

# What do algebras form?

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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.

- Objects: algebras  $A, B, \dots$
- Morphisms: a dg cocategory  $Bar(Hoch(A, B))$
- Composition:
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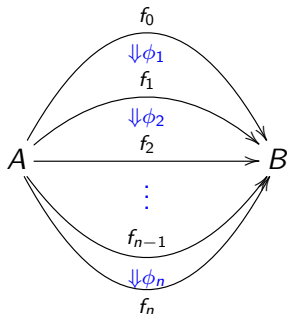
$$(\phi \cup \psi)(a_1, \dots, a_{p+q}) = \pm \phi(a_1, \dots, a_p) \psi(a_{p+1}, \dots, a_q)$$

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A morphism from  $f_0$  to  $f_n$  in  $\text{Bar}(\text{Hoch}(A, B))$

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

$$|\phi_1 \dots \phi_n| = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\phi_i| - n$$

$$d_{\text{Bar}(\text{Hoch}(A, B))} = \tilde{d}_{\text{Hoch}(A, B)} + d_{\cup}$$

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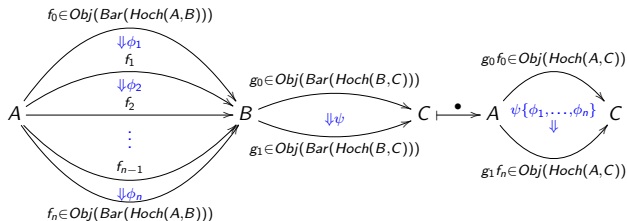
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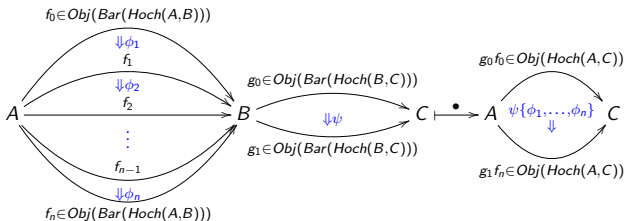
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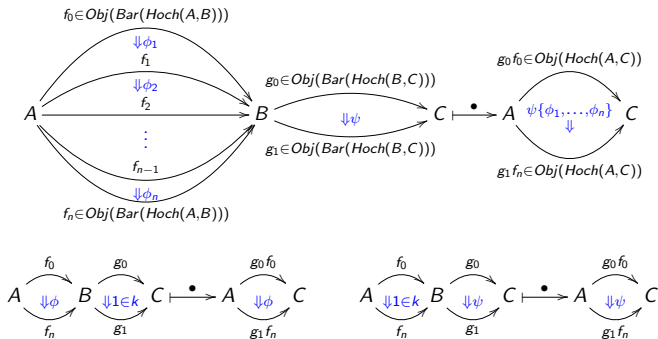


$$\psi\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}(a_1, \dots, a_q) = \sum \pm \psi(f_0 a_1, \dots, f_0 a_{i_1}, \phi_1(a_{i_1+1}, \dots), f_1 a_*, \dots, f_1 a_*, \\ \phi_2(a_*, \dots), f_2 a_*, \dots, f_n a_q)$$

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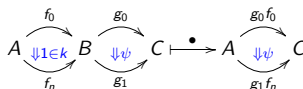
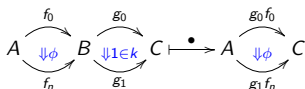
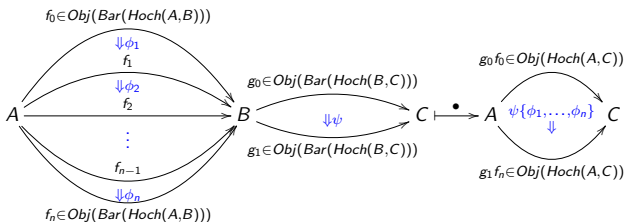




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Braces are associative. (Getzler-Jones; Voronov-Gerstenhaber, Lyubashenko-Manzyuk; Keller)

