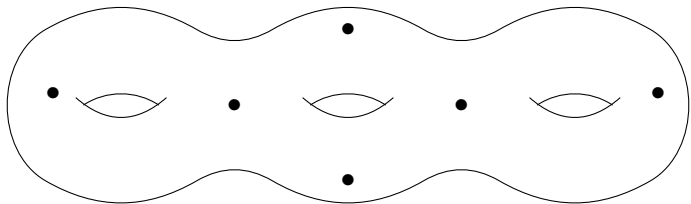


Deformations of gentle A_∞ -algebras and some applications

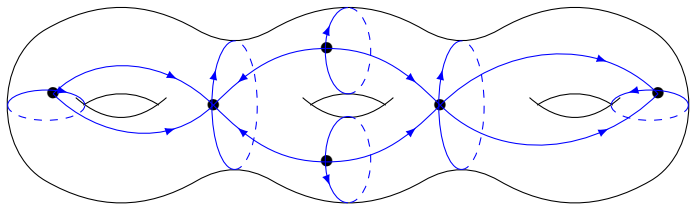
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A surface with marked points (S, M)



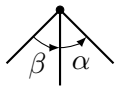
An arc collection \mathcal{A}



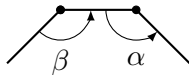
The gentle algebra $\text{Gtl}_{\mathcal{A}}$

The gentle algebra $\text{Gtl}_{\mathcal{A}}$ associated to an arc collection \mathcal{A} is the path algebra of a quiver Q with relations

- The vertices of Q are 1-1 with the arcs.
- The arrows of Q are 1-1 with the angles of the polygons.
- The product of two consecutive angles in a polygon is zero.



$$\alpha\beta \neq 0$$



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- Each arrow gets a \mathbb{Z}_2 -degree.



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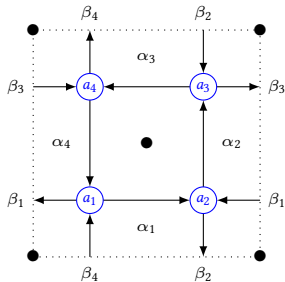
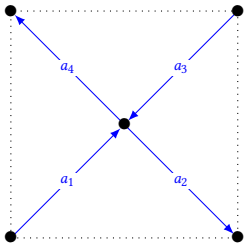


$$|\alpha| = 1$$



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An example of a gentle algebra



Definition

An A_∞ -algebra is a graded vector space A^\bullet with a collection of maps $\mu^i : A[1]^{\otimes i} \rightarrow A[1]$ of degree 1 with $i = 1, 2, \dots$ such that the identities

$$[M_n] \quad \sum_{\substack{r+s+t=n \\ r,t \geq 0, s > 0}} \mu^{r+t+1} \circ (\mathbf{1}^{\otimes r} \otimes \mu^s \otimes \mathbf{1}^{\otimes t}) = 0$$

hold for all $n \geq 1$. The formula can be graphically represented as

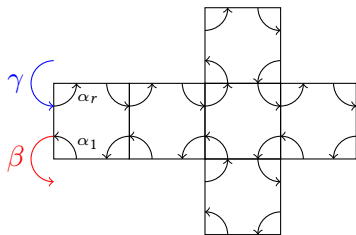
$$\sum \begin{array}{c} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & \mu & \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \mu & \\ & \downarrow & \end{array} = 0.$$

where the sum is over all rooted trees with n leaves and two nodes.

Just like for ordinary algebras there are notions of

- A_∞ -modules.
- Perfect Complexes (a.k.a. twisted complexes).
- The (Derived) Category of Perfect complexes is a triangulated category.
- Derived Morita equivalences.

An A_∞ -structure on the gentle algebra using 'tree-gons'



$$\mu(\beta\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) = \pm\beta$$

$$\mu(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\gamma) = \pm\gamma$$

Theorem (B., Haiden-Katzarkov-Kontsevich)

- *The products above turn Gtl_A into an A_∞ -algebra.*
- *Two arc collections of the same marked surface have Morita equivalent gentle A_∞ -algebras.*
- *The derived category $D(\text{Gtl}_A)$ is an algebraic model of the wrapped Fukaya category of the punctured surface.*

Question: How to fill the punctures?

Philosophy: Filling is deforming.

