ON THE DOUBLE CROSSED PRODUCT OF WEAK HOPF ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Given a weak distributive law between algebras underlying two weak bialgebras, we present sufficient conditions under which the corresponding weak wreath product algebra becomes a weak bialgebra with respect to the tensor product coalgebra structure. When the weak bialgebras are weak Hopf algebras, then the same conditions are shown to imply that the weak wreath product becomes a weak Hopf algebra, too. Our sufficient conditions are capable to describe most known examples, (in particular the Drinfel’d double of a weak Hopf algebra).

INTRODUCTION

Bialgebras can be regarded as algebras in the monoidal category $\text{coalg}$ of coalgebras. Hence a distributive law in $\text{coalg}$ – that is, a distributive law between the underlying algebras of two bialgebras, which is also a homomorphism of coalgebras – induces a wreath product bialgebra; with the multiplication twisted by the distributive law and the tensor product comultiplication. This is known as Majid’s double crossed product construction [13].

More generally, applying the construction of weak wreath product in any monoidal category with split idempotents [6], one can take a weak distributive law in $\text{coalg}$ – that is, a weak distributive law between algebras underlying bialgebras, which is a coalgebra homomorphism. It yields an algebra in $\text{coalg}$; that is, a bialgebra again. (The simplest kind of examples is given as follows: Let $A$ be a bialgebra over a commutative ring $k$ in which there exists a grouplike $e \in A$ such that $ea = eae$ for every $a \in A$. Then the map $\Psi : A \cong A \otimes k \rightarrow k \otimes A \cong A$ defined by $\Psi(a) = ea$ for $a \in A$ is a weak distributive law in $\text{coalg}$. The corresponding weak wreath product is isomorphic to $eA$, which is a bialgebra with unit $e$. A minimal proper example of this construction is $A = kS$, the monoid (bi)algebra of the monoid $S = \{e, 1\}$ with multiplication $e^2 = e1 = 1e = e, 1^2 = 1$.)

The aim of this paper is to study double crossed products of weak bialgebras. By this we mean weak bialgebras which – as algebras – arise as a weak wreath product of two weak bialgebras, and whose coalgebra structure comes from the tensor product coalgebra. (Note that this does not fit the construction in [11], where both the algebra and coalgebra structures are twisted by weak distributive laws of a common image.)

The difficulty of the problem comes from the fact that no description of weak bialgebras as algebras in some well-chosen monoidal category is known. Hence there is no evident notion of (weak) wreath product of weak bialgebras. On the other hand, many examples of double crossed product weak bialgebras (in the above sense) are known.

Our strategy is to take a weak distributive law between algebras underlying weak bialgebras. Then we look for sufficient conditions under which the corresponding weak wreath product algebra becomes a weak bialgebra with respect to the tensor product coalgebra structure. The conditions we present are only sufficient for the desired weak bialgebra to exist. Although it is possible to give the sufficient and necessary conditions, they are technically involved and so do not seem to be usable in practice. Our sufficient conditions, however, have a simple form and they are capable to describe the known examples (in particular the Drinfel’d double of a weak Hopf algebra [3, 16, 9]).
A weak bialgebra \( \mathcal{H} \) over a commutative ring \( k \) is a \( k \)-module \( H \) equipped with a \( k \)-algebra structure \( (\mu, \eta) \) and a \( k \)-coalgebra structure \( (\Delta, \epsilon) \), subject to the following axioms,

\[
\begin{align*}
\Delta(\mu) &= \mu(\Delta) = \Delta(1) = (1 \otimes \Delta)(\Delta(1) \otimes 1) \\
\epsilon(ab) &= \epsilon(a)\epsilon(b) = (\epsilon(a))(\epsilon(b)) \\
\eta(a)b &= a \otimes b = \eta(a)\mu(b)
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \epsilon \) and \( \eta \) play an important role. Recall from [7] that they obey, for example, the following identities. For all \( a, b, c \in H \),

\[
\begin{align*}
\eta(ab &= \eta(a)\eta(b) = \eta(ab) \\
\mu(ab &= \mu(a)\mu(b) = \mu(ab)
\end{align*}
\]

A weak bialgebra is said to be a weak Hopf algebra if there exists a linear map \( S : H \to H \) rendering commutative the following diagrams.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{ccc}
H & \xrightarrow{\mu} & H \\
\otimes & \Delta & \otimes \end{array}
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{ccc}
H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \\
\otimes & \eta & \otimes \end{array}
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{ccc}
H & \xrightarrow{S} & H \\
\otimes & \mu & \otimes \end{array}
\end{array}
\end{array}
\]

On elements \( a \in H \),

\[
\begin{align*}
\Delta(a)(b) &= \Delta(ab) = \Delta(a)\Delta(b) \\
\epsilon(ab) &= \epsilon(a)\epsilon(b) = (\epsilon(a))\epsilon(b) \\
\eta(a)b &= a \otimes b = \eta(a)\mu(b)
\end{align*}
\]

