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We classify Hopf actions of Taft algebras T(n) on path algebras of quivers, in the setting where the quiver is loopless, finite, and Schurian. As a corollary, we see that every quiver admitting a faithful \mathbb{Z}_n -action (by directed graph automorphisms) also admits inner faithful actions of a Taft algebra. Several examples for actions of the Sweedler algebra T(2) and for actions of T(3) are presented in detail. We then extend the results on Taft algebra actions on path algebras to actions of the Frobenius–Lusztig kernel $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, and to actions of the Drinfeld double of T(n).

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1. Introduction

Let *n* be an integer ≥ 2 and let \Bbbk be a field containing a primitive *n*-th root of unity ζ . Both \Bbbk and *n* will be fixed but arbitrary subject to this condition throughout the paper. Note that if char(\Bbbk) = p > 0, this implies that *p* and *n* are coprime. All algebras in this work are associative \Bbbk -algebras and let an unadorned \otimes denote \otimes_{\Bbbk} .

Generalizing the classical notion of a group acting on an algebra by automorphisms, one can consider actions of Hopf algebras (e.g., quantum groups). However, one obstacle is that the intricate structure of a Hopf algebra often prevents nontrivial actions on an algebra. When such actions exist, they can be difficult to construct and

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are not generally well understood. This paper presents a case where a classification of these actions is achieved. Here, we consider actions of some finite dimensional, pointed Hopf algebras, namely actions of Taft algebras (Definition 2.1) as a start. Taft algebras can be thought of as Borel subalgebras of the Frobenius–Lusztig kernel $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$. The algebra being acted upon is the path algebra of a quiver, and actions are subject to Hypothesis 1.2. All necessary background, including definitions, is recalled in Section 2. In particular, we address the following question:

Question 1.1. When does the path algebra of a quiver admit a nontrivial action of a (finite dimensional, pointed) Hopf algebra? Specifically, of a Taft algebra?

Actions by Taft algebras are referred to as *Taft actions* for short. We give a complete answer to the question above for Taft actions, and extend Taft actions to actions of the quantum group $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and actions of the Drinfeld double of a Taft algebra, under the following conditions.

Hypothesis 1.2. Unless stated otherwise, we impose the assumptions below:

- (a) The quiver Q is finite, loopless, and Schurian.
- (b) Hopf actions preserve the ascending filtration by path length of the path algebra $\Bbbk Q$.

It is easy to see that Q must at least admit a nontrivial action of the cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_n (namely, the group of grouplike elements of T(n)) to admit a nontrivial action of the *n*-th Taft algebra T(n); see Example 3.13. Since Hopf algebras and quantum groups are generalizations of group algebras, we are interested in when a path algebra of a quiver that admits classical cyclic symmetry admits additional "quantum symmetry", loosely speaking. Our strategy is to identify a class of quivers which is small enough so that we can explicitly describe all Taft actions on their path algebras, but large enough so that every quiver admitting a Taft action is a union of quivers in this class. We call these quivers the \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers (Definition 4.3). The reader may wish to look over Section 5 early on for a complete account of the case n = 2: actions of the Sweedler algebra T(2) on \mathbb{Z}_2 -minimal quivers.

To begin, we first note that any action on a path algebra must restrict to an action on the subalgebra generated by the vertices, by Hypothesis 1.2(b). So we start by classifying Taft actions on products of fields in Proposition 3.5. Then, the form of actions on vertices places significant restrictions on actions on the arrows. The following theorem summarizes our results, with reference to more detailed statements in the body of the paper. Here, we let *g* and *x* be the standard generators of *T*(*n*), where *g* is grouplike, *x* is (1, *g*) skew-primitive, and $xg = \zeta gx$ for ζ some primitive *n*-th root of unity (see Section 2A). We identify the cyclic group generated by *g* with \mathbb{Z}_n .

Theorem 1.3. Let Q be a quiver, and suppose we have a Taft action on its path algebra $\mathbb{k}Q$.

- (a) The Taft action determines an action of \mathbb{Z}_n on Q by quiver automorphisms (Lemma 3.2).
- (b) Each Z_n-orbit of vertices is stable under T(n). If we let {e₁,..., e_m} be the collection of trivial paths corresponding to some orbit of vertices, numbered so that g ⋅ e_i = e_{i+1} with subscripts taken modulo m, then the action of x on these is given by

$$x \cdot e_i = \gamma \zeta^i e_i - \gamma \zeta^{i+1} e_{i+1},$$

for any scalar $\gamma \in \mathbb{k}$ (Proposition 3.5).

(c) For each arrow a of Q, the action of x on a is given by

$$x \cdot a = \alpha a + \beta (g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma (a),$$

for some scalars α , β , and λ . Here, $\sigma(a)$ is an arrow or trivial path with the same source as a and the same target as $g \cdot a$ (Notation 3.9, Proposition 3.10). Furthermore, when Q is a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quiver, these scalars are determined explicitly by the formulae (6.2) and (6.4) (Theorems 6.1, 6.3).

With an explicit parametrization of Taft actions on path algebras of \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers, it remains to show that this is sufficient to parametrize Taft actions on path algebras of quivers subject to Hypothesis 1.2. To do this, we introduce the notion of a \mathbb{Z}_n -component of a quiver with \mathbb{Z}_n -action (Definition 7.1). These are the smallest subquivers of Q which have at least one arrow and are guaranteed to be stable under the action of T(n) for any choice of parameters. Moreover, see Definition 7.4 for the notion of a *compatible* collection of Taft actions.

Theorem 1.4 (Lemmas 7.2, 7.3, Theorem 7.5, Corollary 7.6). Fix an action of \mathbb{Z}_n on a quiver Q. Then, Q decomposes uniquely into a union of its \mathbb{Z}_n components, and any Taft action on $\mathbb{K}Q$ restricts to an action on each component. Moreover, this decomposition gives a bijection between Taft actions on $\mathbb{K}Q$ and compatible collections of Taft actions on the \mathbb{Z}_n -components of Q. In particular, any path algebra of a quiver with a faithful action of \mathbb{Z}_n admits an inner faithful action of the *n*-th Taft algebra T(n).

As mentioned above, we extend these results to get actions of other finite dimensional, pointed Hopf actions on path algebras of quivers.

Theorem 1.5 (Theorems 8.10, 8.21, Section 8C). Fix an action of \mathbb{Z}_n on a quiver Q. Let $q \in \mathbb{k}$ be a 2*n*-th root of unity. Additional restraints on parameters are determined so that the Taft actions on the path algebra of Q produced in Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 extend to an action of the Frobenius–Lusztig kernel $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and to an action of the Drinfeld double of T(n). As a consequence of the theorem above, we obtain that path algebras of quivers, that admit \mathbb{Z}_n -symmetry, are *algebras* in the category of Yetter–Drinfeld modules over T(n) by Majid [1991]; see also [Radford 2012, Exercise 13.1.6]. Hence, motivated by the process of bosonization, or Radford's biproduct construction to produce (potentially new) Hopf algebras (see [Majid 1994; Radford 2012, Theorems 11.6.7, 11.6.9]), we pose the following question.

Question 1.6. Let *Q* be a quiver that admits \mathbb{Z}_n -symmetry. When does the path algebra $\mathbb{K}Q$ admit the structure of a *Hopf algebra* in the category of Yetter–Drinfeld modules over *T*(*n*)?

1A. *Comparisons to other work.* A path algebra &Q is naturally a coalgebra, where the comultiplication of a path is the sum of all splits of the path. There are previous studies on extending the coalgebra structure on &Q to a graded Hopf algebra, most notably Cibils and Rosso's work [1997; 2002] on Hopf quivers. Here, when &Q admits the structure of a Hopf algebra, the group of grouplike elements of &Q consists of the vertex set Q_0 of Q. Moreover, any arrow $a \in Q_1$ is a skew-primitive element as $\Delta(a) = s(a) \otimes a + a \otimes t(a)$. One example of their theory is a construction of T(n) from a Hopf quiver, and in this case it has the regular action on the path algebra, as our construction allows for nontrivial actions on path algebras of *any* quiver that admits \mathbb{Z}_n -symmetry.

Our work also has some intersection with [Gordienko 2015]. On the one hand, Gordienko works in the setting of Taft actions on arbitrary finite dimensional algebras, whereas path algebras of quivers are not always finite dimensional. For example, Gordienko's Theorem 1 classifies Taft algebra actions on products of matrix algebras, while our Proposition 3.5 only classifies Taft algebra actions on products of fields (equivalently, path algebras of arrowless quivers). On the other hand, Gordienko's classification [2015, Theorem 3] is restricted to actions giving T(n)-simple module-algebras, whereas we have classified all Taft actions on path algebras (subject to Hypothesis 1.2). With the exception of special parameter values, the path algebras in this work are not simple with respect to the Taft algebra action: one can easily see from our explicit formulas that the Jacobson radical (the ideal generated by the arrows of Q) is typically a nontrivial two-sided T(n)-invariant ideal.

There is an abundance of literature on both the study of quantum symmetry of graphs and group actions on directed graphs from the viewpoint of operator algebras, including [Banica 2005; Banica et al. 2007; Bates et al. 2012; Bichon 2003; Kumjian and Pask 1999]. Connections to our results merit further investigation.

Other works investigating relations between path algebras of quivers and Hopf algebras can be found in [Chen et al. 2004; Huang and Liu 2010; Huang et al. 2010; van Oystaeyen and Zhang 2004; Zhang 2006].

Montgomery and Schneider [2001] provide similar results for actions of Taft algebras, and extended actions of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and of D(T(n)), on the commutative algebras: $\Bbbk(u)$, and $\Bbbk[u]/(u^n - \beta)$ with $\beta \in \Bbbk$.

2. Background

We begin by defining Taft algebras and Hopf algebra actions. We then discuss path algebras of quivers, which will be acted on by Taft algebras throughout this work.

2A. *Taft algebras and Hopf algebra actions.* Let *H* be a Hopf algebra with coproduct Δ , counit ε , and antipode *S*. A nonzero element $g \in H$ is *grouplike* if $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$, and the set of grouplike elements of *H* is denoted by G(H). This forces $\varepsilon(g) = 1$ and $S(g) = g^{-1}$. An element $x \in H$ is (g, g')-skew-primitive, for grouplike elements g, g' of *H*, when $\Delta(x) = g \otimes x + x \otimes g'$. In this case, $\varepsilon(x) = 0$ and $S(x) = -g^{-1}xg'^{-1}$. The following examples of Hopf algebras will be used throughout this work.

Definition 2.1 (Taft algebra T(n), Sweedler algebra T(2)). The *Taft algebra* T(n) is a n^2 -dimensional Hopf algebra generated by a grouplike element g and a (1, g)-skew-primitive element x, subject to relations:

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

for ζ a primitive *n*-th root of unity. The 4-dimensional Taft algebra T(2) is known as the *Sweedler algebra*.

Note that G(T(n)) is isomorphic to the cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_n , generated by *g*.

We now recall basic facts about Hopf algebra actions; refer to [Montgomery 1993] for further details. A left *H*-module *M* has left *H*-action structure map denoted by $\cdot : H \otimes M \to M$. We use Sweedler notation $\Delta(h) = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$ for coproducts.

Definition 2.2 (*H*-action). Given a Hopf algebra *H* and an algebra *A*, we say that *H* acts on *A* (from the left) if, for all $h \in H$ and $p, q \in A$,

- (a) A is a left H-module;
- (b) $h \cdot (pq) = \sum (h_1 \cdot p)(h_2 \cdot q)$; and

(c)
$$h \cdot 1_A = \varepsilon(h) 1_A$$
.

In this case, we say that *A* is a *left H-module algebra*. Equivalently, the multiplication map $\mu_A : A \otimes A \to A$ and unit map $\eta_A : \Bbbk \to A$ are morphisms of *H*-modules, so *A* is an algebra in the monoidal category of left *H*-modules.

For the Taft actions in this work, consider the following terminology.

Definition 2.3 (extending a *G*-action). Given an action of a group *G* on an algebra *A*, we say that an action of a Hopf algebra *H* on *A* extends the *G*-action on *A* if the restriction of the *H*-action to G(H) agrees with the *G*-action via some isomorphism $G(H) \simeq G$.

In this paper, we are interested in the case where $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ and H = T(n) in the above definition. Moreover, it is useful to restrict to *H*-actions that do not factor through proper quotient Hopf algebras.

Definition 2.4 (inner faithful). A module M over a Hopf algebra H is *inner faithful* if the action of H on M does not factor through a quotient Hopf algebra of H; that is, $IM \neq 0$ for any nonzero Hopf ideal $I \subset H$. A Hopf action of H on an algebra A is inner faithful if A is inner faithful as an H-module.

The following lemma is likely known to experts, but does not seem to be readily accessible in the literature, so we provide a proof.

Lemma 2.5. Every nonzero bi-ideal of T(n) contains x. Therefore, a Taft action on an algebra A is inner faithful if and only if $x \cdot A \neq 0$.

Proof. Writing H := T(n), since $H \cong H^*$ as Hopf algebras it suffices to prove the dual statement. Namely, since *x* generates the radical of *H*, the dual approach is to show that every proper sub-bialgebra of *H* is contained in the coradical of *H*.

