Quillen cohomology of divided power algebras over an operad

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Overview



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André–Quillen (co)homology

- Cohomology theory for commutative rings.
- Developed by André and Quillen in the 1960s.
- Non-additive derived functors constructed using simplicial methods.
- Used to solve problems in commutative algebra and algebraic geometry.
- Makes sense for any algebraic structure.

Applications in topology

A sampler of applications in topology.

- Unstable Adams spectral sequence (Miller, Goerss).
- Obstruction theory for ring spectra (Goerss–Hopkins–Miller, Lurie)
- Realization and classification problems (Blanc, Blanc–Dwyer–Goerss, F., Biedermann–Raptis–Stelzer).
- Higher homotopy operations (Baues–Blanc, Blanc–Johnson–Turner).
- Knot theory: Quillen homology of racks and quandles (Szymik, Berest).

Outline

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Cohomology in algebra

Cohomology theories for algebraic structures:

- Group cohomology
- Lie algebra cohomology
- Hochschild cohomology of associative algebras
- André–Quillen cohomology of commutative rings

 $\bullet~{\rm etc.}$

Unified approach: Barr–Beck triple cohomology, based on simplicial resolutions (1969).

Put into the framework of model categories by Quillen (1967).

Idea: cohomology \approx derived functors of derivations.

Beck modules

Setup: An "algebraic" category C, e.g., groups, abelian groups, rings, commutative rings, R-modules, Lie algebras, etc.

Need a good notion of *coefficient module* M over X:

 $H^*(X; M).$

Definition (Beck 1967). For an object X in a category C, a **Beck** module over X is an abelian group object in the slice category C/X.

Denote the category of Beck modules over X

 $\operatorname{Mod}(X) \coloneqq (\mathcal{C}/X)_{\operatorname{ab}}.$

Pullback and pushforward

Definition. The pullback functor $f^* \colon \mathcal{C}/Y \to \mathcal{C}/X$ induces a functor

 $f^* \colon \operatorname{Mod}(Y) \to \operatorname{Mod}(X)$

also called the **pullback**.

Its left adjoint

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f_! \colon \operatorname{Mod}(X) \to \operatorname{Mod}(Y)
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is called the **pushforward** along f.

pullback = "restriction of scalars"
pushforward = "extension of scalars"

Groups

 $\mathcal{C} = \mathrm{Gp}$, the category of groups.

For a group G:

$$\operatorname{Mod}(G) \cong G$$
-modules in the usual sense
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}G$ -Mod.

A Beck module over G is a split extension of G with abelian kernel:

$$1 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow G \ltimes K \xrightarrow[e]{p} G \longrightarrow 1.$$

The G-action on K is given by $e(g)k = (g, g \cdot k)$. In other words:

$$(g,k)(g',k') = (gg',k+g\cdot k').$$

Groups, cont'd

For a map of groups $f: G \to H$, the pushforward functor is

 $f_! \colon \operatorname{Mod}(G) \to \operatorname{Mod}(H)$ $f_!(M) = \mathbb{Z}H \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}G} M.$

Rings

 $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Alg}_{\Bbbk}$, the category of (unital) algebras over a commutative ring \Bbbk .

For a k-algebra A:

$$\operatorname{Mod}(A) \cong {}_{A}\operatorname{Bimod}_{A}.$$

A Beck module over A is a split extension of A with square zero kernel:

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow A \oplus M \xrightarrow{p} A \longrightarrow 0.$$

The two actions on M are given by

$$(a,m)(a',m') = (aa', a \cdot m' + m \cdot a')$$

and they coincide for scalars in \Bbbk .

Rings, cont'd

For a map of k-algebras $f: A \to B$, the pullback functor

 $f^* \colon \operatorname{Mod}(B) \to \operatorname{Mod}(A)$

is the usual restriction of scalars:

$$a \cdot m \cdot a' \coloneqq f(a) \cdot m \cdot f(a').$$

The pushforward functor is

$$f_! \colon \operatorname{Mod}(A) \to \operatorname{Mod}(B)$$
$$f_!(M) = B \otimes_A M \otimes_A B.$$

Commutative rings

 $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Com}_{\Bbbk}$, the category of commutative \Bbbk -algebras.

For a commutative k-algebra A:

 $Mod(A) \cong Mod_A$ in the usual sense.