For more on weak bialgebras and weak Hopf algebras, we refer to [7].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 1 we define weakly invertible weakly comonoidal weak distributive laws between weak bialgebras. We prove that they induce double crossed product weak bialgebras. In Section 2 we prove that starting from two weak Hopf algebras, under the same conditions as in Section 1 we obtain a double crossed product weak Hopf algebra. In final Section 3 we collect a number of examples of double crossed product weak bialgebras and weak Hopf algebras, and show how they fit our theory. For the convenience of the reader, we collected in an Appendix the (sometimes big) diagrams that are used in the proofs of Sections 1 and 2.

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We say that a weak distributive law
\[ (a \otimes k) = (a \otimes A)(a \otimes \psi) \]
\[ \psi(a \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes \eta \otimes \gamma) \]
The two conditions on the right can be replaced equivalently by
\[ (B \otimes A)(a \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta). \]
Consider a weak distributive law \( \psi : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A \) between algebras \( A \) and \( B \) over a commutative ring \( k \).

**Definition 2.** We say that a weak distributive law \( \phi : B \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes B \) is the weak inverse of \( \psi \) if
\[ \phi(\psi \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta) \]
The weak inverse of \( \psi \) is not unique and it may not exist. If it exists then it obeys
\[ \phi \circ \psi \circ \phi = (\mu \otimes B)(A \otimes \phi)(A \otimes B \otimes \eta), \]
\[ \phi \circ \psi \circ \phi = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \psi \circ \phi \circ \psi = \psi. \]
If \( \psi \) is a proper distributive law then it has a weak inverse which is also a proper distributive law if and only if \( \psi \) is a bijective map. Such an inverse is clearly unique (if it exists).

Recall that for coalgebras \( (A, \Delta, \epsilon) \) and \( (B, \Delta, \epsilon) \) over a commutative ring \( k \), the \( k \)-module tensor product \( A \otimes B \) is also a coalgebra via
\[ \Delta_{A \otimes B} = (A \otimes tw \otimes B)(\Delta \otimes \Delta) \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{A \otimes B} = \epsilon \otimes \epsilon. \]
Symmetrically, \( B \otimes A \) is a coalgebra too.

Let both \( A \) and \( B \) carry algebra structures \( (\mu, \eta) \) and coalgebra structures \( (\Delta, \epsilon) \) over a commutative ring \( k \) (no compatibility is assumed at this stage). Consider a mutually weak inverse pair of weak distributive laws \( (\psi : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A, \phi : B \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes B) \).

**Definition 3.** We say that the pair \( (\psi, \phi) \) is weakly comonoidal if the following equalities hold.
\[ (\psi \otimes B \otimes A) \Delta_{B \otimes A} \psi = (\psi \otimes B) \Delta_{A \otimes B} = (B \otimes A \otimes B \otimes A) \psi \]
\[ (\phi \otimes B \otimes A) \Delta_{B \otimes A} \phi = (\phi \otimes B) \Delta_{A \otimes B} = (A \otimes B \otimes B \otimes A) \phi \]
\[ \epsilon_{B \otimes A} \psi = \epsilon_{A \otimes B} \phi. \]
Clearly, \[ 1 \] is equivalent to \( \epsilon_{A \otimes B} \phi = \epsilon_{B \otimes A} \psi. \) If \( \psi \) is an invertible distributive law, then it is weakly comonoidal if and only if it is a coalgebra homomorphism.

**Theorem 4.** Consider weak bialgebras \( A \) and \( B \) over a commutative ring \( k \). For a weakly comonoidal mutually weak inverse pair of weak distributive laws \( (\psi : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A, \phi : B \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes B) \), the following hold.

1. The image \( B \otimes_{\psi} A \) of the idempotent map \( \psi \phi : B \otimes A \rightarrow B \otimes A \) is an algebra via the weak wreath product construction.
2. \( B \otimes_{\psi} A \) is a coalgebra via the comultiplication
\[ B \otimes_{\psi} A \rightarrow B \otimes A \Delta_{B \otimes A} \rightarrow B \otimes B \otimes A \otimes A \]
and the counit
\[ B \otimes_{\psi} A \rightarrow B \otimes A \epsilon_{B \otimes A} \rightarrow k, \]
defined in terms of the tensor product coalgebra \( B \otimes A \).
3. The algebra in part (1) and the coalgebra in part (2) constitute a weak bialgebra.
Proof. Part (1) follows by [18, Theorem 2.4] (see also [6, Theorem 1.6]). Let us just recall that the multiplication on $B \otimes \phi A$ is given by

\[ B \otimes \phi A \otimes B \otimes \phi A \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \mu} B \otimes B \otimes A \otimes A \xrightarrow{B \otimes \phi A} B \otimes \phi A, \]

and the unit is

\[ (k \cdot \eta \otimes \eta) \xrightarrow{(k \cdot \eta \otimes \eta)} A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\phi} B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\phi^2} B \otimes \phi A. \]

