

# Realizations of rigid C\*-tensor categories as bimodules over GJS C\*-algebras

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## Abstract

Given an arbitrary countably generated rigid C\*-tensor category, we construct a fully-faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor onto a subcategory of finitely generated projective bimodules over a simple, exact, separable, unital C\*-algebra with unique trace. The C\*-algebras involved are built from the category using the Guionnet-Jones-Shlyakhtenko construction. Out of this category of Hilbert C\*-bimodules, we construct a fully-faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor into the category of bi-finite spherical bimodules over an interpolated free group factor. The composite of these two functors recovers the functor constructed by Brothier, Hartglass, and Penneys.

## 1 Introduction

Since the advent of modern subfactor theory by Jones [17], there has been considerable interest in axiomatizing the standard invariant resulting from a finite-index subfactor  $N \subset M$ . The standard invariant has been axiomatized by Ocneanu's paragroups (for finite depth subfactors) [24], Popa's  $\lambda$ -lattices [29], and Jones' planar algebras [18].

A natural question is given a standard invariant, can one construct a subfactor with that standard invariant? This question was answered in the affirmative by Popa in [28] where given a  $\lambda$ -lattice, a finite-index  $\text{II}_1$  subfactor  $N \subset M$  was constructed whose standard invariant was the given  $\lambda$ -lattice.

Popa's theorem was reproven utilizing a diagrammatic argument by Guionnet, Jones, and Shlyakhtenko [10]. The first author and Penneys utilized the construction therein to state an analogous result in a C\*-algebraic setting: [12] *Given a standard invariant,  $\mathcal{P}_\bullet^\pm$ , there is an inclusion  $B_0 \subset B_1$  with finite Watatani index of simple, unital C\*-algebras with unique trace satisfying:  $\mathcal{P}_n^+ = B_0 \cap B_n$  and  $\mathcal{P}_n^- = B_1 \cap B_{n+1}$ . Here  $(B_n)$  is the Jones-Watatani tower for  $B_0 \subset B_1$ .*

As the  $N - N$  and  $M - M$  bimodules generated by  $L^2(M)$  as an  $N - M$  bimodule form rigid C\*-tensor categories, it is natural to ask to what degree an arbitrary rigid C\*-tensor category can be represented by bimodules over a  $\text{II}_1$  factor. The first author, along with Brothier and Penneys [2] proved that every rigid C\*-tensor category is equivalent to a subcategory of bimodules of  $L(\mathbb{F}_\infty)$  (See Example 2.10.).

**Theorem ([2]).** *Given a countably generated rigid C\*-tensor category,  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is a full and faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor*

$$\mathbb{G} : \mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}} L(\mathbb{F}_\infty).$$

It is natural to ask what sort of reconstruction theorems can be obtained in the context of projective Hilbert C\*-bimodules over C\*-algebras. One immediate difficulty is that due to K-theoretic obstructions, it is impossible to find a single separable unital C\*-algebra  $B$  so that every countably generated rigid C\*-tensor category is fully realized as a subcategory of the projective C\*-bimodules over  $B$  (see the discussion before Corollary 5.14). This observation leads to the following natural question:

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**Question.** Given a rigid  $C^*$ -tensor category,  $\mathcal{C}$ , is there a separable, simple, unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$  (depending on  $\mathcal{C}$ ) so that  $\mathcal{C}$  is realized as a full subcategory of the projective  $C^*$ -bimodules of  $B$ ?

In [32], Yuan answered the above question in the affirmative under the weaker assumption of not requiring norm separability on the  $C^*$ -algebra, even in the case where  $\mathcal{C}$  is countably generated (If  $\mathcal{C}$  has infinitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects, then Yuan's  $C^*$ -algebra is the norm closure of an inductive limit of direct sums of  $B(\mathcal{H})$  for  $\mathcal{H}$  an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. See [32], section 3.) In this article, we answer the above question in the affirmative:

**Theorem A.** Given a countably generated rigid  $C^*$ -tensor category with simple unit,  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is a unital, simple, separable, exact  $C^*$ -algebra,  $B_0$  with unique trace, and a fully-faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor

$$\mathbb{F} : \mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0),$$

into the rigid  $C^*$ -tensor category of finitely generated projective  $B_0$ -bimodules compatible with the (unique) trace of  $B_0$ . (See Example 2.15, Equation 5.1 and [20, Definition 5.7]) Moreover, the  $K_0$  group of  $B_0$  is the free abelian group on the classes of simple objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and the image of the simple objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  are precisely the canonical generators of  $K_0(B_0)$ , when viewed as right  $B_0$ -Hilbert modules.

Our proof of this theorem can be outlined as follows:

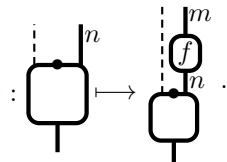
♣ We take off from Chapter 3 by choosing a *symmetrically self-dual* object  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  (Definition 3.2) of quantum dimension  $\delta_x > 1$ , and use it to construct a graded ground  $C^*$ -algebra  $A_\infty$  (Equation 3.6) from the endomorphism  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{C}(x^{\otimes n})$ . We then build an  $A_\infty$ -module  $X_1$  and consider the *creation and annihilation operators by real vectors* inside the  $C^*$ -algebra of *adjointable* endomorphisms of  $\mathcal{F}(X_{1A_\infty})$ , the *full Fock space* of  $X_{1A_\infty}$ . (See Definition 3.12, the discussion following Corollary 3.13 and [27].) These operators together with  $A_\infty$  generate the simple  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_\infty$  (a.k.a. *Voiculescu semi-circular system*), which comes equipped with a faithful conditional expectation onto  $A_\infty$  and tracial weight  $\text{Tr}$ . We then consider certain corners  $B_n \subset B_\infty$  (Notation 3.21), for  $n \geq 0$ , which are unital, separable, simple and have a unique trace, given by  $\text{tr}_{B_n} := \text{Tr}|_{B_n}$ .

♣♣ The algebra  $B_0$  is of central importance to us, since it acts on the *off-corners*  $\{ {}_l B_r \}_{l,r \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0}$  of  $B_\infty$  by means of *multiplication in the ambient  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_\infty$* . In this framework all our actions are automatically bounded. We then construct a rigid  $C^*$ -tensor category of *finitely generated projective, minimal and normalized* Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules over  $B_0$ , denoted  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)$  (see Definitions 2.13 and 2.14), which includes the bimodules  ${}_0 B_r$ , for  $r \geq 0$ . The simplicity of each  $B_n$  allows us to describe the *Connes' fusion* relative to  $B_0$  of these bimodules in simple terms (Lemma 3.38) as:

$$B_0({}_0 B_n \boxtimes_{B_0} {}_0 B_m)_{B_0} \cong_{B_0} ({}_0 B_{n+m})_{B_0}.$$

This construction then induces the functor

$$\mathbb{F} : \mathcal{C}_x \hookrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)$$

$$x^{\otimes n} \longmapsto_{B_0} ({}_0 B_n)_{B_0}, \quad \mathcal{C}(x^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow x^{\otimes m}) \ni f \longmapsto \mathbb{F}(f) :$$


Here,  $\mathcal{C}_x$  is the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  generated by tensor powers of  $x$ . By construction,  $\mathbb{F}$  will be a faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor, as will be shown in Chapter 4. However, showing that it is full takes some more work, and the proof is delayed to the last chapter.

♣♣♣ The next step of the proof consists of turning Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules into *bifinite and spherical/extremal bimodules over an interpolated  $\text{II}_1$ -factor  $M_0$* . This is done and explained in Chapter 5. The factor  $M_0$  is in fact isomorphic to the *von Neumann algebra generated by  $B_0$* , and we shall find the tools to compute it over several different representations (Lemma 3.40). In order to do so, one has to further restrict  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)$  to those bimodules which are *compatible with the trace  $\text{tr}_{B_0}$* , and we denote this rigid  $C^*$ -tensor subcategory by  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ . From  $\mathcal{Y} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$  we obtain an *honest* Hilbert space by fusing it with  $L^2(B_0)$ , obtaining  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$ . Afterwards, we extend both left and right  $B_0$ -actions on  $\mathcal{Y}$  to normal

left and right actions of  $M_0$ . This process in fact defines a full and faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor (shown in Propositions 5.10 and 5.9)

$$M_0(- \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0} : \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0) \hookrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0)$$

$$\mathcal{Y} \longmapsto M_0(\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0}, \quad \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)(\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}) \ni f \longmapsto f \boxtimes \text{id}_{L^2(B_0)}.$$

♣♣♣♣ Finally, we recover the functor  $\mathbb{G}$  from [2] via the commuting 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{C}_x & \\ \mathbb{F} \swarrow & & \searrow \mathbb{G} \\ \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0) & \xrightarrow[\quad M_0(- \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0} \quad]{\quad T \quad} & \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0), \end{array}$$

where  $T$  is a monoidal unitary natural isomorphism. It is precisely this commuting 2-cell that grants us the grounds for showing that  $\mathbb{F}$  is full, and this is indeed proven by a simple finite-dimensional linear algebraic trick. (See Proposition 5.11.) We consider this step the most important part of the proof, since it provides a **conceptual and concrete connection between the realization functors  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbb{G}$** .

As a consequence of Theorem A (see also Remark 5.13), we found a way around the aforementioned K-theoretical obstruction to the existence of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$  such that every rigid  $C^*$ -tensor category can be realized into  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B)$ , by restricting our scope to unitary fusion categories: (Corollary 5.14).

**Corollary B.** *There exists a unital simple exact separable  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$  with unique trace over which we can full and faithfully realize every unitary fusion category  $\mathbb{C}$  into  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B)$ , in the spirit of Theorem A.*

## 2 Background

### 2.1 Rigid $C^*$ -tensor categories

We shall provide a brief description and relevant examples of rigid  $C^*$ -tensor categories (RC\*TC). All categories in this article are assumed to be essentially small (isomorphism classes of objects form a set) and  $\text{Vec}$  enriched (not necessarily finite dimensional). We let  $(\mathbb{C}, \otimes, \alpha, \mathbb{1}, \lambda, \rho)$  denote an arbitrary  $\text{Vec}$  enriched semi-simple tensor category, where  $- \otimes - : \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a bilinear functor,  $\alpha$  is the *associator*,  $\mathbb{1}$  is the *monoidal/tensor unit*, and  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  are the *left and right unitors*, respectively. We refer to the monoidal category simply as  $\mathbb{C}$ . Furthermore, **we assume the monoidal unit is *simple***; i.e. its endomorphism space is one dimensional:  $\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{1}) \cong \mathbb{C}$ . This assumption together with semi-simplicity imply that hom spaces are finite dimensional. (For a more detailed description of (monoidal) categories see [6] and [22].) All the categories in this paper are assumed to admit direct sums and contain sub-objects; i.e. they are *Cauchy-complete*.

We further endow  $\mathbb{C}$  with more structure:

**Definition 2.1** ([15], [7]). *We say that  $\mathbb{C}$  is a **dagger category** if and only if for each  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$  there is an anti-linear map*

$$\dagger : \mathbb{C}(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(b \rightarrow a)$$

*such that*

- The map  $\dagger$  is an involution; i.e. for each  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$  and every  $f \in \mathbb{C}(a \rightarrow b)$  we have  $(f^\dagger)^\dagger = f$ .
- For composable morphisms  $f$  and  $g$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , we have  $(f \circ g)^\dagger = g^\dagger \circ f^\dagger$ .
- Moreover, we have the identity  $(f \otimes g)^\dagger = f^\dagger \otimes g^\dagger$ .

Furthermore, we say that  $f \in \mathbb{C}(a \rightarrow b)$  is unitary if it is invertible with  $f^{-1} = f^\dagger$ .

Having a dagger structure on  $\mathbb{C}$  allows us to introduce important analytical properties, as one could ask whether endomorphism  $*$ -algebras in  $\mathbb{C}$  are  $C^*$ -algebras. We then introduce the following definition:

**Definition 2.2** ([15], [7]). We say a dagger category is a **C\*-category** if and only if the following conditions hold for each  $a, b \in \mathbf{C}$ :

- For every morphism  $f \in \mathbf{C}(a \rightarrow b)$  there exists an endomorphism  $g \in \mathbf{C}(a)$  such that  $f^\dagger \circ f = g^\dagger \circ g$ .
- The map  $\|\cdot\| : \mathbf{C}(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  defined by

$$\|g\|^2 := \sup\{|\lambda| \geq 0 \mid (g^\dagger \circ g - \lambda \cdot id_a) \notin GL(\mathbf{C}(a))\}$$

defines a (submultiplicative) C\*-norm. This is, the map defines a submultiplicative norm and for each morphism  $f$  as above we have  $\|f^\dagger \circ f\| = \|f\|^2$ .

Notice that being C\* is a property of a dagger category and not extra structure.

**Remark 2.3.** Theorem 1.2 in [14] asserts that any C\*-tensor category is equivalent to a strict one. (In a strict category the associator and unitors are all identities.) We can therefore **assume that C is strict**, with no loss of generality. In lights of this result, we will often omit the associator and the unitors in our computations.

**Definition 2.4** ([6]). We say that  $\mathbf{C}$  is a **rigid category** if each object has a dual and a predual. That is, for each  $c \in \mathbf{C}$  there is an object  $c^\vee$ , the dual of  $c$ , and evaluation and coevaluation maps

$$ev_c : c^\vee \otimes c \rightarrow \mathbb{1} \text{ and } coev_c : \mathbb{1} \rightarrow c \otimes c^\vee,$$

which we draw as follows:

$$ev_c = \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{1} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ c^\vee \quad c \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad coev_c = \begin{array}{c} c \quad c^\vee \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{1} \end{array} \quad (2.1)$$

(From this point on, we relax the graphical calculus notation, so that we will not necessarily indicate the presence of the unit object  $\mathbb{1}$  nor the dashed strand  $id_{\mathbb{1}}$ .) For each object  $c \in \mathbf{C}$ , the evaluation and coevaluation maps satisfy the **Zig-Zag equations** (a.k.a. the conjugate equations in [21], Sec. 2):

$$\begin{array}{c} c^\vee \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \\ c^\vee \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ c^\vee \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} c \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ c \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} c \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \\ c \end{array} \quad (2.2)$$

Which more succinctly can be equivalently stated as

$$id_{c^\vee} = (ev_c \otimes id_{c^\vee}) \circ (id_{c^\vee} \otimes coev_c) \text{ and } id_c = (id_c \otimes ev_c) \circ (coev_c \otimes id_c).$$

We moreover require that there exists a predual object to  $c$ , denoted by  $c_\vee$ , such that  $(c_\vee)^\vee \cong c$ .

For arbitrary  $c, b \in \mathbf{C}$ , the dual of a map  $f \in \mathbf{C}(a \rightarrow b)$  can be computed by composing with the evaluation and coevaluation maps as follows:

$$f^\vee = \begin{array}{c} a^\vee \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ b^\vee \end{array} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $f^\vee \in \mathbf{C}(b^\vee \rightarrow a^\vee)$  is given by  $(ev_b \otimes id_{a^\vee}) \circ (id_{b^\vee} \otimes f \otimes id_{a^\vee}) \circ (id_{b^\vee} \otimes coev_a)$ . As a result, these choices of duals for objects, can be arranged into a strong-monoidal **dual functor**

$$(\bullet)^\vee : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{\text{mop}},$$

where  $\mathbf{C}^{\text{mop}}$  is  $\mathbf{C}$  considered with reversed arrows and tensor product. The associated tensorator is given by the natural isomorphism whose components are given by

$$\nu_{a,b} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A box labeled } f \text{ with input } a^\vee \text{ and output } b^\vee. \end{array} (a \otimes b)^\vee = (ev_b \otimes id_{(a \otimes b)^\vee}) \circ (id_{b^\vee} \otimes ev_a \otimes id_{(a \otimes b)^\vee}) \circ (id_{b^\vee} \otimes id_{a^\vee} \otimes coev_{a \otimes b}). \quad (2.4)$$

*Remark 2.5.* Neither a dual functor nor its tensorator need to be unitary; i.e.,  $(f^\dagger)^\vee \neq (f^\vee)^\dagger$ , nor  $\nu^{-1} = \nu^\dagger$ . However, for a RC\*TC with simple unit, there exists a **balanced dual** for each object (see Lemma 3.9 in [31] or Prop. 3.24 in [25]); i.e., for each  $c \in \mathbf{C}$ , there exists a *choice* of dual  $(\bar{c}, ev_c, coev_c)$  for which the Zig-Zag equations hold and moreover satisfies **the balancing condition**: for an arbitrary endomorphism  $f \in \mathbf{C}(a \rightarrow a)$ , its **left and right traces** match; i.e

$$ev_a \circ (id_{\bar{a}} \otimes f) \circ ev_a^\dagger = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A box labeled } f \text{ with input } \bar{a} \text{ and output } \bar{a}. \end{array} = coev_a^\dagger \circ (f \otimes id_{\bar{a}}) \circ coev_a. \quad (2.5)$$

This choice of balanced dual assembles into a *unitary dual functor* for which for every morphism  $f$  we obtain  $f^{\dagger^\vee} = f^{\vee^\dagger}$ , and  $\nu$  is unitary. We remark that this choice of dual functor is unique up to a unique natural isomorphism.

