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Minimal A_∞ -algebras of endomorphisms

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Lecture 1



Motivation: The reconstruction problem

\mathcal{T} : \mathbf{k} -linear Hom-finite Krull–Schmidt triangulated category

$G \in \mathcal{T}$: basic (classical) generator, $\text{thick}(G) = \mathcal{T}$

$$\text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\bullet}(G) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(G, \Sigma^i(G)) \quad g * f := \Sigma^j(g) \circ f, \quad |f| = j$$

Problem: Reconstruct \mathcal{T} from $\text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\bullet}(G)$ as a triangulated category.

In general, this is NOT possible!

$$A = \mathbf{k}[x]/(x^{\ell}), \quad \ell \geq 3, \quad \text{thick}(S) = D^b(\text{mod } A) = \mathcal{T}$$

$$\text{End}_{D^b(\text{mod } A)}^{\bullet}(S) \cong \text{Ext}_A^{\bullet}(S, S) \cong \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon, t]/(\varepsilon^2), \quad |\varepsilon| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |t| = 2$$

$\text{End}_{D^b(\text{mod } A)}^{\bullet}(S)$ is independent of ℓ but $Z(A) = A$ is derived invariant.

Differential graded algebras

A differential graded algebra consists of a graded algebra

$$\mathbf{A} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{A}^i$$

$$\mathbf{A}^i \otimes \mathbf{A}^j \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{i+j}, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto xy,$$

and a differential

$$d: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}(1), \quad d \circ d = 0,$$

such that

$$\underbrace{d(xy) = d(x)y + (-1)^{|x|}xd(y)}_{\text{graded Leibniz rule}}.$$

graded Leibniz rule

- Every differential graded algebra \mathbf{A} has a triangulated derived category $D(\mathbf{A})$.

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{D(\mathbf{A})}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}[i]) \cong H^i(\mathbf{A})$$

- $D^c(\mathbf{A}) := \mathrm{thick}(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq D(\mathbf{A})$ is the perfect derived category.

X^\bullet : complex in an additive category

$$\mathrm{hom}(X^\bullet, X^\bullet) := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{hom}(X^\bullet, X^\bullet)^i$$

$$\mathrm{hom}(X^\bullet, X^\bullet)^i := \prod_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{hom}(X^j, X^{i+j})$$

$$\partial(f) := d_{p^\bullet} \circ f - (-1)^{|f|} f \circ d_{p^\bullet}$$

Derived endomorphism algebras

Suppose that \mathcal{T} is algebraic:

$\mathcal{T} \simeq \underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{S}}$ for a \mathbf{k} -linear Frobenius exact category $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S})$.

Choose a complete \mathcal{S} -projective resolution P^\bullet of $G \in \mathcal{T} \simeq \underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{S}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \rightarrow & P^{-2} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P^{-1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P^0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P^1 & \rightarrow & \cdots \\
 & \nearrow & & \searrow & \nearrow & \searrow & \nearrow & \searrow & \nearrow & \searrow & \\
 \cdots & & & \Omega(G) & & G & & \Omega^{-1}(G) & & & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{R}\mathrm{End}_{(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S})}(G) = \mathrm{hom}(P^\bullet, P^\bullet)$: differential graded algebra of endomorphisms

$$H^\bullet(\mathbf{R}\mathrm{End}_{(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S})}(G)) \cong \mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^\bullet(G) \quad \text{as graded algebras}$$

Keller's Reconstruction Theorem

Theorem (Keller 1994)

Set $\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{R}\mathrm{End}_{(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S})}(G)$. There exists an exact equivalence

$$\mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{D}^c(\mathbf{A}), \quad G \longmapsto \mathbf{A}.$$

In general, the quasi-isomorphism type of $\mathbf{R}\mathrm{End}_{(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S})}(G)$ is not determined by \mathcal{T} !

Problem: Classify the DG algebras \mathbf{A} such that there exists an exact equivalence

$$\mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{D}^c(\mathbf{A}), \quad G \longmapsto \mathbf{A}.$$

Remark: This problem is intimately related to the question of uniqueness of differential graded enhancements for \mathcal{T} .

Formality of differential graded algebras

Definition

A differential graded algebra A is

- formal if it is quasi-isomorphic to its cohomology $H^\bullet(A)$.
- intrinsically formal if every differential graded algebra B such that

$$H^\bullet(A) \cong H^\bullet(B)$$

is moreover quasi-isomorphic to A .

Intrinsic formality \implies Formality The converse is false in general.

$H^\bullet(A) = H^0(A) \implies A$ is intrinsically formal (corresponds to $G \in \mathcal{T}$ is tilting)

Derived endomorphism algebras of simple modules

Theorem (Keller 2001)

$A = \mathbf{k}Q/I$: finite-dimensional algebra

$S = S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_n$ direct sum of the simple A -modules ($\text{thick}(S) = D^b(\text{mod } A)$)

$\mathbf{R}\text{Hom}_A(S, S)$ is formal $\iff A$ is Koszul

A is Koszul $\iff \text{Ext}_A^\bullet(S, S)$ is generated in degrees 0 and 1

- Hereditary algebras
- Radical square-zero algebras
- Quadratic monomial algebras
- Exterior algebras
- Tensor products of Koszul algebras ...

