pair, then condition (53) is authomatically verified, and it is easy to see that we can remove  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  from relations (38), (44), (51), (52).

(2) Hence in this case being H is cocommutative, A commutative and  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  are convolution invertible, then  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$  is a cocycle linked pair of bialgebras if and only if  $(A, H, \triangleright, \rho)$  is a linked pair of bialgebras and  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  verify relations (39), (40), (45), (46), (49), (50), (54).

**Observation 6.3.** In this case the conditions characterizing the structure become simpler.

(1) Conditions for  $(\triangleright, \chi)$ .

$$x \blacktriangleright 1 = \varepsilon(x)1, \ x \blacktriangleright ab = \sum (x_1 \blacktriangleright a)(x_2 \blacktriangleright b), \ 1 \blacktriangleright a = a,$$

$$x \blacktriangleright (y \blacktriangleright a) = (xy) \blacktriangleright a,$$

$$\sum (x_1 \blacktriangleright \chi(y_1, z_1)) \chi(x_2, y_2 z_2) = \sum \chi(x_1, y_1) \chi(x_2 y_2, z),$$

$$\chi(x, 1) = \chi(1, x) = \varepsilon(x)1.$$
(71)

for all  $x, y, z \in H$ ,  $a, b \in A$ .

(2) Conditions for  $(\rho, \psi)$ .

$$\sum \varepsilon(x_H)x_A = \varepsilon(x)1, \ \sum x_{H1} \otimes x_{H2} \otimes x_A = \sum x_{1H} \otimes x_{2H} \otimes x_{1A}x_{2A},$$

$$\sum x_H \varepsilon(x_A) = x$$

$$\sum x_{HH} \otimes x_{HA} \otimes x_A = \sum x_H \otimes x_{A1} \otimes x_{A2},$$

$$\sum x_{1I1}x_{2HI} \otimes x_{1I2}x_{2HII} \otimes x_{1II}x_{2A} = \sum x_{1I} \otimes x_{1II1}x_{2I} \otimes x_{1II2}x_{2II},$$

$$\sum \varepsilon(x_I)x_{II} = \sum x_I \varepsilon(x_{II}) = \varepsilon(x)1, \tag{72}$$

for all  $x \in H$ .

(3) Compatibility conditions for  $(\triangleright, \rho, \chi, \psi)$ .

$$\varepsilon(x \blacktriangleright a) = \varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(a), \sum 1_A \otimes 1_H = 1 \otimes 1, \varepsilon(\chi(x,y)) = \varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(y),$$
$$\sum 1_I \otimes 1_{II} = 1 \otimes 1,$$

$$\sum (x \blacktriangleright a)_1 \otimes (x \blacktriangleright a)_2 = \sum ((x_1)_H \blacktriangleright a_1) \otimes (x_1)_A (x_2 \blacktriangleright a_2), \tag{73}$$

$$\sum (xy)_H \otimes (xy)_A = \sum (x_1)_H y_H \otimes (x_1)_A (x_2 \triangleright y_A), \tag{74}$$

$$\Delta \chi \star \psi m = (\psi \otimes \varepsilon) \star \theta \star (1 \otimes \chi), \tag{75}$$

with

$$\theta(x,y) = \sum (x_{1H1} \triangleright y_{1I}) \chi(x_{1H2}, y_{2H}) \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright (y_{1II}y_{2A})).$$
 (76)

Observation 6.4. (1) Recall –see Observation 5.13– that the above equations imply that the map  $\triangleright$ :  $H \otimes A \to A$  is in fact an action and dually the map  $\rho: H \to H \otimes A$  is a coaction.

(2) Condition (36) implies that the convolution inverse of  $\triangleright$ :  $H \otimes A \to A$ 

$$\blacktriangleright^{-1} = \blacktriangleright (\mathrm{id} \otimes \mathcal{S}). \tag{77}$$

(3) Similarly, condition (42) yields the formula:

$$\rho^{-1} = (\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathrm{id})\rho. \tag{78}$$

(4) If we apply  $m(S \otimes id)$  in equation (73) and use that the Hopf algebras are involutive, we obtain  $\varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(a)1 = \sum S(x_{1H} \triangleright a_1)x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright a_2)$ and using (77) we deduce that:

$$x \triangleright a = \sum \mathcal{S}(x_H \triangleright \mathcal{S}(a))x_A \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{S}(x \triangleright a) = \sum (x_H \triangleright \mathcal{S}(a))\mathcal{S}(x_A).$$
 (79)

(5) Proceeding dually with equation (74) and  $\rho$  we deduce that:

$$\sum x_H \otimes x_A = \sum \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(x_2)_H) \otimes (x_1 \triangleright \mathcal{S}(x_2)_A), \tag{80}$$

$$\sum \mathcal{S}(x_{2H}) \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_1) \triangleright x_{2A}) = \sum \mathcal{S}(x)_H \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_A, \tag{81}$$

We list some additional properties needed for our computations.

