

THE MOTIVIC ADAMS SPECTRAL SEQUENCE

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1. INTRODUCTION

2. THE ADAMS SPECTRAL SEQUENCE

2.1. Setup. In order to construct an abstract version of the Adams spectral sequence, we need to work in some axiomatic version of a stable homotopy category \mathcal{SH} which acts like the familiar classical stable homotopy category \mathbf{hoSp} (Section 3) or the motivic stable homotopy category $\mathbf{SH}_{\mathcal{S}}$ over some base scheme \mathcal{S} (Section 4). As it turns out, practically all the data we need is the following:

Definition 2.1. A *stable homotopy category* is the following data:

- A closed tensor triangulated category $(\mathcal{SH}, \otimes, S, \Sigma, \Omega)$ with arbitrary small (co)products.
- A pointed abelian group $(A, \mathbf{1})$ and a homomorphism $h : (A, \mathbf{1}) \rightarrow (\mathrm{Pic}(\mathcal{SH}), \Sigma S)$ of pointed groups (i.e., $\mathbf{1}$ is sent to the isomorphism class of ΣS), where $\mathrm{Pic}(\mathcal{SH})$ is the group of isomorphism classes of invertible objects in \mathcal{SH} ¹.
- For each $a \in A$, a chosen object S^a in the isomorphism class $h(a)$.

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¹Recall an object X in a symmetric monoidal category is *invertible* if there exists some object Y in \mathcal{SH} and an isomorphism $S \cong Y \otimes X$. To see ΣS is invertible, note that we have isomorphisms

$$\Sigma S \otimes \Omega S \cong \Sigma(S \otimes \Omega S) \cong \Sigma(\Omega S \otimes S) \cong \Sigma \Omega S \otimes S \cong S \otimes S \cong S,$$

Given an abstract stable homotopy category as above, we will always assume without loss of generality that $S^0 = S$ and $\Sigma = S^1 \otimes -$ (by [Proposition A.7](#)). we establish the following conventions:

- Given objects X_1, \dots, X_n in \mathcal{SH} , we write $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n$ to denote the object

$$X_1 \otimes (X_2 \otimes \dots \otimes (X_{n-1} \otimes X_n)).$$

In particular, given an object X and a natural number $n > 0$, we write

$$X^n := \overbrace{X \otimes \dots \otimes X}^{n \text{ times}} \quad \text{and} \quad X^0 := S.$$

- We denote the associator, symmetry, left unitor, and right unitor isomorphisms in \mathcal{SH} by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z &\xrightarrow{\cong} X \otimes (Y \otimes Z) & \tau_{X,Y} : X \otimes Y &\xrightarrow{\cong} Y \otimes X \\ \lambda_X : S \otimes X &\xrightarrow{\cong} X & \rho_X : X \otimes S &\xrightarrow{\cong} X. \end{aligned}$$

Often we will suppress these isomorphisms from the notation (particularly the associators), choosing instead to denote them without their subscripts or simply with the symbol \cong .

- Given some $a \in A$, we define the functor $\Sigma^a := S^a \otimes -$, so that in particular $\Sigma^1 = \Sigma$.
- Given two objects X and Y , we denote the hom-abelian group of morphisms from X to Y in \mathcal{SH} by $[X, Y]$, and we denote the internal hom object by $F(X, Y)$. We will often refer to morphisms in \mathcal{SH} as *classes*, as we will think of them as representing homotopy classes of maps.
- Given two objects X and Y in \mathcal{SH} , we may extend the abelian group $[X, Y]$ to an A -graded abelian group $[X, Y]_*$ defined by

$$[X, Y]_a := [\Sigma^a X, Y] = [S^a \otimes X, Y].$$

(See [Appendix C](#) for a review of the theory of A -graded abelian groups, rings, modules, etc.)

- Given an object X in \mathcal{SH} and some $a \in A$, define the abelian group

$$\pi_a(X) := [S^a, X],$$

and write $\pi_*(X)$ for the associated A -graded abelian group $\bigoplus_{a \in A} \pi_a(X)$. We call $\pi_a(X)$ the a^{th} *stable homotopy group of X* .

- Given two objects E and X in \mathcal{SH} , we define the A -graded abelian groups $E_*(X)$ and $E^*(X)$ by

$$E_a(X) := \pi_a(E \otimes X) = [S^a, E \otimes X] \quad \text{and} \quad E^a(X) := [X, S^a \otimes E].$$

We refer to the functor $E_*(-)$ as the *homology theory represented by E* , or just E -homology, and we refer to $E^*(-)$ as the *cohomology theory represented by E* , or just E -cohomology.

From now on, we fix the data of a stable homotopy category \mathcal{SH} given above once and for all. Observe that for all $a, b \in A$, the objects S^{a+b} and $S^a \otimes S^b$ are isomorphic, since $h : A \rightarrow \text{Pic}(\mathcal{SH})$ is a group homomorphism. Hence given a monoid object (E, μ, e) in \mathcal{SH} ([Definition D.1](#)), supposing we had fixed isomorphisms $S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b$ for all $a, b \in A$, we get a multiplication map $\pi_*(E) \times \pi_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(E)$ which sends classes $x : S^a \rightarrow E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E$ to the product

$$S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E.$$

where the first isomorphism is axiom TT1 for a tensor triangulated category ([Definition A.5](#)), the second isomorphism is given by the symmetry in \mathcal{SH} , the third isomorphism is again axiom TT1, the fourth isomorphism is the fact that Σ and Ω for an adjoint equivalence, and finally the last isomorphism follows by the fact that S is the monoidal unit in \mathcal{SH} .

Naturally, we would like this product to make $\pi_*(E)$ into an A -graded ring (with unit $e \in \pi_0(E) = [S, E]$), rather than just an A -graded abelian group. This is essentially the entire discussion of Dugger's paper [1], and as it turns out, $\pi_*(E)$ is in fact a graded ring provided we can choose these morphisms to be *coherent*, in the following sense:

Definition 2.2. Suppose we have a family of isomorphisms

$$\phi_{a,b} : S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^a \otimes S^b$$

for all $a, b \in A$. We say this family is *coherent* if:

- (1) For all $a \in A$, we have equalities $\phi_{a,0} = \rho_{S^a}^{-1} : S^a \rightarrow S^a \otimes S$ and $\phi_{0,a} = \lambda_{S^a}^{-1} : S^a \rightarrow S \otimes S^a$.
- (2) For all $a, b, c \in A$, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^{a+b} \otimes S^c & \xleftarrow{\phi_{a+b,c}} & S^{a+b+c} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b+c}} & S^a \otimes S^{b+c} \\ \phi_{a,b} \otimes S^c \downarrow & & & & \downarrow S^a \otimes \phi_{b,c} \\ (S^a \otimes S^b) \otimes S^c & \xrightarrow{\cong} & & & S^a \otimes (S^b \otimes S^c) \end{array}$$

Furthermore, Dugger guarantees that we can always find such a coherent family:

Theorem 2.3 ([1, Proposition 7.1]). *There exists a coherent family of isomorphisms*

$$\phi_{a,b} : S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^a \otimes S^b$$

in the sense of [Definition 2.2](#), and in particular, the set of such coherent families is in bijective correspondence with the set of normalized 2-cocycles $Z^2(A; \text{Aut}(S))_{\text{norm}}$, i.e., the set of functions $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S)$ such that $\alpha(0,0) = \text{id}_S$ and for all $a, b, c \in A$, $\alpha(a+b, c) \cdot \alpha(a, b) = \alpha(b, c) \cdot \alpha(a, b+c)$.

Thus, from now on we will suppose once and for all we have fixed a coherent family $\{\phi_{a,b}\}_{a,b \in A}$. Such a coherent family has very nice properties, in particular:

Remark 2.4. Note that by induction the coherence conditions say that given any $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ and $b_1, \dots, b_m \in A$ such that $a_1 + \dots + a_n = b_1 + \dots + b_m$ and any fixed parenthesizations of $X = S^{a_1} \otimes \dots \otimes S^{a_n}$ and $Y = S^{b_1} \otimes \dots \otimes S^{b_m}$, there is a *unique* isomorphism $X \rightarrow Y$ that can be obtained by forming formal compositions of tensor products of $\phi_{a,b}$, associators, and their inverses.

Of course, we get our desired result: $\pi_*(E)$ is indeed an A -graded ring if E is a monoid object.

Proposition 2.5. *Let (E, μ, e) be a commutative monoid object in \mathcal{SH} , and consider the multiplication map $\pi_*(E) \times \pi_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(E)$ which sends classes $x : S^a \rightarrow E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E$ to the composition*

$$S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E.$$

Then this endows $\pi_(E)$ with the structure of an A -graded ring with unit $e \in \pi_0(E) = [S, E]$.*

Proof. See [Proposition D.3](#). □

Furthermore, it turns out that if E is a *commutative* monoid object in \mathcal{SH} , then $\pi_*(E)$ is “ A -graded commutative,” in the following sense:

Proposition 2.6. *For all $a, b \in A$ there exists an element $\theta_{a,b} \in \pi_0(S) = [S, S]$ (determined by choice of coherent family $\{\phi_{a,b}\}$) such that given any commutative monoid object (E, μ, e) in \mathcal{SH} , the A -graded ring structure on $\pi_*(E)$ ([Proposition 2.5](#)) has a commutativity formula given by*

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x \cdot (e \circ \theta_{a,b})$$

for all $x \in \pi_a(E)$ and $y \in \pi_b(E)$.

