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Non-abelian Hopf cohomology

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Abstract

We introduce non-abelian cohomology sets of Hopf algebras with coefficients in Hopf modules. We prove that these sets generalize Serre's non-abelian group cohomology theory. Using descent techniques, we establish that our construction enables to classify as well twisted forms for modules over Hopf-Galois extensions as torsors over Hopf-modules.

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Introduction

The aim of this article is to extend to Hopf algebras the concept of non-abelian cohomology of groups. Introduced in 1958 by Lang and Tate [8] for Galois groups with coefficients in an algebraic group, the non-abelian cohomology theory in degree 0 and 1 was formalized by Serre [12,13]. For an arbitrary group G acting on a group A which is not necessarily abelian, Serre constructs a 0-cohomology group $H^0(G, A)$ and a 1-cohomology pointed set $H^1(G, A)$. These objects generalize the two first groups of the classical Eilenberg–MacLane cohomology sequence $H^*(G, A) = \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{Z}[G]}^*(\mathbf{Z}, A)$, defined only when A is abelian. It is well known that the non-abelian cohomology set $H^1(G, A)$ classifies the torsors on A (see [13]).

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The non-abelian cohomology theory of groups comes naturally into play in the particular case where S/R is a G -Galois extension of rings in the sense of [9]. The situation is the following: a finite group G acts on a ring extension S/R and, in a compatible way, on an S -module M . The coefficient group is then the group of S -automorphisms $A = \text{Aut}_S(M)$ of M . In [10], one of the authors showed that the set $H^1(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$ classifies as well descent cocycles on M as twisted forms of M .

Galois extensions of rings may be viewed as particular cases of Hopf-Galois extensions defined by Kreimer–Takeuchi [7], where a Hopf algebra H (non-necessarily commutative nor cocommutative) plays the rôle of the Galois group. Indeed, given a group G , a G -Galois extension of rings is nothing but a \mathbf{Z}^G -Hopf-Galois extension of rings, where \mathbf{Z}^G stands for the dual Hopf algebra of the group ring $\mathbf{Z}[G]$.

Suppose now fixed a ground ring k , a Hopf algebra H over k , and an H -comodule algebra S (for instance, any H -Hopf-Galois extension S/R is based on such a datum). For any (H, S) -Hopf module M , that is an abelian group M endowed with an S -action and a compatible H -coaction, we define in the cosimplicial spirit a 0-cohomology group $H^0(H, M)$ and a 1-cohomology pointed set $H^1(H, M)$.

The philosophy behind the construction is the following (precise definitions will be given in the core of the paper). Start with a G -Galois extension S/R , where G is a finite group, and with M a (G, S) -Galois module, i.e. an abelian group M endowed with two compatible S - and G -actions. The group $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ inherits a G -action by conjugation. Let k^G be the dual Hopf algebra of the group ring $k[G]$. A 1-cocycle in the sense of Serre is represented by a certain map $\alpha : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_S(M)$. By duality, α formally defines an element in $M \otimes_k M^* \otimes_k k^G$, which can also be seen as a map $\Phi_\alpha : M \rightarrow M \otimes_k k^G$ satisfying some conditions. Assume now given, instead of G , a Hopf-algebra H coacting on a ring S . Let M be an (H, S) -Hopf module, that is a module on which both H and S act in a compatible way. We replace the former map $\Phi_\alpha : M \rightarrow M \otimes_k k^G$ by a map $\Phi : M \rightarrow M \otimes_k H$ and state general requirements—the cocycle conditions—which reflect the group-cocycle condition on α . This construction gives rise to a 1-cohomology pointed set $H^1(H, M)$.

We establish two mains results. The first theorem shows that the 1-cohomology set $H^1(H, M)$ generalizes the non-abelian group 1-cohomology set of Serre. The second one relates $H^1(H, M)$ to $\text{Twist}(S/R, N_0)$, the isomorphism class of the twisted forms of an extended module $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$. More precisely, we prove the two following statements:

Theorem A. *For a group G and a (k^G, S) -Hopf module M , there is an isomorphism of pointed sets*

$$H^1(k^G, M) \cong H^1(G, \text{Aut}_S(M)).$$

Theorem B. *For a Hopf-algebra H and an (H, S) -Hopf module M of the form $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$, there is an isomorphism of pointed sets*

$$H^1(H, M) \cong \text{Twist}(S/R, N_0).$$

The precise wording of Theorem A will be found in Corollary 3.2, and that of Theorem B in Theorem 1.2. As a consequence of Theorem B, we deduce (Corollary 1.3) a Hopf version of the celebrated Theorem 90 stated in 1897 by Hilbert in his *Zahlbericht*.

In order to prove these two results, we bring in an auxiliary cohomology theory $D^i(H, M)$ ($i = 0, 1$) related to descent theory. The pointed set $D^1(H, M)$ classifies the (H, S) -Hopf module structures on M and, in the case of a Hopf-Galois extension, the descent data on M . Moreover, it may be viewed as torsors on M (Proposition 2.8).

We mention here that A. Blanco Ferro [1], generalizing a construction due to M. Sweedler [14], defined a 1-cohomology set $H^1(H, A)$, where H is a Hopf-algebra and A is an H -module algebra. He applied his theory, which is in some sense dual to ours, to a commutative particular case: not only does H have to be a commutative finitely generated k -projective Hopf algebra, but S/k is a commutative Hopf-Galois extension. For any k -module N , setting $A = \text{End}_S(N \otimes_k S)$, Blanco Ferro showed in this particular case that his set $H^1(H^*, A)$ classifies the twisted forms of $N \otimes_k S$ where H^* stands for the dual Hopf algebra of H .

0. Conventions

Let k be a fixed commutative and unital ring. The unadorned symbol \otimes between a right k -module and a left k -module stands for \otimes_k . By *algebra* we mean a unital associative k -algebra. A *division algebra* is either a commutative field or a skew-field. By *module* over a ring R , we always understand a right R -module unless otherwise stated. Denote by \mathfrak{Mod}_R the category of R -modules and by \mathfrak{Set} the category of sets.

Let H be a Hopf-algebra over k with multiplication μ_H , unity map η_H , comultiplication Δ_H , counity map ε_H , and antipode σ_H . Let S be an algebra, μ_S its multiplication, η_S its unity map. We assume that S is a right H -comodule algebra, in other words that S is equipped with an H -coaction map $\Delta_S : S \rightarrow S \otimes H$ which is a morphism of algebras. Let M be both an S -module and an H -comodule with the H -coaction map $\Delta_M : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$. If Δ_M verifies the equality

$$\Delta_M(ms) = \Delta_M(m)\Delta_S(s), \tag{1}$$

for any $m \in M$ and $s \in S$, we say that M is an (H, S) -Hopf module (also called a *relative Hopf module* in the literature) and that $\Delta_M : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$ is (H, S) -linear. A morphism $f : M \rightarrow M'$ of (H, S) -Hopf modules is an S -linear map f such that $(f \otimes \text{id}_M) \circ \Delta_M = \Delta_{M'} \circ f$. To denote the coactions on elements, we use the Sweedler–Heyneman convention, that is, for $m \in M$, we write $\Delta_M(m) = m_0 \otimes m_1$, with summation implicitly understood. More generally, when we write down a tensor we usually omit the summation sign \sum .

Denote by R the algebra of H -coinvariants of S , that is $R = \{s \in S \mid \Delta_S(s) = s \otimes 1\}$. An S -module M is said to be *extended* if there exists an R -module N_0 such that M is equal to $N_0 \otimes_R S$. The inclusion map $\psi : R \hookrightarrow S$ is a (right) H -Hopf-Galois extension if ψ is faithfully flat and the map $\Gamma_\psi : S \otimes_R S \rightarrow S \otimes H$, called *Galois map*, given on an indecomposable tensor $s \otimes t \in S \otimes_R S$ by

$$\Gamma_\psi(s \otimes t) = s \Delta_S(t),$$

is a k -linear isomorphism. By Hopf-Galois descent theory [5,11], every (H, S) -Hopf module is isomorphic to an extended S -module. Conversely, an extended S -module $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ owns an (H, S) -Hopf module structure with the canonical coaction $\Delta_M = \text{id}_{N_0} \otimes \Delta_S : N_0 \otimes_R S \rightarrow N_0 \otimes_R S \otimes H$.

