

# Comonadicity and invertible bimodules<sup>☆</sup>

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to exhibit the main results of A. Masuoka [A. Masuoka, Corings and invertible bimodules, *Tsukuba J. Math.* 13 (1989) 353–362] and of L. El Kaoutit and J. Gómez-Torrecillas [L. El Kaoutit, J. Gómez-Torrecillas, Comatrix corings and invertible bimodules, *Ann. Univ. Ferrara Ser. VII* 51 (2005) 263–280] as special cases of a more general result.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $i: B \rightarrow S$  be an extension of non-commutative rings, let  $\text{Inv}_R(S)$  denote the group of invertible  $B$ -subbimodules of  $S$ , and  $\text{Aut}_{S\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  the group of  $S$ -coring automorphisms of the Sweedler's canonical  $S$ -coring  $S \otimes_B S$ . In [6], Masuoka defined a group homomorphism  $\Gamma: \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{S\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  and showed that if either (a)  $S$  is faithfully flat as a right or left  $B$ -module, or (b)  $B$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as a  $B$ -bimodule, then  $\Gamma$  is an isomorphism of groups.

This has been further generalized by L. El Kaoutit and J. Gómez-Torrecillas [3], considering extensions of non-commutative rings of the form  $B \rightarrow S = \text{End}_A(M)$ , where  $M$  is a  $B$ - $A$ -bimodule with  $M_A$  finitely generated and projective. They defined a homomorphism

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$$\Gamma_0 : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

of groups, where  $\Sigma = M^* \otimes_B M$  is the so-called comatrix coring corresponding to the  $B$ - $A$ -bimodule  $M$  (for the notion of comatrix coring, see [4]). This homomorphism extends  $\Gamma$  in the sense that there is a homomorphism of groups

$$\widehat{(-)} : \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{S\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$$

for which the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Inv}_B(S) & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_0} & \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma) \\ \downarrow \Gamma & \swarrow \widehat{(-)} & \\ \text{Aut}_{S\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S) & & \end{array}$$

commutes. It is then shown in [3] that if (i)  ${}_B M$  is faithfully flat, or (ii)  $M_B^*$  is faithfully flat, or (iii)  ${}_B M_A$  is a separable bimodule, then  $\Gamma_0$  is an isomorphism of groups.

Examining the proofs of the above results, one observes that they are depend on a descent type argument. For example, it is not hard to show that under any of the conditions (i)–(iii), at least one of the extension-of-scalars functors associated to the ring extension  $B \rightarrow S = \text{End}_A(M)$  is comonadic. To see this, first note that by a result of [7], the functor  $-\otimes_B M : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_A$  (respectively  $M^* \otimes_B - : {}_B \text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_A \text{Mod}$ ) is comonadic iff the functor  $-\otimes_B S : {}_B \text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S \text{Mod}$  (respectively  $S \otimes_B - : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S$ ) is so. Next, if  ${}_B M$  (respectively  $M_B^*$ ) is faithfully flat, then the functor  $-\otimes_B M$ , or equivalently, the functor  $-\otimes_B S$  (respectively the functor  $M^* \otimes_B -$ , or equivalently, the functor  $S \otimes_B -$ ) is comonadic by a simple and well-known application of the (dual of the) Beck theorem. Finally, if  ${}_B M_A$  is a separable bimodule, then the ring extension  $i : B \rightarrow S$  splits (see, for example, [8]), i.e.  $B$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as a  $B$ -bimodule, and thus we can apply Corollary 4.2 of [5] to conclude that both  $-\otimes_B S$  and  $S \otimes_B -$  are comonadic. It follows that each of the conditions (i)–(iii) guarantees that (at least) one of the extension-of-scalars functors associated to the ring extension  $B \rightarrow S = \text{End}_A(M)$  is comonadic.

This observation suggests to consider the following question:

*Is it certainly the case that  $\Gamma_0 : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$  is an isomorphism of groups when one of the extension-of-scalars functors associated to the ring extension  $B \rightarrow \text{End}_A(M)$  is comonadic?*

The aim of the present paper is to give a positive answer to this question.