Furthermore, $\theta_{0,a} = \theta_{a,0} = \text{id}_S$ for all $a \in A$, so that if either x or y has degree 0, $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$.

Proof. See [Proposition D.4](#) and [Proposition D.5](#). \square

We also have the following result:

Proposition 2.7. *Given some $a \in A$, the functors Σ^a and Σ^{-a} canonically form an adjoint equivalence of \mathcal{SH} .*

Proof. See [Proposition D.6](#). \square

In particular, note that this tells us that given objects E and X in \mathcal{SH} , we have isomorphisms

$$E^*(X) = [X, S^* \otimes X] \cong [S^{-*} \otimes X, E] \cong [S^{-*}, F(X, E)] = \pi_{-*}(F(X, E)).$$

Similarly, given any objects X and Y in \mathcal{SH} , we have isomorphisms of A -graded abelian groups

$$[X, \Sigma Y]_* = [S^* \otimes X, S^1 \otimes Y] \cong [S^{-1} \otimes S^* \otimes X, Y] \cong [S^{*-1} \otimes X, Y] = [X, Y]_{*-1},$$

where the first isomorphism is the adjunction specified by the above proposition, and the second isomorphism is induced by the isomorphism

$$S^{*-1} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\phi_{-1,*} \otimes X} S^{-1} \otimes S^* \otimes X.$$

The last ingredient in order to develop the Adams spectral sequence abstractly is a notion of *cellularity* in \mathcal{SH} :

Definition 2.8. Define the class of *cellular* objects in \mathcal{SH} to be the smallest class of objects such that:

- (1) For all $a \in A$, S^a is cellular.
- (2) If we have a distinguished triangle

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \Sigma X (= S^1 \otimes X)$$

such that two of the three objects X , Y , and Z are cellular, then the third object is also cellular.

- (3) Given a collection of cellular objects X_i indexed by some small set I , $\bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i$ is cellular.

2.2. Monoid objects in \mathcal{SH} . We have constructed an Adams spectral sequence, but as it currently stands we do not yet know why it is useful. To start with, we'd like to provide a characterization of its E_1 and E_2 pages in terms of something more algebraic. To start, we first need to develop some theory of the algebra of monoid objects in \mathcal{SH} . Much of this work is entirely straightforward although tedious to verify, so we relegate most of the proofs in this section to [Appendix D](#).

Proposition 2.9. *Let (E, μ, e) be a monoid object in \mathcal{SH} . Then for any object X in \mathcal{SH} , $E_*(X)$ canonically inherits the structure of a left A -graded module over $\pi_*(E)$ (which recall is an A -graded ring by [Proposition 2.5](#)) via the map*

$$\pi_*(E) \times E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(X)$$

which given $a, b \in A$, sends $x : S^a \rightarrow E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E$ to the composition

$$x \cdot y : S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} E \otimes (E \otimes X) \cong (E \otimes E) \otimes X \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes X} E \otimes X.$$

Similarly, $X_*(E)$ canonically inherits the structure of a right graded $\pi_*(E)$ -module via the map

$$X_*(E) \times \pi_*(E) \rightarrow X_*(E)$$

which given $a, b \in A$, sends $x : S^a \rightarrow X \otimes E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E$ to the composition

$$x \cdot y : S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} (X \otimes E) \otimes E \cong X \otimes (E \otimes E) \xrightarrow{X \otimes \mu} X \otimes E.$$

Proof. See [Proposition D.8](#). \square

Definition 2.10. Given a monoid object E in \mathcal{SH} , we say E is *flat* if the canonical right $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure on $E_*(E)$ (see the above proposition) is that of a flat module.

2.3. Construction of the Adams spectral sequence. In what follows, let E be a commutative monoid object in \mathcal{SH} .

Definition 2.11. Let \overline{E} be the fiber of the unit map $e : S \rightarrow E$ (Proposition A.3), and for $s \geq 0$ define

$$Y_s := \overline{E}^s \otimes Y, \quad W_s = E \otimes Y_s = E \otimes (\overline{E}^s \otimes Y),$$

where recall for $s > 0$, \overline{E}^s denotes the s -fold product parenthesized as $\overline{E} \otimes (\overline{E} \otimes \cdots (\overline{E} \otimes \overline{E}))$, and $\overline{E}^0 := S$. Then we get fiber sequences

$$Y_{s+1} \xrightarrow{i_s} Y_s \xrightarrow{j_s} W_s \xrightarrow{k_s} \Sigma Y_{s+1} (= S^1 \otimes Y_{s+1})$$

obtained by applying $- \otimes Y_s$ to the sequence

$$\overline{E} \rightarrow S \xrightarrow{e} E \rightarrow \Sigma \overline{E}$$

(and applying the necessary associator isomorphisms). These sequences can be spliced together to form the (*canonical*) *Adams filtration of Y* :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & Y_3 & \xrightarrow{i_2} & Y_2 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & Y_1 & \xrightarrow{i_0} & Y_0 = Y \\ & & \downarrow j_3 & \swarrow k_2 & \downarrow j_2 & \swarrow k_1 & \downarrow j_1 & \swarrow k_0 & \downarrow j_0 \\ & & W_3 & & W_2 & & W_1 & & W_0 \end{array}$$

where the diagonal dashed arrows are of degree -1 (note these triangles do NOT commute in any sense). Now we may apply the functor $[X, -]_*$, and by Proposition A.4 we obtain an exact couple of $\mathbb{N} \times A$ -graded abelian groups:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X, Y_*]_* & \xrightarrow{i_{**}} & [X, Y_*]_* \\ & \swarrow k_{**} & \downarrow j_{**} \\ & & [X, W_*]_* \end{array}$$

where i_{**} , j_{**} , and k_{**} have $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -degree $(-1, 0)$, $(0, 0)$, and $(1, -1)$, respectively². The standard argument yields a $\mathbb{N} \times A$ -graded spectral sequence called from this exact couple (cf. Section 5.9 of [6]) with E_1 page given by

$$E_1^{s,a} = [X, W_s]_a$$

and r^{th} differential of $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -degree $(r, -1)$:

$$d_r : E_r^{s,a} \rightarrow E_r^{s+r,a-1}.$$

A priori, this is all $\mathbb{N} \times A$ -graded, but we regard it as being $\mathbb{Z} \times A$ -graded by setting $E_r^{s,a} := 0$ for $s < 0$ and trivially extending the definition of the differentials to these zero groups. This spectral sequence is called the *E-Adams spectral sequence* for the computation of $[X, Y]_*$. The index s is called the *Adams filtration* and a is the *stem*.

²Explicitly, the map $k_{s,a} : [X, W_s]_a \rightarrow [X, Y_{s+1}]_{a-1}$ sends a map $f : S^a \otimes X \rightarrow W_s$ to the map $S^{a-1} \otimes X \rightarrow Y_{s+1}$ corresponding under the isomorphism $[X, \Sigma Y_{s+1}]_* \cong [X, Y_{s+1}]_{*-1}$ to the composition $k_s \circ f : S^a \otimes X \rightarrow \Sigma Y_{s+1}$.

2.4. The E_1 page. The goal of this subsection is to provide the following characterization for the E_1 page of the Adams spectral sequence:

Theorem 2.12. *Let E be a flat commutative monoid object in \mathcal{SH} , and let X and Y be two objects in \mathcal{SH} such that $E_*(X)$ is a projective module over $\pi_*(E)$. Then for all $s \geq 0$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have isomorphisms in the associated E -Adams spectral sequence*

$$E_1^{s,a} \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{E_*(E)}^a(E_*(X), E_*(W_s))$$

Furthermore, under these isomorphisms, the differential $d_1 : E_1^{s,a} \rightarrow E_1^{s+1,a-1}$ corresponds to the map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{E_*(E)}^a(E_*(X), E_*(W_s)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{E_*(E)}^{a-1}(E_*(X), E_*(X \otimes W_{s+1}))$$

which sends a map $f : E_*(X) \rightarrow E_{*+a}(W_s)$ to the composition

$$E_*(X) \xrightarrow{f} E_{*+a}(W_s) \xrightarrow{(X \otimes h_s)_*} E_{*+a-1}(X \otimes Y_{s+1}) \xrightarrow{(X \otimes j_{s+1})_*} E_{*+a-1}(X \otimes W_{s+1}).$$

Proof. By Lemma D.10, for all $s \geq 0$ and $t, w \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have isomorphisms

$$[X, E \otimes Y_s]_{t,w} \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{E_*(E)}^{t,w}(E_*(X), E_*(E \otimes Y_s)).$$

since $W_s = E \otimes Y_s$, we have that

$$E_1^{s,(t,w)} = [X, W_s]_{t,w} \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{E_*(E)}^{t,w}(E_*(X), E_*(W_s)),$$

as desired. \square

Definition 2.13. Let (E, μ, e) be a monoid object in \mathcal{SH} . We say E is *flat* if the canonical right $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure on $E_*(E)$ is that of a flat module.

2.5. The E_2 page.

2.6. Convergence. convergence of spectral sequences

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APPENDIX A. TRIANGULATED CATEGORIES

We assume the reader is familiar with additive categories and (closed, symmetric) monoidal categories.

Definition A.1. A *triangulated category* is a tuple $(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Omega, \mathcal{D})$ such that

- (1) \mathcal{C} is an additive category.
- (2) $\Sigma, \Omega : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ form an adjoint equivalence of \mathcal{C} with itself. (Σ is called the *shift functor*.)
- (3) \mathcal{D} is a collection of *distinguished triangles*, where a *triangle* is a diagram of the form

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \Sigma X.$$

These are also sometimes called *cofiber sequences* or *fiber sequences*.