**Observation 6.5.** The map  $\gamma: H \to A, \gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$  considered in [5] can also be written as:  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}(x_1)) =$  $\sum \chi^{-1}(x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_2)).$ 

- (1) Clearly,  $\gamma^{-1}(x) = \sum \chi(x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_2)) = \sum \chi(x_2, \mathcal{S}(x_1))$ . (2) From the cocycle equation (39) one easily obtains:

$$x \blacktriangleright \chi^{-1}(y,z) = \sum \chi(x_1, y_1 z_1) \chi^{-1}(x_2 y_2, z_2) \chi^{-1}(x_3, y_3).$$
 (82)

Using the above equation (82) and applying it to the situation that  $x \otimes y \otimes z$  is substituted by  $y \otimes x_2 \otimes S(x_1)$ , we obtain the formula:

$$y \triangleright \gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(y_1 x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_2)) \chi^{-1}(y_2, x_3).$$
 (83)

(3) Similarly, from equation (39) we deduce that

$$\sum x_1 \blacktriangleright \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_2)) = \gamma^{-1}(x). \tag{84}$$

Lemma 6.6. In the above situation, the we have that:

$$\sum y_1 x_1 \blacktriangleright \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_2), \mathcal{S}(y_2)) = \sum \gamma^{-1}(y_1 x_1) \gamma(y_2) (y_3 \blacktriangleright \gamma(x_2)) \chi(y_4, x_3).$$
(85)

*Proof.* By substitution of  $x \otimes y \otimes z$  with  $\sum y_1 x_1 \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_2) \otimes \mathcal{S}(y_2)$  in equation (82) we obtain:

$$\sum y_1 x_1 \blacktriangleright \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_2), \mathcal{S}(y_2))$$

$$= \sum \chi(y_1 x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_6) \mathcal{S}(y_5)) \chi^{-1}(y_2 x_2 \mathcal{S}(x_5), \mathcal{S}(y_4)) \chi^{-1}(y_3 x_3, \mathcal{S}(x_4))$$

$$= \sum \chi(y_1 x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_4) \mathcal{S}(y_5)) \chi^{-1}(y_2, \mathcal{S}(y_4)) \chi^{-1}(y_3 x_3, \mathcal{S}(x_2))$$
(86)

Hence, using (83) we deduce our result from the above formula (86).  $\square$ 

**Observation 6.7.** Next we extract some consequences of equation (54).

(1) If we change variables in equation (55) substituting  $x \otimes y \mapsto \sum x_1 \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_2)$ , the left hand side becomes:

$$\sum (\Delta \chi \star \psi m)(x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_2)) = \Delta \gamma^{-1}(x),$$

and we obtain the expression:

$$\Delta \gamma^{-1} = \psi \star \nu \star (1 \otimes \gamma^{-1}) \text{ and } \psi^{-1} \star \Delta \gamma^{-1} \star (1 \otimes \gamma) = \nu,$$
$$\nu(x) = \sum \theta(x_1, \mathcal{S}(x_2)). \tag{87}$$

(2) By sustitution in equation (57), we obtain the following expression for  $\nu$ :

$$\nu(x) = \sum (x_{1H1} \blacktriangleright \mathcal{S}(x_3)_I) \chi(x_{1H2}, \mathcal{S}(x_4)_H) \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \blacktriangleright \mathcal{S}(x_3)_{II} \mathcal{S}(x_4)_A).$$
Applying equation (81) we change  $\nu$  into:

$$\nu(x) = \sum (x_{1H1} \triangleright \mathcal{S}(x_3)_I) \chi(x_{1H2}, \mathcal{S}(x_{5H})) \otimes$$

$$x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright (\mathcal{S}(x_3)_{II}(\mathcal{S}(x_4) \triangleright x_{5A})))$$

$$= \sum (x_{1H1} \triangleright \mathcal{S}(x_4)_I) \chi(x_{1H2}, \mathcal{S}(x_{6H})) \otimes$$

$$x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright \mathcal{S}(x_4)_{II}) (x_3 \mathcal{S}(x_5) \triangleright x_{6A})$$

$$= \sum (x_{1H1} \triangleright (\mathcal{S}x_3)_I) \chi(x_{1H2}, \mathcal{S}(x_{4H})) \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \triangleright (\mathcal{S}x_3)_{II}) x_{4A}$$

$$= \sum (x_{1H1} \triangleright (\mathcal{S}x_3)_I) \chi(x_{1H2}, \mathcal{S}(x_{2H})) \otimes x_{1A} x_{2A} (x_4 \triangleright (\mathcal{S}x_3)_{II}).$$

Next if we apply the morphism  $\Delta \otimes id \otimes id$  to equation (42) and then substitute above, we obtain:

$$\nu(x) = \sum (x_{1H1} \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}x_2)_I) \chi(x_{1H2}, \mathcal{S}(x_{1H3})) \otimes x_{1A}(x_3 \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}x_2)_{II})$$
$$= \sum (x_{1H1} \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}x_2)_I) \gamma^{-1}(x_{1H2}) \otimes x_{1A}(x_3 \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}x_2)_{II}). \tag{88}$$

6.2. The structure of compact quantum group. In the general situation of a cocycle linked pair each of whose components is equipped with a star structure, we have proved that for an arbitrary map  $\gamma: H \to A$  if we define  $*: A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H \to A^{\psi} \#_{\chi} H$  by the formula:

$$(a\#x)^* = \sum \gamma(x_1)(x_2^* \triangleright a^*) \#x_3^*; \tag{89}$$

then conditions (59), (60), (61), (62), (63) –or its versions (64), (65), (66), (67), (68)–are necessary and sufficient for \* to define a \*–structure compatible with the bialgebra structure on  $A^{\psi} \#_{Y} H$ .