Associated to the *balanced dual functor* there is a **canonical pivotal structure**

$$\varphi : id_{\mathbf{C}} \Rightarrow (\bullet)^{\vee\vee},$$

which is a **natural monoidal unitary spherical** (i.e. Eqn. 2.5 holds) isomorphism whose components are given by

$$(coev_c^\dagger \otimes id_{c^{\vee\vee}}) \circ (id_c \otimes coev_{c^\vee}) = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A box labeled } c \text{ with input } c \text{ and output } c^{\vee\vee}. \end{array} = \varphi_c = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A box labeled } c \text{ with input } c^{\vee\vee} \text{ and output } c. \end{array} = (id_{c^{\vee\vee}} \otimes ev_c) \circ (ev_{c^\vee}^\dagger \otimes id_c). \quad (2.6)$$

*Remark 2.6.* Using the unitary balanced dual functor in  $\mathbf{C}$ , the naturality of  $\varphi$  and the canonical spherical pivotal structure, one can show that the mirrored dual of a morphism matches Eqn. 2.7: (see [2], pp. 8-10)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A box labeled } f \text{ with input } a^\vee \text{ and output } b^\vee. \end{array} = f^\vee = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A box labeled } f \text{ with input } a^\vee \text{ and output } b^\vee. \end{array} = (id_{a^\vee} \otimes coev_b^\dagger) \circ (id_{a^\vee} \otimes f \otimes id_{b^\vee}) \circ (ev_a^\dagger \otimes id_{b^\vee}). \quad (2.7)$$

Notice that, in light of the naturality of  $\varphi$ , *rotation by  $2\pi$*  in  $\mathbf{C}$  satisfies the identity  $f^{\vee\vee} \circ \varphi_a = \varphi_b \circ f$ , for an arbitrary  $f \in \mathbf{C}(a \rightarrow b)$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([16], [25], [15]). Using the dagger structure  $\dagger$  and the unique unitary (balanced) dual functor from Remark 2.5  $(\bullet)^\vee : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{\text{mop}}$ , we can define an **involution structure**  $((\bar{\cdot}, \nu), \varphi, r)$  on  $\mathbf{C}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\cdot} : \mathbf{C} &\rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{\text{mop}} \\ c &\mapsto \bar{c} (= c^\vee), \quad f \mapsto \bar{f} := (f^\dagger)^\vee (= (f^\vee)^\dagger). \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\mathbf{C}^{\text{mop}}$  is the monoidal category  $\mathbf{C}$  considered with the reversed tensor product. Notice that if  $f \in \mathbf{C}(a \rightarrow b)$ , then  $\bar{f} \in \mathbf{C}(\bar{a} \rightarrow \bar{b})$ . The **involution**  $\bar{\cdot}$  is a conjugate-linear strong-monoidal functor, which comes equipped with the canonical unitary pivotal structure  $\{\varphi_c : c \xrightarrow{\sim} \bar{\bar{c}}\}_{c \in \mathbf{C}}$  satisfying  $\varphi_{\bar{c}} = \overline{\varphi_c}$ . The monoidal structure is given by natural unitaries  $\{\nu_{a,b} : \bar{a} \otimes \bar{b} \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{a \otimes b}\}$ , and an isomorphism  $r : \mathbb{1} \xrightarrow{\sim} \bar{\mathbb{1}}$  given by  $\lambda_{\mathbb{1}} \circ coev_{\mathbb{1}}$ . Here  $\lambda$  is the left unitor. We limit ourselves to remark there are associativity and unitality axioms these maps must satisfy, and a more detailed view can be found in [16, Definition 2.4].

A tensor category with an involution is called **involutive**. And a tensor category is called **bi-involutive** ([15, Definition 2.3] and [25, Definition 3.35]) if it is a dagger category with an involution and moreover, the involution  $\bar{\cdot}$  is a dagger functor (i.e. for every  $f \in \mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow b)$ , we have  $\overline{f^\dagger} = \overline{f}^\dagger$ ) with unitary structure isomorphisms  $\varphi$ ,  $\nu$  and  $r$ .

*Remark 2.8.* Notice that the **bi-involutive structure** described above is *canonical*. (The interested reader can go to [16], Example 2.12 and the references therein for an expanded description of the structure isomorphisms.) It was shown in [25] that this bi-involutive structure is canonical and independent of the choice of unitary dual functor.

The following definition will be of importance in the last section, so we include them for the convenience of the reader.

**Definition 2.9** ([25]). A **bi-involutive functor** between bi-involutive  $RC^*TC$ s is a dagger tensor functor  $(\mathbb{F}, \mu) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  together with a natural unitary isomorphism  $\chi_c : \mathbb{F}(\bar{c}) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}(c)}$  which is monoidal with respect to  $\mu, \nu^{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $\nu^{\mathcal{D}}$ , and involutive with respect to  $\varphi^{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $\varphi^{\mathcal{D}}$ . These properties are captured by the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{F}(\bar{a}) \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(\bar{b}) & \xrightarrow{\mu_{\bar{a}, \bar{b}}} & \mathbb{F}(\bar{a} \otimes \bar{b}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(\nu_{a, b})} \mathbb{F}(\overline{b \otimes a}) \\
\chi_a \boxtimes \chi_b \downarrow & & \downarrow \chi_{b, a} \\
\overline{\mathbb{F}(a)} \boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{F}(b)} & \xrightarrow{\nu_{\mathbb{F}(a), \mathbb{F}(b)}} & \overline{\mathbb{F}(b)} \boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{F}(a)} \xrightarrow{\mu_{a, b}} \overline{\mathbb{F}(b \otimes a)}
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{F}(c) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(\varphi_c)} & \mathbb{F}(\bar{c}) \\
\varphi_{\mathbb{F}(c)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \chi_{\bar{c}} \\
\overline{\mathbb{F}(c)} & \xleftarrow{\bar{\chi}_c} & \overline{\mathbb{F}(\bar{c})}
\end{array}
\quad (2.8)$$

We now introduce the tensor category of *bimodules over a  $\text{II}_1$  factor*. Beyond its great significance in the theory of subfactors, this example is of central importance to us as it will serve as a grounds to construct a more general  $RC^*TC$  of bimodules over a  $C^*$ -algebra.

**Example 2.10.** For this example we closely follow [1] and [16]. For a type  $\text{II}_1$  factor  $(N, \tau)$ , consider the  $(W^*)$ -**tensor category of bimodules over  $N$** . The tensor product is given by the Connes fusion relative tensor product [4], denoted  $- \boxtimes_N -$ . By restricting to the full subcategory of bifinite bimodules  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}(N)$ , we obtain a  $RC^*TC$  whose structure we now describe. Let  $\Omega \in L^2(N, \tau)$  be a cyclic vector in the GNS-construction. Given  $H \in \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}(N)$ , we say that  $\xi \in H$  is (left/right)-bounded if and only if the map  $N\Omega \rightarrow H$  given by  $n\Omega \mapsto \xi \triangleleft n$ , extends to a bounded map  $L_\xi : L^2(N) \rightarrow H$ . The set of **bounded vectors** in  $H$  is denoted by  $H^\circ$ , and defines a dense subset of  $H$ . Bounded vectors help us define an  $N$ -valued inner product; i.e., for  $\eta, \xi \in H^\circ$ , we have  $\langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_N := L_\eta^* L_\xi$ . This product is indeed  $N$ -valued, as  $L_\eta^* L_\xi$  commutes with the right  $N$ -action.

**The dual** of  $H \in \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}(N)$  is given by  $\bar{H}$ , as a Hilbert space. To refer to an element in  $\bar{H}$  we write  $\bar{\xi} \in \bar{H}$ . Right and left  $N$ -actions are given by  $n \triangleright \bar{\xi} \triangleleft m := \bar{m}^* \triangleright \xi \triangleleft n^*$ , and for  $\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta} \in \bar{H}$  their inner product is given by  $\langle \bar{\xi} \mid \bar{\eta} \rangle_N := \langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_N$ . We are now able to define an evaluation map

$$\begin{aligned}
ev_H : \bar{H} \boxtimes_N H &\rightarrow L^2(N) \text{ given on } \bar{H}^\circ \otimes_N H^\circ \text{ by} \\
\bar{\eta} \boxtimes \xi &\mapsto \langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_N,
\end{aligned}$$

which is  $N$ -bilinear and bounded.

To define coevaluation maps, we need the notion of a (finite) right  $N$ -basis, which we introduce in a more general context in Definition 2.12. By [3], such a finite set exists and we denote it by  $\{\beta\} \subset H^\circ$ . We then have that for every  $\xi \in H^\circ$ ,  $\xi = \sum \beta \triangleleft \langle \beta \mid \xi \rangle_N$ . For a chosen basis  $\{\beta\} \subset H^\circ$ , we then have the map

$$coev_H : L^2(N) \rightarrow H \boxtimes_N \bar{H} \text{ given by}$$

$$n\Omega \mapsto \sum (n \triangleright \beta) \boxtimes \bar{\beta},$$

which can be seen not to depend on the choice of basis. The maps  $ev_H$  and  $coev_H$  satisfy the Zig-Zag Equations (2.2). Thus  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}(N)$  is indeed a  $RC^*TC$ , where our choice of evaluation and coevaluation maps is usually referred to as the **tracial evaluation and coevaluation**. One may need to renormalize these maps on irreducible bimodules so that they satisfy the balancing condition described in Equation 2.5. We further restrict to the full rigid  $C^*$  tensor subcategory of spherical/extremal bimodules, denoted  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(N)$ , so that the tracial dual matches the canonical unitary dual functor.

## 2.2 Hilbert $C^*$ -bimodules

We recall some useful facts about Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules that we will use in the following sections. Throughout this section, we assume that  $C$  and  $D$  are unital  $C^*$ -algebras.

**Definition 2.11** ([20]). A  $C$ - $D$  **Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodule**  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a vector space together with commuting left and right actions denoted by  $- \triangleright - : C \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and  $- \triangleleft - : \mathcal{Y} \times D \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ . Moreover, we have the following structures:

- A  $C$ -valued form  ${}_C \langle -, \cdot \rangle$  which is  $C$ -linear on the left and conjugate linear on the right, and
- a  $D$ -valued form  $\langle \cdot | - \rangle_D$  which is  $D$ -linear on the right and conjugate linear on the left.
- Compatibility of inner products with the involution:  ${}_C \langle \xi, \eta \rangle = ({}_C \langle \eta, \xi \rangle)^*$ , and  $\langle \xi | \eta \rangle_D = (\langle \eta | \xi \rangle_D)^*$ ;

These forms provide canonical norms defined as follows:  
for each  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,

$${}_C \|y\|^2 := \|{}_C \langle y, y \rangle\|_C, \text{ and } \|y\|_D^2 := \|\langle y | y \rangle_D\|_D.$$

We also require the following identities and properties to hold for every  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{Y}$ :

- The two norms above are complete and equivalent;
- The two forms are positive definite; i.e.  ${}_C \langle \xi, \xi \rangle \geq 0$  on  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  ${}_C \langle \xi, \xi \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $\xi = 0$ , and similarly for the  $D$ -valued form.
- For each  $c \in C$  and each  $d \in D$ , we have  ${}_C \langle \xi \triangleleft d, \eta \rangle = {}_C \langle \xi, \eta \triangleleft d^* \rangle$ , and  $\langle c \triangleright \xi | \eta \rangle_D = \langle \xi | c^* \triangleright \eta \rangle_D$ .

For Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules  ${}_C \mathcal{Y}_D$  and  ${}_C \mathcal{Z}_D$ , denote by  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z})$  the Banach space of bounded  $C$ - $D$  bilinear operators. We denote the set of **left-adjointable operators** by  ${}^* \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z})$ , and  $\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z})$  denotes the set of **right-adjointable operators**. We notice that under this notation, the last bullet points amounts to saying that there is an embedding of the left  $C$ -action into the Banach space of right-adjointable operators and also that there exists an embedding of the right  $D$ -action into the space of left-adjointable operators.

Notice that the left adjoint of a given operator need not match its right adjoint. Often times, it will be sufficient for our purposes to restrict to those operators for which these notions match, denoted **bi-adjointable operators**. In the following definitions we seek for sufficient conditions for our bimodules to form a  $\text{RC}^*\text{TC}$ . We will closely follow [20] for the description of such categorical/analytic structures and properties.

**Definition 2.12** ([20]). Given a Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodule  ${}_C \mathcal{Y}_D$ , we say that  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^m \subset \mathcal{Y}$  is a **right  $D$ -basis** if and only if for each  $\xi \in \mathcal{Y}$  we have

$$\xi = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \triangleleft \langle u_i | \xi \rangle_D.$$

Similarly, we say  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n \subset \mathcal{Y}$  is a **left  $C$ -basis** if and only if for each  $\xi \in \mathcal{Y}$  we have

$$\xi = \sum_{j=1}^n {}_C \langle \xi, v_j \rangle \triangleright v_j.$$

If a bimodule  $\mathcal{Y}$  has both a left and a right basis, we say it is **finitely generated projective** (fgp).

**Definition 2.13** ([20], Definitions 1.14 and 1.16). Define the **right index** the and **left index** of a fgp  $C$ - $D$  Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodule  $\mathcal{Y}$  as

$$r\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) := \sum_{i=1}^m {}_C \langle u_i, u_i \rangle, \text{ and } l\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle v_j | v_j \rangle_D.$$

By Proposition 1.13 in [20], these sums do not depend on the choices of bases, and moreover that  $r\text{-Ind} \in Z(C)^+$  and  $l\text{-Ind} \in Z(D)^+$ , define positive central elements in their respective  $C^*$ -algebras. Thus, if either  $C$  or  $D$  have trivial center, the corresponding index is then a positive real number. Moreover, we define **the index** of  $\mathcal{Y}$  as

$$\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) = l\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) \cdot r\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}).$$

We say the bimodule  $\mathcal{Y}$  is **normalized** if  $r\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) = l\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y})$ . By [20, Lemma 1.15] fgp bimodules over  $C^*$ -algebras with trivial centers can always be normalized and therefore we will only consider these, without loss of generality.

We shall next introduce another property for an fgp bimodule  ${}_C\mathcal{Y}_D$  that will become of crucial importance when defining a tensor structure for bimodules, obtaining a multiplicative notion of (Jones') index.

**Definition 2.14** ([20], Proposition 3.3 and Definition 3.5). *Let  ${}_C\mathcal{Y}_D$  be as above, and further assume that  $Z(C) = Z(D)$ . For  $K := \frac{r\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}{l\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{Y})} > 0$  and each  $T \in \text{End}({}_C\mathcal{Y}_D)$  we have*

$$\sum_i {}_C\langle Tu_i, u_i \rangle = K \cdot \sum_j \langle v_j | Tv_j \rangle_D \in,$$

we then say that  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a **minimal bimodule**.

**Example 2.15.** We now describe a  $RC^*TC$ , which is a  $C^*$ -algebraic analog of the category  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(N)$  of spherical bifinite bimodules over a  $\text{II}_1$ -factor  $N$ , outlined earlier in Example 2.10. In describing this example, we rely heavily on the results in [20]. Let  $B$  be a fixed unital  $C^*$ -algebra with trivial center. Consider the category of fgp normalized and minimal Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules over  $B$ , denoted by  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$ . Neither minimality nor being normalized are extra properties of a bimodule, since one can always remetrize to simultaneously force minimality and normality. For further details, see [20, Lemma 3.6]. Since there is no loss of generality by doing so, from this point on, we will only consider **fgp normalized and minimal bimodules**. The greater advantage of reducing the category to normalized and minimal bimodules is that the index is well behaved with respect to sums and products in the category, which we shall next define, and that we can structure  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$  as a  $RC^*TC$ .

There is a canonical way to direct sum objects in  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$ , where we emphasize that the resulting object belongs to  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$ , and the index behaves additively (Lemma 3.9 [20]). The tensor structure is given by  $B$ -**fusion**  $-\boxtimes_B-$ , where if  $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$  then  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_B \mathcal{Z} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$  without completion (Proposition 1.23 in [20]). We remark that  $\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_B \mathcal{Z}) = \text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) \cdot \text{Ind}(\mathcal{Z})$  holds true on  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}$  (Proposition 1.30, [20]), and that fusion is distributive with respect to sums (Lemma 1.24, [20]).

For  $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$ , by [20, Lemma 1.10], any right (resp. left)  $B$ -module map  $T : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$  is automatically a finite rank operator, is bounded with respect to the right (resp. left)  $B$ -norm (and hence both norms) and is adjointable with respect to the right (resp. left) inner product, with right-adjoint  $T^*$  (resp. left-adjoint  ${}^*T$ ). Moreover, minimality together with Proposition 3.14 in [20] ensure that if  $T$  is also adjointable with respect to the left inner product, it satisfies  ${}^*T = T^*$ . Therefore  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)(\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z})$  consists of **bi-adjointable bounded**  $B$ -bimodule maps, with common adjoint denoted  $T^*$ . This defines a **dagger structure** on  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$ .

We now define the **conjugate bimodule** of  $\mathcal{Y}$  denoted  $\overline{\mathcal{Y}}$ , where  $\mathcal{Y} = \overline{\mathcal{Y}}$  as sets. The bimodule structure is as follows: if  $\overline{y}, \overline{y}' \in \overline{\mathcal{Y}}$  and  $a, b \in B$  the left and right actions are given by  $a \triangleright \overline{y} \triangleleft b := \overline{b^*} \triangleright y \triangleleft a^*$ ,  ${}_B\langle \overline{y}, \overline{y}' \rangle := \langle y | y' \rangle_B$  and  $\langle \overline{y} | \overline{y}' \rangle_B := {}_B\langle y, y' \rangle$ . Clearly,  $\overline{\mathcal{Y}} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$ . We are now in position to define **evaluation and coevaluation**: for a given finite right  $B$ -basis  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^m$  we have maps

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}} : \overline{\mathcal{Y}} \boxtimes_B \mathcal{Y} &\longrightarrow {}_B B_B, & \text{coev}_{\mathcal{Y}} : {}_B B_B &\longrightarrow \mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_B \overline{\mathcal{Y}}, \\ \overline{\eta} \boxtimes \xi &\mapsto \langle \eta | \xi \rangle_B & b &\mapsto b \triangleright \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \boxtimes \overline{u_i} \end{aligned}$$

One must check these maps belong to our category. For example,  $\text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}}$  is manifestly right  $B$ -linear so it is a bounded right-adjointable  $B$ -bimodule map. By direct computation,  $\text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(b) = (\sum_{j=1}^n \overline{v_j} \boxtimes v_j) \triangleleft b$  and

moreover  ${}^* \text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}}(b) = b \triangleright \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{v_j} \boxtimes v_j$ , where  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$  is a finite left  $B$ -basis and  $b \in B$  is arbitrary. Therefore,  ${}^* \text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}}$  is indeed the left-adjoint of the evaluation map. Then, necessarily,  ${}^* \text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}}(b) = b \triangleright \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{v_j} \boxtimes v_j = (\sum_{j=1}^n \overline{v_j} \boxtimes v_j) \triangleleft b = \text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*$ , showing that  $\text{ev}_{\mathcal{Y}} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)(\overline{\mathcal{Y}} \boxtimes \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow B)$ . Similarly for  $\text{coev}_{\mathcal{Y}}$ , where  $\text{coev}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(y \boxtimes \overline{y'}) = {}_B \langle y, y' \rangle = {}^* \text{coev}_{\mathcal{Y}}(y \boxtimes \overline{y'})$ . We now define **the dual module**  $\mathcal{Y}^\vee := \overline{\mathcal{Y}}$  and **the dual of a morphism**  $T^\vee$  is given by the canonical dual. By Proposition 4.1 in [20], under these structural maps, the category of fgp  $B$ -bimodules  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$  is a rigid category. In fact, since we restricted to normalized bimodules,  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$  has the  $C^*$ -property, by Corollary 4.3 in [20].