Let G be a finite group. Denote by k^G the k -free Hopf algebra over the k -basis $\{\delta_g\}_{g \in G}$, with the following structure maps: the multiplication is given by $\delta_g \cdot \delta_{g'} = \partial_{g,g'} \delta_g$, where $\partial_{g,g'}$ stands for the Kronecker symbol of g and g' ; the comultiplication Δ_{k^G} is defined by $\Delta_{k^G}(\delta_g) = \sum_{ab=g} \delta_a \otimes \delta_b$; the unit in k^G is the element $1 = \sum_{g \in G} \delta_g$; the counit ε_{k^G} is defined by $\varepsilon_{k^G}(\delta_g) = \partial_{g,e} 1$; the antipode σ_{k^G} sends δ_g on $\delta_{g^{-1}}$. When k is a field, then k^G is the dual of the usual group Hopf-algebra $k[G]$. It is easy to see that a k^G -Hopf-Galois extension is the same as a G -Galois extension of k -algebras in the sense of [9]. To give an action of G on S is equivalent to give a coaction map of k^G on S , the two structures being related by the equality

$$\Delta_S(s) = \sum_{g \in G} g(s) \otimes \delta_g.$$

An S -module M will be called a (G, S) -Galois module if it is endowed with a (G, S) -action, that is a G -action $\gamma : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_k(M)$ such that following twisted S -linearity condition:

$$g(ms) = g(m)g(s) \tag{2}$$

holds for any $g \in G, m \in M$, and $s \in S$ (when no confusion about γ is possible, we denote for simplicity $g(m)$ instead of $\gamma(g)(m)$). When γ verifies (2), we say that the morphism γ is (G, S) -linear. Denote by $\text{Aut}_S^{\gamma}(M)$ the subgroup of $\text{Aut}_k(M)$ which is the image of γ .

To give a (G, S) -Galois module structure on M is equivalent to give a (k^G, S) -Hopf module structure on S . By Galois descent theory, a (G, S) -Galois module is isomorphic to an extended module $N \otimes_R S$.

1. Non-abelian Hopf cohomology theory

In this section we define a non-abelian Hopf cohomology theory, and state our main result, Theorem 1.2, which compares in the Hopf-Galois context the 1-Hopf cohomology set with twisted forms. We deduce a Hopf-Galois version of Hilbert’s Theorem 90.

1.1. Definition of the non-abelian Hopf cohomology sets

Let H be a Hopf-algebra and S be an H -comodule algebra. For any S -module M , we endow $M \otimes H^{\otimes n}$ with an S -module structure given by

$$(m \otimes \underline{h})s = ms \otimes \underline{h},$$

for $m \in M, \underline{h} \in H^{\otimes n}$, and $s \in S$.

Set $W_k^n(M) = \text{Hom}_k(M, M \otimes H^{\otimes n})$ and $W_S^n(M) = \text{Hom}_S(M, M \otimes H^{\otimes n})$. We equip the k -module $W_k^n(M)$ with a composition-type product $\odot : W_k^n(M) \otimes W_k^n(M) \rightarrow W_k^n(M)$, defined by

$$\begin{cases} \varphi \odot \varphi' = \varphi \circ \varphi' & \text{if } n = 0, \\ \varphi \odot \varphi' = (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H^{\otimes n}) \circ (\text{id}_M \otimes \chi_n) \circ (\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H^{\otimes n}) \circ \varphi' & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases}$$

for $\varphi, \varphi' \in W_k^n(M)$; here $\chi_n : H^{\otimes n} \otimes H^{\otimes n} \rightarrow (H \otimes H)^{\otimes n}$ denotes the intertwining operator given by

$$\chi_n((a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) \otimes (b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n)) = (a_1 \otimes b_1) \otimes \dots \otimes (a_n \otimes b_n).$$

It restricts to a product still denoted \odot on $W_S^n(M)$. Thanks to the product \odot , the modules $W_k^n(M)$ and $W_S^n(M)$ become a monoid: the associativity of \odot is a direct consequence of the coassociativity of Δ_H and the neutral element is $\nu_n = \text{id}_M \otimes \eta_H^{\otimes n}$. Further we shall use that the group of invertible elements of the monoid $W_S^0(M)$ is $\text{Aut}_S(M)$.

Suppose that M is an H -comodule. Denote by T the flip of $H \otimes H$, the automorphism of $H \otimes H$ which sends an indecomposable tensor $h \otimes h'$ to $h' \otimes h$. We define two maps $d^i : W_k^0(M) \rightarrow W_k^1(M)$ ($i = 0, 1$) and three maps $d^i : W_k^1(M) \rightarrow W_k^2(M)$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$) by the formulae

$$\begin{aligned} d^0\varphi &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\varphi \otimes \sigma_H) \circ \Delta_M, \\ d^1\varphi &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \eta_H) \circ \varphi, \\ d^0\Phi &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes T) \circ (\Phi \otimes \sigma_H) \circ \Delta_M, \\ d^1\Phi &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \Delta_H) \circ \Phi, \\ d^2\Phi &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \text{id}_H \otimes \eta_H) \circ \Phi = \Phi \otimes \eta_H, \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$ and $\Phi : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$ are k -linear morphisms.

Lemma 1.1. *Let M be an (H, S) -Hopf-module. The restriction of the above defined maps to the corresponding monoids $W_S^0(M)$ and $W_S^1(M)$ are morphisms of monoids which may be organized in the following cosimplicial diagram:*

$$W_S^0(M) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{d^0} \\ \xrightarrow{d^1} \end{array} W_S^1(M) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{d^0} \\ \xrightarrow{d^1} \\ \xrightarrow{d^2} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} W_S^2(M). \tag{3}$$

Proof. We adopt the Sweedler–Heyneman convention and use the Hopf yoga, for instance, the fact that for any $x, y \in H$, one has $x_0 \otimes \sigma_H(x_1)x_2y = x_0 \otimes \varepsilon_H(x_1)y = x \otimes y$. First one has to show that $d^i\varphi$ and $d^i\Phi$ are S -linear. This assertion is obvious for $d^1\varphi$. Let us prove it for $d^0\varphi$. We get, for any $m \in M$ and $s \in S$, the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} d^0\varphi(ms) &= [(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\varphi \otimes \sigma_H) \circ \Delta_M](ms) \\ &= [(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes \text{id}_H)](\varphi(m_0)s_0 \otimes \sigma_H(m_1s_1)) \\ &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)[\varphi(m_0)_0s_0 \otimes \varphi(m_0)_1s_1 \otimes \sigma_H(s_2)\sigma_H(m_1)] \\ &= \varphi(m_0)_0s_0 \otimes \varphi(m_0)_1(s_1\sigma_H(s_2))\sigma_H(m_1) \\ &= \varphi(m_0)_0s \otimes \varphi(m_0)_1\sigma_H(m_1) \\ &= d^0\varphi(m)s. \end{aligned}$$

The S -linearity of $d^1\Phi$ and $d^2\Phi$ is obvious. We prove it for $d^0\Phi$. For any $m \in M$ and $s \in S$, set $\Phi(m) = m' \otimes m''$. We have $d^0\Phi(m) = ((m_0)')_0 \otimes ((m_0)')_1\sigma_H(m_1) \otimes (m_0)''$, hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 d^0\Phi(ms) &= [(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes T) \circ (\Phi \otimes \sigma_H) \circ \Delta_M](ms) \\
 &= [(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes T)]((m_0)'s_0 \otimes (m_0)'' \otimes \sigma_H(m_1s_1)) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H \otimes \text{id}_H)[((m_0)')_0s_0 \otimes ((m_0)')_1s_1 \otimes \sigma_H(s_2)\sigma_H(m_1) \otimes (m_0)''] \\
 &= ((m_0)')_0s \otimes ((m_0)')_1\sigma_H(m_1) \otimes (m_0)'' \\
 &= d^0\Phi(m)s.
 \end{aligned}$$