These data must satisfy the following axioms:

TR0 Given a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \\ \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \\ X' & \longrightarrow & Y' & \longrightarrow & Z' & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X' \end{array}$$

where the vertical arrows are isomorphisms, if the top row is distinguished then so is the bottom.

TR1 For any object X in \mathcal{C} , the diagram

$$X \xrightarrow{\text{id}_X} X \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \Sigma X$$

is a distinguished triangle.

TR2 For all $f : X \rightarrow Y$ there exists an object C_f (also sometimes denoted Y/X) called the *cofiber of f* and a distinguished triangle

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X.$$

TR3 Given a solid diagram with both rows commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \vdots & & \downarrow \Sigma f \\ X' & \longrightarrow & Y' & \longrightarrow & Z' & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X' \end{array}$$

such that the leftmost square commutes and both rows are distinguished, there exists a dashed arrow $Z \rightarrow Z'$ which makes the remaining two squares commute.

TR4 A triangle

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \xrightarrow{\Sigma} X$$

is distinguished if and only if

$$Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma X \xrightarrow{-\Sigma f} \Sigma Y$$

is distinguished.

TR5 (Octahedral axiom) Given three distinguished triangles

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{h} Y/X \rightarrow \Sigma X$$

$$Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \xrightarrow{k} Z/Y \rightarrow \Sigma Y$$

$$X \xrightarrow{g \circ f} Z \xrightarrow{l} Z/X \rightarrow \Sigma X$$

there exists a distinguished triangle

$$Y/X \xrightarrow{u} Z/X \xrightarrow{v} Z/Y \xrightarrow{w} \Sigma(Y/X)$$

such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{g \circ f} & Z & \xrightarrow{k} & Z/Y & \xrightarrow{w} & \Sigma(Y/X) \\ & \searrow f & \nearrow g & \searrow l & \nearrow v & \searrow & \nearrow \Sigma h \\ & Y & & Z/X & & \Sigma Y & \\ & \searrow h & \nearrow u & \searrow & \nearrow \Sigma f & & \\ & Y/X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Sigma X & & & \end{array}$$

It turns out that the above definition is actually redundant; TR3 and TR4 follow from the remaining axioms (see Lemmas 2.2 and 2.4 in [2]).

We now recall several important propositions for triangulated categories:

Proposition A.2. *Given a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in a triangulated category $(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Omega, \mathcal{D})$, the cofiber sequence of f is unique up to isomorphism, in the sense that given any two distinguished triangles*

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \Sigma X \quad \text{and} \quad X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow \Sigma X,$$

there exists an isomorphism $Z \rightarrow Z'$ which makes the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \downarrow k & & \parallel \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \longrightarrow & Z' & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \end{array}$$

Proposition A.3. *Given an arrow $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in a triangulated category $(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Omega, \mathcal{D})$, there exists an object F_f called the fiber of f , and a distinguished triangle*

$$F_f \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow \Sigma F_f (\cong C_f).$$

Proposition A.4. *Let $(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Omega, \mathcal{D})$ be a triangulated category. Given a distinguished triangle*

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} \Sigma X$$

and any object A in \mathcal{C} , there is a long exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\cdots \rightarrow [\Sigma^{n+1} A, Z] \xrightarrow{h_*} [\Sigma^n X, X] \xrightarrow{f_*} [\Sigma^n A, Y] \xrightarrow{g_*} [\Sigma^n A, Z] \xrightarrow{h_*} [\Sigma^{n-1} A, X] \rightarrow \cdots$$

extending infinitely in either direction, where for $n < 0$ we define $\Sigma^{-n} := \Omega^n$.

Also important for our work is the concept of a *tensor triangulated category*, that is, a triangulated symmetric monoidal category in which the triangulated structures are compatible, in the following sense:

Definition A.5. A *tensor triangulated category* is a triangulated symmetric monoidal category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, S, \Sigma, \Omega, \mathcal{D})$ such that:

TT1 For all objects X and Y in \mathcal{C} , there are natural isomorphisms

$$e_{X,Y} : (\Sigma X) \otimes Y \xrightarrow{\cong} \Sigma(X \otimes Y).$$

TT2 For each object X in \mathcal{C} , the functor $X \otimes (-) \cong (-) \otimes X$ is an additive functor.

TT3 For each object X in \mathcal{C} , the functor $X \otimes (-) \cong (-) \otimes X$ preserves distinguished triangles, in that given a distinguished triangle/(co)fiber sequence

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{\Sigma} A,$$

then also

$$X \otimes A \xrightarrow{X \otimes f} X \otimes B \xrightarrow{X \otimes g} X \otimes C \xrightarrow{\Sigma(X \otimes h)} \Sigma(X \otimes A)$$

and

$$A \otimes X \xrightarrow{f \otimes X} B \otimes X \xrightarrow{g \otimes X} C \otimes X \xrightarrow{\Sigma(h \otimes X)} \Sigma(A \otimes X)$$

are distinguished triangles.

Usually, most tensor triangulated categories that arise in nature will satisfy additional coherence axioms (see axioms TC1–TC5 in [2]), but the above definition will suffice for our purposes. To avoid the awkwardness of saying “a tensor triangulated category which is also a closed symmetric monoidal category,” we introduce the following (nonstandard) terminology:

Definition A.6. We say a tensor triangulated category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, S, \Sigma, \Omega)$ is *closed* if \mathcal{C} is a closed symmetric monoidal category, in the sense that for each object $X \in \mathcal{C}$, the functor $- \otimes X$ has a right adjoint $F(X, -)$.

Note that given a tensor triangulated category, we have the following characterization of the shift functor:

Proposition A.7. *Given a tensor triangulated category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, S, \Sigma, \Omega)$, there is a canonical natural isomorphism $\Sigma S \otimes - \cong \Sigma$.*

Proof. Given an object X in \mathcal{C} , we have natural isomorphisms

$$\Sigma S \otimes X \xrightarrow{e_{S,X}} \Sigma(S \otimes X) \xrightarrow{\Sigma \lambda_X} \Sigma X,$$

where λ_X is the left unitor specified by the monoidal structure on \mathcal{C} . \square

APPENDIX B. SPECTRAL SEQUENCES

In what follows, we fix an abelian group A . We will freely use the theory and results of [Appendix C](#)

Definition B.1. An A -graded spectral sequence is the data of a collection of A -graded abelian groups $\{E_r^*\}_{r \geq r_0}$ along with homomorphisms of A -graded abelian groups $d_r : E_r \rightarrow E_r$ (usually of nonzero degree) such that $d_r \circ d_r = 0$ and $E_{r+1} = \ker d_r / \text{im } d_r$.

APPENDIX C. (CO)ALGEBRA

C.1. Grading. First, we develop the theory of things graded by an abelian group. In what follows, we fix an abelian group A . We assume the reader is familiar with the basic theory of modules over non-commutative rings.

Definition C.1. An A -graded abelian group is an abelian group B along with a subgroup $B_a \leq B$ for each $a \in A$ such that the canonical map

$$\bigoplus_{a \in A} B_a \rightarrow B$$

sending $(x_a)_{a \in A}$ to $\sum_{a \in A} x_a$ is an isomorphism. Given two A -graded abelian groups B and C , a homomorphism $f : B \rightarrow C$ is a *homomorphism of A -graded abelian groups* if it preserves the grading, i.e., if it restricts to a map $B_a \rightarrow C_a$ for all $a \in A$.

Remark C.2. We often will denote an A -graded abelian group B by B_* . Given some $a \in A$, we can define the shifted A -graded abelian group B_{*+a} whose b^{th} component is B_{b+a} .

Definition C.3. More generally, given two A -graded abelian groups B and C and some $d \in A$, a group homomorphism $f : B \rightarrow C$ is an *A -graded homomorphism of degree d* if it restricts to a map $B_a \rightarrow C_{a+d}$ for all $a \in A$. Thus, an A -graded homomorphism of degree d from B to C is equivalently an A -graded homomorphism $B_* \rightarrow C_{*+d}$.

Unless stated otherwise, an “ A -graded homomorphism” will always refer to an A -graded homomorphism of degree 0. It is easy to see that an A -graded abelian group B is generated by its *homogeneous* elements, that is, nonzero elements $x \in B$ such that there exists some $a \in A$ with $x \in B_a$.

Remark C.4. Clearly the condition that the canonical map $\bigoplus_{a \in A} B_a \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism requires that $B_a \cap B_b = 0$ if $a \neq b$. In particular, given a homogeneous element $x \in B$, there exists precisely one $a \in A$ such that $x \in B_a$. We call this a the *degree* of x , and we write $|x| = a$.

Lemma C.5. Given two A -graded abelian groups B and C , their product $B \oplus C$ is naturally an A -graded abelian group by defining

$$(B \oplus C)_a := \bigoplus_{b+c=a} B_b \oplus C_c.$$

Proof. This is entirely straightforward, as

$$B \oplus C \cong \left(\bigoplus_{b \in A} B_b \right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{c \in A} C_c \right) \cong \bigoplus_{b,c \in A} B_b \oplus C_c \cong \bigoplus_{a \in A} \bigoplus_{b \in A} B_b \oplus C_{a-b} \cong \bigoplus_{a \in A} \left(\bigoplus_{b+c=a} B_b \oplus C_c \right).$$

\square

Definition C.6. An A -graded ring R is a ring such that its underlying abelian group is A -graded, and the multiplication map $R \times R \rightarrow R$ is a (degree 0) homomorphism of A -graded abelian groups (here R has the structure of an A -graded abelian group by [Lemma C.5](#)).

