

APPLYING CHAIN-LEVEL POINCARÉ DUALITY TO THE STRING TOPOLOGY OF THE 2-SPHERE

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I - INTRO TO LOOP SPACE STRING TOPOLOGY

II - " — ALGEBRAIC — "

III - SOME ALGEBRAIC MACHINERY

IV - SOME CALCULATIONS FOR $S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2$

V - SPECULATION?

STATEMENTS

THM (2007 Menichi) $H^*(LS^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and

$HH^*(H^*(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2), H^*(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2))$ are not isomorphic
as BV algebras

THM (2023 P.Tradler) Well, actually, we can
"correct" the BV structure on HH^* so that there
is an isomorphism of BV algebras.

DEF A BV algebra (A, \cdot, Δ) is a (graded) commutative
associative algebra (A, \cdot) together with an operator
 $\Delta: A_i \rightarrow A_{i+1}$ such that

$$(1) \quad \Delta^2 = 0$$

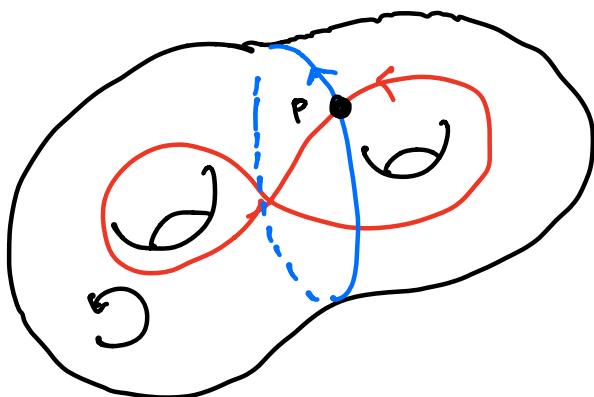
(2) Δ need not be a derivation of \cdot but its deviation
from being a derivation is a derivation in
each variable

$$\Delta(a \cdot b) - (\pm \Delta(a) \cdot b \pm a \cdot \Delta(b)) = \{a, b\}$$

I STRING TOPOLOGY BV ALGEBRA

- study operations on loop spaces
- look for invariants of underlying spaces

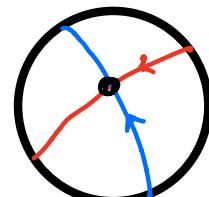
PRE HISTORY - GOLDMAN BRACKET



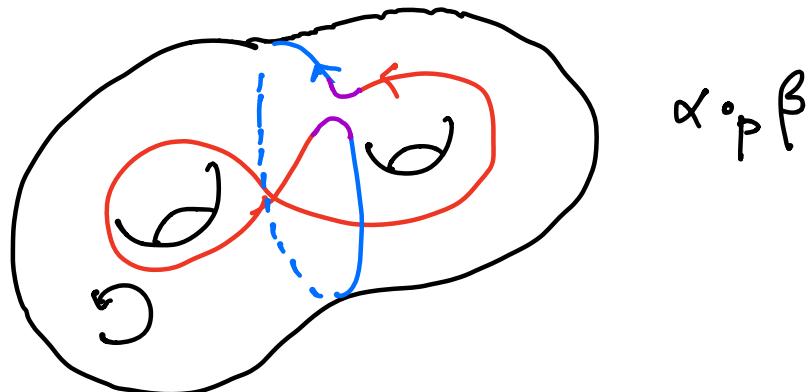
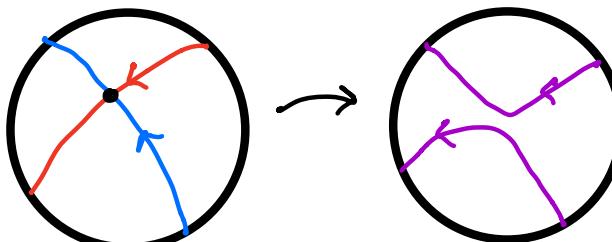
Σ closed oriented surface

$$\alpha, \beta : S^1 \rightarrow \Sigma$$

intersect transversally at p



BASIC MOVE :



DEF. Let π_0 be the set of free homotopy classes of

loops on Σ

Let H be the free abelian group/ R -module/ \mathbb{Q} -vs generated by π_0

HUGE!

