

On Hopf and L_∞ -algebras

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↪ higher homotopy structures A_∞ , L_∞ , ... Stasheff '63, Stasheff, Schlesinger '77

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- Quantization

- ▶ BV formalism $\sim L_\infty$ -algebra [Zwiebach '92](#), cf. [Richard's talk](#)
- ▶ Deformation quantization: formality thm $\sim L_\infty$ quasi-isomorphism [Kontsevich '97](#);
Poisson sigma model quantization [Cattaneo, Felder, '99](#)

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- Quantization \rightsquigarrow BV-BRST, deformation quantization
- Geometry
 - ▶ Graded geometry: L_∞ -algebra (cyclic) \equiv $Q(P)$ manifolds [AKSZ '95](#), cf. [Peter's talk](#)
 - ▶ Generalized geometry of Courant, double field theory and exceptional algebroids [Roytenberg, Weinstein '98](#); [Deser, Saemann '16](#), [LJ](#), [Grewcoe '20](#); [Cederwall, Palmkvist '18](#)

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- Quantization \rightsquigarrow BV-BRST, deformation quantization
- Graded and generalized geometry
- NC/NA field theory and gravity
 - ▶ \star -product: bootstrapping nc gauge theories using L_∞ Blumenhagen et al '18, cf. Patrizia's talk
 - ▶ Drinfel'd twist and braided L_∞ Dimitrijević Ćirić et al '21, Nguyen, Schenkel, Szabo '21
 - ▶ HS in unfolded formalism Vasiliev, cf. Harold's talk

In this talk

GOAL

Argue that (curved) L_∞ -algebra is (graded) Hopf algebra with codifferential.

PLAN

- L_∞ -algebra - coalgebra formulation
- Hopf algebra in brief
- Drinfel'd twist of L_∞ -algebra
- Outlook

L_∞ - coalgebra formulation

There is one-to-one correspondence between an L_∞ structure on a differential graded vector space $X = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} X_d$ and a degree 1 coderivation on the coalgebra generated by the suspension of X . Lada, Stasheff '92, Lada, Markl '94

Suspension \uparrow or shift isomorphism s

$$s : X \rightarrow X[1] \text{ s.t. } (X[1])_d = X_{d+1} ,$$

induces isomorphism of graded algebras

$$s^{\otimes i} : x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_i \rightarrow (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (i-j)} s x_1 \vee \cdots \vee s x_i ,$$

and décalage isomorphism of brackets

$$l_i = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}i(i-1)+1} s^{-1} \circ b_i \circ s^{\otimes i} .$$

L_∞ - coalgebra formulation

Start with graded symmetric tensor algebra

$$S(X) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} S^n X,$$

and X graded vector space $X = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} X_d$ over field $K =: S^0 X$.

The tensor products are graded symmetric,

$$x_1 \vee x_2 = (-1)^{|x_1||x_2|} x_2 \vee x_1, \quad x_1, x_2 \in X,$$

and the coproduct is

$$\Delta(x_1 \vee \dots \vee x_m) = \sum_{p=0}^m \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(p, m-p)} \epsilon(\sigma; X) (x_{\sigma(1)} \vee \dots \vee x_{\sigma(p)}) \otimes (x_{\sigma(p+1)} \vee \dots \vee x_{\sigma(m)}),$$

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Note: We include field K , ie., $\Delta(1) = 1 \otimes 1$, and $\Delta(x) = 1 \otimes x + x \otimes 1$.

L_∞ - coalgebra formulation

As a map $\Delta : S(X) \rightarrow S(X) \otimes S(X)$ this reads:

$$\Delta \circ \text{id}^{\vee m} = \sum_{p=0}^m \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(p, m-p)} (\text{id}^{\vee p} \otimes \text{id}^{\vee(m-p)}) \circ \tau^\sigma, \quad p, m \geq 0,$$

where τ^σ denotes action of permutations e.g. the non-identity permutation of two elements is

$$\tau^\sigma(x_1 \vee x_2) = (-1)^{|x_1||x_2|} x_2 \vee x_1,$$

and includes the Koszul sign.

Introduce degree 1 coderivation $D : S(X) \rightarrow S(X)$ of degree 1 such that:

$$\Delta \circ D = (1 \otimes D + D \otimes 1) \circ \Delta,$$

the co-Leibniz property is satisfied.

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$$b_i : S^j X \rightarrow S^{j-i+1} X ,$$

$$b_i(x_1 \vee \dots \vee x_j) = \sum_{\sigma \in Sh(i, j-i)} \epsilon(\sigma; x) b_i(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(i)}) \vee x_{\sigma(i+1)} \vee \dots \vee x_{\sigma(j)}, \quad j \geq i .$$

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Note: We include $b_0 \rightsquigarrow$ curved L_∞ -algebra.