Suppose that $A \subseteq H$ is a nonzero Hopf sub-bialgebra of H which is not contained in the coradical of H. We will show that A = H. Since the coradical H_0 of H is the span of the grouplike elements $\{g^i \mid i = 0, ..., n-1\}$, we have that A contains a nonzero element $f = hx^j +$ (terms of lower *x*-degree), where $j \ge 1$ and $h \in H_0$. Say, $h = \sum_{d=0}^{i} v_d g^d$, for $v_d \in \mathbb{K}$ with $v_i \ne 0$. Since A inherits the coproduct from H,

$$\Delta(\nu_i g^i x^j) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{J} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}_{\zeta} \nu_i g^i x^{j-\ell} \otimes \nu_i g^{j-\ell+i} x^{\ell},$$

which is in $A \otimes A$. Here, the equality above holds by [Radford 2012, Lemma 7.3.1]. By the maximality of j and i and by taking $\ell = 0$ above, we have that $f \in A$ implies $g^i x^j \in A$. Now applying Δ to $g^i x^j$ yields $g^i x^{j-\ell} \in A$ for $\ell = 0, \ldots, j$. So, we get $g^i x \in A$. Likewise, apply Δ to $g^i x$ to conclude that $g^i, g^{i+1} \in A$. Since g has finite multiplicative order, $g^{-i} \in A$ as well. Thus, both g and x are in A, so A = H, as desired.

So the extension of a faithful cyclic group (\mathbb{Z}_n) action on an algebra A to a Taft algebra (T(n)) action is inner faithful if and only if $x \cdot A \neq 0$. To study module algebras of T(n), the following standard fact will also be of use.

Lemma 2.6. For each T(n)-action on an algebra A, there is a natural action of T(n) on the opposite algebra $(A^{op}, *)$, say denoted by \diamond , as follows:

$$g \diamond p = g^{-1} \cdot p \quad and \quad x \diamond p = g^{-1}x \cdot p.$$
 (2.7)

This gives a bijection between T(n)-actions on A and on A^{op} .

Proof. For any Hopf algebra H and algebra A, we get that A is an H-module algebra if and only if $(A^{\text{op}}, *)$ is an H^{cop} -module algebra. Here, H^{cop} is the coopposite algebra of H and $\Delta^{\text{cop}} = \tau \circ \Delta$ with $\tau (\sum h_1 \otimes h_2) = \sum h_2 \otimes h_1$. Indeed, $h \cdot (pq) = h \cdot (q * p) = \sum (h_2 \cdot q) * (h_1 \cdot p) = \sum (h_1 \cdot p)(h_2 \cdot q)$. The map sending gto g^{-1} and x to $g^{-1}x$ gives an isomorphism $T(n) \cong T(n)^{\text{cop}}$ as Hopf algebras, and the result follows.

2B. *Path algebras of quivers.* A *quiver* is another name for a directed graph, in the context where the directed graph is used to define an algebra. Here, we review the basic notions and establish notation. More detailed treatments can be found in the texts [Assem et al. 2006; Schiffler 2014]. Formally, a quiver $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$ consists of a set of *vertices* Q_0 , a set of *arrows* Q_1 , and two functions $s, t: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0$ giving the *source* and *target* of each arrow, visualized as

$$s(a) \xrightarrow{a} t(a).$$

A path p in Q is a sequence of arrows $p = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_\ell$ for which $t(a_i) = s(a_{i+1})$ for $1 \le i \le \ell - 1$. (Note that we read paths in left-to-right order.) The length of p is the number of arrows ℓ . There is also a length 0 *trivial path* e_i at each vertex $i \in Q_0$, with $s(e_i) = t(e_i) = i$.

A quiver Q has a *path algebra* $\Bbbk Q$ whose basis consists of all paths in Q, and multiplication of basis elements is given by composition of paths whenever it is defined, and 0 otherwise. More explicitly, we have the following definition.

Definition 2.8 (path algebra). The *path algebra* $\Bbbk Q$ of a quiver Q is the \Bbbk -algebra presented by generators from the set $Q_0 \sqcup Q_1$ with the relations

- (a) $\sum_{i \in O_0} e_i = 1;$
- (b) $e_i e_j = \delta_{ij} e_i$ for all $e_i, e_j \in Q_0$; and
- (c) $a = e_{s(a)}a = ae_{t(a)}$ for all $a \in Q_1$.

Condition (a) is due to the assumption that $|Q_0| < \infty$. Further, e_i is a primitive orthogonal idempotent in kQ for all *i*. So, kQ is an associative algebra with unit, which is finite dimensional if and only if Q has no path of positive length which starts and ends at the same vertex. Notice that kQ has a natural ascending filtration by path length. Namely, if we let F_i be the subspace of kQ spanned by paths of length at most *i*, then $F_i \subseteq F_{i+j}$.

Definition 2.9 (Schurian). A quiver Q is said to be *Schurian* if, given any two vertices i and j, there is at most one arrow which starts at i and ends at j.

Note that the definition above does not exclude oriented 2-cycles.

Definition 2.10 (covering, gluing, \circledast). A quiver Q is *covered by* a collection of subquivers Q^1, \ldots, Q^r if $Q = \bigcup_i Q^i$. We say Q is obtained by *gluing* the collection Q^1, \ldots, Q^r if the collection covers Q, and in addition $Q^i \cap Q^j$ consists entirely of vertices when $i \neq j$; in this case, write

$$Q=Q^1\circledast\cdots\circledast Q^r.$$

Remark 2.11. If a quiver Q is obtained by gluing subquivers Q^1, \ldots, Q^r , then we get that $\mathbb{k}Q$ is the factor of the free product of path algebras $\mathbb{k}Q^1 * \cdots * \mathbb{k}Q^r$ by the ideal generated by $\{e_{i,v} - e_{j,v}\}$, where for each pair (i, j), the index v varies over the vertices of $Q^i \cap Q^j$. Here, $e_{\ell,v}$ indicates the trivial path at v, for $v \in (Q^\ell)_0$.

2C. *Group actions on path algebras of quivers.* Now we consider group actions on quivers and on their path algebras.

Definition 2.12 (quiver automorphism). Let Q, Q' be quivers, and consider two maps of sets $f_0: Q_0 \to Q'_0$ and $f_1: Q_1 \to Q'_1$.

(1) We say that the pair $f = (f_0, f_1)$ is a *quiver isomorphism* if each of these maps is bijective, and they form a commuting square with the source and target operations. That is, for all $a \in Q_1$ we have

 $(f_0 \circ s)(a) = (s \circ f_1)(a)$ and $(f_0 \circ t)(a) = (t \circ f_1)(a)$.

- (2) We say that the pair $f = (f_0, f_1)$ is a quiver automorphism of Q if f satisfies (1) and Q' = Q.
- (3) A group G is said to *act on* Q, or Q is G-stable, if G acts on the sets Q_0 and Q_1 such that each element of G acts by a quiver automorphism.

Remark 2.13. A quiver automorphism induces an automorphism of its path algebra, but not every automorphism of a path algebra is of this form. See Lemma 3.2.

Remark 2.14. Given a quiver Q, we can form the *opposite quiver* Q^{op} by interchanging the source and target functions *s* and *t*. It is clear from the definition of the path algebra that $\Bbbk(Q^{op}) \cong (\Bbbk Q)^{op}$. Hence, Lemma 2.6 implies there is a bijection between T(n)-actions on $\Bbbk Q$ and on $\Bbbk Q^{op}$ given by (2.7). See Remark 5.2 for an illustration.

3. Preliminary results

In this section, we present preliminary results on Taft actions on path algebras of loopless, Schurian quivers. We begin by studying actions on vertices, first giving a simple lemma regarding group actions on $\&Q_0$ (Lemma 3.1). Then, we extend this result to classifying Taft actions on $\&Q_0$ (Proposition 3.5). Preliminary results on Taft actions on path algebras &Q are provided (Proposition 3.10), along with an example in the case where Q_0 is fixed by the group of grouplike elements of T(n) (Example 3.13).

The following lemma is elementary, but we provide the details in any case.

Lemma 3.1 (*G*-action on $\Bbbk Q_0$). Let *G* be a group, let Q_0 be a set of vertices, and let $\{e_i\}_{i \in Q_0}$ be the corresponding primitive orthogonal idempotents in $\Bbbk Q_0$. Then, any *G*-action on the set Q_0 induces an action on the ring $\Bbbk Q_0$, given by $g \cdot e_i = e_{g \cdot i}$ for each $i \in Q_0$ and $g \in G$. Moreover, every *G*-action on $\Bbbk Q_0$ arises in this way.

Proof. The first statement is clear, so suppose for the converse that we have a *G*-action on $\Bbbk Q_0 \simeq \Bbbk \times \Bbbk \times \cdots \times \Bbbk$. To act as a ring automorphism, each element of *G* must send a complete collection of primitive orthogonal idempotents to another such collection. But in this case, the set $\{e_i\}_{i \in Q_0}$ is the unique such collection. So this set must be permuted by *G*, defining an action of *G* on the set Q_0 .

Now we turn our attention to group actions on arbitrary path algebras of quivers.

Lemma 3.2 (*G*-action on $\Bbbk Q$). Let *G* be a group and *Q* a quiver which is loopless and Schurian, and suppose that *G* acts by automorphisms of $\Bbbk Q$, preserving the ascending filtration by path length. Then, the action of each $g \in G$ on *Q* is given by

- (i) a quiver automorphism $\phi: Q \to Q$, along with
- (ii) a collection of nonzero scalars $\mu_a \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$, indexed by the arrows a of Q,

such that $g \cdot a = \mu_a \phi(a)$ for each $a \in Q_1$. (To be clear, both ϕ and the collection μ_a depend on g.)

Proof. Since *G* preserves the path length filtration, it acts by permutations on the vertex set, by Lemma 3.1. Then for each $g \in G$ and $a \in Q_1$, we have $g \cdot a = g \cdot (e_{s(a)}a) = (g \cdot e_{s(a)})(g \cdot a)$, showing that $g \cdot a$ lies in the span of arrows starting at $g \cdot e_{s(a)}$. Similarly, we see that $g \cdot a$ lies in the k-span of arrows with target $g \cdot e_{t(a)}$. Since *Q* is Schurian, this determines a unique arrow $\phi(a)$, with start $s(g \cdot a) = g \cdot e_{s(a)}$ and target $t(g \cdot a) = g \cdot e_{t(a)}$, such that $g \cdot a$ is a scalar times $\phi(a)$. It is immediate from the definition of ϕ that ϕ is a quiver automorphism.

Convention 3.3. We sometimes use $g \cdot a$ to label an arrow in a diagram, or refer to $g \cdot a$ as an arrow in exposition, in order to avoid introducing the extra notation ϕ . In these cases, it is understood that one must actually multiply by a scalar to get an arrow on the nose.

Next, we study the action of skew-primitive elements on arrowless quivers Q_0 , which then leads to Taft actions on the semisimple algebra $\& Q_0$. Since the generator *x* of *T*(*n*) is (1, *g*)-skew-primitive, the relation $e_i^2 = e_i$ of $\& Q_0$ gives us that

$$x \cdot e_i = x \cdot (e_i^2) = e_i (x \cdot e_i) + (x \cdot e_i)(g \cdot e_i) \in \operatorname{span}_{\mathbb{k}} \{ e_i, g \cdot e_i \}.$$
(3.4)

So, to study extensions of a *G*-action on $\mathbb{k}Q_0$ to a T(n)-action, we can restrict ourselves to a single *G*-orbit of vertices. From here on, we apply the above results to the case where G = G(T(n)) is the cyclic group generated by $g \in T(n)$, which we identify with \mathbb{Z}_n .

Proposition 3.5 (T(n)-actions on $\Bbbk Q_0$). Let $Q_0 = \{1, 2, ..., m\}$ be the vertex set of a quiver, where m divides n, and \mathbb{Z}_n acts on $\Bbbk Q_0$ by $g \cdot e_i = e_{i+1}$. Here, subscripts are always interpreted modulo m.

- (i) If m < n (so the \mathbb{Z}_n -action on Q_0 is not faithful), then x acts on $\mathbb{K}Q_0$ by 0.
- (ii) If m = n (so \mathbb{Z}_n acts faithfully on Q_0), then the action of x on $\mathbb{k}Q_0$ is exactly of the form

$$x \cdot e_i = \gamma \zeta^i (e_i - \zeta e_{i+1}) \qquad \text{for all } i, \tag{3.6}$$

where $\gamma \in \mathbb{k}$ can be any scalar.

In particular, we can extend the action of \mathbb{Z}_n on $\mathbb{k}Q_0$ to an inner faithful action of T(n) on $\mathbb{k}Q_0$ if and only if m = n.

Proof. Assume that we have a T(n)-action on $\mathbb{k}Q_0$ extended from the \mathbb{Z}_n -action on Q_0 in Lemma 3.1. By (3.4), we know that $x \cdot e_i = \alpha_i e_i + \beta_i e_{i+1}$ for some scalars $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{k}$. Then, we have

$$0 = x \cdot 1 = x \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{m} e_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \alpha_i e_i + \beta_i e_{i+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\alpha_i + \beta_{i-1}) e_i, \quad (3.7)$$

which gives $\beta_{i-1} = -\alpha_i$. (Here, $\sum_{i=1}^{m} \beta_i e_{i+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \beta_{i-1} e_i$ by reindexing.) Now the relation $xg = \zeta gx$ applied to e_i gives

$$\alpha_{i+1}e_{i+1} - \alpha_{i+2}e_{i+2} = \zeta(\alpha_i e_{i+1} - \alpha_{i+1}e_{i+2}), \qquad (3.8)$$

so that $\alpha_{i+1} = \zeta \alpha_i$ for all *i*. Setting $\gamma := \alpha_1 \zeta^{-1}$ gives $\alpha_i = \zeta^i \gamma$, so that (3.6) holds whenever a T(n)-action exists. We have assumed that *m* divides *n*, but on the other hand, $x \cdot e_i = x \cdot e_{i+m}$ implies that $\gamma \zeta^i = \gamma \zeta^{i+m}$. Thus, $\gamma = \gamma \zeta^m$. Hence, whenever $m < n = \operatorname{ord}(\zeta)$, we have $\gamma = 0$, and *x* acts by 0. This establishes (i).

