

# APPLYING CHAIN-LEVEL POINCARÉ DUALITY TO THE STRING TOPOLOGY OF THE 2-SPHERE

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JOINT WITH THOMAS TRADLER

I - INTRO TO LOOP SPACE STRING TOPOLOGY

II - — " — ALGEBRAIC — " —

III - SOME ALGEBRAIC MACHINERY

IV - SOME CALCULATIONS FOR  $S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2$

V - SPECULATION?

## STATEMENTS

THM (2007 Meunier)  $H^*(LS^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)$  and

$HH^*(H^*(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2), H^*(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2))$  are not isomorphic as BV algebras

THM (2023 P. Tradler) Well, actually, we can "correct" the BV structure on  $HH^*$  so that there is an isomorphism of BV algebras.

DEF A BV algebra  $(A, \cdot, \Delta)$  is a (graded) commutative associative algebra  $(A, \cdot)$  together with an operator  $\Delta: A_i \rightarrow A_{i+1}$  such that

(1)  $\Delta^2 = 0$

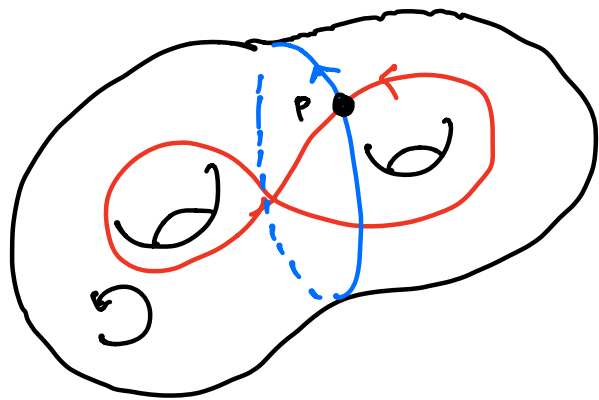
(2)  $\Delta$  need not be a derivation of  $\cdot$  but its deviation from being a derivation is a derivation in each variable

$$\Delta(a \cdot b) - (\pm \Delta(a) \cdot b \pm a \cdot \Delta(b)) = \{a, b\}$$

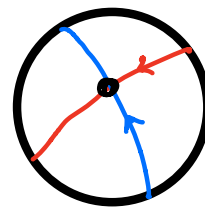
# I STRING TOPOLOGY BV ALGEBRA

- study operations on loop spaces
- look for invariants of underlying spaces

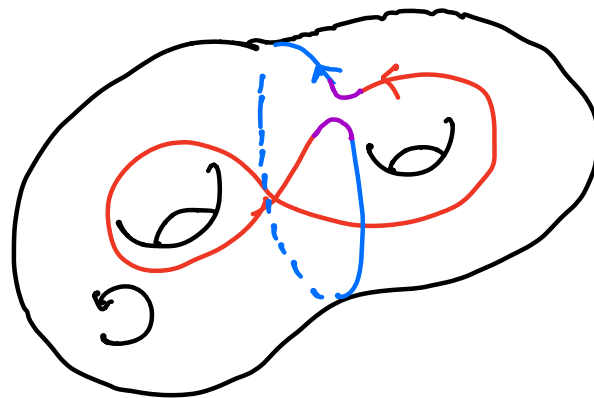
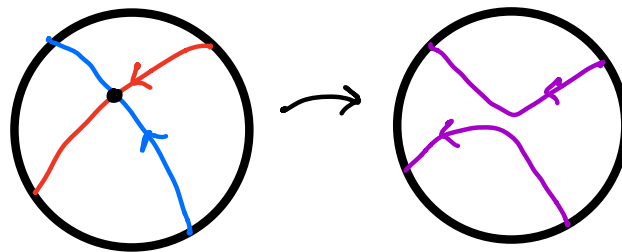
## PRE HISTORY - GOLDMAN BRACKET



$\Sigma$  closed oriented surface  
 $\alpha, \beta: S^1 \rightarrow \Sigma$   
intersect transversally at  $p$



BASIC MOVE :



$\alpha \circ_p \beta$

DEF. Let  $\pi_0$  be the set of free homotopy classes of loops on  $\Sigma$   
Let  $H$  be the free abelian group /  $\mathbb{R}$ -module /  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vs generated by  $\pi_0$   
**HUGE!**

DEF (a) Let  $[\alpha], [\beta] \in \pi_0$  then

$$[[\alpha], [\beta]] := \sum_{p \in \alpha \cap \beta} \pm [\alpha \cdot_p \beta]$$

(b) Extend linearly to

$$H \otimes H \xrightarrow{[,] } H : \text{Goldman bracket}$$

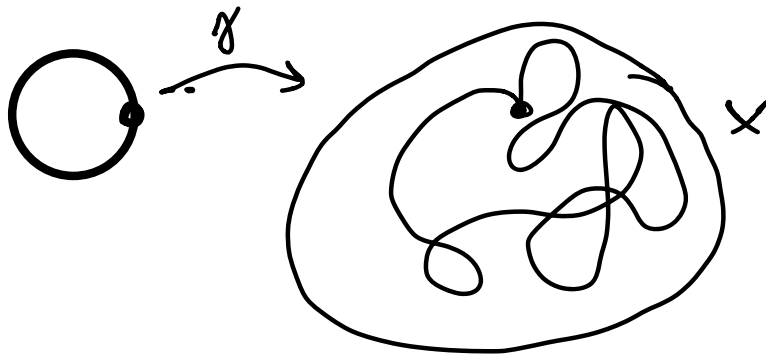
THM (Goldman, 80s)  $[, ]$  is well defined and gives  $H$  the structure of a Lie algebra

SLOGAN: String topology generalizes the Goldman bracket!