Kadeishvili's Intrinsic Formality Criterion

The Hochschild cohomology of a graded algebra Λ^\star is the bigraded vector space

$$\mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star) := \mathrm{Ext}_{\Lambda^\star\text{-bimod}}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star, \Lambda^\star).$$

Theorem (Kadeishvili 1988)

Suppose that

$$\mathrm{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^\star) = 0, \quad p > 0. \quad (\dagger)$$

Then, Λ^\star is intrinsically formal as a differential graded algebra.

Theorem (Etgü–Lekili 2017, Lekili–Ueda 2022, J. Liu–Zh. Wang)

ADE zig-zag algebras in good characteristic satisfy condition (\dagger) .

Intrinsic formality of Laurent polynomial algebras

Λ : arbitrary algebra

$$\Lambda[u^{\pm}] := \Lambda \otimes \mathbf{k}[u^{\pm}], \quad |u| = d \geq 1$$

Remark: $D(\Lambda[u^{\pm}])$ is the d -periodic derived category of Λ -modules.

Suppose that $1_{\mathcal{T}} \cong \Sigma^d$ as additive functors and that $G \in \mathcal{T}$ satisfies

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(G, \Sigma^i(G)) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \notin d\mathbb{Z}.$$

Then $\mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\bullet}(G) \cong \mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{T}}(G)[u^{\pm}]$ with $|u| = d$.

Theorem (S. Saito 2023)

If Λ has projective dimension at most d as a Λ -bimodule, then $\Lambda[u^{\pm}]$ satisfies condition (\dagger) and hence it is intrinsically formal as a differential graded algebra.

Twisted Laurent polynomial algebras

Λ an arbitrary algebra and $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ an automorphism

$$\Lambda(\sigma, d) := \frac{\Lambda\langle u^\pm \rangle}{\langle xu - u\sigma(x) \mid x \in \Lambda \rangle}, \quad |u| = d \geq 1$$

Suppose that $G \in \mathcal{T}$ satisfies

$$\exists \varphi: G \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma^d(G) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(G, \Sigma^i(G)) = 0 \text{ for } i \notin d\mathbb{Z}.$$

Define the automorphism

$$\sigma = \sigma_\varphi: \text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}(G) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}(G), \quad f \mapsto \varphi^{-1} \circ \Sigma^d(f) \circ \varphi.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \Sigma^d(G) \\ \downarrow \sigma(f) & & \downarrow \Sigma^d(f) \\ G & \xleftarrow{\varphi^{-1}} & \Sigma^d(G) \end{array}$$

$$\text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^\bullet(G) \cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}(G)(\sigma, d), \quad \varphi \mapsto u$$

$d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

Definition (Iyama–Yoshino 2008)

A basic object $G \in \mathcal{T}$ is a d -cluster tilting object if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{add}(G) &= \{X \in \mathcal{T} \mid \forall 0 < i < d, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(X, \Sigma^i(G)) = 0\} \\ &= \{Y \in \mathcal{T} \mid \forall 0 < i < d, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(G, \Sigma^i(Y)) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

We call G a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object if, moreover,

- $\exists \varphi: G \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma^d(G)$ (Geiß–Keller–Oppermann 2013).

$$G \in \mathcal{T} \text{ is } 1\mathbb{Z}\text{-cluster tilting} \iff \text{add}(G) = \mathcal{T}$$

Proposition (Iyama–Yoshino 2008)

$$G \in \mathcal{T}: d\mathbb{Z}\text{-cluster tilting} \implies \text{thick}(G) = \mathcal{T}$$

Triangulated categories with Serre functor

Suppose that $\exists S: \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{T}$ a Serre functor:

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(Y, SX) \xrightarrow{\sim} D\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(X, Y), \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathcal{T}$$

Proposition (Iyama–Oppermann 2013)

The following are equivalent for a basic d -cluster tilting object $G \in \mathcal{T}$:

- G is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.
- There is an isomorphism $SG \cong G$.
- $\mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{T}}(G)$ is self-injective and $\underbrace{\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(\Sigma^i(G), G)}_{\text{vosnex property}}$ for $0 < i < d - 1$.

The vosnex property is vacuous for $d = 1, 2$

Examples of $1\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

Triangulated categories of finite type: $\text{add}(G) = \mathcal{T}$

- Stable module categories of self-injective algebras of finite representation type.
- Stable categories of maximal Cohen–Macaulay modules of complete local Gorenstein isolated singularities of finite Cohen–Macaulay type.
- Stable categories of Gorenstein-projective modules of finite-dimensional Iwanaga–Gorenstein algebras of finite Gorenstein-projective type.
- Cluster categories of hereditary algebras of finite representation type.

See **F. Muro's talk** next week for more on these.

Examples of $2\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

Amiot cluster categories of self-injective quivers with potential

- (Barot–Kussin–Lenzing 2010, J .2015) Weighted projective lines of tubular type $\neq (3, 3, 3)$.
- (Herschend–Iyama 2011) Certain planar quivers with potential.
- (Pasquali 2020) Rotationally-symmetric Postnikov diagrams on the disk.

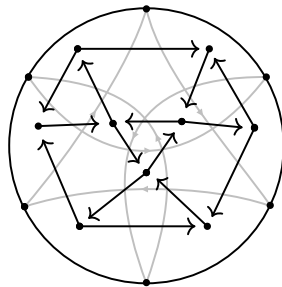


Figure by Colin Krawchuk

See **F. Muro's talk** for important examples from 3-dim birational geometry.

