

# Coquasitriangular Weak Hopf Group Algebras and Braided Monoidal Categories

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**Abstract** In this paper, we first give the definitions of a crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules over a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$ , and show that the category of crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules is a monoidal category. Finally, we show that a family  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow k\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -linear maps is a coquasitriangular structure of a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  if and only if the category of crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules over  $H$  is a braided monoidal category with braiding defined by  $\sigma$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of a quasitriangular Hopf algebra was introduced by Drinfel'd [2] when he studied the Yang-Baxter equation. Because of their close connections with varied, a priori remote areas of mathematics and physics, this theory has got fast development and many fundamental achievements, see, for example, [5]. Recently, Turaev [7] introduced a Hopf  $\pi$ -coalgebra, which generalizes the notion of a Hopf algebra. Van Daele and Wang studied algebraic properties of weak Hopf group coalgebras and generalized many of the properties of quasitriangular weak Hopf algebras in [1] to the setting of quasitriangular weak Hopf group coalgebras in [8]. Wang also investigated properties of coquasitriangular Hopf group algebras in [9].

In this paper, we give the definitions of a crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules over a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$ , and show that the categories of crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules is a monoidal category. Finally, we show that a family  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow k\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi}$  is a coquasitriangular structure of a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  if and only if the category of crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules over  $H$  is a braided monoidal category with braiding defined by  $\sigma$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, we let  $\pi$  be a discrete group (with neutral element 1) and  $k$  be a

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fixed field. All algebras and coalgebras,  $\pi$ -algebras, and Hopf  $\pi$ -algebras are defined over  $k$ . The definitions and properties of algebras, coalgebras, Hopf algebras and categories can be found in [3, 4, 6]. We use the standard Sweedler notation for comultiplication. The tensor product  $\otimes = \otimes_k$  is always assumed to be over  $k$ . The following definitions and notations in this section can be found in [9].

**2.1.  $\pi$ -algebras**

A  $\pi$ -algebra is a family  $H = \{H_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -spaces together with a family of  $k$ -linear maps  $m = \{m_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow H_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi}$  (called a multiplication) and a  $k$ -linear map  $\eta : k \rightarrow H_1$  (called a unit), such that  $m$  is associative in the sense that, for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(m_{\alpha,\beta} \otimes \text{id}_{H_\gamma}) &= m_{\alpha,\beta\gamma}(\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \otimes m_{\beta,\gamma}), \\ m_{\alpha,1}(\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \otimes \eta) &= \text{id}_{H_\alpha} = m_{1,\alpha}(\eta \otimes \text{id}_{H_\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

**2.2. Hopf  $\pi$ -algebras**

A Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  is a family  $\{(H_\alpha, \Delta_\alpha, \varepsilon_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -coalgebras, here  $H_\alpha$  is called the  $\alpha$ th component of  $H$ , endowed with the following data.

- A family of  $k$ -linear maps  $m = \{m_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow H_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi}$ , called multiplication, that is associative, in the sense that, for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ ,

$$m_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(m_{\alpha,\beta} \otimes \text{id}_\gamma) = m_{\alpha,\beta\gamma}(\text{id}_\alpha \otimes m_{\beta,\gamma}). \tag{2.1}$$

$$m_{\alpha,1}(\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \otimes \eta) = \text{id}_{H_\alpha} = m_{1,\alpha}(\eta \otimes \text{id}_{H_\alpha}). \tag{2.2}$$

Given  $h \in H_\alpha$  and  $g \in H_\beta$ , with  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi$ , we set  $hg = m_{\alpha,\beta}(h \otimes g)$ . With this notation, Eq. (2.1) can be simply rewritten as  $(hg)l = h(gl)$  for any  $h \in H_\alpha, g \in H_\beta, l \in H_\gamma$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ .

- The map  $m_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow H_{\alpha\beta}$  is a morphism of coalgebras such that

$$\Delta_{\alpha\beta}m_{\alpha,\beta} = (m_\alpha \otimes m_\beta)\Delta_{\alpha\beta}, \tag{2.3}$$

$$(\varepsilon_\alpha \otimes \xi_\beta) = \xi_{\alpha\beta}m_{\alpha,\beta}, \tag{2.4}$$

where we used Sweedler's notation:  $\Delta_\beta(g) = g_{(1,\beta)} \otimes g_{(2,\beta)}$  for any  $h \in H_\alpha, g \in H_\beta, l \in H_\gamma$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ .

- A set of  $k$ -linear maps  $S = \{S_\alpha : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_{\alpha^{-1}}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$ , the antipode, such that,

$$m_{\alpha^{-1},\alpha}(S_\alpha \otimes \text{id}_{H_\alpha})\Delta_\alpha = \varepsilon_\alpha 1_1 = m_{\alpha,\alpha^{-1}}(\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \otimes S_\alpha)\Delta_\alpha, \tag{2.5}$$

for any  $h \in H_\alpha$  and  $\alpha \in \pi$ .

Furthermore, the Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  is called crossed if the following condition holds: There exists a family of coalgebra isomorphisms  $\xi = \{\xi_\beta : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}\}$ , called conjugation, such that

- $\xi$  is multiplicative, i.e., for any  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma \in \pi$ , one has  $\xi_\beta \xi_\gamma = \xi_{\beta\gamma} : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_{(\beta\gamma)\alpha(\beta\gamma)^{-1}}$ , in particular,  $\xi_1|_{H_\alpha} = \text{id}_\alpha$ .
- $\xi$  is compatible with  $m$ , i.e., for any  $\beta \in \pi$ , we have  $\xi_\beta(hg) = \xi_\beta(h)\psi_\beta(g)$ .
- $\xi$  is compatible with 1, i.e., for any  $\beta \in \pi$ , we have  $\xi_\beta(1) = 1$ .

–  $\xi$  preserves the antipode, i.e.,  $\xi_\beta S_\alpha = S_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}\xi_\beta$ .

The weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  is said to be of finite type if, for all  $\alpha \in \pi$ ,  $H_\alpha$  is finite-dimensional as  $k$ -space. Note that it does not mean that  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \pi} H_\alpha$  is finite dimensional (unless  $H_\alpha = 0$  for all but a finite number of  $\alpha \in \pi$ ). Hence, in this case the dual of weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra is not a weak Hopf  $\pi$ -coalgebra. The antipode  $S = \{S_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  of  $H$  is called bijective if each  $S_\alpha$  is bijective.

**2.3. Left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules**

Assume that  $H = \{H_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is a family of coalgebras. A left  $H$ - $\pi$ -comodule over  $H$  is a family  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -spaces such that  $M_\alpha$  is a left  $H_\alpha$ -comodule for any  $\alpha \in \pi$ . We denote the structure maps of left  $H_\alpha$ -comodule  $M_\alpha$  and left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule  $M$  by  $\rho^{M_\alpha} : M_\alpha \rightarrow H_\alpha \otimes M_\alpha$  and  $\rho^M = \{\rho^{M_\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$ , respectively.

We use the Sweedler’s notation in the following way; for  $m \in M_\alpha$ , we write

$$\rho^{M_\alpha}(m) = m_{(-1,\alpha)} \otimes m_{(0,\alpha)}.$$

**2.4. Left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule maps**

Assume that  $H = \{H_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in G}$  is a family of coalgebras. Let  $M = \{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$ ,  $N = \{N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  be two left  $\pi$ -comodules over  $H$ . A left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a family  $f = \{f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -linear maps such that  $\rho^{N_\alpha} f_\alpha = (\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \otimes f_\alpha)\rho^{M_\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in \pi$ .

**3. Weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebras**

In this section, we mainly study some structure properties of weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebras.

