

# §2. Differential graded categories

exact earlier dg categories now

Fix a commutative ring  $k$

Definition: A differential graded category is a category enriched over  $k$ -complexes  $\mathcal{C}k$

$\mathcal{C}k$  has objects complexes  $\dots \rightarrow V^{n-1} \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} V^n \xrightarrow{d^n} V^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$   $V^n$  a  $k$ -module and  $d^{n+1} \circ d^n = 0$

Morphisms are  $(f^n: V^n \rightarrow W^n)$  s.t.  $d_W^n f^n = f^{n+1} d_V^n$  for all  $n$

$\mathcal{C}k$  comes with a monoidal structure,  $V = (V^\bullet, d_V), W = (W^\bullet, d_W) \in \mathcal{C}k$

$V \otimes W$  is defined by  $(V \otimes W)^n := \coprod_{p+q=n} V^p \otimes_k W^q$ ,  $d_{V \otimes W}^n := d_V \otimes 1 + (-1)^{|V|} 1 \otimes d_W$

$\rightarrow$  Symmetric  $V \otimes W \xrightarrow{\sim} W \otimes V$   
 $v \otimes w \mapsto (-1)^{|v||w|} w \otimes v$  Koszul sign ↙ Internal Hom

Observation:  $- \otimes V: \mathcal{C}k \rightarrow \mathcal{C}k$  has a right adjoint  $\text{Hom}_k^{\bullet}(V, -)$ , explicitly:

$\text{Hom}_k^m(V, W) := \left\{ (f^n: V^n \rightarrow W^{n+m})_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \right\}$

$\dots \rightarrow V^{n-1} \rightarrow V^n \rightarrow V^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$   
 $\dots \rightarrow W^{n+m-1} \rightarrow W^{n+m} \rightarrow W^{n+m+1} \rightarrow \dots$

$\triangle!$  No condition for the  $f^n$   
 $\text{Hom}_k^0(V, W) \not\cong \mathcal{C}k(V, W)$  in general

$d_{\text{Hom}_k^{\bullet}(V, W)}(f) := d_W \circ f - (-1)^{|f|} f \circ d_V$

For  $V \in \mathcal{C}k$  define  $V[1]$  by  $V[1]^n := V^{n+1}$ ,  $d_{V[1]} := -d_V \rightsquigarrow \text{Hom}_k^n(V, W) = \text{Hom}_k^0(V, W[1])$

Definition: A dg category  $\mathcal{A}$  consists of a class of objects and for any two  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$   $\mathcal{A}(X, Y) \in \mathcal{C}k$  a complex of morphisms and composition morphisms which is associative + unital.

$\mathcal{A}(Y, Z) \otimes \mathcal{A}(X, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(X, Z)$  ↘ Leibnitz rule

Example:

(1)  $\mathcal{C}_{dg} k := (\mathcal{C}k, \text{Hom}_k^{\bullet}(\_, \_)) \rightsquigarrow d_V \in \text{Hom}_k^1(V, V)$  with  $d_V^2 = 0$   
 $\triangle! (f \circ g)(x \otimes y) = (-1)^{|g||x|} f(x) \otimes g(y)$  'switching g and x'  $\rightsquigarrow d_{v \otimes w} = d_v \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d_w$

(2)  $B$  a  $k$ -algebra,  $\text{Mod } B$  all (right) modules  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{C}_{dg} B$  dg category of complexes of  $B$  modules

(3) dg  $k$ -algebra  $A \iff$  dg category with one object  $*$ ,  $A = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(*, *)$

(4) differential graded quiver, example:

$1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta} 3$   $\mathcal{A}(1, 1) = k \mathbb{1}_1$   $\mathcal{A}(1, 2) = k \alpha$   $\mathcal{A}(2, 3) = k \beta$   
 $\mathcal{A}(1, 3) = \underbrace{k \alpha \beta}_{-1} \oplus \underbrace{k \beta \alpha}_0$   $d(\alpha) = \beta \alpha$   
 $|\alpha| = 0 = |\beta|, |\alpha \beta| = -1$  ↘ dg path algebra / category

(5)  $\mathcal{A}$  dg category  $\rightsquigarrow$  opposite category  $\mathcal{A}^{op}$  with  $f \circ^{op} g := (-1)^{|f||g|} g \circ f$

