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ABSTRACT OF THE DISSERTATION

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We define a family of categories  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  related to the category  $\mathcal{FI}$  of finite sets and injective functions. We show that the  $k$ -linearizations of these categories are Koszul, where  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0, using the language of directed graded  $k$ -linear categories. We also describe their quadratic dual categories in special cases.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Motivation.

Before we introduce examples of the categories under consideration, we need to introduce some notation from [SS].

Let

$$GL = GL(\infty) = \lim_{\rightarrow} GL(n) = \coprod_{n \geq 1} GL(n) / \sim$$

be the direct limit of the groups  $GL(n)$  of invertible  $n \times n$  invertible matrices under upper left corner inclusion. Let  $V = \mathbb{C}^\infty$  be a countable dimensional complex vector space. Then  $GL$  acts on  $V$  by left multiplication. Let  $GA = GA(\infty)$  be the subgroup of  $GL$  stabilizing a nonzero linear map  $t : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which annihilates all but finitely many basis vectors. Let  $O = O(\infty)$  be the subgroup of  $GL$  stabilizing a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form  $\omega : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $e_i$  is orthogonal to all but finitely many  $e_j$ . Given a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , let  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}^f$  be the category of functors of finite length from  $\mathcal{C}$  to the category of complex vector spaces.

**Example 1.1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{FI}$  be the category of finite sets and injective functions. S. Sam and A. Snowden call this the “upwards subset” category and denote it by (us); the opposite category is called (ds) for “downwards subset”. They define a category  $\text{Rep}^{\text{pol}}(GA)$  of polynomial representations of  $GA$ , i.e. those appearing as a subquotient of a finite direct sum of various tensor powers of  $V$ . They describe a functor  $K : (\text{ds}) \rightarrow \text{Rep}^{\text{pol}}(GA)$ , which gives rise to an equivalence of categories  $\text{Mod}_{(\text{us})}^f \rightarrow \text{Rep}^{\text{pol}}(GA)$  [SS, Corollary 5.2.4].

**Example 1.1.2.** Let  $\mathcal{FLM}$  be the category of finite sets and injective functions that are equipped with a perfect matching on the complement of the image. S. Sam and A. Snowden call this the “upwards Brauer” category and denote it by (ub); the opposite category is called (db) for “downwards Brauer”. They define a category  $\text{Rep}(O)$  of algebraic representations of  $O$ , i.e. those appearing as a subquotient of a finite direct sum of various tensor powers of  $V$ . They describe a functor  $K : (\text{db}) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(O)$ , which gives rise to an equivalence of categories  $\text{Mod}_{(\text{ub})}^f \rightarrow \text{Rep}(O)$  [SS, Corollary 4.2.7].

**Example 1.1.3.** Let  $\mathcal{FIM}_w$  be the category whose objects are pairs of finite sets and whose morphisms are injective functions that are equipped with a perfect bipartite matching on the complement of the image. S. Sam and A. Snowden call this the “upwards walled Brauer” category and denote it by (uwb); the opposite category is called (dwb) for “downwards walled Brauer”. They define a category  $\text{Rep}(GL)$  of algebraic representations of  $GL$ , i.e. those appearing as a subquotient of a finite direct sum of various tensor powers of  $V$  and its restricted dual  $V_*$ . They describe a functor  $K : (\text{dwb}) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(GL)$ , which gives rise to an equivalence of categories  $\text{Mod}_{(\text{uwb})}^f \rightarrow \text{Rep}(GL)$  [SS, Corollary 3.2.12].

**Example 1.1.4.** Let  $\mathcal{FIM}'_w$  be the category whose objects are pairs of finite sets and whose morphisms are injective functions that are equipped with a perfect bipartite matching on the complement of the image, such that each element of the domain and of the matching is either “marked” or “unmarked”. The opposite category  $(\mathcal{FIM}'_w)^{op}$  is used by D. Grantcharov and V. Serganova to diagrammatically describe  $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{q}(\infty)}(T^{p,q}, T^{r,s})$  [GS, Section 5], where  $\mathfrak{q}(\infty)$  is a certain Lie superalgebra of linear operators in  $\text{End}(V) \oplus \text{End}(W)$ , with  $V$  and  $W$  being countable dimensional complex super vector spaces equipped with a certain bilinear form  $W \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , and  $T^{m,n} = V^{\otimes m} \otimes W^{\otimes n}$ .

Thus, each of these four “diagram” categories are used to describe morphisms between tensor powers of certain countable dimensional representations of  $GA$ ,  $O$ ,  $GL$ , and  $\mathfrak{q}(\infty)$ , over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

E. Dan-Cohen, I. Penkov, and V. Serganova proved that the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{FIM}$  is Koszul using the language of tensor representations of the infinite dimensional orthogonal Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{o}(\infty)$  [DPS, Theorem 5.5].

W. L. Gan and L. Li proved that the  $k$ -linearizations of  $\mathcal{FI}$  and several other related categories are Koszul, when  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0 [GL, Corollary 5.12]. They use the framework of Koszul theory for directed graded  $k$ -linear categories, which we will utilize to establish our results here.

In this paper, we shall define a 3-parameter family of categories  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$ , which include the above four categories as special cases. We give a direct proof that the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  is Koszul when  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0. We also describe the quadratic dual category of the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  under a certain restriction on the parameter  $t$ .



## 1.2. Notation and conventions.

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of positive integers, and  $\mathbb{N}_0$  be the set of non-negative integers. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , let  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ; in particular,  $[0] = \emptyset$ . We use  $\amalg$  to denote the disjoint union of sets, and  $\sqcup$  to indicate the union of sets that happen to be disjoint. We write  $\subset$  to signify  $\subsetneq$ . For us,  $k$  will always denote a field. For any  $k$ -vector space  $V$ , we write  $V^*$  for its dual space  $\text{Hom}_k(V, k)$ . For any finite set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$ , we write  $kS$  for the  $m$ -dimensional  $k$ -vector space with basis  $S$  (if  $S = \{s\}$  has only one element, we will write  $ks$  instead of  $k\{s\}$ ). Also, we denote by  $\det(S)$  the 1 dimensional  $k$ -vector space  $\bigwedge^m kS$ ; in particular,  $\det(\emptyset) = k$ . We denote by  $k\text{-Mod}$  the category of  $k$ -vector spaces, and by  $k\text{-gMod}$  the category of  $\mathbb{N}_0$ -graded  $k$ -vector spaces whose morphisms are homogeneous of some fixed degree. By a category  $\mathcal{C}$  we mean a small category. We write  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  to mean  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ . Given  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , we write  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  for the set of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ . The composite of two morphisms  $f \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  and  $g \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$  is written as  $gf \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$ . We denote by  $1_X$  the identity morphism of  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### 2.1. Directed graded $k$ -linear categories.

Given a category  $\mathcal{C}$  and a field  $k$ , the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$  is the category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  having  $\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}}) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = k\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . A  $k$ -linear category is a category  $\mathcal{C}$  enriched over  $k\text{-Mod}$ . Thus, the  $k$ -linearization  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  of a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $k$ -linear category. We shall denote  $k$ -linear categories by  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  rather than  $\mathcal{C}$ . A *graded  $k$ -linear category* is a category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  enriched over  $k\text{-gMod}$ . In particular,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$  for any  $X, Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . We shall refer to  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$  as a morphism of degree  $i$ . By letting  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_i = \bigoplus_{X, Y \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$  for each  $i \geq 0$ , we get a graded  $k$ -algebra  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i$  whose multiplication is given by composition of morphisms. A  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is *directed* if there is a partial order  $\leq$  on  $\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  such that whenever  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \neq 0$ , we have  $X \leq Y$ . A full subcategory  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}$  of a directed  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is *convex* if for any  $X, Y, Z \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  satisfying  $X \leq Y \leq Z$ , we have  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{D}}$  whenever  $X, Z \in \underline{\mathcal{D}}$ . The *convex hull* of a given set  $S \subseteq \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  is the smallest convex full subcategory of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  containing  $S$ .

**Definition 2.1.1.** We say that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a *directed graded  $k$ -linear category* if  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a graded  $k$ -linear category that is directed, and which satisfies the following additional conditions:

- (A1)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  is finite dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space for every  $X, Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ ;
- (A2)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  is semisimple as a  $k$ -algebra for every  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ ;
- (A3) if  $X \neq Y$ , then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_0 = 0$ ;
- (A4) for every  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $i > 0$ , we have  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_i = 0$ ;
- (A5) for each  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , there are only finitely many  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 \neq 0$  or  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)_1 \neq 0$ ;
- (A6)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_{i+1}$  for every  $i \geq 0$ ;
- (A7) the convex hull of any finite set  $S \subseteq \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  contains only finitely many objects.

**Note 2.1.2.** By conditions (A3) and (A4), a directed graded  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is skeletal. To see this, let  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  be an isomorphism. Then there exists  $f^{-1} \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)$  such that  $f^{-1}f = 1_X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0$ . Since morphisms in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  are graded, this forces  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_0$ . Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_0 \neq 0$  implies  $X = Y$ .

## 2.2. Graded $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules.

Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be a  $k$ -linear category. A (*left*)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -*module* is a (covariant)  $k$ -linear functor  $M : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-Mod}$ . By  $k$ -linear we mean that  $M(cf + g) = cM(f) + M(g)$  for all  $f, g \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  and  $c \in k$ . Given  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules  $M, N$ , a  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -*module homomorphism*  $T : M \rightarrow N$  is a natural transformation of functors. We denote by  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-Mod}$  the category of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules.

**Note 2.2.1.** A *right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module* is a contravariant  $k$ -linear functor  $M : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-Mod}$ . It is understood that all definitions and results stated for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules are to hold analogously for right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules.

Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be a graded  $k$ -linear category. A *graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module* is a degree-preserving  $k$ -linear functor  $M : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$ . In particular,  $M(X) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M(X)_i$  for any  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . By degree-preserving we mean that if  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_j$  is a morphism of degree  $j$ , then  $M(f)(M(X)_i) \subseteq M(Y)_{i+j}$  for all  $i \geq 0$ ; i.e.  $M(f) : \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M(X)_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M(Y)_i$  is homogeneous of degree  $j$ . Given graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules  $M, N$ , a *graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphism*  $T : M \rightarrow N$  is a degree-preserving natural transformation of functors. By degree-preserving we mean that  $T_X(M(X)_i) \subseteq N(X)_i$  for all  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $i \geq 0$ ; i.e.  $T_X : \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M(X)_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} N(X)_i$  is homogeneous of degree 0. Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-gMod}$  be the category of graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules.

**Example 2.2.2.** Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be a directed graded  $k$ -linear category, and  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

(a) The (covariant) Hom functor  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -) : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$  is a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module. The right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module version of this is the contravariant Hom functor  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, X) : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$ .

(b)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$  is a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module in the following way. We define  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  on objects  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  by

$$Y \mapsto \begin{cases} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & \text{if } Y = X \\ 0 & \text{if } Y \neq X, \end{cases}$$

and on morphisms  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)$  by  $f \mapsto \{g \mapsto fg\}$ . The right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module version of this is defined the same way on objects and on morphisms  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)$  by  $f \mapsto \{g \mapsto gf\}$ .

**Note 2.2.3.** The categories  $k\text{-Mod}$  and  $k\text{-gMod}$  are abelian, hence so are  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-Mod}$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-gMod}$ . When a statement is made about a (graded)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphism  $T : M \rightarrow N$ , we mean that statement is true for all of its components  $T_X : M(X) \rightarrow N(X)$ . For example, by saying that  $T : M \rightarrow N$  is injective (resp. surjective) we mean that  $T_X : M(X) \rightarrow N(X)$  is injective (resp. surjective) for every object  $X$ . Also, by saying that a sequence of (graded)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphisms  $L \xrightarrow{S} M \xrightarrow{T} N$  is exact at  $M$  we mean that  $\text{im}(S_X) = \ker(T_X)$  for every object  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.2.4.** Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be a directed graded  $k$ -linear category, and  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . Then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -)$  is a projective object in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-gMod}$ .

*Proof.* Consider a diagram of graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules with bottom row exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -) & & \\ & & \downarrow T & & \\ M & \xrightarrow{S} & N & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Evaluation at  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  gives a diagram of graded  $k$ -vector spaces with bottom row exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & & \\ & & \downarrow T_X & & \\ M(X) & \xrightarrow{S_X} & N(X) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Take the identity morphism  $1_X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0$  and apply  $T_X$  to get  $T_X(1_X) \in N(X)_0$ . Since  $S_X$  is surjective, there exists  $m_X = \sum_{i \geq 0} m_{X,i} \in \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M(X)_i = M(X)$  such that  $S_X(m_X) = \sum_{i \geq 0} S_X(m_{X,i}) = T_X(1_X)$ . Because  $S_X$  is degree-preserving, we must have  $S_X(m_{X,i}) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ , so  $S_X(m_{X,0}) = T_X(1_X)$ . Define  $R : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -) \rightarrow M$  as follows: for any  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , let  $R_Y : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \rightarrow M(Y)$  be given by  $R_Y(f) = M(f)(m_{X,0})$ . If  $g \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)$ , then we get a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) & \xrightarrow{R_Y} & M(Y) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z) & \xrightarrow{R_Z} & M(Z) \end{array}$$

since  $f \mapsto M(f)(m_{X,0}) \mapsto M(g)M(f)(m_{X,0})$  around the top right corner and  $f \mapsto gf \mapsto M(gf)(m_{X,0})$  around the bottom left corner. Thus,  $R$  is a natural transformation. If  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$ , then  $M(f)$  is homogeneous of degree  $i$ , so  $R_Y(f) = M(f)(m_{X,0}) \in M(Y)_i$ . Hence,  $R_Y(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i) \subseteq M(Y)_i$  and so  $R$  is degree-preserving. Therefore,  $R$  is a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphism.

Now we check that  $S_Y R_Y = T_Y$  for any  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . Let  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$ . Then the naturality of  $S$  and  $T$  yield commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M(X) & \xrightarrow{S_X} & N(X) \\
 \downarrow M(f) & & \downarrow N(f) \\
 M(Y) & \xrightarrow{S_Y} & N(Y)
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & \xrightarrow{T_X} & N(X) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow N(f) \\
 \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) & \xrightarrow{T_Y} & N(Y)
 \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$S_Y R_Y(f) = S_Y(M(f)(m_{X,0})) = N(f)(S_X(m_{X,0})) = N(f)(T_X(1_X)) = T_Y(f1_X) = T_Y(f).$$

It follows that  $SR = T$  and so  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -)$  is projective as a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.5.**

(a) If  $V$  is a 1-dimensional  $k$ -vector space, then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -) \otimes_k V$  is a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module isomorphic to  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, -)$  as a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module.

(b) A direct sum of projective graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules is a projective graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module.

Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be a directed graded  $k$ -linear category. Given a  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module  $M$ , a  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -submodule of  $M$  is a  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module  $N : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-Mod}$  satisfying  $N(X) \subseteq M(X)$  for all  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $N(f) = M(f)|_{N(X)}$  for all  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$ . Also, we say that  $M$  contains a set  $S$  if  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} M(X)$ . A graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module  $M$  is generated in degree  $i \geq 0$  if the only  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -submodule of  $M$  containing  $\bigcup_{X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} M(X)_i$  is  $M$  itself.

**Definition 2.2.6.** A graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module  $M$  is *Koszul* if it has a linear projective resolution

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_i \rightarrow P_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-gMod}$ . By linear we mean that each  $P_i$  is generated in degree  $i$ . The category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is *Koszul* if for every  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , the graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  is Koszul.

