

# $A_\infty$ -Bialgebras and the Mod 3 Homology of $K(\mathbb{Z},n)$

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## Abstract

A. Berciano applied perturbation methods of T. Kadeishvili and others to define an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra structure  $\{\Delta_i : H \rightarrow H^{\otimes i}\}_{i \geq 2}$  on  $H = H_*(\mathbb{Z}, n; \mathbb{Z}_p)$ . Since  $H$  is a Hopf algebra,  $\Delta_2$  is compatible with the Pontryagin product  $\mu$  as a map of algebras, and it is natural to ask whether the higher order  $\Delta_i$ 's are in some sense compatible with  $\mu$  as well.

Indeed, let  $f = (\Delta_2 \otimes 1) \Delta_2$ ; when  $p = 3$ , there is a tensor factor of  $H$  of form  $E \otimes \Gamma$  on which there are exactly two non-vanishing  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra operations  $\Delta_2$  and  $\Delta_3$ . We prove that  $\Delta_3$  is compatible with  $\mu$  as an  $(f, f)$ -derivation. Thus  $E \otimes \Gamma$  is a naturally occurring example of a Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra.

Furthermore,  $H$  admits operations  $\Delta_i$ , for all  $i \geq 2$ . Since  $H$  is the homology of a DG Hopf algebra, all  $A_\infty$ -bialgebra structure relations involving  $\Delta_i$  and  $\mu$  are satisfied. But whether or not  $\Delta_i$  is compatible with  $\mu$  as some "higher derivation" is an open question.

## General $A_\infty$ -bialgebras

- Classical constructions:

- a. Chain maps

$$\mathcal{A}ss \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes n}, A)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\infty \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes n}, A)$$

in the category of non- $\Sigma$  operads define strictly associative and  $A_\infty$ -algebra structures on  $A$

- b. There is a minimal resolution of operads

$$\mathcal{A}_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ss$$

- c.  $\mathcal{A}_\infty$  is realized by  $C_*(K_n)$

- Generalizations:

- a.  $\mathcal{A}ss$  extends to the *bialgebra matrad*  $\mathcal{H}$

- b.  $\mathcal{A}_\infty$  extends to  $A_\infty$ -*bialgebra matrad*  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$

- c. Chain maps

$$\mathcal{H} \rightarrow Hom(H^{\otimes m}, H^{\otimes n})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\infty \rightarrow Hom(H^{\otimes m}, H^{\otimes n})$$

in the category if matrads define strictly coassociative and  $A_\infty$ -bialgebra structures on  $H$

- d. There is a minimal resolution of matrads

$$\mathcal{H}_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

- e.  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  is realized by  $C_*(KK_{n,m})$

**Goal:** Specify the combinatorics of  $KK_{n,m}$  in dimensions  $\leq 3$

- $\dim KK_{n,m} = n + m - 3$
- $KK_{n,1} = KK_{1,n} = K_n$  is Stasheff's associahedron

**Strategy:** Define cellular boundary  $\partial$  on top dim'l faces and extend inductively to lower dimensions.

- $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  has one generator in each bideg  $(m, n)$  :

$$\theta_m^n = \begin{array}{c} n \\ \diagup \quad \dots \quad \diagdown \\ \diagdown \quad \dots \quad \diagup \\ m \end{array}$$

thought of as an operation in

$$M = \{M_{n,m} = \text{Hom}(H^{\otimes m}, H^{\otimes n})\}$$

- Data flows upward

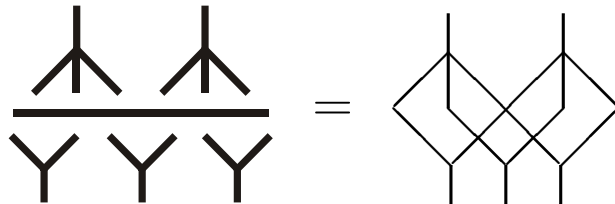
## Markl's Fraction Product on $TM$

Non-zero monomials generated by the  $\theta_m^n$ 's are "fractions"  $\alpha$  of the form

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_p^{y_1} \cdots \alpha_p^{y_q}}{\alpha_{x_1}^q \cdots \alpha_{x_p}^q}$$

in which

1. There are  $q$  factors above  $\Leftrightarrow$  each factor below has  $q$  outputs
2. There are  $p$  factors below  $\Leftrightarrow$  each factor above has  $p$  inputs
3. The  $j^{\text{th}}$  output of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  factor below links to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  input of  $j^{\text{th}}$  factor above



