POINTED HOPF ACTIONS ON FIELDS, I

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Abstract. Actions of semisimple Hopf algebras H over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero on commutative domains were classified recently by the authors in [18]. The answer turns out to be very simple—if the action is inner faithful, then H has to be a group algebra. The present article contributes to the non-semisimple case, which is much more complicated. Namely, we study actions of finite dimensional (not necessarily semisimple) Hopf algebras on commutative domains, particularly when H is pointed of finite Cartan type.

The work begins by reducing to the case where H acts inner faithfully on a field; such a Hopf algebra is referred to as Galois-theoretical. We present examples of such Hopf algebras, which include the Taft algebras, $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, and some Drinfeld twists of other small quantum groups. We also give many examples of finite dimensional Hopf algebras which are not Galois-theoretical. Classification results on finite dimensional pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type will be provided in the sequel, Part II, of this study.

Introduction

Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, and let an unadorned \otimes denote \otimes_k . This work contributes to the field of noncommutative invariant theory in the sense of studying quantum analogues of group actions on commutative k-algebras. Here, we restrict our attention to the actions of finite quantum groups, i.e., finite dimensional Hopf algebras, as these objects and their actions on (quantum) k-algebras have been the subject of recent research in noncommutative invariant theory, including [8], [10], [16], [18], [27], [29], [34], [35], [37]. The two important classes of finite dimensional Hopf algebras H are those that are semisimple (as a k-algebra) and those that are pointed (namely, all simple H-comodules are 1-dimensional). Moreover, we have many choices of what one could consider to be a quantum k-algebra, but from the viewpoint of classical invariant theory and algebraic geometry, the examination of Hopf actions on commutative domains over

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k is of interest. Since the classification of semisimple Hopf actions on commutative domains over k is understood by the work of the authors [18], the focus of this article is to classify finite dimensional non-semisimple Hopf (H-) actions on commutative domains over k, particularly when H is pointed.

It was announced in the latest survey article of Nicolás Andruskiewitsch [1] that the classification of finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebras H, in the case when H has an abelian group G of grouplike elements, is expected to be completed soon. In this case, H is a lifting of the bosonization of a Nichols algebra $\mathfrak{B}(V)$ of diagonal type by the group algebra kG, that is to say, $gr(H) \cong \mathfrak{B}(V) \# kG$. The most extensively studied class of Nichols algebras are those of finite Cartan type; their bosonizations are variations of Lusztig's small quantum groups. Prompted by the main classification result of finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type, provided by Andruschiewitsch–Schneider in [6], we restrict our attention to the actions of such Hopf algebras on commutative domains.

All Hopf algebra actions in this work, unless otherwise specified, are assumed *inner faithful* in the sense that the action does not factor through a 'smaller' Hopf algebra (Definition 6).

We begin our study of Hopf actions on commutative domains by reducing to the case where Hopf algebras act inner faithfully on fields (Lemma 9, Remark 3); such Hopf algebras are referred as *Galois-theoretical* (Definition 9). A general result on Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras is as follows.

Proposition 1 (Propositions 10 and 39). The Galois-theoretical property is preserved under taking a Hopf subalgebra, and preserved under tensor product, but is not preserved under Hopf dual, 2-cocycle deformation (that alters multiplication), nor Drinfeld twist (that alters comultiplication).

Examples of Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras include all finite group algebras, and moreover, any semisimple Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra is a group algebra (Proposition 10(2)). In contrast to this, we will see below that there are many examples of non-semisimple finite dimensional pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras, particularly of finite Cartan type.

Theorem 2. Let $q \neq \pm 1$ be a root of unity unless stated otherwise, and let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional simple Lie algebra.

(1) The following are examples of Galois-theoretical finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type:

Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra	Finite Cartan type	Reference
Taft algebras $T(n)$	A_1	Prop. 17
Nichols Hopf algebras $E(n)$	$A_1^{\times n}$	Prop. 19
The book algebra $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, 1)$	$A_1{ imes}A_1$	Prop. 22
The Hopf algebra H_{81} of dimension 81	A_2	Prop. 23
$u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$	$A_1{ imes}A_1$	Prop. 25
$u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$	$A_1{ imes}A_1$	Prop. 27
Twists $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^+}$, $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^-}$ for $n \ge 2$	$A_{n-1} \times A_{n-1}$	Prop. 29
Twists $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^+}$, $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^-}$ for $n \ge 2$	$A_{n-1} \times A_{n-1}$	Cor. 31
Twists $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})^J$ for $2^{rank(\mathfrak{g})-1}$ of such J	same type as \mathfrak{g}	Prop. 37

For the last three cases, q is a root of unity of odd order $m \geq 3$, with m > 3 for type G_2 . Further, n is relatively prime to m for the result on $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^+}$ and $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^-}$.

(2) The following are non-examples of Galois-theoretical finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type.

Non-Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra	Finite Cartan type	Reference
Generalized Taft algebras which	A_1	Prop. 21
are not Taft algebras		
The book algebra $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ for $p \neq 1$	$A_1{ imes}A_1$	Prop. 22
$\operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$	$A_1{ imes}A_1$	Prop. 25

This theorem will be used in Part II of this work on the classification of Galoistheoretical Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type. See Remarks 4 and 5 for a preview of these results for $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$, $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, and their twists.

For each of the Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras H in the theorem above, the module fields L are analyzed in terms of their invariant subfields L^H . For instance, we have the following result.

Theorem 3 (Theorem 11). Let H be a finite dimensional pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra with H-module field L. Then, for the group G = G(H) of grouplike elements of H, we have the following statements:

- (1) $L^{H} = L^{G}$; and
- (2) the extension $L^H \subset L$ is Galois with Galois group G.

A generalization of this result is provided for finite dimensional Hopf actions on commutative domains (Theorem 14) and on Azumaya algebras (Theorem 15).

Further, we point out that finite dimensional Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras are not necessarily pointed nor semisimple (Example 1).

Remark 1. It is interesting to consider the quasiclassical analogue of our study of finite dimensional Hopf actions on commutative domains (that are faithful in some sense). To do so, let G be a Poisson algebraic group and let X be an irreducible algebraic variety with zero Poisson bracket. Then the corresponding problem is to (1) determine which of such G can have a faithful Poisson action on a variety X as above, and (2) classify such actions. In particular, for G' a closed subgroup of G, this includes the problem of classifying Poisson homogeneous spaces X = G/G' which have zero Poisson bracket. Here, the Poisson bracket on the group G is not necessarily zero. See [15], [26], and [38] for further reading.

This paper is organized as follows. Background material on pointed Hopf algebras and Hopf algebra actions is provided in Section 1. This includes a discussion of Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type, of quantum groups at roots of unity, and of twists of Hopf algebras and Hopf module algebras. We define and provide preliminary results on the Galois-theoretical property in Section 2. The proof of Theorem 2 is established in Section 3 via Propositions 17, 19, 21–23, 25, 27, 29, 37, and Corollary 31.

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1. Background material

In this section, we provide a background discussion of pointed Hopf algebras, especially those of finite Cartan type (Section 1.1) and quantum groups at roots of unity (Section 1.2). We also discuss Hopf algebra actions on k-algebras (Section 1.3) and Drinfeld twists of these actions (Section 1.4). Consider the notation below, which will be explained in the following discussion. Unless specified otherwise:

 \mathbb{k} = an algebraically closed base field of characteristic zero.

 ζ , q, ω = a primitive root of unity in \mathbb{k} of order n, m, and 3, respectively.

 $H = \text{a finite dimensional Hopf algebra with coproduct } \Delta$, counit ε , antipode S.

G =the group of grouplike elements G(H) of H.

 $\widehat{G} = \text{character group of } G = \{\alpha : G \to \mathbb{k}^{\times}\}.$

A =an H-module algebra over k.

L =an H-module field containing k.

F =the subfield of invariants L^{H} .

1.1. Grouplike and skew primitive elements, and pointed Hopf algebras

Consider the following notation and terminology. A nonzero element $g \in H$ is grouplike if $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$, and the group of grouplike elements of H is denoted by G = G(H). An element $x \in H$ is (g, g')-skew primitive, if for grouplike elements g, g' of G(H), we have that $\Delta(x) = g \otimes x + x \otimes g'$. The space of such elements is denoted by $P_{g,g'}(H)$.

The coradical H_0 of a Hopf algebra H is the sum of all simple subcoalgebras of H. The coradical filtration $\{H_n\}_{n>0}$ of H is defined inductively by

$$H_n = \Delta^{-1}(H \otimes H_{n-1} + H_0 \otimes H),$$

where $H = \bigcup_{n>0} H_n$.

We say that a Hopf algebra H is pointed if all of its simple H-comodules (or equivalently, if all of its simple H-subcoalgebras) are 1-dimensional. When H is pointed, we have that $H_0 = \mathbb{k}G$ and $H_1 = \mathbb{k}G + \left(\sum_{g,g' \in G} P_{g,g'}(H)\right)$. Although this sum is not direct, one has $H_1/H_0 = \bigoplus_{g,g' \in G} \overline{P}_{g,g'}(H)$, where $\overline{P}_{g,g'}(H)$ is the image of $P_{g,g'}(H)$ in H_1/H_0 . One can verify easily the following result.

Lemma 4.

- (a) The coradical H_0 of a Hopf algebra H is the group algebra kG(H) if and only if H is pointed.
- (b) If a Hopf algebra H is generated by grouplike and skew primitive elements, then H is pointed. \square

The converse of part (b) is expected in the finite dimensional case.

Conjecture 5 ([4, Conj. 1.4]). A finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebra over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero is generated by grouplike and skew primitive elements.

In fact, the conjecture holds in the setting of our work.

Theorem 6 ([7, Thm. 4.15]). Conjecture 5 holds when
$$G$$
 is abelian.

As a consequence, a finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebra H over k is a lifting of a bosonization of a Nichols algebra $\mathfrak{B}(V)$ by the group G. In other words, $\operatorname{gr}(H) \cong \mathfrak{B}(V) \# k G$ in this case. Moreover, we consider a special subclass of pointed Hopf algebras, that of finite Cartan type. Refer to [5] and [6] for further details.

Definition 1. Let (V,c) be a finite dimensional braided vector space.

• (V,c) is of diagonal type if there exists a basis x_1,\ldots,x_{θ} of V and scalars $q_{ij} \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ so that

$$c(x_i \otimes x_j) = q_{ij}(x_j \otimes x_i)$$

for all $1 \leq i, j \leq \theta$. The matrix (q_{ij}) is called the braiding matrix.

• (V,c) is of finite Cartan type if it is of diagonal type and

$$q_{ii} \neq 1$$
 and $q_{ij}q_{ji} = q_{ii}^{a_{ij}}$ (1)

where $(a_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le \theta}$ is a Cartan matrix associated to a semisimple Lie algebra.

• The same terminology applies to a Hopf algebra H when $gr(H) \cong \mathfrak{B}(V) \# \Bbbk G$.