Next we prove that in the case of a cocycle Singer pair with the particular  $\gamma$  considered in [5], i.e.  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$  the above conditions are equivalent to those presented by Andruskiewitsch in [5] with the numbers (3.2.1), (3.2.2), (3.2.6) and (3.2.7) that we write below as: (90),(91), (92) and (93), respectively.

$$(x \triangleright a)^* = \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*) \triangleright a^*, \tag{90}$$

$$\chi(x,y)^* = \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}^{-1}(x^*), \mathcal{S}^{-1}(y^*)), \tag{91}$$

$$\sum (x^*)_H \otimes (x^*)_A = \sum \left( \mathcal{S} \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x)_H \right) \right)^* \otimes \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x)_A \right)^*, \tag{92}$$

$$\sum (x^*)_I \otimes (x^*)_{II} = \sum \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x)_{\widehat{I}} \right)^* \otimes \left( \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x)_{\widehat{II}} \right)^*. \tag{93}$$

**Observation 6.8.** Let (A, H) be a cocycle Singer pair.

(1) For a general  $\gamma$ , equation (64) is equivalent to the (convolution) invertibility of  $\gamma$  and to the equality:  $\gamma^{-1}(x) = \sum x_1 \triangleright \gamma(x_2^*)^*$ . Indeed using the commutativity of A and cocommutativity of H we have:

$$\sum \gamma(x_1)(x_2 \triangleright \gamma(x_3^*)^*) = \varepsilon(x)1 = \sum (x_1 \triangleright \gamma(x_2^*)^*)\gamma(x_3). \tag{94}$$

(2) Notice also that for the particular  $\gamma = \sum_{} \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$  using (84), from the condition above for  $\gamma(x^*)^*$  and using that  $\triangleright$  is an action, we deduce:

$$\gamma(x^*)^* = \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}x). \tag{95}$$

(3) In the case of a general  $\gamma$  that is invertible (65) is equivalent to (90). Indeed from (65) we obtain –after cancelling  $\gamma$ – that:  $\sum x_1 \triangleright (x_2^* \triangleright a^*)^* = \varepsilon(x)a$ .

By acting with S(x) we deduce that:

$$S(x) \triangleright a = (x^* \triangleright a^*)^*$$
 and  $(x \triangleright a)^* = S(x^*) \triangleright a^*$ .

- (4) We consider now the particular case that  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1)).$ 
  - (a) Equation (66) is equivalent to (91). Indeed after some elementary manipulations it can be transformed into:

$$\sum y_1 x_1 \blacktriangleright \chi(x_2^*, y_2^*)^* = \sum \gamma^{-1}(y_1 x_1) \gamma(y_2) (y_3 \blacktriangleright \gamma(x_2)) \chi(y_4, x_3)$$
 (96)

Then, the equality  $\chi(x^*, y^*)^* = \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x), \mathcal{S}(y))$  (or  $\chi^{-1}(x^*, y^*)^* = \chi(\mathcal{S}(x), \mathcal{S}(y))$  follows immediately from Lemma 6.6, equation (85). Clearly, this argument can be reversed.

- (b) If we start with equation (91), then  $\gamma(x^*)^* = \chi^{-1}(x_1^*, (\mathcal{S}x_2)^*)^* = \chi(\mathcal{S}x_1, x_2)$ . Hence the equality  $\gamma^{-1}(x) = \sum x_1 \triangleright \gamma(x_2^*)^*$  becomes  $\chi(x_1, \mathcal{S}x_2) = \sum x_1 \triangleright \chi(\mathcal{S}x_2, x_3)$ , that can be easily proved using (82). Hence, in the context of [5], condition (59) is unnecessary.
- (5) Consider again the situation of a general  $\gamma$ . Once that the equality (90) as well as the invertibility of  $\gamma$  are guaranteed, we can prove that equation (67) is equivalent to (92). Indeed, in equation (67), we can cancel  $\gamma$  and obtain:  $\sum (x^*)_H \otimes (x^*)_A = \sum (x_{1H})^* \otimes x_2^* \blacktriangleright (x_{1A})^* = \sum (x_{1H})^* \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \blacktriangleright x_{1A})^*$ . Hence, to prove the equivalence, all we have to check is that

$$\sum \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(x)_H) \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_A = \sum x_{1H} \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \triangleright x_{1A}),$$

and this is exactly equation (81).