- $\dim \alpha = \sum_{i,j} \dim \alpha_{x_i}^q + \dim \alpha_p^{y_j}$

- The fraction product is not associative:

$$\frac{\frac{A}{B}}{C} = \frac{\frac{\frac{A}{B}}{C}}{D}$$

$$(AB)C \neq 0 = A(BC)$$

- Operad of up-rooted Planar Rooted Trees (PRTs) is the free associative algebra

$$A = \langle |, \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \diagup \diagdown \\ | \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \diagup \diagdown \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ | \end{array}, \dots \rangle / \sim$$

- Monomials in  $A$  are classes of fraction products

- Differential on  $A$  :

$$\partial(\theta_m^1) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha_m^1 \in A \cdot A \\ \dim \alpha_m^1 = m-3}} \pm \alpha_m^1$$

- Similarly, the operad of down-rooted PRTs

$$C = \langle \mathbf{I}, \Upsilon, \Psi, \Psi, \dots \rangle / \sim \text{ with}$$

$$\partial(\theta_1^n) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1^n \in C \cdot C \\ \dim \alpha_1^n = n-3}} \pm \alpha_1^n$$

- $A$  and  $C$  represent the  $A_\infty$ -operad  $\mathcal{A}_\infty$

## Matrad Products in dimensions $\leq 3$

- Appropriately restrict the fraction product

Given

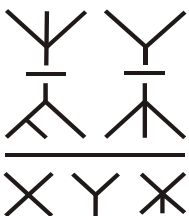
$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_p^{y_1} \cdots \alpha_p^{y_q}}{\alpha_{x_1}^q \cdots \alpha_{x_p}^q}$$

use its *upper and lower leaf sequences*

$$\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_q) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_p)$$

to decorate  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{y}} = \alpha$$

**Example:**  $\alpha_{213}^{32} =$  

Use leaf sequences to decorate factors:

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_{\mathbf{p}_1}^{y_1} \cdots \alpha_{\mathbf{p}_q}^{y_q}}{\alpha_{\mathbf{x}_1}^{\mathbf{q}_1} \cdots \alpha_{\mathbf{x}_p}^{\mathbf{q}_p}}$$

The *upper and lower contact sequences* of  $\alpha$  are

$$(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_q) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_p)$$

**Example:** The *upper and lower contact sequences* of

$$\alpha = \frac{\begin{array}{cc} \text{Y} & \text{Y} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{Y} & \text{Y} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{ccc} \text{X} & \text{Y} & \text{X} \end{array}}$$

are

$$((2, 1), (3)) \quad \text{and} \quad ((2), (2), (2)).$$

## Diagonal on Associahedra (Saneblidze-U)

Define  $\Delta_K : C_*(K_n) \rightarrow C_*(K_n) \otimes C_*(K_n)$  by

$$\Delta_K(\text{Y}) = \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y}$$

$$\Delta_K(\text{Y}) = \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} + \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_K(\text{Y}) = & \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} + \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} \\ & + \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} + \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} \\ & + \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} + \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} \end{aligned}$$

Define the *left-iterated diagonal* via

$$\Delta_K^{(0)} = \text{id}$$

$$\Delta_K^{(k)} = (\Delta_K \otimes \text{id}^{\otimes k-1}) \Delta_K^{(k-1)}$$

- View each component of  $\Delta_K^{(q-1)} \left( \begin{array}{c} | \\ \diagup \dots \diagdown \\ p \end{array} \right)$  as  
a  $(p - 3)$ -dim'l subcomplex of  $K_p^{\times q}$

- A non-zero *matrad monomial*

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_{\mathbf{p}_1}^{\mathbf{y}_1} \cdots \alpha_{\mathbf{p}_q}^{\mathbf{y}_q}}{\alpha_{\mathbf{x}_1}^{\mathbf{q}_1} \cdots \alpha_{\mathbf{x}_p}^{\mathbf{q}_p}}$$

of dimension  $\leq 3$  satisfies

1. UCS  $(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_q)$  is the list of LLS's in  
some component of  $\Delta_K^{(q-1)} \left( \begin{array}{c} | \\ \diagup \dots \diagdown \\ p \end{array} \right)$

2. LCS  $(\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_p)$  is the list of ULS's of  
some component of  $\Delta_K^{(p-1)} \left( \begin{array}{c} q \\ \diagdown \dots \diagup \\ | \end{array} \right)$

**Example:** In

$$\alpha = \frac{\begin{array}{cc} \text{Y} & \text{Y} \\ \hline \text{Y} & \text{Y} \end{array}}{\text{X Y X}},$$

UCS  $((2, 1), (3))$  is the list of LLS's in

$$\text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} \text{ in } \Delta_K^{(1)}(\text{Y})$$

LCS  $((2), (2), (2))$  is the list of ULS's in

$$\text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} \otimes \text{Y} = \Delta_K^{(2)}(\text{Y})$$

