

# 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  $\mathbb{E}_{\sigma}$ )  $A, B$ . 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 classification 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  $\eta$ .

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  $\text{Mod}_A^\omega$  mean ‘geometrically’ for  $D_{\text{coh}}^b$  of the corresponding Brauer-Severi scheme? (Lucy: I didn’t get very far here, but just typing up what I had)

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

## 5 Desperate Flailing

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

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

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $\underline{S}$  be a Poincaré ring. Then  $\pi_0(\text{Aut}_{\text{Pn}(\text{Mod}_S)}(S, u)) = \{s \in \pi_0(S)^\times \mid s = 1 \text{ in } \pi_0(S^{C_2})\}$ .*

*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  $s^* : S^{C_2} \rightarrow S^{C_2}$  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  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$  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  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$  ring structure in  $\text{Sp}^{BC_2}$  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  $\pi_0$  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  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ .<sup>1</sup>  $\square$

## 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  $\Theta$  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.
- (e) Towards an adjunction between  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -algebras and categories with additional structure.
  - Involutive version of statement that, for a monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  and an  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -algebra  $A$ ,  $\text{LMod}_A(\mathcal{C})$  is right-tensored over  $\mathcal{C}$ ?
  - Involutive version of endomorphism categories? [Lur17, §4.7.1]

## 6.1 Step (a)

**Definition 6.2.** Define a colored operad  $\text{Assoc}_\sigma$  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.

**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  $\ell$  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  $\infty$ -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  $\beta(a) = \beta(b) = i$  and  $a \preceq_j b$  if  $s(i) = 1$  or  $a \succeq_j b$  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  $\infty$ -operads  $\text{Assoc}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$ . There is a canonical identification  $\iota^{\text{rev}} = \sigma \circ \iota$ , where  $\sigma$  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  $\infty$ -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  $\infty$ -category  $\text{Alg}_{/\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes}(\mathcal{C})$  of  $\infty$ -operad sections of  $p$ . We will refer to  $\text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C})$  as the  $\infty$ -category of *involutive algebra objects* of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

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

<sup>1</sup>Or 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.

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?

**Remark 6.8.** Suppose given a cocartesian fibration  $f: \mathcal{D}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$  of  $\infty$ -operads. Write  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes := \mathcal{D}^\otimes \times_{\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes, \iota} \text{Assoc}^\otimes$ ;  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes$  is a monoidal  $\infty$ -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  $\infty$ -category. By Remark 6.6, this notation is consistent with that of [Lur17, Remark 4.1.1.7]. In particular, a  $\text{Assoc}_\sigma$ -monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}^\otimes$  determines a monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes$  equipped with a monoidal equivalence  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}: \mathcal{C}^\otimes \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}^\otimes$ . Pullback along the involution of  $\text{Assoc}^\otimes$  determines another monoidal equivalence  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}^{\text{rev}}: \mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}^\otimes \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}^\otimes$ , and our assumptions imply that  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}^{\text{rev}} \circ \sigma_\mathcal{C}$  is equivalent to the identity on  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes$ .

Now suppose that  $A$  is an involutive algebra object of  $\mathcal{D}$ . With the same notation as before, pullback along  $\iota$  (resp.  $\iota^{\text{rev}}$ ) determines associative algebra objects  $u(A)$ ,  $u^{\text{rev}}(A)$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}$ , respectively. Note that  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}(u(A))$  is an algebra object of  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}$ , 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  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{E}$ . Then the associated involution  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}$  is the identity, and for any involutive algebra object  $A$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\sigma_A$  is an equivalence  $u(A) \simeq u(A)^{\text{rev}}$  satisfying  $\sigma_A^{\text{rev}} \circ \sigma_A \simeq \text{id}_A$ .

**Definition 6.9.** Define a category  $\Delta_\sigma$

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

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

**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  $\langle m \rangle \rightarrow \langle n \rangle$ ,  $\text{Cut}$  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  $\infty$ -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  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$ , but not by much.

**Notation 6.12.** Let  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$  exhibit  $\mathcal{C}$  as  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -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  $\mathbb{R}^\sigma$ -planar operad is an  $\infty$ -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  $\Delta_\sigma$ , 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  $([i-1 < i], s_i) \rightarrow ([n], s)$  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  $\infty$ -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  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{R}^\sigma$ -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  $\mathbb{R}^\sigma$ -planar operad. An  $\mathbb{A}_\infty^\sigma$ -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  $\mathbb{A}_\infty^\sigma$ -algebra objects.

