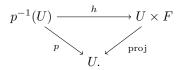
WTF IS KOSZUL DUALITY?

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 $\label{eq:limit} \textit{Did you know you could kill someone by dropping [LV12] on its head?}$

1. FIBER BUNDLES

A fiber bundle [Hat02] (also called *locally trivial fiber bundle*) $F \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{p} B$ is a "short exact sequence of spaces", more precisely, it is a continuous map p such that every point $b \in B$ has an open neighborhood $b \in U$ for which there is a homeomorphism $h: p^{-1}(U) \longrightarrow U \times F$, called *local trivialization*, making the following triangle commute



The space F is called the *fiber*, E is the *total space*, and B is the *base space*. Examples include *trivial bundles* $F \longrightarrow F \times B \longrightarrow B$, but also the Möbius strip $D^1 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow S^1$, the Klein bottle $S^1 \longrightarrow K^2 \longrightarrow S^1$, and the Hopf fibrations. Also, a fiber bundle with discrete fiber is a covering space.

Theorem 1.1. Let $F \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{p} B$ be a fiber bundle. Then $p_*: \pi_n(E, F) \longrightarrow \pi_n B$ is an isomorphism (basepoints are left implicit). Thus, if B is path-connected, the long relative exact sequence becomes

$$\cdots \to \pi_{n+1}B \to \pi_n F \to \pi_n E \to \pi_n B \to \pi_{n-1}F \to \cdots$$

2. SIMPLICIAL TWISTING MAPS

This section quickly surveys [May92], and we only deal with simplicial sets.

A map $p: E \longrightarrow B$ of simplicial sets is called a *fiber bun*dle of fiber F if for every cell $b: \Delta[n] \longrightarrow B$, the projection $\Delta[n] \times_B E \longrightarrow \Delta[n]$ of the following pullback

$$\begin{array}{c} \Delta[n] \times_B E \longrightarrow E \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{p} \\ \Delta[n] \xrightarrow{b} B \end{array}$$

is isomorphic to the projection $\Delta[n] \times F$. If F is a Kan complex, then p is a Kan fibration. The bundle is said trivial if $E = F \times B$ and p is just the projection.

Let G be a simplicial group (thus a Kan complex) acting on the left on E, which we write $G \circ E$. The action is said *effective* if $\forall g \in G$, if g acts like the unit 1, then g = 1; it is said *principal* if $\forall g \in G$, $\forall x \in E$, if gx = x, then g = 1.

If $G \circ E$ principally, then we obtain what we call a *principal fiber bundle* $F \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{p} B = G \setminus E$. It seems clear that it is a fiber bundle, but I could not find that statement anywhere... A *cross section* (or just *section*) of p is a map $\sigma: B \longrightarrow E$ such that $p\sigma = id_B$. It exists only if the bundle is trivial. Thus we relax the constraints on σ and allow it to

not preserve the 0-th face operator d_0 , and call such a map a pseudo cross section (or just pseudo section).

The following way of relating twisted cartesian products and twisting map is taken from [Pro11], which is itself based on [May92]. Note that for such a pseudo cross section σ , and $b \in B$,

$$p\sigma d_0(b) = d_0(b) = d_0 p\sigma(b) = p d_0 \sigma(b)$$

and thus $\sigma d_0(b)$ and $d_0\sigma(b)$ lie in the same fiber of p. Since the action of G is principal, there exist a unique $\tau(b) \in G$ such that $d_0\sigma(b) = \sigma d_0(b) \cdot \tau(b)$. The map $\tau : B \longrightarrow G$ of degree -1 (meaning $\tau B_n \subseteq G_{n-1}$) satisfies the following properties