DEF (a) Let $[\alpha], [\beta] \in \pi_0$ then

$$[[\alpha], [\beta]] := \sum_{p \in \alpha \cap \beta} \pm [\alpha \cdot_p \beta]$$

(b) Extend linearly to

$$H \otimes H \xrightarrow{[,]} H : \underline{\text{Goldman bracket}}$$

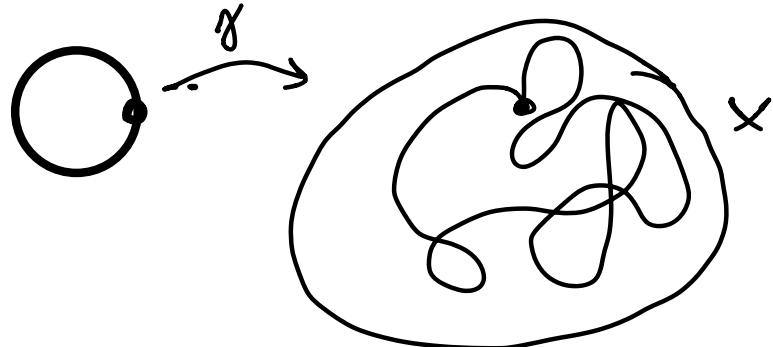
THM (Goldman, 80s) $[,]$ is well defined and gives
H the structure of a Lie algebra

SLOGAN : String topology generalizes the Goldman
bracket!

FIRST STRING TOPOLOGY OPERATIONS

DEF. X a space $LX := \text{Maps}(S^1, X)$ free loop space

$$S^1 = [0, 1] /_{0 \sim 1}$$

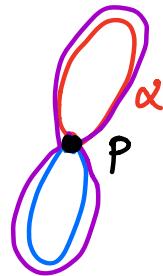


REMARK. If M is a manifold, LM can be given the
structure of a manifold ($\infty \cdot \dim$)

COMPARE Fix $p \in X$ $\Omega X := \text{Maps}((S^1, \circ), (X, p))$
based loop space

PRODUCT 1 ΩX has "concatenation" / "Pontryagin" product

$$\Omega X \times \Omega X \xrightarrow{c} \Omega X$$



PRODUCT 2 M closed, oriented d -dim manifold

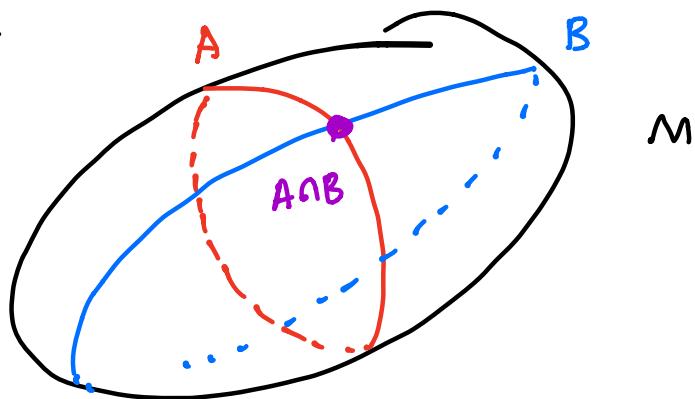
$$H_i(M) \otimes H_j(M) \xrightarrow{\text{?}} H_{i+j-d}(M)$$

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Inverse of
PD iso ~

$$H^{d-i}(M) \otimes H^{d-j}(M) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{2d-i-j}(M)$$