We refer to [1] for terminology and general results on (co)monads, and to [2] for a comprehensive introduction to the theory of corings and comodules.

## 2. Preliminaries

We begin by recalling that a comonad  $\mathbf{G}$  on a given category  $\mathcal{B}$  is an endofunctor  $G : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  equipped with natural transformations  $\epsilon : G \rightarrow 1$  and  $\delta : G \rightarrow G^2$  such that the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\delta} & G^2 \\
 \delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta G \\
 G^2 & \xrightarrow{G\delta} & G^3
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{and} \quad
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \epsilon G & & G \\
 & & \swarrow & & \searrow \\
 G & & G^2 & \xrightarrow{G\epsilon} & G \\
 & & \uparrow \delta & & \swarrow \\
 & & G & & 
 \end{array}$$

are commutative. If  $\mathbf{G} = (G, \delta, \epsilon)$  is a comonad on  $\mathcal{B}$ , then a  $\mathbf{G}$ -coalgebra is a pair  $(b, \theta_b)$  with  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\theta_b : b \rightarrow G(b)$  a morphism in  $\mathcal{B}$  for which  $\epsilon_b \cdot \theta_b = 1$  and  $\delta_b \cdot \theta_b = G(\theta_b) \cdot \theta_b$ . If  $(b, \theta_b)$  and  $(b', \theta_{b'})$  are  $\mathbf{G}$ -coalgebras, then their morphism  $f : (b, \theta_b) \rightarrow (b', \theta_{b'})$  is a morphism  $f : b \rightarrow b'$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  for which  $\theta_{b'} \cdot f = G(f) \cdot \theta_b$ .

The  $\mathbf{G}$ -coalgebras and their morphisms form a category  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$ , the category of  $\mathbf{G}$ -coalgebras (or the Eilenberg–Moore category associated to  $\mathbf{G}$ ). There are functors  $F_{\mathbf{G}} : \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and  $U_{\mathbf{G}} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$ , given on objects by  $F_{\mathbf{G}}(b, \theta_b) = b$  and  $U_{\mathbf{G}}(b) = (G(b), \delta_b)$ . Moreover,  $F_{\mathbf{G}}$  is left adjoint to  $U_{\mathbf{G}}$ .

Recall also that if  $\eta, \epsilon : F \dashv U : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is an adjunction (so that  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a left adjoint of  $U : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  with unit  $\eta : 1 \rightarrow UF$  and counit  $\epsilon : FU \rightarrow 1$ ), then  $\mathbf{G} = (G, \epsilon, \delta)$  is a comonad on  $\mathcal{B}$ , where  $G = FU$ ,  $\epsilon : G = FU \rightarrow 1$  and  $\delta = F\eta U : G = FU \rightarrow FUFU = G^2$ , and one has the comparison functor  $K_{\mathbf{G}}$  in

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathcal{A} & \\
 U \nearrow & & \searrow K_{\mathbf{G}} \\
 \mathcal{B} & \xrightarrow{F_{\mathbf{G}}} & \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}} \\
 \xleftarrow{F} & & \xrightarrow{U_{\mathbf{G}}}
 \end{array}$$

where  $K_{\mathbf{G}}(a) = (F(a), F(\eta_a))$  and  $K_{\mathbf{G}}(f) = F(f)$ . Moreover,  $F_{\mathbf{G}} \cdot K_{\mathbf{G}} \simeq F$  and  $K_{\mathbf{G}} \cdot U \simeq U_{\mathbf{G}}$ . One says that the functor  $F$  is *precomonadic* if  $K_{\mathbf{G}}$  is full and faithful, and it is *comonadic* if  $K_{\mathbf{G}}$  is an equivalence of categories.