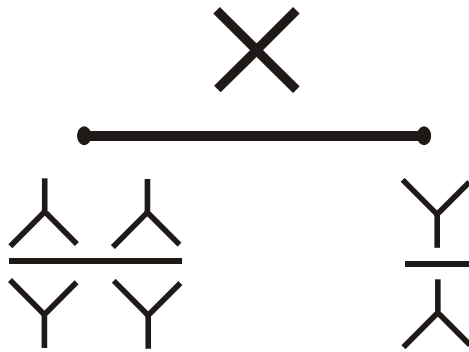
$$\text{Let } B' = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} | \\ \vee \\ \vee \\ \wedge \\ \times \\ \vee \\ \wedge \\ \times \\ \times \\ \vee \end{array} \right\rangle / \sim$$

For  $m + n \leq 6$ , define

$$\partial(\theta_m^n) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha_m^n \in B \cdot B \\ \dim \alpha_m^n = m+n-4}} \pm \alpha_m^n$$

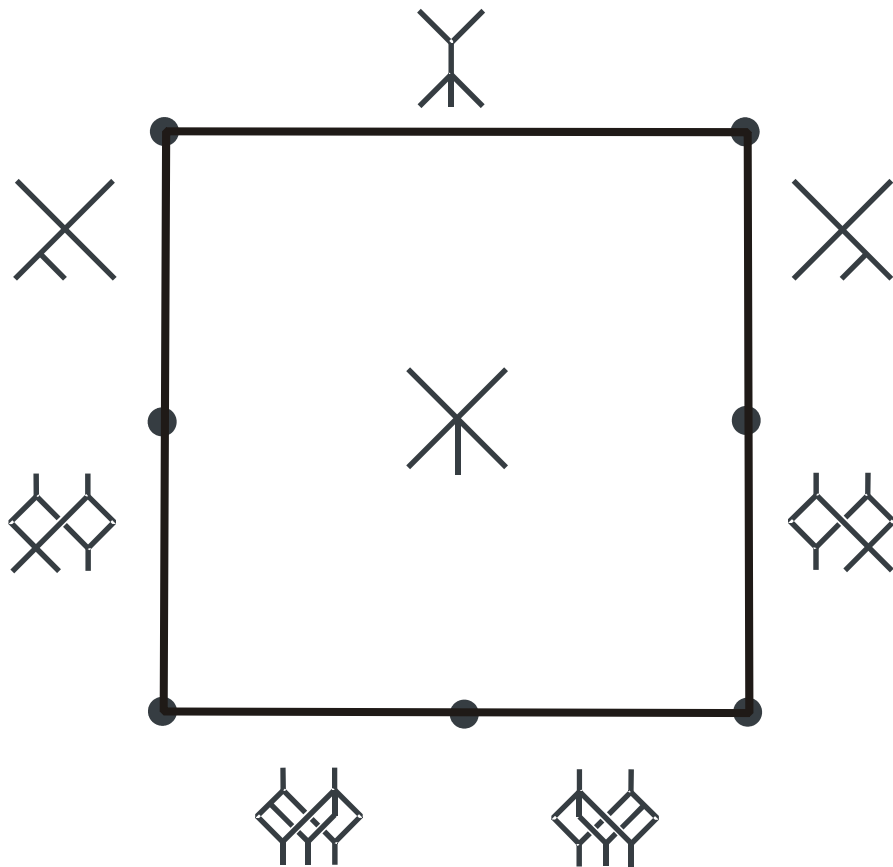
Then

$$\partial(\times) = \frac{\vee}{\vee} + \frac{\vee \vee}{\vee \vee}$$



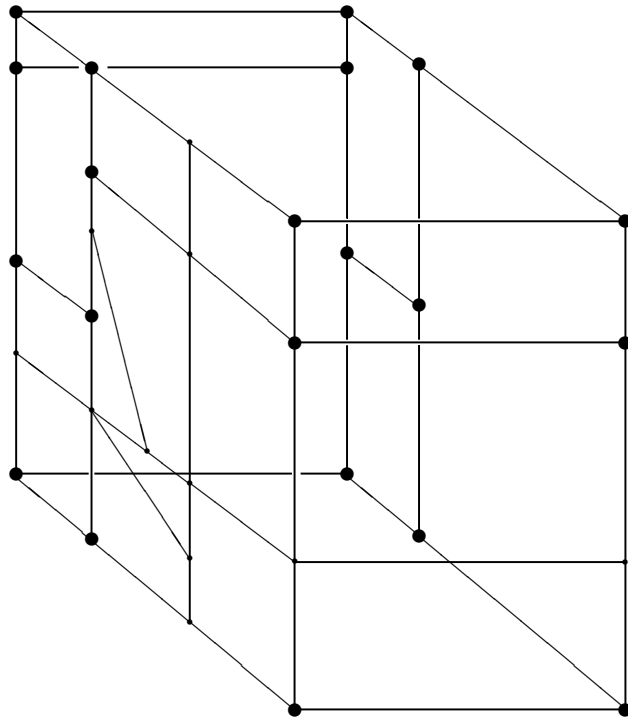
$KK_{2,2}$

$$\partial(\times) = \frac{Y}{\downarrow} + \frac{X}{\downarrow} + \frac{X}{\downarrow} + \frac{\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \downarrow \\ \times Y \end{array}}{\downarrow} + \frac{\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \downarrow \\ Y \times \end{array}}{\downarrow} + \frac{\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \downarrow \\ Y Y Y \end{array}}{\downarrow} + \frac{\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \downarrow \\ Y Y Y \end{array}}{\downarrow}$$

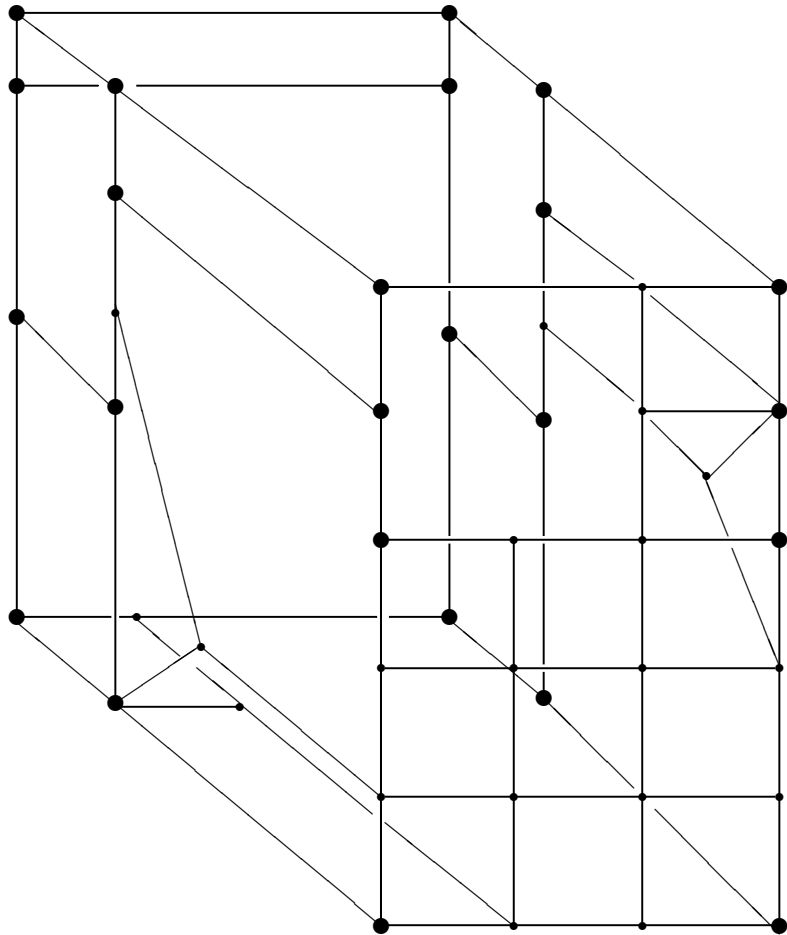


$KK_{2,3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial(\times) = & \frac{Y}{\wedge} + \frac{X}{\wedge|} + \frac{X}{| \wedge} + \frac{X}{\wedge||} + \frac{X}{| \wedge|} \\
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\end{aligned}$$



$KK_{2,4}$



$KK_{3,3}$

- $C_*(KK)$  realizes the  $A_\infty$ -bialgebra matrad  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$
- $End(TH)$  is canonically a matrad
- A map of matrads

$$\mathcal{H}_\infty \rightarrow End(TH)$$

defines an  $A_\infty$ -bialgebras structure on  $H$ .

- An  $A_\infty$ -bialgebra is an algebra over  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$

Alternatively...