Curved A_∞ -algebras

Definition

A *curved A_∞ -algebra* is a graded vector space A^\bullet with a collection of maps $\mu^i : A[1]^{\otimes i} \rightarrow A[1]$ of degree 1 with $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ such that the identities

$$[M_n] \quad \sum_{\substack{r+s+t=n \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 0}} \mu^{r+t+1} \circ (\mathbf{1}^{\otimes r} \otimes \mu^s \otimes \mathbf{1}^{\otimes t}) = 0$$

hold for all $n \geq 0$. The formula can be graphically represented as

The diagram shows the graphical representation of the identity $[M_n]$. It consists of a sum over all rooted trees with n leaves and two nodes. The first tree has a root node with two children, each of which has its own set of children (represented by dots). The second tree has a root node with a single child, which in turn has two children (represented by dots). The right side of the equation is zero.

where the sum is over all rooted trees with n leaves and two nodes.

You can make curved notions of modules and complexes but

- curved complexes have no homology theory $d^2 \neq 0$,
- curved modules do not give rise to a nice derived category,
- derived Morita equivalences are ill-defined.

We need curved A_∞ -algebras in deformation theory

Morita-equivalent A_∞ -algebras have the same deformation theory provided we allow curved deformations.

Example

$\mathbb{C}[[X]]$ with $\deg X = 0$ and $\mathbb{C}[\xi]/(\xi)^2$ with $\deg \xi = 1$ are derived Morita equivalent.

- 1 The curved A_∞ -deformations of $\mathbb{C}[\xi]/(\xi)^2$ are parametrized by $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$\mu^i(\xi, \dots, \xi) = a_i \cdot 1$$

- 2 The curved A_∞ -deformations of $\mathbb{C}[[X]]$ are parametrized by $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$\mu^0(1) = \sum_i a_i X^i \text{ and } \mu^{>1} = 0$$

The Hochschild complex for A_∞ -algebras

Definition

If (A, μ) is a \mathbb{Z} - or \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded A_∞ -algebra over a semisimple algebra k , we define the A_∞ -Hochschild complex as

$$\mathrm{HC}^\bullet(A) = \mathrm{Hom}_k \left(\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A[1]^{\otimes k^i}, A[1] \right)$$

On $\mathrm{HC}^\bullet(A)$ we have a bracket of degree 0 and a differential of degree 1:

$$[\kappa, \nu] = \sum \left(\begin{array}{c} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & \kappa & \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \nu & \\ & \downarrow & \end{array} \right) \pm \left(\begin{array}{c} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & \nu & \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \kappa & \\ & \downarrow & \end{array} \right)$$

$$d := [\mu, -]$$

Deformation theory and the Hochschild complex

- The A_∞ Hochschild complex is a shift of the classical Hochschild complex such that $\mathrm{HC}^1(A) = \mathrm{HC}_{class}^2(A)$.
- The curved A_∞ deformations are solutions to the Maurer-Cartan equation

$$d\nu + [\nu, \nu] = 0 \text{ with } \nu \in \mathrm{HC}^1(A) \otimes R.$$

- Equivalent deformations are in the same orbit under the infinitesimal action

$$\kappa \cdot \nu = d\kappa + [\kappa, \nu] + [\nu, \kappa] \text{ with } \kappa \in \mathrm{HC}^0(A) \otimes R.$$

- Derived equivalent A_∞ -algebras have quasi-isomorphic Hochschild complexes (Keller).

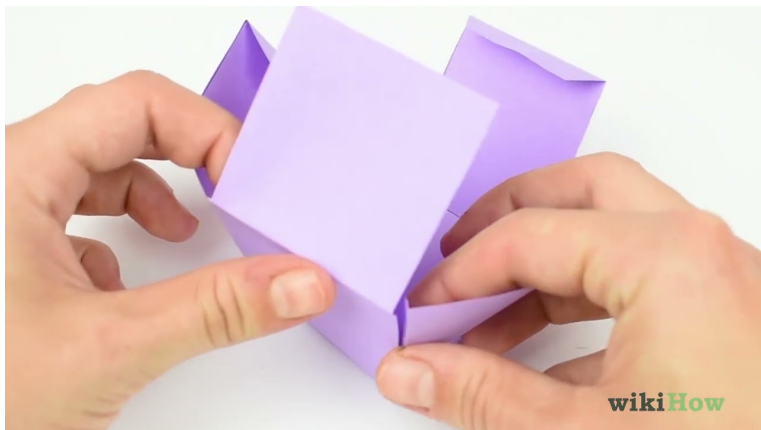
Theorem (B.-Van de Kreeke, Wong (1,2))