This choice of dual functor corresponds to the balanced unitary dual. Indeed the canonical spherical structure on  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B)$  defines an honest pivotal structure so, by Proposition 3.9 in [25], the result follows. (Remarkably, that  ${}^*T = T^*$  for every biadjointable map is an equivalent condition to the naturality of the pivotal structure.) Thus, we can consider the canonical **bi-involutive structure** given on objects by conjugation  $\overline{\mathcal{Y}}$  and a morphism  $T : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ , its conjugate  $\overline{T} : \overline{\mathcal{Y}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{Z}}$  is given by  $\overline{T} := (T^*)^\vee = (T^\vee)^*$  and satisfies  $\overline{\overline{T}} = T$ .

## 3 Diagrammatic Algebras

### 3.1 GJS construction

In this section we will assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a fixed essentially small  $\text{RC}^*\text{TC}$ . We start with an auxiliary lemma, which helps us find a special object  $x \in \mathcal{C}$ . From the morphisms between tensor powers of this object we will construct certain diagrammatic  $*$ -algebras, and an *ambient*  $C^*$ -algebra, denoted  $B_\infty$  (Definition 3.15), which we will heavily rely on. The corners  $B_n$  of  $B_\infty$  will be separable simple unital  $C^*$ -algebras with unique traces. Of particular importance will be the corner  $B_0$  (Notation 3.21), as we will use it to construct a concrete rigid  $C^*$ -tensor subcategory of  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)$ , (Example 2.15) where we *fully and faithfully* represent  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Notation 3.1.** For an object  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ , we define  $\delta_c$  to be the **quantum dimension** of  $c$ . This is,  $\delta_c := \text{coev}_c^* \circ \text{coev}_c = \text{ev}_c \circ \text{ev}_c^*$ , is the (complex) value of the  $c$ -loop.

**Definition 3.2.** We say that an object  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  is **self-dual** if and only if there exists a (unitary) isomorphism  $\psi : x \rightarrow \overline{x}$ . (This isomorphism can be chosen to be unitary by polar decomposition.) Moreover, we say that  $x$  is **symmetrically self-dual** (ssd) ([2], Definition 2.10) if and only if is self-dual and  $\text{ev}_x \circ (\psi \otimes \text{id}_x) = \text{coev}_x^* \circ (\text{id}_x \otimes \psi)$ . (For more detailed treatments of self-dualities, the reader can go to [5, Theorem 3.4], [21], and [13].)

Intuitively, in the graphical calculus, strings labeled by a ssd object need not be oriented. In the following lemma, we show there are always ssd objects. We can **fix a ssd object**  $x \in \mathcal{C}$ , since

**Lemma 3.3.** Every  $\text{RC}^*\text{TC}$  has a ssd object  $x$ , with  $\delta_x > 1$  and  $x = \overline{x}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}$  be an arbitrary object (not isomorphic to the tensor unit), and define  $x := \sigma \oplus \overline{\sigma}$ . Clearly,  $\delta_x > 1$ . There is a canonical unitary map  $\psi : (\sigma \oplus \overline{\sigma}) \rightarrow (\overline{\sigma} \oplus \sigma) \cong \overline{x}$  given by the diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(\varphi_\sigma, \text{id}_{\overline{\sigma}})$ , where  $\varphi$  is the canonical unitary pivotal structure on  $\mathcal{C}$ . To establish symmetric self-duality, one simply observes that this condition is equivalent to  $\text{ev}_x = \text{coev}_{\overline{x}}^\dagger \circ (\text{id}_{\overline{x}} \otimes \varphi_x)$  and  $\text{ev}_{\overline{x}} \circ (\varphi_x \otimes \text{id}_{\overline{x}})$ , both of which hold since we are using the canonical pivotal structure. Finally, we can choose  $x = \overline{x}$  by using  $\psi$  to *unitarily* redefine the balanced dual functor, if need be.  $\square$

From this point on, we reserve the symbol  $x$  to denote a fixed ssd object in  $\mathcal{C}$  as in the statement of the previous Lemma.

**Definition 3.4** ([2, 9, 12, 13]). Given non-negative integers  $l, r, b$ , we let  $V_{b,l,r}$  be  $\mathcal{C}(x^{\otimes b} \rightarrow x^{\otimes l} \otimes x^{\otimes r})$ . We define  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  whose underlying vector space is given by the external algebraic direct sum

$$\text{Gr}_\infty := \bigoplus_{l,r,b \geq 0} V_{b,l,r}.$$

An element  $\xi \in V_{b,l,r}$  can be pictorially visualized as follows:

$$(3.1)$$

Here, the dot indicates how the lateral strings split on each side; i.e. there are  $l$  strings on the left and  $r$  strings on the right. We warn the reader that the same element  $\xi \in V_{b,l,r}$  appears as many times as the number  $(l+r)$  can be decomposed as a sum of two non-negative integers.

There is an **involution** on  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  denoted by  $*$ , which is determined by the canonical conjugate structure in  $\mathbb{C}$ , given by its *bi-involutive structure* (See Remark 2.8):

$$* : V_{b,l,r} \longrightarrow V_{b,r,l}$$

$$(3.2)$$

Notice how the roles of  $l$  and  $r$  switched. For notational convenience, we will denote this diagram as

**Definition 3.5.** Define  $\text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$  by

$$\text{Gr}_{0,\infty} := \bigoplus_{l \geq 0, r \geq 0} V_{0,l,r}.$$

The space  $\text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$  becomes an algebra when endowed with the multiplication

$$(3.3)$$

Notice that if  $l+r = l'+r'$  with  $l \neq l'$ , this multiplication makes  $V_{b,l,r}$  orthogonal to  $V_{b',l',r'}$ , and this is also true for elements that are counted more than once in  $\text{Gr}_\infty$ .

Define  $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$  by

$$\text{Gr}_{0,n} := \bigoplus_{n \geq l, r \geq 0} V_{0,l,r}. \quad (3.4)$$

Note that  $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$  is a finite dimensional unital  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$  which we describe in the following Proposition whose proof is straightforward:

**Proposition 3.6.** For each  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have an injective  $*$ -algebra homomorphism (given by **Frobenius Reciprocity** on  $\mathbb{C}$ ):

$$FR : \mathbb{C}^{op}(x^{\otimes m} \rightarrow x^{\otimes n}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gr}_{0, \max(m,n)} \quad \text{given by} \quad \begin{array}{c} n \\ | \\ \text{box } f \\ | \\ m \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} n \\ | \\ \text{box } f \\ | \\ m \end{array}$$

$$(3.5)$$

When  $n = m$ , the map  $FR$  becomes an injective  $*$ -algebra isomorphism.

Therefore, using Frobenius Reciprocity, we endow  $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$  with a norm, giving it the structure of a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. Note that the inclusion  $\text{Gr}_{0,n} \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}_{0,n+1}$  is nonunital but preserves minimal projections. As such,  $\text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$  (being the inductive limit of the  $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$ ) can be completed into an AF  $C^*$ -algebra which we shall denote as  $A_\infty$  with multiplication still denoted by  $\wedge$ . This is, as a vector space

$$A_\infty := \overline{\lim_n \text{Gr}_{0,n}}. \quad (3.6)$$

We shall now complete  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  into a right Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $A_\infty$  that will become of central importance in the sequel: For any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have left and right actions of  $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$  and  $\text{Gr}_{0,m}$  on  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  defined as follows: for  $a \in \text{Gr}_{0,n}$ ,  $a' \in \text{Gr}_{0,m}$  and  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_\infty$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{c} l \quad r \quad l'' \quad r'' \quad l' \quad r' \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \boxed{a} \triangleright \boxed{\xi} \triangleleft \boxed{a'} \quad := \quad \delta_{r=l''} \cdot \delta_{r''=l'} \cdot \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} l \quad \bullet \quad r' \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \boxed{a} \quad \boxed{\xi} \quad \boxed{a'} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ b \end{array} \quad (3.7)$$

The module  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  then becomes endowed with an  $A_\infty$ -valued inner product (taking values in  $\text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$ ) given by the sesquilinear extension of

$$\langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{A_\infty} := \delta_{l=l'} \cdot \delta_{b=b'} \cdot \quad \begin{array}{c} r \quad \bullet \quad r' \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \boxed{\xi^*} \quad \boxed{\eta} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ b \end{array} \quad (3.8)$$

for  $\xi \in V_{b,l,r}$  and  $\eta \in V_{b',l',r'}$ . Note that this inner product is linear in the right variable and conjugate linear in the left.

It is a straightforward computation to prove the next Proposition, following from the pivotal spherical structure on  $\mathbb{C}$  (see Remark 2.8):

**Proposition 3.7.** *The following statements hold for all diagrams  $\xi, \eta \in \text{Gr}_\infty$  and  $a \in \text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$ :*

- *Right  $A_\infty$ -linearity:*  $\langle \xi \mid \eta \triangleleft a \rangle_{A_\infty} = \langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{A_\infty} \wedge a$ ;
- *The left action is right-adjointable:*  $\langle \xi \mid a^* \triangleright \eta \rangle_{A_\infty} = \langle a \triangleright \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{A_\infty}$ ; and
- *Compatibility with adjoints:*  $(\langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{A_\infty})^* = \langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{A_\infty}$ .

**Definition 3.8.** *The vector space  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  can now be endowed with a  $C^*$ -norm, denoted  $\|\cdot\|_{A_\infty}$ , given by  $\|\xi\|_{A_\infty}^2 := \|\langle \xi \mid \xi \rangle_{A_\infty}\|_{A_\infty}$ , where the latter norm is the norm in the  $C^*$ -algebra  $A_\infty$ . (We remind the reader that this norm was introduced previously in Definition 3.28.) We therefore define  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  to be the completion of  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  under  $\|\cdot\|_{A_\infty}$ ; this is*

$$\mathcal{X}_\infty := \overline{\text{Gr}_\infty}^{\|\cdot\|_{A_\infty}}.$$

We also extend the  $A_\infty$ -valued inner product to all of  $\mathcal{X}_\infty \times \mathcal{X}_\infty$  in the obvious way. We will keep the same notation for this extended product.

To equip  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  with a right Hilbert  $A_\infty$ -module structure (see Definition 3.28 on Hilbert bimodules and Definition 1.3.2 in [23] for Hilbert modules), we must first extend the actions to all of  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  and all of  $A_\infty$ . The right  $\text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$ -action extends to  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  since for each sequence  $\xi_n \in \text{Gr}_\infty$  converging to  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}_\infty$ , and for each  $a \in \text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$ , a simple diagrammatic computation reveals that  $\|\xi_n \triangleleft a\|_{A_\infty}^2 = \delta_x \cdot \|a^* \wedge \langle \xi_n \mid \xi_n \rangle_{A_\infty} \wedge a\|_{A_\infty} \leq \delta_x \cdot \|\xi_n\|_{A_\infty}^2 \cdot \|a\|_{A_\infty}^2$ , which is bounded above in  $A_\infty$ -norm, since the  $\xi_n$  are bounded. Using the same inequality we obtain a (bounded) right  $A_\infty$ -action on  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$ . Moreover, observe that the first and last items in Proposition 3.7 apply to the extended  $A_\infty$ -action over the module  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$ . Thus,  $(\mathcal{X}_\infty, \langle \cdot \mid \cdot \rangle_{A_\infty})$  is a right Hilbert  $C^*$ -module over  $A_\infty$ .

We shall now show there is a left action of  $A_\infty$  on  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  by right adjointable operators. To do so, we first bring an auxiliary lemma:

**Lemma 3.9.** For  $n, m \geq 0$ , the collection of maps

$$\text{Gr}_{0,n} \longrightarrow \text{Gr}_{0,n+m} \quad \text{given by the linear extension of} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \xi \mapsto \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \xi \quad (3.9)$$

extends to an isometric  $C^*$ -algebra homomorphism  $A_\infty \longrightarrow A_\infty$ .

*Proof.* This map is clearly a densely defined injective  $*$ -algebra homomorphism. This map is bounded because it is a monomorphism between the finite dimensional algebras  $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$  and  $\text{Gr}_{0,n+m}$ .  $\square$

For arbitrary  $\eta \in V_{b,l,r} \subset \text{Gr}_\infty$  and  $a \in \text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$  we have the following diagrammatic identity:

$$\langle a \triangleright \eta | a \triangleright \eta \rangle_{A_\infty} = \delta_{l=r'} \cdot \begin{array}{c} r \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \eta^* \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} a^* \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} a \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \eta \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} b \quad (3.10)$$

Thus, denoting the rightmost element above as  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_{0,\infty}$ , we then obtain that  $\langle a \triangleright \eta | a \triangleright \eta \rangle_{a_\infty} = \xi^* \wedge [(a^* \wedge a)] \wedge \xi$ . Here,  $[a^* \wedge a]$  denotes the middle element in the diagram above. By Lemma 3.9 we obtain that  $\|a \triangleright \eta\|_{A_\infty}^2 = \|\langle a \triangleright \eta | a \triangleright \eta \rangle_{A_\infty}\|_{A_\infty} = \|\xi^* \wedge [(a^* \wedge a)] \wedge \xi\|_{A_\infty} \leq \|\xi\|_{A_\infty}^2 \cdot \|a\|_{A_\infty}^2 = \|\eta\|_{A_\infty}^2 \cdot \|a\|_{A_\infty}^2$ . Similarly as done for the right action, this inequality allows us to define a bounded left action of  $A_\infty$  on  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$ . Finally, notice that the second item in Proposition 3.7 (which extends to the left action of  $A_\infty$  on  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  by a density argument), implies that the left  $A_\infty$ -action is given by right-adjointable operators. Therefore, there is a faithful embedding  $([A_\infty] \triangleright -) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}^*((\mathcal{X}_\infty)_{A_\infty})$ .

There is an  $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})$ -graded family of right  $A_\infty$ -modules of importance:

**Definition 3.10.** For arbitrary  $b \geq 0$ , set  $\text{Gr}_{b,\infty}$  to be the following subspace of  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  :

$$\text{Gr}_{b,\infty} := \bigoplus_{l \geq 0, r \geq 0} V_{b,l,r},$$

and define  $X_b$  as its completion in  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$ . Note that each  $X_b$  is naturally a right  $A_\infty$ -module with a canonical left  $A_\infty$  action (by right-adjointable operators). Also note that  $X_0 = A_\infty$ .

The treatment below relies heavily on the machinery in section 4 of [13] and is essentially a translation of that section into our diagrammatic language. In that article, planar algebras were used as a substitute for the graphical picture used in this article. Below is a dictionary that the reader can use when parsing the changes in notation and diagrams between [13] and this article.

| [13]                               | This manuscript               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                    |                               |
| $\mathcal{P}_{l,n,r}$              | $V_{b,l,r}$                   |
| $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}_\bullet)$ | $\mathcal{X}_\infty$          |
| $B_n(\mathcal{P}_\bullet)$         | $\text{Gr}_{0,n}$             |
| $B(\mathcal{P}_\bullet)$           | $A_\infty$                    |
| $X_b$                              | $\text{Gr}_{b,\infty}$        |
| $\mathcal{X}_b$                    | $X_b$                         |
| $L(\xi)$                           | $L(\xi)$ (creation operators) |

We have the following proposition, appearing as [13, Proposition 4.11]:

**Proposition 3.11** ([13]). *For arbitrary  $b, b' \geq 0$ , the mapping*

$$U_{b,b'} : \text{Gr}_{b,\infty} \odot \text{Gr}_{b',\infty} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{(b+b'),\infty}$$

*defined by*

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l' \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r' \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \xi \\ \hline \end{array} \odot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \eta \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ b \quad b' \end{array} \mapsto \delta_{r=l'} \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r' \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \xi \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \eta \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ (b+b') \end{array} \quad (3.11)$$

*extends to a unitary isomorphism of right  $A_\infty$  Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules:*

$$U_{b,b'} : X_b \otimes_{A_\infty} X_{b'} \rightarrow X_{b+b'}.$$

Here, the relative (algebraic) tensor product  $\odot$  is balanced over diagrams with no strings going up; i.e. over  $\bigoplus_{b'' \geq 0} \text{Gr}_{b'',0,0}$ .

We now introduce a construction due to Pimsner.

**Definition 3.12** ([27]). *Given an arbitrary Hilbert  $C^*$ -module  $\mathcal{Y}$  over a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with a left action of  $A$  as bounded, adjointable operators on  $\mathcal{Y}$ , one can form the **full Fock space**  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{Y})$  given by*

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{Y}) = A \oplus \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Y}^{\otimes_A n}.$$

An immediate consequence from Proposition 3.11 and the previous definition gives:

**Corollary 3.13.** *The unitary operators in Proposition 3.11 induce a unitary*

$$U : \mathcal{F}(X_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_\infty.$$

Recall that by [27], given  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{Y})$  as above, and  $\xi \in \mathcal{Y}$ , one can form the **creation operator**  $\ell(\xi)$  on  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{Y})$  defined as the linear extension of

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\xi)a &= \xi a & \text{for all } a \in A \\ \ell(\xi)(\xi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \xi_n) &= \xi \otimes \xi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \xi_n & \text{for all } \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in \mathcal{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

The operator  $\ell(\xi)$  is bounded and right-adjointable, and its adjoint is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\xi)^*a &= 0 & \text{for all } a \in A \\ \ell(\xi)^*(\xi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \xi_n) &= \langle \xi \mid \xi_1 \rangle_A \xi_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \xi_n & \text{for all } \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in \mathcal{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $\mathcal{Y} = X_1$  and for an arbitrary  $\xi \in V_{1,l,r}$ , consider the operator  $L(\xi)$  on  $\text{Gr}_\infty$ , which we define using the spaces  $V_{b',l',r'}$  by:

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l' \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r' \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \eta \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \\ b' \end{array} \mapsto \delta_{r=l'} \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline l \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline r' \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \xi \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \eta \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ (1+b') \end{array} \quad (3.12)$$

For  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_{1,\infty}$ , one defines  $L(\xi)$  by linearity. The following is now immediate:

**Proposition 3.14.** *The unitary operator  $U$  in Corollary 3.13 satisfies  $U^*L(\xi)U = \ell(\xi)$  for all  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_{1,\infty}$ .*

Since one has  $\|L(\xi)\| = \|\xi\|$  for all  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_{1,\infty}$  [27], it follows immediately that  $L(\xi)$  is bounded for all  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_{1,\infty}$ , and that one can use continuity to define  $L(\xi)$  for all  $\xi \in X_1$ . It follows from the arguments in [13, Propositions 4.7–4.9] that the  $*$ -operation extends continuously on each  $X_n$ .

We now introduce the  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_\infty$ , a corner of which (the unital simple  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_0$  from Notation 3.21) will be the main  $C^*$ -algebra in this article.