As for (2) is concerned, it follows from (9) and (10) that

\[ (\psi \circ \phi^2) \Delta_{B \otimes A} \psi \phi = (\psi \circ \phi)(\phi \psi A \otimes B) \Delta_{A \otimes B} \psi = (\psi \circ \phi \circ \phi) \Delta_{B \otimes A}. \]

(In other words, the epimorphism $B \otimes A \rightarrow B \otimes \phi A$ is comultiplicative.) Combining this with the coassociativity of $\Delta_{B \otimes A}$, we conclude on the coassociativity of the comultiplication on $B \otimes \phi A$.

Counitality follows by commutativity of the following diagram

and a symmetrical one on the other side.

Let us turn to part (3). By [5] and the axioms of a weak distributive law,

\[ \psi \phi = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta) = (B \otimes \mu)(\psi \otimes A)(\eta \otimes B \otimes A). \]

Hence associativity of $\mu$ implies that $\psi \phi$ is a $B$-$A$ bimodule map in the sense that

\[ (\mu \otimes \mu)(B \otimes \psi \phi \otimes A) = \psi \phi(\mu \otimes \mu). \]

This implies

\[ (\mu \otimes \mu)(B \otimes \psi \phi A) = \psi \phi(\mu \otimes \mu)(B \otimes \psi \phi A). \]

Furthermore, by [5] and the axioms of a weak distributive law,

\[ (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(\psi \phi B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(\mu \otimes A \otimes B)(B \otimes \psi B)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes B \otimes A)(B \otimes B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes \psi B)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta \otimes B) \]

(15)

\[ \quad = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes B \otimes A)(B \otimes B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes \psi B)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes A \otimes \mu)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi)(B \otimes A \otimes \mu)(B \otimes A \otimes \eta \otimes B) = (\mu \otimes A)(B \otimes \psi), \]

(16)

\[ (B \otimes \mu)(\psi \otimes A)(A \otimes \phi A) = (B \otimes \mu)(\psi \otimes A). \]
Then the compatibility between the multiplication and the comultiplication follows by commutativity of

\[
\begin{align*}
(B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} &\xrightarrow{(B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2}} B \otimes A \otimes (B \otimes A) \otimes A &\xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \mu} B \otimes A \\
(B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} &\xrightarrow{(B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2}} B \otimes A \otimes B \otimes A &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \phi} B \otimes A
\end{align*}
\]

The label \("[1]\)" means that the square commutes by the weak bialgebra axiom \([1]\) holding true both in \(A\) and \(B\).

The comultiplication takes the unit of \(B \otimes \psi A\) to

\[
\begin{align*}
(\psi \otimes \eta)(A \otimes B \otimes \psi A) &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} \\
\Delta_{(B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2}} &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} \\
\Delta_{(B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2}} &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} \\
\end{align*}
\]

By \([9]\), \(\psi \phi(\eta \otimes \eta) = \psi(\eta \otimes \eta)\). Hence by \([12], [10]\) is equal to

\[
\begin{align*}
(\psi \otimes \eta) &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A) \otimes (B \otimes A) \\
\Delta_{B \otimes A} &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A) \otimes (B \otimes A) \\
\end{align*}
\]

On the other hand, by \([9], [16]\) is equal also to

\[
\begin{align*}
(\psi \otimes \eta) &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} \\
\Delta_{B \otimes A} &\xrightarrow{\psi \otimes \eta} (B \otimes A)^{\otimes 2} \\
\end{align*}
\]

With these identities at hand, the compatibility conditions between the comultiplication and the unit follow by commutativity of diagrams \([21], [22]\) on page \([11]\). The regions marked by \([2]\) commute by the weak bialgebra axiom \([2]\), holding both in \(A\) and \(B\).

Making use of \([5], Lemma 1.2\), instead of the weak bialgebra axioms \([3]\), we will prove that their equivalent forms in \([9]\) hold in \(B \otimes \psi A\). In the case of the second equality in \([9]\), this means

\[
\begin{align*}
(\epsilon_{B \otimes \psi A} \otimes (B \otimes \psi A)) &\xrightarrow{\epsilon_{B \otimes \psi A} \otimes (B \otimes \psi A)} ((B \otimes \psi A) \otimes \Delta_{B \otimes \psi A}) = \\
\epsilon_{B \otimes \psi A} &\xrightarrow{\epsilon_{B \otimes \psi A}} ((B \otimes \psi A) \otimes \Delta_{B \otimes \psi A}) = \\
\end{align*}
\]

The commutative diagrams \([28], [29]\) on page \([12]\) give rise to the commutative diagram \([25]\) on page \([13]\) (the regions marked by \([5]\) commute since \([5]\) holds both in \(A\) and \(B\)). Consequently, also diagram \([26]\) on page \([13]\) commutes - whose right-then-down path is equal to the right hand side of \([17]\). Finally, also diagram \([27]\) on page \([13]\) commutes - whose right-then-down path is equal to the left hand side of \([17]\). Since the down-then-right paths in both diagrams \([20], [21]\) on pages \([14]\) and \([15]\) are equal, we have \([17]\) proven.