Many examples of finite dimensional pointed algebras of finite Cartan type are provided throughout Section 3; refer to the tables in Theorem 2 for a summary.

1.2. Quantum groups at roots of unity

Let us recall facts about quantum groups at roots of unity, which are examples of pointed Hopf algebras of finite Cartan type. Consider the following notation. Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional simple Lie algebra over \mathbb{k} of rank r with Cartan matrix (a_{ij}) for $i, j = 1, \ldots, r$. Let d_i , for $i = 1, \ldots, r$, be relatively prime integers so that the matrix $(d_i a_{ij})$ is symmetric and positive definite. Let q be an indeterminate.

Now consider the following Hopf algebra.

Definition 2 ([13], [14], [25]). The Hopf algebra $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$, referred to as the Drin-feld-Jimbo quantum group attached to \mathfrak{g} , is generated over $\mathbb{k}[q, q^{-1}]$ by grouplike elements k_i , $(k_i, 1)$ -skew primitive elements e_i , and $(1, k_i^{-1})$ -skew primitive elements f_i , for $i = 1, \ldots, r$, with defining relations:

$$k_{i}e_{j}k_{i}^{-1} = q^{d_{i}a_{ij}}e_{j}, k_{i}f_{j}k_{i}^{-1} = q^{-d_{i}a_{ij}}f_{j}, e_{i}f_{j} - f_{j}e_{i} = \delta_{ij}\frac{k_{i} - k_{i}^{-1}}{q^{d_{i}} - q^{-d_{i}}},$$

$$k_{i}k_{j} = k_{j}k_{i}, k_{i}k_{i}^{-1} = k_{i}^{-1}k_{i} = 1,$$

$$\sum_{p=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^{p} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - a_{ij} \\ p \end{bmatrix}_{q^{d_{i}}} e_{i}^{1-a_{ij}-p}e_{j}e_{i}^{p} = 0 \text{for } i \neq j,$$

$$\sum_{p=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^{p} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - a_{ij} \\ p \end{bmatrix}_{q^{d_{i}}} f_{i}^{1-a_{ij}-p}f_{j}f_{i}^{p} = 0 \text{for } i \neq j.$$

Here,
$$\binom{n}{i}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[i]_q![n-i]_q!}$$
, where $[n]_q = \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}}$.

At roots of unity, the Hopf algebra $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ has a finite dimensional quotient, which is defined below in Definition 4. To proceed, we must define root vectors, which was done by Lusztig using the braid group action on $\mathcal{U}_{q}(\mathfrak{g})$ [31, Thms. 3.2, 6.6(ii) and Sect. 4.1]. Fix a reduced decomposition S of the maximal element w_0 of the Weyl group of W: $w_0 = s_{i_\ell} \dots s_{i_1}$. To this decomposition, there corresponds a normal ordering of positive roots: $\alpha_S^{(1)} = \alpha_{i_1}, \, \alpha_S^{(2)} = s_{i_1}(\alpha_{i_2}), \, \ldots, \, \alpha_S^{(i_\ell)} = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_{\ell-1}}(\alpha_{i_\ell})$ [39]. It is known that every positive root occurs in this sequence exactly once, and a root $\alpha + \beta$ always occurs between α and β . So, given a positive root α , let N be the unique number such that $\alpha = \alpha_S^{(N)}$, and let $w_{\alpha}^S = s_{i_{N-1}} \cdots s_{i_1}$ so that $\alpha = w_{\alpha}^{S}(\alpha_{i_{N}})$. Define the root vectors by the formula

$$e^S_{\alpha} := T_{w^S_{\alpha}}(e_{i_N})$$
 and $f^S_{\alpha} := T_{w^S_{\alpha}}(f_{i_N}),$

where, for a Weyl group element w, T_w is the corresponding element of the braid group. Here, if $\alpha = \alpha_i$ is a simple root, then $e_{\alpha} = e_i$ and $f_{\alpha} = f_i$.

Now we specialize to a root of unity.

Let
$$q \in \mathbb{k}$$
 be a root of unity of odd order $m \geq 3$, with $m > 3$ for type G_2 . (2)

Definition 3 ([11, Sect. 1.5]). The Hopf algebra $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ specialized to a root of unity q as in Equation 2 is known as the Kac-De Concini quantum group of \mathfrak{g} .

The desired finite dimensional quotient of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ is now given as follows.

Definition 4 ([30, Sect. 5.7]). Take $q \in \mathbb{k}$ satisfying Equation 2. There exists a finite dimensional Hopf quotient of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ called the small quantum group (or the Frobenius-Lusztig kernel) attached to \mathfrak{g} , denoted by $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$: namely, $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})/I$, where the Hopf ideal I is generated by

- $k_i^m = 1$, for $i = 1, \dots, r$, and (nilpotency relations) $(e_{\alpha}^S)^m = (f_{\alpha}^S)^m = 0$, for all positive roots α .

Even though the elements e_{α}^{S} , f_{α}^{S} depend on S, the ideal I is independent of the choice of S [31, Thm. 3.2]. It is also known that the elements $(e_{\alpha}^S)^m$ and $(f_{\alpha}^S)^m$, along with k_i^m , are central in $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ [11, Cor. 3.1(a)]. The Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ is a finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebra of dimension $m^{\dim \mathfrak{g}}$.

The Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ has Hopf subalgebras $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g}), u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{g}),$ generated by the k_i, e_i and the k_i, f_i , respectively, and subalgebras $u_q^+(\mathfrak{g}), u_q^-(\mathfrak{g}),$ generated by the e_i and by the f_i , respectively. They are quotients of the corresponding subalgebras $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g}), \, \mathcal{U}_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{g}), \, \mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g}), \, \mathcal{U}_q^-(\mathfrak{g}) \text{ of } \mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g}), \text{ respectively.}$

Remark 2 ([31]). It is known that $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ is the finite dimensional Hopf subalgebra generated by e_i, f_i, k_i inside Lusztig's "big" quantum enveloping algebra with divided powers, $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$, specialized to the root of unity. In fact, one has an exact sequence of Hopf algebras $u_q(\mathfrak{g}) \to U_q(\mathfrak{g}) \to U(\mathfrak{g})$, where the second map is the quantum Frobenius map [31, Sect. 8]. This is why $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ is also referred to as the Frobenius-Lusztig kernel.

1.3. Hopf algebra actions

We recall basic facts about Hopf algebra actions; refer to [33] for further details. A left H-module M has a left H-action structure map denoted by $\cdot: H \otimes M \to M$.

Definition 5. Given a Hopf algebra H and an algebra A, we say that H acts on A (from the left) if A is a left H-module, $h \cdot (ab) = \sum (h_1 \cdot a)(h_2 \cdot b)$, and $h \cdot 1_A = \varepsilon(h)1_A$ for all $h \in H$, $a, b \in A$. Here, $\Delta(h) = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$ (Sweedler notation). In this case, we also say that A is a left H-module algebra.

In the case that H acts on a field L, we refer to L as an H-module field.

We restrict ourselves to H-actions that do not factor through "smaller" Hopf algebras.

Definition 6. Given a left H-module M, we say that M is an inner faithful H-module if $IM \neq 0$ for every nonzero Hopf ideal I of H. Given an action of a Hopf algebra H on an algebra A, we say that this action is inner faithful if the left H-module algebra A is inner faithful.

When given an H-action on A, one can always pass uniquely to an inner faithful \bar{H} -action on A, where \bar{H} is some quotient Hopf algebra of H.

We also consider elements of A invariant under the H-action on A.

Definition 7. Let H be a Hopf algebra that acts on a k-algebra A from the left. The *subalgebra of invariants* for this action is given by

$$A^H = \{ a \in A \mid h \cdot a = \varepsilon(h) a \text{ for all } h \in H \}.$$

1.4. Twists of Hopf algebras and of H-module algebras

Let $J = \sum J^1 \otimes J^2$ be an invertible element in $H \otimes H$. Then, J is a *Drinfeld twist* for H if

- $[(\Delta \otimes id)(J)](J \otimes 1) = [(id \otimes \Delta)(J)](1 \otimes J)$, and
- $(id \otimes \varepsilon)(J) = (\varepsilon \otimes id)(J) = 1.$

Definition 8.

(1) The Hopf algebra H^J is a *Drinfeld twist of H with respect to J* if $H^J = H$ as an algebra and H^J has the same counit as H and coproduct and antipode given by

$$\Delta^{J}(h) = J^{-1}\Delta(h)J$$
 and $S^{J}(h) = Q^{-1}S(h)Q$,

where $Q = m(S \otimes id)J$, for all $h \in H$.

(2) Let A be a left H-module algebra. Then, the twisted algebra A_J has the same underlying vector space as A, and for $a, b \in A$, the multiplication of A_J is given by

$$a *_J b = \sum (J^1 \cdot a)(J^2 \cdot b).$$

Note that J^{-1} is a twist for H^J , and $(H^J)^{J^{-1}} \cong H$. Also, if A is an inner faithful left H-module algebra, then A_J is an inner faithful left H^J -module algebra by using the same action of H on the underlying vector space of A, and $(A_J)_{J^{-1}} \cong A$ as H-module algebras.

As discussed in [20, p. 799], Drinfeld twists J have a special form when $H = \mathbb{k}G$ for G finite abelian. For any $\chi \in \widehat{G}$, let $\mathbf{1}_{\chi}$ be the idempotent $(1/|G|)\sum_{g\in G}\chi(g^{-1})g$ in $\mathbb{k}G$. Then, $J = \sum_{\chi,\psi\in\widehat{G}}\sigma_J(\chi,\psi)\mathbf{1}_{\chi}\otimes\mathbf{1}_{\psi}$, for σ_J a two-cocycle on \widehat{G} with values in \mathbb{k}^{\times} .

We also get an alternating bicharacter $b_J: \widehat{G} \times \widehat{G} \to \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ arising from J given by $b_J(\chi, \psi) = \sigma_J(\psi, \chi)/\sigma_J(\chi, \psi)$ for all $\chi, \psi \in \widehat{G}$.

Proposition 7 ([20, pp. 798–799]). The assignment $J \mapsto b_J$ is a bijection between gauge equivalence classes of Drinfeld twists and alternating bicharacters.

Now we have the following result for twisted polynomial rings.

Theorem 8 ([20, Thm. 3.8]). Let G be an abelian group and let $A = \mathbb{k}[z_1, \ldots z_n]$ be a polynomial ring with a G-action such that z_i are common eigenvectors of G. Let χ_i be the character of G corresponding to the G-action on the eigenvector z_i , that is to say, $g \cdot z_i = \chi_i(g)z_i$. Then, the twisted algebra A_J has generators z_i with defining relations:

$$z_i *_J z_i = b_J(\chi_i, \chi_i) z_i *_J z_i.$$

2. Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras

We begin by motivating the notion of a Galois theoretical Hopf algebra, or a Hopf algebra H that acts inner faithfully on a field L. To this end, recall that our goal is to classify inner faithful actions of certain Hopf algebras on commutative domains.