**Definition 3.1** A weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  is a family  $\{(H_\alpha, \Delta_\alpha, \varepsilon_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -coalgebras, here  $H_\alpha$  is called the  $\alpha$ th component of  $H$ , endowed with the following data.

- A family of  $k$ -linear maps  $m = \{m_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow H_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi}$ , called multiplication, that is associative, in the sense that, for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ ,

$$m_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(m_{\alpha,\beta} \otimes \text{id}_\gamma) = m_{\alpha,\beta\gamma}(\text{id}_\alpha \otimes m_{\beta,\gamma}). \tag{3.1}$$

Given  $h \in H_\alpha$  and  $g \in H_\beta$ , with  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi$ , we set  $hg = m_{\alpha,\beta}(h \otimes g)$ . With this notation, Eq. (3.1) can be simply rewritten as  $(hg)l = h(gl)$  for any  $h \in H_\alpha, g \in H_\beta, l \in H_\gamma$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ .

- The map  $m_{\alpha,\beta} : H_\alpha \otimes H_\beta \rightarrow H_{\alpha\beta}$  is a (not necessary counit-preserving) morphism of coalgebras such that

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(hgl) = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(hg_{(1,\beta)})\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(g_{(2,\beta)}l) = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(hg_{(2,\beta)})\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(g_{(1,\beta)}l) \tag{3.2}$$

where we used Sweedler’s notation:  $\Delta_\beta(g) = g_{(1,\beta)} \otimes g_{(2,\beta)}$  for any  $h \in H_\alpha, g \in H_\beta, l \in H_\gamma$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ .

- An algebra morphism  $\eta : k \rightarrow H_1$ , called unit, such that, if we set  $1 = \eta(1_k)$ , then,

$$1h = h = h1, \text{ for any } h \in H_\alpha \text{ with } \alpha \in \pi, \tag{3.3}$$

$$(\Delta_1 \otimes \text{id})\Delta_1(1, 1) = 1_{(1,1)} \otimes 1_{(2,1)}1'_{(1,1)} \otimes 1'_{(2,1)} = 1_{(1,1)} \otimes 1'_{(1,1)}1_{(2,1)} \otimes 1'_{(2,1)} \tag{3.4}$$

where  $1 = 1'$ .

- A set of  $k$ -linear maps  $S = \{S_\alpha : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_{\alpha^{-1}}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$ , the antipode, such that,

$$m_{\alpha^{-1}, \alpha}(S_\alpha \otimes \text{id}_\alpha)\Delta_\alpha(h) = 1_{(1, \alpha^{-1})}\varepsilon_\alpha(h1_{(2, \alpha)}), \tag{3.5}$$

$$m_{\alpha, \alpha^{-1}}(\text{id}_\alpha \otimes S_\alpha)\Delta_\alpha(h) = \varepsilon_\alpha(1_{(1, \alpha)}h)1_{(2, \alpha^{-1})}, \tag{3.6}$$

$$S_\alpha(h_{(1, \alpha)})h_{(2, \alpha^{-1})}S_\alpha(h_{(3, \alpha)}) = S_\alpha(h) \tag{3.7}$$

for any  $h \in H_\alpha$  and  $\alpha \in \pi$ .

**Definition 3.2** A weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra  $H$  is called crossed if the following condition holds: There exists a family of coalgebra isomorphisms  $\xi = \{\xi_\beta : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}\}$ , called conjugation, such that

- $\xi$  is multiplicative, i.e., for any  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma \in \pi$ , one has  $\xi_\beta\xi_\gamma = \xi_{\beta\gamma} : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_{(\beta\gamma)\alpha(\beta\gamma)^{-1}}$ , in particular,  $\xi_1|_{H_\alpha} = \text{id}_\alpha$ .
- $\xi$  is compatible with  $m$ , i.e., for any  $\beta \in \pi$ , we have  $\xi_\beta(hg) = \xi_\beta(h)\xi_\beta(g)$ .
- $\xi$  is compatible with  $1$ , i.e., for any  $\beta \in \pi$ , we have  $\xi_\beta(1) = 1$ .

**Example 3.3** Recall that a finite groupoid  $G$  is a category, in which every morphism is an isomorphism, with a finite number of objects. The set of objects of  $G$  will be denoted by  $G_0$ , and the set of morphisms by  $G_1$ . The identity morphism on  $x \in G_0$  will also be denoted by  $x$ . The source and target maps will be denoted by  $s$  and  $t$  respectively, i.e., for  $\alpha : x \rightarrow y$  in  $G_1$ , we have  $s(\alpha) = x$  and  $t(\alpha) = y$ . For every  $x \in G$ ,  $G_x = \{\alpha \in G | s(\alpha) = t(\alpha) = x\}$  is a group.

Let  $G$  be a groupoid. The groupoid algebra is the direct product  $k[G] = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in G_1} ku_\alpha$ , with multiplication defined by the rule  $u_\alpha u_\beta = u_{\alpha\beta}$  if  $s(\alpha) = t(\beta)$  and  $u_\alpha u_\beta = 0$  if  $s(\alpha) \neq t(\beta)$ . The unit is  $1 = \sum_{x \in G_0} u_x$ .  $k[G]$  is a weak Hopf algebra, with comultiplication, counit and antipode given by the formulas

$$\Delta(u_\alpha) = u_\alpha \otimes u_\alpha, \quad \varepsilon(u_\alpha) = 1 \text{ and } S(u_\alpha) = u_{\alpha^{-1}}.$$

Using  $\Delta(1) = \bigoplus_{x \in G_0} u_x \otimes u_x$ , we have that  $\varepsilon^t : kG \rightarrow kG$  is given by  $\varepsilon^t(u_\alpha) = \sum_{x \in G_0} \varepsilon(u_x u_\alpha) = u_{t(\alpha)}$ . Similarly, we have that  $\varepsilon^s : kG \rightarrow kG$  is given by  $\varepsilon^s(u_\alpha) = \sum_{x \in G_0} \varepsilon(u_\alpha u_x) = u_{s(\alpha)}$ .

The dual of  $kG$  is the weak Hopf algebra  $k(G) = k^G$  of functions  $G \rightarrow k$ . It has a basis  $(e_g : G \rightarrow k)_{g \in G_1}$  defined by  $\langle e_g, h \rangle = \delta_{g,h}$ . That is, as a  $k$ -space we have  $k[G] = \sum_{g \in G_1} ke_g$ . The weak Hopf algebra structure of  $k(G)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} e_g e_h &= \delta_{g,h} e_g; \quad 1 = \sum_{g \in G_1} e_g; \\ \Delta(e_g) &= \sum_{xy=g} e_x \otimes e_y = \sum_{t(x)=t(g)} e_x \otimes e_{x^{-1}g}; \quad \varepsilon(\sum_{g \in G_1} a_g e_g) = \sum_{x \in G_0} a_x e_x; \\ S(e_g) &= e_{g^{-1}}; \quad \Delta(1) = 1_{(1)} \otimes 1_{(2)} = \sum_{t(g)=s(h)} e_g \otimes e_h \end{aligned}$$

for any  $g, h \in G_1$ .