It is proven symmetrically that also the first equality in \([9]\) holds in \(B \otimes \psi A\). \(\square\)

Note that the weak inverse \(\phi\) of a weakly invertible weakly comonoidal weakly distributive law \(\psi : A \otimes B \to B \otimes A\) is not unique. However, the double crossed product weak bialgebra \(B \otimes \psi A\) in Theorem \([4]\) does not depend on the choice of \(\phi\) only on its existence.
2. The antipode

For any \( k \)-module \( A \) which carries both an algebra structure \( (\mu, \eta) \) and a coalgebra structure \( (\Delta, \epsilon) \), the \( k \)-module of \( k \)-linear maps \( A \to A \) carries an algebra structure via the convolution product \( \varphi \ast \varphi' := \mu(\varphi \otimes \varphi')\Delta \) and the unit \( \eta \). Recall from [7, Lemma 2.5] that for a weak bialgebra \( A \),

\[
\begin{align*}
&\Box^{R} \ast \Box^{R} = \Box^{R}, &\Box^{L} \ast \Box^{L} = \Box^{L}, & A \ast \Box^{R} = A = \Box^{L} \ast A.
\end{align*}
\]

With this notation, the weak Hopf algebra axioms in [6] can be written as

\[
S \ast A = \Box^{R}, \quad A \ast S = \Box^{L}, \quad S \ast A \ast S = S.
\]

The proof starts with this.

**Theorem 5.** If both weak bialgebras \( A \) and \( B \) in Theorem [4] are weak Hopf algebras then so is the weak wreath product \( B \bowtie \psi A \), for any weakly invertible weakly comonoidal weak distributive law \( \psi : A \otimes B \to B \bowtie A \).

The proof starts with this.

**Lemma 6.** For a weak bialgebra \( A \), the following assertions are equivalent.

\begin{itemize}
  \item[(1)] \( A \) is a weak Hopf algebra.
  \item[(2)] There is a (non-unique) linear map \( Z : A \to A \) such that 
    \[ A \ast Z = \Box^{L} \quad \text{and} \quad Z \ast A = \Box^{R}. \]
\end{itemize}

**Proof of Lemma 6.** If (1) holds, then also (2) holds true with choosing \( Z \) to be the antipode. Conversely, assume that (2) holds and put \( S := Z \ast A \ast Z \). Note that \( S \) can be written in the equivalent forms

\[
S = A \ast \Box^{R} \ast Z = A \ast Z = \Box^{L} \quad \text{and} \quad S \ast A = Z \ast \Box^{L} \ast A = Z \ast A = \Box^{R}.
\]

Finally,

\[
S \ast A \ast S = Z \ast \Box^{L} \ast \Box^{L} = Z \ast \Box^{L} = S.
\]

This proves that \( S \) is the antipode, as stated.

**Proof of Theorem 5.** Denote both antipodes in \( A \) and \( B \) by \( S \). We show that the map

\[
Z := (B \otimes \psi A \xrightarrow{\text{tw}} B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\text{tw}} A \otimes B \xrightarrow{S \otimes S} A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\psi} B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\text{tw}} B \otimes \psi A)
\]

satisfies the properties in part (2) of Lemma 6.

Since the first identity in [1] holds in \( B \) and \( \Box^{L} = B \ast S \),

\[
(A \otimes \mu \otimes A^{\otimes 2} \otimes B) (\text{tw}_{B \otimes A, A \otimes B} \otimes A \otimes B) \ast (B \otimes A \otimes \Delta_{A \otimes B}) (B \otimes A^{\otimes 2} \otimes \eta) =
\]

\[
(A \otimes B \otimes A^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mu) (A \otimes B \otimes \text{tw}_{A \otimes B^{\otimes 2}, A}) (\Delta_{A \otimes B} \otimes B \otimes A) (A \otimes B \otimes S \otimes A) (A \otimes \Delta \otimes A) \text{tw}_{B \otimes A, A}.
\]