We prove now that d^i respects the monoid structures on $W_S^k(M)$, that is

$$d^i\varphi \odot d^i\varphi' = d^i(\varphi \odot \varphi'), \quad d^i\Phi \odot d^i\Phi' = d^i(\Phi \odot \Phi'), \quad \text{and} \quad d^i(\nu_k) = \nu_{k+1}$$

for any $\varphi, \varphi' \in W_S^0(M)$, any $\Phi, \Phi' \in W_S^1(M)$, $k \in \{0, 1\}$, and any appropriate index i . Let us prove this on the 0-level for φ and φ' in $W^0(M)$. For any $m \in M$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d^0\varphi' \odot d^0\varphi)(m) &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^0\varphi' \otimes \text{id}_H)(d^0\varphi(m)) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^0\varphi' \otimes \text{id}_H)(\varphi(m)_0 \otimes \varphi(m)_1\sigma_H(m_1)) \\
 &= \varphi'(\varphi(m)_0)_0 \otimes \varphi'(\varphi(m)_0)_1\sigma_H(\varphi(m)_1)\varphi(m)_2\sigma_H(m_1) \\
 &= \varphi'(\varphi(m)_0)_0 \otimes \varphi'(\varphi(m)_0)_1\varepsilon_H(\varphi(m)_1)\sigma_H(m_1) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)((\Delta_M \circ \varphi') \otimes \text{id}_H)[\varphi(m)_0 \otimes \varepsilon_H(\varphi(m)_1)\sigma_H(m_1)] \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)((\Delta_M \circ \varphi') \otimes \text{id}_H)[\varphi(m) \otimes \sigma_H(m_1)] \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)((\Delta_M \circ \varphi' \circ \varphi) \otimes \sigma_H)\Delta_M(m) \\
 &= d^0(\varphi' \odot \varphi)(m)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 d^1\varphi \odot d^1\varphi'(m) &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^1\varphi' \otimes \text{id}_H)(d^1\varphi(m)) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^1\varphi' \otimes \text{id}_H)(\varphi(m) \otimes 1) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(\varphi'(\varphi(m)) \otimes 1 \otimes 1) \\
 &= \varphi'(\varphi(m)) \otimes 1 \\
 &= d^1(\varphi' \odot \varphi)(m).
 \end{aligned}$$

We do not write down the computations on the 1-level, which are very similar to the previous ones. We leave to the reader the straightforward proof of $d^i(\nu_k) = \nu_{k+1}$ and also the easy checking of the following three formulae

$$d^2d^0 = d^0d^1, \quad d^1d^0 = d^0d^0, \quad d^2d^1 = d^1d^1,$$

which mean that the diagram (3) is precosimplicial. \square

We define the 0-cohomology group $H^0(H, M)$ and the 1-cohomology set $H^1(H, M)$ in the following way. Let

$$H^0(H, M) = \{ \varphi \in \text{Aut}_S(M) \mid d^1 \varphi = d^0 \varphi \}$$

be the equalizer of the pair (d^0, d^1) . It is obviously a group since d^i is a morphism of monoids.

The set $Z^1(H, M)$ of 1-Hopf cocycles of H with coefficients in M is the subset of $W_S^1(M)$ defined by

$$Z^1(H, M) = \left\{ \Phi \in W_k^1(M) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{(ZC}_1\text{)} \ \Phi(ms) = \Phi(m)s, \text{ for all } m \in M \text{ and } s \in S \\ \text{(ZC}_2\text{)} \ (\text{id}_M \otimes \varepsilon_H) \circ \Phi = \text{id}_M \\ \text{(ZC}_3\text{)} \ d^2 \Phi \odot d^0 \Phi = d^1 \Phi \end{array} \right\}.$$

The group $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ acts on the right on $Z^1(H, M)$ by

$$(\Phi \leftarrow f) = d^1 f^{-1} \odot \Phi \odot d^0 f,$$

where $\Phi \in Z^1(H, M)$ and $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$. Two 1-Hopf cocycles Φ and Φ' are said to be *cohomologous* if they belong to the same orbit under the action of $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ on $Z^1(H, M)$. We denote by $H^1(H, M)$ the quotient set $\text{Aut}_S(M) \backslash Z^1(H, M)$; it is pointed with distinguished point the class of the map $v_1 = \text{id}_M \otimes \eta_H$.

For $i = 0, 1$, we call $H^i(H, M)$ the *i th-Hopf cohomology set of H with coefficients in the (H, S) -Hopf module M* .

1.2. *The main theorem: Comparison of the 1-Hopf cohomology set with twisted forms in the Hopf-Galois context*

Let H be a Hopf-algebra, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be an H -Hopf-Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . We endow M with the canonical (H, S) -Hopf module structure given by the coaction $\Delta_M = \text{id}_{N_0} \otimes \Delta_S$. The central result of this paper asserts that the Hopf 1-cohomology set $H^1(H, M)$ is isomorphic to the pointed set $\text{Twist}(S/R, N_0)$ of twisted forms of N_0 up to isomorphisms.

Let $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be any extension of rings and N_0 be an R -module. Recall that a *twisted form of N_0 (over S/R)* is a pair (N, φ) , where N is an R -module and $\varphi : N \otimes_R S \rightarrow N_0 \otimes_R S$ is an S -linear isomorphism. Let $\text{twist}(S/R, N_0)$ be the set of twisted forms of N_0 . Two twisted forms (N, φ) and (N', φ') of N_0 are *isomorphic* if N and N' are isomorphic as R -modules. Following [6], we denote by $\text{Twist}(S/R, N_0)$ the pointed set of isomorphism classes of twisted forms of N_0 , the distinguished point being the class of $(N_0, \text{id}_{N_0} \otimes \text{id}_S)$. We mention here that all the results of [10] involving equivalence classes of twisted forms are actually proven for this definition of $\text{Twist}(S/R, N_0)$ and not for the one given in [10, §6.3], where the equivalence relation is too restrictive.

Theorem 1.2. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be an H -Hopf-Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . There is an isomorphism of pointed sets*

$$H^1(H, M) \cong \text{Twist}(S/R, N_0).$$

Theorem 1.2 allows us to state the following non-commutative generalization of Noether's cohomological form of Hilbert's Theorem 90.

Corollary 1.3. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra and $\psi : K \rightarrow L$ be an H -Hopf-Galois extension of division algebras. Then, for any positive integer n , we have*

$$H^1(H, L^n) = \{1\}.$$

Here we denote by 1 the distinguished point of $H^1(H, L^n)$.

Proof of Corollary 1.3. Observe that L^n is isomorphic to the extended L -module $K^n \otimes_K L$. By Theorem 1.2, the pointed set $H^1(H, L^n)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Twist}(L/K, K^n)$, which is known to be trivial [10, Corollary 6.21]. \square

The rest of the paper is mainly devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.2. This is done in two steps. At first we introduce a non-abelian cohomology theory $D^i(H, M)$, for $i = 0, 1$, which is related to non-commutative descent theory. In Theorem 2.6, we prove the isomorphism $D^1(H, M) \cong \text{Twist}(S/R, N_0)$. Subsequently we show that the Hopf cohomology sets $H^i(H, M)$ are isomorphic to the descent cohomology sets $D^i(H, M)$.

2. Descent cohomology sets

In this section we introduce two descent cohomology sets. We compute them in the Galois case and relate them to the usual non-abelian group cohomology theory. In addition, in the Hopf-Galois context, we prove that the 1-descent cohomology set classifies twisted forms and interpret it in terms of torsors on the module of coefficients.

2.1. Definition of descent cohomology sets

Let H be a Hopf-algebra, S be an H -comodule algebra, and M be an (H, S) -Hopf module with coaction $\Delta_M : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$. We define the 0-cohomology group $D^0(H, M)$ by

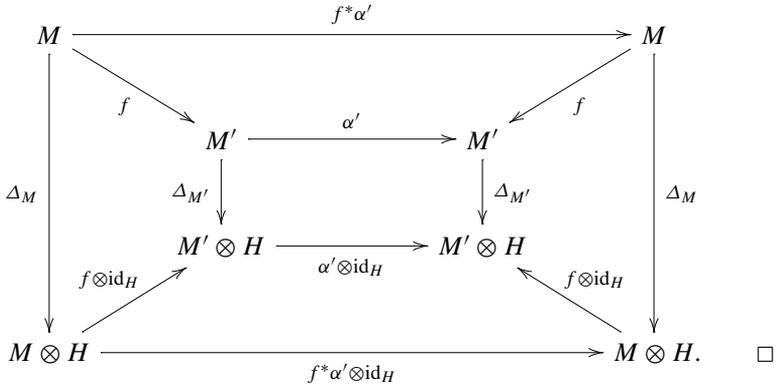
$$D^0(H, M) = \{ \alpha \in \text{Aut}_S(M) \mid (\alpha \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ \Delta_M = \Delta_M \circ \alpha \}.$$

It is the set of the S -linear automorphisms of M which are maps of H -comodules. This set obviously carries a group structure given by the composition of automorphisms.