Set  $\phi : k[G] \rightarrow \text{Aut}(k[G])$  defined by  $\phi_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$ . It is a well defined group homomorphism. This data leads to a quasi-triangular weak Hopf  $G_1$ -coalgebra  $\overline{D(k[G], k(G))} = \{D(k[G], k(G))_{(\alpha, \beta)} = D(k[G], k(G), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, \phi) / I_{(\alpha, \beta)}\}_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{S}(G_1)}$  which will be denoted by  $\overline{D_G(G)} = \{\overline{D_{(\alpha, \beta)}(G)}\}_{(\alpha, \beta) \in G_1}$ . More explicitly,  $\overline{D_G(G)}$  is described as follows:

For any  $\alpha, \beta \in G_1$ , the algebra structure of  $\overline{D_{(\alpha, \beta)}(G)}$ , which is equal to  $k[G] \otimes k(G)$  as a  $k$ -space, is given by

$$[g \otimes e_h][g' \otimes e_{h'}] = \delta_{\alpha g' \alpha^{-1}, h^{-1} \beta g' \beta^{-1} h'} g g' \otimes e_{h'} \quad \text{for all } g, g', h, h' \in G_1,$$

$$1_{\overline{D_{(\alpha, \beta)}(G)}} = \sum_{x \in G_0, g \in G_1} [u_x \otimes e_g].$$

The crossed weak Hopf  $G$ -coalgebra structures of  $D_G(G)$  are given, for any  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \gamma \in G_1$  and  $g, h \in G_1$ , by

$$\overline{\Delta}_{(\alpha, \beta), (\lambda, \gamma)}([g \otimes e_h]) = \sum_{xy=h} [g \otimes e_{\gamma x \gamma^{-1}}] \otimes [g \otimes e_{\gamma \alpha \gamma^{-1} y \gamma \alpha^{-1} \gamma^{-1}}],$$

$$\overline{\varepsilon}([g \otimes e_h]_{(1,1)}) = \delta_{h,1},$$

$$S_{(\alpha, \beta)}([g \otimes e_h]) = [g^{-1} \otimes e_{\alpha \beta \alpha^{-1} g \alpha h^{-1} \beta g^{-1} \beta^{-1} \alpha^{-1}}],$$

$$\varphi_{(\alpha, \beta)}^{(\lambda, \gamma)}([g \otimes e_h]) = [\beta^{-1} \alpha g \alpha^{-1} \beta \otimes e_{\gamma \alpha^{-1} \gamma^{-1} \beta h \beta^{-1} \gamma \alpha \gamma^{-1}}].$$

Then  $D_G(G)^* = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in G} D_G(G)^*_\alpha$  is a crossed weak Hopf  $G$ -algebra.

**Lemma 3.4** *It is easy to get the following identities:*

- (a)  $\xi_1 \mid H_\alpha = \text{id}_{H_\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in \pi$ .
- (b)  $\xi_\alpha^{-1} = \xi_{\alpha^{-1}}$  for all  $\alpha \in \pi$ .
- (c)  $\xi$  preserves the antipode, i.e.,  $\xi_\beta \circ S_\alpha = S_{\beta \alpha \beta^{-1}} \circ \xi_\beta$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi$ .

Let  $H$  be a weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra. Define a family of linear maps  $\varepsilon^t = \{\varepsilon_\alpha^t : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_1\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  by  $\varepsilon_\alpha^t(h) = \varepsilon_\alpha(1_{(1,1)}h)1_{(2,1)}$  and  $\varepsilon^s = \{\varepsilon_\alpha^s : H_\alpha \rightarrow H_1\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  by  $\varepsilon_\alpha^s(h) = 1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_\alpha(h1_{(2,1)})$  for all  $h \in H_\alpha$ , where  $\varepsilon^t, \varepsilon^s$  are called the  $\pi$ -target and  $\pi$ -source counital maps. Introduce the notations  $H^t := \varepsilon^t(H) = \{H_1^t = \varepsilon_\alpha^t(H_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  and  $H^s := \varepsilon^s(H) = \{H_1^s = \varepsilon_\alpha^s(H_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  for their images.

By Eq. (3.2), one immediately obtains the following identities:

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(gh) = \varepsilon_\alpha(g\varepsilon_\beta^t(h)), \quad \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(gh) = \varepsilon_\beta(\varepsilon_\alpha^s(g)h), \tag{3.8}$$

$$\varepsilon_1^t \circ \varepsilon_\alpha^t = \varepsilon_\alpha^t, \quad \varepsilon_1^s \circ \varepsilon_\alpha^s = \varepsilon_\alpha^s. \tag{3.9}$$

**Lemma 3.5** *Let  $H$  be a weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra. Then we have, for all  $x \in H_\alpha, y \in H_\beta$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi$*

$$(i) \quad x_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \varepsilon_\alpha^t(x_{(2,\alpha)}) = 1_{(1,1)}x \otimes 1_{(2,1)}, \tag{3.10}$$

$$(ii) \quad \varepsilon_\alpha^s(x_{(1,\alpha)}) \otimes x_{(2,\alpha)} = 1_{(1,1)} \otimes x1_{(2,1)}, \tag{3.11}$$

$$(iii) \quad x\varepsilon_\beta^t(y) = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(x_{(1,\alpha)}y)x_{(2,\alpha)}, \tag{3.12}$$

$$(iv) \quad \varepsilon_\beta^s(y)x = x_{(1,\alpha)}\varepsilon_{\beta\alpha}(yx_{(2,\alpha)}), \tag{3.13}$$

(v)  $H_1^t$  and  $H_1^s$  are subalgebras of  $H_1$  containing the unit 1 and we have

$$h^t g^s = g^s h^t \text{ for all } h^t \in H_1^t \text{ and } g^s \in H_1^s. \tag{3.14}$$

**Proof** (i) We compute as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \varepsilon_\alpha^t(x_{(2,\alpha)}) &= x_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \varepsilon_\alpha(1_{(1,1)}x_{(2,1)})1_{(2,1)} = \tilde{1}_{(1,1)}x_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \varepsilon(1_{(1,1)}\tilde{1}_{(2,1)}x_{(2,\alpha)})1_{(2,1)} \\ &= 1_{(1,1)}x_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \varepsilon(1_{(2,1)}x_{(2,\alpha)})1_{(3,1)} = 1_{(1,1)}x \otimes 1_{(2,1)}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) is similar to (i).

(iii) and (iv) are immediate consequence of (ii) and (i).

(v) Obviously,  $1 \in H_1^t \cap H_1^s$  since  $\varepsilon_\alpha^t(1_\alpha) = \varepsilon_\alpha^s(1_\alpha) = 1$ , and  $H_1^t$  and  $H_1^s$  commute with each other. Finally, the fact that  $H_1^t$  and  $H_1^s$  are subalgebras of  $H_1$  follows from the formulae:

$$1_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \varepsilon_\beta^t(1_{(2,\beta)}) \otimes 1_{(3,\gamma)} = \tilde{1}_{(1,1)}1_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes \tilde{1}_{(2,1)} \otimes 1_{(2,\gamma)}, \tag{3.15}$$

$$1_{(1,\gamma)} \otimes \varepsilon_\beta^s(1_{(2,\beta)}) \otimes 1_{(3,\alpha)} = 1_{(1,\gamma)} \otimes \tilde{1}_{(1,1)} \otimes 1_{(2,\alpha)}\tilde{1}_{(2,1)}, \tag{3.16}$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ . We also give a direct proof as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_\alpha^t(h)\varepsilon_\beta^t(g) &\stackrel{(3.12)}{=} \varepsilon_\beta(\varepsilon_\alpha^t(h)_{(1,1)}g)\varepsilon_\alpha^t(h)_{(2,1)} \\ &= \varepsilon_\beta(1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_\alpha^t(h)g)1_{(2,1)} = \varepsilon_\beta^t(\varepsilon_\alpha^t(h)g). \end{aligned}$$

A statement about  $H_1^s$  is proven similarly.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $H$  be a weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra. Then we have*

- (i) *The kernel  $\text{Ker}\varepsilon_\alpha^t$  is a left ideal of  $H_\alpha$  and  $\text{Ker}\varepsilon_\alpha^s$  is a right ideal of  $H_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \pi$ ;*
- (ii) *We have the following formulae*

$$\varepsilon_\beta^t(\varepsilon_\alpha^t(x)y) = \varepsilon_\alpha^t(x)\varepsilon_\beta^t(y), \quad \varepsilon_\alpha^s(x\varepsilon_\beta^s(y)) = \varepsilon_\alpha^s(x)\varepsilon_\beta^s(y); \tag{3.17}$$

- (iii) *Furthermore, if  $H$  is crossed with the crossing  $\xi = \{\xi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$ , then we have*

$$\xi_\beta \circ \varepsilon_\alpha^s = \varepsilon_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}^s \circ \xi_\beta, \quad \xi_\beta \circ \varepsilon_\alpha^t = \varepsilon_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}^t \circ \xi_\beta$$

for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi$ .

