

The morphisms in the simplicial index category Δ are generated by

$$d^i : [n-1] \rightarrow [n], \quad 0 \leq i \leq n,$$

$$s^i : [n+1] \rightarrow [n], \quad 0 \leq i \leq n,$$

where d^i (resp. s^i) is the unique injective (resp. surjective) non-decreasing map that omits (resp. repeats) $i \in [n]$, subject to the relations

$$d^j d^i = d^i d^{j-1} \quad \text{if } i < j$$

$$s^j d^i = \begin{cases} d^i s^{j-1} & \text{if } i < j \\ \text{id} & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } i = j+1 \\ d^{i-1} s^j & \text{if } i > j+1 \end{cases}$$

$$s^j s^i = s^{i-1} s^j \quad \text{if } i > j.$$

So a functor

$$X[-] : \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

amounts to objects $X[n]$, $n \geq 0$, together with maps

$$d_i : X[n] \rightarrow X[n-1] \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$$

$$s_i : X[n] \rightarrow X[n+1] \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$$

that satisfy the dual relations

$$d_i d_j = d_{j-1} d_i \quad \text{if } i < j$$

$$d_i s_j = \begin{cases} s_{j-1} d_i & \text{if } i < j \\ \text{id} & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } i = j+1 \\ s_j d_{i-1} & \text{if } i > j+1 \end{cases}$$

Let A be an associative unital ring. We define the Hochschild complex of A to be the simplicial abelian group

$$[n] \mapsto \text{hh}(A)[n]$$

with

$$\text{hh}(A)[n] = A \otimes \cdots \otimes A$$

— $n+1$ —

and

$$d_i(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) = \begin{cases} a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n, & 0 \leq i < n, \\ a_n a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n, & i = n, \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon_i(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i \otimes 1 \otimes a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \quad 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

There is a canonical isomorphism

$$\pi_g | \mathrm{hh}(A)[-] | \approx H_g(\mathrm{hh}(A)[-]; d)$$

where

$$d: \mathrm{hh}(A)[n] \rightarrow \mathrm{hh}(A)[n-1]$$

$$d = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n} (-1)^i d_i.$$

This is true for every simplicial abelian group.

Ex If A is commutative

$$\mathrm{hh}_0(A) = A$$

$$\mathrm{hh}_1(A) \xleftarrow{\sim} \Omega_A^1$$

$$\text{class of } a_0 a_1 \xleftarrow{\sim} a_0 d a_1$$

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The Hochschild construction is Morita invariant:

Prop Suppose that the categories

of (left) modules over the rings A and B are equivalent. Then there is a natural weak equivalence

$$|hh(A)[-]| \cong |hh(B)[-]|.$$

Pf The categories \mathcal{M}_A and \mathcal{M}_B of left A -modules and left B -modules are equivalent if and only if there exists a pair of bi-modules

P A - B -bi-module

Q B - A -bi-module

and hom. of bi-modules

$$P \otimes_B Q \xrightarrow{\sim} A \quad A\text{-}A\text{-bimod.}$$

$$Q \otimes_A P \xrightarrow{\sim} B \quad B\text{-}B\text{-bimod.}$$

The category equivalences are then

$$\mathcal{M}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_B$$

$$\mathcal{M}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_A$$

$$M \mapsto Q \otimes_A M$$

$$N \mapsto P \otimes_B N$$

Consider the bi-simplicial abelian group

$$E[m, n] = P \otimes A^{\otimes m} \otimes Q \otimes B^{\otimes n}$$

where

$$d_i : E[m, n] \rightarrow E[m-1, n] \quad 0 \leq i \leq m$$

$$d'_i : E[m, n] \rightarrow E[m, n-1] \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$$

are given by

$$d_i (p \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n)$$

$$= \begin{cases} p \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n & i=0 \\ p \otimes \dots \otimes a_i \otimes a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes \dots \otimes b_n & 0 < i < m \\ p \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n & i=m \end{cases}$$

$$d'_i (p \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n)$$

$$= \begin{cases} p \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n & i=0 \\ p \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes \dots \otimes b_i \otimes b_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes b_n & 0 < i < n \\ b_n \otimes p \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_m \otimes q \otimes \dots \otimes b_{n-1} & i=n \end{cases}$$

The homotopy groups of the realization

$$| [m] \mapsto | [n] \mapsto E[m, n] |$$

$$\approx | [n] \mapsto | [m] \mapsto E[m, n] |$$

are isomorphic to the homology groups of the total complex of the associated bi-complex

$$E[m, n] \xrightarrow{d} E[m-1, n]$$

$$E[m, n] \xrightarrow{d'} E[m, n-1]$$

There are two spectral sequences for calculating this homology:

$$E_{s,t}^2 = H_s(H_t(E[-, -]; d); d')$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_{s+t} | E[-, -] |$$

$$'E_{s,t}^2 = H_s(H_t(E[-, -]; d'); d)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_{s+t} | E[-, -] |$$

and

$$E_{s,t}^2 = \begin{cases} hh_s(B), & t=0 \\ 0, & t>0 \end{cases}$$

$$E_{s,t}^2 = \begin{cases} hh_s(A), & t=0 \\ 0, & t>0 \end{cases}$$

So

$$hh_g(A) \approx \pi_g |E[-, -]| \approx hh_g(B). \quad //$$

This suggests that we can define $hh(A)[-]$ as a functor of the category \mathcal{M} of modules rather than as a functor of the ring A .