$$d_{0}\tau(b) = (\tau d_{0}(b))^{-1} \cdot \tau d_{1}(b),$$

$$d_{i}\tau(b) = \tau d_{i+1}(b) \qquad i \ge 1,$$

$$s_{i}\tau(b) = \tau s_{i+1}(b) \qquad i \ge 0,$$

$$\tau s_{0}(b) = 1.$$

A map of degree -1 satisfying those properties is called a *twisting map*. Interestingly, τ is enough to recover the pseudo section σ . The *twisted cartesial product* $E = B \times_{\tau} G$ is the usual cartesian product $B \times G$, but where the 0-th face operator has been replaced by

$$d_0(b,g) = (d_0(b), \tau(b) \cdot d_0(g))$$

the fibration $p: E \longrightarrow B$ maps (b,g) to b, and the pseudo section σ maps b to (b, 1). This construction exhibits a bijection between cross section of principal G-bundles over B and twisting map $B \longrightarrow G$.

2.1. Simplicial bar and cobar. The \mathfrak{W} and \mathfrak{G} constructions presented here are covered in [May92] and briefly discussed in [Pro11].

Let G be a simplicial group, and consider the category \mathcal{B}_G of tuples (X, τ) , where X is a simplicial set and $\tau : X \longrightarrow G$ is a twisting map. Then \mathcal{B}_G has a terminal object $\mathfrak{W}(G) \longrightarrow G$ which may be thought as a "bar construction on G".

Dually, if X is a reduced $(X_0 = \{*\})$ simplicial set, let \mathcal{C}_X be the category of tuples (G, τ) , where $\tau : X \longrightarrow G$ is a twisting map. Then \mathcal{C}_X has an initial object $X \longrightarrow \mathfrak{G}(X)$, which may be thought as a "cobar construction on X".

Theorem 2.1. The canonical morphism $GW(G) \longrightarrow G$ and $X \longrightarrow WG(X)$ are homotopy equivalences.

3. Homological twisting maps

3.1. Intermezzo in derived algebra. See [Yek20]. A dgring k is a graded algebra $(k_i k_j \subseteq k_{i+j})$ over a ground ring, with a differential ∂ satisfying the graded Leibniz rule

$$\partial(ab) = \partial(a)b + (-1)^{|a||b|}a\partial(b)$$

It is said weakly commutative if $ab = (-1)^{|a||b|}ba$, and strongly commutative if it is weakly commutative, and if aa = 0 for all odd a (i.e. |a| odd). If the ground ring is not of caracteristic 2, the two notions are equivalent. Any ring can be seen as a dg-ring concentrated in degree 0.

A k-dg-module is a *dg-module* $M = \bigoplus_i M_i$ with a graded action $k_i M_j \subseteq M_{i+j}$ satisfying

$$\partial(am) = \partial(a)m + (-1)^{|a|}a\partial(m)$$

Let $dgAlg_{\Bbbk}$ be the category of differential graded \Bbbk -algebras. The tensor product of $M, N \in dgAlg_{\Bbbk}$ is given by

$$(M \otimes N)_n = \bigoplus_{i+j=n} M_i \otimes N_j$$

with differential

$$\partial(m\otimes n) = \partial(m)\otimes n + (-1)^{|m|}m\otimes \partial(n)$$

The inner hom is given by

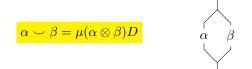
$$\hom(M, N)_n = \bigoplus_i \operatorname{Alg}_{\Bbbk}(M_i, N_{i+n})$$

with differential

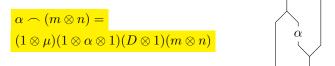
$$\partial(\phi) = \partial \circ \phi - (-1)^{|\phi|} \phi \circ \partial$$

Note the minus in the middle, and that ϕ is an even cocycle if and only if $\partial \circ \phi = \phi \circ \partial$, that is, if it is a morphism of dg-algebras.