**Proof** (i) Easy. (ii) One has

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_\beta^t(\varepsilon_\alpha^t(x)y) &= \varepsilon_\beta(1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_\alpha^t(x)y)1_{(2,1)} \stackrel{(3.9)}{=} \varepsilon_1(1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_\alpha^t(x)\varepsilon_\beta^t(y))1_{(2,1)} \\ &\stackrel{(3.10)}{=} \varepsilon_\alpha^t(x)\varepsilon_\beta^t(y). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) We just check that the first formula holds. The second one can be proved similarly. For any  $h \in H_\alpha$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}^s \xi_\beta(h) &= 1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}(\xi_\beta(h)1_{(2,1)}) = 1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_\alpha(h\xi_{\beta^{-1}}(1_{(2,1)})) \\ &= \xi_\beta(1_{(1,1)})\varepsilon_\alpha(h1_{(2,1)}) = \xi_\beta\varepsilon_\alpha^s(h). \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof.  $\square$

By Eqs. (3.5)–(3.7), we have  $S_\alpha(x) = S_\alpha(x_{(1,\alpha)})\varepsilon_\alpha^t(x_{(2,\alpha)}) = \varepsilon_\alpha^s(x_{(1,\alpha)})S_\alpha(x_{(2,\alpha)})$ .

**Theorem 3.7** *Let  $H$  be a weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra. Then*

- (i)  $S_{\alpha\beta}(xy) = S_{\beta}(y)S_{\alpha}(x)$  for any  $\alpha \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_{\alpha}, y \in H_{\beta}$ ;
- (ii)  $S_{\alpha}(1_{\alpha}) = 1_{\alpha^{-1}}$  for any  $\alpha \in \pi$ .

Furthermore if  $H$  is of finite type then  $S : H \rightarrow H$  is bijective, i.e.,  $S_{\alpha} : H_{\alpha} \rightarrow H_{\alpha^{-1}}$  is bijective for any  $\alpha \in \pi$ .

**Proof** Similar to [1].  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8** (i) We have the following formulae:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\alpha}^t(x) &= \varepsilon_{\alpha^{-1}}(S_{\alpha}(x)1_{(1,1)})1_{(2,1)}, & \varepsilon_{\alpha}^s(x) &= 1_{(1,1)}\varepsilon_{\alpha^{-1}}(1_{(2,1)}S_{\alpha}(x)), \\ \varepsilon_{\alpha}^t(x) &= S_1(1_{(1,1)})\varepsilon_{\alpha}(1_{(2,1)}x), & \varepsilon_{\alpha}^s(x) &= \varepsilon_{\alpha}(x1_{(1,1)})S_1(1_{(2,1)}) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $x \in H_{\alpha}$ .

- (ii) the following identities hold

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha}^t \circ S_{\alpha^{-1}} = \varepsilon_1^t \circ \varepsilon_{\alpha^{-1}}^s = S_1 \circ \varepsilon_{\alpha^{-1}}^s, \quad \varepsilon_{\alpha}^s \circ S_{\alpha^{-1}} = \varepsilon_1^s \circ \varepsilon_{\alpha^{-1}}^t = S_1 \circ \varepsilon_{\alpha^{-1}}^t.$$

**Proof** Similar to [1].  $\square$

#### 4. The category of crossed left $\pi$ - $H$ comodules

**Definition 4.1** Let  $H$  be a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra. A left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule  $M$  is called crossed if it is endowed with a family  $\xi_M = \{\xi_{M,\beta} : M_{\alpha} \rightarrow M_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -linear maps such that the following conditions are satisfied

- (i) Each  $\xi_{M,\beta} : M_{\alpha} \rightarrow M_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}}$  is a vector space isomorphism;
- (ii) Each  $\xi_{M,\beta}$  preserves the coaction, i.e., for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi, \rho_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}} \circ \xi_{M,\beta} = (\xi_{\beta} \otimes \xi_{M,\beta}) \circ \rho_{\alpha}$ ;
- (iii) Each  $\xi_M$  is multiplicative in the sense that  $\xi_{M,\beta}\xi_{M,\gamma} = \xi_{M,\beta\gamma}$  for all  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$ .

**Definition 4.2** Let  $M = \{M_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}, N = \{N_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  be two crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. A crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphism is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphism  $f = \{f_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi} : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $\xi_{N,\beta} \circ f_{\alpha} = f_{\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}} \circ \xi_{M,\beta}$ .

Let  $H = (\{H_{\alpha}\}, m, \eta)$  be a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra. We denote by  ${}^H\mathcal{M}_{\text{crossed}}$  the category of all left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules, whose morphisms are crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphisms.

Suppose that  $M = \{M_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  and  $N = \{N_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  are crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. Now define  $M_{\beta} \boxtimes N_{\gamma}$ , which is the submodule of  $M_{\beta} \otimes N_{\gamma}$  generated by elements of the form  $\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(m_{(-1,\beta)}n_{(-1,\gamma)})m_{(0,\beta)} \otimes n_{(0,\gamma)}$  for any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $m \in M_{\beta}, n \in N_{\gamma}$ . It is easy to show that  $M_{\beta} \boxtimes N_{\gamma}$  is left  $\pi$ - $H$ -subcomodule of  $M_{\beta} \otimes N_{\gamma}$  given by  $\rho^{M_{\beta} \boxtimes N_{\gamma}}(m \boxtimes n) = m_{(-1,\beta)}n_{(-1,\gamma)} \boxtimes m_{(0,\beta)} \boxtimes n_{(0,\gamma)}$  for any  $m \in M_{\beta}, n \in N_{\gamma}$ . So  $(M \boxtimes N)_{\alpha} := \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} M_{\beta} \boxtimes N_{\gamma}$  is a left  $H_{\alpha}$ -comodule. Thus  $M \boxtimes N = \{(M \boxtimes N)_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule, where the structure maps  $\rho^{M \boxtimes N} = \{\rho^{(M \boxtimes N)_{\alpha}}\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  are given by

$$\rho^{(M \boxtimes N)_{\alpha}} = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} (m_{\beta,\gamma} \otimes \text{id}_{M_{\beta}} \otimes \text{id}_{N_{\gamma}})(\text{id}_{H_{\beta}} \otimes \tau_{M_{\beta}, H_{\gamma}} \otimes \text{id}_{N_{\gamma}})(\rho^{M_{\beta}} \otimes \rho^{N_{\gamma}}).$$

