

Derivations and Square zero extensions

A cdga, M a dg module

Derivation $\delta: A \rightarrow M$

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$$A \oplus M \xrightarrow{\quad} A$$

$\exists \alpha \mapsto (a, \delta(a))$

More generally,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & A \oplus M & \\
 \swarrow & \nearrow \exists & \\
 A & \xleftarrow{\quad} & B
 \end{array}$$

$U = \text{Spec } A \xrightarrow{f} V = \text{Spec } B$

\iff derivation

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B & \xrightarrow{\text{der}} & f_* M \\
 \Omega'_B & \xrightarrow{B\text{-lin}} & f_* M \\
 f^* \Omega'_A & \xrightarrow{A\text{-lin}} & M
 \end{array}$$

Given a presheaf $X: \text{Aff}^{\text{op}} = \text{cdga}_k^{\leq 0} \rightarrow \text{Spc}$

and a point: $\text{Spec } A = U \xrightarrow{\alpha} X$

and $F \in \mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}(U)^{\leq 0}$, look at extensions

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Spec } (A \oplus F) = U_F & & \\
 \nearrow & \searrow & \\
 \text{Spec } A = U & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & X
 \end{array}$$

Define: $\mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}_B^{\leq 0} \rightarrow \text{Spc} \quad \star$

$F \mapsto \text{Map}_{\mathcal{U}_Y}(U_F, X)$

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Say X has a cotangent space at x if \star is corepresented by $T_x^*(X) \in \mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}(X)$

• If $X = \text{Spec } B$ then $T_x^*(X) = f^* \Omega'_B$