**Theorem 2.1.** (Beck, see [1].) *Let  $\eta, \epsilon : F \dashv U : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be an adjunction, and let  $\mathbf{G} = (FU, \epsilon, F\eta U)$  be the corresponding comonad on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then:*

1. *The comparison functor  $K_{\mathbf{G}} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$  has a right adjoint  $R_{\mathbf{G}} : \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  iff for each  $(b, \theta_b) \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$ , the pair of morphisms  $(U(\theta_b), \eta_{U(b)})$  has an equalizer in  $\mathcal{A}$ —one then finds  $R_{\mathbf{G}}(b, \theta_b)$  as the equalizer*

$$R_{\mathbf{G}}(b, \theta_b) \xrightarrow{e_{(b, \theta_b)}} U(b) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{U(\theta_b)} \\ \xrightarrow{\eta_{U(b)}} \end{array} UFU(b). \tag{2.1}$$

2. *Assuming the existence of  $R_{\mathbf{G}}$ ,  $K_{\mathbf{G}}$  is an equivalence of categories (in other words,  $F$  is comonadic) iff the functor  $F$  is conservative (= isomorphism-reflecting) and preserves (or equivalently, preserves and reflects) the equalizer (2.1) for each  $(b, \theta_b) \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$ .*

Let  $i : B \rightarrow S$  be an arbitrary extension of (non-commutative) rings,  $\mathcal{A}$  be the category  ${}_B\text{Mod}$  of left  $B$ -modules,  $\mathcal{B}$  be the category  ${}_S\text{Mod}$  of left  $S$ -modules,

$$F_S = S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$$

and

$$U_S : {}_S\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_B\text{Mod}$$

be the restriction-of-scalars functor. It is well known that  $F_S$  is left adjoint to  $U_S$  and that the unit  $\eta$  of this adjunction is given by

$$\eta_X : X \rightarrow S \otimes_B X, \quad \eta_X(x) = 1 \otimes_B x.$$

It is also well known that the Eilenberg–Moore category  $({}_S\text{Mod})_{\mathbf{G}}$  of  $\mathbf{G}$ -coalgebras,  $\mathbf{G}$  being the comonad on  ${}_S\text{Mod}$  associated to the adjunction  $F_S \dashv U_S$ , is isomorphic to, and thus may be identified with, the category  ${}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod})$  of left comodules over the Sweedler canonical  $B$ -coring  $S \otimes_B S$  corresponding to the ring extension  $i$ . Moreover, module this identification, the comparison functor  $K_{\mathbf{G}} : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow ({}_S\text{Mod})_{\mathbf{G}}$  corresponds to the functor

$$K_S : {}_B\text{Mod} \longrightarrow {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod}), \quad K_S(X) = (S \otimes_B X, \theta_{S \otimes_B X}),$$

where  $\theta_{S \otimes_B X} = S \otimes_B \eta_X$  for all  $X \in {}_B\text{Mod}$ . (Note that a left  $S \otimes_B S$ -comodule is a pair  $(Y, \theta_Y)$  with  $Y \in {}_S\text{Mod}$  and  $\theta_Y : Y \rightarrow S \otimes_B Y$  a left  $A$ -module morphism for which the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\theta_Y} & S \otimes_B Y \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \alpha_Y \\ & & Y \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\theta_Y} & S \otimes_B Y \\ \theta_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow S \otimes_B \eta_Y \\ S \otimes_B Y & \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B \theta_Y} & S \otimes_B S \otimes_B Y, \end{array}$$

where  $\alpha_Y$  denotes the left  $S$ -module structure on  $Y$ , are commutative.) So, to say that the functor  $F_S = S \otimes_B -$  is comonadic is to say that the functor  $K_S$  is an equivalence of categories. Applying Beck’s theorem and using that  ${}_B\text{Mod}$  has all equalizers, we get:

**Theorem 2.2.** *The functor  $F_S = S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$  is comonadic if and only if*

- (i) *the functor  $F_S$  is conservative, or equivalently, the ring extension  $i : B \rightarrow S$  is a pure morphism of right  $B$ -modules;*
- (ii) *for any  $(Y, \theta_Y) \in {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod})$ ,  $F_S$  preserves the equalizer*

$$R_S(Y, \theta_Y) \xrightarrow{e_{(Y, \theta_Y)}} Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\eta_Y} \\ \xrightarrow{\theta_Y} \end{array} S \otimes_B Y, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $R_S : {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod}) \rightarrow {}_B\text{Mod}$  is the right adjoint of the comparison functor  $K_S : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod})$ .

