

Et cetera

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Abstract

Dumping ground for other stuff: Notes, one-off observations, stuff that we can collectively use when preparing talks, etc.

L: I make no promises re: organization but I will do my best to keep it reasonably readable

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1 Talk prep

2 References

- [Involutions of Azumaya algebras](#) by First and Williams (2020 *Documenta*)
- [Counterexamples in involutions of Azumaya algebras](#) by First and Williams; much more readable than the 2020 *Documenta* paper

3 Questions and directions

Question 3.1 (Morita theory for $\text{Cat}_\infty^{\text{P}}$). Let R be a Poincaré ring. Suppose given two R -algebras (suitably interpreted so their module categories are canonically endowed with R -linear Poincaré structures—perhaps \mathbb{E}_σ) A, B . Can we characterize

$$\text{hom}_{\text{Cat}_\infty^{\text{P}}_R}((\text{Mod}_A^\omega, \mathfrak{P}_A), (\text{Mod}_B^\omega, \mathfrak{P}_B))$$

in terms of something bimodule-like?

Question 3.2. On page 2 of the *Counterexamples* paper, First and Williams write that “existence of an extraordinary involution means classificaiton of Azumaya algebras with involution...*cannot* be reduced to questions about projective modules and hermitian forms on them.”

What if we replaced projective modules by perfect complexes?

Question 3.3. First-Williams show (see discussion in §4 of the *Counterexamples* paper) that coarse type classify many (most?) Azumaya algebras up to (étale-local) *isomorphism*.

What is a suitable derived version of “coarse type”?

Question 3.4 (asked by Andrew Nov 2, 2024). C. Schlichtkrull shows in [this paper](#) that a map $BGL_1(R) \rightarrow K(R) \rightarrow THH(R) \rightarrow R$ in terms of the Hopf map η .

Is there a “Poincaré” version of this result?

4 Thoughts & observations

Question 4.1. When R has the Tate Poincaré structure and $(\text{Mod}_A^\omega, M_A, N_A, N_A \rightarrow M_A^{tC_2})$ is invertible, then by invertibility have an equivalence $\text{hom}_R(A, R) \simeq N_A \otimes_R N_{A^{\text{op}}}$ of $A \otimes_R A^{\text{op}}$ -modules. Restricting the left-hand side along the unit map $R \rightarrow A$ gives a map $N_A \otimes_R N_{A^{\text{op}}} \rightarrow \text{hom}_R(R, R) \simeq R$. Is this a perfect (R -linear) pairing?

I *think* using that $R^{\varphi C_2} \simeq R$ and combining the linear and bilinear part conditions, we get something like

$$M_A \otimes_R M_{A^{\text{op}}} \simeq (N_A \otimes_R N_{A^{\text{op}}})^{\otimes R^2} \quad \text{as } A \otimes_R A^{\text{op}}\text{-bimodules.}$$

Is this useful?

Brauer-Severi schemes We know there is a correspondence between Azumaya algebras A over X and Brauer-Severi schemes. What does a Poincaré structure on Mod_A^ω mean ‘geometrically’ for D_{coh}^b of the corresponding Brauer-Severi scheme? (Lucy: I didn’t get very far here, but just typing up what I had)

- Mod_A^ω corresponds to α -twisted sheaves on X (see Proposition 3.2.2.1 of Max Lieblich’s thesis)
- The bounded derived category of α -twisted sheaves on X includes as one ‘piece’ of a semiorthogonal decomposition on D_{coh}^b of the corresponding Brauer-Severi scheme (see Theorem 5.1 [here](#))

5 Desperate Flailing

This section is a cronical of my thoughts about \mathbb{G}_m^ϱ .

Goal The goal is to build a Poincaré ring $\mathbb{G}_m^\varrho := (\text{Mod}_R, \varrho_R)$ such that $B\mathbb{G}_m^\varrho(\underline{S}) = \text{Pic}^P(\underline{S})$ for any Poincaré ring \underline{S} .

