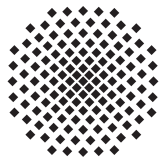


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0.1. Introduction

A_∞ -algebras Let R be a commutative ring. Let A be a \mathbb{Z} -graded R -module. Let $m_1 : A \rightarrow A$ be a graded map of degree 1 with $m_1^2 = 0$, i.e. a differential on A . Let $m_2 : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ be a graded map of degree 0 satisfying the Leibniz rule, i.e.

$$m_1 \circ m_2 = m_2 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m_1).$$

The map m_2 is in general not required to be associative. Instead, we require that for a morphism $m_3 : A^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow A$, the following identity holds.

$$m_2 \circ (m_2 \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes m_2) = m_1 \circ m_3 + m_3 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1^{\otimes 2} + 1 \otimes m_1 \otimes 1 + 1^{\otimes 2} \otimes m_1)$$

Following STASHEFF, cf. [21], this can be continued in a certain way with higher multiplication maps to obtain a tuple of graded maps $(m_n : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A)_{n \geq 1}$ of certain degrees satisfying the Stasheff identities, cf. (11). The tuple $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is then called an A_∞ -algebra.

A morphism of A_∞ -algebras from $(A', (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a tuple of graded maps $(f_n : A'^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A)_{n \geq 1}$ of certain degrees satisfying the identities (12). The first two of these

are

$$(12)[1] : \quad f_1 \circ m'_1 = m_1 \circ f_1$$

$$(12)[2] : \quad f_1 \circ m'_2 - f_2 \circ (m'_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m'_1) = m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1).$$

The specific form of the Stasheff identities and of (12) is motivated by the bar construction. It relates the A_∞ -structures on a \mathbb{Z} -graded R -module A bijectively to the coalgebra differentials of degree 0 on the graded tensor coalgebra TA . It relates morphisms of A_∞ -algebras from $(A', (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ bijectively to the morphisms of graded differential coalgebras from TA' to TA of degree 0.

A morphism $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ of A_∞ -algebras from $(A', (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ contains a morphism of complexes $f_1 : (A', m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$. We say that f is a quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras if f_1 is a quasi-isomorphism. Furthermore, there is a concept of homotopy for A_∞ -morphisms, cf. e.g. [12, 3.7] and [16, Définition 1.2.1.7].

History The history of A_∞ -algebras is outlined in [12] and [13].

As already mentioned, STASHEFF introduced A_∞ -algebras in 1963.

If R is a field, we have the following basic results on A_∞ -algebras, which are known since the early 1980s.

- Each quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras is a homotopy equivalence, cf. [20], [10], ...
- The minimality theorem: Each A_∞ -algebra $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is quasi-isomorphic to an A_∞ -algebra $(A', \{m'_n\}_{n \geq 1})$ with $m'_1 = 0$, cf. [9], [8], [20], [5], [7], [18], The A_∞ -algebra A' is then called a minimal model of A .

KELLER established a connection between A_∞ -algebras and representation theory in the early 2000s, cf. [11], [12, 7.7] and also [16, §7]: Given an \mathbb{F} -algebra B over a field \mathbb{F} and B -modules M_1, \dots, M_n , consider the full subcategory of B -modules given by the B -modules which have a finite filtration such that all quotients are isomorphic to some M_i . Set $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$ and choose a projective resolution $\text{PRes } M$ of M . The homology of the dg-algebra $\text{Hom}_B^*(\text{PRes } M, \text{PRes } M)$ is the Yoneda algebra $\text{Ext}_B^*(M, M)$. Construct an A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_B^*(M, M)$ such that $\text{Ext}_B^*(M, M)$ becomes a minimal model of the dg-algebra $\text{Hom}_B^*(\text{PRes } M, \text{PRes } M)$. Now $\text{Ext}_B^*(M, M)$ together with its A_∞ -structure is all that is necessary for reconstructing the subcategory mentioned above.

For the purpose of this introduction, we will call such an A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_B^*(M, M)$ the canonical A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_B^*(M, M)$, which is unique up to isomorphisms of A_∞ -algebras, cf. [12, 3.3].

This structure has been calculated or partially calculated in several cases.

Let p be a prime.

For an arbitrary field \mathbb{F} , MADSEN computed the canonical A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}[\alpha]/(\alpha^n)}^*(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F})$, where \mathbb{F} is the trivial $\mathbb{F}[\alpha]/(\alpha^n)$ -module, cf. [17, Appendix B.2]. This can be used to

compute the canonical A_∞ -structure on the group cohomology $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p C_m}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$, where $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and C_m is the cyclic group of order m , cf. [22, Theorem 4.3.8].

VEJDEMO-JOHANSSON developed algorithms for the computation of minimal models, cf. [22]. He applied these algorithms to compute large enough parts of the canonical A_∞ -structures of the group cohomologies $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_2 D_8}^*(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ and $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_2 D_{16}}^*(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ to distinguish them, where D_8 and D_{16} denote dihedral groups. He stated a conjecture on the complete A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_2 D_8}^*(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$. Furthermore, he computed parts of the canonical A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_2 Q_8}^*(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ for the quaternion group Q_8 . He conjecturally stated the minimal complexity of such a structure. Based on this work, there are now built-in algorithms for the Magma computer algebra system. These are capable of computing partial A_∞ -structures on the group cohomology of p -groups.

In [23] and [22] (note the comments at [22, p. 41]), VEJDEMO-JOHANSSON examined the canonical A_∞ -structure $(m_n)_{n \geq 1}$ on the group cohomology $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p(C_k \times C_l)}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$ of the abelian group $C_k \times C_l$ for $k, l \geq 4$ such that k, l are multiples of p . He showed that the multiplication maps $m_2, m_k, m_l, m_{k+l-2}, m_{2(k-2)+l}$ and $m_{2(l-2)+k}$ are non-zero, cf. [22, Theorem 3.3.3].

In [14], KLAMT investigated canonical A_∞ -structures in the context of the representation theory of Lie-algebras. In particular, given certain direct sums M of parabolic Verma modules, she examined the canonical A_∞ -structure $(m'_k)_{k \geq 1}$ on $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_p}^*(M, M)$. She proved upper bounds for the maximal $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ such that m'_k is non-vanishing and computed the complete A_∞ -structure in certain cases.

The result For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, we denote by S_n the symmetric group on n elements.

The group cohomology $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$ is well-known. For example, in [1, p. 74], it is calculated using group cohomological methods.

In this document, we will construct the canonical A_∞ -structure on $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$.

We obtain homogeneous elements $\iota, \chi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p) =: A$ of degree $|\iota| = 2(p-1) =: l$ and $|\chi| = l-1$ such that $\iota^j, \chi \circ \iota^j =: \chi \iota^j$ are cycles for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and such that their set of homology classes $\{\overline{\iota^j} \mid j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\} \sqcup \{\overline{\chi \iota^j} \mid j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_p -basis of $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) = H^*A$, cf. Proposition 35.

For all primes p , the obtained A_∞ -structure $(m'_n : (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow H^*A)_{n \geq 1}$ on H^*A still has a simple description. In fact, we have $m'_n = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \setminus \{2, p\}$:

On the elements $\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, the maps m'_n are given as follows, cf. Definition 38 and Remark 52.

If there is an $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $a_i = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} m'_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}}) &= 0 && \text{for } n \neq 2 \text{ and} \\ m'_2(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_2} \iota^{j_2}}) &= \overline{\chi^{a_1+a_2} \iota^{j_1+j_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

If all a_i equal 1, then

$$\begin{aligned} m'_n(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}) &= 0 && \text{for } n \neq p \text{ and} \\ m'_p(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_p}}}) &= (-1)^{p \overline{\iota^{p-1+j_1+\dots+j_p}}}. \end{aligned}$$

0.2. Outline

Section 1 The goal of section 1 is to obtain a projective resolution of the trivial $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$ -Specht module \mathbb{F}_p . A well-known method for that is "Walking around the Brauer tree", cf. [4]. Instead, we use locally integral methods to obtain a projective resolution in an explicit and straightforward manner.

Over \mathbb{Q} , the Specht modules are absolutely simple. Therefore we have a morphism of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras $r : \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p \rightarrow \prod_{\lambda \vdash p} \text{End}_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}} S_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}^\lambda =: \Gamma$ induced by the operation of the elements of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$ on the Specht modules S^λ for partitions λ of p , which becomes an Wedderburn isomorphism when tensoring with \mathbb{Q} . So Γ is a product of matrix rings over $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$. There is a well-known description of $\text{im } r =: \Lambda$, of which we will give an explicit version in section 1.1.

For $p \geq 3$, we use this description of Λ in section 1.2 to obtain projective Λ -modules $\tilde{P}_k \subseteq \Lambda$, $k \in [1, p-1]$, and to construct the indecomposable projective resolution $\text{PRes } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ of the trivial $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$ -Specht module $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$. The non-zero parts of $\text{PRes } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ are periodic with period length $l = 2(p-1)$. In section 1.3, we reduce $\text{PRes } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ modulo p to obtain a projective resolution $\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p$ of the trivial $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$ -Specht module \mathbb{F}_p .

Section 2 and appendix A The goal of section 2 is to compute a minimal model of the dg-algebra $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p) =: A$ by equipping its homology $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) = H^* A$ with a suitable A_∞ -structure and finding a quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras from $H^* A$ to A .

Towards that end, we recall the basic definitions concerning A_∞ -algebras and present a formulation of the minimality theorem in section 2.1. Furthermore, in appendix A, we present the bar construction in detail as well as a proof of the minimality theorem using Kadeishvili's algorithm.

While there does not seem to be a substantial difference between the cases $p = 2$ and $p \geq 3$, we separate them to simplify notation and argumentation. Consider the case $p \geq 3$. In section 2.2, we obtain a set of cycles $\{\iota^j \mid j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\} \cup \{\chi^{\iota^j} \mid j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$ in A such that their homology classes are a graded basis of $H^* A$. In section 2.3, we obtain a suitable A_∞ -structure on $H^* A$ and a quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras from $H^* A$ to A . For the prime 2, both steps are combined in the short section 2.4.

0.3. Notations and conventions

Stipulations

- For the remainder of this document, p will be a prime with $p \geq 3$.
- Write $l := 2(p - 1)$. This will give the period length of the constructed projective resolution of \mathbb{F}_p over $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$, cf. e.g. (6), Theorem 14 and Lemma 18.

Miscellaneous

- Concerning " ∞ ", we assume the set $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$ to be ordered in such a way that ∞ is greater than any integer, i.e. $\infty > z$ for all $z \in \mathbb{Z}$, and that the integers are ordered as usual.
- For $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$, we denote by $[a, b] := \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \leq z \leq b\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ the integral interval. In particular, we have $[a, \infty] = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid z \geq a\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, let the binomial coefficient $\binom{n}{k}$ be defined by the number of subsets of the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$ that have cardinality k . In particular, if $k < 0$ or $k > n$, we have $\binom{n}{k} = 0$. Then the formula $\binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n+1}{k}$ holds for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- Rings are unital rings.
- For a commutative ring R , an R -module M and $a, b \in M$, $c \in R$, we write

$$b \equiv_c a \quad :\iff \quad a - b \in cM.$$

Often we have $M = R$ as module over itself.

- For a prime q , we denote by $\mathbb{Z}_{(q)}$ the localization of the integers \mathbb{Z} at the prime ideal $(q) := q\mathbb{Z}$, that is $\mathbb{Z}_{(q)} := \{z \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus q\mathbb{Z} : xz \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$, that is the quotients of integers such that the denominator is coprime to q .
- For a prime q , let \mathbb{F}_q denote the finite field containing q elements.
- Let R be a commutative ring. An R -algebra (A, ρ) is a ring A together with a ring morphism $\rho : R \rightarrow A$ such that $\rho(R)$ is a subset of the center of A . By abuse of notation, we often just write A for (A, ρ) . A is an R -module via $r \cdot a := \rho(r) \cdot a$ for $r \in R$, $a \in A$.

For R -algebras (A, ρ) and (B, τ) , a morphism of R -algebras $g : (A, \rho) \rightarrow (B, \tau)$ is a ring morphism $g : A \rightarrow B$ such that $g \circ \rho = \tau$.

- Morphisms will be written on the left.
- Modules are right-modules unless otherwise specified. For a ring A , we denote by $\text{Mod-}A$ the category of right A -modules.
- We denote a tuple by enclosing it in parentheses. I.e. for a set M and $a_i \in M$, $i \in [1, n]$, $n \geq 0$, we have the tuple $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = a$. In particular, $()$ is the empty tuple.

For a map $g : M \rightarrow N$ from M to another set N , we define

$$g(a) := (g(x) : x \in a) := (g(a_1), g(a_2), \dots, g(a_n)).$$

For another set M' , by abuse of notation, we denote by $M' \setminus a$ the set difference between M' and the set of elements of a . Similarly, we write $a \subseteq M'$ if each entry of a is an element of M' .

We will express ordered bases of finite-rank free modules as tuples of pairwise distinct elements.

- For sets, we denote by \sqcup the disjoint union of sets. For tuples $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ and $b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$, we denote by \sqcup the concatenation:

$$a \sqcup b := (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$$

- $|\cdot|$: For a homogeneous element x of a graded module or a graded map g between graded modules, we denote by $|x|$ resp. $|g|$ their degrees (This is not unique for $x = 0$ resp. $g = 0$). For y a real number, $|y|$ denotes its absolute value. For $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ a tuple, $|a| := n$ is the number of its entries.

Symmetric Groups Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$.

- We write $\lambda \vdash n$ to indicate that λ is a partition of n .
- By S_n , we denote the symmetric group on n elements.
- Concerning the representations of the symmetric groups, we use the notation given in [6] by JAMES. In particular for $\lambda \vdash n$, we denote the corresponding Specht module by S^λ .

Complexes Let R be a commutative ring and B an R -algebra.

- For a complex of B -modules

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_{k+1} \xrightarrow{d_{k+1}} C_k \xrightarrow{d_k} C_{k-1} \rightarrow \cdots,$$

its k -th boundaries, cycles and homology groups are defined by $B^k := \text{im } d_{k+1}$, $Z^k := \ker d_k$ and $H^k := Z^k/B^k$.

For a cycle $x \in Z^k$, we denote by $\bar{x} := x + B^k \in H^k$ its equivalence class in homology.

- For a complex of B -modules $C = (\cdots \rightarrow C_{k+1} \xrightarrow{d_{k+1}} C_k \xrightarrow{d_k} C_{k-1} \rightarrow \cdots)$ and $z \in \mathbb{Z}$, the shifted complex $C[z] =: \tilde{C}$ is defined by $\tilde{C}_k := C_{k+z}$, $\tilde{d}_k := (-1)^z d_{k+z}$.
- Let

$$C = (\cdots \rightarrow C_{k+1} \xrightarrow{d_{k+1}} C_k \xrightarrow{d_k} C_{k-1} \rightarrow \cdots)$$

$$C' = (\cdots \rightarrow C'_{k+1} \xrightarrow{d'_{k+1}} C'_k \xrightarrow{d'_k} C'_{k-1} \rightarrow \cdots)$$

be two complexes of B -modules.

Given $z \in \mathbb{Z}$, let

$$\mathrm{Hom}_B^z(C, C') := \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{Hom}_B(C_{i+z}, C'_i).$$

For an additional complex $C'' = (\cdots \rightarrow C''_{k+1} \xrightarrow{d''_{k+1}} C''_k \xrightarrow{d''_k} C''_{k-1} \rightarrow \cdots)$ and maps $h = (h_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^m(C, C')$, $h' = (h'_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^n(C', C'')$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define the composition by component-wise composition as

$$h' \circ h := (h'_i \circ h_{i+n})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^{m+n}(C, C'').$$

We will assemble elements of $\mathrm{Hom}_B^z(C, C')$ as sums of their non-zero components, which motivates the following notations regarding "extensions by zero" and sums.

For a map $g : C_x \rightarrow C'_y$, we define $[g]_x^y \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^{x-y}(C, C')$ by

$$([g]_x^y)_i := \begin{cases} g & \text{for } i = y \\ 0 & \text{for } i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{y\} \end{cases}.$$

Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let I be a (possibly infinite) set. Let $g_i = (g_{i,j})_j \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^k(C, C')$ for $i \in I$ such that $\{i \in I \mid g_{i,j} \neq 0\}$ is finite for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We define the sum $\sum_{i \in I} g_i \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^k(C, C')$ by

$$\left(\sum_{i \in I} g_i \right)_j := \sum_{i \in I, g_{i,j} \neq 0} g_{i,j}.$$

The graded R -module $\mathrm{Hom}_B^*(C, C') := \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{Hom}_B^k(C, C')$ becomes a complex via the differential $d_{\mathrm{Hom}_B^*(C, C')}$, which is defined on elements $g \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^k(C, C')$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ by

$$d_{\mathrm{Hom}_B^*(C, C')}(g) := d' \circ g - (-1)^k g \circ d \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^{k+1}(C, C'),$$

where $d := (d_{i+1})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} [d_{i+1}]_{i+1}^i \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^1(C, C)$ and analogously $d' := (d'_{i+1})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} [d'_{i+1}]_{i+1}^i \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^1(C', C')$.

An element $h \in \mathrm{Hom}_B^0(C, C')$ is called a complex morphism if it satisfies $d_{\mathrm{Hom}_B^*(C, C')}(h) = 0$, i.e. $d' \circ h = h \circ d$.

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1. The projective resolution of \mathbb{F}_p over $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$

1. The projective resolution of \mathbb{F}_p over $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$

1.1. A description of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$

In this paragraph, we review results found e.g. in [15, Chapter 4.2]. We use the notation of [6].

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$.

A partition of the form $\lambda^k := (n - k + 1, 1^{k-1})$, $k \in [1, n]$ is called a *hook partition* of n .

Suppose $\lambda \vdash n$, i.e. λ is a partition of n .

Let S^λ be the corresponding integral Specht module, which is a right $\mathbb{Z}S_n$ -module, cf. [6, 4.3]. Then S^λ is finitely generated free over \mathbb{Z} , cf. [6, 8.1, proof of 8.4], having a standard \mathbb{Z} -basis consisting of the standard λ -polytabloids. We write n_λ for the rank of S^λ .

For a tuple $b = (b_2, b_3, \dots, b_k)$, $k \in [1, n]$, of pairwise distinct elements of $[1, n]$, let $\langle\langle b \rangle\rangle$ be the λ^k -polytabloid generated by the λ^k -tabloid

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{* \cdots *} \\ \underline{b_2} \\ \underline{b_3} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{b_n} \end{array},$$

where $* \cdots *$ are the elements of $[1, n] \setminus b$. Any polytabloid of S^{λ^k} can be expressed this way.

For such a tuple b and distinct elements $y_1, \dots, y_s \in [1, n] \setminus b$, we denote by (b, y_1, \dots, y_s) the tuple $(b_2, b_3, \dots, b_k, y_1, \dots, y_s)$. Recall the notations for manipulation of tuples from section 0.3.

The λ^k -polytabloid $\langle\langle b \rangle\rangle$ is standard iff $2 \leq b_2 < b_3 < \dots < b_k \leq n$, cf. [6, 8.1]. This entails the following lemma.

Lemma 1. *For $k \in [1, n]$, the rank of S^{λ^k} is given by $n_{\lambda^k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1}$.*

Lemma 2 (cf. e.g. [15, Proposition 4.2.3]). *Let $k \in [1, n-1]$. We have the \mathbb{Z} -linear box shift morphisms for hooks*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{\lambda^k} & \xrightarrow{f_k} & S^{\lambda^{k+1}} \\ \langle\langle b \rangle\rangle & \longmapsto & \sum_{s \in [2, n] \setminus b} \langle\langle (b, s) \rangle\rangle. \end{array}$$

For $x \in S^{\lambda^k}$ and $\rho \in S_n$, we have

$$f_k(x \cdot \rho) \equiv_n f_k(x) \cdot \rho. \quad (1)$$

I.e. the composite $(S^{\lambda^k} \xrightarrow{f_k} S^{\lambda^{k+1}} \xrightarrow{\pi} S^{\lambda^{k+1}}/nS^{\lambda^{k+1}})$, where π is residue class map, is $\mathbb{Z}S_n$ -linear.

Lemma 3 (cf. [19, Lemma 2], [15, Proposition 4.2.4]). *The following sequence of \mathbb{Z} -linear maps is exact.*

$$0 \rightarrow S^{\lambda^1} \xrightarrow{f_1} S^{\lambda^2} \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} S^{\lambda^n} \rightarrow 0$$

Proof. We show that $\text{im } f_k \subseteq \ker f_{k+1}$ for $k \in [1, n-2]$, i.e. that $f_{k+1} \circ f_k = 0$. Let $\langle\langle b \rangle\rangle \in S^{\lambda^k}$ be a polytabloid. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k+1}f_k(\langle\langle b \rangle\rangle) &= f_{k+1} \left(\sum_{s \in [2, n] \setminus b} \langle\langle (b, s) \rangle\rangle \right) = \sum_{\substack{s, t \in [2, n] \setminus b, \\ s \neq t}} \langle\langle (b, s, t) \rangle\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\substack{s, t \in [2, n] \setminus b, \\ s < t}} (\langle\langle (b, s, t) \rangle\rangle + \langle\langle (b, t, s) \rangle\rangle) \stackrel{\text{cf. [6, 4.3]}}{=} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show the exactness of the sequence. For convenience, we set $f_0: 0 \rightarrow S^{\lambda^1}$ and $f_n: S^{\lambda^n} \rightarrow 0$. We define T^k for $k \in [1, n]$ to be the tuple of all tuples $b = (b_2, \dots, b_k)$ such that $2 \leq b_2 < b_3 < \dots < b_k \leq n-1$, where T^k is ordered, say, lexicographically. Then we set $B_b^k := (\langle\langle b \rangle\rangle : b \in T^k)$, which consists of standard λ^k -polytabloids. We set $B_c^1 := ()$, which is the empty tuple, and for $k \in [2, n]$,

$$\begin{aligned} B_c^k &:= (f_{k-1}(x) : x \in B_b^{k-1}) \\ &= \left(\sum_{s \in [2, n] \setminus b} \langle\langle (b, s) \rangle\rangle : b \in T^{k-1} \right) = \left(\langle\langle (b, n) \rangle\rangle + \sum_{s \in [2, n-1] \setminus b} \langle\langle (b, s) \rangle\rangle : b \in T^{k-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

So $B_c^k \subseteq \text{im } f_{k-1}$ and thus $f_k(B_c^k) \subseteq \{0\}$ for $k \in [1, n]$.

By comparing $B_c^k \sqcup B_b^k$ with the standard basis, we observe that $B_c^k \sqcup B_b^k$ is a \mathbb{Z} -basis of S^{λ^k} for $k \in [1, n]$.