Examples of $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

Definition (Iyama–Oppermann 2011)

A finite-dimensional algebra is d -representation-finite if it admits a d -cluster tilting module.

- (Geiß–Leclerc–Schroer 2007 for $d = 1$, Iyama–Oppermann 2013) Stable module categories of $(d + 1)$ -preprojective algebras of d -Auslander algebras of type \mathbb{A} .
- (Darpö–Iyama 2020) Stable module categories of certain self-injective d -representation-finite algebras.
- (J–Külshammer 2016) Stable module categories of self-injective d -Nakayama algebras.
- (Iyama–Oppermann 2013) d -Calabi–Yau Amiot–Guo–Keller cluster categories of Keller’s derived $(d + 1)$ -preprojective algebras of d -representation-finite algebras of global dim d .

See the preprint [arXiv:2208.14413](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.14413) (J–Muro) for more examples.

Twisted periodic algebras

Definition (Brenner–Butler, Green–Snashall–Solberg 2003)

A finite-dimensional algebra Λ is twisted $(d+2)$ -periodic if there exists an automorphism $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ such that

$$\Omega_{\Lambda^e}^{d+2}(\Lambda) \cong {}_1\Lambda_\sigma \quad \text{in} \quad \underline{\text{mod}} \Lambda^e.$$

We say that A is $(d+2)$ -periodic if $\sigma = 1$.

(Green–Snashall–Solberg 2003) Twisted periodic algebras are self-injective.

Proposition (Dugas 2012, Hanihara 2020 $d = 1$, Chan–Darpö–Iyama–Marczinzik)

G : $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object $\implies \text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}(G)$ is twisted $(d+2)$ -periodic

Twisted fractionally CY algebras

A : finite-dimensional algebra of finite global dimension

The triangulated category $D^b(\text{mod } A)$ admits the Serre functor

$$S := - \otimes_A^L DA: D^b(\text{mod } A) \xrightarrow{\sim} D^b(\text{mod } A).$$

Definition

Let $l \neq 0$ and m be integers. The algebra A is twisted fractionally $\frac{m}{l}$ -Calabi–Yau if there exists an automorphism $\phi: A \xrightarrow{\sim} A$ such that

$$S^l \cong [m] \circ \phi^*.$$

We say that A is fractionally $\frac{m}{l}$ -Calabi–Yau if $\phi = 1$.

Periodic algebras from fractionally CY algebras

$T(A) := A \ltimes DA$ the trivial extension of A

Theorem (Chan–Darpö–Iyama–Marczinzik)

A is fractionally CY	\iff	$T(A)$ is periodic	Open \Uparrow
trivial: $\sigma=1$ \Downarrow		\Downarrow trivial: $\phi=1$	
A is twisted fractionally CY	\iff	$T(A)$ is twisted periodic	

Suppose that A is ring-indecomposable

Theorem (Herschend–Iyama 2011)

A is d -representation-finite of global dim $d \implies A$ is twisted fractionally CY

$d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects from twisted periodic algebras

Λ : basic twisted $(d+2)$ -periodic algebra with respect to $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$

Problem 1: Does there exist a differential graded algebra \mathbf{A} with $H^\bullet(\mathbf{A}) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$ and such that $\mathbf{A} \in D^c(\mathbf{A})$ is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object?

Problem 2: Suppose that $H^\bullet(\mathbf{A}) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$. How to determine whether $\mathbf{A} \in D^c(\mathbf{A})$ is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object?

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What additional data is needed to reconstruct \mathbf{A} from its cohomology $H^\bullet(\mathbf{A})$, at least up to quasi-isomorphism?

Lecture 2



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The Derived Auslander–Iyama Correspondence

Theorem (Muro 2022 for $d = 1$, J–Muro for $d \geq 1$)

Suppose that the field \mathbf{k} is perfect. The map

$$\mathbf{A} \longmapsto (H^0(\mathbf{A}), H^{-d}(\mathbf{A})) = (\mathrm{Hom}_{D(\mathbf{A})}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}), \mathrm{Hom}_{D(\mathbf{A})}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}[-d]))$$

induces a bijection between the following:

1. Quasi-isomorphism classes of DG algebras \mathbf{A} such that:
 - $H^0(\mathbf{A})$ is a basic finite-dimensional algebra.
 - $\mathbf{A} \in D^c(\mathbf{A})$ is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.
2. Pairs (Λ, σ) such that
 - Λ is a basic self-injective algebra and
 - $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ such that $\Omega_{\Lambda^e}^{d+2}(\Lambda) \simeq {}_1\Lambda_\sigma$ in $\underline{\mathrm{mod}}\Lambda^e$,
 up to algebra isomorphisms compatible with

$$\bar{\sigma} \in \mathrm{Out}(\Lambda) := \mathrm{Aut}(\Lambda)/\mathrm{Inn}(\Lambda). \quad (H^{-d}(\mathbf{A}) \cong {}_1H^0(\mathbf{A})_\sigma)$$

Constructing the inverse of the correspondence

Λ : twisted $(d+2)$ -periodic with respect to $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$

$$\Lambda(\sigma, d) \cong \bigoplus_{di \in d\mathbb{Z}} \sigma^i \Lambda_1, \quad x * y := \sigma^j(x)y, \quad |y| = dj$$

We aim to construct a differential graded algebra \mathbf{A} such that

$$H^\bullet(\mathbf{A}) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$$

and $\mathbf{A} \in D^c(\mathbf{A})$ is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.