↑ $\cap [M]$

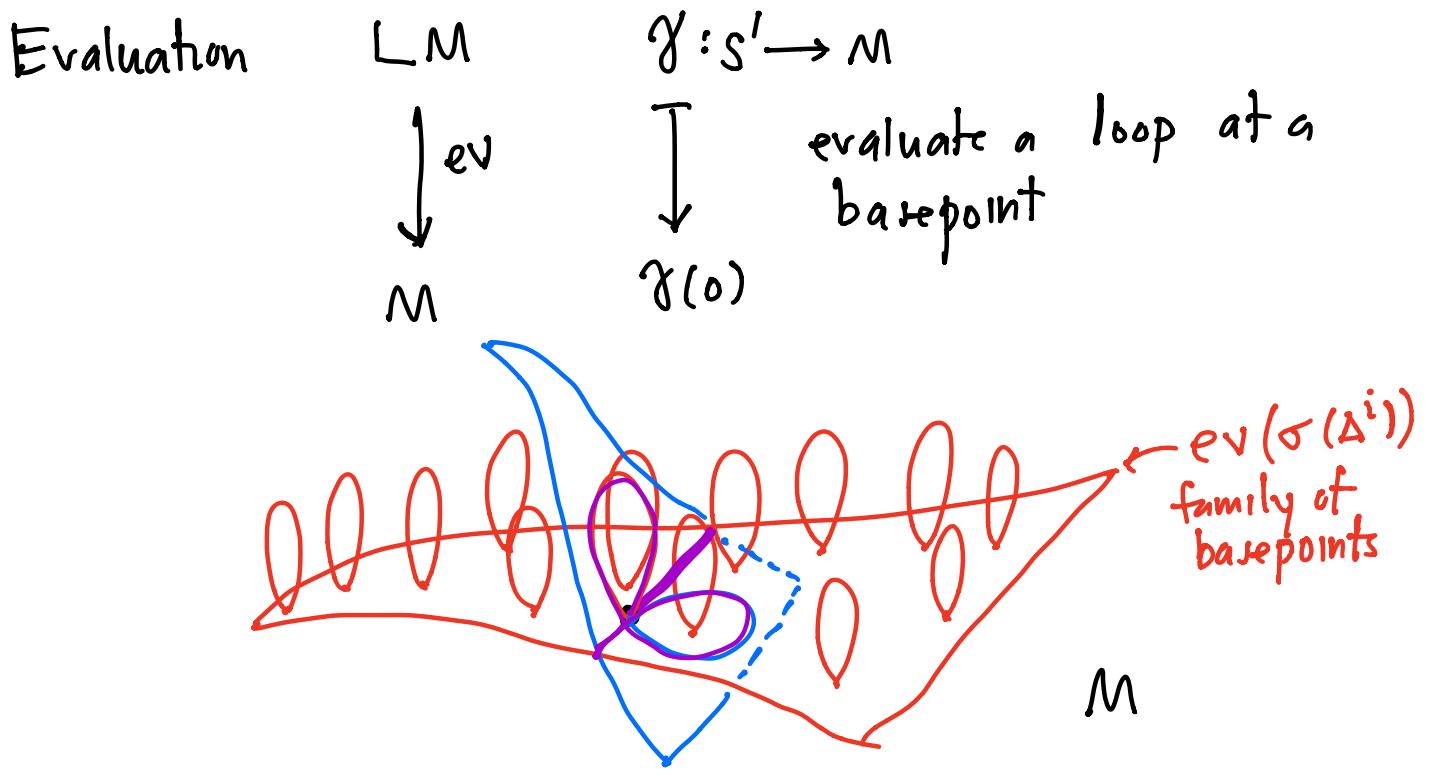
intersection product



CHAS - SULLIVAN LOOP PRODUCT - combine these 2 products

Let $\Delta^i \xrightarrow{\sigma} LM$ be an "oriented i -cell"

$\Delta^i \times S^1 \longrightarrow M$ i -dimensional family of loops
in M parametrized by Δ^i



Let $\Delta^j \xrightarrow{\tau} LM$ be an "oriented j -cell in LM "
 Assume families of basepoints intersect transversally
 in M

If p is in the intersection locus, have 2 loops
 with basepoint p

* CONCATENATE ALONG INTERSECTION LOCUS *

THM (Chas-Sullivan 99) This "parametrized concatenation"
 induces a "partially defined"

$$C_i(LM) \otimes C_j(LM) \longrightarrow C_{i+j-d}(LM)$$

induces loop product

$$H_i(LM) \otimes H_j(LM) \xrightarrow{*} H_{i+j-d}(LM)$$

(graded) associative, commutative

FURTHER

(a) $M \hookrightarrow LM$ constant loops induces
 $(H_*(M), \cap) \longrightarrow (H_*(LM), \cdot)$ alg morphism

