

# JUVITOP: HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY

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## 1. TODAY

1.1. **How Today Fits In.** The point of the seminar is to study

$$\mathbf{THH} : \{\text{Assoc. alg in Spectra}\} \longrightarrow \{\text{Spectra}\}$$

Today we'll talk about

$$\mathbf{HH} : \{\text{Assoc. alg in Ch}\} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Ch}$$

We'll see that a few of the nicer statements will work best over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . If we think that  $\mathbf{THH}$  is the “right” object then we might think this is due to the following phenomenon: If  $A$  is an algebra in  $\mathbf{Ch}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , then<sup>1</sup>  $H(A)$  is an algebra in spectra but  $H(\mathbf{HH}(A)) \neq \mathbf{THH}(H(A))$  in general. If, however,  $A$  is an algebra in  $\mathbf{Ch}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , then  $H(\mathbf{HH}(A)) = \mathbf{THH}(H(A))$ ! So (algebraic) Hochschild homology is good enough to pick out the “rational” part of  $\mathbf{THH}$ . In effect, this is because the classical fact  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}$  extends to the spectra-level statement  $H\mathbb{Q} \wedge H\mathbb{Q} = H\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Exercise 1.1.1.** Verify  $H\mathbb{Q} \wedge H\mathbb{Q} = H\mathbb{Q}$ , by, e.g., computing (stable) rational homology of rational Eilenberg-MacLane spaces  $\lim_m H_{\bullet+m}(K(\mathbb{Q}, m), \mathbb{Q})$ . Show that  $H\mathbb{Z} \wedge H\mathbb{Z} \neq H\mathbb{Z}$ , by, e.g., exhibiting a non-trivial element of  $\lim_m H_{\bullet+m}(K(\mathbb{Z}, m), \mathbb{Z})$  for  $\bullet \neq 0$ .

1.2. **Goals for Today.** We have two main goals for today:

- “Examples”: Loop spaces; HKR and relation to differential theory.
- $S^1$  action on  $\mathbf{HH}(A)$ : What it is; how it lets you define  $\mathbf{HC}$ ,  $\mathbf{HP}$ ,  $\mathbf{HC}^-$ ;  $\mathbf{HP}$  as De Rham cohomology; trace map factors  $K \rightarrow \mathbf{HC}^- \rightarrow \mathbf{HH}$ .

1.3. **Reminders.**

$$\mathbf{HH}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A \otimes_{A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A^{\text{op}}}^L A$$

As always this can be computed by the usual bar complex  $B(A, A \otimes A^{\text{op}}, A)$ . Can also compute this using a “better” resolution of  $A$  as  $A \otimes A^{\text{op}}$ -module, giving rise to the “cyclic bar complex”:

$$= \left| A \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \rightleftarrows \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} A^{\otimes 2} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \rightleftarrows \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} A^{\otimes 3} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \rightleftarrows \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \dots \right|$$

Here,  $\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)\mathbb{Z}$  acts on the  $n^{\text{th}}$  space of this simplicial set. It was an observation of Alain Connes that the Hochschild differential is well-behaved with respect to this action and so one can fruitfully mix Hochschild homology with group homology of the cyclic groups. This'll give rise to the circle action!

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<sup>1</sup>For a chain complex  $A$ ,  $H(A)$  will denote the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum  $\uparrow$

2. “EXAMPLES”

We have the following table of computations. In the first column  $X$  is either a manifold (in which case  $\mathbf{HH}$  has to be computed using topological tensor products so that  $A \otimes A^{\text{op}} = C^\infty(M^2)$ ) or a regular affine scheme over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . In the second example,  $M$  is a connected space (assumed simply connected for the  $A = C^*(M)$  case).

	$A = C^\infty(X)$ , or $A = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$	$A = C_*(\Omega M)$ , resp., $A = C^*(M)$	
$HH_k(A)$	$\Omega_A^k$	$H_k(LM)$ , resp. $H^*(LM)$	
$S^1$ -action	De Rham differential	Loop-rotation actions	
$HC_k(A)$	...	$H_k^{S^1}(LM), \dots$	
$HP_k(A)$	$\prod_n H_{\text{dR}}^{k+2n}(X)$	$H_k^{S^1}(LM)[u^{-1}]$	...