(6) In the particular situation that  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$  and using equation (87) one can write condition (63) in the following manner:

$$\nu^{-1}(x) = \psi \star \Delta \gamma \star (1 \otimes \gamma^{-1})(x)$$

$$= \sum \gamma(((x_2^*)_H)_1^*)(((x_2^*)_H)_2^* \blacktriangleright ((x_1^*)_I)^*) \otimes (x_3 \blacktriangleright ((x_1^*)_{II}(x_2^*)_A)^*)$$
(97)

Next we proceed to compute  $\nu(x^*)^*$  once we know that in our situation conditions (90)–(92) hold and assuming that  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$ .

**Lemma 6.9.** In the situation of a cocycle Singer pair and under the hypothesis of conditions (90)–(92), and assuming that  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$ , we have that:

(1)

$$\nu(x^*)^* = \sum \gamma(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1}) \left( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2} \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}(x_3^*)_I)^* \right) \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \blacktriangleright (\mathcal{S}(x_3^*)_{II})^*).$$

$$(98)$$

(2) If we call

$$\mu(x) = \sum \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1}) \big( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2} \blacktriangleright x_{3I} \big) \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \blacktriangleright x_{3II}),$$
then condition (63) –see also condition (97) – is equivalent to:
$$\nu^{-1}(x^*)^* = \mu(x) \tag{99}$$

*Proof.* (1) Performing a direct substitution in equation (88) we obtain:

$$\nu(x^*)^* = \sum ((x^*)_{1H1} \triangleright \mathcal{S}(x_2^*)_I)^* \gamma^{-1} (x_{1H2}^*)^* \otimes ((x^*)_{1A})^* (x_3^* \triangleright \mathcal{S}(x_2^*)_{II})^*.$$
(100)

Using equation (92) in the equation above, we obtain:

$$\nu(x^*)^* = \sum \left( \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_H)_1^* \blacktriangleright \mathcal{S}(x_2^*)_I \right)^* \gamma^{-1} (\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_H)_2^*)^* \otimes \\ \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A \left( x_3^* \blacktriangleright \mathcal{S}(x_2^*)_{II} \right)^*$$

- $= \sum \left( \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_H)_2^* \blacktriangleright \mathcal{S}(x_3^*)_I \right)^* \gamma^{-1} \left( \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_H)_1^* \right)^* \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A \left( x_2^* \blacktriangleright \mathcal{S}(x_3^*)_{II} \right)^*.$ Then, applying the equalities (95) and (90), we deduce the required result
  - (2) By a direct substitution we check that condition (97) is equivalent to:

$$\nu^{-1}(x^*)^* = \sum \gamma((x_{2H1})^*)^*((x_{2H2})^* \blacktriangleright (x_{1I})^*)^* \otimes (x_3^* \blacktriangleright ((x_{1II}x_{2A})^*)^*$$

$$= \sum \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_{2H1}))(\mathcal{S}(x_{2H2}) \blacktriangleright x_{1I}) \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_3) \blacktriangleright (x_{1II}x_{2A}))$$

$$= \sum \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_{2H1}))(\mathcal{S}(x_{2H2}) \blacktriangleright x_{1I}) \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_3) \blacktriangleright x_{1II})(\mathcal{S}(x_4) \blacktriangleright x_{2A})$$

$$= \sum \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_{2H1}))(\mathcal{S}(x_{2H2}) \blacktriangleright x_{4I}) \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_3) \blacktriangleright x_{4II})(\mathcal{S}(x_1) \blacktriangleright x_{2A}).$$
(101)

Applying  $\Delta \otimes id$  to equation (81) we obtain:

$$\sum \mathcal{S}(x_{2H1}) \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_{2H2}) \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x_1) \blacktriangleright x_{2A}) = \sum (\mathcal{S}x)_{H1} \otimes (\mathcal{S}x)_{H2} \otimes (\mathcal{S}x)_{A}.$$
(102)

By a direct substitution in equation (101) we obtain equation (99).

Next we prove the main result in this section.

**Theorem 6.10.** In the situation of a cocycle Singer pair with  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$ , conditions (90),(91),(92),(93) and conditions (59), (60),(61),(62),(63) are equivalent.