Let \mathcal{C} be a category where:

$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c, c') : \text{abelian group}$

$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c', c) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c'', c') : \text{bilinear.}$

$\xrightarrow{\circ} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c'', c)$

Call \mathcal{C} a ringoid. Indeed, a ringoid with one object is a ring. We define

$$hh(\mathcal{C})[-] : \Delta^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{Ab}$$

$$hh(\mathcal{E})[n]$$

$$= \bigoplus_{(c_0, \dots, c_n)} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c_0, c_n) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c_n, c_{n-1})$$

$$d_i : hh(\mathcal{E})[n] \rightarrow hh(\mathcal{E})[n-1]$$

maps the summand indexed by (c_0, \dots, c_n) to the summand indexed by $(c_0, \dots, \hat{c}_i, \dots, c_n)$ by the map

$$d_i(f_0 \otimes f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)$$

$$= \begin{cases} f_0 \otimes \dots \otimes f_i f_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_n & 0 \leq i < n \\ f_n f_0 \otimes f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_{n-1} & i = n \end{cases};$$

$$s_i : hh(\mathcal{E})[n] \rightarrow hh(\mathcal{E})[n+1]$$

maps the summand (c_0, \dots, c_n) to the summand $(c_0, \dots, c_i, c_i, \dots, c_n)$ by

$$s_i(f_0 \otimes f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)$$

$$= f_0 \otimes \dots \otimes f_i \otimes \text{id}_{c_i} \otimes f_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_n \quad 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

A linear functor $\phi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ indu-

ces a map

$$\phi_* : hh(\mathcal{C})[-] \rightarrow hh(\mathcal{D})[-]$$

that takes the summand of $hh(\mathcal{C})[n]$ indexed by (c_0, \dots, c_n) to the summand of $hh(\mathcal{D})[n]$ indexed by $(\phi(c_0), \dots, \phi(c_n))$ by the map

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c_0, c_n) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c_n, c_{n-1})$$

$$\downarrow \phi \otimes \dots \otimes \phi$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\phi(c_0), \phi(c_n)) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(\phi(c_n), \phi(c_{n-1}))$$

Lemma Let $\eta : \phi_0 \rightarrow \phi_1$ be a natural isomorphism. Then η induces a simplicial homotopy

$$H_\eta : hh(\mathcal{C})[-] \times N[1][-] \rightarrow hh(\mathcal{D})[-]$$

from ϕ_{0*} to ϕ_{1*} .

Pf We make the maps in $[n]$ go in the opposite direction today. Let

$$\alpha = (i_0 \xleftarrow{\alpha_1} i_1 \xleftarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \xleftarrow{\alpha_n} i_n)$$

be an element of $N[I][n]$. Then $H_\eta(-, \alpha)$ takes the summand (c_0, \dots, c_n) to the summand indexed by $(\phi_0(c_0), \dots, \phi_n(c_n))$ by the map

$$\text{Hom}_\mathcal{D}(\eta^{-i_0}, \eta^{i_0}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Hom}_\mathcal{D}(\eta^{-i_n}, \eta^{i_n})$$

This map is compatible with the simplicial structure maps. //

Cor Let $\phi: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a linear equivalence of categories. Then

$$\phi_*: \text{hh}(\mathcal{C})[-] \rightarrow \text{hh}(\mathcal{D})[-]$$

is a homotopy equivalence. //

We say that a full subcategory $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{D}$ is cofinal if, for every $d \in \text{ob } \mathcal{D}$, there exists $c \in \text{ob } \mathcal{C}$ together with morphisms in \mathcal{D}

$$d \xrightarrow{s} c \xrightarrow{r} d$$

such that $rs = \text{id}_d$.

Ex The category F_A of f.g. free

A -modules is a cofinal subcategory of the category \mathcal{P}_A of f.g. projective A -modules.

Prop Suppose $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{D}$ is cofinal. Then

$$hh(\mathcal{C})[-] \xrightarrow{\sim} hh(\mathcal{D})[-].$$

Pf Similar: exercise. //

We view A as a ringoid with one object. Then there is a map of ringoids

$$A \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathcal{P}_A$$

unique object \mapsto free module of rk. 1

Prop The induced map

$$hh(A)[-] \xrightarrow{\iota_*} hh(\mathcal{P}_A)[-]$$

is a weak equivalence.

Pf Let $F_A^k \subset F_A$ be the full subcategories of f.g. free A -

modules of rank $\leq k$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{hh}(A)[-] & \xrightarrow[\text{Morita}]{\sim} & \text{colim}_n \text{hh}(M_n(A))[-] \\
 \downarrow & & \sim \downarrow \text{cofinality} \\
 \text{hh}(F_A)[-] & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \text{colim}_n \text{hh}(F_A^{\sim})[-] \\
 \downarrow \text{cofinality} & & \\
 \text{hh}(P_A)[-] & & //
 \end{array}$$