Also, since the second identity in [1] holds in \( A \),

\[
(B \bowtie \mu \bowtie B) (B \bowtie A \bowtie \text{tw}_{B, A}) (B \bowtie A \bowtie B \bowtie \Box^{L}) =
\]

\[
(\epsilon \otimes B \bowtie A \bowtie B) (\mu \otimes B \bowtie A \bowtie B) (A \bowtie \text{tw}_{B, A \bowtie B, A}) (\text{tw}_{B, A \bowtie A \bowtie B, A}) (B \bowtie \Delta \bowtie B \bowtie A).
\]

With these identities at hand, diagram [25] on page 16 is seen to commute. Since also diagram [29] on page 17 commutes and the down-then-right paths in both diagrams coincide, we conclude that also their right-then-down paths are equal; that is the first condition in part (2) of Lemma 6 holds in \( B \bowtie \psi A \). The second condition follows symmetrically.
3. Examples

3.1. Wreath product of weak bialgebras. Since in particular distributive laws themselves are examples of weak distributive laws, our theory includes wreath products of weak bialgebras – induced by invertible distributive laws which are coalgebra homomorphisms.

Example 7. Tensor product of weak bialgebras. For any algebras $A$ and $B$, the twist map $A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A$, $a \otimes b \mapsto b \otimes a$ is an invertible distributive law. If $A$ and $B$ are weak bialgebras, then it is also a coalgebra homomorphism. Hence by Theorem 4, $B \otimes A$ is a weak bialgebra with the tensor product algebra and coalgebra structures. By Theorem 5 $B \otimes A$ is a weak Hopf algebra whenever $A$ and $B$ are so.

Example 8. The strictification of weakly equivariant Hopf algebras. Consider a group $G$ of finite order $n$. Then for any commutative ring $k$, the free $k$-module $kG$ is known to be a Hopf algebra, with multiplication obtained by the linear extension of the group multiplication and letting the comultiplication act diagonally on the group elements. Recall from [4] that a $k$-algebra $A$ is said to be measured by $kG$ if there exist algebra homomorphisms $\varphi_g : A \rightarrow A$ for all $g \in G$. Moreover, a twisted $2$-cocycle for this measuring is a family of invertible elements $c_{g,h} \in A$, for all $g, h \in G$, such that $\varphi_1 = \text{id}$, $c_{1,g} = 1 = c_{g,1}$,

$$\varphi_g \varphi_h = \text{Ad}_{c_{g,h}} \varphi_{gh} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_g (c_{h,k}) c_{g,hk} = c_{g,h} c_{gh,k},$$

for all $g, h, k \in G$,

(where $\text{Ad}_{c_{g,h}}$ denotes the inner automorphism induced by $c_{g,h}$). It is easy to see that $\varphi_g$ is then an isomorphism for all $g \in G$. To these data a weak Hopf algebra was associated in [12], where the authors called it as in the title. Our aim is to describe it as a wreath product.

Denote by $M_n$ the algebra of $n \times n$ matrices with entries in $k$, and denote the matrix units by $\{e_{g,h} \mid g, h \in G\}$. Then

$$\psi : M_n \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes M_n \quad e_{g,h} \otimes a \mapsto e_{g,1}^{-1} e_{h,1}^{-1} \varphi(g^{-1} h) c_{g^{-1} h,1} \otimes e_{g,h}$$

is an invertible distributive law.

Recall that $M_n$ is a weak Hopf algebra via the comultiplication acting diagonally on the matrix units. Assume that $A$ is a Hopf algebra and that the measuring and the twisted cocycle are compatible with its coalgebra structure in the sense of [12, Definition 2.3]. That is, assume that $\varphi_g$ is a coalgebra homomorphism and $c_{g,h}$ is a grouplike element for all $g, h \in G$. It is straightforward to see that in this case also $\psi$ is a coalgebra map if both in the domain and the codomain of $\psi$ the tensor product coalgebra structure is taken.

The corresponding double crossed product weak Hopf algebra is isomorphic to the weak Hopf algebra defined on the $k$-module $\hat{k}G \otimes A \otimes kG$ in [12], via

$$A \otimes M_n \rightarrow \hat{k}G \otimes A \otimes kG, \quad a \otimes e_{g,h} \mapsto \hat{g} \otimes a c_{1^{-1} g^{-1} h,1}^{-1} \otimes g^{-1} h,$$

where $\hat{k}G$ is the $k$-linear dual of $kG$, and $\{\hat{g} \mid g \in G\}$ is its basis dual to the basis $\{g \in G\}$ of $kG$.

Example 9. The algebraic quantum torus. Assume $k$ to be a field, and let $N$ be a positive integer which is not a multiple of the characteristic of $k$. The algebra $\langle U, V | U^N = 1, qUV = qVU \rangle$, with $U, V$ invertible and $q \in k$ such that $q^N = 1$, is a weak Hopf algebra – known as in the title – via the comultiplication

$$\Delta(U^n V^m) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (U^{k+n} V^m \otimes U^{-k} V^m).$$

The distinguished subalgebra $\langle U \rangle$ is isomorphic to the group algebra of the cyclic group of order $N$. It is weak Hopf algebra via $\Delta(U^n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (U^{k+n} \otimes U^{-k})$. The subalgebra $\langle V, V^{-1} \rangle$ is isomorphic to the group algebra of the additive group of integers. Hence it is a Hopf algebra via $\Delta(V^m) = V^m \otimes V^m$.