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*Proof.* In Observation 6.8 we took care of the equivalence between conditions (90),(91),(92) and conditions (59),(60),(61),(62). We need to consider the additional conditions (93) and (63). Performing the convolution product of the right hand sides of equations (98) and (99), we have –for clarity we have abbreviated  $\xi(x) = \sum q_I(x) \otimes q_{II}(x) = \sum (\mathcal{S}(x^*)_I)^* \otimes (\mathcal{S}(x^*)_{II})^*$  and  $\psi(x) = \sum p_I(x) \otimes p_{II}(x) = \sum x_I \otimes x_{II}$ :

$$\sum \nu(x_1^*)^* \mu(x_2)$$

$$= \sum \gamma(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1}) \left( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2} \blacktriangleright q_I(x_3) \right) \gamma^{-1} \left( \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H1} \right) \left( \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H2} \blacktriangleright p_I(x_6) \right)$$

$$\otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A \mathcal{S}(x_2)_A \left( \mathcal{S}(x_4) \blacktriangleright q_{II}(x_3) \right) \left( \mathcal{S}(x_5) \blacktriangleright p_{II}(x_6) \right)$$

$$= \sum \gamma(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1}) \gamma^{-1} \left( \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H1} \right) \left( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2} \blacktriangleright q_I(x_3) \right) \left( \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H2} \blacktriangleright p_I(x_5) \right)$$

$$\otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A \mathcal{S}(x_2)_A \left( \mathcal{S}(x_4) \blacktriangleright (q_{II}(x_3) p_{II}(x_5)) \right). \tag{103}$$

The equation (42), applied to S(x) yields:

$$\sum \mathcal{S}(x)_{H1} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_{H2} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_{A} = \sum \mathcal{S}(x_{1})_{H} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_{2})_{H} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_{1})_{A} \mathcal{S}(x_{2})_{A},$$
(104)

and applying  $\Delta \otimes \Delta \otimes id$  to the above equation we get:

$$\sum \mathcal{S}(x)_{H1} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_{H2} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_{H3} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_{H4} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x)_{A}$$

$$= \sum \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H1} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H2} \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{A} \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{A}.$$

By substitution in equation (103) we obtain:

$$\sum \gamma(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1}) \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H1}) \big( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2} \blacktriangleright q_I(x_3) \big) \big( \mathcal{S}(x_2)_{H2} \blacktriangleright p_I(x_5) \big)$$

$$\otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A \mathcal{S}(x_2)_A (\mathcal{S}(x_4) \blacktriangleright (q_{II}(x_3)p_{II}(x_5)) \big)$$

$$= \sum \gamma(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H1}) \gamma^{-1}(\mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H2}) \big( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H3} \blacktriangleright q_I(x_2) \big) \big( \mathcal{S}(x_1)_{H4} \blacktriangleright p_I(x_4) \big)$$

$$\otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A (\mathcal{S}(x_3) \blacktriangleright (q_{II}(x_2)p_{II}(x_4)) \big)$$

$$= \sum \mathcal{S}(x_1)_H \blacktriangleright (q_I(x_3)p_I(x_4)) \otimes \mathcal{S}(x_1)_A (\mathcal{S}(x_2) \blacktriangleright (q_{II}(x_3)p_{II}(x_4)) \big)$$

$$= \sum \pi_{\mathcal{S}x_1} (q_I(x_2)p_I(x_3) \otimes q_{II}(x_2)p_{II}(x_3)) = \sum \pi_{\mathcal{S}x_1} ((\xi \star \psi)(x_2)), \quad (105)$$
Where the map  $\pi_x : A \otimes A \to A \otimes A$  is defined as follows:  $\pi_x(a \otimes b) = \sum (x_{1H} \blacktriangleright a) \otimes x_{1A}(x_2 \blacktriangleright b)$ . We have proved that:

$$\sum \nu(x_1^*)^* \mu(x_2) = \sum \pi_{\mathcal{S}x_1}((\xi \star \psi)(x_2))$$

An elementary computation shows that  $\sum \pi_{x_1} \pi_{Sx_2}(a \otimes b) = a \otimes b$ , and also that  $\pi_x(1 \otimes 1) = \varepsilon(x) 1 \otimes 1$ .

Then,  $\mu(x) = \nu^{-1}(x^*)^*$  if and only if  $\sum \pi_{\mathcal{S}x_1}((\xi \star \psi)(x_2)) = \varepsilon(x)1 \otimes 1$ , i.e. if and only if  $(\xi \star \psi)(x) = \varepsilon(x)1 \otimes 1$ , i.e. if and only if  $\xi = \psi^{-1}$ , that is exactly condition (93) –see also Lemma 6.9.

6.3. Matched pair of groups. In the special case of a pair of Hopf algebras of the form  $A = \mathbb{C}^G$  and  $H = \mathbb{C}F$ , where F and G are finite groups, a cocycle Singer pair can be produced directly at the level of the groups F and G by enriching them with four maps  $\triangleleft$ ,  $\triangleright$ ,  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  that we describe below. This construction has been presented in [10] and further studied in [13].

Using this description and the results of the general case, we give necessary compatibility conditions between the four maps mentioned above, for the product Hopf algebra to be a \*-Hopf algebra and a CQG.

**Definition 6.11.** A matched pair of groups ([20]) is a quadruple  $(F, G, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  where F and G are groups and

$$G \xleftarrow{\triangleleft} G \times F \xrightarrow{\triangleright} F,$$
  
$$g \triangleleft f \leftarrow (g, f) \rightarrow g \triangleright f$$

are actions of the groups F and G on the  $sets\ G$  and F respectively, satisfying the conditions that follow:

$$g \triangleright ff' = (g \triangleright f) ((g \triangleleft f) \triangleright f'), \tag{106}$$

$$gg' \triangleleft f = (g \triangleleft (g' \triangleright f))(g' \triangleleft f), \tag{107}$$

for all  $f, f' \in G$  and  $g, g' \in F$ .