L_∞ - coalgebra formulation

Homotopy relations from $D^2 = 0$, e.g.,

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Def: An L_∞ -algebra is a coalgebra $(S(X), \Delta)$ with coderivation $D : S(X) \rightarrow S(X)$ of degree 1 s.t. $\Delta \circ D = (\text{id} \otimes D + D \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta$ and $D^2 = 0$.

Example cdgla

Getzler '18

Curved dgla: Graded Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , derivation d with degree 1, and curvature R of degree 2 s.t. $\forall x \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$dR = 0, \quad d^2x = [R, x],$$

the bracket satisfies graded Leibniz identity and MC element a of degree 1 is

$$R + da + \frac{1}{2}[a, a] = 0.$$

L_∞ -coalgebra: Shifted graded vector space X with maps $R \rightsquigarrow -b_0$, $d \rightsquigarrow -b_1$, the graded Lie bracket $\rightsquigarrow b_2$, satisfying the homotopy relations

$$b_1 b_0 = 0, \quad b_1(b_1(x)) + b_2(b_0, x) = 0, \quad x \in X,$$

and MC element a of degree 0 satisfies

$$b_0 + b_1(a) + \frac{1}{2}b_2(a, a) = 0.$$

Hopf algebra

Hopf algebra is a bialgebra that admits antipode.

Start from an algebra A viewed as a vectors space over field K with multiplication $\mu : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ and unit $\eta : K \rightarrow A$. If one can define comultiplication $\Delta : A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ and counit $\epsilon : A \rightarrow K$ such that either of two (thus both) hold

- Δ and ϵ are algebra homomorphisms
- μ and η are coalgebra homomorphisms

we have bialgebra.

If there exist antipode $S : A \rightarrow A$ such

$$\mu \circ (id \otimes S) \circ \Delta = \mu \circ (S \otimes id) \circ \Delta = \eta \epsilon$$

we have Hopf algebra.

Hopf algebra

Standard example - tensor algebra (and symmetric and exterior).

A tensor algebra $T(V)$, where V is a vector space over field K

$$\Delta(v) = v \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes v, \quad \Delta(1) = 1 \otimes 1, \quad v \in V$$

$$\epsilon(v) = 0, \quad \epsilon(1) = 1,$$

$$S(v) = -v, \quad S(1) = 1$$

is Hopf algebra. In full algebra,

$$S(v_1 \cdot \dots \cdot v_m) = (-1)^m v_m \cdot \dots \cdot v_1,$$

$$\Delta(v_1 \cdot \dots \cdot v_m) = \sum_{p=0}^m \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(p, m-p)} (v_{\sigma(1)} \cdot \dots \cdot v_{\sigma(p)}) \otimes (v_{\sigma(p+1)} \cdot \dots \cdot v_{\sigma(m)}),$$

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$L_\infty \sim \text{Hopf}+D$

cf. Schupp '93

Theorem

A graded Hopf algebra with a compatible codifferential is an L_∞ -algebra. In particular, an L_∞ -algebra is a bialgebra $(S(X), \Delta)$ with coderivation $D : S(X) \rightarrow S(X)$ of degree 1 s.t. the co-Leibniz property is satisfied

$$\Delta \circ D = (1 \otimes D + D \otimes 1) \circ \Delta$$

and $D^2 = 0$. It naturally inherits the structure of a Hopf algebra from graded symmetric tensor algebra, with

$$S \circ D = \tilde{D} \circ S \quad \& \quad \epsilon \circ D = D \circ \epsilon .$$

where the codifferential \tilde{D}

$$\tilde{D} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{1-i} b_i ,$$

induces the same homotopy relations as D .

Drinfel'd twist

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we obtain $(H^{\mathcal{F}}, \vee, \Delta^{\mathcal{F}}, S^{\mathcal{F}}, \epsilon)$, where $H^{\mathcal{F}}$ is the same as H as vector spaces and:

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\rightsquigarrow twisted L_∞ or $(L_\infty^{\mathcal{F}}, \vee, \Delta^{\mathcal{F}}, S, \epsilon)$

Drinfel'd twist

In the spirit of deformation quantisation, while twisting Hopf algebra we simultaneously twist its modules. Taking Hopf algebra L_∞ as its own module