**2.1. Hochschild-Kostant-Rosenberg – First Take.** In this section  $A$  will be a regular commutative ring over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (or  $A = C^\infty(X)$  for a manifold, with the provision that  $X \otimes X^{\text{op}}$  is interpreted as  $C^\infty(X^2)$ ).

**2.1.1.** The geometric idea is to think of

$$\mathbf{HH}(A) = A \otimes_{A \otimes A^{\text{op}}} A$$

as a “derived self-intersection of the diagonal” and to resolve the diagonal using the identification of the normal bundle of  $X \subset X^2$  and the tangent bundle of  $X$ .

**2.1.2.** As a warm-up, we do the cases of  $HH_0(A), HH_1(A)$  (this does not seem to need  $A$  to be regular!). Indeed if we identify  $A \otimes A$  with  $\Gamma(X^2, \mathcal{O}_{X^2}^2)$  (or  $C^\infty(M^2)$ ), then  $A$  fits into a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow I = \{\text{Functions vanishing on the diagonal}\} \rightarrow A \otimes A \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

Those familiar with the algebraic framework will recall the definition

$$\Omega_A^1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I \otimes_{A \otimes A} A = I/I^2.$$

But the long exact sequence of  $\text{Tor}^*(-, A)$  includes the segment

$$\text{Tor}^1(A \otimes A, A) = 0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}^1(A, A) \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(I, A) \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(A \otimes A, A) \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(A, A) \rightarrow 0$$

The map  $\text{Tor}^0(I, A) \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(A \otimes A, A)$  (i.e.,  $I/I^2 \rightarrow A$ ) is the zero map, so that we obtain

$$HH_0(A) = (A \otimes A)/I = A \quad \text{and} \quad HH_1(A) = \text{Tor}^1(A, A) = \text{Tor}^0(I, A) = \Omega_A^1.$$

In general we need to do more work:

**Proposition 2.1.3** (Hochschild-Kostant-Rosenberg). *Suppose  $A$  is a regular commutative ring of characteristic zero. Then,*

$$HH_i(A) = \Omega^i = \bigwedge^i \Omega^1 = \text{Module of Kahler } i\text{-forms}$$

for all  $i \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $A$  is regular then  $A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  is a “locally complete intersection” ring map. This corresponds to the fact that  $X$  is smooth iff, locally near the diagonal  $X \subset X^2$ , the diagonal looks like a regular intersection of  $n = \dim A$  sections of a vector bundle  $V$ . If this vector bundle were defined on all of  $X^2$ , not just near  $X$ , then we could use its higher exterior powers (with a regular set of sections) to give a resolution (the “Koszul resolution”) of  $A$  as  $A \otimes A$ -module. The general case requires a bit more work.

We’ll indicate the proof in the special case  $A = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Set  $R = A \otimes A = k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n]$ , so that

$$I = (x_1 - y_1, \dots, x_n - y_n)R \subset R \quad \text{and the vector bundle is the trivial bundle} \quad V = \bigoplus e_i R$$

The resolution we will want is

$$\bigwedge^n V \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigwedge^2 V \rightarrow \bigwedge^1 V \rightarrow \bigwedge^0 V = R \rightarrow A$$

Let's work out the first few bits: The surjection  $V \rightarrow I = \ker(R \rightarrow A)$  is given by  $e_i \mapsto x_i - y_i$ . What is the kernel of this surjection? One can check that it's generated by elements of the form  $(x_i - y_i)e_j - (x_j - y_j)e_i$ , which we will regard as the image of  $e_i \wedge e_j \in \bigwedge^2 V$ . More generally, we can define a differential by

$$d(e_{i_0} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{i_k}) = \sum (-1)^j (x_{i_j} - y_{i_j}) \cdots \wedge \widehat{e_{i_j}} \wedge \cdots$$

and prove that this gives a resolution of  $A = R/I$  as  $R$ -module. □

## 2.2. Loop Spaces.

**2.2.1.** Nick will talk about this in more detail on October 28th (in *babytop*, but in the usual *juvitop* time). In the meantime, I can say something vague about how this is consistent with the previous example: Thinking of  $C_*(\Omega X)$  as an algebraic manifestation of the homotopy type of  $X$  (think of  $\Omega X$  as equivalent to the path groupoid of  $X$ ), one might guess that “the derived self-intersection of the diagonal  $X \subset X^2$ ” would relate to the homotopy fiber product  $X \overset{h}{\times}_{X^2} X$ .