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- Objects =  $\{A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow A_0 : A_i \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}), n \geq 0\}$
- Morphisms =  $\{\text{linear combinations of compositions of}$

$$\text{rotations } \tau_n : \mathcal{A} \mapsto (A_n \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n)$$

$$\text{coboundaries } \delta_{j,n} : \mathcal{A} \mapsto (A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_j \rightarrow A_{j+2 \pmod{n+1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_0)$$

$$\text{codegeneracies } \sigma_{i,n} : \mathcal{A} \mapsto (A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_i \rightarrow A_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_0)$$

where  $\mathcal{A} := (A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow A_0)$ , subject to the cyclic relations $\}[0]$



# Unraveling the definition of a trace functor

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Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the dg category with

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$\tau_n^{n+1} = id$  is preserved:

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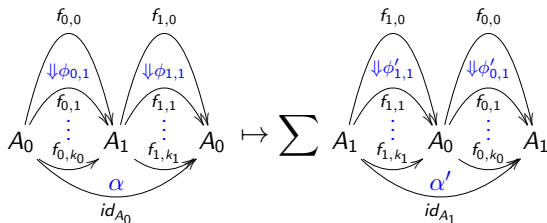
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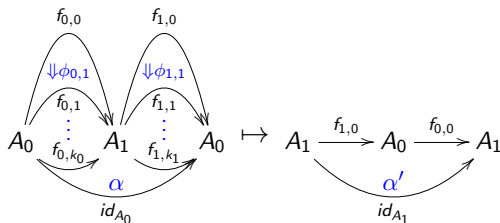
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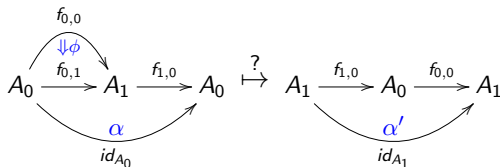
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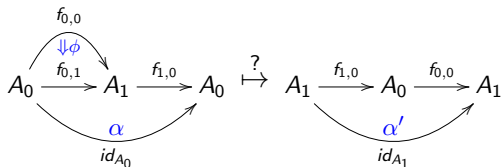
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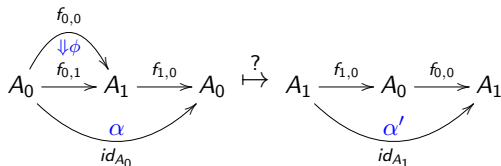
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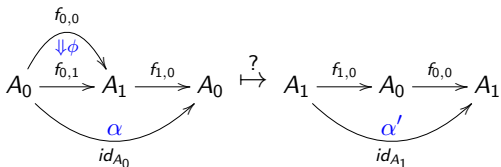


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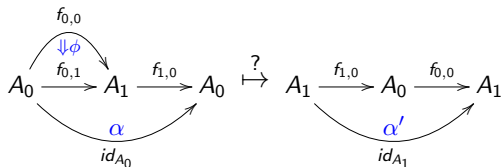


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$$\alpha = a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \xrightarrow{\tau_{1!}} f_{0,0} a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes f_{0,0} a_n \xrightarrow{\hat{\tau}_{1!}^* \tau_{1!}} f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_n$$

**First homotopy:**  $\tau_{1!}^2 \sim id$

$$C(A_0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_0) \xrightarrow{\tau_{1!}} \hat{\tau}_1^* C(A_1 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow A_1) \xrightarrow{\hat{\tau}_1^{*2} \tau_{1!}} \hat{\tau}_1^{*2} C(A_0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_0)$$

$\searrow$   
 $id$

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

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

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$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{id}$

$$\begin{aligned} & B((\phi_{0,1} | \dots | \phi_{0,k_0}) \otimes (\phi_{1,1} | \dots | \phi_{1,k_1}) \otimes \alpha) = \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j_1 \leq \dots \leq j_{2k_1} \leq k_0 \\ p}} \pm 1 \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,0} a_p \otimes \dots \otimes f_{1,0} \phi_{0,1}(a_*, \dots) \otimes \\ & \quad \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,1} a_* \otimes \dots \otimes f_{1,0} \phi_{0,j_1}(a_*, \dots) \otimes \\ & \quad \otimes f_{1,0} f_{0,j_1} a_* \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{1,1}(f_{0,j_1} a_*, \dots, \phi_{0,j_1+1}(a_*, \dots), \dots) \otimes \\ & \quad \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{1,k_1}(f_{0,j_{2k_1}-1} a_*, \dots, \phi_{0,j_{2k_1}-1+1}(a_*, \dots), \dots) \otimes \dots \otimes \\ & \quad \otimes a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

