

# $A_\infty$ -algebras from hypersurface singularities

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The aim of this final lecture is to explain how to obtain "finite-dimensional" models of matrix factorisation categories, in the language of  $A_\infty$ -algebras. As an example, and an attempt to tie together some of the themes of the workshop, I will propose an interpretation in this setting of the wocyclic object  $F^\bullet$  of Toby's lectures in terms of semiuniversal deformations of  $A_n$ -singularities.

Heuristically we want a map

$$\left\{ W: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ with isolated sing.} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ A_\infty\text{-algebras} \right\}$$

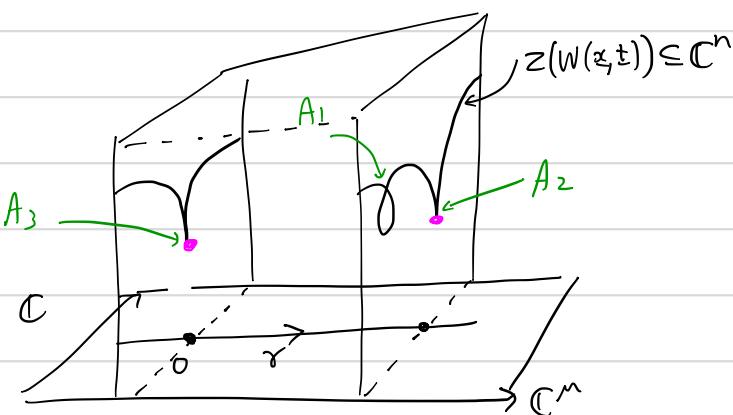
$$W \longmapsto \mathcal{A}_W \quad \begin{matrix} \text{f.d. vector space} \\ \text{with higher operations} \end{matrix}$$

such that  $\text{mod}(\mathcal{A}_W) \cong \text{hmf}(W)$ , for some notion of modules, and

$$\left\{ \text{unfolding } W(x, t): \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ of an isolated sing. } W = W(x, 0) \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \text{sheaf of } A_\infty\text{-algebras on } \mathbb{C}^m \right\}$$

The sheaf  $t \mapsto \mathcal{A}_{W(x, t)}$  is too naive, but a small modification works. Then we can consider in e.g. the semiuniversal deformation of the  $A_3$ -singularity, a path  $\sigma = \sigma(t)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , and a sheaf of

$A_\infty$ -categories on  $\mathbb{C}[t]$  which is  $\mathcal{A}_{A_3}$  over 0 and a mix of  $\mathcal{A}_{A_1}, \mathcal{A}_{A_2}$  over a generic point. From  $\sigma$  we obtain an  $\mathcal{A}_{A_2}\text{-}\mathcal{A}_{A_3}$  bimodule  $B(\sigma)$ .



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①  $A_\infty$ -algebras Let  $k$  be a commutative  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra,  $\otimes = \otimes_k$

Def<sup>N</sup> An  $A_\infty$ -algebra over  $k$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded f.g. projective  $k$ -module

$$A = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n$$

with operations  $m_n: A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k$ -linear, degree  $2-n$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} m_1: A \rightarrow A & \deg +1 \\ m_2: A \otimes A \rightarrow A & \deg 0 \\ m_3: A^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow A & \deg -1 \\ \vdots & \end{array}$$

such that for  $n \geq 1$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \sum_{r+s+t=n} (-1)^{r+s+t} m_{r+1+t} (\mathbb{1}^{\otimes r} \otimes m_s \otimes \mathbb{1}^{\otimes t}) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} A^{\otimes n} \\ A^{\otimes r} \otimes A^{\otimes s} \otimes A^{\otimes t} \\ \downarrow (m_s \otimes 1) \\ A^{\otimes r} \otimes A \otimes A^{\otimes t} \\ \downarrow m_{r+1+t} \\ A \end{array}$$

Def<sup>N</sup> A morphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is  $f_n: A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow B$  s.t.  $m_i f_j = f_j m_{i+j}$ , ...

Example  $m_n = 0$ ,  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\textcircled{*}$  says  $(A, m_1, m_2)$  satisfies  
 $\uparrow$  write  $ab = m_2(a \otimes b)$

$$\textcircled{n=1} \quad m_1^2 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{n=2} \quad m_1(ab) = m_1(a)b + (-1)^{|a|} a m_1(b)$$

$\textcircled{n=3}$   $m_2$  is associative.

$\therefore (A, m_1, m_2)$  is a DG-algebra

↑ strict unit is  $e \in A^0$ ,  $m_1(e) = 0$ ,  $e$  a unit for  $m_2$  and  $m_n$  vanishes for  $n > 2$  as soon as any entry is  $e$ .

homological unit is a unit for  $H^*A$ , we say  $A$  is h-unital

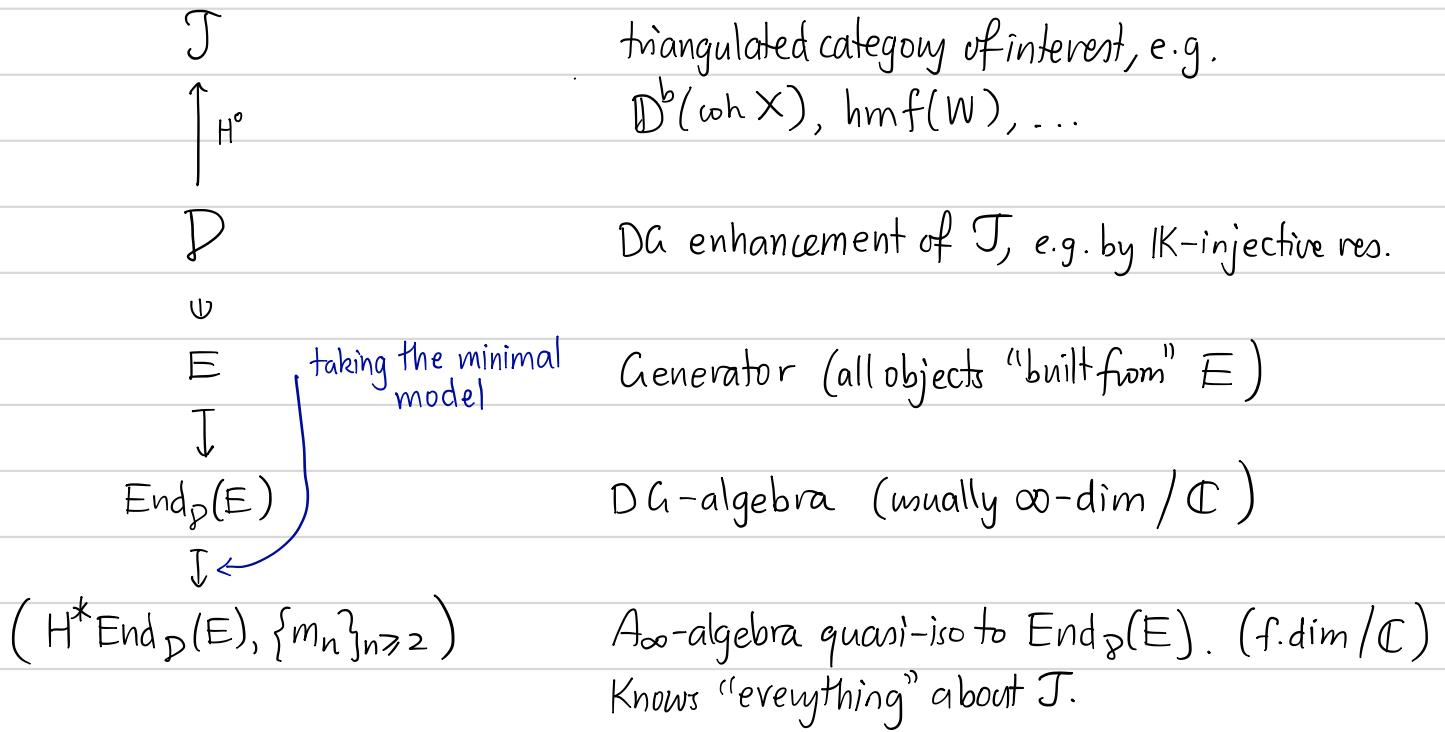
Def<sup>n</sup> A is minimal if  $m_1 = 0$ .

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Example For  $d > 2$ ,  $|\varepsilon| = 1$ ,  $A \stackrel{(d)}{=} k[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2 = k \oplus k\varepsilon$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} m_n = 0 \text{ for } n \notin \{2, d\} \\ m_2 = \text{multiplication} \\ m_d(\varepsilon \otimes \cdots \otimes \varepsilon) = (-1)^{d-1} \cdot 1 \end{array} \right\} A^{(d)} \text{ is a } \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-graded } A_\infty\text{-algebra}$$

Where do  $A_\infty$ -algebras come from?



## Why find minimal models?

- To understand dependence of categories on moduli.
  - Topological string theory (boundary sector)  
= minimal, cyclic strictly unital  $A_\infty$ -categories  
(Herbst–Lazarinu–Lerche, Costello)

$A_\infty$ -modules An  $A_\infty$ -module over an  $A_\infty$ -algebra  $(A, \{m_n\}_{n \geq 1})$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded f.g. proj  $k$ -module  $M$  with operations  $(n \geq 1)$

$$m_n^M : A^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes M \longrightarrow M$$

of degree  $2-n$  satisfying the same identities  $\oplus$ . A morphism of  $A_\infty$ -modules  $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$  is a collection of linear maps  $\varphi_n : A^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes M \rightarrow N$  of degree  $1-n$  such that

$$(u=r+s+t) \quad \sum_{r+s+t=n} \pm \varphi_u(1^{\otimes r} \otimes m_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = \sum_{r+s=n} \pm m_u^N(1^{\otimes r} \otimes \varphi_s)$$

this is an eq.  
of maps

$$A^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes M \rightarrow N$$

The (ordinary) category of  $A_\infty$ -modules and these morphisms is denoted  $\text{Mod}_A$  (note  $H^k M$  is a  $H^k A$ -module).

says  $\varphi_1 m_1 = m_1 \varphi_1$  and  $\varphi$  commutes with the action of  $A$  "up to hpy", etc...

The derived category  $A$  a h-unital  $A_\infty$ -algebra.

- There is an  $A_\infty$ -category of (h-unital)  $A_\infty$ -modules  $\text{Mod}_\infty(A)$ , such that  $\text{Mod}_A = Z^\circ(\text{Mod}_\infty A)$ .

↑ This is a triangulated  $A_\infty$ -cat  
(see Seidel [S])

More concretely,  $\text{hom}^a(M, N)$  is the space of  $\{t^n\}_{n \geq 1}$  with each

$$t^n : A^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes M \longrightarrow N \quad (\text{of degree } a-n+1)$$

and only  $m_1, m_2$  are nonzero in  $\text{Mod}_\infty(A)$  (i.e. this is a DG-category).

- The perfect derived category  $\text{per}(A)$  is the smallest triangulated subcategory of  $H^\circ(\text{Mod}_\infty A) = \text{Mod}_A / \sim$  containing  $A$ .

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Example  $A = A^{(d)}$  from above,  $d > 2$  (i.e.  $m_n = 0 \quad n \notin \{2, d\}$ ).

Given  $2 \leq i \leq d-2$ ,  $i < d-i$  we define an  $A_\infty$ -module over  $A^{(d)}$  by

$$M_{(i)} := \Lambda(k\bar{\xi}) = k \oplus k\bar{\xi} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{$\mathbb{Z}_2$-graded} \end{matrix}$$

with operations  $\alpha_n = 0$  unless  $n \in \{2, i+1, d-i+1\}$

$$\alpha_n : A^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes M_{(i)} \longrightarrow M_{(i)}$$

$$\alpha_2(1, -) = id,$$

$$\alpha_{i+1}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon, -) = \pm \bar{\xi}^* \lrcorner (-) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_{d-i+1}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \dots, \varepsilon, -) = \pm \bar{\xi} \wedge (-) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

o.o.d.

f.d.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} A & \stackrel{\cong}{\underset{\text{qis}}{\sim}} & B \end{array} \right)$$

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The minimal model theorem.

Let  $(A, \partial, m)$  be a DG-algebra (suspended forward product).  
i.e. s.t.  $(A, \{\partial, m\})$  sat. (\*)

A strict homotopy retraction of  $A$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded f.g. projective  $k$ -module  $B$  and linear maps

$$H \xrightarrow{i} A \xrightleftharpoons[p]{ } B$$

such that

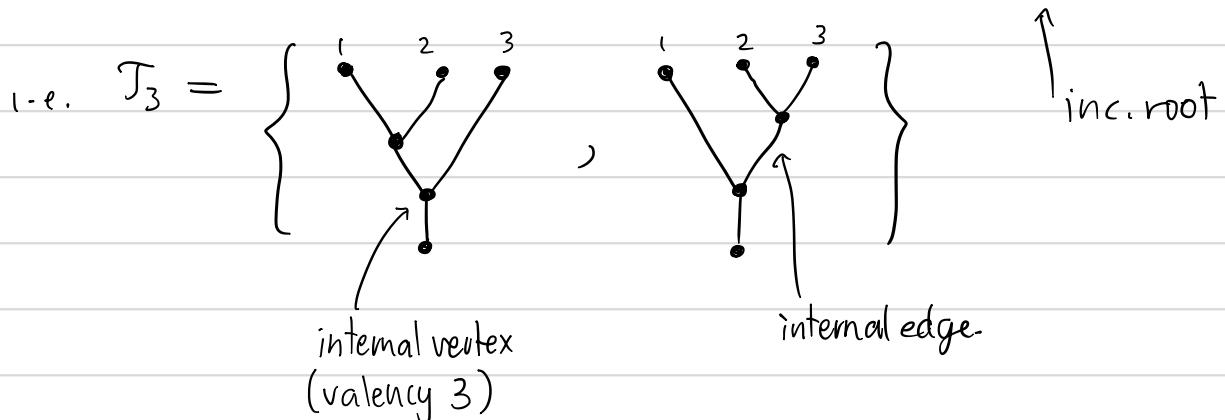
(i)  $p, i$  are degree zero morphisms of cpxs  
(where  $B$  is given zero differential).

(ii)  $p \circ i = 1_B$

(iii)  $1_A - i \circ p = H\partial + \partial H$  (i.e.  $i \circ p \simeq 1_A$ )

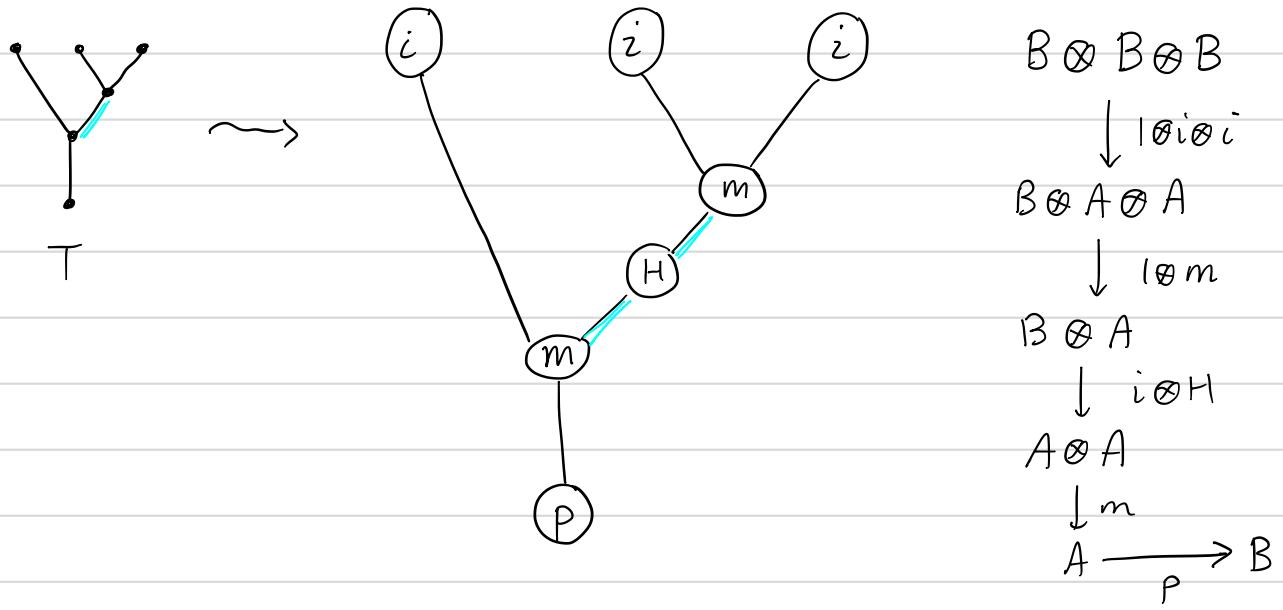
$\Rightarrow B \cong H^*(A, \partial)$ , with a particular choice of how to project elements in  $A$  onto cocycles ( $\partial i \circ p(a) = i \circ \partial p(a) = 0$ ).

$T_n = \{ \text{oriented and connected planar trees, with } n+1 \text{ leaves} \}$



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Def<sup>N</sup> Given  $T \in J_n$  we define  $\rho_T : B^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow B$  by example:



$$\rho_T = (-1)^{\# \text{int.edges}} \circ p \circ m \circ (i \otimes H) \circ (1_B \otimes m) \circ (1_B \otimes i \otimes i)$$

$$\boxed{\rho_n := \sum_{T \in J_n} \rho_T : B[1]^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow B[1]}$$

Theorem (Minimal model)  $(B, \{\rho_n\}_{n \geq 2})$  is an  $A_\infty$ -algebra (with suspended forward products) and there is an  $A_\infty$ -quasi-isomorphism

$$(A, m, \partial) \longrightarrow (B, \{\rho_n\}_{n \geq 2})$$

↑  
called the minimal model  
(recall  $B \cong H^*A$ )

## ② Singularities

Def<sup>n</sup>  $W \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is a potential (over  $k$ ) if (with  $f_i = \partial_{x_i} W$ )

- (i)  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is a quasi-regular sequence
- (ii)  $k[\underline{x}]/(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  is a f.g. projective  $k$ -module
- (iii) The Koszul complex of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is exact except in degree 0.

Example (1)  $k = \mathbb{C}$ , all critical pts isolated

(2) Consider  $k = \mathbb{C}[t]$ ,  $W(x, y, t) = x^2 + y^3 - 3t^2y + 2t^3 \in k[x, y]$   
is the semi-universal deformation of the cusp, restricted to  
the discriminant. Observe  $\partial_x W = 2x$ ,  $\partial_y W = 3y^2 - 3t^2$  so

$$k[x, y]/(\partial_x W, \partial_y W) = \mathbb{C}[t, x, y]/(x, y^2 - t^2) \cong \mathbb{C}[t] \oplus \mathbb{C}[t]y$$

so  $W$  is a potential over  $k$ .

(3) The usual theory of DG models (at least anything which can be encoded into the bicategories  $\mathcal{LG}, \mathcal{LG}^{gr}$  of the previous lectures) works for these "relative" potentials.

Want Potential  $W \rightsquigarrow$  DG category  $mf(W) \rightsquigarrow A_\infty\text{-category} / k$   
min. model

But usually this  $A_\infty$ -category is constructed by taking cohomology, which is terrible if  $k$  is not a field. So we do something different.

Let  $W \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be a potential and  $X \in \text{mf}(k[\underline{x}], W)$ . Then

$$\text{End}(X) := (\text{Hom}_{k[\underline{x}]}(X, X), d_{\text{Hom}}(\alpha) = dx\alpha - (-1)^{|\alpha|}d\alpha dx)$$

is a DG-algebra. Write  $i : k[\underline{x}] \longrightarrow k[\underline{x}]/(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  for the projection (recall  $f_i = \partial x_i W$ , or in fact any other sequence with properties (i)-(iii) s.t. each  $f_i$  acts null-homotopically on  $\text{End}(X)$ ). We further write

$$S = \bigwedge (kQ_1 \oplus \dots \oplus kQ_n). \quad |\Omega_i| = 1$$

Theorem (Dyckerhoff-M '09, M '15) There is a strict homotopy retract of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded complexes /  $k$

$$H \subset S \otimes_k \text{End}(X) \xrightleftharpoons[i]{P} i^* \text{End}(X)$$

↑  
defined in terms of a  $k$ -linear  
connection  $k[\underline{x}] \xrightarrow{\nabla} k[\underline{x}] \otimes_{k[\underline{F}]} \bigwedge^1 k[\underline{F}] / k$

↑  
cpx of f.g. proj  $k$ -modules

Remarks

- The minimal model theorem is useful precisely to the extent that you have a good homotopy. The above  $H$  is good.
- Get a (possibly non-min)  $A_\infty$ -algebra  $(i^* \text{End}(X), \{m_n\}_{n \geq 2})$  quasi-iso to  $S \otimes_k \text{End}(X)$ , together with a Clifford action which picks out a subalgebra  $q$  is to  $\text{End}(X)$ .
- In many cases, can promote this to a minimal model of a sub-DG-category of  $S \otimes_k \text{mf}(W)$ .

(3) Calculations  $W \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  a potential. For  $P \in \text{Sing}(W)$ ,

$$k(P)^{\text{stab}} := \left( k[\underline{x}] \otimes_k \Lambda(k\varphi_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus k\varphi_n), \quad \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - p_i) \varphi_i^* + \sum_{i=1}^n W_p^i \varphi_i \right)$$

where we choose  $W = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - p_i) W_p^i$ , some  $W_p^i \in M_p^2$ . In the case  $W$  has local quadratic terms there is a simple modification to the following.  
For the following take  $P=0$ , and write

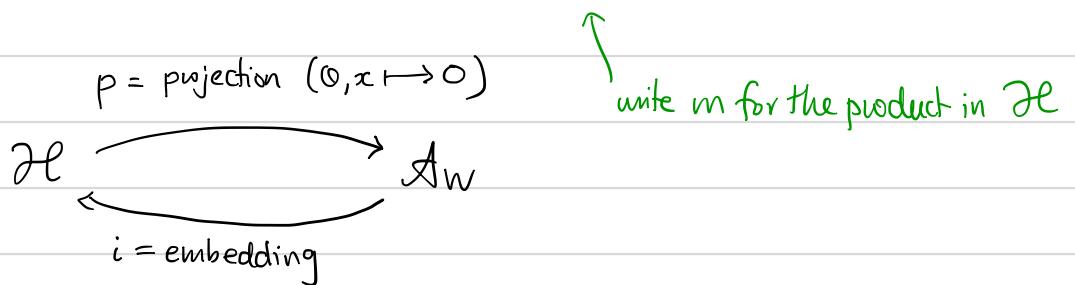
$\mathcal{A}_W :=$  minimal model of  $\text{End}(k^{\text{stab}})$

Def<sup>n</sup> The underlying algebra of  $\mathcal{A}_W$  is

$$\mathcal{A}_W = \Lambda(k\varphi_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus k\varphi_n) \quad |\varphi_i| = 1$$

To define  $m_r: \mathcal{A}_W^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_W$  we introduce an auxiliary space

$$\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{A}_W \otimes \Lambda(k\mathcal{O}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus k\mathcal{O}_n) \otimes k[\underline{x}]$$

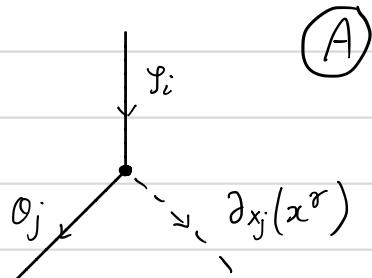


Standard operations

$$\mathcal{H} \ni \varphi_i, \varphi_i^*, \mathcal{O}_i, \mathcal{O}_i^*, x_i, \partial_{x_i}$$

wedge contraction  
↓  
 fermion creation/annihilation      boson creation/annihilation

Interactions  $W = \sum_i x_i W^i$   $W^i = \sum_{\tau \in \mathbb{N}^m} w^i(\tau) x^\tau$   $w^i(\tau) \in k$

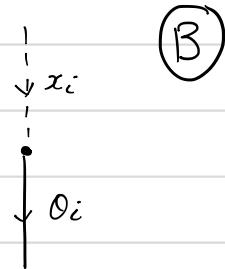


$$-\frac{1}{|\tau|} W^i(\tau)$$

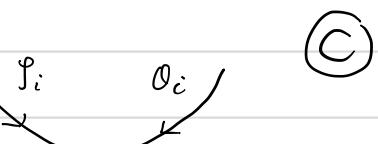
(forall  $i, j$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{N}^m$ )



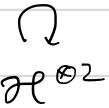
$$-\frac{1}{|\tau|} W^i(\tau) O_j \partial_{x_j}(x^\tau) \varphi_i^*$$



$$O_i \partial_{x_i}$$



$$\varphi_i^* \otimes O_i^*$$

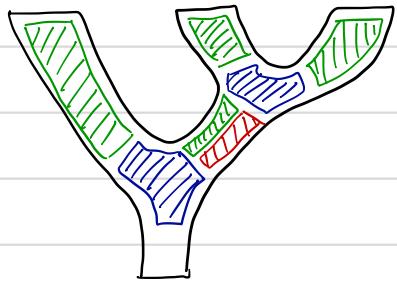


The Feynman calculus now describes the structure constants of the  $m_r$ 's, for  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r, \delta \in \mathcal{A}_W$  (product of  $\gamma$ 's) by the formula

$$m_r(\sigma_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_r)_\delta = \sum_{\substack{\text{binary} \\ \text{Trees}}} \sum_{\substack{\text{Feynman} \\ \text{diagrams } D, \\ \tau_{\text{incoming}} \\ \delta_{\text{outgoing}}}} \text{amplitude}(D)$$

where the amplitude is an element of  $k$  defined by

Rough def<sup>n</sup> A Feynman diagram  $D$  for a tree  $T \in J_n$  is an oriented graph in the thickening of  $T$  with lines labelled by  $\varphi_i, \psi_i, x_i$   $1 \leq i \leq n$  and nodes of type  $A, B, C$  above, subject to the constraints



- A nodes: may occur at input edges and int. edges
- B nodes: precisely one at each internal edge
- C nodes: may occur at internal vertices

Finally, there is a boundary condition: graph edges incident at the boundary of  $T$  (i.e. input edges or the root) may only be labelled  $\varphi_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

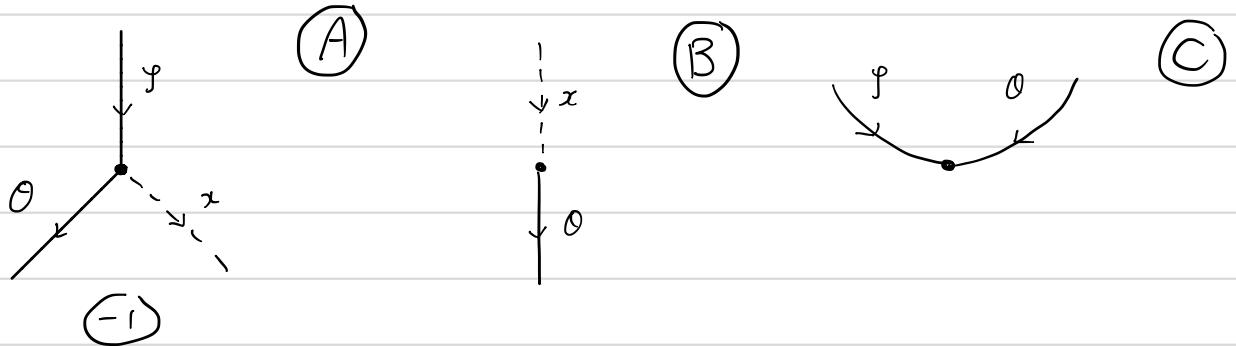
Def<sup>n</sup> The amplitude of a Feynman diagram  $D$  is

$$\text{amplitude}(D) = (-1)^{f(D)} T_D \prod_{\substack{\text{A nodes} \\ \text{symmetry factor} \\ (\in \mathbb{Q})}} \left( -\frac{\gamma_j}{|\sigma|} W^i(\sigma) \right) \in k$$

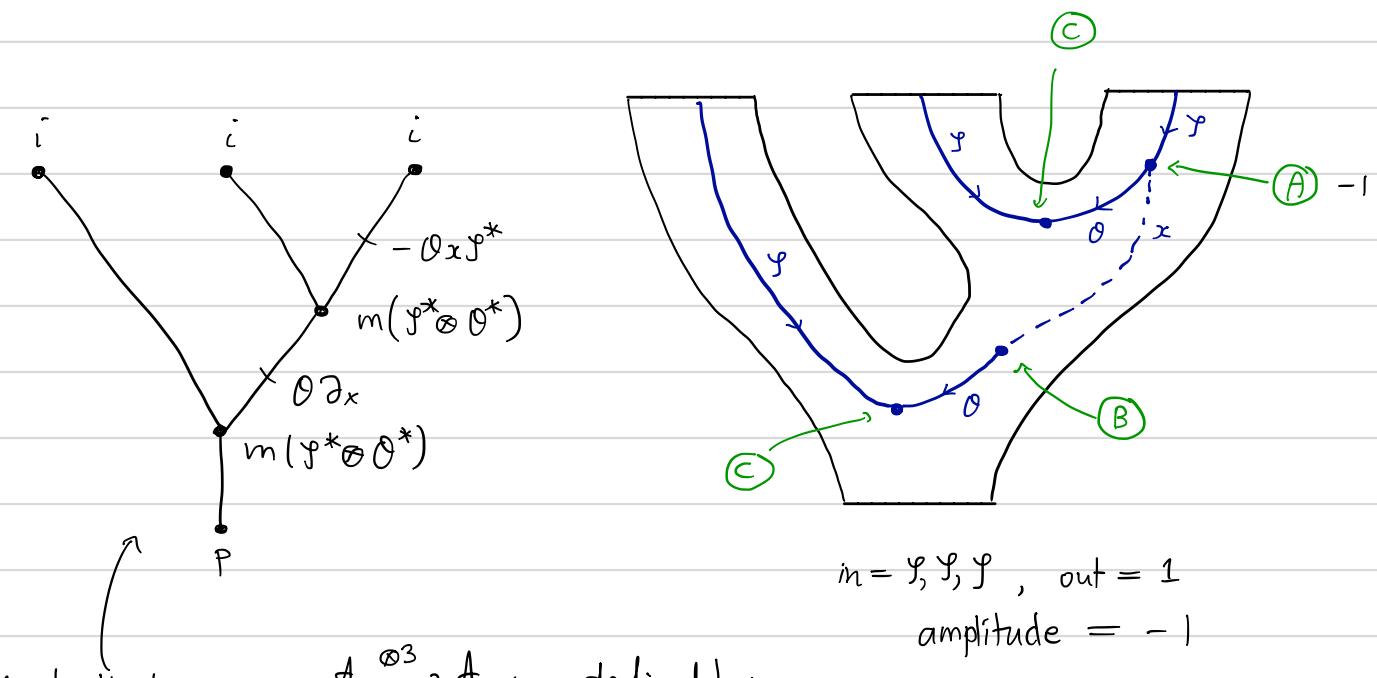
$j, i, \sigma$  depend on the node

Example In the special case  $W = x^3 = x \cdot x^2$ , so  $W' = x^2$

$$\mathcal{A}_W = \Lambda(k\mathfrak{Y}) = k \oplus k\mathfrak{Y} \quad \mathcal{H} = \Lambda(k\mathfrak{Y}) \otimes \Lambda(k\mathcal{O}) \otimes k[x]$$



A Feynman diagram for  $T = \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array}$  is:



denotes the linear map  $\mathcal{A}_W^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_W$  defined by

$$pm(Y^* \otimes O^*)(i(-) \otimes \theta \partial_x m(Y^* \otimes O^*)(i(-) \otimes (-\partial_x Y^*)i(-)))$$

$$Y^* \otimes Y^* \otimes Y^* \mapsto -1$$

In fact this is the only nontrivial Feynman diagram, so  $\mathcal{A}_W = \Lambda(k\mathfrak{Y})$  has  $m_2 = \text{usual product}$ ,  $m_3(Y \otimes Y \otimes Y) = -1$  otherwise zero,  $m_n = 0 \quad n \notin \{2, 3\}$ .

Lemma For  $d > 2$ ,  $G_{x^d} = A^{(d)}$  defined earlier (i.e.  $m_n = 0$   $n \notin \{2, d\}$ ).

minimal models for MFs:

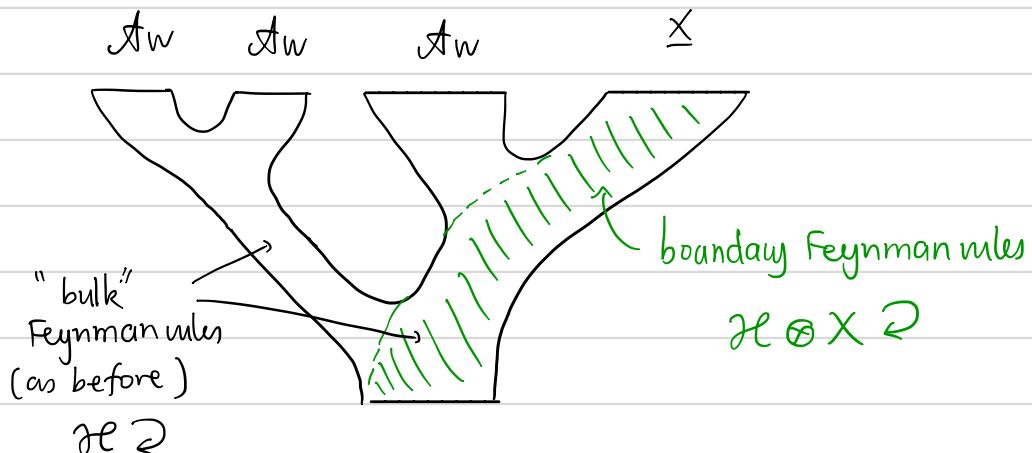
Q/ What is the  $A_\infty$ -module corresponding to  $X \in \text{hmf}(W)$ ?

Assume for simplicity that  $d_X(X) \subseteq m^2 X$ , then the underlying v-space is

$$\underline{X} := X \otimes_{k[x]} k[n]$$

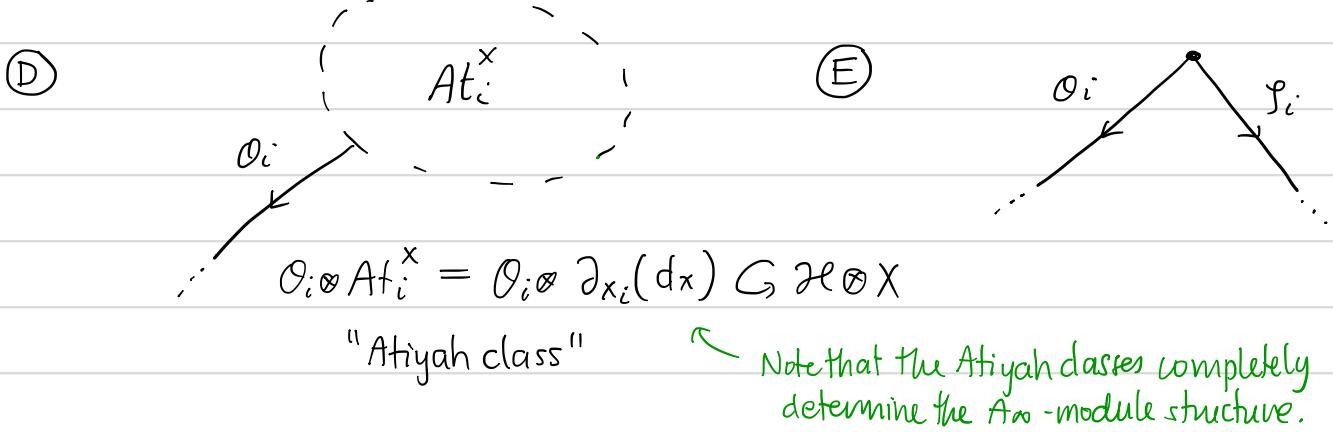
$$d_n : \mathcal{A}_W^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes \underline{X} \longrightarrow \underline{X}$$

is computed by Feynman rules on diagrams of operation on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes_{k[x]} X$ , e.g.



Boundary Feynman rules (in addition to ①, ②, ③)

④, ⑤ vertices allowed on any edge



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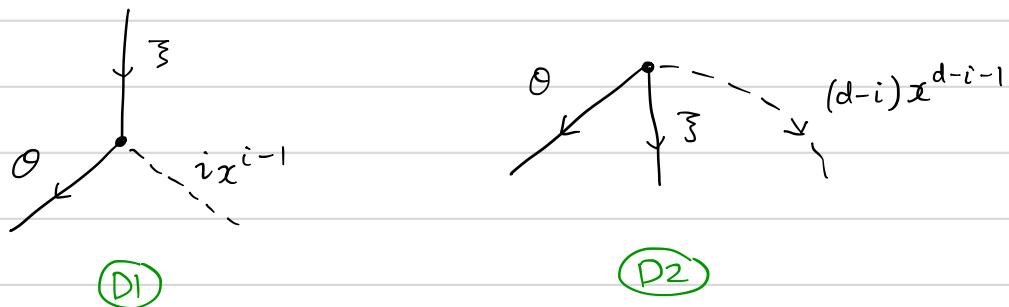
Example Consider  $W = x^d$ ,  $d \geq 3$  and  $\mathcal{A}_W = (\Lambda(k\mathfrak{J}), m_2, m_d)$

$$X = (\Lambda(k\mathfrak{J}), x^i \mathfrak{J}^* + x^{d-i} \mathfrak{J}) \quad |\mathfrak{J}| = 1$$

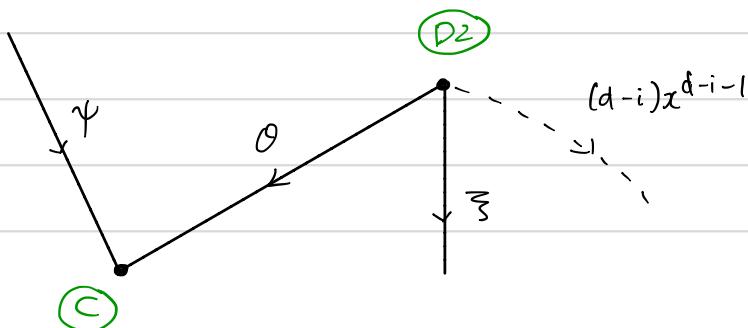
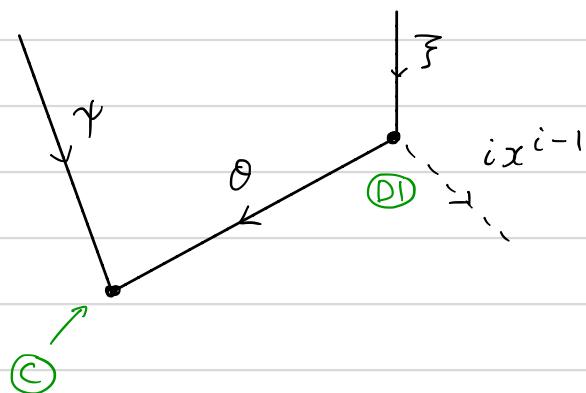
and assume  $2 \leq i \leq d-2$ . Then

$$\underline{X} = (k \oplus k\mathfrak{J})[1] \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_X(dx) = ix^{i-1}\mathfrak{J}^* + (d-i)x^{d-i-1}\mathfrak{J}$$

Hence the "Atiyah" interaction is actually two interactions:



Since  $\underline{X}$  is an  $A_\infty$ -module over  $\mathcal{A}_W = \Lambda(k\mathfrak{J})$  we want to know how  $\mathfrak{J}$  "acts" on  $\mathfrak{J}$ . The only interactions are the ones mediated by a  $\mathcal{O}$ :



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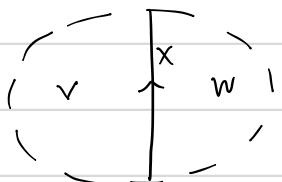
Lemma The  $A_\infty$ -module  $\underline{X}$  for  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x^i \\ x^{d-i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $M_{(i)}$  from earlier.

Proof (11.1) gives rise to the operation  $\mathcal{Y}^{\otimes i+1} \mapsto \overline{s}^*$ , (11.2) to  $\mathcal{Y}^{\otimes d-i+1} \mapsto \overline{s}$ .  $\square$

#### (4) From flows to $A_\infty$ -bimodules

As an application of the above, we propose an implementation of the following idea of Brunner-Roggenkamp "Defects and bulk perturbations of LC models" '08.

① 1-morphisms  $W \xrightarrow{x} V$  are defect conditions



② A deformation of  $W$  should be implemented by a defect  $D_t$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Diagram of } W & \xrightarrow{\text{deform left}} & \text{Diagram of } W_t \\ \text{with } w \text{ and } \Delta w & & \text{with } w_t \text{ and } D_t \\ \Delta : W \rightarrow W & & D_t : W \rightarrow W_t \end{array}$$

Example The semiuniversal unfolding of the  $A_3$ -singularity is ( $k = \mathbb{C}[a, b, c]$ )

$$W(x, y, a, b, c) = x^4 + y^2 + ax^2 + bx + c \in k[x, y]$$

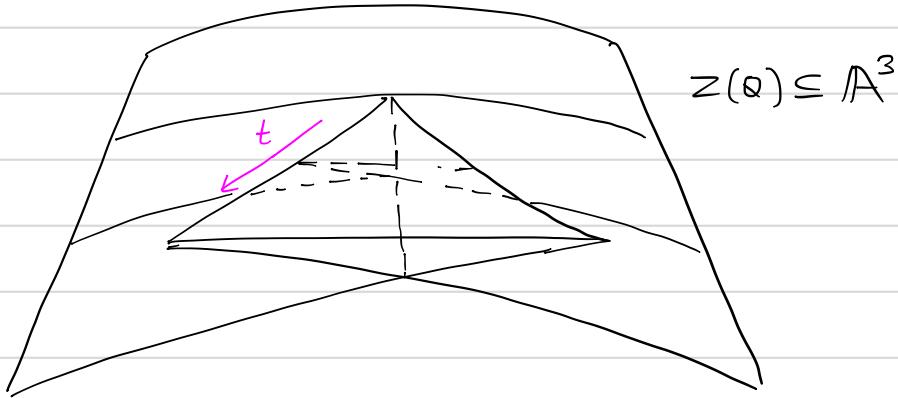
which is a potential /  $k$ . Consider

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Sing}(W) \subseteq \text{Spec}(k[x, y]) \\ \pi \searrow \downarrow \\ \text{Spec} k \end{array}$$

$\text{Im}(\pi)$  is the discriminant, with equation

$$Q = 256c^3 - 27b^4 + 144ab^2c - 128a^2c^2 - 4a^3b^2 + 16a^4c$$

which is the swallowtail surface.



Choose a parametrised pair of points  $P_t, Q_t$  in  $\pi^{-1}(t)$  with  $P_t$  an  $A_2$  and  $Q_t$  an  $A_1$ -singularity. Taking the fiber product with  $\mathbb{C}[t]$  we may take

$$k(P_t)^{\text{stab}}, k(Q_t)^{\text{stab}} \in \text{mf}(\mathbb{C}[x,y,t], W_t)$$

and look at the DC-category consisting of these two objects and their two mapping complexes. Call this  $\mathcal{C}$ . For  $t=0$ ,  $P_t = Q_t$  is an  $A_3$ -singularity.

The above allows us to compute a minimal  $A_\infty$ -category structure on the f.g. projective  $\mathbb{C}[t]$ -module ( $i_t : \mathbb{C}[x,y,t] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x,y,t]/(\partial_x W_t, \partial_y W_t)$ )

$$i_t^* \mathcal{C} = \left\{ i_t^* k(P_t)^{\text{stab}} \rightleftharpoons i_t^* k(Q_t)^{\text{stab}} \right\}$$

i.e. a vector bundle of  $A_\infty$ -algebras and bimodules on  $\mathbb{A}^1 = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[t])$ . Over a point  $t = \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $i_t^* k(P_t)^{\text{stab}}|_{t=\lambda}$  is quasi-iso to  $\wedge \mathbb{C}^n \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} H^* \text{End}(k(P_\lambda)^{\text{stab}})$ .

For  $t \neq 0$ ,  $P_t \neq Q_t$  so  $\text{Hom}(i_t^* k(P_t)^{\text{stab}}, i_t^* k(Q_t)^{\text{stab}})$  is contractible, and  $i_t^* \mathcal{G}$ -modules are just a pair of  $i_t^* k(P_t)^{\text{stab}}$ ,  $i_t^* k(Q_t)^{\text{stab}}$ -modules. This suggests a functor  $\Phi_t$  which is "lift and project"

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{hmf}(V^{(A_3)}) \cong \text{per}(k(P_0)^{\text{stab}}) \\ \uparrow t \mapsto 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{lifting a module to a family} \\ \text{per}(i_t^* \mathcal{G}) \end{array} \right. \\ \downarrow t \neq 0 \\ \text{per}(i_t^* k(P_t)^{\text{stab}}) \cong \text{hmf}(V^{(A_2)}) \end{array}$$

To implement the Brunner-Roggenkamp idea, do this with

$$\Delta_w \in \text{hmf}(V^{(A_3)}(x, y) - V^{(A_3)}(x, y))$$

only deforming the left hand copy of  $V^{(A_3)}$ , to obtain a  $\mathcal{A}_{A_2}$ - $\mathcal{A}_{A_3}$ -bimodule implementing the deformation. It is natural to expect these are the arrows in the Dyckhoff-Kapranov cocyclic object  $F^\bullet$  in  $\text{Cat}_{\text{dg}}^{(2)}$

## Appendix

Example  $W = y^3 - x^3$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_W = \Lambda(k\mathfrak{Y}_1 \oplus k\mathfrak{Y}_2)$ , using forward suspended products  $\rho_n: \mathcal{C}_W[1]^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_W[1]$ , only  $\rho_2, \rho_3, \rho_4, \rho_6$  are nonzero, and for  $\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_6 \in \mathcal{C}_W$

$$\rho_6(\mathfrak{Y}_1\mathfrak{Y}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathfrak{Y}_1\mathfrak{Y}_2) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{only nonzero value})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_3(\Lambda_1 \otimes \Lambda_2 \otimes \Lambda_3) &= \pm \left( \mathfrak{Y}_2^*(\Lambda_1) \mathfrak{Y}_2^*(\Lambda_2) \mathfrak{Y}_2^*(\Lambda_3) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \mathfrak{Y}_1^*(\Lambda_1) \mathfrak{Y}_1^*(\Lambda_2) \mathfrak{Y}_1^*(\Lambda_3) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_4(\Lambda_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Lambda_4) &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{Y}_2^*(\Lambda_1) \cdot \mathfrak{Y}_2^* \mathfrak{Y}_1^*(\Lambda_2) \cdot \mathfrak{Y}_1^*(\Lambda_3) \cdot \mathfrak{Y}_2^* \mathfrak{Y}_1^*(\Lambda_4) \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry factor  $x$  an internal edge

$$\omega(x) = \sum_{y < x} \sum_{j \in J(y)} |\mathfrak{T}_j(y)| - \sum_{z < x} m(z)$$

(y int. edge or inputs)      (z = int. vertices)

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{\omega(x)} C_{\omega(x)}^{\text{un}} \left( \left\{ |\mathfrak{T}_j(x)| \right\}_{j \in J(x)} \right)$$

$$C_\alpha^{\text{un}}(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_r) = \ell_1 \cdots \ell_r \sum_{b \in S_r} \frac{1}{\alpha + \ell_{b(r)}} \frac{1}{\alpha + \ell_{b(r)} + \ell_{b(r-1)}} \cdots \frac{1}{\alpha + \ell_1 + \cdots + \ell_r}$$

Cyclic A D-cyclic structure on  $A_\infty$ -cat is  $\langle \gamma_{ab}: \text{Hom}(a, b) \otimes \text{Hom}(b, a) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[-D] \rangle$   
 $\langle u \otimes v \rangle = (-1)^{|u||v|} \langle v \otimes u \rangle$  and  $\langle x_0 \otimes r(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) \rangle = \pm \langle x_1 \otimes r(x_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) \rangle$   
 (see [L] § 3)

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## Background

Let us compute the Hochschild cohomology of  $k[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2$  for a commutative ring  $k$ , following [Lip91]. The Bar complex is ( $R = k[\varepsilon]/\varepsilon^2$ ,  $A = k$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_n &= R^e \otimes_k (R/k)^{\otimes n} \quad R/k = k\varepsilon \quad (\otimes = \otimes_k) \\ &= R \otimes \underbrace{k\varepsilon \otimes \cdots \otimes k\varepsilon}_{n} \otimes R \end{aligned}$$

with differential  $\partial_n: \mathbb{B}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{n-1}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n(r[a_1| \dots | a_n]r') &= r a_1 [a_2 | \dots | a_n] r' \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r[a_1| \dots | a_i a_{i+1}| \dots | a_n] r' \\ &\quad + (-1)^n r[a_1| \dots | a_{n-1}] a_n r' \end{aligned}$$

Now in this case  $\mathbb{B}_n \cong R^e$  as  $R$ -bimodules and  $a_i a_{i+1} = 0$  if  $a_i = \varepsilon$  or  $a_{i+1} = \varepsilon$ , so the complex  $\mathbb{B}$  is simply

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n(r[\varepsilon| \dots | \varepsilon]r') &= r\varepsilon [\varepsilon| \dots | \varepsilon] r' \\ &\quad + (-1)^n r[\varepsilon| \dots | \varepsilon] \varepsilon r' \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{B}_n \cong R^e \longrightarrow R^e \cong \mathbb{B}_{n-1}$$

$$r \otimes r' \mapsto r\varepsilon \otimes r' + (-1)^n r \otimes \varepsilon r'$$

Now, it follows that  $\text{Hom}_{R^e}(\mathbb{B}, R)$  is simply the  $R$ -linear map

$$\begin{array}{c} \otimes \\ \downarrow \\ a \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{R^e}(\mathbb{B}_n, R) & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}_{R^e}(\mathbb{B}_{n-1}, R) \\ \uparrow \text{H2} & & \uparrow \text{H2} \\ R & & R \\ (1+(-1)^n)\varepsilon & \longleftarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

That is,  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Re}}(\mathbb{B}, R)$  is

$$\cdots \xleftarrow{n} R \xleftarrow{n-1} R \cdots \xleftarrow{0} R \xleftarrow{2\varepsilon} R \xleftarrow{0} R \xleftarrow{1} R \xleftarrow{0} R$$

$(1+(-)^n)\varepsilon$

$k\varepsilon$

Assuming  $\frac{1}{2} \in k$ , this allows us to compute that

$$\text{HH}^n(R) = H^n \text{Hom}_{\text{Re}}(\mathbb{B}, R) = \begin{cases} R & n=0 \\ k\varepsilon & n>0 \text{ odd} \\ k & n>0 \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

For  $n>0$  the generator of  $\text{HH}^n(R)$  is the cocycle  $(k\varepsilon)^{\otimes^n} \rightarrow R$  given by  $\varepsilon^{\otimes^n} \mapsto \varepsilon$  if  $n$  is odd, and  $\varepsilon^{\otimes^n} \mapsto 1$  if  $n$  is even.