Lemma 2.1. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra and S be an H -comodule algebra. Any isomorphism $f : M \rightarrow M'$ of (H, S) -Hopf modules induces an isomorphism of groups $f^* : D^0(H, M') \rightarrow D^0(H, M)$ given on $\alpha' \in D^0(H, M')$ by:*

$$f^* \alpha' = f^{-1} \circ \alpha' \circ f.$$

Proof. The S -linearity of $f^*\alpha'$ immediately follows from the S -linearity of f and that of α' . In order to prove that $f^*\alpha'$ belongs to $D^0(H, M)$, it is sufficient to observe that the following diagram is commutative:



We introduce now a 1-cohomology set $D^1(H, M)$ in the following way. The set $C^1(H, M)$ of 1-descent cocycles of H with coefficients in M is defined to be the set of all k -linear H -coactions $F : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$ on M making M an (H, S) -Hopf module. In other words, one has:

$$C^1(H, M) = \left\{ F : M \rightarrow M \otimes H \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{(CC}_1\text{)} F(ms) = F(m)\Delta_S(s), \text{ for all } m \in M \text{ and } s \in S \\ \text{(CC}_2\text{)} (\text{id}_M \otimes \varepsilon_H) \circ F = \text{id}_M \\ \text{(CC}_3\text{)} (F \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F = (\text{id}_M \otimes \Delta_H) \circ F \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

Notice that $C^1(H, M)$ is pointed (hence not empty) with the coaction map Δ_M as distinguished point.

Lemma 2.2. Let H be a Hopf-algebra and S be an H -comodule algebra. Any isomorphism $f : M \rightarrow M'$ of S -modules induces a bijection $f^* : C^1(H, M') \rightarrow C^1(H, M)$ given on $F' \in C^1(H, M')$ by

$$f^*F' = (f^{-1} \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F' \circ f.$$

For any S -module M , one has

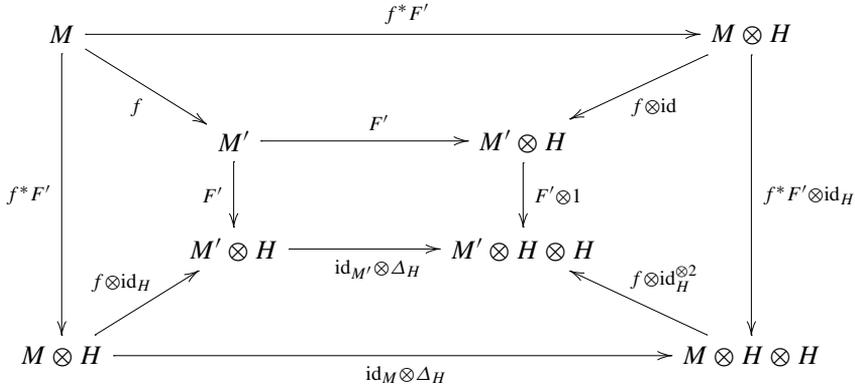
$$(\text{id}_M)^* = \text{id}_{C^1(H, M)}.$$

For any composable isomorphisms of S -modules $f : M \rightarrow M'$ and $f' : M' \rightarrow M''$, the following equality holds

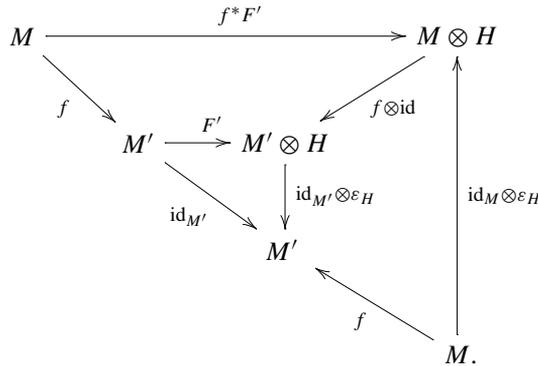
$$(f' \circ f)^* = f^* \circ f'^*.$$

If moreover $f : M \rightarrow M'$ is an isomorphism of (H, S) -Hopf modules, then f^* realizes an isomorphism of pointed sets between $C^1(H, M')$ and $C^1(H, M)$.

Proof. Let $f : M \rightarrow M'$ be an isomorphism of S -modules. The (H, S) -linearity of f^*F' immediately follows from the S -linearity of f and from the (H, S) -linearity of F' . The coassociativity of f^*F' comes from the commutativity of the diagram



whereas the compatibility of f^*F' with the counity of H is expressed by the commutativity of the diagram



Hence we have shown that f^*F' belongs to $C^1(H, M)$. By the very definition, f^*F' is bijective and $(\text{id}_M)^* = \text{id}_{C^1(H, M)}$.

Let $f : M \rightarrow M'$ and $f' : M' \rightarrow M''$ be two isomorphisms of S -modules. One has, for any $F' \in C^1(H, M')$, the following equalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f' \circ f)^*(F') &= ((f' \circ f)^{-1} \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F' \circ (f' \circ f) \\
 &= ((f^{-1} \circ f'^{-1}) \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F' \circ (f' \circ f) = f^*(f'^*F').
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if f is an isomorphism of (H, S) -Hopf modules, the map f^* preserves the distinguished points: indeed, the equality $f^*\Delta_{M'} = \Delta_M$ is equivalent to the fact that f is a morphism of (H, S) -Hopf modules. \square

From Lemma 2.2, one readily obtains the following result.

Corollary 2.3. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra, S be an H -comodule algebra, and M be an (H, S) -Hopf module. The group $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ acts on the right on $C^1(H, M)$ by*

$$(F \leftarrow f) = f^*F = (f^{-1} \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F \circ f,$$

where $F \in C^1(H, M)$ and $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$.

Two 1-descent cocycles F and F' are said to be *cohomologous* if they belong to the same orbit under the action of $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ on $C^1(H, M)$. We denote by $D^1(H, M)$ the quotient set $\text{Aut}_S(M) \backslash C^1(H, M)$; it is pointed with distinguished point the class of the coaction Δ_M .

For $i = 0, 1$, we call $D^i(H, M)$ the *i th-descent cohomology set of H with coefficients in M* . The choice of this name finds its motivation in the following observation. Suppose that $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ is an H -Hopf-Galois extension. As shown in [11], an (H, S) -Hopf module may always be descended to an R -module N_0 , that is M is isomorphic to an extended S -module $N_0 \otimes_R S$. The set $C^1(H, M)$ is exactly those of all descent data on M described in [10].

Corollary 2.4. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra and S be an H -comodule algebra.*

- Any isomorphism $f : M \rightarrow M'$ of S -modules induces a bijection $f^* : D^1(H, M') \rightarrow D^1(H, M)$.
- Any isomorphism $f : M \rightarrow M'$ of (H, S) -Hopf modules induces an isomorphism of pointed sets $f^* : D^1(H, M') \rightarrow D^1(H, M)$.

Proof. Suppose that F_1 and F_2 are two cohomologous 1-cocycles of $C^1(H, M')$, with $g \in \text{Aut}_S(M')$ such that $F_1 = g^*F_2$. Then $f^*F_2 = f^*g^*F_1 = f^*g^*(f^{-1})^*f^*F_1 = (f^{-1}gf)^*(f^*F_1)$, so f^*F_1 and f^*F_2 are cohomologous in $C^1(H, M)$. \square

2.2. Application to the Galois case

We work now with the Hopf algebra k^G dual to the group algebra $k[G]$ for G a finite group. Let $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be a k^G -Galois extension and M a (G, S) -Galois module. We may assume that M is already extended, so that M is equal to $N_0 \otimes_R S$ for an R -module N_0 . Endow M with the canonical (H, S) -Hopf module structure given by the coaction $\Delta_M = \text{id}_{N_0} \otimes \Delta_S$. In this paragraph, we compute the descent cohomology set of k^G with coefficients in $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ in terms of the Galois 1-cohomology set of G with coefficients in $\text{Aut}_S(M)$.