Lemma 5.1. *Let \underline{S} be a Poincaré ring. Then $\pi_0(\text{Aut}_{\text{Pn}(\text{Mod}_S)}(S, u)) = \{s \in \pi_0(S)^\times \mid s = 1 \text{ in } \pi_0(SC_2)\}$.*

Proof. Since the functor $\text{Pn}(\text{Mod}_S) \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S$ is conservative it follows that an element of $\pi_0(\text{Aut}_{\text{Pn}(\text{Mod}_S)}(S, u))$ must have underlying map an element of $\pi_0 \text{Aut}(S) = \pi_0(S)^\times$. Then in order for $s \in \pi_0(S)^\times$ to induce a map $(S, u) \rightarrow (S, u)$, the induced map $s^* : SC_2 \rightarrow SC_2$ must satisfy $s^*(u) = u$. The pullback is given by multiplication by s , so this requirement translates into s being the unit, as desired. \square

The problem I thought existed maybe doesn’t. Here is a candidate construction:

Construction 5.2. Define R to be the E_∞ ring given by $\mathbb{S}\{x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}\} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}\{z\}} \mathbb{S}$ where the map $\mathbb{S}\{z\} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}\{x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}\}$ is induced by the map $z \mapsto xy$, and the map $\mathbb{S}\{z\} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$ is induced by $z \mapsto 1$. We can give R an E_∞ ring structure in Sp^{BC_2} by taking the trivial action on $\mathbb{S}\{z\}$ and \mathbb{S} , and taking the action induced by $x \mapsto y$ and $y \mapsto x$ on $\mathbb{S}\{x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}\}$. Thus in $\text{CAlg}(\text{Sp}^{BC_2})$ the ring R corepresents the functor $S \mapsto \{s \in \pi_0(S)^\times \mid s\sigma(s) = 1\}$.

Now take \underline{R} to be the Poincaré ring with underlying Borel C_2 structure as described in the previous paragraph and geometric fixed points $R^{\varphi C_2} = \mathbb{S}$ and the map $R^{\varphi C_2} \rightarrow R^{tC_2}$ given by the unit map. Endowing $R^{\varphi C_2}$ with the R -module structure given by $x, y \mapsto 1$, it remains to show that the unit map $R^{\varphi C_2} \rightarrow R^{tC_2}$ factors the Tate valued Frobenius $R \rightarrow R^{tC_2}$ in order to promote \underline{R} to a Poincaré ring. By construction of R it is then enough to show that on π_0 the Tate valued Frobenius sends $x, y \mapsto 1$ in $\pi_0(R^{tC_2})$. This map sends both x and y to $xy \in \pi_0(R^{tC_2})$. These are equal to 1 in $\pi_0(R^{tC_2})$ since the functor $(-)^{tC_2}$ is lax-monoidal so R^{tC_2} is a module over $\mathbb{S}\{x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}\}^{tC_2} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}\{z\}^{tC_2}} \mathbb{S}^{tC_2}$ which has the image of xy equal to 1.

Now consider another Poincaré ring \underline{S} . We then have that maps $\pi_0(\text{Maps}(\underline{R}, \underline{S}))$ is the data of a unit $s \in \pi_0(S)^\times$, a path $s\sigma(s) \rightarrow 1$ in $\Omega^\infty S$, and paths $x, y \rightarrow 1$ in $\Omega^\infty S^{\varphi C_2}$. This then agrees with \mathbb{G}_m^q by the following lemma.

Lemma 5.3. *Let $S \in \text{CAlg}(\text{Sp}^{BC_2})$ and $s \in \pi_0(S)^\times$. Then $s\sigma(s) = 1$ in $\pi_0(S)$ if and only if $(s \otimes s)^*$ acts by 1 on $\pi_0(S^{hC_2}) = \pi_0(\text{Hom}_{S \otimes S}(S \otimes S, S)^{hC_2})$.*

Proof. The ‘only if’ direction follows from the fact that the map $S^{hC_2} \rightarrow S$ is an S -bimodule map. Now suppose that $s\sigma(s) = 1$ in S . Then before taking homotopy fixed points the induced map $s^* = id$ because S is \mathbb{E}_∞ .¹ \square

6 Modules with genuine involution

Remark 6.1 (Lucy). I’m just going to put drafts of stuff pertaining to hermitian modules here. Eventually when it gets to be more complete, I will hopefully move this entire section over to the main file.