These properties should determine \mathbf{A} up to quasi-isomorphism.

Stasheff's A_∞ -algebras

An A_∞ -algebra structure on a graded vector space Λ^\star consists of homogeneous morphisms of degree $2 - n$

$$m_n: \underbrace{\Lambda^\star \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda^\star}_{n \text{ times}} \longrightarrow \Lambda^\star, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$\sum \pm \text{diagram} = 0$$

such that the A_∞ -equations are satisfied:

$$\sum_{n=r+s+t} (-1)^{r+st} m_{r+1+t} \circ (1^r \otimes m_s \otimes 1^t) = 0 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$m_1 \circ m_1 = 0$$

$$m_1 \circ m_2 = m_2 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m_1)$$

$$\underbrace{m_2 \circ (1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes 1)}_{\text{Associator for } m_2} = \underbrace{m_1 \circ m_3 + m_3 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes m_1)}_{\partial(m_3) \text{ in } \text{hom}(\Lambda^\star \otimes \Lambda^\star \otimes \Lambda^\star, \Lambda^\star)} \quad (\Lambda^\star, m_1)$$

Remarks on the definition of A_∞ -algebras

$\Lambda^\star = \Lambda^0 \implies m_n = 0 \text{ for } n \neq 2 \text{ for degree reasons.}$

$m_1 = 0 \implies (\Lambda^\star, 0, m_2)$ is an associative graded algebra.

$(\Lambda^\star, m_1, m_2)$: differential graded algebra $\iff (\Lambda^\star, m_1, m_2, 0, \dots)$: A_∞ -algebra.

There are several sign conventions in use: Stasheff, Keller–Lefèvre–Hasegawa*, Kontsevich–Merkulov, Fukaya–Seidel.

See Polishchuk's Field Guide for details.

... one may equivalently consider shifted A_∞ -structures to dispense with most signs.

Morphisms between A_∞ -algebras

An A_∞ -morphism between A_∞ -algebras

$$f: (\Lambda_1^\star, m^{(1)}) \rightsquigarrow (\Lambda_2^\star, m^{(2)})$$

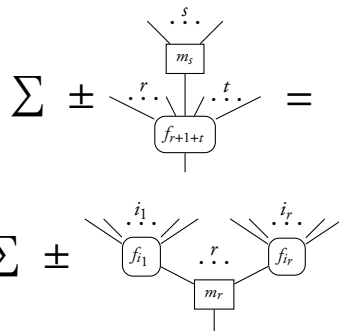
consists of degree $1 - n$ morphisms

$$f_n: \underbrace{\Lambda_1^\star \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda_1^\star}_{n \text{ times}} \longrightarrow \Lambda_2^\star, \quad n \geq 1,$$

that satisfy the following equations:

$$\sum (-1)^{r+st} f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^r \otimes m_s \otimes 1^t) = \sum (-1)^s m_r \circ (f_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes f_{i_r}) \quad (n \geq 1)$$

We say that f is an A_∞ -quasi-isomorphism if f_1 is a quasi-isomorphism.



Minimal models of differential graded algebras

An A_∞ -algebra is minimal if $m_1 = 0$.

A minimal model of a differential graded algebra A is an A_∞ -quasi-isomorphism

$$f: (H^\bullet(A), m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots) \rightsquigarrow A$$

such that f_1 induces the identity in cohomology: $H^\bullet(f_1) = 1$.

Homotopy Transfer Theorem (Kadeishvili 1982)

Every differential graded algebra admits a minimal model.

$$H^\bullet(A) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{p} \end{matrix} A \begin{matrix} \hookrightarrow h \\ \hookleftarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} |i| = |p| = 0, & |h| = -1 \\ \partial(i) = 0 & \partial(p) = 0 \\ p \circ i = 1 & \partial(h) = 1 - i \circ p \end{array}$$

Minimal models are unique up to A_∞ -isomorphism.

A_∞ -algebras vs differential graded algebras

A_∞ -category \equiv A_∞ -algebra with many objects

Theorem (Lefèvre-Hasegawa 2003, ..., Canonaco–Ornaghi–Stellari 2019 Pascaleff 2024)

The canonical functor $\mathrm{dgc}at \rightarrow A_\infty\text{-cat}$ induces an equivalence of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories after ∞ -localising at the corresponding classes of quasi-equivalences.

This means that the notions of “differential graded category” and of “ A_∞ -category” are equivalent in a very strong sense.

- Each A_∞ -algebra A has a triangulated derived category $D(A)$.
- A_∞ -quasi-isomorphic A_∞ -algebras have equivalent derived categories:

$$A \simeq B \implies D(A) \simeq D(B)$$

Constructing the inverse of the Correspondence

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We aim to construct a minimal A_∞ -algebra $A = (\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$ such that $A \in D^c(A)$ is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.

This property should determine $A = (\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$ up to A_∞ -isomorphism.

See **F. Muro's talk** for details on the existence of such an A .

