

Notes on A_∞ -algebras III (checked)

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This note continues (ainf1), (ainf2) and we have the same conventions. In particular k is a commutative ring. We begin with morphisms of A_∞ -algebras. If $(C, \Delta), (D, \Delta)$ are \mathbb{Z} -graded coalgebras a morphism $f: (C, \Delta) \rightarrow (D, \Delta)$ is a degree zero map such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes C & \xrightarrow{f \otimes f} & D \otimes D \\ \Delta \uparrow & & \uparrow \Delta \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & D \end{array}$$

commutes. Let A, B be \mathbb{Z} -graded k -modules.

Lemma There is a bijection between morphisms of coalgebras

$$f: \overline{TA}(1) \longrightarrow \overline{TB}(1)$$

and sequences of degree zero maps, $n \geq 1$

$$f_n: A(1)^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow B(1)$$

Proof Given f , define f_n to be $A(1)^{\otimes n} \hookrightarrow \overline{TA}(1) \xrightarrow{f} \overline{TB}(1) \twoheadrightarrow B(1)$, and given f_n define f to be the map with component

$$\begin{aligned} A(1)^{\otimes n} &\longrightarrow B(1)^{\otimes u} \\ \sum f_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes f_{i_u} & \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

with all $i_j \geq 1$ and $\sum i_j = n$,

First we show that f defined in this way is a morphism of coalgebras. We have

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$$\Delta f(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) = \sum \Delta(f_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_u})(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n)$$

and

$$(f \otimes f) \Delta(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) = (f \otimes f) \left((v_1) \otimes (v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \right. \\ \left. + \dots + (v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{n-1}) \otimes (v_n) \right)$$

$$= f(v_1) \otimes (v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \\ + f(v_1 \otimes v_2) \otimes (v_3 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \\ + \dots \\ + f(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{n-1}) \otimes f(v_n)$$

let us apply the projection to $B(1)^{\otimes a} \otimes B(1)^{\otimes b}$ on both sides.

$$\pi \Delta f(v) = \text{rebracketing of } \sum (f_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_u})(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \\ \begin{matrix} \text{B}(1)^{\otimes a+b} \\ \sum_{i_j = n} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} a+b = u \\ \sum_{i_j = n} \end{matrix}$$

$$\pi(f \otimes f) \Delta(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \\ = f(v_1)_a \otimes f(v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n)_b \\ + f(v_1 \otimes v_2)_a \otimes f(v_3 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n)_b \\ + \dots \\ + f(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{n-1})_a \otimes f(v_n)_b$$

But it is easily seen that these are the same. (handle $n=1$ separately)

Next we show that f is a morphism of coalgebras

it agrees with $\sum f_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_n}$. We prove this by induction, proving at the same time that $f(A(1)^{\otimes n}) \subseteq B(1) \oplus B(1)^{\otimes 2} \oplus \dots \oplus B(1)^{\otimes n}$.

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$n=1$

$$\Delta f = (f \otimes f) \Delta$$

$$\Delta f(v_i) = (f \otimes f) \Delta(v_i) = 0 \Rightarrow f(v_i) \in B(1)$$

$$\therefore f(v_i) = f_i(v_i).$$

$n \geq 1$

Suppose both claims hold for $v \in A(1)^{\otimes n}$ and let $v_{n+1} \in A(1)$ be given. Let π be the projection to $B(1)^{\otimes a} \otimes B(1)^{\otimes 1}$, $1 \leq a \leq n$.

$$\pi \Delta f(v \otimes v_{n+1}) = \text{rebracketing of } f(v \otimes v_{n+1})_{a+1}$$

$$\pi (f \otimes f) \Delta (v \otimes v_{n+1})$$

$$= \pi (f \otimes f) \left(\begin{array}{l} (v_1) \otimes (v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n \otimes v_{n+1}) \\ + \\ (v_1 \otimes v_2) \otimes (v_3 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n \otimes v_{n+1}) \\ + \\ \vdots \\ (v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \otimes (v_{n+1}) \end{array} \right)$$

$$= f(v_1)_a \otimes f(v_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_{n+1})_1,$$

$$+ \dots + f(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n)_a \otimes f(v_{n+1})_1$$

From this we see $f(v \otimes v_{n+1}) \in B(1)^{\otimes \leq n+1}$ and that f agrees with (1.2). \square

Lemma Let A, B be A_{∞} -algebras, and

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$$f_n: A(1)^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow B(1) \quad n \geq 1$$

a sequence of degree zero maps. The following are equivalent

(a) The associated $f: \overline{TA}(1) \rightarrow \overline{TB}(1)$ is a morphism of dg coalgebras, i.e. $fb = bf$.

(b) We have, as maps $A(1)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow B(1)$, for $n \geq 1$ (4.2)

$$\sum f_n(\mathbb{1}^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes \mathbb{1}^{\otimes t}) = \sum b_u(f_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_s})$$

where the first sum is over all decompositions $n = r + s + t$, $s \geq 1$, $r, t \geq 0$ and the second sum is over $s \geq 1$ and $i_j \geq 1$, $\sum i_j = n$.

Proof The maps b are coderivations, so

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(fb) &= (f \otimes f) \Delta b = (f \otimes f)(b \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b) \Delta \\ \Delta(bf) &= (b \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b) \Delta f = (b \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b)(f \otimes f) \Delta \\ &= (bf \otimes f + f \otimes bf) \Delta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta(fb - bf) =$$

$$\Delta(fb - bf) = ([fb - bf] \otimes f + f \otimes [fb - bf]) \Delta$$

From this formula we deduce that to show $fb = bf$ it is necessary and sufficient that the components $A(1)^{\otimes n} \xrightarrow{fb - bf} \overline{TB}(1) \rightarrow B(1)$ vanish. But this is (4.2). \square

Def^N A morphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ of A_∞ -algebras is a sequence of degree zero maps

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$$f_n: A(1)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow B(1) \quad n \geq 1$$

satisfying the equivalent conditions of the above lemma.

Note It is obvious that A_∞ -algebras form a category, with a fully faithful functor

$$A_\infty\text{-alg} \longrightarrow \text{dg-coalgebras}$$

$$(A, b_n) \longmapsto (\overline{TA}(1), \Delta, b)$$

Given $f: A \rightarrow B$, $g: B \rightarrow C$ the composite has

$$(g \circ f)_n = \sum g_u(f_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_u})$$

where the sum is over all $i_j \geq 1$ with $\sum i_j = n$, and $u \geq 1$. The identity $1_A: A \rightarrow A$ has components $(1_A)_1 = 1_{A(1)}$, $(1_A)_n = 0$, $n > 1$.

Example In (4.2) the condition for $n=1$ says

$$f_1 b_1 = b_1 f_1$$

i.e. f_1 is a morphism of complexes. For $n=2$ it says

$$f_1 b_2 + f_2(1 \otimes b_1 + b_1 \otimes 1) = b_2(f_1 \otimes f_1) + b_1 f_2$$

i.e. f_1 preserves the multiplication b_2 up to homotopy given by f_2 .