L: or whatever we want to keep calling these

Meta-commentary There are (at least) three things we want to do:

- (a) Define a category of ‘bimodules with involution over algebras with anti-involution’ equipped with a forgetful functor $\Theta: \text{BMod}_{\text{inv}}(-) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_1 \text{Alg}(-)^{hC_2}$.
- (b) Show that Θ is a coCartesian fibration. For this, it suffices to show that it is a *Cartesian* fibration and that it satisfies the hypotheses of [Lur09, Corollary 5.2.2.5]
 - I used to think that we could obtain this by ‘bootstrapping’ a result from Higher Algebra, plus some facts about assembly. This doesn’t seem to be working, so I’m just going to try to do this directly (imitating certain aspects of Chapter 4 of higher algebra.)
- (c) Define a relative tensor product for hermitian bimodules
- (d) Show that the formula for the cocartesian pushforward along a map $A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathbb{E}_1 \text{Alg}(-)^{hC_2}$ is something like $- \otimes_{A \otimes A^{\text{op}}} (B \otimes B^{\text{op}}) \otimes_{B \otimes B^{\text{op}}} B$.
 - In Higher Algebra, the formula for the cocartesian pushforward is proven in [Lur17, §4.6]; in particular, this is in the section on duality. In particular, see Proposition 4.6.2.17 and the paragraph immediately preceding this.
 - I don’t know how to do this yet—while (a) and (b) are not useful if I can’t show (c), I can’t suss out the feasibility of (c) without (a) and (b) already in place.

6.1 Step (a)

Definition 6.2. Define a colored operad Assoc_σ as follows:

- (i) The colored operad has a single object, which we denote by \mathbf{a} .
- (ii) For every finite set I , the set of operations $\text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$, where $\mathcal{L}I$ is the set of linear orderings on I and an element of $\{\pm 1\}^I$ is a function $I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$.
- (iii) Suppose given a map of finite sets $\alpha: I \rightarrow J$, together with operations $(\preceq_J, f_J: I_J \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}) \in \text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{\alpha(i)=j}, \mathbf{a})$ and $(\preceq_J, g: J \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}) \in \text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_j\}_{j \in J}, \mathbf{a})$. Define a linear ordering on the set I as follows: $i \leq i'$ if $\alpha(i) \preceq_J \alpha(i')$ or $\alpha(i) = \alpha(i') = j$ and $i \preceq_j i'$ and $g(j) = +1$ or $\alpha(i) = \alpha(i') = j$ and $i \succeq_j i'$ and $g(j) = -1$. Finally, define a function

$$I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

$$i \mapsto f_{\alpha(i)}(i) \cdot g(\alpha(i)),$$

where the multiplication on $\{\pm 1\}$ is the usual one.

¹Or just \mathbb{E}_2 .

L: This is just an imitation of [Lur17, Definition 4.1.1.1], modified in accordance with ideas from §5.4.2.

Remark 6.3. There is a map of colored operads $\iota: \text{Assoc} \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma$ which is the identity on objects and on operations $\text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$ is $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}I} \times \{c_1\}$ where c_1 is the constant function on I with value 1.

There is another map of colored operads $\iota^{\text{rev}}: \text{Assoc} \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma$ which is the identity on objects and on operations $\text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$ sends a linear ordering ℓ to $(\ell^{\text{rev}}, c_{-1})$ where c_{-1} is the constant function on I with value 1.

Definition 6.4. Let $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ denote the associated ∞ -operad (via Construction 2.1.1.7 and Example 2.1.1.21 of [Lur17]).

Remark 6.5. Unwinding definitions

- Objects $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ are finite pointed sets $\langle n \rangle \in \text{Fin}_*$
- Morphisms $\langle m \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle$ consist of
 - $\alpha: \langle m \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle$ a map of finite pointed sets
 - for each $i \in \langle n \rangle^\circ$, a linear ordering \preceq_i on the inverse image $\alpha^{-1}(\{i\})$
 - a map of sets $s: \alpha^{-1}(\langle m \rangle^\circ) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$
- For each pair of morphisms

$$(\beta: \langle \ell \rangle \rightarrow \langle m \rangle, \preceq_j, s) \quad (\alpha: \langle m \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle, \preceq_i, t),$$

the composite is the triple $(\alpha \circ \beta, \preceq_j'', u)$ where \preceq_j'' is the ordering on $(\alpha \circ \beta)^{-1}(\{i\})$ so that if $a, b \in \langle \ell \rangle$ so that $\alpha(\beta(a)) = \alpha(\beta(b))$, then $a \preceq_j'' b$ if $\beta(a) \preceq_i \beta(b)$ or $\beta(a) =_i \beta(b) = i$ and $a \preceq_i b$ if $s(i) = 1$ or $a \succeq_i b$ if $s(i) = -1$. Finally $u(l) = s(l) \cdot t(\beta(l))$.

