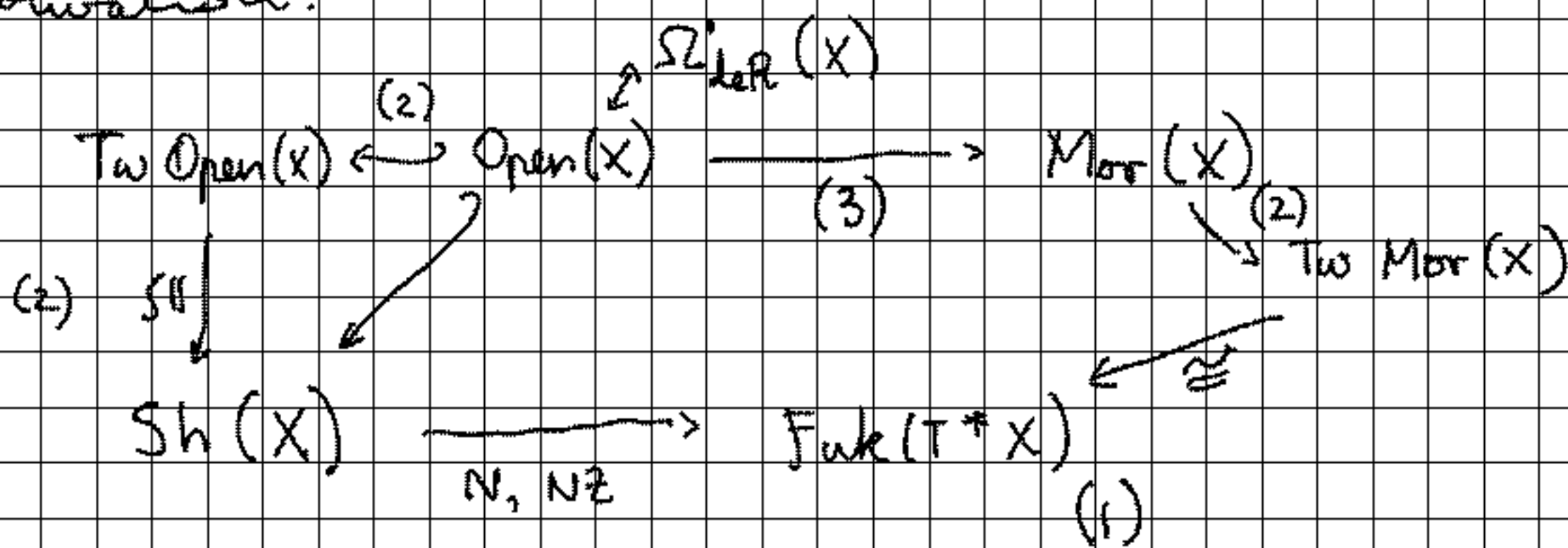


- 1) A_∞ structures
- 2) Conds, triangles, envelopes
- 3) Homological Perturbation

Motivation:



(1) A_∞ structures.

Example: X a topological space, $x \in X$

$$\Omega X = \{ \gamma: S^1 \rightarrow X \mid \gamma(1) = x \}$$

$$\pi_0 \Omega X = \pi_1(X)$$

$$\Omega X \times \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega X \quad \text{product - only defined up to reparametrisation.}$$

For each $n \geq 2$ we have a space of possible compositions

$$O(n) \times \underbrace{\Omega X \times \dots \times \Omega X}_n \rightarrow \Omega X$$

where $O(n) = \text{Emb}(\bigsqcup_n I, I)$

A space w/ such a structure is an A_∞ algebra. (in spaces)

Example of A_∞ categories

X a space

$\pi_\infty X$ has objects = points of X .

$$\text{Mor}(x_0, x_1) = \{\gamma: I \rightarrow X : \gamma(0) = x_0, \gamma(1) = x_1\}$$

Defn: (A_∞ algebra in chain complexes)

Let $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} V^i$ be a graded vector space

Suppose we have maps ($\forall d \geq 1$)

$$\mu^d: V^{\otimes d} \rightarrow V[2-d]$$

satisfying

$$\sum_{i, k} (-1)^{* (i)} \mu^{d-k+1} (a_d, \dots, a_{i+k+1}, \mu^k(a_{i+k}, \dots, a_{i+1}), a_i, \dots, a_1) = 0$$

or, graphically,

The sign convention is

$$* (i) = \sum_{j=1}^i |a_j| - i,$$

Obs: $d=1$: μ^1 has deg 1 and $\mu^1 \circ \mu^1 = 0$

$d=2$: $m(a_2, a_1) = \mu^2(a_2, a_1) \cdot (-1)^{|a_2|}$

μ^1 is a derivation for m .

(i.e. satisfies the Leibniz rule)

$d=3$: $\delta_{\mu^3} + \mu^3 \delta = \text{associator of } m$.

\Rightarrow the homology $H(A) := H^*(A, \mu^1)$ is an associative graded algebra.

Defn: A_∞ category \mathcal{A} has

- objects $\text{Ob } \mathcal{A}$

- hom spaces $\mathcal{A}(x_0, x_1)$ are \mathbb{Z} -graded vector spaces

- $\mu^d: \mathcal{A}(x_{d-1}, x_d) \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{A}(x_0, x_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(x_0, x_d)[2-d]$.

composition maps.

Defn: Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of A_∞ algebras
 If $H(f): H(A) \rightarrow H(B)$ is an isomorphism, we
 say f is a quasi-isomorphism.

Similarly, if $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism (functor)
 of A_∞ categories such that $H(f): H(A) \rightarrow H(B)$
 is an equivalence of graded linear categories,
 we say f is a quasi-equivalence.