### 3. THE CATEGORY $\mathcal{FIT}_{t,A}^n$

#### 3.1. Partition types.

Let  $\mathcal{FI}$  be the category of finite sets and injective functions. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\mathcal{FI}^n$  be the  $n$ -fold product category  $\mathcal{FI} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{FI}$ . Then an arbitrary object  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  is of the form  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  for some finite sets  $X_i \in \mathcal{FI}$ . If  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{FI}^n$ , then by  $x \in X$  we mean  $x \in X_i$  for some  $i$ . By a *partition*  $P_X$  of an object  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{FI}^n$ , we mean a partition of  $X_1 \amalg \cdots \amalg X_n$ . We allow  $P_\emptyset = \emptyset$  to be a partition of  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{FI}^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all partitions of every  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$ . By a *property*  $t$  on  $\mathcal{P}$  we mean a map  $t$  from  $\mathcal{P}$  to a 2-element set {yes, no}. We say that a partition  $P_X$  of  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  has *property*  $t$  if  $t(P_X) = \text{yes}$ ; otherwise we say  $P_X$  does not have property  $t$ .

**Definition 3.1.1.** We say that a property  $t$  is a *partition type* if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (P0)  $P_\emptyset$  has property  $t$ ;
- (P1) if  $P_X$  has property  $t$  and  $f \in \mathcal{FI}^n(X, Y)$ , then  $f(P_X)$  has property  $t$ ;
- (P2) if  $V, W$  are disjoint subsets of  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  and  $P_V, P_W$  have property  $t$ , then  $P_V \sqcup P_W$  has property  $t$ ;
- (P3) if  $P_X$  has property  $t$  and  $S \in P_X$ , then  $P_X \setminus \{S\}$  has property  $t$ ;
- (P4) there exists  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $P_X$  has property  $t$ , then  $|S| \leq M$  for all  $S \in P_X$ .

If  $t$  is a partition type and  $P_X$  is a partition of  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  which has property  $t$ , then we say that  $P_X$  is a *partition of type*  $t$ .

#### Example 3.1.2.

(a) Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define property  $m$  by declaring that  $m(P_X) = \text{yes}$  for partitions  $P_X$  of  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  satisfying  $|S| = m$  for all  $S \in P_X$ ;  $m(P_X) = \text{no}$  otherwise. Then  $m$  is a partition type.

(b) Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define property  $\leq m$  by requiring that  $\leq m(P_X) = \text{yes}$  for partitions  $P_X$  of  $X \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  satisfying  $|S| \leq m$  for all  $S \in P_X$ ;  $\leq m(P_X) = \text{no}$  otherwise. Then  $\leq m$  is a partition type.

(c) Define property  $n^*$  by declaring that  $n^*(P_X) = \text{yes}$  for partitions  $P_X$  of  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{FI}^n$  satisfying  $|S \cap X_i| = 1$  for all  $S \in P_X$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ;  $n^*(P_X) = \text{no}$  otherwise. Then  $n^*$  is a partition type. Note that if  $P_X$  is a partition of type  $n^*$ , then  $|S| = n$  for all  $S \in P_X$ .

(d) Let  $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Define property  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  by requiring that  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)(P_X) = \text{yes}$  for partitions  $P_X$  of  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{FT}^n$  satisfying  $|S \cap X_i| = m_i$  for all  $S \in P_X$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ;  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)(P_X) = \text{no}$  otherwise. Then  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  is a partition type.

### 3.2. The category $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  be a partition type, and  $A$  be an abelian group. We define a category  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  having the same objects as  $\mathcal{FT}^n$ , and morphisms defined by the following data: if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$ , then a morphism  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  consists of a morphism  $f \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, Y)$ , a partition  $P_f$  of  $Y \setminus f(X) \in \mathcal{FT}^n$  of type  $t$ , and a function  $\alpha_f : X \amalg P_f \rightarrow A$ . If all 3 of these items do not exist for a certain  $X, Y \in \mathcal{FT}^n$ , then  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n(X, Y) = \emptyset$ . The composite of two morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) : Y \rightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  is given by the morphism  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (gf, P_{gf}, \alpha_{gf}) : X \rightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$ , where  $gf$  is the composite of  $f$  followed by  $g$  in  $\mathcal{FT}^n$ ,  $P_{gf}$  is the partition  $g(P_f) \sqcup P_g$  of  $Z \setminus gf(X) \in \mathcal{FT}^n$  of type  $t$ , and  $\alpha_{gf} : X \amalg P_{gf} \rightarrow A$  is the function defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{gf}(x) &= \alpha_f(x) + \alpha_g(f(x)) \text{ for } x \in X, \\ \alpha_{gf}(g(S)) &= \alpha_f(S) + \sum_{y \in S} \alpha_g(y) \text{ for } S \in P_f, \\ \alpha_{gf}(T) &= \alpha_g(T) \text{ for } T \in P_g. \end{aligned}$$

To show that composition in  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  is associative, let  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) : W \rightarrow X$ ,  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) : X \rightarrow Y$ , and  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h) : Y \rightarrow Z$  be morphisms in  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$ . Then  $h(gf) = (hg)f$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{h(gf)} &= h(P_{gf}) \sqcup P_h \\ &= h(g(P_f) \sqcup P_g) \sqcup P_h \\ &= hg(P_f) \sqcup h(P_g) \sqcup P_h \\ &= hg(P_f) \sqcup P_{hg} \\ &= P_{(hg)f}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{h(gf)}(w) &= \alpha_{gf}(w) + \alpha_h(gf(w)) \\
&= \alpha_f(w) + \alpha_g(f(w)) + \alpha_h(gf(w)) \\
&= \alpha_f(w) + \alpha_{hg}(f(w)) \\
&= \alpha_{(hg)f}(w) \text{ for } w \in W,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{h(gf)}(h(g(R))) &= \alpha_{gf}(g(R)) + \sum_{y \in g(R)} \alpha_h(y) \\
&= \alpha_f(R) + \sum_{x \in R} \alpha_g(x) + \sum_{y \in g(R)} \alpha_h(y) \\
&= \alpha_f(R) + \sum_{x \in R} (\alpha_g(x) + \alpha_h(g(x))) \\
&= \alpha_f(R) + \sum_{x \in R} \alpha_{hg}(x) \\
&= \alpha_{(hg)f}((hg)(R)) \text{ for } R \in P_f,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{h(gf)}(h(S)) &= \alpha_{gf}(S) + \sum_{y \in S} \alpha_h(y) \\
&= \alpha_g(S) + \sum_{y \in S} \alpha_h(y) \\
&= \alpha_{hg}(h(S)) \\
&= \alpha_{(hg)f}(h(S)) \text{ for } S \in P_g,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{h(gf)}(T) &= \alpha_h(T) \\
&= \alpha_{hg}(T) \\
&= \alpha_{(hg)f}(T) \text{ for } T \in P_h.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(h(gf), P_{h(gf)}, \alpha_{h(gf)}) = ((hg)f, P_{(hg)f}, \alpha_{(hg)f})$ . The identity morphism of  $X \in \mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  is  $(1_X, \emptyset, 0) : X \rightarrow X$ , where  $0 : X \rightarrow A$  is the zero map.



**Example 3.2.1.**

(a) If  $n = 1$ ,  $t$  is partition type 1, and  $A$  is the trivial abelian group  $0$ , then  $\mathcal{FI}_{1,0}^1$  is the category  $\mathcal{FI}$  from Example 1.1.1.

(b) If  $n = 1$ ,  $t$  is partition type 2, and  $A$  is the trivial abelian group  $0$ ,  $\mathcal{FIL}_{2,0}^1$  is the category  $\mathcal{FILM}$  from Example 1.1.2.

(c) If  $n = 2$ ,  $t$  is partition type  $2^*$ , and  $A$  is the trivial abelian group  $0$ , then  $\mathcal{FIL}_{2^*,0}^1$  is the category  $\mathcal{FILM}_w$  from Example 1.1.3.

(d) If  $n = 2$ ,  $t$  is partition type  $2^*$ , and  $A$  is the abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\mathcal{FIL}_{2^*,\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^1$  is the category  $\mathcal{FILM}'_w$  from Example 1.1.4.

Thus, the family of categories  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  unify the four categories from the Introduction in a general setup.

**Remark 3.2.2.** If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  is a partition type, and  $A$  is an abelian group, then the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  on objects of the form  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$  for  $x_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), is skeletal, and hence equivalent to  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  be a partition type, and  $A$  be a finite abelian group. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the skeletal subcategory of  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  on objects of the form  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$  for  $x_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$ . Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0, and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.3.**  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.

*Proof.* For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 0$ , define the degree  $i$  component of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  to be

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i = \bigoplus_{\substack{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \\ |P_f| = i}} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f).$$

Then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$  is a graded  $k$ -vector space. So  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$  is a morphism of degree  $i$  if and only if  $|P_f| = i$ . For any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , the composition map  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z) \otimes_k \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)$  preserves the grading, and hence is a morphism in  $k\text{-gMod}$ . It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a graded  $k$ -linear category. The objects of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  are partially ordered by inclusion  $\subseteq$ , such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \neq 0$  implies  $X \subseteq Y$ . So  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed  $k$ -linear category.

We now check that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  meets additional conditions (A1)-(A7).

(A1) For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  is a finite set, so  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  is a finite dimensional  $k$ -vector space.

(A2) For any  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n]) \in \mathcal{C}$ , a morphism  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$  consists of a bijection  $f \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, X)$  and a function  $\alpha_f : X \rightarrow A$ , because  $P_f = \emptyset$ . Note that  $f \in S_{x_1} \times \dots \times S_{x_n}$ , where  $S_{x_i}$  is the symmetric group on  $[x_i]$ , and  $\alpha_f \in A^X$ , where  $A^X$  is the group of all functions from  $X$  to  $A$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{C}(X, X)$  is the finite group  $S_{x_1} \times \dots \times S_{x_n} \times A^X$ . Since  $\text{char } k = 0$ , the group algebra  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  is semisimple, by Maschke's theorem.

(A3) Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . If  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_0$  is a basis element, then  $P_f = \emptyset$ , which forces  $X = Y$ . So if  $X \neq Y$ , then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_0 = 0$ .

(A4) Let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i > 0$ . If  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_i$  is a basis element, then  $P_f = \emptyset$  since  $f \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, X)$  is a bijection. But  $|P_f| = i > 0$  since  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  is a morphism of degree  $i$ . So for all  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i > 0$ , we must have  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_i = 0$ .

(A5) Let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then there are only finitely many  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)_1 \neq 0$ . By condition (P4) of the partition type  $t$ , there are only finitely many  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 \neq 0$ .

(A6) Let  $i \geq 0$ . In order to prove  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_{i+1}$ , it is enough to show that any morphism  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  of degree  $i+1$  can be factored as a composite of a degree  $i$  morphism followed by a degree 1 morphism. Let  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  be a morphism of degree  $i+1$ . Then  $|P_f| = i+1 \geq 1$ . Pick  $T \in P_f$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is skeletal, there is a unique  $Y' \in \mathcal{C}$  and a bijection  $g \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y', Y \setminus T)$ . Let  $f' \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, Y \setminus T)$  be the morphism obtained by restricting the codomain of  $f$  from  $Y$  to  $Y \setminus T$ . Define  $f_1 = g^{-1}f' \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, Y')$ ,  $P_{f_1} = \{g^{-1}(P_f \setminus \{T\})\}$ , and  $\alpha_{f_1} : X \amalg P_{f_1} \rightarrow A$  by  $\alpha_{f_1}(x) = \alpha_f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha_{f_1}(S) = \alpha_f(g(S))$  for all  $S \in P_{f_1}$ . Then  $(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y')$  is a morphism of degree  $i$ . Let  $\iota \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y \setminus T, Y)$  be the inclusion map. Define  $g_1 = \iota g \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y', Y)$ ,  $P_{g_1} = \{T\}$ , and  $\alpha_{g_1} : Y' \amalg P_{g_1} \rightarrow A$  by  $\alpha_{g_1}(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in Y'$  and  $\alpha_{g_1}(T) = \alpha_f(T)$ . Then  $(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y', Y)$  is a morphism of degree 1. Now  $g_1 f_1 = \iota g g^{-1} f' = f$ ,  $P_{g_1 f_1} = g_1(P_{f_1}) \sqcup P_{g_1} = (P_f \setminus \{T\}) \sqcup \{T\} = P_f$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{g_1 f_1}(x) &= \alpha_{f_1}(x) + \alpha_{g_1}(f_1(x)) = \alpha_f(x) \text{ for } x \in X, \\ \alpha_{g_1 f_1}(g_1(S)) &= \alpha_{f_1}(S) + \sum_{y \in S} \alpha_{g_1}(y) = \alpha_f(g(S)) \text{ for } S \in P_{f_1}, \\ \alpha_{g_1 f_1}(T) &= \alpha_{g_1}(T) = \alpha_f(T). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1})(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$  is the composite of a degree  $i$  morphism followed by a degree 1 morphism, as desired.

(A7) Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . Because  $\mathcal{C}$  is skeletal, it is totally ordered by  $\subseteq$ . So without loss of generality, suppose  $X \subseteq Z$ . Again since  $\mathcal{C}$  is skeletal, there are only finitely many  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq Z$ . It follows that the convex hull of any finite set  $S \subseteq \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  contains only finitely many objects.

Therefore,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.  $\square$

**Notation 3.2.4.** For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , we shall write degree 1 morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  simply as  $(f, R, \alpha_f)$  for  $P_f = \{R\}$ , where  $R \subseteq Y$ .

#### 4. KOSZULITY

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a partition type  $t$ , and a finite abelian group  $A$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$ , and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ , where  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0. By Proposition 3.2.3,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category. In this section, we will prove that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is Koszul (Corollary 4.3.2). To do this, we will construct a linear projective resolution  $C_\bullet(-)(Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$  of graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules for arbitrary  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$ .

##### 4.1. The complex $C_\bullet(-)(Y)$ .

Fix  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  for the remainder of this section. For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , define a functor  $C_m(-)(Y) : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$  as follows. For any object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , let

$$C_m(X)(Y) = \bigoplus_{(I, \alpha)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I),$$

the direct sum being over all pairs  $(I, \alpha)$ , where  $I = I_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup I_m$  is the union of  $m$  mutually disjoint nonempty subsets  $I_j \subseteq Y$  such that  $\{I_j\}$  is a partition of type  $t$ , and  $\alpha : \{I_1, \dots, I_m\} \rightarrow A$  is a function. By  $\det(I)$  we mean the 1-dimensional  $k$ -vector space  $\bigwedge^m k\{I_1, \dots, I_m\}$ .

To see that  $C_m(X)(Y)$  is a graded  $k$ -vector space, let

$$C_m(X)(Y)_i = \bigoplus_{(I, \alpha)} \bigoplus_{\substack{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I) \\ |P_f| = i - m}} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes_k \det(I)$$

for  $i \geq m$  and  $C_m(X)(Y)_i = 0$  for  $i < m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
C_m(X)(Y) &= \bigoplus_{(I, \alpha)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I) \\
&= \bigoplus_{(I, \alpha)} \bigoplus_{i \geq m} \bigoplus_{\substack{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \\ |P_f| = i - m}} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes_k \det(I) \\
&= \bigoplus_{i \geq m} C_m(X)(Y)_i.
\end{aligned}$$

So  $C_m(X)(Y)$  is a graded  $k$ -vector space living in degrees  $\geq m$ . This completes the definition of  $C_m(-)(Y)$  on objects.

For any morphism  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X')$ , we define a map  $C_m(X')(Y) \rightarrow C_m(X)(Y)$  on direct summands corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$  by  $k$ -linear extension of the assignment

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \mapsto (f, P_f, \alpha_f)(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j.$$

In other words, a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in a direct summand  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X', Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I)$  of  $C_m(X')(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$  gets sent to the basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in the direct summand  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I)$  of  $C_m(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ .

To see that  $C_m(X')(Y) \rightarrow C_m(X)(Y)$  is a morphism of graded  $k$ -vector spaces, let  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X')_j$  be a morphism of degree  $j \geq 0$ , and  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  be in the degree  $i \geq m$  component of  $C_m(X')(Y)$ . Then  $|P_g| = j$  and  $|P_f| = i - m$ , which implies  $|P_{fg}| = |f(P_g)| + |P_f| = (i + j) - m$ . So  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  is in the degree  $i + j$  component of  $C_m(X)(Y)$ , hence  $C_m(X')(Y) \rightarrow C_m(X)(Y)$  is homogeneous of degree  $j$ . This completes the definition of  $C_m(-)(Y) : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$  on morphisms.

So  $C_m(-)(Y) : \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow k\text{-gMod}$  is a degree-preserving  $k$ -linear functor that is contravariant. Thus, we have a graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module  $C_m(-)(Y)$  for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . In particular,  $C_0(-)(Y) = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y)$ .

Before we define a differential  $\partial : C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y)$ , we need the notion of an inclusion morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Definition 4.1.1.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $X \subseteq Y$  such that  $\{Y \setminus X\}$  is a partition of type  $t$ . We say that  $(\iota, P_\iota, \alpha_\iota) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  is an *inclusion morphism* if  $\iota(x) = x$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $P_\iota = \{Y \setminus X\}$ , and  $\alpha_\iota(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Note 4.1.2.** In order to completely describe an inclusion morphism, one still needs to specify  $\alpha_\iota(Y \setminus X) \in A$ . Thus, there may be many inclusion morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Also, since inclusion morphisms are of degree 1, we shall write them as  $(\iota, Y \setminus X, \alpha_\iota)$ .

**Remark 4.1.3.** Inclusion morphisms “commute” in the following sense. Let  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $I_1, I_2 \subset Y$  be two disjoint nonempty subsets such that  $\{I_1\}, \{I_2\}$  are partitions of type  $t$ . Suppose we have inclusion morphisms

$$(\iota_1, I_1, \alpha_{\iota_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I_1, Y), (\iota_2, I_2, \alpha_{\iota_2}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I_2, Y)$$

and

$$(j_1, I_1, \alpha_{j_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_2), (j_2, I_2, \alpha_{j_2}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_1)$$

such that  $\alpha_{\iota_1}(I_1) = \alpha_{j_1}(I_1)$  and  $\alpha_{\iota_2}(I_2) = \alpha_{j_2}(I_2)$ . Then

$$(\iota_1, I_1, \alpha_{\iota_1})(j_2, I_2, \alpha_{j_2}) = (\iota_2, I_2, \alpha_{\iota_2})(j_1, I_1, \alpha_{j_1})$$

because

$$\iota_1 j_2(y) = y = \iota_2 j_1(y) \text{ for } y \in Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2),$$

$$P_{\iota_1 j_2} = \iota_1(\{I_2\}) \sqcup \{I_1\} = \{I_1, I_2\} = \iota_2(\{I_1\}) \sqcup \{I_2\} = P_{\iota_2 j_1},$$

and

$$\alpha_{\iota_1 j_2}(y) = 0 = \alpha_{\iota_2 j_1}(y) \text{ for } y \in Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2),$$

$$\alpha_{\iota_1 j_2}(I_1) = \alpha_{\iota_1}(I_1) = \alpha_{j_1}(I_1) = \alpha_{\iota_2 j_1}(I_1),$$

$$\alpha_{\iota_1 j_2}(I_2) = \alpha_{j_2}(I_2) = \alpha_{\iota_2}(I_2) = \alpha_{\iota_2 j_1}(I_2).$$

For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphism  $\partial : C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y)$  as follows. For any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , let  $\partial_X : C_m(X)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(X)(Y)$  be defined on each direct summand corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$  by  $k$ -linear extension of the assignment

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m,$$

where  $(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I, (Y \setminus I) \sqcup \{I_j\})$  is the inclusion morphism defined by  $\alpha_j(I_j) = \alpha(I_j) \in A$ . Note that for each  $j = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m$  is in the direct summand of  $C_{m-1}(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I \setminus I_j, \alpha|_{\{I_1, \dots, I_m\} \setminus \{I_j\}})$ .

To see that  $\partial$  is a natural transformation, let  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \in \mathcal{C}(X, X')$ . Then we get a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_m(X')(Y) & \longrightarrow & C_m(X)(Y) \\ \partial_{X'} \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_X \\ C_{m-1}(X')(Y) & \longrightarrow & C_{m-1}(X)(Y) \end{array}$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j &\mapsto (f, P_f, \alpha_f)(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \\ &\mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f)(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \end{aligned}$$

around the top right corner, while

$$\begin{aligned} (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j &\mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \\ &\mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f)(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \end{aligned}$$

around the bottom left corner.

To see that  $\partial$  is degree-preserving, let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq m$ . We must show that  $\partial_X(C_m(X)(Y)_i) \subseteq C_{m-1}(X)(Y)_i$ . If  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  is a basis element in a direct summand  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I)$  of  $C_m(X)(Y)_i$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ , then  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I)$  with  $|P_f| = i - m$ . For each  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, (Y \setminus I) \sqcup \{I_j\})$  with

$$|P_{\iota_j f}| = |\iota_j(P_f) \sqcup \{I_j\}| = |P_f| + 1 = i - (m - 1).$$

So

$$\partial_X((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j) = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m$$

belongs to  $C_{m-1}(X)(Y)_i$ . Thus,  $\partial : C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y)$  is a graded  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphism for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_X)^2((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j) &= \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} \partial_X((\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j-2} (\iota_i, I_i, \alpha_i)(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_i \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \\ &\quad + \sum_{i > j} (-1)^{i+j-1} (\iota_i, I_i, \alpha_i)(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \widehat{I}_i \cdots \wedge I_m \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

after switching  $i$  and  $j$  in the third line and using the fact that the inclusion morphisms  $(\iota_i, I_i, \alpha_i)$  and  $(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)$  commute, by Remark 4.1.5. So  $\partial^2 = 0$  and hence  $\partial$  is a differential.

By putting  $C_m(-)(Y) = 0$  for all  $m < 0$ , we obtain a complex  $C_\bullet(-)(Y)$  of graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules.

**Remark 4.1.4.** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $C_m(-)(Y)$  can be viewed as a direct sum  $\bigoplus_{(I, \alpha)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I)$  of graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I)$ . By Remark 2.2.5,  $C_m(-)(Y)$  is projective as a graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module.

**Proposition 4.1.5.** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $C_m(-)(Y)$  is generated in degree  $m$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -submodule of  $C_m(-)(Y)$  containing  $\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} C_m(X)(Y)_m$ . We must show  $M(X) = C_m(X)(Y)$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ . Let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  be a basis element in a direct summand of  $C_m(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ . We will show  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \in M(X)$  by factorizing  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I)$  as follows. Choose  $Y' \in \mathcal{C}$  and an isomorphism  $(g, \emptyset, 0) \in \mathcal{C}(Y', Y \setminus I)$  (in which  $g \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y', Y \setminus I)$  is a bijection,  $P_g = \emptyset$ , and  $\alpha_g : Y' \rightarrow A$  is the zero map). Then  $(g, \emptyset, 0) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  belongs to the direct summand of  $C_m(Y')(Y)_m$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ . Define  $f' = g^{-1}f$ ,  $P_{f'} = g^{-1}(P_f)$ , and  $\alpha_{f'} : X \amalg P_{f'} \rightarrow A$  by  $\alpha_{f'}(x) = \alpha_f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha_{f'}(S) = \alpha_f(g(S))$  for all  $S \in P_{f'}$ . This defines a morphism  $(f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y')$  such that  $gf' = f$ ,  $P_{gf'} = g(P_{f'}) = P_f$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{gf'}(x) &= \alpha_{f'}(x) + \alpha_g(f'(x)) = \alpha_f(x) \text{ for } x \in X, \\ \alpha_{gf'}(g(S)) &= \alpha_{f'}(S) + \sum_{y' \in S} \alpha_g(y') = \alpha_f(g(S)) \text{ for } S \in P_{f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(g, \emptyset, 0)(f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}) = (f, P_f, \alpha_f)$ . Since  $M$  is a right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -submodule of  $C_m(-)(Y)$ ,

$$M((f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'})) : M(Y') \rightarrow M(X)$$

is the restriction of  $C_m(Y')(Y) \rightarrow C_m(X)(Y)$  to  $M(Y')$ . Because  $M$  contains  $\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{C}} C_m(X)(Y)_m$ , we have  $(g, \emptyset, 0) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \in C_m(Y')(Y)_m \subseteq M(Y')$ . So

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j = (g, \emptyset, 0)(f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j = M((f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}))((g, \emptyset, 0) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j) \in M(X).$$

Hence,  $C_m(-)(Y)$  is generated in degree  $m$ . □

We therefore have a complex  $C_\bullet(-)(Y)$  of graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_1(-)(Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y) \rightarrow 0$$

in which  $C_m(-)(Y)$  is projective and generated in degree  $m$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .



#### 4.2. Exactness of $C_\bullet(-)(Y)$ in positive degrees.

In this subsection, we will show that  $H_m(C_\bullet(-)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . First, we will prove that  $H_1(C_\bullet(-)(Y)) = 0$  with the aid of the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2.1.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $I_1, I_2 \subset Y$  be distinct nonempty subsets such that  $\{I_1\}, \{I_2\}$  are partitions of type  $t$ . For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $(f_i, P_{f_i}, \alpha_{f_i}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I_i)$  be morphisms and  $(\iota_i, I_i, \alpha_{\iota_i}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I_i, Y)$  be inclusion morphisms. If

$$(\iota_1, I_1, \alpha_{\iota_1})(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) = (\iota_2, I_2, \alpha_{\iota_2})(f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2}),$$

then  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$  and there exists a morphism  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2))$  and inclusion morphisms  $(j_1, I_1, \alpha_{j_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_2)$ ,  $(j_2, I_2, \alpha_{j_2}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_1)$  such that

$$(j_1, I_1, \alpha_{j_1})(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$$

and

$$(j_2, I_2, \alpha_{j_2})(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}).$$

*Proof.* From  $(\iota_1, I_1, \alpha_{\iota_1})(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) = (\iota_2, I_2, \alpha_{\iota_2})(f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$ , we get  $\iota_1 f_1 = \iota_2 f_2$ ,  $P_{f_1} \sqcup \{I_1\} = P_{f_2} \sqcup \{I_2\}$ , and  $\alpha_{\iota_1 f_1} = \alpha_{\iota_2 f_2}$ . These respectively imply that  $f_1(x) = f_2(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $P_{f_1} \setminus \{I_2\} = P_{f_2} \setminus \{I_1\}$ , and

$$\alpha_{f_1}(x) = \alpha_{\iota_1 f_1}(x) = \alpha_{\iota_2 f_2}(x) = \alpha_{f_2}(x) \text{ for } x \in X,$$

$$\alpha_{f_1}(S) = \alpha_{\iota_1 f_1}(S) = \alpha_{\iota_2 f_2}(S) = \alpha_{f_2}(S) \text{ for } S \in P_{f_1} \setminus \{I_2\} = P_{f_2} \setminus \{I_1\}.$$

In particular,  $I_1 \in P_{f_2}$  and  $I_2 \in P_{f_1}$  are disjoint because they are distinct elements of the same partition  $P_{f_1} \sqcup \{I_1\} = P_{f_2} \sqcup \{I_2\}$ . Define  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2))$  by setting  $f(x) = f_1(x) = f_2(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $P_f = P_{f_1} \setminus \{I_2\} = P_{f_2} \setminus \{I_1\}$ , and  $\alpha_f = \alpha_{f_1} \upharpoonright_{X \amalg P_f} = \alpha_{f_2} \upharpoonright_{X \amalg P_f}$ . Let  $(j_1, I_1, \alpha_{j_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_2)$  and  $(j_2, I_2, \alpha_{j_2}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_1)$  be the inclusion morphisms defined by  $\alpha_{j_1}(I_1) = \alpha_{f_2}(I_1)$  and  $\alpha_{j_2}(I_2) = \alpha_{f_1}(I_2)$ . Then  $j_1 f(x) = f_2(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $P_{j_1 f} = P_f \sqcup \{I_1\} = P_{f_2}$ ,

and

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{j_1 f}(x) &= \alpha_f(x) = \alpha_{f_2}(x) \text{ for } x \in X, \\ \alpha_{j_1 f}(S) &= \alpha_f(S) = \alpha_{f_2}(S) \text{ for } S \in P_f = P_{f_2} \setminus \{I_1\}, \\ \alpha_{j_1 f}(I_1) &= \alpha_{j_1}(I_1) = \alpha_{f_2}(I_1).\end{aligned}$$

So  $(j_1, I_1, \alpha_{j_1})(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$ . Similarly,  $j_2 f(x) = f_1(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $P_{j_2 f} = P_f \sqcup \{I_2\} = P_{f_1}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{j_2 f}(x) &= \alpha_f(x) = \alpha_{f_1}(x) \text{ for } x \in X, \\ \alpha_{j_2 f}(S) &= \alpha_f(S) = \alpha_{f_1}(S) \text{ for } S \in P_f = P_{f_1} \setminus \{I_2\}, \\ \alpha_{j_2 f}(I_2) &= \alpha_{j_2}(I_2) = \alpha_{f_1}(I_2).\end{aligned}$$

So  $(j_2, I_2, \alpha_{j_2})(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$ . □

**Remark 4.2.2.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $I \subseteq Y$  be a subset such that  $\{I\}$  is a partition of type  $t$ . For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $(f_i, P_{f_i}, \alpha_{f_i}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I)$  be morphisms and  $(\iota_i, I, \alpha_{\iota_i}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I, Y)$  be inclusion morphisms. If

$$(\iota_1, I, \alpha_{\iota_1})(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) = (\iota_2, I, \alpha_{\iota_2})(f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2}),$$

then  $f_1(x) = f_2(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $P_{f_1} = P_{f_2}$ ,  $\alpha_{f_1}(x) = \alpha_{f_2}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , and  $\alpha_{f_1}(S) = \alpha_{f_2}(S)$  for all  $S \in P_{f_1} = P_{f_2}$ . So  $(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) = (f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$ .