Lemma 9. Let A be a commutative domain and Q_A be its quotient field. Namely, $Q_A = AS^{-1}$, for the set S of nonzero elements of A. If a finite dimensional Hopf algebra H acts on A inner faithfully, then the action of H on A extends to an inner faithful action of H on Q_A .

Proof. By [37, Lem. 1.1], an inner faithful H-action on a commutative domain A extends to an inner faithful H-action on the localization $A\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^{-1} = A \otimes_{A^H} A^H \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^{-1}$, for $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}$ a multiplicatively closed subset of A^H . Since A is a commutative domain, we have by [37, Thm. 2.5 and Prop. 2.7] that A is integral over A^H . (Here, A is H-reduced, as A is a domain.) Now, take \mathcal{S} to be the set of nonzero elements of A, and we get that the H-action on A extends naturally to an inner faithful H-action on the field of quotients $Q_A := A\mathcal{S}^{-1} \cong A \otimes_{A^H} A^H \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^{-1}$. \square

Remark 3. Conversely, any inner faithful H-action on a field L yields an inner faithful H-action on a finitely generated commutative domain A. To see this, pick a finite dimensional H-submodule V of L which generates $\operatorname{Rep} H$ as a tensor category, which exists due to inner faithfulness. Take A to be generated by V inside L. Then, H acts on A. This shows that there is always a finitely generated domain $A \subset L$ that is H-stable and has an inner faithful action of H.

Thus, we consider Hopf algebra actions on fields for the remainder of this work. Let us introduce the following terminology. **Definition 9.** A Hopf algebra H over k is said to be *Galois-theoretical* if it acts inner faithfully and k-linearly on a field containing k.

Note that if a Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra H, say with H-module field L, yields an H^* -Galois extension $L^H \subset L$, then H is a group algebra. However, the Hopf actions in this work do not yield Hopf-Galois extensions in general as H is noncocommutative. Basic results about Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras are collected in the proposition below.

Proposition 10. We have the following statements.

- (1) Any finite group algebra is Galois-theoretical.
- (2) Any semisimple Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra is a group algebra.
- (3) The restriction of an inner faithful action of a Hopf algebra to a Hopf subalgebra is inner faithful. In particular, a Hopf subalgebra of a Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra is Galois-theoretical.
- (4) Any finite dimensional Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra whose coradical is a Hopf subalgebra is pointed.
- (5) If H and H' are Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras, then so is $H \otimes H'$.
- (6) If H is Galois-theoretical, then $\mathbb{k}S_n \ltimes H^{\otimes n}$ is Galois-theoretical for all $n \geq 1$.

Proof. (1) It is well known that any finite group can be realized as a Galois group of a field extension.

- (2) This follows from [18, Thm. 1.3].
- (3) Let H act inner faithfully on a module M and let $H' \subset H$ be a Hopf subalgebra. Let I be a Hopf ideal of H' annihilating M. Let J = HIH. Then, J is a Hopf ideal in H annihilating M, so J = 0 and hence, I = 0.
- (4) The coradical H_0 of H is cosemisimple, and thus, semisimple by [28]. So, $H_0 = \mathbb{k}G(H)$ by (2) and (3). Hence, H is pointed by Lemma 4(a).
- (5) If H acts on a field L inner faithfully and H' acts on a field L' inner faithfully, then $H \otimes H'$ acts on the quotient field of $L \otimes L'$ inner faithfully.
 - (6) First, we need the result below.

Lemma. We have the following statements.

- (i) Let B be an associative algebra over \mathbb{k} , and V be a B-module containing vectors v_1, \ldots, v_n linearly independent over B (that is to say, V contains B^n as a submodule). Then, $V^{\otimes n}$ is a faithful module over $\mathbb{k}S_n \ltimes B^{\otimes n}$ (where S_n acts on $B^{\otimes n}$ by permutation of components).
- (ii) Take B to be a finite dimensional associative algebra over \mathbb{k} . If W is a faithful B-module and $V = W \otimes X$, with X an infinite dimensional \mathbb{k} -vector space, then $\mathbb{k}S_n \ltimes B^{\otimes n}$ acts faithfully on $V^{\otimes n}$ for any n.
- (iii) If a finite dimensional Hopf algebra H acts inner faithfully on an algebra A, then H acts faithfully on $A^{\otimes s}$ for some s.

Proof of Lemma. (i) Consider the map $f: \mathbb{k}S_n \ltimes B^{\otimes n} \to V^{\otimes n}$ given by $f(x) = x \cdot (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_n)$. Since the map $b \mapsto bv_i$ defines an isomorphism $B \to Bv_i$, and the sum $Bv_1 + \cdots + Bv_n$ is direct, we see that f is injective, which implies (i).

(ii) Since W^m contains a copy of B for some m, we have that V contains B^n for any n. Now statement (ii) follows from (i).

(iii) Let $K_s \subset H$ be the kernel of the action of H on $A^{\otimes s}$. Observe that $K_s \supset K_{s+1}$ because $A^{\otimes s} = A^{\otimes s} \otimes 1 \subset A^{\otimes s+1}$. Let $K = \bigcap_s K_s$. There is an integer s_0 such that $K = K_s$ for all $s \geq s_0$. Given $h \in K$, consider the action of $\Delta(h)$ on $A^{\otimes s} \otimes A^{\otimes t}$ for $s, t \geq s_0$. Since $A^{\otimes s} \otimes A^{\otimes t}$ is a faithful module over $H/K \otimes H/K$, we find that $\Delta(h) \in K \otimes H + H \otimes K$. Thus, K is a bialgebra ideal of H, hence a Hopf ideal as H is finite dimensional. Since H acts on A inner faithfully, this implies that K = 0, as claimed. \square

Now we verify part (6) of the proposition above. Fix a commutative domain A over k that admits an inner faithful action of H. Then, H acts faithfully on the space $W := A^{\otimes s}$ for some s by part (iii) of the Lemma. So applying part (ii) of the Lemma to $X = k[x_1, \ldots, x_s]$, we conclude that $S_n \ltimes H^{\otimes n}$ acts faithfully on

$$(A^{\otimes s}[x_1,\ldots,x_s])^{\otimes n} = (A[x]^{\otimes s})^{\otimes n} = (A[x]^{\otimes n})^{\otimes s}.$$

This means that $S_n \ltimes H^{\otimes n}$ acts inner faithfully on the commutative domain $A[x]^{\otimes n}$, where H acts trivially on x. Thus, $S_n \ltimes H^{\otimes n}$ is Galois-theoretical. \square

Question 1.

- (a) If a finite group Γ acts on a Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra H, then is $\Gamma \ltimes H$ Galois-theoretical? If true, then this would be a generalization of Proposition 10(6).
- (b) Is a Hopf algebra quotient of a Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra H also Galois-theoretical? For example, if c is a central grouplike element of H, is then H/(c-1) Galois-theoretical? In particular, if L is an inner faithful H-module field, is then L^c always an inner faithful H/(c-1)-module field?

Along with Proposition 10(6), special cases of Question 1(a) have been addressed in Propositions 20 and 24.

Now we provide a general result about invariants of pointed Hopf algebra actions on commutative domains.

Theorem 11.

- (i) Let H be a finite dimensional pointed Hopf algebra over \mathbb{k} with G(H) = G, and assume that H acts on a commutative domain A. Then, $A^H = A^G$.
- (ii) If in the situation of (i), A = L is a field, and H acts inner faithfully on L, then the field extension $L^H = L^G \subset L$ is a finite Galois extension with Galois group G.
- *Proof.* (i) We prove by induction in n that if $x \in H_n$, and $\varepsilon(x) = 0$, then x acts by zero on A^G , which implies the required statement. For n = 0, this is tautological, as $H_0 = \Bbbk G$. So let us assume that n > 0 and that the statement is known for n-1. By the Taft-Wilson theorem (see [33, Thm. 5.4.1]), we may assume without loss of generality that

$$\Delta(x) = g \otimes x + x \otimes g' + w,$$

where $g, g' \in G$, $w \in H_{n-1} \otimes H_{n-1}$ and $(\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(w) = 0$ (as H_n/H_{n-1} is spanned by such elements x). Let $f_1, f_2 \in A^G$. Using the induction assumption, we have that

$$x \cdot (f_1 f_2) = (g \cdot f_1)(x \cdot f_2) + (x \cdot f_1)(g' \cdot f_2) + w \cdot (f_1 f_2) = f_1(x \cdot f_2) + (x \cdot f_1)f_2.$$

Thus, $x: A^G \to A$ is a derivation.

On the other hand, since H is finite dimensional, by Skryabin's theorem ([37], Theorem 6.2(iii)), A is integral over the subalgebra of invariants A^H . Thus, so is A^G . Hence, the equality $x|_{A^G} = 0$ follows from the following well-known lemma from commutative algebra.

Lemma 12. Let $B \subset C$ be an integral extension of commutative domains, and M be a torsion-free C-module; and suppose that $x: C \to M$ is a derivation such that $x|_B = 0$. Then, x = 0.

Proof of Lemma 12. For $c \in C$, consider the minimal monic polynomial of c over B,

$$p(c) = c^n + b_{n-1}c^{n-1} + \dots + b_1c + b_0,$$

with $b_i \in B$, which exists since C is integral over B. Letting x act on the equation p(c) = 0, we have that

$$[nc^{n-1} + (n-1)b_{n-1}c^{n-2} + \dots + b_1](x \cdot c) = 0.$$

The first factor of the left-hand side (the derivative p'(c)) is not equal to zero due to the minimality of p(c) and the fact that $n \neq 0$ (as we are in characteristic zero). Thus, since M is a torsion-free C-module, we have $x \cdot c = 0$ for all $c \in C$, as desired.

Returning to the proof of Theorem 11, we see that the proof of (i) is completed by applying Lemma 12 to $B = A^H$, $C = A^G$, M = A.

- (ii) This follows from (i), as clearly the group G must act faithfully on L. \square
- **Corollary 13.** Let H be a Hopf algebra (not necessarily finite dimensional) generated by a finite group of grouplike elements G = G(H) and a set of $(g_i, 1)$ -skew primitive elements x_i for some $g_i \in G$. Assume that for each i, the Hopf subalgebra generated by $\{g_i, x_i\}$ is finite dimensional. Then:
 - (i) We have that $A^H=A^G$ for any commutative domain A that arises as an H-module algebra.
 - (ii) If H acts inner faithfully on a field L, then the field extension $L^H = L^G \subset L$ is Galois with Galois group G.

Proof. By Theorem 11, x_i acts by zero on A^{g_i} , hence on A^G . This implies both statements. \square

Thus, when H is Galois-theoretical and generated by grouplike and skew primitive elements, the field extensions that arise as H-module fields may be understood in terms of classical Galois theory. This phenomenon is illustrated in several examples in the next section, particularly when G(H) is a cyclic group and $L^H \subset L$ is a cyclic extension.

We also have the following generalization of Theorem 11.