Same correspondence as for algebras, except that $A \oplus M$ must be commutative. This forces the two actions to coincide:

 $a \cdot m = m \cdot a.$

For a map of commutative k-algebras $f: A \to B$, the pushforward functor is extension of scalars:

 $f_! \colon \operatorname{Mod}(A) \to \operatorname{Mod}(B)$ $f_!(M) = B \otimes_A M.$

Remark. The notion of Beck module depends on the ambient category! A Beck module over A in Com_{\Bbbk} is **not** the same as in Alg_{\Bbbk} .

Lie algebras

 $\mathbb{k} = a$ field.

 $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Lie}_{\Bbbk}$, the category of Lie algebras over \Bbbk .

For a Lie algebra L:

 $Mod(L) \cong L$ -modules in the usual sense $\cong U(L)$ -Mod

where U(L) is the universal enveloping algebra of L.

A Beck module over L is a split extension of L with abelian kernel:

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow L \oplus M \xrightarrow[s]{p} L \longrightarrow 0$$

with [m, m'] = 0 for all $m, m' \in M$.

Lie algebras (cont'd)

The action of L on M is given by

$$[(\ell, 0), (0, m)] = (0, \ell \cdot m),$$

which satisfies

$$[\ell,\ell']\cdot m = \ell \cdot (\ell' \cdot m) - \ell' \cdot (\ell \cdot m).$$

Universal enveloping algebra

Usually, the category of Beck modules over X is equivalent to (left) modules over a ring $\mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$, called the **universal enveloping** algebra of X:

 $Mod(X) \cong \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$ -Mod.

Examples of universal enveloping algebras:

- 1. For a group G, the group ring $\mathbb{U}_{\mathrm{Gp}}(G) = \mathbb{Z}G$.
- 2. For a ring A, the enveloping ring $\mathbb{U}_{Alg_{\mathbb{Z}}}(A) = A \otimes A^{\mathrm{op}}$.
- 3. For a commutative ring R, the ring itself $\mathbb{U}_{\text{Com}_{\mathbb{Z}}}(R) = R$.
- 4. For a Lie algebra L over \Bbbk , the (classical) universal enveloping algebra $\mathbb{U}_{\text{Lie}_{\Bbbk}}(L) = U(L)$.

Derivations and differentials

Definition. A derivation of X with coefficients in a Beck module $p: E \to X$ is a section of p:



The abelian group of derivations is

$$Der(X, E) := Hom_{\mathcal{C}/X}(X \xrightarrow{id} X, E \xrightarrow{p} X)$$
$$\cong Hom_{(\mathcal{C}/X)_{ab}}(Ab_X(X \xrightarrow{id} X), E \xrightarrow{p} X),$$

where $Ab_X : \mathcal{C}/X \to (\mathcal{C}/X)_{ab}$ is the **abelianization** functor, i.e., the left adjoint to the forgetful functor $(\mathcal{C}/X)_{ab} \to \mathcal{C}/X$.

The module of **Kähler differentials** is $\Omega_{\mathcal{C}}(X) = Ab_X X$, which represents derivations.

Example: Commutative rings

Take $\mathcal{C} = \operatorname{Com}_{\Bbbk}$. Given a commutative \Bbbk -algebra A and an A-module M, a \Bbbk -linear map

 $(\mathrm{id}, f) \colon A \to A \oplus M$

is a (unital) ring homomorphism if and only if

$$\begin{cases} f(1_A) = 0\\ f(ab) = a \cdot f(b) + f(a) \cdot b & \rightsquigarrow \text{Leibniz rule.} \end{cases}$$

Der(A, M) = derivations in the usual sense.The A-module $Ab_A A$ is:

$$Ab_A A = I_A / I_A^2 = \Omega_{A/k},$$

where $I_A = \ker(\mu \colon A \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} A \to A)$. Classical module of Kähler differentials, which represents k-derivations:

$$\operatorname{Hom}_A(\Omega_{A/k}, M) \cong \operatorname{Der}_k(A, M).$$

Geometric interpretation

Analogy:

Example. 1. $A = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$ $\Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}} \cong \{p \, dx + q \, dy \mid p, q \in \mathbb{k}[x, y]\}$ $\cong A \langle dx, dy \rangle$ free A-module.

2.
$$A = \mathbb{k}[x, y]/(f)$$

 $\Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}} \cong A \langle dx, dy \rangle / \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \right\rangle.$

Quillen (co)homology

Quillen homology of $X \approx$ (simplicially) derived functors of Kähler differentials.