Remark 6.6. The maps $\iota, \iota^{\text{rev}}$ of Remark 6.3 induce maps of ∞ -operads $\text{Assoc}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$. There is a canonical identification $\iota^{\text{rev}} = \sigma \circ \iota$, where σ is the automorphism of the associative operad considered in [Lur17, Remark 4.1.1.7].

Note that each object $\langle n \rangle \in \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ has a distinguished automorphism $\text{rev}_{\langle n \rangle}$ of order two given by the identity map on $\langle n \rangle$ and the constant map $c_{-1}: \langle n \rangle^\circ \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ at -1 . There is a canonical natural equivalence $\iota \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota^{\text{rev}}$ whose component at $\langle n \rangle$ is $\text{rev}_{\langle n \rangle}$.

Definition 6.7. Let \mathcal{C}^\otimes be a ∞ -operad equipped with the data of a fibration $p: \mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$. Let $\text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ denote the ∞ -category $\text{Alg}_{/\text{Assoc}_\sigma}(\mathcal{C})$ of ∞ -operad sections of p . We will refer to $\text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ as the ∞ -category of *involutive algebra objects of \mathcal{C}* .

An *involutive monoidal ∞ -category* is the data of a cocartesian fibration $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$.

Remark 6.8. Suppose given a cocartesian fibration $f: \mathcal{D}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ of ∞ -operads. Write $\mathcal{C}^\otimes := \mathcal{D}^\otimes \times_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes, \iota} \text{Assoc}^\otimes$; \mathcal{C}^\otimes is a monoidal ∞ -category in the sense of [Lur17, Definition 4.1.1.10]. Furthermore, $\mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}^\otimes := \mathcal{D}^\otimes \times_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes, \iota^{\text{rev}}} \text{Assoc}^\otimes$ is a monoidal ∞ -category. By Remark 6.6, this notation is consistent with that of [Lur17, Remark 4.1.1.7]. In particular, a Assoc_σ -monoidal ∞ -category \mathcal{D}^\otimes determines a monoidal ∞ -category \mathcal{C}^\otimes equipped with a monoidal equivalence $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C}^\otimes \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}^\otimes$.

Now suppose that A is an involutive algebra object of \mathcal{D} . With the same notation as before, pullback along ι (resp. ι^{rev}) determines algebra objects $u(A)$, $u^{\text{rev}}(A)$ of \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{C}_{rev} , respectively. Note that $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(u(A))$ is an algebra object of \mathcal{C}_{rev} , which we may regard as an algebra object of \mathcal{C} by precomposing with the autoequivalence $\sigma: \text{Assoc}^\otimes \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Assoc}^\otimes$. It follows from Remark 6.6 that A determines an equivalence $\sigma_A: u(A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(u(A))^{\text{rev}}$ of algebra objects in \mathcal{C} .

Now suppose furthermore that \mathcal{D}^\otimes is of the form $\mathcal{E}^\otimes \times_{\text{Fin}_*} \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ for some symmetric monoidal ∞ -category \mathcal{E} . Then the associated involution $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}$ is the identity, and for any involutive algebra object A of \mathcal{D} , σ_A is an equivalence $u(A) \simeq u(A)^{\text{rev}}$.

Definition 6.9. Define a category Δ_σ

- objects are pairs $([n], s: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\})$

L: Note that when s, t are identically one, the resulting order \preceq_j'' agrees with the lexicographic order defined in [Lur17, Remark 4.1.1.4].

L: do we need weaker than cocartesian fibration?

L: maybe better to write s as a function defined on the set of *morphisms* $i < i+1$ in $[n]$.

- a morphism from $([n], s: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\})$ to $([m], t: \{0, 1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\})$ is an order-preserving map $[n] \rightarrow [m]$ in Δ .

Construction 6.10. Define a functor $\text{Cut}: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$:

- For each $([n], s)$, we have $\text{Cut}([n], s) = \langle n \rangle$.
- Given a morphism $\alpha: ([n], s) \rightarrow ([m], t)$, the associated morphism $\text{Cut}([n], s) \rightarrow \text{Cut}([m], t)$ consists of
 - On underlying finite pointed sets $\langle m \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle$, Cut agrees with that appearing in [Lur17, Construction 4.1.2.9]
 - Identifying the cut $\{k \mid k < j\} \sqcup \{k \mid k \geq j\}$ with the morphism $j - 1 < j$, we may regard $s: \langle n \rangle^\circ \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ and likewise $t: \langle m \rangle^\circ \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$. Define $u: \text{Cut}(\alpha)^{-1}(\langle n \rangle^\circ) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ to be the unique function so that $u(j)t(j) = s(\text{Cut}(\alpha)(j))$.