Now let  $g = \{g_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \pi} : M \rightarrow M'$  and  $f = \{f_{\beta}\}_{\beta \in \pi} : N \rightarrow N'$  be left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphisms. Now we define the monoidal product of  $g$  and  $f$  given by  $g \otimes f = \{g_{\alpha} \otimes f_{\beta}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \pi} :$

$$M \otimes N \rightarrow M' \otimes N'.$$

Suppose  $P = \{P_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$  is also a crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule. Then we have two left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $(M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P$  and  $M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P)$ . By definition, for any  $\alpha \in \pi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P)_\alpha &= \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} (M \boxtimes N)_\beta \boxtimes P_\gamma = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} \left( \bigoplus_{\theta z=\beta} (M_\theta \boxtimes N_z) \boxtimes P_\gamma \right) \\ &= \bigoplus_{\theta z\gamma=\alpha} (M_\theta \boxtimes N_z) \boxtimes P_\gamma \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P))_\alpha &= \bigoplus_{\theta\beta=\alpha} M_\theta \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P)_\beta = \bigoplus_{\theta\beta=\alpha} M_\theta \boxtimes \left( \bigoplus_{z\gamma=\beta} (N_z \boxtimes P_\gamma) \right) \\ &= \bigoplus_{\theta z\gamma=\alpha} (M_\theta \boxtimes N_z) \boxtimes P_\gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta, z, \gamma \in \pi$ . One knows that  $a_{\theta,z,\gamma} : (M_\theta \boxtimes N_z) \boxtimes P_\gamma \rightarrow M_\theta \boxtimes (N_z \boxtimes P_\gamma)$ ,  $(m \otimes n) \otimes p \mapsto m \otimes (n \otimes p)$ , where  $m \in M_\theta, n \in N_z, p \in P_\gamma$ , is an isomorphism of  $H_{\theta z\gamma}$  comodule. Hence, for any  $\alpha \in \pi$ ,  $a_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\theta z\gamma=\alpha} a_{\theta,z,\gamma}$  is an isomorphism of  $H_\alpha$  comodule from  $((M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P)_\alpha$  to  $(M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P))_\alpha$ , and  $a = \{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi} : (M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P \rightarrow M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P)$  is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule isomorphism, it is a family of natural isomorphisms.

Let  $M, N$  be any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. We have proved that  $M \boxtimes N$  is also a crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule.

**Definition 4.3** *With the above notations. A left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule  $M \boxtimes N$  is called crossed if it is endowed with a family  $\xi_{M \boxtimes N} = \{\xi_{M \boxtimes N, z} : (M \boxtimes N)_\alpha \rightarrow (M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}}\}_{\alpha, z \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -linear maps such that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) *Each  $\xi_{M \boxtimes N, \beta} : (M \boxtimes N)_\alpha \rightarrow (M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}}$  is a vector space isomorphism;*
- (ii) *Each  $\xi_{M \boxtimes N, z | M_\beta \boxtimes N_\gamma} := \xi_{M, z | M_\beta} \boxtimes \xi_{N, z | N_\gamma}$ , where for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, z \in \pi$ .*

Since  $(M \boxtimes N)_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} M_\beta \boxtimes N_\gamma$  and

$$(M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}} = \bigoplus_{z\beta\gamma z^{-1}=z\alpha z^{-1}} M_{z\beta z^{-1}} \boxtimes N_{z\gamma z^{-1}} = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} M_{z\beta z^{-1}} \boxtimes N_{z\gamma z^{-1}}.$$

$\xi_{M \boxtimes N, z}$  is well defined  $k$ -linear isomorphism from  $(M \boxtimes N)_\alpha$  to  $(M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}}$  for any  $\alpha, z \in \pi$ . Moreover, for any  $m \in M_\beta$  and  $n \in N_\gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho^{(M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}}} \circ (\xi_{M \boxtimes N, z})(m \otimes n) \\ &= \rho^{(M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}}} \circ (\xi_{M, z} \otimes \xi_{N, z})(m \otimes n) \\ &= \rho^{(M \boxtimes N)_{z\alpha z^{-1}}} (\xi_{M, \gamma}(m) \otimes \xi_{N, \gamma}(n)) \\ &= \xi_z(m_{(-1, \beta)}) \xi_z(n_{(-1, \gamma)}) \otimes \xi_{M, z}(m_{(0, \beta)}) \otimes \xi_{N, z}(n_{(0, \gamma)}) \\ &= (\xi_z \otimes \xi_{M \otimes N, z}) \rho^{(M \otimes N)_\alpha}(m \otimes n). \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $M, N$  and  $P$  be crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. Then one can easily check that  $\xi_{M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P), z} a_\alpha = a_{z\alpha z^{-1}} \xi_{(M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P, z}$  for any  $\alpha, z \in \pi$ , and hence  $a = \{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi} : (M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P \rightarrow M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P)$  is a crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphism.

Since  $H_1^t = \varepsilon_\alpha^t(H_\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in \pi$ , let  $\rho^{H_1^t} : H_1^t \rightarrow H_1^t \otimes H_1^t, \lambda \mapsto \Delta_{1,1}(\lambda)$ . Hence,  $H_1^t$  is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule. For any left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule  $M$ , we have  $(H^t \boxtimes M)_\alpha = H_1^t \boxtimes M_\alpha$  and  $(M \boxtimes H^t)_\alpha = M_\alpha \boxtimes H_1^t, \alpha \in \pi$ . Define isomorphisms  $l_M : H^t \boxtimes M \rightarrow M$  and  $r_M : M \boxtimes H^t \rightarrow M$  by

$$(l_M)_\alpha : H_1^t \boxtimes M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\alpha, \lambda \otimes m \mapsto \varepsilon(\lambda)m,$$

$$(r_M)_\alpha : M_\alpha \boxtimes H_1^t \rightarrow M_\alpha, m \otimes \lambda \mapsto m\varepsilon(\lambda),$$

and

$$(l_M)_\alpha^{-1} : M_\alpha \rightarrow H_1^t \boxtimes M_\alpha, m \mapsto \varepsilon_\alpha^t(m_{(1,\alpha)}) \otimes m_{(0,\alpha)},$$

$$(r_M)_\alpha^{-1} : M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\alpha \boxtimes H_1^t, m \mapsto m_{(0,\alpha)} \otimes S^{-1}\varepsilon_\alpha^s(m_{(1,\alpha)}).$$

Then  $l = \{l_M\}$  and  $r = \{r_M\}$  are two families of natural isomorphisms of left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules.

We summarize the above discussion as follows.

**Theorem 4.4**  $({}^H\mathcal{M}_{\text{crossed}}, \boxtimes, H_1^t, a, l, r)$  is a monoidal category, where  $H_1^t$  is the unit object.

### 5. The Braided monoidal category

Throughout this section, assume that  $H = (\{H_\alpha\}, m, \eta)$  is a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra with a crossing  $\xi$ .

**Definition 5.1** A coquasitriangular weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra is a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra (with crossing  $\xi$ ) endowed with a family  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta,\gamma} : H_\beta \otimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta,\gamma \in \pi}$  of  $k$ -linear maps such that  $\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}$  is weak convolution invertible for any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) For any  $\beta, \gamma, \theta \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma, p \in H_\theta$ ,

$$\sigma_{\beta,\gamma\theta}(x, yp) = \sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}, y)\sigma_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma,\theta}(\xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2,\beta)}), p); \tag{5.1}$$

(ii) For any  $\beta, \gamma, z \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma, p \in H_z$

$$\sigma_{\beta\gamma,z}(xy, p) = \sigma_{\beta,z}(x, p_{(2,z)})\sigma_{\gamma,z}(y, p_{(1,z)}); \tag{5.2}$$

(iii) For any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}, y_{(1,\gamma)})y_{(2,\gamma)}\xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2,\beta)}) = x_{(1,\beta)}y_{(1,\gamma)}\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(2,\beta)}, y_{(2,\gamma)}); \tag{5.3}$$

(iv) For any  $\beta, \gamma, z \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x, y) = \sigma_{z\beta z^{-1}, z\gamma z^{-1}}(\xi_z(x), \xi_z(y)); \tag{5.4}$$

(v) For any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\gamma,\beta}(y, x) = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}y_{(1,\gamma)})\sigma_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)}, x_{(2,\beta)})\varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(3,\gamma)}x_{(3,\beta)}). \tag{5.5}$$

Here weak convolution invertible means that there exist a family of  $k$ -linear maps  $\sigma^{-1} = \{\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}^{-1} : H_\beta \boxtimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta,\gamma \in \pi}$  such that:

(vi) For any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}, y_{(1,\gamma)})\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}^{-1}(x_{(2,\beta)}, y_{(2,\gamma)}) = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(xy); \tag{5.6}$$

(vii) For any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}^{-1}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \gamma)})\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(2, \beta)}, y_{(2, \gamma)}) = \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(yx); \tag{5.7}$$

(viii) For any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\gamma, \beta}^{-1}(y, x) = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}y_{(1, \gamma)})\sigma_{\gamma, \beta}(y_{(2, \gamma)}, x_{(2, \beta)})\varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(3, \gamma)}x_{(3, \beta)}) \tag{5.8}$$

where  $\sigma^{-1} = \{\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}^{-1}\}_{\beta, \gamma \in \pi}$  is called a weak convolution inverse of  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}\}_{\beta, \gamma \in \pi}$ .

Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta, \gamma} : H_\beta \otimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta, \gamma \in \pi}$  be a family of linear maps such that  $\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}$  is weak convolution invertible for any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$ . Let  $M$  and  $N$  be any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. For any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$ , define  $c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma} : M_\beta \boxtimes N_\gamma \rightarrow N_\gamma \boxtimes M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}$  by

$$c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}(m \otimes n) = \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})(n_{(0, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)})),$$

where  $m \in M_\beta$  and  $n \in N_\gamma$ . For any  $\alpha \in \pi$ , define

$$(c_{M, N})_\alpha : (M \boxtimes N)_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} M_\beta \boxtimes N_\gamma \rightarrow (N \boxtimes M)_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} N_\gamma \boxtimes M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}$$

by  $(c_{M, N})_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\beta\gamma=\alpha} c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}$ . Then it is obvious that  $(c_{M, N})_\alpha$  is a  $k$ -linear isomorphism for any  $\alpha \in \pi$  if and only if so is  $c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}$  for any  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$ .

**Lemma 5.2** *With the above notations, we have*

(i)  $(c_{M, N})_\alpha$  is a  $k$ -linear isomorphism for any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $M$  and  $N$ , and  $\alpha \in \pi$  if and only if  $\sigma$  is a family of weak convolution invertible  $k$ -linear maps.

(ii)  $c_{M, N} : M \boxtimes N \rightarrow N \boxtimes M$  is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphism for any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $M$  and  $N$  if and only if

$$\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \gamma)})y_{(2, \gamma)}\xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2, \beta)}) = x_{(1, \beta)}y_{(1, \gamma)}\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(2, \beta)}, y_{(2, \gamma)})$$

for all  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ .

**Proof** (i) Assume that  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta, \gamma} : H_\beta \otimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta, \gamma \in \pi}$  is a family of weak convolution invertible  $k$ -linear maps. Then define  $c_{N_\gamma, M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}}^{-1} : N_\gamma \boxtimes M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma} \rightarrow M_\beta \boxtimes N_\gamma$  by

$$c_{N_\gamma, M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}}^{-1}(n \otimes p) = \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}^{-1}(\xi_\gamma(p_{(-1, \gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma)}), n_{(-1, \gamma)})\xi_{M, \gamma}(p_{(0, \gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma)}) \otimes n_{(0, \gamma)},$$

where  $p \in M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}$  and  $n \in N_\gamma$ . Then  $c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}$  is a  $k$ -linear isomorphism as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & c_{N_\gamma, M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}}^{-1} c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}(m \otimes n) \\ &= c_{N_\gamma, M_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}}^{-1}(\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})(n_{(0, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)}))) \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}^{-1}(\xi_\gamma(\xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)}))_{(-1, \gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)}) \\ &\quad \xi_{M, \gamma}(\xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)}))_{(0, \gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma)}) \otimes n_{(0, \gamma)} \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}^{-1}(m_{(0, \beta)}_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(0, \gamma)}_{(-1, \gamma)})(m_{(0, \beta)}_{(0, \beta)} \otimes n_{(0, \gamma)}_{(0, \gamma)}) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}n_{(-1, \gamma)})(m_{(0, \beta)} \otimes n_{(0, \gamma)}) = m \otimes n. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let  $M = N = H$ . Then  $c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma} : H_\beta \boxtimes H_\gamma \rightarrow H_\gamma \boxtimes H_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}$  is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule isomorphism. Then  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta, \gamma} : H_\beta \otimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta, \gamma \in \pi}$  by  $\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x, y) = (\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})c_{H_\gamma, H_\beta}(y \otimes$

$x$ ),  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ . Define a family of  $k$ -linear maps  $\tau = \{\tau_{\beta,\gamma} : H_\beta \otimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta,\gamma \in \pi}$  by

$$\tau_{\beta,\gamma}(x \otimes y) = (\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma\beta^{-1}} \otimes \varepsilon_\beta)c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}^{-1}(x \otimes y), \quad x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma.$$

Then

$$c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}^{-1}(x \otimes y) = (\xi_\beta(y_{(2,\gamma)}) \otimes x_{(2,\beta)})\tau_{\beta\gamma\beta^{-1}, \beta}(\xi_\beta(y_{(2,\gamma)}), x_{(1,\beta)}), \quad x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma.$$

Thus for any  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \otimes y &= c_{H_{\beta\gamma\beta^{-1}}, H_\beta}c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}^{-1}(x \otimes y) \\ &= c_{H_{\beta\gamma\beta^{-1}}, H_\beta}((\xi_\beta(y_{(2,\gamma)}) \otimes x_{(2,\beta)})\tau_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}, x_{(1,\beta)})) \\ &= x_{(3,\beta)} \otimes y_{(3,\gamma)}\sigma_{\beta\gamma\beta^{-1}, \beta}(\xi_\beta(y_{(2,\gamma)}), x_{(2,\beta)})\tau_{\beta\gamma\beta^{-1}, \beta}(\xi_\beta(y_{(1,\gamma)}), x_{(1,\beta)}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$x \otimes y = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}y_{(1,\gamma)})x_{(2,\beta)} \otimes_k y_{(2,\gamma)}.$$

Applying  $\varepsilon_\beta \otimes_k \varepsilon_\gamma$  to the above two equations, one gets

$$\sigma_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)}, x_{(2,\beta)})\tau_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}, x_{(1,\beta)}) = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(xy).$$

Then an argument similar to the above shows that

$$\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}, y_{(1,\gamma)})\tau_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(2,\beta)}, y_{(2,\gamma)}) = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(xy).$$