Recall that for any group G and any (left) G -group A , one classically defines two non-abelian cohomology sets of G with coefficients in A (see [12,13]). This is done in the following way. The 0-cohomology group $H^0(G, A)$ is the group A^G of invariant elements of A under the action of G . The set $Z^1(G, A)$ of 1-cocycles is given by

$$Z^1(G, A) = \{ \alpha \in \text{Set}(G, A) \mid \alpha(gg') = \alpha(g)^g(\alpha(g')), \forall g, g' \in G \}.$$

It is pointed with distinguished point the constant map $1 : G \rightarrow A$. The group A acts on the right on $Z^1(G, A)$ by

$$(\alpha \leftarrow a)(g) = a^{-1}\alpha(g)^g a,$$

where $a \in A$, $\alpha \in Z^1(G, A)$, and $g \in G$. Two 1-cocycles α and α' are *cohomologous* if they belong to the same orbit under this action. The non-abelian 1-cohomology set $H^1(G, A)$ is the left quotient $A \backslash Z^1(G, A)$. Then $H^1(G, A)$ is pointed with distinguished point the class of the constant map $1 : G \rightarrow A$.

Let G be a finite group, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be a G -Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . The S -module M is a (G, S) -Galois module by the canonical action given on an indecomposable tensor $n \otimes s \in N_0 \otimes_R S$ by

$$g(n \otimes s) = n \otimes g(s),$$

where $g \in G$, $n \in N_0$, and $s \in S$. The group G acts by automorphisms on $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ by

$${}^g f = (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g) \circ f \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g^{-1}),$$

where $g \in G$ and $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$. Hence $\text{Aut}_S(M)$ becomes a G -group and we get at our disposal the two non-abelian cohomology sets $H^0(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$ and $H^1(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$.

Proposition 2.5. *Let G be a finite group, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be a G -Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . There is the equality of groups*

$$D^0(k^G, M) = H^0(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$$

and an isomorphism of pointed sets

$$D^1(k^G, M) \cong H^1(G, \text{Aut}_S(M)).$$

Proof. Let us prove the equality between the groups. It is sufficient to show that for any $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$, the condition $(f \otimes \text{id}_{k^G}) \circ \Delta_M = \Delta_M \circ f$ is equivalent to the fact that f is G -invariant. Indeed, the first condition reflects that f belongs to $D^0(k^G, M)$, whereas $H^0(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$ is precisely the group $\text{Aut}_S(M)^G$ of G -invariant automorphisms in $\text{Aut}_S(M)$. Pick $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$, $n \in N_0$, and $s \in S$. One has

$$\begin{aligned} ((f \otimes \text{id}_{k^G}) \circ \Delta_M)(n \otimes s) &= \sum_{g \in G} (f \otimes \text{id}_{k^G})(n \otimes g(s) \otimes \delta_g) \\ &= \sum_{g \in G} (f \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g))(n \otimes s) \otimes \delta_g. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, setting $f(n \otimes s) = n' \otimes s'$, one gets

$$(\Delta_M \circ f)(n \otimes s) = \Delta_M(n' \otimes s') = \sum_{g \in G} (n' \otimes g(s')) \otimes \delta_g = \sum_{g \in G} ((\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g) \circ f)(n \otimes s) \otimes \delta_g.$$

Since $\{\delta_g\}_{g \in G}$ is a basis of k^G , the relation $(f \otimes \text{id}_{k^G}) \circ \Delta_M = \Delta_M \circ f$ is equivalent to the set of equalities $f \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g) = (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g) \circ f$, with g running through G . This exactly means that f is G -invariant in $\text{Aut}_S(M)$.

We prove now the isomorphism on the 1-cohomology level. Let us show that any $F \in C^1(k^G, M)$ induces a (G, S) -Galois module action $\gamma : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_S^\gamma(M)$ defined by

$$F(m) = \sum_{g \in G} (\gamma(g))(m) \otimes \delta_g.$$

For simplicity denote $\gamma(g)(m)$ by $g(m)$. The k -linearity of F tells us that $g(m + m') = g(m) + g(m')$, for any $g \in G$ and $m, m' \in M$; the equality $(\text{id}_M \otimes \varepsilon_{k^G}) \circ F = \text{id}_M$ implies that $1(m) = m$; the coassociativity condition of F says that $(gg')(m) = g(g'(m))$, for any $g, g' \in G$ and $m \in M$; finally the (k^G, S) -linearity of F is equivalent to the (G, S) -linearity of γ . As shown in [10], the action map γ gives rise to the 1-Galois cocycle $\alpha : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_S^\gamma(M)$ defined by

$$\alpha(g) = \gamma(g) \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g^{-1}).$$

It is easy to check that the correspondence between F and α is bijective. Thus already at the 1-cocycle level there exists a bijection between $Z^1(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$ and $C^1(k^G, M)$.

Take two cocycles F and F' in $C^1(k^G, M)$. Denote by γ (respectively γ') the corresponding Galois actions and by α (respectively α') the Galois cocycles associated with γ (respectively γ'). Suppose that the cocycles F and F' are cohomologous, with $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$ such that $(f \otimes \text{id}_{k^G}) \circ F = F' \circ f$. Then $f \circ \gamma(g) = \gamma'(g) \circ f$, for all $g \in G$, or equivalently $\gamma(g) = f^{-1} \circ \gamma'(g) \circ f$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(g) &= f^{-1} \circ \gamma'(g) \circ f \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g^{-1}) \\ &= f^{-1} \circ \gamma'(g) \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g^{-1}) \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g) \circ f \circ (\text{id}_{N_0} \otimes g^{-1}) \\ &= f^{-1} \circ \alpha'(g) \circ g f, \end{aligned}$$

which means that α and α' are Galois-cohomologous. Conversely, the previous equalities show that two cohomologous Galois cocycles α and α' give rise to two cohomologous cocycles F and F' in $C^1(k^G, M)$. \square

2.3. Comparison between the 1-descent cohomology set and the set of twisted forms in the Hopf-Galois context

Let H be a Hopf-algebra, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be an H -Hopf-Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . We endow M with the canonical (H, S) -Hopf module structure given by the coaction $\Delta_M = \text{id}_{N_0} \otimes \Delta_S$. The main result of this paragraph asserts that the descent 1-cohomology set $D^1(H, M)$ is isomorphic to the pointed set $\text{Twist}(S/R, N_0)$ of twisted forms of N_0 up to isomorphisms.

Theorem 2.6. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be an H -Hopf-Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . Then there is an isomorphism of pointed sets*

$$D^1(H, M) \cong \text{Twist}(S/R, N_0).$$

In order to prove Theorem 2.6, we need an intermediate result. For any $F \in C^1(H, M)$ denote by N_F the R -module of F -coinvariants, that is $N_F = \{m \in M \mid F(m) = m \otimes 1\}$. We state the following lemma.

Lemma 2.7. *Under the same hypotheses as in Theorem 2.6, for any $F \in C^1(H, M)$, there exists an isomorphism*

$$\varphi_F : N_F \otimes_R S \xrightarrow{\sim} M$$

given by $\varphi_F(m \otimes s) = ms$, for any $m \in N_F$ and $s \in S$.

Proof. The existence of the isomorphism φ_F results from Hopf-Galois descent theory [11, Theorem 3.7] (see also [5]). Indeed, consider the functor “restriction of scalars” $\psi^* : \mathfrak{Mod}_S \rightarrow \mathfrak{Mod}_R$ and its left adjoint functor $\psi_! : \mathfrak{Mod}_R \rightarrow \mathfrak{Mod}_S$, the functor “extension of scalars.” Then φ_F is nothing but a counit for the comonad on \mathfrak{Mod}_S induced by the adjunction $\psi_! \dashv \psi^*$ (see, e.g., [4]).

We explicit now the expression of φ_F . By arguments stemming from descent theory [3,10], the S -module M is isomorphic to $N_d \otimes_R S$, where N_d is the R -module deduced from the Cipolla descent data d on M associated to the (H, S) -Hopf module structure of M . By [10, Proposition 4.10], d is the map given by the composition

$$M \xrightarrow{F} M \otimes H \xrightarrow{\beta} M \otimes_S (S \otimes H) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_M \otimes \Gamma_\psi^{-1}} M \otimes_S (S \otimes_R S) \xrightarrow{\beta'} M \otimes_R S,$$

where β (respectively β') is the obvious k -linear (respectively S -linear) isomorphism and Γ_ψ is the Galois isomorphism mentioned in the Conventions.