**2.2.2.** What precisely *is* this homotopy pullback? It can be explicitly realized as the space of paths  $\gamma : I \rightarrow X^2$  starting and ending on the diagonal. This is the same as pairs of paths  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 : I \rightarrow X$  satisfying  $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0)$  and  $\gamma_1(1) = \gamma_2(1)$ . But *this* is nothing but the space of loops in  $X$ , so that

$$X \overset{h}{\times}_{X^2} X = LX \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{HH}(C_*(\Omega X)) \stackrel{\text{Claim}}{=} C_*(X \overset{h}{\times}_{X^2} X) = C_*(LX).$$

## 3. CIRCLE ACTIONS

**3.1. Complexes with  $S^1$ -action.** For this talk we'll need a baby version of “Borel  $S^1$ -equivariant ( $H\mathbb{Z}$ -)spectra”, which we can define by hand in the context of dg-algebra:

**Definition 3.1.1.** Let  $\mathbf{Ch}$  be the category of chain complexes of abelian groups: we use homological grading, i.e., differentials are of degree  $-1$ . Define the category of “complexes with  $S^1$ -action”  $S^1\text{-Ch}$  to be the category of dg-modules over the graded algebra  $C_*(S^1) \simeq H_*(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2)$ ,  $\deg \epsilon = 1$ . Explicitly, this is just a triple  $(V_\bullet, d, \epsilon)$  consisting of a chain complex  $(V_\bullet, d)$  together with a degree  $+1$  chain map  $\epsilon : V_\bullet \rightarrow V_\bullet[1]$ . For this reason, these are sometimes called *mixed complexes*.

**Construction 3.1.2.** Suppose  $V = (V_\bullet, d, \epsilon) \in S^1\text{-Ch}$ . We have the “point with trivial action”  $\mathbb{Z} = C_*(\text{pt}) \in S^1\text{-Ch}$ . We can define complexes

$$V_{hS^1} = V \overset{L}{\otimes}_{H_*(S^1)} \mathbb{Z}$$

$$V^{hS^1} = \mathbf{RHom}_{H_*(S^1)}(\mathbb{Z}, V)$$

These are modules over

$$\mathbb{Z}^{hS^1} = \mathbf{RHom}_{C_*(S^1)}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) = \prod_* C^{-*}(BS^1) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[[u]], \quad \deg u = -2$$

and we may also look at the resulting 2-periodic version

$$V^{\text{Tate}} = V^{hS^1}[u^{-1}] = \varprojlim \left\{ V^{hS^1} \xleftarrow{u} V^{hS^1} \xleftarrow{u} V^{hS^1} \xleftarrow{u} \dots \right\}$$

There are natural maps  $V^{hS^1} \rightarrow V \rightarrow V_{hS^1}$ , and a Gysin-type map  $\epsilon : V_{hS^1}[-1] \rightarrow V^{hS^1}$  which classifies a distinguished triangle  $V^{hS^1} \rightarrow V^{\text{Tate}} \rightarrow V_{hS^1}[-2]$ .

**3.1.3.** More explicitly we have a reasonable resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}$  as  $H_*(S^1)$ -module: It consists of  $H_*(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$  in each degree, with all maps multiplication by  $\epsilon$ . This gives rise to double complexes, whose totalizations (“limit” or “colimit” version, as appropriate) give explicit models

$$V_{hS^1} = (V[u^{-1}]; d + u\epsilon \text{ with truncation in } \epsilon\text{-direction})$$

$$= \left( \bigoplus_{n \leq 0} V[2n]; d \text{ internal to } V, \epsilon \text{ shifting between copies (except where truncated)} \right)$$

$$V^{hS^1} = (V[[u]]; d + u\epsilon) = \left( \prod_{n \geq 0} V[2n]; d \text{ internal to } V, \epsilon \text{ shifting between copies} \right)$$

$$V^{\text{Tate}} = (V((u)); d + u\epsilon) = \left( \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V[2n]; d \text{ internal to } V, \epsilon \text{ shifting between copies} \right)$$

We've picked suggestive notation so that the  $\mathbb{Z}[[u]]$ -module structure is visible.