## The Biderivative

Monomials  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{x_1}^{y_1} & \cdots & \alpha_{x_p}^{y_1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{x_1}^{y_q} & \cdots & \alpha_{x_p}^{y_q} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{y}}$  are

called *bisequence matrices* and

$$\mathbf{M} = \bigoplus_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{y}}$$

- There is a product  $\Upsilon : \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \longrightarrow \mathbf{M}$
- For each  $m, n \geq 1$ , choose

$$\omega_m^n \in \text{Hom}(H^{\otimes m}, H^{\otimes n})$$

and let  $\omega = \sum \omega_m^n$

- The “biderivative”  $d_\omega : M \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  induces a non-bilinear operation

$$\odot : M \times M \xrightarrow{d_\bullet \times d_\bullet} \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \xrightarrow{\Upsilon} \mathbf{M} \xrightarrow{proj} M$$

Construct  $d_\omega$  as follows:

- Linearly extend  $d = \omega_1^1$  to  $(H^{\otimes p})^{\otimes q}$

- Freely extend the map

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} \omega_1^j : H \rightarrow T^a H$$

as a derivation

- Cofreely extend the map

$$\sum_{i \geq 1} \omega_i^1 : T^c H \rightarrow H$$

as a coderivation

- Freely extend the map

$$\sum_{j > 1} \omega_i^j : H^{\otimes i} \rightarrow T^a H$$

as a  $\Delta_P$ -derivation for each  $i$

- Cofreely extend the map

$$\sum_{i > 1} \omega_i^j : T^c H \rightarrow H^{\otimes j}$$

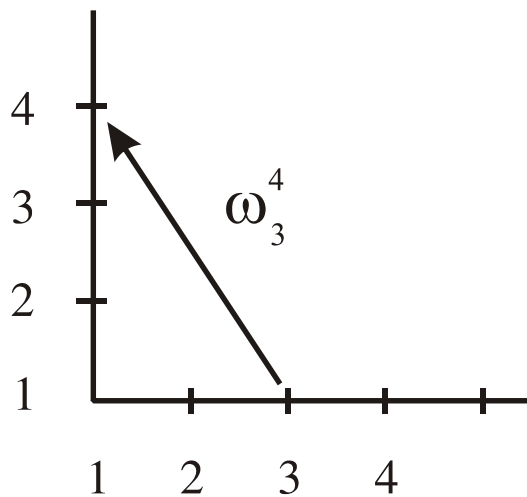
as a  $\Delta_P$ -coderivation for each  $j$

To picture this, make the identification

$$(H^{\otimes p})^{\otimes q} \leftrightarrow (p, q) \in \mathbb{N}^2$$

and represent  $\omega_p^q : H^{\otimes p} \rightarrow H^{\otimes q}$  as a

“transgressive” arrow  $(p, 1) \rightarrow (1, q)$  :



- Represent components  $A$  and  $B$  of the extensions above as arrows in  $\mathbb{N}^2$

- When the terminal point of  $B$  is the initial point of  $A$  define

$$\gamma(A \otimes B) = A \circ \sigma_{p,q} \circ B$$

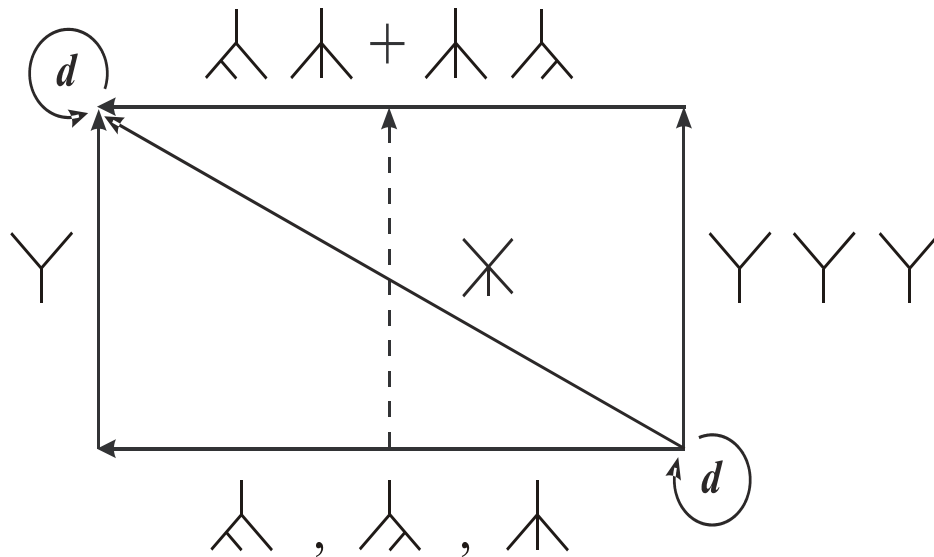
where  $\sigma_{p,q} : (H^{\otimes p})^{\otimes q} \xrightarrow{\cong} (H^{\otimes q})^{\otimes p}$  is the canonical permutation of tensor factors