Theorem 14. Let H be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra over \mathbb{k} . If H acts on a commutative domain A, then $A^H = A^{H_0}$ (even if H_0 is not a subalgebra).

Proof. As before, we show by induction in n that $x \in H_n$ with $\varepsilon(x) = 0$ acts by zero on A^{H_0} . It is shown similarly to the Taft-Wilson theorem that H_n/H_{n-1} is spanned by elements $x_{ii',C,C'}$, where C,C' are simple subcoalgebras of H, and

$$\Delta(x_{ii',C,C'}) = \sum_{j} t_{ij} \otimes x_{ji',C,C'} + \sum_{j'} x_{ij',C,C'} \otimes t'_{j'i'} + w,$$

where t_{ij} is a basis of C such that $\Delta(t_{ij}) = \sum_k t_{ik} \otimes t_{kj}$ and $t'_{i'j'}$ is a similar basis of C'. Moreover, $w \in H_{n-1} \otimes H_{n-1}$ is such that $(\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon)(w) = 0$. So without loss of generality we may assume that $x = x_{ii',C,C'}$. Then by the induction assumption, x is a derivation of A^{H_0} into A. The rest of the proof is the same as that of Theorem 11(i). \square

Even though this paper is about actions of Hopf algebras on commutative algebras, let us give a generalization of Theorems 11 and 14 to the noncommutative case. Namely, we provide a result for Hopf actions on Azumaya algebras. Recall that examples of Azumaya algebras include matrix algebras over commutative algebras and central simple algebras.

Theorem 15. Let H be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra over k.

- (i) Assume that H acts on an Azumaya algebra A with center Z, where Z is an integral domain. Let $Z^H = Z \cap A^H$ and $Z^{H_0} = Z \cap A^{H_0}$. Then, $Z^H = Z^{H_0}$.
- (ii) If, in addition to the hypotheses of (i), H is pointed, then $Z^H = Z^G$ for G = G(H).

Proof. (i) As in the proof of Theorem 14, we get that x defines a derivation from Z^{H_0} to A. By [16, Thm. 3.1(ii)], A is integral over Z^H . Hence, Z^{H_0} is also integral over Z^H (i.e., Z^{H_0} is an algebraic field extension of Z^H). So the statement follows from Lemma 12, specialized to $B = Z^H$, $C = Z^{H_0}$, and M = A.

(ii) This follows immediately from part (i) and Lemma 4(a). \Box

3. Examples and non-examples of Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras

In this section, we study examples and non-examples of finite dimensional pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras, including

• Taft algebras $T(n)$	[type A_1]	(Sect. 3.1),
• Nichols Hopf algebras $E(n)$	[type $A_1^{\times n}$]	(Sect. 3.2),
• generalized Taft algebras $T(n, m, \alpha)$	[type A_1]	(Sect. 3.3),
• book algebras $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$	[type $A_1 \times A_1$]	(Sect. 3.4),
\bullet the 81-dimensional Hopf algebra H_{81}	[type A_2]	(Sect. 3.5),
• $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and $gr(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$	[type $A_1 \times A_1$]	(Sect. 3.6),
$\bullet \ u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$	[type $A_1 \times A_1$]	(Sect. 3.7),
• some Drinfeld twists of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$, $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$	[type $A_{n-1} \times A_{n-1}$]	(Sect. 3.7),
• some Drinfeld twists of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$	[same type as \mathfrak{g}]	(Sect. 3.9).

Altogether, the propositions in these sections yield a proof of Theorem 2. An example of a Galois-theoretical Drinfeld twist of $u_{q^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is provided in Section 3.8. We also present a finite dimensional non-pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra

in Section 3.10. We end with a discussion of the Galois-theoretical property of duals and twists of Hopf algebras in Section 3.11.

To begin, consider the notation and the preliminary result provided below.

Notation. Let L be a $\mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_n$ -module field, for $\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle g \mid g^n = 1 \rangle$. Let ζ be a primitive nth root of unity. We set $L_{(i)} := \{ r \in L \mid g \cdot r = \zeta^{-i}r \}$ for $i = 0, \ldots, n-1$.

Lemma 16. Given an inner faithful $\mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_n$ -module field L as above, we have that:

- (1) L is \mathbb{Z}_n -graded and decomposes as a direct sum of g-eigenspaces $L_{(i)}$ with eigenvalue ζ^{-i} , where $L_{(0)} = L^{\mathbb{Z}_n}$ and $L_{(1)} \neq 0$.
- (2) For $u \in L_{(1)}$, we have that L is an extension of $L^{\mathbb{Z}_n}$, so that

$$L = L^{\mathbb{Z}_n}[u]/(u^n - v).$$

Here, v is a non-n'-th power in $(L^{\mathbb{Z}_n})^{\times}$ for any n' > 1 dividing n.

Proof. Part (1) is clear. In particular, $L_{(1)} \neq 0$ due to inner faithfulness. Part (2) follows since $t^n - v$ is the minimal polynomial of the element u. \square

3.1. The Taft algebras T(n) are Galois-theoretical

Take $n \ge 2$ and let ζ be a primitive nth root of unity. Let T(n) be the Taft algebra of dimension n^2 , which is generated by a grouplike element g and a (g,1)-skew primitive element x, subject to relations

$$g^n = 1$$
, $x^n = 0$, $gx = \zeta xg$.

We have that T(n) acts inner faithfully on the commutative domain $\mathbb{k}[z]$ by

$$g \cdot z = \zeta^{-1}z, \quad x \cdot z = 1.$$

So, T(n) is Galois-theoretical by Lemma 9. More explicitly, we can extend the action of T(n) on $\mathbb{k}[z]$ to an action of T(n) on $\mathbb{k}(z)$ since T(n) acts trivially on $\mathbb{k}[z^n]$ and $\mathbb{k}(z) = \mathbb{k}[z] \otimes_{\mathbb{k}[z^n]} \mathbb{k}(z^n)$. Further, we classify all inner faithful T(n)-module fields below, which recovers [34, Thm. 2.5].

Proposition 17. The Taft algebras T(n) are Galois-theoretical, and the fields L that admit an inner faithful T(n)-action are precisely of the form

$$L = F[u]/(u^n - v)$$

for $F = L^{T(n)}$, $u \in L_{(1)}$, and v a non-n'-th power in F^{\times} , for any n' > 1 dividing n. So, L is a cyclic degree n Galois extension of its subfield of invariants F with Galois group \mathbb{Z}_n . We also have that $g \cdot u = \zeta^{-1}u$, $x \cdot u = 1$ and $g \cdot r_0 = r_0$, $x \cdot r_0 = 0$ for all $r_0 \in F$. \square

Proof. Let us determine the T(n)-module fields L. Since $G(T(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$, we can employ Lemma 16. Observe that $L^{\mathbb{Z}_n} = L^{T(n)}$ by Theorem 11(i); let us denote this field by F. Take a nonzero element $u \in L_{(1)}$. Since $g \cdot (x \cdot u) = \zeta x \cdot (g \cdot u) = x \cdot u$, we have that $x \cdot u = w \in F$. Moreover, we can replace u with $w^{-1}u$ to get that $x \cdot u = 1$. Also, $x \cdot r_0 = \varepsilon(x)r_0 = 0$ for all $r_0 \in F$. Finally, the Galois group of the extension $L^{T(n)} \subset L$ is $G(T(n)) = \mathbb{Z}_n$ by Theorem 11(ii). \square

One can reformulate Proposition 17 as follows.

Proposition 18. Fields $L \supset \mathbb{k}$ with an inner faithful T(n)-action are in one-to-one correspondence with fields $F \supset \mathbb{k}$ together with a non-n'-th power $v \in F^{\times}$, for any n' > 1 dividing n.

Proof. Retain the notation in Lemma 16 and Proposition 17. So, we have a field $L \supset \mathbb{k}$ with an inner faithful T(n)-action if and only if $L = F[u]/(u^n - v)$, where $t^n - v \in F[t]$ is the minimal polynomial of $u \in L_{(1)}$ over $F = L^{\mathbb{Z}_n}$. For L to be a field, this polynomial must be irreducible. So it remains to show that the polynomial $t^n - v$ is irreducible if and only if v is a non-n'-th power in F^{\times} , for any n' > 1 dividing n; see, for instance, [9, Chap. 5, Sect. 11.8, Example 4].

The forward direction of this claim is clear. Conversely, suppose that $v \in F^{\times}$ and an irreducible polynomial $p(t) = t^s + q(t)$ divides $t^n - v$, with $\deg q(t) < s < n$. The group \mathbb{Z}_n of roots of unity of order n acts on such divisors by $p(t) \mapsto \zeta^{-s} p(\zeta t)$, where ζ is any nth root of unity. Clearly, the stabilizer of p(t) is contained in \mathbb{Z}_s (as the constant term of q(t) is nonzero). So, it must be exactly \mathbb{Z}_s . Else, there will be more than n/s distinct monic irreducible divisors of $t^n - v$ of degree s, and their product must divide $t^n - v$, which is a contradiction. This means that p(t) cannot contain any terms other than t^s and the constant term, that is to say, $p(t) = t^s - f$ for $f \in F$. Hence, n/s is an integer, and $f^{n/s} = v$. Thus, the reverse direction of the claim holds. \square

3.2. The Nichols Hopf algebras E(n) are Galois-theoretical

Take $n \geq 1$. Let E(n) be the Nichols Hopf algebra of dimension 2^{n+1} , generated by a grouplike element g and (g, 1)-skew primitive elements x_1, \ldots, x_n , subject to relations

$$g^2 = 1$$
, $x_i^2 = 0$, $gx_i = -x_i g$, $x_i x_j = -x_j x_i$.

We have that E(n) acts inner faithfully on the commutative domain $\mathbb{k}[z]$ and field $\mathbb{k}(z)$ by

$$g \cdot z = -z, \quad x_i \cdot z = z^{2(i-1)}.$$

One sees this as $x_i \cdot z^r = 0$ for all i and r even. Thus, E(n) is Galois-theoretical by Lemma 9. By a similar argument to that in Section 3.1, $\mathbb{k}(z)$ is an inner faithful E(n)-module field.

To determine all inner faithful E(n)-module fields L, observe that $G(E(n)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ and use an argument similar to that in Section 3.1 to get the following result.

Proposition 19. The Hopf algebras E(n) are Galois-theoretical and the fields L that admit an inner faithful E(n)-action are precisely of the form

$$L = F[u]/(u^2 - v)$$

for $F = L^{E(n)}$, $u \in L_{(1)}$, and v a nonsquare element of F^{\times} . So, L is a quadratic Galois extension of its subfield of invariants F with Galois group \mathbb{Z}_2 . We have that $g \cdot u = -u$, $x_i \cdot u = w_i \in F$ for $\{w_i\}_{i=1,\dots n}$ linearly independent over k, and $g \cdot r_0 = r_0$, $x \cdot r_0 = 0$ for all $r_0 \in F$.