On the other hand, suppose that m = n. We will show that Equation (3.6) defines a T(n)-action on $\Bbbk Q_0$ for any $\gamma \in \Bbbk$. A simple substitution verifies that $xg \cdot e_i = \zeta gx \cdot e_i$. The fact that the *x*-action preserves the relations $e_i e_j = \delta_{ij} e_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i = 1$ is also easy to check by substitution. The only tedious part is to

show that x^n acts on $\Bbbk Q_0$ by 0, which is verified by Lemma 9.10 in the appendix of computations, using symmetric functions. Now, the T(n)-action on $\Bbbk Q_0$ is inner faithful when γ is nonzero, by Lemma 2.5. Therefore, (ii) holds.

Now to study Taft actions on path algebras of Schurian quivers in general, we set the following notation.

Notation 3.9 ($\sigma(a)$). Suppose we have a quiver Q and an action of $\mathbb{Z}_n \simeq \langle g \rangle \subset T(n)$ on $\mathbb{R}Q$. Given an arrow $a \in Q_1$, we know that there exists at most one path of length less than or equal to 1 from s(a) to $t(g \cdot a)$ since Q is Schurian and loopless. Denote this path by $\sigma(a)$ if it exists, and set $\sigma(a) = 0$ otherwise.

To be more explicit, consider the following case: when g fixes neither s(a) nor t(a), and $g \cdot t(a) \neq s(a)$, then $\sigma(a)$ is either an arrow or 0, and can be visualized in the following diagram.



If $g \cdot t(a) = s(a)$, then $\sigma(a)$ is the trivial path at s(a). Moreover, we have $\sigma(a) = g \cdot a$ whenever $g \cdot s(a) = s(a)$, and $\sigma(a) = a$ whenever $g \cdot t(a) = t(a)$.

We remind the reader of the standing assumptions made in Hypothesis 1.2. The following result determines the action of x on any arrow of Q.

Proposition 3.10. Suppose we have an action of T(n) on $\Bbbk Q$, and let $a \in Q_1$ with $i_+ := s(a)$ and $j_- := t(a)$. Then, there exist scalars $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \Bbbk$ such that

$$x \cdot a = \alpha a + \beta (g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma (a). \tag{3.11}$$

Moreover, α , β , λ can be determined in special cases depending on the relative configuration of *a* and *g* · *a*, as described in Figures 1 and 2 below. Here, the dotted red arrows indicate the action of g on Q₀.

Proof. Let $\gamma_+, \gamma_- \in \mathbb{k}$ be the scalars from Proposition 3.5 such that

$$x \cdot e_{i_+} = (\gamma_+)\zeta^i (e_{i_+} - \zeta g \cdot e_{i_+})$$
 and $x \cdot e_{j_-} = (\gamma_-)\zeta^j (e_{j_-} - \zeta g \cdot e_{j_-}),$ (3.12)

where $g \cdot e_{\ell_{\pm}} = e_{(\ell+1)_{\pm}}$ as usual.

From the relation $a = e_{i_+}a$, we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot a &= x \cdot (e_{i_+}a) = e_{i_+}(x \cdot a) + (\gamma_+)\zeta^i (e_{i_+} - \zeta g \cdot e_{i_+})(g \cdot a) \\ &= \begin{cases} e_{i_+}(x \cdot a) + (\gamma_+)\zeta^i (1 - \zeta)(g \cdot a) & \text{if } e_{i_+}(g \cdot a) = g \cdot a, \\ e_{i_+}(x \cdot a) - (\gamma_+)\zeta^{i+1}(g \cdot a) & \text{if } e_{i_+}(g \cdot a) = 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



Figure 1. $a(g \cdot a) = (g \cdot a)a = 0$.

Thus, $x \cdot a \in \text{span}_{\Bbbk}$ {paths starting at $e_{i_+}, g \cdot a$ }. Similarly, the relation $a = ae_{j_-}$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot a &= x \cdot (ae_{j_{-}}) = (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}a(e_{j_{-}} - \zeta g \cdot e_{j_{-}}) + (x \cdot a)(g \cdot e_{j_{-}}) \\ &= \begin{cases} (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}(1 - \zeta)a + (x \cdot a)(g \cdot e_{j_{-}}) & \text{if } a(g \cdot e_{j_{-}}) = a, \\ (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}a + (x \cdot a)(g \cdot e_{j_{-}}) & \text{if } a(g \cdot e_{j_{-}}) = 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $x \cdot a \in \text{span}_{\mathbb{k}}\{a, \text{ paths ending at } g \cdot e_{j_-}\}$. Intersecting these two conditions on $x \cdot a$ gives Equation (3.11). The coefficients α , β , λ can be determined more explicitly, but depend on the relative configuration of a and $g \cdot a$. We consider the various cases below.

Suppose that $e_{i_+}(g \cdot a) = g \cdot a$, then $g \cdot s(a) = s(a)$. So, as remarked in Notation 3.9, we have $\sigma(a) = g \cdot a$. We can omit this term in (3.11) by absorbing λ into β in this case. Similarly, if $a(g \cdot e_{j_-}) = a$, then $g \cdot t(a) = t(a)$ and we have $\sigma(a) = a$. We can omit this term in (3.11) by absorbing λ into α in this case. On the other hand,



Figure 2. $a(g \cdot a) \neq 0$ or $(g \cdot a)a \neq 0$.

if $e_{i_+}(g \cdot a) = 0$, then $x \cdot a = x \cdot e_{i_+}a$ implies that

$$\alpha a + \beta(g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma(a) = e_{i_+}[\alpha a + \beta(g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma(a)] - (\gamma_+)\zeta^{i+1}(g \cdot a)$$
$$= \alpha a - (\gamma_+)\zeta^{i+1}(g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma(a).$$

Thus in this case, $\beta = -(\gamma_+)\zeta^{i+1}$. Similarly, if $a(g \cdot e_{j_-}) = 0$, then $x \cdot a = x \cdot ae_{j_-}$ implies that

$$\alpha a + \beta(g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma(a) = (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}a + [\alpha a + \beta(g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma(a)](g \cdot e_{j_{-}})$$
$$= (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}a + \beta(g \cdot a) + \lambda \sigma(a).$$

So, $\alpha = (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}$. These results are collected in Figure 1. In each case, the *x*-action on the vertices follow from Proposition 3.5. In Figure 2, the results are further specialized to the cases where $g \cdot s(a) = t(a)$ or $g \cdot t(a) = s(a)$. Since the \pm notation serves to distinguish the orbits of s(a) and t(a), the \pm notation is dropped in Figure 2.

As an illustration of the results above, we study Taft actions on a path algebra $\Bbbk Q$, where \mathbb{Z}_n fixes Q_0 .

Example 3.13 (T(n)-action on $\mathbb{k}Q$, \mathbb{Z}_n fixes Q_0). If \mathbb{Z}_n fixes the vertices of a quiver Q, then we claim that any extended action of T(n) on $\mathbb{k}Q$ is not inner faithful. First, by Proposition 3.5(i) with m = 1, we get that $x \cdot e_i = 0$ for all $i \in Q_0$. For the arrows, we get that $s(g \cdot a) = e_{s(a)}$ and $t(g \cdot a) = e_{t(a)}$ by the assumption. So, $\sigma(a) = g \cdot a$. Moreover, $g \cdot a = \mu_a a$ by Lemma 3.2. Now, Proposition 3.10 implies that $x \cdot a = \alpha a$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{k}$. Finally, using the relation $x^n = 0$, we conclude that $x \cdot a = 0$, and the claim holds.

4. Minimal quivers

Given any Hopf algebra action on an algebra A, it is natural to study the restricted Hopf action on a subalgebra of A, if one exists. We introduce \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers in this section, which will be the building blocks of Taft actions on path algebras of quivers in subsequent sections. The following definition serves to fix notation for specific quivers that will be used throughout the rest of the paper.

Definition 4.1 (K_m , $K_{m,m'}$, a_i^i , b_i^i). Let *m* and *m'* be positive integers.

- (1) The *complete quiver* K_m (or *complete digraph*) has vertex set $\{1, 2, ..., m\}$, with an arrow a_j^i from *i* to *j* for every ordered pair of distinct vertices (i, j). For uniformity in the formulas, we also take the symbol a_i^i to mean the trivial path e_i at vertex *i* (rather than a loop, which we have excluded).
- (2) The *complete bipartite quiver* $K_{m,m'}$ has a top row of *m* vertices and a bottom row of *m'* vertices, labeled by $\{1_+, \ldots, m_+\}$ and $\{1_-, \ldots, m'_-\}$, respectively.

There is an arrow b_j^i from each vertex i_+ in the top row to each vertex j_- in the bottom row; that is, $s(b_j^i) = i_+$ and $t(b_j^i) = j_-$.

An example of each type is given below, without vertex or arrow labels.



To illustrate the arrow labels, the first diagram below shows some arrows in K_4 and the second diagram shows all arrows starting at 1⁺ in $K_{2,3}$.



See Figure 5 for further illustrations.

Suppose we have an action of \mathbb{Z}_n on the path algebra of a subquiver of K_m or $K_{m,m'}$. Let g be a generator of \mathbb{Z}_n . After possibly relabeling, we can assume g acts on the trivial paths by $g \cdot e_i = e_{i+1}$ (for K_m) and $g \cdot e_{i_+} = e_{(i+1)_+}$, $g \cdot e_{i_-=(i+1)_-}$ (for $K_{m,m'}$), where the indices are taken modulo m or m' as appropriate. By Lemma 3.2, there is a collection of nonzero scalars $\mu_{i,j}$ such that $g \cdot a_j^i = \mu_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i+1}$ (for K_m), or $g \cdot b_j^i = \mu_{i,j} b_{j+1}^{i+1}$ (for $K_{m,m'}$). Again, subscripts and superscripts are interpreted modulo m or m' as appropriate. Since g^n is the identity and $g \cdot e_i = e_{i+1}$ (for K_m), these scalars $\mu_{i,j}$ satisfy

$$\mu_{i,i} = 1 \quad \text{in the } K_m \text{ case,}$$

$$\prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \mu_{i+\ell, j+\ell} = 1 \quad \text{in both cases.}$$
(4.2)

Since an arrow (or, more specifically, the source and target of an arrow) of a quiver Q can only be part of one or two \mathbb{Z}_n -orbits of Q_0 , we make the following definition.

Definition 4.3 (\mathbb{Z}_n -minimal, Type A, Type B). Let \mathbb{Z}_n act on a quiver Q. Say that Q is \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal of

Type A if *Q* is a Z_n-stable subquiver of K_m, where m > 1 is a positive integer dividing n; or



Figure 3. \mathbb{Z}_3 -minimal quivers of Type A.

• *Type B* if *Q* is a \mathbb{Z}_n -stable subquiver of $K_{m,m'}$, where $m, m' \ge 1$ and m, m' divide *n*.

Example 4.4. The following quiver Q admits both a \mathbb{Z}_4 -action and a \mathbb{Z}_2 -action illustrated by the dotted red arrows below. Observe that Q is \mathbb{Z}_4 -minimal of Type B. Further, we see it is \mathbb{Z}_{4d} -minimal of Type B for any integer $d \ge 1$. However, it is not \mathbb{Z}_2 -minimal of Type B.



Now we list the \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers for small *n*. For Type A, note that there is only one \mathbb{Z}_2 -minimal quiver that admits a transitive action of \mathbb{Z}_2 on vertices; see (I) of Figure 5. See Figure 3 for the three \mathbb{Z}_3 -minimal quivers of Type A. The dotted, red arrow indicates the action of \mathbb{Z}_3 on Q_0 (clockwise rotation in each case). For Type B, there are five Type B \mathbb{Z}_2 -minimal quivers; see Figure 5 (II)–(VI) for an illustration. Moreover, see Figure 4 for the six \mathbb{Z}_3 -minimal quivers of Type B.

5. Sweedler algebra actions on path algebras of minimal quivers

In this section, we study the action of the Sweedler algebra T(2) on path algebras of quivers. This is achieved by first computing the action of the Sweedler algebra on \mathbb{Z}_2 -minimal quivers (Theorem 5.1). Later, in Section 7, we present results on gluing such actions to yield Sweedler actions on more general quivers.

Recall from Definition 2.1 that the Sweedler algebra is the 4-dimensional Taft algebra T(2) generated by a grouplike element g and a (1, g)-skew-primitive element x, subject to relations:

$$g^2 = 1$$
, $x^2 = 0$, $xg + gx = 0$

Note that $G(T(2)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$.



Figure 4. \mathbb{Z}_3 -minimal quivers of Type B.