**Proposition 4.2.3.**  $H_1(C_\bullet(-)(Y)) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let us abbreviate morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  simply as  $f$ , while keeping in mind the remaining data  $P_f$  and  $\alpha_f$  that define them. Let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and consider the tail of the complex  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)$ :

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_2(X)(Y) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1(X)(Y) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \rightarrow 0.$$

Recall that

$$C_1(X)(Y) = \bigoplus_{(I, \alpha)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I),$$

where  $I \subseteq Y$  such that  $\{I\}$  is a partition of type  $t$ ,  $\alpha(I) \in A$ , and  $\det(I) = kI$ . Thus, an arbitrary element of  $C_1(X)(Y)$  is of the form

$$u = \left( \sum_{i_1} c_{i_1} f_{i_1} \right) \otimes I_1 + \cdots + \left( \sum_{i_s} c_{i_s} f_{i_s} \right) \otimes I_s,$$

where the  $I_j \subseteq Y$  are distinct and equipped with an element  $\alpha_j(I_j) = a_j \in A$  ( $j = 1, \dots, s$ ), the  $f_{i_j} \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I_j)$  are all distinct, and  $c_{i_j} \in k$ . For simplicity, we reindex this sum as

$$u = \sum_i c_i f_i \otimes I_i,$$

in which the  $I_i$  are no longer distinct, yet the  $f_i$  remain distinct. Suppose  $u \in \ker(\partial_1)$ . Then

$$\partial_1(u) = \sum_i c_i \iota_i f_i = 0,$$

where the  $\iota_i$  are the inclusion morphisms  $(\iota_i, I_i, \alpha_i) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I_i, Y)$  defined by  $\alpha_i(I_i) = a_i \in A$ . Now, some of the  $\iota_i f_i$  may have composed to the same element in  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ . By grouping together all such terms in the sum  $\partial_1(u)$ , we see that the sum of the corresponding  $c_i$  is zero in each group. By reindexing if necessary, we get

$$c_1 + \cdots + c_{i_1} = c_{i_1+1} + \cdots + c_{i_2} = \cdots = c_{i_{r-1}+1} + \cdots + c_{i_r} = 0$$

for some  $r$ , and so

$$c_1 = -c_2 - \cdots - c_{i_1}, c_{i_1+1} = -c_{i_1+2} - \cdots - c_{i_2}, \dots, c_{i_{r-1}+1} = -c_{i_{r-1}+2} - \cdots - c_{i_r}.$$

Hence, the sum  $u$  can be rearranged to

$$\begin{aligned} & c_2(f_2 \otimes I_2 - f_1 \otimes I_1) + \cdots + c_{i_1}(f_{i_1} \otimes I_{i_1} - f_1 \otimes I_1) + \\ & c_{i_1+2}(f_{i_1+2} \otimes I_{i_1+2} - f_{i_1+1} \otimes I_{i_1+1}) + \cdots + c_{i_2}(f_{i_2} \otimes I_{i_2} - f_{i_1+1} \otimes I_{i_1+1}) + \cdots \\ & + c_{i_{r-1}+2}(f_{i_{r-1}+2} \otimes I_{i_{r-1}+2} - f_{i_{r-1}+1} \otimes I_{i_{r-1}+1}) + \cdots + c_{i_r}(f_{i_r} \otimes I_{i_r} - f_{i_{r-1}+1} \otimes I_{i_{r-1}+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Each of the terms  $f_i \otimes I_i - f_j \otimes I_j$  in this sum result from morphisms for which  $\iota_i f_i = \iota_j f_j$  in

the sum  $\partial_1(u)$ . If  $I_i = I_j$ , then by Remark 4.2.2, we must have  $f_i = f_j$ , contradicting that the  $f_i$  are distinct. Thus,  $I_i \neq I_j$  for each of the terms  $f_i \otimes I_i - f_j \otimes I_j$ . In particular,  $\iota_1 f_1 = \iota_2 f_2$  and  $I_1 \neq I_2$ , so by Lemma 4.2.1, there exists a morphism  $f \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2))$  and inclusion morphisms  $j_1 \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_2)$ ,  $j_2 \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus (I_1 \sqcup I_2), Y \setminus I_1)$  such that  $j_1 f = f_2$  and  $j_2 f = f_1$ . Let  $I = I_1 \sqcup I_2$  and define  $\alpha : \{I_1, I_2\} \rightarrow A$  by  $\alpha(I_1) = \alpha_{j_1}(I_1)$ ,  $\alpha(I_2) = \alpha_{j_2}(I_2)$ . Then  $f \otimes I_1 \wedge I_2$  belongs to the direct summand of  $C_2(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ , and

$$\partial_2(f \otimes I_1 \wedge I_2) = j_1 f \otimes I_2 - j_2 f \otimes I_1 = f_2 \otimes I_2 - f_1 \otimes I_1.$$

Hence,  $f_2 \otimes I_2 - f_1 \otimes I_1 \in \text{im}(\partial_2)$ . Likewise, every term in the above sum  $u$  belongs to  $\text{im}(\partial_2)$ . Therefore,  $\ker(\partial_1) \subseteq \text{im}(\partial_2)$  and so  $H_1(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.4.**  $H_m(C_\bullet(-)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on  $|Y|$ . If  $|Y| = 0$ , then  $Y = \emptyset$  implies  $C_m(-)(\emptyset) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 1$ , so  $H_m(C_\bullet(-)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$  in the base case. Let  $N > 0$  and assume  $H_m(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$  and  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  for which  $|Y| < N$ . Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $|Y| = N$ . We must show  $H_m(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$ . We may assume  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$  and  $Y = ([y_1], \dots, [y_n])$ , where  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = N$ . Since  $N > 0$ , we must have  $y_i > 0$  for some  $i$ . Fix the element  $y_i \in Y$ .

Define a subcomplex  $S_\bullet(X)(Y)$  of  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)$  as follows. For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , let  $S_m(X)(Y)$  be the  $k$ -submodule of  $C_m(X)(Y)$  spanned by the direct summands  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes_k \det(I)$  such that  $y_i \notin I$ . Then for a typical basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \in S_m(X)(Y)$  in a direct summand corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ , we have  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I)$ ,  $I = I_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup I_m$ ,  $\alpha : \{I_1, \dots, I_m\} \rightarrow A$ , and  $y_i \notin I_j$  for any  $j$ . Because  $y_i \notin I$  implies  $y_i \notin I \setminus I_j$  for every  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we see that  $\partial_X$  maps  $S_m(X)(Y)$  into  $S_{m-1}(X)(Y)$  for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $S_\bullet(X)(Y)$  is a subcomplex of  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)$ .

For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , given a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in a direct summand of  $S_m(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ , we have either  $y_i \in f(X)$  or  $y_i \notin f(X)$ . If  $y_i \in f(X)$ , then  $f(x) = y_i$  for some unique  $x \in [x_i]$  and  $\alpha_f(x) \in A$ . By restricting the domain of  $f$  to  $X \setminus \{x\}$  and the domain of  $\alpha_f$  to  $X \setminus \{x\} \amalg P_f$ , we can regard  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  as an element of  $\bigoplus_{x \in [x_i]} C_m(X \setminus \{x\})(Y \setminus \{y_i\})^{\oplus |A|}$ , by identifying it with  $(f|_{X \setminus \{x\}}, P_f, \alpha_f|_{(X \setminus \{x\}) \amalg P_f}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$ . On the other hand, if  $y_i \notin f(X)$ , then  $y_i \in S$  for some unique  $S \in P_f$  and  $\alpha_f(S) \in A$ . By restricting the codomain of  $f$  to  $Y \setminus S$  and the domain of  $\alpha_f$  to  $X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{S\})$ , we can regard  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  as an element of

$\bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$ , where the direct sum is over all  $S \subseteq Y$  such that  $\{S\}$  is a partition of type  $t$  and  $y_i \in S$ , by identifying it with  $(f, P_f \setminus \{S\}, \alpha_f \mid_{X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{S\})}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$ . This gives a map

$$S_m(X)(Y) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in [x_i]} C_m(X \setminus \{x\})(Y \setminus \{y_i\})^{\oplus |A|} \oplus \bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}.$$

The inverse map

$$\bigoplus_{x \in [x_i]} C_m(X \setminus \{x\})(Y \setminus \{y_i\})^{\oplus |A|} \oplus \bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \rightarrow S_m(X)(Y)$$

is defined as follows. Given a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  of a direct summand  $C_m(X \setminus \{x\})(Y \setminus \{y_i\})$  corresponding to both  $x \in [x_i]$  and  $a \in A$ , we identify it with  $(\bar{f}, P_f, \bar{\alpha}_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in  $S_m(X)(Y)$ , where  $\bar{f}$  extends  $f$  by  $\bar{f}(x) = y_i$ , and  $\bar{\alpha}_f$  extends  $\alpha_f$  by  $\bar{\alpha}_f(x) = a$ . On the other hand, given a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  of a direct summand of  $C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)$  corresponding to both  $S \subseteq Y$  (where  $\{S\}$  is a partition of type  $t$  and  $y_i \in S$ ) and  $a \in A$ , we identify it with  $(\iota_S, S, \alpha_S)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in  $S_m(X)(Y)$ , where  $(\iota_S, S, \alpha_S) \in \mathcal{C}((Y \setminus S) \setminus I, Y \setminus I)$  is the inclusion morphism defined by  $\alpha_S(S) = a$ .

Therefore, we identify the subcomplex  $S_\bullet(X)(Y)$  with

$$\bigoplus_{x \in [x_i]} C_\bullet(X \setminus \{x\})(Y \setminus \{y_i\})^{\oplus |A|} \oplus \bigoplus_S C_\bullet(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}.$$

Consider the quotient complex  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)/S_\bullet(X)(Y)$ . Since  $S_0(X)(Y) = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = C_0(X)(Y)$ , we have  $C_0(X)(Y)/S_0(X)(Y) = 0$ . If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then a typical basis element in the quotient  $C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y)$  is represented by  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y \setminus I) \otimes \det(I)$ , with  $y_i \in I$ . So if

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j + S_m(X)(Y) \in C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y),$$

then  $y_i \in I_j$  for exactly one  $j$ . By removing  $I_j$  from  $I$ , along with its associated element  $\alpha(I_j) \in A$ , we can regard  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j + S_m(X)(Y)$  as an element of  $\bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$ , the direct sum being over all  $S \subseteq Y$  such that  $\{S\}$  is a partition of type  $t$  and  $y_i \in S$ , by identifying it with

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I_j} \cdots \wedge I_m \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, (Y \setminus I_j) \setminus (I \setminus I_j)) \otimes_k \det(I \setminus I_j),$$

where  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, j-1, j)$  is the permutation that moves  $I_j$  to the leftmost position in the wedge product and preserves the order of the remaining wedge factors. This gives a map

$$C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y) \rightarrow \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}.$$

The inverse map

$$\bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \rightarrow C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y)$$

is defined as follows. Given a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge I_{m-1}$  of a direct summand  $C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)$  corresponding to both  $S \subseteq Y$  (where  $\{S\}$  is a partition of type  $t$  and  $y_i \in S$ ) and  $a \in A$ , we identify it with

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes S \wedge I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge I_{m-1} + S_m(X)(Y) \in C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y).$$

Here, if  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge I_{m-1}$  belongs a direct summand of  $C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)$  corresponding to  $(I_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup I_{m-1}, \alpha)$ , then the representative  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes S \wedge I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge I_{m-1}$  belongs to the direct summand of  $C_m(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup I_{m-1} \sqcup S, \bar{\alpha})$ , where  $\bar{\alpha}$  extends  $\alpha$  by  $\bar{\alpha}(S) = a$ . Therefore, we identify the quotient complex  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)/S_\bullet(X)(Y)$  with

$$\left( \bigoplus_S C_\bullet(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \right) [-1],$$

where  $[-1]$  is the shift functor on complexes defined by  $(K[-1])_m = K_{m-1}$  for any complex  $K_\bullet$ .

Thus, we have a short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow S_\bullet(X)(Y) \rightarrow C_\bullet(X)(Y) \rightarrow C_\bullet(X)(Y)/S_\bullet(X)(Y) \rightarrow 0,$$

which gives a long exact sequence in homology:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots &\rightarrow H_m(S_\bullet(X)(Y)) \rightarrow H_m(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) \rightarrow H_m(C_\bullet(X)(Y)/S_\bullet(X)(Y)) \rightarrow \cdots \\ &\rightarrow H_2(S_\bullet(X)(Y)) \rightarrow H_2(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) \rightarrow H_2(C_\bullet(X)(Y)/S_\bullet(X)(Y)) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

By the subcomplex identification and the induction hypothesis, we get  $H_m(S_\bullet(X)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$ . By the quotient complex identification, the induction hypothesis, and since  $H_1(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) =$

0 for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , we obtain  $H_m(C_\bullet(X)(Y)/S_\bullet(X)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$ . By exactness of the homology sequence, we arrive at  $H_m(C_\bullet(X)(Y)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.2.5.** We will show that  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)$  is the mapping cone of a certain morphism of chain complexes, with the same notation of Theorem 4.2.4. For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , consider the direct summand  $\bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$  in the degree  $m$  part of the subcomplex identification:

$$S_m(X)(Y) = \bigoplus_{x \in [x_i]} C_m(X \setminus \{x\})(Y \setminus \{y_i\})^{\oplus |A|} \oplus \bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}.$$

Under this identification,  $\bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$  is the  $k$ -subspace of  $S_m(X)(Y)$  spanned by the elements  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  for which  $y_i \notin f(X)$ . Since  $y_i \notin f(X)$  implies  $y_i \notin \iota_j f(X)$  for every inclusion morphism  $\iota_j \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y \setminus I, (Y \setminus I) \sqcup \{I_j\})$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ),  $\bigoplus_S C_\bullet(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$  is a subcomplex of  $S_\bullet(X)(Y)$ . For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , let

$$i_m : \bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \hookrightarrow S_m(X)(Y)$$

be the inclusion map. Recall that a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in a direct summand  $C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)$  corresponding to both  $S \subseteq Y$  (where  $\{S\}$  is a partition of type  $t$  and  $y_i \in S$ ) and  $a \in A$ , gets identified with  $(\iota_S, S, \alpha_S)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$  in  $S_m(X)(Y)$  (where  $(\iota_S, S, \alpha_S) \in \mathcal{C}((Y \setminus S) \setminus I, Y \setminus I)$  is the inclusion morphism defined by  $\alpha_S(S) = a$ ). So

$$i_m((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j) = (\iota_S, S, \alpha_S)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_S C_m(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \\ \downarrow i_m & & \downarrow i_{m-1} \\ S_m(X)(Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & S_m(X)(Y) \end{array}$$

commutes since

$$\begin{aligned} (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j &\mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j) (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \\ &\mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_S, S, \alpha_S) (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j) (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \end{aligned}$$

around the top right corner, while

$$\begin{aligned} (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j &\mapsto (\iota_S, S, \alpha_S) (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m I_j \\ &\mapsto \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j) (\iota_S, S, \alpha_S) (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_m \end{aligned}$$

around the bottom left corner, and the inclusion morphisms  $(\iota_S, S, \alpha_S)$ ,  $(\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)$  commute by Remark 4.1.3. Thus,

$$i : \bigoplus_S C_\bullet(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \hookrightarrow S_\bullet(X)(Y)$$

is a morphism of complexes.

The mapping cone of  $-i$  is the complex

$$\left( \bigoplus_S C_\bullet(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \right) [-1] \oplus S_\bullet(X)(Y)$$

whose differential  $d$  in degree  $m$  is given by

$$d(u', u) = (-\partial(u'), \partial(u) + i_{m-1}(u'))$$

for  $u' \in \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$  and  $u \in S_m(X)(Y)$ . By the quotient complex identification, we have an isomorphism of  $k$ -vector spaces

$$\alpha_m : \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \cong C_m(X)(Y) / S_m(X)(Y),$$

in which a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j$  in a direct summand  $C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)$  corresponding



to  $S \subseteq Y$  and  $a \in A$  gets identified with

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes S \wedge I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge I_m + S_m(X)(Y)$$

in  $C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y)$ . Also, there is a  $k$ -vector space isomorphism

$$\beta_m : (C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y)) \oplus S_m(X)(Y) \cong C_m(X)(Y)$$

given by

$$\beta_m(v + S_m(X)(Y), u) = v + u$$

for  $v \in C_m(X)(Y)$  and  $u \in S_m(X)(Y)$ . For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we define the  $k$ -vector space isomorphism

$$e_m : \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \oplus S_m(X)(Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} C_m(X)(Y)$$

to be

$$e_m(u', u) = \rho_m \alpha_m(u') + u$$

for  $u' \in \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$  and  $u \in S_m(X)(Y)$ , where  $\rho_m : C_m(X)(Y)/S_m(X)(Y) \rightarrow C_m(X)(Y)$  is the splitting map  $\rho_m(v + S_m(X)(Y)) = v$ .