**Definition 3.15.** *Let  $X_{\mathbb{R}}$  be the real subspace  $\{\xi \in X_1 \mid \xi = \xi^*\}$ . Then we define  $B_\infty$  to be the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by*

$$A_\infty \cup \{L(\xi) + L(\xi)^* \mid \xi \in X_{\mathbb{R}}\} \subset \mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{X}_\infty).$$

We will often denote the (operator) norm on  $B_\infty$  by  $\|\cdot\|_{B_\infty}$ .

There will be a convenient way to diagrammatically realize  $B_\infty$ . Given  $\xi \in V_{b,l,r}$ , define  $\pi(\xi)$  to be the operator on  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  given by (the linear extension of):

$$\pi(\xi)\eta := \delta_{r=l'} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{b,b'\}} \text{Diagram} \quad (3.13)$$

for  $\eta \in V_{b',r',l'}$ . We extend the definition of  $\pi(\xi)$  linearly in  $\xi$  to all of  $\text{Gr}_\infty$ . By the following Proposition ([13, Proposition 4.16]), we obtain that  $\pi(\xi)$  is bounded:

**Proposition 3.16.** *For each  $\eta \in \text{Gr}_\infty$ ,  $\pi(\eta)$  is a polynomial in  $A_\infty$  and  $\{L(\xi) + L(\xi)^* \mid \xi \in X_{\mathbb{R}}\}$ . Consequently,  $\pi(\eta)$  is bounded for each  $\eta \in \text{Gr}_\infty$ .*

*Remark 3.17.* We notice that under this representation,  $\pi$ , the composition of operators satisfies  $\pi(\xi') \circ \pi(\xi) = \pi(\xi' \star \xi)$ , where  $\xi' \in V_{b',l',r'}$ ,  $\xi \in V_{b,l,r}$  and  $-\star-$  is the **Walker Multiplication**, which diagrammatically is given by Equation 3.13 ([19]). We moreover have that  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  with the Walker product  $-\star-$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  with the **wedge/graded product**  $-\wedge-$  as unital (tracial)  $*$ -algebras. (See [19, Lemmata 5.2 and 5.3], for further details on the traces and the isomorphism). It is straightforward to see that if  $\xi \in X_{\mathbb{R}}$ , then  $\pi(\xi) = \xi \star - = L(\xi) + L(\xi)^*$ . From this observation, we see that  $B_\infty$  is generated by  $A_\infty$  and  $\{\pi(\eta) \mid \eta \in \text{Gr}_\infty\}$ .

### 3.2 A weight and a conditional expectation on $B_\infty$

The AF  $*$ -algebra  $\text{Gr}_\infty \cap A_\infty$  can be endowed with the following positive linear functional given by the linear extension of

$$\Phi : \text{Gr}_\infty \cap A_\infty \longrightarrow \quad \text{given by} \quad \text{Diagram} \longmapsto \delta_{l=r} \cdot \text{Diagram} \quad (3.14)$$

Proposition 3.6, allows us to see this map is simply the trace on  $\mathbb{C}$ . (See Equation 2.5.) Therefore, the map  $\Phi$  extends to a faithful, positive, semifinite, tracial weight on  $A_\infty$ .

If we let  $\Pi_0 \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}_\infty)$  be the projection from  $\mathcal{X}_\infty$  onto  $A_\infty$ , then from (Lemma 2.10 in [30]),  $\Pi_0$  induces a faithful **conditional expectation**,  $\mathbb{E}$  from  $B_\infty$  onto  $A_\infty$ . Diagrammatically, this map is given by

$$\mathbb{E} : B_\infty \longrightarrow A_\infty, \quad b \longmapsto \Pi_0 b \Pi_0. \quad \text{Diagram} \longmapsto \text{Diagram} \quad (3.15)$$

A straightforward computation shows that if  $x \in \text{Gr}_\infty$ , then  $\Pi_0 x \Pi_0 \in A_\infty$ , so  $\mathbb{E}$  is well defined by continuity. From [30, Lemma 2.10 and Remark 2.13] we obtain the following proposition:

**Proposition 3.18** ([13]). *The following assertions hold:*

- The map  $\mathbb{E}$  is a faithful conditional expectation from  $B_\infty$  onto  $A_\infty$ .
- The composite map  $\Phi \circ \mathbb{E}$  is a faithful, semifinite tracial weight on  $B_\infty$ , which is finite on  $\{\pi(\xi) | \xi \in \text{Gr}_\infty\}$ .

As Hilbert spaces, we have that  $L^2(B_\infty, \Phi \circ \mathbb{E}) \cong \mathcal{X}_\infty \otimes_{A_\infty} L^2(A_\infty, \Phi)$ . In fact, one can check diagrammatically that this equivalence is realized by the unitary  $W$  given by  $W(\pi(\xi)) = \xi$  for all  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_\infty$ . Moreover,  $W$  satisfies  $W(b\eta) = bW(\eta)$  for all  $b \in B_\infty$  and each  $\eta \in \text{Gr}_\infty$ .

*Remark 3.19.* The above proposition allows us to canonically identify  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  as a dense subspace of  $B_\infty$ , and we will suppress the  $\pi$  in  $\pi(x)$  when the context is clear.

*Remark 3.20.* In order to present a more visually appealing picture of the multiplication in  $B_\infty$  we endow  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  with the following multiplication and tracial weight (sometimes referred to as the *Voiculescu trace*)

$$x \wedge y = \begin{array}{c} l \quad r \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ x \quad y \\ | \quad | \\ b \quad b' \end{array} \wedge \begin{array}{c} l' \quad r' \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ y \quad x \\ | \quad | \\ b' \quad b \end{array} := \delta_{r=l'} \cdot \begin{array}{c} l \quad r' \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ x \quad y \\ | \quad | \\ (b+b') \end{array}$$

and

$$\text{Tr}(x) = \begin{array}{c} l \quad r \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ x \\ | \quad | \\ b \end{array}, \quad \text{---} \sum \text{NC}_2$$

where  $\sum \text{NC}_2$  represents the sum over all non-crossing pairings of the  $b$  strings on the bottom of the diagram. It was shown in [19], that there is a tracial weight preserving  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Psi$  from  $\pi(\text{Gr}_\infty)$  to  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  satisfying

$$\Phi(\pi(x)) \circ \mathbb{E} = \text{Tr}(\Psi(\pi(x))) \text{ and } \Psi(\pi(x)\pi(y)) = \Psi(\pi(x)) \wedge \Psi(\pi(y)).$$

This means that the  $C^*$ -algebra completion of  $\text{Gr}_\infty$  in the GNS representation of  $\text{Tr}$  is also isomorphic to  $B_\infty$ . We will use this multiplication below to declutter many diagrams.

**Notation 3.21.** For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we let  $p_n \in \text{Gr}_{0,n,n}$  be the element

$$p_n := \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \cup \\ | \quad | \\ n \end{array}$$

We note that  $(\Phi \circ \mathbb{E})$  descends to a positive, faithful linear **tracial functional**  $\text{Tr}_n(\bullet) = (\Phi \circ \mathbb{E})(p_n \bullet p_n)$  on the unital  $C^*$ -algebra

$$B_n := p_n \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_n \subset B_\infty,$$

which inherits a subalgebra  $C^*$ -norm, denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_{B_n}$ .

By defining also  $p_0 := \emptyset \in V_{0,0,0}$  to be the empty diagram, we can consider  $\text{Tr}_0$  and the tracial unital (simple)  $C^*$ -algebra

$$B_0 := p_0 \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_0 \subset B_\infty,$$

which is of special interest to us. This subalgebra also inherits a  $C^*$ -norm, denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_{B_0}$ . Notice that  $B_0$  contains all diagrams with no strings on the top; i.e.  $l = 0 = r$ . Moreover, we observe that  $1_{B_0} = \emptyset$ . Finally, for  $m, n \geq 0$ , we define the  $(m, n)$ -th **corner** of  $B_\infty$  by  ${}_n B_m := p_n \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_m$ . Observe that  ${}_n B_n = B_n$  for every  $n$ .

Finally, on each  $B_n$ , we define  $\text{tr}_{B_n} := \text{tr}_n$  to be  $\text{tr}_n(b) = \frac{1}{\delta_x^n} \text{Tr}_n(b)$ . (We remind the reader that  $\delta_x > 1$  was introduced earlier on in Notation 3.1.) Notice that  $\text{tr}_n(p_n) = 1$ .

**Notation 3.22.** We denote the von Neuman closure of  $B_\infty$  by  $M_\infty := B_\infty'' \subset \mathcal{B}^*(L^2(B_\infty, \text{Tr}))$ . Moreover, for  $m, n \geq 0$ , we denote the corners  ${}_n M_m := p_n \wedge M_\infty \wedge p_m$  and define the Hilbert space  $L^2({}_n M_m) := p_n \triangleright L^2(B_\infty) \triangleleft p_m$ .

The following lemma will be crucial to our analysis. It requires  $\delta_x > 1$ , which we have assumed:

**Lemma 3.23.** *The following statements hold:*

- There exists a separable and infinite-dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $B_\infty \cong B_0 \otimes K(\mathcal{H})$  ([12], Corollary 4.15)
- For each  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $B_\infty$  is simple as a  $C^*$ -algebra and consequently, the corner  $B_n$  is simple too. (See Section 5 in [12].)
- For every  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , the unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_n$  has a unique trace given by  $\text{Tr}_n$ . (Theorem 5.5 and Corollary 5.7 in [12].)
- Given  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , the von Neumann algebra defined by

$$M_n := B_n'' \subseteq \mathcal{B}(L^2(B_n), \text{Tr}_n)$$

is an interpolated free group factor  $L(\mathbb{F}_t)$ , for  $t \in (1, \infty]$  whose unique trace we denote by  $\tau_n$ . ([9], [2], [11])

- For  $\mathcal{S}$  any fixed set of isomorphism classes of simple objects in  $\mathcal{C}_x$ , the full  $RC^*TC$  generated by  $x = \bar{x} \in \mathcal{C}$ , we have  $K_0(B_0) = \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{S}]$ . Moreover in this isomorphism,  $\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{C}} \mapsto B_0$ . [13], [12]

*Remark 3.24.* Independently of any other result of the following sections other than Lemma 3.40, one can prove that there is an isomorphism of von Neumann algebras  $M_n \cong {}_n M_n$ , eliminating any possible ambiguity in the definitions. We choose not to bring this result and the required notational remarks here as it would slow down the exposition. This result becomes of central importance, as it will allow us to work with all the corners  ${}_n M_m$  as embedded in the same ambient von Neumann algebra  $M_\infty$ .

### 3.3 The Watatani $C^*$ -tower of GJS algebras

We now consider

$$\iota_n : \text{Gr}_\infty \cap B_0 \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\infty \cap B_n \quad \text{by} \quad \iota_n \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \xi \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) := \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \xi \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}^n \quad (3.16)$$

We now state some of the basic properties of these maps:

**Proposition 3.25.** *For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have that*

- the map  $\iota_n$  is a  $*$ -algebra homomorphism, and for all  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_\infty \cap B_0$  we obtain  $\text{tr}_0(\xi) = \text{tr}_n(\iota_n(\xi))$ , and
- the map  $\iota_n$  extends to an injective  $C^*$ -algebra homomorphism

$$\iota_n : B_0 \hookrightarrow B_n.$$

*Proof.* The first bullet point is an immediate diagrammatic calculation. As for the second bullet point, note that  $\text{tr}_0$  and  $\text{tr}_n$  are faithful states on  $B_0$  and  $B_n$ , respectively. Using the functional calculus, if  $a$  is any self adjoint element in a  $C^*$ -algebra with faithful state  $\omega$ , it follows that  $\|a\| = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} [\omega(|a|^p)]^{1/p}$ . Indeed, the map  $f : t \mapsto |t|$  is continuous on the spectrum of  $a$  and moreover,  $f \in L^p$  for every  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . Thus, by the Riesz Representation Theorem there exists a positive Radon measure  $\mu$  defined on the spectrum of  $a$  such that  $\int f^p d\mu = \omega(|a|^p)$ , and hence  $\omega(|a|^p)^{1/p} = \|f\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_\infty = \|a\|$ , as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, for all  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_\infty \cap B_0$ ,

$$\|\xi\|_{B_0}^2 = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \text{tr}_0((\xi^* \wedge \xi)^p)^{1/p} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \text{tr}_n(\iota_n(\xi^* \wedge \xi)^p)^{1/p} = \|\iota_n(\xi)\|_{B_n}^2.$$

The second bullet point follows. □

The inclusion  $i_n$  extends to a normal inclusion of von Neumann algebras  $M_0 \hookrightarrow M_n$  since it is an isometry in the 2-norm,  $\|\cdot\|_2$  induced by the respective traces on  $M_0$  and  $M_n$ . Indeed, note that in a tracial von Neumann algebra, the 2-norm on bounded sets (in the operator norm) induces the strong operator topology, so it follows that  $i_n$  is strongly continuous on bounded sets.

Here are some useful facts about the inclusion of  $B_0$  into  $B_n$  and  $M_0$  into  $M_n$ .

**Proposition 3.26.** *The following statements hold for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :*

1. *The image set  $i_n[M_0] \subset M_n$  is a subfactor of index  $\delta_x^{2n}$ . [10]*
2. *The inclusion  $i_n[B_0] \subset B_n$  is of finite type, and has Watatani index  $\delta_x^{2n}$ . [12]*
3. *Relative commutants (inside the GNS-spaces  $\mathcal{B}(L^2(B_n)) \cong \mathcal{B}(L^2(M_n))$ ) are characterized as*

$$(i_n[M_0])' \cap M_n = \text{Gr}_{0,n} = (i_n[B_0])' \cap B_n.$$

*Proof.* We need only prove (3) above. Indeed, from [10],  $(i_n[M_0])' \cap M_n = \text{Gr}_{0,n}$ , and a quick diagrammatic computation shows that  $\text{Gr}_{0,n} \subset (i_n[B_0])' \cap B_n$ . Therefore, we have:

$$\text{Gr}_{0,n} \subseteq i_n(B_0)' \cap B_n = i_n(M_0)' \cap B_n \subseteq i_n(M_0)' \cap M_n = \text{Gr}_{0,n}$$

so every set containment above is an equality. Note that the first equality holds since  $i_n(B_0)$  is weakly dense in  $i_n(M_0)$ , and hence  $i_n(B_0)' = i_n(M_0)'$ . We should warn the reader that this equality relies on the fact that  $(L^2(B_0) \supset B_0'' = M_0 \cong \iota_n[B_0]'' \subset L^2(B_n))$ . This is rigorously proven in Corollary 3.41 and the discussion before it, using Lemma 3.40, independently of the results between here and there. (See also Remark 3.24.)  $\square$

**Definition 3.27.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\mathbb{E}_n : M_n \rightarrow i_n[M_0]$  to be the canonical conditional expectation. Diagrammatically, we have:*

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left( \begin{array}{c} n \quad n \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} m \text{---} \\ | \\ b \end{array} \right) = \frac{1}{\delta_x^n} \cdot \begin{array}{c} n \quad n \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} m \text{---} \\ | \\ b \end{array} \quad (3.17)$$

We immediately see that  $\mathbb{E}_n$  restricts to a conditional expectation from  $B_n$  onto  $i_n[B_0]$ . Furthermore, Popa's entropic condition for finite index [26] implies that for all positive  $b \in B_n$  we have  $\mathbb{E}_n(b) \geq \frac{1}{\delta_x^n} b$ . This means that for each positive  $b \in B_n$  we get  $\|\mathbb{E}_n(b)\|_{B_n} \geq \frac{1}{\delta_x^n} \|b\|_{B_n}$ .

### 3.4 Concrete bimodules

Recall that as in Notation 3.21, for  $n, m \geq 0$  we denote the corner  $p_m \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_n$  by  ${}_m B_n$ . We shall now describe the  $B_0$  bimodules we will use to construct the representation of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Definition 3.28.** *Let  $\mathcal{X} = {}_0 B_1$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is a  $B_0 - B_0$  bimodule under the actions*

$$b \triangleright \xi \triangleleft b' = b \wedge \xi \wedge i_1(b'),$$

*which diagrammatically respectively places  $b$  and  $b'$  to the left and right of  $\xi$ . We place the following left and right  $B_0$ -valued inner products on  $\mathcal{X}$ :*

$${}_B \langle \xi, \eta \rangle := \xi \wedge \eta^*, \text{ and } \langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0} := \delta_x \cdot \mathbb{E}_1(\xi^* \wedge \eta).$$

*In the right inner product, it is understood that we are canonically identifying  $B_0$  with  $i_1[B_0]$ .*

We will diagrammatically depict our  $B_0$  actions using the Graded product (Remark 3.20). In terms of diagrams the above inner products are represented as follows:

$${}_{B_0}\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = \text{diagram} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0} = \text{diagram} \quad (3.18)$$

**Proposition 3.29.** *The left and right inner products on  ${}_{B_0}\mathcal{X}_{B_0}$  give uniformly equivalent norms, and  ${}_{B_0}\mathcal{X}_{B_0}$  is complete under both norms.*

*Proof.* Let  ${}_{B_0}\|\cdot\|$  be the norm under the left  $B_0$  inner product and  $\|\cdot\|_{B_0}$  be the norm under the right inner product, according to the notation established in Definition 3.28. Note that  ${}_{B_0}\|\xi\|$  coincides with the norm of  $\xi$  in the  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_\infty$ , and also that from [26],

$${}_{B_0}\|\xi\|^2 = \|\xi^* \wedge \xi\|_{B_\infty} = \|\xi \wedge \xi^*\|_{B_\infty} \leq \delta_x^2 \cdot \|\mathbb{E}_1(\xi \wedge \xi^*)\|_{B_\infty} \leq \delta_x^2 \cdot {}_{B_0}\|\xi \wedge \xi^*\| = \delta_x^2 \cdot \|\xi^* \wedge \xi\| = \delta_x^2 \cdot {}_{B_0}\|\xi\|^2.$$

As  $\|\delta_x \cdot \mathbb{E}_1(\xi \wedge \xi^*)\| = \|\xi\|_{B_0}^2$ , it follows that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta_x}} {}_{B_0}\|\xi\| \leq \|\xi\|_{B_0} \leq \sqrt{\delta_x} \cdot {}_{B_0}\|\xi\|,$$

hence the norms are equivalent. It follows that  ${}_0B_1 = \mathcal{X}$  is complete in both norms.  $\square$

**Notation 3.30.** *More generally, given  $n, l, r \geq 0$  satisfying  $l+r = n$ , one can define the  $B_0$  Hilbert bimodule  ${}_lB_r$  with left and right  $B_0$  actions given by*

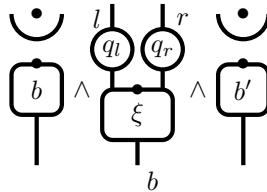
$$x \triangleright \xi \triangleleft y = i_l(x) \wedge \xi \wedge i_r(y),$$

where once more, the action is given by the multiplication inside  $B_\infty$ . As usual,  ${}_lB_r$  is endowed with left and right  $B_0$  inner products given by:

- ${}_{B_0}\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = \delta_x^l \cdot \mathbb{E}_l(\xi \wedge \eta^*)$  and
- $\langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0} = \delta_x^r \cdot \mathbb{E}_r(\xi^* \wedge \eta)$ .