Definition C.7. Let R be an A -graded ring. A left A -graded R -module M is a left R -module M such that M is an A -graded abelian group, and the multiplication map $R \times M \rightarrow M$ is a homomorphism of A -graded abelian groups (i.e., for all $a, b \in A$ this map must restrict to $R_a \times M_b \rightarrow M_{a+b}$). Right A -graded R -modules are defined similarly. Finally, an A -graded R -bimodule is an A -graded abelian group M along with action maps

$$R \times M \rightarrow M \quad \text{and} \quad M \times R \rightarrow M$$

which endow M with the structure of a left and right A -graded R -module, respectively, such that given $r, s \in R$ and $m \in M$, $r \cdot (m \cdot s) = (r \cdot m) \cdot s$.

Definition C.8. An A -graded map of A -graded rings (resp. left/right A -graded R -modules) is a homomorphism of rings (resp. left/right R -modules) such that the underlying homomorphism of abelian groups is A -graded.

Explicitly, given an A -graded ring R and homogeneous elements $x, y \in R$, we must have $|xy| = |x| + |y|$. For example, given some field k , the ring $R = k[x, y]$ is \mathbb{Z}^2 -graded, where given $(n, m) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, $R_{n,m}$ is the subgroup of those monomials of the form $ax^n y^m$ for some $a \in k$. Oftentimes when constructing A -graded rings, we do so only by defining the product of homogeneous elements, like so:

Proposition C.9. *Given an A -graded abelian group R , a distinguished element $1 \in R_0$, and \mathbb{Z} -bilinear maps $m_{a,b} : R_a \times R_b \rightarrow R_{a+b}$ for all $a, b \in A$ such that given $x \in R_a$, $y \in R_b$, and $z \in R_c$,*

$$m_{a+b,c}(m_{a,b}(x, y), z) = m_{a,b+c}(x, m_{b,c}(y, z)) \quad \text{and} \quad m_{a,0}(x, 1) = m_{0,a}(1, x) = x,$$

there exists a unique multiplication map $m : R \times R \rightarrow R$ which endows R with the structure of an A -graded ring and restricts to $m_{a,b}$ for all $a, b \in A$.

Proof. Given $r, s \in R$, since $R \cong \bigoplus_{a \in A} R_a$, we may uniquely decompose r and s into homogeneous elements as $r = \sum_{a \in A} r_a$ and $s = \sum_{b \in A} s_b$ with each $r_a, s_b \in R_a$ such that only finitely many of the r_a 's and s_b 's are nonzero. Then in order to define a distributive product $R \times R \rightarrow R$ which restricts to $m_{a,b} : R_a \times R_b \rightarrow R_{a+b}$, note we *must* define

$$r \cdot s = \left(\sum_{a \in A} r_a \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{b \in A} s_b \right) = \sum_{a,b \in A} r_a \cdot s_b = \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b}(r_a, s_b).$$

Thus, we have shown uniqueness. It remains to show this product actually gives R the structure of a ring. First we claim that the sum on the right is actually finite. Note there exists only finitely many nonzero r_a 's and s_b 's, and if $s_b = 0$ then

$$m_{a,b}(r_a, 0) = m_{a,b}(r_a, 0 + 0) \stackrel{(*)}{=} m_{a,b}(r_a, 0) + m_{a,b}(r_a, 0) \implies m_{a,b}(r_a, 0) = 0,$$

where $(*)$ follows from bilinearity of $m_{a,b}$. A similar argument yields that $m_{a,b}(0, r_b) = 0$ for all $a, b \in A$. Hence indeed $m_{a,b}(r_a, s_b)$ is zero for all but finitely many pairs $(a, b) \in A^2$, as desired. Observe that in particular

$$(r \cdot s)_a = \sum_{b+c=a} m_{b,c}(r_b, s_c) = \sum_{b \in A} m_{b,a-b}(r_b, s_{a-b}) = \sum_{c \in A} m_{a-c,c}(r_{a-c}, s_c).$$

Now we claim this multiplication is associative. Given $t = \sum_{a \in A} t_a \in R$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(r \cdot s) \cdot t &= \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b}((r \cdot s)_a, t_b) \\
&= \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b} \left(\sum_{c \in A} m_{a-c,c}(r_{a-c}, s_c), t_b \right) \\
&\stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{a,b,c \in A} m_{a,b}(m_{a-c,c}(r_{a-c}, s_c), t_b) \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{a,b,c \in A} m_{c,a+b-c}(r_c, m_{a-c,b}(s_{a-c}, t_b)) \\
&\stackrel{(3)}{=} \sum_{a,b,c \in A} m_{a,c}(r_a, m_{b,c-b}(s_b, t_{c-b})) \\
&\stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{a,c \in A} m_{a,c} \left(r_a, \sum_{b \in A} m_{b,c-b}(s_b, t_{c-b}) \right) \\
&= \sum_{a,c \in A} m_{a,c}(r_a, (s \cdot t)_c) = r \cdot (s \cdot t),
\end{aligned}$$

where each occurrence of (1) follows by bilinearity of the $m_{a,b}$'s, each occurrence of (2) is associativity of the $m_{a,b}$'s, and (3) is obtained by re-indexing by re-defining $a := c$, $b := a - c$, and $c := a + b - c$. Next, we wish to show that the distinguished element $1 \in R_0$ is a unit with respect to this multiplication. Indeed, we have

$$1 \cdot r \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{a \in A} m_{0,a}(1, r_a) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{a \in A} r_a = r$$

and

$$r \cdot 1 \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{a \in A} m_{a,0}(r_a, 1) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{a \in A} r_a = r,$$

where (1) follows by the fact that $m_{a,b}(0, -) = m_{a,b}(-, 0) = 0$, which we have shown above, and (2) follows by unitality of the $m_{0,a}$'s and $m_{a,0}$'s, respectively. Finally, we wish to show that this product is distributive. Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
r \cdot (s + t) &= \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b}(r_a, (s + t)_b) \\
&= \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b}(r_a, s_b + t_b) \\
&\stackrel{(*)}{=} \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b}(r_a, s_b) + \sum_{a,b \in A} m_{a,b}(r_a, t_b) = (r \cdot s) + (r \cdot t),
\end{aligned}$$

where (*) follows by bilinearity of $m_{a,b}$. An entirely analagous argument yields that $(r + s) \cdot t = (r \cdot t) + (s \cdot t)$. \square

When working with A -graded abelian groups, we will freely use the above proposition without comment.

Proposition C.10. *Let R be an A -graded ring, and suppose we have a right A -graded R -module M and a left A -graded R -module N . Then the tensor product*

$$M \otimes_R N$$

is naturally an A -graded abelian group by defining $(M \otimes_R N)_a$ to be the subgroup generated by homogeneous pure tensors $m \otimes n$ with $m \in M_b$ and $n \in N_c$ such that $b + c = a$. Furthermore, if either M (resp. N) is an A -graded bimodule, then $M \otimes_R N$ is naturally a left (resp. right) A -graded R -module

Proof. By definition, since M and N are A -graded abelian groups, they are generated (as abelian groups) by their homogeneous elements. Thus it follows that $M \otimes_R N$ is generated by *homogeneous pure tensors*, that is, elements of the form $m \otimes n$ with $m \in M$ and $n \in N$ homogeneous. Now, given a homogeneous pure tensor $m \otimes n$, we define its *degree* by the formula $|m \otimes n| := |m| + |n|$. It follows this formula is well-defined by checking that given homogeneous elements $m \in M$, $n \in N$, and $r \in R$ that

$$|(m \cdot r) \otimes n| = |m \cdot r| + |n| = |m| + |r| + |n| = |m| + |r \cdot n| = |m \otimes (r \cdot n)|.$$

Thus, we may define $(M \otimes_R N)_a$ to be the subgroup of $M \otimes_R N$ generated by those pure homogeneous tensors of degree a . Now, we construct a map

$$\Phi : M \times N \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} (M \otimes_R N)_a$$

which takes a pair $(m, n) = \sum_{a \in A} (m_a, n_a)$ to the element $\Phi(m, n)$ whose a^{th} component is

$$(\Phi(m, n))_a := \sum_{b+c=a} m_b \otimes n_c.$$

It is straightforward to see that this map is R -balanced, in the sense that it is additive in each argument and $\Phi(m \cdot r, n) = \Phi(m, r \cdot n)$ for all $m \in M$, $n \in N$, and $r \in R$. Thus by the universal property of $M \otimes_R N$, we get a lift $\tilde{\Phi} : M \otimes_R N \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} (M \otimes_R N)_a$. Now, also consider the canonical map

$$\Psi : \bigoplus_{a \in A} (M \otimes_R N)_a \rightarrow M \otimes_R N.$$

We would like to show $\tilde{\Phi}$ and Ψ are inverses of each other. It suffices to show this on generators. Let $m \otimes n$ be a pure homogeneous tensor with $m = m_a \in M_a$ and $n = n_b \in N_b$. Then we have

$$\Psi(\tilde{\Phi}(m \otimes n)) = \Psi \left(\bigoplus_{a \in A} \sum_{b+c=a} m_b \otimes n_c \right) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \Psi(m \otimes n) = m \otimes n,$$

and

$$\tilde{\Phi}(\Psi(m \otimes n)) = \tilde{\Phi}(m \otimes n) = \bigoplus_{a \in A} \sum_{b+c=a} m_b \otimes n_c \stackrel{(*)}{=} m \otimes n,$$

where both occurrences of $(*)$ follow by the fact that $m_b \otimes n_c = 0$ unless $b = c = a$, in which case $m_a \otimes n_a = m \otimes n$. Thus since Ψ is an isomorphism, $M \otimes_R N$ is indeed an A -graded abelian group, as desired.