Lemma 6.11. *The functor $\text{Cut}: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ exhibits $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ as an approximation to the ∞ -operad $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$.*

L: I think the proof of this lemma is not too different from the proof of Proposition 4.1.2.11 of [Lur17]; the point here is just to unravel the definitions of locally coCartesian and Cartesian; the morphisms in $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ are a little more complicated than Δ^{op} , but not by much.

Notation 6.12. Let $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ exhibit \mathcal{C} as \mathbb{E}_σ -monoidal. Let \mathcal{C}^\otimes denote the fiber product $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \times_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes} \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$.

Definition 6.13. Say that a morphism $([n], s) \rightarrow ([m], t)$ is *inert* if the induced map $\text{Cut}([m], t) \rightarrow \text{Cut}([n], s)$ is an inert morphism in $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$.

Definition 6.14. A \mathbb{R}^σ -planar operad is an ∞ -category \mathcal{O}^\otimes equipped with a functor $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ so that

1. For every object $X \in \mathcal{O}^\otimes$ and every inert morphism $\alpha: ([n], s) \rightarrow q(X)$ in Δ_σ , there is a q -cocartesian morphism $\bar{\alpha}: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfying $q(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$
2. Let X be an object satisfying $q(X) = ([n], s)$, and choose q -cocartesian morphisms $\bar{\alpha}_i: X \rightarrow X_i$ corresponding to the morphism $([i-1, s_i] \rightarrow ([n], s)$ which is the inclusion on underlying sets and satisfies $s_i(i) = s(i)$. Then the morphisms $\bar{\alpha}_i$ exhibit X as the q -product of the X_i .
3. For each $n \geq 0$, the construction $C \mapsto \{C_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ induces an equivalence of ∞ -categories

$$\mathcal{O}^\otimes \times_{\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}} \{([n], s)\} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{O}^\otimes \times_{\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}} \{([1], s|_{\{i\}})\})^{\times n}$$

We say that a morphism α in \mathbb{R}^σ -planar operad is *inert* if it is q -cocartesian and $q(\alpha)$ is inert in $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ in the sense of Definition 6.13.

Definition 6.15. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ be a \mathbb{R}^σ -planar operad. An \mathbb{A}_∞^σ -algebra object of \mathcal{O}^\otimes is a section of q which carries inert morphisms to inert morphisms. Write $\text{Alg}_{\mathbb{A}_\infty^\sigma}(\mathcal{O})$ for the full subcategory of $\text{Fun}_{\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}}(\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{O}^\otimes)$ on \mathbb{A}_∞^σ -algebra objects.

Proposition 6.16. *Let $\mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads. Then precomposition with the functor Cut of Construction 6.10 induces an equivalence of ∞ -categories*

$$\text{Alg}_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes}(\mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Alg}_{\mathbb{A}_\infty^\sigma}(\mathcal{O}) .$$

Proof. Combine Lemma 6.11 with [Lur17, Theorem 2.3.3.23]. □

Definition 6.17. Define a colored operad \mathbf{BM}_{inv}

- (i) The set of objects of \mathbf{BM}_{inv} has two elements, which we denote by \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{m} .

(ii) Let $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a finite collection of objects of \mathbf{BM}_{inv} and let Y be another object of \mathbf{BM}_{inv} . If $Y = \mathbf{a}$, then $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$ is the set of pairs consisting of a linear ordering on I and a function $I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ if $X_i = \mathbf{a}$ for all i , and empty otherwise. If $Y = \mathbf{m}$, then $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$ is the set of pairs consisting of a linear ordering $\{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n\}$ on I and a function $I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ if $X_{i_1} = \mathbf{m}$ and $X_j = \mathbf{a}$ for all $j \neq i_1$, and $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$ is empty otherwise.

(iii) The composition law on \mathbf{BM}_{inv} is determined by the composition of linear orderings, with reversal of linear orderings according to Definition 6.2

Remark 6.18. Restricting to the object $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}$, we see that \mathbf{BM}_{inv} has a sub-colored operad which is canonically identified with $\mathbf{Assoc}_{\text{inv}}$ of Definition 6.2.

Definition 6.19. Let $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ denote the associated ∞ -operad (via Construction 2.1.1.7 and Example 2.1.1.21 of [Lur17]).

