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Can we use Hochschild cohomology or cochains instead of HH^0?

Derived Answer 1: Algebras form a category in dg cocategories.

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- Morphisms: a dg cocategory $Bar(Hoch(A, B))$
- Composition:
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$$\phi \in C^p(A,_f B_g)$$
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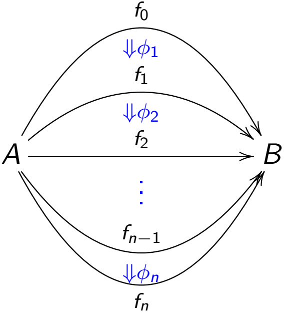

A morphism from f_0 to f_n in Bar(Hoch(A,B))

$$\Delta(\phi_1 \ldots \phi_n) = \sum_{0 \le i \le n} \pm \phi_1 \ldots \phi_i \otimes \phi_{i+1} \ldots \phi_n$$

$$|\phi_1 \ldots \phi_n| = \sum_{1 \le i \le n} |\phi_i| - n$$

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Braces are associative. (Getzler-Jones; Voronov-Gerstenhaber, Lyubashenko-Manzyuk; Keller)

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Can we use Hochschild homology or chains instead of HH_0 to extend this to a trace functor on the category in dg cocategories?

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For us, $F^* C_0$ is the categorified version of co-extension of scalars:

$$F^* C_0 = ker(B_1 \otimes C_0 \rightrightarrows B_1 \otimes B_0 \otimes C_0)$$

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Rest of this talk:

- Define dg comodules $C(A_0 \to \ldots \to A_0)$ using Hochschild chains
- Describe the A_∞-functor, and in particular the role of homotopies

Definition

A **dg comodule** C over a dg cocategory B consists of the following data:

- for each object $f \in B$, a complex $C^\bullet(f)$, and
- maps of complexes

$$\Delta_C(f) : C^\bullet(f) \to \prod_{g \in Obj(B)} B^\bullet(f,g) \otimes C^\bullet(g).$$

such that the following diagrams for coassociativity and counitality commute:

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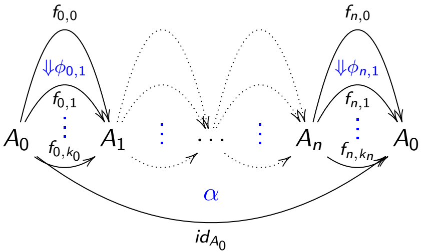

$$= \quad (\phi_{0,1}|\dots|\phi_{0,k_0}) \otimes \dots \otimes (\phi_{n,1}|\dots|\phi_{n,k_n}) \otimes \alpha : \quad s.t.\ \phi_{i,j} \in C^{\bullet}(A_{i,f_{j-1}} A_{i+1 f_j}), \quad \alpha \in C_{-\bullet}(A_{0,f_{n,k_n}} \dots {}_{f_{0,k_0}} A_0) \}$$

$$d_{C(A_0 \to \dots \to A_0)} = d_B \otimes id_{C_{-\bullet}} + id_B \otimes b + \tilde{\iota}$$

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$$\iota_\phi(a_0 \otimes \dots a_p) = \pm\phi(a_{d+1}, \dots, a_p) \cdot a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_d \quad \text{where } |\phi| = p - d$$

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Strategy: Give these maps to cogenerators to define $\tau_{1!}$, then let

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_{n!} : C(\mathcal{A}) &\cong \hat{\delta}_0^{*\,n-1} C\left(A_0 \to A_n \to A_0\right) \xrightarrow{\hat{\delta}_0^{*\,n-1}\tau_{1!}} \hat{\delta}_0^{*\,n-1} \hat{\tau}_1^* C\left(A_n \to A_0 \to A_n\right) \cong \\
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\sum & \pm \phi(a_k, \ldots, a_n, a_0, \ldots) \otimes a_s \otimes \ldots \otimes a_{k-1}
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$$[b, L_\phi] \pm L_{\delta\phi} = 0$$