Observe that for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have

$$e_{m-1}d(u', u) = e_{m-1}(-\partial(u'), \partial(u) + i_{m-1}(u')) = -\rho_m \alpha_m \partial(u') + \partial(u) + i_{m-1}(u')$$

and

$$\partial e_m(u', u) = \partial(\rho_m \alpha_m(u') + u) = \partial \rho_m \alpha_m(u') + \partial(u)$$

for  $u' \in \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$  and  $u \in S_m(X)(Y)$ . So  $e_{m-1}d = \partial e_m$  provided that

$$\partial \rho_m \alpha_m(u') = -\rho_m \alpha_m \partial(u') + i_{m-1}(u')$$

for  $u' \in \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|}$ . Take a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j$  in a direct summand

of  $C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)$  corresponding to  $S \subseteq Y$  and  $a \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \rho_m \alpha_m((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j) &= \partial((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes S \wedge I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge I_{m-1}) \\ &= (\iota_S, S, \alpha_S)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} (-1)^j (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes S \wedge I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_{m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} -\rho_m \alpha_m \partial((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j) &= -\rho_m \alpha_m \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} (-1)^{j-1} (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_{m-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} (-1)^j (\iota_j, I_j, \alpha_j)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes S \wedge I_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{I}_j \cdots \wedge I_{m-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$i_{m-1}((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j) = (\iota_S, S, \alpha_S)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m-1} I_j.$$

It follows that  $e_{m-1}d = \partial e_m$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , which means the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_S C_{m-1}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \oplus S_m(X)(Y) & \xrightarrow{d} & \bigoplus_S C_{m-2}(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|} \oplus S_{m-1}(X)(Y) \\ \downarrow e_m & & \downarrow e_{m-1} \\ C_m(X)(Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{m-1}(X)(Y) \end{array}$$

commutes. Hence,  $(\bigoplus_S C_\bullet(X)(Y \setminus S)^{\oplus |A|})[-1] \oplus S_\bullet(X)(Y)$  and  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)$  are isomorphic as complexes of  $k$ -vector spaces. Therefore,  $C_\bullet(X)(Y)$  is the mapping cone of  $-i$ .

#### 4.3. $C_\bullet(-)(Y)$ is a resolution of $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$ .

We have a complex of graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -modules

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_1(-)(Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y) \rightarrow 0$$

which is exact at each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and in which  $C_m(-)(Y)$  is projective and generated in degree  $m$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Consider the augmented sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_1(-)(Y) \xrightarrow{\partial} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y) \rightarrow 0$$

in which  $\varepsilon : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$  is the graded right  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ -module homomorphism defined for each  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  by

$$\varepsilon_X = \begin{cases} 1_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} & \text{if } X = Y \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq Y. \end{cases}$$

The augmented sequence is exact at  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$  because  $\varepsilon_X$  is surjective for each  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Proposition 4.3.1.** The augmented sequence is exact at  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ . We must show that  $\text{im}(\partial_X) = \ker(\varepsilon_X)$ .

For  $(\subseteq)$ , take a basis element  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I$  in a direct summand of  $C_1(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha)$ , with  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq Y$  and  $\alpha(I) \in A$ . Then  $\partial_X((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes I) = (\iota, I, \alpha_\iota)(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$ , where  $(\iota, I, \alpha_\iota) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I, Y)$  is the inclusion morphism defined by  $\alpha_\iota(I) = \alpha(I)$ . Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is directed, we have  $X \subseteq Y \setminus I \subseteq Y$ . But then  $X \neq Y$ , because otherwise  $Y \setminus I = Y$  contradicts  $I \neq \emptyset$ . So  $(\iota, I, \alpha_\iota)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  with  $X \neq Y$ , hence  $\varepsilon_X((\iota, I, \alpha_\iota)(f, P_f, \alpha_f)) = 0$ . Thus,  $\text{im}(\partial_X) \subseteq \ker(\varepsilon_X)$ .

For  $(\supseteq)$ , let  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  be a basis element such that  $\varepsilon_X((f, P_f, \alpha_f)) = 0$ . If  $X = Y$ , then  $\varepsilon_X$  is the identity map on  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$ , which forces  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = 0$  and contradicts that  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  was a basis element. So  $X \neq Y$  and hence  $X \subset Y$  because  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is directed. We claim that  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  has a preimage in  $C_1(X)(Y)$  under  $\partial_X$ . Since  $X \subset Y$ , there exists  $I \in P_f$  and  $\alpha_f(I) \in A$ . By restricting the codomain of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to  $Y \setminus I$  and the domain of  $\alpha_f : X \amalg P_f \rightarrow A$  to  $X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{I\})$ , we get a morphism  $(f, P_f \setminus \{I\}, \alpha_f|_{X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{I\})}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y \setminus I)$ . Then  $(f, P_f \setminus \{I\}, \alpha_f|_{X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{I\})}) \otimes I$  belongs to the direct summand of  $C_1(X)(Y)$  corresponding to  $(I, \alpha_f|_I)$  and

$$\partial_X((f, P_f \setminus \{I\}, \alpha_f|_{X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{I\})}) \otimes I) = (\iota, I, \alpha_\iota)(f, P_f \setminus \{I\}, \alpha_f|_{X \amalg (P_f \setminus \{I\})}) = (f, P_f, \alpha_f),$$

where  $(\iota, I, \alpha_\iota) \in \mathcal{C}(Y \setminus I, Y)$  is the inclusion morphism defined by  $\alpha_\iota(I) = \alpha_f(I)$ . So  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \text{im}(\partial_X)$ , and hence  $\text{im}(\partial_X) \supseteq \ker(\varepsilon_X)$ .

Therefore,  $\text{im}(\partial_X) = \ker(\varepsilon_X)$  and the augmented complex is exact at  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y)$ .  $\square$

This completes the construction of our linear projective resolution

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_m(-)(Y) \rightarrow C_{m-1}(-)(Y) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_1(-)(Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(-, Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y) \rightarrow 0$$

of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}\text{-gMod}$ . We conclude that the category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is Koszul, summarized in the Corollary below.

**Corollary 4.3.2.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  be a partition type,  $A$  be a finite abelian group, and  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0. Then the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  is Koszul.

**Remark 4.3.3.** If we only allow left modules in the definition of Koszulity, then what we have proven is that the  $k$ -linearization of  $(\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n)^{op}$  is Koszul. By [GL, Proposition 3.5], the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  is Koszul.

## 5. THE QUADRATIC DUAL

### 5.1. Preliminaries.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category such that  $\mathcal{C}(X, X)$  is a group for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  (in other words,  $\mathcal{C}$  is an EI category, one whose endomorphisms are isomorphisms). Let  $k$  be a field, and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.

**Remark 5.1.1.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . If  $V$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule, then  $V^*$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule with left action given by  $k$ -linear extension of  $(\sigma \cdot v^*)(v') = v^*(v'\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$ , and right action given by  $k$ -linear extension of  $(v^* \cdot \tau)(v') = v^*(\tau v')$  for  $\tau \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ , where  $v^* \in V^*$  and  $v' \in V$ . If  $\phi : V \rightarrow W$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule homomorphism, then  $\phi^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  defined by  $\phi^*(w^*) = w^*\phi$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule homomorphism.

In particular,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule by composition of morphisms, so  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^*$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule. Also, for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , the composition map

$$\gamma_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2$$

is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule homomorphism, thus

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^* : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^* \rightarrow (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^*$$

is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodule homomorphism.

**Remark 5.1.2.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , and  $V$  be a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule that is finite dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space. Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ , and  $\{e_1^*, \dots, e_n^*\}$  be the dual basis of  $V^*$ , so that  $V \cong V^*$  as  $k$ -vector spaces by the correspondence  $e_i \leftrightarrow e_i^*$ . Then  $V^*$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule in the following way. Define the left action of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  on  $V^*$  by  $k$ -linear extension of  $\sigma \cdot v^* = (v\sigma^{-1})^*$  for  $\sigma \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$ , and the right action of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$  on  $V^*$  by  $k$ -linear extension of  $v^* \cdot \tau = (\tau^{-1}v)^*$  for  $\tau \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)$ , where  $v \leftrightarrow v^*$  correspond under the isomorphism  $V \cong V^*$ . These actions are compatible since

$$(\sigma \cdot v^*) \cdot \tau = (v\sigma^{-1})^* \cdot \tau = (\tau^{-1}(v\sigma^{-1}))^* = ((\tau^{-1}v)\sigma^{-1})^* = \sigma \cdot (\tau^{-1}v)^* = \sigma \cdot (v^* \cdot \tau).$$

**Note 5.1.3.** If  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $V$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule that is finite dimensional over  $k$ , then in order to distinguish between the two ways in which  $V^*$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule, let us call the bimodule action of Remark 5.1.1 the “natural” action, and the bimodule action of Remark 5.1.2 the “inverse” action.

**Proposition 5.1.4.** Let  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . Suppose  $V$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule and  $W$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule, both of which are finite dimensional over  $k$ . Then  $(W \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} V)^* \cong V^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} W^*$  as  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodules under the inverse action.

*Proof.* Define

$$\varphi : (W \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y,Y)} V)^* \rightarrow V^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y,Y)} W^*$$

by  $k$ -linear extension of the assignment  $(w \otimes v)^* \mapsto v^* \otimes w^*$ . To see that  $\varphi$  is well defined, note that

$$\varphi((w\alpha \otimes v)^*) = v^* \otimes (w\alpha)^* = v^* \otimes \alpha^{-1} \cdot w^* = v^* \cdot \alpha^{-1} \otimes w^* = (\alpha v)^* \otimes w^* = \varphi((w \otimes \alpha v)^*)$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ . To see that  $\varphi$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodule homomorphism, observe that

$$\sigma \cdot (w \otimes v)^* = ((w \otimes v)\sigma^{-1})^* = (w \otimes v\sigma^{-1})^* \mapsto (v\sigma^{-1})^* \otimes w^* = (\sigma \cdot v^*) \otimes w^* = \sigma \cdot (v^* \otimes w^*)$$

for any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$ , and

$$(w \otimes v)^* \cdot \tau = (\tau^{-1}(w \otimes v))^* = (\tau^{-1}w \otimes v)^* \mapsto v^* \otimes (\tau^{-1}w)^* = v^* \otimes (w^* \cdot \tau) = (v^* \otimes w^*) \cdot \tau$$

for any  $\tau \in \mathcal{C}(Z, Z)$ . Next, define

$$\psi : V^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y,Y)} W^* \rightarrow (W \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y,Y)} V)^*$$

by  $k$ -linear extension of the assignment  $v^* \otimes w^* \mapsto (w \otimes v)^*$ . Then  $\psi$  well defined since

$$\psi((v^* \cdot \alpha) \otimes w^*) = \psi((\alpha^{-1}v)^* \otimes w^*) = (w \otimes \alpha^{-1}v)^* = (w\alpha^{-1} \otimes v)^* = \psi(v^* \otimes (w\alpha^{-1})^*) = \psi(v^* \otimes (\alpha \cdot w^*))$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ . Also,  $\psi$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodule homomorphism because

$$\sigma \cdot (v^* \otimes w^*) = (\sigma \cdot v^*) \otimes w^* = (v\sigma^{-1})^* \otimes w^* \mapsto (w \otimes v\sigma^{-1})^* = ((w \otimes v)\sigma^{-1})^* = \sigma \cdot (w \otimes v)^*$$

for any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$ , and

$$(v^* \otimes w^*) \cdot \tau = v^* \otimes (w^* \cdot \tau) = v^* \otimes (\tau^{-1}w)^* \mapsto (\tau^{-1}w \otimes v)^* = (\tau^{-1}(w \otimes v))^* = (w \otimes v)^* \cdot \tau$$

for any  $\tau \in \mathcal{C}(Z, Z)$ . Thus,  $(W \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y,Y)} V)^* \cong V^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y,Y)} W^*$  as  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodules under the inverse action.  $\square$

**Remark 5.1.5.** In particular, for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*$  as  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodules under the inverse action. Moreover, it follows by induction that

$$(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_i, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_i, Y_i)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1)^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_i, Y_i)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_i, Z)_1^*$$

as  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodules under the inverse action, for any  $X, Y_1, \dots, Y_i, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $i \geq 1$ .

**Proposition 5.1.6.** Let  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule that is finite dimensional over  $k$ , and the natural and inverse actions on  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^*$  coincide.

*Proof.*  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  is spanned by the finite set

$$S = \{g \otimes f : g \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z), f \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \text{ are morphisms of degree 1}\},$$

so  $S$  contains a basis of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ . To show the natural and inverse actions on  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^*$  coincide, it is enough to check this on basis elements. Let  $g, g' \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$ ,  $f, f' \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  be morphisms of degree 1 and let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$ ,  $\tau \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ . Under the natural action, we have

$$(\sigma \cdot (g \otimes f)^*)(g' \otimes f') = (g \otimes f)^*(g' \otimes f' \sigma) = \delta_{g \otimes f, g' \otimes f' \sigma}$$

and

$$((g \otimes f)^* \cdot \tau)(g' \otimes f') = (g \otimes f)^*(\tau g' \otimes f') = \delta_{g \otimes f, \tau g' \otimes f'}.$$

On the other hand, under the inverse action, we have

$$(\sigma \cdot (g \otimes f)^*)(g' \otimes f') = (g \otimes f \sigma^{-1})^*(g' \otimes f') = \delta_{g \otimes f \sigma^{-1}, g' \otimes f'}$$

and

$$((g \otimes f)^* \cdot \tau)(g' \otimes f') = (\tau^{-1} g \otimes f)^*(g' \otimes f') = \delta_{\tau^{-1} g \otimes f, g' \otimes f'}.$$

But  $\delta_{g \otimes f, g' \otimes f' \sigma} = \delta_{g \otimes f \sigma^{-1}, g' \otimes f'}$  and  $\delta_{g \otimes f, \tau g' \otimes f'} = \delta_{\tau^{-1} g \otimes f, g' \otimes f'}$ , so the natural and inverse actions coincide.  $\square$

Therefore, we may unambiguously identify  $\text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$  as a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -subbimodule of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*$ , where

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^* : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^* \rightarrow (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*.$$

## 5.2. The category $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$ .

**Definition 5.2.1.** Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be a directed graded  $k$ -linear category. Recall that  $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i$  is a graded  $k$ -algebra, where  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_i = \bigoplus_{X, Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_i$ . Note that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0$  is a ring, with multiplicative identity  $\sum_{X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} 1_X$  if and only if  $|\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})|$  is finite. Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0, \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0)$ -bimodule, we can form the graded  $k$ -algebra

$$T = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 \oplus \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \oplus (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1) \oplus \cdots.$$

Let  $\gamma : T \rightarrow A$  be the map induced by composition of morphisms. It is a graded  $k$ -algebra homomorphism, and is surjective by condition (A6). Let  $K = \ker(\gamma)$ , which is a graded ideal of  $T$ . If  $K$  is generated by its degree 2 component  $K_2 = K \cap (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1)$ , then we call  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  a *quadratic* category.

**Remark 5.2.2.** If a directed graded  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is Koszul, then it is quadratic by [GL, Proposition 3.10].

**Remark 5.2.3.** Let  $R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$  be a graded ring, and  $a, b \in R_0$ . Then  $aRb = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} aR_i b$  is a graded subring of  $R$ . Let  $S \subseteq R_i$  for some  $i \geq 0$ , and  $I$  be the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $S$ . Then  $I = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} (I \cap R_i)$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ . Put  $I_i = I \cap R_i$  for each  $i \geq 0$ . Then  $aIb = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} aI_i b$  is a graded ideal of  $aRb$ , and hence admits a graded quotient ring  $aRb/aIb = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} (aR_i b/aI_i b)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an EI category, and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category. Recall that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is skeletal, by Note 2.1.2.



**Definition 5.2.4.** Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^* = \bigoplus_{X,Y \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^*$ . Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^*$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y))$ -bimodule for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , it follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^*$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0, \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0)$ -bimodule. So we can form the graded  $k$ -algebra

$$R = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 \oplus \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^* \oplus (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^*) \oplus \cdots .$$

Put  $R_0 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0$  and  $R_i = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^*$  ( $i$  factors) for  $i > 0$ , so that  $R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$ . Note that  $R_0 = \bigoplus_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0$  by condition (A3), and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  by condition (A4). So for any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , we have  $1_X, 1_Z \in R_0$ . Hence,  $1_X R 1_Z = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} 1_X R_i 1_Z$  is a graded  $k$ -subalgebra of  $R$ . Notice that

$$1_X R_0 1_Z = \begin{cases} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & \text{if } X = Z \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq Z, \end{cases}$$

$$1_X R_1 1_Z = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*,$$

$$1_X R_2 1_Z = \bigoplus_{Y \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*,$$

and for  $i > 2$ , we have

$$1_X R_i 1_Z = \bigoplus_{Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*.$$

Let  $S = \bigcup_{X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}} \text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$ . Since

$$R_2 = \bigoplus_{X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*,$$

we have  $S \subseteq R_2$ . Let  $I$  be the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $S$ . Then  $I = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} I_i$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ , where  $I_i = I \cap R_i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ ; in particular,  $I_0 = I_1 = 0$ . So  $1_X I 1_Z = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} 1_X I_i 1_Z$  is a graded ideal of  $1_X R 1_Z$ , and hence admits a graded quotient  $k$ -algebra  $1_X R 1_Z / 1_X I 1_Z = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} (1_X R_i 1_Z / 1_X I_i 1_Z)$ .