The following material can be found in [May92, Pro11], and in [LV12], although expressed differently. Let C be a dg-coalgebra with comultiplication D, and A be a dg-algebra with multiplication μ , both over some ground commutative ring k. In particular, C and A are dg-modules over k and so we have a dg-module hom(C, A) defined previously. We endow it with a structure of dg-algebra with the following cup product (called convolution product and denoted by \star in [LV12]):



If M is a right C-dg-comodule, and N a left A-dg-module, then the k-tensor $M \otimes N$ has a structure of left hom(C, A)dg-module with the following *cap product*



Let $t: C \longrightarrow A$ be a morphism of degree -1. The *twisted* tensor $M \otimes_t N$ is defined as $M \otimes N$ with endowed with the following map of degree -1:

$$\partial_t(m\otimes n) = \partial(m\otimes n) + t \frown (m\otimes n) .$$

Of course ∂_t has no reason to be a differential in general, but it is if and only if t satisfies the Cartan–Maurer relation [LV12]

$$\partial(t) + t \smile t = 0$$

and in this case, we call t a twisting morphism (or twisting cochain, Brown cochain [Pro11]). Recall that the differential $\partial(t)$ of t in hom(C, A) is given by $\partial \circ t + t \circ \partial$ since again, |t| = -1.

4. BAR AND COBAR

Let R be a ring and C a chain complex in ${}_{R}Mod$. Write $\blacktriangle^{n}C$ for the shifted complex where $\blacktriangle^{n}C_{i} = C_{i-n}$. The litterature writes C(-n) [Wu16], $s^{n}C$ [LV12], $\uparrow^{n}C$ [Pro11], C[n]. The \blacktriangle^{n} notation is prefered with n is positive; if it is negative, we let $\blacktriangledown^{n} = \blacktriangle^{-n}$.

Let A be a dg-algebra over \Bbbk , and \mathcal{B}_A be the category of twisting morphisms over A, i.e. the category of tuples (C, τ) , where $\tau : C \longrightarrow A$ is a twisting morphisms, and where morphisms are adequatly commuting dg-coalgebra morphisms. Then \mathcal{B}_A has a terminal object $\beta : \mathcal{B}(A) \longrightarrow A$, the *bar construction* of A which we now define. As a graded algebra, we let

$$\mathbf{B}(A) = T(\blacktriangle A)$$

with the deconcatenation product, where $\overline{A} = A/\Bbbk$. It is customary to denote a homogeneous element $\blacktriangle a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \blacktriangle a_k$ of B(A) as $[a_1|\cdots|a_k]$. The twisting morphism β is the composite

$$\mathcal{B}(A) = T(\blacktriangle \bar{A}) \xrightarrow{\text{proj}} \blacktriangle \bar{A} \xrightarrow{\blacktriangledown} \bar{A} \longrightarrow A$$

explicitly

$$\beta(1) = 0, \quad \beta[a] = a, \quad \beta[a_1|\cdots|a_k] = 0 \text{ for } k > 1.$$

The differential on B(A) is then specifically crafted for β to indeed be a twisting morphism:

$$\partial_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \mathrm{id}^{\otimes i-1} \otimes \mu \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\otimes k-i-1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathrm{id}^{\otimes i-1} \otimes \partial \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\otimes k-i}$$

where μ is the multiplication of A. Explicitly:

$$\partial [a_1|\cdots|a_k] = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{i+|a_1|+\cdots+|a_i|} [a_1|\cdots|\mu(a_i,a_{i+1})|\cdots|a_k] + \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1+|a_1|+\cdots+|a_{i-1}|} [a_1|\cdots|\partial(a_i)|\cdots|a_k].$$

Recall that elements in brackets are implicitely shifted.