Theorem 5.1. Recall Hypothesis 1.2. For each quiver Q in Figure 5 (where the dotted red arrow illustrates the g-action on vertices), the \mathbb{Z}_2 -action on Q extends to an action of the Sweedler algebra T(2) on $\mathbb{K}Q$ precisely as follows. We take γ



Figure 5. The \mathbb{Z}_2 -minimal quivers.

(resp. γ_+ and γ_-) to be the scalar from the x-action on e_i (resp. on e_{i_+} and on e_{j_-}) in (3.6) (resp. in (3.12)).

Q	x-action on Q_0	Q	x-action on Q_0
(I)	$x \cdot e_1 = -\gamma(e_1 + e_2)$ $x \cdot e_2 = \gamma(e_1 + e_2)$	(IV)	$ \begin{aligned} x \cdot e_{1_{+}} &= -(\gamma_{+})(e_{1_{+}} + e_{2_{+}}) \\ x \cdot e_{2_{+}} &= (\gamma_{+})(e_{1_{+}} + e_{2_{+}}) \\ x \cdot e_{1_{-}} &= 0 \end{aligned} $
(11)	$x \cdot e_{1+} = x \cdot e_{1-} = 0$	(V)	$\begin{aligned} x \cdot e_{1_{+}} &= -(\gamma_{+})(e_{1_{+}} + e_{2_{+}}) \\ x \cdot e_{2_{+}} &= (\gamma_{+})(e_{1_{+}} + e_{2_{+}}) \\ x \cdot e_{1_{-}} &= -(\gamma_{-})(e_{1_{-}} + e_{2_{-}}) \\ x \cdot e_{2_{-}} &= (\gamma_{-})(e_{1_{-}} + e_{2_{-}}) \end{aligned}$
(111)	$x \cdot e_{1_{+}} = 0$ $x \cdot e_{1_{-}} = -(\gamma_{-})(e_{1_{-}} + e_{2_{-}})$ $x \cdot e_{2_{-}} = (\gamma_{-})(e_{1_{-}} + e_{2_{-}})$	(VI)	$\begin{aligned} x \cdot e_{1_{+}} &= -(\gamma_{+})(e_{1_{+}} + e_{2_{+}}) \\ x \cdot e_{2_{+}} &= (\gamma_{+})(e_{1_{+}} + e_{2_{+}}) \\ x \cdot e_{1_{-}} &= -(\gamma_{-})(e_{1_{-}} + e_{2_{-}}) \\ x \cdot e_{2_{-}} &= (\gamma_{-})(e_{1_{-}} + e_{2_{-}}) \end{aligned}$

Q	x -action on Q_1	
(I)	$x \cdot a_{2}^{1} = \gamma a_{2}^{1} - \gamma \mu a_{1}^{2} + \lambda e_{1}$ $x \cdot a_{1}^{2} = \gamma \mu^{-1} a_{2}^{1} - \gamma a_{1}^{2} - \lambda \mu^{-1} e_{2}$	for $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$, $\mu \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$
(11)	$x \cdot b_1^1 = 0$	
(111)	$ \begin{aligned} x \cdot b_1^1 &= -(\gamma)b_1^1 + \beta \mu b_2^2 \\ x \cdot b_2^2 &= -\beta \mu^{-1}b_1^1 + (\gamma)b_2^2 \end{aligned} $	for $\beta^2 = (\gamma)^2$, $\mu \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$
(IV)	$x \cdot b_1^1 = \alpha b_1^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu b_2^2$ $x \cdot b_2^2 = (\gamma_+)\mu^{-1}b_1^1 - \alpha b_2^2$	for $\alpha^2 = (\gamma_+)^2$, $\mu \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$
(V)	$x \cdot b_1^1 = -(\gamma)b_1^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu b_2^2$ $x \cdot b_2^2 = (\gamma_+)\mu^{-1}b_1^1 + (\gamma)b_2^2$	for $(\gamma_+)^2 = (\gamma)^2$, $\mu \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$
(VI)	$\begin{aligned} x \cdot b_1^1 &= -(\gamma)b_1^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu b_2^2 + \lambda b_2^1 \\ x \cdot b_2^2 &= (\gamma_+)\mu^{-1}b_1^1 + (\gamma)b_2^2 - \lambda \mu^{-1}\mu' b_1^2 \\ x \cdot b_2^1 &= (\gamma)b_2^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu' b_1^2 + \lambda' b_1^1 \\ x \cdot b_1^2 &= (\gamma_+)\mu'^{-1}b_2^1 - (\gamma)b_1^2 - \lambda'\mu\mu'^{-1}b_2^2 \end{aligned}$	for $(\gamma_+)^2 = (\gamma)^2 + \lambda \lambda'$ with $\lambda, \lambda' \in \mathbb{k}$ and $\mu, \mu' \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$

Proof. The x-action on vertices follows from (3.6) and (3.12).

(I) We are in the situation illustrated in the second column of Figure 2, where additionally $g \cdot i = j$. So, we have

$$x \cdot a_2^1 = \gamma a_2^1 - \gamma \mu_{1,2} a_1^2 + \lambda e_1$$

from Proposition 3.10 and Lemma 3.2. Then using the relation xg = -gx in T(2), we find that

$$\mu_{1,2}x \cdot a_1^2 = x \cdot (g \cdot a_2^1) = -g \cdot (x \cdot a_2^1) = -\gamma \mu_{1,2}a_1^2 + \gamma \mu_{1,2}\mu_{2,1}a_2^1 - \lambda \mu_{1,1}e_2.$$

Using that $\mu_{1,2}^{-1} = \mu_{2,1}$ and $\mu_{1,1} = 1$ from Equation (4.2), we obtain

$$x \cdot a_1^2 = \gamma \mu_{2,1} a_2^1 - \gamma a_1^2 - \lambda \mu_{2,1} e_2.$$

The x-action on all other relations in kQ yields tautologies, and the relations $x^2 = xg + gx = 0$ are satisfied when applied to the arrows a_2^1 and a_1^2 . Taking $\mu = \mu_{1,2}$ and $\mu^{-1} = \mu_{2,1}$, we see the action is of the claimed form.

(II) We apply Example 3.13.

(III) Examining Figure 1, we see that $x \cdot b_1^1 = -(\gamma_-)b_1^1 + \beta \mu_{1,1}b_2^2$ for some $\beta \in \mathbb{k}$. The relation xg = -gx in T(2) then gives

$$\mu_{1,1}x \cdot b_2^2 = x \cdot (g \cdot b_1^1) = -g \cdot (x \cdot b_1^1) = -\beta \mu_{1,1}\mu_{2,2}b_1^1 + (\gamma_-)\mu_{1,1}b_2^2.$$

Now applying the relation $x^2 = 0$ of T(2) to the arrow b_1^1 implies that $(\gamma_-)^2 = \beta^2$, and we take $\mu = \mu_{1,1}$.

(IV) We get from Figure 1 that $x \cdot b_1^1 = \alpha b_1^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu_{1,1}b_2^2$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{k}$. The relation xg = -gx in T(2) then gives

$$\mu_{1,1}x \cdot b_2^2 = x \cdot (g \cdot b_1^1) = -g \cdot (x \cdot b_1^1) = -\alpha \mu_{1,1}b_2^2 + (\gamma_+)\mu_{1,1}\mu_{2,2}b_1^1.$$

Now applying the relation $x^2 = 0$ to the arrow b_1^1 implies that $(\gamma_+)^2 = \alpha^2$, and again we take $\mu = \mu_{1,1}$.

(V) Examining Figure 1 we find that $x \cdot b_1^1 = -(\gamma_-)b_1^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu_{1,1}b_2^2$. Then the relation xg = -gx in T(2) gives that $\mu_{1,1}x \cdot b_2^2 = (\gamma_+)\mu_{1,1}\mu_{2,2}b_1^1 + (\gamma_-)\mu_{1,1}b_2^2$. The relation $x^2 = 0$ applied to the arrows b_1^1 and b_2^2 implies that $(\gamma_+)^2 = (\gamma_-)^2$, and again we take $\mu = \mu_{1,1}$.

(VI) We can see from Figure 1 that $x \cdot b_1^1 = -(\gamma_-)b_1^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu_{1,1}b_2^2 + \lambda b_2^1$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$. Similarly, we can see from this figure that $x \cdot b_2^1 = (\gamma_-)b_2^1 - (\gamma_+)\mu_{1,2}b_1^2 + \lambda'b_1^1$ for some $\lambda' \in \mathbb{K}$. The relation xg = -gx gives the formulas for $x \cdot b_2^2$ and $x \cdot b_1^2$ as claimed. Finally, the relation $x^2 = 0$ implies that $(\gamma_+)^2 = (\gamma_-)^2 + \lambda \lambda'$. We have taken $\mu = \mu_{1,1}$ and $\mu' = \mu_{1,2}$.

Remark 5.2. Since $Q(III)^{op} = Q(IV)$, we can get the Sweedler action on the path algebra of Q(IV) from its action on the path algebra of Q(III) using (2.7); see Remark 2.14. For instance, take $b_1^1 \in Q(IV)$:

$$x \diamond b_1^1 = g^{-1}x \cdot b_1^1 = g^{-1} \cdot (-(\gamma_-)b_1^1 + \beta \mu b_2^2) = -(\gamma_-)\mu b_2^2 + \beta b_1^1.$$

Now by identifying γ_{-} with γ_{+} , and β with α , we get the desired action.

6. Taft algebra actions on path algebras of minimal quivers

In this section, we give a complete description of T(n)-actions on path algebras of \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers. Since the action of the grouplike elements of T(n) has already been determined in Lemma 3.2, and the T(n)-action on the vertices has already been determined in Proposition 3.5, all that remains is to describe possible actions of *x* on the arrows.

6A. *Taft actions on Type A* \mathbb{Z}_n *-minimal quivers.* Let Q be a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quiver of Type A, so that Q is a subquiver of K_m for some m|n by Definition 4.3. Recall that the path algebra $\mathbb{K}K_m$ has basis a_j^i for $1 \le i, j \le m$, with $a_i^i = e_i$ being the trivial path at vertex i.

Theorem 6.1. Recall Hypothesis 1.2 and retain the notation above. Any T(n)-action on the path algebra of Type A \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quiver Q is given by

$$x \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \gamma(\zeta^{j} a_{j}^{i} - \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i+1}) + \lambda_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i}, \qquad (6.2)$$

where $\gamma \in \mathbb{k}$ from (3.6), $\mu_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ from (4.2), and $\lambda_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}$ are all scalars satisfying

- $\mu_{i,i} = 1$ for all *i*, and $\prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \mu_{i+\ell,j+\ell} = 1$;
- $\lambda_{i,j} = 0$ if either i = j or the arrow a_{i+1}^i does not exist in Q; and
- $\lambda_{i+1,j+1}\mu_{i,j} = \zeta \lambda_{i,j}\mu_{i,j+1}$.

The superindices and subindices of arrows and scalars are taken modulo m.

Proof. We have already used the relations of the path algebra to find that

$$x \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \gamma(\zeta^{j} a_{j}^{i} - \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i+1}) + \lambda_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i},$$

for some scalars $\mu_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ and $\lambda_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}$; see Lemma 3.2 and Propositions 3.5 and 3.10. Namely, the case of i = j is Proposition 3.5, which gives $\lambda_{i,i} = 0$ and $\mu_{i,i} = 1$ for all *i*. Moreover, the case of $i \neq j$ is Proposition 3.10, which gives that $\lambda_{i,j} = 0$ if the arrow a_{j+1}^i does not exist in *Q*. The condition on the $\{\mu_{i,j}\}$ is from (4.2).

The relation $xg = \zeta gx$ of T(n) applied to a_i^i gives on the one hand that

$$\begin{split} xg \cdot a_{j}^{i} &= x \cdot \mu_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i+1} \\ &= \gamma \mu_{i,j} (\zeta^{j+1} a_{j+1}^{i+1} - \zeta^{i+2} \mu_{i+1,j+1} a_{j+2}^{i+2}) + \lambda_{i+1,j+1} \mu_{i,j} a_{j+2}^{i+1}, \end{split}$$

while on the other hand that

$$\zeta g x \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \zeta \gamma (\zeta^{j} \mu_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i+1} - \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j} \mu_{i+1,j+1} a_{j+2}^{i+2}) + \zeta \lambda_{i,j} \mu_{i,j+1} a_{j+2}^{i+1}$$

Thus we see that $\lambda_{i+1,j+1}\mu_{i,j} = \zeta \lambda_{i,j}\mu_{i,j+1}$, which is the third condition on the scalars. We also obtain that the relation $x^n = 0$ applied to a_j^i imposes no further restrictions on the *x*-action on a_j^i ; this is verified in Lemma 9.11 of the appendix.

6B. *Taft actions on Type B* \mathbb{Z}_n *-minimal quivers.* In this subsection, let Q be a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quiver of Type B. By Definition 4.3, we know that Q is a subquiver of $K_{m,m'}$ for some positive integers m, m' both dividing n. Recall that the path algebra $K_{m,m'}$ has basis e_{i_+}, e_{j_-}, b_j^i where $1 \le i \le m$ and $1 \le j \le m'$.