The *quadratic dual* of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is the  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$  having the same objects as  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and morphisms defined by

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X) = 1_X R 1_Z / 1_X I 1_Z = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} (1_X R_i 1_Z / 1_X I_i 1_Z)$$

for any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . For any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , the composition map  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Y, X) \otimes_k \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)$  is

defined by

$$(1_X r 1_Y + 1_X I 1_Y)(1_Y s 1_Z + 1_Y I 1_Z) = 1_X r s 1_Z + 1_X I 1_Z.$$

To see this is well-defined, suppose

$$1_X r 1_Y + 1_X I 1_Y = 1_X r' 1_Y + 1_X I 1_Y \text{ and } 1_Y s 1_Z + 1_Y I 1_Z = 1_Y s' 1_Z + 1_Y I 1_Z.$$

Then

$$1_X r 1_Y - 1_X r' 1_Y = 1_X (r - r') 1_Y \in 1_X I 1_Y \text{ and } 1_Y s 1_Z - 1_Y s' 1_Z = 1_Y (s - s') 1_Z \in 1_Y I 1_Z$$

implies  $r - r', s - s' \in I$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} 1_X r s 1_Z - 1_X r' s' 1_Z &= 1_X r s 1_Z - 1_X r s' 1_Z + 1_X r s' 1_Z - 1_X s s' 1_Z \\ &= 1_X r (s - s') 1_Z + 1_X (r - r') s' 1_Z \end{aligned}$$

belongs to  $1_X I 1_Z$ , and hence  $1_X r s 1_Z + 1_X I 1_Z = 1_X r' s' 1_Z + 1_X I 1_Z$ . For any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , the identity morphism in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)$  is  $1_X + 1_X I 1_X$ .

**Proposition 5.2.5.**  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.

*Proof.* Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . Recall that

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X) = 1_X R 1_Z / 1_X I 1_Z = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} (1_X R_i 1_Z / 1_X I_i 1_Z).$$

Put  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i = 1_X R_i 1_Z / 1_X I_i 1_Z$  for each  $i \geq 0$ . Then

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i$$

is a graded  $k$ -vector space. Notice that

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_0 = \begin{cases} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & \text{if } X = Z \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq Z, \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_1 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_2 = \bigoplus_{Y \in \mathcal{C}} (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^* / \text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*))$$

and for  $i > 2$ ,

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_i = \bigoplus_{Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}} ((\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*) / W_i),$$

with

$$W_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-1})} \text{im}(\gamma_{Y_{j-1}Y_jY_{j+1}}^*) \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j+1}, Y_{j+1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*$$

in which  $X = Y_0$  and  $Z = Y_i$ . For any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , the composite of a degree  $i$  morphism  $1_X r_i 1_Y + 1_X I_i 1_Y$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Y, X)_i$  and a degree  $j$  morphism  $1_Y r_j 1_Z + 1_Y I_j 1_Z$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, Y)_j$  is the degree  $i+j$  morphism  $1_X r_i r_j 1_Z + 1_X I_{i+j} 1_Z$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_{i+j}$ . Hence, the composition map  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Y, X) \otimes_k \underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, Y) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)$  is a morphism in  $k\text{-gMod}$ . It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1$  is a graded  $k$ -linear category.

Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is directed,  $\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  is partially ordered by  $\subseteq$  such that whenever  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \neq 0$ , we have  $X \subseteq Y$ . We partially order  $\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1)$  by  $\supseteq$ , and claim that whenever  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X) \neq 0$ , we have  $Z \supseteq X$ . To show this, let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and suppose  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X) \neq 0$ . Then we must have a nonzero morphism  $u \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_i$  for some  $i \geq 0$ . If  $i = 0$ , then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_0 \neq 0$  forces  $X = Z$ , so  $Z \supseteq X$ . If  $i = 1$ , consider  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_1 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*$ . Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1$  is finite dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space by condition (A1),  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1$  as  $k$ -vector spaces. Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z) \neq 0$  implies  $X \subseteq Z$ , so  $Z \supseteq X$ . If  $i \geq 2$ , then there exist  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}$  and nonzero morphisms  $u_1 \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, u_i \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1$ . So the composite  $u_i \cdots u_1 \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_i$  is nonzero. Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z) \neq 0$  implies  $X \subseteq Z$ , so  $Z \supseteq X$ . Thus,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1$  is directed.

It remains to verify conditions (A1)-(A7) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1$ .

(A1) Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . We must show that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)$  is finite dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space. Define the graded  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*$  by setting  $\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*) = \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*(Y, W) = 1_W R 1_Y$  for any  $W, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , where

$$R = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 \oplus \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^* \oplus (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^*) \oplus \cdots$$

It suffices to show that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*(Z, X)$  is finite dimensional.  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*$  is directed by  $\supseteq$  in the same way as  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^1$ .

Let  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}$  be the convex hull of  $\{X, Z\}$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*$ . Then  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)_i$ , where

$$\underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)_0 = \begin{cases} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & \text{if } X = Z \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq Z, \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)_1 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*,$$

and for  $i \geq 2$ ,

$$\underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)_i = \bigoplus_{Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \underline{\mathcal{D}}} ((\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*).$$

For any finite set  $S \subseteq \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$ , the convex hull of  $S$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*$  is the same as the convex hull of  $S$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . By condition (A7) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}$  has only finitely many objects. Hence, each  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)_i$  is finite dimensional and  $\underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)_i = 0$  for all  $i > |\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{D}})| + 1$ . Thus,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^*(Z, X) = \underline{\mathcal{D}}(Z, X)$  is finite dimensional.

(A2) Let  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . By condition (A4) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$  below,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_i = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ . Thus,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X) = \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_0 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$ . Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)$  is semisimple as a  $k$ -algebra by condition (A2) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

(A3)  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_0 = 0$  if  $X \neq Z$  by definition.

(A4) Let  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . We will show that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_i = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ . For  $i = 1$ , we have  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_1 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_1$  as  $k$ -vector spaces. Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_1 = 0$  by condition (A4) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . Next suppose  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_i \neq 0$  for some  $i \geq 2$ , for sake of contradiction. Then there exist  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, X)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, X)_1$  are nonzero. Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is directed, this implies  $X \subseteq Y_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq Y_{i-1} \subseteq X$ , which gives  $X = Y_1 = \cdots = Y_{i-1}$ . But then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^*, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, X)_1^*$  are all isomorphic to  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_1$  as  $k$ -vector spaces. Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^*, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, X)_1^* = 0$  by condition (A4) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . This is a contradiction, so we must have  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 2$ . Therefore,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, X)_i = 0$  for every  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $i > 0$ .

(A5) Let  $X \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . By condition (A5) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , there are only finitely many  $Y \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Y, X)_1 \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 \neq 0$  or  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, Y)_1 \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)_1 \neq 0$ .

(A6) We must show that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^! = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_{i+1}^!$  for every  $i \geq 0$ , where  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^! = \bigoplus_{X, Z \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i$  for each  $i \geq 0$ . Note that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! = \bigoplus_{X, Z \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*$  by definition, and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^! = \bigoplus_{Z \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z)_0$  by condition (A3) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$ . Let  $X, Z \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . If  $f^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_1 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*$ , then  $1_Z \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, Z)_0 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z)$  and  $f^* = f^* \cdot 1_Z$ . It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^! = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^!$ . If  $f_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes f_{i+1}^* + W_{i+1}$  belongs to a direct summand of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_{i+1}$  corresponding to some  $Y_1, \dots, Y_i \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , then  $f_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes f_i^* + W_i$  is in the direct summand of

$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i$  corresponding to  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $f_{i+1}^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_i, Z)_1^*$ . So

$$f_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i+1}^* + W_{i+1} = (f_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes f_i^* + W_i) \cdot f_{i+1}^*,$$

and it follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_{i+1}^! = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^!$  for  $i \geq 1$ .

(A7) Since  $\text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $Z \supseteq Y \supseteq X$  if and only if  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq Z$ , the convex hull of any finite set  $S \subseteq \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!)$  contains only finitely many objects, by condition (A7) for  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Therefore,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.  $\square$

**Remark 5.2.6.** Let  $A^!$  be the graded  $k$ -algebra  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^!$ , where  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^! = \bigoplus_{X, Z \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i$  for each  $i \geq 0$ . Because  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^! = \bigoplus_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! = \bigoplus_{X, Z \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^!$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^!, \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^!)$ -bimodule. So we can form the graded  $k$ -algebra

$$T^! = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^! \oplus \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! \oplus (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^!} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^!) \oplus \dots$$

and let  $\gamma^! : T^! \rightarrow A^!$  be the graded  $k$ -algebra homomorphism induced by composition of morphisms in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$ . Then  $\gamma^!$  is surjective by condition (A6) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$ , and  $K^! = \ker(\gamma^!)$  is generated by its degree 2 component  $K_2^! = K^! \cap (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^! \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^!} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^!)$  by construction of morphisms in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$ . Thus,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$  is quadratic.

### 5.3 The category $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  be a partition type, and  $A$  be a finite abelian group. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the skeletal subcategory of  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  on objects  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$ . Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ , where  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is an EI category and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category, by Proposition 3.2.3.

**Definition 5.3.1.** The *twist* of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is the  $k$ -linear category  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  having the same objects as  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , and morphisms defined by

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y) = \bigoplus_{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes_k \det(P_f)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\det(P_f) = \bigwedge^{|P_f|} kP_f$ . The composite of two morphisms  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m S_j$

in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, Z)$  and  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^l R_j$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)$  is defined to be

$$(gf, P_{gf}, \alpha_{gf}) \otimes g(R_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge g(R_l) \wedge S_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge S_m$$

in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)$ . Composition in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is associative because if

$$(h, P_h, \alpha_h) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^p T_j \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, Z), (g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m S_j \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y), (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^l R_j \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(W, X),$$

then

$$((h, P_h, \alpha_h) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^p T_j)((gf, P_{gf}, \alpha_{gf}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^l g(R_j) \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^m S_j)$$

and

$$((hg, P_{hg}, \alpha_{hg}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^m h(S_j) \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^p T_j)((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^l R_j)$$

both equal

$$(hgf, P_{hgf}, \alpha_{hgf}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^l hg(R_j) \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^m h(S_j) \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^p T_j.$$

The identity morphism in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)$  is  $(1_X, \emptyset, 0) \otimes 1$ , where  $0 : X \rightarrow A$  is the zero map.

**Proposition 5.3.2.**  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.

*Proof.* For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , define the degree  $i \geq 0$  part of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)$  by

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_i = \bigoplus_{\substack{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \\ |P_f| = i}} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes_k \det(P_f).$$

Then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_i$  is a graded  $k$ -vector space, such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, Z)_j \otimes_k \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_i \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_{i+j}$  for every  $i, j \geq 0$ . It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is a graded  $k$ -linear category. Also,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is directed by the same partial order  $\subseteq$  on  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . We now verify conditions (A1)-(A7) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  below.

(A1) Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . Since  $\det(P_f)$  is 1-dimensional for any  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y) \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  as  $k$ -vector spaces. By condition (A1) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)$  is finite dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space.

(A2) Let  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X) = \bigoplus_{(f, \emptyset, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)} k(f, \emptyset, \alpha_f) \otimes_k k$$

is isomorphic to  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$  as a  $k$ -algebra. So  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)$  is semisimple as a  $k$ -algebra for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , by condition (A2) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

(A3) If  $X \neq Y$ , then there is no  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  for which  $|P_f| = 0$ . Hence,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_0 = 0$  if  $X \neq Y$ .

(A4) If  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i > 0$ , then there is no  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$  for which  $|P_f| = i$ . Thus,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)_i = 0$  for every  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i > 0$ .

(A5) For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1 = \bigoplus_{\substack{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \\ |P_f|=1}} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes_k kP_f$$

is isomorphic to  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  as a  $k$ -vector space. So for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , there are only finitely many  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1 \neq 0$  or  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, X)_1 \neq 0$ , by condition (A5) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

(A6) Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . If  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1$  is a morphism of degree 1, where  $P_f = \{R\}$ , then the identity morphism  $(1_X, \emptyset, 0) \otimes 1 \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)_0$  is a morphism of degree 0, and

$$(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R = ((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R) \circ ((1_X, \emptyset, 0) \otimes 1).$$

It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1$ . Next, let  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^i T_j \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_i$  be a morphism of degree  $i > 1$ . By condition (A6) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (g', P_{g'}, \alpha_{g'})(f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'})$  for some morphisms  $(f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y')$ ,  $(g', P_{g'}, \alpha_{g'}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y', Y)$ , of degrees  $i-1$  and 1, respectively, for some  $Y' \in \mathcal{C}$ . Let  $P_{f'} = \{R_1, \dots, R_{i-1}\}$  and  $P_{g'} = \{S\}$ . Then  $\{T_1, \dots, T_i\} = P_f = P_{g'f'} = \{g'(R_1), \dots, g'(R_{i-1}), S\}$ . So  $(f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1} R_j \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y')_{i-1}$  and  $(g', P_{g'}, \alpha_{g'}) \otimes S \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y')_1$  with

$$((g', P_{g'}, \alpha_{g'}) \otimes S) \circ ((f', P_{f'}, \alpha_{f'}) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1} R_j) = (f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes g'(R_1) \wedge \dots \wedge g'(R_{i-1}) \wedge S,$$

which equals  $\pm(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^i T_j$ . It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \cdot \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_{i+1}$  for every  $i \geq 0$ .

(A7) The convex hull of any finite set  $S \subseteq \text{Ob}(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw})$  contains only finitely many objects, by condition (A7) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

Therefore,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is a directed graded  $k$ -linear category.  $\square$

**Note 5.3.3.** For any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , we have  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X) = \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)_0$  by condition (A4) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ , respectively. Let us identify  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0 \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)_0$  as  $k$ -algebras under the correspondence  $(f, \emptyset, \alpha_f) \leftrightarrow (f, \emptyset, \alpha_f) \otimes 1$ . Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 = \bigoplus_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)_0$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^{tw} = \bigoplus_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, X)_0$  by condition (A3) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ , respectively, we shall identify  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^{tw} \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0$  as  $k$ -algebras. Then for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1$  is  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodule with left action given by  $k$ -linear extension of

$$(\tau, \emptyset, \alpha_\tau) \cdot ((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R) = (\tau f, P_{\tau f}, \alpha_{\tau f}) \otimes \tau(R)$$

for  $(\tau, \emptyset, \alpha_\tau) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ , and right action given by  $k$ -linear extension of

$$((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R) \cdot (\sigma, \emptyset, \alpha_\sigma) = (f\sigma, P_{f\sigma}, \alpha_{f\sigma}) \otimes R$$

for  $(\sigma, \emptyset, \alpha_\sigma) \in \mathcal{C}(X, X)$ , where  $P_f = \{R\}$ .

**Notation 5.3.4.** Given a group  $G$ , let  $X$  be a right  $G$ -set and  $Y$  be a left  $G$ -set. Define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $X \times Y$  by declaring that  $(x, y) \sim (x', y')$  if and only if there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $x = x'g$  and  $gy = y'$ . Let  $X \times_G Y = X \times Y / \sim$  denote the set of equivalence classes. For any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , let  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)_1$  be the set of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  of degree 1. Then for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(Y, Z)_1$  is a right  $\mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ -set and  $\mathcal{C}(X, Y)_1$  is a left  $\mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$ -set, so we can form the set  $\mathcal{C}(Y, Z)_1 \times_{\mathcal{C}(Y, Y)} \mathcal{C}(X, Y)_1$ .

**Proposition 5.3.5.**  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is quadratic.

*Proof.* Let  $A^{tw} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^{tw}$ , where  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_i^{tw} = \bigoplus_{X, Y \in \mathcal{C}} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_i$ . Then  $A^{tw}$  is a graded  $k$ -algebra with multiplication given by composition of morphisms in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ . Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^{tw}$  is a  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0, \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0)$ -bimodule, we can form the graded  $k$ -algebra

$$T^{tw} = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0^{tw} \oplus \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^{tw} \oplus (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^{tw} \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^{tw}) \oplus \cdots$$



Let  $\gamma^{tw} : T^{tw} \rightarrow A^{tw}$  be the graded  $k$ -algebra homomorphism induced by composition of morphisms in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ . It is surjective by condition (A6) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ . Let  $K^{tw} = \ker(\gamma^{tw})$ , which is a graded ideal of  $T^{tw}$ . We must show that  $K^{tw}$  is generated by its degree 2 component  $K_2^{tw} = \ker(\gamma^{tw}) \cap (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^{tw} \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1^{tw})$ .

Let us abbreviate morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  simply by  $f$ . Also, for any morphism  $f$ , pick an ordering of the elements of  $P_f$  and write  $\wedge_f$  for the basis element of  $\det(P_f)$ .

We define a graded  $k$ -algebra  $\tilde{T}^{tw} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \tilde{T}_i^{tw}$  as follows. Let  $\tilde{T}_0^{tw} = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0$  and for  $i \geq 1$ , let

$$\tilde{T}_i^{tw} = \bigoplus_{X, Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, Z \in \mathcal{C}} \bigoplus_{(f_i, \dots, f_1) \in \mathcal{C}(f_i, \dots, f_1)} k(f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes_k \det(P_{f_i \dots f_1}),$$

where the inner direct sum is over all

$$(f_i, \dots, f_1) \in \mathcal{C}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \times_{\mathcal{C}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \times_{\mathcal{C}(Y_1, Y_1)} \mathcal{C}(X, Y_1)_1.$$

The product of two basis elements

$$(g_j, \dots, g_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1} \in \tilde{T}_j^{tw} \text{ and } (f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1} \in \tilde{T}_i^{tw}$$

is defined to be

$$(g_j, \dots, g_1, f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1 f_i \dots f_1} \in \tilde{T}_{i+j}^{tw}.$$

Let  $i \geq 2$  and  $X, Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . For any

$$(f_i, \dots, f_1) \in \mathcal{C}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \times_{\mathcal{C}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \times_{\mathcal{C}(Y_1, Y_1)} \mathcal{C}(X, Y_1)_1,$$

choose the ordering  $(f_i \cdots f_2(R_1), \dots, R_i)$  of the elements of  $P_{f_i \dots f_1}$ , where  $P_{f_l} = \{R_l\}$  for each  $1 \leq l \leq i$ .

Define  $\tilde{\gamma}^{tw} : \tilde{T}^{tw} \rightarrow A^{tw}$  in degree  $i \geq 1$  by  $k$ -linear extension of the assignment

$$(f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1} \mapsto f_i \cdots f_1 \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1},$$

where  $\wedge_{f_i \dots f_1} = f_i \cdots f_2(R_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge R_i$ . To see that  $\tilde{\gamma}^{tw}$  is a  $k$ -algebra homomorphism, take basis elements

$$(g_j, \dots, g_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1} \in \tilde{T}_j^{tw} \text{ and } (f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1} \in \tilde{T}_i^{tw}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\gamma}^{tw}(((g_j, \dots, g_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1})(f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1})) &= \tilde{\gamma}^{tw}((g_j, \dots, g_1, f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1 f_i \dots f_1}) \\
&= g_j \cdots g_1 f_i \cdots f_1 \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1 f_i \dots f_1} \\
&= ((g_j \cdots g_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1})(f_i \cdots f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1} \\
&= \tilde{\gamma}^{tw}((g_j, \dots, g_1) \otimes \wedge_{g_j \dots g_1}) \tilde{\gamma}^{tw}((f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1})
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\wedge_{g_j \dots g_1 f_i \dots f_1} = g_j \cdots g_1 f_i \cdots f_1 (R_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge g_j \cdots g_1 (R_i) \wedge g_j \cdots g_1 (S_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge S_j$$

for  $P_{f_l} = \{R_l\}$  ( $1 \leq l \leq i$ ) and  $P_{g_p} = \{S_p\}$  ( $1 \leq p \leq j$ ).

Recall that  $\gamma : T \rightarrow A$  is a graded  $k$ -algebra homomorphism given by composition of morphisms in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , where  $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_i$  and  $T = \underline{\mathcal{C}}_0 \oplus \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \oplus (\underline{\mathcal{C}}_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}_0} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_1) \oplus \cdots$ . Note that  $\tilde{T}^{tw} \cong T$  as graded  $k$ -algebras by  $k$ -linear extension of the correspondence

$$(f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \dots f_1} \leftrightarrow f_i \otimes \cdots \otimes f_1$$

in degree  $i \geq 1$ .

For any  $i \geq 2$ , an arbitrary element in a direct summand of  $\tilde{T}_i^{tw}$  corresponding to  $X, Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1}, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  is of the form

$$\tilde{x} = \sum_j c_{i_j, \dots, 1_j} (f_{i_j}, \dots, f_{1_j}) \otimes \wedge_{f_{i_j} \dots f_{1_j}}.$$

Then

$$\tilde{\gamma}^{tw}(\tilde{x}) = \sum_j c_{i_j, \dots, 1_j} f_{i_j} \cdots f_{1_j} \otimes \wedge_{f_{i_j} \dots f_{1_j}}$$

belongs to the direct summand of  $A_i^{tw}$  corresponding to  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . Let

$$x = \sum_j c_{i_j, \dots, 1_j} f_{i_j} \otimes \cdots \otimes f_{1_j}$$

be the image of  $\tilde{x}$  under the isomorphism  $\tilde{T}^{tw} \cong T$ . Then

$$\gamma(x) = \sum_j c_{i_j, \dots, 1_j} f_{i_j} \cdots f_{1_j}$$

belongs to the direct summand of  $A_i$  corresponding to  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . Group together like terms in both of the sums  $\tilde{\gamma}^{tw}(\tilde{x})$  and  $\gamma(x)$ , i.e. those for which the composite  $f_{i_j} \cdots f_{1_j}$  is the same element in  $\mathcal{C}(X, Z)$ . If  $\tilde{x} \in \ker(\tilde{\gamma}^{tw})$ , then

$$\tilde{\gamma}^{tw}(\tilde{x}) = \sum_j c_{i_j, \dots, 1_j} f_{i_j} \cdots f_{1_j} \otimes \wedge_{f_{i_j} \cdots f_{1_j}} = 0$$

implies that the sum of the corresponding scalars is 0 in each group, and hence  $x \in \ker(\gamma)$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is quadratic by Remark 5.2.2,  $x$  is generated by the degree 2 component of  $\ker(\gamma)$ . Because  $\tilde{T}^{tw} \cong T$  as graded  $k$ -algebras,  $\tilde{x}$  is generated by the degree 2 component of  $\ker(\tilde{\gamma}^{tw})$ . It follows that  $\ker(\tilde{\gamma}^{tw})$  by its degree 2 component.

Observe that  $\tilde{T}^{tw} \cong T^{tw}$  as graded  $k$ -algebras by  $k$ -linear extension of the correspondence

$$(f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \cdots f_1} \leftrightarrow (f_i \otimes R_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes (f_1 \otimes R_1)$$

in degree  $i \geq 1$ , where  $P_{f_l} = \{R_l\}$  for each  $1 \leq l \leq i$ . Hence, we get a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{T}^{tw} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & T^{tw} \\ \tilde{\gamma}^{tw} \searrow & & \swarrow \gamma^{tw} \\ & & A^{tw} \end{array}$$

because

$$\tilde{\gamma}^{tw}((f_i, \dots, f_1) \otimes \wedge_{f_i \cdots f_1}) = f_i \cdots f_1 \otimes \wedge_{f_i \cdots f_1} = \gamma^{tw}((f_i \otimes R_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes (f_1 \otimes R_1)).$$

Since  $\ker(\tilde{\gamma}^{tw})$  is generated by its degree 2 component and  $\tilde{T}^{tw} \cong T^{tw}$  as graded  $k$ -algebras,  $\ker(\gamma^{tw})$  is generated by its degree 2 component. Therefore,  $\mathcal{C}^{tw}$  is quadratic.  $\square$

#### 5.4. Description of $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  be a partition type, and  $A$  be a finite abelian group. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the skeletal subcategory of  $\mathcal{FT}_{t,A}^n$  on objects of the form  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$ , where  $x_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0, and  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is Koszul by Corollary 4.3.2 and hence quadratic by [GL, Proposition 3.10].

In this section we will show that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!$  and  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw})^{op}$  are isomorphic categories (Corollary 5.4.10), provided that we make a further assumption on the partition type  $t$  (Remark 5.4.2). To prove  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^! \cong (\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw})^{op}$ , we need to show that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i$  as  $k$ -vector spaces for any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 0$ .

**Note 5.4.1.** For  $i = 0, 1$ , this is immediate. For any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , recall that

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_0 = \begin{cases} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) & \text{if } X = Z \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq Z \end{cases}$$

and

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(X, Z)_1 = \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_1^*.$$

On the other hand,

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_0 = \begin{cases} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X) \otimes_k k & \text{if } X = Z \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq Z \end{cases}$$

and

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_1 = \bigoplus_{\substack{(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \\ |P_f|=1}} k(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes_k \det(P_f).$$

Thus,  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i$  as  $k$ -vector spaces for  $i = 0, 1$ .

**Remark 5.4.2.** For  $i \geq 2$ , we must make a further assumption on the partition type  $t$ . There are two cases depending on  $n$ . If  $n = 1$ , then fix  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume  $t$  is partition type  $m$ ; if  $n > 1$ , then assume  $t$  is partition type  $n^*$ .

**Proposition 5.4.3.** Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 2$ . If  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_i \neq 0$ , then there is a unique sequence of objects  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1$  are nonzero.

*Proof.* Recall that any morphism of degree  $i \geq 2$  factors into a composite of degree 1 morphisms by condition (A6) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ . Let  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$  and  $Z = ([z_1], \dots, [z_n])$ . If  $n = 1$ , then we must have  $[z_1] = [x_1 + im]$ , so  $Y_1 = [x_1 + m], \dots, Y_{i-1} = [x_1 + (i-1)m]$  are the only objects in  $\mathcal{C}$  for which  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1$  are nonzero. On the other hand, if  $n > 1$ , then we must have  $([z_1], \dots, [z_n]) = ([x_1 + i], \dots, [x_n + i])$ , so  $Y_1 = ([x_1 + 1], \dots, [x_n + 1]), \dots, Y_{i-1} = ([x_1 + (i-1)], \dots, [x_n + (i-1)])$  are the only objects in  $\mathcal{C}$  for which  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1$  are nonzero.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.4.** Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 2$ . Suppose  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_i \neq 0$ , and let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}$  be the unique objects such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1$  are nonzero. Then

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i = (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*) / W_i,$$

where

$$W_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-1})} \text{im}(\gamma_{Y_{j-1} Y_j Y_{j+1}}^*) \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j+1}, Y_{j+1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*,$$

in which  $X = Y_0$  and  $Z = Y_i$ .

To show  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^!(Z, X)_i \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i$  as  $k$ -vector spaces for any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 2$ , we will exhibit a surjection

$$\phi : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^* \twoheadrightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i$$

whose kernel is  $W_i$ . The map  $\phi$  is constructed as follows.

By Remark 5.1.5, we have an isomorphism of  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodules

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^* \cong (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1)^*.$$

Since

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1$$

is finite dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space, we have an isomorphism of  $k$ -vector spaces

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1.$$

Let

$$\alpha : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^* \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1$$

be the composite of the above two  $k$ -vector space isomorphisms.

Recall that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1 \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  as  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodules for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . It follows by induction that

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y_1)_1 \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1$$

as  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X))$ -bimodules. Let

$$\beta : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y_1)_1$$

be this isomorphism as  $k$ -vector spaces.

Let

$$\gamma^{tw} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y_1)_1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i$$

be the composition map in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ , which is surjective by condition (A6) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$ .

Thus, we define

$$\phi : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^* \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i$$

as the composite  $\gamma^{tw} \beta \alpha$ .

**Notation 5.4.5.** For arbitrary  $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , let us denote by  $\phi_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^* \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_2$  the composite  $\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ} \alpha_{XYZ}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^* &\xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1, \\ (f, P_f, \alpha_f)^* \otimes (g, P_g, \alpha_g)^* &\mapsto (g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 &\xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1 \\ (g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f) &\mapsto ((g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes S) \otimes ((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1 &\rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_2 \\ ((g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes S) \otimes ((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R) &\mapsto (gf, P_{gf}, \alpha_{gf}) \otimes g(R) \wedge S, \end{aligned}$$

with  $P_g = \{S\}$ ,  $P_f = \{R\}$ .

Since  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}$  is quadratic by Proposition 5.3.5,  $\ker(\gamma^{tw})$  equals

$$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j+1}, Y_{j+1})} \ker(\gamma_{Y_{j-1}Y_jY_{j+1}}^{tw}) \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y_1)_1,$$

in which  $X = Y_0$  and  $Z = Y_i$ . Because  $\alpha, \beta$  are  $k$ -vector space isomorphisms, we get  $\ker(\phi) = \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}(\ker(\gamma^{tw}))$ . Hence,  $\ker(\phi)$  equals

$$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-1})} \ker(\phi_{Y_{j-1}Y_jY_{j+1}}) \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j+1}, Y_{j+1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*.$$

Thus, it suffices to show that  $\ker(\phi_{XYZ}) = \text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$ , where  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  are arbitrary and  $Y$  is the unique object in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \neq 0$ .

**Definition 5.4.6.** Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 0$ . Given a morphism  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_i$ , there is a unique sequence of objects  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1, \dots, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1$  are nonzero. We call an element

$$(f_i, P_{f_i}, \alpha_{f_i}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1$$

a *factorization* of  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g)$  if

$$(f_i, P_{f_i}, \alpha_{f_i}) \cdots (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) = (g, P_g, \alpha_g).$$

**Lemma 5.4.7.** If  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ , then any basis element  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2$  has exactly two factorizations in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ , where  $Y$  is the unique object in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* By the proof of condition (A6) for  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ , we know that  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h)$  factors into a composite of two degree 1 morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  and  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1$ . We shall reproduce that argument here for future reference.

Since  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h)$  is a degree 2 morphism, we have  $P_h = \{T_1, T_2\}$  for some disjoint nonempty subsets  $T_1, T_2 \subset Z$ . Then there is a bijection  $\tau_1 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z \setminus \{T_1\})$ . Let  $\iota_1 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Z \setminus \{T_1\}, Z)$  be the inclusion map. Define  $g_1 = \iota_1 \tau_1 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z)$ ,  $P_{g_1} = \{T_1\}$ , and  $\alpha_{g_1}(y) = 0$  for  $y \in Y$ , and  $\alpha_{g_1}(T_1) = \alpha_h(T_1)$ . Then  $(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$  is a morphism of degree 1. Let  $h' \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, Z \setminus \{T_1\})$  be the morphism obtained by restricting the codomain of  $h \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, Z)$  to  $Z \setminus \{T_1\}$ . Define  $f_1 = \tau_1^{-1} h' \in \mathcal{FT}^n(X, Y)$ ,  $P_{f_1} = \{\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)\}$ , and  $\alpha_{f_1}(x) = \alpha_h(x)$  for  $x \in X$ , and  $\alpha_{f_1}(\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)) = \alpha_h(T_2)$ . Then  $(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  is a morphism of degree 1.

So

$$g_1 f_1 = \iota_1 \tau_1 \tau_1^{-1} h' = \iota_1 h' = h,$$

$$P_{g_1 f_1} = g_1(P_{f_1}) \sqcup P_{g_1} = \{\iota_1 \tau_1 \tau_1^{-1}(T_2)\} \sqcup \{T_1\} = \{T_1, T_2\} = P_h,$$



and

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{g_1 f_1}(x) &= \alpha_{f_1}(x) + \alpha_{g_1}(f(x)) = \alpha_h(x) \text{ for } x \in X, \\ \alpha_{g_1 f_1}(T_2) &= \alpha_{g_1 f_1}(g_1(\tau_1^{-1}(T_2))) = \alpha_{f_1}(\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)) + \sum_{y \in \tau_1^{-1}(T_2)} \alpha_{g_1}(y) = \alpha_h(T_2), \\ \alpha_{g_1 f_1}(T_1) &= \alpha_{g_1}(T_1) = \alpha_h(T_1).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1})(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) = (h, P_h, \alpha_h)$ . So

$$(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \otimes (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$$

is a factorization of  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h)$  such that  $P_{g_1} = \{T_1\}$  and  $g_1(P_{f_1}) = \{T_2\}$ .

Similarly, we can find a bijection  $\tau_2 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z \setminus \{T_2\})$  and construct two degree 1 morphisms  $(f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ ,  $(g_2, P_{g_2}, \alpha_{g_2}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$  such that  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h) = (g_2, P_{g_2}, \alpha_{g_2})(f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$ , so that

$$(g_2, P_{g_2}, \alpha_{g_2}) \otimes (f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2}) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$$

is a factorization of  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h)$  such that  $P_{g_2} = \{T_2\}$  and  $g_2(P_{f_2}) = \{T_1\}$ . Hence,  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$  has at least two factorizations  $(g_i, P_{g_i}, \alpha_{g_i}) \otimes (f_i, P_{f_i}, \alpha_{f_i})$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ .

We now show that these are the only two factorizations of  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h)$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ . Suppose  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h) = (g, P_g, \alpha_g)(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  for some degree 1 morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  and  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$ . Say  $P_g = \{S\}$  and  $P_f = \{R\}$ . Then  $\{T_1, T_2\} = P_h = g(P_f) \sqcup P_g = \{g(R), S\}$  implies that either  $T_1 = g(R)$  and  $T_2 = S$ , or  $T_1 = S$  and  $T_2 = g(R)$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $T_1 = S$  and  $T_2 = g(R)$ . We claim that  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \otimes (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ . To prove this, we must find  $(\sigma, \varnothing, \alpha_\sigma) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$  such that  $(g, P_g, \alpha_g) = (g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1})(\sigma, \varnothing, \alpha_\sigma)$  and  $(\sigma, \varnothing, \alpha_\sigma)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$ .

Let  $g' \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z \setminus \{T_1\})$  be the morphism obtained by restricting the codomain of  $g \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z)$  to  $Z \setminus \{T_1\}$ . Recall that  $(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$  was defined by  $g_1 = \iota_1 \tau_1 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z)$ ,  $P_{g_1} = \{T_1\}$ , and  $\alpha_{g_1}(y) = 0$  for  $y \in Y$ ,  $\alpha_{g_1}(T_1) = \alpha_h(T_1)$ , where  $\iota_1 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Z \setminus \{T_1\}, Z)$  is inclusion and  $\tau_1 \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Z \setminus \{T_1\})$  is a bijection. Define  $(\sigma, \varnothing, \alpha_\sigma) \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Y)$  by  $\sigma = \tau_1^{-1} g' \in \mathcal{FT}^n(Y, Y)$  and

$\alpha_\sigma(y) = \alpha_g(y)$  for  $y \in Y$ . Then

$$g_1\sigma = \iota_1\tau_1\tau_1^{-1}g' = g$$

and

$$\alpha_{g_1\sigma}(T_1) = \alpha_{g_1}(T_1) = \alpha_h(T_1) = \alpha_{gf}(T_1) = \alpha_g(T_1),$$

so  $(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1})(\sigma, \emptyset, \alpha_\sigma) = (g, P_g, \alpha_g)$ . On the other hand, recall that  $(f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1}) \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  was defined by  $f_1 = \tau_1^{-1}h' \in \mathcal{FI}^n(X, Y)$ ,  $P_{f_1} = \{\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)\}$ ,  $\alpha_{f_1}(x) = \alpha_h(x)$  for  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha_{f_1}(\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)) = \alpha_h(T_2)$ , where  $h' \in \mathcal{FI}^n(X, Z \setminus \{T_1\})$  is the morphism obtained by restricting the codomain of  $h \in \mathcal{FI}^n(X, Z)$  to  $Z \setminus \{T_1\}$ . Then

$$\sigma f = \tau_1^{-1}g'f = \tau_1^{-1}h' = f_1,$$

$$\sigma(P_f) = \tau_1^{-1}g'(\{R\}) = \{\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)\} = P_{f_1},$$

and

$$\alpha_{\sigma f}(x) = \alpha_f(x) + \alpha_\sigma(f(x)) = \alpha_f(x) + \alpha_g(f(x)) = \alpha_h(x) = \alpha_{f_1}(x) \text{ for } x \in X,$$

$$\alpha_{\sigma f}(\sigma(R)) = \alpha_f(R) + \sum_{y \in R} \alpha_\sigma(y) = \alpha_f(R) + \sum_{y \in R} \alpha_g(y) = \alpha_h(g(R)) = \alpha_h(T_2) = \alpha_{f_1}(\tau_1^{-1}(T_2)).$$

So  $(\sigma, \emptyset, \alpha_\sigma)(f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$ , and hence

$$(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \otimes (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$$

in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ .

Similarly, if we had assumed  $T_1 = g(R)$  and  $T_2 = S$ , we would get

$$(g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f) = (g_2, P_{g_2}, \alpha_{g_2}) \otimes (f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$$

in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ .

Therefore,  $(h, P_h, \alpha_h) \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2$  has exactly two factorizations  $(g_1, P_{g_1}, \alpha_{g_1}) \otimes (f_1, P_{f_1}, \alpha_{f_1})$  and  $(g_2, P_{g_2}, \alpha_{g_2}) \otimes (f_2, P_{f_2}, \alpha_{f_2})$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ , such that  $P_{g_1} = \{T_1\}$ ,  $g_1(P_{f_1}) = \{T_2\}$  and  $P_{g_2} = \{T_2\}$ ,  $g_2(P_{f_2}) = \{T_1\}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.4.8.**  $\ker(\phi_{XYZ})$  is the span of all elements of the form

$$f_1^* \otimes g_1^* + f_2^* \otimes g_2^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*$$

for which  $f_1^* \otimes g_1^* \neq f_2^* \otimes g_2^*$  and  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$ .

*Proof.* Recall that

$$\phi_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^* \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_2$$

is defined as the composite  $\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ} \alpha_{XYZ}$ , where

$$\alpha_{XYZ}((f, P_f, \alpha_f)^* \otimes (g, P_g, \alpha_g)^*) = (g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f),$$

$$\beta_{XYZ}((g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes (f, P_f, \alpha_f)) = ((g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes S) \otimes ((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R),$$

with  $P_g = \{S\}$ ,  $P_f = \{R\}$ , and

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw}(((g, P_g, \alpha_g) \otimes S) \otimes ((f, P_f, \alpha_f) \otimes R)) = (gf, P_{gf}, \alpha_{gf}) \otimes g(R) \wedge S.$$

So

$$\phi_{XYZ}((f, P_f, \alpha_f)^* \otimes (g, P_g, \alpha_g)^*) = (gf, P_{gf}, \alpha_{gf}) \otimes g(R) \wedge S,$$

where  $P_f = \{R\}$  and  $P_g = \{S\}$ .

Consider the composite of the second and third map:

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Y)_1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_2.$$

For simplicity, we shall abbreviate degree 1 morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  as  $f$ . Then an arbitrary element of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  is of the form  $x = \sum a_{ij}(g_j \otimes f_i)$ , where  $a_{ij} \in k$  and  $f_i \in \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$ ,  $g_j \in \mathcal{C}(Y, Z)$  are degree 1 morphisms, say with  $P_{f_i} = \{R_i\}$ ,  $P_{g_j} = \{S_j\}$ . We may assume that all  $g_j \otimes f_i$  in  $x$  are distinct. Thus,  $x$  is a  $k$ -linear combination of distinct factorizations in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  of various degree two morphisms  $h \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$ . By Lemma 5.4.7, each

degree two morphism  $h \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$  has exactly two factorizations in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ . So for each  $h \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$ , at most 2 of its factorizations are present in  $x$ . Suppose  $x \in \ker(\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ})$ .

Then

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ}(x) = \sum a_{ij} (g_j f_i \otimes g_j(R_i) \wedge S_j) = 0$$

in

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_2 = \bigoplus_{\substack{h \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z) \\ |P_h|=2}} kh \otimes_k \det(P_h).$$

Fix a direct summand corresponding to  $h \in \mathcal{C}(X, Z)$ ,  $|P_h| = 2$ . Then there are at most two terms in  $\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ}(x)$  that belong to  $kh \otimes_k \det(P_h)$ , and the sum of those terms is 0. If there is only one such term  $a(gf \otimes g(R) \wedge S)$ , then  $a(gf \otimes g(R) \wedge S) = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ . If there are two such terms  $a_1(g_1 f_1 \otimes g_1(R_1) \wedge S_1)$  and  $a_2(g_2 f_2 \otimes g_2(R_2) \wedge S_2)$ , then

$$0 = a_1(g_1 f_1 \otimes g_1(R_1) \wedge S_1) + a_2(g_2 f_2 \otimes g_2(R_2) \wedge S_2) = (a_1 - a_2)(g_1 f_1 \otimes g_1(R_1) \wedge S_1),$$

since  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$  and  $g_1(R_1) = S_2$ ,  $g_2(R_2) = S_1$ . Hence,  $a_1 - a_2 = 0$  implies  $a_1 = a_2$ . Because this holds for each direct summand, it follows that  $\ker(\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ}) \subseteq \text{span}(U)$ , where

$$U = \{g_1 \otimes f_1 + g_2 \otimes f_2 \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 : g_1 \otimes f_1 \neq g_2 \otimes f_2 \text{ and } g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2\}.$$

Conversely, if  $g_1 \otimes f_1, g_2 \otimes f_2 \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$  are distinct elements such that  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$ , then

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ}(g_1 \otimes f_1 + g_2 \otimes f_2) = g_1 f_1 \otimes g_1(R_1) \wedge S_1 + g_2 f_2 \otimes g_2(R_2) \wedge S_2 = 0,$$

again since  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$  and  $g_1(R_1) = S_2$ ,  $g_2(R_2) = S_1$ . Thus,  $\ker(\gamma_{XYZ}^{tw} \beta_{XYZ}) = \text{span}(U)$ .

Looking back at our isomorphism

$$\alpha_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^* \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1,$$

we conclude that  $\ker(\phi_{XYZ})$  is the span of all elements of the form

$$f_1^* \otimes g_1^* + f_2^* \otimes g_2^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*$$

for which  $f_1^* \otimes g_1^* \neq f_2^* \otimes g_2^*$  and  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$ . □

**Proposition 5.4.9.**  $\text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$  is the span of all elements of the form

$$f_1^* \otimes g_1^* + f_2^* \otimes g_2^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*,$$

where  $f_1^* \otimes g_1^* \neq f_2^* \otimes g_2^*$  and  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$ .

*Proof.* Recall that

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^* : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^* \rightarrow (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^*$$

is the  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodule homomorphism obtained by dualizing the composition map

$$\gamma_{XYZ} : \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2.$$

For simplicity, we again write morphisms  $(f, P_f, \alpha_f)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  as  $f$ . Then for any dual basis element  $h^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^*$  and for any basis elements  $g \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1$ ,  $f \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ , we have

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*)(g \otimes f) = h^*(gf) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h = gf \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Fix a dual basis element  $h^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^*$ . Let  $\gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*) = \sum a_{ij}(g_j \otimes f_i)^*$  in  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^*$ , where  $a_{ij} \in k$  and the  $g_j \otimes f_i$  are distinct and range over all basis elements in

$\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ . If  $g_j f_i = h$ , then

$$a_{ij} = \gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*)(g_j \otimes f_i) = 1.$$

If  $g_j f_i \neq h$ , then

$$a_{ij} = \gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*)(g_j \otimes f_i) = 0.$$

By Lemma 5.4.7,  $h$  has exactly two factorizations in  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1$ , both of which are present within the sum  $\gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*)$ . If  $g_1 \otimes f_1$  and  $g_2 \otimes f_2$  are these factorizations, then

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*) = (g_1 \otimes f_1)^* + (g_2 \otimes f_2)^*.$$

Since this holds for each  $h^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^*$ , it follows that  $\text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*) \subseteq \text{span}(V)$ , where

$$V = \{(g_1 \otimes f_1)^* + (g_2 \otimes f_2)^* \in (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^* : (g_1 \otimes f_1)^* \neq (g_2 \otimes f_2)^* \text{ and } g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2\}.$$

Conversely, if  $(g_1 \otimes f_1)^*$ ,  $(g_2 \otimes f_2)^*$  are distinct elements of  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^*$  for which  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$ , let  $h = g_1 f_1$ . Then  $h^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)_2^*$  and

$$\gamma_{XYZ}^*(h^*) = (g_1 \otimes f_1)^* + (g_2 \otimes f_2)^*.$$

Thus,  $\text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*) = \text{span}(V)$ . By identifying  $\text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$  under the  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, X), \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Z, Z))$ -bimodule isomorphism  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1)^* \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*$ , we conclude that  $\text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$  is the span of all elements of the form

$$f_1^* \otimes g_1^* + f_2^* \otimes g_2^* \in \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Y)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1^*,$$

where  $f_1^* \otimes g_1^* \neq f_2^* \otimes g_2^*$  and  $g_1 f_1 = g_2 f_2$ . □

By Propositions 5.4.8 and 5.4.9,  $\ker(\phi_{XYZ}) = \text{im}(\gamma_{XYZ}^*)$  for any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $Y$  being the unique object in  $\mathcal{C}$  for which  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)_1, \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)_1 \neq 0$ . So  $\ker(\phi)$  equals

$$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j-1}, Y_{j-1})} \text{im}(\gamma_{Y_{j-1} Y_j Y_{j+1}}^*) \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{j+1}, Y_{j+1})} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*,$$

in which  $X = Y_0$  and  $Z = Y_i$ . Hence,  $\ker(\phi)$  is precisely  $W_i$ . Therefore,

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)_i \cong (\underline{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y_1)_1^* \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_1, Y_1)} \cdots \otimes_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})} \underline{\mathcal{C}}(Y_{i-1}, Z)_1^*) / W_i = \underline{\mathcal{C}}^l(Z, X)_i$$

as  $k$ -vector spaces for any  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \geq 0$ . This proves that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^l(Z, X) \cong \underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw}(X, Z)$  for all  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . It follows that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^l$  and  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw})^{op}$  are isomorphic categories, summarized in the Corollary below.

**Corollary 5.4.10.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t$  be a partition type,  $A$  be a finite abelian group, and  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the skeletal subcategory of  $\mathcal{FI}_{t,A}^n$  on objects of the form  $X = ([x_1], \dots, [x_n])$  for  $x_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Let  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  be the  $k$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $t$  is partition type  $m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  when  $n = 1$ , or if  $t$  is partition type  $n^*$  when  $n > 1$ , then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}^l \cong (\underline{\mathcal{C}}^{tw})^{op}$ .

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