Again, the two inner products give equivalent complete norms on  ${}_lB_r$ . (See Proposition 3.29.) Up to  $B_0$ -valued inner product preserving  $B_0$  Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodule isomorphisms,  ${}_lB_r$  is **independent of the decomposition of  $n$  as  $(l+r)$** .

We can also describe sub-objects of the  ${}_lB_r$ : if  $q_l \leq p_l = 1_{B_l}$  and  $q_r \leq p_r = 1_{B_r}$  are orthogonal projections in  $B_l$  and  $B_r$ , respectively, the span of diagrams of the form



defines a pre-Hilbert  $C^*$   $B_0$ -bimodule  $(q_l \wedge {}_lB_r \wedge q_r)$ . The left and right  $B_0$ -valued inner products and  $B_0$  actions are the obvious ones.

**Notation 3.31.** We shall now describe the **the conjugate bimodule**,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$ . (See Definition 2.7, Example 2.15, and also [20, p 3443].) To do so, we will first show that  $\mathcal{X} = {}_0B_1$  is isomorphic to  ${}_1B_0$  by defining the map  $\phi$ , which **pushes the dot to the right**:

$$\phi : \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V_{n,0,1} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} V_{n,1,0} \quad \text{by} \quad \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \quad (3.19)$$

It then follows that for all  $\xi, \eta \in {}_0B_1$ ,

- The inner products are related as  ${}_{B_0}\langle \phi(\xi), \phi(\eta) \rangle = i_1 [{}_{B_0}\langle \xi, \eta \rangle]$  and  $\langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0} = i_1 [\langle \phi(\xi) \mid \phi(\eta) \rangle_{B_0}]$ ,
- the map  $\phi$  extends to a unitary  $B_0$ -bimodule isomorphism of  ${}_0B_1$  onto  ${}_1B_0$ , and
- for any  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have that  $\phi(\xi)^* = \phi^{-1}(\xi^*)$ .

More generally, observe that an obvious definitions of  $\phi$ , analogous to that in Equation 3.19 will exhibit  $B_0$ -bilinear unitaries with similar properties realizing  ${}_0B_n \cong \dots \cong {}_lB_r \cong \dots \cong {}_nB_0$ , where  $l + r = n$ , which we still denote by  $\phi$ . Thus, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\phi^n : {}_0B_n \longrightarrow {}_nB_0$$

is a unitary  $B_0$ -bimodule isomorphism. Additionally, we introduce the **conjugation map**

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\cdot}) : {}_0B_n &\longrightarrow \overline{{}_0B_n} \\ \xi &\mapsto \phi^{-n}(\xi^*) := \bar{\xi}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that this defines an  $B_0$ -conjugate linear unitary isomorphism. Using an analogous property to the third bullet point, it follows that  $\bar{\bar{\xi}} = \xi$  on  ${}_0B_n$ , so  ${}_0B_n$  is identical to its double dual as  $B_0$ -bimodules. Finally, the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^n : \overline{{}_0B_n} &\longrightarrow {}_nB_0 \\ \bar{\xi} &\mapsto \xi^*, \end{aligned}$$

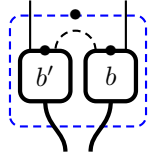
is also a  $B_0$ -bimodule unitary isomorphism.

The following propositions will establish the most important algebraic properties of the bimodule  $\mathcal{X}$ :

**Proposition 3.32.** The bimodule  ${}_{B_0}\mathcal{X}_{B_0}$  has finite left and right  $B_0$ -bases; i.e.  $\mathcal{X}$  is fgp. (See Definition 2.12.)

*Proof.* We first show that  $\mathcal{X}$  has a finite left  $B_0$ -basis. Note that for  $\xi, v \in \mathcal{X}$ , an expression of the form  ${}_{B_0}\langle \xi, v \rangle \triangleright v$  is the same as the product  $\xi \wedge v^* \wedge v$ . Observe that  $\xi \wedge v^* \in B_0$  and  $v^* \wedge v \in B_1$ .

Consider  $I := {}_1B_0 \cdot {}_0B_1 := \text{span}\{b'b \mid b' \in {}_1B_0 \text{ and } b \in {}_0B_1\}$ . Note that  $I$  is a two-sided ideal in  $B_1$  containing all diagrams of the form:


(3.20)

If  $I$  were proper, then since  $B_1$  is unital, it follows that the closure of  $I$ ,  $\bar{I}$  would also be a proper ideal in  $B_1$ . However, since  $B_1$  is simple (Lemma 3.23), it follows that  $\bar{I} = B_1$ , hence  $I = B_1$ . Therefore, there exists finite sets  $\{w_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{w'_j\}_{j=1}^n \subset \mathcal{X}$  such that

$$p_1 = 1_{B_1} = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j^* \wedge w'_j. \quad (3.21)$$

From this equation, it follows that for any  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\xi = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi \wedge w_j^* \wedge w_j' = \sum_{j=1}^n {}_{B_0} \langle \xi, w_j \rangle \triangleright w_j'.$$

By Lemma 1.7 in [20], these two sets can be made the same. This is, there exists a finite set  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n \subset \mathcal{X}$  such that for any  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\xi = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi \wedge v_j^* \wedge v_j = \sum_{j=1}^n {}_{B_0} \langle \xi, v_j \rangle \triangleright v_j.$$

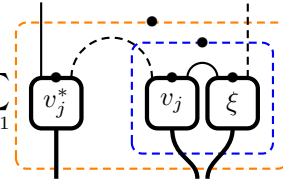
showing  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$  defines a left  $B_0$ -basis for  $\mathcal{X}$ . Moreover, one can easily show that this set also satisfies

$$\sum_{j=1}^n v_j^* \wedge v_j = p_1 = 1_{B_1}. \quad (3.22)$$

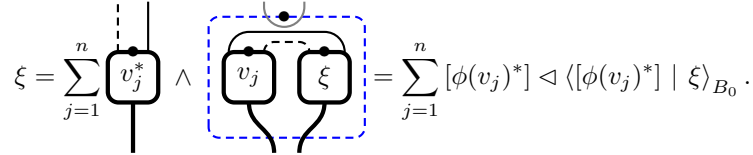
Now it suffices to exhibit a right  $B_0$ -basis for  $\mathcal{X}$ . To do so, we will first show that  $\{\zeta_j := \phi[\phi(v_j)^*]\}_{j=1}^n$  is a right basis for  ${}_1 B_0$ . By the last property of the map  $\phi$ , that *pushes the dot to the right* introduced in Remark 3.31, we obtain that  $\zeta_j = v_j^*$ . We then have that

$$1_{B_1} = \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j \wedge \zeta_j^*,$$

so for an arbitrary  $\xi \in \mathcal{X} = {}_0 B_1$  we obtain that

$$\phi(\xi) = 1_{B_1} \wedge \phi(\xi) = \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j \triangleleft \langle \zeta_j \mid \phi(\xi) \rangle_{B_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n$$


therefore, by the  $B_0$ -linearity of  $\phi^{-1}$ , we get

$$\xi = \sum_{j=1}^n$$


Which proves that  $\{\phi(v_j)^* := v_j^*\}_{j=1}^n$  is a right  $B_0$ -basis for  $\mathcal{X}$ . □

**Proposition 3.33.** *The left and right indices of  $\mathcal{X}$  as a  $B_0 - B_0$  Hilbert bimodule match. More precisely, we have that  $r\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{X}) = \delta_x = l\text{-Ind}(\mathcal{X})$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{X}$  is normalized. (See Definition 2.13 and the following paragraph.)*

*Proof.* Let  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be a left  $B_0$ -basis of  $\mathcal{X} = {}_0 B_1$ . Using the decomposition  $B_1 = {}_1 B_0 \wedge {}_0 B_1$  described in the proof of Proposition 3.29, one can easily see that in  $B_1$ , the  $v_j$  can be chosen to satisfy  $\sum_{j=1}^n v_j^* v_j = 1_{B_1}$ . This means that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \langle v_j \mid v_j \rangle_{B_0} = \delta_x \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}_1(v_j^* \wedge v_j) = \delta_x \cdot \mathbb{E}_1\left(\sum_{j=1}^n v_j^* \wedge v_j\right) = \delta_x \cdot \mathbb{E}_1(1_{B_1}) = \delta_x.$$

As for the right index, use the basis constructed in the proof of Proposition 3.32 and proceed as above. □

To show that the bimodule  $\mathcal{X}$  is minimal (Definition 2.14) we will need the next proposition:

**Proposition 3.34.** *Considering the right Hilbert  $B_0$ -bimodule  $\mathcal{X}_{B_0} = {}_0B_1B_0$ , we have  $\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{X}_{B_0}) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{X}_{B_0}) = B_1$  where  $B_1$  acts with its canonical left action. Picturing  $\mathcal{X}$  as a left Hilbert  $B_0$  module,  ${}_B\mathcal{X}$ , we have  $\mathcal{B}^*({}_B\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{K}({}_B\mathcal{X}) = B_1^{op}$ , where  $B_1$  acts with its canonical right action.*

*Proof.* Consider  ${}_1B_0 = \phi[\mathcal{X}]$  and arbitrary elements  $\zeta, \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{X}$ . Recall that the right inner product is given by  $\langle \phi(\eta) \mid \phi(\zeta) \rangle_{B_0} = \phi(\eta)^* \wedge \phi(\zeta)$ . Since we know by Proposition 3.32 that  $\mathcal{X}$  is fgp, by Lemma 1.7 in [20], it follows that  $\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{X}_{B_0}) = \mathcal{K}^*(\mathcal{X}_{B_0})$ , which in turn is generated by the rank 1 operators  $|\phi(\xi)\rangle\langle\phi(\eta)|(\phi(\zeta)) = \phi(\xi) \triangleleft \langle\phi(\eta) \mid \phi(\zeta)\rangle_{B_0} = \phi(\xi) \wedge \phi(\eta)^* \wedge \phi(\zeta)$ . This means that  $|\phi(\xi)\rangle\langle\phi(\eta)|$  is the multiplication operator  $\phi(\xi) \wedge \phi(\eta)^*$ . As discussed in the proof of Proposition 3.32,  $B_1$  is the linear space spanned by these products. The first statement follows, and the second statement follows by a similar argument.  $\square$

*Remark 3.35.* Similar reasoning will show that  $\mathcal{B}^*({}_lB_r) \cong \mathcal{B}^*({}_nB_0) = B_n$ , whenever  $n = (l + r)$ . If  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a  $B_0 - B_0$  submodule of  ${}_nB_0$ , then

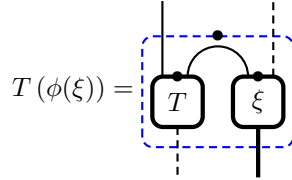
$$\mathcal{Y} = p[{}_nB_0]$$

for some projection  $p \in B_n \cap i_n[B_0]' = \text{Gr}_{0,n}$ . It follows that if  $x \in \mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y})$ , then  $x$  can be extended to be a bounded operator  $\tilde{x}$  on  ${}_nB_0$  satisfying  $\tilde{x} = 0$  on  $(1-p)[{}_nB_0]$ . It is easily seen that  $\tilde{x}$  is adjointable,  $\tilde{x}^* = 0$  on  $(1-p)[{}_nB_0]$  and  $\tilde{x}^* = x^*$  on  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Consequently, it follows that  $\tilde{x} \in pB_np$ . Conversely, any operator  $z \in pB_np$  is in  $\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y})$ ; therefore  $\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y}) = pB_np$ .

**Corollary 3.36.** *The endomorphism algebra of  $B_0$ -bimodule maps on  $\mathcal{X} = {}_0B_1$  is characterized as*

$$\text{End}_{B_0-B_0}(\mathcal{X}) \cong B_1 \cap \text{Gr}_{0,1}.$$

*Proof.* We replace  $\mathcal{X}$  by the isomorphic bimodule  $\phi[\mathcal{X}] = {}_1B_0$ . Let  $\xi \in {}_0B_1$  be arbitrary, and note that if  $T \in \text{Gr}_{0,1} \cap B_1$ , then clearly  $T \in \text{End}_{B_0-B_0}({}_1B_0)$  via the usual action:



Conversely, we claim that if  $T \in \text{End}_{B_0-B_0}({}_1B_0)$ , then  $T \in \text{Gr}_{0,1} \cap B_1$ . On the one hand, in particular  $T \in \mathcal{B}^*({}_1B_0B_0)$ , so  $T \in B_1$ , by Proposition 3.34. On the other,  $T \in \text{End}_{B_0-B_0}({}_1B_0)$  implies  $T \in \mathcal{B}^*({}_1B_0B_0) \cap (i_1[B_0])'$ . As a consequence,  $T \in B_1 \cap (\mathcal{B}^*({}_1B_0B_0) \cap (i_1[B_0])') = B_1 \cap (i_1[B_0])' = B_1 \cap \text{Gr}_{0,1}$ , in light of (the proof of) Proposition 3.26.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.37.** *The Hilbert  $B_0$ -bimodule  $\mathcal{X}$  is minimal (See Definition 2.14).*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \text{End}_{B_0-B_0}(\phi[\mathcal{X}]) = \text{Gr}_{0,1} \cap B_1$ , where again  $\phi[\mathcal{X}] = \phi[{}_0B_1] = {}_1B_0$ . Let  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be the left  $B_0$ -basis for  ${}_0B_1$  constructed in the proof of Proposition 3.32, and pretending for the moment that each  $v_i$  is actually in  $\text{Gr}_\infty$ , we have (formally):

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \langle \phi(v_j) \mid T(\phi(v_j)) \rangle_{B_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n \text{diagram} = \sum_{j=1}^n \text{diagram} = \text{diagram} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The diagrams are: 1. A box labeled  $v_j^*$  with a dot on its top wire, connected to a box labeled  $T$  with a dot on its bottom wire. 2. A box labeled  $T$  with a dot on its top wire, connected to a box labeled  $v_j$  with a dot on its bottom wire. 3. A box labeled  $T$  with a dot on its top wire, connected to a box labeled  $v_j^*$  with a dot on its bottom wire, which is then connected to a box labeled  $v_j$  with a dot on its bottom wire. 4. A box labeled  $T$  with a dot on its top wire.

Notice that we are making use of the maps  $\phi$ , that *push the dot to the right*  $\phi : {}_lB_r \longrightarrow {}_{(l+1)}B_{(r-1)}$ , defined in Notation 3.31. In our particular case and to make this computation rigorous, we will make use of

$$\phi : B_1 \longrightarrow {}_2B_0 \quad \text{given by} \quad \text{diagram} \longmapsto \text{diagram}.$$

The diagrams are: 1. A box with a dot on its top wire. 2. A box with a dot on its top wire and a dot on its bottom wire.

Approximate each  $v_j$  in norm by a sequence  $\{v_j^k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_1$ . If we let  $T'$  be the element

$$T' := \text{diagram of } T \text{ inside a dashed blue box with a dot on the top wire}$$

then the above diagrams imply that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \langle \phi(v_j^k) \mid T[\phi(v_j^k)] \rangle_{B_0} = T' \wedge \phi[(v_j^k)^* v_j^k].$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \phi(v_j^k) \mid T[\phi(v_j^k)] \rangle_{B_0} = T' \wedge \text{diagram of } \phi[(v_j^k)^* v_j^k] = \text{diagram of } T \text{ with a dot on the top wire} \quad (3.23)$$

Performing a similar computation for the the right  $B_0$ -basis for  ${}_1B_0$  given by  $\{\phi[\phi(v_j)^* = v_j^*]\}_{j=1}^n$  we obtain that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n {}_{B_0} \langle T(\phi[\phi(v_j)^*]), (\phi[\phi(v_j)^*]) \rangle = \text{diagram of } T \quad (3.24)$$

To conclude, we must show that the diagrams obtained in Equation (3.23) and Equation (3.24) are equal. Since  $T$  directly comes from sums of diagrams in the category  $\mathcal{C}$ , using Frobenius reciprocity (Proposition 3.6) together with the canonical spherical structure of  $\mathcal{C}$  (Remark 2.8), we immediatly see that these two diagrams correspond to the left and right traces of  $T$ , which are identical. This observation completes the proof.  $\square$

We now study tensor powers of our bimodule  ${}_{B_0}\mathcal{X}_{B_0}$ . In the following lemma we describe **the bimodule structure of the  $n$ -fold fusion  $\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} n}$** , which will turn out extremely useful in the sequel. For a more detailed view on this fusion with respect to  $B_0$ , we refer the reader to Example 2.15 above.

**Lemma 3.38** ([13], Proposition 4.11). *For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a  $B_0$ -bilinear unitary, which on diagrams is given by (See also Proposition 4.11 in [13].)*

$$\Psi_n : {}_{B_0}(\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} n})_{B_0} \longrightarrow {}_{B_0}({}_0B_n)_{B_0}$$

$$\text{diagram of } \xi_1 \boxtimes_{B_0} \xi_2 \boxtimes_{B_0} \dots \boxtimes_{B_0} \xi_n \text{ with wires } b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \mapsto \text{diagram of } \xi_1 \boxtimes \xi_2 \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes \xi_n \text{ with wires } n, (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n) \quad (3.25)$$

*Proof.* It is clear that  $\Psi_n$  is well-defined and  $B_0$ -bilinear on  $[\text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_1]^{\odot n}$ . Here, we are balancing our tensor product  $\odot$  by  $\text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_0$ . From the definitions of the left and right  $B_0$ -valued inner products on  $\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} n}$  and Notation 3.30, it is easy to see that  $\Psi_n$  is isometric on diagrams. To extend  $\Psi_n$  to a unitary to all of  $\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} n}$ , we observe that  $[\text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_1]^{\odot n} \subset \mathcal{X}^{\odot n}$  is dense, and that the latter space is clearly dense in  $\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} n}$ . Middle  $B_0$ -linearity now automatically follows from  $\text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_0$ -linearity.