**Observation 6.12.** (1) It is easy to prove for a matched pair of groups that  $1 \triangleleft f = 1$  and  $g \triangleright 1 = 1$ ,  $\forall f \in F, g \in G$ .

(2) If  $(F, G, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of groups, then we define a product in the set  $F \times G$  by

$$(f,g)(f',g')=(f(g\triangleright f'),(g\triangleleft f')g'),\quad \forall g,g'\in F,\ f,f'\in G.$$

 $F \times G$  with this product is a group that we call  $F \bowtie G$ . If we apply the usual functor between groups and Hopf algebras sending a group to its group algebra and extend  $\triangleleft$  and  $\triangleright$  in the obvious manner, then it is easy to see that  $(F,G,\triangleleft,\triangleright)$  is a matched pair of groups if and only if  $(\mathbb{C}F,\mathbb{C}G,\triangleleft,\triangleright)$  is a matched pair of Hopf algebras and we have  $\mathbb{C}F\bowtie\mathbb{C}G\cong\mathbb{C}(F\bowtie G)$ .

(3) If  $(F, G, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of groups where G is a finite group, it follows from Observation 5.14 (1),

that the quadruple  $(\mathbb{C}^G, \mathbb{C}F, \triangleright, \rho)$  is a Singer pair. Indeed, given the arrows  $G \stackrel{\triangleleft}{\leftarrow} G \times F \stackrel{\triangleright}{\rightarrow} F$ , we define  $\mathbb{C}F \stackrel{\rho}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{C}F \otimes \mathbb{C}^G \stackrel{\triangleright}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{C}^G$  by:

$$f \blacktriangleright e_g = e_{g \triangleleft f^{-1}}, \qquad \rho(f) = \sum_{g \in G} g \triangleright f \otimes e_g, \qquad \forall f \in F, \ g \in G,$$

where we have denoted as  $\{e_g:g\in G\}$  the fundamental idempotents in  $\mathbb{C}^G$ .

The above structure can be enriched by adding a cocycle  $\chi: \mathbb{C}F \otimes \mathbb{C}F \to \mathbb{C}^G$  and a cocycle  $\psi: C^F \to \mathbb{C}^G \otimes \mathbb{C}^G$  in order to obtain a cocycle Singer pair. Any pair of convolution invertible linear maps:

$$\mathbb{C}F \otimes \mathbb{C}F \xrightarrow{\chi} \mathbb{C}^G \qquad \mathbb{C}F \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{C}^G \otimes \mathbb{C}^G 
f \otimes f' \mapsto \chi(f, f') \qquad f \mapsto \sum f_I \otimes f_{II}$$

can be described in terms of the natural basis as two families of functions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} G \times F \times F \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mathbb{C}^{\times} & G \times G \times F \xrightarrow{\tau} \mathbb{C}^{\times} \\ (g,f,f') \mapsto \sigma(g;f,f') & (g,g',f) \mapsto \tau(g,g';f) \end{array}$$

such that:

$$\chi(f, f') = \sum_{g \in G} \sigma(g; f, f') e_g,$$

$$\sum_{g, g' \in G} \tau(g, g'; f) e_g \otimes e_{g'}, \quad \forall f, f' \in F.$$

Note that the invertibility of  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  is equivalent to the fact that  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  take non zero values.

We write  $\mathbb{C}^G \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}F$  for the vector space  $\mathbb{C}^G \otimes \mathbb{C}F$  and  $e_g \# f$  for the element  $e_g \otimes f$  of the standard basis.

**Observation 6.13.** In this situation, Observation 5.1.1, Theorem 5.3 and Observation 6.2, imply Lemma 1.2 in [13]. Explicitly: the vector space  $\mathbb{C}^G \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}F$  with the product, coproduct, unit and counit defined below

$$(e_g \# f)(e_{g'} \# f') = \delta_{g \triangleleft f, g'} \sigma(g; f, f') e_g \# f f',$$

$$\Delta(e_g \# f) = \sum_{g'g''=g} \tau(g', g''; f) e_{g'} \# (g'' \triangleright f) \otimes e_{g''} \# f, 1_{\mathbb{C}^G \# \sigma, \tau \mathbb{C}^F}$$

$$= \sum_{g} e_g \# 1, \varepsilon_{\mathbb{C}^G \# \sigma, \tau \mathbb{C}^F}(e_g \# f) = \delta_{g, 1},$$

is a bialgebra if and only if  $(F, G, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of groups and  $\sigma$ and  $\tau$  verify the following conditions:

$$\sigma(g \triangleleft f; f', f'') \, \sigma(g; f, f'f'') = \sigma(g; f, f') \, \sigma(g; ff', f''), \tag{108}$$