Quillen cohomology of X with coefficients in a module $M \approx$ (simplicially) derived functors of derivations with coefficients in M.

The "package":

- 1. Beck modules
- 2. Universal enveloping algebra
- 3. Derivations
- 4. Kähler differentials

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Divided power algebras

Introduced by Cartan in the 1950s. Appear in positive characteristic.

Divided power operations \approx operations γ_n that look like $\gamma_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!}$. More precisely...

Divided power algebras (cont'd)

Definition. Let A be a commutative k-algebra. A system of divided powers on an ideal $I \subseteq A$ is a collection of maps $\gamma_i \colon I \to A$ for $i \ge 0$ satisfying:

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{0}(a) &= 1\\ \gamma_{1}(a) &= a\\ \gamma_{i}(a) &\in I, \ i \geq 1\\ \gamma_{i}(a+b) &= \sum_{k=0}^{k=i} \gamma_{k}(a)\gamma_{i-k}(b), \ a, b \in I, \ i \geq 0\\ \gamma_{i}(ab) &= a^{i}\gamma_{i}(b), \ a \in A, \ i \geq 0\\ \gamma_{i}(a)\gamma_{j}(a) &= \frac{(i+j)!}{i!j!}\gamma_{i+j}(a), \ a \in I, \ i, j \geq 0\\ \gamma_{i}(\gamma_{j}(a)) &= \frac{(ij)!}{i!(j!)^{i}}\gamma_{ij}(a), \ a \in I, \ i \geq 0, \ j \geq 1. \end{split}$$

Usually A has an augmentation $\epsilon \colon A \to \Bbbk$ and $I = \ker(\epsilon)$.

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Examples

Example. The free divided power algebra over \mathbb{Z} on one generator x is

$$\mathbb{Z}[x, \frac{x^2}{2}, \dots, \frac{x^n}{n!}, \dots] \subset \mathbb{Q}[x].$$

Example. Over a field \Bbbk of characteristic 0, divided powers must in fact be given by

$$\gamma_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

 \rightsquigarrow No additional structure in that case.

In positive characteristic

Proposition (Soublin 1987). Over a field k of characteristic p > 0, a system of divided power operations is the same data as just the operation $\pi = \gamma_p : I \to I$ satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned} a^{p} &= 0, \ a \in I \\ \pi(a+b) &= \pi(a) + \pi(b) + \sum_{k=1}^{k=p-1} \frac{(-1)^{k}}{k} a^{k} b^{p-k}, \ a, b \in I \\ \pi(ab) &= 0, \ a, b \in I \\ \pi(\lambda a) &= \lambda^{p} \pi(a), \ a \in I, \lambda \in \mathbb{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Note: The operation π is non-additive!

Theorem (Dokas 2009). Worked out the "package" for divided power algebras over a field k of characteristic p > 0.

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Over a field k of characteristic p > 0, Lie algebras usually come with extra structure, that of a *restricted* Lie algebra.

Textbook account in Jacobson (1962).

Important in topology. See work of Milnor–Moore, May, Rector, Bousfield, Curtis, Priddy, etc. in the 1960s.

Restricted Lie algebras (cont'd)

Definition. A restricted Lie algebra L over \Bbbk is a Lie algebra together with a map $(-)^{[p]}: L \to L$ called the *p*-map satisfying:

$$(\alpha x)^{[p]} = \alpha^{p} x^{[p]}, \ \alpha \in \mathbb{k}$$
$$[x, y^{[p]}] = [\cdots [x, \underline{y}], y], \cdots, y]$$
$$p$$
$$(x+y)^{[p]} = x^{[p]} + y^{[p]} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} s_{i}(x, y)$$

where $is_i(x, y)$ is the coefficient of λ^{i-1} in $\operatorname{ad}_{\lambda x+y}^{p-1}(x)$.

Here $\operatorname{ad}_x \colon L \to L$ denotes the adjoint representation $\operatorname{ad}_x(y) \coloneqq [y, x], \ x, y \in L.$

Example. For p = 2, the last equation becomes: $(x + y)^{[2]} = x^{[2]} + [x, y] + y^{[2]}.$

Examples

Example. For a k-algebra A, the underlying restricted Lie algebra of A has the commutator bracket

$$[x,y] = xy - yx$$

and the p^{th} power map

$$x^{[p]} = x^p.$$

Example. The free restricted Lie algebra on a k-vector space V is the subspace

 $L^r(V) \subseteq T(V)$

obtained by taking V and closing it under commutators and p^{th} powers.