For $k \in [1, n]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} n_b^k &:= |B_b^k| = \binom{n-2}{k-1} \\ n_c^k &:= |B_c^k| = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} |B_b^{k-1}| = \binom{n-2}{k-2} & \text{for } k \in [2, n] \\ 0 = \binom{n-2}{1-2} & \text{for } k = 1 \end{array} \right\} = \binom{n-2}{k-2}. \end{aligned}$$

For $k \in [1, n-1]$, the morphism f_k maps $\langle B_b^k \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ bijectively to $\langle B_c^{k+1} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\langle B_c^k \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ to zero. So $\ker f_k = \langle B_c^k \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\text{im } f_k = \langle B_c^{k+1} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$. As $B_c^1 = () = B_b^n$, we have also $\text{im } f_0 = \langle B_c^1 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\ker f_n = \langle B_c^n \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$. So the sequence in question is exact. \square

We equip the Specht modules S^{λ^k} of hook type with the ordered \mathbb{Z} -basis $B_c^k \sqcup B_b^k$. We equip all other Specht modules with the standard \mathbb{Z} -basis with an arbitrarily chosen total

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order. From now on each of these bases will be referred to as *the* basis of the respective Specht module. We define the \mathbb{Z} -algebra

$$\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} := \prod_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathbb{Z}^{n_\lambda \times n_\lambda}.$$

Let $\lambda \vdash n$ and let $B = (b_1, \dots, b_{n_\lambda})$ be the basis of S^λ . For the multiplication with matrices, we identify S^λ with $\mathbb{Z}^{1 \times n_\lambda}$ via B .

Then S^λ becomes a right $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -module via $x \cdot \rho := x \cdot \rho^\lambda$ for $x \in S^\lambda$ and $\rho \in \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$, where ρ^λ is the λ -th component of ρ . I.e. $\rho \in \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ operates by multiplication with the matrix ρ^λ on the right with respect to the basis B .

Similarly, $\bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} S^\lambda$ becomes a right $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ -module. Each \mathbb{Z} -endomorphism of $\bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} S^\lambda$ is represented by the operation of a unique element of $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$. As the operation of $\mathbb{Z} S_n$ defines such endomorphisms (cf. [6, Corollary 8.7]), we obtain a \mathbb{Z} -algebra morphism $r^{\mathbb{Z}} : \mathbb{Z} S_n \rightarrow \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ such that $y \cdot r^{\mathbb{Z}}(x) = y \cdot x$ for all $\lambda \vdash n$, $y \in S^\lambda$, $x \in \mathbb{Z} S_n$.

As the Specht modules give all irreducible ordinary representations of S_n , the map $r^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is injective. Because of (1), the image of $r^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is contained in

$$\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}} := \{\rho \in \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} \mid f_k(x\rho) \equiv_n f_k(x)\rho \forall_{k \in [1, n-1]} \forall_{x \in S^{\lambda^k}}\} \subseteq \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

As the basis $B_c^k \sqcup B_b^k$ of S^{λ^k} , $k \in [1, n]$, consists of two parts, we may split each ρ^{λ^k} for $\rho \in \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ into four blocks corresponding to the parts B_c^k and B_b^k :

$$\rho^{\lambda^k} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \overbrace{\rho_{cc}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k}}^{n_c^k \quad n_b^k} \\ \hline \rho_{cb}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \end{array} \right) \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c|c} \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \\ \rho_{cb}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} n_c^k \\ n_b^k \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Suppose given $k \in [1, n-1]$. We represent f_k by a matrix M_{f_k} with respect to the bases of S^{λ^k} and $S^{\lambda^{k+1}}$, i.e. $f_k(x) = x \cdot M_{f_k}$ for $x \in S^{\lambda^k}$. As $f_k(B_b^k) = B_c^{k+1}$ and $f_k(B_c^k) \subseteq \{0\}$, the matrix M_{f_k} has the following block form:

$$M_{f_k} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \overbrace{0 & 0}^{n_c^{k+1} \quad n_b^{k+1}} \\ \hline E_{n_b^k} & 0 \end{array} \right) \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ E_{n_b^k} & 0 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} n_c^k \\ n_b^k \end{array}$$

Here E_i is the $i \times i$ -identity matrix for $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$.

So for $x \in S^{\lambda^k}$, $\rho \in \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ we have

$$f_k(x) \cdot \rho = x \cdot M_{f_k} \cdot \rho^{\lambda^{k+1}} = x \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline E_{n_b^k} & 0 \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} \\ \hline \rho_{cb}^{\lambda^{k+1}} & \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^{k+1}} \end{array} \right) = x \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} \end{array} \right)$$

$$f_k(x \cdot \rho) = x \cdot \rho^{\lambda^k} \cdot M_{f_k} = x \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \\ \rho_{cb}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ E_{n_b^k} & 0 \end{array} \right) = x \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} & 0 \\ \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

This way we have $f_k(x \cdot \rho) \equiv_n f_k(x) \cdot \rho$ for all $x \in S^{\lambda^k}$ if and only if $\rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \equiv_n \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^{k+1}}$, $\rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \equiv_n 0$ and $\rho_{bc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} \equiv_n 0$. So

$$\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}} = \{\rho \in \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} \mid (\rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \equiv_n \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} \text{ for } k \in [1, n-1]) \text{ and } (\rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \equiv_n 0 \text{ for } k \in [1, n])\}. \quad (3)$$

We have (cf. e.g. [15, Corollary 4.2.6])

$$|\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}| = n^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{n-1}{k-1}^2},$$

which is proven by counting the congruences in (3):

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}| &= n^{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n n_b^k \cdot n_c^k} \\ &= n^{\sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{n-1}{k}^2 + \sum_{k \in [1, n]} n_b^k (n_b^k + n_c^k)} \\ \sum_{k \in [1, n]} n_b^k (n_c^k + n_b^k) &= \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{n-2}{k-1} \left(\binom{n-2}{k-2} + \binom{n-2}{k-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \left(\binom{n-2}{k-1} \binom{n-2}{k-2} + \binom{n-2}{k-1}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \left(\binom{n-2}{k-1} \binom{n-2}{k-2} + \binom{n-2}{k-2}^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{n-2}{k-1} \left(\binom{n-2}{k-2} + \binom{n-2}{k-1} \right) + \binom{n-2}{k-2} \left(\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{n-2}{k-1} \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-2} \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{n-1}{k-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime. Let $n = p$. We have the commutative diagram of \mathbb{Z} -modules

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{Z}S_p & \xrightarrow{\iota^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ r^{\mathbb{Z}}} & \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} & \twoheadrightarrow & \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/(\iota^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ r^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}S_p)) \\ \downarrow r^{\mathbb{Z}} & & \downarrow \parallel & & \downarrow s^{\mathbb{Z}} \\ \Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\iota^{\mathbb{Z}}} & \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} & \twoheadrightarrow & \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}} \end{array} \quad (4)$$

The map $\iota^{\mathbb{Z}}$ is the inclusion of $\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}$ in $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$. The maps from $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}$ to $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/(\iota^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ r^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}S_p))$ and to $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}$ are the residue class maps. As $r^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}S_p) \subseteq \Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}$, we have an unique surjective map $s^{\mathbb{Z}} : \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/(\iota^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ r^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}S_p)) \rightarrow \Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}$ such that the right rectangle is commutative. By construction, the rows of the diagram are short exact sequences. Note that the morphisms of the left rectangle are in fact \mathbb{Z} -algebra morphisms.

We will need the following result on the localization of rings.

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Lemma 4 (cf. [2, chap. II Localisation, §2, n° 3, Théorème 1]). *Let A be a commutative ring. Let $P \subseteq R$ a prime ideal of A . Let A_P be the localization of A at P . Then A_P is a flat A -module, that is, the functor $-\otimes_A (A_P)_{A_P}$ from the category of A -modules to the category of A_P -modules is exact.*

We denote by $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ the localization of \mathbb{Z} at the prime ideal $(p) := p\mathbb{Z}$. We apply the functor $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ to obtain a commutative diagram (4) of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p \subset & \xrightarrow{\iota \circ r} & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \Gamma / (\iota \circ r(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p)) \\
 \downarrow r & & \downarrow \parallel & & \downarrow s \\
 \Lambda \subset & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & \Gamma / \Lambda
 \end{array} \tag{5}$$

By Lemma 4, the functor $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ is exact, so the short exact sequences are mapped to short exact sequences, monomorphisms to monomorphisms and epimorphisms to epimorphisms. So the rows of diagram (5) are exact and we have mono-/epimorphism as indicated by the arrows. We identify $\mathbb{Z} S_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ with $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$. We identify $\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ with

$$\Gamma := \prod_{\lambda \neq n} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}^{n_\lambda \times n_\lambda}.$$

The map ι realizes $\Lambda := \Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ as the following subset of Γ , for which we will use notation analogous to (2):

$$\Lambda = \{ \rho \in \Gamma \mid (\rho_{bb}^{\lambda_k} \equiv_p \rho_{cc}^{\lambda_{k+1}} \text{ for } k \in [1, p-1]) \text{ and } (\rho_{bc}^{\lambda_k} \equiv_p 0 \text{ for } k \in [1, p]) \}$$

As the rows are exact, we identify $(\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} / (\iota^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ r^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z} S_p))) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ with $\Gamma / (\iota \circ r(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p))$ and $(\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} / \Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ with Γ / Λ .

By the classification of finitely generated \mathbb{Z} -modules, each finite \mathbb{Z} -module M is isomorphic to a finite direct sum of modules of the form $\mathbb{Z}/q^a\mathbb{Z}$, where q is a prime and $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. If $q \neq p$ then $(\mathbb{Z}/q^a\mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \cong (0)$. Otherwise $(\mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}/p^a\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ and $|(\mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}| = p^a = |\mathbb{Z}/p^a\mathbb{Z}|$. For $x = p^{a_p} \cdot \prod_{q \text{ prime}, q \neq p} q^{a_q} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, we set

$$(x)_p := p^{a_p}.$$

So for finite M , we have $|M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}| = (|M|)_p$.

By the total index formula (cf. e.g. [15, Proposition 1.1.4]), we have

$$|\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}} / (\iota^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ r^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z} S_p))| = \sqrt{\frac{p!p!}{\prod_{\lambda \neq p} n_\lambda^{n_\lambda^2}}}.$$

By the hook formula (cf. [6, 20.1], [15, Lemma 4.2.7]), we have for $\lambda \vdash p$

$$(n_\lambda)_p = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is a hook-partition} \\ p & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma/(i \circ r(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}S_p))| &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{p!^{p!}}{\prod_{\lambda \vdash p} n_\lambda^{n_\lambda^2}}} \right)_p = \sqrt{\frac{p^{p!}}{\prod_{\substack{\lambda \vdash p \\ \lambda \text{ not a hook}}} (n_\lambda)_p^{n_\lambda^2}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\prod_{\lambda \vdash p} p^{n_\lambda^2}}{\prod_{\substack{\lambda \vdash p \\ \lambda \text{ not a hook}}} p^{n_\lambda^2}}} = \sqrt{\prod_{k \in [1, n]} p^{n_\lambda^2} = p^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [1, n]} \binom{p-1}{k-1}^2}} \\ &= |\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}| = (|\Gamma^{\mathbb{Z}}/\Lambda^{\mathbb{Z}}|)_p = |\Gamma/\Lambda|. \end{aligned}$$

By the pigeon-hole-principle, s is an isomorphism as it is surjective. As (5) has exact rows, r needs to be an isomorphism as well. Note that the functor $- \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ transforms morphisms of \mathbb{Z} -algebras into morphisms of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras. In particular, the left rectangle in (5) consists of morphisms of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras and $r : \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}S_p \rightarrow \Lambda$ is an isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras. We have proven the

Proposition 5 (cf. e.g. [15, Corollary 4.2.8]). *Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime. Recall $\Lambda \subset \Gamma$. We have the isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras*

$$r : \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}S_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda.$$

We recall the occurring notations:

$$\Gamma := \prod_{\lambda \vdash p} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}^{n_\lambda \times n_\lambda}$$

$$\Lambda := \{\rho \in \Gamma \mid \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \equiv_p \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^{k+1}} \text{ for } k \in [1, p-1] \text{ and } \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \equiv_p 0 \text{ for } k \in [1, p]\}.$$

We have $n_\lambda := \dim S^\lambda$, $n_b^k = \binom{p-2}{k-1}$, $n_c^k = \binom{p-2}{k-2}$ and $n_b^k + n_c^k = \binom{p-1}{k-1} = n_{\lambda^k}$. For $\rho \in \Gamma$, we write (cf. (2))

$$\rho^{\lambda^k} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \overbrace{n_c^k} & \overbrace{n_b^k} \\ \hline \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \\ \hline \rho_{cb}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \end{array} \right) \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c|c} \overbrace{n_c^k} & \overbrace{n_b^k} \\ \hline \rho_{cc}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bc}^{\lambda^k} \\ \hline \rho_{cb}^{\lambda^k} & \rho_{bb}^{\lambda^k} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} n_c^k \\ n_b^k \end{array}.$$

Example 6. For $p = 3$, the ring $\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}S_3$ is isomorphic to the subring Λ of $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}_{(3)}^{1 \times 1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(3)}^{2 \times 2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(3)}^{1 \times 1}$ described as

$$\begin{array}{c} \underbrace{\boxed{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}}}_{\times \times \times} \xrightarrow{3} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}} \\ \boxed{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}} \end{array}}_{\times \times} \xrightarrow{3} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}} \\ \boxed{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}} \end{array}}_{\times \times} \xrightarrow{3} \underbrace{\boxed{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}}}_{\times \times \times} \end{array}.$$

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An entry in this tuple of matrices indicates that an element of Λ must have its corresponding entry in the indicated set. A relation " \xrightarrow{p} " between (equal sized) subblocks indicates that these subblocks are equivalent modulo p , i.e. the difference of corresponding entries is an element of $p\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$. The blocks are labeled with the diagrams of the corresponding partitions. Alternatively, Λ is the $\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}$ -span of

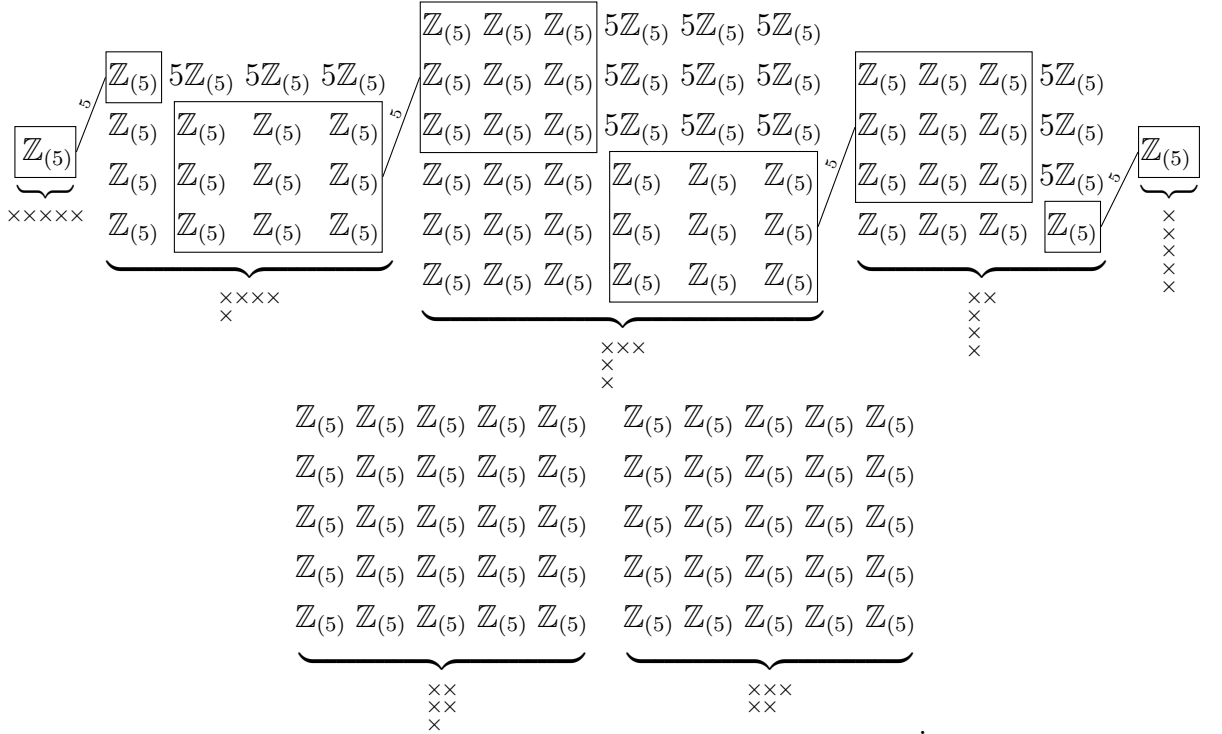
$$\begin{aligned} \left(3, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0\right) &=: \beta_{1,1,1}^{\leftarrow}, & \left(1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0\right) &=: \beta_{1,1,1}^{\leftrightarrow} =: \tilde{e}_1, & \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0\right) &=: \beta_{2,1,1}^{\rightarrow}, \\ \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0\right) &=: \beta_{2,1,1}^{\leftarrow}, & \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, 1\right) &=: \beta_{2,1,1}^{\leftrightarrow} =: \tilde{e}_2, & \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, 0\right) &=: \beta_{2,1,1}^{\leftarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

The names of these elements were chosen in anticipation of the definitions in section 1.2. We have an orthogonal decomposition $1 = \tilde{e}_1 + \tilde{e}_2$ into primitive idempotents. Thus we have a decomposition $\Lambda = \tilde{P}_1 \oplus \tilde{P}_2$ into indecomposable projective right modules, where

$$\tilde{P}_1 := \tilde{e}_1 \Lambda = \langle \beta_{1,1,1}^{\leftarrow}, \tilde{e}_1, \beta_{2,1,1}^{\rightarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}}, \quad \tilde{P}_2 := \tilde{e}_2 \Lambda = \langle \beta_{2,1,1}^{\leftarrow}, \tilde{e}_2, \beta_{2,1,1}^{\leftarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(3)}}.$$

In this case all partitions of 3 are of hook-type. Thus there appear no full matrix algebras as direct factors of Λ .

Example 7. $\mathbb{Z}_{(5)} S_5$ is isomorphic to the subring Λ of $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{1 \times 1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{4 \times 4} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{6 \times 6} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{4 \times 4} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{1 \times 1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{5 \times 5} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(5)}^{5 \times 5}$ described as



For this tuple of matrices, we use the same conventions as in Example 6.

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Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime.

Recall from Proposition 5 that Λ is a subring of $\Gamma = \prod_{\lambda \vdash p} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}^{n_\lambda \times n_\lambda}$. We shall construct two $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -bases of Λ .

For $\lambda \vdash p$ and $i, j \in [1, n_\lambda]$, we set $\eta_{\lambda, i, j}$ to be the element of Γ such that $(\eta_{\lambda, i, j})^{\tilde{\lambda}} = 0$ for $\tilde{\lambda} \neq \lambda$ and $(\eta_{\lambda, i, j})^\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^{n_\lambda \times n_\lambda}$ has entry 1 at position (i, j) and zeros elsewhere. Then let

- (1) $\mathcal{B}^{\leftrightarrow} := \{\beta_{k, x, y}^{\leftrightarrow} \mid k \in [1, p-1], x, y \in [1, n_b^k]\}$, where $\beta_{k, x, y}^{\leftrightarrow} := \eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + x, n_c^k + y} + \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, x, y}$.
- (2) $\mathcal{B}^{\leftarrow} := \{\beta_{k, x, y}^{\leftarrow} \mid k \in [1, p-1], x, y \in [1, n_b^k]\}$, where $\beta_{k, x, y}^{\leftarrow} := p\eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + x, n_c^k + y}$.
- (3) $\mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} := \{\beta_{k, x, y}^{\rightarrow} \mid k \in [1, p-1], x, y \in [1, n_b^k]\}$, where $\beta_{k, x, y}^{\rightarrow} := p\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, x, y}$.
- (4) $\mathcal{B}^{\leftarrow} := \{\beta_{k, x, y}^{\leftarrow} \mid k \in [1, p], x \in [1, n_b^k], y \in [1, n_c^k]\}$, where $\beta_{k, x, y}^{\leftarrow} := \eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + x, y}$.
- (5) $\mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} := \{\beta_{k, x, y}^{\rightarrow} \mid k \in [1, p], x \in [1, n_c^k], y \in [1, n_b^k]\}$, where $\beta_{k, x, y}^{\rightarrow} := p\eta_{\lambda^k, x, n_c^k + y}$.
- (6) $\mathcal{B}^* := \{\eta_{\lambda, x, y} \mid \lambda \vdash p \text{ not a hook partition}, x, y \in [1, n_\lambda]\}$.

We have two $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -bases $\mathcal{B}^{\leftrightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^*$ and $\mathcal{B}^{\leftrightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}^*$ of Λ .

Example 8 ($p = 3$, continuation of Example 6). The only of the $\beta_{a, b, c}^d$ that are defined above and that are not shown in Example 6 are the following elements.

$$\left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 0\right) = \beta_{1, 1, 1}^{\rightarrow}, \quad \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, 3\right) = \beta_{2, 1, 1}^{\rightarrow}$$

\mathcal{B}^* is empty since all partitions are hook partitions.

Let $k \in [1, p-1]$. We obtain the idempotent

$$\tilde{e}_k := \beta_{k, 1, 1}^{\leftrightarrow} = \eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + 1, n_c^k + 1} + \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, 1} \in \Lambda.$$

We define corresponding projective right Λ -modules

$$\tilde{P}_k := \tilde{e}_k \Lambda \quad \text{for } k \in [1, p-1].$$

Once more, see Example 6 for an illustration of the case $p = 3$.

Let

- (1) $\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftrightarrow} := (\beta_{k, 1, y}^{\leftrightarrow} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k)) = (\eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + 1, n_c^k + y} + \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k))$
- (2) $\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow} := (\beta_{k, 1, y}^{\leftarrow} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k)) = (p\eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + 1, n_c^k + y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k))$
- (3) $\mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow} := (\beta_{k, 1, y}^{\rightarrow} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k)) = (p\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k))$
- (4) $\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow} := (\beta_{k, 1, y}^{\leftarrow} : y \in (1, \dots, n_c^k)) = (\eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k + 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_c^k))$
- (5) $\mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow} := (\beta_{k+1, 1, y}^{\rightarrow} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{k+1})) = (p\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1} + y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{k+1}))$

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Remark 9. Similarly to the bases of Λ , the tuples $\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftrightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow}$ and $\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftrightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow}$ are $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -bases of \tilde{P}_k .

