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If \mathcal{C} is a monoidal category and P an object in \mathcal{C} , one can construct a category of P -intertwined objects whose objects are pairs (A, σ) with A an object of \mathcal{C} and

$$\sigma : A \otimes P \rightarrow P \otimes A$$

an invertible morphism. This category naturally lifts the monoidal structure of \mathcal{C} , in a similar fashion to the monoidal structure of the center of \mathcal{C} . If P is pivotal and a dual Q of P is chosen, then any invertible morphism σ induces two Q -intertwinnings on the object A as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ev} \otimes A \otimes Q) (Q \otimes \sigma \otimes Q) (Q \otimes A \otimes \text{coev}) : Q \otimes A &\rightarrow A \otimes Q \\ (Q \otimes A \otimes \text{ev}) (Q \otimes \sigma^{-1} \otimes Q) (\text{coev} \otimes A \otimes Q) : A \otimes Q &\rightarrow Q \otimes A \end{aligned}$$

In order to obtain a closed monoidal category $\mathcal{C}(P, Q)$, whose monoidal structure is described in Theorem 4.1, one must restrict to the subcategory of pairs for which these induced Q -intertwinnings are inverses to each other. The principal objective in this paper is to show that $\mathcal{C}(P, Q)$ lifts left and right closed structures on \mathcal{C} , when they exist (Theorem 4.2 and Corollary 4.3). The construction is also discussed in the cases when \mathcal{C} is rigid (Corollary 4.4), and when \mathcal{C} has a pivotal structure compatible with P and Q (Theorem 4.5).

This review is closed with a list of significant remarks.

- Pivotal categories were introduced in [*D. N. Yetter*, Contemp. Math. 134, 325–349 (1992; [Zbl 0812.18005](#))] under the name of sovereign categories, their study being vital for topological field theories [*V. Turaev* and *A. Virelizier*, Monoidal categories and topological field theory. Basel: Birkhäuser/Springer (2017; [Zbl 1423.18001](#))]. However, the study of individual objects in a monoidal category having isomorphic left and right duals is indigenous to this paper. In [*K. Shimizu*, J. Algebra 428, 357–402 (2015; [Zbl 1394.18004](#))] Shimizu introduced the pivotal cover of a rigid monoidal category in connection with Frobenius-Schur indicators discussed in [*S.-H. Ng* and *P. Schauenburg*, Adv. Math. 211, No. 1, 34–71 (2007; [Zbl 1138.16017](#))]. This paper introduces the pivotal cover \mathcal{C}^{piv} of an arbitrary monoidal category \mathcal{C} in Definition 3.5 from a distinct viewpoint arising in [*A. Ghobadi*, “Hopf algebroids, bimodule connections and noncommutative geometry”, Preprint, [arXiv:2001.08673](#)]. The pivotal cover of a monoidal category is of pivotal pairs as objects and suitable pivotal morphisms between them, so that any strong monoidal functor from a pivotal category to the original category factors through the pivotal cover (Theorem 3.7). The construction of Shimizu requires all objects to have left duals and a choice of distinguished left dual for each object, while the construction in this paper gets rid of these issues by taking pivotal pairs as objects of \mathcal{C}^{piv} .
- Duals of monoidal functors were introduced in [*S. Majid*, in: Category theory 1991. Proceedings of an international summer category theory meeting, held in Montréal, Québec, Canada, June 23-30, 1991. Providence, RI: American Mathematical Society. 329–343 (1992; [Zbl 0784.18004](#))] as a generalization of the center of a monoidal category. Tannaka-Krein reconstruction for Hopf monads, as described by *K. Shimizu* [“Tannaka theory and the FRT construction over non-commutative algebras”, Preprint, [arXiv:1912.13160](#)], takes the data of a strong monoidal functor, producing a Hopf monad whose module category recovers the dual of the monoidal functor. §6.3 shows that pivotal pairs in monoidal category correspond to strict monoidal functors from the smallest pivotal category $\text{Piv}(1)$ into the category, from which one can recover the same Hopf monad structure from the approach of Tannaka-Krein reconstruction. An additional result concerning the pivotal structure of the dual monoidal category is also provided.
- The Hopf monads constructed in this paper should be the simplest examples generalizing the theory of Hopf algebroids with bijective antipodes [*G. Böhm* and *K. Szlachányi*, J. Algebra 274, No. 2,

708–750 (2004; [Zbl 1080.16035](#))] to the monoidal setting. A categorical characterization of the antipode for Hopf monads is essential. While antipodes for Hopf monads have been discussed in both the rigid setting [*A. Bruguières* and *A. Virelizier*, *Adv. Math.* 215, No. 2, 679–733 (2007; [Zbl 1168.18002](#))] and the general setting [*G. Böhm* and *S. Lack*, *J. Pure Appl. Algebra* 220, No. 6, 2177–2213 (2016; [Zbl 1353.18002](#))], neither cover the case of Hopf algebroids over noncommutative bases, which admit bijective antipodes. When restricted to the category of bimodules over an arbitrary algebra, Hopf monads in this paper correspond to Hopf algebroids which in fact admit involutory antipodes (Example 5.9).

- It is shown in Theorem 5.4 that the Hopf monad constructed is augmented iff the pair P and Q is a pivotal pair in the center of the monoidal category, so that the braided Hopf algebra corresponding to every pivotal pair in the center of the monoidal category is constructed by putting the theory of augmented Hopf monads [*A. Bruguières* et al., *Adv. Math.* 227, No. 2, 745–800 (2011; [Zbl 1233.18002](#))] to use.
- The applications of this work are scattered throughout the article. §3 observes that Frobenius bimodules [*L. Kadison*, *New examples of Frobenius extensions*. Providence, RI: American Mathematical Society (1999; [Zbl 0929.16036](#))] and ambidextrous adjunctions are examples of pivotal objects in monoidal categories. The author [“Unravelling the complex behavior of Mrk 421 with simultaneous X-ray and VHE observations during an extreme flaring activity in April 2013”, Preprint, [arXiv:2001.08678](#), §4.2] has presented several other examples, in the format of differential calculi, where the space of 1-forms is a pivotal object in the monoidal category of bimodules over the algebra of noncommutative functions. This setting is briefly explained in Example 3.3. The Hopf monad constructed in this case becomes a Hopf algebroid (Example 5.9) which is a subalgebra of the Hopf algebroid of differential operators in the above setting. Additionally, to construct the sheaf of differential operators in this setting, the wedge product between the space of 1-forms and 2-forms is required to be a pivotal morphism. A direct consequence of Example 3.6 is that any bicovariant calculus over a Hopf algebra obeys this condition.

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