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A_0 \arrow[r, "f_{0,1}"] \arrow[r, bend left=60, "f_{0,0}"] \arrow[r, phantom, shift left=3, "\Downarrow\phi"] \arrow[rr, bend right, "\alpha"', "id_{A_0}"'] & A_1 \arrow[r, "f_{1,0}"] & A_0 \arrow[r, mapsto, "?"] & A_1 \arrow[r, "f_{1,0}"] \arrow[rr, bend right, "\alpha'"', "id_{A_1}"'] & A_0 \arrow[r, "f_{0,0}"] & A_1
\end{tikzcd}
$$

$$[b, \bar{\tau}_{1!}](\phi \otimes \alpha) \pm \bar{\tau}_{1!}(\delta\phi \otimes \alpha) = [\bar{\tau}_{1!}, \iota_\phi](\alpha)$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{\tau}_{1!}(\phi \otimes \alpha) = &\sum_{k \geq 1} \pm f_{0,0} a_0 \otimes \ldots \otimes \phi(a_k, \ldots) \otimes f_{0,1} a_r \ldots \otimes f_{0,1} a_n + \\
&\sum \pm \phi(f_{1,0} f_{0,1} a_k, \ldots, f_{1,0} f_{0,1} a_n, a_0, \ldots) \otimes f_{0,1} a_s \otimes \ldots \otimes f_{0,1} a_{k-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

Defining $\tau_{1!}$

$$\bar{\tau}_{1!}\big((\phi_{0,1}|\dots|\phi_{0,k_0})\otimes(\phi_{1,1}|\dots|\phi_{1,k_1})\otimes\alpha\big) =$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{1\le i\le j_1\le\dots\le j_{2k_1}\le k_0,\\ p}} \pm\phi_{0,1}\left(\begin{array}{c} f_{1,0}f_{0,i}a_p,\dots,f_{1,0}\phi_{0,i+1}(a_*,\dots),\\ f_{1,0}f_{0,i+1}a_*,\dots,f_{1,0}\phi_{0,j_1}(a_*,\dots),\\ f_{1,0}f_{0,j_1}a_*,\dots,\phi_{1,1}(f_{0,j_1}a_*,\dots,\phi_{0,j_1+1}(a_*,\dots),\dots),\dots,\\ \phi_{1,k_1}(f_{0,j_{2k_1-1}}a_*,\dots,\phi_{0,j_{2k_1-1}+1}(a_*,\dots),\dots),\dots,a_0,\dots \end{array}\right)\otimes$$

$$\otimes f_{0,1}a_*\otimes\dots\otimes\phi_{0,2}(a_*,\dots)\otimes f_{0,2}a_*\otimes\dots\otimes$$

$$\otimes\phi_{0,i}(a_*,\dots)\otimes f_{0,i}a_*\otimes\dots f_{0,i}a_{p-1}+$$

$$\Big(\sum\pm f_{0,0}a_0\otimes\dots\otimes\phi_{0,1}(a_*,\dots)\otimes\dots\otimes\phi_{0,n_0}(a_*,\dots)\otimes$$

$$\otimes f_{0,n_0}a_*\otimes\dots\otimes f_{0,n_0}a_n \quad \text{if } k_1=0\Big)$$

Give an A_∞-functor

$$\chi_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{D}_\infty$$

$$\mathcal{A}{:=}(A_0 \to \ldots \to A_n \to A_0) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} B(\mathcal{A}), \\ C(\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Generating Morphisms:} \quad \sigma_{i,n} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} B(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\sigma}_{i,n}} B(\sigma_{i,n}\mathcal{A}) \\ C(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{id} \hat{\sigma}^*_{i,n} C(\sigma_{i,n}\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\delta_{j,n} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} B(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\delta}_{j,n}} B(\delta_{j,n}\mathcal{A}) \\ C(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{id} \hat{\delta}^*_{j,n} C(\delta_{j,n}\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \tau_n \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} B(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\tau}_n} B(\tau_n\mathcal{A}) \\ C(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\tau_{n!} = \delta_0^{*n-1} \tau_{1!}} \hat{\tau}^*_n C(\tau_n\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