Theorem (Dokas 2004). Worked out the "package" for restricted Lie algebras over a field k of characteristic p > 0.

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Operads in sets

Idea: Encode a type of algebraic structure as

 $\mathcal{P}(n) = \{\text{the allowed } n\text{-ary operations}\}.$

Definition. A (symmetric) operad in sets $\mathcal{P} = {\mathcal{P}(n)}_{n\geq 0}$ is a sequence of sets $\mathcal{P}(n)$ with a right action of the symmetric group Σ_n together with composition maps

$$\circ: \mathcal{P}(k) \times \mathcal{P}(n_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{P}(n_k) \to \mathcal{P}(n_1 + \cdots + n_k)$$

and a unit $\eta \in \mathcal{P}(1)$ such that composition is associative, unital, and equivariant.

Algebras over operads

Example. For any set X, the endomorphism operad of X is:

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{End}_X(n) \coloneqq \operatorname{Hom}(X^n, X) \\ \circ = \text{ usual composition} \\ \eta = \operatorname{id}_X \in \operatorname{Hom}(X, X) \\ \Sigma_n \text{ acts by permuting the factors of } X^n. \end{cases}$$

Definition. A \mathcal{P} -algebra is a set X equipped with action maps $\alpha_n \colon \mathcal{P}(n) \to \operatorname{Hom}(X^n, X)$

compatible with composition, unit, and equivariance. In other words, an operad map

$$\alpha \colon \mathcal{P} \to \operatorname{End}_X .$$

Each *n*-ary operation symbol $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ yields an actual *n*-ary operation on *X*.

Examples

Example. The (unital) associative operad:

$$\operatorname{As}^{\operatorname{un}}(n) = \Sigma_n, \ n \ge 0.$$

 As^{un} -algebra = monoid.

Example. The (non-unital) associative operad:

$$\operatorname{As}(n) = \begin{cases} \Sigma_n, & n \ge 1\\ \emptyset, & n = 0. \end{cases}$$

As-algebra = semigroup.

Examples (cont'd)

Example. The (unital) commutative operad:

 $\operatorname{Com}^{\operatorname{un}}(n) = *, n \ge 0.$

 Com^{un} -algebra = commutative monoid.

Example. The (non-unital) commutative operad:

$$\operatorname{Com}(n) = \begin{cases} *, & n \ge 1\\ \emptyset, & n = 0. \end{cases}$$

Com-algebra = commutative semigroup.

Operads in vector spaces

What if we want k-vector spaces equipped with operations?

Instead of working in (Set, \times) , work in $(Vect_{\Bbbk}, \otimes_{\Bbbk})$.

 \rightsquigarrow Replace the Cartesian product \times with the tensor product \otimes_\Bbbk everywhere.

Definition. A (symmetric) **operad** in k-vector spaces $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(n)\}_{n \geq 0}$ is a sequence of k-vector spaces $\mathcal{P}(n)$ with a right action of the symmetric group Σ_n together with composition maps

$$\circ : \mathcal{P}(k) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \mathcal{P}(n_1) \otimes_{\Bbbk} \cdots \otimes_{\Bbbk} \mathcal{P}(n_k) \to \mathcal{P}(n_1 + \cdots + n_k)$$

and a unit $\eta \in \mathcal{P}(1)$ such that composition is associative, unital, and equivariant.

Warning. This forces operations $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(n)$ to be k-multilinear.

Examples

Taking the k-vector space spanned by an operad in sets yields an operad in k-vector spaces.

Example. The (unital) associative operad:

$$\operatorname{As}^{\operatorname{un}}(n) = \mathbb{k}\Sigma_n, \ n \ge 0.$$

 As^{un} -algebra = (unital) k-algebra.

Example. The (non-unital) associative operad:

$$\operatorname{As}(n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{k}\Sigma_n, & n \ge 1\\ 0, & n = 0. \end{cases}$$

As-algebra = (non-unital) k-algebra.

Examples (cont'd)

Example. The (unital) commutative operad:

 $\operatorname{Com}^{\operatorname{un}}(n) = \mathbb{k}, \ n \ge 0.$

 Com^{un} -algebra = (unital) commutative k-algebra.