Proof. It suffices to establish inner faithfulness. Note that any nonzero Hopf ideal of E(n) has nonzero intersection with $\operatorname{span}_{\Bbbk}(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ [33, Cor. 5.4.7]. So if $\{w_i\}_{i=1,\ldots n}$ are linearly independent, then $\{x_i\}_{i=1,\ldots n}$ act by linearly independent linear transformations of L. Thus, the action is inner faithful. \square

Note that while E(n) can act inner faithfully on a field, it follows from the result above that E(n) cannot act faithfully on a field (and hence, on a commutative domain). Indeed, the elements $gx_i - x_i$ act necessarily by zero for all i.

We also have the following generalization of the proposition above.

Proposition 20. Retain the notation above. Let G be a finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{k})$. Then, one can form the semi-direct product Hopf algebra $\mathbb{k}G \ltimes E(n)$, where $GL_n(\mathbb{k})$ acts on E(n) by linear transformations of the skew primitive elements x_i for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Moreover, the Hopf algebra $\mathbb{k}G \ltimes E(n)$ is Galois theoretical.

Proof. For the first statement, note that one can check directly that the ideal of relations of E(n) is stable under the action of $\mathrm{GL}_n(\Bbbk)$. For the last statement, proceed as follows. Let $F = \Bbbk(w_1, \ldots, w_n)$, where $\{w_i\}$ are algebraically independent, which has an action of G via the embedding of G into $\mathrm{GL}_n(\Bbbk)$. Pick a non-square element $v \in (F^G)^{\times}$. Consider the E(n)-module field $L = F[u]/(u^2 - v)$. Then, the actions of G and of E(n) on E combine into an inner faithful action of E on E on E on E.

3.3. On the generalized Taft algebras $T(n, m, \alpha)$ being Galois-theoretical

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{k}$ and let n, m be positive integers so that m divides n. Let q be a primitive mth root of unity. Consider the generalized Taft algebra $T(n, m, \alpha)$, which is a Hopf algebra generated by a grouplike element g and (g, 1)-skew primitive element x, subject to the relations

$$g^n = 1$$
, $x^m = \alpha(g^m - 1)$, $gx = qxg$.

So, T(n, n, 0) = T(n) is a Taft algebra; see Section 3.1. The Galois-theoretical property of $T(n, m, \alpha)$ is given as follows.

Proposition 21. A generalized Taft algebra $T(n, m, \alpha)$ is Galois-theoretical if and only if m = n, that is to say, if and only if $T(n, m, \alpha)$ is a Taft algebra T(n).

Proof. If m = n, then $T(n, m, \alpha) = T(n)$, and is Galois-theoretical by Proposition 17.

By way of contradiction, suppose that n/m = s > 1, so that $T(n, m, \alpha)$ is not a Taft algebra. Since

$$g \cdot (x \cdot u) = qx \cdot (g \cdot u) = q\zeta x \cdot u = \zeta^{s+1} x \cdot u,$$

we get that $x \cdot u \in L_{(s+1)}$. Now $x \cdot u = r_0 u^{s+1}$ for some $r_0 \in F^{\times}$. Let [d] denote $\frac{1-\zeta^d}{1-\zeta}$. Then, $x \cdot u^d = [d]r_0 u^{s+d}$. Therefore,

$$x^{m} \cdot u = x^{m-1} \cdot r_{0}u^{s+1}$$

$$= x^{m-2} \cdot (r_{0}(x \cdot u^{s+1})) = x^{m-2} \cdot ([s+1]r_{0}^{2}u^{2s+1})$$

$$= x^{m-3} \cdot ([s+1][2s+1]r_{0}^{3}u^{3s+1})$$

$$\dots$$

$$= [s+1][2s+1] \cdots [(m-1)s+1]r_{0}^{m}uv,$$

with $[\ell s+1] \neq 0$ for $\ell = 1, \dots, m-1$. On the other hand, $\alpha(g^m-1) \cdot u = \alpha(\zeta^m-1)u$. Using the relation $x^m = \alpha(g^m-1)$, we get that

$$v = \frac{\alpha(\zeta^m - 1)}{[s+1][2s+1]\cdots[(m-1)s+1]} r_0^{-m}.$$

This yields a contradiction as v is a non-m-th power in F^{\times} . Thus, m=n as required. \square

3.4. On the book algebras $h(\zeta, p)$ being Galois-theoretical

Let p < n be coprime positive integers with $n \ge 2$ and let ζ be a primitive nth root of unity. The book algebra $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ is a Hopf algebra generated by a grouplike element g, a (1, g)-skew primitive element x_1 , and a $(g^p, 1)$ -skew primitive element x_2 , subject to relations:

$$g^n = 1$$
, $x_1^n = x_2^n = 0$, $gx_1 = \zeta x_1 g$, $gx_2 = \zeta^p x_2 g$, $x_1 x_2 = x_2 x_1$;

see [2, Intr.]. The Galois-theoretical property of $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ is given as follows.

Proposition 22. A book algebra $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ is Galois-theoretical if and only if p = 1. In this case, any $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, 1)$ -module field L is a cyclic degree n Galois extension of its subfield of invariants $L^{\mathbf{h}(\zeta, 1)}$ as in Lemma 16.

Proof. If p = 1, then $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ is Galois-theoretical since it acts inner faithfully on the commutative domain $\mathbb{k}[z]$ and field $\mathbb{k}(z)$ by

$$g \cdot z = \zeta^{-1}z$$
, $x_1 \cdot z = 1$, $x_2 \cdot z = 1$.

To see inner faithfulness, note that any nonzero Hopf ideal of $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, 1)$ contains either x_1 or x_2 [33, Cor. 5.4.7].

Suppose $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ is Galois-theoretical with module field L. Since $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, p)$ is generated by grouplike and skew primitive elements, $L^{\mathbf{h}(\zeta,p)} = L^{G(\mathbf{h}(\zeta,p))} = L^{\mathbb{Z}_n}$ by Theorem 11; let us denote this field by F. Then, \mathbb{Z}_n acts faithfully on L. By Lemma 16, $L = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} L_{(i)}$, where $g \cdot r = \zeta^{-i}r$ for all $r \in L_{(i)}$. We also have by Lemma 16 that $L_{(0)} = F$ and $L = F[u]/(u^n - v)$ for $u \in L_{(1)}$ and v a non-n'-th power in F^{\times} , for any n' > 1 dividing n.

Since $g \cdot (x_1 \cdot u) = \zeta x_1 \cdot (g \cdot u) = x_1 \cdot u$, we get that $x_1 \cdot u \in F$ and we can renormalize to assume that $x_1 \cdot u = 1$. We also get that

$$x_1 \cdot u^d = (1 + \zeta^{-1} + \dots + \zeta^{-(d-1)})u^{d-1},$$

for all $d \ge 1$. Moreover, $g \cdot (x_2 \cdot u) = \zeta^p x_2 \cdot (g \cdot u) = \zeta^{p-1}(x_2 \cdot u)$, so we get that $x_2 \cdot u \in L_{(1-p)}$. Hence, $x_2 \cdot u = r_0 u^{1-p}$ for $r_0 \in F^{\times}$. Now,

$$0 = (x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1) \cdot u = x_1 \cdot (r_0 u^{1-p}) - x_2 \cdot 1$$

= $r_0 (x_1 \cdot u^{1-p}) = r_0 v^{-1} (x_1 \cdot u^{n+1-p})$
= $r_0 (1 + \zeta^{-1} + \dots + \zeta^{-(n-p)}) u^{n-p}$.

So, $1 + \zeta^{-1} + \cdots + \zeta^{-(n-p)} = 0$, which implies that p = 1.

For any $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, 1)$ -module field L, we have that the structure of L is as described in Lemma 16. \square

3.5. The Hopf algebra H_{81} is Galois-theoretical

Let ω be a primitive cube root of unity. Let H_{81} denote the 81-dimensional Hopf algebra from [36, p. 1544]; see also [3, Thms. 3.6 and 3.7]. It is generated by a grouplike element g and (g, 1)-skew primitive elements x, y, subject to relations:

$$g^{3} = 1$$
, $gx = \omega xg$, $gy = \omega yg$, $x^{3} = 0$, $y^{3} = 0$, $x^{2}y + xyx + yx^{2} = 0$, $y^{2}x + yxy + xy^{2} = 0$, $(xy - \omega yx)^{3} = 0$.

Note that the relation $(xy - \omega yx)^3 = 0$ is accidentally omitted in [36, p. 1544].

Proposition 23. The Hopf algebra H_{81} is Galois-theoretical and the fields L that admit an inner faithful H_{81} -action are precisely of the form

$$L = F[u]/(u^3 - v)$$

for $F = L^{H_{81}}$, $u \in L_{(1)}$, and v a non-cube element of F^{\times} . So, L is a cyclic, degree 3 Galois extension of its subfield of invariants F with Galois group \mathbb{Z}_3 . We have that $g \cdot u = \omega^{-1}u$, $x \cdot u = w_1$, $y \cdot u = w_2 \in F$ for $w_1, w_2 \in F$ linearly independent over \mathbb{R} . Here, $g \cdot r_0 = r_0$, $x \cdot r_0 = y \cdot r_0 = 0$ for all $r_0 \in F$.

Proof. Applying Lemma 9, we have that H_{81} is Galois-theoretical as it acts on $\mathbb{k}[z]$ inner faithfully by

$$g \cdot z = \omega^{-1}z$$
, $x \cdot z = 1$, $y \cdot z = z^3$.

(One also gets that H_{81} acts inner faithfully on $\mathbb{k}(z)$ by the same action.) Indeed, it is clear that g^3-1 , $gx-\omega xg$, and $gy-\omega yg$ act on $\mathbb{k}[z]$ by zero. For the rest of the relations, note that any monomial in x,y of degree ≥ 3 acts by zero in $\mathbb{k}[z]$. To determine H_{81} -module fields L, first observe that $G(H_{81})=\mathbb{Z}_3$. By an argument similar to that in Section 3.2, the result holds. \square

We also have the following generalization of Proposition 23.

Proposition 24. Retain the notation above. Let G be a finite subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{k})$. Then one can form the semi-direct product $\mathbb{k}G \ltimes H_{81}$ where $GL_2(\mathbb{k})$ acts on H_{81} by linear transformations of the skew primitive elements x and y. Moreover, $\mathbb{k}G \ltimes H_{81}$ is Galois theoretical.

Proof. For the first statement, one can check that the ideal of relations of H_{81} is stable under the action of $GL_2(\mathbb{k})$. To get the last statement, adapt the proof of Proposition 20.