First homotopy, n=1:

$$
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C(A_0 \to A_1 \to A_0) \arrow[r, "\tau_{1!}"] \arrow[rr, bend right, "id"'] & \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1(A_0 \to A_1 \to A_0)) \arrow[r, "\hat{\tau}_1^* \tau_{1!}"] & \hat{\tau}_1^{*2} C(\tau_1^2(A_0 \to A_1 \to A_0))
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$$\alpha = a_0 \otimes \ldots \otimes a_n \overset{\tau_{1!}}{\mapsto} f_{0,0} a_0 \otimes \ldots \otimes f_{0,0} a_n \overset{\hat{\tau}_{1!}^* \tau_{1!}}{\mapsto} f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_0 \otimes \ldots \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_n$$

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$$f_{1,0} f_{0,0} \alpha - \alpha = [b, B](\alpha)$$

$$B(a_0 \otimes \ldots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{0 \le i \le n} \pm 1 \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_i \otimes \ldots \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_n \otimes a_0 \otimes \ldots \otimes a_{i-1}$$

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$$B\big((\phi_{0,1}|\ldots|\phi_{0,k_0}) \otimes (\phi_{1,1}|\ldots|\phi_{1,k_1}) \otimes \alpha\big) =$$

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$$\otimes \ldots \otimes \phi_{1,k_1}(f_{0,j_{2k_1-1}} a_*, \ldots, \phi_{0,j_{2k_1-1}+1}(a_*, \ldots), \ldots) \otimes \ldots \otimes$$

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$$\tau_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_1 : B(\mathcal{A}) \to B(\tau_1\mathcal{A}) \\ \tau_{1!} : C(\mathcal{A}) \to \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\tau_1, \tau_1) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} id : B(\mathcal{A}) \to B(\mathcal{A}) \\ B : C(\mathcal{A}) \to C(\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\tau_1, \tau_1, \tau_1) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_1 : B(\mathcal{A}) \to B(\tau_1\mathcal{A}) \\ 0 : C(\mathcal{A}) \to \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vdots$$

The A_∞ relations mean:

- $\tau_{1!}$ is a map of complexes
- $B^2 = 0$
- The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{tikzcd} C(\mathcal{A}) \arrow[r, "\tau_{1!}"] \arrow[d, "B"] & \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1 \mathcal{A}) \arrow[d, "\hat{\tau}_1^* B"] \\ C(\mathcal{A}) \arrow[r, "\tau_{1!}"'] & \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1 \mathcal{A}) \end{tikzcd}$$

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$$\begin{tikzcd}
{[n]} \arrow[r, "\tau_n"] \arrow[d, "\delta_{n-1,n}"] & {[n]} \arrow[r, "\tau_n"] & {[n]} \arrow[dl, "\delta_{0,n}"] \\
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Strategy: Find such a homotopy, $\mathcal{B}$, for $n = 2$, and use $\hat{\delta}_0^{*\,n-2}\mathcal{B}$ for $n > 2$.

$$\chi_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{D}_\infty$$

$$\mathcal{A} \mapsto (B(\mathcal{A}), C(\mathcal{A}))$$

$$\mu = \tau_{n-1} \circ \delta_{n-1,n} = \delta_{0,n} \circ \tau_n^2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_{n-1} \circ \hat{\delta}_{n-1,n} = \hat{\delta}_{0,n} \circ \hat{\tau}_n^2 \\ \hat{\tau}_n^{*2} \delta_{0,n!} \circ \hat{\tau}_n^* \tau_{n!} \circ \tau_{n!} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\delta_{0,n}, \tau_n^2) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\delta}_{0,n} \circ \hat{\tau}_n^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\tau_{n-1}, \delta_{n-1,n}) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_{n-1} \circ \hat{\delta}_{n-1,n} \\ \mathcal{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\tau_{n-1}, \delta_{n-1,n}, \lambda) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_{n-1} \circ \hat{\delta}_{n-1,n} \circ \hat{\lambda} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vdots$$