And we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x, y) &= (\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})(\sigma_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}, x_{(1,\beta)})(x_{(2,\beta)} \otimes \xi_{\beta^{-1}}(y_{(2,\gamma)}))) \\ &= (\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})(\varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})\sigma_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)}, x_{(2,\beta)})(x_{(3,\beta)} \otimes \xi_{\beta^{-1}}(y_{(3,\gamma)}))) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})(\sigma_{\gamma,\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)}, x_{(2,\beta)})(x_{(3,\beta)} \otimes \xi_{\beta^{-1}}(y_{(3,\gamma)}))) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})(c_{H_\gamma, H_\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)} \otimes x_{(2,\beta)})) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})(S_\beta \otimes S_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})(c_{H_\gamma, H_\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)} \otimes x_{(2,\beta)})) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})c_{H_{\gamma^{-1}}, H_{\beta^{-1}}}(S_\gamma \otimes S_\beta)(y_{(2,\gamma)} \otimes x_{(2,\beta)}) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})c_{H_{\gamma^{-1}}, H_{\beta^{-1}}}(S_\gamma(y_{(2,\gamma)}) \otimes S_\beta(x_{(2,\beta)})) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})c_{H_{\gamma^{-1}}, H_{\beta^{-1}}}(S_\gamma(y_{(2,\gamma)}) \otimes S_\beta(x_{(2,\beta)})) \\ &\quad \varepsilon_{\gamma^{-1}\beta^{-1}}(S_\gamma(y_{(3,\gamma)})S_\beta(x_{(3,\beta)})) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})(\varepsilon_\beta \otimes \varepsilon_{\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta})c_{H_\gamma, H_\beta}(y_{(2,\gamma)} \otimes x_{(2,\beta)})\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(3,\beta)}y_{(3,\gamma)}) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(1,\gamma)}x_{(1,\beta)})\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x_{(2,\beta)}, y_{(2,\gamma)})\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(3,\beta)}y_{(3,\gamma)}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\tau_{\beta,\gamma}(x, y) = \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(1,\beta)}y_{(1,\gamma)})\tau_{\beta\gamma}(x_{(2,\beta)}, y_{(2,\gamma)})\varepsilon_{\gamma\beta}(y_{(3,\gamma)}x_{(3,\beta)}).$$

This shows that  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}\}$  is a family of weak convolution invertible  $k$ -linear maps with inverse  $\tau = \{\tau_{\beta,\gamma}\}$ .

(ii) Now we claim that  $c_{M,N} = \{(c_{M,N})_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi} : M \boxtimes N \rightarrow N \boxtimes M$  is a morphism of left

$\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. In fact, for  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi, m \in M_\beta$  and  $n \in N_\gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho^{(N \boxtimes M)\beta\gamma} c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}(m \otimes n) \\ &= \rho^{(N \otimes M)\beta\gamma}(n_{(0, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)})) \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)}) \\ &= n_{(-1, \gamma)} \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(m_{(-1, \beta)}) \otimes n_{(0, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)}) \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-2, \beta)}, n_{(-2, \gamma)}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{id}_{H_{\beta\gamma}} \boxtimes c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}) \rho^{(N \boxtimes M)\beta\gamma}(m \otimes n) \\ &= m_{(-2, \beta)} n_{(-2, \gamma)} \otimes n_{(0, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)}) \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)}). \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}$  is an isomorphism, if

$$\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \gamma)}) y_{(2, \gamma)} \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2, \beta)}) = x_{(1, \beta)} y_{(1, \gamma)} \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(2, \beta)}, y_{(2, \gamma)}),$$

we have  $c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}$  is an isomorphism of left  $H_{\beta\gamma}$ -comodules. Conversely, let  $M = N = H$ . Since  $c_{H, H}$  is a left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule map,  $\rho^{(H \boxtimes H)\beta\gamma}(c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}) = (\text{id}_{H_{\beta\gamma}} \boxtimes c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}) \rho^{(H \boxtimes H)\beta\gamma}$  for all  $\beta, \gamma \in \pi$ . Now let  $\beta \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho^{(H \boxtimes H)\beta\gamma} c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}(x \otimes y) = \rho^{(H \boxtimes H)\beta\gamma}(y_{(2, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2, \beta)})) \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \beta)}) \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \gamma)}) y_{(2, \gamma)} \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2, \beta)}) \otimes y_{(3, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(3, \beta)}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{id}_{H_{\beta\gamma}} \boxtimes c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma}) \rho^{(H \boxtimes H)\beta\gamma}(x \otimes y) = (\text{id}_{H_{\beta\gamma}} \boxtimes c_{H_\beta, H_\gamma})(x_{(1, \beta)} y_{(1, \gamma)} \otimes x_{(2, \beta)} \otimes y_{(2, \gamma)}) \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(2, \beta)}, y_{(2, \gamma)}) x_{(1, \beta)} y_{(1, \gamma)} \otimes y_{(3, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(3, \beta)}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \gamma)}) y_{(2, \gamma)} \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2, \beta)}) \otimes y_{(3, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(3, \beta)}) \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(2, \beta)}, y_{(2, \gamma)}) x_{(1, \beta)} y_{(1, \gamma)} \otimes y_{(3, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(3, \beta)}). \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\text{id}_{H_{\beta\gamma}} \otimes \varepsilon_\gamma \otimes \varepsilon_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}$  to the both sides of the above equation, one gets

$$\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(1, \beta)}, y_{(1, \gamma)}) y_{(2, \gamma)} \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2, \beta)}) = x_{(1, \beta)} y_{(1, \gamma)} \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x_{(2, \beta)}, y_{(2, \gamma)}). \quad \square$$

**Lemma 5.3** *The following two statements are equivalent:*

(i)  $\xi_{N \boxtimes M, z}(c_{M, N})_\alpha = (c_{M, N})_{z\alpha z^{-1}} \xi_{M \boxtimes N, z}$  for any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $M$  and  $N$ , and  $\alpha, z \in \pi$ .

(ii)  $\sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(x, y) = \sigma_{z\beta z^{-1}, z\gamma z^{-1}}(\xi_z(x), \xi_z(y))$  for any  $\beta, \gamma, z \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\beta, y \in H_\gamma$ .

**Proof** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules. For any  $\alpha, \beta, z \in \pi, m \in M_\beta$  and  $n \in N_\gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi_{N \boxtimes M, z}(c_{M, N})_{\beta\gamma}(m \otimes n) = (\xi_{N, z} \otimes \xi_{M, z})(c_{M_\beta, N_\gamma}) \\ &= (\xi_{N, z} \otimes \xi_{M, z}) \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})(n_{(0, \gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)})) \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})(\xi_{N, z}(n_{(0, \gamma)}) \otimes \xi_{M, z} \xi_{M, \gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)})) \\ &= \sigma_{\beta, \gamma}(m_{(-1, \beta)}, n_{(-1, \gamma)})(\xi_{N, z}(n_{(0, \gamma)}) \otimes \xi_{M, z\gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0, \beta)})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (c_{M,N})_{z\beta\gamma z^{-1}}\xi_{M\boxtimes N,z}(m \otimes n) &= c_{M_{z\beta z^{-1}},N_{z\gamma z^{-1}}}\xi_{M\boxtimes N,z}(m \otimes n) \\ &= c_{M_{z\beta z^{-1}},N_{z\gamma z^{-1}}}(\xi_z(m) \otimes \xi_z(n)) \\ &= \sigma_{z\beta z^{-1},z\gamma z^{-1}}(\xi_z(m_{(-1,\beta)}), \xi_z(n_{(-1,\gamma)}))(\xi_{N,z}(n_{(0,\gamma)}) \otimes \xi_{M,z\gamma^{-1}z^{-1}}\xi_{M,z}(m_{(0,\beta)})). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\xi_{N\boxtimes M,z}(c_{M,N})_{\beta\gamma} = (c_{M,N})_{z\beta\gamma z^{-1}}\xi_{M\boxtimes N,z}$  if and only if  $\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(x, y) = \sigma_{z\beta z^{-1},z\gamma z^{-1}}(\xi_z(x), \xi_z(y))$ .  
□

**Lemma 5.4** *The following two statements are equivalent:*

(i)  $c_{M,N\boxtimes P} = (\text{id}_N \boxtimes c_{M,P})(c_{M,N} \boxtimes \text{id}_P)$  for any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $M, N$  and  $P$ , if and only if for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\alpha, y \in H_\beta, p \in H_\gamma$ ,

$$\sigma_{\alpha,\beta\gamma}(x, yp) = \sigma_{\alpha,\beta}(x_{(1,\alpha)}, y)\sigma_{\beta^{-1}\beta\alpha,\gamma}(\xi_{\beta^{-1}}(x_{(2,\alpha)}), p);$$