3.6. The Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical, but $\operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$ is not

Let $m \geq 2$ and let q be a root of unity in k with $\operatorname{ord}(q^2)=m$. Consider the m^3 -dimensional Hopf algebra H_{λ} , generated by a grouplike element k, a (k,1)-skew primitive element e, and a $(1, k^{-1})$ -skew primitive element f. Let H_{λ} have relations:

$$ef - fe = \lambda \frac{k - k^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}, \quad ke = q^2 ek, \quad kf = q^{-2} fk, \quad e^m = f^m = 0, \quad k^m = 1.$$

Note that if $\lambda \neq 0$, then $H_{\lambda} \cong u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, and without loss of generality we can take $\lambda = 1$ in this case. Otherwise, $H_{\lambda=0}$ is isomorphic to the associated graded Hopf algebra $\operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$. Part (2) of the result below recovers [34, Cor. 3.7].

Proposition 25. We have the following statements.

- (1) The associated graded Hopf algebra $\operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$ is not Galois-theoretical.
- (2) The Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical and the fields L that admit an inner faithful $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -action are precisely of the form $L = F[u]/(u^m v)$ for $F = L^{u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)}$, $u \in L_{(1)}$, and v is a non-m'-th root in F^{\times} , for any m' > 1 dividing m. In other words, L is a cyclic degree m Galois extension of its subfield of invariants F with Galois group \mathbb{Z}_m . Moreover, we have that

$$e \cdot u = 1, \qquad f \cdot u = -qu^2, \qquad k \cdot u = q^{-2}u,$$

and
$$e \cdot r_0 = f \cdot r_0 = 0$$
, $k \cdot r_0 = r_0$ for all $r_0 \in F$.

Proof. (1) Suppose that H_{λ} is Galois-theoretical with module field L; we will show that $\lambda \neq 0$. The subalgebra generated by $\{k, e\}$, which is isomorphic to the Taft algebra T(m), acts inner faithfully on L by Proposition 10(3). By Lemma 16 and Proposition 17, $L = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{m-1} L_{(i)} = F[u]/(u^m - v)$ where $L_{(i)} = \{r \in L \mid k \cdot r = q^{-2i}r\}$, so $L_{(0)} = L^{T(m)} =: F$ and $u \in L_{(1)}$. So for $u \in L_{(1)}$ and $r_0 \in F$, we have that

$$k \cdot u = q^{-2}u$$
, $e \cdot u = 1$, $k \cdot r_0 = r_0$, $e \cdot r_0 = 0$.

Since $k \cdot (f \cdot u) = q^{-2} f \cdot (k \cdot u) = q^{-4} (f \cdot u)$, we get that $f \cdot u = r_0 u^2$ for some $r_0 \in F^{\times}$.

Now we use the relation $ef - fe = \lambda(k - k^{-1})/(q - q^{-1})$ to verify part (1). On the one hand, we have that

$$(ef - fe) \cdot u = e \cdot (r_0 u^2) - f \cdot 1 = r_0 (e \cdot u^2)$$
$$= r_0 ((k \cdot u)(e \cdot u) + (e \cdot u)u) = r_0 (q^{-2} + 1)u.$$

On the other hand, we get that

$$\left(\lambda \frac{k - k^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}\right) \cdot u = \frac{\lambda}{q - q^{-1}} (q^{-2} - q^2)u.$$

Thus,

$$r_0 = \lambda \frac{(q^{-2} - q^2)}{(q - q^{-1})(q^{-2} + 1)} = -\lambda q.$$

Since $r_0 \in F^{\times}$, we must have that $\lambda \neq 0$, as required.

(2) Here, we show that $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical, then we use the work in part (1) to determine the structure of its module fields. First, $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ acts on the polynomial ring $\mathbb{k}[z]$ and the field $\mathbb{k}(z)$ by

$$e \cdot z = 1$$
, $f \cdot z = -qz^2$, $k \cdot z = q^{-2}z$.

The action is inner faithful as the skew primitive elements do not act by zero; see [33, Cor. 5.4.7]. Hence, $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical. Now for any $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module field L, we have that $L^{u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)} = L^{G(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))} = L^{\mathbb{Z}_m} =: F$ where \mathbb{Z}_m acts faithfully on L by Theorem 11. By Lemma 16, the structure of L is as claimed and part (2) holds. \square

We also have a slight reformulation of Proposition 25(2), which will be used in the sequel of this article. Let q be a primitive mth root of unity. Let K_q be the m^3 -dimensional Hopf algebra generated by the grouplike element g and (g,1)-skew primitive elements x and y, subject to relations:

$$g^{m} = 1$$
, $x^{m} = y^{m} = 0$, $gx = qxg$, $gy = q^{-1}yg$, $yx - qxy = 1 - g^{2}$.

Proposition 26. The Hopf algebra K_q is Galois-theoretical.

Proof. We see that K_{q^2} is isomorphic to $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, where we identify g, x, y with k, $e, (q-q^{-1})kf$, respectively. \square

3.7. Galois-theoretical twists of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ and of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$

In this section, let $q \in \mathbb{k}$ be a root of unity of odd order $m \geq 3$ as in Equation 2, and let $n \geq 2$. Recall the definition of the Kac–De Concini quantum group $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ and the small quantum group $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ from Section 1.2. In this subsection, we need extensions of these quantum groups associated to \mathfrak{gl}_n .

To define these extensions, we first define commuting automorphisms g_i of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, for $i = 1, \ldots, n$, by the formulas

$$g_i(k_i) = k_i$$
, $g_i(e_i) = q^{\delta_{ij} - \delta_{i,j+1}} e_j$, $g_i(f_i) = q^{-\delta_{ij} + \delta_{i,j+1}} f_i$.

It is easy to see we get that $g_i g_{i+1}^{-1}$ coincides with the inner automorphism defined by the grouplike element k_i for each $i=1,\ldots,n-1$. Moreover, the automorphisms g_i clearly descend to the quotient Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, where they satisfy the relations $g_i^m = 1$. This prompts the following definition.

Definition 10. The Hopf algebra $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ is the smash product of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ with the group \mathbb{Z}^n generated by the g_i , modulo the relations $g_ig_{i+1}^{-1} = k_i$.

The finite dimensional Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ is the smash product of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ with the group $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^n$ generated by the g_i , modulo the relations $g_ig_{i+1}^{-1} = k_i$.

More explicitly, $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ is the Hopf algebra generated by grouplike elements g_i for i = 1, ..., n, $(k_j, 1)$ -skew primitive elements e_j , and $(1, k_j^{-1})$ -skew primitive

elements f_j , for $k_j := g_j g_{j+1}^{-1}$, with j = 1, ..., n-1, subject to relations:

$$\begin{split} g_{i}e_{j}g_{i}^{-1} &= q^{\delta_{ij}-\delta_{i,j+1}}e_{j}, & g_{i}f_{j}g_{i}^{-1} &= q^{-\delta_{ij}+\delta_{i,j+1}}f_{j}, \\ e_{i}e_{j} &= e_{j}e_{i}, & f_{i}f_{j} &= f_{j}f_{i}, & (|i-j| \geq 2), \\ e_{i}^{2}e_{j} - (q+q^{-1})e_{i}e_{j}e_{i} + e_{j}e_{i}^{2} &= 0, & (|i-j| = 1), \\ f_{i}^{2}f_{j} - (q+q^{-1})f_{i}f_{j}f_{i} + f_{j}f_{i}^{2} &= 0, & (|i-j| = 1), \\ g_{i}g_{j} &= g_{j}g_{i}, & e_{i}f_{j} - f_{j}e_{i} &= \delta_{ij}(k_{i} - k_{i}^{-1})/(q-q^{-1}), \\ g_{i}^{m} &= 1, & (e_{\alpha}^{S})^{m} &= (f_{\alpha}^{S})^{m} &= 0, & \alpha > 0, \end{split}$$

where e_{α}^{S} and f_{α}^{S} are the quantum root elements attached to a reduced decomposition S of the maximal element w_{0} of the symmetric group, as in Section 1.2. It is easy to see that $u_{q}(\mathfrak{gl}_{n})$ has dimension $m^{n^{2}}$.

In our first result of this section, we show that $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical.

Proposition 27. The Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical and the fields L that admit an inner faithful $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ -action are precisely of the form

$$L = F[u, u']/(u^m - v, u'^m - v')$$

for $F = L^{u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)}$, $u \in L_{(1)}$, for some $v, v' \in F^{\times}$ so that L is a field. In other words, L is a Galois extension of its subfield of invariants F with Galois group $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m$.

Proof. We have that $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ acts on the field $\mathbb{k}(z)$ by extending the action of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ on $\mathbb{k}(z)$ from Proposition 25(2) as follows:

$$g_1 \cdot z = q^{-1}z$$
, $g_2 \cdot z = qz$, $e \cdot z = 1$, $f \cdot z = -qz^2$.

The action is inner faithful as the skew primitive elements do not act by zero; see [33, Cor. 5.4.7]. Hence, $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical. Also by Theorem 11, $L^{u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)} = L^{\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m}$, which implies the second statement. \square

To study the Galois-theoretical property of twists of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ and of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$, consider the quantum polynomial algebra

$$A_q = \mathbb{k}\langle z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle / (z_i z_j - q z_j z_i)_{i < j}.$$

By [23, Thm. 4.1], we have that A_q is a left $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ -module algebra with the following action:

$$e_i \cdot z_{i+1} = z_i, \quad f_i \cdot z_i = z_{i+1}, \quad g_i \cdot z_j = q^{\delta_{ij}} z_j,$$

 $e_i \cdot z_j = 0, \quad f_i \cdot z_{j'} = 0,$

for $j \neq i+1$, $j' \neq i$. Thus, we have the following result.

Lemma 28. The action of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ on A_q above descends to an inner faithful action of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ on A_q .

Proof. We have that $g_i^m - 1$, $(e_\alpha^S)^m$, $(f_\alpha^S)^m$ generate a Hopf ideal of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$. So, to check that this Hopf ideal acts by zero on A_q , it suffices to check that it acts by zero on the generators of A_q , in this case, z_i . It is obvious that g_i^m acts as the identity on A_q . Moreover, $(e_\alpha^S)^m$ (resp., $(f_\alpha^S)^m$) act by zero on the generators z_j , as $(e_\alpha^S)^m$ (resp., $(f_\alpha^S)^m$) contains more than one copy of some e_i (resp. some f_i).

Since $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ is of finite Cartan type, and thus generated by the degree one part of its coradical filtration, the only skew primitive elements of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ modulo the trivial ones, up to multiplication by grouplike elements and up to scaling, are e_i and f_i . One sees this as follows. Let $H = \operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n))$. Then, it is known that H^* is a Hopf subalgebra in $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{gl}_n) \otimes u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$, so it is generated in degree 1, i.e., by the grouplike elements and e_i , f_i . (This is also a special case of Theorem 6, as H^* is pointed with an abelian group of grouplike elements.) This implies that any homogeneous skew-primitive element x of H of degree ≥ 2 is zero. Indeed, $\langle x, ab \rangle = \langle \Delta(x), a \otimes b \rangle = 0$ if $a, b \in H^*$ are of positive degree, but any element of degree ≥ 2 in H^* is a linear combination of elements of the form ab with $\deg(a), \deg(b) \geq 1$. Thus, any skew-primitive element in H modulo trivial ones is a product of a grouplike element with e_i or f_i up to scaling. Hence, the same is true for $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$.