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

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

*Proof.* Combine Lemma 6.11 with [Lur17, Theorem 2.3.3.23].  $\square$

**Definition 6.17.** Define a colored operad  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$

- (i) The set of objects of  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$  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  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$  and let  $Y$  be another object of  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$ . If  $Y = \mathbf{a}$ , then  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$  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  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$  is a subset of the set of pairs  $(\lambda, c)$  consisting of a linear ordering  $\lambda = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n\}$  on  $I$  and a function  $c: I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  satisfying either
  - $X_{i_n} = \mathbf{m}$  and  $c(i_n) = 1$  and  $X_j = \mathbf{a}$  otherwise
  - $X_{i_1} = \mathbf{m}$  and  $c(i_n) = -1$  and  $X_j = \mathbf{a}$  otherwise
- (iii) The composition law on  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$  is determined by the composition of linear orderings, with reversal of linear orderings according to Definition 6.2

**Remark 6.18.** There is a colored operad  $\mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}$  defined exactly in the same way as  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$  in Definition 6.17. In the interest of precision:  $\mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}$  has the same objects  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{m}$ . Let  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a finite collection of objects of  $\mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}$  and let  $Y$  be another object of  $\mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}$ . If  $Y = \mathbf{m}$ , then  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$  is a subset of the set of pairs  $(\lambda, c)$  consisting of a linear ordering  $\lambda = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n\}$  on  $I$  and a function  $c: I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  satisfying either

- $X_{i_n} = \mathbf{m}$  and  $c(i_n) = -1$  and  $X_j = \mathbf{a}$  otherwise
- $X_{i_1} = \mathbf{m}$  and  $c(i_n) = 1$  and  $X_j = \mathbf{a}$  otherwise

**Remark 6.19.** Restricting to the objects which are both called  $\mathbf{a}$ , we see that both  $\mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}$  and  $\mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}$  have a sub-colored operad which is canonically identified with  $\mathbf{Assoc}_{\text{inv}}$  of Definition 6.2.

**Remark 6.20.** There is a map of colored operads  $\iota: \mathbf{LM} \rightarrow \mathbf{LM}_\sigma$  which sends  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{m}$  and sends  $\mathbf{a}$  to  $\mathbf{a}$ . On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}I} \times \{c_1\}$ , this map agrees with  $\iota$  of Remark 6.3. On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\}) \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is the restriction of the map  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\})} \times \{c_1\}$  where  $c_1$  is the constant function on  $I \sqcup \{j\}$  with value 1.

There is a map of colored operads  $\iota^{\text{rev}}: \mathbf{RM} \rightarrow \mathbf{LM}_\sigma$  which sends  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{m}$  and sends  $\mathbf{a}$  to  $\mathbf{a}$ . On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{RM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is  $\text{rev}_{\mathcal{L}I} \times \{c_1\}$ , this map agrees with  $\iota^{\text{rev}}$  of Remark 6.3. On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{RM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\}) \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{LM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is the restriction of the map  $\text{rev}_{\mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\})} \times \{c_1\}$  where  $c_1$  is the constant function on  $I \sqcup \{j\}$  with value 1.

**Definition 6.21.** Define a colored operad  $\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}$

- (i) The set of objects of  $\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}$  has three elements, which we denote by  $\mathbf{a}_\ell, \mathbf{a}_r, \mathbf{m}$ .
- (ii) Let  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a finite collection of objects of  $\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}$  and let  $Y$  be another object of  $\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}$ . If  $Y = \mathbf{a}_\ell$  (resp.  $Y = \mathbf{a}_r$ ), 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  $X_i = \mathbf{a}_\ell$  (resp.  $X_i = \mathbf{a}_r$ ) 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 subset of pairs  $(\lambda, c)$  consisting of a linear ordering  $\lambda = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n\}$  on  $I$  and a function  $c: I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  satisfying: if there is exactly one index  $i_k$  so that  $X_{i_k} = \mathbf{m}$ , either

- $c(i_k) = 1$ ,  $X_j = \mathbf{a}_\ell$  for  $j < i_k$  and  $X_j = \mathbf{a}_r$  for  $j > i_k$ ; or
- $c(i_k) = -1$ ,  $X_j = \mathbf{a}_\ell$  for  $j > i_k$  and  $X_j = \mathbf{a}_r$  for  $j < i_k$

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

**Remark 6.22.** The colored operad  $\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}$  has a canonical involution  $\sigma$  which fixes  $\mathbf{m}$ , exchanges  $\mathbf{a}_\ell$  and  $\mathbf{a}_r$ , and sends a morphism  $(\lambda, c)$  to  $(\lambda^{\text{rev}}, I \xrightarrow{c} \{\pm 1\} \xrightarrow{(-1)} \{\pm 1\})$ .

**Remark 6.23.** There is a map of colored operads  $\iota: \mathbf{BM} \rightarrow \mathbf{BM}_\sigma$  which sends  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{m}$  and sends  $\mathbf{a}_-$  to  $\mathbf{a}_\ell$  and  $\mathbf{a}_+$  to  $\mathbf{a}_r$ . On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}_\pm) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}I} \times \{c_1\}$ , this map agrees with  $\iota$  of Remark 6.3. On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\}) \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is the restriction of the map  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\})} \times \{c_1\}$  where  $c_1$  is the constant function on  $I \sqcup \{j\}$  with value 1.

There is *also* a map of colored operads  $\iota^{\text{rev}}: \mathbf{BM} \rightarrow \mathbf{BM}_\sigma$  which sends  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{m}$  and sends  $\mathbf{a}_-$  to  $\mathbf{a}_r$  and  $\mathbf{a}_+$  to  $\mathbf{a}_\ell$ . On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}_\pm) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathbf{a}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}I} \times \{c_1\}$ , this map agrees with  $\iota^{\text{rev}}$  of Remark 6.3. On  $\text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}}(\{(\mathbf{a}_\pm)_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\}) \rightarrow \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_\sigma}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcup \{\mathbf{m}\}, \mathbf{m}) \simeq \mathcal{L}I \times \{\pm 1\}^I$  is the restriction of the map  $\text{rev}_{\mathcal{L}(I \sqcup \{j\})} \times \{c_{-1}\}$  where  $c_{-1}$  is the constant function on  $I \sqcup \{j\}$  with value  $-1$ .

**Definition 6.24.** Let  $\mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ ,  $\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ , and  $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  denote the associated  $\infty$ -operads (via Construction 2.1.1.7 and Example 2.1.1.21 of [Lur17]).

**Remark 6.25.** 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  $\alpha$  takes  $T \cup \{*\}$  to  $S \cup \{*\}$
  - For each  $s \in S$ , then  $\alpha^{-1}(\{s\})$  contains exactly one element of  $t$ .

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**Remark 6.26.** Each morphism  $\varphi \in \text{Mul}_{\mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\{X_i\}_{i \in I}, Y)$  determines a linear ordering  $\ell$  on the set  $I$  and a function  $s: I \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ . Passing from  $\varphi$  to the pair  $(\ell, s)$  determines a map of colored operads  $j: \mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Assoc}_{\text{inv}}$ . The map  $j$  induces a morphism of  $\infty$ -operads  $\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$  which we will also denote by  $j$ . For any  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$ , restriction along  $j$  sends an  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -algebra  $A: \text{Assoc}_\sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\otimes$  to the pair  $(A, A)$  where  $A$  is regarded as an involutive bimodule over itself.

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**Remark 6.27.** The maps  $\iota, \iota^{\text{rev}}$  of Remark 6.20 induce maps of  $\infty$ -operads  $\iota: \mathcal{LM}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  and  $\iota^{\text{rev}}: \mathcal{RM}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ .

**Remark 6.28.** The maps  $\iota, \iota^{\text{rev}}$  of Remark 6.23 induce maps of  $\infty$ -operads  $\iota, \iota^{\text{rev}}: \mathcal{BM}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_\sigma^\otimes$ . There are canonical identifications  $\iota \circ \text{rev} \simeq \sigma \circ \iota^{\text{rev}}$  where  $\sigma$  is the involution on  $\mathcal{BM}_\sigma^\otimes$  induced by Remark 6.22 and  $\text{rev}$  is the involution on  $\mathcal{BM}^\otimes$  of [Lur17, Construction 4.6.3.1].

**Remark 6.29.** There are canonical maps of operads  $\mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  and  $\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  sending  $\mathbf{a}$  to  $\mathbf{a}_\ell$ , resp.  $\mathbf{a}_r$  and making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Assoc}^\otimes & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \\
\downarrow \sigma & & \downarrow \text{rev} \\
\text{Assoc}^\otimes & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes
\end{array}
\quad \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \quad \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$$

commute, where  $\text{rev}$  is (an involutive version of) the reversal involution of [Lur17, Remark 4.6.3.2].



**Definition 6.30.** Let  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$  be fibrations of  $\infty$ -operads and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $\infty$ -category. Suppose given a fibration of  $\infty$ -operads  $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  together with equivalences  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}}^\otimes \simeq \mathcal{C}^\otimes$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}^\otimes \simeq \mathcal{M}$ . Let  $L^\sigma \text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$  denote the  $\infty$ -category  $\text{Alg}_{/\mathcal{LM}_{\text{inv}}}(\mathcal{O})$ . We will refer to  $L^\sigma \text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$  as the  *$\infty$ -category of left hermitian module objects of  $\mathcal{M}$* .

Suppose given a fibration of  $\infty$ -operads  $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  together with equivalences  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}_\ell}^\otimes \simeq \mathcal{C}^\otimes$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}_r}^\otimes \simeq \mathcal{D}^\otimes$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}^\otimes \simeq \mathcal{M}$ . Let  ${}^\sigma \text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$  denote the  $\infty$ -category  $\text{Alg}_{/\mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}}(\mathcal{O})$ . We will refer to  ${}^\sigma \text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$  as the  *$\infty$ -category of hermitian bimodule objects of  $\mathcal{M}$* . Composition with the inclusions  $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  induces a categorical fibration

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

If  $A$  is an  $\text{Assoc}_\sigma$ -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  *$\infty$ -category of hermitian  $A$ -bimodule objects of  $\mathcal{M}$* .

**Definition 6.31.** Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  be a fibration of  $\infty$ -operads. We say that  $q$  exhibits  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  as  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -bitensored over  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}_\ell}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}_r}$  if  $q$  is a cocartesian fibration.

**Remark 6.32.** Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  be a cocartesian fibration of  $\infty$ -operads. Then  $q$  is classified by a map  $\chi: \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Cat}_\infty$ . By Remark 6.28, we can think of  $q$  as giving two  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$  algebras  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  in  $\text{Cat}_\infty$  with an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{M}$  equipped with both the structure of a  $\mathcal{C}$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -bimodule (equivalently, the structure of a left  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}_{\text{rev}}$ -module) and of a  $\mathcal{D}$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -bimodule, and an autoequivalence  $\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{M} \simeq \mathcal{M}$  of order two which is linear with respect to the autoequivalence  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}_{\text{rev}} \xrightarrow{\text{flip}} \mathcal{D}_{\text{rev}} \times \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}^{-1} \times \sigma_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{rev}}$ .

**Remark 6.33.** Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  be a cocartesian fibration of  $\infty$ -operads. Consider a hermitian module object  $F: \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\otimes$ . By Remark 6.29,  $F$  determines an associative algebra  $A$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  with an equivalence of algebras  $\sigma_A: A \simeq \sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(A)^{\text{rev}}$  and an associative algebra  $B$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  with an equivalence of algebras  $\sigma_B: B \simeq \sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(B)^{\text{rev}}$ , an object  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  so that  $M$  (resp.  $\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}(M)$ ) is equipped with the structure of a  $A$ - $B$ -bimodule (resp.  $\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(B)$ - $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(A)$ -bimodule). Furthermore, we have an equivalence  $\sigma_M: M \simeq \sigma_{\mathcal{M}}(M)$  which is linear with respect to the equivalence  $A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\text{flip}} B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\sigma_B^{-1} \otimes \sigma_A} \sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(B)^{\text{rev}} \otimes \sigma_{\mathcal{C}}(A)^{\text{rev}}$ .

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**Construction 6.34.** Define a functor  $\text{MCut}: \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ :

- For each  $([n], s)$ , we have  $\text{MCut}([n], s) = \langle n+1 \rangle \simeq \text{RCut}_0([n])$  where  $\text{RCut}$  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  $\langle m+1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n+1 \rangle$ ,  $\text{MCut}$  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  $u(j)t(j) = s(\text{MCut}(\alpha)(j))$ .

**Remark 6.35.** We can identify  $\text{Assoc}_\sigma^\otimes$  with the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$  spanned by objects of the form  $(\langle n \rangle, \langle n \rangle^\circ)$ . We can regard Construction 6.10 as defining a functor  $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ . 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,  $\theta$  takes the form

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

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

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

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**Lemma 6.36.** *The morphism  $\gamma: \Delta_{\sigma}^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  defined in Remark 6.35 exhibits  $\Delta_{\sigma}^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1$  as an approximation to the  $\infty$ -operad  $\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$ .*

**Definition 6.37.** Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  be a fibration of  $\infty$ -operads, so  $q$  exhibits  $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\otimes}$  as weakly bi-enriched over  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\otimes}$ . Let  $\gamma$  be as in Remark 6.35. Let  $R^{\sigma}\text{Mod}^{\mathbb{A}_{\infty}^{\sigma}}(\mathcal{M})$  denote the full subcategory of  $\text{Fun}_{\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}}(\Delta_{\sigma}^{\text{op}} \times \Delta^1, \mathcal{O}^{\otimes})$  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  $\text{Alg}_{\mathbb{A}_{\infty}^{\sigma}}(\mathcal{O})$  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 6.38.** Let  $\mathcal{C}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}^{\otimes}$  be a fibration of  $\infty$ -operads. Restriction along the map of  $\infty$ -operads  $\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \text{Assoc}_{\sigma}^{\otimes}$  induced by Remark 6.26 induces a map  $\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \text{Alg}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow R^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{C})$  which is a section of the projection map  $R^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \text{Alg}(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Notation 6.39.** Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{BM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  be a fibration of  $\infty$ -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

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

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  $\gamma$  is from Remark 6.35.

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  $\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{O}^{\otimes}$  whose image in  $\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  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  $\alpha$  is inert.

**Remark 6.40.** Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  be a fibration of  $\infty$ -operads, so  $q$  exhibits  $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\otimes}$  as weakly enriched over  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\otimes}$ . 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  $\mathcal{M}^{\otimes} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \times_{\mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}} \Delta_{\sigma}^{\text{op}}$ . 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 6.41.** *Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  be a cocartesian fibration of  $\infty$ -operads, so  $q$  exhibits  $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\otimes}$  as tensored over  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\otimes}$ . Then the associated functor  $\mathcal{M}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\otimes}$  (Notation 6.12) is a locally coCartesian fibration.*

**Proposition 6.42.** *Let  $q: \mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathcal{RM}_{\text{inv}}^{\otimes}$  be a cocartesian fibration of  $\infty$ -operads, so  $q$  exhibits  $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\otimes}$  as tensored over  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\otimes}$ . Then precomposition with the functor  $\text{MCut}$  of Construction 6.34 induces an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories*

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

*Proof.* Combine Lemma 6.36 with [Lur17, Theorem 2.3.3.23]. □

## 6.2 Part (b)

**Proposition 6.43.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an involutive monoidal  $\infty$ -category and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $\infty$ -category which is bitensored over  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $K$  be a simplicial set so that  $\mathcal{M}$  admits  $K$ -indexed limits, and let  $\theta: R^{\sigma}\text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Alg}^{\sigma}(\mathcal{C})$  be the forgetful functor. Then*

- (1) *For every commutative square*

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

*there exists a dashed arrow which is a  $\theta$ -limit diagram.*

L: see Example 4.2.1.17 of higher algebra

L: fibration?

L: this might be off-revisit later!

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.

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

Proof.

□

L: todo

**Corollary 6.44.**  $\theta$  is a cartesian fibration, and a morphism  $f: \Delta^1 \rightarrow R^\sigma \text{Mod}(\mathcal{M})$  is  $\theta$ -cartesian if and only if the image of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  is an equivalence.

**Corollary 6.45.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an involutive monoidal  $\infty$ -category and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $\infty$ -category which is bitensored over  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $K$  be a simplicial set so that  $\mathcal{M}$  admits  $K$ -indexed limits, and let  $\theta: R^\sigma \text{Mod}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Alg}^\sigma(\mathcal{C})$  be the forgetful functor. Let  $A$  be an involutive algebra object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then

- (1)  $R^\sigma \text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  admits  $K$ -indexed limits.
- (2) A diagram  $K^\triangleleft \rightarrow R^\sigma \text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  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  $R^\sigma \text{Mod}_B(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow R^\sigma \text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  preserves  $K$ -indexed limits.

### 6.3 Towards (e)

**Construction 6.46.** Define a functor  $\text{Pr}: \mathbf{LM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \times \mathbf{RM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes \rightarrow \mathbf{BM}_{\text{inv}}^\otimes$ .