- Define  $\omega \odot \omega = \sum_{A,B \in d_\omega} \gamma(A \otimes B)$
- Summands of  $\omega \odot \omega$  have one of two types:
  1.  $\gamma(\omega_j^k \otimes \underbrace{(\mathbf{1} \cdots \omega_i^1 \cdots \mathbf{1})}_j)$  and vice versa
  2.  $\gamma(A_1 \cdots A_t \otimes B_1 \cdots B_s)$  with  $s, t \geq 2$   
(sequences of arrows)

- When  $\omega \odot \omega = 0$ , there is a relation involving certain “transgressive” products  $\gamma(A \otimes B)$  from  $(p, 1)$  to  $(1, q)$  for each  $p$  and  $q$

**Example:** When  $\omega_2^2 = 0$  there is the relation

$$d \times + \times d = \text{Y} + \text{Y} + \text{Y}$$



**Alternative Definition:**

$(H, \omega)$  is an  $A_\infty$ -bialgebra if  $\omega \odot \omega = 0$

## $A_\infty$ -Coalgebras and $H_*(\mathbb{Z}, n; \mathbb{Z}_p)$

Given a DG  $R$ -module  $(A, \partial)$ ,  $\deg \partial = -1$ ,  
 $\partial^{\otimes n}$  denotes the free linear extension to  $A^{\otimes n}$

For each  $n \geq 1$ , define

$$\begin{aligned}\delta^n : \text{Hom}(A, A^{\otimes n}) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, A^{\otimes n}) \\ \delta^n(f) &= \partial^{\otimes n} f - (-1)^{|f|} f \partial\end{aligned}$$

- $(\text{Hom}(A, A^{\otimes *}), \delta)$  is a DG  $R$ -module

Given  $\Delta_2 \in \text{Hom}^0(A, A^{\otimes 2})$ , let

$$f = (\Delta_2 \otimes \mathbf{1}) \Delta_2 \quad \text{and} \quad g = (\mathbf{1} \otimes \Delta_2) \Delta_2$$

- The cochain  $g - f \in \text{Hom}^0(A, A^{\otimes 3})$   
measures the deviation from coassociativity

- A *coassociating homotopy* from  $f$  to  $g$  is a map  $\Delta_3 \in \text{Hom}^1(A, A^{\otimes 3})$  such that

$$\partial\Delta_3 + \Delta_3\partial^{\otimes 3} = g - f$$

- A *chain map*  $\xi : \mathcal{A}_\infty \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, A^{\otimes *})$  that preserves operadic structure defines an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra structure on  $A$ .

$\Delta_2 = \xi(\Upsilon)$  is a comultiplication

$\Delta_3 = \xi(\Upsilon)$  is a coassociating homotopy

$\Delta_4 = \xi(\Psi)$  is a homotopy of homotopies

**Theorem (Berciano)** *For all odd primes  $p$ ,*

$$E(v, 2n + 1) \otimes \Gamma(w, 2np + 2)$$

*is an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra with  $\Delta_q \neq 0$  iff  $q = 2, p$ .*

*In fact, for  $i = 0, 1$  and  $\gamma_j = \gamma_j(w)$ ,*

$$\Delta_2(v^i \gamma_j) = \sum_{k=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j v^k \gamma_l \otimes v^{i-k} \gamma_{j-l}$$

$$\Delta_p(v^i \gamma_j) = \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_p = j-1} v^{i+1} \gamma_{k_1} \otimes \dots \otimes v^{i+1} \gamma_{k_p}$$

**Question 1:** Since  $E(v, 2n+1) \otimes \Gamma(w, 2np+2)$  is a Hopf algebra,  $\Delta_2$  is compatible with the multiplication  $\mu$  in the sense that  $\Delta_2$  is an algebra map. Is  $\Delta_p$  in some sense compatible with  $\mu$ ?

## $\Delta$ -Derivations (Saneblidze, U)

Consider an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra  $(A, \Delta_n)_{n \geq 2}$  with operadic representation  $\xi$  and associative multiplication  $\mu : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ .

- If  $\Delta_2$  is an algebra map, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_2 \mu &= \mu^{\otimes 2} \sigma_{2,2} (\Delta_2 \otimes \Delta_2) \\ &= \mu^{\otimes 2} \sigma_{2,2} [(\xi \otimes \xi) \Delta_K (e^0)],\end{aligned}$$

we say that  $\Delta_2$  is a  $\Delta$ -*derivation with respect to the empty family*  $\mathfrak{F}_2$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{F}_3 &= \{f = (\Delta_2 \otimes 1) \Delta_2, g = (1 \otimes \Delta_2) \Delta_2\} \\ &\leftrightarrow \{\text{faces of } K_3 \text{ with } \text{codim} > 0\}\end{aligned}$$

is a  $\Delta$ -*compatible family on vertices of*  $K_3$ .