Theorem 6.3. Recall Hypothesis 1.2 and retain the notation above. Any T(n)-action on the path algebra of Type B \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quiver Q is given by

$$x \cdot b_{j}^{i} = (\gamma_{-})\zeta^{j}b_{j}^{i} - (\gamma_{+})\mu_{i,j}\zeta^{i+1}b_{j+1}^{i+1} + \lambda_{i,j}b_{j+1}^{i}, \qquad (6.4)$$

where $\gamma_+, \gamma_- \in \mathbb{k}$ from (3.12), $\mu_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ from (4.2), and $\lambda_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}$ are all scalars satisfying

- $\prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \mu_{i+\ell, j+\ell} = 1;$
- $\lambda_{i,j} = 0$ if the arrow b_{j+1}^i does not exist in Q;
- $\lambda_{i+1,j+1}\mu_{i,j} = \zeta \lambda_{i,j}\mu_{i,j+1};$
- $(\gamma_+)^n = (\gamma_-)^n + \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \lambda_{i,j+\ell}.$

The superindices of arrows are taken modulo m and the subindices of arrows are taken modulo m'.

Proof. The formula (6.4) and first three conditions on the scalars are derived exactly as in the proof of Theorem 6.1, replacing a_{\star}^{\star} with b_{\star}^{\star} and γ with γ_{\pm} , appropriately. It just remains to check that x^n acts by 0; this is equivalent to the last condition on the scalars, as shown in Lemma 9.12.

7. Gluing Taft algebra actions on minimal quivers

7A. *Gluing actions from components.* In this section, we provide a recipe for gluing actions of Taft algebras on minimal quivers. We also show that, given any quiver with \mathbb{Z}_n -symmetry, one can construct an inner faithful extended action of T(n) on the path algebra of this quiver.

Definition 7.1 (\mathbb{Z}_n -component). Let Q be a quiver with an action of \mathbb{Z}_n , and consider the set of \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquivers of Q, partially ordered by inclusion. We say that a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquiver of Q is a \mathbb{Z}_n -component of Q if it is maximal in the given ordering.

Lemma 7.2. Fix an action of \mathbb{Z}_n on a quiver Q. Then, there exists a collection of \mathbb{Z}_n -components of Q, unique up to relabeling, such that Q is obtained by gluing this collection.

Proof. The \mathbb{Z}_n -components of Q exist and are uniquely determined by the definition because they are the maximal elements of a finite poset. Each arrow of Q lies in some \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquiver, so the \mathbb{Z}_n -components cover Q. So, it suffices to show

that the intersection of two distinct \mathbb{Z}_n -components consists entirely of vertices. If Q^1 and Q^2 are two \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquivers such that $Q^1 \cap Q^2$ contains an arrow, then we can see from the definition of minimality that Q^1 and Q^2 have the same set of vertices. Thus, $Q^1 \cup Q^2$ is a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquiver of Q. Repeat this process to conclude that, by maximality, any two distinct \mathbb{Z}_n -components can only have vertices in their intersection.

A visualization of the result above can be found in Step 1 of Examples 7.8 and 7.9 below.

Lemma 7.3. Any T(n)-action on a path algebra $\Bbbk Q$ restricts to an action on the path algebra of each \mathbb{Z}_n -component of Q.

Proof. Let Q^i be a \mathbb{Z}_n -component of Q. Since Q^i is \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal, by definition $\mathbb{K}Q^i$ is stable under the action of g, so it suffices to show that $\mathbb{K}Q^i$ is stable under the action of x. From Proposition 3.10, it is enough to see that $\sigma(a) \in Q^i$ when $a \in Q^i$. Suppose not, that is, $\sigma(a) \in Q^j$ for some $j \neq i$. Then, $Q^i \cup Q^j$ is a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quiver, which contradicts the maximality of the \mathbb{Z}_n -component Q^i .

Definition 7.4 (compatibility). Let Q be a quiver and $Q^1, \ldots, Q^r \subseteq Q$ a collection of subquivers of Q. Suppose that we have a T(n)-action on each path algebra $\Bbbk Q^i$. We say that this collection of T(n)-actions is *compatible* if, for each pair (i, j), the restriction of the actions on $\Bbbk Q^i$ and on $\Bbbk Q^j$ to $\Bbbk [Q^i \cap Q^j]$ are the same.

Now we have our main result of the section.

Theorem 7.5. Let Q be a quiver with \mathbb{Z}_n -action. The T(n)-actions on the path algebra of Q extending the given \mathbb{Z}_n -action are in bijection with compatible collections of T(n)-actions on path algebras of the \mathbb{Z}_n -components of Q.

Proof. Given a T(n)-action on $\Bbbk Q$, it restricts to a T(n)-action on each path algebra of a \mathbb{Z}_n -component of Q by Lemma 7.3. On the other hand, suppose we have a collection of compatible T(n)-actions on the path algebras of the \mathbb{Z}_n -components of Q. This uniquely determines an action of T(n) on $\Bbbk Q$ as follows:

- The action on each arrow of k*Q* is uniquely determined since each arrow lies in a unique Z_n-component of *Q*.
- The action on any vertex is determined because every vertex lies in at least one ℤ_n-component.
- Suppose that a vertex lies in multiple ℤ_n-components. Then, the action on this vertex is uniquely determined because the actions on different ℤ_n-components restrict to the same action on vertices in their intersection, due to compatibility.

Corollary 7.6. If a quiver Q admits a faithful \mathbb{Z}_n -action, then $\mathbb{k}Q$ admits an inner faithful action of the Taft algebra T(n), extending the given \mathbb{Z}_n -action on Q.

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorem 7.5 and Proposition 3.5 since Q admits an orbit of vertices of size n in this case.

Example 7.7. This example shows that a faithful \mathbb{Z}_n -action on Q is not necessary for $\mathbb{k}Q$ to admit an inner faithful action of T(n). Fix ζ , a primitive fourth root of unity. Consider the action of T(4) on $\mathbb{k}K_2$ (see (1) of Figure 5) given by

$$g \cdot e_i = e_{i+1}, \quad g \cdot a_j^i = \zeta a_{j+1}^{i+1}, \quad x \cdot e_i = 0, \quad x \cdot a_j^i = \lambda e_i,$$

for $i \neq j$, where subscripts and superscripts are taken modulo 2, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}^{\times}$ is an arbitrary nonzero scalar. By Theorem 6.1, this defines an action of T(4) on the path algebra $\mathbb{k}K_2$, which is inner faithful even though the induced action of \mathbb{Z}_4 on the quiver K_2 is not faithful.

7B. Algorithm to explicitly parametrize T(n)-actions on $\Bbbk Q$. Let Q be a quiver that admits an action of \mathbb{Z}_n . We construct all actions of T(n) on $\Bbbk Q$ which extend the given \mathbb{Z}_n -action via the following steps. Those for which x does not act by 0 are inner faithful by Lemma 2.5. The reader may wish to refer to one of the examples in the next subsection for an illustration of the algorithm below.

First, we know that Q decomposes uniquely into the union of certain \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers $\{Q^\ell\}_{\ell=1}^r$ (namely, \mathbb{Z}_n -components) so that $Q = Q^1 \circledast \cdots \circledast Q^r$, due to Lemma 7.2.

Step 1

Decompose Q into this unique union of \mathbb{Z}_n -components $\{Q^\ell\}$.

Next, we define the extended action of T(n) on the path algebra of each component Q^{ℓ} . Let m, m' be positive divisors of n. Recall that Type A and Type B \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers are subquivers of K_m with m > 1 and of $K_{m,m'}$, respectively.

STEP 2

For each \mathbb{Z}_n -component Q^{ℓ} of Type A, label its vertices by $\{1^{(\ell)}, \ldots, m^{(\ell)}\}$. For each \mathbb{Z}_n -component Q^{ℓ} of Type B, label its sources and sinks by $\{1_+^{(\ell)}, \ldots, m_+^{(\ell)}\}$ and $\{1_-^{(\ell)}, \ldots, m')_-^{(\ell)}\}$, respectively.

Recall that ζ is the primitive *n*-th root of unity from the definition of T(n). Now invoke Proposition 3.5 in the following step.

<u>Step 3</u>

Take scalars $\gamma^{(\ell)}, \gamma^{(\ell)}_+, \gamma^{(\ell)}_- \in \mathbb{k}$ and define

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot e_{i^{(\ell)}} &= \gamma^{(\ell)} \zeta^{i} (e_{i^{(\ell)}} - \zeta e_{(i+1)^{(\ell)}}) & \text{for Type A,} \\ x \cdot e_{i^{(\ell)}_{+}} &= \gamma^{(\ell)}_{+} \zeta^{i} (e_{i^{(\ell)}_{+}} - \zeta e_{(i+1)^{(\ell)}_{+}}) & \text{for Type B,} \\ x \cdot e_{i^{(\ell)}_{-}} &= \gamma^{(\ell)}_{-} \zeta^{i} (e_{i^{(\ell)}_{-}} - \zeta e_{(i+1)^{(\ell)}_{-}}) & \text{for Type B,} \end{aligned}$$

where the indices are taken modulo *m* for Type A, and are taken modulo *m* or *m'* for Type B. Here, $\gamma^{(\ell)} = 0$ if m < n for Type A and $\gamma^{(\ell)}_+ = 0$ or $\gamma^{(\ell)}_- = 0$ if m < n or m' < n respectively, for Type B. To obtain compatibility, impose relations amongst the scalars by identifying vertices.

Finally, we invoke Theorems 6.1 and 6.3 to get all actions of T(n) on the arrows of Q.

STEP 4

Label the arrows of each Type A and Type B component of Q by arrows $(a_i^i)^{(\ell)}$ and $(b_i^i)^{(\ell)}$ respectively.

STEP 5

Given the scalars $\gamma^{(\ell)}$, $\gamma^{(\ell)}_+$, $\gamma^{(\ell)}_- \in \mathbb{k}$ of Step 3, we have, for all arrows a_j^i of a component of Type A and b_j^i of a component of Type B, that

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot (a_j^i)^{(\ell)} &= \gamma^{(\ell)} \left(\zeta^j (a_j^i)^{(\ell)} - \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j}^{(\ell)} (a_{j+1}^{i+1})^{(\ell)} \right) + \lambda_{i,j}^{(\ell)} (a_{j+1}^i)^{(\ell)}, \\ x \cdot (b_j^i)^{(\ell)} &= \gamma_-^{(\ell)} \zeta^j (b_j^i)^{(\ell)} - \gamma_+^{(\ell)} \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j}^{(\ell)} (b_{j+1}^{i+1})^{(\ell)} + \lambda_{i,j}^{(\ell)} (b_{j+1}^i)^{(\ell)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu_{i,j}^{(\ell)}, \lambda_{i,j}^{(\ell)} \in \mathbb{k}$ are scalars satisfying the conditions of Theorems 6.1 and 6.3.

Thus, the desired extended action of the *n*-th Taft algebra on $\Bbbk Q$ is complete by the five steps above.

7C. *Examples.* In this section, we illustrate the algorithm of the previous section to get actions of T(n) on $\Bbbk Q$ for various quivers Q having \mathbb{Z}_n symmetry.

For ease of exposition, we take all parameters $\mu_{i,j}$ equal to 1 in this section.

Example 7.8. Consider the following quiver *Q*:



which has \mathbb{Z}_2 -symmetry by reflection over the central vertical axis and exchanging arrows f_1 and f_2 . So, we decompose Q into the four \mathbb{Z}_2 -components as follows.

Here, the dotted red arrows indicate the action of \mathbb{Z}_2 on Q_0 .



Now choose scalars $\gamma^{(1)}$, $\gamma^{(2)}_+$, $\gamma^{(2)}_-$, $\gamma^{(3)}_+$, $\gamma^{(3)}_-$, $\gamma^{(4)}_+$, $\gamma^{(4)}_- \in \mathbb{k}$ to execute Steps 2 and 3.