## In the language of $A_\infty$ -functors

$$\chi(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

$$\mathcal{A} := (A_0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_0) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} B(\mathcal{A}), \\ C(\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$\vdots$



## The $A_\infty$ relations mean:

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C(\mathcal{A}) & \xrightarrow{\tau_{1!}} & \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1 \mathcal{A}) \\ \downarrow B & & \downarrow \hat{\tau}_1^* B \\ C(\mathcal{A}) & \xrightarrow{\tau_{1!}} & \hat{\tau}_1^* C(\tau_1 \mathcal{A}) \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 [n] & \xrightarrow{\tau_n} & [n] & \xrightarrow{\tau_n} & [n] \\
 \downarrow \delta_{n-1,n} & & & & \swarrow \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  $n > 2$ .

$$\chi(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\vdots$$

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C(A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow A_0) & & \\
 \hat{\tau}_n^{*2} \tau_{n!} \circ \hat{\tau}_n^* \tau_{n!} \circ \tau_{n!} & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \downarrow \end{array} & (\widehat{\delta_{n-2, n-1} \delta_{n-1, n}})^* \tau_{n-2!} \\
 \text{"apply } \tau_{n!} \text{ 3 times"} & & \text{"brace together the last 3 algebras,} \\
 & & \text{then apply } \tau_{n-2!} \text{ once"} \\
 C(A_{n-2} \rightarrow A_{n-1} \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_{n-2}). & & 
 \end{array}$$

For  $n > 1$ , the  $A_\infty$  relations mean:

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\widehat{\delta_{n-2,n-1}\delta_{n-1,n}})^* \tau_{n-2!} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \hat{\delta}_{n-1,n}^* (\hat{\delta}_{n-2,n-1}^* \tau_{n-2!}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\delta}_{n-1,n}^* \mathcal{B}_{n-1}} \hat{\delta}_{n-1,n}^* (\hat{\tau}_{n-1}^* \tau_{n-1!} \circ \tau_{n-1!}) \\
 \text{"brace together } A_{n-2}, A_{n-1}, A_n, \text{ then apply } \tau_{n-2!}"} & & \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\
 (\widehat{\delta_{n-2,n-1}\delta_{n-1,n}})^* \tau_{n-2!} & & \hat{\tau}_n^{*2} \tau_{n!} \circ \hat{\delta}_{n-1,n}^* \tau_{n-1!} \\
 \downarrow \hat{\delta}_{n-2,n}^* \mathcal{B}_{n-1} & & \text{"brace together } A_{n-1}, A_n \text{ and apply } \tau_{n-1!}, \text{ then apply } \tau_{n!}"} \\
 & & \downarrow \tau_n^{*2} \tau_{n!} \circ \mathcal{B}_n \\
 \hat{\delta}_{n-2,n}^* (\hat{\tau}_{n-1}^* \tau_{n-1!} \circ \tau_{n-1!}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \hat{\tau}_n^* (\hat{\delta}_{n-1,n}^* \tau_{n-1!}) \circ \tau_{n!} \xrightarrow{\hat{\tau}_n^* \mathcal{B}_n \circ \tau_{n!}} \hat{\tau}_n^{*2} \tau_{n!} \circ \hat{\tau}_n^* \tau_{n!} \circ \tau_{n!} \\
 & \text{"apply } \tau_{n!}, \text{ then brace together } A_{n-1}, A_{n-2} \text{ and apply } \tau_{n-1!}"} & \text{"apply } \tau_{n!} \text{ three times"}
 \end{array}$$

**Summary:** We have a given an  $A_\infty$ -functor  $\chi(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , 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)  $\mathrm{Cobar}(-)$ .



**Thank you!**