Let  $A$  be a ring and  $\Sigma$  be an  $\mathcal{A}$ -coring. Let us write  $\text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$  (respectively  $\text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$ ) for the monoid (respectively group) of  $A$ -coring endomorphisms (respectively automorphisms) of  $\Sigma$ . Recall that any  $g \in \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$  induces functors:

$$g(-) : {}^\Sigma({}_A\text{Mod}) \rightarrow {}^\Sigma({}_A\text{Mod}),$$

defined by  ${}_g(Y, \theta_Y) = (Y, (g \otimes_A 1) \circ \theta_Y)$ , and

$$(-)_g : (\text{Mod}_A)^\Sigma \rightarrow (\text{Mod}_A)^\Sigma$$

defined by  $(Y', \theta_{Y'})_g = (Y', (1 \otimes_A g) \circ \theta_{Y'})$ .

It is easy to see that the left  $S$ -module  $S$  is a left  $(S \otimes_B S)$ -comodule with left coaction

$${}_S\theta : S \rightarrow S \otimes_B S, \quad s \rightarrow s \otimes_B 1,$$

and that  ${}_g(S, {}_S\theta) = (S, g \circ {}_S\theta)$ . Symmetrically, the right  $S$ -module  $S$  is a right  $S \otimes_B S$ -comodule with the right action

$$\theta_S : S \rightarrow S \otimes_B S, \quad s \rightarrow 1 \otimes_B s,$$

and that  $(S, \theta_S)_g = (S, g \circ \theta_S)$ .

For a given injective homomorphism  $i : B \rightarrow S$  of rings, let

- $I_B(S)$  denote the monoid of all  $B$ -subbimodules of  $S$ , the multiplication being given by

$$IJ = \left\{ \sum_{k \in K} i_k \cdot j_k, I, J \in I_B(S), i_k \in I, j_k \in J, \text{ and } K \text{ is a finite set} \right\};$$

- $I_B^l(S)$  (respectively  $I_B^r(S)$ ) denote the submonoid of  $I_B(S)$  consisting of those  $I \in I_B(S)$  for which the map

$$\mathbf{m}_I^l : S \otimes_B I \rightarrow S, \quad s \otimes_B i \rightarrow si,$$

(respectively  $\mathbf{m}_I^r : I \otimes_B S \rightarrow S, \quad i \otimes_B s \rightarrow is$ )

is an isomorphism;

- $J(g) = \{s \in S \mid g(s \otimes_B 1) = 1 \otimes_B s\}$  for  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  and let  $i_g : J(g) \rightarrow S$  be the inclusion map;
- $J'(g) = \{s \in S \mid s \otimes_B 1 = g(1 \otimes_B s)\}$  for  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  and let  $i'_g : J'(g) \rightarrow S$  be the inclusion map.

It is clear that  $J(g), J'(g) \in I_B(S)$  for all  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ .

The following result is verified directly:

**Proposition 2.3.** For any  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ ,  $R_S(g(S, {}_S\theta)) \simeq J(g)$ .

### 3. Main results

In this section we present our main results.

We begin with

**Proposition 3.1.** *For any  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $J(g) \in I_B^l(S)$ ;
- (ii) the  ${}_g(S, {}_S\theta)$ -component of the counit  $\varepsilon : K_S R_S \rightarrow 1$  of the adjunction  $K_S \dashv R_S$  is an isomorphism;
- (iii) the functor  $S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$  preserves the equalizer

$$J(g) \xrightarrow{i_g} S \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\eta_S} \\ \xrightarrow{g \circ_S \theta} \end{array} S \otimes_B S; \tag{3.1}$$

- (iv) the morphism  $S \otimes_B i_g : S \otimes_B J(g) \rightarrow S \otimes_B S$  is a monomorphism.