We have

$$x \cdot e_1^{(1)} = -\gamma^{(1)}(e_1^{(1)} + e_2^{(1)}), \quad x \cdot e_2^{(1)} = \gamma^{(1)}(e_2^{(1)} + e_1^{(1)}),$$

while, for $\ell = 2, 3, 4$,

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot e_{1_{+}}^{(\ell)} &= -\gamma_{+}^{(\ell)}(e_{1_{+}}^{(\ell)} + e_{2_{+}}^{(\ell)}), \quad x \cdot e_{2_{+}}^{(\ell)} &= \gamma_{+}^{(\ell)}(e_{2_{+}}^{(\ell)} + e_{1_{+}}^{(\ell)}), \\ x \cdot e_{1_{-}}^{(\ell)} &= -\gamma_{-}^{(\ell)}(e_{1_{-}}^{(\ell)} + e_{2_{-}}^{(\ell)}), \quad x \cdot e_{2_{-}}^{(\ell)} &= \gamma_{-}^{(\ell)}(e_{2_{-}}^{(\ell)} + e_{1_{-}}^{(\ell)}). \end{aligned}$$

By using the identification of vertices

$$v_{1} := 1^{(1)} = 1_{+}^{(2)} = 1_{+}^{(4)}, \quad v_{2} := 2^{(1)} = 2_{+}^{(2)} = 2_{+}^{(4)},$$

$$v_{3} := 1_{-}^{(2)} = 1_{-}^{(3)}, \quad v_{4} := 2_{-}^{(2)} = 2_{-}^{(3)},$$

$$v_{5} := 1_{+}^{(3)} = 1_{-}^{(4)}, \quad v_{6} := 2_{+}^{(3)} = 2_{-}^{(4)},$$

we have

$$\gamma := \gamma^{(1)} = \gamma_+^{(2)} = \gamma_+^{(4)}, \quad \gamma' := \gamma_-^{(2)} = \gamma_-^{(3)}, \quad \gamma'' := \gamma_+^{(3)} = \gamma_-^{(4)}.$$

Now, we need to label the arrows of Q appropriately, and invoke Theorems 6.1 and 6.3 to get the desired action of T(2) on $\Bbbk Q_1$.



$$\begin{split} & x \cdot (a_j^i)^{(1)} = \gamma^{(1)} (\zeta^j (a_j^i)^{(1)} - \zeta^{i+1} (a_{j+1}^{i+1})^{(1)}) + \lambda_{i,j}^{(1)} (a_{j+1}^i)^{(1)}, \\ & x \cdot (b_j^i)^{(\ell)} = \gamma_-^{(\ell)} \zeta^j (b_j^i)^{(\ell)} - \gamma_+^{(\ell)} \zeta^{i+1} (b_{j+1}^{i+1})^{(\ell)} + \lambda_{i,j}^{(\ell)} (b_{j+1}^i)^{(\ell)}, \quad \ell = 2,3,4. \end{split}$$

Using the conditions on the scalars from Theorems 6.1 and 6.3, we find that the *x*-action on the arrows is controlled by additional parameters $\lambda := \lambda_{1,2}^{(1)}$ as $\sigma(a)$ exists for component (1), and $\lambda' := \lambda_{1,1}^{(4)}$, $\lambda'' := \lambda_{1,2}^{(4)}$ as $\sigma(a)$ exists for component (4). Putting this all together, the action of \mathbb{Z}_2 on Q (where by abuse of notation, v_i denotes the trivial path at v_i) given by

extends to an action of the Sweedler algebra on $\Bbbk Q$, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot v_1 &= -\gamma (v_1 + v_2), & x \cdot v_2 &= \gamma (v_2 + v_1), \\ x \cdot v_3 &= -\gamma' (v_3 + v_4), & x \cdot v_4 &= \gamma' (v_4 + v_3), \\ x \cdot v_5 &= -\gamma'' (v_5 + v_6), & x \cdot v_6 &= \gamma'' (v_6 + v_5), \end{aligned}$$

 $\begin{aligned} x \cdot f_1 &= \gamma f_1 - \gamma f_2 + \lambda e_1, & x \cdot f_2 &= \gamma f_1 - \gamma f_2 - \lambda e_2, \\ x \cdot f_3 &= -\gamma' f_3 - \gamma f_4, & x \cdot f_4 &= \gamma' f_4 + \gamma f_3, \\ x \cdot f_5 &= -\gamma' f_5 - \gamma'' f_6, & x \cdot f_6 &= \gamma' f_6 + \gamma'' f_5, \\ x \cdot f_7 &= -\gamma'' f_7 - \gamma f_8 + \lambda' f_9, & x \cdot f_8 &= \gamma'' f_8 + \gamma f_7 - \lambda' f_{10}, \\ x \cdot f_9 &= \gamma'' f_9 - \gamma f_{10} + \lambda'' f_7, & x \cdot f_{10} &= -\gamma'' f_{10} + \gamma f_9 - \lambda'' f_8, \end{aligned}$ for any scalars $x \cdot y' \cdot y'' \cdot \lambda y' \in \mathbb{R}$ which satisfy $(x)^2 = (x'')^2 + \lambda$

for any scalars γ , γ' , γ'' , λ , λ' , $\lambda'' \in \mathbb{k}$ which satisfy $(\gamma)^2 = (\gamma'')^2 + \lambda'\lambda''$.

Note that the Sweedler algebra action restricted to the path algebras of respective components (1), (2), (3), (4) is the same as the Sweedler algebra action on the path

algebra of respective quivers (I), (V), (V), (VI) from Theorem 5.1, as expected; namely, $Q = Q(I) \otimes Q(V) \otimes Q(V) \otimes Q(VI)$.

Example 7.9. Consider the following quiver Q:



which has \mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetry. We decompose Q into three \mathbb{Z}_3 -components as follows. Here, the dotted red arrows indicate the action of \mathbb{Z}_3 on Q_0 .



Now choose scalars $\gamma_+^{(1)}$, $\gamma_-^{(1)}$, $\gamma_+^{(2)}$, $\gamma_-^{(2)}$, $\gamma^{(3)} \in \mathbb{k}$ to execute Steps 2 and 3. Further, let ω be a primitive third root of unity.



(the middle vertex is labeled by $2^{(1)}_{-}, 2^{(2)}_{+}, 2^{(3)}_{-}$)

We have $x \cdot e_{1_+}^{(1)} = x \cdot e_{1_-}^{(2)} = 0$ since these vertices are fixed by g, and furthermore

$$\begin{split} x \cdot e_{1_{-}}^{(1)} &= \gamma_{-}^{(1)} \omega(e_{1_{-}}^{(1)} - \omega e_{2_{-}}^{(1)}), \qquad x \cdot e_{1_{+}}^{(2)} = \gamma_{+}^{(2)} \omega(e_{1_{+}}^{(2)} - \omega e_{2_{+}}^{(2)}), \\ x \cdot e_{2_{-}}^{(1)} &= \gamma_{-}^{(1)} \omega^{2}(e_{2_{-}}^{(1)} - \omega e_{3_{-}}^{(1)}), \qquad x \cdot e_{2_{+}}^{(2)} = \gamma_{+}^{(2)} \omega^{2}(e_{2_{+}}^{(2)} - \omega e_{3_{+}}^{(2)}), \\ x \cdot e_{3_{-}}^{(1)} &= \gamma_{-}^{(1)}(e_{3_{-}}^{(1)} - \omega e_{1_{-}}^{(1)}), \qquad x \cdot e_{3_{+}}^{(2)} = \gamma_{+}^{(2)}(e_{3_{+}}^{(2)} - \omega e_{1_{+}}^{(2)}), \\ x \cdot e_{1}^{(3)} &= \gamma^{(3)} \omega(e_{1}^{(3)} - \omega e_{2}^{(3)}), \\ x \cdot e_{2}^{(3)} &= \gamma^{(3)} \omega^{2}(e_{2}^{(3)} - \omega e_{3}^{(3)}), \\ x \cdot e_{3}^{(3)} &= \gamma^{(3)}(e_{3}^{(3)} - \omega e_{1}^{(3)}). \end{split}$$

By using the identification of vertices,

$$v_1 = 1^{(1)}_- = 1^{(2)}_+ = 1^{(3)}, \quad v_2 = 2^{(1)}_- = 2^{(2)}_+ = 2^{(3)}, \quad v_3 = 3^{(1)}_- = 3^{(2)}_+ = 3^{(3)}_+,$$

we have

$$\gamma := \gamma_{-}^{(1)} = \gamma_{+}^{(2)} = \gamma^{(3)}, \quad \gamma_{+}^{(1)} = 0, \quad \gamma_{-}^{(2)} = 0.$$

Now, we need to label the arrows of Q appropriately, and invoke Theorems 6.1 and 6.3 to get the desired action of T(3) on $\mathbb{k}Q_1$.



Moreover, let $\lambda'' := \lambda_{1,2}^{(3)}$ and $\lambda''' := \lambda_{1,3}^{(3)}$ for component (3). Putting this all together, the action of \mathbb{Z}_3 on Q given by Step 1 extends to an action of T(3) on $\Bbbk Q$, as

follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot v_1 &= \gamma \omega (v_1 - \omega v_2), \quad x \cdot v_2 &= \gamma \omega^2 (v_2 - \omega v_3), \quad x \cdot v_3 &= \gamma (v_3 - \omega v_1), \\ x \cdot v_0 &= 0, \qquad \qquad x \cdot v_4 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot f_1 &= \gamma \, \omega f_1 + \lambda f_2, & x \cdot f_4 = \lambda f_4 - \gamma \, \omega f_5, \\ x \cdot f_2 &= \gamma \, \omega^2 f_2 + \lambda \omega f_3, & x \cdot f_5 = \lambda' \omega f_5 - \gamma f_6, \\ x \cdot f_3 &= \gamma f_3 + \lambda \omega^2 f_1, & x \cdot f_6 = \lambda' \omega^2 f_6 - \gamma \omega f_4, \\ x \cdot f_7 &= \gamma (\omega^2 f_7 - \omega^2 f_8) + \lambda'' f_{10}, & x \cdot f_{10} = \gamma (f_{10} - \omega^2 f_{12}) + \lambda''' f_7, \\ x \cdot f_8 &= \gamma (f_8 - f_9) + \lambda'' \omega f_{12}, & x \cdot f_{11} = \gamma (\omega^2 f_{11} - \omega f_{10}) + \lambda''' \omega f_9, \\ x \cdot f_9 &= \gamma (\omega f_9 - \omega f_7) + \lambda'' \omega^2 f_{11}, & x \cdot f_{12} = \gamma (\omega f_{12} - f_{11}) + \lambda''' \omega^2 f_8, \end{aligned}$$

for any scalars γ , λ , λ' , λ'' , $\lambda''' \in \mathbb{k}$.

8. Extended actions of other pointed Hopf algebras on path algebras

In this section, we extend the results in the previous sections to actions of the Frobenius–Lusztig kernel (Section 8A) and to actions of the Drinfeld double of a Taft algebra (Section 8B). We remind the reader of the standing assumptions made in Hypothesis 1.2.

Notation 8.1 $(q, T(n, \xi))$. Let $q \in \mathbb{k}$ be a primitive 2n-th root of unity, and let $\xi \in \mathbb{k}$ be a primitive *n*-th root of unity. Moreover, let $T(n, \xi)$ be the Taft algebra generated by a grouplike element g and a (1, g)-skew primitive element x, subject to the relations $g^n = 1$, $x^n = 0$, $xg = \xi gx$. Note that $T(n, \zeta) = T(n)$ as in Definition 2.1, for ζ the fixed primitive *n*-th root of unity of this work.

8A. Actions of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

Definition 8.2 $(u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2), \text{Borel subalgebras } u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \text{ and } u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2))$. The *Frobenius–Lusztig kernel* $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is the Hopf algebra generated by a grouplike element *K*, a (1, K)-skew-primitive element *E*, and a $(K^{-1}, 1)$ -skew-primitive element *F*, subject to the relations

$$KE = q^2 EK$$
, $KF = q^{-2}FK$, $K^n = 1$, $E^n = F^n = 0$,

$$EF - FE = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}.$$
(8.3)

Note that $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is pointed, of dimension n^3 . Let $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ be the Hopf subalgebra of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ generated by K, E, and let $u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ be the Hopf subalgebra of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ generated by K, F; we refer to these as *Borel subalgebras*.

Lemma 8.4. There are isomorphisms of Hopf algebras

$$u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \simeq T(n, q^{-2}) \quad and \quad u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \simeq T(n, q^2).$$
 (8.5)

Proof. This is easy to check: identify K with g for both $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and $u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, and E with x for $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, and F with $g^{-1}x$ for $u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

Since $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is generated by the Hopf subalgebras $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and $u_q^{\leq 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, an action of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ on a path algebra $\Bbbk Q$ is determined by its restriction to these Hopf subalgebras. Since these actions are given by the results on Taft actions on $\Bbbk Q$ in the previous sections, we can classify actions of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ by determining some additional compatibility conditions on the scalar parameters from these Taft actions. We begin with the result below.

Proposition 8.6. Let $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ act on the path algebra of a set of vertices $\{1, \ldots, m\}$, labeled so that $K \cdot e_i = e_{i+1}$ with subscripts taken modulo m.

- (i) If m < n, then m = 1 or m = 2 and the action factors through the quotient u_q(sl₂)/⟨E, F⟩.
- (ii) If m = n, then

$$E \cdot e_i = \gamma^E q^{-2i} (e_i - q^{-2} e_{i+1}), \quad F \cdot e_i = \gamma^F q^{2i} (e_{i-1} - q^2 e_i), \tag{8.7}$$

for some γ^E , $\gamma^F \in \mathbb{k}$. If furthermore $n \ge 3$, then the action is subject to the restriction

$$-\gamma^{E}\gamma^{F}q^{-1}(q^{2}-1)^{2} = 1.$$
(8.8)

Proof. Part (i) is a result of Proposition 3.5, translated through the isomorphisms of Lemma 8.4. The condition m = 1 or m = 2 comes from the relation (8.3), which implies that $K - K^{-1}$ acts by zero in this case. For (ii), Proposition 3.5 also gives the formulas (8.7), and the first row of relations in the definition of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ then hold. On the other hand, substituting (8.7) into the relation (8.3) of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ yields

$$(EF - FE) \cdot e_i = \gamma^E \gamma^F (q^2 - 1)(e_{i-1} - e_{i+1})$$
 while $(K - K^{-1}) \cdot e_i = e_{i+1} - e_{i-1}$.

If n = m = 2, then $e_{i-1} = e_{i+1}$ and the relation (8.3) imposes no restriction on the action (8.7). If $n = m \ge 3$, then $e_{i+1} \ne e_{i-1}$ and the relation (8.3) imposes the restriction (8.8) on the action (8.7).

We get the following immediate consequence.