Let us now compute d . For $m \in M$, set $F(m) = \sum_i m_i \otimes h_i \in M \otimes H$. For any fixed index i , set $\Gamma_\psi^{-1}(1 \otimes h_i) = \sum_j s_{ij} \otimes t_{ij}$, or equivalently $\sum_j s_{ij} \Delta_S(t_{ij}) = 1 \otimes h_i$. So

$$d(m) = \sum_i \sum_j m_i s_{ij} \otimes t_{ij}.$$

According to [10, Corollary 4.11], we have $N_d = \{m \in M \mid \sum_i \sum_j m_i s_{ij} \Delta_S(t_{ij}) = m \otimes 1\}$, therefore

$$N_d = \left\{ m \in M \mid \sum_i m_i \otimes h_i = m \otimes 1 \right\} = \{m \in M \mid F(m) = m \otimes 1\} = N_F.$$

It is proven in [3] that the descent isomorphism from $N_d \otimes_R S$ to M is given by the correspondence $m \otimes s \mapsto ms$ for $m \in N_d$ and $s \in S$. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.6. Let F be an element of $C^1(H, M)$ and φ_F be the isomorphism from $N_F \otimes_R S$ to $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ given by the previous lemma. The datum (N_F, φ_F) is a twisted form of N_0 . Denote by \tilde{T} the map from $C^1(H, M)$ to the set $\text{twist}(S/R, N_0)$ defined by

$$\tilde{T}(F) = (N_F, \varphi_F).$$

The map \tilde{T} obviously sends the distinguished point Δ_M of $C^1(H, M)$ to the distinguished point $(N_0, \text{id}_{N_0 \otimes_R S})$ of $\text{twist}(S/R, N_0)$.

Suppose that F and F' are cohomologous in $C^1(H, M)$. We claim that the corresponding descended modules N_F and $N_{F'}$ are isomorphic in $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{o}\mathfrak{d}_R$. Indeed, let $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$ such that $(f \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F = F' \circ f$. For any $n \in N_F$, the image $f(n)$ belongs to $N_{F'}$, since

$$F'(f(n)) = (f \otimes \text{id}_H)(F(n)) = (f \otimes \text{id}_H)(n \otimes 1) = f(n) \otimes 1.$$

So the automorphism f induces an isomorphism from N_F to $N_{F'}$. From this fact we deduce a quotient map

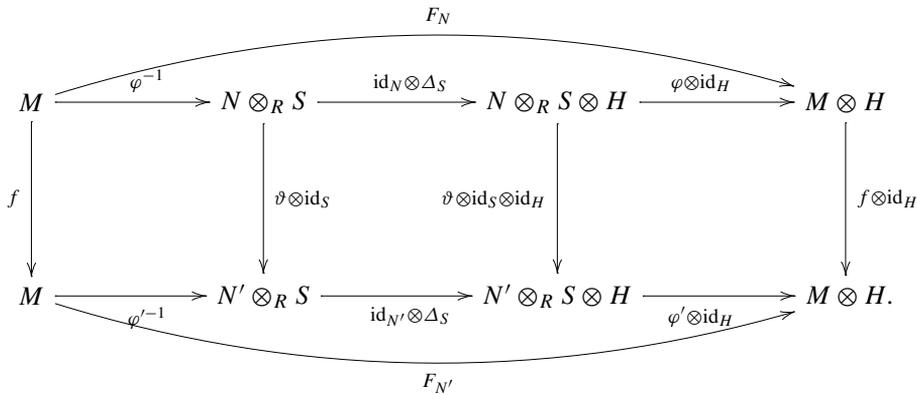
$$\mathcal{T} : D^1(H, M) \rightarrow \text{Twist}(S/R, N_0).$$

We now prove that \mathcal{T} is an isomorphism of pointed sets. In order to do this, we introduce the map $\tilde{D} : \text{twist}(S/R, N_0) \rightarrow C^1(H, M)$ which associates to any twisted form (N, φ) of M the map $F_N : M \rightarrow M \otimes H$ defined by

$$F_N = (\varphi^{-1})^*(\text{id}_N \otimes \Delta_S) = (\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\text{id}_N \otimes \Delta_S) \circ \varphi^{-1}.$$

Since $(\text{id}_N \otimes \Delta_S)$ is the canonical (H, S) -Hopf module structure on $N \otimes_R S$, by Lemma 2.2, the map F_N belongs to $C^1(H, M)$.

Suppose that (N, φ) and (N', φ') are two equivalent twisted forms of M via $\vartheta \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$. Set $f = \varphi' \circ (\vartheta \otimes \text{id}_S) \circ \varphi^{-1}$. Observe that the following diagram commutes:



So $F_{N'}$ equals $f^* F_N$ and therefore \tilde{D} induces a quotient map

$$\mathcal{D} : \text{Twist}(S/R, N_0) \rightarrow D^1(H, M).$$

It remains to prove that $\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{T}$ are the identity maps.

The composition $\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{D}$ is the identity. Let (N, φ) be a twisted form of N_0 . Since $N_{F_N} \otimes_R S$ is isomorphic to $N \otimes_R S$ (Lemma 2.7), we deduce from Hopf-Galois descent theory [11, Theorem 3.7] the existence of an isomorphism $\vartheta : N \rightarrow N_{F_N}$. So the twisted form $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(\tilde{\mathcal{D}}(N, \varphi))$ is equivalent to (N, φ) . In concrete terms, ϑ fits into the following commutative diagram of R -modules with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & N \otimes_R S & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_N \otimes \Delta_S} & N \otimes_R S \otimes H \\
 & & \wr \downarrow \vartheta & & \wr \downarrow \varphi & \xrightarrow{(\text{id}_{N \otimes_R S}) \otimes \eta_H} & \wr \downarrow \varphi \otimes \text{id}_H \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & N_{F_N} & \hookrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{F_N} & M \otimes H \\
 & & & & & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_M \otimes \eta_H} &
 \end{array}$$

Hence one gets $\mathcal{T} \circ \mathcal{D} = \text{id}$.

The composition $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{T}$ is the identity. Let F be an element of $C^1(M, H)$. Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{F_{N_F}} & & & M \otimes H \\
 \parallel & \searrow \varphi_F^{-1} & & & \parallel \\
 & & N_F \otimes_R S & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{N_F} \otimes \Delta_S} & N_F \otimes_R S \otimes H \\
 & \swarrow \varphi_F & & & \swarrow \varphi_F \otimes \text{id}_H \\
 M & \xrightarrow{F} & & & M \otimes H
 \end{array}$$

The left and right triangles are trivially commutative. The upper trapezium commutes by the definition of F_{N_F} . Let us show the commutativity of the lower trapezium. Pick an indecomposable tensor $m \otimes s$ in $N_F \otimes_R S$. Setting $\Delta_S(s) = s_0 \otimes s_1$, we have

$$(\varphi_F \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ (\text{id}_{N_F} \otimes \Delta_S)(m \otimes s) = \varphi_F(m \otimes s_0) \otimes s_1 = ms_0 \otimes s_1.$$

The latter equality comes from Lemma 2.7. On the other hand, using the (H, S) -linearity of F , one has

$$(F \circ \varphi_F)(m \otimes s) = F(ms) = F(m)\Delta_S(s) = ms_0 \otimes s_1.$$

So the whole diagram is commutative. Hence we obtain $F = F_{N_F}$, which means $\tilde{\mathcal{D}} \circ \tilde{\mathcal{T}} = \text{id}$. Therefore we conclude $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{T} = \text{id}$. \square

2.4. The 1-descent cohomology set and torsors

Let G be a finite group and A be a G -group. Recall that an A -torsor (or A -principal homogeneous space) is a non-empty G -set P on which A acts on the right in a compatible way with the G -action and such that P is an affine space over A (see [13]). Pursuing our analogy between non-abelian group- and Hopf-cohomology theories, we are led to state the following definition.

Let H be a Hopf algebra and M be an (H, S) -Hopf module. An M -torsor is a triple (X, Δ_X, β) , where $\Delta_X: X \rightarrow X \otimes H$ is a map conferring X a structure of (H, S) -Hopf module and $\beta: M \rightarrow X$ is an S -linear isomorphism.