Remark 10. Let $k \in [1, p-1]$. The idempotent \tilde{e}_k is actually a primitive idempotent and thus \tilde{P}_k is an indecomposable projective Λ -right module: Assume $\tilde{e}_k = c + c'$ for some idempotents $0 \neq c, c' \in \Lambda$ that are orthogonal, that is $c \cdot c' = c' \cdot c = 0$. Then $\tilde{e}_k \cdot c = (c + c')c = c^2 = c = c(c + c') = c \cdot \tilde{e}_k$. Similarly, we have $\tilde{e}_k \cdot c' = c' = c' \cdot \tilde{e}_k$. Thus $c, c' \in \tilde{e}_k \Lambda \tilde{e}_k$. The $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra

$$\tilde{e}_k \Lambda \tilde{e}_k = \langle e_k, \beta_{k,1,1}^{\leftarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}} = \langle e_k, \beta_{k,1,1}^{\rightarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$$

is isomorphic to the $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra

$$J := \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$$

consisting of elements $\{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \mid a \equiv_p b\}$. The only idempotents in $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ are $(0, 0) \in J$, $(1, 1) \in J$, $(1, 0) \notin J$ and $(0, 1) \notin J$. Thus the identity element $(1, 1)$ of J cannot be decomposed into non-trivial idempotents and the same holds for \tilde{e}_k .

Remark 11. Let A be an R -algebra and let $e, e' \in A$ be two idempotents. For the right modules $eA, e'A$, we have the isomorphism of R -Modules

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(eA, e'A) & \xrightarrow{T_{e',e}} & e'Ae \\ & \sim & \\ & f \mapsto & T_{e',e}(f) := f(e) \\ T_{e',e}^{-1}(e'be) := (ea \mapsto e'bea) & \longleftarrow & e'be \end{array} .$$

Thus given $m \in e'Ae$, the morphism $T_{e',e}^{-1}(m)$ acts on elements $x \in eA$ by the multiplication of m on the left: $(T_{e',e}^{-1}(m))(x) = m \cdot x$.

Given idempotents $e, e', e'' \in A$, and elements $f \in \text{Hom}_A(eA, e'A)$, $g \in A(e'A, e''A)$, we have $T_{e'',e}(g \circ f) = g(f(e)) = g(e'f(e)) = g(e') \cdot f(e) = T_{e'',e'}(g) \cdot T_{e',e}(f)$.

Definition 12. For well-definedness of the definitions below, we check $n_c^1 = 0$, $n_b^1 = 1$, $n_c^{p-1+1} = 1$, $n_b^{p-1+1} = 0$, and for $k \in [1, p-2]$, we check $n_c^{k+1}, n_b^{k+1} \geq 1$.

We have $\beta_{1,1,1}^{\leftarrow} = p\eta_{\lambda^1,1,1} \in \tilde{e}_1 \Lambda \tilde{e}_1$, $\beta_{p-1,1,1}^{\rightarrow} = p\eta_{\lambda^p,1,1} \in \tilde{e}_{p-1} \Lambda \tilde{e}_{p-1}$. For $k \in [1, p-2]$, we have $\beta_{k+1,1,1}^{\leftarrow} = \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, 1} \in \tilde{e}_{k+1} \Lambda \tilde{e}_k$ and $\beta_{k+1,1,1}^{\rightarrow} = p\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+1} \in \tilde{e}_k \Lambda \tilde{e}_{k+1}$. For $k \in [1, p-1]$, we have $\tilde{e}_k \in \tilde{e}_k \Lambda \tilde{e}_k$. Then we define via Remark 11

$$\begin{array}{lll} \hat{e}_k & := & T_{\tilde{e}_k, \tilde{e}_k}^{-1}(\tilde{e}_k) \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(\tilde{P}_k, \tilde{P}_k) \quad \text{for } k \in [1, p-1] \\ \hat{e}_{1,1} & := & T_{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_1}^{-1}(p\eta_{\lambda^1,1,1}) \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(\tilde{P}_1, \tilde{P}_1) \\ \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1} & := & T_{\tilde{e}_{p-1}, \tilde{e}_{p-1}}^{-1}(p\eta_{\lambda^p,1,1}) \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(\tilde{P}_{p-1}, \tilde{P}_{p-1}) \\ \hat{e}_{k+1,k} & := & T_{\tilde{e}_{k+1}, \tilde{e}_k}^{-1}(\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, 1}) \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(\tilde{P}_k, \tilde{P}_{k+1}) \quad \text{for } k \in [1, p-2] \\ \hat{e}_{k,k+1} & := & T_{\tilde{e}_k, \tilde{e}_{k+1}}^{-1}(p\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+1}) \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(\tilde{P}_{k+1}, \tilde{P}_k) \quad \text{for } k \in [1, p-2]. \end{array}$$

Note that \hat{e}_k is the identity map on \tilde{P}_k for $k \in [1, p-1]$.

Lemma 13. *We have*

- (a) $\ker \hat{e}_{k+1,k} = \langle \mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$, $\operatorname{im} \hat{e}_{k+1,k} = \langle \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\leftarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$ for $k \in [1, p-2]$,
- (b) $\ker \hat{e}_{k,k+1} = \langle \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\rightarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$, $\operatorname{im} \hat{e}_{k,k+1} = \langle \mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$ for $k \in [1, p-2]$,
- (c) $\ker \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1} = \langle \mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\leftarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$, $\operatorname{im} \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1} = \langle \mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\rightarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$,
- (d) $\ker \hat{e}_{1,1} = \langle \mathcal{B}_1^{\rightarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_1^{\rightarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$, $\operatorname{im} \hat{e}_{1,1} = \langle \mathcal{B}_1^{\leftarrow} \sqcup \mathcal{B}_1^{\leftarrow} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}$.

Proof. (a):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{k+1,k}(\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftrightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{=} (\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, 1} \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k)) \\ &= (\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_c^{k+1})) = \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\leftarrow} \\ \hat{e}_{k+1,k}(\mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{=} (\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, 1} p \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{k+1})) \\ &= (p \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, n_c^{k+1}+y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{k+1})) = \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\leftarrow} \\ \hat{e}_{k+1,k}(\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \\ \hat{e}_{k+1,k}(\mathcal{B}_k^{\leftarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Remark 9, assertion (a) holds.

(b):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{k,k+1}(\mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\leftrightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{=} (p \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+1} \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, n_c^{k+1}+y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{k+1})) \\ &= (p \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{k+1})) = \mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\rightarrow} \\ \hat{e}_{k,k+1}(\mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\leftarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{=} (p \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+1} \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_c^{k+1})) \\ &= (p \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^k)) = \mathcal{B}_k^{\rightarrow} \\ \hat{e}_{k,k+1}(\mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\rightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \\ \hat{e}_{k,k+1}(\mathcal{B}_{k+1}^{\rightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Remark 9, assertion (b) holds.

(c):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1}(\mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\leftrightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{=} (p \eta_{\lambda^p, 1, 1} \eta_{\lambda^{(p-1)+1}, 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{p-1})) \\ &= (p \eta_{\lambda^{(p-1)+1}, 1, y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^{p-1})) = \mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\rightarrow} \\ \mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\rightarrow} &= () \text{ as } n_b^p = 0 \\ \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1}(\mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\leftarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \\ \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1}(\mathcal{B}_{p-1}^{\leftarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Remark 9, assertion (c) holds.

(d):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{1,1}(\mathcal{B}_1^{\leftrightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{=} (p \eta_{\lambda^1, 1, 1} \eta_{\lambda^1, n_c^1+1, n_c^1+y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^1)) \\ &\stackrel{n_c^1=0}{=} (p \eta_{\lambda^1, n_c^1+1, n_c^1+y} : y \in (1, \dots, n_b^1)) = \mathcal{B}_1^{\leftarrow} \\ \mathcal{B}_1^{\leftarrow} &= () \text{ as } n_c^1 = 0 \\ \hat{e}_{1,1}(\mathcal{B}_1^{\rightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \\ \hat{e}_{1,1}(\mathcal{B}_1^{\rightarrow}) &\stackrel{\text{R.11}}{\subseteq} \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Remark 9, assertion (d) holds. \square

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The trivial $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$ -module $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ becomes a Λ -module via the isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras $r : \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p \rightarrow \Lambda$ described in Proposition 5. We want to construct a projective resolution of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ over Λ .

Γ is a right Λ -module as Λ is a subalgebra of Γ . The set $\Gamma^{\lambda^1} := \{\rho \in \Gamma \mid \rho^\lambda = 0 \text{ for } \lambda \neq \lambda^1\}$ is a right Λ -submodule of Γ . As $n_c^k = 0$ and $n_b^k = 1$, Γ^{λ^1} is free over $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ with basis $\{\eta_{\lambda^1,1,1}\}$.

Given a partition $\lambda \vdash p$, the operation of an element $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$ on the Specht module corresponding to λ is multiplication with the matrix $r(x)^\lambda$ with respect to a certain basis of that Specht module, cf. the definition of $r^\mathbb{Z}$ in the proof of Proposition 5.

As $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ is the Specht module corresponding to the trivial partition λ^1 of p , and as $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ is one-dimensional, the operation of $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p$ on $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ is multiplication with the scalar $r(x)^{\lambda^1}$. Thus an element $\rho \in \Lambda$ operates on $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ via multiplication with the scalar ρ^{λ^1} and we have an isomorphism of right Λ -modules by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\varepsilon}^1 : \Gamma^{\lambda^1} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \\ \eta_{\lambda^1,1,1} &\longmapsto 1. \end{aligned}$$

We have the morphism of right Λ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\varepsilon}^0 : \tilde{P}_1 &\longrightarrow \Gamma^{\lambda^1} \\ \tilde{e}_1 x &\longmapsto \eta_{\lambda^1,1,1} \tilde{e}_1 x = \eta_{\lambda^1,1,1} x \quad \text{for } x \in \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

We have $\hat{\varepsilon}^0(\tilde{e}_1) = \hat{\varepsilon}^0(\eta_{\lambda^1,1,1} + \eta_{\lambda^2,1,1}) = \eta_{\lambda^1,1,1}$, thus $\hat{\varepsilon}^0$ is surjective as $\{\eta_{\lambda^1,1,1}\}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -basis of Γ^{λ^1} . Given $x \in \tilde{P}_1$, we have $\hat{e}_{1,1}(x) = p\hat{\varepsilon}^0(x)$ as elements of Γ . Thus the maps $\hat{e}_{1,1}$ and $\hat{\varepsilon}^0$ have the same kernel. Concatenation with the isomorphism $\hat{\varepsilon}^1$ yields the surjective morphism of right Λ -modules

$$\hat{\varepsilon} := \hat{\varepsilon}^1 \circ \hat{\varepsilon}^0 : \tilde{P}_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{(p)},$$

for which we have $\ker \hat{\varepsilon} = \ker \hat{e}_{1,1}$.

With these properties of $\hat{\varepsilon}$ and Lemma 13, we are able to directly formulate a projective resolution of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$:

We set

$$\tilde{P}r_i := \begin{cases} \tilde{P}_{\omega(i)} & i \geq 0 \\ 0 & i < 0 \end{cases},$$

where the integer $\omega(i)$ is given by the following construction: Recall the stipulation $l := 2(p-1)$. We have $i = jl + r$ for some $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq r \leq l-1$. Then

$$\omega(i) := \begin{cases} r+1 & \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq p-2 \\ l-r = 2(p-1) - r & \text{for } p-1 \leq r \leq 2(p-1) - 1 = l-1 \end{cases}. \quad (6)$$

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So $\omega(i)$ increases by steps of one from 1 to $p-1$ as i runs from jl to $jl+(p-2)$ and $\omega(i)$ decreases from $p-1$ to 1 as i runs from $jl+(p-1)$ to $jl+(l-1)$. Finally we set

$$\hat{d}_i := \begin{cases} \hat{e}_{\omega(i-1), \omega(i)} : \tilde{P}_{\omega(i)} \rightarrow \tilde{P}_{\omega(i-1)} & i \geq 1 \\ 0 & i \leq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Now Lemma 13 gives the projective resolution of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\hat{d}_3} \tilde{P}_{r_2} \xrightarrow{\hat{d}_2} \tilde{P}_{r_1} \xrightarrow{\hat{d}_1} \tilde{P}_{r_0} \xrightarrow{0=\hat{d}_0} 0 \rightarrow \dots, \quad (7)$$

written more explicitly as

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow \tilde{P}_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{1,2}} \tilde{P}_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{1,1}} \tilde{P}_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{2,1}} \tilde{P}_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{P}_{p-2} \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{p-1,p-2}} \tilde{P}_{p-1} \\ \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{p-1,p-1}} \tilde{P}_{p-1} \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{p-2,p-1}} \tilde{P}_{p-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{P}_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{1,2}} \tilde{P}_1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding extended projective resolution is

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow \tilde{P}_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{1,2}} \tilde{P}_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{1,1}} \tilde{P}_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{2,1}} \tilde{P}_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{P}_{p-2} \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{p-1,p-2}} \tilde{P}_{p-1} \\ \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{p-1,p-1}} \tilde{P}_{p-1} \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{p-2,p-1}} \tilde{P}_{p-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{P}_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{1,2}} \tilde{P}_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots, \end{aligned}$$

which is an exact sequence.

We have proven the

Theorem 14. *Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime.*

The sequence (7) is a projective resolution of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$, with augmentation $\tilde{P}_{r_0} = \tilde{P}_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$.

Lemma 15. *Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime. We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{1,1} + \hat{e}_{1,2} \circ \hat{e}_{2,1} &= p\hat{e}_1 \\ \hat{e}_{k,k-1} \circ \hat{e}_{k-1,k} + \hat{e}_{k,k+1} \circ \hat{e}_{k+1,k} &= p\hat{e}_k \quad \text{for } k \in [2, p-2] \\ \hat{e}_{p-1,p-2} \circ \hat{e}_{p-2,p-1} + \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1} &= p\hat{e}_{p-1} \\ \hat{e} \circ \hat{e}_{1,1} &= p\hat{e}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We have by Remark 11

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_1}(\hat{e}_{1,1} + \hat{e}_{1,2} \circ \hat{e}_{2,1}) &= T_{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_1}(\hat{e}_{1,1}) + T_{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2}(\hat{e}_{1,2})T_{\tilde{e}_2, \tilde{e}_1}(\hat{e}_{2,1}) \\ &= p\eta_{\lambda^1, 1, 1} + p\eta_{\lambda^2, 1, n_c^2+1}\eta_{\lambda^2, n_c^2+1, 1} = p(\eta_{\lambda^1, 1, 1} + \eta_{\lambda^2, 1, 1}) = T_{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_1}(p\hat{e}_1) \\ T_{\tilde{e}_k, \tilde{e}_k}(\hat{e}_{k,k-1} \circ \hat{e}_{k-1,k} + \hat{e}_{k,k+1} \circ \hat{e}_{k+1,k}) & \\ &= T_{\tilde{e}_k, \tilde{e}_{k-1}}(\hat{e}_{k,k-1})T_{\tilde{e}_{k-1}, \tilde{e}_k}(\hat{e}_{k-1,k}) + T_{\tilde{e}_k, \tilde{e}_{k+1}}(\hat{e}_{k,k+1})T_{\tilde{e}_{k+1}, \tilde{e}_k}(\hat{e}_{k+1,k}) \\ &= \eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k+1, 1}p\eta_{\lambda^k, 1, n_c^k+1} + p\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, n_c^{k+1}+1}\eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, n_c^{k+1}+1, 1} \\ &= p(\eta_{\lambda^k, n_c^k+1, n_c^k+1} + \eta_{\lambda^{k+1}, 1, 1}) = T_{\tilde{e}_k, \tilde{e}_k}(p\hat{e}_k) \\ T_{\tilde{e}_{p-1}, \tilde{e}_{p-1}}(\hat{e}_{p-1,p-2} \circ \hat{e}_{p-2,p-1} + \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1}) & \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= T_{\tilde{e}_{p-1}, \tilde{e}_{p-2}}(\hat{e}_{p-1, p-2}) T_{\tilde{e}_{p-2}, \tilde{e}_{p-1}}(\hat{e}_{p-2, p-1}) + T_{\tilde{e}_{p-1}, \tilde{e}_{p-1}}(\hat{e}_{p-1, p-1}) \\
&= \eta_{\lambda^{p-1}, n_c^{p-1}+1, 1} p \eta_{\lambda^{p-1}, 1, n_c^{p-1}+1} + p \eta_{\lambda^p, 1, 1} \\
&= p(\eta_{\lambda^{p-1}, n_c^{p-1}+1, n_c^{p-1}+1} + \eta_{\lambda^p, 1, 1}) = T_{\tilde{e}_{p-1}, \tilde{e}_{p-1}}(p\hat{e}_{p-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally for $x \in \tilde{P}_1$, we have

$$(\hat{\varepsilon}^0 \circ \hat{e}_{1,1})(x) = \eta_{\lambda^1, 1, 1} \cdot p \eta_{\lambda^1, 1, 1} \cdot x = p \eta_{\lambda^1, 1, 1} \cdot x = p \hat{\varepsilon}^0(x),$$

thus $\hat{\varepsilon} \circ \hat{e}_{1,1} = \hat{\varepsilon}^1 \circ \hat{\varepsilon}^0 \circ \hat{e}_{1,1} = p \hat{\varepsilon}^1 \circ \hat{\varepsilon}^0 = p \hat{\varepsilon}$. \square

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We obtain the desired projective resolution by reducing the projective resolution of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ "modulo p ". Technically this will be done via a tensor product functor.

Reduction modulo I

Let R be a principal ideal domain. Let (A, ρ) be an R -algebra. Let I be an ideal of R . We set $\bar{R} := R/I$.

As R is a principal ideal domain, $\rho(I)A$ is an additive subset of A . As $\rho(I)$ is a subset of the center of A , $\rho(I)A$ is an ideal of A and $A/(\rho(I)A) =: \bar{A}$ is an \bar{R} -algebra.

We regard a right A -module M_A as a right R -module M_R via $m \cdot r := m \cdot \rho(r)$ for $m \in M$, $r \in R$.

Lemma 16. *The functors $-\otimes_A \bar{A}$ and $-\otimes_R \bar{R}$ from $\text{Mod-}A$ to $\text{Mod-}R$ are naturally isomorphic.*

The natural isomorphism $-\otimes_A \bar{A} \rightarrow -\otimes_R \bar{R}$ is given at the module M_A by

$$\begin{aligned}
M_A \otimes_A \bar{A} &\xrightarrow{\sim} M_R \otimes_R \bar{R} \\
m \otimes (a + \rho(I)A) &\mapsto ma \otimes (1 + I) \\
m \otimes (r + \rho(I)A) &\longleftarrow m \otimes (r + I).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. By the universal property of the tensor product, the two maps given above are well-defined and R -linear. Straightforward calculation gives that they invert each other and that we have a natural transformation. \square

Lemma 17. *The functor $-\otimes_A \bar{A}$ from $\text{Mod-}A$ to $\text{Mod-}\bar{A}$ maps exact sequences of right A -modules that are free and of finite rank as R -modules to exact sequences of right \bar{A} -modules.*

Proof. Because $-\otimes_A \bar{A}$ is an additive functor, it maps complexes to complexes. For considerations of exactness, we may compose our functor with the forgetful functor

from $\text{Mod-}\bar{A}$ to $\text{Mod-}R$. This composite is $-\otimes_A \bar{A}$. By the natural isomorphism given in Lemma 16, it suffices to show that $-\otimes_R \bar{R}$ transforms exact sequences of right A -modules that are free and of finite rank as R -modules into exact sequences.

Let $\cdots \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} M_i \xrightarrow{d_i} M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d_{i-1}} \cdots$ be an exact sequence of right A -modules that are free and of finite rank as R -modules. Then $\text{im } d_i$ is a submodule of the free R -module M_{i-1} . As R is a principal ideal domain, $\text{im } d_i$ is free. Hence the short exact sequence $\text{im } d_{i+1} \rightarrow M_i \rightarrow \text{im } d_i$ splits. Now the additive functor $-\otimes_R \bar{R}$ maps split short exact sequences to (split) short exact sequences and the proof is complete. \square

Reduction modulo p

The isomorphism $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p \rightarrow \Lambda$ from Proposition 5 induces an isomorphism of \mathbb{F}_p -algebras $\mathbb{F}_p S_p = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p / (p\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} S_p) \xrightarrow{\bar{r}} \Lambda / (p\Lambda) =: \bar{\Lambda}$. For the sake of simplicity in the next step, we identify $\bar{\Lambda}$ and $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$ along \bar{r} .

Lemma 18. *Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime. Applying the functor $-\otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda}$, we obtain*

- the projective modules $P_k := \tilde{P}_k \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda}$ for $k \in [1, p-1]$,
 - $\mathbb{F}_p := \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda}$ (the $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$ -module corresponding to the trivial representation of S_p),
 - $e_k := \hat{e}_k \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, P_k)$ for $k \in [1, p-1]$,
 - $e_{1,1} := \hat{e}_{1,1} \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, P_1)$,
 - $e_{p-1,p-1} := \hat{e}_{p-1,p-1} \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_{p-1}, P_{p-1})$,
 - $e_{k+1,k} := \hat{e}_{k+1,k} \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, P_{k+1})$ for $k \in [1, p-2]$,
 - $e_{k,k+1} := \hat{e}_{k,k+1} \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_{k+1}, P_k)$ for $k \in [1, p-2]$,
- cf. Definition 12, and
- $\varepsilon := \hat{\varepsilon} \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$, which is surjective as $\hat{\varepsilon}$ is surjective.

So we obtain

$$\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p := (\text{PRes } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \otimes_{\Lambda} \bar{\Lambda} = (\cdots \xrightarrow{d_3} \text{Pr}_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} \text{Pr}_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \text{Pr}_0 \xrightarrow{0=d_0} 0 \rightarrow \cdots), \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Pr}_i := \begin{cases} P_{\omega(i)} & i \geq 0 \\ 0 & i < 0 \end{cases} \quad d_i := \begin{cases} e_{\omega(i-1), \omega(i)} : P_{\omega(i)} \rightarrow P_{\omega(i-1)} & i \geq 1 \\ 0 & i \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

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which is by Lemma 17 a projective resolution of \mathbb{F}_p , with augmentation $\varepsilon : P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$. More explicitly, $\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow \underbrace{P_2}_{l+1} \xrightarrow{e_{1,2}} \underbrace{P_1}_{l=2(p-1)} \xrightarrow{e_{1,1}} \underbrace{P_1}_{(p-2)+p-1} \xrightarrow{e_{2,1}} \underbrace{P_2}_{(p-2)+p-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \underbrace{P_{p-2}}_{p=(p-2)+2} \xrightarrow{e_{p-1,p-2}} \underbrace{P_{p-1}}_{(p-2)+1} \\ \xrightarrow{e_{p-1,p-1}} \underbrace{P_{p-1}}_{p-2} \xrightarrow{e_{p-2,p-1}} \underbrace{P_{p-2}}_{p-3} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \underbrace{P_2}_1 \xrightarrow{e_{1,2}} \underbrace{P_1}_0 \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the corresponding extended projective resolution is

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow P_2 \xrightarrow{e_{1,2}} P_1 \xrightarrow{e_{1,1}} P_1 \xrightarrow{e_{2,1}} P_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_{p-2} \xrightarrow{e_{p-1,p-2}} P_{p-1} \\ \xrightarrow{e_{p-1,p-1}} P_{p-1} \xrightarrow{e_{p-2,p-1}} P_{p-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_2 \xrightarrow{e_{1,2}} P_1 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{F}_p \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 19. Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime.