Minimal A_∞ -structures on Yoneda algebras of simples

Theorem (Keller 2001)

A : basic finite-dimensional algebra

$S = S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_n$ direct sum of the simple A -modules

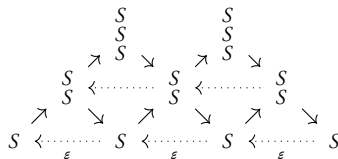
Every minimal model of $\mathbf{R}\mathrm{Hom}_A(S, S)$ is generated in deg 0 and 1 as A_∞ -algebra.

See [arXiv:2402.14004](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.14004) (J) for a proof using AR theory of Nakayama algebras.

$$A = \mathbf{k}[x]/(x^\ell), \quad \ell \geq 3$$

$$\mathrm{Ext}_A^\bullet(S, S) \cong \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon, t]/(\varepsilon^2), \quad |\varepsilon| = 1 \text{ and } |t| = 2$$

$$m_\ell(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon) = \pm t \quad \text{and} \quad m_k = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad k \neq 2, \ell$$



Minimal A_∞ -structures on Yoneda algebras of simples

Theorem (Keller 2001)

$A = \mathbf{k}Q/I$: finite-dimensional algebra

$S = S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_n$ direct sum of the simple A -modules

$(\mathrm{Ext}_A^\bullet(S, S), 0)$ is a minimal model of $\mathbf{R}\mathrm{Hom}_A(S, S) \iff A$ is Koszul

Sketch of proof of the theorem:

(\implies) Immediate from the previous theorem.

(\impliedby) Bigraded Homotopy Transfer Theorem.

$$\forall n \geq 0 \quad \forall i \neq n$$

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathrm{Gr} A}^n(S, S\langle i \rangle) = 0$$

See **Jan Thomm's talk** for A_∞ -structures on Yoneda algebras of rep. generators.

Question: What is the significance of the first non-vanishing higher operation?

An old example, revisited

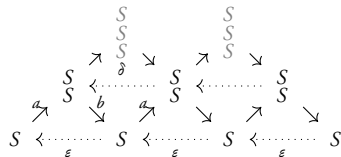
$$A = \mathbf{k}[x]/(x^3), \quad G = s \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} S \\ S \end{smallmatrix} \in \underline{\text{mod}} A, \quad \text{add}(G) = \underline{\text{mod}} A$$

$$\Lambda = \underline{\text{End}}_A(G) \cong \mathbf{k} \left(s \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a} \\ \xleftarrow{b} \end{array} \begin{smallmatrix} S \\ S \end{smallmatrix} \right) / (ba, ab) = \Pi(\mathbb{A}_2)$$

(Schofield, Erdmann–Snashall 1998, Brenner–Butler–King 2002)

The preprojective algebra $\Pi(\mathbb{A}_2)$ is twisted 3-periodic w.r.t.

$$\sigma(s) = \begin{smallmatrix} S \\ S \end{smallmatrix}, \quad \sigma\left(\begin{smallmatrix} S \\ S \end{smallmatrix}\right) = s, \quad \sigma(a) = -b, \quad \sigma(b) = -a.$$



$(\underline{\text{End}}_A^\bullet(G), m)$: minimal A_∞ -algebra

$$m_3(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) = t_S \quad m_3(\delta, \delta, \delta) = t_{\begin{smallmatrix} S \\ S \end{smallmatrix}}$$

$$m_3(\varepsilon, b, a) = 1_S \quad m_3(\delta, a, b) = 1_{\begin{smallmatrix} S \\ S \end{smallmatrix}}$$

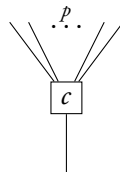
The Hochschild cochain complex

The bigraded Hochschild (cochain) complex of a graded algebra Λ^\star has components

$$C^{p,q}(\Lambda^\star) = C^{p,q}(\Lambda^\star, \Lambda^\star) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}}((\Lambda^\star)^{\otimes p}, \Lambda^\star[q]) \quad p \geq 0, \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus, a (p, q) -Hochschild cochain is a degree q morphism of graded vector spaces

$$c: \underbrace{\Lambda^\star \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda^\star}_{p \text{ times}} \longrightarrow \Lambda^\star.$$



The bidegree $(1, 0)$ Hochschild differential is, for $c \in C^{p,\star}(\Lambda^\star)$,

$$d_{\text{Hoch}}c(x_1, \dots, x_p, x_{p+1}) := \pm x_1 c(x_2, \dots, x_{p+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \pm c(\dots, x_i x_{i+1}, \dots) + \pm c(x_1, \dots, x_p) x_{p+1}$$

The Hochschild cochain complex (cont.)

For $c_1 \in C^{p,q}(\Lambda^\star)$ and $c_2 \in C^{s,t}(\Lambda^\star)$ define $c_1\{c_2\} \in C^{p+s-1,q+t}(\Lambda^\star)$ by

$$c_1\{c_2\}(x_1, \dots, x_{p+s-1}) := \sum_{i=1}^p \pm c_1(\dots, x_{i-1}, c_2(x_i, \dots, x_{i-1+s}), x_{i+s}, \dots)$$

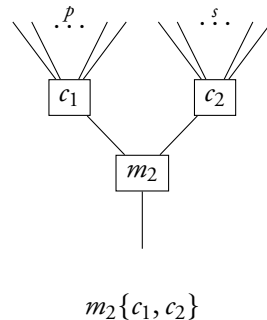
- The bidegree $(-1, 0)$ Gerstenhaber bracket is

$$[c_1, c_2] := c_1\{c_2\} \pm c_2\{c_1\}.$$

- The bidegree $(0, 0)$ cup product is

$$c_1 \cdot c_2 = c_1 \smile c_2 := \pm m_2\{c_1, c_2\},$$

where $m_2: \Lambda^\star \otimes \Lambda^\star \rightarrow \Lambda^\star$ is the multiplication.