**Proof.** We know by the general theory of (co)monads (see, for example, [1]) that, for any  $(Y, \theta_Y) \in {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod})$ , the diagram

$$Y \xrightarrow{\theta_Y} S \otimes_B Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B \theta_Y} \\ \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B \eta_Y} \end{array} S \otimes_B S \otimes_B Y$$

is an equalizer and that the  $(Y, \theta_Y)$ -component  $\varepsilon_{(Y, \theta_Y)}$  of  $\varepsilon$  appears as the unique factorization of the morphism  $S \otimes_B e_{(Y, \theta_Y)}$  through the morphism  $\theta_Y$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \otimes_B R_S(Y, \theta_Y) & & \\ \varepsilon_{(Y, \theta_Y)} \downarrow \text{dotted} & \searrow^{S \otimes_B e_{(Y, \theta_Y)}} & \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\theta_Y} & S \otimes_B Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B \theta_Y} \\ \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B \eta_Y} \end{array} S \otimes_B S \otimes_B Y. \end{array} \tag{3.2}$$

Since  $\alpha_Y \cdot \theta_Y = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{(Y, \theta_Y)} = \alpha_Y \cdot (S \otimes_B e_{(Y, \theta_Y)})$ . In particular, when  $(Y, \theta_Y) = {}_g(S, {}_S\theta)$  we get that  $\varepsilon_g(S, {}_S\theta) = \mathbf{m}_{J(g)}^l$ . So (i) and (ii) are equivalent.

Since the row of the diagram (3.2) is an equalizer, it follows that the morphism  $S \otimes_B e_{(Y, \theta_Y)}$  is an equalizer of the pair of morphisms  $(S \otimes_B \theta_Y, S \otimes_B \eta_Y)$  iff  $\varepsilon_{(Y, \theta_Y)}$  is an isomorphism. In other words, the functor  $S \otimes_B -$  preserves the equalizer (2.2) iff  $\varepsilon_{(Y, \theta_Y)}$  is an isomorphism. As a special case we then have that (ii) is equivalent to (iii).

Finally, since the category  ${}_B\text{Mod}$  is abelian (and hence coexact in the sense of Barr [1]), and since  $i_g$  is the equalizer of the  $(S \otimes_B -)$ -split pair of morphisms  $(s_\theta, \eta_S)$ , it follows from the proof of Duskin’s theorem (see, for example, [1]) that the functor  $S \otimes_B -$  preserves the equalizer (3.1) iff the morphism  $S \otimes_B i_g$  is a monomorphism. So (iii) and (iv) are also equivalent. This completes the proof.  $\square$

It is shown in [3] that assigning to each  $I \in I_B^l(S)$  (respectively  $I \in I_B^r(S)$ ) the composite  $\Gamma(I) = (1 \otimes_B \mathbf{m}_I^r) \circ ((\mathbf{m}_I^l)^{-1} \otimes_B 1)$  (respectively  $\Gamma'(I) = (\mathbf{m}_I^l \otimes_B 1) \circ (1 \otimes_B (\mathbf{m}_I^r)^{-1})$ ) yields an (anti-)homomorphism of monoids  $\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  (respectively  $\Gamma' : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ ).

We shall need the following easy consequence of Lemma 2.7 of [6]:

**Proposition 3.2.** *Assume that  $i : B \rightarrow S$  is such that any embedding  $I \hookrightarrow J$  of  $B$ -subbimodules of  $S$  is an isomorphism whenever its image under the functor  $S \otimes_B -$  is such. Then  $\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of monoids whose inverse is the map  $g \rightarrow J(g)$ , provided that  $J(g) \in I_B^l(S)$  for all  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ .*

Putting Propositions 3.1 and 3.2 together, we get:

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $i : B \rightarrow S$  be as in Proposition 3.2. Then  $\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of monoids if and only if, for any  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ , the equivalent conditions of Proposition 3.1 hold.*

**Proposition 3.4.** *If the functor  $S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$  is comonadic, then  $J(g) \in I_B^l(S)$  for all  $g \in \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$ .*

