

Cuntz - Quillen "Cyclic homology & nonsingularity" 1985

• Motivation

V : nonsmooth affine complex variety

what is / how do we capture $H_{\text{sing}}^*(V; \mathbb{C})$?

Thm (Grothendieck) If V happens to be smooth,

$$H_{\text{sing}}^*(V; \mathbb{C}) \simeq H^*(\Omega_K^*(V))$$

Kähler diff cplx

Thm (Deligne, Hartshorne) Generally, take embedding

$$V \hookrightarrow S \text{ smooth. } H_{\text{sing}}^*(V; \mathbb{C}) \simeq H^*(\Omega_K^*(S|_{\text{formal neighborhood}(V)}))$$

Idea "enrich" $V \rightarrow \text{[diagram]}$

• Dictionary

V : variety

H_{sing}^*

$V \hookrightarrow S$

Ω_K^*

formal neigh.

A : algebra

HP_*

$A \leftarrow R \text{ quasi free} \leftarrow I$

X_*

I -adic completion

Thm (Cuntz - Quillen)

A unital alg / \mathbb{C}

$A = R/I$ Then

, R "quasi free" algebra

$$HP_*(A) \simeq H_* \left(\varprojlim X_*(R/I^n) \right)$$

- Recalling HP, X, quasi-free algs
- A unital assoc alg over \mathbb{C} (or k w/ $\text{chr } 0$)
- $\Omega^n = \Omega^n(A) := A \otimes (A/\mathbb{C}1)^{\otimes n}$ "nc-diff forms"
- $a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \leftrightarrow a_0 da_1 \dots da_n$
- Ω is a dga
- important operators:
 - Hochschild boundary $b: \Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega^{n-1}$
 - $b(\omega da) := (-1)^{|\omega|} [\omega, a]$
 - Karoubi operator $\kappa: \Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega^n$, $1 - [b, d]$
 - $(\kappa(\omega da)) = (-1)^{|a|} da \omega$
 - Connes / Rinehart coboundary $B: \Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega^{n+1}$
 - $B = \sum_{i=0}^n \kappa^i d$

Lemma $b^2 = B^2 = (b + B)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \Omega, \hat{\Omega} = \pi \Omega^n$ are $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega^{\text{ev}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Omega^{\text{odd}} \\ & \xleftarrow{b+B} & \end{array}$$

Dfn $HP_*(A) = H(\hat{\Omega}, b+B)$, $HH_*(A) = H(\Omega, b)$
 periodic cyclic homology

Dfn $F_n := b\Omega^{n+1} \oplus \Omega^{n+1} \oplus \Omega^{n+2} \oplus \dots$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\Omega} = \varprojlim \Omega / F_n$

The X-complex $: X_*(A) = \Omega / F_1$

Proposition Suppose $HH_n A = 0$ for $n \geq 2$

Then $HP_*(A) = H_*(X(A))$

Pf: The $b+B$ -cplx F_{n-1}/F_n is $b\Omega^n \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{0} \\ \xleftarrow{b} \end{matrix} \Omega^n/b\Omega^{n+1}$

$$F_{n-1} \quad \begin{matrix} b\Omega^n \\ \Omega^{n+1} \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \Omega^n \\ \Omega^{n+2} \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \quad \left| \quad \begin{matrix} F_n & \Omega^{n+1} & b\Omega^{n+1} \\ & \vdots & \Omega^{n+2} \\ & & \vdots \end{matrix}$$

$\rightsquigarrow H_0(F_{n-1}/F_n) = 0, \quad H_1(F_{n-1}/F_n) = HH_n(A)$

From $F_{n-1}/F_n \rightarrow \Omega/F_n \rightarrow \Omega/F_{n-1}$

$\rightsquigarrow \Omega/F_3 \rightarrow \Omega/F_2 \rightarrow \Omega/F_1$ is "constant in homology"



In other words $X(A): A \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{0} \\ \xleftarrow{b} \end{matrix} \Omega'/[A, \Omega']$

Proposition Let A be an algebra : TFAE

- ① $\exists \downarrow B$
- $A \rightarrow B/I$ nilpotent
- ② $H^2(A, M) = 0$ for $\forall A$ -bimod M

Dfn A is said to be quasi-free if it satis ①/②

Remark ② $\Rightarrow HH_{\geq 2} A = 0$

- If V is smooth, $\mathcal{O}(V)$ satisfies ① in the category of comm algs, but $\mathcal{O}(V)$ is qf-free only when $\dim V \leq 1$

Examples free algs $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$
 $\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow$
 $\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{1} 0 \qquad \qquad \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{1} 0 \oplus (\text{contractible})$

suite $A = \mathbb{C}[z, z^{-1}]$ is quasi-free

\therefore one can lift invertible elements in nilpotent extension.

$$\rightsquigarrow X(A) = A \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega^1_k(A)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow H_0 \cong H_1 \cong \mathbb{C}$$

$\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{F}_r]$ is q -free.

Exercise: compute $HP_* \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{F}_r]$ from the X -cplx
(Answer $H^*(B\mathbb{F}_r, \mathbb{C})$)

HP_x via quasi-free extensions

universal extension:

Dfn $R(A) = \Omega^{\text{even}}(A)$ w/ the Fedsov prod

$$\omega \circ \eta = \omega \eta - d\omega d\eta$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{extension } \mathbb{I}A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} \Omega^{2n} \rightarrow RA \rightarrow A$$

Prop • $RA \cong T(A/\mathbb{C})$ free

$$\bullet \Omega^1(RA) \otimes / [RA, \Omega^1(RA)] \cong \Omega^{\text{odd}}(A)$$

$$\bullet X(RA): \Omega^{\text{even}}(A) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{B} \end{matrix} \Omega^{\text{odd}}(A)$$

Recall the filtration $F_n \subset \Omega$

Lem. $F_n \subset X(RA)$ is also a subcplx

$$\varprojlim X(RA)/F_n \cong \varprojlim X(RA/\mathbb{I}A^n)$$

We need to compare $(\Omega, \delta \oplus \beta)$ and $(\Omega, b+B)$

Recall the Karoubi operator $\mathcal{K} = 1 - [b, d]$

Lemma $(\mathcal{K}^n - 1)(\mathcal{K}^{n+1} - 1) = 0$ on Ω^n

Cor $\Omega = \cdot p \Omega \oplus p^+ \Omega$

$\ker(\mathcal{K}-1)^2$ $(\mathcal{K}-1)$ is invertible.

On $p^+ \Omega$, $[b, d]$ is invertible.

$$\rightsquigarrow [b+B, [b, d]^{-1} d] = [b, d]^{-1} [b+B, d] = 1$$

commute

$\rightsquigarrow (p^+ \Omega, b+B)$ is contractible.

similarly for $(p^- \Omega, \delta+\beta)$

Thm $(p \Omega, b+B) \cong (p \Omega, \delta \oplus \beta)$

by $n! \times$ on $\Omega^n(A)$.
as filtered cplxes

Finishing argument,

$$HP_* A = H_* \varprojlim \Omega / F_n^{b+B} = H_* \varprojlim \Omega^{\delta+\beta} / F_n = H_* \varprojlim X(RA/A^n)$$

What about general quasi free extensions?

Thm Let $A = R$ q-free / I , $B = S$ q-free / J

any $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ lifts to

$$\varphi_* \varprojlim X(R/I^n) \rightarrow \varprojlim X(S/J^n)$$

which is unique up to chain homotopy

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Thm (Goodwillie) $A \rightarrow B$ nilpotent extension
 $HP_* A \xrightarrow{\sim} HP_* B$

Pf. $\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} I \rightarrow R \text{ g-free} \\ J \rightarrow R \end{array} \hookrightarrow \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} & \rightsquigarrow & X(R/I^n) \simeq X(R/J^n) \end{array}$