(a) We have the relations

$$\begin{aligned} e_{1,1} + e_{1,2} \circ e_{2,1} &= 0 \\ e_{k,k-1} \circ e_{k-1,k} + e_{k,k+1} \circ e_{k+1,k} &= 0 \quad \text{for } k \in [2, p-2] \\ e_{p-1,p-2} \circ e_{p-2,p-1} + e_{p-1,p-1} &= 0 \\ \varepsilon \circ e_{1,1} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and e_k is the identity on P_k for $k \in [1, p-1]$.

(b) Given $k \in [2, p-1]$, we have $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, \mathbb{F}_p) = \{0\}$.

(c) Given $k, k' \in [1, p-1]$ such that $|k - k'| > 1$, we have $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, P_{k'}) = \{0\}$.

(d) The set $\{\varepsilon\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_p -basis of $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$.

Proof. For $k \in [1, p-1]$, we denote the idempotent $\tilde{e}_k + p\Lambda \in \bar{\Lambda} = \Lambda/p\Lambda = \mathbb{F}_p S_p$ by \dot{e}_k and identify P_k with $\dot{e}_k \mathbb{F}_p S_p$.

Ad (a). This results immediately from Lemma 15 and the fact that \hat{e}_k is the identity on \tilde{P}_k .

Ad (b). For $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$, we have $y \cdot \tilde{e}_k = 0$ as $\tilde{e}_k^{\lambda^1} = 0$. Thus for $x \in \mathbb{F}_p$, we have $x \cdot \dot{e}_k = 0$. Now for $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, \mathbb{F}_p)$, we have $g(\dot{e}_k) = g(\dot{e}_k \cdot \dot{e}_k) = g(\dot{e}_k) \dot{e}_k = 0$. As P_k is generated by \dot{e}_k , we have $g = 0$.

Ad (c). The sets $\{\lambda^k, \lambda^{k+1}\}$ and $\{\lambda^{k'}, \lambda^{k'+1}\}$ are disjoint. Thus for all $y \in \tilde{P}_{k'}$, we have $y \cdot \tilde{e}_k = 0$, which implies $x \cdot \dot{e}_k = 0$ for all $x \in P_{k'} = \dot{e}_{k'} \mathbb{F}_p S_p$. Now for $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, P_{k'})$, we have $g(\dot{e}_k) = g(\dot{e}_k \cdot \dot{e}_k) = g(\dot{e}_k) \dot{e}_k = 0$. As P_k is generated by \dot{e}_k , we have $g = 0$.

Ad (d). As P_1 is $\mathbb{F}_p S_p$ -generated by \dot{e}_1 , an element $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$ is determined uniquely by $f(\dot{e}_1)$. Furthermore \mathbb{F}_p has \mathbb{F}_p -dimension 1, thus $\{f\}$ is a basis of $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$ for any $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$ with $f(\dot{e}_1) \neq 0$. As $\varepsilon(\dot{e}_1)$ determines ε , and as ε maps surjectively onto \mathbb{F}_p , we have $\varepsilon(\dot{e}_1) \neq 0$. So $\{\varepsilon\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_p -basis of $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$. \square

2. A_∞ -algebras

2.1. General theory

In this subsection, we review results presented in [12].

Let R be a commutative ring. We understand linear maps between R -modules to be R -linear. Tensor products are tensor products over R .

Definition 20. A *graded R -module* V is a R -module of the form $V = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} V^q$. An element $v_q \in V^q$, $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ is said to be of degree q . An element $v \in V$ is called *homogeneous* if there is an integer $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $v \in V^q$. For homogeneous elements v resp. graded maps g (see below), we denote their degrees by $|v|$ resp. $|g|$.

Definition 21. Let $A = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} A^q$, $B = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} B^q$ be two graded R -modules. A *graded map of degree $z \in \mathbb{Z}$* is a linear map $g : A \rightarrow B$ such that $\text{im } g|_{A^q} \subseteq B^{q+z}$ for $q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Definition 22. Let $A = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} A^q$, $B = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} B^q$ be two graded R -modules. We have

$$A \otimes B = \bigoplus_{z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} A^{z_1} \otimes B^{z_2} = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\bigoplus_{z_1 + z_2 = q} A^{z_1} \otimes B^{z_2} \right).$$

As we understand the direct sums to be internal direct sums in $A \otimes B$ and understand $A^{z_1} \otimes B^{z_2}$ to be the linear span of the set $\{a \otimes b \in A \otimes B \mid a \in A^{z_1}, b \in B^{z_2}\}$, we have equations in the above, not just isomorphisms.

We then set $A \otimes B$ to be graded by $A \otimes B = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} (A \otimes B)^q$, where $(A \otimes B)^q := \bigoplus_{z_1 + z_2 = q} A^{z_1} \otimes B^{z_2}$.

Moreover, we grade the direct sum

$$A \oplus B = \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} (A^q \oplus B^q)$$

by $(A \oplus B)^q := A^q \oplus B^q$.

Definition 23. In the definition of the tensor product of graded maps, we implement the *Koszul sign rule*: Let A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 be graded R -modules and $g : A_1 \rightarrow B_1$, $h : A_2 \rightarrow B_2$ graded maps. Then we set

$$(g \otimes h)(x \otimes y) := (-1)^{|h| \cdot |x|} g(x) \otimes h(y), \quad (9)$$

where $x \in A_1, y \in A_2$ are homogeneous elements. Note that $g \otimes h$ has degree $|g \otimes h| = |g| + |h|$.

Remark 24. It is known that for graded R -modules A, B, C , the map

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta : (A \otimes B) \otimes C &\longrightarrow A \otimes (B \otimes C) \\ (a \otimes b) \otimes c &\longmapsto a \otimes (b \otimes c) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

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is an isomorphism of R -modules. Because of the following, Θ is homogeneous of degree 0.

$$\begin{aligned}
((A \otimes B) \otimes C)^q &= \bigoplus_{y+z_3=q} (A \otimes B)^y \otimes C^{z_3} = \bigoplus_{y+z_3=q} \bigoplus_{z_1+z_2=y} (A^{z_1} \otimes B^{z_2}) \otimes C^{z_3} \\
&= \bigoplus_{z_1+z_2+z_3=q} (A^{z_1} \otimes B^{z_2}) \otimes C^{z_3} \\
(A \otimes (B \otimes C))^q &= \bigoplus_{z_1+y=q} A^{z_1} \otimes (B \otimes C)^y = \bigoplus_{z_1+y=q} \bigoplus_{z_2+z_3=y} A^{z_1} \otimes (B^{z_2} \otimes C^{z_3}) \\
&= \bigoplus_{z_1+z_2+z_3=q} A^{z_1} \otimes (B^{z_2} \otimes C^{z_3})
\end{aligned}$$

Let $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2$ be graded R -modules, $f : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$, $g : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$, $h : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$ graded maps. For homogeneous elements $x \in A_1$, $y \in B_1$, $z \in C_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
((f \otimes g) \otimes h)((x \otimes y) \otimes z) &= (-1)^{|x \otimes y| \cdot |h|} ((f \otimes g)(x \otimes y)) \otimes h(z) \\
&= (-1)^{(|x|+|y|)|h|+|x| \cdot |g|} (f(x) \otimes g(y)) \otimes h(z) \\
(f \otimes (g \otimes h))(x \otimes (y \otimes z)) &= (-1)^{|x| \cdot |g \otimes h|} f(x) \otimes ((g \otimes h)(y \otimes z)) \\
&= (-1)^{|x|(|g|+|h|)+|y| \cdot |h|} f(x) \otimes (g(y) \otimes h(z)) \\
&= (-1)^{(|x|+|y|)|h|+|x| \cdot |g|} f(x) \otimes (g(y) \otimes h(z)).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the following commutative diagram (Θ_1 and Θ_2 are derived from (10))

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(A_1 \otimes B_1) \otimes C_1 & \xrightarrow{\Theta_1} & A_1 \otimes (B_1 \otimes C_1) \\
\downarrow (f \otimes g) \otimes h & & \downarrow f \otimes (g \otimes h) \\
(A_2 \otimes B_2) \otimes C_2 & \xrightarrow{\Theta_2} & A_2 \otimes (B_2 \otimes C_2)
\end{array}$$

It is therefore valid to use Θ as an identification and to omit the brackets for the tensorization of graded R -modules and the tensorization of graded maps.

Concerning the signs in the definition of A_∞ -algebras and A_∞ -morphisms, we follow the variant given e.g. in [16].

Definition 25. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$.

- (i) Let A be a graded R -module. A *pre- A_n -structure on A* is a family of graded maps $(m_k : A^{\otimes k} \rightarrow A)_{k \in [1, n]}$ with $|m_k| = 2 - k$ for $k \in [1, n]$. The tuple $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ is called a pre- A_n -algebra.
- (ii) Let A, A' be graded R -modules. A *pre- A_n -morphism from A' to A* is a family of graded maps $(f_k : A'^{\otimes k} \rightarrow A)_{k \in [1, n]}$ with $|f_k| = 1 - k$ for $k \in [1, n]$.

Definition 26. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$.

(i) An A_n -algebra is a pre- A_n -algebra $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ such that for $k \in [1, n]$

$$\sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r, t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^{rs+t} m_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = 0. \quad (11)[k]$$

In abuse of notation, we sometimes abbreviate $A = (A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$ for A_∞ -algebras.

(ii) Let $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ and $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ be A_n -algebras. An A_n -morphism or morphism of A_n -algebras from $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ to $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ is a pre- A_n -morphism $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ such that for $k \in [1, n]$, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t \\ r, t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^{rs+t} f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} (-1)^v m_r \circ (f_{i_1} \otimes f_{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_r}), \quad (12)[k]$$

where

$$v := \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq r} (1 - i_s) i_t.$$

Example 27 (dg-algebras). Let $(A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$ be an A_∞ -algebra. If $m_n = 0$ for $n \geq 3$ then A is called a *differential graded algebra* or *dg-algebra*. In this case the equations (11)[n] for $n \geq 4$ become trivial: We have $(r + 1 + t) + s = n + 1 \Rightarrow (r + 1 + t) + s \geq 5 \Rightarrow m_{r+1+t} = 0$ or $m_s = 0$. So all summands in (11)[n] are zero for $n \geq 4$. Here are the equations for $n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (11)[1] : & \quad 0 = m_1 \circ m_1 \\ (11)[2] : & \quad 0 = m_1 \circ m_2 - m_2 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m_1) \\ (11)[3] : & \quad 0 = m_1 \circ m_3 + m_2 \circ (1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes 1) \\ & \quad \quad \quad + m_3 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1^{\otimes 2} + 1 \otimes m_1 \otimes 1 + 1^{\otimes 2} \otimes m_1) \\ & \quad \quad \quad \stackrel{m_3=0}{=} m_2 \circ (1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes 1) \end{aligned}$$

So (11)[1] ensures that m_1 is a differential. Moreover, (11)[3] states that m_2 is an associative binary operation, since for homogeneous $x, y, z \in A$ we have $0 = m_2 \circ (1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes 1)(x \otimes y \otimes z) = m_2(x \otimes m_2(y \otimes z)) - m_2(x \otimes y) \otimes z$, where because of $|m_2| = 0$ there are no additional signs caused by the Koszul sign rule. Equation (11)[2] is the Leibniz rule which can be motivated by the product rule in the algebra of differential forms on a smooth manifold: We set $m_1 f := \partial f$ and $m_2(f \otimes g) := f \wedge g$ and we have for homogeneous differential forms f, g

$$\partial(f \wedge g) = (\partial f) \wedge g + (-1)^{|f|} f \wedge (\partial g).$$

The signs on the right side also motivate the Koszul sign rule.

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Example 28 (A_n -morphisms induce complex morphisms).

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \cup \{\infty\}$. Let $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ and $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ be two A_n -algebras and let $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n]} : (A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}) \rightarrow (A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ be an A_n -morphism.

By (11)[1], (A', m'_1) and (A, m_1) are complexes. Equation (12)[1] is

$$f_1 \circ m'_1 = m_1 \circ f_1.$$

Thus $f_1 : (A', m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ is a complex morphism.

For $n \geq 2$, we have also (12)[2]:

$$f_1 \circ m'_2 - f_2 \circ (m'_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m'_1) = m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1) \quad (13)$$

Recall the conventions concerning $\text{Hom}_B^k(C, C')$.

Lemma 29. *Let B be an (ordinary) R -algebra and $M = ((M_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}, (d_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}})$ a complex of B -modules, that is a sequence $(M_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of B -modules and B -linear maps $d_i : M_i \rightarrow M_{i-1}$ such that $d_{i-1} \circ d_i = 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_B^i(M, M) &:= \prod_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_B(M_{z+i}, M_z) \\ &= \{g = (g_z)_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \mid g_z \in \text{Hom}_B(M_{z+i}, M_z) \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{Z}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$A = \text{Hom}_B^*(M, M) := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_B^i(M, M)$$

is a graded R -module. We have $d := (d_{z+1})_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} [d_{i+1}]_{i+1}^i \in \text{Hom}_B^1(M, M)$. We define $m_1 := d_{\text{Hom}^*(M, M)} : A \rightarrow A$, that is for homogeneous $g \in A$ we have

$$m_1(g) = d \circ g - (-1)^{|g|} g \circ d.$$

We define $m_2 : A^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow A$ for homogeneous $g, h \in A$ to be composition, i.e.

$$m_2(g \otimes h) := g \circ h.$$

For $n \geq 3$ we set $m_n : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$, $m_n = 0$. Then $(m_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is an A_∞ -algebra structure on $A = \text{Hom}_B^*(M, M)$. More precisely, $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a $\bar{d}g$ -algebra.

Proof. Because of $|d| = 1$ we have $|m_1| = 1 = 2 - 1$. The graded map m_2 has degree $0 = 2 - 2$. The other maps m_n are zero and have therefore automatically correct degree. As discussed in Example 27 we only need to check (11)[n] for $n = 1, 2, 3$. Equation (11)[1] holds because for homogeneous $g \in A$ we have

$$m_1(m_1(g)) = m_1[d \circ g - (-1)^{|g|} g \circ d]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= d \circ [d \circ g - (-1)^{|g|} g \circ d] - (-1)^{|g|+1} [d \circ g - (-1)^{|g|} g \circ d] \circ d \\
 &\stackrel{d^2=0}{=} - (-1)^{|g|} d \circ g \circ d - (-1)^{|g|+1} d \circ g \circ d = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Concerning (11)[2], we have for homogeneous $g, h \in A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (m_2 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1+1 \otimes m_1))(g \otimes h) &= m_2(m_1(g) \otimes h + (-1)^{|g|} g \otimes m_1(h)) \\
 &= (d \circ g - (-1)^{|g|} g \circ d) \circ h + (-1)^{|g|} g \circ (d \circ h - (-1)^{|h|} h \circ d) \\
 &= d \circ g \circ h - (-1)^{|g|+|h|} g \circ h \circ d \\
 &= (m_1 \circ m_2)(g \otimes h).
 \end{aligned}$$

The map m_2 is induced by the composition of morphisms which is associative. As discussed in Example 27, equation (11)[3] holds. \square

Remark 30. In $\text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p)$ we have (cf. (8))

$$d = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lfloor e_{\omega(i), \omega(i+1)} \rfloor_{i+1}^i.$$

Definition 31 (Homology of A_∞ -algebras, quasi-isomorphisms, minimality, minimal models). As $m_1^2 = 0$ (cf. (11)[1]) and $|m_1| = 1$, we have the complex

$$\dots \rightarrow A^{i-1} \xrightarrow{m_1|_{A^{i-1}}} A^i \xrightarrow{m_1|_{A^i}} A^{i+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

We define $H^k A := \ker(m_1|_{A^k}) / \text{im}(m_1|_{A^{k-1}})$ and $H^* A := \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} H^k A$, which gives the homology of A the structure of a graded R -module.

A morphism of A_∞ -algebras $(f_k)_{k \geq 1} : (A', (m'_k)_{k \geq 1}) \rightarrow (A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$ is called a *quasi-isomorphism* if the morphism of complexes $f_1 : (A', m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ (cf. Example 28) is a quasi-isomorphism.

An A_∞ -algebra is called *minimal*, if $m_1 = 0$. If A is an A_∞ -algebra and A' is a minimal A_∞ -algebra quasi-isomorphic to A , then A' is called a *minimal model* of A .

The existence of minimal models is assured by the following theorem.

Theorem 32. (*minimality theorem, cf. [13] (history), [9], [8], [20], [5], [7], [18], \dots*)
 Let $(A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$ be an A_∞ -algebra such that the homology $H^* A$ is a projective R -module. Then there exists an A_∞ -algebra structure $(m'_k)_{k \geq 1}$ on $H^* A$ and a quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras $(f_k)_{k \geq 1} : (H^* A, (m'_k)_{k \geq 1}) \rightarrow (A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$, such that

- $m'_1 = 0$ and
- the complex morphism $f_1 : (H^* A, m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ induces the identity in homology. I.e. each element $x \in H^* A$, which is a homology class of (A, m_1) , is mapped by f_1 to a representing cycle.

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We give a proof of Theorem 32 in appendix A.4, cf. Theorem 67.

There is a general statement concerning the computation of minimal models of dg-algebras:

Lemma 33 (cf. [24, Theorem 5]). *Let R be a commutative ring and $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ be a dg-algebra (over R). Suppose given a graded R -module B and graded maps $f_n : B^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$, $m'_n : B^{\otimes n} \rightarrow B$ for $n \geq 1$. Suppose given $k \geq 1$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} f_i &= 0 & \text{for } i \geq k \\ m'_i &= 0 & \text{for } i \geq k + 1, \end{aligned}$$

and such that (12)[n] is satisfied for $1 \leq n \leq 2k - 2$. Then (12)[n] is satisfied for all $n \geq 1$.

Proof. We need to check (12)[n] for $n \geq 2k - 1$:

The left side of (12)[n] is zero: For $f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t})$ to be non-zero it is necessary that $r + 1 + t \leq k - 1$ and $s \leq k$, so $n + 1 = r + s + t + 1 \leq 2k - 1$, which is not the case. Thus all summands on the left side of (12)[n] are zero.

The right side of (12)[n] is zero: As A is a dg-algebra, we have $m_n = 0$ for $n \geq 3$. So all non-zero summands on the right side have $r \leq 2$. For a non-zero summand we also have $i_y \leq k - 1$ for all $y \in [1, r]$. So for those we have

$$n = \sum_{y=1}^r i_y \stackrel{r \leq 2}{\leq} 2(k - 1) = 2k - 2.$$

But $n \geq 2k - 1$, so all summands on the right side of (12)[n] are zero. \square

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We need a well-known result of homological algebra in a particular formulation:

Lemma 34. *Let F be a field. Let B be an F -algebra. Let M be a B -module. Let $Q = (\cdots \rightarrow Q_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} Q_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} Q_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots)$ be a projective resolution of M with augmentation $\varepsilon : Q_0 \rightarrow M$, i.e. the sequence $\cdots \rightarrow Q_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} Q_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} Q_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ is exact. Then we have maps for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$*

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_k &: \text{Hom}_B^k(Q, Q) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B^k(Q, M) := \text{Hom}_B(Q_k, M) \\ (g_i : Q_{i+k} \rightarrow Q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} &\mapsto \varepsilon \circ g_0 \end{aligned}$$

The right side is equipped with the differentials (dualization of d_k)

$$\begin{aligned} (d_k)^* &: \text{Hom}_B(Q_k, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(Q_{k+1}, M) \\ g &\mapsto (-1)^k g \circ d_k \end{aligned}$$

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and the left side is equipped with the differential m_1 of its dg-algebra structure, cf. Lemma 29.

Then $(\Psi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ becomes a complex morphism from the complex $\text{Hom}_B^*(Q, Q)$ to the complex $\text{Hom}_B^*(Q, M)$ that induces isomorphisms $\bar{\Psi}_k$ of F -vector spaces on the homology

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}_k : H^k \text{Hom}_B^*(Q, Q) &\xrightarrow{\cong} H^k \text{Hom}_B^*(Q, M) \\ \overline{(g_i : Q_{i+k} \rightarrow Q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}} &\mapsto \overline{\varepsilon \circ g_0} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 34 is a special case of [3, §5 Proposition 4]: The complex morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} Q & = & (\cdots \longrightarrow Q_2 & \xrightarrow{d_2} & Q_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & Q_0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots) \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \varepsilon \\ \text{Conc}(M) & := & (\cdots \longrightarrow 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots) \end{array}$$

is a quasi-isomorphism since Q is a projective resolution of M . Application of [3, §5 Proposition 4] now gives that the induced homomorphism $\Psi : \text{Hom}_B^*(Q, Q) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B^*(Q, \text{Conc}(M))$ is a quasi-isomorphism. By removing zero components of the elements of $\text{Hom}_B^*(Q, \text{Conc}(M))$, we readily obtain an isomorphism of complexes from $\text{Hom}_B^*(Q, \text{Conc}(M))$ to $\text{Hom}_B^*(Q, M)$. Now composition of these two quasi-isomorphisms gives the quasi-isomorphism described in Lemma 34.