Denote by $\text{tors}(M)$ the set of M -torsors. It is pointed with distinguished point $(M, \Delta_M, \text{id}_M)$. We say that two M -torsors (X, Δ_X, β) and $(X', \Delta_{X'}, \beta')$ are *equivalent* if there exists $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$ such that the composition $\beta \circ f \circ \beta'^{-1}: X' \rightarrow X$ is a morphism of (H, S) -Hopf modules. Denote by $\text{Tors}(M)$ the set of equivalence classes of M -torsors; it is pointed with distinguished point the class of $(M, \Delta_M, \text{id}_M)$. We have the following result.

Proposition 2.8. *Let H be a Hopf algebra and M be an (H, S) -Hopf module. There is an isomorphism of pointed sets*

$$D^1(H, M) \cong \text{Tors}(M).$$

Proof. Define $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}: C^1(H, M) \rightarrow \text{tors}(M)$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}: \text{tors}(M) \rightarrow C^1(H, M)$ by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{U}}: F \mapsto (M, F, \text{id}_M) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathcal{V}}: (X, \Delta_X, \beta) \mapsto \beta^* \Delta_X.$$

We set here $\beta^* \Delta_X = (\beta^{-1} \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ \Delta_X \circ \beta$, which, following Lemma 2.2, is an element of $C^1(H, M)$ since Δ_X belongs to $C^1(H, X)$. Using again Lemma 2.2, it is easy to check that $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ define maps $\mathcal{U}: D^1(H, M) \rightarrow \text{Tors}(M)$ and $\mathcal{V}: \text{Tors}(M) \rightarrow D^1(H, M)$ on the quotients.

It is straightforward to prove $\tilde{\mathcal{V}} \circ \tilde{\mathcal{U}} = \text{id}_{C^1(H, M)}$. Moreover, the torsor $(\tilde{\mathcal{U}} \circ \tilde{\mathcal{V}})(X, \Delta_X, \beta)$ equals $(M, \beta^* \Delta_X, \text{id}_M)$, which, via $f = \text{id}_M$, is equivalent to (X, Δ_X, β) in $\text{tors}(M)$. \square

3. The isomorphism between Hopf cohomology sets and descent cohomology sets

In this section, we interpret the non-commutative Hopf cohomology sets in terms of the descent cohomology sets.

Let H be a Hopf-algebra and $(M, \Delta_M: M \rightarrow M \otimes H)$ be an H -comodule. We define a map $\tilde{\kappa}$ from $W_k^1(M)$ to itself by the formula

$$\tilde{\kappa}(\Phi) = \Phi \odot \Delta_M,$$

for any $\Phi \in W_k^1(M)$. The map $\tilde{\kappa}$ is a bijection. Indeed, denote by Δ'_M the map $(\text{id}_M \otimes \sigma_H) \circ \Delta_M$, which is easily seen to be the \odot -inverse of Δ_M in $W_k^1(M)$. The inverse map of $\tilde{\kappa}$ is therefore given by

$$\tilde{\kappa}^{-1}(\Phi) = \Phi \odot \Delta'_M.$$

Theorem 3.1. *Let H be a Hopf-algebra, S be an H -comodule algebra, and M be an (H, S) -Hopf module with coaction $\Delta_M: M \rightarrow M \otimes H$. The identity map $\text{id}_{\text{Aut}_S(M)}$ realizes the equality of groups*

$$H^0(H, M) = D^0(H, M).$$

The translation map $\tilde{\kappa}$ induces an isomorphism of pointed sets

$$\kappa: H^1(H, M) \rightarrow D^1(H, M).$$

As a consequence of this result and of Proposition 2.5, one immediately gets the following corollary which relates non-abelian Hopf-cohomology objects to non-abelian group-cohomology objects.

Corollary 3.2. *Let G be a finite group, $\psi : R \rightarrow S$ be a G -Galois extension, and $M = N_0 \otimes_R S$ be the extended S -module of an R -module N_0 . There is the equality of groups*

$$H^0(k^G, M) = H^0(G, \text{Aut}_S(M))$$

and an isomorphism of pointed sets

$$H^1(k^G, M) \cong H^1(G, \text{Aut}_S(M)).$$

Proof of Theorem 3.1.

0-level. Let φ be an element of $H^0(H, M)$. Then, by definition we have $d^0\varphi = d^1\varphi$. This equality implies

$$(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^0\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H)\Delta_M = (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^1\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H)\Delta_M.$$

Let us compute the left-hand side on an element $m \in M$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^0\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H)\Delta_M(m) &= \varphi(m_0)_0 \otimes \varphi(m_0)_1 \sigma_H(m_1)m_2 = \varphi(m_0)_0 \otimes \varphi(m_0)_1 \varepsilon_H(m_1) \\ &= (\Delta_M \circ \varphi)(m_0 \varepsilon_H(m_1)) = (\Delta_M \circ \varphi)(m). \end{aligned}$$

The right-hand side applied to $m \in M$ is equal to

$$(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H)(d^1\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H)\Delta_M(m) = \varphi(m_0) \otimes 1_H m_1 = \varphi(m_0) \otimes m_1 = (\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H)\Delta_M(m).$$

Thus, one has $\Delta_M \circ \varphi = (\varphi \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ \Delta_M$, and therefore f belongs to $D^0(H, M)$.

Conversely, let f be an element of $D^0(H, M)$. It satisfies the relation $(f \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ \Delta_M = \Delta_M \circ f$. Compose each term of this equality on the left with $(\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H) \circ (\Delta_M \otimes \sigma_H)$. The left-hand side becomes then exactly d^0f . Apply the right-hand side on $m \in M$. Setting $m' = f(m)$, we get

$$m'_0 \otimes m'_1 \sigma_H(m'_2) = m'_0 \otimes \varepsilon_H(m'_1)1_H = m' \otimes 1_H = f(m) \otimes 1_H = d^1f(m).$$

Therefore d^0f equals d^1f , hence f belongs to $H^0(H, M)$.

1-level. We begin to prove that $\tilde{\kappa}$ restricts to a bijection, still denoted by $\tilde{\kappa}$, from $Z^1(H, M)$ to $C^1(H, M)$. With the aim to do that, we shall show that via $\tilde{\kappa}$, for any $i = 1, 2, 3$, Condition ZC_i of Section 1.1 is equivalent to Condition CC_i of Section 2.1. We then prove that the bijection $\tilde{\kappa}$ induces a quotient map $\kappa : H^1(H, M) \rightarrow D^1(H, M)$ which is an isomorphism. Adopt the following notations. For $\Phi \in Z^1(H, M)$ and $m \in M$, we denote the tensor $\Phi(m) \in M \otimes H$ by $m_{[0]} \otimes m_{[1]}$. Similarly, for $F \in C^1(H, M)$ and $m \in M$, we set $F(m) = m_{(0)} \otimes m_{(1)}$.

– *Equivalence of Conditions ZC₁ and CC₁.* Fix $\Phi \in Z^1(H, M)$ and set $F = \tilde{\kappa}(\Phi) = \Phi \odot \Delta_M$. So, for any $m \in M$, we have $F(m) = (m_0)_{[0]} \otimes (m_0)_{[1]}m_1$. Pick now $s \in S$. Condition ZC₁ on Φ means $(ms)_{[0]} \otimes (ms)_{[1]} = m_{[0]}s \otimes m_{[1]}$. Let us compute $F(ms)$:

$$\begin{aligned} F(ms) &= ((ms)_0)_{[0]} \otimes ((ms)_0)_{[1]}(ms)_1 \\ &= (m_0s_0)_{[0]} \otimes (m_0s_0)_{[1]}m_1s_1 \\ &= (m_0)_{[0]}s_0 \otimes (m_0)_{[1]}m_1s_1 \\ &= F(m)\Delta_S(s). \end{aligned}$$

We use here the fact that Δ_M is twisted S -linear (second equality). Hence F verifies Condition CC₁.