To conclude the proof, it suffices to show that  $\Psi_n$  is surjective. To see this, recall Lemma 3.23 asserting that  $B_1$  is simple and unital, and moreover, the unit element in  $B_1$  is a finite sum  $1_{B_1} = p_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j^* \wedge v_j$ , where each  $v_j \in \mathcal{X}$ . (See Equation 3.22.) We shall now proceed by means of induction. If  $n = 2$ , for an

arbitrary element  $b \in {}_0B_2$ , we have (formally):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: A box labeled } b \text{ with two vertical lines entering from the top and one exiting from the bottom.} \\ = \text{Diagram 2: A box labeled } b \text{ with two vertical lines entering from the top and one exiting from the bottom. A red loop is attached to the top line, and a blue dashed box encloses the box and the loop.} \\ = \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Diagram 3: A box labeled } b \text{ with two vertical lines entering from the top and one exiting from the bottom. To its right are two red boxes labeled } v_j^* \text{ and } v_j. \text{ A red line connects the top line to } v_j^*, \text{ and another red line connects the bottom line to } v_j. \text{ A blue dashed box encloses the box } b \text{ and the two red boxes.} \end{array} \quad (3.26)$$

Notice that in the last term of the above equation, the elements inside the orange boxes are elements in  $\mathcal{X}$ . Thus, the element  $\sum_{j=1}^n (b \wedge v_j^*) \boxtimes v_j \in \mathcal{X} \boxtimes_{B_0} \mathcal{X}$  maps to the arbitrarily chosen  $b$  under  $\Psi_2$ . This proves the claim for  $n = 2$ . The inductive step of the proof is the same as the base case, with the single difference that now  $b$  has  $n$  strings to the right. These details are simple and thus not explained here.  $\square$

**Notation 3.39.** From the fgp  $B_0$ -bimodules  ${}_lB_r$  we can perform a type of **GNS-construction** to obtain a Hilbert space. For arbitrary  $i, j \geq 0$ , we define  $L^2({}_lB_r) := L^2({}_0B_{l+r}, \text{Tr}_{l+r})$  as the completion of the pre-Hilbert space whose underlying vector space is given by  ${}_0B_{l+r}$  and its complex-valued inner product is given by

$$\langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{L^2({}_0B_{l+r})} := \text{Tr}_{l+r}(\langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0}).$$

For  $\eta \in {}_lB_r$ , we write  $\eta \cdot \Omega$ , to denote its corresponding image in the complete space  $L^2({}_lB_r)$ . Notice that using the maps  $\phi$  from Notation 3.31 we can turn this space into a  $B_n$ - $B_m$  bimodule. In fact, it is easily seen that  ${}_{B_l}(L^2({}_lB_r))_{B_r} \cong_{B_l} (p_l \triangleright L^2(B_\infty) \triangleleft p_r)_{B_r}$ . Furthermore, for the case  $B_n$ , where the module is an algebra,  $\phi$  induces a  $B_n$ -unitary isomorphism between the standard GNS-construction  $L^2(B_n, \text{Tr}_n)$  and our  $L^2({}_0B_{(n+n)})$ .

The purpose for introducing these Hilbert spaces is to **compare the relative commutants of the  $C^*$ -algebras  $B_n$  over different representations**; i.e. the relation between  $M_0 = B_0'' \subset \mathcal{B}(L^2(B_0))$  and  $i_n[B_0]'' \subset \mathcal{B}(L^2(B_n))$ . (These von Neumann algebras were introduced earlier in Lemma 3.23.) In doing so, we invoke a lemma communicated by André Henriques which we simply state here:

**Lemma 3.40.** Let  $B$  be a unital  $*$ -algebra acting on the Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$ , and  $M = B'' \subset \mathcal{B}(K)$ . Assume there exists a dense subspace  $\mathcal{H}_\circ \subset \mathcal{H}$  such that for every  $\eta, \xi \in \mathcal{H}_\circ$ , there exists  $x, y \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $\langle b \triangleright \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle b \triangleright x \mid y \rangle_{\mathcal{K}}$  holds for all  $b \in B$ . Then the representation of  $B$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  extends to a normal representation of  $M$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

We now check that the hypotheses of the previous lemma apply to  $B_0$  acting on  $L^2(B_0)$  and  $B_0$  acting on  $L^2({}_0B_n)$ . For an arbitrary  $n \geq 0$ , any  $\xi, \eta \in {}_0B_n \cdot \Omega$ , and any arbitrary  $b \in B_0$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle b \triangleright \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{L^2({}_0B_n)} &= \text{Tr}(\langle b \triangleright \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0}) = \text{Tr}_n \left( \text{Diagram 1: A box labeled } b^* \text{ with two vertical lines entering from the top and one exiting from the bottom. To its left is a box labeled } \xi^* \text{ and to its right is a box labeled } \eta. \text{ A red line connects the top line to } \xi^*, \text{ and another red line connects the bottom line to } \eta. \text{ A blue dashed box encloses the box } b^* \text{ and the two boxes } \xi^* \text{ and } \eta.} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \text{Tr}_n \left( \text{Diagram 2: A box labeled } b^* \text{ with two vertical lines entering from the top and one exiting from the bottom. To its left is a box labeled } \xi^* \text{ and to its right is a box labeled } \eta. \text{ A red line connects the top line to } \xi^*, \text{ and another red line connects the bottom line to } \eta. \text{ A blue dashed box encloses the box } b^* \text{ and the two boxes } \xi^* \text{ and } \eta.} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \text{Tr}_n(\langle b \triangleright [w_k \wedge \xi] \mid [v_k \wedge \eta] \rangle_{B_0}) \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\{w_k\}_{k=1}^K$  is a finite left  $B_0$ -basis for the fgp bimodule  ${}_n B_0 \cong \mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes n}$ , giving us that  $1_{B_n} = p_n = \sum_k w_k^* \wedge w_k$ , similarly as in Equation 3.21.

We immediately obtain the following:

**Corollary 3.41.** *For  $n \geq 0$ , we have an isomorphism of von Neumann algebras*

$$\mathcal{B}(L^2(B_0)) \supset M_0 \cong B_0'' \subset \mathcal{B}(L^2({}_0 B_n)).$$

We close this section with a proposition that will be very useful in Chapter 4:

**Proposition 3.42.** *Let  $n = l + r$ . On  ${}_l B_r$ , one has*

$$\mathrm{tr}(\langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0}) = \mathrm{tr}_{(B_0)} \langle \eta, \xi \rangle$$

*Proof.* We will work on  ${}_n B_0$ . Note that in this case, if  $\xi, \eta \in {}_n B_0$ , then  $\eta^* \xi \in B_0$  and  $\xi \wedge \eta^* \in B_n$ . If we utilize the maps  $\Phi$  and  $\mathbb{E}$  from the discussion before Proposition 3.18, we have:

$$\mathrm{tr}(\langle \xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0}) = \mathrm{tr}(\eta^* \wedge \xi) = (\Phi \circ \mathbb{E})(\eta^* \wedge \xi) = (\Phi \circ \mathbb{E})(\xi \wedge \eta^*) = \delta_x^n \cdot \mathrm{tr}_n(\xi \wedge \eta^*) = \delta_x^n \cdot \mathrm{tr}(\mathbb{E}_n(\xi \wedge \eta^*)) = \mathrm{tr}_{(B_0)} \langle \eta, \xi \rangle$$

□

## 4 Realizing a RC\*TC as Hilbert C\*-Bimodules

In this chapter we will show that the constructions of Section 3.4 induce a full bi-involutive (strong-)monoidal functor of the form

$$\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{C}_x \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Bim}_{\mathrm{fgp}}(B_0).$$

As a reminder,  $B_0$  is a **separable simple tracial unital exact C\*-algebra**, (see Proposition 3.23) as in Notation 3.21, and every  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathrm{Bim}_{\mathrm{fgp}}(B_0)$  is a **minimal** (Definition 2.14 and Proposition 3.37) **normalized** (Definition 2.13 and Proposition 3.33) **finitely generated projective (fgp)** (Definition 3.29 and Proposition 3.32) **Hilbert C\*-bimodule** (Definition 3.28). We direct the reader to Section 2.2 with special attention to Example 2.15 for a more detailed viewpoint on the RC\*TC of bimodules  $\mathrm{Bim}_{\mathrm{fgp}}(B_0)$ . We moreover assume that  $\mathbb{C}$  is an **essentially small strict RC\*TC with simple unit and its canonical bi-involutive and spherical structures**. We moreover **fix a symmetrically self-dual object**  $x = \bar{x} \in \mathbb{C}$ , (Lemma 3.3) of dimension  $\delta_x > 1$  and we denote by  $\mathbb{C}_x$  the full RC\*TC of  $\mathbb{C}$ , whose objects are all tensor powers of  $x$ .

Let us now start constructing the functor  $\mathbb{F}$ . For a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define (see Lemma 3.38)

$$\mathbb{F}(x^{\otimes n}) := {}_{B_0}({}_0 B_n)_{B_0} (\cong {}_{B_0}(\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes B_0 n})_{B_0}). \quad (4.1)$$

We shall now define  $\mathbb{F}$  on the morphism spaces. To do so, we make use of the embedding of diagrams coming from  $\mathbb{C}$  into the C\*-algebra  $A_\infty$ , as described in Proposition 3.6. (We remind the reader that the construction of  $A_\infty$  was done in the paragraphs preceeding Proposition 3.7.) For  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})$ , we define the action of  $\mathbb{F}(f)$  on diagrams by only using the multiplication internal to the C\*-algebra  $A_\infty \subseteq B_\infty \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}_\infty)$ . In the sequel, we will often simply write  $f$  instead of  $FR(f)$ , directly identifying diagrams in the category with those in  $A_\infty$ .

For a diagram  $\xi \in {}_0 B_n \cap \mathrm{Gr}_\infty$ , we define

$$\mathbb{F}(f)(\xi) := \xi \wedge f,$$

corresponding to the (linear extension of the) following diagrammatic computation:

$$\mathbb{F}(f) : (\mathrm{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0 B_n) \longrightarrow (\mathrm{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0 B_m)$$

$$(4.2)$$

The next result will allow us to extend the definition of  $\mathbb{F}(f)$  to all of  ${}_0B_n$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *For every  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that*

1. *the subset  $\text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_n \subset {}_0B_n$  is dense.*
2. *Given  $f \in \mathcal{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})$ , the map  $\mathbb{F}(f) : \text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_n \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_m$  is bounded and  $\|f\|_{A_\infty} = \|f\|_{\mathcal{C}}$  (see Definition 2.2), and therefore extends to a bounded (right-adjointable) map  $\mathbb{F}(f) \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)({}_0B_n \rightarrow {}_0B_m)$ , with  $\mathbb{F}(f)^* = \mathbb{F}(f^\dagger)$ , so  $\mathbb{F}$  is a dagger functor.*

*Proof.* Statement (1) was proven above. (See Remark 3.19 and the Proposition preceeding it.) We shall now prove (2). This proof can also be found in Proposition 4.16 in [13], but we give it here for the convenience of the reader. By definition, on diagrams we have that  $\mathbb{F}(f)(-) = (-) \wedge (f)$ . The bound is now obvious since this map is given by multiplication in the Banach algebra  $A_\infty$ , and it moreover corresponds to the operator of right creation by  $f$  in the full Fock space picture. (Definition 3.12 and Proposition 3.14.) A diagrammatic computation will reveal that  $\langle \mathbb{F}(f)\xi \mid \eta \rangle_{B_0} = \langle \xi \mid \mathbb{F}(f^\dagger)\eta \rangle_{B_0}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{F}(f)$  is right-adjointable with  $\mathbb{F}(f)^* = \mathbb{F}(f^\dagger)$ .  $\square$

We now describe the **tensorator and unit** data for  $\mathbb{F}$ :

$$\iota^\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{1}_{\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{C}}),$$

given by the identity on  $B_0$ . For arbitrary  $n, m \geq 0$  we define

$$\mu_{n,m}^\mathbb{F} : {}_0B_n \boxtimes_{B_0} {}_0B_m \longrightarrow {}_0B_{(n+m)},$$

by extending the following diagrammatic composition (and omitting the unitors):

$$(4.3)$$

Notice that if  $f$  and  $g$  are morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $\mu^\mathbb{F}(f, g) = \text{id}_1 \otimes f \otimes g$  on diagrams. So far, in defining  $\mu_{n,m}^\mathbb{F}$  we have only used the (unitary) associators and the unitors in  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)$ , so naturality in  $n$  and  $m$  automatically holds, alongside with unitarity. Therefore, by Lemma 4.1,  $\mu_{n,m}^\mathbb{F}$  extends to a unitary isomorphism  ${}_0B_n \boxtimes_{B_0} {}_0B_m \xrightarrow{\sim} {}_0B_{(n+m)}$ , which is again natural in both  $n$  and  $m$ . Similarly, we can also extend  $\mu^\mathbb{F}(f, g)$  from diagrams to all of  ${}_0B_n \boxtimes_{B_0} {}_0B_m$ , since this map is just a series of vertical and horizontal compositions in  $\mathcal{C}$ . It is clear that bi-adjointability for  $\mu^\mathbb{F}(f, g)$  holds on diagrams, so the extension of  $\mu^\mathbb{F}$  is also bi-adjointable. This therefore establishes the following Proposition.

**Proposition 4.2.** *The functor  $(\mathbb{F}, \mu^\mathbb{F}, \iota^\mathbb{F})$  is strong monoidal.*

*Remark 4.3.* A direct diagrammatic argument demonstrates the functor  $\mathbb{F}$  is faithful. This, however, is a general fact about strong-monoidal dagger functors between rigid  $C^*$ -categories with simple unit.

We can further unveil more structure on the functor  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *The dagger tensor functor  $(\mathbb{F}, \mu^{\mathbb{F}}, \iota^{\mathbb{F}})$  is bi-involutive with structure maps*

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_n : \mathbb{F}(\overline{x^{\otimes n}}) = {}_0B_n &\longrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}(x^{\otimes n})} = \overline{{}_0B_n} \\ \eta &\longmapsto \phi^{-n}(\eta^*),\end{aligned}$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly each  $\chi_n$  is a bounded bi-adjointable bimodule isomorphism, since it is the composition of such maps. That  $\{\chi_n\}$  is a monoidal natural transformation for which Diagrams (2.8) commute is a straightforward diagrammatic verification, and showing each  $\chi_n$  is unitary follows from the properties of the map  $\phi$  introduced in Notation 3.31 and simple diagrammatic considerations.  $\square$

We shall postpone the proof that this functor is full until the end of the next chapter, where we develop the tools necessary to prove it.

## 5 Hilbertifying $C^*$ -Bimodules

For the remainder of this article, we will further restrict our scope to the category  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0) \subset \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}(B_0)$  **consisting of those bimodules which are compatible with the trace** [20, Definition 5.7]; i.e.,  $\mathcal{Y} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$  if and only if for each  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{Y}$  the following identity holds:

$$\text{tr}_{B_0}(\langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0}) = \text{tr}_{B_0}({}_0B_0 \langle \xi, \eta \rangle). \quad (5.1)$$

Notice this subcategory is still a  $\text{RC}^*\text{TC}$ , since the fusion of bimodules compatible with the trace is again compatible.

The goal of this section is to construct a fully-faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor of the form:

$$M_0(- \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0} : \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0) \longrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0)$$

$$\mathcal{Y} \longmapsto M_0(\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0} \quad (5.2)$$

$$\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)(\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}) \ni f \mapsto f \boxtimes \text{id}_{L^2(B_0)} \quad (5.3)$$

(See Example 2.10 for a description of  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0)$ .)

We shall now explain how to obtain the  $M_0$ -bimodules. For a fixed but arbitrary  $\mathcal{Y} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ , consider the *algebraic*  $B_0$ -balanced *tensor product*  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  endowed with the (densely-defined) **sesquilinear form**:

$$\langle \xi \boxtimes a\Omega, \eta \boxtimes b\Omega \rangle := \langle \langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0} \triangleright a\Omega, b\Omega \rangle_{L^2(B_0)} := \text{tr}_{B_0}({}_0B_0 \langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0} a), \text{ for all } a, b \in B_0, \text{ and } \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{Y}. \quad (5.4)$$

Notice that  $\langle \xi \boxtimes a\Omega, \eta \boxtimes \Omega \rangle = \langle [\xi \triangleleft a] \boxtimes \Omega, [\eta \triangleleft b] \boxtimes \Omega \rangle$ . We can moreover endow this space with a right  $B_0$ -action given by

$$(\xi \boxtimes a\Omega) \triangleleft b := (\xi \boxtimes ab\Omega).$$

This action is bounded. Indeed, for arbitrary  $\xi \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $b \in B_0$ , we have

$$\|\xi \boxtimes b\Omega\|_2^2 = \text{tr}_{B_0}(\langle \xi \triangleleft b \mid \xi \triangleleft b \rangle_{B_0}) = \text{tr}_{B_0}({}_0B_0 \langle \xi \triangleleft b, \xi \triangleleft b \rangle) \leq \|b\|^2 \cdot \text{tr}_{B_0}(\langle \xi \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0}) = \|b\|^2 \cdot \|\xi \boxtimes \Omega\|_2^2.$$

Here, we used the repeatedly used the compatibility with the trace condition, Equation (5.1), together with Lemma 1.26 in [20].

*Remark 5.1.* The algebraic  $B_0$ -balanced tensor product space  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$ , is a Hilbert space so it needs no further completion. Indeed, since  $\mathcal{Y}$  is fgp, it then has a finite right  $B_0$ -basis  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^n$ . By observing that  $p = \sum_i |u_i\rangle\langle u_i|$  is a self-adjoint idempotent, we can then realize  $\mathcal{Y} \cong p[B_0] \subset B_0^{\oplus n}$  as right  $B_0$ -modules via

$$y = \sum_i u_i \triangleleft \langle u_i \mid y \rangle_{B_0} \longmapsto \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \langle u_i \mid u_j \rangle_{B_0} \cdot \langle u_j \mid y \rangle_{B_0} \right)_{i=1}^n.$$

We now observe that the orthogonal projection  $p \boxtimes \text{id}_{L^2(B_0)} \in \mathcal{B}^*(B_0^{\oplus n} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$  realizes  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  as a (necessarily closed) direct summand of the Hilbert space  $B_0^{\oplus n} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0) \cong L^2(B_0)^{\oplus n}$ .