Now, suppose that M is an A -graded R -bimodule, so there exists a left and right action of R on M such that given $r, s \in R$ and $m \in M$ we have $r \cdot (m \cdot s) = (r \cdot m) \cdot s$. Then we would like to show that given a left A -graded R -module N that $M \otimes_R N$ is canonically a left A -graded R -module. Indeed, define the action of R on $M \otimes_R N$ on pure tensors by the formula

$$r \cdot (m \otimes n) = (r \cdot m) \otimes n.$$

First of all, clearly this map is A -graded, as if $r \in R_a$, $m \in M_b$, and $n \in N_c$ then $(r \cdot m) \otimes n$, by definition, has degree $|r \cdot m| + |n| = |r| + |m| + |n|$ (the last equality follows since the left action of R on M is A -graded). In order to show the above map defines a left module structure, it suffices to show that given pure tensors $m \otimes n, m' \otimes n' \in M \otimes_R N$ and elements $r, r' \in R$ that

$$(1) \quad r \cdot (m \otimes n + m' \otimes n') = r \cdot (m \otimes n) + r \cdot (m' \otimes n'),$$

- (2) $(r + r') \cdot (m \otimes n) = r \cdot (m \otimes n) + r' \cdot (m \otimes n),$
- (3) $(rr') \cdot (m \otimes n) = r \cdot (r' \cdot (m \otimes n)),$ and
- (4) $1 \cdot (m \otimes n) = m \otimes n.$

Axiom (1) holds by definition. To see (2), note that by the fact that R acts on M on the left that

$$(r + r') \cdot (m \otimes n) = ((r + r') \cdot m) \otimes n = (r \cdot m + r' \cdot m) \otimes n = r \cdot m \otimes n + r' \cdot m \otimes n.$$

That (3) and (4) hold follows similarly by the fact that $(rr') \cdot m = r \cdot (r' \cdot m)$ and $1 \cdot m = m$.

Conversely, if N is an A -graded R -bimodule, then showing $M \otimes_R N$ is canonically a right A -graded R -module via the rule

$$(m \otimes n) \cdot r = m \otimes (n \cdot r)$$

is entirely analagous. \square

Lemma C.11. *Let R be an A -graded ring, and suppose we have a right A -graded R -module M and a left A -graded R -module N . Then given an A -graded abelian group B and an A -graded R -balanced map*

$$\varphi : M \times N \rightarrow B$$

(here $M \times N$ is regarded as an A -graded abelian group by [Lemma C.5](#)), the lift

$$\tilde{\varphi} : M \otimes_R N \rightarrow B$$

determined by the universal property of $M \otimes_R N$ is an A -graded map.

Proof. This simply amounts to unravelling definitions. Recall that the subgroup of homogeneous elements of degree a in $M \otimes_R N$ is that generated by pure tensors $m \otimes n$ with m and n homogeneous satisfying $|m| + |n| = a$. Thus, in order to show $\tilde{\varphi}$ is an A -graded homomorphism, it suffices to show that given homogeneous $m \in M$ and $n \in N$, we have

$$|\tilde{\varphi}(m \otimes n)| = |m \otimes n| = |m| + |n|.$$

Indeed, given two such elements, consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes_R N & & \\ \uparrow & \searrow \tilde{\varphi} & \\ M \times N & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & B \end{array}$$

This diagram commutes by universal property of $- \otimes_R -$. Note that the element $m \otimes n$ is mapped to by the pair (m, n) along the left vertical map. Hence by commutativity, we necessarily have

$$|\tilde{\varphi}(m \otimes n)| = |\varphi(m, n)| \stackrel{(*)}{=} |(m, n)| = |m| + |n|,$$

where $(*)$ follows by the fact that φ is an A -graded map. \square

Lemma C.12. *Let R be an A -graded ring, and suppose we have an A -graded R -bimodule M . Then for all $a \in A$, we have an A -graded isomorphism of left A -graded R -modules*

$$M \otimes_R R_{*+a} \cong M_{*+a}$$

induced by the assignment

$$M \times R_{*+a} \rightarrow M_{*+a}$$

sending $m \in M_b$ and $r \in R_{c+a}$ to $m \cdot r \in M_{b+c+a}$ (where here $M \otimes_R R$ has the structure of a left A -graded R -module by [Proposition C.10](#), and $m \cdot r$ denotes the right action of r on m).

Proof. First of all, note that if you ignore the grading then the map $M \times R_{*+a} \rightarrow M_{*+a}$ is simply the structure map for the right action of R on M . In particular, by the module axioms this map is R -balanced, so it does indeed induce an A -graded homomorphism of A -graded abelian groups $\varphi : M \otimes_R R_{*+a} \rightarrow M_{*+a}$. Furthermore, note this map is actually a homomorphism of left A -graded R -modules, as given $m \in M$ and $r, r' \in R$, we have $r \cdot (m \cdot r') = (r \cdot m) \cdot r'$, since M is a bimodule. Now, to see this map is an isomorphism, it suffices to construct an inverse. Indeed, define the map

$$\psi : M_{*+a} \rightarrow M \otimes_R R_{*+a}$$

to send $m \mapsto m \otimes 1$. First of all note this map is A -graded, as given $m \in M_{b+a}$, we have $\psi(m) = m \otimes 1$ has degree $|m| + |1| = |m| = b + a$, by definition of the graded structure on $M \otimes_R R_{*+a}$. Note that it is a homomorphism of left R -modules, as given $m, m' \in M$ and $r, r' \in R$ we have

$$\psi(rm + r'm') = (rm + r'm') \otimes 1 = r(m \otimes 1) + r'(m' \otimes 1) = r\psi(m) + r'\psi(m').$$

Now, to see ψ and φ are inverses, note first that given $m \in M_{*+a}$ that

$$\varphi(\psi(m)) = \varphi(m \otimes 1) = m \cdot 1 = m,$$

and given $m \otimes r \in M \otimes_R R_{*+a}$,

$$\psi(\varphi(m \otimes r)) = \psi(m \cdot r) = (m \cdot r) \otimes 1 = m \otimes (r \cdot 1) = m \otimes r.$$

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APPENDIX D. MONOID OBJECTS IN A STABLE HOMOTOPY CATEGORY

Definition D.1. Let $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, S)$ be a symmetric monoidal category with left unitor, right unitor, and associator, and symmetry isomorphism λ, ρ, α , and τ , respectively. Then a *monoid object* (E, μ, e) is an object E in \mathcal{C} along with a multiplication map $\mu : E \otimes E \rightarrow E$ and a unit map $e : S \rightarrow E$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \otimes S & \xrightarrow{E \otimes e} & E \otimes E \xleftarrow{e \otimes E} S \otimes E \\ & \searrow \rho & \downarrow \mu \swarrow \lambda \\ & & E \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (E \otimes E) \otimes E & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes E} & E \otimes E \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\ E \otimes (E \otimes E) & \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu} & E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E \end{array}$$

The first diagram expresses unitality, while the second expressed associativity. If in addition the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{\tau} & E \otimes E \\ & \searrow \mu & \swarrow \mu \\ & & E \end{array}$$

then we say (E, μ, e) is a *commutative monoid object*.

Proposition D.2. Let (E_1, μ_1, e_1) and (E_2, μ_2, e_2) be monoid objects in a symmetric monoidal category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, S)$. Then $E_1 \otimes E_2$ is canonically a ring spectrum via the maps

$$\mu : E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_1 \otimes E_2 \xrightarrow{E_1 \otimes \tau \otimes E_2} E_1 \otimes E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_2 \xrightarrow{\mu_1 \otimes \mu_2} E_1 \otimes E_2$$

and

$$e : S \cong S \otimes S \xrightarrow{e_1 \otimes e_2} E_1 \otimes E_2.$$

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Proof.

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In what follows, fix a stable homotopy category \mathcal{SH} (Definition 2.1) along with the additional data therewithin, and adopt the conventions outlined in Section 2.1. Further suppose we have fixed a coherent family of isomorphisms

$$\phi_{a,b} : S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^a \otimes S^b,$$

in the sense of Definition 2.2 (the existence of such a coherent family is guaranteed by Theorem 2.3).

Proposition D.3. *Let (E, μ, e) be a commutative monoid object in \mathcal{SH} , and consider the multiplication map $\pi_*(E) \times \pi_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(E)$ which sends classes $x : S^a \rightarrow E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E$ to the composition*

$$S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E.$$

Then this endows $\pi_*(E)$ with the structure of an A -graded ring with unit $e \in \pi_0(E) = [S, E]$.

Proof. First we show this map is associative: Given classes x, y , and z in $\pi_a(E)$, $\pi_b(E)$, and $\pi_c(E)$, respectively, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S^{a+b+c} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a+b,c}} & S^{a+b} \otimes S^c & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b} \otimes S^c} & (S^a \otimes S^b) \otimes S^c & \xrightarrow{(x \otimes y) \otimes z} & (E \otimes E) \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes E} E \otimes E \\ \phi_{a,b+c} \downarrow & & \swarrow \cong & & \swarrow \cong & & \downarrow \mu \\ S^a \otimes S^{b+c} & \xrightarrow{S^a \otimes \phi_{b,c}} & S^a \otimes (S^b \otimes S^c) & \xrightarrow{x \otimes (y \otimes z)} & E \otimes (E \otimes E) & \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu} & E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E \end{array}$$

Commutativity of the left pentagon is the coherence condition for the $\phi_{a,b}$'s. Commutativity of the middle parallelogram is naturality of the associator isomorphisms. Commutativity of the right pentagon is associativity of μ . The fact that the two outside compositions equal $(x \cdot y) \cdot z$ and $x \cdot (y \cdot z)$, respectively, follows by functoriality of $- \otimes -$.