Example. The (non-unital) commutative operad:

$$\operatorname{Com}(n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{k}, & n \ge 1\\ 0, & n = 0. \end{cases}$$

Com-algebra = (non-unital) commutative k-algebra.

Examples (cont'd)

Example. The Lie operad Lie is generated by an operation

 $[-,-] \in \operatorname{Lie}(2)$ Lie bracket [x,y]

subject to relations

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$$\begin{cases} [-,-] = -[-,-] \cdot (12) \in \text{Lie}(2) \\ [x,y] = -[y,x] & \text{skew-symmetry} \\ [-,[-,-]] + [-,[-,-]] \cdot (132) + [-,[-,-]] \cdot (123) = 0 \in \text{Lie}(3) \\ [x,[y,z]] + [y,[z,x]] + [z,[x,y]] = 0 & \text{Jacobi identity.} \end{cases}$$

Lie-algebra = Lie algebra if $char(k) \neq 2$.

Warning. In the case char(\Bbbk) = 2, Lie-algebra = "quasi-Lie algebra". Can't encode the equation [x, x] = 0 with an operad.

Quillen cohomology of \mathcal{P} -algebra

For the category C = P-Alg of P-algebras, the "package" has been worked out. Nice account in Loday–Vallette (2012).

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Free \mathcal{P} -algebras

Setup: \Bbbk = field of characteristic p > 0.

 \mathcal{P} = operad in k-vector spaces that is *reduced*, i.e., $\mathcal{P}(0) = 0$.

Free \mathcal{P} -algebra functor (forget-of-free monad)

$$S(\mathcal{P})\colon \operatorname{Vect}_{\Bbbk} \to \operatorname{Vect}_{\Bbbk}$$
$$S(\mathcal{P})(V) = \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} \left(\mathcal{P}(n) \otimes V^{\otimes n} \right)_{\Sigma_n}$$

Example: Tensor algebra

Example. Associative operad:

$$S(As)(V) = \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} (As(n) \otimes V^{\otimes n})_{\Sigma_n}$$
$$= \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} (\Bbbk \Sigma_n \otimes V^{\otimes n})_{\Sigma_n}$$
$$\cong \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} V^{\otimes n}$$
$$= T(V)$$

the (non-unital) tensor algebra.

Example: Symmetric algebra

Example. Commutative operad:

$$S(\operatorname{Com})(V) = \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} \left(\operatorname{Com}(n) \otimes V^{\otimes n} \right)_{\Sigma_n}$$
$$= \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} \left(\Bbbk \otimes V^{\otimes n} \right)_{\Sigma_n}$$
$$\cong \bigoplus_{n \ge 1} \operatorname{Sym}^n(V)$$
$$= \operatorname{Sym}(V)$$

the (non-unital) symmetric algebra.

Divided power algebras

Instead of taking coinvariants, take *invariants*. Norm map:

Proposition. $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$: Vect_k \rightarrow Vect_k is a monad.

Definition. A divided power \mathcal{P} -algebra is an algebra for the monad $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$.

 $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ -algebra $\approx \mathcal{P}$ -algebra + extra operations, usually non-additive.

Examples

Example. If char(\mathbb{k}) = 0, then $S(\mathcal{P}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \Gamma(\mathcal{P})$. No extra operations in that case.

 \leadsto Divided power operations are a *positive characteristic* phenomenon.

Theorem (Fresse 2000). 1. Associative operad: $S(As) \xrightarrow{\cong} \Gamma(As)$, so a $\Gamma(As)$ -algebra is just an As-algebra, i.e., a k-algebra.

- 2. Commutative operad: $\Gamma(\text{Com})$ -algebra = classical divided power algebra.
- 3. Lie operad: Γ (Lie)-algebra = restricted Lie algebra.

Results

Theorem (Ikonicoff 2020). Equational presentation for $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ -algebras.

 \rightsquigarrow List of operations satisfying a (big) list of equations.

Theorem (Dokas–F.–Ikonicoff). Worked out the "package" for $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ -algebras.

Reality check: Recovered the examples of classicial divided power algebras ($\mathcal{P} = \text{Com}$) and restricted Lie algebras ($\mathcal{P} = \text{Lie}$).

Comparison maps involving Quillen cohomology of $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ -algebras.

Thank you!