For $n > 1$, the A_∞ relations mean:

- $\tau_{n!}$ is a map of complexes
- $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$
- We have a pair of homotopic maps:

$$\begin{tikzcd} C(A_0 \to \dots \to A_n \to A_0) \arrow[d, bend right, "\substack{\hat{\tau}_n^{*2}\tau_{n!} \circ \hat{\tau}_n^{*}\tau_{n!} \circ \tau_{n!} \\ \text{“apply } \tau_{n!} \text{ 3 times”}}"'] \arrow[d, bend left, "\substack{(\delta_{n-2,\widehat{n-1\,\delta}_{n-1,n}})^*\tau_{n-2!} \\ \text{“brace together the last 3 algebras,} \\ \text{then apply } \tau_{n-2!} \text{ once”}}"] \\ C(A_{n-2} \to A_{n-1} \to A_n \to A_0 \to \dots \to A_{n-2}). \end{tikzcd}$$

For $n > 1$, the A_∞ relations mean:

- $\tau_{n!}$ is a map of complexes
- $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$
- They are homotopic via two homotopies:

$$
\begin{tikzcd}
\begin{array}{c}(\delta_{n-2,\widehat{n-1}\delta}{}_{n-1,n})^*\tau_{n-2!} \\ \text{“brace together } A_{n-2}, A_{n-1}, A_n, \\ \text{then apply } \tau_{n-2!}\text{”}\end{array} \arrow[r, "\cong"] \arrow[d, "\cong"'] & \hat{\delta}^*_{n-1,n}(\hat{\delta}^*_{n-2,n-1}\tau_{n-2!}) \arrow[r, "\hat{\delta}^*_{n-1,n}\mathcal{B}_{n-1}"] & \hat{\delta}^*_{n-1,n}(\hat{\tau}^*_{n-1}\tau_{n-1!} \circ \tau_{n-1!}) \arrow[d, "\cong"] \\
(\delta_{n-2,\widehat{n-1}\delta}{}_{n-2,n})^*\tau_{n-2!} \arrow[d, "\hat{\delta}^*_{n-2,n}\mathcal{B}_{n-1}"'] & & \begin{array}{c}\hat{\tau}^{*2}_n\tau_{n!} \circ \hat{\delta}^*_{n-1,n}\tau_{n-1!} \\ \text{“brace together } A_{n-1}, A_n \\ \text{and apply } \tau_{n-1!}, \\ \text{then apply } \tau_{n!}\text{”}\end{array} \arrow[d, "\tau^{*2}_n\tau_{n!}\circ\mathcal{B}_n"] \\
\hat{\delta}^*_{n-2,n}(\hat{\tau}^*_{n-1}\tau_{n-1!} \circ \tau_{n-1!}) \arrow[r, "\cong"'] & \begin{array}{c}\hat{\tau}^*_n(\hat{\delta}^*_{n-1,n}\tau_{n-1!}) \circ \tau_{n!} \\ \text{“apply } \tau_{n!}, \\ \text{then brace together } A_{n-1}, A_{n-2} \\ \text{and apply } \tau_{n-1!}\text{”}\end{array} \arrow[r, "\hat{\tau}^*_n\mathcal{B}_n\circ\tau_{n!}"] & \begin{array}{c}\hat{\tau}^{*2}_n\tau_{n!} \circ \hat{\tau}^*_n\tau_{n!} \circ \tau_{n!} \\ \text{“apply } \tau_{n!} \text{ three times”}\end{array}
\end{tikzcd}
$$

Summary: We have a given an A_∞-functor $\chi_\infty(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{D}_\infty$, which implies that algebras form a category in dg cocategories with a trace up to homotopy.

To get a category in dg categories with a trace up to homotopy, apply (categorified) Cobar(-).

Thank you!