

# Hochschild (co)homology of exterior algebras using algebraic Morse theory

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- (3) in the digraph  $\Gamma_{C_*}^{\mathcal{M}}$  (which is  $\Gamma_{C_*}$  with edges from  $\mathcal{M}$  reversed and with opposite inverted weights) there are no directed cycles.

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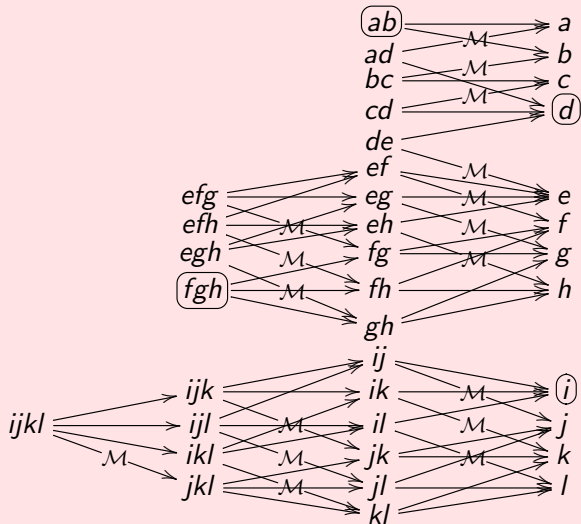
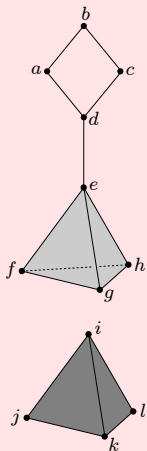
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The homotopy equivalence sends an element  $v \in \mathring{C}_k$  to the sum of all directed paths in  $\Gamma_{C_*}^{\mathcal{M}}$  to all vertices  $w \in C_k$ .

# algebraic Morse theory: example

$\Delta$

$$R(\Delta^{[3]}) = R^1 \rightarrow R(\Delta^{[2]}) = R^8 \rightarrow R(\Delta^{[1]}) = R^{17} \rightarrow R(\Delta^{[0]}) = R^{12}$$



The *bar resolution* of any associative unital  $R$ -algebra  $A$  is

$$B_*: \dots \longrightarrow A^{\otimes k+2} \xrightarrow{b_k} A^{\otimes k+1} \xrightarrow{b_{k-1}} \dots \longrightarrow A^{\otimes 2} \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0,$$
$$b_k: a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+1} \longmapsto \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k} (-1)^i a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+1}.$$

This is an exact complex of  $A^e$ -modules, where  $A^e$  acts on  $A^{\otimes k+2}$  by

$$(\alpha \otimes \beta)(a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_k \otimes a_{k+1}) = (\alpha a_0) \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_k \otimes (a_{k+1} \beta).$$

Hochschild (co)homology of  $A$  with coefficients in an  $A^e$ -module  $M$  is the homology of the complex

$$(C_*, \partial_*) = M \otimes_{A^e} B_* \quad \text{and} \quad (C^*, \delta^*) = \text{Hom}_{A^e}(B_*, M).$$

exterior algebras:  $HH_k(A; A)$  for  $A = \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

$k \setminus n$	1	2	3	4	...
0	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\mathbb{Z}^3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^1$	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^3$	$\mathbb{Z}^9 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^7$	
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2	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^3$	$\mathbb{Z}^{24} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^{15}$	$\vdots$	
3	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}^8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^5$	$\mathbb{Z}^{40} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^{25}$		
4	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^{10} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^5$	$\vdots$		
5	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}^{12} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^7$			
6	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^{14} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^7$			
7	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\vdots$			
8	$\mathbb{Z}$				
9	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$				
10	$\mathbb{Z}$				
	$\vdots$				

# exterior algebras: associated digraph

Let  $A = \Lambda_R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and denote  $x_\sigma = \bigwedge_{i \in \sigma} x_i$ .

$R$ -module  $A$  is free on  $\{x_\sigma; \sigma \subseteq [n]\}$ .

$A^e$ -module  $A^{\otimes k+2}$  is free on  $\{1 \otimes x_{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k \subseteq [n]\}$ .

These tensors are the vertices of the digraph  $\Gamma_{B_*}$ . By the definition of  $b_*$ , the edges of  $\Gamma_{B_*}$  and their weights are of three forms:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & 1 \otimes x_{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 & & \\
 & \swarrow^{x_{\sigma_1} \otimes 1} & \downarrow^{(-1)^i} & \searrow^{(-1)^k 1 \otimes x_{\sigma_k}} & \\
 1 \otimes x_{\sigma_2} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 & & 1 \otimes x_{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_i} x_{\sigma_{i+1}} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 & & 1 \otimes x_{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_{k-1}} \otimes 1
 \end{array}$$

Here  $x_{\sigma_i} x_{\sigma_{i+1}} = \begin{cases} (-1)^j x_{\sigma_i \cup \sigma_{i+1}}; & \sigma_i \cap \sigma_{i+1} = \emptyset \\ 0 & ; \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