(6)  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  dg categories  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  with objects  $\text{Obj } \mathcal{A} \times \text{Obj } \mathcal{B}$  (7)

$$\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}((x, y), (x', y')) := \mathcal{A}(x, x') \otimes \mathcal{B}(y, y')$$

$$(g \otimes g') \circ (f \otimes f') = (-1)^{|g||f'|} (g \circ f) \otimes (g' \circ f')$$

$\otimes$	$0$	$\longrightarrow$	$1$	$\mathcal{A}$
	$0$	$00$	$\longrightarrow$	$01$
$\mathcal{B}$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$G$	$\downarrow$
	$1$	$10$	$\longrightarrow$	$11$

$\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$

Definition  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  dg categories. A dg functor consists of a map  $F: \text{Obj } \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Obj } \mathcal{B}$  and

$$\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{A} \quad F = F_{X,Y}: \mathcal{A}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(F_X, F_Y) \quad \text{morphisms of complexes}$$

compatible with composition and units.  $\rightsquigarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  category of dg functors (not transform ...)

Proposition  $(\text{dgCat}, \otimes)$  is a symmetric monoidal category with tensor unit  $\mathbb{k} = * \otimes \mathbb{k}$

Furthermore, it has an internal Hom  $\text{Fun}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$

$\rightsquigarrow \text{Fun}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  dg category of dg functors  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

Definition:  $\mathcal{A}$  a dg category

- the 0-truncation of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\tau_{\leq 0} \mathcal{A}$ , is the dg category with the same objects and for  $X, Y \in \tau_{\leq 0} \mathcal{A}$ 

$$\tau_{\leq 0} \mathcal{A}(X, Y) = (\dots \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(X, Y)^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(X, Y)^1 \rightarrow \overset{\ker(d^0)}{\mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A}(X, Y)} \rightarrow \dots)$$
- the 0-cocycles of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A}$ , is the category with the same objects and for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A}$ 

$$\mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A}(X, Y) := \ker(d^0_{\mathcal{A}(X, Y)})$$
- the 0-cohomology of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $H^0 \mathcal{A}$ , is the category with the same objects and for  $X, Y \in H^0 \mathcal{A}$ 

$$H^0 \mathcal{A}(X, Y) := \mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A}(X, Y) / \text{im}(d^1_{\mathcal{A}(X, Y)})$$

Remark: We have dg functors  $H^0 \mathcal{A} \longleftarrow \tau_{\leq 0} \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$

Definition:  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a quasi-equivalence if  $H^0 F: H^0 \mathcal{A} \rightarrow H^0 \mathcal{B}$  is an equivalence and for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$   $F_{X,Y}$  is a quasi isomorphism. "isomorphic in cohomology"

Examples:

(1)  $B$  a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{C}_d B = \mathcal{C} B$ ,  $H^0 \mathcal{C}_d B = \mathcal{H} B$  homotopy category  $\mathcal{C} B / \text{homotopy}$

$\rightsquigarrow f, g: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C} B$  are homotopic if  $\exists h \in \text{Hom}_B^{-1}(X, Y) \quad f - g = d_{X,Y} h + h \circ d_Y$

(2)  $\mathcal{A} = A$  dg algebra  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Z}^0 A$ ,  $H^0 \mathcal{A} = H^0 A$

(3) 
$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & 2 & \xrightarrow{\beta} & 3 \\ & & \uparrow & & \end{array} \quad d(\alpha) = \beta \alpha \quad \text{"sequence upto homotopy"}$$

$$\mathcal{Z}^0 \mathcal{A} = 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta} 3 \quad H^0 \mathcal{A} = 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta} 3$$

Reminder:  $B$  a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{B} = B$  as category with one object

$\Rightarrow \text{Mod } B \simeq \text{Fun}(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}, \text{Mod } \mathbb{k})$  (right modules)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C} B \simeq \text{Fun}(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{C} \mathbb{k}) = \text{Fun}(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{C}_d \mathbb{k})$

Definition:  $\mathcal{A}$  a dg category

$$M, N \in \mathcal{E}\mathcal{A} \quad f: M \rightarrow N, f_x \text{ morphism of complexes}$$

$\mathcal{E}\mathcal{A} := \text{Fun}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{E}dg\text{Kom})$  category of (right)  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules

$$\forall X \xrightarrow{g} Y \quad \begin{array}{ccc} MX & \xleftarrow{Lg} & MY \\ f_x \downarrow & G & \downarrow f_y \\ NX & \xleftarrow{} & NY \end{array}$$