If the arc collection has no loops or 2-cycles then

- 1 $\mathrm{HH}^{\mathrm{odd}}(A) \cong \mathbb{C} \oplus \bigoplus_{p \in M, i \geq 1} \nu_{p,i}^o$
 $\cong Z(A) = \mathbb{C}[\ell_p \mid p \in M] / (\ell_p \ell_q \mid p \neq q \in M).$
- 2 $\mathrm{HH}^{\mathrm{even}}(A) \cong \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus T} \mathbb{C} \nu_a \oplus \bigoplus_{p \in M, i \geq 1} \mathbb{C} \nu_{p,i}^e$
- 3 *We have explicit representatives for each of the classes and formulas for the bracket and the cup product.*
- 4 *The Hochschild complex is formal (quasi-isomorphic to its cohomology).*

This implies that for each $r = r_0 + \sum r_{p,i} \nu_{p,i}^o$ there must be a deformation.

Orbigons and curved deformations



$$r_\psi = \prod_{\text{internal } (p,i)} r_{p,i}$$

$$\mu^\psi(\beta\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) = \pm\beta$$

$$\mu^\psi(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\gamma) = \pm\gamma$$

Theorem (B.-Van de Kreeke)

For each $r = r_0 + \sum r_{p,i} \nu_{p,i}^0$ there is a curved deformation ν_r satisfying

- $\nu_r^0 = r_0 + \sum r_{p,i} \ell_p^i$
- $\nu_r^k = \sum_{|\psi|=k} r_\psi \mu^\psi$

Advantage: all products are explicit (algorithmically determinable)

Disadvantage: curved, so representation theory doesn't behave well.

Deforming complexes

- 1 We can transport the deformation ν_r to the category $D(A)$ by considering a complex of free modules as a 'complex' over the deformed algebra.
- 2 Problem: the complex becomes curved: $MC(\delta) \neq 0$.
- 3 Solution: uncurving

$$(P, \delta) \rightarrow (P, \delta + \dots)$$

such that $MC(\delta + \dots) = 0$. But not every object in $D(A)$ can be uncurved.

- 4 Example: deform $A = \mathbb{C}[X]$ by adding curvature ϵX^n then

- $\mathbb{C}[X] \xrightarrow{X} \mathbb{C}[X]$ can be uncurved as $\mathbb{C}[X] \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{X} \\ \xleftarrow{\epsilon X^{n-1}} \end{array} \mathbb{C}[X]$

- $\mathbb{C}[X] \xrightarrow{X-1} \mathbb{C}[X]$ cannot be uncurved.

Towards the relative Fukaya category

If all arrows have degree 1, we have a family of objects in $D(A)$

$$\mathcal{Z}_\lambda := A \xrightarrow{\sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} \lambda_i \alpha} A$$

Theorem (Van de Kreeke)

Fix the deformation $\sum_p r_p \ell_p^{n_p}$. If the arc system is consistent then

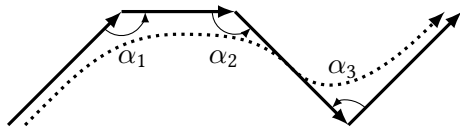
- 1 \mathcal{Z}_λ can be uncurved.
- 2 The minimal model of $\text{End}_{D(A)}(\mathcal{Z}_\lambda)$ has an uncurved deformation that matches the endomorphism ring of a certain generator of the relative Fukaya category.

Fukaya categories in all shapes and sizes

In general a Fukaya category has as objects Lagrangian submanifolds of a symplectic manifold and as morphisms linear combinations of intersection points.

- The **wrapped Fukaya category** describes the intersection theory of open curves on a punctured surface.
- The **exact Fukaya category** describes the intersection theory of closed curves on a punctured surface.
- The **Fukaya category** describes the intersection theory of closed curves on a closed surface (defined over a special field: the Novikov field).
- The **relative Fukaya category** describes the intersection theory of closed curves on a closed surface relative to a divisor (can be seen as a deformation of the exact Fukaya category).