**Remark 3.1.4.** Suppose (for the sake of drawing things) that  $V$  lives in non-negative degrees. Then, the pictures to have in mind are (boxed entry is the  $(0, 0)$ -bigraded piece):

$$V^{hS^1} = \text{Tot}\Pi \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_4 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_3 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_3 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \boxed{V_0} & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & & \\ d \downarrow & & & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & & & \end{array} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad V_{hS^1}[-2] = \text{Tot}^\oplus \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ V_3 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & \\ V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & & \\ V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & & \\ d \downarrow & & & \\ V_0 & & & \\ & & & \boxed{\phantom{V_0}} \end{array} \right)$$

$$V^{\text{Tate}} = \text{Tot}\Pi \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_5 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_4 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_3 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_4 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_3 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_3 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & d \downarrow & & & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_2 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \boxed{V_0} & & & \\ d \downarrow & d \downarrow & & & & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_1 & \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & & & & \\ d \downarrow & & & & & \\ \leftarrow \epsilon V_0 & & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

So,  $V_{hS^1}$  consists of copies of  $V$  shifted in the “positive” direction (up and to the right), and with the  $\epsilon$  differential truncated to the left. Meanwhile,  $V^{hS^1}$  consists of copies of  $V$  shifted in the “negative” direction (down and to the left) and the differentials don't have to be truncated. And,  $V^{\text{Tate}}$  consists of shifts in both directions (and with our choice of shift for  $V_{hS^1}$ ), containing a copy of  $V^{hS^1}$  and mapping to  $V_{hS^1}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.5** (Gysin Sequence). *The above description of  $V_{hS^1}$  immediately gives rise to a Gysin exact triangle  $V \rightarrow V_{hS^1} \rightarrow V_{hS^1}[-2]$ , where the first map is an inclusion and the second map is the quotient. Passing to homotopy (i.e., homology of complexes) gives rise to a Gysin exact sequence*

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_n V \rightarrow \pi_n V_{hS^1} \rightarrow \pi_{n-2} V_{hS^1} \rightarrow \pi_{n-1} V \rightarrow \cdots$$

**Remark 3.1.6.** If  $X$  is a space with an  $S^1$ -action, then we can equip  $V = C_*(X)$  with the structure of object in  $S^1\text{-Ch}$ . Then,  $V_{hS^1} = C_*(X_{hS^1})$  and the natural spectral sequence  $H_p(BS^1, H_q(X)) \Rightarrow H_{p+q}(X_{hS^1})$  is

visible from the “obvious” ( $t$ -)filtration on  $V_{hS^1}$ . Making these identifications, the above Lemma recovers the usual Gysin sequence for  $X \rightarrow X_{hS^1}$ .

**Remark 3.1.7.** The name “Tate” in this context originally comes from the case of a finite cyclic group. The group homology and cohomology glue together into a 2-periodic cohomology theory: Tate cohomology. Consider the special case, of the above remark,  $X = S^1$  with  $S^1$  acting by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power map. Then  $X_{hS^1} = B\mathbb{Z}/n$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}/n \subset S^1$  is the  $n$ -torsion subgroup.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^1 & \longrightarrow & B\mathbb{Z}/n = (S^1)_{hS^1} \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & BS^1 \end{array}$$

Then,  $V_{hS^1} = C_*(B\mathbb{Z}/n)$  is a complex computing group homology of  $\mathbb{Z}/n$ ,  $V^{hS^1} = \prod_* C^{-*}(B\mathbb{Z}/n)$  is (ignoring  $\prod_*$  vs.  $\bigoplus_*$ ) a complex computing group cohomology, and  $V^{\text{Tate}}$  is (ignoring  $\prod_*$  vs  $\bigoplus_*$ ) a complex computing what is called “Tate cohomology.”

**3.2. Cyclic Structure on HH.** We can write down a concrete model for  $\mathbf{HH}(A)$  as complex with  $S^1$ -action. For better or worse, I’d rather not just write down a formula. The derived tensor product description of  $\mathbf{HH}(A)$  looks like it might admit a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action, but not much more than that. The cleanest way to explain the  $S^1$ -action is via a specific model for *Borel  $S^1$ -equivariant spaces* called *cyclic sets*.