Morphisms = natural transformations

Example:  $X \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow X^\wedge := \mathcal{A}(-, X): \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}k$  the representable dg module

Yoneda Lemma  $\mathcal{A}$  dg cat,  $X \in \mathcal{A}, M \in \mathcal{E}\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}\mathcal{A}(X^\wedge, M) \xrightarrow{\sim} Z^0 MX$  morphisms!  
 $\varphi \longmapsto \varphi(\mathbb{1}_X)$

$\leadsto$  Solution: dg-category of dg modules

Definition:  $\mathcal{A}$  a dg-category, define the dg cat of  $\mathcal{A}$  modules  $\mathcal{E}dg\mathcal{A} := \text{Fun}_{dg}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{E}dg\text{Kom})$ ,

Explicitly for  $M, N \in \mathcal{E}dg\mathcal{A}$

$$\mathcal{E}dg\mathcal{A}(M, N)^n := \left\{ f \in \prod_{X \in \mathcal{A}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}k}^n(MX, NX) \mid \forall m \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{A}(X, Y)^m \begin{array}{ccc} MX & \xleftarrow{\varphi} & MY \\ f_x \downarrow & (-1)^{n \cdot m} & \downarrow f_y \\ NX & \xleftarrow{} & NY \end{array} \right\}$$

Remark:  $\mathcal{E}\mathcal{A} = Z^0 \mathcal{E}dg\mathcal{A}$

no constraints!

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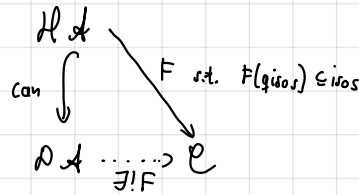
Corollary: Let  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{A} := H^0 \mathcal{E}dg\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}(X^\wedge, M) \cong H^0 MX$

Recall:  $g: M \rightarrow N$  is a quasi isomorphism if for all  $X \in \mathcal{A}$   $g_x: MX \rightarrow NX$  is a isomorphism, i.e.

$$H^0(g[n]): H^0(MX[n]) \rightarrow H^0(NX[n]) \text{ is an isomorphism (invariant under homotopy)}$$

Definition:  $\mathcal{A}$  a dg category. The derived category of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the localisation of  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}$  at the quos

$$\mathcal{D}\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}[\text{qiso}^{-1}] \leadsto \text{Universal Property}$$



Theorem The localisation functor  $\text{can}: \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A}$  admits two fully faithful adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xleftarrow{p} & \\ \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\text{can}} & \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A} \\ & \xleftarrow{i} & \end{array}$$

"projective resolution" (top arrow), "injective resolution" (bottom arrow)

$\Rightarrow$  In particular,  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{A}$  is indeed a category.

Reminder:  $\mathcal{A}$  abelian/exact cat  $\leadsto \mathcal{E}\mathcal{A}$  has an exact structure given by degreewise split s.e.s.  
 dg

In fact, this is a Frobenius exact structure

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{E}\mathcal{A}$  stable category canonically carries the structure of a triangulated category

projective-injectives are the nullhomotopic complexes,

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  nullhomotopic iff  $X$  factor thru  $I(X)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \longrightarrow & I(X) & \longrightarrow & X[1] \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ Y & \longrightarrow & \text{Cone}(p) & \longrightarrow & X[1] \end{array}$$

exact / distinguished triangle

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{A}$  is a category is canonically triangulated since

$$\mathcal{D}\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A}[q_{iio}^{-1}] \cong \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A} / \{X \xrightarrow{q_{iio}} 0\} \text{ canonically triangulated since } \{X \xrightarrow{q_{iio}} 0\} \text{ is a null system}$$

Definition: A dg category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called pretriangulated if the fully faithful functor

$$h := H^0 \gamma: H^0 \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}\mathcal{A} \quad (\text{induced by dg Yoneda functor } \gamma: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\text{dg}} \mathcal{A})$$

induces the structure of a triangulated category on  $H^0 \mathcal{A}$ .

Explicitly  $h$  is supposed to be stable under the suspension  $[\pm 1]$  and taking cones.

In this case we call the triangulated category  $H^0 \mathcal{A}$  algebraic triangulated category.

Theorem  $\mathcal{T}$  algebraic triangulated category iff  $\mathcal{T}$  stable module category of some Frobenius exact category.

Lemma The Verdier Localisation of an algebraic category is algebraic. (Ignoring set theoretic problems)

Remark: 'all triangulated categories in algebra are algebraic'

Outlook:

