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## A SIMPLE NOTE ON THE YONEDA (CO)ALGEBRA OF A MONOMIAL ALGEBRA

## ПРОСТЕ ПОВІДОМЛЕННЯ ПРО (КО)АЛГЕБРУ ЙОНЕДИ АЛГЕБРИ ОДНОЧЛЕНІВ

If  $A = TV/\langle R \rangle$  is a monomial K-algebra, it is well-known that  $\operatorname{Tor}_p^A(K, K)$  is isomorphic to the space  $V^{(p-1)}$  of (Anick) (p-1)-chains for  $p \ge 1$ . The goal of this short note is to show that the next result follows directly from well-established theorems on  $A_\infty$ -algebras, without computations: there is an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra model on  $\operatorname{Tor}_{\bullet}^A(K, K)$  satisfying that, for  $n \ge 3$  and  $c \in V^{(p)}$ ,  $\Delta_n(c)$  is a linear combination of  $c_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes c_n$ , where  $c_i \in V^{(p_i)}$ ,  $p_1 + \ldots + p_n = p - 1$  and  $c_1 \ldots c_n = c$ . The proof follows essentially from noticing that the Merkulov procedure is compatible with an extra grading over a suitable category. By a simple argument based on a result by Keller we immediately deduce that some of these coefficients are  $\pm 1$ .

Якщо  $A = TV/\langle R \rangle - K$ -алгебра одночленів, то відомо, що  $\operatorname{Tor}_p^A(K, K)$  є ізоморфним простору  $V^{(p-1)}$  (p-1)ланцюгів (Аніка) для  $p \ge 1$ . Метою цього повідомлення є намагання показати, що наступний результат без будьяких обчислень безпосередньо випливає з встановлених теорем для  $A_{\infty}$ -алгебр: існує  $A_{\infty}$ -коалгебраїчна модель на  $\operatorname{Tor}_{\bullet}^A(K, K)$  така, що для  $n \ge 3$  і  $c \in V^{(p)}$   $\Delta_n(c)$  є лінійною комбінацією  $c_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes c_n$ , де  $c_i \in V^{(p_i)}$ ,  $p_1 + \ldots + p_n = p - 1$  і  $c_1 \ldots c_n = c$ . Доведення, в основному, є наслідком того, що процедура Меркулова сумісна з додатковим градуюванням деякої відповідної категорії. За допомогою простих аргументів, що базуються на результатах Келлера, безпосередньо приходимо до висновку, що деякі з цих коефіцієнтів дорівнюють  $\pm 1$ .

1. The results. This article arose from discussions with A. Solotar and M. Suárez-Álvarez in 2014, and more recently with V. Dotsenko and P. Tamaroff, on the  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structure on the Yoneda algebra of a monomial algebra. I want to thank them for the exchange and in particular the last two for lately renewing my interest in the problem. My aim is to explain some results describing such  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras that do not seem to be well-known, but follow rather easily from the general theory, and were meant to be included in the Master thesis of my former student E. Sérandon in 2016. I would also like to thank the referee for the comments.

In what follows, K will denote a finite product of r copies of a field k. By *module* we will mean a (not necessarily symmetric) bimodule over K (see [3], Section 2). All unadorned tensor products  $\otimes$  will be over K, unless otherwise stated. For the conventions on  $A_{\infty}$ -(co)algebras we refer the reader to [5] (Subsection 2.1).

Let M be a small category with a finite set of objects  $\{o_1, \ldots, o_r\}$ . As usual, we denote the set of all arrows of M by M itself, the composition by  $\star$ , and the identity of  $o_i$  by  $e_i$ . We remark that  $m' \star m''$  implies that m' and m'' are composable morphisms. Let  $^M$  Mod be the category of modules V provided with an M-grading (i.e., a decomposition of modules  $V = \bigoplus_{m \in M} V_m$ ) and linear morphisms preserving the degree. This is a monoidal category with the tensor product  $V \otimes W$  whose mth homogeneous component is  $\bigoplus_{m' \star m''=m} V_{m'} \otimes W_{m''}$ , and the unit  $K = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r k_{e_i}$ , where  $e_j.k_{e_i} = k_{e_i}.e_j = \delta_{i,j}k_{e_i}$ . Furthermore, it is easy to see that  $^M$  Mod is a semisimple category. We say that a strictly unitary  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra  $(A, m_{\bullet})$  has an M-grading if  $(A, m_{\bullet})$  is a strictly unitary  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra in the monoidal category  $^M$  Mod. The same applies to M-graded augmented  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras. Moreover, the

definitions of M-graded strictly counitary and coaugmented  $A_{\infty}$ -coalgebra as well as the morphisms between them are also clear.

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $A = TV/\langle R \rangle$  is a monomial K-algebra, i.e., V is a module of finite dimension over k and R is a space of relations of monomial type. Then there is a small category  $(M, \star)$  with r objects such that A is an M-graded unitary algebra with  $\dim_k(A_m) \leq 1$  for all  $m \in M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis of the underlying vector space of V such that  $e_j.v.e_i$  vanishes or it is v, for all  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  and all  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, r\}$ , and define M as the free small category generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ . Note that TV identifies with the unitary semigroup algebra associated with M. Given  $m \in M$ , set  $A_m$  as the vector subspace of A generated by the element  $\overline{m}$  of A given as the image of  $m \in TV$  under  $TV \to A$ . It is clear that  $A = \bigoplus_{m \in M} A_m$  is an M-grading of A and  $\dim_k(A_m) \leq 1$  for all  $m \in M$ .