**3.2.1.** We give a brief overview of a few different reasonable notions of (the homotopy theory of) spaces with  $S^1$ -action:

- The strict sense:  $S^1 \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfying the axioms for a group action. (Our definition of complex with  $S^1$ -action above is analogous to this.)
- The standard weak sense: Spaces over  $BS^1$ . Given  $X$  with an honest  $S^1$ -action,  $X_{hS^1} \rightarrow BS^1$  is the resulting space over  $BS^1$ . Conversely, given a space  $Y \rightarrow BS^1$ , the action of  $\Omega BS^1$  on the homotopy fiber may be transferred to  $S^1$ .
- Our new sense (to be defined below): A cyclic set is roughly a simplicial set  $X_\bullet$  with actions of  $\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)$  on  $X_n$  for all  $n$ , suitably compatible. The claim is that the notion of a cyclic set  $X_\bullet \in \mathbf{cSet}$  gives another model for this. (The cyclic bar complex that Nick wrote down last time is, appropriately enough, a cyclic object in chain complexes.)

More precisely, we have the following Proposition (proved in a 1985 paper of Dwyer-Hopkins-Kan):

**Proposition 3.2.2.** *There is an adjoint pair*

$$|\cdot| : \mathbf{cSet} \rightleftarrows S^1\text{-Spaces} : \text{Sing}_{\Lambda_\bullet}$$

and a natural model structure on  $\mathbf{cSet}$  for which this is a Quillen equivalence with the Borel model structure on  $S^1$ -spaces. These are also equivalent, via homotopy fixed points and taking fibers, to  $\mathbf{sSet}/BS^1$ .

**Definition 3.2.3.** Define the *cyclic category* with  $\text{ob } \Lambda^{\text{op}} = \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$  and

$$\text{Hom}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}([n], [m]) = \{\text{Homotopy classes of degree 1 increasing maps } \phi : S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \text{ s.t. } \phi(\mu_{n+1}) \subset \mu_{m+1}\}$$

Define the category of *cyclic sets*

$$\mathbf{cSet} = \text{Fun}(\Lambda^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Set})$$

**Remark 3.2.4.** Note that

- $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$  contains the simplicial category  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  (as  $\phi$  s.t.,  $\phi(1) = 1$ ). In particular, we have a restriction functor  $\mathbf{cSet} \rightarrow \mathbf{sSet}$ .
- $\text{Hom}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}([n], [n]) = \mathbb{Z}/(n+1)$  by rotation;
- And, every morphism of  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$  is uniquely a composite of a morphism in  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  and a rotation. So, we may regard a cyclic set as a simplicial set together with a  $\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)$ -action on the  $n^{\text{th}}$  space, interacting in a certain specific way with the simplicial structure.
- Somewhat unexpectedly from this presentation, there is an equivalence  $\Lambda^{\text{op}} \simeq \Lambda$ . In particular,  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$  contains another copy of  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$  (more than one due to automorphisms—but nevermind that)!

**Construction 3.2.5.** Suppose  $A$  is a (unital) dga with differential  $\partial$ . Then, the natural cyclic object we want is given by (using “bar” notation for the tensor)

$$[n] \longmapsto A^{\otimes(n+1)}$$

$$\{\phi : [n] \rightarrow [m]\} \longmapsto \left\{ A^{\otimes(n+1)} \ni (a_0|a_1|\cdots|a_n) \mapsto \left( \prod_{i \in \phi^{-1}(0)} a_i \middle| \cdots \middle| \prod_{i \in \phi^{-1}(m)} a_i \right) \in A^{\otimes(m+1)} \right\}$$

The associated complex with  $S^1$ -action is the geometric realization ( $=\text{Tot}^\oplus$ ) of a simplicial set we get from one of the “extra” copies of  $\Delta^{\text{op}}$ . Explicitly: (my signs might be wrong in the graded case!)