The algebraic quantum torus is a double crossed product of the Hopf algebra $\langle V, V^{-1} \rangle$ and the weak Hopf algebra $\langle U \rangle$ with respect to the comonoidal invertible distributive law

$$\psi : \langle V, V^{-1} \rangle \otimes \langle U \rangle \rightarrow \langle U \rangle \otimes \langle V, V^{-1} \rangle, \quad V^m \otimes U^n \mapsto q^{nm} U^n \otimes V^m.$$
3.2. Wreath product of bialgebroids over a common separable Frobenius base algebra. Recall that an algebra $R$ over a commutative ring $k$ is said to be Frobenius algebra if there exist a $k$-module map $\pi : R \to k$ and an element $\sum_i e_i \otimes f_i \in R \otimes R$ such that $\sum_i \pi(e_i)f_i = r = \sum_i e_i \pi(f_i)$, for all $r \in R$. It follows that for any element $r$ of a Frobenius algebra $R$, $\sum_i re_i \otimes f_i = \sum_i e_i \otimes f_i r$. We say that $R$ is a separable Frobenius algebra if in addition $\sum_i e_i \otimes f_i$ is a separability element i.e. $\sum_i e_i f_i = 1$. In this case the canonical epimorphism $M \otimes R \to \text{M}_R N$ is split by

$$M \otimes_R N \twoheadrightarrow M \otimes N, \quad m \otimes_R n \mapsto \sum_i m_e_i \otimes f_i n,$$

for any right $R$-module $M$ and any left $R$-module $N$. What is more, by [6 Section 2.4] any distributive law in the monoidal category of bimodules over a separable Frobenius $k$-algebra $R$ determines a weak distributive law in the monoidal category of $k$-modules, such that the wreath product induced by the $R$-distributive law is isomorphic to the weak wreath product induced by the corresponding weak $k$-distributive law.

As a generalization of bialgebras from commutative to non-commutative base rings, bialgebroids were introduced by Takeuchi in [22]. Conceptually, an $R$-bialgebroid is an $R \otimes R^{op}$-ring (i.e. an algebra in the monoidal category of $R \otimes R^{op}$-bimodules), such that the induced monad $(-) \otimes_R R^{op}$ $A$ on the category of $R$-bimodules (regarded as the category of right $R \otimes R^{op}$-modules) is a comonoidal monad, see [20].

It was proved by Szlachányi in [19] that a bialgebroid over a given separable Frobenius $k$-algebra $R$ is precisely the same as a weak bialgebra over $k$, such that the image of the right projection $\cap^R$ is isomorphic to $R$. Let us take weak bialgebras $A$ and $B$ in which the images of the right projections are isomorphic as separable Frobenius algebras. Let us denote this common base algebra by $R$, and write $R^e := R \otimes R^{op}$ for its enveloping algebra. Then $A$ and $B$ are both algebras in the monoidal category of $R^e$-bimodules via the algebra homomorphisms

$$R^e \to A, \quad r \otimes l \mapsto r^{\text{op}}(l) \quad \text{and} \quad R^e \to B, \quad r \otimes l \mapsto r^{\text{op}}(l)$$

and we may consider a distributive law $\Psi : A \otimes_R^e B \to B \otimes_R^e A$ in the category of $R^e$-bimodules. Since $R$ is a separable Frobenius algebra, so is $R^e$. So let $\psi$ be the corresponding weak distributive law

$$A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\Psi} A \otimes_{R^e} B \xrightarrow{\psi} B \otimes_{R^e} A \xrightarrow{\Psi} B \otimes A$$

in [6 Section 2.4].

Proposition 10. In the above setting, if $\Psi$ is an isomorphism (of $R^e$-bimodules), then $\psi$ is weakly invertible. Moreover, if

$$(-) \otimes_R^e \Psi : (-) \otimes_R^e (A \otimes_{R^e} B) \to (-) \otimes_R^e (B \otimes_{R^e} A)$$

is a comonoidal natural transformation then $\psi$ is weakly comonoidal.