Next we claim the map $e : S \rightarrow E$ is a unit for this multiplication. Given $x \in \pi_a(E)$, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S \otimes S^a & \xleftarrow{\phi_{0,a} = \lambda_{S^a}^{-1}} & S^a & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,0} = \rho_{S^a}^{-1}} & S^a \otimes S \\ \downarrow e \otimes x & \searrow S \otimes x & \downarrow x & \swarrow x \otimes S & \downarrow x \otimes e \\ & S \otimes E & & E \otimes S & \\ e \otimes E \swarrow & \lambda_E \searrow & \rho_E \swarrow & E \otimes e \searrow & \\ E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{\mu} & E & \xleftarrow{\mu} & E \otimes E \end{array}$$

Commutativity of the top two large triangles is naturality of the unitor isomorphisms. Commutativity of the right and leftmost triangles is functoriality of $- \otimes -$. Commutativity of the bottom triangles is unitality of μ . Hence, we have that $e \cdot x = x = x \cdot e$.

This product is also bilinear (distributive). Given $x, x' \in \pi_a(E)$ and $y, y' \in \pi_b(E)$, consider the following diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} & S^a \otimes S^b & \xrightarrow{\Delta \otimes S^b} & (S^a \oplus S^a) \otimes S^b & \xrightarrow{(x \oplus x') \otimes y} & (E \oplus E) \otimes E \\
\Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta & \swarrow \cong & & \swarrow \cong & \downarrow \nabla \otimes E \\
S^{a+b} \oplus S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow[\phi_{a,b} \oplus \phi_{a,b}]{} & (S^a \otimes S^b) \oplus (S^a \otimes S^b) & \xrightarrow[(x \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes y)]{} & (E \otimes E) \oplus (E \otimes E) & \xrightarrow[\nabla]{} & E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} & S^a \otimes S^b & \xrightarrow{S^a \otimes \Delta} & S^b \otimes (S^b \oplus S^b) & \xrightarrow{x \otimes (y \oplus y')} & E \otimes (E \oplus E) \\
\Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta & \swarrow \cong & & \swarrow \cong & \downarrow E \otimes \nabla \\
S^{a+b} \oplus S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow[\phi_{a,b} \oplus \phi_{a,b}]{} & (S^a \otimes S^b) \oplus (S^a \otimes S^b) & \xrightarrow[(x \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes y)]{} & (E \otimes E) \oplus (E \otimes E) & \xrightarrow[\nabla]{} & E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E
\end{array}$$

The unlabeled isomorphisms are those given by the fact that $- \otimes -$ is additive in each variable (since $S\mathcal{H}$ is tensor triangulated). Commutativity of the left squares is naturality of $\Delta : X \rightarrow X \oplus X$ in an additive category. Commutativity of the rest of the diagram follows again from the fact that $- \otimes -$ is an additive functor in each variable. Hence, by functoriality of $- \otimes -$, these diagrams tell us that $(x + x') \cdot y = x \cdot y + x' \cdot y$ and $x \cdot (y + y') = x \cdot y + x \cdot y'$, respectively. \square

Proposition D.4. *For all $a, b \in A$ there exists an element $\theta_{a,b} \in \pi_0(S) = [S, S]$ (determined by choice of coherent family $\{\phi_{a,b}\}$) such that given any commutative monoid object (E, μ, e) in $S\mathcal{H}$, the A -graded ring structure on $\pi_*(E)$ ([Proposition 2.5](#)) has a commutativity formula given by*

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x \cdot (e \circ \theta_{a,b})$$

for all $x \in \pi_a(E)$ and $y \in \pi_b(E)$. In particular, $\theta_{a,b} \in \text{Aut}(S)$ is the composition

$$S \xrightarrow{\cong} S^{-a-b} \otimes S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{S^{-a-b} \otimes \tau} S^{-a-b} \otimes S^b \otimes S^a \xrightarrow{\cong} S,$$

where the outermost maps are the unique maps specified by [Remark 2.4](#).

Proof. Let $\phi_{a,b}$, E , x , and y as in the statement of the proposition. Now consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} & S^a \otimes S^b & \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} & E \otimes E \\
\phi_{b,a}^{-1} \circ \tau \circ \phi_{a,b} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau & & \downarrow \tau \\
S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{b,a}} & S^b \otimes S^a & \xrightarrow{y \otimes x} & E \otimes E
\end{array}
\begin{array}{c}
\searrow \mu \\
\nearrow \mu
\end{array}
\rightarrow E$$

The left square commutes by definition. The middle square commutes by naturality of the symmetry isomorphism. Finally, the right square commutes by commutativity of E . Unravelling definitions, we have shown that under the product on $\pi_*(E)$ induced by the $\phi_{a,b}$'s,

$$x \cdot y = (y \cdot x) \circ (\phi_{b,a}^{-1} \circ \tau \circ \phi_{a,b}).$$

Thus, in order to show the desired result it further suffices to show that

$$(y \cdot x) \circ (\phi_{b,a}^{-1} \circ \tau \circ \phi_{a,b}) = y \cdot x \cdot (e \circ \theta_{a,b}).$$

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} & S^a \otimes S^b \\
\cong \downarrow & \nearrow \cong & \downarrow \tau \\
S^b \otimes S^a \otimes S^{-a-b} \otimes S^a \otimes S^b & & S^b \otimes S^a \\
S^b \otimes S^a \otimes S^{-a-b} \otimes \tau \downarrow & \nearrow \cong & \downarrow \phi_{b,a}^{-1} \\
S^b \otimes S^a \otimes S^{-a-b} \otimes S^b \otimes S^a & & S^{a+b} \\
\cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_{b,a} \\
S^b \otimes S^a \otimes S & \xrightarrow{\cong} & S^b \otimes S^a \\
\downarrow x \otimes y \otimes e & \searrow y \otimes x \otimes S & \downarrow y \otimes x \\
E \otimes E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{E \otimes E \otimes e} E \otimes E \otimes S & \downarrow \rho \\
& \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu} & \downarrow \mu \\
& & E \otimes E \\
& \xrightarrow{\mu} & \downarrow \mu \\
& & E
\end{array}$$

Here we are suppressing associators from the notation, and any map simply labelled \cong is an appropriate composition of copies of $\phi_{a,b}$'s, associators, and their inverses, so that each of these maps are necessarily unique by [Remark 2.4](#). The top triangle commutes by coherence for the $\phi_{a,b}$'s. The parallelogram commutes by naturality of τ and coherence of the $\phi_{a,b}$'s. The trapezoid commutes again by coherence for the $\phi_{a,b}$'s. The middle right large triangle commutes by naturality of the unitors (and the fact that $S^b \otimes \phi_{a,0}$ coincides with the unitor $S^b \otimes S^a \otimes S \rightarrow S^b \otimes S^a$). The middle left triangle commutes by functoriality of $- \otimes -$. The middle triangle commutes by unitality of μ . Finally, the bottom rectangle commutes by associativity of μ . Hence, by unravelling definitions and applying functoriality of $- \otimes -$, we get that the top composition is $(y \cdot x) \circ (\phi_{b,a}^{-1} \circ \tau \circ \phi_{a,b})$, while the bottom composition is $y \cdot x \cdot (e \circ \theta_{a,b})$, so they are equal as desired. \square

Proposition D.5. *Given $a \in A$, we have $\theta_{0,a} = \theta_{a,0} = \text{id}_S$.*

Proof. Recall $\theta_{a,0}$ is the composition

$$S \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a}} S^{-a} \otimes S^a \xrightarrow{S^{-a} \otimes \phi_{a,0}} S^{-a} \otimes (S^a \otimes S) \xrightarrow{S^{-a} \otimes \tau} S^{-a} \otimes (S \otimes S^a) \xrightarrow{S^{-a} \otimes \phi_{0,a}^{-1}} S^{-a} \otimes S^a \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a}^{-1}} S$$

By the coherence theorem for symmetric monoidal categories and the fact that $\phi_{a,0}$ and $\phi_{0,a}$ coincide with the unitors, we have that the composition

$$S^a \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,0} = \rho_{S^a}^{-1}} S^a \otimes S \xrightarrow{\tau} S \otimes S^a \xrightarrow{\phi_{0,a}^{-1} = \lambda_{S^a}} S^a$$

is precisely the identity map, so by functoriality of $- \otimes -$, we have that $\theta_{a,0}$ is the composition

$$S \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a}} S^{-a} \otimes S^a \xrightarrow{\cong} S^{-a} \otimes S^a \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a}^{-1}} S,$$

so $\theta_{a,0} = \text{id}_S$, meaning

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x \cdot (e \circ \theta_{a,0}) = y \cdot x \cdot e = y \cdot x,$$

where the last equality follows by the fact that e is the unit for the multiplication on $\pi_*(E)$. An entirely analogous argument yields that $\theta_{0,a} = \text{id}_S$. \square

Proposition D.6. *Given some $a \in A$, the functors Σ^a and Σ^{-a} canonically form an adjoint equivalence of \mathcal{SH} .*