Hochschild cohomology of graded algebras

The Hochschild cohomology of Λ^\star is the cohomology of the Hochschild complex:

$$\mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star) := \mathrm{H}^{\bullet,\star}(\mathrm{C}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star)) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_{\Lambda^\star\text{-bimod}}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star, \Lambda^\star)$$

The Hochschild cohomology is a Gerstenhaber algebra w.r.t the total degree $\bullet + \star$:

- $\mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star)[1]$ is a graded Lie algebra with the Gerstenhaber bracket.

$$\mathrm{Sq}(x + y) = \mathrm{Sq}(x) + \mathrm{Sq}(y) + [x, y]$$

- $\mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star)$ is a graded commutative algebra with the cup product.

$$\mathrm{Sq}(x \cdot y) = \mathrm{Sq}(x) \cdot y^2 + x \cdot [x, y] \cdot y + x^2 \cdot \mathrm{Sq}(y)$$

$$[\mathrm{Sq}(x), y] = [x, [x, y]]$$

- The Gerstenhaber square
 $\mathrm{Sq}(c)$ induced by $c \mapsto c\{c\}$.

$$\text{In } \mathrm{char}(\mathbf{k}) \neq 2, \quad \mathrm{Sq}(x) = \frac{1}{2}[x, x].$$

Minimal A_∞ -algebras, revisited

A minimal A_∞ -algebra structure on Λ^\star consists of Hochschild cochains

$$m_n \in C^{n, 2-n}(\Lambda^\star), \quad n \geq 3,$$

such that the (formal) Hochschild cochain

$$m = (m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots) \in \prod_{n \geq 3} C^{n, \star}(\Lambda^\star)$$

satisfies the Maurer–Cartan equation

$$d_{\text{Hoch}}(m) = \pm m\{m\}.$$

$$d_{\text{Hoch}}(m_n) = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad m_k = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 2 < k < n$$

Shifted A_∞ -structures are implicit here.

Lecture 3



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The universal Massey product

A graded algebra is d -sparse if it is concentrated in degrees $d\mathbb{Z}$.

Definition

The universal Massey product (UMP) of a d -sparse minimal A_∞ -algebra (Λ^\star, m) is the Hochschild class

$$\overline{m_{d+2}} \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2, -d}(\Lambda^\star)$$

of the first possibly non-trivial higher operation.

The UMP satisfies $\mathrm{Sq}(\overline{m_{d+2}}) = 0$ and is invariant under A_∞ -isomorphisms.

Remark: For $d = 1$, Benson–Krause–Schwede (2004), Keller (2005, 2006), ...

The restricted universal Massey product

$j: \Lambda := \Lambda^0 \hookrightarrow \Lambda^\star$ inclusion of the degree 0 component

$$j^*: \mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star, \Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda, \Lambda^\star)$$

Definition

The restricted universal Massey product (rUMP) of a d -sparse minimal A_∞ -algebra (Λ^\star, m) is the Hochschild class

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda, \Lambda^\star).$$

$$\mathrm{HH}^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda, \Lambda^\star) \cong \mathrm{HH}^{d+2}(\Lambda, \Lambda^{-d}) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_{\Lambda\text{-bimod}}^{d+2}(\Lambda, \Lambda^{-d})$$

The Unit Theorem

Λ : twisted $(d+2)$ -periodic w.r.t. $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$

$A = (\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$: minimal A_∞ -algebra

Theorem (J–Muro)

Suppose that \mathbf{k} is perfect. The following are equivalent:

1. $A \in D^c(A)$ is a $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.
2. The rUMP

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2}(\Lambda, {}_1\Lambda_\sigma) \cong \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_{\Lambda^e}(\Omega_{\Lambda^e}^{d+2}(\Lambda), {}_1\Lambda_\sigma)$$

is invertible in $\underline{\mathrm{mod}}\Lambda^e$.

3. $j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}})$ is invertible in Hochschild–Tate cohomology $\underline{\mathrm{HH}}^{\bullet, \star}(\Lambda, \Lambda^\star)$.

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) = 0 \text{ is an isomorphism} \implies \Lambda \text{ is semi-simple}$$

The bijectivity of the correspondence

Λ : twisted $(d+2)$ -periodic w.r.t. $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$

Theorem (J–Muro)

1. There exists a minimal A_∞ -algebra structure $(\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$ s.t. the rUMP

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2}(\Lambda, {}_1\Lambda_\sigma) \cong \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_{\Lambda^e}(\Omega_{\Lambda^e}^{d+2}(\Lambda), {}_1\Lambda_\sigma)$$

is invertible in $\underline{\mathrm{mod}}\Lambda^e$.

2. Any two minimal A_∞ -algebras as above are A_∞ -isomorphic.

See **F. Muro's talk** next week for more details on this and the previous theorem, where the crucial role of Geiß–Keller–Oppermann $(d+2)$ -angulated categories will be explained.