Remark 6.20. We can describe the category $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ as follows:

- (1) An object of $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ is a pair $(\langle n \rangle, S)$ where S is a subset of $\langle n \rangle^{\circ}$.
- (2) Morphisms $(\langle m \rangle, T) \rightarrow (\langle n \rangle, S)$ consist of a map $\alpha: \langle m \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle$ in $\text{Assoc}_{\sigma}^{\otimes}$ satisfying:
 - The map α takes $T \cup \{*\}$ to $S \cup \{*\}$
 - For each $s \in S$, then $\alpha^{-1}(\{s\})$ contains exactly one element of t , and that element is minimal with respect to the linear ordering on $\alpha^{-1}(\{s\})$.

L: I've changed things a little so that S (in the notation of Higher Algebra) has been replaced by S^c —this way, we can regard $[n]$ as representing the ordered set $\{-n < -n+1 < \dots < -1 < 0 < 1 < \dots < n-1 < n\}$ where C_2 acts by $\cdot(-1)$ (or something along these lines). This is really a generalization of Notation 4.2.1.7 but for RM^{\otimes} .

Remark 6.21. Each morphism $\varphi \in \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$ determines a linear ordering ℓ on the set I and a function $s: I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$. Passing from φ to the pair (ℓ, s) determines a map of colored operads $j: \mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Assoc}_{\text{inv}}$. The map j induces a morphism of ∞ -operads $\text{Assoc}_{\sigma}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ which we will also denote by j . For any monoidal ∞ -category \mathcal{C} , restriction along j sends an \mathbb{E}_{σ} -algebra $A: \text{Assoc}_{\sigma} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\otimes}$ to the pair (A, A) where A is regarded as an involutive bimodule over itself.

Definition 6.22. Let $\mathcal{C}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_{\sigma}^{\otimes}$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads and let \mathcal{M} be an ∞ -category. Suppose given a fibration of ∞ -operads $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ together with equivalences $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{a}}^{\otimes} \simeq \mathcal{C}^{\otimes}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{m}}^{\otimes} \simeq \mathcal{M}$. Let ${}^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$ denote the ∞ -category $\text{Alg}_{/\mathcal{BM}}(\mathcal{O})$. We will refer to ${}^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$ as the ∞ -category of hermitian module objects of \mathcal{M} . Composition with the inclusion $\text{Assoc}_{\sigma}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ induces a categorical fibration

$${}^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Alg}_{/\mathcal{BM}}(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \text{Alg}_{\text{Assoc}_{\sigma}}(\mathcal{C}).$$

If A is an Assoc_{σ} -algebra object of \mathcal{C} , we let ${}^{\sigma}\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$ denote the fiber ${}^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \times_{\text{Alg}_{\text{Assoc}_{\sigma}}(\mathcal{C})} \{A\}$. We will refer to ${}^{\sigma}\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$ as the ∞ -category of hermitian A -module objects of \mathcal{M} .

Definition 6.23. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads. We say that q exhibits $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{m}}$ as \mathbb{E}_{σ} -tensored over $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{a}}$ if q is a cocartesian fibration.

Remark 6.24. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ be a cocartesian fibration of ∞ -operads. Then q is classified by a map $\chi: \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{\infty}$. Informally, we can think of q as giving an associative algebra \mathcal{C} in Cat_{∞} with an equivalence of algebras $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}$, an ∞ -category \mathcal{M} equipped with both the structure of a left \mathcal{C} -module and a left \mathcal{C}_{rev} -module, and an involution $\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{M} \simeq \mathcal{M}$ which is $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}$ -linear.

Remark 6.25. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ be a cocartesian fibration of ∞ -operads. Consider a hermitian module object $F: \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\otimes}$. Informally, F determines an associative algebra A of \mathcal{C} with an equivalence of algebras $\sigma_A: A \simeq \sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(A)$, an object $M \in \mathcal{M}$ equipped with both the structure of a left A -module and a left $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(A)$ -module, and an involution $\sigma_M: M \simeq M$ which is σ_A -linear.

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L: more general?

L: hermitian

L: Lurie gives this a name (Definition 4.2.1.12 *weakly enriched*)—not sure what to call this. something *bi-enriched*?

Construction 6.26. Define a functor $\text{MCut}: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$:

- For each $([n], s)$, we have $\text{MCut}([n], s) = \langle n+1 \rangle \simeq \text{RCut}_0([n])$ where RCut is from [Lur17, Construction 4.8.4.4].
- Given a morphism $\alpha: ([n], s) \rightarrow ([m], t)$, the associated morphism $\text{MCut}([m], t) \rightarrow \text{MCut}([n], s)$ consists of
 - On underlying finite pointed sets $\langle m+1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n+1 \rangle$, MCut agrees with (the reverse of) that appearing in [Lur17, Construction 4.2.2.6]
 - Identifying the cut $\{k \mid k < j\} \sqcup \{k \mid k \geq j\}$ with the morphism $j-1 < j$, we may regard $s: \langle n+1 \rangle^\circ \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ and likewise $t: \langle m+1 \rangle^\circ \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$. Define $u: \text{MCut}(\alpha)^{-1}(\langle n+1 \rangle^\circ) \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ to be the unique function so that $u(j)t(j) = s(\text{MCut}(\alpha)(j))$.

L: maybe this overloaded notation is not good. I'm running out of ideas.

L: check later

Remark 6.27. We can identify $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ with the full subcategory of $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ spanned by objects of the form $(\langle n \rangle, \langle n \rangle^\circ)$. We can regard Construction 6.10 as defining a functor $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$. For each $([n], s) \in \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$, there is a map of sets $\theta: \text{MCut}([n], s) \rightarrow \text{Cut}([n], s)$ defined as in [Lur17, Remark 4.2.2.8]. Concretely, on underlying pointed sets, θ takes the form

$$\theta: \langle n+1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle$$

$$k \mapsto \begin{cases} k-1 & \text{if } k > 0 \\ * & \text{if } k = 0, * \end{cases}$$

L: check that the signs s work out!

This construction determines a morphism γ in the ∞ -category $\text{Fun}(\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes)$, or equivalently a map $\gamma: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$.

Lemma 6.28. The morphism $\gamma: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ defined in Remark 6.27 exhibits $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1$ as an approximation to the ∞ -operad $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$.

Definition 6.29. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads, so q exhibits $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_\mathfrak{m}^\otimes$ as weakly bi-enriched over $\mathcal{O}_\mathfrak{a}^\otimes$. Let γ be as in Remark 6.27. Let ${}^\sigma\text{Mod}^{\text{A}^\sigma}(\mathcal{M})$ denote the full subcategory of $\text{Fun}_{\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes}(\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1, \mathcal{O}^\otimes)$ spanned by those maps $f: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\otimes$ satisfying

1. The restriction of f to $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \{1\}$ belongs to $\text{Alg}_{\text{A}^\sigma}(\mathcal{O})$ of Definition 6.15
2. If $\alpha: ([m], s) \rightarrow ([n], t)$ so that $\alpha(0) = 0$, then the induced map $f([m], s, 0) \rightarrow f([n], t, 0)$ is an inert map in \mathcal{O}^\otimes
3. for each object $([n], s)$ in $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$, the induced map $f([n], s, 0) \rightarrow f([n], s, 1)$ is an inert map in \mathcal{O}^\otimes

Example 6.30. Let $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}^\otimes$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads. Restriction along the map of ∞ -operads $\mathcal{BM}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ induced by Remark 6.21 induces a map $\mathbb{E}_\sigma \text{Alg}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow {}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{C})$ which is a section of the projection map ${}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\sigma \text{Alg}(\mathcal{C})$.

L: see Example 4.2.1.17 of higher algebra

Notation 6.31. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads, so q exhibits $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_\mathfrak{m}^\otimes$ as weakly bi-enriched over $\mathcal{O}_\mathfrak{a}^\otimes$. Define a new simplicial set $\overline{\mathcal{M}}^\otimes$ by the following universal property

L: fibration?

$$\text{hom}_{\text{sSet}/\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}} \left(K, \overline{\mathcal{M}}^\otimes \right) \simeq \text{hom}_{\text{sSet}/\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes} \left(K \times \Delta^1, \mathcal{O}^\otimes \right).$$

Here we regard $K \times \Delta^1$ as a simplicial set over $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ via the composite $K \times \Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ where γ is from Remark 6.27.

Unwinding definitions, we see that a vertex in $\overline{\mathcal{M}}^\otimes$ lying over an object $([n], s: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}) \in \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ corresponds to a morphism α in \mathcal{O}^\otimes whose image in $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ is the map $(\langle n+1 \rangle, \{0\}) \rightarrow (\langle n \rangle, \emptyset)$. Now let \mathcal{M}^\otimes denote the full simplicial subset of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}^\otimes$ spanned by those vertices for which α is inert.

L: this might be off-revisit later!

Remark 6.32. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ be a fibration of ∞ -operads, so q exhibits $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_m^\otimes$ as weakly bi-enriched over \mathcal{O}_a^\otimes . By [Lur09, Example 4.3.1.4 & Proposition 4.3.2.15], composition with the inclusion $\{0\} \rightarrow \Delta^1$ induces a trivial Kan fibration $\mathcal{M}^\otimes \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}^\otimes \times_{\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes} \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$. In particular, the fiber of \mathcal{M}^\otimes over an object $([n], s) \in \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$ is canonically equivalent to $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{C}^{\times n}$.

Finally, since q is a categorical fibration and categorical fibrations are closed under pullback and composition with trivial fibrations, q induces categorical fibrations $\mathcal{M}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$.

Lemma 6.33. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ be a cocartesian fibration of ∞ -operads, so q exhibits $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_m^\otimes$ as tensored over \mathcal{O}_a^\otimes . Then the associated functor $\mathcal{M}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\otimes$ (Notation 6.12) is a locally coCartesian fibration.

Proposition 6.34. Let $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ be a cocartesian fibration of ∞ -operads, so q exhibits $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_m^\otimes$ as tensored over \mathcal{O}_a^\otimes . Then precomposition with the functor MCut of Construction 6.26 induces an equivalence of ∞ -categories

$${}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \simeq \text{Alg}_{/\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{\sim} {}^\sigma\text{Mod}^{\mathbb{A}_\infty^\sigma}(\mathcal{M}).$$

Proof. Combine Lemma 6.28 with [Lur17, Theorem 2.3.3.23]. \square

6.2 Part (b)

Proposition 6.35. Let \mathcal{C} be an involutive monoidal ∞ -category and let \mathcal{M} be an ∞ -category which is bitensored over \mathcal{C} . Let K be a simplicial set so that \mathcal{M} admits K -indexed limits, and let $\theta: {}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ be the forgetful functor. Then

(1) For every commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \longrightarrow & {}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \theta \\ K^\triangleleft & \longrightarrow & \text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C}), \end{array}$$

there exists a dashed arrow which is a θ -limit diagram.

(2) An arbitrary map $\bar{g}: K^\triangleleft \rightarrow {}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$ is a θ -limit diagram if and only if the induced map $K^\triangleleft \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a limit diagram.

Proof. \square

Corollary 6.36. θ is a cartesian fibration, and a morphism $f: \Delta^1 \rightarrow {}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$ is θ -cartesian if and only if the image of f in \mathcal{M} is an equivalence.

Corollary 6.37. Let \mathcal{C} be an involutive monoidal ∞ -category and let \mathcal{M} be an ∞ -category which is bitensored over \mathcal{C} . Let K be a simplicial set so that \mathcal{M} admits K -indexed limits, and let $\theta: {}^\sigma\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ be the forgetful functor. Let A be an involutive algebra object of \mathcal{C} . Then

(1) ${}^\sigma\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$ admits K -indexed limits.

(2) A diagram $K^\triangleleft \rightarrow {}^\sigma\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$ is a limit diagram if and only if the induced diagram $K^\triangleleft \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a limit diagram.

(3) Given a morphism $A \rightarrow B$ of involutive algebra objects of \mathcal{C} , the induced functor ${}^\sigma\text{Mod}_B(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow {}^\sigma\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$ preserves K -indexed limits.

7 Categorification and structure

In the course of thinking about the ‘involutive’ generalization of the statement that given an \mathbb{E}_1 -algebra, its category of modules is \mathbb{E}_0 (and conversely, that given an object in a stable ∞ -category, that its endomorphism spectrum is an \mathbb{E}_1 -algebra), I have run up against some questions.

L: Jacob explains this in a really terse way—just by citing Prop 4.3.2.15 of HTT. It does just follow from definitions/observations but there are many (for instance, definition of inert edge).

L: This statement is [Lur17, Proposition 4.2.3.1] with some words changed; no claim of originality here.

L: todo

- Question 7.1.** • Can we sidestep an involutive version of the construction of endomorphism categories of [Lur17, §4.7.1]?
- Suppose \mathcal{C} is a monoidal ∞ -category and \mathcal{M} is an ∞ -category which is enriched over \mathcal{C} in the sense of [Lur17, §4.2.1]. The opposite category \mathcal{M}^{op} is enriched over \mathcal{C} by [Hei23, §10].

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