Dually, for C a dg-coalgebra, let \mathcal{C}_C be the category of twisting morphisms under C, i.e. tuples (A, τ) where $\tau : C \longrightarrow A$ is a twisting morphisms, and where morphisms are adequatly commuting dg-algebra morphisms. Then \mathcal{C}_C has an initial object $\omega : C \longrightarrow \Omega(C)$, the *cobar construction* of C, wich we now define. As a graded algebra, we let

$\Omega(C) = T(\mathbf{\nabla}\bar{C})$

with the concatenation product, where $\overline{C} = C/\Bbbk$. It is customary to denote a homogeneous element $\mathbf{\nabla} c_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{\nabla} c_k$ of $\Omega(C)$ by $[c_1|\cdots|c_k]$. The twisting morphism ω is the composite

$$C \longrightarrow \bar{C} \xrightarrow{\bullet} \mathbf{\nabla} \bar{C} \longrightarrow T(\mathbf{\nabla} \bar{C}) = \Omega(C),$$

explicitly, $\omega(c) = [c]$. The differential on $\Omega(C)$ is then specifically crafted for ω to indeed be a twisting morphism:

$$\partial_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \mathrm{id}^{\otimes i-1} \otimes D \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\otimes k-i-1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathrm{id}^{\otimes i-1} \otimes \partial \otimes \mathrm{id}^{\otimes k-i}$$

where D is the comultiplication of C.

- **Theorem 4.1.** (1) The twisted complexes $B(A) \otimes_{\beta} A$ and $C \otimes_{\omega} \Omega(C)$ are acyclic (see next remark).
 - (2) We have an adjunction

 $dgAlg(\Omega(C), A) \cong Tw(C, A) \cong dgcoAlg(C, B(A))$

and the unit and counit are natural quasiisomorphisms.

(3) For G a simplicial group, there is a quasi-isomorphism Z𝔐(G) → BℤG. For X a simply connected reduced simplicial set, there is a quasi-isomorphism ΩℤX → ℤ𝔅(X).

Recall that by convention, acyclicity of $B(A) \otimes_{\beta} A$ means that the homology is trivial in every dimension, except in dimension 0 where it is k. Consequently the bar construction gives a free resolution of the trivial A-module k. In practice however, it is too big to be computationally tractable...

5. Where it all come together

5.1. The Eilenberg–Zilber theorem. For X a simplicial set, let $\mathbb{Z}X$ be its Moore complex with integer coefficients.

Theorem 5.1 (Eilenberg–Zilber). Let X and Y be simplicial sets. There is a homotopy equivalence

$$\mathbb{Z}[X \times Y] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}X \otimes \mathbb{Z}Y.$$

called the Alexander–Whitney map.

This result gives rise to a few construction. First, consider the following

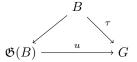
$$\mathbb{Z}X \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Z}[\Delta]} \mathbb{Z}[X \times X] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}X \otimes \mathbb{Z}X.$$

This gives a structure of dg-coalgebra on $\mathbb{Z}X$. Let $G \circ X$ be an action of a simplicial group G on X. Then we can lift this action into the *Pontryagin product*

$$\mathbb{Z}G \otimes \mathbb{Z}X \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G \times X] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}X.$$

For X = G, this construction gives a dg-algebra structure on $\mathbb{Z}G$ (compatible with the coalgebra structure above, producing in fact a Hopf algebra?), and in general, a left $\mathbb{Z}G$ -dg-module structure on $\mathbb{Z}X$.

Let $G \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{p} B$ be a principal bundle, σ a pseudo section of p, and $\tau : B \longrightarrow G$ the associated twisting map. Thus, $E \cong B \times_{\tau} G$. Further, there is a universal morphism



that induces a twisting map t defined as the composite

$$\mathbb{Z}B \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}\mathfrak{G}(B) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Z}u} \mathbb{Z}G$$

where the twisting map f is constructed using acyclic models.

Theorem 5.2 (Twisted Eilenberg–Zilber, due to Brown). There is a natural homotopy equivalence

$$\mathbb{Z}\left[B\times_{\tau}G\right]\longrightarrow\mathbb{Z}B\otimes_{t}\mathbb{Z}G$$

6. Koszul Algebras

Let R be a ring. For $M \in {}_{R}\mathcal{M}$ od, recall that $\operatorname{Ext}^{\bullet}(-, M)$ is the left derived functor of hom(-, M). Specifically, for $N \in {}_{R}\mathcal{M}$ od, choose a projective resolution $P^{(\bullet)} \to N \to 0$, and define $\operatorname{Ext}^{\bullet}(N, M)$ as the cohomology $H^{\bullet}(\operatorname{hom}(P^{(\bullet)}, M))$.