- If  $\Delta_3$  is a  $(f, g)$ -derivation, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_3\mu &= \mu^{\otimes 3}\sigma_{3,2}[f \otimes \Delta_3 + \Delta_3 \otimes g] \\ &= \mu^{\otimes 2}\sigma_{3,2}[(\xi \otimes \xi) \Delta_K(e^1)],\end{aligned}$$

we say that  $\Delta_3$  is a  $\Delta$ -*derivation with respect to*  $\mathfrak{F}_3$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{F}_4 &= \{\text{compositions involving } \Delta_2, \Delta_3\} \\ &\leftrightarrow \{\text{faces of } K_4 \text{ with } \text{codim} > 0\}\end{aligned}$$

is a  $\Delta$ -*compatible family on the edges and vertices of*  $K_4$ .

Continue inductively:

- If  $\Delta_4$  is a  $\Delta$ -derivation with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}_4$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } \Delta_4\mu = \mu^{\otimes 4}\sigma_{4,2} [(\xi \otimes \xi) \Delta_K (e^2)] ,$$

$$\mathfrak{F}_5 = \{\text{compositions involving } \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Delta_4\}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \{\text{faces of } K_5 \text{ with } \text{codim} > 0\}$$

is a  $\Delta$ -compatible family on the faces, edges and vertices of  $K_5$ .

**Definition** A Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra is an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra  $(A, \Delta_n)_{n \geq 2}$  with an associative multiplication  $\mu$  such that  $\Delta_n$  is a  $\Delta$ -derivation with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}_n$  for all  $n$ , i.e.,

$$\Delta_n\mu = \mu^{\otimes n}\sigma_{n,2} [(\xi \otimes \xi) \Delta_K (e^{n-2})] .$$

**Theorem (B-U)** For each  $i \geq 0$ , the  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra  $A_i =$

$$E(v_i, 2n(3^i) + 1) \otimes \Gamma(w_i, 2n(3^{i+1}) + 2)$$

is a Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra with operations  $\Delta_2, \Delta_3$  and  $\mu$ .

**Proof:** With  $f = (\Delta_2 \otimes 1) \Delta_2 = (1 \otimes \Delta_2) \Delta_2$ ,  $\Delta_3$  is an  $(f, f)$ -derivation by the Vandermonde Identity.

**Theorem (Eilenberg, Mac Lane)** For odd primes  $p$ ,

$$H_* (\mathbb{Z}, n; \mathbb{Z}_p) \approx$$

$$\bigotimes_{i \geq 0} E(v_i, 2np^i + 1) \otimes \Gamma(w_i, 2np^{i+1} + 2)$$

**Remark:** Extending the  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra on each factor  $E \otimes \Gamma$  to a global structure on  $H_* (\mathbb{Z}, n; \mathbb{Z}_p)$  requires tensor products of  $A_\infty$ -coalgebras.

## Tensor Products of $A_\infty$ -Coalgebras

**Definition:** (Saneblidze, U) *Given  $A_\infty$ -coalgebras  $(A, \xi_A)$  and  $(B, \xi_B)$ , define  $\xi_{A \otimes B}$  as the sum over all  $n$  of the compositions*

$$C_*(K_n) \xrightarrow{\xi_{A \otimes B}} \text{Hom}(A \otimes B, (A \otimes B)^{\otimes n})$$

$$\Delta_K \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow (\sigma_{n,2})_*$$

$$C_*(K_n) \otimes C_*(K_n) \xrightarrow[\xi_A \otimes \xi_B]{} \text{Hom}(A \otimes B, A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n})$$

*The induced operation of order  $n$  is*

$$\Delta_n^* = \xi_{A \otimes B} (e^{n-2}) : A \otimes B \rightarrow (A \otimes B)^{\otimes n},$$

*where  $e^{n-2}$  denotes the top dim'l cell of  $K_n$ .*

**Remark:** The tensor product of  $A_\infty$ -coalgebras is neither cocommutative nor coassociative.

Let  $A = E(v, 2m + 1) \otimes \Gamma(w, 2mp + 2)$   
and  $B = E'(v', 2n + 1) \otimes \Gamma'(w', 2np + 2)$

**Theorem (B-U)** *The induced operations  $\Delta_2^*$ ,  $\Delta_p^*$  and  $\Delta_{2p-2}^*$  act non-trivially on  $A \otimes B$ .*

**Theorem (B-U)** *At the prime 3, the induced operations  $\Delta_i^*$  on  $A \otimes B$  vanish for all  $i \geq 5$ .*

**Question 2:** Since the tensor product of Hopf algebras is a Hopf algebra, the operation  $\Delta_2^*$  is compatible with the induced multiplication  $\mu^*$ . Are  $\Delta_p^*$  and  $\Delta_{2p-2}^*$  in some sense compatible with  $\mu^*$ ?