Hence, the action of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ on A_q is inner faithful since any nonzero Hopf ideal of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ has a nonzero intersection with the span of skew primitive elements of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ [33, Cor. 5.4.7]. \square

Recall the discussion in Section 1.4. Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^n$ be the Cartan subgroup of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ and let $\chi_i \in \widehat{G}$ be defined as $\chi_i(p_1, \ldots, p_n) = q^{p_i}$. Let J^+ and J^- be Drinfeld twists of kG so that

$$\sigma_{J^+}(\chi_i,\chi_j) = \begin{cases} q & \text{ for } i > j, \\ 1 & \text{ for } i \leq j \end{cases} \quad \text{ and } \quad \sigma_{J^-}(\chi_i,\chi_j) = \begin{cases} q & \text{ for } i < j, \\ 1 & \text{ for } i \geq j. \end{cases}$$

Note that the twist $(J^{\pm})^{-1}$ is gauge equivalent to J^{\mp} .

Let us identify G with G(H) via $(p_1, \ldots, p_n) \mapsto g_1^{p_1} \ldots g_n^{p_n}$. Then, we have the following result.

Proposition 29. The twists $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^+}$ and $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^-}$ are Galois-theoretical.

Proof. Since A_q is an inner faithful left $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ -module algebra, $(A_q)_{J^+}$ is an inner faithful left $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^+}$ -module algebra. Now by Lemma 9, it suffices to show that $(A_q)_{J^+}$ is a commutative domain. By Theorem 8, we get that $\mathbb{k}[z_1,\ldots,z_n]_{(J^+)^{-1}}\cong A_q$. Thus, $\mathbb{k}[z_1,\ldots,z_n]=(\mathbb{k}[z_1,\ldots,z_n]_{(J^+)^{-1}})_{J^+}=(A_q)_{J^+}$.

By using the map Φ that relabels indices by $i \mapsto n+1-i$, we get that $A_{q^{-1}} = \Phi(A_q)$ is a left $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n) = \Phi(u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n))$ -module algebra. Following the argument above, we get that $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^-}$ is also Galois-theoretical. \square

Proposition 29 allows us to show that some quotients of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^{\pm}}$ are also Galois-theoretical. Namely, let C be the subgroup of central grouplike elements in G = G(H). It is clear that an element $g = g_1^{p_1} \cdots g_n^{p_n}$ is central if and only if $p_i = p_{i+1}$ for all i, that is to say, $g := (g_1 \cdots g_n)^t$ for some integer $t \geq 1$. So the group C is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ and is generated by $c := g_1 \cdots g_n$. Now, consider the Hopf algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{[s]} := u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)/(c^s - 1)$.

Proposition 30. We have that $(u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{[s]})^{J^{\pm}}$ is Galois-theoretical.

Proof. Let L be the $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^{\pm}}$ -module field obtained from Proposition 29. Let $Q = \{z \in L \mid c^s \cdot z = z\}$. Then, Q is a $(u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{[s]})^{J^{\pm}}$ -module field, and it is easy to check directly that the action of $(u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{[s]})^{J^{\pm}}$ on this field is inner faithful. \square

The algebra $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ has a subgroup $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ consisting of central grouplike elements, and its intersection with the group $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ generated by c is $\mathbb{Z}/\gcd(m,n)\mathbb{Z}$. So the intersection of these subgroups is trivial if and only if $\gcd(m,n)=1$. Thus, $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)/(c-1)=u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ for m and n relatively prime, and we have the following result.

Corollary 31. If m and n are relatively prime, then we have that $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^{\pm}}$ are Galois-theoretical (where we abuse notation and denote by J^{\pm} the images of the twists J^{\pm} in the quotient). \square

In general, we get that $(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)/(c^s-1))^{J^{\pm}}$ is Galois-theoretical for $s=m/\gcd(m,n)$.

Remark 4. We will show in Part II of this work that, in contrast with the above result, untwisted $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ is not Galois-theoretical for $n \geq 3$. We will also show that the twists J^+ and J^- are the only twists J coming from the Cartan subgroup that make $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^J$ Galois-theoretical. For $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$, the situation is similar.

3.8. A modification of $u_{a^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ that is Galois-theoretical

Let $m \geq 2$ and let q be a primitive mth root of unity in k. We consider a modification $u_q'(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ of the Hopf algebra $u_{q^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ that is of finite Cartan type. We will see that this is a special case of the Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra $u_{q^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)^{J^+}$ considered above. The computations below follow similarly to those in previous sections, so some details are omitted.

Definition 11. The m^4 -dimensional Hopf algebra $u_q'(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is generated by group-like elements γ_1, γ_2 , a $(\gamma_1, 1)$ -skew primitive element x_1 , and a $(\gamma_2, 1)$ -skew primitive element x_2 , subject to relations:

$$\gamma_1^m = \gamma_2^m = 1$$
, $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 = \gamma_2 \gamma_1$, $x_1^m = x_2^m = 0$, $x_2 x_1 - q x_1 x_2 = 1 - \gamma_1 \gamma_2$, $\gamma_1 x_1 = q x_1 \gamma_1$, $\gamma_1 x_2 = q^{-1} x_2 \gamma_1$, $\gamma_2 x_1 = q x_1 \gamma_2$, $\gamma_2 x_2 = q^{-1} x_2 \gamma_2$.

We have the following two results.

Proposition 32. Let q be a primitive mth root of unity in k as in Equation 2. Then, we have an isomorphism of Hopf algebras $\phi: u'_{q^2}(\mathfrak{gl}_2) \to u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)^{(J^+)^{-1}}$ given by the formulas

$$\phi(\gamma_1) = g_1^2, \quad \phi(\gamma_2) = g_2^{-2}, \quad \phi(x_1) = eg_1, \quad \phi(x_2) = (q - q^{-1})g_2^{-1}f,$$

where the twist J^+ is defined in Section 3.7 for n=2.

Proof. One can check this by direct computation. Here, $G = (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^2$ is the group of grouplike elements of $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ and we have that $J^+ = \sum_{\chi,\psi \in \widehat{G}} \sigma_{J^+}(\chi,\psi) \mathbf{1}_\chi \otimes \mathbf{1}_\psi$, where $\mathbf{1}_\chi e = e \mathbf{1}_{\chi - \chi_1 + \chi_2}$ and $\mathbf{1}_\chi f = f \mathbf{1}_{\chi + \chi_1 - \chi_2}$.

Proposition 33. The Hopf algebra $u'_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical, and the fields L that admit an inner faithful $u'_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ -action are of the form

$$L = F[u, u']/(u^m - v, u'^m - v')$$

for $F = L^{u_q'(\mathfrak{gl}_2)}$, for some $v, v' \in F^{\times}$ so that L is a field. In other words, L is a Galois extension of its subfield of invariants $L^{u_q'(\mathfrak{gl}_2)}$ with Galois group $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m$.

Proof. We have that $u'_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ acts inner faithfully on the field $\mathbb{k}(z_1, z_2)$ by

$$\gamma_1 \cdot z_1 = qz_1, \qquad \gamma_1 \cdot z_2 = z_2, \quad \gamma_2 \cdot z_1 = z_1, \quad \gamma_2 \cdot z_2 = qz_2,
x_1 \cdot z_1 = (1-q)z_1^2 z_2, \quad x_1 \cdot z_2 = 0, \quad x_2 \cdot z_1 = 0, \quad x_2 \cdot z_2 = 1/z_1.$$

Hence, $u_q'(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical. Also by Theorem 11, $L^{u_q'(\mathfrak{gl}_2)} = L^{\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m}$, which implies the second statement. \square

3.9. Galois-theoretical twists of $u_{\overline{q}}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$

Keep the notation of Section 1.2. First, let q be a variable (i.e., we work over $\mathbb{k}[q,q^{-1}]$). Fix an orientation of edges on the Dynkin diagram of \mathfrak{g} , and denote the corresponding oriented diagram by Q.

To examine the Galois-theoretical property of twists of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, we consider the quantum polynomial algebra

$$A_{q,Q} := \mathbb{k}\langle z_1, \dots, z_r \rangle / (z_i z_j - q^{\pm d_i a_{ij}} z_j z_i)_{i < j},$$

 $i=1,\ldots,r$, where $\{z_i\}$ correspond to the vertices of the Dynkin diagram Q. Here, the power of q is d_ia_{ij} if the edge i-j is oriented as $i\to j$, and is $-d_ia_{ij}$ otherwise. We have the following well-known proposition, which can be proved directly.

Proposition 34 ([24], [17, Prop. 3.1]). The algebra $A_{q,Q}$ is a quotient of the subalgebra $\mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$ of $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ generated by the $\{e_i\}$, with the quotient map sending e_i to z_i . Namely, $A_{q,Q} \cong \mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g})/I_Q$, where $I_Q = \langle e_i e_j - q^{\pm d_i a_{ij}} e_j e_i \rangle_{i < j}$. \square

The next proposition claims that the adjoint action of $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ on $\mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$ descends to an action on $A_{q,Q}$.

Proposition 35. We have that $A_{q,Q}$ is a left $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module algebra, where the action is induced by the (left) adjoint action of $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ on itself. In other words, $h \cdot a = \sum h_1 aS(h_2)$ for $h, a \in \mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, so

$$k_i \cdot e_j = q^{d_i a_{ij}} e_j$$
 and $e_i \cdot e_j = -q^{d_i a_{ij}} e_j e_i + e_i e_j$.

Proof. To verify the claim, it suffices to show that the ideal I_Q is $\mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$ -stable under the adjoint action. Indeed, it is clear that the action of k_ℓ stabilizes I_Q . Note that

$$e_{\ell} \cdot u = e_{\ell}u - k_{\ell}uk_{\ell}^{-1}e_{\ell},$$

for any $u \in \mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$. So, any two-sided ideal of $\mathcal{U}_q^+(\mathfrak{g})$ stable under the adjoint actions of $\{k_\ell\}$ is also stable under the action of $\{e_\ell\}$, and we are done. \square

Now let us specialize q to a root of unity of order m as in Equation 2 of Section 1.2. Moreover, let C be the subgroup of central grouplike elements of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$; it consists of elements $\prod_i k_i^{\ell_i}$, such that $\sum_i \ell_i d_i a_{ij}$ is divisible by m for all j. Then we have the following proposition.

Proposition 36. Assume Equation 2. The action of $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ on $A_{q,Q}$ descends to an action of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})/(c-1)_{c\in C}$. Moreover, this action is inner faithful.