(ii)  $c_{M\boxtimes N,P} = (c_{M,P} \boxtimes \text{id}_N)(\text{id}_M \boxtimes c_{N,P})$  for any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $M, N$  and  $P$ , if and only if for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\alpha, y \in H_\beta, p \in H_\gamma$

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(xy, p) = \sigma_{\alpha,\gamma}(x, p_{(2,\gamma)})\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(y, p_{(1,\gamma)}).$$

**Proof** We only prove Part (2). The proof of Part (1) is similar. Let  $M, N, P$  be any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$ . Then for any  $m \in M_\alpha, n \in N_\beta$  and  $p \in P_\gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (c_{M\boxtimes N,P})_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(m \otimes n \otimes p) &= c_{M_\alpha\boxtimes N_\beta,P_\gamma}(m \otimes n \otimes p) \\ &= p_{(0,\gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M,\gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0,\alpha)}) \otimes \xi_{N,\gamma^{-1}}(n_{(0,\beta)})\sigma_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(m_{(-1,\alpha)}n_{(-1,\beta)}, p_{(-1,\gamma)}) \\ &= p_{(0,\gamma)} \otimes \xi_{M,\gamma^{-1}}(m_{(0,\alpha)}) \otimes \xi_{N,\gamma^{-1}}(n_{(0,\beta)})\sigma_{\alpha,\gamma}(m_{(-1,\alpha)}, p_{(-1,\gamma)}(2,\gamma)) \\ &\quad \sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(n_{(-1,\beta)}, p_{(-1,\gamma)}(1,\gamma)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ((c_{M,P} \boxtimes \text{id}_N)(\text{id}_M \boxtimes c_{N,P}))_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(m \otimes n \otimes p) &= (c_{M_\alpha,P_\gamma} \boxtimes \text{id}_{N_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}})(\text{id}_{M_\alpha} \boxtimes c_{N_\beta,P_\gamma})(m \otimes n \otimes p) \\ &= (c_{M_\alpha,P_\gamma} \boxtimes \text{id}_{N_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}})(m \otimes p_{(0,\gamma)} \otimes \xi_{N,\gamma^{-1}}(n_{(0,\beta)}))\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(n_{(-1,\beta)}, p_{(-1,\gamma)}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(xy, p) = \sigma_{\alpha,\gamma}(x, p_{(2,\gamma)})\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(y, p_{(1,\gamma)})$  for any  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \pi$  and  $x \in H_\alpha, y \in H_\beta, p \in H_\gamma$ , then  $c_{M\boxtimes N,P} = (c_{M,P} \boxtimes \text{id}_N)(\text{id}_M \boxtimes c_{N,P})$  for any crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules  $M, N$  and  $P$ . Conversely, let  $M = N = P = H$ . Since  $c$  is a braiding, we have  $c_{H_\alpha\boxtimes H_\beta,H_\gamma} = (c_{H_\alpha,H_\gamma} \boxtimes \text{id}_{H_\beta})(\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \boxtimes c_{H_\beta,H_\gamma})$ . Thus, for any  $x \in H_\alpha, y \in H_\beta, z \in H_\gamma$ , we have

$$c_{H_\alpha\boxtimes H_\beta,H_\gamma}(x \otimes y \otimes z) = z_{(2,\gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2,\alpha)}) \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(y_{(2,\beta)})\sigma_{\alpha\beta,\gamma}(x_{(1,\alpha)}y_{(1,\beta)}, z_{(1,\gamma)})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (c_{H_\alpha,H_\gamma} \boxtimes \text{id}_{H_\beta})(\text{id}_{H_\alpha} \boxtimes c_{H_\beta,H_\gamma})(x \otimes y \otimes z) &= (c_{H_\alpha,H_\gamma} \boxtimes \text{id}_{H_\beta})(x \otimes z_{(2,\gamma)} \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(y_{(2,\beta)}))\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(y_{(1,\beta)}, z_{(1,\gamma)}) \\ &= z_{(2,\gamma)}(2,\gamma) \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(x_{(2,\alpha)}) \otimes \xi_{\gamma^{-1}}(y_{(2,\beta)})\sigma_{\alpha,\gamma}(x_{(1,\alpha)} \otimes z_{(2,\gamma)}(1,\gamma))\sigma_{\beta,\gamma}(y_{(1,\beta)}, z_{(1,\gamma)}). \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\varepsilon_\gamma \otimes \varepsilon_{\gamma^{-1}\alpha\gamma} \otimes \varepsilon_{\gamma^{-1}\beta\gamma}$  to the above two equations, one gets

$$\sigma_{\alpha,\beta\gamma}(x, yz) = \sigma_{\alpha,\beta}(x_{(1,\alpha)}, y)\sigma_{\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta,\gamma}(\xi_{\beta^{-1}}(x_{(2,a)}), z). \quad \square$$

**Theorem 5.5** *Let  $H = (\{H_\alpha\}, m, \eta)$  be a crossed weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra and let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_{\beta,\gamma} : H_\beta \otimes H_\gamma \rightarrow k\}_{\beta,\gamma \in \pi}$  be a family of  $k$ -linear maps. Then the monoidal category  $({}^H\mathcal{M}_{\text{crossed}}, \boxtimes, H_1^t, a, l, r)$  of crossed left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodules is a braided monoidal category with the braiding  $c$  if and only if  $H = (\{H_\alpha\}, m, \eta)$  is a coquasitriangular weak Hopf  $\pi$ -algebra where  $c$  is defined by  $\sigma$  as above.*

**Proof** If  $c$  is a braiding of the monoidal category  $({}^H\mathcal{M}_{\text{crossed}}, \boxtimes, H_1^t, a, l, r)$ , then it follows from Lemmas 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 that  $\sigma$  is a weak coquasitriangular structure. Conversely, assume that  $\sigma$  is a weak coquasitriangular structure. Then by Lemmas 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, it suffices to show that  $c = \{c_{M,N}\}$  is natural. Now let  $g = \{g_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi} : M \rightarrow M'$  and  $f = \{f_\beta\}_{\beta \in \pi} : N \rightarrow N'$  be left  $\pi$ - $H$ -comodule morphisms. Then for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \pi, m \in M_\alpha$  and  $n \in N_\beta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((f \otimes g)c_{M,N})_{\alpha\beta}(m \otimes n) &= (f_\beta \otimes g_{\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta})c_{M_\alpha, N_\beta}(m \otimes n) \\ &= (f_\beta \otimes g_{\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta})(n_{(0,\beta)} \otimes \xi_{\beta^{-1}}(m_{(0,\alpha)})\sigma_{\alpha,\beta}(m_{(-1,\alpha)}, n_{(-1,\beta)})) \\ &= f_\beta(n_{(0,\beta)}) \otimes g_{\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta}(\xi_{\beta^{-1}}(m_{(0,\alpha)}))\sigma_{\alpha,\beta}(m_{(-1,\alpha)}, n_{(-1,\beta)}) \\ &= f_\beta(n)_{(0,\beta)} \otimes \xi_{\beta^{-1}}(g_\alpha(m)_{(0,\alpha)})\sigma_{\alpha,\beta}(g_\alpha(m)_{(-1,\alpha)}, f_\beta(n)_{(-1,\beta)}) \\ &= c_{M'_\alpha, N'_\beta}(g_\alpha(m) \otimes f_\beta(n)) \\ &= c_{M'_\alpha, N'_\beta}(g_\alpha \otimes f_\beta)(m \otimes n) \\ &= (c_{M', N'}(g \otimes f))_{\alpha\beta}(m \otimes n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(f \otimes g)c_{M,N} = c_{M', N'}(g \otimes f)$ . The proof is completed.  $\square$

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