Corollary 8.9. If $n \ge 3$, then either one of γ^E or γ^F determines the other. So, an action of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ on a \mathbb{Z}_n -orbit of vertices is completely determined by the action of a Borel subalgebra, $u_q^{\ge 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ or $u_q^{\le 0}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

We now consider $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -actions on Type A and Type B \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers. Note that $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ can only act on subquivers of K_m and $K_{m,m'}$ for $m, m' \in \{1, 2, n\}$, by Proposition 8.6. We only give theorems describing the case $m = m' = n \ge 3$ here, but the other cases can be worked out similarly. **Theorem 8.10.** Retain the notation of Section 4 with K in place of g, so the action of K is fixed. Namely, $K \cdot a_j^i = \mu_{i,j} a_{j+1}^{i+1}$ for Type A and $K \cdot b_j^i = \mu_{i,j} b_{j+1}^{i+1}$ for Type B. Assume $n \ge 3$. Then any $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -action on the path algebra of a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquiver Q of K_n is given by

$$E \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \gamma^{E} (q^{-2j} a_{j}^{i} - q^{-2i-2} a_{j+1}^{i+1}) + \lambda_{i,j}^{E} a_{j+1}^{i},$$

$$F \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \gamma^{F} (q^{2j} a_{j-1}^{i-1} - q^{2i+2} a_{j}^{i}) + \lambda_{i,j}^{F} a_{j}^{i-1},$$
(8.11)

subject to the restriction (8.8) along with

- $\lambda_{i,j}^E = 0$, if i = j or the arrow a_{j+1}^i does not exist in Q;
- $\lambda_{i,j}^F = 0$, if i = j or the arrow a_j^{i-1} does not exist in Q;
- $\lambda_{i+1,j+1}^E = q^{-2}\lambda_{i,j}^E$, $\lambda_{i+1,j+1}^F = q^2\lambda_{i,j}^F$, and $\lambda_{i,j}^F\lambda_{i-1,j}^E = \lambda_{i,j}^E\lambda_{i,j+1}^F$.

Any $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -action on the path algebra of a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquiver Q of $K_{n,n}$ is given by

$$E \cdot b_{j}^{i} = (\gamma_{-}^{E})q^{-2j}b_{j}^{i} - (\gamma_{+}^{E})q^{-2i-2}b_{j+1}^{i+1} + \lambda_{i,j}^{E}b_{j+1}^{i},$$

$$F \cdot a_{j}^{i} = (\gamma_{-}^{F})q^{2j}b_{j-1}^{i-1} - (\gamma_{+}^{F})q^{2i+2}b_{j}^{i} + \lambda_{i,j}^{F}b_{j}^{i-1},$$
(8.12)

subject to restrictions of the form (8.8) on γ_{\pm}^{E} and γ_{\pm}^{F} , along with

• $\lambda_{i,j}^E = 0$, if i = j or the arrow b_{j+1}^i does not exist in Q;

•
$$\lambda_{i,j}^F = 0$$
, if $i = j$ or the arrow b_j^{i-1} does not exist in Q ;

•
$$\lambda_{i+1,j+1}^E = q^{-2}\lambda_{i,j}^E$$
, $\lambda_{i+1,j+1}^F = q^2\lambda_{i,j}^F$, and $\lambda_{i,j}^F\lambda_{i-1,j}^E = \lambda_{i,j}^E\lambda_{i,j+1}^F$;

•
$$(\gamma_{+}^{E})^{n} = (\gamma_{-}^{E})^{n} + \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \lambda_{i,j+\ell}^{E}$$
 and $(\gamma_{+}^{F})^{n} = (\gamma_{-}^{F})^{n} + \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \lambda_{i,j+\ell}^{F}$.

Proof. First consider the Type A case. Proposition 8.6 gives the $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -action on the vertices, imposing the restriction (8.8). Theorem 6.1, translated through the isomorphisms of Lemma 8.4, initially gives expressions for $E \cdot a_j^i$ and $F \cdot a_j^i$ which involve parameters $\mu_{i,j}$. However, we examine the coefficients of various arrows in the relation (8.3) applied to a_j^i , and find that the coefficient of a_{j-1}^{i-1} gives

$$\gamma^{E} \gamma^{F} (q^{2} - 1) + \mu_{i,j} (q - q^{-1})^{-1} = 0.$$
(8.13)

By applying (8.8), this simplifies to $(\mu_{i,j} - 1)(q - q^{-1})^{-1} = 0$. So, $\mu_{i,j} = 1$ for all *i*, *j*, which gives our formulas (8.11). Similarly, the coefficient of a_{j+1}^{i-1} in the relation (8.3) applied to a_j^i implies that

$$\lambda_{i,j}^{F} \lambda_{i-1,j}^{E} - \lambda_{i,j}^{E} \lambda_{i,j+1}^{F} = 0.$$
(8.14)

Theorem 6.1 gives the remaining restrictions on the scalars, and the coefficients of other arrows yield restrictions that are already implied by those above.

For Type B, the action is derived exactly as in the Type A case, by replacing a_{\star}^{\star} with b_{\star}^{\star} , and γ with γ_{\pm} , appropriately.

8B. Actions of the double D(T(n)). We take the presentation of the Drinfeld double of the *n*-th Taft algebra in [Chen 1999, Definition-Theorem 3.1]. Namely, by [Chen 1999, Theorem 3.3], the double is isomorphic to the Hopf algebra $H_n(p, q)$ generated by a, b, c, d. We take p = 1, $q = \zeta^{-1}$, a = x, b = g, c = G, and d = X to get that:

Definition 8.15 (D(T(n))). The Drinfeld double D(T(n)) of the n-th Taft algebra is generated by g, x, G, X, subject to relations

$$xg = \zeta gx, \quad gX = \zeta Xg, \quad g^n = G^n = 1,$$

 $GX = \zeta XG, \quad xG = \zeta Gx, \quad x^n = X^n = 0, \quad gG = Gg,$

and

$$xX - \zeta Xx = \zeta(gG - 1). \tag{8.16}$$

Here, *g* and *G* are grouplike elements, *x* is (1, g)-a skew primitive element, and *X* is a (1, G)-skew primitive element. Here, *g*, *x* generate the Hopf subalgebra T(n), and $G = g^*$, $X = x^*$ generate $(T(n)^{\text{op}})^* = (T(n)^*)^{\text{cop}}$.

The following lemma is easy to check.

Lemma 8.17. The Hopf subalgebra of D(T(n)) generated by g, x is isomorphic to $T(n) = T(n, \zeta)$, as Hopf algebras. Moreover, the Hopf subalgebra of D(T(n)) generated by G, X is isomorphic to $T(n, \zeta^{-1})$, as Hopf algebras.

To give the complete classification of D(T(n))-actions on path algebras of quivers, one would need to define $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ -minimal quivers and consider the D(T(n))-action on these, since $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is isomorphic to the group of grouplike elements of D(T(n)). This is the subject of future work. Our aim for now is to exhibit an action of D(T(n)) on $\mathbb{K}Q$, where Q admits an action of \mathbb{Z}_n . We begin by providing an action of D(T(n)) on a \mathbb{Z}_n -orbit of vertices.

Proposition 8.18. An action of D(T(n)) on $\mathbb{k}Q_0$ where $Q_0 = \{1, \ldots, n\}$ is given by

$$g \cdot e_{i} = e_{i+1}, \quad x \cdot e_{i} = \gamma^{x} \zeta^{i} (e_{i} - \zeta e_{i+1}), G \cdot e_{i} = e_{i+1}, \quad X \cdot e_{i} = \gamma^{X} \zeta^{-i} (e_{i} - \zeta^{-1} e_{i+1}).$$
(8.19)

for some $\gamma^x, \gamma^X \in \mathbb{k}$. If $n \ge 3$, then these scalars are subject to the restriction

$$\gamma^{x} \gamma^{X} (1 - \zeta^{-1}) = 1.$$
(8.20)

Proof. The formulas (8.19) satisfy the first two rows of relations of D(T(n)). On the other hand, the restriction (8.20) comes from substituting (8.19) into the relation (8.16) of D(T(n)) when $n \ge 3$. If n = 2, the restriction from (8.16) is vacuous. \Box

We proceed by extending the D(T(n))-action on vertices in Proposition 8.18 to yield an action of D(T(n)) on Type A and Type B \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers. As in the $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ case, we only give theorems describing the cases when each orbit of vertices has *n* elements here.

Theorem 8.21. Retain the notation of Section 4. An action of D(T(n)) on the path algebra of a Type A \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal subquiver Q of K_n is given by

$$g \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \mu_{i,j}^{g} a_{j+1}^{i+1}, \quad x \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \gamma^{x} (\zeta^{j} a_{j}^{i} - \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j}^{g} a_{j+1}^{i+1}) + \lambda_{i,j}^{x} a_{j+1}^{i},$$

$$G \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \mu_{i,j}^{G} a_{j+1}^{i+1}, \quad X \cdot a_{j}^{i} = \gamma^{X} (\zeta^{-j} a_{j}^{i} - \zeta^{-i-1} \mu_{i,j}^{G} a_{j+1}^{i+1}) + \lambda_{i,j}^{X} a_{j+1}^{i},$$
(8.22)

subject to the restrictions

$$\mu_{i,i}^{g} = \mu_{i,i}^{G} = 1 \text{ for all } i,$$

$$\prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \mu_{i+\ell,j+\ell}^{g} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \mu_{i+\ell,j+\ell}^{G} = 1, \quad \mu_{i,j}^{G} \mu_{i+1,j+1}^{g} = \mu_{i,j}^{g} \mu_{i+1,j+1}^{G},$$

$$\zeta \mu_{i,j+1}^{g} \lambda_{i,j}^{x} = \mu_{i,j}^{g} \lambda_{i+1,j+1}^{x}, \quad \zeta \mu_{i,j+1}^{G} \lambda_{i,j}^{x} = \mu_{i,j}^{G} \lambda_{i+1,j+1}^{x},$$

$$\zeta \mu_{i,j}^{g} \lambda_{i+1,j+1}^{X} = \mu_{i,j+1}^{g} \lambda_{i,j}^{X}, \quad \zeta \mu_{i,j+1}^{G} \lambda_{i,j}^{x} = \mu_{i,j}^{G} \lambda_{i+1,j+1}^{x}, \quad (*)$$

$$\lambda_{i,j}^{X} \lambda_{i,j+1}^{x} - \zeta \lambda_{i,j}^{x} \lambda_{i,j+1}^{X} = 0,$$

 $\lambda_{i,j}^{x} = \lambda_{i,j}^{X} = 0$ if either i = j, or the arrow a_{j+1}^{i} does not exist in Q.

If $n \ge 3$, then we also impose the condition $\gamma^x \gamma^X (1 - \zeta^{-1}) = 1$.

An action of D(T(n)) on the path algebra of a Type B minimal subquiver Q of $K_{n,n}$ is given by

$$g \cdot b_{j}^{i} = \mu_{i,j}^{g} b_{j+1}^{i+1}, \qquad G \cdot b_{j}^{i} = \mu_{i,j}^{G} b_{j+1}^{i+1}, x \cdot b_{j}^{i} = (\gamma_{-}^{x}) \zeta^{j} b_{j}^{i} - (\gamma_{+}^{x}) \zeta^{i+1} \mu_{i,j}^{g} b_{j+1}^{i+1} + \lambda_{i,j}^{x} b_{j+1}^{i}, X \cdot b_{j}^{i} = (\gamma_{-}^{X}) \zeta^{-j} b_{j}^{i} - (\gamma_{+}^{X}) \zeta^{-i-1} \mu_{i,j}^{G} b_{j+1}^{i+1} + \lambda_{i,j}^{X} b_{j+1}^{i},$$
(8.23)

subject to the restrictions (*). If $n \ge 3$, then we also impose the condition $(\gamma_{\pm}^{x})(\gamma_{\pm}^{X})(1-\zeta^{-1})=1$.

Proof. First, Proposition 8.18 gives an D(T(n))-action on a \mathbb{Z}_n -orbit of vertices; this imposes the restriction (8.20) when $n \ge 3$. Now, consider the Type A case. Theorem 6.1 gives the expressions in (8.22), along with some restrictions on parameters, which are listed in the first two rows of restrictions in the statement of the theorem. Now we need to check that the expressions, $g \cdot a_j^i$, $G \cdot a_j^i$, $x \cdot a_j^i$, $X \cdot a_j^i$, satisfy the relations of D(T(n)). The relations gG = Gg, $gX = \zeta Xg$, $xG = \zeta Gx$, imply, respectively, that

$$\mu_{i,j}^{G}\mu_{i+1,j+1}^{g} = \mu_{i,j}^{g}\mu_{i+1,j+1}^{G}, \ \zeta \mu_{i,j}^{g}\lambda_{i+1,j+1}^{X} = \mu_{i,j+1}^{g}\lambda_{i,j}^{X}, \ \zeta \mu_{i,j+1}^{G}\lambda_{i,j}^{x} = \mu_{i,j}^{G}\lambda_{i+1,j+1}^{x}.$$

With these restrictions, it is easy to check that the relation $xX - \zeta Xx - \zeta (gG-1) = 0$ yields

$$\lambda_{i,j}^X \lambda_{i,j+1}^x - \zeta \lambda_{i,j}^x \lambda_{i,j+1}^X = 0,$$

and we are done with the Type A case. For Type B, the action is derived exactly as in the Type A case, by replacing a_{\star}^{\star} with b_{\star}^{\star} , and γ with γ_{\pm} , appropriately.