Kadeishvili's Intrinsic Formality Criterion, revisited

Theorem (Kadeishvili 1988)

Suppose that

$$\mathrm{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^\star) = 0, \quad p > 0.$$

Then, every minimal A_∞ -structure on Λ^\star is A_∞ -isomorphic to $(\Lambda^\star, 0)$.

$$\overline{m_3} \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda^\star) = 0 \implies \exists f_2 \in C^{2,-1}(\Lambda^\star) \text{ such that } \pm d_{\mathrm{Hoch}}(f_2) = m_3.$$

$$(1, f_2, 0, \dots): (\Lambda^\star, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots) \rightsquigarrow (\Lambda^\star, 0, m'_4, m'_5, \dots)$$

Aim: Generalise Kadeishvili's Theorem to deal with the case

$$0 \neq \overline{m_{d+2}} \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda^\star).$$

d -sparse Massey algebras

A graded algebra is d -sparse if it is concentrated in degrees $d\mathbb{Z}$.

Definition (J–Muro)

A d -sparse Massey algebra is a pair (Λ^\star, \bar{c}) consisting of:

- A d -sparse graded algebra Λ^\star .
- A Hochschild class

$$\bar{c} \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2, -d}(\Lambda^\star)$$

such that $\mathrm{Sq}(\bar{c}) = 0$.

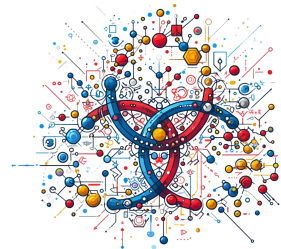


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(Λ^\star, m) : d -sparse min. A_∞ -algebra $\implies (\Lambda^\star, \overline{m_{d+2}})$: d -sparse Massey algebra

The Hochschild–Massey complex of a Massey algebra

Aim: Generalise Kadeishvili's Theorem to d -sparse Massey algebras.

The Hochschild–Massey complex of a d -sparse Massey algebra (Λ^\star, \bar{c}) is

$$C^{p,q}(\Lambda^\star, \bar{c}) := \mathrm{HH}^{p,q}(\Lambda^\star) \quad p \geq 0, \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

The bidegree $(d+1, -d)$ Hochschild–Massey differential is (almost everywhere)

$$\bar{x} \longmapsto [\bar{c}, \bar{x}].$$

The Hochschild–Massey cohomology of (Λ^\star, \bar{c}) is

$$\mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star, \bar{c}) := \mathrm{H}^{\bullet,\star}(C^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^\star, \bar{c})).$$

A Kadeishvili-type theorem for sparse Massey algebras

(Λ^\star, \bar{c}) : d -sparse Massey algebra

Theorem (J–Muro)

Suppose that

$$\mathrm{HH}^{p+2, -p}(\Lambda^\star, \bar{c}) = 0, \quad p > d. \quad (\dagger\dagger)$$

Then, any two minimal A_∞ -algebras

$$(\Lambda^\star, m_{d+2}^{(1)}, m_{2d+2}^{(1)}, \dots) \quad \text{and} \quad (\Lambda^\star, m_{d+2}^{(2)}, m_{2d+2}^{(2)}, \dots)$$

such that $\overline{m_{d+2}}^{(1)} = \bar{c} = \overline{m_{d+2}}^{(2)}$ are (gauge) A_∞ -isomorphic.

Recovering Kadeishvili's Theorem

(Λ^\star, \bar{c}) : d -sparse Massey algebra

$$\mathrm{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^\star, \bar{0}) = 0, \quad p > d \iff \mathrm{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^\star) = 0, \quad p > d$$

If this condition is satisfied, the theorem shows that a minimal A_∞ -algebra (Λ^\star, m) such that $\overline{m_{d+2}} = 0$ is formal.

Proof of Kadeishvili's Thm: Let Λ^\star be a (1-sparse) graded algebra such that

$$\mathrm{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^\star) = 0, \quad p > 0.$$

- The vanishing for $p = 1$ implies $(\Lambda^\star, \bar{0})$ is the unique Massey algebra structure.
- The vanishing for $p > 1$ implies the Kadeishvili-type theorem applies.

On the proof of the Kadeishvili-type Theorem

$(\Lambda^\star, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots)$: minimal A_∞ -algebra

The equations of an A_∞ -morphism imply that an arbitrary collection

$$f_1 = 1, \quad f_2 \in C^{2,-1}(\Lambda^\star), \quad f_3 \in C^{3,-2}(\Lambda^\star), \quad \dots$$

determines a unique minimal A_∞ -algebra structure

$$(\Lambda^\star, m'_3, m'_4, m'_5, \dots)$$

such that

$$f = (1, f_2, f_3, \dots): (\Lambda^\star, m) \rightsquigarrow (\Lambda^\star, m')$$

is an A_∞ -isomorphism.

For example, $m'_3 = m_3 \pm d_{\text{Hoch}}(f_2)$

On the proof of the Kadeishvili-type Theorem (cont.)

The gauge A_∞ -isomorphisms group

$$\mathfrak{G}(\Lambda^\star) := \{f \in \prod_{n=1}^\infty C^{n,1-n}(\Lambda^\star) \mid f_1 = 1\}$$

acts on the set of minimal A_∞ -structures on Λ^\star .