$$\sigma(1; f, f') = \sigma(g; 1, f') = \sigma(g; f, 1) = 1, \tag{109}$$

$$\tau(gg', g''; f) \tau(g, g'; g'' \triangleright f) = \tau(g', g''; f) \tau(g, g'g''; f), \tag{110}$$

$$\tau(1, g'; f) = \tau(g, 1; f) = \tau(g, g'; 1) = 1, \tag{111}$$

$$\sigma(gg'; f, f') \tau(g, g'; ff')$$

$$= \sigma(g; g' \triangleright f, (g' \triangleleft f) \triangleright f') \sigma(g'; f, f') \tau(g, g'; f) \tau(g \triangleleft (g' \triangleright f), g' \triangleleft f; f'),$$
(112)

for all  $g, g', g'' \in G$ ,  $f, f', f'' \in F$ . Moreover,  $\mathbb{C}^G \#_{\sigma, \tau} \mathbb{C}F$  is a Hopf algebra with antipode:

$$S(e_g \# f) = \sigma \left( g^{-1}; g \triangleright f, (g \triangleright f)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \tau \left( g^{-1}, g; f \right)^{-1} e_{(g \triangleleft f)^{-1}} \# (g \triangleright f)^{-1}.$$
(113)

A pair  $(\sigma, \tau)$  as above, verifying conditions (108)–(112), is called a pair of compatible normal cocycles.

**Theorem 6.14.** Let  $(F, G, \triangleleft, \triangleright, \sigma, \tau)$  be such that  $(F, G, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of groups and  $\sigma, \tau$  are compatible normal cocycles. Let  $\alpha: F \times G \to \mathbb{C}$ be an arbitrary map.

(1) The formula

$$(e_q \# f)^* = \alpha (f^{-1}, g \triangleleft f) e_{q \triangleleft f} \# f^{-1}$$
(114)

defines a structure of \*-Hopf algebra in  $\mathbb{C}^G \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}F$  if and only if

$$\alpha(1,g) = \alpha(f,1) = 1, \tag{115}$$

$$\alpha(f,g)\overline{\alpha(f^{-1},g\triangleleft f)}=1, \tag{116}$$

$$\alpha(f_1, g)\alpha(f_2, g \triangleleft f_1)\sigma(g; f_1, f_2) = \alpha(f_1 f_2, g)\overline{\sigma(g \triangleleft (f_1 f_2); f_2^{-1}, f_1^{-1})}, \quad (117)$$

$$\alpha(f, g_1 g_2) \tau(g_1, g_2; f) = \alpha(g_2 \triangleright f, g_1) \alpha(f, g_2) \overline{\tau(g_1 \triangleleft (g_2 \triangleright f), g_2 \triangleleft f, f^{-1})},$$
(118)

for all  $g, g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,  $f, f_1, f_2 \in F$ . (2) The pair  $(\mathbb{C}^G \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}F, *)$  is a CQG if and only if  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  verify (115)-(118) and

$$\alpha(f^{-1}, g \triangleleft f) \sigma(g; f, f^{-1}) > 0, \tag{119}$$

for all  $g \in G$ ,  $f \in F$ .

*Proof:* For the first assertion, we recall that  $\mathbb{C}^G$  and  $\mathbb{C}F$  are CQG with respect to the \*-structures:

$$(e_g)^* = e_g, \quad f^* = f^{-1}, \quad \forall g \in G, \ f \in F.$$

If we define a linear map  $\gamma: \mathbb{C}F \to \mathbb{C}^G$  by  $\gamma(f) = \sum_{g \in G} \alpha(f,g) e_g$ , for all  $f \in F$ , then the formula (58) becomes (114). Moreover, (115) is equivalent to  $\gamma(1) = 1$  and  $\varepsilon \gamma = \varepsilon$ , (60) and (62) are automatically verified, and conditions (116), (117) and (118) are equivalent to conditions (59), (61) and (63), respectively. Hence the first assertion follows from Theorem 5.7.

For the second assertion, we observe that the linear map  $\Phi: \mathbb{C}^G \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}F \to \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\Phi(e_g \# f) = \frac{1}{|G|} \delta_{f,1}$  is a normal integral and

$$\langle e_{g_1} \# f_1, e_{g_2} \# f_2 \rangle_{\Phi} = \delta_{g_1, g_2} \, \delta_{f_1, f_2} \, \frac{1}{|G|} \, \alpha \left( f_1^{-1}, g_1 \triangleleft f_1 \right) \sigma \left( g_1; f_1, f_1^{-1} \right),$$

$$\forall g_1, g_2 \in G, \ f_1, f_2 \in F.$$

Then  $\langle , \rangle_{\Phi}$  is positive definite if and only if (119) follows.