$\rightsquigarrow (L_\infty^*, \vee_*, \Delta_*, S_*, \epsilon)$:

$$x_1 \vee_* x_2 = \bar{f}^k(x_1) \vee \bar{f}_k(x_2) ,$$

$$\Delta_*(x) = x \otimes 1 + \bar{R}^k \otimes \bar{R}_k(x) ,$$

$$S_*(x) = -\bar{R}^k(x) \bar{R}_k .$$

The \mathcal{R} -matrix $\mathcal{R} \in S(X) \otimes S(X)$ is an invertible matrix induced by the twist

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{F}_{21} \mathcal{F}^{-1} =: R^\alpha \otimes R_\alpha , \mathcal{F}_{21} = f_\alpha \otimes f^\alpha ,$$

In the case of an Abelian twist \mathcal{R} it triangular $R_\alpha \otimes R^\alpha = \bar{R}^\alpha \otimes \bar{R}_\alpha$, and $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{F}^{-2}$.

The inverse \mathcal{R} -matrix controls noncommutativity of the \vee_* -product and provides the representation of permutation group, e.g.,

$$\tau_{\mathcal{R}}^\sigma(x_1 \vee_* x_2) = (-1)^{|x_1||x_2|} \bar{R}^\alpha(x_2) \vee_* \bar{R}_\alpha(x_1) ,$$

Braided L_∞ -algebra

Extend the coproduct to whole tensor algebra:

$$\Delta_\star(\mathrm{id}^{\vee_\star m}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathrm{Sh}(p, m-p)} (\mathrm{id}^{\vee_\star p} \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\vee_\star(m-p)}) \circ \tau_{\mathcal{R}}^\sigma, \quad p, m \geq 0.$$

The compatible coderivation $D_\star = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i^\star$ is defined in terms of braided graded symmetric maps b_i^\star

$$b_i^\star(\mathrm{id}^{\vee_\star j}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathrm{Sh}(i, j-i)} (b_i^\star \vee_\star \mathrm{id}^{\vee_\star(j-i)}) \circ \tau_{\mathcal{R}}^\sigma, \quad j \geq i,$$

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and the condition $D_\star^2 = 0$ reproduces the deformed homotopy relations.

\rightsquigarrow braided L_∞ -algebra obtained in [Dimitrijević Ćirić et al '21](#).

L_{∞}^{\star} vs. $L_{\infty}^{\mathcal{F}}$

As Hopf algebras L_{∞}^{\star} and $L_{\infty}^{\mathcal{F}}$ are isomorphic [Aschieri et al '05, Schenkel '12](#)

\exists map $\varphi : L_{\infty}^{\star} \rightarrow L_{\infty}^{\mathcal{F}}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(x_1 \vee_{\star} x_2) &= \varphi(x_1) \vee \varphi(x_2) , \\ \Delta_{\star} &= (\varphi^{-1} \otimes \varphi^{-1}) \circ \Delta^{\mathcal{F}} \circ \varphi , \\ S_{\star} &= \varphi^{-1} \circ S^{\mathcal{F}} \circ \varphi .\end{aligned}$$

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On the other hand, we take L_{∞}^{\star} -algebra as a module of $L_{\infty}^{\mathcal{F}}$ with an L_{∞} -action on an L_{∞} -algebra given by a curved L_{∞} -morphism [Mehta, Zambon '12](#). Thus we obtain

$$D_{\star} = \varphi^{-1} D_{\mathcal{F}} \varphi .$$

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- $Q = D^*$ \rightsquigarrow BRST operator

Evaluate b_i on basis of $X \rightsquigarrow$ structure constants of L_∞ -algebra:

$$b_i(\tau_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \tau_{\alpha_i}) = C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_i}^\beta \tau_\beta$$

Use to define cohomological vector Q of degree 1

$$Q = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_i}^\beta z^{\alpha_1} \dots z^{\alpha_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\beta}$$

with z^{α_i} basis of X^* .

In infinite dimensional case one either restricts X^* to the space spanned by z^α , or consider continuous duals in infinite-dim topological vector space. [Arvanitakis et al '20](#)

In Batalin-Vilkovisky formalism Q becomes BRST operator and z^{α_i} physical fields.

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- $Q = D^*$ becomes BRST operator
- L_∞ quasi-isomorphisms \rightsquigarrow equivalent physical theories
 - ▶ If 0-bracket vanishes, 1-bracket is a differential \rightsquigarrow cochain complex
 - ▶ L_∞ quasi-isomorphisms induces isomorphisms of cohomologies of respective L_∞ -algebras \rightsquigarrow homotopy transfer [Arvanitakis et. al. '21](#)
 - ▶ For curved L_∞ ? [Fukaya '03, Costello '11](#)

THANK YOU!