**Proof.** Consider the left  $(S \otimes_B S)$ -comodule  $(S, {}_S\theta)$ . According to Proposition 2.3 and Theorem 2.1, the pair  $(J(g), i_g : J(g) \rightarrow S)$  appears as the equalizer

$$J(g) \xrightarrow{i_g} S \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\eta_S} \\ \xrightarrow{g \circ {}_S\theta} \end{array} S \otimes_B S,$$

and since the functor  $S \otimes_B -$  is assumed to be comonadic, it preserves the equalizer (2.2) for all  $(Y, \theta_Y) \in {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod})$  and in particular considering  $(S, {}_S\theta) \in {}^{S \otimes_B S}({}_S\text{Mod})$ , we see that

$$S \otimes_B J(g) \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B i_g} S \otimes_B S \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B \eta_S} \\ \xrightarrow{S \otimes_B (g \circ {}_S\theta)} \end{array} S \otimes_B S \otimes_B S$$

is an equalizer diagram. It now follows from Proposition 3.1 that  $J(g) \in I_B^l(S)$ .  $\square$

Recalling that any comonadic functor is conservative, and putting Theorem 3.3 and Proposition 3.4 together, we obtain:

**Theorem 3.5.** *If the functor  $S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$  is comonadic, then  $\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of monoids.*

There is of course a dual result.

**Theorem 3.6.** *If the functor  $- \otimes_B S : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S$  is comonadic, then  $\Gamma' : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an anti-isomorphism of monoids.*

It is known (see [6]) that the monoid morphism

$$\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$$

restricts to a group morphism

$$\text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S),$$

which is still denoted by  $\Gamma$ . Similarly, the monoid anti-morphism

$$\Gamma' : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$$

is restricted to the group anti-morphism

$$\text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S),$$

which is called  $\Gamma'$ , too.

**Theorem 3.7.** *If either*

- (i) *the functor  $S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$ , or*
- (ii) *the functor  $- \otimes_B S : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S$*

*is comonadic, then  $\Gamma : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of groups.*

**Proof.** The same argument as in [3] shows that if either  $\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of monoids, or  $\Gamma' : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an anti-isomorphism of monoids, then the group homomorphism  $\Gamma$  is an isomorphism. Theorems 3.5 and 3.6 now complete the proof.  $\square$

As a special case of this theorem, we obtain the following result of Masuoka (see [6]):

**Theorem 3.8.** *If either*

- (i)  *${}_B S$  is faithfully flat, or*
- (ii)  *$B$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as a  $B$ -bimodule,*

*then  $\Gamma : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of monoids.*

**Proof.** In both cases, the functor  $S \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$  is comonadic, as we have seen already in the introduction.  $\square$

Dually we have:

**Theorem 3.9.** *If either*

- (i)  *$S_B$  is faithfully flat, or*



(ii)  $B$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as a  $B$ -bimodule,

then  $\Gamma' : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an anti-isomorphism of monoids.

**Theorem 3.10.**

- (i)  ${}_B S$  or  $S_B$  is faithfully flat, or
- (ii)  $B$  is a direct summand of  $S$  as a  $B$ -bimodule,

then  $\Gamma : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S)$  is an isomorphism of groups.

**Proof.** The argument here is the same as in the proof of Theorem 3.7.  $\square$

We now consider the following situation: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be rings,  $M$  a  $(B, A)$ -bimodule with  $M_A$  finitely generated and projective,  $S = \text{End}_A(M)$  the ring of right  $A$ -endomorphisms of  $M_A$ , and  $\Sigma = M^* \otimes_B M$  the comatrix  $A$ -coring corresponding to  ${}_B M_A$ . When  ${}_B M_A$  is faithful, in the sense that the canonical morphism

$$i : B \rightarrow S, \quad s \rightarrow [m \rightarrow sm]$$

is injective, one has a map

$$\Gamma_0 : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

of sets defining  $\Gamma_0^l(I), I \in I_B^l(S)$ , to be the endomorphism

$$m^* \otimes_B m \rightarrow \sum_i m^* x_i \otimes_B y_i m,$$

where  $(\mathbf{m}_I^l)^{-1}(1) = \sum_i x_i \otimes_B y_i \in I_B^l(S)$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Suppose that  ${}_B M_A$  is such that the functor

$$S \otimes_B - : {}_B \text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S \text{Mod}$$

is comonadic. Then the map

$$\Gamma_0 : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

is in fact an isomorphism of monoids.