Proof. In terms of the inverse of $\Psi$, the weak inverse of $\psi$ is given by

$$B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\psi^{-1}} A \otimes_{R^e} B \xrightarrow{\Psi} B \otimes A.$$
Recall (e.g. from [14]) that comonoidality of $\Psi$ means commutativity of the following diagrams, for any $R$-bimodules $X$ and $Y$,

$$
\begin{align*}
(X \otimes Y) \otimes A \otimes B &\xrightarrow{(X \otimes Y) \otimes \Psi R} (X \otimes Y) \otimes B \otimes A \\
\left(\frac{X \otimes Y}{R} \right) \otimes R &\xrightarrow{\alpha_{X,Y} \otimes R = B} \left(\frac{X \otimes Y}{R} \right) \otimes B \otimes A
\end{align*}
$$

where the comonoidal structure of $(-) \otimes_{R^e} A$ is given in terms of the comultiplication $\Delta(a) = a^1 \otimes a^2$ by

$$
\alpha^2((x \otimes_{R} y) \otimes_{R^e} a) = (x \otimes_{R^e} a^1) \otimes_{R} (y \otimes_{R^e} a^2), \; \text{and} \; \alpha^0(r \otimes_{R^e} a) = \cap R(ra),
$$

and similarly for $B$. Using the index notation $\Psi(a \otimes_{R^e} b) = a \Psi \otimes_{R^e} b \Psi$, and applying the monomorphisms form the $R$-module tensor products to the $k$-module tensor products, these conditions read as

$$
b_{\Psi}^{-1} e_k \bar{\Psi}^l (f_i) \otimes f_k \bar{\Psi}^l (e_i) a_{\Psi}^{-1} \otimes b_{\Psi}^{-2} e_k \bar{\Psi}^l (f_i) \otimes f_k \bar{\Psi}^l (e_i) a_{\Psi}^{-1} = b_{\Psi}^{-1} e_k \bar{\Psi}^l (f_i) \otimes f_k \bar{\Psi}^l (e_i) a_{\Psi}^{-1} \otimes b_{\Psi}^{-2} e_k \bar{\Psi}^l (f_i) \otimes f_k \bar{\Psi}^l (e_i) a_{\Psi}^{-1}
$$

and

$$
\epsilon_A (r a e_j) e_B (f_j b e_i) f_i = \epsilon_B (r b e_j) e_A (f_j a e_i) f_i
$$

for $r \in R$, $a \in A$, $b \in B$, where we omitted the summation signs for brevity. With these identities at hand,

$$
\psi(a \otimes b) = b_{\Psi} e_k \bar{\Psi}^l (f_i) \otimes f_k \bar{\Psi}^l (e_i) a_{\Psi}
$$

and its weak inverse are easily seen to obey the weak comonoidality conditions in Definition 8.

The double crossed product induced by an invertible comonoidal distributive law $A \otimes_{R^e} B \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \otimes_{R^e} A$ lives on $B \otimes_{R^e} A \cong B e_k \bar{\Psi}^l (f_i) \otimes f_k \bar{\Psi}^l (e_i) A$.

**Example 11. The Drinfeld’s double.** The Drinfeld’s double of a finite dimensional weak Hopf algebra $H$ is studied in several papers [3, 9, 16]. Regarding weak bialgebras as bialgebroids (over separable Frobenius base algebras), the double construction of weak Hopf algebras fits Schauenburg’s double construction of finite $\times \mu$-Hopf algebras in [17]. That is, it is a double crossed product induced by an invertible comonoidal distributive law in the bimodule category of $R^e$, for the base algebra $R := \cap R(H)$. The corresponding weakly invertible weakly comonoidal weak distributive law has the explicit form

$$
H \otimes H \xrightarrow{\alpha} H \otimes H, \; \; \; h \otimes \alpha \mapsto \alpha_2 \otimes h_2 \langle S(h_1) | \alpha_1 \rangle \langle h_3 | \alpha_3 \rangle
$$

with a weak inverse

$$
H \otimes H \xrightarrow{\alpha} H \otimes H, \; \; \; \alpha \otimes h \mapsto h_2 \otimes \alpha \langle h_1 | \alpha_1 \rangle \langle S(h_3) | \alpha_3 \rangle,
$$

where $\hat{H}$ stands for the linear dual of $H$ (a weak bialgebra via the transposed structure) and $\langle - | - \rangle : H \otimes \hat{H} \rightarrow k$ is the evaluation map.
Example 12. Matched pairs of groupoids. Generalizing matched pairs of groups, matched pairs of groupoids were introduced and studied by Andruskiewitsch and Natale in [1]. By their definition, a matched pair of groupoids is a pair of groupoids \( \mathcal{H} \) and \( \mathcal{V} \) over a common finite base set \( \mathcal{P} \)

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
V & & \overset{t}{\underset{b}{\longrightarrow}} \mathcal{P} & & \overset{r}{\underset{l}{\longrightarrow}} \mathcal{H},
\end{array}
\]
equipped with maps \( \triangleright : \mathcal{H} \times t \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \) and \( \triangleleft : \mathcal{H} \times l \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \) subject to a number of conditions, see [1]. These conditions allow for the following interpretation.