Tautologically, two minimal A_∞ -structures are gauge A_∞ -isomorphic if and only if they have the same $\mathfrak{G}(\Lambda^\star)$ -orbit.

Question: How can we leverage this observation?

The set of minimal A_∞ -algebra structures on Λ^\star are the vertices of a CW complex $\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star)$ whose 1-cells are the gauge A_∞ -isomorphisms!

The $\mathfrak{G}(\Lambda^\star)$ -orbits are the path-connected components $\pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star))$.

With a little help from my friends

The CW complex $\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star)$ is the homotopy limit of a tower of fibrations

$$\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star) \simeq \operatorname{holim} \mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_4(\Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_3(\Lambda^\star)$$

where $\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star)$ is the CW complex of minimal A_n -algebra structures on Λ^\star :

- A minimal A_3 -algebra structure consists of a Hochschild cochain $m_3 \in C^{3,-1}(\Lambda^\star)$.
- A minimal A_4 -algebra structure consists of a Hochschild cocycle $m_3 \in C^{3,-1}(\Lambda^\star)$ and a Hochschild cochain $m_4 \in C^{4,-2}(\Lambda^\star)$.
- ...

We can leverage techniques from **Algebraic Topology / Homotopy Theory** such as the Milnor exact sequence

$$* \longrightarrow \varprojlim^1 \pi_1(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow \varprojlim \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow *$$

There is a spectral sequence ...

The existence of Milnor exact sequences

$$* \longrightarrow \varprojlim^1 \pi_{k+1}(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow \pi_k(\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow \varprojlim \pi_k(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow *$$

can be leveraged thanks to the (fringed) Bousfield–Kan spectral sequence (1972) of the tower

$$\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star) \simeq \operatorname{holim} \mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_4(\Lambda^\star) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_3(\Lambda^\star)$$

Idea of proof of the Kadeishvili-type theorem:

- Two d -sparse minimal A_∞ -algebra structures $(\Lambda^\star, m^{(1)})$ and $(\Lambda^\star, m^{(2)})$ such that

$$\overline{m_{d+2}}^{(1)} = \overline{m_{d+2}}^{(2)}$$

lie in the pointed kernel of the map $\pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star)) \longrightarrow \varprojlim \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star))$.

- Condition $(\dagger\dagger)$ yields the vanishing of $\varprojlim^1 \pi_1(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star))$ — this uses Muro's extended Bousfield–Kan spectral sequence (2020).

Muro's extended Bousfield–Kan spectral sequence

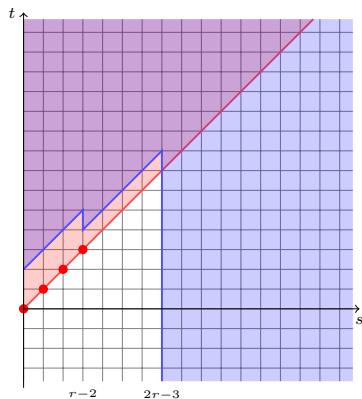


Figure by Fernando Muro

$$\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star) \simeq \operatorname{holim} \mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star)$$

- Pointed sets along the line $t - s = 0$
- Groups along the line $t - s = 1$
- Abelian groups elsewhere in the red region
- **Vector spaces** in the extended blue region

$$E_{d+2}^{p,p} = \operatorname{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^\star, \bar{c}) \quad p > d$$

$$\pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_\infty(\Lambda^\star)) \cong \varprojlim \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^\star))$$

Concluding remarks and an invitation

Working with minimal A_∞ -algebras instead of differential graded algebras provides access to new invariants and thus we may formulate new properties:

“The rUMP of the d -sparse minimal A_∞ -algebra $(\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$ is invertible.”

I invite the audience to consider the following questions:

Let \mathbf{A} be a differential graded algebra such that $\mathbf{A} \in D^c(\mathbf{A})$ is a generator of a preferred type (P), for example a d -cluster tilting object.

Question 1: Can we detect property (P) in terms of the minimal models of \mathbf{A} ?

Question 2: Is there a derived correspondence for generators of type (P)?

Question 3: Are there properties of a minimal A_∞ -algebra A that imply an interesting novel property of $A \in D^c(A)$?

The Kontsevich–Soibelman perspective

A minimal A_∞ -algebra structure on a graded algebra Λ^\star

$$m \in \prod_{n \geq 3} C^{n, 2-n}(\Lambda^\star)$$

has total degree 1 in the differential graded Lie algebra $C^{\bullet, \star}(\Lambda^\star)[1]$ and is a solution to the Maurer–Cartan equation

$$d_{\text{Hoch}}(m) = \pm m\{m\} \stackrel{\text{char } \mathbf{k} \neq 2}{=} \pm \frac{1}{2}[m, m].$$

“An A_∞ -algebra is the same as a non-commutative formal graded manifold X over, say, field \mathbf{k} , having a marked \mathbf{k} -point pt equipped with [a degree 1 homological vector field]. ... It is an interesting problem to make a dictionary from the pure algebraic language of A_∞ -algebras and A_∞ -categories to the language of non-commutative geometry.”

Kontsevich–Soibelman (2009)

Perhaps certain qualitative properties of such vector fields allow to extend the dictionary to include some aspects of the representation theory of FD algebras!



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