**Proof.** First of all, the morphism  $i : B \rightarrow S$  is injective (or equivalently, the bimodule  ${}_B M_A$  is faithful), since the functor  $S \otimes_B -$  is assumed to be comonadic. Next, it is proved in [3] that the assignment

$$g \rightarrow \hat{g} = (\xi \otimes_B \xi) \circ (M \otimes_A g \otimes_A M^*) \circ (\xi^{-1} \otimes_B \xi^{-1}),$$

where  $\xi : M \otimes_A M^* \rightarrow S = \text{End}_A(M)$  is the canonical isomorphism, yields an injective morphism of monoids

$$\widehat{(-)} : \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S).$$

And the same argument as in the proof of Proposition 2.6 of [3] shows that the following diagram of sets

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_B^l(S) & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_0} & \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma) \\ \downarrow \Gamma & \swarrow \widehat{(-)} & \\ \text{End}_{B\text{-cor}}(S \otimes_B S) & & \end{array}$$

is commutative. Now, since the functor  $S \otimes_B -$  is assumed to be comonadic, it follows from Theorem 3.5 that  $\Gamma$  is an isomorphism of monoids and hence the monoid morphism  $\widehat{(-)}$ , being injective, is also an isomorphism. Commutativity of the diagram then gives that  $\Gamma_0$  is an isomorphism of monoids.  $\square$

Dually, one can define a map

$$\Gamma'_0 : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

that sends  $I \in I_B^r(S)$  to the endomorphism

$$m^* \otimes_B m \rightarrow \sum_i m^* y_i \otimes_B x_i m$$

of the  $A$ -coring  $\text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$ , where  $(\mathbf{m}'_I)^{-1}(1) = \sum_i y_i \otimes_b x_i \in I \otimes_B S$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** *Suppose that  ${}_B M_A$  is such that the functor*

$$- \otimes_B S : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S$$

*is comonadic. Then*

$$\Gamma'_0 : I_B^r(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

*is an anti-isomorphism of monoids.*

It is not hard to check that the map

$$\Gamma_0 : I_B^l(S) \rightarrow \text{End}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

of sets restricts to a map

$$\text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

which we still call  $\Gamma_0$ . As in [3], it follows from Theorems 3.11 and 3.12 that

**Theorem 3.13.** *If either*

- (i) *the functor  $S \otimes_B -$ , or*
- (ii) *the functor  $- \otimes_B S$*

*is comonadic, then the map*

$$\Gamma_0 : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

*is actually an isomorphism of groups.*

It is shown in [7] that the functor  $- \otimes_B M : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_A$  (respectively  $M^* \otimes_B - : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_A\text{Mod}$ ) is comonadic iff the functor  $- \otimes_B S : {}_B\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$  (respectively  $S \otimes_B - : \text{Mod}_B \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S$ ) is. So we have:

**Theorem 3.14.** *If either*

- (i) *the functor  $- \otimes_B M$ , or*
- (ii) *the functor  $M^* \otimes_B -$*

*is comonadic, then the map*

$$\Gamma_0 : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

*is an isomorphism of groups.*

From the last theorem one obtains the following result of L. El Kaoutit and J. Gómez-Torrecillas (see Theorem 2.5 in [3]):

**Theorem 3.15.** *If*

- (i)  *${}_B M$  is faithfully flat, or*
- (ii)  *$M_B^*$  is faithfully flat, or*
- (iii)  *${}_B M_A$  is a separable bimodule,*

*then*

$$\Gamma_0 : \text{Inv}_B(S) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{A\text{-cor}}(\Sigma)$$

*is an isomorphism of groups.*

**Proof.** We have seen in the introduction that under any of the conditions (i)–(iii), at least one of the extension-of-scalars functor associated to the ring extension  $B \rightarrow S = \text{End}_A(M)$  is comonadic, and applying Theorem 3.13 gives the desired result.  $\square$

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