8C. *Gluing.* Gluing is achieved in the following manner. Let Q be a quiver that admits an action of \mathbb{Z}_n . Since the actions of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ and D(T(n)) on $\mathbb{k}Q$ in Theorems 8.10 and 8.21 are determined by Taft actions, Theorem 7.5 and the algorithm in Section 7B applies. In other words, we can glue the actions of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ or of D(T(n)) on path algebras of \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal quivers. Hence, we obtain an action of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ (resp. D(T(n))) extending a Taft action on any path algebra $\mathbb{k}Q$, where each path algebra of a \mathbb{Z}_n -minimal component of Q admits an action of $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ (resp. D(T(n))).

9. Appendix

In this appendix, we show that the relation $x^n = 0$ imposes no restrictions on the *x*-action on the vertex e_i and on the arrows a_j^i , b_j^i of $\Bbbk Q$, which is used in the proofs of Proposition 3.5 and Theorems 6.1 and 6.3. Recall that ζ is a primitive *n*-th root of unity, with $n \ge 2$. An easy computation shows that

$$\prod_{\ell=1}^{n} \zeta^{\ell} = \zeta^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ odd,} \\ -1, & n \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$
(9.1)

a fact we will use several times here.

This appendix uses some basic properties of symmetric polynomials and *q*binomial coefficients, which we recall here. For integers *a*, *b*, the *complete symmetric polynomial of degree a*, denoted $h_a(x_0, \ldots, x_b)$, is defined as the sum of all monomials of total degree *a* in the variables x_0, \ldots, x_b . We interpret the variable set as being empty when b < 0. When a = 0, we have $h_0(x_0, \ldots, x_b) = 1$ for any integer *b*. When $a \neq 0$, we have $h_a(x_0, \ldots, x_b) = 0$ if a < 0 or b < 0. Also, a product $\prod_{i=a}^{b}$ is taken to be 1 whenever b < a. These polynomials are homogeneous, meaning that $h_a(cx_0, \ldots, cx_b) = c^a h_a(x_0, \ldots, x_b)$ for any scalar *c*. We have immediately from the definition that

$$h_a(x_0, \dots, x_{b-1}) + x_b h_{a-1}(x_0, \dots, x_b) = h_a(x_0, \dots, x_b)$$
(9.2)

for any integers a, b.

Lemma 9.3. For nonnegative integers a, b, we have $h_a(1, \zeta, \zeta^2, ..., \zeta^b) = 0$ when n divides a + b and $a, b \neq 0$.

Proof. Recall that for a nonnegative integer k, the corresponding q-integer is defined as $[k]_q = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{k-1}$, and that its evaluation $[k]_{q=\zeta}$ is 0 if and only if n divides k. The q-binomial coefficient $\begin{bmatrix} i \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q$ is defined by a factorial formula analogous to that of binomial coefficients, so the evaluation $\begin{bmatrix} i \\ j \end{bmatrix}_{q=\zeta}$ vanishes when n divides i and $j \neq 0$, i.

The *principal specialization* from [Stanley 1999, Proposition 7.8.3], with $q = \zeta$, gives us that

$$h_a(1,\zeta,\zeta^2,\ldots,\zeta^b) = \begin{bmatrix} a+b\\a \end{bmatrix}_{q=\zeta},$$

so by the paragraph above this quantity vanishes when *n* divides a + b and $a, b \neq 0$.

We prove a general lemma about a linear operator X acting as the element x does.

Lemma 9.4. Let V be a vector space, and consider a collection of vectors $\{v_j^i\}$ in V, where $1 \le i \le m$ and $1 \le j \le m'$. Interpret i and j modulo m and m' respectively, so that they lie inside their ranges. Let X be a linear operator acting on V such that

$$Xv_{j}^{i} = \eta_{j}v_{j}^{i} + \theta_{i,j}v_{j+1}^{i+1} + \tau_{i,j}v_{j+1}^{i}$$

for some scalars η_j , $\theta_{i,j}$, $\tau_{i,j} \in \mathbb{k}$. Furthermore, assume that the scalars satisfy the relation

$$\tau_{i+1,j+1}\theta_{i,j} = \zeta \theta_{i,j+1}\tau_{i,j} \tag{9.5}$$

for all pairs (i, j). Then, for all positive integers k, we have

$$X^k(v_j^i) = \sum_{0 \le s \le t \le k} \psi_{k,s,t} v_{j+t}^{i+s},$$

where

$$\psi_{k,s,t} = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-s}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{t-s-1} \tau_{i,j+\ell}\right) \\ \times h_{k-t}(\eta_j,\eta_{j+1},\cdots,\eta_{j+t}) h_s(1,\zeta,\ldots,\zeta^{t-s}).$$
(9.6)

Proof. We proceed by induction on k. The base case of k = 1 follows from simple substitution. So assume that the statement is true when k is replaced by k - 1; that is, we have a formula for $X^{k-1}(v_j^i)$ for all pairs (i, j). Now, when applying X to $X^{k-1}(v_j^i)$, the coefficient $\psi_{k,s,t}$ is the sum of contributions from three terms:

- $X(\psi_{k-1,s,t}v_{j+t}^{i+s})$ contributes $\eta_{j+t}\psi_{k-1,s,t}$;
- $X(\psi_{k-1,s-1,t-1}v_{j+t-1}^{i+s-1})$ contributes $\theta_{i+s-1,j+t-1}\psi_{k-1,s-1,t-1}$;
- $X(\psi_{k-1,s,t-1}v_{j+t-1}^{i+s})$ contributes $\tau_{i+s,j+t-1}\psi_{k-1,s,t-1}$.

So we obtain

$$\psi_{k,s,t} = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-s}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{t-s-1} \tau_{i,j+\ell}\right) \\ \times \left[\eta_{j+t}h_{k-1-t}(\eta_{j}, \dots, \eta_{j+t})h_{s}(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-s}) + h_{k-t}(\eta_{j}, \dots, \eta_{j+t-1})h_{s-1}(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-s})\right] \\ + \tau_{i+s,j+t-1} \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-s-1}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{t-s-2} \tau_{i,j+\ell}\right) \\ \times h_{k-t}(\eta_{j}, \dots, \eta_{j+t-1})h_{s}(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-1-s}). \quad (9.7)$$

To simplify the last summand, we use (9.5) to compute

$$\tau_{i+s,j+t-1} \prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-1-s} = (\tau_{i+s,j+t-1})\theta_{i+s-1,j+t-2}\theta_{i+s-2,j+t-3} \cdots \theta_{i,j+t-1-s} = \zeta \theta_{i+s-1,j+t-1} (\tau_{i+s-1,j+t-2})\theta_{i+s-2,j+t-3} \cdots \theta_{i,j+t-1-s} = \zeta^2 \theta_{i+s-1,j+t-1}\theta_{i+s-2,j+t-2} (\tau_{i+s-2,j+t-3}) \cdots \theta_{i,j+t-1-s} \dots = \zeta^s (\tau_{i,j+t-s-1}) \prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-s}.$$
(9.8)

By (9.7) and (9.8), we now have

$$\psi_{k,s,t} = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-s}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{t-s-1} \tau_{i,j+\ell}\right) \\ \times \left[\eta_{j+t} h_{k-1-t}(\eta_j, \dots, \eta_{j+t}) h_s(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-s}) + h_{k-t}(\eta_j, \dots, \eta_{j+t-1}) h_{s-1}(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-s}) + h_{k-t}(\eta_j, \dots, \eta_{j+t-1}) \zeta^s h_s(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-s-1})\right].$$
(9.9)

The factor of ζ^s in the last term can be absorbed into the (homogeneous) polynomial h_s to make the sum of the last two terms equal to

$$h_{k-t}(\eta_j, \ldots, \eta_{j+t-1}) (h_{s-1}(1, \zeta, \ldots, \zeta^{t-s}) + h_s(\zeta, \zeta^2, \ldots, \zeta^{t-s})).$$

Now, taking $x_{t-s-i} = \zeta^i$, (9.2) implies that the two terms in the parenthesis simplify to $h_s(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{t-s})$. Thus, (9.9) yields

$$\psi_{k,s,t} = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell+t-s}\right) \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{t-s-1} \tau_{i,j+\ell}\right) h_s(1,\zeta,\ldots,\zeta^{t-s}) \\ \times \left[\eta_{j+t}h_{k-1-t}(\eta_j,\ldots,\eta_{j+t}) + h_{k-t}(\eta_j,\ldots,\eta_{j+t-1})\right].$$

Again applying (9.2), we find that (9.6) holds, and the induction is complete. \Box

We can apply this result to show that x^n acts by 0 in the following cases.

Lemma 9.10. In the notation of Proposition 3.5, we have $x^n \cdot e_i = 0$.

Proof. Fix *i*. We will apply Lemma 9.4 in the case k = n, m = m', with X = x and $v_i^i = e_i$ for $1 \le i \le m$. The v_j^i do not play a role in the proof for $i \ne j$, so we set $\theta_{i,j} = \tau_{i,j} = 0$ when $i \ne j$ and assume i = j for the remainder of the proof. From the proof of Proposition 3.5, we have $\eta_i = \gamma \zeta^i$, $\theta_{i,i} = -\gamma \zeta^{i+1}$, and $\tau_{i,i} = 0$ for all *i*. So, (9.5) holds and we can apply Lemma 9.4. Making these substitutions into (9.6), we immediately see that $\psi_{n,s,t} = 0$ unless s = t, by considering the τ factor. In case s = t, the τ factor and the last factor are equal to 1. This gives

$$\psi_{n,s,s} = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{s-1} \theta_{i+\ell,i+\ell}\right) h_{n-s}(\eta_i, \eta_{i+1}, \cdots, \eta_{i+s}).$$

Since $h_{n-s}(\eta_i, \eta_{i+1}, \dots, \eta_{i+s})$ is a scalar multiple of $h_{n-s}(1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^s)$, this vanishes by Lemma 9.3 unless s = 0 or s = n.

So we have $x^n \cdot e_i = (\psi_{n,0,0} + \psi_{n,n,n})e_i$. These are easily computed by substitution to be

$$\psi_{n,0,0} = h_n(\eta_i) = (\eta_i)^n = \gamma^n$$
$$\psi_{n,n,n} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \theta_{i+\ell,i+\ell} = (-1)^n \gamma^n \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \zeta^{i+\ell+1} = (-1)^n \gamma^n \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \zeta^\ell = -\gamma^n,$$

where the last equality invokes Equation (9.1). Thus we have shown that $x^n \cdot e_i = 0$.

Lemma 9.11. In the notation of Theorem 6.1, we have $x^n \cdot a_j^i = 0$ for all (i, j).

Proof. We will apply Lemma 9.4 in the case k = n with X = x and $v_j^i = a_j^i$. From the proof of Theorem 6.1, we have $\eta_j = \gamma \zeta^j$, $\theta_{i,j} = -\gamma \mu_{i,j} \zeta^{i+1}$, and $\tau_{i,j} = \lambda_{i,j}$, and that these satisfy (9.5). Now making these substitutions into (9.6), we see that $\psi_{n,s,t}$ is a scalar times

$$h_s(1,\zeta,\ldots,\zeta^{t-s})h_{n-t}(1,\zeta,\ldots,\zeta^t).$$

By Lemma 9.3, the second factor vanishes except when t = 0 or t = n. Then, again by Lemma 9.3, the first factor vanishes except when s = 0 or s = t = n. Therefore, we need only consider the cases when (s, t) equals (0, 0), (0, n), and (n, n), in which these factors both equal 1. Notice that we have in all of these cases, $a_{j+t}^{i+s} = a_j^i$, because the indices for arrows are taken modulo n. So it suffices to show

that $\psi_{n,0,0} + \psi_{n,0,n} + \psi_{n,n,n} = 0$. Substitute and compute, omitting factors equal to 1. We get

$$\psi_{n,0,0} = h_n(\eta_j) = (\eta_j)^n = \gamma^n$$
 and $\psi_{n,0,n} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \tau_{i,j+\ell} = 0.$

The latter follows by the second condition of Theorem 6.1, because there will be a factor with $i = j + \ell$ modulo *n*. Further,

$$\psi_{n,n,n} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \theta_{i+\ell,j+\ell} = (-1)^n \gamma^n \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \mu_{i+\ell,j+\ell} \zeta^{i+\ell+1} = (-1)^n \gamma^n \prod_{\ell=1}^n \zeta^\ell = -\gamma^n,$$

where the penultimate equality uses (4.2) and the last equality invokes Equation (9.1). Thus we have shown that $x^n \cdot a_i^i = 0$.

Lemma 9.12. In the notation of Theorem 6.3, we have $x^n \cdot b_j^i = 0$ for all (i, j).

Proof. Again, we apply Lemma 9.4 with k = n, X = x, and $v_j^i = b_j^i$. The proof is the same as for Lemma 9.11, except in this case we find that

$$\psi_{n,0,0} = \gamma_{-}^{n}, \quad \psi_{n,n,n} = -\gamma_{+}^{n}, \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_{n,0,n} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \tau_{i,j+\ell} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \lambda_{i,j+\ell}.$$

Thus, we see that x^n acts by 0 if and only if $(\gamma_+)^n = (\gamma_-)^n + \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \lambda_{i,j+\ell}$, which is the condition assumed on the scalars in Theorem 6.3.

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