Proof. Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{SH}$. By [3, Lemma 3.2], in order to show Σ^a and Σ^{-a} are adjoint equivalences, it suffices to construct natural isomorphisms $\eta : \text{Id}_{\mathcal{SH}} \Rightarrow \Sigma^{-a} \circ \Sigma^a$ and $\varepsilon : \Sigma^a \circ \Sigma^{-a} \Rightarrow \text{Id}_{\mathcal{SH}}$ such that for all X in \mathcal{SH} , the following diagram commutes:

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^a X & \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^a \eta)_X} & \Sigma^a \Sigma^{-a} \Sigma^a X \\ & \searrow & \downarrow (\varepsilon \Sigma^a)_X \\ & & \Sigma^a X \end{array}$$

Given an object X in \mathcal{SH} , define $\eta_X : X \rightarrow \Sigma^{-a} \Sigma^a X = S^{-a} \otimes S^a \otimes X$ to be the composition

$$X \xrightarrow{\lambda_X^{-1}} S \otimes X \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a} \otimes X} S^{-a} \otimes S^a \otimes X.$$

Clearly this is an isomorphism. To see this is natural, let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{SH} . Then consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{\lambda_X^{-1}} & S \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a} \otimes X} & S^{-a} \otimes S^a \otimes X \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow S \otimes f & & \downarrow S^{-a} \otimes S^a \otimes f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\lambda_Y^{-1}} & S \otimes Y & \xrightarrow{\phi_{-a,a} \otimes Y} & S^{-a} \otimes S^a \otimes Y \end{array}$$

The left square commutes by naturality of λ . The right square commutes by functoriality of $- \otimes -$. Hence η is indeed a natural isomorphism.

On the other hand, given an object X in \mathcal{SH} , define $\varepsilon_X : \Sigma^a \Sigma^{-a} X = S^a \otimes S^{-a} \otimes X \rightarrow X$ to be the composition

$$S^a \otimes S^{-a} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,-a}^{-1}} S \otimes X \xrightarrow{\lambda_X} X.$$

Clearly this is an isomorphism. To see it is natural, let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{SH} . Then consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^a \otimes S^{-a} \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,-a}^{-1} \otimes X} & S \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\lambda_X} & X \\ S^a \otimes S^{-a} \otimes f \downarrow & & S \otimes f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ S^a \otimes S^{-a} \otimes Y & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,-a}^{-1} \otimes Y} & S \otimes Y & \xrightarrow{\lambda_Y} & Y \end{array}$$

The left square commutes by functoriality of $- \otimes -$. The right square commutes by naturality of λ . Hence, ε is natural.

Finally, let X be an object in \mathcal{SH} . Unravelling definitions, by functoriality of $- \otimes -$, in order to show that diagram (1) commutes, it suffices to show the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^a \otimes X & \xrightarrow{S^a \otimes \lambda_X^{-1}} & S^a \otimes S \otimes X & \xrightarrow{S^a \otimes \phi_{-a,a} \otimes X} & S^a \otimes S^{-a} \otimes S^a \otimes X \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \phi_{a,0} \otimes X & & \downarrow \phi_{a,-a}^{-1} \otimes S^a \otimes X \\ & & & & S \otimes S^a \otimes X \\ & & & & \downarrow \lambda_{S^a \otimes X} \\ & & & & S^a \otimes X \end{array}$$

First, note that by the coherence theorem for monoidal categories, $\lambda_{S^a \otimes X} = \lambda_{S^a} \otimes X^3$. And furthermore, recall $\lambda_{S^a} = \phi_{0,a}^{-1}$. Hence, the right triangle is precisely the diagram obtained by applying $-\otimes X$ to the coherence diagram for the $\phi_{a,b}$'s, so it commutes. Commutativity of the left triangle follows by the coherence theorem for monoidal categories and the fact that $\phi_{a,0} = \lambda_{S^a}^{-1}$. Hence, the diagram commutes, so (Σ^a, Σ^{-a}) forms an adjoint equivalence of \mathcal{SH} . \square

Proposition D.7. *Let X and Y be objects in \mathcal{SH} . Then the pairing*

$$\pi_*(X) \times \pi_*(Y) \rightarrow \pi_*(X \otimes Y)$$

sending $x : S^a \rightarrow X$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow Y$ to the composition

$$S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} X \otimes Y$$

is additive in each argument.

Proof. Let $a, b \in A$, and let $x_1, x_2 : S^a \rightarrow X$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow Y$. Then consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^{a+b} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & S^a \otimes S^b & \xrightarrow{\Delta \otimes S^b} & (S^a \oplus S^a) \otimes S^b \\ & & \Delta \downarrow & \swarrow \cong & \downarrow (x_1 \oplus x_2) \otimes y \\ & & (S^a \otimes S^b) \oplus (S^a \otimes S^b) & & (X \oplus X) \otimes Y \\ & & \downarrow (x_1 \otimes y) \oplus (x_2 \otimes y) & \swarrow \cong & \downarrow \nabla \otimes Y \\ & & (X \otimes Y) \oplus (X \otimes Y) & \xrightarrow{\nabla} & X \otimes Y \end{array}$$

The isomorphisms are given by the fact that $-\otimes -$ is additive in each variable. Both triangles and the parallelogram commute since $-\otimes -$ is additive. By functoriality of $-\otimes -$, the top composition is $(x_1 + x_2) \cdot y$ and the bottom composition is $x_1 \cdot y + x_2 \cdot y$, so they are equal, as desired. An entirely analogous argument yields that $x \cdot (y_1 + y_2) = x \cdot y_1 + x \cdot y_2$ for $x \in \pi_*(X)$ and $y_1, y_2 \in \pi_*(Y)$. \square

Proposition D.8 ([4, Proposition 5.11]). *Let (E, μ, e) be a monoid object in \mathcal{SH} . Then for any object X in \mathcal{SH} , $E_*(X)$ canonically inherits the structure of a left A -graded $\pi_*(E)$ -module via the map*

$$\pi_*(E) \times E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(X)$$

which given $a, b \in A$, sends $x : S^a \rightarrow E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes X$ to the composition

$$x \cdot y : S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} E \otimes (E \otimes X) \cong (E \otimes E) \otimes X \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes X} E \otimes X.$$

Similarly $X_(E)$ canonically inherits the structure of a right A -graded $\pi_*(E)$ -module via the map*

$$X_*(E) \times \pi_*(E) \rightarrow X_*(E)$$

which given $a, b \in A$, sends $x : S^a \rightarrow X \otimes E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E$ to the composition

$$x \cdot y : S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} (X \otimes E) \otimes E \cong X \otimes (E \otimes E) \xrightarrow{X \otimes \mu} X \otimes E.$$

In particular, $E_(E)$ is a $\pi_*(E)$ -bimodule, in the sense that the left and right actions of $\pi_*(E)$ are compatible, so that given $y, z \in \pi_*(E)$ and $x \in E_*(E)$, $y \cdot (x \cdot z) = (y \cdot x) \cdot z$.*

Proof. First we show that the map $\pi_*(E) \times E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(X)$ endows $E_*(X)$ with the structure of a left $\pi_*(E)$ -module. Let $a, b, c \in A$ and $x, x' : S^a \rightarrow E \otimes X$, $y : S^b \rightarrow E$, and $z, z' : S^c \rightarrow E$. Then we wish to show that:

- (1) $y \cdot (x + x') = y \cdot x + y \cdot x'$,
- (2) $(z + z') \cdot x = z \cdot x + z' \cdot x$,

³Technically, this equality only holds up to composition with an associator, but we are ignoring such issues.

- (3) $(zy) \cdot x = z \cdot (y \cdot x)$,
 (4) $e \cdot x = x$.

Axioms (1) and (2) follow by the fact that $E_*(X) = \pi_*(E \otimes X)$ and [Proposition D.7](#). To see (3), consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 S^{a+b+c} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & S^{c+b} \otimes S^a & & \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \\
 S^c \otimes S^{b+a} & & & & \\
 \downarrow \cong & & & & \\
 S^c \otimes (S^b \otimes S^a) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & (S^c \otimes S^b) \otimes S^a & & \\
 \downarrow z \otimes (y \otimes x) & & \downarrow (z \otimes y) \otimes x & & \\
 E \otimes (E \otimes (E \otimes X)) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & (E \otimes E) \otimes (E \otimes X) & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes (E \otimes X)} & E \otimes (E \otimes X) \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \uparrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\
 & & ((E \otimes E) \otimes E) \otimes X & \xrightarrow{(\mu \otimes E) \otimes X} & (E \otimes E) \otimes X \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \mu \otimes X \\
 E \otimes ((E \otimes E) \otimes X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & (E \otimes (E \otimes E)) \otimes X & & \\
 \downarrow E \otimes (\mu \otimes X) & & \downarrow (E \otimes \mu) \otimes X & & \\
 E \otimes (E \otimes X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & (E \otimes E) \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes X} & E \otimes X
 \end{array}$$

The top square commutes by coherence of the isomorphisms $S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b$ ([Definition 2.2](#)). The second square from the top on the left commutes by naturality of the associators. The square below that commutes by the coherence axiom for the associators in a monoidal category. The bottom left square commutes again by naturality of the associator isomorphisms. The bottom right square commutes by associativity for μ and functoriality of $- \otimes X$. Finally, the square above that commutes again by naturality of the associator isomorphism. By functoriality of $- \otimes -$, the two outside compositions equal $(z \cdot y) \cdot x$ on the top and $z \cdot (y \cdot x)$ on the bottom. Hence, they are equal, as desired.