**Proposition 4 (B-U)** *Let  $(A, \mu_A, \Delta, \Delta_3)$  and  $(B, \mu_B, \psi, \psi_3)$  be Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebras and let*

$$\begin{aligned} f &= (\Delta \otimes 1) \Delta, \quad g = (\psi \otimes 1) \psi, \\ h &= \sigma_{3,2}(f \otimes g) \quad \text{and} \\ \Delta_3^* &= \sigma_{3,2}(f \otimes \psi_3 + \Delta_3 \otimes g). \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $\Delta_3^*$  is an  $(h, h)$ -derivation.*

**Proof:** Straightforward calculation.

**Corollary 5** *Let  $(A_i, \mu, \Delta, \Delta_3)$  and  $(A_{i'}, \mu', \psi, \psi_3)$  be Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebras of form  $E \otimes \Gamma$ . Then  $(A_i \otimes A_{i'}, \mu^*, \Delta^*, \Delta_3^*)$  is a Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra.*

**Remark:** There is an induced operation  $\Delta_4^*$ .

**Corollary 6**  $H = H_*(\mathbb{Z}, n; \mathbb{Z}_3)$  is a Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra up to order 3.

**Proof:** The induced operation  $\Delta_3$  on  $H \approx \bigotimes_{i \geq 0} A_i$  is the inductive limit of operations  $\Delta_3^{(k)}$  on  $(\bigotimes_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} A_i) \otimes A_k$ .

## The Conjecture

Given Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebras  $(A, \mu_A, \Delta, \Delta_3)$

and  $(B, \mu_B, \psi, \psi_3)$  let

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_1 &= (\Delta \otimes 1 \otimes 1) \Delta_3 & G_1 &= (\psi \otimes 1 \otimes 1) \psi_3 \\
 F_2 &= (1 \otimes \Delta \otimes 1) \Delta_3 & G_2 &= (1 \otimes \psi \otimes 1) \psi_3 \\
 F_3 &= (1 \otimes 1 \otimes \Delta) \Delta_3 & G_3 &= (1 \otimes 1 \otimes \psi) \psi_3 \\
 F_4 &= (\Delta_3 \otimes 1) \Delta & G_4 &= (\psi_3 \otimes 1) \psi \\
 F_5 &= (1 \otimes \Delta_3) \Delta & G_5 &= (1 \otimes \psi_3) \psi
 \end{aligned}$$

Then Stasheff's pentagon relation gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= -F_1 + F_2 - F_3 + F_4 + F_5 \\
 &= -G_1 + G_2 - G_3 + G_4 + G_5
 \end{aligned}$$

$f = (\Delta \otimes 1 \otimes 1) (\Delta \otimes 1) \Delta$  and

$g = (\psi \otimes 1 \otimes 1) (\psi \otimes 1) \psi$  are algebra maps;

$F_i$  is an  $(f, f)$ - and  $G_i$  is a  $(g, g)$ -derivation.

$h = \sigma_{4,2}(f \otimes g)$  is an algebra map;

$H_i = \sigma_{4,2}(f \otimes G_i + F_i \otimes g)$  is a  $(h, h)$ -

derivation and  $\mathfrak{F}_4 = \{h, H_i\}$  is  $\Delta$ -compatible.

Let  $\xi_A$  and  $\xi_B$  be the operadic representation of these  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra structures. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_4^* &= \sigma_{4,2}(\xi_A \otimes \xi_B) \Delta_K(e^2) \\ &= \sigma_{4,2}(F_2 \otimes G_5 + F_4 \otimes G_2 \\ &\quad - F_1 \otimes G_3 + F_4 \otimes G_5).\end{aligned}$$

**Conjecture (B-U)** Let  $A = E(v) \otimes \Gamma(w)$  and  $B = E(v') \otimes \Gamma(w')$ . Then  $\Delta_4^*$  is a  $\Delta_K$ -derivation with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}_4$ , i.e., the 2-dimensional obstruction  $\Phi_2$  arising from the non-primitive terms of  $\Delta_K(e^2)$  vanishes.

Extend this to  $H = H_*(\mathbb{Z}, n; \mathbb{Z}_3)$  inductively. With  $k$  tensor factors of form  $E \otimes \Gamma$ , there is an induced operation  $\Delta_{k+2}^*$  whose compatibility with  $\mu$  as a  $\Delta$ -derivation is measured by a  $k$ -dimensional obstruction  $\Phi_k$  arising from the non-primitive terms of  $\Delta_K(e^k)$ . If  $\Phi_k = 0$  for all  $k$ , then  $H$  is a Hopf  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra.