

# Higher order Hochschild cohomology

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## Abstract

Following ideas of Pirashvili, we define higher order Hochschild cohomology over spheres  $S^d$  defined for any commutative algebra  $A$  and module  $M$ . When  $M = A$ , we prove that this cohomology is equipped with graded commutative algebra and degree  $d$  Lie algebra structures as well as with Adams operations. All operations are compatible in a suitable sense. These structures are related to Brane topology.

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## Résumé

**Cohomologie de Hochschild supérieure.** A la manière de Pirashvili, on peut associer une cohomologie de Hochschild supérieure associée aux sphères  $S^d$  définie pour toute algèbre commutative  $A$  et module  $M$ . Lorsque  $M = A$ , cette cohomologie est munie d'un produit gradué commutatif, d'un crochet de Lie de degré  $d$  et d'opérations d'Adams. Ces structures sont compatibles entre elles et sont reliées à la topologie des Branes.

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La topologie des cordes [3] est l'étude des structures algébriques de  $H_*(\text{Map}(S^1, M))$  (où  $M$  est une variété) induites par des opérations sur le cercle telles que la multiplication  $S^1 \times S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  ou la composition de lacets. La topologie des cordes est intimement reliée à la cohomologie de Hochschild via l'isomorphisme  $H_{*+\dim(M)}(\text{Map}(S^1, M)) \cong HH^*(C^*(M), C^*(M))$  pour  $M$  1-connexe. De fait, la plupart des structures algébriques apparaissant en topologie des cordes ont un analogue pour la cohomologie de Hochschild  $HH^*(A, A)$  d'une algèbre  $A$  ce qui permet, entre autres, d'étendre la topologie des cordes au cas des espaces à dualité de Poincaré. La topologie des Branes est une généralisation de la topologie des cordes où le cercle est remplacé par une sphère de dimension  $d$ . Sullivan et Voronov ont montré que

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$H_{*+\dim(M)}(\text{Map}(S^d, M))$  est une  $d+1$ -algèbre (c'est à dire une algèbre sur l'homologie de l'opérides des petits cubes de dimension  $d+1$ ). On peut consulter [4] pour plus de détails sur tout ceci. Une interprétation de la topologie des Branes en cohomologie "de Hochschild" des  $d$ -algèbres a été donnée par Hu [6] en utilisant une version topologique de la généralisation par Kontsevich de la conjecture de Deligne [7].

Une très intéressante et différente généralisation de la (co)homologie de Hochschild pour les algèbres commutatives est due à Pirashvili [11] : à tout ensemble simplicial  $X_\bullet$  est associé *fonctoriellement* une homologie de Hochschild  $HH^{X_\bullet}(-, -)$  qui coïncide avec la définition usuelle lorsque  $X_\bullet$  est le modèle simplicial standard  $S^1_\bullet$  du cercle. Un point clé est que cette théorie homologique ne dépend en fait que du type d'homologie simpliciale de  $X_\bullet$ . En particulier, on obtient facilement de nombreux complexes calculant  $HH^X(A, M)$  (pour toute algèbre commutative  $A$  et  $A$ -module  $M$ ). Le dual de la construction de Pirashvili permet de définir une cohomologie de Hochschild  $HH^*_X(A, A)$ . On s'intéresse au cas  $X = S^d$ ,  $d > 1$ . Par functorialité en  $X_\bullet$  de  $HH^*_X(A, A)$ , on obtient des opérations d'Adams  $\psi^k$  comme la composition

$$HH^*_{S^d}(A, M) \xrightarrow{\text{dg}^*} HH^*_{S^d \vee \dots \vee S^d}(A, M) \xrightarrow{p^*} HH^*_{S^d}(A, M)$$

et donc une décomposition de Hodge en caractéristique zéro. Les applications  $p : S^d \rightarrow S^d \vee \dots \vee S^d$  et  $\text{dg} : S^d \vee \dots \vee S^d \rightarrow S^d$  sont respectivement des itérations du pincement et de la codiagonale. Une idée similaire permet de définir des  $\cup_i$ -produits ( $i = 0 \dots d$ ) sur le complexe singulier. On en déduit

**Théorème 0.1** *Soit  $A$  une algèbre commutative. Il existe une structure de  $d+1$ -algèbre munie d'opérations d'Adams sur  $HH^*_{S^d}(A, A)$ . De plus les opérations d'Adams sont des morphismes de  $d+1$ -algèbres.*

En caractéristique zéro, l'isomorphisme de Hochschild Kostant Rosenberg a un analogue pour  $d > 1$  :

**Théorème 0.2** *Soit  $(A, d_A)$  une algèbre différentielle graduée commutative libre. Il existe un isomorphisme naturel de  $d+1$ -algèbres préservant la décomposition de Hodge*

$$HKR : H^*(\text{Hom}_A(S^*(\Omega_A[d]), A), d_A) \rightarrow HH^*_{S^d}(A, A).$$

*De plus, tout quasi-isomorphisme  $(A, d_A) \rightarrow (B, d_B)$  induit un isomorphisme  $HH^*_{S^d}(A, A) \cong HH^*_{S^d}(B, B)$  de  $d+1$ -algèbres préservant les opérations d'Adams.*

On en déduit alors que si  $X$  est un espace  $d$ -connexe à dualité de Poincaré et  $(A, d_A)$  un modèle rationnel pour  $X$ , il y a un isomorphisme rationnel  $H_{*+\dim(X)}(\text{Map}(S^d, X)) \cong HH^*_{S^d}(A, A)$ . En particulier, l'homologie de  $\text{Map}(S^d, X)$  est munie d'une structure de Hodge et de  $d+1$ -algèbre compatibles.

## 1. Introduction

String topology [3] and its relation to Hochschild cohomology have recently drawn considerable attention. String topology deals with the rich algebraic structure of  $H_*(\text{Map}(S^1, M))$  where  $M$  is a manifold. Most of these structures have a counterpart in Hochschild cohomology of an algebra with value in itself. Note that if  $M$  is 1-connected, then  $H_{*+\dim(M)}(\text{Map}(S^1, M)) \cong HH^*(C^*(M), C^*(M))$ . The latter result extends the string topology structure to Poincaré duality spaces  $X$ . Brane topology is a higher dimensional version of string topology where  $S^1$  is replaced by  $d$ -dimensional spheres  $S^d$ . It was proved by Sullivan Voronov that  $H_{*+\dim(M)}(\text{Map}(S^d, M))$  is a  $d+1$ -algebra (that is an algebra over the little  $d+1$ -cube operad). See [4] for details on this and above. On one hand, a nice interpretation of Brane topology in terms of "Hochschild" cohomology of  $d$ -algebras was given by Hu [6] using a topological analog of Kontsevich generalization of Deligne conjecture [7].

On the other hand, Pirashvili [11] has shown how to define a Hochschild homology theory for commutative algebras associated *functorially* to any simplicial set  $X_\bullet$ , such that the classical Hochschild homology is given by the standard simplicial model of  $S^1$ . Since this homology depends only on the homology type of the simplicial set, one gets for free many cochain complexes computing it and a lot of flexibility to

build operations in homology. A very important point in Pirashvili's construction is that the resulting homology depends only of the homology type of the simplicial set. In particular, one gets freely many quasi-isomorphic cochain complex computing the same cohomology which, thanks to the functoriality on  $X_\bullet$ , gives a lot of flexibility to describe operations in Hochschild homology. It is trivial to dualize Pirashvili's construction in order to define Hochschild cohomology  $HH_X^*(A, A)$ . In this paper we study  $HH_{S^d}(A, A)$  and prove that it is a  $d + 1$ -algebra equipped with compatible Adams operations see Theorems 5.3 and 6.1. Moreover, in characteristic 0 if  $A$  is a model for a  $d$ -connected Poincaré duality space  $X$ , then  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, A) \cong H_{*+\dim(X)}(\text{Map}(S^d, X))$ . In particular it adds a Hodge decomposition into the framework of Brane topology and provide a new higher order Hochschild cohomology analog of it. We also make explicit these algebraic structures when  $A$  is free commutative, thus providing an efficient tool for computations.

**Notations :** Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be a field. The category of  $\mathbf{k}$ -vector spaces will be denoted  $\text{Vect}$ . The standard  $n$ -dimensional simplex will be written  $\Delta^n$ . We simply write  $\Delta$  for the simplicial category and  $I = [0, 1]$  for the interval. If  $X$  is a finite set we write  $\#X$  for its cardinal.

## 2. $\Gamma$ -modules and Hochschild cochain complexes over spheres

Let  $\Gamma$  be the category of finite pointed sets. We write  $k_+$  for the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, k\}$  with 0 as base point. A right  $\Gamma$ -module is a functor  $\Gamma^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$ . The category  $\text{Mod} - \Gamma$  of right  $\Gamma$ -modules is abelian with enough projectives and injectives. Details can be found in [11]. The significance of  $\Gamma$ -modules in Hochschild (co)homology was first understood by Loday [9] who initiated the following constructions. Let  $A$  be a commutative unital algebra and  $M$  a symmetric  $A$ -bimodule. The right  $\Gamma$ -module  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)$  is defined on objects  $k_+$  by  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)(k_+) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}}(A^{\otimes k}, M)$ . For a map  $n_+ \xrightarrow{\phi} m_+$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}}(A^{\otimes m}, M)$ , the linear map  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)(\phi)(f) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}}(A^{\otimes n}, M)$  is given, for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ , by

$$\mathcal{H}(A, M)(\phi)(f)(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = b_0.f(b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_m)$$

where  $b_i = \prod_{0 \neq j \in \phi^{-1}(i)} a_j$  (the empty product is set to be the unit 1 of  $A$ ). Given a cocommutative coalgebra  $C$  and a  $C$ -comodule  $N$ , Pirashvili [11] defined a right  $\Gamma$ -module  ${}^{\text{co}}\mathcal{L}(C, N)$  given on objects by  ${}^{\text{co}}\mathcal{L}(C, N)(k_+) = N \otimes C^{\otimes k}$ . The action on arrows is as for  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)$  replacing multiplications by comultiplications. Both constructions make sense with differential graded algebras and coalgebras. For example, if  $L_\bullet$  is a simplicial set, then its homology is a cocommutative coalgebra and  ${}^{\text{co}}\mathcal{L}(H_*(L), H_*(L))$  is a graded right  $\Gamma$ -module. In particular its degree  $q$  part yields the right  $\Gamma$ -module  ${}^{\text{co}}\mathcal{L}_q(H_*(L), H_*(L))$ .

A right  $\Gamma$ -module  $R$  can be extended to a functor  $\text{Fin}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$ , where  $\text{Fin}$  is the category of pointed sets, by taking limits :  $\text{Fin} \ni Y \mapsto R(Y) := \lim_{\Gamma \ni X \rightarrow Y} R(X)$ . Thus, given any pointed simplicial set  $Y_\bullet$  and right  $\Gamma$ -module  $R$  one gets a cosimplicial vector space  $R(Y_\bullet)$ . The dual of Theorem 2.4 in [11] is

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $R \in \text{Mod} - \Gamma$  and  $L_\bullet$  be a pointed simplicial set. There exists a spectral sequence*

$$E_1^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_{\text{Mod} - \Gamma}^p({}^{\text{co}}\mathcal{L}_q(H_*(L), H_*(L)), R) \implies H^{p+q}R(L_\bullet).$$

In particular if  $\alpha : X_\bullet \rightarrow Y_\bullet$  is a map of pointed simplicial sets, by functoriality it induces a map of cosimplicial vector spaces  $R(Y_\bullet) \rightarrow R(X_\bullet)$  which is an isomorphism in cohomology when  $\alpha_* : H_*(X_\bullet) \rightarrow H_*(Y_\bullet)$  is an isomorphism. This motivates the following definition.

**Definition 2.2** *Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $X_\bullet$  a simplicial set whose realisation is homeomorphic to  $X$ ,  $A$  a commutative unital algebra and  $M$  a  $A$ -module. The Hochschild cohomology over  $X$  of  $A$  with value in  $M$ , denoted  $HH_X^*(A, M)$ , is the cohomology  $H^*(\mathcal{H}(A, M)(X_\bullet))$ .*

By Lemma 2.1 it is independent of the choice of  $X_\bullet$ . Furthermore any simplicial set  $Y_\bullet$  connected to  $X_\bullet$  by a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms gives a cochain complex computing  $HH_X^*(A, M)$ . This complex, denoted  $C_{Y_\bullet}^*(A, M)$ , is the one underlying the cosimplicial vector space  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)(Y_\bullet)$ .

### 3. Hochschild cochain complexes over spheres

Taking  $X = S^d$ , we get three canonical complexes computing  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, M)$ :

- The **standard complex**  $C_{S^d}^*(A, M)$  is the cochain complex associated to  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)(S_\bullet^d)$  where  $S_\bullet^d := S_\bullet^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge S_\bullet^1$  ( $d$ -factors). Here  $S_\bullet^1$  is the standard simplicial set representing the circle which has a nondegenerate simplex in dimension 0 and 1 so that  $S_n^1 = n_+$ . In particular  $C_{S^1}^*(A, M)$  is the usual Hochschild cochain complex of  $A$  with value in  $M$ .
- The **small complex**  $C_{S_{sm}^d}^*(A, M)$  is the cochain complex of  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)((S_{sm}^d)_\bullet)$  where  $(S_{sm}^d)_\bullet$  is a simplicial set with one nondegenerate simplex in degree 0 and  $d$ . Thus  $(S_{sm}^d)_n \cong \binom{n}{d}_+$ .
- The **singular complex**  $C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, M)$  is the cochain complex associated to  $\mathcal{H}(A, M)(\Delta_\bullet(S^d))$  where  $\Delta_\bullet(S^d)$  is the fibrant simplicial set which in dimension  $n$  is the set of maps  $\Delta^n \rightarrow S^d$ . By functoriality, there is a chain complex map  $C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, M) \rightarrow C_{X_\bullet}^*(A, M)$  for any simplicial set  $X_\bullet$  whose realisation is  $S^d$ .

All cochain complexes above came from cosimplicial vector spaces structure. Thus they are quasi-isomorphic to their normalized complexes, that is the subcomplexes obtained by taking the kernel of degeneracies. Henceforth, we tacitly assume that our cochain complexes are normalized ones.

Now assume that  $B$  is a commutative  $A$ -algebra (for example  $B = A$ ). Let  $X_\bullet, Y_\bullet$  be finite pointed simplicial sets. Given pointed finite simplicial sets  $X_\bullet, Y_\bullet$  we can form the cosimplicial vector spaces  $\mathcal{H}(A, B)(X_\bullet) \otimes \mathcal{H}(A, B)(Y_\bullet)$  (with the diagonal cosimplicial structure) and  $\mathcal{H}(A, B)(X_\bullet \vee Y_\bullet)$ . There is a cosimplicial map  $\mu : \mathcal{H}(A, B)(X_\bullet) \otimes \mathcal{H}(A, B)(Y_\bullet) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(A, B)(X_\bullet \vee Y_\bullet)$  given for any  $f \in \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes \#X_n}, B)$ ,  $g \in \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes \#Y_n}, B)$  by

$$\mu(f, g)(x_1, \dots, x_{\#X_n}, y_1, \dots, y_{\#Y_n}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_{\#X_n}) \cdot g(y_1, \dots, y_{\#Y_n}).$$

By limit arguments it extends to (nonnecessarily finite) pointed simplicial sets  $X_\bullet, Y_\bullet$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *Composing  $\mu$  with the Eilenberg-Zilber quasi-isomorphisms gives "associative" cochain maps*

- i)  $m_{st} : C_{S^d}^*(A, B) \otimes C_{S^d}^*(A, B) \rightarrow C_{S^d \vee S^d}^*(A, B)$ ;
- ii)  $m_{sm} : C_{S_{sm}^d}^*(A, B) \otimes C_{S_{sm}^d}^*(A, B) \rightarrow C_{(S_{sm}^d)_\bullet \vee (S_{sm}^d)_\bullet}^*(A, B)$ ;
- iii)  $m_{sg} : C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B) \otimes C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B) \rightarrow C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d) \vee \Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B) \xrightarrow{j^*} C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d \vee S^d)}^*(A, B)$  where  $j : \mathbf{k}[\Delta_\bullet(S^d \vee S^d)] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[\Delta_\bullet(S^d) \vee \Delta_\bullet(S^d)]$  is a quasi-inverse of the inclusion map  $\Delta_\bullet(S^d) \vee \Delta_\bullet(S^d) \hookrightarrow \Delta_\bullet(S^d \vee S^d)$ . Explicitly, for  $\sigma : \Delta^{n \geq 1} \rightarrow S^d \vee S^d$ , one defines  $j(\sigma) = \sigma_1 \vee \text{cst} \vee \sigma_2$  where  $\sigma_i$  are the respective projections on each factor and  $\text{cst}$  is the constant map to the basepoint of  $S^d$ .

### 4. Adams operations, Hodge decomposition and $d + 1$ -algebra structure

The edgewise subdivision functor [2]  $\text{sd}_k : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  (where  $k \geq 1$ ) is defined on objects by  $\text{sd}_k(n - 1)_+ = (kn - 1)_+$  and if  $f : (n - 1)_+ \rightarrow (m - 1)_+$  is non-decreasing,  $\text{sd}_k(f)(in + j) = im + f(j)$ . It is well-known [10] that for any  $R \in \text{Mod} - \Gamma$  and pointed simplicial set  $X_\bullet$ , one has  $|R(X_\bullet)| \cong |R(\text{sd}_k(X)_\bullet)|$ . There is an explicit quasi-isomorphism  $\mathcal{D}_k : R(\text{sd}_k(X)_\bullet) \rightarrow R(X_\bullet)$  due to McCarthy [10] representing this equivalence. Let  $\tilde{\varphi}_n^k : (kn - 1)_+ \rightarrow (n - 1)_+$  be the maps defined by  $\tilde{\varphi}_n^k(in + j) = j$ . By functoriality

these maps yield simplicial maps  $\varphi^k = R(\tilde{\varphi}^k) : R(X_\bullet) \rightarrow R(\text{sd}_k(X_\bullet))$ . We denote  $\psi^k = \mathcal{D}^k \circ \varphi^k$ . Note that  $\psi^1 = \text{id}$ .

**Proposition 4.1** *The maps  $\psi^k$  defined on the standard complex and the singular complex agree in cohomology and satisfy the identity  $\psi^p \circ \psi^q = \psi^{pq}$  for any  $p, q \geq 1$ . Moreover*

*i) if  $\mathbf{k}$  is of characteristic 0, then there is a splitting  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, M) = \prod_{j \geq 0} HH_{S^d}^{*,(j)}(A, M)$  where the vector spaces  $HH_{S^d}^{*,(j)}(A, M)$  are isomorphic to  $\ker(\psi^k - k^j \cdot \text{id})$ .*

*ii) The map  $\psi^k$  is the composition*

$$HH_{S^d}^*(A, M) \xrightarrow{\text{dg}^*} HH_{S^d \vee \dots \vee S^d}^*(A, M) \xrightarrow{p^*} HH_{S^d}^*(A, M)$$

where  $p : S^d \rightarrow S^d \vee \dots \vee S^d$  ( $k$ -factors) is the iterated pinch map and  $\text{dg} : S^d \vee \dots \vee S^d \rightarrow S^d$  is the identity on each factor of the wedges.

In particular **ii)** identifies  $\psi^k : C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, M) \rightarrow C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, M)$  with the map  $(F^k)^*$  where  $F^k$  is the canonical map  $F^k : \Delta(S^d) \rightarrow \Delta(S^d)$  of degree  $k$  (that is  $\pi_d(F^k)(1) = k$ ).

**Remark 1** *The maps  $\psi^k : C_{S^d}^n(A, M) \rightarrow C_{S^d}^n(A, M)$  are explicitly given by  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_{n, k-i}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \binom{n+k}{n} \sigma^*$  where  $\Sigma_{n, j}$  is the subset of permutations of  $\Sigma_n$  with  $j-1$  descents and, for  $f \in C_{S^d}^n(A, M) = \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes n^d}, M)$ , one has  $\sigma^*(f)(\dots \otimes a_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \otimes \dots) = f(\dots \otimes a_{\sigma(i_1), \dots, \sigma(i_d)} \otimes \dots)$ .*

## 5. $d$ -algebra structure

For  $d \geq 1$ , a structure of  $d+1$ -algebra on a graded vector space  $B$  is the data of a graded commutative product and a degree  $d$  Lie bracket satisfying the Leibniz rule

$$[a, bc] = [a, b]c + (-1)^{(|a|-d)|b|} b[a, c].$$

In other words, a  $d+1$ -algebra is an algebra over the operad  $H_*(\mathcal{C}_{d+1})$  where  $\mathcal{C}_n = (\mathcal{C}_n(1), \mathcal{C}_n(2), \dots)$  is the little  $n$ -cubes operad. Recall that an element  $c \in \mathcal{C}_n(k)$  is a configuration of  $k$   $n$ -dimensional cubes in  $I^n$ . Such an element  $c$  defines a map  $p_c : S^n \rightarrow \bigvee_k S^n$  by collapsing to the base point the complementary of the interiors of the  $k$  cubes. Composing with the map  $m_{sg}$  of Lemma 3.1.iii) we get a cochain map

$$\mu_c : C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B)^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{m_{sg}} C_{\Delta_\bullet(\bigvee_k S^d)}^*(A, B) \xrightarrow{p_c^*} C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B). \quad (1)$$

Let  $c_0 \in \mathcal{C}_d(2)$  be given by the configuration of the two cubes  $[0, 1/2]^d$  and  $[1/2, 1]^d$  in  $I^d$ .

**Proposition 5.1** *The map (1) induces a structure of  $C_*(\mathcal{C}_d)$ -algebra on the singular Hochschild complex  $C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B)$  and thus of  $H_*(\mathcal{C}_{d+1})$ -algebra on  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, B)$ .*

Note that for  $d > 1$ , it implies that  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, B)$  is a graded commutative algebra. Furthermore the product is given by the product  $\cup_0 := \mu_{c_0}$  on the singular complex and is associative on  $C_{\Delta_\bullet(S^d)}^*(A, B)$ .

The commutativity is induced by a  $\cup_1$ -product which preserves the base point. Using this fact and the description of the Adams operation given in Proposition 4.1.ii) we get

**Proposition 5.2** *For  $d > 1$ , the Adams operations  $\psi^k$  acting on  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, B)$  commutes with the cup-product. That is one has  $\psi^k(f) \cup_0 \psi^k(g) = \psi^k(f \cup_0 g)$  for all  $f, g \in HH_{S^d}^*(A, B)$ .*

Recall [1] that this result is false for  $d = 1$ .

**Remark 2** It is easy to describe the product  $\cup_0$  (as well as  $\cup_1$  indeed) on the standard chain complex. For  $f \in C_{S^d}^p(A, B)$ ,  $g \in C_{S^d}^q(A, B)$ , the product  $f \cup_0 g \in C_{S^d}^{p+q}(A, B)$  is defined by

$$f \cup_0 g((a_{i_1, \dots, i_d})_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_d \leq p+q}) = f((a_{i_1, \dots, i_d})_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_d \leq p}) g((a_{i_1, \dots, i_d})_{p+1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_d \leq p+q}) \prod a_{j_1, \dots, j_d}$$

where the last product is over all indices which are not in the argument of  $f$  or  $g$ .

When  $B = A$ , Proposition 5.1 yields a Lie bracket of degree  $d - 1$  in cohomology, induced by the antisymmetrization of the  $\cup_{d-1}$ -product, where we expect a degree  $d$  Lie bracket. In fact, as in the case  $d = 1$ , one can use the fact that  $B = A$  to get a (non pointed)  $\cup_d$ -product. Using the notations of the end of Section 3, let  $\eta : Z_\bullet \rightarrow X_\bullet \vee Y_\bullet$  be a (non based) map of simplicial sets. Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes \#X_n}, A)$ ,  $g \in \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes \#Y_n}, A)$  and assume  $\eta(0) = i + 1 \in X_n$ . We define  $\tilde{\eta}(f, g) \in \text{Hom}(A^{\otimes \#Z_n}, A)$  by the formula

$$\tilde{\eta}(f, g)(z_1, \dots, z_{\#Z_n}) = x_0 f(x_1, \dots, x_i, g(y_1, \dots, y_{\#Y_n}) \overline{x_{i+1}}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{\#X_n})$$

where  $x_k = \prod_{l/\eta(l)=k \in X_n} z_l$ ,  $y_k = \prod_{l/\eta(l)=k \in Y_n} z_l$ ,  $\overline{x_{i+1}} = \prod_{0 \neq l/\eta(l)=i+1 \in X_n} z_l$ . Note that if  $\eta$  is base point preserving, then  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta^* \circ \mu$ . As in Section 3 we extend the previous construction to  $C_{\Delta_\bullet, (S^d)}^*(A, A)$  and apply it to the map  $I^d \times S^d \rightarrow S^d \vee S^d$  obtained from  $c_0$  by moving the base point along the canonical map  $I^d \rightarrow I^d/\partial I^d \cong [0, 1/2]^d$ . This yields a  $\cup_d$ -product  $\cup_d : S_{S^d}^p(A, A) \otimes S_{S^d}^q(A, A) \rightarrow S_{S^d}^{p+q-d}(A, A)$  giving an homotopy for the commutativity of  $\cup_{d-1}$ . Let  $[f, g]_d := f \cup_d g - (-1)^{(|f|-d)(|g|-d)} g \cup_d f$ .

**Theorem 5.3** *The  $\cup_0$ -product and bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]_d$  give a structure of  $d + 1$ -algebra to  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, A)$ .*

## 6. Free commutative algebras and Brane topology in characteristic zero

By definition of the small complex, one has  $C_{S_{sm}^d}^{n < d}(A, M) = M$  and  $C_{S_{sm}^d}^d(A, M) = \text{Hom}(A, M)$ . Furthermore one checks that  $f \in \text{Hom}(A, M) = C_{S_{sm}^d}^d(A, M)$  is a cocycle if and only if  $f \in \text{Der}(A, M)$ . Thanks to the commutative cup-product there is a canonical map

$$HKR : \text{Hom}_A(S^*(\Omega_A[d]), M) \rightarrow HH_{S^d}^*(A, M) \quad (2)$$

where  $\Omega_A$  is the space of Kähler differentials (recall that  $\text{Hom}_A(\Omega A, M) \cong \text{Der}(A, M)$ ) and  $S^*$  is the graded symmetric algebra functor. Note that  $\text{Hom}_A(S^*(\Omega_A[d]), A)$  is a  $d + 1$ -algebra with product induced by the symmetric power and bracket given by the identification  $\text{Hom}_A(\Omega A, A) \cong \text{Der}(A, A)$  and extended to the whole space by the Leibniz rule. Moreover there are Adams operations  $\psi^k$  defined on  $\text{Hom}_A(S^j(\Omega_A[d]), A)$  by the multiplication by  $k^j$ . As in the classical case, if  $A$  is free, the map  $HKR$  is an isomorphism preserving all the algebraic structures. Furthermore, all of the above makes sense for differential graded commutative algebras as well. When  $\mathbf{k}$  is of characteristic zero, any (dg) commutative algebra  $(A, d_A)$  is quasi-isomorphic to a dg free one  $(F, d_F) \xrightarrow{\sim} (A, d_A)$ . Proposition 5.2 implies

**Theorem 6.1** *Let  $d > 1$  and  $\text{char}(\mathbf{k}) = 0$ . The map*

$$HKR : H^*(\text{Hom}_F(S^*(\Omega_F[d]), F), d_F) \rightarrow HH_{S^d}^*(A, A)$$

*is an isomorphism of  $d + 1$ -algebras commuting with the Adams operations. Moreover a quasi-isomorphism  $(A, d_A) \rightarrow (B, d_B)$  of dg-commutative algebras induces an isomorphism  $HH_{S^d}^*(A, A) \cong HH_{S^d}^*(B, B)$  of  $d + 1$ -algebras and Hodge structures.*

This theorem gives an efficient way to compute the structure of higher order Hochschild homology.

**Remark 3** In particular for  $d$  odd, the groups appearing in the Hodge decomposition are those in the Hodge decomposition for  $d = 1$  but they are dispatched in different degrees. The same is true for  $d$  even with the groups appearing in the decomposition for  $d = 2$ . Note that for  $d = 1$ , the Hodge decomposition coincides with the classical one [5], [9].

Let  $X$  be a  $d$ -connected Poincaré duality space of dimension  $n$ . By [8], there exists a free dg-commutative algebra  $(\mathcal{A}_X^*, d_X)$  quasi-isomorphic to the minimal model of  $X$  together with a quasi-isomorphism  $\mathcal{A}_X^* \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}_X^*)'[n]$  of  $\mathcal{A}_X^*$ -modules inducing the Poincaré duality in cohomology. Moreover by Theorem 6.1 and direct inspection on a minimal model of  $X$ , there is an isomorphism  $HH_{S^d}^i(\mathcal{A}_X^*, (\mathcal{A}_X^*)') \cong H_i(\text{Map}(S^d, X))$ .

$$HH_{S^d}^i(\mathcal{A}_X^*, \mathcal{A}_X^*) \cong HH_{S^d}^{i+d}(\mathcal{A}_X^*, (\mathcal{A}_X^*)') \cong H_{i+d}(\text{Map}(S^d, X)).$$

The last isomorphism come from Theorem 6.1 applied to a minimal model of  $X$ .

**Corollary 6.2** *For any commutative model  $\mathcal{M}_X$  for  $X$ , one has  $HH_{S^d}^i(\mathcal{M}_X, \mathcal{M}_X) \cong H_{i+d}(\text{Map}(S^d, X))$ .*

In particular, the shifted homology of the mapping space  $\text{Map}(S^d, X)$  inherits a structure of  $d$ -algebra which is graded with respect to the Hodge decomposition. Corollary 6.2 adds the Hodge decomposition to the Brane topology story studied in [4] and [6].

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