Proposition 35. *Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime and $l = 2(p - 1)$.*

Write $A := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p)$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \iota &:= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i)}]_{i+l}^i = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [e_{\omega(k)}]_{(i+1)l+k}^{il+k} \in A^l \\ \chi &:= \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{il+l-1}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{il+l-1+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \in A^{l-1}. \end{aligned}$$

(a) For $j \geq 0$, we have

$$\iota^j = \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i)}]_{i+jl}^i = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [e_{\omega(k)}]_{(i+j)l+k}^{il+k}. \quad (14)$$

(b) Suppose given $y \geq 0$. Let $h \in A^y$ be l -periodic, that is

$$h = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [h_k]_{il+k+y}^{il+k}.$$

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Then for $j \geq 0$, we have

$$h \circ \iota^j = \iota^j \circ h = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [h_k]_{(i+j)l+k+y}^{il+k} \in A^{y+jl}.$$

- (c) Suppose given $y \in \mathbb{Z}$. For $h \in A^y$ and $j \geq 0$, we have $m_1(h \circ \iota^j) = m_1(h) \circ \iota^j$.
- (d) For $j \geq 0$, we have $m_1(\iota^j) = 0$. Thus ι^j is a cycle.
- (e) For $j \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \chi \iota^j &:= \chi \circ \iota^j = \iota^j \circ \chi \\ &= \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{(i+j+1)l-1}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{(i+j+1)l-1+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{(i+j+1)l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{(i+j+1)l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \in A^{j+l-1}. \end{aligned}$$

For convenience, we also define $\chi^0 \iota^j := \iota^j$ and $\chi^1 \iota^j := \chi \iota^j = \chi \circ \iota^j$ for $j \geq 0$.

- (f) For $j \geq 0$, we have $m_1(\chi \iota^j) = 0$. Thus $\chi \iota^j$ is a cycle.
- (g) Suppose given $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. A \mathbb{F}_p -basis of $H^k A$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\overline{\iota^j}\} \text{ if } k = jl \text{ for some } j \geq 0 \\ &\{\overline{\chi \iota^j}\} \text{ if } k = jl + l - 1 \text{ for some } j \geq 0 \\ &\emptyset \text{ else.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the set $\mathfrak{B} := \{\overline{\iota^j} \mid j \geq 0\} \sqcup \{\overline{\chi \iota^j} \mid j \geq 0\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_p -basis of $H^* A = \bigoplus_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} H^z A$.

Before we proceed we display ι and χ for the case $p = 5$ as an example:

The period is of length $l = 2p - 2 = 2 \cdot 5 - 2 = 8$. The terms inside circles denote the degrees.

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Proof of Proposition 35. The element ι is well-defined since $\omega(y) = \omega(l + y)$ for $y \geq 0$. In the definition of χ we need to check that the " $[*]_*$ " are well defined. This is easily proven by calculating the $\omega(y)$ where y is the lower respective upper index of " $[*]_*$ ".

(a): As $\text{Pr}_i = \{0\}$ for $i < 0$, the identity element of A is given by $\iota^0 = \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i)}]_i^i$, which agrees with (14) in case $j = 0$. So we have proven the induction basis for induction on j . So now assume that for some $j \geq 0$ the equation (14) holds. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \iota^{j+1} &= \iota \circ \iota^j = \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i)}]_{i+l}^i \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i')}]_{i'+jl}^{i'} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i)} \circ e_{\omega(i+l)}]_{i+l+jl}^i = \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i)}]_{i+(j+1)l}^i. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof by induction is complete.

(b): We have

$$\begin{aligned} \iota^j \circ h &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [e_{\omega(il+k)}]_{(i+j)l+k}^{il+k} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} \sum_{k'=0}^{l-1} [h_{k'}]_{i'l+k'+y}^{i'l+k'} \right) \stackrel{i' \rightsquigarrow i+j, k' \rightsquigarrow k}{=} \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [h_k]_{(i+j)l+k+y}^{il+k} \\ h \circ \iota^j &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [h_k]_{il+k+y}^{il+k} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{\omega(i')}]_{i'+jl}^{i'} \right) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} [h_k]_{(i+j)l+k+y}^{il+k}. \end{aligned}$$

So we have proven (b).

(c): The differential d of $\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p$ is l -periodic (cf. Remark 30) and thus

$$\begin{aligned} m_1(h) \circ \iota^j &= (d \circ h - (-1)^y h \circ d) \circ \iota^j \\ &\stackrel{(b), |\iota^j| \equiv 2^0}{=} d \circ h \circ \iota^j - (-1)^{y+|\iota^j|} h \circ \iota^j \circ d = m_1(h \circ \iota^j). \end{aligned}$$

(d): We have

$$m_1(\iota^j) \stackrel{(c)}{=} m_1(\iota^0) \circ \iota^j = (d \circ \iota^0 - (-1)^0 \iota^0 d) \circ \iota^j = (d - d) \circ \iota^j = 0.$$

(e) is implied by (b) using the fact that χ is l -periodic.

(f): Because of (c) we have $m_1(\chi \iota^j) = m_1(\chi) \circ \iota^j$. Because $|\chi| = l - 1$ is odd we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_1(\chi) &= d \circ \chi - (-1)\chi \circ d = \chi \circ d + d \circ \chi \\ &\stackrel{\text{R.30}}{=} \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{il+l-1}^{il} + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{il+l-1+k}^{il+k} \right] + [e_{p-1}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right] \right) \right) \circ \left(\sum_{y \geq 0} [e_{\omega(y), \omega(y+1)}]_{y+1}^y \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left(\sum_{y \geq 0} [e_{\omega(y), \omega(y+1)}]_{y+1}^y \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{il+l-1}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1, k}]_{il+l-1+k}^{il+k} \right) \right) \right. \\
& \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1, p-k}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \\
& = \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1 \circ e_{1,1}]_{il+l}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1, k} \circ e_{k, k+1}]_{il+l+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + [e_{p-1} \circ e_{p-1, p-1}]_{il+l+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1, p-k} \circ e_{p-k, p-k-1}]_{il+l+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \\
& + \sum_{i \geq 1} [e_{1,1} \circ e_1]_{il+l-1}^{il-1} + \sum_{i \geq 0} \left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k, k+1} \circ e_{k+1, k}]_{il+l+k-1}^{il+k-1} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + [e_{p-1, p-1} \circ e_{p-1}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)}^{il-1+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k, p-k-1} \circ e_{p-k-1, p-k}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il-1+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \\
& \stackrel{*}{=} \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_{1,1} + e_{1,2} \circ e_{2,1}]_{il+l}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-3} [e_{k+1, k} \circ e_{k, k+1} + e_{k+1, k+2} \circ e_{k+2, k+1}]_{il+l+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + [e_{p-1, p-2} \circ e_{p-2, p-1} + e_{p-1, p-1}]_{il+l+p-2}^{il+p-2} + [e_{p-1, p-1} + e_{p-1, p-2} \circ e_{p-2, p-1}]_{il+l+p-1}^{il+p-1} \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-3} [e_{p-k-1, p-k} \circ e_{p-k, p-k-1} + e_{p-k-1, p-k-2} \circ e_{p-k-2, p-k-1}]_{il+l+p-1+k}^{il+p-1+k} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + [e_{1,2} \circ e_{2,1} + e_{1,1}]_{(i+1)l-1}^{(i+1)l+l-1} \right) \stackrel{\text{L.19(a)}}{=} 0
\end{aligned}$$

In the step marked by "*" we sort the summands by their targets. Note that when splitting sums of the form $\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} (\dots)_k$ into $(\dots)_1 + \sum_{k=2}^{p-2} (\dots)_k$ or into $(\dots)_{p-2} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-3} (\dots)_k$, the existence of the summand that is split off is ensured by $p \geq 3$.

(g): We first show that the differentials of the complex $\text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$ (cf. Lemma 34) are all zero: By Lemma 19, $\{\varepsilon\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_p -basis of $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$, and for $k \in [2, p-1]$ we have $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}(P_k, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$. So the only non-trivial $(d_k)^*$ are those where $\text{Pr}_k = \text{Pr}_{k+1} = P_1$. This is the case only when $k = lj + l - 1$ for some $j \geq 0$. Then $d_k = e_{1,1}$. For $\varepsilon \in \text{Hom}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p)$, we have $(d_k)^*(\varepsilon) = (-1)^k \varepsilon \circ e_{1,1} \stackrel{\text{L.19(a)}}{=} 0$. As $\text{Hom}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_p) = \langle \varepsilon \rangle_{\mathbb{F}_p}$, we have $(d_k)^* = 0$.

So $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) = \text{Hom}^k(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$. We use Lemma 34.

For $k = jl$, $j \geq 0$, we have $\bar{\Psi}^k(\bar{\iota}^j) \stackrel{(a)}{=} \varepsilon$, and $\{\varepsilon\}$ is a basis of $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$.

For $k = jl + l - 1$, $j \geq 0$, we have $\bar{\Psi}^k(\bar{\chi} \iota^j) \stackrel{(e)}{=} \varepsilon$, and $\{\varepsilon\}$ is a basis of $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$. Finally, for $k = jl + r$ for some $j \geq 0$ and some $r \in [1, l-2]$ and for $k < 0$, we have $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) = \{0\}$. \square

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Recall that $p \geq 3$ is a prime. Write $A := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p)$, which becomes an A_∞ -algebra $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ over $R = \mathbb{F}_p$ via Lemma 29. We implement $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$ as $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{F}_p S_p}^*(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) := H^*A$.

Our goal in this section is to construct an A_∞ -structure $(m'_n)_{n \geq 1}$ on H^*A and a morphism of A_∞ -algebras $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 1} : (H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1}) \rightarrow (A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ which satisfy the statements of Theorem 32. I.e. we will construct a minimal model of A . In preparation of the definitions of the f_n and m'_n , we name and examine certain elements of A :

Lemma 36. *Suppose given $k \in [2, p-1]$. We set*

$$\gamma_k := \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_k]_{k(l-1)+li}^{k-1+li} + [e_{p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+li}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \right) \in A^{k(l-2)+1}.$$

For $j \geq 0$, we have

$$\gamma_k \iota^j := \gamma_k \circ \iota^j = \iota^j \circ \gamma_k = \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_k]_{k(l-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-1+li} + [e_{p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \right) \in A^{k(l-2)+1+jl}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} m_1(\gamma_k \iota^j) &= \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_{k-1,k}]_{k(l-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-2+li} + [e_{p-k+1,p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-2+(p-1)+li} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [e_{k,k-1}]_{k(l-1)+1+l(i+j)}^{k-1+li} + [e_{p-k,p-(k-1)}]_{k(l-1)+p+l(i+j)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We need to prove that γ_k is well-defined. Let $i \geq 0$.

We consider the first term. The complex $\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p$ (cf. (8), (6)) has entry P_k at position $k(l-1) + li$ and at position $k-1 + li$: We have $k(l-1) + li = (k-1 + i)l + l - k$. So $\omega(k(l-1) + li) = l - (l-k) = k$ since $p-1 \leq l-k \leq l-1$. We have $\omega(k-1 + li) = (k-1) + 1 = k$ since $0 \leq k-1 \leq p-2$. As $k(l-1) + li, k-1 + li \geq 0$, we have $\text{Pr}_{k(l-1)+li} = P_{\omega(k(l-1)+li)} = P_k$ and $\text{Pr}_{k-1+li} = P_{\omega(k-1+li)} = P_k$. So the first term is well-defined.

Now consider the second term. The complex $\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p$ has entry P_{p-k} at position $k(l-1) + (p-1) + li$ and at position $k-1 + (p-1) + li$: We have $k(l-1) + (p-1) + li = (i+k)l + (p-1) - k$, so $\omega(k(l-1) + (p-1) + li) = (p-1) - k + 1 = p-k$ since $0 \leq (p-1) - k \leq p-2$. We have $\omega(k-1 + (p-1) + li) = 2(p-1) - (k-1) - (p-1) = p-k$ since $p-1 \leq k-1 + (p-1) \leq 2(p-1) - 1$. As $k(l-1) + (p-1) + li, k-1 + (p-1) + li \geq 0$, we have $\text{Pr}_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+li} = P_{\omega(k(l-1)+(p-1)+li)} = P_{p-k}$ and $\text{Pr}_{k-1+(p-1)+li} = P_{\omega(k-1+(p-1)+li)} = P_{p-k}$. So the second term is well-defined.

The degree of the tuple of maps is computed to be $(k(l-1) + li) - (k-1 + li) = k(l-2) + 1 = (k(l-1) + (p-1) + li) - (k-1 + (p-1) + li)$.

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The explicit formula for $\gamma_k \iota^j$ is an application of Proposition 35(b).

The degree $|\gamma_k \iota^j| = k(l-2) + 1$ is odd, so

$$\begin{aligned}
m_1(\gamma_k \iota^j) &\stackrel{\text{L.29}}{=} d \circ \gamma_k \iota^j + \gamma_k \iota^j \circ d \\
&\stackrel{\text{R.30}}{=} \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(k-2), \omega(k-1)}]_{k-1+li}^{k-2+li} \circ \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{k(l-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-1+li} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(p-1+k-2), \omega(p-1+k-1)}]_{k-1+(p-1)+li}^{k-2+(p-1)+li} \circ \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{k(l-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-1+li} \circ \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(l-k), \omega(l-k+1)}]_{k(l-1)+1+l(i+j)}^{k(l-1)+l(i+j)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \circ \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{\omega(p-1-k), \omega(p-k)}]_{k(l-1)+p+l(i+j)}^{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+j)} \\
&= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{k-1, k}]_{k(l-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-2+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k+1, p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+j)}^{k-2+(p-1)+li} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{k, k-1}]_{k(l-1)+1+l(i+j)}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k, p-(k-1)}]_{k(l-1)+p+l(i+j)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that in the second line $k-2+li \geq 0$ as $i \geq 0$ and $k \geq 2$. □

Lemma 37. For $j, j' \geq 0$, we have

$$\chi \iota^j \circ \chi \iota^{j'} = m_1(\gamma_2 \iota^{j+j'}).$$

Proof. It suffices to prove that $\chi \circ \chi = m_1(\gamma_2)$ since then $\chi \iota^j \circ \chi \iota^{j'} \stackrel{\text{P.35(e)}}{=} \chi \circ \chi \circ \iota^{j+j'} = m_1(\gamma_2) \circ \iota^{j+j'} \stackrel{\text{P.35(c)}}{=} m_1(\gamma_2 \iota^{j+j'})$.

To determine when a composite is zero, we will need the following. For $0 \leq k, k' < l$, we examine the condition

$$il + l - 1 + k = i'l + k'. \tag{15}$$

If $k = 0$ then (15) holds iff $i = i'$ and $k' = l - 1$.

If $k \geq 1$ then (15) holds iff $i + 1 = i'$ and $k' = k - 1$.

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi \circ \chi &\stackrel{p \geq 3}{=} \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{il+l-1}^{il} + [e_{2,1}]_{il+l}^{il+1} + \left(\sum_{k=2}^{p-2} [e_{k+1, k}]_{il+l-1+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + [e_{p-2, p-1}]_{il+l+p-1}^{il+p} + \left(\sum_{k=2}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1, p-k}]_{il+l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \right) \\
&\quad \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{i'l+l-1}^{i'l} + \left(\sum_{k'=1}^{p-3} [e_{k'+1, k'}]_{i'l+l-1+k'}^{i'l+k'} \right) + [e_{p-1, p-2}]_{i'l+l+p-3}^{i'l+p-2} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& + [e_{p-1}]_{i'l+l-1+(p-1)}^{i'l+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k'=1}^{p-3} [e_{p-k'-1,p-k'}]_{i'l+l-1+(p-1)+k'}^{i'l+(p-1)+k'} + [e_{1,2}]_{i'l+l+2(p-2)}^{i'l+l-1} \right) \\
& = \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1 \circ e_{1,2}]_{i'l+l+2(p-2)}^{il} + [e_{2,1} \circ e_1]_{i'l+2l-1}^{il+1} + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=2}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k} \circ e_{k,k-1}]_{i'l+2l-1+k-1}^{il+k} \right)}_{=0 \text{ by L.19(c)}} \right) \\
& + [e_{p-1} \circ e_{p-1,p-2}]_{i'l+2l+p-3}^{i'l+(p-1)} + [e_{p-2,p-1} \circ e_{p-1}]_{i'l+2l+p-2}^{i'l+p} \\
& + \left(\sum_{k=2}^{p-2} \underbrace{[e_{p-k-1,p-k} \circ e_{p-k,p-k+1}]_{i'l+2l-1+p-1+k-1}^{i'l+(p-1)+k}}_{=0 \text{ by L.19(c)}} \right) \\
& = \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_{1,2}]_{(i+2)l-2}^{il} + [e_{2,1}]_{(i+2)l-1}^{il+1} + [e_{p-1,p-2}]_{(i+2)l+p-3}^{i'l+p-1} + [e_{p-2,p-1}]_{(i+2)l+p-2}^{i'l+p} \right) \\
& \stackrel{\text{L.36}}{=} m_1(\gamma_2)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Below are the definitions which will give a minimal A_∞ -algebra structure on H^*A and a quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras $H^*A \rightarrow A$.

Definition 38. Recall from Proposition 35 that $\mathfrak{B} = \{\overline{\iota^j} \mid j \geq 0\} \sqcup \{\overline{\chi \iota^j} \mid j \geq 0\} = \{\overline{\chi^{a_j} \iota^{j_1}} \mid j \geq 0, a \in \{0, 1\}\}$ is a basis of H^*A . For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, we set

$$\mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n} := \{\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}} \in (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \mid a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in [1, n]\},$$

which is a basis of $(H^*A)^{\otimes n}$ consisting of homogeneous elements.

For $n \geq 1$, we define the \mathbb{F}_p -linear map $f_n : (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$ as follows:

Case $n = 1$: f_1 is given on \mathfrak{B} by $f_1(\overline{\iota^j}) := \iota^j$ and $f_1(\overline{\chi \iota^j}) := \chi \iota^j$.

Case $n \in [2, p-1]$: f_n is given on elements of $\mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n}$ by

$$f_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}}) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \exists i \in [1, n] : a_i = 0 \\ (-1)^{n-1} \gamma_n \iota^{j_1 + \dots + j_n} & \text{if } 1 = a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n \end{cases}$$

Case $n \geq p$: We set $f_n := 0$.

For $n \geq 1$, we define the \mathbb{F}_p -linear map $m'_n : (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow H^*A$ by defining it on elements $\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}} \in \mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n}$:

Case $\exists i \in [1, n] : a_i = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
m'_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}}) & := 0 \text{ for } n \neq 2 \text{ and} \\
m'_2(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_2} \iota^{j_2}}) & := \overline{\chi^{a_1+a_2} \iota^{j_1+j_2}} \text{ (Note that } a_1 + a_2 \in \{0, 1\}\text{).}
\end{aligned}$$

Case $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
m'_n(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) & := 0 \text{ for } n \neq p \text{ and} \\
m'_p(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_p}}) & := (-1)^p \iota^{p-1+j_1+\dots+j_p} = \overline{-\iota^{p-1+j_1+\dots+j_p}}.
\end{aligned}$$

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Note that since $p \geq 3$, we have $m'_2(\overline{\chi\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi\iota^{j_2}}) = 0$ for $j_1, j_2 \geq 0$.

Theorem 39. *The pair $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a minimal A_∞ -algebra. The tuple $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is an quasi-isomorphism of A_∞ -algebras from $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$. More precisely, $f_1 : (H^*A, m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ induces the identity in homology.*

The proof of Theorem 39 will take the remainder of section 2.3. We will use Lemma 64.

Lemma 40. *The maps f_n and m'_n have degree $|f_n| = 1 - n$ and $|m'_n| = 2 - n$. I.e. $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a pre- A_∞ -morphism from H^*A to A , and $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a pre- A_∞ -algebra.*

Proof. We have $|f_1| = 0$ as $|\overline{\iota^j}| = |\iota^j|$ and $|\overline{\chi\iota^j}| = |\chi\iota^j|$. For $n \geq p$ the map f_n is of degree $1 - n$ as $f_n = 0$. For $n \in [2, p - 1]$ the statement $|f_n| = 1 - n$ is proven by checking the degrees for the elements of the basis $\mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n}$ whose image under f_n is non-zero:

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(\overline{\chi\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi\iota^{j_n}})| &= |(-1)^{n-1} \gamma_n \iota^{j_1 + \dots + j_n}| \stackrel{\text{L.36}}{=} (j_1 + \dots + j_n)l + n(l - 1) + 1 - n \\ &= 1 - n + \sum_{x=1}^n |\overline{\chi\iota^{j_x}}| = 1 - n + |\overline{\chi\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi\iota^{j_n}}| \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|f_n| = 1 - n$ for all n and we have proven the first statement.

Now we show $|m'_n| = 2 - n$. As before, we only need check the degrees for basis elements whose image is non-zero: For $\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_2} \iota^{j_2}}$, $j_1, j_2 \geq 0$, $a_1, a_2 \in \{0, 1\}$, $0 \in \{a_1, a_2\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |m'_2(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_2} \iota^{j_2}})| &= |\overline{\chi^{a_1 + a_2} \iota^{j_1 + j_2}}| = (a_1 + a_2)(l - 1) + l(j_1 + j_2) \\ &= a_1(l - 1) + j_1 l + a_2(l - 1) + j_2 l = |\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_2} \iota^{j_2}}| + (2 - 2). \end{aligned}$$

For $\overline{\chi\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi\iota^{j_p}}$, $j_x \geq 0$ for $x \in [1, p]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |m'_p(\overline{\chi\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi\iota^{j_p}})| &= |\overline{\iota^{p-1+j_1+\dots+j_p}}| = l(p - 1 + j_1 + \dots + j_p) \\ &= lp - l + l(j_1 + \dots + j_p) = lp - 2p + 2 + l(j_1 + \dots + j_p) \\ &= p(l - 1) + l(j_1 + \dots + j_p) + 2 - p = |\overline{\chi\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi\iota^{j_p}}| + 2 - p \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 41. *We have $m'_1 = 0$. The equation (12)[1] holds. The complex morphism $f_1 : (A', m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ is a quasi-isomorphism inducing the identity in homology.*

Proof. The equality $m'_1 = 0$ follows immediately from the definition. Thus $m_1 \circ f_1 = 0 = f_1 \circ m'_1$. Moreover f_1 is a quasi-isomorphism inducing the identity in homology by construction, cf. Proposition 35(g). □

Lemma 42. *The map f_1 is injective.*

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Proof. The set $X := \{\chi^a \iota^j \mid a \in \{0, 1\}, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}\} \subseteq A$ is linearly independent, since it consists of nonzero elements of different summands of the direct sum $A = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}^k(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_p)$. The set \mathfrak{B} , which is a basis of H^*A , is mapped bijectively to X by f_1 , so f_1 is injective. \square

Lemma 43. *The equation (12)[2] holds.*

Proof. As $m'_1 = 0$, equation (12)[2] is equivalent to (cf. (13))

$$f_1 \circ m'_2 = m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1).$$

We check this equation on $\mathfrak{B}^{\otimes 2}$: Recall Proposition 35 and Definition 38.

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 m'_2(\overline{\iota^j} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j'}}) &= \iota^{j+j'} = m_2(f_1 \otimes f_1)(\overline{\iota^j} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j'}}) = (m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1))(\overline{\iota^j} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j'}}) \\ f_1 m'_2(\overline{\iota^j} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j'}}) &= \chi \iota^{j+j'} = m_2(f_1 \otimes f_1)(\overline{\iota^j} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j'}}) \\ &= (m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1))(\overline{\iota^j} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j'}}) \\ f_1 m'_2(\overline{\chi \iota^j} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j'}}) &= \chi \iota^{j+j'} = m_2(f_1 \otimes f_1)(\overline{\chi \iota^j} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j'}}) \\ &= (m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1))(\overline{\chi \iota^j} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j'}}) \\ f_1 m'_2(\overline{\chi \iota^j} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j'}}) &= 0 \stackrel{\text{L.37}}{=} -m_1(\gamma_2 \iota^{j+j'}) + m_2(f_1 \otimes f_1)(\overline{\chi \iota^j} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j'}}) \\ &= (m_1 \circ f_2 + m_2 \circ (f_1 \otimes f_1))(\overline{\chi \iota^j} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j'}}) \end{aligned}$$

Note that there are no additional signs due to the Koszul sign rule since $|f_1| = 0$. \square

The following results directly from Definition 38.

Corollary 44. *For $n \geq 2$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \{0, 1\}$, $j_1, \dots, j_n \geq 0$, we have*

$$f_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}}) = f_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n}}) \circ \iota^{j_1 + \dots + j_n}.$$

If there is additionally an $x \in [1, n]$ with $a_x = 0$ then

$$f_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n}}) = 0.$$

Equation (12)[n] can be reformulated as

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 \circ m'_n + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{n=r+s+t \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1 \\ s \leq n-1}} (-1)^{rs+t} f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t})}_{=:\Phi_n} \\ = m_1 \circ f_n + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{2 \leq r \leq n \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = n \\ i_s \geq 1}} (-1)^v m_r \circ (f_{i_1} \otimes f_{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_r})}_{=:\Xi_n}, \end{aligned}$$

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where $v = \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq r} (1 - i_s) i_t$.

A term of the form $f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t})$, $s \geq 3$, $r + t \geq 1$, is zero because of Corollary 44 and the definition of m'_p . Also recall $m'_1 = 0$. Thus

$$\Phi_n = \sum_{\substack{n=r+2+t \\ r,t \geq 0}} (-1)^{2r+t} f_{n-1} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = \sum_{r=0}^{n-2} (-1)^{n-r} f_{n-1} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-r-2}). \quad (16)$$

Because of $m_k = 0$ for $k \geq 3$, we have

$$\Xi_n = \sum_{\substack{i_1+i_2=n \\ i_1, i_2 \geq 1}} (-1)^{(1-i_2)i_1} m_2 \circ (f_{i_1} \otimes f_{i_2}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{ni} m_2 \circ (f_i \otimes f_{n-i}). \quad (17)$$

We have proven:

Lemma 45. For $n \geq 1$, condition (12)[n] is equivalent to $f_1 \circ m'_n + \Phi_n = m_1 \circ f_n + \Xi_n$ where Φ_n and Ξ_n are as in (16) and (17).

Lemma 46. Condition (12)[n] holds for $n \geq 3$ and arguments $\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}} \in \mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n} = \{\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}} \in (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \mid a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in [1, n]\}$ where $0 \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$.

Proof. Because of Lemma 45 and Definition 38 it is sufficient to show that

$$\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}})$$

if at least one a_x equals 0.

Case 1 At least two a_x equal 0:

To show $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$, we show

$f_{n-1}(1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-r-2})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ for $r \in [0, n-2]$: In case both components of the argument of m'_2 are of the form $\overline{\chi^0 \iota^j}$, the result of m'_2 is of the form $\overline{\iota^{j'}}$ (see Definition 38). Since $2 \leq n-1$, Corollary 44 implies the result of f_{n-1} is zero. Otherwise at least one of the components of the argument of f_{n-1} must be of the form $\overline{\iota^j}$ and the result of f_{n-1} is zero as well. So $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$. To show $\Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$, we show $m_2(f_i \otimes f_{n-i})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ for $i \in [1, n-1]$:

- Suppose given $i \in [2, n-2]$: The statements $a_1 = \dots = a_i = 1$ and $a_{i+1} = \dots = a_n = 1$ cannot be true at the same time, so $f_i(\dots) = 0$ or $f_{n-i}(\dots) = 0$ and we have $m_2(f_i \otimes f_{n-i})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$.
- Suppose that $i = 1$. Because at least two a_x equal 0 the statement $a_2 = \dots = a_n = 1$ cannot be true. Since $n-1 \geq 2$, we have $f_{n-1}(\dots) = 0$ and $m_2(f_1 \otimes f_{n-1})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$.

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- The case $i = n - 1$ is analogous to the case $i = 1$.

So we have $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0 = \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}})$.

Case 2a Exactly one a_x equals 0, where $x \in [2, n - 1]$.

We have $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$: In case $n \geq p + 1$, it follows from $f_{n-1} = 0$. Let us check the case $n \in [3, p]$: Because of Definition 38, we have $f_{n-1}(1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-r-2})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ unless $r \in \{x - 2, x - 1\}$. So

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) \\ &= (-1)^{n-x+2} f_{n-1}(1^{\otimes x-2} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-x} - 1^{\otimes x-1} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{n-x-1}) \\ & \quad (\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) \\ &= (-1)^{n-x} f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x-2}}} \otimes m'_2(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x-1}}} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j_x}}) \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x+1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}} \\ & \quad - \overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x-1}}} \otimes m'_2(\overline{\iota^{j_x}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x+1}}}) \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x+2}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\ &= (-1)^{n-x} f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x-2}}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x-1}+j_x}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x+1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}} \\ & \quad - \overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x-1}}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_x+j_{x+1}}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{x+2}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\ &= (-1)^{n-x} ((-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_n} - (-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_n}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

To show $\Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$, we show $m_2(f_i \otimes f_{n-i})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ for $i \in [1, n - 1]$: The element $\chi^{a_x \iota^{j_x}}$ is a tensor factor of the argument of f_i or of f_{n-i} . We write $y = i$ or $y = n - i$ accordingly. Then $y \geq 2$ since $x \notin \{1, n\}$, so $f_y(\dots) = 0$ and thus $m_2(f_i \otimes f_{n-i})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$.

So $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0 = \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}})$.

Case 2b Only $a_1 = 0$, all other a_x equal 1.

We have $f_{n-1}(1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-r-2})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ unless $r = 0$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) &= (-1)^n f_{n-1}(1^{\otimes 0} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-2})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) \\ &= (-1)^n f_{n-1}(m'_2(\overline{\iota^{j_1}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_2}}) \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_3}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\ &= (-1)^n f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1+j_2}} \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_3}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\ &= \begin{cases} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_n} & 3 \leq n \leq p \\ 0 & n \geq p+1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We have $(f_i \otimes f_{n-1})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ if $i \geq 2$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) &= (-1)^{1 \cdot n} m_2(f_1 \otimes f_{n-1})(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) \\ &\stackrel{(9)}{=} (-1)^n m_2\left((-1)^{n-|\iota^{j_1}|} f_1(\overline{\iota^{j_1}}) \otimes f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_2}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}})\right) \\ &= (-1)^n m_2\left(\iota^{j_1} \otimes f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_2}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}})\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^n m_2(\iota^{j_1} \otimes (-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_2+\dots+j_n}) & 3 \leq n \leq p \\ 0 & n \geq p+1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \begin{cases} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1 + \dots + j_n} & 3 \leq n \leq p \\ 0 & n \geq p+1 \end{cases}$$

So $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}})$.

Case 2c Only $a_n = 0$, all other a_x equal 1.

Argumentation analogous to case 2b gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) &= (-1)^2 f_{n-1} (1^{\otimes n-2} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes 0}) (\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) \\ &\stackrel{|m'_2|=0}{=} f_{n-1} (\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_{n-2}}}} \otimes m'_2 (\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_{n-1}}}} \otimes \overline{\iota^{j_n}})) \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1 + \dots + j_n} & 3 \leq n \leq p \\ 0 & n \geq p+1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) &= (-1)^{n(n-1)} m_2 (f_{n-1} \otimes f_1) (\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) \\ &\stackrel{|f_1|=0}{=} m_2 \left(f_{n-1} (\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_{n-1}}}}) \otimes f_1 (\overline{\iota^{j_n}}) \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1 + \dots + j_n} & 3 \leq n \leq p \\ 0 & n \geq p+1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}}) = \Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}})$. □

Now we examine the cases where $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 1$:

Lemma 47. For $n \geq 3$, we have $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ for $\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}} \in \mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n} = \{\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}} \in (\mathbb{H}^* A)^{\otimes n} \mid a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in [1, n]\}$.

Proof. We have $\Phi_n(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ since $\Phi_n = \sum_{r=0}^{n-2} (-1)^{n-r} f_{n-1} (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_2 \otimes 1^{\otimes n-r-2})$ and the argument of m'_2 is always of the form $\overline{\chi^{\iota^x}} \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^y}}$, whence its result is zero. □

Lemma 48. Condition (12)[n] holds for $n \in [3, p-1]$ and arguments $\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}} \in \mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n} = \{\overline{\chi^{a_1 \iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_n \iota^{j_n}}} \in (\mathbb{H}^* A)^{\otimes n} \mid a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in [1, n]\}$.

Proof. For computing Ξ_n , we first show that $m_2(f_k \otimes f_{n-k})(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$ for $k \in [2, n-2]$. We will need the following congruence.

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{(k(l-1) + l(i+x))}_{\equiv_{p-1} k(l-1) + (p-1) + l(i+x)} - \underbrace{(n-k-1 + li')}_{\equiv_{p-1} n-k-1 + (p-1) + li'} &\equiv_{p-1} -k + k - n + 1 = -(n-1) \\ &\not\equiv_{p-1} 0 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

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The last statement results from $2 \leq n \leq p-1$. We set " \pm " as a symbol for the (a posteriori irrelevant) signs in the following calculation. For $k \in [2, n-2]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& m_2(f_k \otimes f_{n-k})(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\
&= \pm m_2((-1)^{k-1} \gamma_k \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_k} \otimes (-1)^{n-k-1} \gamma_{n-k} \iota^{j_{k+1}+\dots+j_n}) \\
&\stackrel{j_1+\dots+j_k=:x, j_{k+1}+\dots+j_n=:y}{=} \pm \gamma_k \iota^x \circ \gamma_{n-k} \iota^y \\
&= \pm \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{k(l-1)+l(i+x)}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+x)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \right) \\
&\quad \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{n-k}]_{(n-k)(l-1)+l(i'+y)}^{n-k-1+li'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-n+k}]_{(n-k)(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i'+y)}^{n-k-1+(p-1)+li'} \right) \stackrel{(18)}{=} 0.
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Xi_n(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\
&= m_2((-1)^n f_1 \otimes f_{n-1} + (-1)^{n(n-1)} f_{n-1} \otimes f_1)(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\
&= m_2((-1)^{n+n|\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}}|} f_1(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}}) \otimes f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_2}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) \\
&\quad + f_{n-1}(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_{n-1}}}) \otimes f_1(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}})) \\
&= m_2(\chi \iota^{j_1} \otimes (-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_2+\dots+j_n} + (-1)^{n-2} \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_{n-1}} \otimes \chi \iota^{j_n}) \\
&= (-1)^n (\chi \iota^{j_1} \circ \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_2+\dots+j_n} + \gamma_{n-1} \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_{n-1}} \circ \chi \iota^{j_n}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{P.35(e), L.36}}{=} (-1)^n (\chi \circ \gamma_{n-1} + \gamma_{n-1} \circ \chi) \circ \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_n}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi \circ \gamma_{n-1} &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{(i+1)l-1}^{il} + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{(i+1)l-1+k}^{il+k} \right] \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right] \right) \\
&\quad \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{n-1}]_{(n-1)(l-1)+li'}^{n-2+li'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-n+1}]_{(n-1)(l-1)+(p-1)+li'}^{n-2+(p-1)+li'} \right) \\
&\stackrel{3 \leq n \leq p-1}{=} \sum_{\substack{k \rightsquigarrow n-1 \\ i' \rightsquigarrow i+1}} [e_{n,n-1} \circ e_{n-1}]_{(n-1)(l-1)+l(i+1)}^{il+n-1} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-n,p-n+1} \circ e_{p-n+1}]_{(n-1)(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+1)}^{il+p-1+n-1} \\
&= \sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_{n,n-1}]_{n(l-1)+1+li}^{il+n-1} + [e_{p-n,p-n+1}]_{n(l-1)+p+li}^{il+p-1+n-1} \right) \\
\gamma_{n-1} \circ \chi &= \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{n-1}]_{(n-1+i'-1)l+2(p-1)-(n-1)}^{n-2+li'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-n+1}]_{(n-1+i')l-n+p}^{n-2+(p-1)+li'} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \circ \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{(i+1)l-1}^{il} + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{(i+1)l-1+k}^{il+k} \right] \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right] \right) \right) \\
& \stackrel{k \rightsquigarrow p-n}{=} \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{n-1} \circ e_{n-1,n}]_{(n-1+i')l-1+(p-1)+(p-n)}^{n-2+li'} \\
& \quad + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-n+1} \circ e_{p-n+1,p-n}]_{(n+i')l-1+p-n}^{n-2+(p-1)+li'} \\
& = \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{n-1,n}]_{n(l-1)+i'l}^{n-2+li'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-n+1,p-n}]_{n(l-1)+(p-1)+i'l}^{n-2+(p-1)+li'}
\end{aligned}$$

So $\chi \circ \gamma_{n-1} + \gamma_{n-1} \circ \chi = m_1(\gamma_n)$ by Lemma 36. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\Xi_n(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_n}}) &= (-1)^n m_1(\gamma_n) \circ l^{j_1+\dots+j_n} \stackrel{\text{P.35(c)}}{=} (-1)^n m_1(\gamma_n l^{j_1+\dots+j_n}) \\
&= -m_1((-1)^{n-1} \gamma_n l^{j_1+\dots+j_n}) \\
&= -m_1 \circ f_n(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_n}}).
\end{aligned}$$

We conclude using Lemma 45 by

$$(f_1 \circ m'_n + \Phi_n)(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_n}}) \stackrel{\text{L.47,D.38}}{=} 0 = (m_1 \circ f_n + \Xi_n)(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_n}}).$$

□

Lemma 49. *Condition (12)[p] holds for arguments $\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_p}} \in \mathfrak{B}^{\otimes p} = \{\overline{\chi^{a_1} l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{a_p} l^{j_p}} \in (\mathbb{H}^* A)^{\otimes p} \mid a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in [1, p]\}$.*

Proof. Recall that $|l| = l = 2(p-1)$ is even, $|\chi| = l-1$ is odd and $|f_i| = 1-i$ by Lemma 40. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Xi_p(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_p}}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{p_i} m_2(f_i \otimes f_{p-i})(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_p}}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{p_i+i(1-(p-i))} m_2(f_i(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_i}}) \otimes f_{p-i}(\overline{\chi l^{j_{i+1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_p}})) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} f_i(\overline{\chi l^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_i}}) \circ f_{p-i}(\overline{\chi l^{j_{i+1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi l^{j_p}}) \\
&\stackrel{p \geq 3}{=} \chi l^{j_1} \circ (-1)^{p-2} \gamma_{p-1} l^{j_2+\dots+j_p} + (-1)^{p-2} \gamma_{p-1} l^{j_1+\dots+j_{p-1}} \circ \chi l^{j_p} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{p-2} (-1)^{i-1} \gamma_i l^{j_1+\dots+j_i} \circ (-1)^{p-i-1} \gamma_{p-i} l^{j_{i+1}+\dots+j_p}
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{\text{P.35(b)}}{=} (-1)^p \left(\chi \circ \gamma_{p-1} + \gamma_{p-1} \circ \chi + \sum_{k=2}^{p-2} \gamma_k \circ \gamma_{p-k} \right) \circ \iota^{j_1+\dots+j_p} \\
\chi \circ \gamma_{p-1} &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{(i+1)l-1}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{(i+1)l-1+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \right) \\
& \quad \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-1}]_{(p-1)(l-1)+i'}^{(p-1)-1+i'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_1]_{(p-1)(l-1)+(p-1)+i'}^{-1+2(p-1)+i'} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-1}]_{(p-1)(l-1)+l(i+1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_1]_{(p-1)(l-1)+(p-1)+li}^{il} \\
&= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-1}]_{(p+i-1)l+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_1]_{(p+i-1)l}^{il} \\
\gamma_{p-1} \circ \chi &= \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-1}]_{(p+i'-2)l+(p-1)}^{(p-1)-1+i'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_1]_{(p+i'-1)l}^{-1+2(p-1)+i'} \right) \\
& \quad \circ \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} \left([e_1]_{(i+1)l-1}^{il} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{k+1,k}]_{(i+1)l-1+k}^{il+k} \right) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + [e_{p-1}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)}^{il+(p-1)} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} [e_{p-k-1,p-k}]_{(i+1)l-1+(p-1)+k}^{il+(p-1)+k} \right) \right) \right) \\
&= \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-1}]_{(p+i'-1)l-1+(p-1)}^{(p-1)-1+i'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_1]_{(p+i'-1)l-1}^{-1+2(p-1)+i'} \\
&= \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-1}]_{(p+i'-1)l+p-2}^{p-2+i'l} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_1]_{(p+i'-1)l+l-1}^{i'l+l-1} \\
\gamma_k \circ \gamma_{p-k} &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{(i+k-1)l+l-k}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{(i+k)l+(p-1)-k}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \right) \\
& \quad \circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{(p-k)(l-1)+i'}^{p-k-1+i'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_k]_{(p-k)(l-1)+(p-1)+i'}^{-k+2(p-1)+i'} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{(p-k)(l-1)+(p-1)+l(i+k-1)}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{(p-k)(l-1)+l(i+k)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \\
&= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{(p-k+i+k-1)l-(p-k)+(p-1)}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{(p-k+i+k)l-(p-k)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li}
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$$= \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{(p+i-1)l+k-1}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{(p+i-1)l+k-1+(p-1)}^{k-1+(p-1)+li}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \chi \circ \gamma_{p-1} + \gamma_{p-1} \circ \chi + \sum_{k=2}^{p-2} \gamma_k \circ \gamma_{p-k} \\ = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \left([e_{k+1}]_{(p+i-1)l+k}^{k+li} + [e_{p-k-1}]_{(p+i-1)l+k+(p-1)}^{k+(p-1)+li} \right) \\ = \sum_{i \geq 0} \sum_{k'=0}^{l-1} [e_{\omega(k')}]_{(p-1+i)l+k'}^{k'+li} \stackrel{\text{P.35(a)}}{=} \iota^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Xi_p(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_p}}) = (-1)^p \iota^{p-1+j_1+\dots+j_p}.$$

So we conclude using Lemma 45 by

$$(f_1 \circ m'_p + \Phi_p)(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_p}}) \stackrel{\text{L.47,D.38}}{=} (-1)^p \iota^{p-1+j_1+\dots+j_p} \\ \stackrel{\text{D.38}}{=} (m_1 \circ f_p + \Xi_p)(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_p}}).$$

□

Lemma 50. *Condition (12)[n] holds for $n \in [p+1, 2(p-1)]$ and arguments $\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}} \in \mathfrak{B}^{\otimes n} = \{\chi^{a_1} \iota^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \chi^{a_n} \iota^{j_n} \in (\mathbb{H}^* A)^{\otimes n} \mid a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } j_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ for all } i \in [1, n]\}$.*

Proof. As $f_k = 0$ for $k \geq p$, we have

$$\Xi_n(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}}) = \sum_{k=n-p+1}^{p-1} (-1)^{nk} m_2(f_k \otimes f_{n-k})(\overline{\chi \iota^{j_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi \iota^{j_n}})$$

The right side is a linear combination of terms of the form $\gamma_k \circ \gamma_{n-k}$ for $k \in [n-p+1, p-1]$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_k \circ \gamma_{n-k} &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [e_k]_{k(l-1)+li}^{k-1+li} + \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_{p-k}]_{k(l-1)+(p-1)+li}^{k-1+(p-1)+li} \right) \\ &\circ \left(\sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{n-k}]_{(n-k)(l-1)+li'}^{n-k-1+li'} + \sum_{i' \geq 0} [e_{p-n+k}]_{(n-k)(l-1)+(p-1)+li'}^{n-k-1+(p-1)+li'} \right) \end{aligned}$$

A necessary condition for that term to be non-zero is $k(l-1) \equiv_{p-1} n-k-1$ as $l = 2(p-1)$.

We have

$$k(l-1) - (n-k-1) \equiv_{p-1} -k - n + k + 1 = 1 - n \not\equiv_{p-1} 0,$$

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since $p \leq n - 1 \leq 2(p - 1) - 1$. So $\gamma_k \circ \gamma_{n-k} = 0$ and $\Xi_n(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}) = 0$. We conclude using Lemma 45 by

$$(f_1 \circ m'_n + \Phi_n)(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}) \stackrel{\text{L.47,D.38}}{=} 0 \stackrel{\text{D.38}}{=} (m_1 \circ f_n + \Xi_n)(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}}).$$

□

One could formulate a lemma similar to Lemma 50 for the case $n > 2(p - 1)$ as then the sum $\sum_{k=n-p+1}^{p-1} (-1)^{nk} m_2(f_k \otimes f_{n-k})(\overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_1}}} \otimes \dots \otimes \overline{\chi^{\iota^{j_n}}})$ is in fact empty. Instead we use Lemma 33 to prove (12)[n] for $n > 2p - 2$:

Proof of Theorem 39. Lemmas 41, 43, 46 and 48 to 50 ensure that (12)[n] holds for $n \in [1, 2p - 2]$. Then Lemma 33 with $k = p$ proves that (12)[n] holds for all $n \in [1, \infty]$, cf. also Definition 38. By Lemma 42, f_1 is injective. By Lemma 40, the degrees are as required in Lemma 64. Lemma 64 proves that $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is an A_∞ -algebra and $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is an A_∞ -morphism from $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$. By Lemma 41, we have $m'_1 = 0$. Thus $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a minimal A_∞ -algebra. By Lemma 41, the complex morphism $f_1 : (H^*A, m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ is a quasi-isomorphism which induces the identity in homology. So the A_∞ -morphism $(f_n)_{n \geq 1} : (H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1}) \rightarrow (A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a quasi-isomorphism and the proof of Theorem 39 is complete. □

2.4. At the prime 2

We examine the case at the prime 2. We use a direct approach. Note that S_2 is a cyclic group so the theory of cyclic groups applies as well.

We have $\mathbb{F}_2 S_2 = \{0, (\text{id}), (1, 2), (\text{id}) + (1, 2)\}$. We have maps given by

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \varepsilon : & \mathbb{F}_2 S_2 & \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \\ & a(\text{id}) + b(1, 2) & \longmapsto a + b \\ D : & \mathbb{F}_2 S_2 & \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2 S_2 \\ & a(\text{id}) + b(1, 2) & \longmapsto (a + b)((\text{id}) + (1, 2)). \end{array}$$

We see that ε is surjective and $\ker \varepsilon = \ker D = \text{im } D = \{0, (\text{id}) + (1, 2)\}$. The maps ε and D are $\mathbb{F}_2 S_2$ -linear, where \mathbb{F}_2 is the $\mathbb{F}_2 S_2$ -module that corresponds to the trivial representation of S_2 . So we have a projective resolution of \mathbb{F}_2 by

$$\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2 := (\dots \xrightarrow{D} \underbrace{\mathbb{F}_2 S_2}_1 \xrightarrow{D} \underbrace{\mathbb{F}_2 S_2}_0 \rightarrow \underbrace{0}_{-1} \rightarrow \dots),$$

where the degrees are written below. We have the corresponding extended projective resolution

$$\dots \xrightarrow{D} \mathbb{F}_2 S_2 \xrightarrow{D} \mathbb{F}_2 S_2 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{F}_2 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

We set e_1 to be the identity on $\mathbb{F}_2 S_2$.

Let $A := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2 S_2}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2)$ and let the A_∞ -structure on A be $(m_n)_{n \geq 1}$ (cf. Lemma 29). Recall the conventions concerning $\text{Hom}_B^k(C, C')$ for complexes C, C' and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Lemma 51. *An \mathbb{F}_2 -basis of H^*A is given by $\{\overline{\xi^j} \mid j \geq 0\}$ where*

$$\xi := \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_1]_{i+1}^i \in A.$$

Proof. Straightforward induction yields, for $j \geq 0$,

$$\xi^j = \sum_{i \geq 0} [e_1]_{i+j}^i.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} m_1(\xi^j) &= d \circ \xi^j - (-1)^j \xi^j \circ d = d \circ \xi^j + \xi^j \circ d \\ &= \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [D]_{i+1}^i \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [e_1]_{i+j}^i \right) + \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [e_1]_{i+j}^i \right) \circ \left(\sum_{i \geq 0} [D]_{i+1}^i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \geq 0} [D]_{i+j+1}^i + \sum_{i \geq 0} [D]_{i+j+1}^i = 0, \end{aligned}$$

so ξ^j is a cycle. As $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2 S_2}(\mathbb{F}_2 S_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = \{0, \varepsilon\}$ and $\varepsilon \circ D = 0$, the differentials of $\text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ (cf. Lemma 34) are all zero. So $\{\varepsilon\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -basis of $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ for $k \geq 0$. Since in the notion of Lemma 34, $\Psi_k(\overline{\xi^k}) = \varepsilon$, the set $\{\overline{\xi^k}\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -basis of $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2)$ for $k \geq 0$. For $k < 0$ we have $H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2, \text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2) \cong H^k \text{Hom}^*(\text{PRes } \mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = 0$. So $\{\overline{\xi^j} \mid j \geq 0\}$ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -basis of H^*A . \square

We define families of maps $(f_n : (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A)_{n \geq 1}$ and $(m'_n : (H^*A)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow H^*A)_{n \geq 1}$ as follows. f_1 and m'_2 are given on a basis by

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(\overline{\xi^j}) &:= \xi^j && \text{for } j \geq 0 \\ m'_2(\overline{\xi^j} \otimes \overline{\xi^k}) &:= \overline{\xi^{j+k}} && \text{for } j, k \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

All other maps are set to zero.

It is straightforward to check that $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a pre- A_∞ -algebra and $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a pre- A_∞ -morphism from H^*A to A . As m'_2 is associative, $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a dg-algebra, so in particular an A_∞ -algebra. As $f_k = 0$ for $k \neq 1$, (12)[n] simplifies to

$$f_1 \circ m'_n = m_n \circ \underbrace{(f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_1)}_{n \text{ factors}}.$$

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As $m'_n = 0$ and $m_n = 0$ for $n \geq 3$, (12)[n] is satisfied for all $n \geq 3$. For $n \in \{1, 2\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 \circ m'_1 &= m_1 \circ f_1 \\ f_1 \circ m'_2 &= m_2(f_1 \otimes f_1). \end{aligned}$$

The second equation follows immediately from the definition of m'_2 and f_1 . The first equation holds as $m'_1 = 0$ and the images of f_1 are all cycles. So (12)[n] holds for all n and $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is an A_∞ -morphism from $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$. By the construction of f_1 , it induces the identity on homology. Thus $(H^*A, (m'_n)_{n \geq 1})$ is a minimal model of $(A, (m_n)_{n \geq 1})$.

Remark 52 (Comparison with primes $p \geq 3$). At a prime $p \geq 3$, we have constructed a projective resolution with period length $l = 2(p - 1)$ in (7). If one constructs a projective resolution of $\mathbb{Z}_{(2)}$ analogous to the case $p \geq 3$, we have a sequence of the form

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} S_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{2,2}^*} \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} S_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{2,2}} \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} S_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{2,2}^*} \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} S_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{e}_{2,2}} \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} S_2 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$$

with a period length of 2, where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{2,2}: (\text{id}) &\longmapsto (\text{id}) - (1, 2) \\ \hat{e}_{2,2}^*: (\text{id}) &\longmapsto (\text{id}) + (1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

However, modulo 2 the differentials $\hat{e}_{2,2}$ and $\hat{e}_{2,2}^*$ reduce to the same map $D : \mathbb{F}_2 S_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2 S_2$, so we obtain a period length of 1.

The maps ι resp. χ from Proposition 35 may be identified with ξ^2 resp. ξ . This way, the definition of m'_2 at the prime 2 is readily compatible with Definition 38.

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We reuse the conventions given at the beginning of section 2.1.

A.1. The Koszul sign rule for the composition of graded maps

Lemma 53. *Let $A_i, B_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ be graded R -modules and $f : A_1 \rightarrow A_2, g : B_1 \rightarrow B_2, h : A_2 \rightarrow A_3, i : B_2 \rightarrow B_3$ graded maps. Then*

$$(h \otimes i) \circ (f \otimes g) = (-1)^{|f| \cdot |i|} (h \circ f) \otimes (i \circ g) \quad (19)$$

Proof. Let $a \in A_1, b \in B_1$ be homogeneous elements. Then

$$\begin{aligned} ((h \otimes i) \circ (f \otimes g))(a \otimes b) &= (-1)^{|a| \cdot |g|} (h \otimes i)(f(a) \otimes g(b)) \\ &= (-1)^{|a| \cdot |g| + |f(a)| \cdot |i|} (h \circ f)(a) \otimes (i \circ g)(b) \\ &= (-1)^{|a| \cdot (|g| + |i|) + |f| \cdot |i|} (h \circ f)(a) \otimes (i \circ g)(b) \\ &= (-1)^{|f| \cdot |i|} ((h \circ f) \otimes (i \circ g))(a \otimes b). \end{aligned}$$

□

Multiple application of Lemma 53 yields the following

Corollary 54. *Let $n \geq 1$. Given graded R -modules V_i, W_i, U_i and graded maps $f_i : V_i \rightarrow W_i, g_i : W_i \rightarrow U_i$ for $i \in [1, n]$, we have*

$$(g_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes g_n) \circ (f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n) = (-1)^s (g_1 \circ f_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes (g_n \circ f_n),$$

where $s = \sum_{2 \leq i \leq n} |g_i| \cdot \left(\sum_{1 \leq j < i} |f_j| \right) = \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} |g_i| \cdot |f_j|$.

A.2. Coalgebras and differential coalgebras

Definition 55.

- (i) A R -coalgebra (B, Δ) is an R -module B equipped with a linear and coassociative comultiplication $\Delta : B \rightarrow B \otimes B$. Coassociativity means that $(1 \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta = (\Delta \otimes 1) \circ \Delta$. We will denote R -coalgebras simply as "coalgebras".
- (ii) A coderivation of a coalgebra (B, Δ) is a linear map $b : B \rightarrow B$ such that $\Delta \circ b = (b \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b) \circ \Delta$.
- (iii) A codifferential of a coalgebra (B, Δ) is a coderivation $b : B \rightarrow B$ satisfying $b^2 = 0$.
- (iv) A coalgebra morphism $F : (B', \Delta') \rightarrow (B, \Delta)$ between coalgebras $(B', \Delta'), (B, \Delta)$ is a linear map $F : B' \rightarrow B$ such that $\Delta \circ F = (F \otimes F) \circ \Delta'$.

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- (v) A *differential coalgebra* (B, Δ, b) is a coalgebra (B, Δ) with a codifferential b on (B, Δ) .
- (vi) A *morphism of differential coalgebras* $F : (B', \Delta', b') \rightarrow (B, \Delta, b)$ is a coalgebra morphism $F : (B', \Delta') \rightarrow (B, \Delta)$ that commutes with the differentials, i.e. $b \circ F = F \circ b'$.

Lemma 56.

- (a) A *morphism of coalgebras is an isomorphism if and only if it is bijective.*
- (b) A *morphism of differential coalgebras is an isomorphism if and only if it is bijective.*

Proof. Each isomorphism of (differential) coalgebras is bijective as it is also an isomorphism in the category of sets.

Now let $F : (B', \Delta') \rightarrow (B, \Delta)$ be a bijective morphism of coalgebras. Then we have an R -linear inverse F' . We have

$$\Delta' \circ F' = (F' \otimes F') \circ (F \otimes F) \circ \Delta' \circ F' = (F' \otimes F') \circ \Delta \circ F \circ F' = (F' \otimes F') \circ \Delta$$

so F' is a morphism of coalgebras and F an isomorphism of coalgebras.

For a bijective morphism of differential coalgebras $F : (B', \Delta', b') \rightarrow (B, \Delta, b)$, we need to check that its inverse coalgebra morphism F' commutes with the differentials. In fact,

$$F' \circ b = F' \circ b \circ F \circ F' = F' \circ F \circ b \circ F' = b \circ F'.$$

So F is an isomorphism of differential coalgebras. □

A.3. The bar construction

The following may be found e.g. in [16, 1.2.2].

Definition/Remark 57. Let V be a graded R -module. We shall define the structure of a (graded) coalgebra on the graded module $TV := \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} V^{\otimes k}$ which then will be called the *tensor coalgebra of V* . The grading on TV is given by the grading of tensor products and sums of graded R -modules, i.e. $|v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k| = \sum_{i \in [1, k]} |v_i|$ for homogeneous elements v_1, \dots, v_k . The coalgebra structure is given by the comultiplication $\Delta : TV \rightarrow TV \otimes TV$ defined for elements $v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \in V^{\otimes k}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k) &:= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_i) \otimes (v_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i_1+i_2=k \\ i_1, i_2 \geq 1}} (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_1}) \otimes (v_{i_1+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_1+i_2}) \end{aligned}$$

Δ is coassociative, as for $v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \in V^{\otimes k}$ we have

$$((\Delta \otimes 1) \circ \Delta)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{\substack{i_1+i_2+i_3=k \\ i_1, i_2, i_3 \geq 1}} (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_1}) \otimes (v_{i_1+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_1+i_2}) \otimes (v_{i_1+i_2+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k) \\
&= ((1 \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta)(v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k)
\end{aligned}$$

So (TV, Δ) is indeed a coalgebra. The map Δ is graded of degree 0.

We have the canonical inclusions and projections for $k \geq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\iota_k : V^{\otimes k} &\longrightarrow TV \\
\pi_k : TV &\longrightarrow V^{\otimes k}
\end{aligned}$$

If we have several graded R -modules V, V' , we will usually distinguish the comultiplications, inclusions and projections on TV resp. TV' by Δ resp. Δ' , ι_k resp. ι'_k and π_k resp. π'_k .

We will prove $\Delta x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in V$ for $x \in TV$, i.e.

$$\ker \Delta = V \tag{20}$$

We have readily $V \subseteq \ker \Delta$. To prove equality we first compose Δ with the projection $\pi_1 \otimes \text{id} : TV \otimes TV \rightarrow V \otimes TV$ which maps $TV \otimes TV = \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} (V^{\otimes k} \otimes TV)$ onto its first component. Secondly we compose with the multiplication $\mu : V \otimes TV \rightarrow TV, v_1 \otimes (v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k) \mapsto v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k$. Application to $v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k \in V^{\otimes k}, k \geq 2$, gives

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
TV & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & TV \otimes TV \\
v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k & \mapsto \sum_{\substack{i_1+i_2=k \\ i_1, i_2 \geq 1}} (v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_1}) \otimes (v_{i_1+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{i_1+i_2}) & \\
\pi_1 \otimes \text{id} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & V \otimes TV & \xrightarrow{\mu} & TV \\
\mapsto & & v_1 \otimes (v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k) & \mapsto & v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k
\end{array}$$

So Δ is injective on $\bigoplus_{k \geq 2} V^{\otimes k}$ and zero on V , which proves (20).

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$, we set

$$TV_{\leq n} := \bigoplus_{k \in [1, n]} V^{\otimes k} \subseteq TV.$$

In particular $TV_{\leq \infty} = TV$.

Note that for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$

$$\text{im}(\Delta|_{V^{\otimes k}}) \subseteq TV_{\leq k-1} \otimes TV_{\leq k-1} \subseteq TV_{\leq k} \otimes TV_{\leq k} \tag{21}$$

so $(TV_{\leq n}, \Delta|_{TV_{\leq n}})$ is a subcoalgebra of (TV, Δ) .

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Lemma 58 (Lifting to coderivations). *Let V be a graded R -module. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \cup \{\infty\}$. Then the map from the set of graded coderivations of $TV_{\leq n}$ of degree 1 to the set of families of graded maps $(b_k : V^{\otimes k} \rightarrow V)_{k \in [1, n]}$ with $|b_k| = 1$ for $k \in [1, n]$ that is given by*

$$b \mapsto (\pi_1 \circ b|_{V^{\otimes k}})_{k \in [1, n]}$$

is bijective. Its inverse is given by $(b_k)_{k \in [1, n]} \mapsto b$, where b is defined by

$$b|_{V^{\otimes k}} := \sum_{\substack{r+s+t=k \\ r, t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} 1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t} \quad (22)$$

Proof. To show that $b \mapsto (b_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is surjective, let $(b_k : V^{\otimes k} \rightarrow V)_{k \in [1, n]}$ be a family of graded maps with $|b_k| = 1$ and construct b as given in (22). The properties $|b| = 1$, $\text{im } b \subseteq TV_{\leq n}$ and $\pi_1 \circ b|_{V^{\otimes k}} = b_k$ follow immediately. We show that b is a coderivation:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \circ b|_{V^{\otimes k}} &= \Delta \circ \sum_{\substack{r+s+t=k \\ r, t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} 1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{r_1+r_2+s+t=k \\ r_2, t \geq 0 \\ r_1, s \geq 1}} 1^{\otimes r_1} \otimes (1^{\otimes r_2} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) + \sum_{\substack{r+s+t_1+t_2=k \\ r, t_1 \geq 0 \\ t_2, s \geq 1}} (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t_1}) \otimes 1^{\otimes t_2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{r_1+t_2=k \\ r_1, t_2 \geq 1}} \left(\sum_{\substack{r_2+s+t=t_2 \\ r_2, t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} 1^{\otimes r_1} \otimes (1^{\otimes r_2} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) + \sum_{\substack{r+s+t_1=r_1 \\ r, t_1 \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t_1}) \otimes 1^{\otimes t_2} \right) \\ &= (1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1) \circ \Delta \end{aligned}$$

So $b \mapsto (b_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is surjective and we find a preimage as indicated by (22). For injectivity, we use the fact that set of graded coderivations of degree 1 is closed under addition, i.e. it is a R -module. So we only need to check that the kernel of $b \mapsto (b_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is zero:

Let $b : TV_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV_{\leq n}$ be a graded coderivation of degree 1 such that $\pi_1 \circ b|_{V^{\otimes k}} = 0$ for all $k \in [1, n]$. We prove by induction on $k \geq 0$ that $b|_{TV_{\leq k}} = 0$ thus $b = 0$: For

$k = 0$ there is nothing to prove. So suppose for the induction step that $b|_{TV_{\leq k}} = 0$ and

$k + 1 \in [1, n]$. Then $\Delta \circ b \circ \iota_{k+1} = (1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1) \circ \Delta \circ \iota_{k+1} \stackrel{(21), \text{ind. hyp.}}{=} 0$. So by (20), we have $b \circ \iota_{k+1} = \iota_1 \circ (\pi_1 \circ b \circ \iota_{k+1}) = 0$ and we have proven $b|_{TV_{\leq k+1}} = 0$.

Thus the map $b \mapsto (b_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is bijective and its inverse images are given by (22). \square

Lemma 59 (Lifting to coalgebra maps).

Let V, V' be graded R -modules. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \cup \{\infty\}$.

The map from the set of graded coalgebra morphisms $F : TV'_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV_{\leq n}$ of degree 0 to the set of families of graded maps $(F_k : V'^{\otimes k} \rightarrow V)_{k \in [1, n]}$ with $|F_k| = 0$ for $k \in [1, n]$ given by

$$F \mapsto (\pi_1 \circ F|_{V'^{\otimes k}})_{k \in [1, n]}$$

is bijective. Its inverse is given by $(F_k)_{k \in [1, n]} \mapsto F$, where F is defined by

$$F|_{V^{\otimes k}} := \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_s = k \\ i_j \geq 1}} F_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_s} \quad (23)$$

Proof. To show that $F \mapsto (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is surjective, let $(F_k : V^{\otimes k} \rightarrow V)_{k \in [1, n]}$ be a family of graded maps with $|F_k| = 0$ for all $k \in [1, n]$ and construct F be as in (23). The properties $\pi_1 \circ F|_{V^{\otimes k}} = F_k$, $\text{im } F \subseteq TV_{\leq n}$ and $|F| = 0$ follow immediately. We show that F is a coalgebra morphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \circ F|_{V^{\otimes k}} &= \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_{s+s'} = k \\ s, s', i_j \geq 1}} (F_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_s}) \otimes (F_{i_{s+1}} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_{s+s'}}) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{y_1 + y_2 = k \\ y_1, y_2 \geq 1}} \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_s = y_1 \\ i_{s+1} + \dots + i_{s+s'} = y_2 \\ i_j \geq 1}} (F_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_s}) \otimes (F_{i_{s+1}} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_{s+s'}}) \\ &= (F \otimes F) \circ \Delta' \end{aligned}$$

So $F \mapsto (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is surjective and we obtain a preimage as indicated by (23). To prove that $F \mapsto (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is injective, let $(F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ be as before and let $F, F' : TV'_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV_{\leq n}$ be coalgebra maps of degree 1 satisfying $\pi_1 \circ F|_{V^{\otimes k}} = \pi_1 \circ F'|_{V^{\otimes k}} = F_k$ for all $k \in [1, n]$. We prove by induction on $k \geq 0$ that $F|_{TV'_{\leq k}} = F'|_{TV'_{\leq k}}$ so $F = F'$. For $k = 0$ there is nothing to prove. So suppose $F|_{TV'_{\leq k}} = F'|_{TV'_{\leq k}}$ and $k + 1 \in [1, n]$ for the induction step. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \circ (F - F')|_{V^{\otimes k+1}} &= (F \otimes F - F' \otimes F') \circ \Delta'|_{V^{\otimes k+1}} \\ &= (F \otimes (F - F') - (F' - F) \otimes F') \circ \Delta'|_{V^{\otimes k+1}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $\text{im}(\Delta'|_{V^{\otimes k+1}}) \subseteq TV'_{\leq k} \otimes TV'_{\leq k}$. As $\ker \Delta = V$, we have

$$(F - F')|_{V^{\otimes k+1}} = \iota_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ (F - F')|_{V^{\otimes k+1}} = \iota_1 \circ (F_{k+1} - F_{k+1}) = 0.$$

Thus we have $F|_{TV'_{\leq k+1}} = F'|_{TV'_{\leq k+1}}$ and the induction is complete. We have $F = F'$ so $F \mapsto (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is bijective and its inverse images are given by (23). \square

Lemma 60. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \cup \{\infty\}$. Let $k \in [0, n]$ such that $k + 1 \in [1, n]$.

- (i) Let V be a graded R -module and $b : TV_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV_{\leq n}$ be a graded coderivation with $|b| = 1$. Then $b^2|_{TV_{\leq k}} = 0$ implies $\text{im}(b^2 \circ \iota_{k+1}) \subseteq V$.
- (ii) Let V, V' be graded R -modules and $b : TV_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV_{\leq n}$, $b' : TV'_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV'_{\leq n}$ be graded coderivations. Let $F : TV'_{\leq n} \rightarrow TV_{\leq n}$ be a graded coalgebra map with $|F| = 0$. Then $(b \circ F - F \circ b')|_{TV'_{\leq k}} = 0$ implies $\text{im}((b \circ F - F \circ b') \circ \iota'_{k+1}) \subseteq V$.

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Proof. At the steps marked by "*" in the following, we use (21), and $b^2|_{TV_{\leq k}} = 0$ respectively $(F \circ b' - b \circ F)|_{TV'_{\leq k}} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \circ b^2 \circ \iota_{k+1} &= (1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1) \circ (1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1) \circ \Delta \circ \iota_{k+1} \\ &\stackrel{(19), |b|=1}{=} [1 \otimes b^2 - b \otimes b + b \otimes b + b^2 \otimes 1] \circ \Delta \circ \iota_{k+1} \\ &= [1 \otimes b^2 + b^2 \otimes 1] \circ \Delta \circ \iota_{k+1} \stackrel{*}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{k+1} &= [(F \otimes F) \circ \Delta' \circ b' - (1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1) \circ \Delta \circ F] \circ \iota'_{k+1} \\ &= [(F \otimes F) \circ (1 \otimes b' + b' \otimes 1) - (1 \otimes b + b \otimes 1) \circ (F \otimes F)] \circ \Delta' \circ \iota'_{k+1} \\ &\stackrel{(19), |F|=0}{=} [F \otimes (F \circ b' - b \circ F) + (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \otimes F] \circ \Delta' \circ \iota'_{k+1} \stackrel{*}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

The lemma now follows from $\ker \Delta = V$. □

Definition/Remark 61. For a graded R -module A , we define the R -module SA with shifted grading by $SA = A$ and $(SA)^q := A^{q+1}$. We have the graded map $\omega : SA \rightarrow A$, $\omega(x) = x$ with $|\omega| = 1$. We write $SA^{\otimes k} := (SA)^{\otimes k}$ for $k \geq 1$.

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$. A *corresponding pre- A_n -triple* on A is defined as a triple $((m_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (b_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, b)$ consisting of

- (i) a pre- A_n -structure $(m_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ on A ,
- (ii) a family of graded maps $(b_k : SA^{\otimes k} \rightarrow SA)_{k \in [1, n]}$ satisfying $|b_k| = 1$ and
- (iii) a graded coalgebra map $b : TSA_{\leq n} \rightarrow TSA_{\leq n}$ of degree 1

such that $b_k = \omega^{-1} \circ m_k \circ \omega^{\otimes k}$ for $k \in [1, n]$ and $\pi_1 \circ b|_{SA^{\otimes k}} = b_k$ for $k \in [1, n]$.

Given a pre- A_n -structure $(m_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ on A , a family of graded maps $(b_k : SA^{\otimes k} \rightarrow SA)_{k \in [1, n]}$ satisfying $|b_k| = 1$ or a graded coalgebra map $b : TSA_{\leq n} \rightarrow TSA_{\leq n}$ of degree 1, i.e. a datum of type (i), (ii) or (iii), it can be uniquely extended to a corresponding pre- A_n -triple on A : The condition $b_k = \omega^{-1} \circ m_k \circ \omega^{\otimes k}$ for $k \in [1, n]$ induces a bijection between data of type (i) and of type (ii). Similarly, Lemma 58 gives a bijection between data of types (ii) and (iii).

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$. Let A, A' be graded R -modules. A *corresponding pre- A_n -morphism triple from A' to A* is defined as a triple $((f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, F)$ consisting of

- (i) a pre- A_n -morphism $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ from A' to A ,
- (ii) a family of graded maps $(F_k : SA'^{\otimes k} \rightarrow SA)_{k \in [1, n]}$, $|F_k| = 0$ for $k \in [1, n]$ and
- (iii) a graded coalgebra morphism $F : TSA'_{\leq n} \rightarrow TSA_{\leq n}$ with $|F| = 0$

such that $F_k = \omega^{-1} \circ f_k \circ \omega'^{\otimes k}$ for $k \in [1, n]$ and $\pi_1 \circ F|_{SA'^{\otimes k}} = F_k$ for $k \in [1, n]$. Analogous to corresponding pre- A_n -triples, given a datum of type (i), (ii) or (iii), it can be uniquely extended to a corresponding pre- A_n -morphism triple via Lemma 59 and the bijection induced by $F_k = \omega^{-1} \circ f_k \circ \omega'^{\otimes k}$.

Theorem 62 (Stasheff [21]). *Let A be a graded R -module. Let $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$. Let $((m_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, (b_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, b)$ be a corresponding pre- $A_{\tilde{n}}$ -triple on A . Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$, $n \leq \tilde{n}$. The following are equivalent:*

- (a) Equation (11)[k] holds for $k \in [1, n]$, i.e. $(m_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is an A_n -structure on A .
- (b) For all $k \in [1, n]$, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} b_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = 0. \quad (24)[k]$$

- (c) $b^2|_{TSA_{\leq n}} = 0$, i.e. $b|_{TSA_{\leq n}}$ is a coalgebra differential on $TSA_{\leq n}$.

Proof. We prove (a) \Leftrightarrow (b): We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} b_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} \omega^{-1} \circ m_{r+1+t} \circ (\omega^{\otimes r} \otimes \omega \otimes \omega^{\otimes t}) \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) \\ &\stackrel{C.54}{=} \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^{|\omega^{\otimes t}| \cdot |b_s|} m_{r+1+t} \circ (\omega^{\otimes r} \otimes (\omega \circ b_s) \otimes \omega^{\otimes t}) \\ &= \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^t m_{r+1+t} \circ (\omega^{\otimes r} \otimes (m_s \circ \omega^{\otimes s}) \otimes \omega^{\otimes t}) \\ &\stackrel{C.54}{=} \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^t (-1)^{r(2-s)} m_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) \circ (\omega^{\otimes r} \otimes \omega^{\otimes s} \otimes \omega^{\otimes t}) \\ &= \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^{rs+t} m_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) \circ \omega^{\otimes k}. \end{aligned}$$

So (11)[k] \Leftrightarrow (24)[k], whence (a) \Leftrightarrow (b).

We prove (b) \Leftrightarrow (c): We first prove for finite n that ((24)[k] for $k \in [1, n]$) $\Leftrightarrow b^2|_{TSA_{\leq n}} = 0$. We proceed by induction on $n \geq 0$.

For $n = 0$ we have $[1, n] = \emptyset$ and $TSA_{\leq n} = \{0\}$, so there is nothing to prove. So now assume for induction that $b^2|_{TSA_{\leq n}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (24)[k]$ for $k \in [1, n]$. We have to show that $b^2|_{TSA_{\leq n+1}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (24)[k]$ for $k \in [1, n+1]$. It is sufficient to prove under the assumption $b^2|_{TSA_{\leq n}} = 0$ the equivalence $b^2|_{SA^{\otimes n+1}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (24)[n+1]$. So we assume $b^2|_{TSA_{\leq n}} = 0$. By Lemma 60(i), we have

$$b^2|_{SA^{\otimes n+1}} = \iota_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ b^2|_{SA^{\otimes n+1}} \stackrel{(22)}{=} \sum_{\substack{n+1=r+s+t, \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} b_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}).$$

So $b^2|_{SA^{\otimes n+1}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (24)[n+1]$ and the induction step is complete.

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The case $n = \infty$ follows by

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} : (24)[k] &\Leftrightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \forall k' \in [1, k] : (24)[k'] \\ \Leftrightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} : b^2|_{TSA_{\leq k}} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow b^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 63. *Let A, A' be graded R -modules. Let $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$.*

Let $((m_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, (b_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, b)$ resp. $((m'_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, (b'_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, b')$ be corresponding pre- $A_{\tilde{n}}$ -triples on A resp. A' . Let $((f_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, \tilde{n}]}, F)$ be a corresponding pre- $A_{\tilde{n}}$ -morphism triple from A' to A .

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$ be such that $n \leq \tilde{n}$. The following are equivalent:

(a) *Assertion (12)[k] holds for $k \in [1, n]$.*

(b) *For $k \in [1, n]$, we have*

$$\sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} F_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} b_r \circ (F_{i_1} \otimes F_{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_r}). \quad (25)[k]$$

(c) $F \circ b'|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} = b \circ F|_{TSA_{\leq n}}$

Note that we only require conditions on the grading of $(m_n)_{n \geq 1}$ and $(m'_n)_{n \geq 1}$. We do not require them to be A_n - resp. A_∞ -algebra structures on A and A' .

Proof. We prove (a) \Leftrightarrow (b): Analogously to the proof of (a) \Leftrightarrow (b) of Theorem 62 we obtain for the left side of (25)[k]

$$\sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} F_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) = \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{k=r+s+t \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} (-1)^{rs+t} f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes m'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) \circ \omega'^{\otimes k}.$$

It remains to examine the right side:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} b_r \circ (F_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_r}) &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} \omega^{-1} \circ m_r \circ \omega^{\otimes r} \circ (F_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_r}) \\ &\stackrel{C.54}{=} \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} (-1)^0 m_r \circ ((\omega \circ F_{i_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes (\omega \circ F_{i_r})) \\ &= \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} m_r \circ ((f_{i_1} \circ \omega'^{\otimes i_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes (f_{i_r} \circ \omega'^{\otimes i_r})) \\ &= \omega^{-1} \circ \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq k \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = k \\ i_s \geq 1}} (-1)^v m_r \circ (f_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{i_r}) \circ \omega'^{\otimes k} \end{aligned}$$

In the last step, Corollary 54 gives the exponent

$$v = \sum_{s=2}^r \left(|f_{i_s}| \sum_{1 \leq t < s} |\omega'^{\otimes i_t}| \right) = \sum_{2 \leq s \leq r} \left((1 - i_s) \sum_{1 \leq t < s} i_t \right) = \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq r} (1 - i_s) i_t$$

So we have (12)[k] \Leftrightarrow (25)[k], whence (a) \Leftrightarrow (b).

We prove (b) \Leftrightarrow (c).

We first prove (b) \Leftrightarrow (c) for finite n . We proceed by induction on $n \in [0, \tilde{n}]$: For $n = 0$ we have $[1, n] = \emptyset$ and $TSA'_{\leq n} = \{0\}$, so there is nothing to prove. Now suppose given n . As induction hypothesis, suppose the equivalence $F \circ b' \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} = b \circ F \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} \Leftrightarrow ((25)[k]$ for $k \in [1, n])$ holds. For the induction step we need to prove that $F \circ b' \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq n+1}} = b \circ F \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq n+1}} \Leftrightarrow ((25)[k]$ for $k \in [1, n+1])$. Suppose that $F \circ b' \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} = b \circ F \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq n}}$. It suffices to show the equivalence $F \circ b' \Big|_{SA'^{\otimes n+1}} = b \circ F \Big|_{SA'^{\otimes n+1}} \Leftrightarrow (25)[n+1]$.

By Lemma 60(ii), we have $(F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1} = \iota_1 \circ [\pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1}]$. Now $\pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1}$ is exactly the difference of the sides of (25)[$n+1$], cf. (22),(23). So $F \circ b' \Big|_{SA'^{\otimes n+1}} = b \circ F \Big|_{SA'^{\otimes n+1}} \Leftrightarrow (25)[n+1]$ and the induction step is complete.

The case $n = \infty$ follows by

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} : (25)[k] & \Leftrightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \forall k' \in [1, k] : (25)[k'] \\ \Leftrightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} : F \circ b' \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq k}} = b \circ F \Big|_{TSA'_{\leq k}} & \Leftrightarrow F \circ b' = b \circ F. \end{aligned}$$

□

A.4. Applications. Kadeishvili's algorithm and the minimality theorem.

In this subsection we will discuss the construction of minimal models of A_∞ -algebras. Firstly, Lemma 64 states that certain pre- A_n -structures and pre- A_n -morphisms that arise in the construction of minimal models are actually A_n -structures and A_n -morphisms. Secondly, we give a proof of Theorem 32. We will review KADEISHVILI's original proof of [9] as it gives an algorithm for constructing minimal models which can be used for the direct calculation of examples. Note that LEFÈVRE-HASEGAWA has given a generalization of the minimality theorem, see [16, Théorème 1.4.1.1], which we will not cover.

Lemma 64. *Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \cup \{\infty\}$. Let $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ be a pre- A_n -algebra. Let $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ be an A_n -algebra. Let $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ be a pre- A_n -morphism from A' to A such that (12)[k] holds for $k \in [1, n]$. Suppose f_1 to be injective. Then $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ is an A_n -algebra and $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ is a morphism of A_n -algebras from $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ to $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$.*

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Proof. We have the corresponding pre- A_n -triple $((m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (b'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, b')$, the corresponding pre- A_n -triple $((m_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (b_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, b)$ and the corresponding pre- A_n -morphism triple $((f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, F)$. It suffices to prove by induction on $k \in [0, n]$ that $(b')^2|_{TSA'_{\leq k}} = 0$, cf. Theorem 62.

For $k = 0$, there is nothing to prove. For the induction step, suppose that $b'^2|_{TSA'_{\leq k}} = 0$. Then by Lemma 60(i), we have $\text{im}(b'^2 \circ \iota'_{k+1}) \subseteq SA$. Thus $0 = b^2 \circ F \circ \iota'_{k+1} \stackrel{\text{L.63}}{=} F \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{k+1} = F_1 \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{k+1}$. As the injectivity of f_1 implies the injectivity of F_1 , we have $b'^2 \circ \iota'_{k+1} = 0$ and thus $b'^2|_{TSA'_{\leq k+1}} = 0$. \square

The following two lemmas give the incremental step in Kadeishvili's algorithm. By a quasi-monomorphism of complexes we will denote a complex morphism that induces monomorphisms on homology.

Lemma 65. *Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$. Let A, A' be graded R -modules.*

Let $((m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, (b'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, b')$ be a corresponding pre- A_{n+1} -triple on A' .

Let $((m_k)_{k \geq 1}, (b_k)_{k \geq 1}, b)$ be a corresponding pre- A_∞ -triple on A .

Let $((f_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, F)$ be a corresponding pre- A_{n+1} -morphism triple from A' to A .

Suppose that the following hold.

(i) *We have $b'^2|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} = 0$, $b^2 = 0$ and $F \circ b'|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} = b \circ F|_{TSA'_{\leq n}}$.*

(ii) *We have $b'_1 = 0$ and F_1 is a quasi-monomorphism from the complex (SA', b'_1) to the complex (SA, b_1) .*

We set $h : SA'^{\otimes n+1} \rightarrow SA$,

$$h := \sum_{\substack{n+1=r+s+t \\ r, t \geq 0, s \in [2, n]}} F_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) - \sum_{\substack{r \in [2, n+1] \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = n+1 \\ i_s \geq 1}} b_r \circ (F_{i_1} \otimes F_{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_r}).$$

Then

(a) $b'^2 = 0$, i.e. $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]})$ is an A_{n+1} -algebra¹.

(b) $b_1 \circ h = 0$.

(c) $F \circ b' = b \circ F \Leftrightarrow F_1 \circ b'_{n+1} - b_1 \circ F_{n+1} + h = 0$.

Proof. By Lemma 63, we have $F \circ b' = b \circ F \Leftrightarrow (25)[n+1]$. The difference of the sides of (25)[$n+1$] is given by

$$\pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1}$$

¹Note that (11)[$n+1$] does not depend on m'_{n+1} or f_{n+1} , as $m'_1 = \omega' \circ b'_1 \circ (\omega')^{-1} = 0$.

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$$\stackrel{(22),(23)}{=} \sum_{\substack{n+1=r+s+t \\ r,t \geq 0, s \geq 1}} F_{r+1+t} \circ (1^{\otimes r} \otimes b'_s \otimes 1^{\otimes t}) - \sum_{\substack{1 \leq r \leq n+1 \\ i_1 + \dots + i_r = n+1 \\ i_s \geq 1}} b_r \circ (F_{i_1} \otimes F_{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes F_{i_r})$$

$$\stackrel{b'_1=0}{=} F_1 \circ b'_{n+1} - b_1 \circ F_{n+1} + h$$

Thus we have proven (c). We have

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 \circ h &= b_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1} - b_1 \circ F_1 \circ b'_{n+1} + (b_1)^2 \circ F_{n+1} \\ &\stackrel{(i)}{=} b_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1} - F_1 \circ b'_1 \circ b'_{n+1} \\ &= b_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1} \\ &\stackrel{(22)}{=} b \circ \iota_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1} \\ &\stackrel{\text{L.60}(ii)}{=} b \circ (F \circ b' - b \circ F) \circ \iota'_{n+1} \\ &\stackrel{(i)}{=} b \circ F \circ b' \circ \iota'_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

As $b'_1 = 0$, we obtain $\text{im}(b' \circ \iota'_{n+1}) \subseteq TSA'_{\leq n}$, cf. (22). By $b \circ F|_{TSA'_{\leq n}} = F \circ b'|_{TSA'_{\leq n}}$, we conclude

$$b_1 \circ h = F \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1} \stackrel{\text{L.60}(i)}{=} F \circ \iota_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1} = F_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1}$$

For $x \in SA'^{\otimes n+1}$, $(b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1})(x) \stackrel{\text{L.60}(i)}{=} (\pi_1 \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1})(x)$ is a cycle as $b'_1 = 0$. Now $(F_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1})(x) = (b_1 \circ h)(x)$ is a boundary. As F_1 is a quasi-monomorphism, $(b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1})(x)$ is a boundary. As $b'_1 = 0$, this implies

$$(b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1})(x) = 0 \tag{26}$$

So $b'^2 = 0$, whence $(m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}$ is an A_{n+1} -structure on A' as claimed in (a). Thus, $b_1 \circ h = F_1 \circ \pi_1 \circ b'^2 \circ \iota'_{n+1} = 0$ as claimed in (b). \square

Lemma 66. *Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$. Let $(A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$ be an A_∞ -algebra. Let $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ be an A_n -algebra. Let $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}$ be an A_n -morphism from $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$ to $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n]})$. Suppose the following hold.*

(i) *We have $m'_1 = 0$ and f_1 is a quasi-isomorphism from the complex (A', m'_1) to the complex (A, m_1) .*

(ii) *A' is a projective R -module.*

Then there exist f_{n+1} and m'_{n+1} such that $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]})$ is an A_{n+1} -algebra and $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}$ is an A_{n+1} -morphism from $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]})$ to $(A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]})$.

Note that $(A')^k \cong H^k(A, m_1)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. We have the corresponding triples $((m_k)_{k \geq 1}, (b_k)_{k \geq 1}, b)$, $((m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (b'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, b')$ and $((f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, F)$. Note that the term h of Lemma 65 does not depend on

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b'_{n+1} or F_{n+1} , so h can be unambiguously defined even when m'_{n+1} and F_{n+1} are not yet defined and we have $b_1 \circ h = 0$. Motivated by Lemma 65(c), we seek (properly graded) morphisms $b'_{n+1} : SA'^{\otimes n+1} \rightarrow SA'$ and $F_{n+1} : SA'^{\otimes n+1} \rightarrow SA$ such that the following holds.

$$h = b_1 \circ F_{n+1} - F_1 \circ b'_{n+1} \quad (27)$$

We will construct b'_{n+1} and F_{n+1} on each $(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q$, $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ individually. As $SA' \cong A$ as R -modules, SA' is projective. As a tensor product of projective modules, $SA'^{\otimes n+1}$ is projective. $(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q$ is projective as a direct summand of $SA'^{\otimes n+1}$. There exists a free R -module G together with a surjective morphism $g : G \rightarrow (SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q$ (e.g. set G to be the free R -module over the set $(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q$). By the universal property of the projective module $(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q$, there exists a morphism $g^* : (SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q \rightarrow G$ such that $g \circ g^* = \text{id}_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q}$. Let \mathcal{B} be a basis of G . We will define $\tilde{b}'_{n+1} : G \rightarrow (SA')^{q+1}$ and $\tilde{F}_{n+1} : G \rightarrow (SA)^q$ such that

$$h \circ g = b_1 \circ \tilde{F}_{n+1} - F_1 \circ \tilde{b}'_{n+1}. \quad (28)$$

We define \tilde{b}'_{n+1} and \tilde{F}_{n+1} by giving them on basis elements $v \in \mathcal{B}$: As $b_1 \circ h = 0$, $h(g(v))$ is a cycle. As by (i), F_1 is a quasi-isomorphism from (SA', b'_1) to (SA, b_1) and $b'_1 = 0$, F_1 is in fact a quasi-isomorphism from the homology of SA to SA , i.e. each homology class of SA contains exactly one element of $\text{im } F_1$. Thus there is a unique element $y \in SA'$ such that $h(g(v))$ and $F_1(y)$ are in the same homology class. As $|h| = 1$ and $|F_1| = 0$, we have $|y| = |g(v)| + 1 = q + 1$. Thus $h(g(v)) - F_1(y)$ is a boundary and homogeneous of degree $q + 1$. Thus as $|b_1| = 1$, we can select an element $z \in SA$, $|z| = q$ such that $h(g(v)) - F_1(y) = b_1(z)$. Now set $\tilde{b}'_{n+1}(v) := -y$ and $\tilde{F}_{n+1}(v) := z$. By the grading of y and z , we obtain morphisms $\tilde{b}'_{n+1} : G \rightarrow (SA')^{q+1}$ and $\tilde{F}_{n+1} : G \rightarrow (SA)^q$. These maps satisfy by construction (28). We set $b'_{n+1}|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} = \tilde{b}'_{n+1} \circ g^*$ and $F_{n+1}|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} = \tilde{F}_{n+1} \circ g^*$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} h|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} &= h \circ g \circ g^* \stackrel{(28)}{=} (b_1 \circ \tilde{F}_{n+1} - F_1 \circ \tilde{b}'_{n+1}) \circ g^* \\ &= b_1 \circ F_{n+1}|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} - F_1 \circ b'_{n+1}|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain morphisms b'_{n+1} and F_{n+1} such that (27) holds. As $\text{im} \left(b'_{n+1}|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} \right) \subseteq (SA')^{q+1}$ and $\text{im} \left(F_{n+1}|_{(SA'^{\otimes n+1})^q} \right) \subseteq (SA)^q$, we have $|b'_{n+1}| = 1$ and $|F_{n+1}| = 0$. Using b'_{n+1} and F_{n+1} , we extend the corresponding triples $((m'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (b'_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, b')$ and $((f_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, n]}, F)$ to corresponding triples $((m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, (b'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, \hat{b}')$ and $((f_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, (F_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}, \hat{F})$. Recall Theorem 62 and Lemma 63. Via Lemma 65, $(A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]})$ is an A_{n+1} -algebra and $\hat{F} \circ \hat{b}' = b \circ \hat{F}$. So we have proven that $(f_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]} : (A', (m'_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]}) \rightarrow (A, (m_k)_{k \in [1, n+1]})$ is a morphism of A_{n+1} -algebras. \square

Concerning Lemma 66, we may now also construct m'_{m+1} and f_{m+1} directly: We construct (properly graded) maps m'_{m+1} and f_{m+1} such that (12)[$m + 1$] holds. Such m'_{m+1} and f_{m+1} exist by Lemma 66. Then Lemma 64 ensures that all other requirements are met.

Theorem 67 (Kadeishvili's algorithm for the minimality theorem). *Let $(A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$ be an A_∞ -algebra. Let H^*A be its homology. Suppose H^*A is a projective R -module. Then we construct a minimal model as follows:*

*For $q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $H^q A = \ker(m_1|_{A^q}) / \text{im}(m_1|_{A^{q-1}})$ is projective as a direct summand of H^*A . The residue class map $P_q : \ker(m_1|_{A^q}) \rightarrow H^q A$ is surjective. By the universal property of the projective module $H^q A$, there exists $P_q^* : H^q A \rightarrow \ker(m_1|_{A^q})$ such that $P_q \circ P_q^* = \text{id}_{H^q A}$. Thus P_q^* maps each homology class \bar{x} in $H^q A$ to a representing cycle x with $|x| = q = |\bar{x}|$. Then $f_1 : H^*A \rightarrow A$ defined by $f_1|_{H^q A} = P_q^*$ maps each homology class to a representing cycle and $|f_1| = 0$.*

*We set $m'_1 : H^*A \rightarrow H^*A$, $m'_1 = 0$. We have $f_1 \circ m'_1 \stackrel{m'_1=0}{=} 0 \stackrel{\text{im } f_1 \subseteq \ker m_1}{=} m_1 \circ f_1$, so $f_1 : (H^*A, m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ is a quasi-isomorphism and also a morphism of A_1 -algebras. By construction, $f_1 : (H^*A, m'_1) \rightarrow (A, m_1)$ induces the identity in homology.*

*We then use Lemma 66 to inductively construct an A_∞ -structure $(m'_k)_{k \geq 1}$ on H^*A and a quasi-isomorphism $(f_k)_{k \geq 1}$ of A_∞ -algebras from $(H^*A, (m'_k)_{k \geq 1})$ to $(A, (m_k)_{k \geq 1})$.*

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