(b) $\Omega M \xleftarrow{\sim} LM$ restriction to base point

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow ev & \text{induces} \\ & M & \end{array}$$

$(H_*(LM), \cdot) \longrightarrow (H_{*-d}(\Omega M), c_*)$

BV OPERATOR \times any space

$$S^1 \times LX \xrightarrow{r} LX \quad \text{rotation}$$



$$(\theta, \gamma) \mapsto (t \mapsto \gamma(t+\theta))$$

$$\hookrightarrow H_i(s') \otimes H_j(LX) \xrightarrow{EZ} H_{i+j}(s' \times LX) \xrightarrow{r} H_{i+j}(LX)$$

$$\text{Fix } [s'] \in H_1(s')$$

$$\text{induces } H_*(LX) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_{*+1}(LX)$$



THML (Chas-Sullivan)

$(H_*(LM), \cdot, \Delta)$ is a BV algebra

THM (Cohen-Jones-Yan 2003, Menichi 2007)

$$H_*(LS^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)[-2] \simeq \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathbb{Z}_2[\alpha_k] \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathbb{Z}_2[\beta_k]$$

$$|\alpha_k| = k \quad |\beta_k| = k-2$$

$$\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_l = \alpha_{k+l}$$

$$\beta_k \cdot \beta_l = 0$$

$$\alpha_k \cdot \beta_l = \beta_{k+l}$$

$$\Delta(\alpha_k) = 0$$

$$\Delta(\beta_k) = k\alpha_{k-1} + k\beta_{k+1}$$

Hochschild COHOMOLOGY BY ALGEBRA

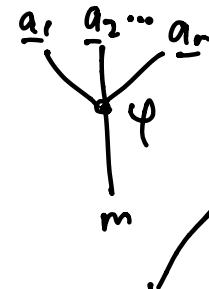
Let A be a dga over a commutative ring R
 M dg module over A

DEF. Hochschild cochain complex

shift $\underline{A}_j := A_{j-1}$

$$CH^\bullet(A, M) := \prod_{r \geq 0} \text{Hom}(\underline{A}^{\otimes r}, M)$$

$$\varphi: \underline{A}^{\otimes r} \rightarrow M$$



Differential $D = D_d + D_\circ$

$$D_d(\varphi)(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_r) := d_m \varphi(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_r) + \sum_j \pm \varphi(\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{d a_j}, \dots, \underline{a}_r)$$

$$D_\circ(\varphi)(\underline{a}_1 \dots, \underline{a}_{r+1}) := a_1 \varphi(\underline{a}_2 \dots \underline{a}_{r+1}) + \sum_j \pm \varphi(a_1 \dots \underline{a_j} a_{j+1} \dots \underline{a}_r)$$

$$\pm \varphi(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a_r}) \cdot a_{r+1}$$

$$D^2 = 0$$

Hochschild cohomology

$$HH^*(A, M) := H^*(CH^*(A, M), D)$$

normalized cochains φ vanish if any input is $\underline{1} \in \underline{A}$

$$THM (\text{Loday?}) \quad \overline{CH}^*(A, M) \hookrightarrow CH^*(A, M) \text{ quasi iso}$$

GERSTENHABER cup PRODUCT ON $HH^*(A, M)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{DEF} & \varphi: \underline{A}^{\otimes r} \rightarrow A \quad \varphi \circ \psi: \underline{A}^{\otimes(r+s)} \rightarrow A \\ & \psi: \underline{A}^{\otimes s} \rightarrow A \quad (\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_{r+s}) \mapsto \varphi(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_r) \cdot \psi(\underline{a}_{r+1} \dots \underline{a}_{r+s}) \end{array}$$

THM (Gerstenhaber 60s?) D is a derivation of \cup ,

Induces

$$HH^*(A, A) \otimes H^*(A, A) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^*(A, A)$$

THM (Cohen-Jones 2002) M closed, oriented, simply connected. Let $A = C^*(M)$ singular cochains.
 \exists isomorphism of graded commutative algebras

$$(H_*(LM), \bullet) \longrightarrow (HH^*(A, A), \cup)$$

QUESTION : What about a BV structure on $HH^*(A, A)$?