**Theorem 6.47.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -monoidal  $\infty$ -category, and let  $A$  be an  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $L^\sigma \text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{C})$  is right  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -tensored over  $\mathcal{C}$ .

### 6.4 Endomorphisms

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -monoidal  $\infty$ -category, and write  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}: \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}$  for its involution. Suppose  $M \in \mathcal{C}$  is an object equipped with an equivalence  $\sigma_M: M \simeq \sigma_\mathcal{C}(M)$ . By [Lur17, §4.7.1], endomorphisms of  $M$  can be regarded as an  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -algebra in  $u(\mathcal{C})^\otimes$ , where  $u$  is from Remark 6.8. Now  $\sigma_M$  induces an equivalence  $\text{End}_\mathcal{C}(M) \simeq \text{End}_\mathcal{C}(\sigma_\mathcal{C}(M))$ . On the other hand,  $\sigma_\mathcal{C}$  induces an equivalence  $\text{End}_\mathcal{C}(\sigma_\mathcal{C}(M)) \simeq \text{End}_\mathcal{C}(M)^{\text{rev}}$ . In particular, for any  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{M}$  left  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -tensored over  $\mathcal{C}$  and any object  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  which is fixed by the involution on  $\mathcal{M}$ , we expect the endomorphisms of  $M$  to admit the structure of an  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

To this end, we will define an  $\infty$ -category of objects acting on  $M$ , show that it has an  $\mathbb{E}_\sigma$ -monoidal structure, and locate endomorphisms of  $M$  as the final object in this  $\infty$ -category. Informally, we may define a category  $\mathcal{C}[M]$  whose objects consist of either

- pairs  $(C, \eta)$  where  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\eta: C \otimes M \rightarrow M$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{M}$ ; or
- pairs  $(C', \xi)$  where  $C' \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\xi: \sigma_\mathcal{M}(M) \otimes C' \rightarrow \sigma_\mathcal{M}(M)$ .

The monoidal structure is as described in [Lur17, §4.7.1]. Note that given an object  $(C, \eta)$ , the involution  $\sigma_\mathcal{M}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  sends  $\eta$  to the map  $\sigma_\mathcal{M}(C \otimes M) \simeq \sigma_\mathcal{M}(M) \otimes \sigma_\mathcal{C}(C) \rightarrow \sigma_\mathcal{M}(M)$ . This is the involution on  $\mathcal{C}[M]$ .

**Definition 6.48.** Let  $p: \mathcal{M}^\otimes \rightarrow \Delta^1 \times \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$  exhibit  $\mathcal{M}^\otimes$  as weakly enriched over  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes$ . An *enriched morphism* of  $\mathcal{M}$  is a diagram

$$M \xleftarrow{\alpha} X \xrightarrow{\beta} N$$

satisfying either

- $p(\alpha)$  is the morphism  $(0, [1], c_1) \rightarrow (0, [0])$  in  $\Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$  determined by the embedding  $[0] \simeq \{0\} \hookrightarrow [1]$  and  $c_1: \{1\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  is the constant function at  $+1$ , and
- the map  $\beta$  is inert, and  $p(\beta)$  is the morphism  $(0, [1], c_1) \rightarrow (0, [0])$  in  $\Delta^1 \times \Delta_\sigma^{\text{op}}$  determined by the embedding  $[0] \simeq \{1\} \hookrightarrow [1]$

or

- $p(\alpha)$  is the morphism  $(0, [1], c_{-1}) \rightarrow (0, [0])$  in  $\Delta_{\sigma}^{\text{op}}$  determined by the embedding  $[0] \simeq \{0\} \hookrightarrow [1]$  and  $c_{-1}: \{1\} \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  is the constant function at  $-1$ .
- the map  $\beta$  is inert, and  $p(\beta)$  is the morphism  $(0, [1], c_{-1}) \rightarrow (0, [0])$  in  $\Delta^1 \times \Delta_{\sigma}^{\text{op}}$  determined by the embedding  $[0] \simeq \{1\} \hookrightarrow [1]$

**Definition 6.49.** *enriched  $n$ -string*

**Proposition 6.50** (Segal condition).

## 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  $\infty$ -category, that its endomorphism spectrum is an  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -algebra), I have run up against some questions.

**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  $\infty$ -category and  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $\infty$ -category which is enriched over  $\mathcal{C}$  in the sense of [Lur17, §4.2.1]. The opposite category  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{op}}$  is enriched over  $\mathcal{C}$  by [Hei23, §10].

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