Let now R be a k-algebra. Koszul duality takes interest in providing a simple resolution of k seen as a trivial R-module.

Lemma 6.1. Let $M = \bigoplus_i M_i$ be a graded *R*-module living only in degree $\geq n$ (i.e. $M_{\leq n} = 0$), for a fixed *n*. Then *M* admit a free resolution $P^{(\bullet)} \to M \to 0$ such that $P^{(i)}$ only lives in degree $\geq n + i$.

Lemma 6.2. Let $0 \to K \to P^{(n-1)} \to \cdots \to P^{(0)} \to \mathbb{k} \to 0$ be an exact sequence, where $P^{(i)}$ is projective, and where Konly lives in degree $\geq l$ for some l > 0 (take for instance a partial projective resolution as in the previous lemma). Then $\operatorname{Ext}^{n}(\mathbb{k}, N) \cong \operatorname{hom}(K, N)$ for any N.

The algebra R is said *Koszul* if it is reduced $(R_0 = \Bbbk)$, and if either of the following equivalent conditions hold:

- (1) the trivial *R*-module \Bbbk has a projective resolution $P^{(\bullet)} \to \Bbbk \to 0$ such that $P^{(i)}$ is generated in degree *i* (i.e. $P^{(i)} = RP_i^{(i)}$);
- (2) we have $\operatorname{Ext}^{i}(\Bbbk, \blacktriangle^{j}\Bbbk) = 0$ if $i \neq j$.

Proposition 6.3. If A is Koszul, then it is quadratic (see next section). Indeed, $\text{Ext}^{\bullet}(\Bbbk, \blacktriangle^{2}\Bbbk)$ has to be concentrated in dimension 2, and some resolution shenanigans show that A is quadratic [Wu16, Proposition 4.2.11]

7. Koszul duality

Let V be a graded k-vector space. The *tensor algebra* on V is defined as

$$T(V) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} V^{\otimes i}$$

with the concatenation product. Although homogeneous elements of T(V) are of the form $v = v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k$, we omit the \otimes by writing $v = v_1 \cdots v_k$. Note a homogeneous elements $v = v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n$ of T(V) have both a degree $|v| = \sum_i |v_i|$ and a weight w(v) = n.

Let Q be a graded subspace of $V^{\otimes 2}$. The quadratic algebra A(V,Q) of the quadratic data [LV12] (V,Q) is defined as

$$A(V,Q) = T(V)/\langle Q \rangle$$

where specifically, $\langle Q \rangle_0 = \langle Q \rangle_1 = 0$, and $\langle Q \rangle_i = \sum_{j=0}^{i-2} V^{\otimes j} \otimes Q \otimes V^{\otimes i-j-2}$. The multiplication is the usual concatenation operation on the tensor algebra T(V) [LV12], and the algebra is endowed with trivial differential. The quadratic coalgebra of (V, Q) is

$$C(V,Q) = \mathbb{k} \oplus V \oplus Q \oplus \bigoplus_{i>2} \bigcap_{j=0}^{i-2} V^{\otimes j} \otimes Q \otimes V^{\otimes i-j-2}$$

The comultiplication is the usual deconcatenation operation on $T^{c}(V)$, and the coalgebra is endowed with trivial differential. The Koszul dual algebra of the quadratic algebra A = A(V,Q) is defined as

$$A^! = A(V^*, Q^\perp)$$

endowed with trivial differential, where $Q_i^{\perp} = \{ \alpha \in (V^*)^{\otimes i} \mid \alpha(q) = 0, \forall q \in \langle Q \rangle_i \}$. The Koszul dual coalgebra is defined as

 $A^{\mathsf{i}} = C(\blacktriangle V, \blacktriangle^2 Q)$

endowed with trivial differential. Note that there is a twisting map $\kappa: A^{i} \longrightarrow A$ defined as the composite

$$A^{\mathsf{i}} = C(\blacktriangle V, \blacktriangle^2 Q) \longrightarrow \blacktriangle V \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\longrightarrow} V \longrightarrow A(V, R) = A,$$

which gives rise to the twisted complexes $A^{i} \otimes_{\kappa} A$ and $A \otimes_{\kappa} A^{i}$, called left and right *Koszul complex* respectively. Explicitly, the differential on $A^{i} \otimes_{\kappa} A$ is

$$\partial_{\kappa} \left(q_1 \cdots q_{k-1} q_k \otimes a \right) = q_1 \cdots q_{k-1} \otimes q_k a$$

and similarly for $A \otimes_{\kappa} A^{i}$.

Theorem 7.1. Let A be a quadratic algebra. The following are equivalent:

- (1) the algebra A is Koszul;
- (2) the dual algebra $A^!$ is Koszul;
- (3) the left complex $A^{i} \otimes_{\kappa} A$ is acyclic (see next remark);
- (4) the right complex $A \otimes_{\kappa} A^{i}$ is acyclic (see next remark).

Since this complex $A \otimes_{\kappa} A^{i}$ is augmented, "acyclic" means by convention that the homology is 0 in every dimension except 0 where it is k. Observe that the weight *n* component of $A^{i} \otimes_{\kappa} A$ reads

$$0 \to A^{\mathfrak{i}^{(n)}} \to A^{\mathfrak{i}^{(n-1)}} \otimes A^{(1)} \to \dots \to A^{\mathfrak{i}^{(1)}} \otimes A^{(n-1)} \to A^{(n)} \to 0$$

thus summing them all up and appending \Bbbk give an augmented complex

$$\cdots \to A^{\mathfrak{i}^{(n)}} \otimes A \to \cdots \to A^{\mathfrak{i}^{(1)}} \otimes A \to A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \Bbbk \to 0$$

which, if A is Koszul, is a resolution of k by free A-modules. We can proceed similarly with $A \otimes_{\kappa} A^{i}$. Note that in the left Koszul complex, the *n*-th term $A^{i(n)} \otimes A$ is generated in weight (n), and this provide a resolution of k as in the definition of a Koszul algebra above. Thus a method for proving

koszulity is to show that the left (or right) Koszul complex is exact.

8. Examples

Example 8.1. Let V be finite dimensional. The dual of the tensor algebra T(V) is $T(V)^{!} = \Bbbk \oplus V^{*}$ with trivial multiplication, called the *algebra of dual numbers*. Indeed, $T(V) = T(V)/\langle Q \rangle$ for $Q = \{0\}$, thus $Q^{\perp} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 2} (V^{*})^{\otimes i}$. Moreover, the dual coalgebra is $T(V)^{i} = \Bbbk \oplus V$, whence the augmented right Koszul complex is

$$0 \to T(V) \otimes V \xrightarrow{\partial_0} T(V) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \Bbbk \to 0,$$

where $\partial(\overrightarrow{v_i} \otimes w) = \overrightarrow{v_i}w$, and ε is the augmentation. One readily checks that the complex is acyclic (meaning exact in this context), whence T(V) and T(V)! are Koszul.

Example 8.2. Let V be finite dimensional. The symmetric algebra over V is given by $S(V) = T(V)/\langle Q \rangle$ where $Q = \{vw - wv \mid v, w \in V\}$. The dual of S(V) is the exterior algebra $\Lambda(V) = T(V)/\langle R \rangle$ where $R = \{vv \mid v \in V\}$. In [Wu16, Proposition 4.1.8], it is proved that both are Koszul.

See [LV12, Wu16] for more examples.

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