We can therefore extend this action from  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes \Omega$  to the whole Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$ . To see this **right  $B_0$ -action extends to a (normal) right action of  $M_0$** , we use Lemma 3.40, observing that for the dense subspace  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes L^2(B_0)$  spanned by the vectors  $\xi \otimes b\Omega$ , the following identity  $\langle \xi \boxtimes a\Omega \triangleleft b, \eta \boxtimes c\Omega \rangle = \text{tr}(c^* \langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0} ab) = \langle (\langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{B_0} \triangleright a\Omega) \triangleleft b, c\Omega \rangle$  holds.

There is a densely defined **left  $B_0$ -action** given by

$$b \triangleright (\xi \boxtimes c\Omega) := (b \triangleright \xi) \boxtimes (c\Omega).$$

In the following we will show that this action is bounded on  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  and how to extend this to a normal left  $M_0$ -action. The distinctive elements that make this extension work are **the existence of a positive definite trace on the right-adjointable operators** and a **faithful, trace-preserving conditional expectation**, which we shall respectively denote by:

$$\text{Tr} : \mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y}) \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y}) \longrightarrow B_0,$$

*Remark 5.2.* Recall that since  $\mathcal{Y}$  is fgp, it then follows that  $\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y}) = \mathcal{K}^*(\mathcal{Y}) = \text{FinRan}(\mathcal{Y})$ . We can therefore characterize right-adjointable operators as finite combinations of *ket-bras*,  $|\xi\rangle\langle\eta|$ , for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

In lights of the above Remark, we can explicitly define these maps as the -linear extensions of

$$\text{Tr}(|\xi\rangle\langle\eta|) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} \cdot \text{tr}_{B_0}[\langle\eta \mid \xi\rangle_{B_0}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}(|\xi\rangle\langle\eta|) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} \cdot {}_{B_0}\langle\xi, \eta\rangle. \quad (5.5)$$

Recall that since  $\mathcal{Y} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ , it is already normalized (see Definition 2.13 and Example 2.15), so that  $\text{l-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) = \sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})} = \text{r-Ind}(\mathcal{Y}) \in Z(B_0)^+ = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

We provide a summary of the properties of  $\text{Tr}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  in the form of a proposition:

**Proposition 5.3.** *The following statements hold on  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ :*

1. *The map  $\text{Tr}$  is tracial;*
2. *The trace  $\text{Tr}$  is positive definite;*
3. *The mapping  $\mathcal{E}$  is  $B_0$ -bilinear and unital;*
4. *In fact,  $\mathcal{E}$  is a fully faithful map; and*
5. *The conditional expectation  $\mathcal{E}$  preserves the trace, and therefore, for each  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{Y}$ , and each  $a, b \in B_0$*

$$\langle \xi \boxtimes a\Omega, \eta \boxtimes b\Omega \rangle = \text{tr}({}_{B_0}\langle \xi \triangleleft a, \eta \triangleleft b \rangle) = \langle \Omega, {}_{B_0}\langle \eta \triangleleft b, \xi \triangleleft a \rangle \Omega \rangle. \quad (5.6)$$

Notice that by Lemma 3.23,  $B_0$  has a unique trace, so for some  $\lambda > 0$ , we have that  $\text{Tr}|_{B_0} = \lambda \cdot \text{tr}_{B_0}$ . Since  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{Y}} = \sum_j |v_j\rangle\langle v_j|$  for a left  $B_0$ -basis  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$  for  $\mathcal{Y}$ ,  $\lambda = \sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}$ .

*Proof.* 1. This is a direct computation.

2. An arbitrary element  $x \in \mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{Y}) = \text{FinRan}(\mathcal{Y})$  can be written as  $x = \sum_{r=1}^t |\xi_r\rangle\langle\eta_r|$ . Suppose  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^m$  is a right basis for  $\mathcal{Y}_{B_0}$ . Assuming  $x \cdot x^*$  has zero trace and by first expanding the  $\eta$ 's with respect to this basis, and then expanding the  $\xi$ 's, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} \cdot \text{Tr}(x \cdot x^*) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} \cdot \sum_{r,s=1}^t \text{Tr}(|\xi_r\rangle\langle\eta_r| \circ |\eta_s\rangle\langle\xi_s|) \\
&= \sum_{r,s=1}^t \text{tr}_{B_0} \left( \langle\xi_s | \xi_r\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \sum_{i,j=1}^m \langle u_i | \eta_r\rangle_{B_0}^* \cdot \langle u_i | u_j\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \langle u_j | \eta_s\rangle_{B_0} \right) \\
&= \sum_{r,s=1}^t \text{tr}_{B_0} \left( \sum_{k=1}^m \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \langle \eta_s | u_j\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \langle u_j | u_k\rangle_{B_0} \right]^* \cdot \langle\xi_s | \xi_r\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \langle \eta_r | u_i\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \langle u_i | u_k\rangle_{B_0} \right] \right) \\
&= \sum_{r,s=1}^t \sum_{k=1}^m \text{tr}_{B_0} (b_{ks}^* \cdot \langle\xi_s | \xi_r\rangle_{B_0} \cdot b_{rk}) = \sum_{k=1}^m \text{tr}_{B_0} \left( \sum_{l,l'}^m c_{lk}^* \cdot \langle u_i | u_j\rangle_{B_0} \cdot c_{l'k} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Here,  $(\sum_{i=1}^m \langle \eta_r | u_i\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \langle u_i | u_k\rangle_{B_0}) =: (b_{rk}) \in \text{Mat}_{T \times m}(B_0)$ , and  $\sum_{r=1}^t \langle u_l | \xi_r\rangle_{B_0} \cdot b_{rk} =: c_{lk} \in \text{Mat}_{m \times m}(B_0)$ . Notice that in the third equality we used the fact that the matrix  $(\langle u_i | u_j\rangle_{B_0})_{ij}$  is an idempotent. The last equality is then a positive definite quadratic form in  $B^m$ , and therefore conclude that each of the  $k$  terms in the sum is zero, by the faithfulness of  $\text{tr}_{B_0}$ . We then obtain that for each  $k, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

$$0 = \sum_{j=1}^m \langle u_i | u_j\rangle_{B_0} \cdot c_{jk} = \sum_{r=1}^t \langle u_i | \xi_r\rangle_{B_0} \cdot \langle \eta_r | u_k\rangle_{B_0}.$$

This implies that  $\sum_{r=1}^t |\xi_r\rangle\langle\eta_r| = 0$ , thus establishing that  $\text{Tr}$  is positive definite.

3. The left  $B_0$ -linearity is obvious. The right bilinearity follows from

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{E}(|\xi\rangle\langle\eta| \cdot b) &= \mathcal{E}(|\xi\rangle\langle b^* \triangleright \eta|) = {}_{B_0}\langle\xi, b^* \triangleright \eta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} {}_{B_0}\langle b^* \triangleright \eta, \xi\rangle^* \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} (b^* \cdot {}_{B_0}\langle\eta, \xi\rangle)^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} {}_{B_0}\langle\xi, \eta\rangle \cdot b = \mathcal{E}(|\xi\rangle\langle\eta|) \cdot b,
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $b \in B_0$ . Unitality follows from the fact that  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{Y}} = \sum_{i=1}^m |u_i\rangle\langle u_i|$ , where  $\{u_i\}_{i=1, \dots, m}$  is a right  $B_0$ -basis for  $\mathcal{Y}_B$ .

4. Applying Lemma 1.26 in [20] to the full bimodule  ${}_{B_0}\mathcal{Y}_{B_0}$  implies  $\mathcal{E}$  is a conditional expectation (of index finite type). (The bimodule  ${}_{B_0}\mathcal{Y}_{B_0}$  is full since  $B_0$  is simple.) This map is clearly fully faithful, from the definition of the inner products.

5. By compatibility with the trace, Equation (5.1), we have that

$$\text{Tr}(|\xi\rangle\langle\eta|) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} \cdot \text{tr}_{B_0}(\langle\eta | \xi\rangle_{B_0}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{Y})}} \cdot \text{tr}_{B_0}({}_{B_0}\langle\xi, \eta\rangle) = \text{tr}_{B_0}(\mathcal{E}(|\xi\rangle\langle\eta|)).$$

□

*Remark 5.4.* Notice that all the bimodules  ${}_l B_r$  introduced in Notation 3.30 define objects in  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ , in light of Proposition 3.42.

**Proposition 5.5.** *The left  $B_0$ -action on  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes \Omega$  extends to a bounded left  $B_0$ -action on  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{Y}$  is fgp. Indeed, for arbitrary  $b \in B_0$  and  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ , we have that  $\|b \triangleright (y \boxtimes \Omega)\|_2^2 = \text{tr}(\langle b \triangleright y \mid b \triangleright y \rangle_{B_0}) \leq \text{tr}(\|b\|^2 \cdot \langle y \mid y \rangle_{B_0}) = \|b\|^2 \cdot \|y \boxtimes \Omega\|_2^2$ . The inequality is a direct application of (3) in [20, Proposition 1.12], stating that  $\langle b \triangleright y \mid b \triangleright y \rangle_{B_0} \leq \|b\|^2 \cdot \langle y \mid y \rangle_{B_0}$ .  $\square$

We now extend the left  $B_0$ -action on  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  to a normal left- $M_0$  action by using Lemma 3.40. For the dense subspace  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes \Omega$  spanned by the vectors  $\xi \boxtimes a\Omega$ , since the conditional expectation preserves the trace, we obtain

$$\langle b \triangleright (\xi \boxtimes a\Omega), \eta \boxtimes c\Omega \rangle = \text{tr}_{B_0}(B_0 \langle b \triangleright \xi \triangleleft a, \eta \triangleleft c \rangle) = \text{tr}_{B_0}(b \cdot B_0 \langle \xi \triangleleft a, \eta \triangleleft c \rangle) = \langle b\Omega, B_0 \langle \eta \triangleleft c, \xi \triangleleft a \rangle \cdot \Omega \rangle$$

Hence **the left  $B_0$ -action on  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  extends to a normal left  $M_0$ -action.**

*Remark 5.6.* For the remainder of this chapter will need to further exploit the structure of  $M_0$ -bimodules of the form  $\mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$ , and their tensor products. We say that **a vector  $\xi \in \mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  is (left) bounded** if and only if the mapping

$$L_\xi : M_0\Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0), \text{ given by } m\Omega \mapsto m \blacktriangleright \xi$$

extends to a bounded map defined on  $L^2(B_0) \cong L^2(M_0)$ . If  $\xi, \eta$  are bounded vectors, then the composite map  $L_\eta^* \circ L_\xi$  makes sense and takes values in  $M_0\Omega$ . This defines a **left  $M_0$ -valued inner product** on the set bounded vectors, denoted  $\langle \eta \mid \xi \rangle_{M_0}$ . (For a proof see [1] or [16].) One can easily see that for an arbitrary  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ , the vector  $z \boxtimes \Omega \in \mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  is bounded, and hence  $\langle z \mid z \rangle_{M_0} \in M_0$ . A computation will reveal that  $L_{z \boxtimes \Omega}^* : \mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0) \rightarrow L^2(M_0)$  is given by  $y \boxtimes \Omega \mapsto B_0 \langle y, z \rangle \Omega$ . It then follows that  $\langle z \boxtimes \Omega \mid z \boxtimes \Omega \rangle_{M_0} = B_0 \langle z, z \rangle$ .

We now show that  $M_0(- \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0}$  **defines a bi-involutive fully-faithful strong monoidal functor** into the claimed target category. Again, we need to be certain that the von Neumann closure of  $B_0$  is independent of the space over which we represent it.

**Lemma 5.7.** *The  $\sigma$ -weak topologies on the left (resp. right) action of  $B_0''$  coming from the left (resp. right) action on  $L^2(B_0)$  and the action on  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  agree.*

*Proof.* Let's first show the statement corresponding to the left actions. Let  $(B_0 \triangleright)$  denote the image of  $B_0$  as a subset of  $\mathcal{B}(L^2(B_0))$ , and let  $(B_0 \blacktriangleright)$  that of  $B_0$  considered as a subset of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$ . By Lemma 3.40, we can consider the von Neumann algebra  $(M_0 \blacktriangleright) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$ . Moreover, this lemma tells us that for every  $b \in B_0$  we have that  $(b \blacktriangleright) = ((b \triangleright) \blacktriangleright)$ . So we automatically obtain that  $(B \blacktriangleright)'' \subseteq (M \blacktriangleright)$ , since both are von Neumann algebras containing the same copy of  $B_0$ . Now, since  $\blacktriangleright$  defines a  $\sigma$ -weak continuous map  $\blacktriangleright : M \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y} \otimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$ , it then follows that  $\blacktriangleright$  commutes with taking  $\sigma$ -weak-limits. Thus, for an arbitrary  $m \in M$  and a net  $b_\lambda$  such that  $b_\lambda \triangleright \longrightarrow m$   $\sigma$ -weak, we have the following chain of equalities:

$$\text{WOT} - \lim_{\lambda} b_\lambda \blacktriangleright = \text{WOT} - \lim_{\lambda} ((b_\lambda \triangleright) \blacktriangleright) = (\text{WOT} - \lim_{\lambda} b_\lambda \triangleright) \blacktriangleright = m \blacktriangleright,$$

thus establishing that  $(B_0 \blacktriangleright)'' = (M \blacktriangleright) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{Y} \otimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$ . The proof of the corresponding statement for the right actions is straightforward and thus we omit it.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.8.** *The assignment  $M_0(- \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0}$  defines a faithful dagger functor out of  $\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$  and  $f : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$  be a fixed but arbitrary  $B_0$ -bimodule map. We denote  $\tilde{f} := f \boxtimes \text{id}_{L^2(B_0)}$ . It is clear that  $\tilde{f}$  is  $B_0$ - $M_0$  bilinear and bounded. It is also evident that  $M_0(- \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0}$  respects composition of maps and the dagger structures, so it only remains to check that  $\tilde{f}$  is in fact  $M_0$ -bilinear. Let  $m$  be an arbitrary element in  $M_0$ , and  $(b_n) \subset B$  a sequence such that  $\text{SOT} - \lim_n (b_n \blacktriangleright) = m \blacktriangleright$ . We then have that

$$\begin{aligned} m \blacktriangleright \tilde{f}(y \boxtimes \Omega) &= \|\cdot\|_2 - \lim_n b_n \blacktriangleright \tilde{f}(y \boxtimes \Omega) = \|\cdot\|_2 - \lim_n \tilde{f}((b_n \triangleright y) \boxtimes \Omega) \\ &= \tilde{f}\left(\|\cdot\|_2 - \lim_n ((b_n \triangleright y) \otimes \Omega)\right) = \tilde{f}\left(\|\cdot\|_2 - \lim_n b_n \blacktriangleright (y \otimes \Omega)\right) \\ &= \tilde{f}(m \blacktriangleright (y \boxtimes \Omega)). \end{aligned}$$

Faithfulness follows since the trace  $\text{tr}_{B_0}$  is faithful. Notice that we are arguing using sequences converging in the SOT, as opposed to nets. Indeed, on  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -bounded sets, the  $\|\cdot\|_2$ -norm topology on  $B_0\Omega$  is equivalent to the SOT on  $B_0$ . Thus, by Kaplansky Density Theorem, we can replace SOT converging nets by  $\|\cdot\|_2$ -converging sequences which are automatically bounded in  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.9.** *The functor  ${}_{M_0}(-\boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))_{M_0}$  is strong monoidal with tensorator given by the linear extension of:*

$$\mu_{\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}} : (\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)) \boxtimes_{M_0} (\mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)) \longrightarrow ((\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} \mathcal{Z}) \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$$

mapping  $(\xi \boxtimes \Omega) \boxtimes (\eta \boxtimes \Omega) \mapsto (\xi \boxtimes \eta) \boxtimes \Omega$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{Z}$  be fixed but arbitrary. We shall first show that this map is well-defined. For an arbitrary operator  $m \blacktriangleright \in M_0$ , consider a bounded net  $(b_i) \subset B_0$  such that  $b_i \blacktriangleright \rightarrow m \blacktriangleright$  SOT, as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . We then obtain that

$$\|((y \triangleleft m) \boxtimes z) \boxtimes \Omega - y \boxtimes (b_i \triangleright z) \boxtimes \Omega\|_2^2 = \lim_i \| (y \boxtimes (b_i - m) \triangleright z) \boxtimes \Omega \|_2^2 \leq \|y\|_B^2 \cdot \|(b_i - m) \triangleright z \boxtimes \Omega\|_2^2 = 0.$$

We shall next show that  $\mu$  is an isometry. By Remark 5.6 and Equation (1.1) in [1] defining the product on the  $M_0$ -relative fusion of two bimodules in  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0)$ , we have the following chain of equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (y \boxtimes \Omega) \boxtimes (z \boxtimes \Omega), (y \boxtimes \Omega) \boxtimes (z \boxtimes \Omega) \rangle &= \langle (y \boxtimes \Omega) \blacktriangleleft \langle z \boxtimes \Omega \mid z \boxtimes \Omega \rangle_{M_0}, y \boxtimes \Omega \rangle \\ &= \text{tr}_{B_0} (\langle y \mid y \triangleleft_{B_0} \langle z, z \rangle \rangle_{B_0}) = \text{tr}_{B_0} (\langle y \mid y \rangle_{B_0} \cdot {}_{B_0} \langle z, z \rangle) \\ &= \text{tr}_{B_0} ({}_{B_0} \langle \langle y \mid y \rangle_{B_0} \triangleright z \mid z \rangle) = \text{tr}_{B_0} (\langle z \mid \langle y \mid y \rangle_{B_0} \triangleright z \rangle_{B_0}) \\ &= \text{tr}_{B_0} (\langle y \boxtimes z \mid y \boxtimes z \rangle_{B_0}) = \langle (y \boxtimes z) \boxtimes \Omega, (y \boxtimes z) \boxtimes \Omega \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, this map defines an isometry. Since  $\mu_{\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}}$  obviously has dense range, then it extends to a unitary  $M_0$ -bimodule map. As a word of warning, to use the inner product on the  $M_0$ -fusion bimodule, one needs to know *a priori* that  $\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  and  $\mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  define spherical/extremal bifinite  $M_0$ -bimodules; i.e. they are objects in  $\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0)$ . This is independently demonstrated as part of the proof of Proposition 5.11, but we postpone it not to slow down the exposition.

It remains to verify that  $\mu$  defines a natural transformation. A simple computation will show that naturality holds when restricted to the dense subspace  $(\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} \Omega) \boxtimes_{B_0} (\mathcal{Z} \boxtimes_{B_0} \Omega)$ , and this will suffice, since all the transformations involved are bounded. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.10.** *The functor  $-\boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)$  is bi-involutive with structure maps*

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\mathcal{Y}} : \overline{\mathcal{Y}} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0) &\longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{Y} \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)} \text{ given on } \overline{\mathcal{Y}} \boxtimes \Omega \text{ by} \\ \overline{y} \boxtimes \Omega &\longmapsto \overline{y \boxtimes \Omega}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $\mathcal{Y} \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgr}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ .

*Proof.* We need to show this is a family of unitary isomorphisms satisfying the conditions in Definition (2.9). By compatibility with the trace condition (Equation 5.1) we have the following chain of equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \chi_{\mathcal{Y}}(\overline{y} \boxtimes \Omega) \mid \overline{x \boxtimes \Omega} \rangle &= \langle \overline{y \boxtimes \Omega} \mid \overline{x \boxtimes \Omega} \rangle = \langle x \boxtimes \Omega \mid y \boxtimes \Omega \rangle \\ &= \text{tr}_{B_0} (\langle x \mid y \rangle_{B_0}) = \text{tr}_{B_0} ({}_{B_0} \langle y, x \rangle) = \text{tr}_{B_0} (\langle \overline{y} \mid \overline{x} \rangle_{B_0}) \\ &= \langle \overline{y} \boxtimes \Omega \mid \overline{x \boxtimes \Omega} \rangle = \langle \overline{y} \boxtimes \Omega \mid \chi_{\mathcal{Y}}^{-1}(\overline{x \boxtimes \Omega}) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $\chi_{\mathcal{Y}}$  is right-adjointable and that it extends to a unitary. To show that that this family of unitaries  $\{\chi_{\mathcal{Y}}\}$  is natural, monoidal and that Diagrams (2.8) commute is a matter of simple diagrammatic computation. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.11.** *The following 2-cell commutes:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathbb{C}_x & \\
 \mathbb{F} \swarrow & & \searrow \mathbb{G} \\
 \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0) & \xrightarrow[-\boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)]{\quad T \quad} & \text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0).
 \end{array} \tag{5.7}$$

Here,  $T = \{T_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a monoidal unitary natural isomorphism whose components are

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n : ({}_0 B_n) \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{G}(x^{\otimes n}) = p_0 \triangleright L^2({}_0 M_n) \triangleleft p_n \text{ given on } {}_0 B_n \boxtimes \Omega \text{ by} \\
 (p_0 \wedge b \wedge p_n) \boxtimes \Omega &\longmapsto p_0 \triangleright b \Omega \triangleleft p_n = (p_0 \wedge b \wedge p_n) \Omega,
 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathbb{G}$  is the fully faithful bi-involutive strong-monoidal functor constructed on [2]. In our language,  $\mathbb{G}$  is given on objects by

$$x^{\otimes n} \longmapsto_{M_0} (p_0 \triangleright L^2({}_0 M_n) \triangleleft p_n)_{M_0}$$

and on morphisms

$$(f : x^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow x^{\otimes m}) \longmapsto \mathbb{G}(f) : \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } \xi \text{ and } b \end{array} \longmapsto \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } \xi, b, \text{ and } f \end{array}. \tag{5.8}$$

It then follows that  $\mathbb{F}$  is full; i.e.,

$$\mathbb{F}[\mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})] = \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)(\mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} n} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{\boxtimes_{B_0} m}).$$

*Proof.* Each of the maps  $T_n$  is densely defined and is clearly  $B_0$ -bilinear and isometric with dense range. Thus, each  $T_n$  extends to a  $B_0$ -unitary. For an arbitrary map  $f \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})$ , checking that  $(T_m \circ (-\boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)) \circ \mathbb{F})(f) = (\mathbb{G} \circ T_n)(f)$  is an easy computation. The tensorator  $\mu^T$  is given by extending juxtaposition of diagrams, similarly as was previously done for  $\mu^{\mathbb{F}}$ . Therefore, establishing Diagram 5.7 commutes, as well as proving that  $\mathbb{F}$  does take values in the bifinite spherical bimodules over  $M_0$  up to a monoidal unitary natural isomorphism.

To show that  $\mathbb{F}$  is full we implement a finite-dimensional linear algebraic trick: Since  $\mathbb{G}$  is full and faithful between rigid categories, we have that

$$\dim[\mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})] = \dim[\text{Bim}_{\text{bf}}^{\text{sp}}(M_0)(\mathbb{G}(x^{\otimes n}) \rightarrow \mathbb{G}(x^{\otimes m}))] =: D < \infty.$$

Since  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $(-\boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0))$  are faithful, we obtain

$$D = \dim[\mathbb{F}[\mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})]] \leq \dim[\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}({}_0 B_n \rightarrow {}_0 B_m)] = \dim[\text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}({}_0 B_n \rightarrow {}_0 B_m) \boxtimes_{B_0} L^2(B_0)] \leq D.$$

Thus all inequalities must be simultaneously satisfied, proving  $\mathbb{F}$  is full. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now we **unitarily Cauchy-complete**  $\mathbb{F}$  on  $\mathbb{C}_x$ : **on subobjects** of tensor powers of  $x$ : for a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a projection  $p \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes n})$  determines a sub-object of  $x^{\otimes n}$ , denoted  $p[x^{\otimes n}] \in \mathbb{C}_x$ , we then define

$$\mathbb{F}(p[x^{\otimes n}]) := \mathbb{F}(p)[{}_0 B_n] \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0),$$

and **linearly extend** the definition of  $\mathbb{F}$  **over direct sums**. Here,  $\mathbb{F}(p)[{}_0 B_n] \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$  denotes the range of  $\mathbb{F}(p)$ . We shall now define  $\mathbb{F}(f)$ , where  $f : p[x^{\otimes n}] \rightarrow q[x^{\otimes m}]$  is a morphism between projections  $p \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n})$  and  $q \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes m})$ . We define

$$\mathbb{F}(f) : \mathbb{F}(p)[{}_0 B_n] \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}(q)[{}_0 B_m]$$

as the extension of the mapping acting on a diagram  $\xi \in \text{Gr}_\infty \cap {}_0B_n$  by:

(5.9)

We now extend the **tensorator data** for  $\mathbb{F}$ . For arbitrary  $n, m \geq 0$ , and projections  $p \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes n} \rightarrow x^{\otimes n})$  and  $q \in \mathbb{C}(x^{\otimes m} \rightarrow x^{\otimes m})$  we define

$$\mu_{p,q}^{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F}(p)[{}_0B_n] \boxtimes_{B_0} \mathbb{F}(q)[{}_0B_m] \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}(p \otimes q)[{}_0B_{n+m}],$$

by extending the following diagrammatic composition (and omitting the unitors):

(5.10)

Notice that if  $p'$  and  $q'$  are projections in the Cauchy completion of  $\mathbb{C}_x$ , and if  $f : p \rightarrow p'$  and  $g : q \rightarrow q'$  are morphisms in  $\mathbb{C}_x$ , then  $\mu^{\mathbb{F}}(f, g) = \text{id}_1 \otimes f \otimes g$  on diagrams. By Lemma 4.1,  $\mu_{p,q}^{\mathbb{F}}$  extends to a unitary isomorphism  $\mathbb{F}(p)[{}_0B_n] \boxtimes_{B_0} \mathbb{F}(q)[{}_0B_m] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}(p \otimes q)[{}_0B_{n+m}]$ , and is clearly natural in  $p$  and  $q$ . We can also extend  $\mu^{\mathbb{F}}(f, g)$  from diagrams to all of  $\mathbb{F}(p)[{}_0B_n] \boxtimes_{B_0} \mathbb{F}(q)[{}_0B_m]$ , since this map is just a series of vertical and horizontal compositions in the category. It is clear that bi-adjointability for  $\mu^{\mathbb{F}}(f, g)$  holds on diagrams, so the extension of  $\mu^{\mathbb{F}}$  is also bi-adjointable.

We are now ready to state the final form of the most important result of this manuscript, which summarizes this whole article:

**Theorem 5.12.** *Given a singly-generated small  $RC^*TC$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_x$  with simple unit with generator  $x \in \mathbb{C}_x$ , there exists a unital, simple, separable, exact  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_0$  with unique trace, and a fully-faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor*

$$\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{C}_x \hookrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0),$$

*into a full subcategory of fgp minimal and normalized  $B_0$ -bimodules. Moreover, the  $K_0$  group of  $B_0$  is the free abelian group on the classes of simple objects in  $\mathbb{C}_x$ , and the image of the simple objects of  $\mathbb{C}_x$  are precisely the canonical generators of  $K_0(B_0)$ .*

*Remark 5.13.* One can extend the result of Theorem 5.12 by allowing  $\mathbb{C}$  to be countably generated. Indeed if  $\mathbb{C}$  is countably generated, then it is generated by a countable set of symmetric self-dual objects  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ . Given a word  $w$  a word in  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  we define  $x_w$  by

$$x_w = x_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{i_k} \text{ provided } w = x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_j}.$$

Given words  $u, v$ , and  $w$ , one now defines  $V_{u,v,w}$  by  $\mathbb{C}(x_u \rightarrow x_w \otimes x_w)$ . If we define  $W$  to be the set of all words in  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ , one can form

$$\text{Gr}_\infty = \bigoplus_{u,v,w \in W} V_{u,v,w},$$

and endow it with the  $*$ -structure and multiplication as described in Sections 3.1 and 3.2, where we now color the strings according to the labels  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ . Let  $B_\infty$  be the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $\text{Gr}_\infty$ , and let  $B_0 = p_0 \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_0$ , where  $p_0$  is the empty diagram. It is also true that  $B_0$  is a unital, separable, simple, exact  $C^*$ -algebra.

If  $w \in W$ , we define

$$X_w = \overline{\bigoplus_{v \in W} V_{v,w,\emptyset}}^{\|\cdot\|}$$

then  $X_w \in \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$  via the actions and inner products as described in Section 3.4. Moreover, the mapping  $x_w \mapsto X_w$  induces a fully-faithful bi-involutive strong monoidal functor

$$\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{C} \hookrightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{fgp}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0).$$

We note that there is no separable  $C^*$ -algebra,  $B$  with unique trace, over which we can fully realize every  $\text{RC}^*\text{TC}$  as a full subcategory of Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodules. This stems from the fact that the  $K_0$  group of any such  $B$  must be countable, and thus there are only countably many values for the traces of projections in  $B \otimes K(\mathcal{H})$ . On the other hand, amongst all of the countably generated fusion categories, any  $\delta \geq 2$  can be the dimension of a generating object. However, our main theorem does allow us to establish this result, if we restrict our scope to **unitary fusion categories**:

**Corollary 5.14.** *There exists a unital simple exact separable  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$  with unique trace over which we can represent every unitary fusion category  $\mathbb{C}$  in the spirit of Theorem 5.12.*

*Proof.* Up to equivalence, there are countably many fusion categories. Let  $\mathbb{C}_1, \mathbb{C}_2, \dots$  be a set of representatives for these fusion categories, and let  $\mathbb{C}$  be their free product (see [8] for a description). Then  $\mathbb{C}$  is a small  $\text{RC}^*\text{TC}$  with simple unit, and each  $\mathbb{C}_k$  embeds into  $\mathbb{C}$  in the obvious way. We can therefore apply the construction in Remark 5.13 to  $\mathbb{C}$  to obtain  $B$ .  $\square$

## 6 A concrete example: $\text{Vec}_{\text{fd}}(G)$

We now develop an explicit illustration of Theorem 5.12. We will describe the  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_0$  and the bimodules  ${}_0B_1$  (Notation 3.21) utilized in the statement of the theorem, which in turn were introduced in Section 4.

Let  $G$  be a countable discrete group and choose  $\mathbb{C} = \text{Vec}_{\text{fd}}(G)$ , the tensor category of finite dimensional  $G$ -graded vector spaces. A complete set of representatives for the simple objects of  $\mathbb{C}$  is given by  $\{g\}_{g \in G}$ , where  $\mathbb{C}(g \rightarrow h) \cong \delta_{g=h}$ . It is easy to see that the balanced unitary dual functor on  $\mathbb{C}$  is determined by its action on simples, and is given by  $\bar{g} = g^{-1}$ , (see Definition 2.4 and Remark 2.5). By letting  $x_g :=_g \oplus_{g^{-1}}$  for each  $g \in G$ , we obtain a set of symmetrically self-dual objects (Definition 3.2) of quantum dimension (Notation 3.1)  $\delta_{x_g} = 2 > 1$  that generate  $\mathbb{C}$ . We will identify  $x_g$  with  $x_{g^{-1}}$ .

Following Section 3, we can construct similar graded algebras as those in Definition 3.4, where the strings on the bottom and on the sides are labeled by finite words in the symbols  $\{x_g\}_{g \in G}$ . We can use either the structure of Definition 3.15 or that of Remark 3.17, in conjunction with Remark 5.13, to construct a simple  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_\infty$ , by completing the tracial graded  $*$ -algebras arising from the diagrams in  $\mathbb{C}$ . The only difference with the algebras from Section 3 is that  $B_\infty$  now contains strings colored by the elements of  $G$  as in 5.13. Note that the following identity holds:

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \\ x_g \end{array} \right| = \begin{array}{c} \text{blue circle with } q_g \text{ inside} \\ + \\ \text{blue circle with } q_{g^{-1}} \text{ inside} \end{array},$$

where  $q_g$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $_g$  in  $\mathbb{C}(x_g \rightarrow x_g)$ . Our  $C^*$ -algebra,  $B_\infty$  is generated by  $A_\infty$  together with the elements  $Y_g$  given by:

$$Y_g = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{q_g} \\ \text{---} \end{array}, \quad \text{and notice that} \quad Y_g^* = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{q_{g^{-1}}} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \neq Y_{g^{-1}} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{q_{g^{-1}}} \\ \text{---} \end{array}.$$

The elements  $(Y_g)$  are free with amalgamation over  $A_\infty$  with respect to  $\mathbb{E}$  and form an  $A_\infty$ -valued circular family [30]. This describes  $B_\infty$  as an amalgamated free product. The unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $B_0 = {}_0B_0$  is the corner  $p_0 \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_0$ , where  $p_0$  is the orthogonal projection corresponding to the empty diagram, and notice that  $B_0$  contains all diagrams of the form:

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{m} \\ \text{---} \\ \beta \end{array} \in V_{\emptyset, \beta, \emptyset} \subset B_0,$$

where  $\beta$  denotes a word in  $\{x_g\}_{g \in G}$ . We note that  $m \in B_0$  will equal zero unless  $\beta$  contains a copy of  $e$ , where  $e \in G$  is the identity. This means that the only nonzero components after decomposing  $m$  as a direct sum over  $\{g\}_{g \in G}$  are given by words  $q_{g_1} \cdots q_{g_m}$  where  $g_1 \cdots g_m = e$ . For a word  $\zeta$  in  $\{x_g\}_{g \in G}$ , let  $p_\zeta$  be the orthogonal projection corresponding to colored composition of cups in the symbols of  $\zeta$ . We describe an example of such a projection below. More generally, for arbitrary words  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  in  $\{x_g\}_{g \in G}$ , we consider the corners  ${}_\alpha B_\gamma = p_\alpha \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_\gamma$ . We now describe the diagrammatic elements in  ${}_\alpha B_\gamma$ , and depict  $p_\zeta$  in the case where  $\zeta = x_g \otimes x_h$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha \quad \gamma \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \boxed{\phantom{m}} \\ \text{---} \\ \beta \end{array} \in V_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \subset B_0, \quad \text{and} \quad p_\zeta = \begin{array}{c} x_g \otimes x_h \quad x_h \otimes x_g \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}.$$

Notice that these diagrams can be endowed with the structure of a tracial graded  $*$ -algebra, similarly as in Definition 3.4, 3.2, and Remark 3.20.

We now construct the bimodules used in the representation  $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{fip}}^{\text{tr}}(B_0)$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $g \in G$ , let  ${}_g B_n = p_0 \wedge B_\infty \wedge p_{g^n}$ , and consider the assignment:

$$x_g \mapsto {}_g B_1 \quad \mathbb{C}(\gamma \rightarrow \zeta) \ni f \mapsto \mathbb{F}(f) : \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \quad \gamma \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\xi} \\ \text{---} \\ \beta \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} \zeta \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{f} \\ \text{---} \\ \gamma \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\xi} \\ \text{---} \\ \beta \end{array}.$$

There are obvious (bounded) left and right actions of  $B_0$  on each  ${}_g B_n$ , with left and right inner products similar to those introduced in Notation 3.30, giving  ${}_g B_n$  the structure of a Hilbert  $C^*$ -bimodule over  $B_0$ , that is compatible with the trace. (Compare with Proposition 3.42.)

The **unit map** for  $\mathbb{F}$  is

$$\iota^{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{1}_{\text{Bim}_{\text{fip}}(B_0)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{C}}),$$

given by the identity on  $B_0$ . We now describe the components  $\mu_{\gamma, \zeta}^{\mathbb{F}}$  of **the tensorator**, where  $\gamma$  and  $\zeta$  are words in  $\{x_g\}_{g \in G}$ . We notice this is an extended definition from that of Equation 4.3, where we were assuming every string has the same color. We define

$$\mu_{\gamma, \zeta}^{\mathbb{F}} : {}_0 B_\gamma \boxtimes_{B_0} {}_0 B_\zeta \longrightarrow {}_0 B_{(\gamma\zeta)},$$

by extending the following diagrammatic composition:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagrammatic equation (6.1)} \end{array}$$

That  $\mu_{\gamma, \zeta}^{\mathbb{F}}$  is a  $B_0$  bilinear and middle  $B_0$ -linear isometry, follows from the equation

$$\mu_{\gamma, \zeta}^{\mathbb{F}}(\xi \boxtimes \eta) = \phi_{\gamma}^{-1}[\phi_{\gamma}(\xi) \wedge \eta],$$

where  $\phi_{\gamma}$  is the map that moves the dot to the right of  $\gamma$ , extending the maps defined in Equation 3.19, inside Notation 3.31. Proving surjectivity of the tensorator follows an identical argument to the proof of Lemma 3.38, with the difference that now the strings are multi-colored. Thus,  $\mu^{\mathbb{F}}$  is a  $B_0$ -bilinear unitary and is therefore a unitary natural transformation.

It now only remains to unitarily Cauchy complete the functor  $\mathbb{F}$  induced by the assignment above. The  $B_0$ - $B_0$  sub-bimodules of  ${}_0^g B_n$ , for  $g \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be described along the same lines as in the discussion preceding Equation 5.9, in Section 5. The extension of the tensorator to multi-colored bimodules is done similarly as in Equation 5.10, where once again the strings are now labeled by words in the  $\{x_g\}_{g \in G}$ .

## Data Availability Statement

The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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