$$\mathbf{HH}(A) = \left( \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A^{\otimes(n+1)}[-n], d, B \right)$$

$$d \underbrace{(a_0|a_1|\cdots|a_n)}_{\text{deg}=n+\sum_i \text{deg } a_i} = \overbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{\varepsilon_i} (\cdots|a_{i-1}|a_i a_{i+1}|a_{i+1}|\cdots)}^{d_1=\text{Simplicial differential}} + (-1)^{(\text{deg } a_n+1)(\varepsilon_{n-1}+1)} (a_n a_0|a_1|\cdots|a_{n-1})$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{\varepsilon_{i-1}} (\cdots|a_{i-1}|\partial a_i|a_{i+1}|\cdots)}_{d_0=\text{Internal differential of } A}$$

where  $\varepsilon_i = i + 1 + \text{deg } a_0 + \cdots + \text{deg } a_i$  ( $i \geq 0$ ),  $\varepsilon_{-1} = 0$ . The  $S^1$ -action (“ $\varepsilon$ ”) is provided by the *Connes B-operator*

$$B(a_0|\cdots|a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{\varepsilon_{i-1}(\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_{i-1})} ((1|a_1|\cdots|a_n|a_0|\cdots|a_{i-1}) - (a_i|\cdots|a_n|a_0|\cdots|a_{i-1}|1))$$

**3.2.6.** One application of this machinery is the following: Attached to a topological group  $G$  is a natural set  $\Gamma_\bullet G$ , defined by formulas “suspiciously similar” to the above, and which has the property that  $|\Gamma_\bullet G| \simeq L(BG)$ . Applying this to  $G = \Omega X$ , we recover  $LX$ . This can lead to a proof of  $\mathbf{HH}(C_*(\Omega X)) = C_*(LX)$ , and compatibility with the cyclic structure shows compatibility of circle actions.

**Definition 3.2.7.** Define

The *cyclic homology* complex  $\mathbf{HC} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{HH}(A)_{hS^1}$

The *negative cyclic homology* complex  $\mathbf{HC}^- \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{HH}(A)^{hS^1}$

The *periodic cyclic homology* complex  $\mathbf{HP} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{HH}(A)^{\text{Tate}}$

**Proposition 3.2.8** (Morita Invariance). *The trace maps  $\text{tr} : M_r(A)^{\otimes n+1} \rightarrow A^{\otimes n+1}$  induce an equivalence  $\mathbf{HH}(M_r(A)) \simeq \mathbf{HH}(A)$  as complexes with  $S^1$ -action, and so induces equivalences on  $\mathbf{HC}, \mathbf{HC}^-, \mathbf{HP}$ . More generally, one can define  $\mathbf{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ , as complex with  $S^1$ -action up to weak equivalence, for dg-categories and show a strong form of Morita invariance.*

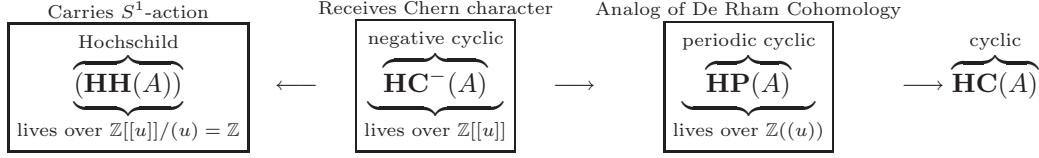
**Construction 3.2.9.** The  $n^{\text{th}}$  space of the cyclic set underlying  $\mathbf{HH}(\mathcal{C})$  is

$$[n] \longmapsto \bigoplus_{X_n, \dots, X_0 \in \mathcal{C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_n, X_{n-1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_1, X_0) \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_0, X_1)$$

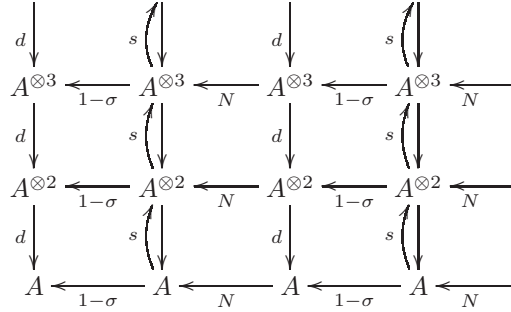
and the structure maps come from composition. Then, the formula immediately shows  $\mathbf{HH}(A) = \mathbf{HH}(\mathcal{C})$  for  $\mathcal{C}$  the full subcategory of  $A$ -mod corresponding to the object  $A$ : This is just the category with one object and  $A^{\text{op}}$  as automorphisms. The strong form of Morita invariance allows one to pass to thick closures (e.g., taking of finite direct sums and direct summands).