# exterior algebras: matching

Given a vertex  $1 \otimes x_{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1$ , going up means splitting some  $\sigma_i$  into  $\sigma'_i$  and  $\sigma_i \setminus \sigma'_i$ . The simplest choice is  $i=1$  and  $\sigma'_i = \{\max \sigma_i\}$ ,

i.e. let  $\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \otimes x_i \otimes x_{\sigma_1 \setminus \{i\}} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \otimes x_{\sigma_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 \end{array} ; i = \max \sigma_1 \right\}$ . Then the

unmatched vertices are  $\dot{\mathcal{M}} = \{1 \otimes x_{i_1} \otimes x_{\sigma_2} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1; i_1 \leq \max \sigma_2\}$ .

If we add edges  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \otimes x_{i_1} \otimes x_i \otimes x_{\sigma_2 \setminus \{i\}} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \otimes x_{i_1} \otimes x_{\sigma_2} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 \end{array} ; i = \max \sigma_2 \right\}$  to  $\mathcal{M}$ , then

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Seeing the emerging pattern, we collectively define

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \otimes x_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{i_{r-1}} \otimes x_i \otimes x_{\sigma_r \setminus \{i\}} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \otimes x_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{i_{r-1}} \otimes x_{\sigma_r} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma_k} \otimes 1 \end{array} ; r \geq 1, i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_{r-1} \leq i = \max \sigma_r \right\}.$$

For a multiset  $\tau = \{i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k\}$ , we denote

$x_{(\tau)} = 1 \otimes x_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{i_k} \otimes 1$ , and let  $\bar{\tau}$  be its corresponding set, e.g.  $\tau = \{1, 1, 2, 5, 5, 5\}$  implies  $\bar{\tau} = \{1, 2, 5\}$ .

## Theorem

The  $A^e$ -module  $A$  admits a resolution  $\mathring{B}_*$ , in which  $\mathring{B}_k$  is free on  $\{x_{(\tau)}; \tau \in \binom{[n]}{k}\}$  and  $\mathring{b}_k(x_{(\tau)}) = \sum_{i \in \bar{\tau}} (x_i \otimes 1 + (-1)^k 1 \otimes x_i) x_{(\tau \setminus \{i\})}$ .

Since  $x_i \otimes 1 \pm 1 \otimes x_i$  is a nonunit of  $A^e$ , this resolution is minimal.

The homotopy equivalence  $h: \mathring{B}_* \rightarrow B_*$  induced by  $\mathcal{M}$  sends

$$h: x_{(\tau)} \mapsto \sum_{\pi \in S_\tau} x_{(\pi\tau)} \quad \text{and} \quad h^{-1}: x_{(\pi\tau)} \mapsto \begin{cases} x_{(\tau)}; & \pi = \text{id} \\ 0 & ; \pi \neq \text{id} \end{cases}$$



### Corollary

If  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $HH_k(A; A) \cong \mathbb{Z}^F \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^T$ , where

$$F = 2^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} + \begin{cases} 1; & k=0 \\ 0; & k \geq 1 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$T = (-1)^{k+1} + 2^{n-1} \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{n}{i}.$$

In particular, if  $R = K$  is a field, then

$$\dim_K HH_k(A; A) = \begin{cases} 2^n \binom{n}{k}; & \text{char} K = 2 \\ 2^{n-1} \binom{n}{k}; & \text{char} K \neq 2, k \geq 1. \\ 2^{n-1} + 1; & \text{char} K \neq 2, k = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Corollary

Let  $R=K$  be a field. If  $\text{char } K=2$ , then

$$HH^*(A; A) \cong \Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_n] \otimes_K K[x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

If  $\text{char } K \neq 2$ , then  $HH^*(A; A)$  is isomorphic to the subalgebra of  $\Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_n] \otimes_K K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , spanned by

$$\{x_\sigma \otimes x_\tau; (-1)^{|\sigma|} = (-1)^{|\tau|}\} \cup \{x_{[n]} \otimes 1\}.$$

Thus if  $\text{char } K \neq 2$ , then  $HH^*(A; A)$  has algebra generators

$$\{1 \otimes x_{\{i,j\}}; i \leq j \in [n]\} \cup \{x_{\{i,j\}} \otimes 1; i < j \in [n]\} \cup \{x_i \otimes x_j; i, j \in [n]\} \cup \{x_{[n]} \otimes 1\}$$

and is subject to many relations.

Given a simplicial complex  $\Delta$  on  $[n]$ , its Stanley-Reisner algebra is

$$\Lambda[\Delta] = \Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_n] / (x_\sigma; \sigma \notin \Delta).$$

What is  $HH^*$  for the sphere, path, cycle, etc.?

$$\Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_n] / (x_1 \cdots x_n)$$

$$\Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_n] / (x_i x_j; |i-j| \geq 2)$$

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