Next, to see (4), consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S^a & \xrightarrow{x} & E \otimes X \\
 \downarrow \phi_{0,a} = \lambda_{S^a}^{-1} & \nearrow \lambda_{E \otimes X} & \uparrow \mu \otimes X \\
 S \otimes S^a & \xrightarrow{S \otimes x} & S \otimes (E \otimes X) \\
 \downarrow e \otimes x & \searrow e \otimes (E \otimes X) & \downarrow \lambda_{E \otimes X} \\
 & & (S \otimes E) \otimes X \\
 & \nearrow e \otimes (E \otimes X) & \downarrow (e \otimes E) \otimes X \\
 E \otimes (E \otimes X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & (E \otimes E) \otimes X
 \end{array}$$

Commutativity of the top trapezoid is naturality of the unitor. Commutativity of the left triangle is functoriality of $- \otimes -$. Commutativity of the bottom triangle is naturality of the associator isomorphisms. Commutativity of the right triangle is unitality of μ and functoriality of $- \otimes X$. Finally, commutativity of the remaining crooked triangle follows by coherence for monoidal categories. The two outer compositions $S^a \rightarrow E \otimes X$ are x and $e \cdot x$, and by commutativity they are necessarily equal.

Thus, we have shown that the indicated map does indeed endow $E_*(X)$ with the structure of a left $\pi_*(E)$ -module. Showing that $X_*(E)$ has the structure of a right $\pi_*(E)$ -module is entirely analagous.

It remains to show that $E_*(E)$ is a bimodule. Let $x : S^a \rightarrow E$, $y : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes E$, and $z : S^c \rightarrow E$, and consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & E \otimes E \otimes E & \\
 & & \mu \otimes E \otimes E \nearrow & \downarrow E \otimes \mu & \\
 S^{a+b+c} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^a \otimes S^b \otimes S^c \xrightarrow{x \otimes y \otimes z} E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \mu} & E \otimes E & & \\
 & E \otimes E \otimes \mu \searrow & \uparrow \mu \otimes E & & \\
 & & E \otimes E \otimes E & &
 \end{array}$$

We are suppressing the associators here. Commutativity follows by functoriality of $- \otimes -$, which also tells us that the two outside compositions are $(x \cdot y) \cdot z$ (on top) and $x \cdot (y \cdot z)$ (on bottom). Hence they are equal, as desired. \square

Proposition D.9 ([5, Proposition 2.2]). *Let (E, μ, e) be a monoid object in \mathcal{SH} and let X be any object. Then the assignment*

$$E_*(E) \times E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes X)$$

which sends $x : S^a \rightarrow E \otimes E$ and $y : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes X$ to the composition

$$x \cdot y : S^{a+b} \cong S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes y} E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu \otimes X} E \otimes E \otimes X$$

induces a homomorphism of left A -graded $\pi_(E)$ -modules*

$$E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes X)$$

(where here $E_*(E)$ has a $\pi_*(E)$ -bimodule structure and $E_*(X)$ has a left $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure as specified by [Proposition D.8](#), so $E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X)$ is a left A -graded $\pi_*(E)$ -module by [Proposition C.10](#)). Furthermore, if X is cellular and E is a cellular flat commutative ring spectrum ([Definition 2.8](#), [Definition 2.10](#)), then this map is an isomorphism.

Proof. First, we show the given assignment is $\pi_*(E)$ -balanced. By the identifications $E_*(E) = \pi_*(E \otimes E)$, $E_*(X) = \pi_*(E \otimes X)$, and $E_*(E \otimes X) = \pi_*(E \otimes E \otimes X)$, we know the assignment commutes with addition of maps in each argument by [Proposition D.7](#). Now, let $a, b, c \in A$, $x : S^a \rightarrow E \otimes E$, $y : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes X$, and $z : S^c \rightarrow E$. Then we wish to show $xz \cdot y = x \cdot zy$. Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & \\
 & & E \otimes \mu \otimes E \otimes X \nearrow & \downarrow E \otimes \mu \otimes X & \\
 S^{a+b+c} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^a \otimes S^c \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{x \otimes z \otimes y} E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & & & E \otimes E \otimes X & \\
 & E \otimes E \otimes \mu \otimes X \searrow & \uparrow E \otimes \mu \otimes X & & \\
 & & E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & &
 \end{array}$$

(we have suppressed the associators from the notation). It commutes by associativity of μ . By functoriality of $- \otimes -$, the top composition is given by $(xz) \cdot y$ and the bottom composition is $x \cdot (zy)$, so we have they are equal, as desired. Thus, since the map $E_*(E) \times E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes X)$ is $\pi_*(E)$ -balanced, we have that it induces an A -graded homomorphism of abelian groups (that the map is A -graded is [Lemma C.11](#)). To see it further induces a map of left $\pi_*(E)$ -modules, we

wish to show that $z(x \cdot y) = zx \cdot y$, where x , y , and z are defined as above. Now consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & & \\
 & & & \nearrow \mu \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & \downarrow E \otimes \mu \otimes X & & \\
 S^{a+b+c} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & S^c \otimes S^a \otimes S^b & \xrightarrow{z \otimes x \otimes y} & E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \mu \otimes X} & E \otimes E \otimes X \\
 & & & \searrow E \otimes E \otimes \mu \otimes X & \uparrow \mu \otimes E \otimes X & & \\
 & & & & E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes X & &
 \end{array}$$

Commutativity of the triangles is functoriality of $- \otimes -$. By functoriality of $- \otimes -$, the top composition is $zx \cdot y$, and the bottom composition is $z(x \cdot y)$. Hence they are equal, as desired, so that the map we have constructed

$$E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes X)$$

is indeed an A -graded homomorphism of left A -graded $\pi_*(E)$ -modules.

It remains to show that if X is cellular and E is cellular flat commutative, then this map is an isomorphism. To do so, let \mathcal{E} be the collection of objects X in \mathcal{SH} for which this map is an isomorphism. Then it suffices to show that \mathcal{E} satisfies the three conditions given for the class of cellular objects in [Definition 2.8](#). First, we show that the map is an isomorphism when $X = S^a$ for some $a \in A$. Indeed, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(S^a) & \xrightarrow{(1)} & E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} \pi_{*-a}(E) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow (2) \\
 E_*(E \otimes S^a) & \xrightarrow{(3)} & E_{*-a}(E)
 \end{array} \quad (2)$$

where the vertical left arrow is the map we want to show is an isomorphism, and:

(1) The top arrow is induced by the isomorphism

$$E_*(S^a) = [S^*, E \otimes S^a] \xrightarrow{\tau_*} [S^*, S^a \otimes E] \xrightarrow{\cong} [S^{-a} \otimes S^*, E] \xrightarrow{(\phi_{-a,*})^*} [S^{*-a}, E] = \pi_{*-a}(E),$$

where the middle arrow is the adjunction given by [Proposition D.6](#);

(2) The right arrow is the isomorphism given by [Lemma C.12](#),

(3) The bottom arrow is the isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_*(E \otimes S^a) = [S^*, E \otimes E \otimes S^a] & \xrightarrow{(E \otimes \tau)_*} & [S^*, E \otimes S^a \otimes E] \\
 & \nwarrow (\tau \otimes E)_* & \\
 [S^*, S^a \otimes E \otimes E] & \xrightarrow{\cong} & [S^{-a} \otimes S^*, E \otimes E] \xrightarrow{(\phi_{-a,*})^*} [S^{*-a}, E \otimes E] = E_{*-a}(E)
 \end{array}$$

where here we are suppressing the associators from the notation, and again the middle arrow is the adjunction given by [Proposition D.6](#). Now, we wish to show diagram (2) commutes.

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In the following definition, let $\varepsilon : E_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(E)$ be the map which sends some $\alpha : S^a \rightarrow E \otimes E$ to the composition

$$S^a \xrightarrow{\alpha} E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E.$$

Also define $\Psi : E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)$ to be the map which factors as

$$E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes E) \xrightarrow{\cong} E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)$$

where the second arrow is the isomorphism prescribed by [Proposition D.9](#), and the first arrow sends a class $\alpha : S^a \rightarrow E \otimes E$ to the composition

$$S^a \xrightarrow{\alpha} E \otimes E \cong E \otimes S \otimes E \xrightarrow{E \otimes e \otimes E} E \otimes E \otimes E.$$

Lemma D.10 ([\[5, Proposition 2.30, 2.33\]](#)). *Let E be a flat commutative ring spectrum, and let X and Y be spectra such that $E_{**}(X)$ is a projective module over $\pi_{**}(E)$. Then for all $s \geq 0$ and $t, w \in \mathbb{Z}$, there is an isomorphism*

$$\Phi : [X, E \wedge Y]_{t,w} \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{E_{**}(E)}^{t,w}(E_{**}(X), E_{**}(E \wedge Y)),$$

obtained by sending a class $f : S^{t,w} \wedge X \rightarrow E \wedge Y$ in $[X, E \wedge Y]_{t,w}$ to the map

$$\Phi_f : E_{*,*}(X) \rightarrow E_{*+t,*+w}(X \wedge Y)$$

sending

$$[S^{a,b} \xrightarrow{g} E \wedge X] \mapsto [S^{a+t,b+w} \cong S^{a,b} \wedge S^{t,w} \xrightarrow{g \wedge S^{t,w}} E \wedge X \wedge S^{t,w} \cong E \wedge S^{t,w} \wedge X \xrightarrow{E \wedge f} E \wedge E \wedge Y].$$

Proof. Let $f : S^{t,w} \wedge X \rightarrow E \wedge Y$. First we want to show that Φ_f is actually an $E_{**}(E)$ -comodule homomorphism. □

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