The next result follows directly from the definition of the bar construction.

**Fact 1.1.** If A is an augmented  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra over K with an M-grading, then the coaugmented dg coalgebra  $B^+(A)$  given by the bar construction is M-graded for the canonically induced grading. We present now the main result of this short note.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $A = TV/\langle R \rangle$  be a monomial K-algebra and let M be the small category defined in Proposition 1.1. Then there is an M-graded coaugmented  $A_{\infty}$ -coalgebra structure on  $\operatorname{Tor}^{A}_{\bullet}(K, K)$  together with a quasi-equivalence from it to the M-graded coaugmented dg coalgebra  $B^{+}(A)$ .

**Proof.** We first remark that [4] (Theorem 4.5), holds verbatim if we replace Adams grading by M-grading, since  ${}^{M}$  Mod is a semisimple category. Using a grading argument based on the fact that both  $B^{+}(A)$  and  $\operatorname{Tor}_{\bullet}^{A}(K, K)$  are Adams connected modules (see [5], Section 2, for the definition for vector spaces), we see that the operator Q in [4] (Theorem 4.5), is locally finite (see [3], Addendum 2.9). Hence, applying [4] (Theorem 4.5), to the coaugmented dg coalgebra  $B^{+}(A)$ , which projects onto its homology  $\operatorname{Tor}_{\bullet}^{A}(K, K)$ , we see that the latter has a structure of M-graded coaugmented  $A_{\infty}$ -coalgebra. Moreover, by the same theorem, there is a quasi-isomorphism of coaugmented  $A_{\infty}$ -coalgebras from  $B^{+}(A)$  to  $\operatorname{Tor}_{\bullet}^{A}(K, K)$ , which is trivially a quasi-equivalence by a grading argument.

**Remark 1.1.** The previous theorem and its proof hold more generally for any M-graded Kalgebra A that is connected, i.e.,  $A_{e_i} = k$  for all  $i \in \{1, \ldots, r\}$ , and such that A/K has a compatible
(strictly) positive grading. This occurs, e.g., if there is a functor  $\ell : M \to \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $\ell(m) = 0$  if
and only if m is an identity of M, where the monoid  $\mathbb{N}_0$  is regarded as a category with one object.

The result in the abstract is obtained from the previous theorem by identifying  $\operatorname{Tor}_p^A(K, K)$  with the module  $V^{(p-1)}$  generated by the (Anick) (p-1)-chains for  $p \ge 1$  (see [1], Lemma 3.3, for the case K is a field, and [2] (Theorem 4.1), for the general case), i.e., given  $c \in V^{(p)}$  and  $n \ge 3$ ,

$$\Delta_n(c) = \sum_{\substack{c_i \in V^{(p_i)}, c_1 \dots c_n = c\\p_i \in \mathbb{N}_0, p_1 + \dots + p_n = p - 1}} \lambda_{(c_1 \otimes \dots \otimes c_n)} c_1 \otimes \dots \otimes c_n, \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_{(c_1 \otimes \dots \otimes c_n)} \in k.$$
(1)

Note that  $\Delta_2$  is given by the usual coproduct of  $\operatorname{Tor}^A_{\bullet}(K, K)$ . The (left or right) dual of this coaugmented  $A_{\infty}$ -coalgebra structure on  $\operatorname{Tor}^A_{\bullet}(K, K)$  gives an augmented  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra model on  $\operatorname{Ext}^A_{\bullet}(K, K)$  (see [3], Proposition 2.13).

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With no extra effort we can say a little more about the coefficients in  $(1)^1$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** Assume the same hypotheses as in the previous theorem. Given  $c \in V^{(p)}$ ,  $n \ge 3$ , and  $c_i \in V^{(p_i)}$   $p_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $c_1 \dots c_n = c$ ,  $p_1 + \dots + p_n = p - 1$  and  $p = p_j + 1$  for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then  $\lambda_{(c_1 \otimes \dots \otimes c_n)} = \pm 1$ .

**Proof.** By [5] (Theorem 4.2) (or [3], Theorem 4.1) the twisted tensor product  $A^e \otimes_{\tau} C$  is isomorphic to the minimal projective resolution of the regular A-bimodule A, where  $C = \text{Tor}_{\bullet}^A(K, K)$  is the previous coaugmented  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra and  $\tau$  is the twisting cochain given in that theorem. Comparing the differential of  $A^e \otimes_{\tau} C$  given in [5], (4.1), with the one in [2] (Theorem 4.1) (see also [6], Section 3), it follows that the mentioned coefficient is  $\pm 1$ .

*Remark* **1.2.** In the examples, the computation of the remaining coefficients in (1) is in general rather simple to carry out, by imposing that the Stasheff identities are fulfilled.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> P. Tamaroff has told me that, by carefully choosing the SDR data for  $B^+(A)$  and following all the steps in the recursive Merkulov procedure, he can even prove that all nonzero coefficients are  $\pm 1$ , at least if K is a field (see [7]). Our results are not so general but they are immediate, since we did not need to look at the interior of the Merkulov construction.