**Observation 6.15.** We consider two particular cases of the above theorem.

If we take  $\alpha(f,g) = \sigma(g;f,f^{-1})^{-1}$  which corresponds to  $\gamma(x) = \sum \chi^{-1}(x_2, \mathcal{S}^{-1}(x_1))$ , then conditions (115)-(118) are equivalent to

$$|\sigma(g_1; f_1, f_2)| = |\tau(g_1, g_2; f_1)| = 1, \quad \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, f_1, f_2 \in F,$$

and condition (119) is automatically verified. Now if we take the trivial map  $\alpha(f,g)=1$  which corresponds to  $\gamma(x)=\varepsilon(x)1$ , then conditions (115)-(119) are equivalent to

$$\sigma\left(g \triangleleft ff'; f'^{-1}, f^{-1}\right) = \overline{\sigma(g; f, f')},$$
 
$$\tau\left(g \triangleleft (g' \triangleright f), g' \triangleleft f, f^{-1}\right) = \overline{\tau(g, g'; f)}, \quad \sigma\left(g; f, f^{-1}\right) > 0,$$
 for all  $g, g' \in G, \ f, f' \in F.$ 

6.4. **Examples.** In this subsection we present two examples, where the first one is a parametric family of CQG that generalizes an example due to Masuoka [15].

Both examples are based on the same matched pair of groups.

Let n be an integer greater than one and  $C_n$  be the cyclic group of order n. We consider  $F = C_2 = \{1, x\}$  and  $G = C_n \times C_n = \{a^i b^j : i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ , where a, b are generators of  $C_n$ . The group F acts on G by group automorphisms with the following action:

$$a^i b^j \triangleleft x = a^i b^{-j}, \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

Hence if we consider the trivial action  $\triangleright : G \times F \to F$ , then  $(G, F, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$  is a matched pair of groups and  $G \bowtie F$  is the semidirect product of G and F.

**Example 6.16.** If we take  $\sigma$  as the trivial map –that produces the trivial cocycle– and we define  $\tau$  by

$$\tau\left(a^{i}b^{j}, a^{k}b^{l}; 1\right) = 1, \qquad \tau\left(a^{i}b^{j}, a^{k}b^{l}; x\right) = \zeta^{jk}\eta^{il}. \qquad \forall i, j, k, l \in \mathbb{Z}_{n}.$$

where  $\zeta, \eta$  are complex numbers with  $|\zeta| = |\eta| = 1$ , then  $(\sigma, \tau)$  is a pair of compatible normal cocycles and therefore we have a Hopf algebra extension  $\mathbb{C}^{C_n \times C_n} \to \mathbb{C}^{C_n \times C_n} \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}C_2 \to \mathbb{C}C_2$ .

The only solution of equations (115)-(119) is the trivial one, so  $\mathbb{C}^{C_n \times C_n} \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}C_2$  is a CQG by defining

$$(e_{ij}\#1)^* = e_{ij}\#1, \quad (e_{ij}\#x)^* = e_{i,-j}\#x, \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

**Example 6.17.** We change slightly our perspective and as both groups are abelian we view the matched pair

$$C_n \times C_n \stackrel{\triangleleft}{\longleftarrow} (C_n \times C_n) \times C_2 \stackrel{\triangleright}{\longrightarrow} C_2,$$
  
 $a^i b^{-j} = a^i b^j \triangleleft x \longleftarrow (a^i b^j, x) \longrightarrow a^i b^j \triangleright x = x$ 

as actions on the other side:

$$C_2 \xleftarrow{-} C_2 \times (C_n \times C_n) \xrightarrow{-} C_n \times C_n,$$

$$x = x \leftarrow a^i b^j \longleftarrow (x, a^i b^j) \longrightarrow x \rightharpoonup a^i b^j = a^i b^{-j}.$$

Now we take  $\tau$  as the trivial map –that produces the trivial cococycle–, and we define  $\sigma$  by

$$\sigma\left(1; a^i b^j, a^k b^l\right) = 1, \qquad \sigma\left(x; a^i b^j, a^k b^l\right) = \zeta^{il} \eta^{-jk}, \qquad \forall i, j, k, l \in \mathbb{Z}_n,$$

where  $\zeta, \eta$  are complex numbers with  $|\zeta| = |\eta| = 1$ , then we have a Hopf algebra extension

 $\mathbb{C}^{C_2} \to \mathbb{C}^{C_2} \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}[C_n \times C_n] \to \mathbb{C}[C_n \times C_n]$  with similar properties than before.

We obtain a solution of equations (115)-(119) by defining  $\alpha: (C_n \times C_n) \times C_2 \to \mathbb{C}$  by  $\alpha(a^i b^j, 1) = 1$  and  $\alpha(a^i b^j, x) = \left(\frac{\zeta}{\eta}\right)^{ij}$ , for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then  $\mathbb{C}^{C_2} \#_{\sigma,\tau} \mathbb{C}[C_n \times C_n]$  is a CQG by defining

$$(e_1 \# a^i b^j)^* = e_1 \# a^{-i} b^{-j}, \quad (e_x \# a^i b^j)^* = \left(\frac{\zeta}{\eta}\right)^{ij} e_x \# a^{-i} b^{-j}, \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n,$$

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