**Remark 3.2.10.** We can see Morita Invariance of  $\mathbf{HC}$  (at the level of just homotopy groups) from e.g., a suitable application of the Gysin Sequence (Lemma 3.1.5) and Morita Invariance for  $\mathbf{HH}$ .

**3.2.11.** A heuristic diagram of relevant maps (and how things fit together):



**Remark 3.2.12.** There is another, more direct from a homological algebra point of view, way of getting a double-complex for  $\mathbf{HC}(A)$ . The idea is to mix, by hand, the standard resolution computing group homology of  $\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)$  with two complexes (one of them  $(\mathbf{HH}(A), d)$ , the other contractible) related to  $A^{\otimes(n+1)}$ :



The even columns are the Hochschild complex with its  $d$  differential, but the odd columns admit a contracting homotopy  $s$ . Removing them and passing to “Adams-style” indexing (or is it back from?) gives the “familiar” complex for  $\mathbf{HC}(A)$ . In terms of this,  $B = (1 - \sigma)sN$ .

This complex rise to a spectral sequence with  $E_1$ -page  $H_{p-q}(B\mathbb{Z}/(q+1), A^{\otimes q+1}) \Rightarrow \pi_{p+q}\mathbf{HC}(A)$ . In characteristic zero, the only non-zero terms are for  $p = q$  and  $H_0(B\mathbb{Z}/(q+1), A^{\otimes q+1}) = A_{\mathbb{Z}/(q+1)}^{\otimes q+1}$ . In other words, the Hochschild differential  $d$  factors through the quotient and (in char. 0) the resulting quotient complex computes  $\pi_*\mathbf{HC}(A)$ .

**Exercise 3.2.13.** Extend this complex in the obvious way to the left, to obtain an analogue of the complex for  $\mathbf{HP}$ . Suppose we work over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Explain why taking  $\text{Tot}^\oplus$  instead of  $\text{Tot}^\Pi$  would be a bad idea. (Hint: What does each row compute?)

**3.3. Chern Character.**

**3.3.1.** The Dennis trace map, which Nick began describing last time, gives the top row of

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K_n(A) = \pi_n B \text{GL}(A)^+ & \xrightarrow{\text{Dennis trace}} & HH_n(A) = \pi_n \mathbf{HH}(A) \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow \\
 H_n(B \text{GL}(A)) = \pi_* C_*(B \text{GL}(A)) & \dashrightarrow & HC_n^-(A) = \pi_* \mathbf{HC}^-(A)
 \end{array}$$

We might expect it to come from a map of spectra, in which case since  $\mathbf{HH}(A)$  is an  $H\mathbb{Z}$ -spectrum it would factor through the Hurewicz map in the left column. In the right column we have the natural map  $\mathbf{HC}^-(A) = (\mathbf{HH}(A))^{hS^1} \rightarrow \mathbf{HH}(A)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.2.** *The Dennis trace map does in fact factor through a map  $H_n(B \text{GL}(A)) \rightarrow HC_n^-(A)$ .*

4. HKR REVISITED

Filling out the analogies having to do with the “differential picture” (i.e., the first column):

Name	Symbol	Analogy
Hochschild chains	$\mathbf{HH}(A)$	Kahler modules
Connes’ Differential	$S^1$ action $B$ on $\mathbf{HH}(A)$	De Rham differential
Periodic cyclic chains	$\mathbf{HP}(A)$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded) De Rham cohomology

**4.1. De Rham differential, Connes differential.**

**Proposition 4.1.1.** *The Connes  $B$  operator induces a map  $B : HH_k(A) \rightarrow HH_{k+1}(A)$  which, under the HKR identification of Prop. 2.1.3, is (up to sign) the De Rham differential.*

**4.2. Periodic cyclic Homology and the non-smooth case.** We noticed in the “table of analogies” that (homotopy groups of)  $\mathbf{HP}(A)$  only saw the De Rham cohomology and did not let any part of the underlying De Rham *complex* seep out. This is crucial, because it allows the following to be true:

**Theorem 4.2.1.** *Suppose  $A$  is a commutative algebra (say finite-type over  $\mathbb{C}$ , but not necessarily regular). Then,*

$$HP_k(A) \simeq \prod_n H_{sing}^{k+2n}((\text{Spec } A)(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C})$$

*so that periodic cyclic homology recovers the “true”  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -periodic cohomology.*