If $\mu^d = 0$ for all $d \geq 3$, we use the term "dg" (differential
 graded) rather than " A_∞ ".

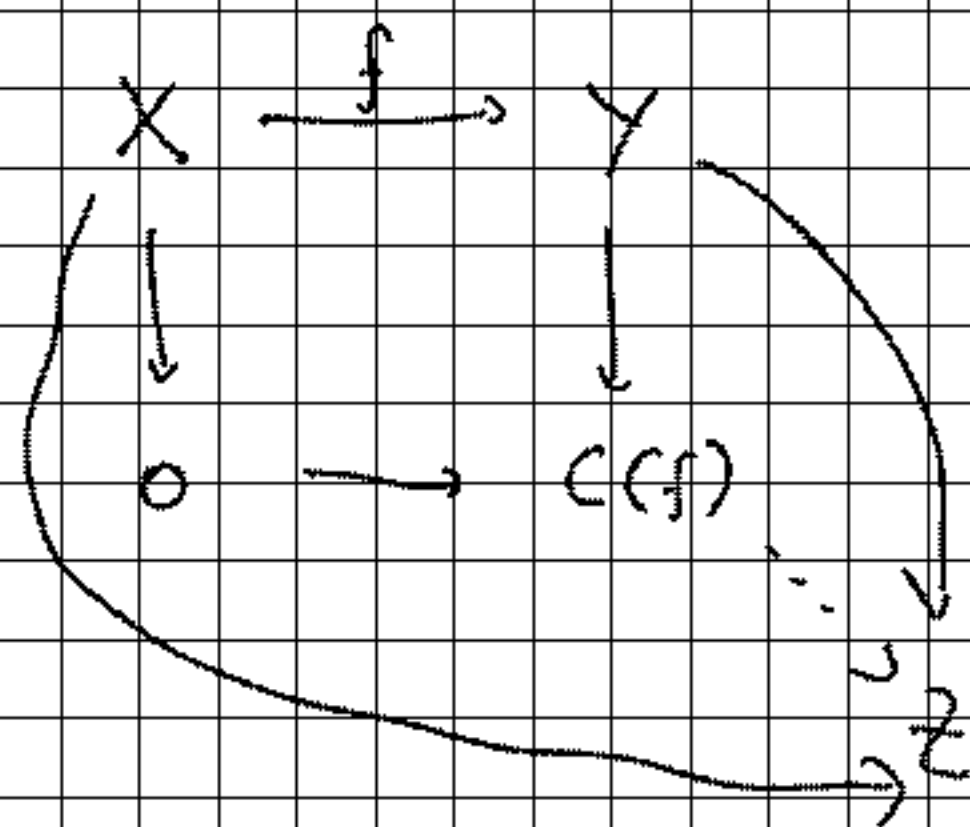
E.g. $\Omega_{\text{dR}}^*(X)$, for X a C^∞ mfd, with de Rham
 differential and wedge product.

(2) The category of chain complexes

(Ch_k is a dg-category ($k = \text{base field}$)).

Some properties:

- (1) Ch_k has a zero object (not unique - any
acyclic complex is a zero object).
- (2) Ch_k has mapping cones / cokernels



Namely, $C(f) = X[1] \oplus Y$

$$d_{C(f)} = \begin{bmatrix} d_X & 0 \\ f & -d_Y \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Ch_k has a shift functor $T: \text{Ch}_k \rightarrow \text{Ch}_k$
 $X \mapsto X[1]$

As a consequence, $H^0 \text{Ch}_k$ is triangulated.

The Yoneda Embedding:

Given an A_∞ category A , we can look at

$A_\infty \text{ fun } (A^{\text{op}}, \text{Ch}_k) =: A_\infty\text{-modules over } A.$

The Yoneda embedding

$A \hookrightarrow A\text{-mod}$

$X \mapsto A(\cdot, X)$

This is cohomologically full and faithful (when A is a c -unital category)

Cor: Every A_∞ cat. is quasi-equiv to a dg cat.

Remk: The triangulated envelope of A is the smallest subcategory of $A\text{-mod}$ generated by cones and shifts of the image of A .

Remk: "Tria A " is a model for the Δ envelope of A .

As a consequence, $H^0 \text{Ch}_k$ is triangulated

$\text{Perf } A := \Delta \text{ envelope of } A$

\cap
 $A\text{-mod.}$

(3) Let \mathcal{B} be an A_n cat. and \forall objects $x_0, x_1 \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{B}$,

$C: \mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1)$ s.t. $C^2 = C$,
and C is a chain map.

Let F be the map

$$F: C(\mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1)) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1).$$

Suppose $\exists T: \mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1)$, s.t. $\text{deg } T = -1$ s.t.

$$F \circ C - \text{id} = \mu'_B T + T \mu'_B$$

Then \exists an A_n cat \mathcal{A} w/ $\text{Ob } \mathcal{A} = \text{Ob } \mathcal{B}$

$$\mathcal{A}(x_0, x_1) = C(\mathcal{B}(x_0, x_1))$$

s.t. F, C extends to a quasi-equivalence

$$\mathcal{A} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{C} \end{array} \mathcal{B}.$$

E.g. \mathcal{B} dg cat w/ one object. X a C^∞ mfd.

$\mathcal{B}(\cdot, \cdot) = C_x$ "singular cells"

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow C \\ M_x \text{ Morse cells} \end{array}$$

$C(\alpha) =$ Morse flow applied to α , flowing it
out to some Morse cells. $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_t(\alpha)$

$$T = \bigcup_{t \geq 0} \Phi_t(\alpha).$$