



## Coflat monomorphisms of coalgebras

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### Abstract

We consider left coflat monomorphisms of coalgebras, and establish a 1–1 correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of left coflat monomorphisms, the set of some coideal subalgebras and the set of equivalence classes of perfect localization bicomodules as well. © 1998 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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### 0. Introduction

In this paper, we consider coflat monomorphisms of coalgebras. These are dual to the perfect localizations of algebras (or the flat epimorphisms of algebras). If  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  is a left coflat monomorphism of coalgebras, then  $\phi$  determines a Morita–Takeuchi context

$$(C, D, {}_C U_D, {}_D C_C, f, g)$$

and the bilinear map  $f$  is an isomorphism. It follows that  $C$  is quasi-finite as a left  $D$ -comodule, and the coendomorphism coalgebra of the left  $D$ -comodule  ${}_D C$  is canonically isomorphic to  $C$  (cf. Theorem 3.4 and Corollary 3.5). It has been shown in [2] that a left coflat monomorphism  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  of coalgebras determines a hereditary torsion theory  $\text{Ker}(-)^\phi$ ,  $(-)^\phi = - \square_D C$ , of the comodule category  $\mathbf{M}^D$ , and any hereditary torsion theory is uniquely determined by a coideal subalgebra  $A$  of  $D$ . It is natural to ask what conditions on  $A$  allow to reconstruct the coflat monomorphism  $\phi$ . This leads us to define localization bicomodules of a coalgebra  $D$  in Section 2. We

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show that coidempotent subcoalgebras of  $D$  bijectively correspond to localization bicomodules. This correspondence yields a 1–1 correspondence between left coflat monomorphisms and the so-called left perfect localizations which precisely answers the question.

### 1. Preliminaries

Throughout,  $k$  is a fixed field. All coalgebras, algebras, vector spaces, and unadorned  $\otimes$ ,  $\text{Hom}$ , etc. are over  $k$ . Throughout,  $A$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  always stand for coalgebras. The character  $\mathbf{M}$  indicates the category of  $k$ -modules. We refer to [4] for detail of coalgebras and comodules. If  $C$  is a coalgebra, we denote by  $\mathbf{M}^C$  the category of right  $C$ -comodules. Similarly, we let  ${}^C\mathbf{M}$  stand for the left  $C$ -comodule category. A right  $C$ -comodule  $X$  is injective (or  $C$ -injective) if the functor  $\text{Com}_{-C}(-, X)$  is exact.

A  $C$ - $D$ -bicomodule is a left  $C$ -comodule and a right  $D$ -comodule  $X$ , denoted by  ${}_C X_D$ , such that the  $C$ -comodule structure map  $\rho_C : X \rightarrow C \otimes X$  is  $D$ -colinear, or equivalently the  $D$ -comodule structure map  $\rho_D : X \rightarrow X \otimes D$  is  $C$ -colinear. In particular,  $C$  is a  $C$ - $C$ -bicomodule through  $\Delta$ .

*Cotensor product.* For a right  $C$ -comodule  $M$  and a left  $C$ -comodule  $N$ , the cotensor product  $M \square_C N$  is the kernel of

$$\rho_M \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \rho_N : M \otimes N \rightrightarrows M \otimes C \otimes N.$$

The functors  $M \square_C -$  and  $- \square_C N$  are left exact and preserve direct sums. If  ${}_A X_C$  and  ${}_C Y_\Gamma$  are bicomodules, then  $X \square_C Y$  is a  $A - \Gamma$ -bicomodule induced by the structure maps:  $\rho_A : X \rightarrow A \otimes X$  and  $\rho_\Gamma : Y \rightarrow Y \otimes \Gamma$ . The cotensor product is associative. For comodules  $X_C$  and  ${}_C Y$  the structure maps  $\rho_X$  and  $\rho_Y$  induce  $C$ -colinear isomorphisms  $X \simeq X \square_C C$  and  $Y \simeq C \square_C Y$ . If  $X$  is a right  $C$ -comodule which is finite dimensional as vector space, then the dual  $X^*$  is a left  $C$ -comodule with structure map

$$X^* \rightarrow \text{Com}_{-C}(X, C) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(X, C) \simeq C \otimes X^*, \quad x^* \mapsto (x^* \otimes 1)\rho_X.$$

If  $Y$  is a right  $C$ -comodule, then we have the canonical isomorphism

$$Y \square_C X^* \simeq \text{Com}_{-C}(X, Y). \tag{1}$$

If, moreover,  $Y$  is a  $D$ - $C$ -bicomodule, then  $\text{Com}_{-C}(X, Y)$  is a left  $D$ -comodule induced by (1). A right  $C$ -comodule  $Y$  is called a coflat comodule if the functor  $Y \square_C -$  is exact. Since every comodule is the union of its finite-dimensional subcomodules, it follows from (1) that  $Y_C$  is coflat if, and only if,  $\text{Com}_{-C}(-, Y)$  is exact if and only if  $Y$  is  $C$ -injective, cf. [6].

*Co-hom functor.* A comodule  $X_C$  is quasi-finite if  $\text{Com}_{-C}(Y, X)$  is finite-dimensional for every finite-dimensional comodule  $Y_C$ . We recall from [5] the definition of the co-hom functor and some of its basic properties.

**Basic lemma.** Let  ${}_C X_D$  be a bicomodule. Then  $X_D$  is quasi-finite if and only if the functor  $- \square_C X : \mathbf{M}^C \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^D$  has a left adjoint functor, denoted by  $h_{-D}(X, -)$ . That is, for comodules  $Y_D$  and  $W_C$ ,

$$\text{Com}_{-C}(h_{-D}(X, Y), W) \simeq \text{Com}_{-D}(Y, W \square_C X). \tag{2}$$

Assume that  $X_D$  is a quasi-finite comodule, then  $e_{-D}(X) = h_{-D}(X, X)$  is a coalgebra, called the co-endomorphism coalgebra of  $X$ . The comultiplication of  $e_{-D}(X)$  corresponds to  $(1 \otimes \theta)\theta : X \rightarrow e_{-D}(X) \otimes e_{-D}(X) \otimes X$  in (2) when  $C = k$ , and the counit of  $e_{-D}(X)$  corresponds to the identity map  $1_X$ .  $X$  is an  $e_{-D}(X)$ - $D$ -bicomodule with the left comodule structure map  $\theta$  given by the canonical map  $X \rightarrow h_{-D}(X, X) \otimes X$ .

*Morita–Takeuchi (M–T) context.* An M–T context  $(C, D, {}_C P_D, {}_D Q_C, f, g)$  consists of coalgebras  $C, D$ , bicomodules  ${}_C P_D, {}_D Q_C$ , and bilinear maps  $f : C \rightarrow P \square_D Q$  and  $g : D \rightarrow Q \square_C P$  satisfying the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\sim} & P \square_D D \\ \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow 1 \square g \\ C \square_C P & \xrightarrow{f \square 1} & P \square_D Q \square_C P \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Q & \xrightarrow{\sim} & Q \square_C C \\ \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow 1 \square f \\ D \square_D Q & \xrightarrow{g \square 1} & Q \square_C P \square_D Q \end{array}$$

The context is said to be *strict* if both  $f$  and  $g$  are injective (equivalently, isomorphic). In this case, we say that  $C$  is M–T equivalent to  $D$ . Let  $P_D$  be a quasi-finite comodule and  $C = e_{-D}(P)$ . Then  ${}_C P_D$  is a bicomodule. Set  ${}_D Q_C = h_{-D}(P, D)$ ,  $g = \theta : D \rightarrow Q \square_C P$ , and  $f : C \cong h_{-D}(P, P \square_D D) \xrightarrow{\theta} P \square_D h_{-D}(P, D) = P \square_D Q$ . Then  $(C, D, {}_C P_D, {}_D Q_C, f, g)$  is an M–T context, where  $f$  is injective if and only if  $P_D$  is injective, and  $g$  is injective if and only if  $P_D$  is a cogenerator in  $\mathbf{M}^D$ , cf. [5].

Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a coalgebra map. Every right  $C$ -comodule  $X$  may be viewed as a right  $D$ -comodule with the structure map

$$(1 \otimes \phi)\rho : X \rightarrow X \otimes C \rightarrow X \otimes D.$$

In this case, we will say that  $X_C$  restricts to the right  $D$ -comodule  $X_D$ . The map  $\phi$  induces a left exact (restriction) functor:

$$(-)_\phi : \mathbf{M}^C \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^D.$$

Let us recall from [2] the relation between monomorphisms of coalgebras and torsion theories in a comodule category. A coalgebra map  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  is said to be a monomorphism if it is a monomorphism in the coalgebra category  $\mathbf{Cog}_k$ . Let  $(-)_\phi$  be

the cotensor functor

$$\mathbf{M}^D \longrightarrow \mathbf{M}^C, \quad M \mapsto M \square_D C.$$

**Theorem 1.1** (Nastasescu and Torrecillas [2, Theorem 3.5]). *Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a coalgebra map. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\phi$  is a monomorphism in  $\mathbf{Cog}_k$ .
- (2)  $C \square_D \text{Ker}\phi = 0$ .
- (3) The canonical morphism  $\bar{\Delta} : C \rightarrow C \square_D C$  is an isomorphism.
- (4) The restriction functor  $(-)_\phi : \mathbf{M}^C \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^D$  is full.
- (5) The canonical functorial morphism  $I_{\mathbf{M}^C} \rightarrow (-)^\phi \circ (-)_\phi$  is an isomorphism.

Note that conditions (4) and (5) in the above theorem may be replaced by the left comodule versions since condition (3) is symmetric. Let  $D$  be a coalgebra,  $\mathbf{M}^D$  the comodule category. A subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbf{M}^D$  is a closed subcategory if  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under subobjects, quotient objects and direct sums. If, in addition,  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under extensions, then  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a localizing subcategory. We refer to [3] for detail on (hereditary) torsion theories. A subcoalgebra  $A$  of  $D$  is said to be coidempotent if  $A = A \wedge A = \text{Ker}(D \xrightarrow{\Delta} D/A \otimes D/A)$ .

**Theorem 1.2** (Nastasescu and Torrecillas [2, Theorems 4.2, 4.5]). *Let  $D$  be a coalgebra and  $A$  be a subcoalgebra of  $D$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{T}_A = \{M \in \mathbf{M}^D \mid \rho_M(M) \subseteq M \otimes A\}$ . Then*

- (1)  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is a closed subcategory of  $\mathbf{M}^D$ .
- (2) The map  $A \mapsto \mathcal{T}_A$  is a bijective map between the set of all subcoalgebras of  $D$  and the set of all closed subcategories of  $\mathbf{M}^D$ .
- (3)  $A \mapsto \mathcal{T}_A$  gives an one-to-one correspondence between the set of coidempotent subcoalgebras of  $D$  and the set of localizing subcategories of  $\mathbf{M}^D$ .
- (4) All the localizing subcategories of  $\mathbf{M}^D$  are hereditary torsion theories.

Note that the theorem still holds if one considers the left comodule category  ${}^D\mathbf{M}$ .

Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a coalgebra map.  $\phi$  is said to be a left coflat monomorphism if  $\phi$  is a monomorphism and the comodule  ${}_D C$  is coflat. Let  $\phi$  be a left coflat monomorphism. The canonical functor:

$$(-)^\phi : \mathbf{M}^D \longrightarrow \mathbf{M}^C, \quad X \mapsto X \square_D C$$

is an exact functor that commutes with direct sums. It follows that the kernel  $\text{Ker}(-)^\phi = \mathcal{F}$  is a localizing subcategory of  $\mathbf{M}^D$ . By [2, Theorem 4.5] there exists a unique coidempotent subcoalgebra  $A$  of  $D$  such that

$$\mathcal{F} = \{M \in \mathbf{M}^D \mid \rho(M) \subseteq M \otimes A\} = \mathbf{M}^A.$$

Let us denote it by  $\mathcal{T}_A$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is closed under products  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is a hereditary torsion theory and it is a TTF class. Note that  $A$  is a subcoalgebra of  $D$ . Hence,  ${}_A \mathcal{F}$  is a hereditary torsion theory and a TTF class in  ${}^D\mathbf{M}$ .

## 2. Localization bicomodules

In this section, we define (perfect) localizations and show that any left coflat monomorphisms  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  of coalgebras comes from some coideempotent subcoalgebra of  $D$ . There is one-to-one correspondence between the set of left coflat monomorphisms to  $D$  and the set of equivalence classes of perfect localization bicomodules.

Let  $D$  be a coalgebra. By a *localization bicomodule*, we mean a pair  $(U, \psi)$  of a  $D$ -bicomodule  $U$  and a  $D$ -bicomodule map  $\psi: D \rightarrow U$  such that  $U \square_D \psi$  and  $\psi \square_D U$  are isomorphisms.

First, we establish a correspondence between localization bicomodules of a coalgebra  $D$  and coideempotent subcoalgebras of  $D$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $(U, \psi)$  be a localization bicomodule of  $D$ . Then  $\text{Ker } \psi$  is a coideempotent subcoalgebra of  $D$ .*

**Proof.**  $A = \text{Ker } \psi$  is a subcoalgebra since  $\psi$  is  $D$ -bilinear. Let  $\mathcal{T}_A$  be the category  $\mathbf{M}^A$  of right  $A$ -comodules. If  $X \in \mathbf{M}^D$ , then  $X \in \mathcal{T}_A$  if and only if  $X \square_D U = 0$ . Indeed, if  $X \in \mathcal{T}_A$ , then  $X \square_D U \simeq X \square_A A \square_D U = 0$  since  $A \square_D U = 0$ . Conversely, if  $X \square_D U = 0$ , then  $X \square_D A \simeq X$ , and  $X \in \mathcal{T}_A$ . Let  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence in  $\mathbf{M}^D$  such that  $X, Z$  are in  $\mathcal{T}_A$ , then  $X \square_D U = 0 = Z \square_D U$ . This implies that  $Y \square_D U = 0$ , and  $Y$  is in  $\mathcal{T}_A$ . This means that  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is closed under extension. By [2, Theorem 4.5]  $A$  is a coideempotent subcoalgebra of  $D$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $(U, \psi)$  be a localization  $D$ -bicomodule,  $A$  the coideempotent subcoalgebra  $\text{Ker } \psi$ . If  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  is a left (or right)  $D$ -comodule map, then  $\text{Ker } f, \text{Coker } f$  are in  ${}_A\mathcal{T}$  (or  $\mathcal{T}_A$ ) if and only if  $U \square_D f$  (or  $f \square_D U$ ) is an isomorphism.*

**Proof.** By the argument in the proof of Lemma 2.1, a  $D$ -comodule is torsion (or in  ${}_A\mathcal{T}$ ) iff  $U \square_D X = 0$ . Since  $\text{Ker } f$  is torsion, we have  $U \square_D \text{Ker } f = 0$  and hence,  $U \square_D f$  is injective. To show that  $U \square_D f$  is surjective, we may assume that  $f$  is surjective since  $U \square_D f(X) = U \square_D Y$  (because  $U \square_D \text{Coker } f = 0$ ). Now, the map

$$\psi \square_D X: X \rightarrow U \square_D X$$

restricts to zero on  $\text{Ker } f$  since  $\text{Ker } f$  is torsion and  $U \square_D X$  is torsion free as left  $D$ -comodules. Hence, it factors through  $f$ , and we may write

$$\psi \square_D X = h \circ f, \quad h: Y \rightarrow U \square_D X.$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\psi \square_D Y = (U \square_D f) \circ h: Y \rightarrow U \square_D Y.$$

Hence,  $U \square_D \psi \square_D Y = (U \square_D U \square_D f) \circ (U \square_D h)$ . But this is an isomorphism since  $U \square_D \psi$  is. It follows that  $U \square_D U \square_D f$  is surjective. Since  $U \simeq U \square_D U$  as

$D$ -bicomodule, we obtain that  $U \square_D f$  should be surjective, and we conclude that  $U \square_D f$  is an isomorphism.

Now, let  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } f \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow \text{Coker } f \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of left  $D$ -comodules such that  $U \square_D f$  is an isomorphism. Since  $U \square_D -$  is a left exact functor  $U \square_D \text{Ker } f = 0$ , that is,  $\text{Ker } f$  is torsion. For any object  $X \in {}^D \mathbf{M}$ , we have a left  $D$ -colinear map  $\psi_X = \psi \square_D X : X \rightarrow U \square_D X$ . Since  $U \square_D \psi_X$  is an isomorphism,  $\text{Ker } \psi_X$  is torsion. Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 = & U \square_D \text{Ker } f & \longrightarrow & U \square_D X & \xrightarrow[U \square_D f]{\sim} & U \square_D Y & \xrightarrow[U \square_D p]{\sim} & U \square_D \text{Coker } f \\
 & \uparrow \psi_{\text{Ker } f} & & \uparrow \psi_X & & \uparrow \psi_Y & & \uparrow \psi_{\text{Coker } f} \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } f & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{p} & \text{Coker } f \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Since  $U \square_D f$  is an isomorphism,  $U \square_D p$  should be zero. It follows from the above diagram that  $\psi_{\text{Coker } f}$  is zero. But the kernel of  $\psi_{\text{Coker } f}$  is torsion, and hence,  $\text{Coker } f$  is torsion.  $\square$

For hereditary torsion theory  $\mathcal{T}_A$ , one may form a quotient category  $\mathbf{M}^D / \mathcal{T}_A$ , denoted by  $\overline{\mathbf{M}^D}$ . Let  $(T_A, S_A)$  be an adjoint pair of canonical functors. We have

**Lemma 2.3.** *The section functor  $S_A : \mathbf{M}^D / \mathcal{T}_A \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^D$  preserves direct sums and quasi-finiteness.*

**Proof.** Let  $\{X_i\}$  be a family of objects in  $\mathbf{M}^D / \mathcal{T}_A$ . We have the canonical map

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i S_A(X_i) \xrightarrow{\alpha} S_A\left(\bigoplus_i X_i\right),$$

where  $\alpha$  is injective since  $\text{Ker } \alpha$  is torsion and  $\bigoplus_i S_A(X_i)$  is torsion free. Suppose that  $\alpha$  is not surjective. Since  $\mathbf{M}^D$  is locally Noetherian, there exists a set of Noetherian generators  $\{V_j\}$ . If the monomorphism  $\alpha$  is not epic, then there is some  $V_l \in \{V_j\}$  and a non-zero morphism  $f : V_l \rightarrow S_A(\bigoplus_i X_i)$  such that  $f$  cannot factor through  $\alpha$ . However, since  $V_l$  and  $T_A(V_l)$  are Noetherian, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Com}_{-D}(V_l, S_A(\bigoplus_i X_i)) &\simeq \text{Hom}(T_A(V_l), \bigoplus_i X_i) \\
 &\simeq \bigoplus_i \text{Hom}(T_A(V_l), X_i) \\
 &\simeq \bigoplus_i \text{Com}_{-D}(V_l, S_A(X_i)) \\
 &\simeq \text{Com}_{-D}(V_l, \bigoplus_i S_A(X_i)),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Hom}$  means the  $\text{Hom}$  in  $\mathbf{M}^D/\mathcal{T}_A$ . It follows that  $f$  factors through  $\alpha$ , a contradiction. So  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism. Note that  $S_A$  is a right adjoint functor of  $T_A$  and  $T_A$  preserves objects of finite dimensions. These facts yield that  $S_A$  respects quasi-finiteness.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $A$  be a coidempotent subcoalgebra of  $D$ . Then  $S_A T_A(D)$  together with the canonical adjunction map  $\psi : D \rightarrow S_A T_A(D)$  is a localization bicomodule. Moreover, by symmetry,  $({}_A S_A T(D), \psi')$  is a localization bicomodule and there is a bilinear isomorphism  $\theta : S_A T_A(D) \rightarrow {}_A S_A T(D)$  such that  $\psi' = \theta \circ \psi$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a coidempotent subcoalgebra of  $D$ . The localization functor  $S_A T_A : \mathbf{M}^D \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^D$  is a left exact functor and preserves direct sums by Lemma 2.3. So it is of form  $-\square_D U$  for some  $D$ -bicomodule  $U$  by [5, 2.1]. In this case, the adjunction  $\psi : I_D \rightarrow S_A T_A$  is represented by a  $D$ -bicomodule map  $\psi : D \rightarrow U$ . Since a comodule  $X$  is torsion if and only if  $S_A T_A(X) = 0$ , we obtain that  $X$  is torsion iff  $X \square_D U = 0$ . Now  $\text{Ker } \psi$  and  $\text{Coker } \psi$  are torsion. By Lemma 2.2, we obtain that  $\psi \square_D U$  is an isomorphism. To show  $U \square_D \psi$  is also an isomorphism, we consider the difference map

$$f = U \square_D \psi - \psi \square_D U : U \rightarrow U \square_D U,$$

which is obviously right and left  $D$ -colinear. It is clear that  $f \circ \psi = 0$ . So  $f$  factors through  $\text{Coker } \psi$  which is torsion. Since  $U \square_D U$  is torsion free as a right  $D$ -comodule, any right  $D$ -colinear map from  $\text{Coker } \psi$  to  $U \square_D U$  should be zero. It follows that  $f = 0$ . Therefore  $(U, \psi)$  is a localization

By symmetry,  $({}_A S_A T(D), \psi')$  is a localization bicomodule. Let  $U'$  be  ${}_A S_A T$ . Since  $\text{Ker } \psi'$  and  $\text{Coker } \psi'$  are in  ${}_A \mathcal{T}$ , By Lemma 2.2, we obtain that  $U \square_D \psi : U \rightarrow U \square_D U'$  is a bilinear isomorphism. By symmetry,  $\psi \square_D U'$  is a bilinear isomorphism too. Let  $\theta$  be  $(\psi \square_D U')^{-1} \circ (U \square_D \psi')$ . Then  $\theta : U \rightarrow U'$  is a bilinear isomorphism such that  $\psi' = \theta \circ \psi$ .  $\square$

From the proof of Lemma 2.4, we obtain that  $\psi \square_D U = U \square_D \psi$  if  $(U, \psi)$  is a localization bicomodule. Two localizations  $(U, \psi)$  and  $(U', \psi')$  are *equivalent* if there exists an  $D$ -bilinear isomorphism  $\mu : U \rightarrow U'$  such that  $\psi = \psi' \mu$ . Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be the set of equivalence classes of localization bicomodules of coalgebra  $D$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{C}$  the set of coidempotent subcoalgebras of  $D$ . Now we are allowed to define two maps  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  as follows:

- $\Phi : \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}; (U, \psi) \mapsto \text{Ker } \psi$ , and
- $\Psi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}; A \mapsto S_A T_A(D)$ , where  $S_A T_A$  is the localizing functor associated to  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $D$  be a coalgebra. The maps  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  defined as above are isomorphisms and inverse to each other.*

**Proof.** Given a coidempotent subcoalgebra  $A$  of  $D$ , we have to show that  $\Psi \Phi(A) = A$ . Let  $S_A T_A$  be the localizing functor with respect to the torsion theory  $\mathcal{T}_A$ , and let

$\psi: D \rightarrow U = S_A T_A(D)$  be the representing bilinear  $D$ -map. We have to show that  $\text{Ker } \psi = A$ . We know that  $\text{Ker } \psi$  is a subcoalgebra of  $D$  which is torsion, i.e., a right  $A$ -comodule. This implies that  $\text{Ker } \psi \subseteq A$ . On the other hand,  $\text{Ker } \psi$  is the maximal torsion subcomodule of  $D$  since  $\psi$  is the adjunction map. But  $A$  is obviously a torsion subcomodule of  $D$ . It follows that  $A \subseteq \text{Ker } \psi$ . Therefore,  $A = \Psi\Phi(A)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $(U, \phi)$  is a localization bicomodule of  $D$ .  $A = \text{Ker } \phi$  is a coidempotent subcoalgebra. Let  $S_A T_A$  be the localizing functor with respect to the torsion theory  $\mathcal{T}_A$ . Let  $\psi: D \rightarrow S_A T_A(D)$  be the adjunction map with which  $\text{Coker } \psi$  and  $\text{Ker } \psi$  are torsion. By Lemma 2.2,  $\psi \square_D U$  is an isomorphism. On the other hand,  $(S_A T_A(D), \psi)$  is a localization bicomodule, and  $\text{Ker } \phi, \text{Coker } \phi$  are torsion by Lemma 2.2, we have that  $S_A T_A(D) \square_D \phi$  is an isomorphism by Lemma 2.2. This gives bilinear isomorphism from  $U$  to  $S_A T_A(D)$ , and hence  $\Phi\Psi([U]) = [U]$ , where  $[U]$  represents the equivalence class of  $U$ .  $\square$

A localization bicomodule  $(U, \psi)$  is called a left *perfect localization* if  $U_D$  is quasi-finite and injective as a right  $D$ -comodule.

Let  $(U, \psi)$  be a left perfect localization. Since  $U_D$  is quasi-finite and injective, by [5, 2.5] we may associate an MT-context to  $U_D$

$$(C, D, {}_C U_D, {}_D Q_C, f, g)$$

such that  $f: C \xrightarrow{\cong} U \square_D Q$ , where  $C = e_{-D}(U_D)$ . The bicomodule structure of  ${}_D U_D$  induces a coalgebra map  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$ . It is easy to check that  $\psi \square_D C: C \rightarrow U \square_D C$  is the following composite  $D$ -bilinear isomorphism:

$$C \xrightarrow{f} U \square_D Q \xrightarrow{\psi \square U \square Q} U \square_D U \square_D Q \xrightarrow{U \square f^{-1}} U \square_D C.$$

We show that  $\phi$  is a left coflat monomorphism

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $(U, \psi)$  be a left perfect localization and let  $C = e_D(U), \phi: C \rightarrow D$  the induced coalgebra map. Then  $(C, D, {}_C U_D, {}_D C_C, F, G)$  is an MT-context and  $F$  is an isomorphism, where  $F = \psi \square_D C, G = \psi$ .*

**Proof.** It is enough to show that  $F, G$  are compatible. One may see that  $U \square_D G = F \square_C U$  follows from the fact that  $U \square_D \psi = \psi \square_D U$ . To check that  $C \square_C F = G \square_D C$ , we compute that,  $c \in C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (C \square_C F)(c) &= \sum c_{(1)} \square_C F(c_{(2)}) \\ &= \sum c_{(1)} \square_C \psi \phi(c_{(2)}) \square_D c_{(3)} \\ &= \sum \psi \phi(c_{(1)}) \square_D c_{(2)} \\ &= (G \square_D C)(c). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  be the coalgebra map as above. Then  $\phi$  is a left coflat monomorphism.*

**Proof.** That  $\phi$  is a left coflat map follows from Lemma 2.6 and [5, Theorem 2.5]. Let  $X$  be in  ${}^C\mathbf{M}$ , we have an isomorphism in  ${}^C\mathbf{M}$

$$\psi \square_D X: X \rightarrow U \square_D X,$$

since  $(\psi \square_D C) \square_C X$  is a left  $C$ -isomorphism. If  $X, Y \in {}^C\mathbf{M}$  and  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $D$ -comodule map, then it is a  $C$ -comodule map since the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\psi \square_D X} & U \square_D X \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow U \square_D h \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\psi \square_D Y} & U \square_D Y \end{array}$$

Hence the functor  $(-)_\phi: {}^C\mathbf{M} \rightarrow {}^D\mathbf{M}$  is full so that  $\phi$  is a monomorphism by [2, Theorem 3.5].  $\square$

### 3. Coflat monomorphisms

In this section, we investigate left coflat monomorphisms of coalgebras, and establish a bijective correspondence between left coflat monomorphisms and left perfect localization bicomodules. First, we have an easy observation: the functor of direct sum preserves coflat monomorphisms. That is,

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $F_i: C_i \rightarrow D_i$  are left coflat monomorphisms of coalgebras, then  $\bigoplus_i: \bigoplus_i C_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_i D_i$  is a left coflat monomorphism.*

**Proof.** Straightforward.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat monomorphism of coalgebras, and  ${}_A\mathcal{T}$  the corresponding torsion theory.*

- (1) *Any left  $C$ -comodule  $X$  is torsion free as a left  $D$ -comodule.*
- (2) *A comodule  ${}_C X$  is  $C$ -injective if and only if  ${}_D X$  is injective as a  $D$ -comodule.*
- (3) *The torsion theory  ${}_A\mathcal{T}$  is cogenerated by  ${}_D C$ .*

**Proof.** It is enough to show that  ${}_D C$  as a left  $D$ -comodule is torsion free since any left  $C$ -comodule as a left  $D$ -comodule is still cogenerated by  ${}_D C$ . To show that  ${}_D C$  is torsion free, it is sufficient to check that  $\text{Com}_{D-}(F, C) = 0$  for any finite dimensional object  $F \in {}_A\mathcal{T}$  because  ${}_A\mathcal{T}$  is hereditary and any comodule is locally finite. But we

have

$$\text{Com}_{D-}(F, C) \simeq F^* \square_D C = 0,$$

where  $F^*$  is a right  $A$ -comodule in  $\mathcal{T}_A$ .

(2) Suppose that  ${}_C X$  is an injective comodule. Then there exists some set  $I$  such that  ${}_C X \oplus_C Y = C^{(I)}$ . Observe that the restriction functor  $(-)_\phi : {}^C \mathbf{M} \rightarrow {}^D \mathbf{M}$  is exactly the cotensor functor  $C \square_C -$  which is exact. It follows that  ${}_D X \oplus_D Y =_D C^{(I)}$ . Now since  ${}_D C^{(I)}$  is injective  ${}_D X$  is injective. Conversely, if a left  $C$ -comodule  $X$  as a left  $D$ -comodule is injective, then there are some set  $J$  and  $D$ -comodule  $Z$  such that  ${}_D X \oplus Z = D^{(J)}$ . Now after cotensoring by  $C_D$  we obtain

$$C \square_D X \oplus C \square_D Z \simeq C^{(J)}$$

as left  $C$ -comodules. But  $\phi$  is a monomorphism. By [2, Theorem 3.5]  ${}_C X \simeq C \square_D X$  as left  $C$ -comodules. It follows that  ${}_C X$  is injective.

(3) Follows from the proof of (1).  $\square$

Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat monomorphism. Let  $\mathcal{T}_A$  be the kernel of  $- \square_D C$ . By Theorem 2.5 we may identify  $A$  with  $(U, \psi)$ , where  $U = S_A T_A(D), \psi = \psi_D$ . In this case, the  $D$ -bicomodule  $C$  plays the role of  $U$  in Lemma 2.2. That is, if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map in  $\mathbf{M}^D$ , then  $\text{Ker } f, \text{Coker } f$  are in  $\mathcal{T}_A$  iff  $f \square_D C$  is an isomorphism. It follows from  $C \square_D C \cong C$  that  $\text{Ker } \phi$  and  $\text{Coker } \phi$  are torsion relative to  $\mathcal{T}_A$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat monomorphism.*

- (1)  $U$  may be furnished into a  $(C, D)$ -bicomodule.
- (2)  $f_A = \psi \square_D C : C \rightarrow U \square_D C$  is a  $C$ -bilinear isomorphism.

**Proof.** By forgoing remark,  $\text{Ker } \phi$  and  $\text{Coker } \phi$  are torsion. It follows from Lemma 2.2 that  $\phi \square_D U : C \square_D U \rightarrow U$  is a  $D$ -bilinear isomorphism, which gives  $U$  a left  $C$ -comodule structure. The second statement follows immediately from the fact that  $\psi \square_D C$  factors as

$$\psi \square_D C : C \xrightarrow{\Delta} C \square_D C \xrightarrow{C \square_D \psi \square_D C} C \square_D U \square_D C \xrightarrow{\phi \square_D U \square_D C} U \square_D C. \quad \square$$

Now let  $f_A = \psi \square_D C$  and  $g_A = \psi$ . It is easy to see that  $f_A \square_C U = U \square_D g_A$  follows from  $\psi \square_D U = U \square_D \psi$  (because  $(U, \psi)$  is a localization).  $C \square_C f_A = g \square_D C$  is trivial. Thus we have proved the following:

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat monomorphism. Then  $(C, D, {}_C U_D, {}_D C_C, f_A, g_A)$  forms a Morita–Takeuchi context. Moreover,  $f_A$  is an isomorphism and  $\text{Ker } g_A = A$ .*

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat morphism,  $U$  as above. Then*

- (1)  ${}_D C$  is a quasi-finite (injective) comodule.

- (2)  $C \cong e_{D-}(C) \cong e_{-D}(U)$  as coalgebras.
- (3)  $(U, \psi)$  is a left perfect localization bicomodule.

**Proof.** It follows from [5, Theorem 2.5].  $\square$

Now we are able to establish a correspondence between left perfect localizations and left coflat monomorphisms. Two coalgebra maps  $u: C \rightarrow D$  and  $v: E \rightarrow D$  are *isomorphic* if there is a coalgebra isomorphism  $h: C \rightarrow E$  such that  $u = vh$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $D$  be a coalgebra. There is one-to-one correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of left coflat monomorphisms  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  and the set of equivalence classes of left perfect localizations  $(U, \psi)$  in  ${}^D\mathbf{M}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat monomorphism. By Corollary 3.5,  $(U = S_A T_A(D), \psi_D)$  is a left perfect localization bicomodule, and  $C' = e_{-D}(U) \cong C$ . Let  $\phi': C' \rightarrow D$  be the induced coalgebra map by bicomodule  ${}_D U_D$ . It is clear that  $\phi'$  is isomorphic to  $\phi$ .

Conversely, let  $(U, \psi)$  be a left perfect localization. Let  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  be the resulted left coflat monomorphism in Proposition 2.7, where  $C = e_{-D}(U)$ . Let  $A = \text{Ker } \psi$  and  $A'$  be the coideempotent subcoalgebra corresponding to the torsion theory  $\text{Ker}(-\square_D C)$ . To show that  $(U, \psi)$  is equivalent to  $(S_A T_A, \psi_D)$ , it is equivalent to show  $A = A'$  by Theorem 2.5. Since coideempotent subcoalgebras bijectively correspond to hereditary torsion theories in  $\mathbf{M}^D$ , it is enough to show  $\mathcal{T}_A = \mathcal{T}_{A'}$ . In fact, if  $X \in \mathbf{M}^D$ ,  $X \square_D C = 0$  implies  $X \square_D U = (X \square_D C) \square_C U = 0$ . Conversely, if  $X \square_D U = 0$ , then  $X \square_D C \simeq X \square_D (U \square_Q) = 0$ , where  $Q = h_{-D}(U, D)$ . Thus we obtain that  $X \square_D U = 0$  iff  $X \square_D C = 0$ . That is,  $\mathcal{T}_A = \mathcal{T}_{A'}$ .  $\square$

Now we are able to show which coideempotent subcoalgebras correspond to left coflat monomorphisms.

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $D$  be a coalgebra. There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of left coflat monomorphisms  $\phi: C \rightarrow D$  and the set of coideempotent subcoalgebras  $A$  such that  $D/A$  is quasi-finite as a right  $D$ -comodule and the localizing functor  ${}_A S_A T$  (equivalently  ${}_A S$ ) is exact.*

**Proof.** It is enough to show that a localization bicomodule  $(U, \psi)$  is perfect if and only if  $D/A$  is quasi-finite and  ${}_A S_A T$  is exact for coideempotent subcoalgebra  $A = \text{Ker } \psi$ . By Lemma 2.2  $({}_A S_A T(D), \psi')$  is equivalent to  $(\simeq S_A T_A(D), \psi)$ . Since  ${}_A S_A T$  is isomorphic to the cotensor functor  ${}_A S_A T(D) \square_{D-}$ ,  ${}_A S_A T$  is exact if and only if  ${}_A S_A T(D)$  is injective as a right  $D$ -comodule. In this case  $S_A T_A(D) \simeq {}_A S_A T(D)$  is an injective hull of  $D/A$ . So  $S_A T_A(D)$  is quasi-finite if and only if  $D/A$  is quasi-finite.  $\square$

**Remark 3.8.** The categorical translation of quasi-finiteness of  $D/A$  is that the canonical functor  $T_A$  has a left adjoint functor. Indeed,  $T_A$  is isomorphic to  $T_A(D) \square_{D-}$ . So  $T_A$

has a left adjoint functor if and only if  $T_A(D)$  is quasi-finite in  $\overline{\mathbf{M}^D}$  which is abelian category of finite type. For a torsion-free comodule  $X \in \mathbf{M}^D$ ,  $T_A(X)$  is quasi-finite iff  $X_D$  is quasi-finite. Since  $T_A(D) \simeq T_A(D/A)$  and  $D/A$  is torsion free. It follows that  $T_A$  has a left adjoint functor iff  $D/A$  is quasi-finite as a right  $D$ -comodule.

Finally, we will see a left coflat monomorphism  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  determines a categorical equivalence between  ${}^C\mathbf{M}$  and  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$  as well as it results in an equivalence between  $\mathbf{M}^C$  and  $\mathbf{M}^D$  [2]. Consider the hereditary torsion theory  ${}_A\mathcal{T}$  in  ${}^D\mathbf{M}$ . We may form the quotient category  ${}^D\mathbf{M}/{}_A\mathcal{T}$ , denoted by  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ . Let  $({}_AT, {}_AS)$  be the canonical adjoint pair of functors between  ${}^D\mathbf{M}$  and  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ . The following proposition is the left version of the equivalence in [2, Theorem 6.1].

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  be a left coflat monomorphism. The following composite functors define an equivalence between  ${}^C\mathbf{M}$  and  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ :*

$${}^C\mathbf{M} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{(-)_\phi} \\ \xrightarrow{U \square_D -} \end{array} {}^D\mathbf{M} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{{}_AT} \\ \xrightarrow{{}_AS} \end{array} \overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $F = {}_AT \circ (-)_\phi$ . It is clear that  $F$  is a left exact functor and preserves direct sums. So  $F \simeq F(C) \square_C -$ . Since  ${}_DC$  is a torsion free and injective object we have that  ${}_DC \simeq {}_AS {}_AT(C)$ . Let  $V = {}_AT({}_DC)$ . We claim that  $V$  is a cogenerator in  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ . In fact,  $\forall X \in \overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ , there is a non-torsion  $C$ -comodule  $X'$  such that  ${}_AT(X') = X$ . Since  ${}_DC$  cogenerated the torsion theory  ${}_AT$ , we have

$$\text{Hom}(X, V) = \text{Hom}({}_AT(X'), V) \simeq \text{Com}_{D-}(X', {}_AS(V)) \simeq \text{Com}_{D-}(X', C) \neq 0,$$

where  $\text{Hom}$  are taken in  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ . Since  ${}_DC$  is torsion free and injective,  $V$  is an injective object in  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ . A similar argument shows that  $V$  is a quasi-finite object in  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$ . Now we may copy the argument of [5, 5.1–5.11] to get an equivalence between  $\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}$  and the comodule category  ${}^E\mathbf{M}$ , where  $E = h_{\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}}(V, V)$  is a coalgebra and the cohom functor  $h_{\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}}(V, -)$  induces the equivalence. By the adjoint isomorphism and Corollary 3.5 we have

$$h_{\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}}(V, V) \cong h_{D-}(C, C) \cong C.$$

It is clear that the inverse functor of the cohom functor is exactly the cotensor functor  $V \square_C -$ . But  $V = F(C)$  and hence  $F = V \square_C -$ . It remains to show that the cohom functor  $h_{\overline{{}^D\mathbf{M}}}(V, -)$  is isomorphic to the composite functor  $G = (U \square_D -) \circ {}_AS$ . It is enough to show that  $G$  is a left inverse of functor  $F$ . Indeed, for any  $M \in {}^C\mathbf{M}$ ,

$${}^C\mathbf{M} \simeq C \square_C M \simeq U \square_D C \square_C M \simeq U \square_D M.$$

View  $M$  as a left  $D$ -comodule. We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker} \psi_M \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\psi_M} {}_AS {}_AT(M) \rightarrow \text{Coker} \psi_M \rightarrow 0.$$

Note that a left  $D$ -comodule  $X$  is torsion if and only if  $U \square_D X = 0$ . Applying the exact functor  $U \square_D -$  to the above exact sequence, we arrive at the isomorphisms:

$${}_C M \simeq U \square_D M \simeq U \square_D, \quad {}_A S_A T({}_D M) = GF(M),$$

and the proof is complete.  $\square$

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