Conversely, fix $F \in C^1(H, M)$. Condition CC₁ on F means $(ms)_{(0)} \otimes (ms)_{(1)} = m_{(0)}s_0 \otimes m_{(1)}s_1$, for any s in S . Set $\Phi = \tilde{\kappa}^{-1}(F) = F \odot \Delta'_M$, so $\Phi(m) = (m_0)_{(0)} \otimes (m_0)_{(1)}\sigma_H(m_1)$. Compute $\Phi(ms)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(ms) &= ((ms)_0)_{(0)} \otimes ((ms)_0)_{(1)}\sigma_H((ms)_1) \\ &= (m_0s_0)_{(0)} \otimes (m_0s_0)_{(1)}\sigma_H(s_1)\sigma_H(m_1) \\ &= (m_0)_{(0)}s_0 \otimes (m_0)_{(1)}s_1\sigma_H(s_2)\sigma_H(m_1) \\ &= (m_0)_{(0)}s_0 \otimes (m_0)_{(1)}\varepsilon_H(s_1)\sigma_H(m_1) \\ &= (m_0)_{(0)}s \otimes (m_0)_{(1)}\sigma_H(m_1) \\ &= \Phi(m)(s \otimes 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus Φ verifies Condition ZC₁.

– *Equivalence of Conditions ZC₂ and CC₂.* We still take $\Phi \in Z^1(H, M)$ and set $F = \tilde{\kappa}(\Phi) = \Phi \odot \Delta_M$, so $F(m) = (m_0)_{[0]} \otimes (m_0)_{[1]}m_1$, for any $m \in M$. Pick $s \in S$. Condition ZC₂ on Φ is given by the relation $m_{[0]}\varepsilon_H(m_{[1]}) = m$. Let us verify Condition CC₂ for F :

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id}_M \otimes \varepsilon_H)F(m) &= (m_0)_{[0]}\varepsilon_H((m_0)_{[1]})\varepsilon_H(m_1) \\ &= (m_0)\varepsilon_H(m_1) \\ &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \varepsilon_H)\Delta_M(m) \\ &= m. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if F verifies Condition CC₂, an easy computation shows that $\Phi = F \odot \Delta'_M$ fulfils Condition ZC₂.

– *Equivalence of Conditions ZC₃ and CC₃.* We introduce the deformed differential map $\delta : W^1_S(M) \rightarrow W^2_S(M)$ defined on $\Phi \in W^1_S(M)$ by the formula

$$\delta\Phi = (\text{id}_M \otimes T) \circ d^2\Phi$$

(recall that T is the flip of $H \otimes H$, see Section 1.1). We prove now that Condition CC_3 on $F \in W_S^1(M)$ may be translated into the equality

$$d^2 F \odot \delta F = d^1 F. \tag{4}$$

Indeed, as a consequence of the definitions of \odot and of d^2 , one gets

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 F \odot \delta F &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H^{\otimes 2})(\text{id}_M \otimes \chi_2)(d^2 F \otimes \text{id}_H^{\otimes 2})\delta F \\ &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H^{\otimes 2})(\text{id}_M \otimes \chi_2)(F \otimes \eta_H \otimes \text{id}_H^{\otimes 2})\delta F. \end{aligned}$$

Take $m \in M$ and observe that we have $\delta F(m) = m_{(0)} \otimes 1 \otimes m_{(1)}$. Let us compute $(d^2 F \odot \delta F)(m)$:

$$\begin{aligned} (d^2 F \odot \delta F)(m) &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H^{\otimes 2})(\text{id}_M \otimes \chi_2)(F \otimes \eta_H \otimes \text{id}_H^{\otimes 2})\delta F(m) \\ &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H^{\otimes 2})(\text{id}_M \otimes \chi_2)(F \otimes \eta_H \otimes \text{id}_H^{\otimes 2})(m_{(0)} \otimes 1 \otimes m_{(1)}) \\ &= (\text{id}_M \otimes \mu_H^{\otimes 2})(\text{id}_M \otimes \chi_2)(F(m_{(0)}) \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes m_{(1)}) \\ &= F(m_{(0)}) \otimes m_{(1)} \\ &= ((F \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F)(m). \end{aligned}$$

Since $d^1 F = (\text{id}_M \otimes \Delta_H) \circ F$, Condition CC_3 is equivalent to equality (4).

Let Φ be an element of $W_S^1(M)$. Set $F = \tilde{\kappa}(\Phi) = \Phi \odot \Delta_M$. We write down a sequence of equivalent assertions which begins with Condition ZC_3 on Φ and ends with an avatar of (4).

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 \Phi \odot d^0 \Phi = d^1 \Phi &\iff d^2(F \odot \Delta'_M) \odot d^0(F \odot \Delta'_M) = d^1(F \odot \Delta'_M) \\ &\iff d^2 F \odot d^2 \Delta'_M \odot d^0 F \odot d^0 \Delta'_M = d^1 F \odot d^1 \Delta'_M \\ &\iff d^2 F \odot (d^2 \Delta'_M \odot d^0 F \odot d^0 \Delta'_M \odot d^1 \Delta_M) = d^1 F. \end{aligned}$$

It suffices now to prove $d^2 \Delta'_M \odot d^0 F \odot d^0 \Delta'_M \odot d^1 \Delta_M = \delta F$. For any $m \in M$, one has the two equalities $d^0 \Delta'_M(m) = m_0 \otimes m_1 \sigma_H(m_3) \otimes \sigma_H(m_2)$ and $d^1 \Delta_M(m) = m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes m_2$. Thus one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (d^0 \Delta'_M \odot d^1 \Delta_M)(m) &= m_0 \otimes m_1 \sigma_H(m_3) m_4 \otimes \sigma_H(m_2) m_5 \\ &= m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes \sigma_H(m_2) m_3 = m_0 \otimes m_1 \otimes 1. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

It remains to compute $(d^2 \Delta'_M \odot d^0 F)(m)$. Denote the tensor $d^0 F(m_0) \in M \otimes H$ by $x \otimes y$, the summation being implicitly understood. Then $d^0 F(m)$ is given by $x_0 \otimes x_1 \sigma_H(m_1) \otimes y$. We also have $d^2 \Delta'_M(m) = m_0 \otimes \sigma_H(m_1) \otimes 1$. Therefore we get

$$(d^2 \Delta'_M \odot d^0 F)(m) = x_0 \otimes \sigma_H(x_1) x_2 \sigma_H(m_1) \otimes 1 y = x \otimes \sigma_H(m_1) \otimes y. \tag{6}$$

Combining (5) and (6), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((d^2 \Delta'_M \circ d^0 F) \circ (d^0 \Delta'_M \circ d^1 \Delta_M))(m) &= x \otimes \sigma_H(m_1)m_2 \otimes y1 \\
 &= x \otimes \varepsilon_H(m_1)1 \otimes y \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes T)(x \otimes y \otimes \varepsilon_H(m_1)1) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes T)(F \otimes \text{id}_H)(m_0 \otimes \varepsilon_H(m_1)1) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes T)(F(m) \otimes 1) \\
 &= (\text{id}_M \otimes T)(d^2 F)(m) \\
 &= (\delta F)(m).
 \end{aligned}$$

– *Factorization of $\tilde{\kappa}$.* We claim that the bijection $\tilde{\kappa}$ factorizes through an isomorphism from $H^1(H, M)$ to $D^1(H, M)$. Indeed, take Φ and Φ' two cohomologous 1-Hopf cocycles and $f \in \text{Aut}_S(M)$ satisfying the equality $d^1 f^{-1} \circ \Phi \circ d^0 f = \Phi'$. Set $F = \tilde{\kappa}(\Phi)$ and $F' = \tilde{\kappa}(\Phi')$. One has then the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}
 d^1 f^{-1} \circ \Phi \circ d^0 f = \Phi' &\iff d^1 f^{-1} \circ (F \circ \Delta'_M) \circ d^0 f = F' \circ \Delta'_M \\
 &\iff F \circ \Delta'_M \circ d^0 f \circ \Delta_M = d^1 f \circ F' \\
 &\iff F \circ d^1 f = d^1 f \circ F' \\
 &\iff F \circ f = (f \otimes \text{id}_H) \circ F'.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last equality means that F and F' are descent-cohomologous. Observe that the third equivalence is a consequence of the equality $d^0 f = \Delta_M \circ d^1 f \circ \Delta'_M$, which may be easily checked by the reader. \square

Post-scriptum. The present work in its first preprint version led T. Brzeziński to generalize the descent cohomology to the coring framework [2]. For any coring C and any C -comodule M , this author defines two descent cohomology sets $\mathcal{D}^0(C, M)$ and $\mathcal{D}^1(C, M)$, which coincide respectively with $\mathcal{D}^0(H, M)$ and $\mathcal{D}^1(H, M)$ (notations of Section 2) when C is the coring $S \otimes H$.

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