For any field \( k \), consider the vector spaces \( k \mathcal{H} \) and \( k \mathcal{V} \) spanned by \( \mathcal{H} \) and \( \mathcal{V} \), respectively. They can be equipped with algebra structures by requiring in terms of Kronecker’s delta symbol

\[
h' h = \delta_{(h'),(l(h))} h' \circ h
\]
and

\[
v' v = \delta_{(h(v'),l(v))} v' \circ v.
\]

Then \( k \mathcal{P} \) is a (commutative and separable Frobenius) subalgebra in both. The linear map induced by

\[
\mathcal{H} \times t \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \times l \mathcal{H}, \quad (h,v) \mapsto (h \triangleright v, h \triangleleft v)
\]
is a distributive law \( k \mathcal{H} \otimes k \mathcal{P} k \mathcal{V} \rightarrow k \mathcal{V} \otimes k \mathcal{P} k \mathcal{H} \) in the category of bimodules over \( k \mathcal{P} \). It is comonoidal with respect to the comultiplications acting diagonally on \( h \in \mathcal{H} \) and \( v \in \mathcal{V} \) (with respect to which \( k \mathcal{H} \) and \( k \mathcal{V} \) are weak Hopf algebras). It is invertible by implication (1) \( \Rightarrow \) (3) in [1, Proposition 2.9], thus it gives rise to a weakly invertible weakly comonoidal weak distributive law

\[
k \mathcal{H} \otimes k \mathcal{V} \rightarrow k \mathcal{V} \otimes k \mathcal{H}, \quad h \otimes v \mapsto \delta_{(h),l(v)}(h \triangleright v \circ h \triangleleft v).
\]

The induced double crossed product weak Hopf algebra was analyzed in [1].

3.3. Weak wreath product of categories. Let \( \mathcal{C} \) be a category of finite object set \( \mathcal{P} \). Then as in Example 12 the vector space \( k \mathcal{C} \) spanned by the morphisms of \( \mathcal{C} \) carries a natural weak bialgebra structure via the multiplication induced by \( fg = \delta_{s(f),t(g)} f \circ g \) and comultiplication induced by \( g \mapsto g \otimes g \), for morphisms \( f \) and \( g \) in \( \mathcal{C} \), where \( s \) and \( t \) denote the source and the target maps, respectively.

Let \( \mathcal{C} \) and \( \mathcal{D} \) be categories with a common finite object set \( \mathcal{P} \) and consider a weak distributive law \( \mathcal{C} \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \mathcal{C} \) in the bicategory of spans as in [1]. Extending it linearly in \( k \), we obtain a weak distributive law \( k \mathcal{C} \otimes k \mathcal{P} k \mathcal{D} \rightarrow k \mathcal{D} \otimes k \mathcal{P} k \mathcal{C} \) in the category of \( k \mathcal{P} \)-bimodules. Now since the algebra \( k \mathcal{P} \) possesses a separable Frobenius structure, the forgetful functor from the category of its bimodules to the category of \( k \)-modules possesses a so-called separable Frobenius monoidal structure [21]. Such functors were proved to preserve weak distributive laws in [15]. Therefore it yields a weak distributive law in the category of \( k \)-modules.

Example 13. The blown-up nothing. For any positive integer \( n \), the algebra of \( n \times n \) matrices of entries in a commutative ring \( k \), with the comultiplication acting diagonally on the matrix units, is a weak Hopf algebra. Since its category of modules is trivial – in the sense that it is equivalent to the category of \( k \)-modules – it was given in [8] the name in the title. Below we claim that it is a double crossed product of the sub-weak bialgebras of upper/lower triangle matrices \( U \) and \( L \), respectively.

Both algebras \( L \) and \( U \) are spanned by morphisms of a category of \( n \) objects and precisely one morphism \( i \to j \) whenever \( i \geq j \) and \( i \leq j \), respectively. There is a weak distributive law in the bicategory of spans

\[
(i \geq j \leq k) \mapsto (i \leq n \geq k).
\]

The corresponding weak distributive law

\[
\psi : L \otimes U \rightarrow U \otimes L, \quad e_{ij} \otimes e_{ik} \mapsto \delta_{ij,e_{in}} \otimes e_{nk}, \quad \text{for } i \geq j, l \leq k
\]
in the category of \( k \)-modules possesses a weak inverse

\[
\phi : U \otimes L \rightarrow L \otimes U, \quad e_{lk} \otimes e_{ij} \mapsto \delta_{b,i,e_{1l}} \otimes e_{1j}, \quad \text{for } i \leq j, l \leq k.
\]

They are weakly comonoidal and the corresponding double crossed product weak bialgebra is that of \( n \times n \) matrices, with the matrix units \( \{e_{im} \otimes e_{nk} | 1 \leq i, k \leq n\} \).
\[(29)\]

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