Proof. Let J be the kernel of the projection $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g}) \to u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, which is a Hopf ideal. We need to show that J acts by zero in $A_{q,Q}$, i.e., that $k_i^m - 1$ and $(e_\alpha^S)^m$ act by zero. Let $Z_0^{\geq 0} \subset \mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ be the subalgebra generated by these elements. By [12, Prop. 5.6(d)] and [11, Cor. 3.1], we have that $Z_0^{\geq 0}$ is a Hopf subalgebra of $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ generated by central elements. Hence, if $h \in Z_0^{\geq 0}$, then $h \cdot a = \sum h_1 a S(h_2) = \sum a h_1 S(h_2) = \varepsilon(h)a$, as desired. The inner faithfulness is clear, as the kernel for the action of the grouplike elements is exactly C, and all skew primitive elements e_i of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ act nontrivially by the definition of the $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ -action on $A_{q,Q}$ from Proposition 35. \square

Recall the discussion in Section 1.4. Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^r = G(u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g}))$, and let $\alpha_i \in \widehat{G}$ be the simple root characters defined by $\alpha_i(k_j) = q^{d_i a_{ij}}$. Assume that

 $m=\operatorname{ord}(q)$ of Equation 2 is relatively prime to $\det(a_{ij})$, and to 3 in type G_2 . (3)

In this case, $C = \{1\}$, and α_i are independent generators of \widehat{G} . Thus, there is a unique, up to gauge transformations, Drinfeld twist J_Q of kG such that

$$b_{J_Q}(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) = \begin{cases} q^{d_i a_{ij}} & \text{for } i \to j \text{ in } Q, \\ q^{-d_i a_{ij}} & \text{for } i \leftarrow j \text{ in } Q, \\ 1 & \text{for } i \text{ not connected to } j \text{ in } Q. \end{cases}$$

$$(4)$$

To see this, recall Proposition 7. For example, one may take the twist J_Q defined by

$$\sigma_{J_Q}(\alpha_j, \alpha_i) = \begin{cases} q^{d_i a_{ij}} & \text{for } i \to j \text{ in } Q, \\ 1 & \text{for } i \leftarrow j \text{ in } Q, \\ 1 & \text{for } i \text{ not connected to } j \text{ in } Q. \end{cases}$$
 (5)

So we have 2^{r-1} such twists, up to gauge transformations. Namely, they are parametrized by orientations of the Dynkin diagram, which has r-1 edges, where $r = \text{rank}(\mathfrak{g})$. Then, we have the following result.

Proposition 37. Assume Equation 3. Then, the twists $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})^J$ are Galois-theoretical for each $J = J_Q$ as in (4).

Proof. By Proposition 36 and under the assumption of Equation 3, we have that $A_{q,Q}$ is a left $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module algebra. Hence, $(A_{q,Q})_J$ is a left $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})^J$ -module algebra. Now by Lemma 9, it suffices to show that $(A_{q,Q})_J$ is a commutative domain. By Theorem 8, we get that $\mathbb{k}[z_1,\ldots,z_n]_{J^{-1}}=A_{q,Q}$. Thus, $\mathbb{k}[z_1,\ldots,z_n]=(\mathbb{k}[z_1,\ldots,z_n]_{J^{-1}})_J=(A_{q,Q})_J$. \square

Remark 5. We will show in Part II of this work that the twists J_Q above are the only ones coming from the Cartan subgroup of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ so that $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})^{J_Q}$ is Galois-theoretical. In particular, the Hopf algebra $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ is not Galois-theoretical, unless $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$. We will also see in Part II that the full small quantum group $u_q(\mathfrak{g})$ does not become Galois-theoretical under twists coming from the Cartan subgroup, unless $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$.

If we are not in the setting of Equation 3, that is to say, if m is not relatively prime to the determinant of the Cartan matrix (or to 3 for type G_2), then the twists J_Q as above do not exist in general. Indeed, consider the case of type A_{n-1} . Then $\det(a_{ij}) = n$ and $d_i = 1$. Let $\omega_i \in \widehat{G}$ be such that $\omega_i(k_j) = q^{\delta_{ij}}$, so that $\alpha_i = \prod_k \omega_k^{a_{ik}}$. Let $b_J(\omega_k, \alpha_j) = c_{kj}$. Then from (4), we get that:

$$\prod_{k} c_{kj}^{a_{ik}} = q^{a_{ij}} \text{ if } i \to j, \qquad \prod_{k} c_{kj}^{a_{ik}} = q^{-a_{ij}} \text{ if } i \leftarrow j,$$

$$\prod_{k} c_{kj}^{a_{ik}} = 1 \text{ if } i \text{ not connected to } j.$$

Recall that c_{kj} are mth roots of 1; so let $c_{ij} = q^{b_{ij}}$, $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$. Then, we get that:

$$\sum_{k} a_{ik} b_{kj} = a_{ij} \text{ if } i \to j, \qquad \sum_{k} a_{ik} b_{kj} = -a_{ij} \text{ if } i \leftarrow j,$$
$$\sum_{k} a_{ik} b_{kj} = 0 \text{ if } i \text{ not connected to } j$$

in $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$.

Assume that gcd(m, n) = d. The equations above yield

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{ik} b_{kj} = s_{ij} a_{ij} \mod m, \tag{6}$$

where s_{ij} equals 1 if $i \to j$, equals -1 if $i \leftarrow j$, and equals 0 if i is not connected to j. We also have that $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i a_{ik} = 0 \mod n$. Hence, $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (im/d) a_{ik} = 0 \mod m$. (Indeed, if ℓ is divisible by n, then $m\ell/d$ is divisible by mn/d, and hence by m.) Therefore, $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (im/d) a_{ik} b_{kj} = 0 \mod m$. Now by Equation 6, we get that

$$\sum_{i} \frac{im}{d} s_{ij} a_{ij} = 0 \mod m.$$

In particular, taking j=1, we get that $2m/d=0 \mod m$. So, d divides 2. Hence, we must have d=1, since d divides m which is odd by Equation 2. Therefore, such a twist J_Q does not exist.

However, this issue can be remedied by considering the following Hopf algebra.

Definition 12. The small quantum group of adjoint type, denoted by $\widetilde{u}_q(\mathfrak{g})$, is generated by $u_q(\mathfrak{g})/(c-1)_{c\in C}$ and commuting grouplike elements g_i , subject to relations

$$g_i e_j g_i^{-1} = q^{\delta_{ij}} e_j, \quad g_i f_j g_i^{-1} = q^{-\delta_{ij}} f_j, \quad g_i^m = 1, \quad k_i = \prod_i g_j^{d_i a_{ij}}.$$

It has dimension $m^{\dim(\mathfrak{g})}$, and is related to the adjoint group of \mathfrak{g} .

Now $\widetilde{u}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ has a Hopf subalgebra $\widetilde{u}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, which acts inner faithfully on $A_{q,Q}$ (namely, the action is extended via $g_i \cdot z_j = q^{\delta_{ij}} z_j$). Let G' be the group of grouplike elements of $\widetilde{u}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, and let α_i be the generators of \widehat{G}' defined by $\alpha_i(g_j) = q^{\delta_{ij}}$. Hence, Equation 5 for σ_{J_Q} has a unique solution and we obtain the result below.

Proposition 38. The twists $\widetilde{u}_{\overline{q}}^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})^{J_Q}$ are Galois-theoretical.

This provides $2^{\operatorname{rank}(\mathfrak{g})-1}$ Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras, without assuming the condition Equation 3 on m.

Remark 6. We thank Milen Yakimov for the following remark that, in fact, there is a different way to construct the $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module algebras $A_{q,Q}$. Namely, $A_{q,Q}$ arises as a coideal subalgebra of $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$, and since $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ is self-dual, $A_{q,Q}$ also arises as a $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module algebra. We see this as follows.

There are general classification results for coideal subalgebras in $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ by Heckenberger–Schneider [22] and by Heckenberger–Kolb [21]. The results are that under certain natural conditions all (one-sided) coideal subalgebras are tensor products of the Cartan part of $\mathcal{U}_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ with $\mathcal{U}^+[w]$ for $w \in W$ (the Weyl group). The second factor is a q-analog of $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{n}_+ \cap w(\mathfrak{n}_-))$.

All $\mathcal{U}^+[w]$ are iterated Ore extensions, which are q-polynomial rings if and only if w has no repeating simple reflections in one (hence, in every) reduced decomposition, that is to say, if and only if the w is a subexpression of a Coxeter element. Also, it is not hard to show that at roots of unity, the coaction of the quantum group on its coideal subalgebra descends to the small quantum group, and is inner faithful if and only if w is a Coxeter element.

Therefore, the $\mathcal{U}^+[w]$ that (1) admit an inner faithful action of $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ and (2) are isomorphic to a q-polynomial algebras, are exactly those coming from the Coxeter elements of W.

To relate this construction to our construction of an inner faithful $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module algebra, we need to define a bijection between orientations of the Dynkin diagram and Coxeter elements in W. Namely, an orientation of the Dynkin diagram defines a partial order on vertices, and we can extend it to a total order and write the corresponding word $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_r}$, which is a Coxeter element of W. Then, one can show that any two such total orderings give the same element of W. Conversely, given a Coxeter element, we can say that $i \to j$ if s_i appears before s_j in the word, and this defines an orientation on the Dynkin diagram. See [19, Exercise 3.2].

3.10. Non-pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras

Consider the following example from [16].

Example 1 ([16, Example 3.16]). Let n, m be positive integers and let q be a primitive mth root of unity. Consider the generalized Taft algebra K = T(nm, m, 1) (from Section 3.3) generated by a grouplike element g and a (1, g)-skew primitive element x, subject to relations $g^{nm} = 1$, $x^m = g^m - 1$, and gx = qxg. We get that K coacts inner-faithfully on k(z) by the formula $\rho(z) = z \otimes g + 1 \otimes x$. We also have that K is not basic. Thus, $H = K^*$ is a non-pointed Galois-theoretical Hopf algebra by Lemma 9.

3.11. On duals and twistings of Galois-theoretical Hopf algebras

We now discuss the preservation of the Galois-theoretical property under taking Hopf duals and twists. The results about twists (parts (2) and (3) below) were observed by Cesar Galindo; we thank him for allowing us to use this result.

Proposition 39. The Galois-theoretical property is preserved neither under

- (1) Hopf dual,
- (2) 2-cocycle deformation (that alters multiplication), nor
- (3) Drinfeld twist (that alters comultiplication).
- *Proof.* (1) Consider Example 1: the Hopf dual of a generalized Taft algebra T(nm, m, 1) is Galois-theoretical. However, T(nm, m, 1) is not Galois-theoretical by Proposition 21. More simply, one could also use a group algebra of a finite non-abelian group as a counterexample by Proposition 10(1,2).
- (2) Consider Proposition 25: $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is Galois-theoretical, yet its associated graded Hopf algebra $\operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$ is not. Moreover, $\operatorname{gr}(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$ is a 2-cocycle deformation of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ by [32, Thm. 7.8].
- (3) Consider a Galois-theoretical group algebra kG and take a nontrivial Drinfeld twist J of kG so that $(kG)^J$ is noncocommutative. Note that $(kG)^J$ is a semisimple Hopf algebra. So if $(kG)^J$ is Galois-theoretical, then by Proposition 10(2), $(kG)^J$ is a group algebra, which yields a contradiction.

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