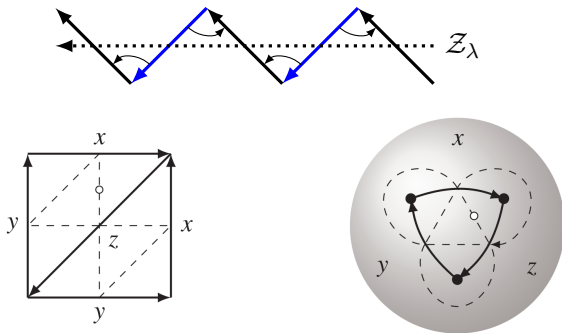
Basic idea: taking cones is stitching



can be represented by a twisted complex

$$(L, \delta) := \left(\bigoplus a_j[l_j], \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \alpha_u \right).$$

Basic idea: taking cones is stitching



- ① If $A = k\langle\langle X \rangle\rangle/I$ is an augmented completed algebra then the Koszul dual is defined as $A^! = \text{Ext}^\bullet(k, k)$.

$$\text{E.g. } A = \mathbb{C}\llbracket X, Y \rrbracket \implies A^! = \mathbb{C}\langle\xi, \eta\rangle/(\xi^2, \eta^2, \xi\eta + \eta\xi)$$

- ② The degree n coefficients of the relations of A are encoded in the higher products of $A^!$ (Lu-Palmieri-Wu-Zhang)

$$r = \lambda X_{i_1} \dots X_{i_k} + \dots \iff \mu_{A^!}(\xi_{i_k}, \dots, \xi_{i_1}) = \lambda \rho + \dots$$

- ③ We can reconstruct a resolution for k as an A -module using $A^!$: $(A \otimes A^!, d)$ with

$$d(1 \otimes u) = \lambda X_{i_1} \dots X_{i_k} \otimes v + \dots \iff \mu_{A^!}(\xi_{i_k}, \dots, \xi_{i_1}, v) = \lambda u + \dots$$

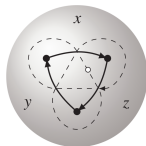
- ④ Starting from $A^!$ we can get A and a resolution for k .

'Koszul duality' with curvature (after Cho-Hong-Lau)

- 1 If $A^!$ is \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded then $\mu(\dots) = \lambda 1 + \dots$
- 2 Split $A^! = k \oplus [A^!]^1 \oplus [A^!]^2 \oplus k$
- 3 There is a relation dual to 1, keep it aside and call it W and group the relations dual to $[A^!]^2$ in R .
- 4 Construct $A = T_k \widehat{[A^!]^{1*}} / R$ then W is a central element in A and $(A \otimes A^!, d)$ satisfies $d^2 = W$.
- 5 Starting from $A^!$ we can get (A, W) and a matrix factorization for k .

'Koszul duality' for \mathcal{Z}_λ over the bowling ball

For the $(\mathbb{S}^2, \{p_1, p_2, p_3\})$ and deformation $r = r_1\ell_1^3 + r_2\ell_2^3 + r_3\ell_3^3$.



- 1 \mathcal{Z}_{-1} over the undeformed (A, μ) : $(\mathbb{C}\llbracket X, Y, Z \rrbracket, XYZ)$
- 2 \mathcal{Z}_λ over the undeformed (A, μ) : $(\mathbb{C}_{q_\lambda}\llbracket X, Y, Z \rrbracket, XYZ)$
- 3 \mathcal{Z}_{-1}^{uc} over the deformed $(A, \mu + \nu_r)$:
 $(\mathbb{C}\llbracket X, Y, Z \rrbracket, XYZ + a_r X^3 + b_r Y^3 + c_r Z^3)$
- 4 \mathcal{Z}_λ^{uc} over the deformed $(A, \mu + \nu_r)$: $(\widehat{\text{SkI}}_{\lambda,r}, W_{\lambda,r})$

'Koszul duality' for \mathcal{Z}_λ in general

Theorem (Cho-Hong-Lau)

\mathcal{Z}_{-1} over the undeformed (Gtl_A, μ) gives the completed Jacobi algebra with its standard central element.

Theorem (Van de Kreeke)

If the arc collection is consistent then \mathcal{Z}_{-1}^{uc} (\mathcal{Z}_λ^{uc}) over the deformed $(Gtl_A, \mu + \nu_r)$ gives a flat family of Calabi-Yau deformations of the completed (quantum) Jacobi algebra.

And finally...