### FIRST STRING TOPOLOGY OPERATIONS

DEF.  $X$  a space  $LX := \text{Maps}(S^1, X)$  free loop space

$$S^1 = [0, 1] / \sim$$

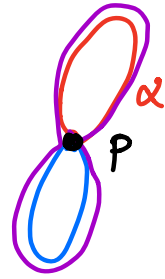


REMARK. If  $M$  is a manifold,  $LM$  can be given the structure of a manifold ( $\infty$ -dim)

COMPARE Fix  $p \in X$   $\Omega X := \text{Maps}((S^1, o), (X, p))$   
based loop space

PRODUCT 1  $\Omega X$  has "concatenation" / "Pontryagin" product

$$\Omega X \times \Omega X \xrightarrow{c} \Omega X$$



PRODUCT 2  $M$  closed, oriented  $d$ -dim manifold

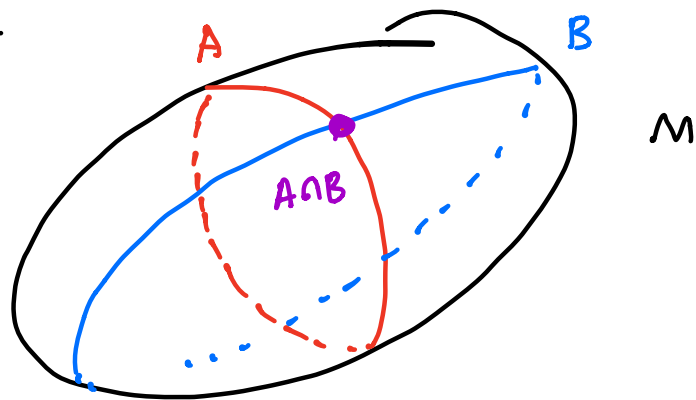
$$H_i(M) \otimes H_j(M) \xrightarrow{\cap} H_{i+j-d}(M)$$

inverse of PD iso  
 $\downarrow \sim$

$$H^{d-i}(M) \otimes H^{d+j}(M) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{2d-i-j}(M)$$

$\uparrow \cap[M]$

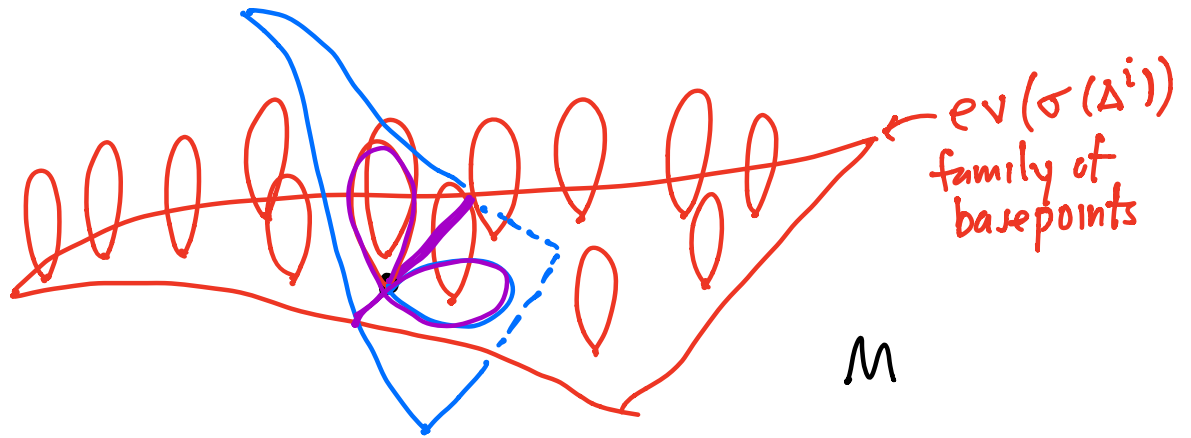
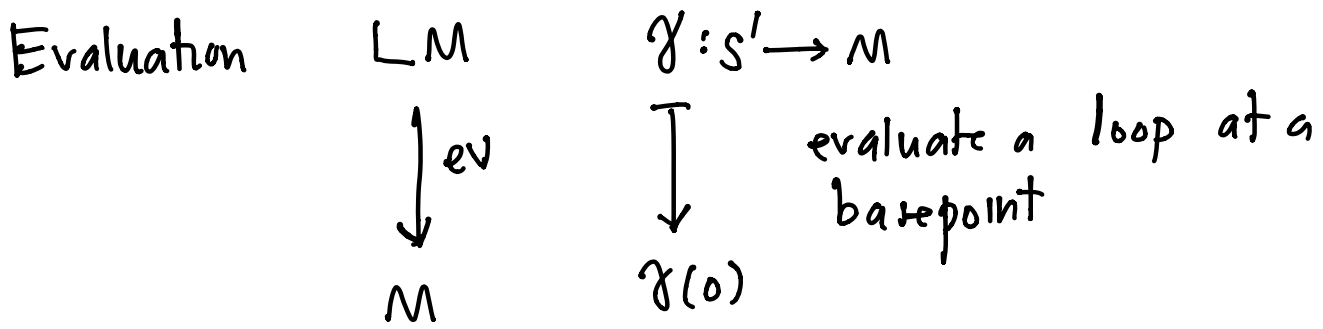
intersection product



CHAS-SULLIVAN LOOP PRODUCT - combine these 2 products

Let  $\Delta^i \xrightarrow{\sigma} LM$  be an "oriented  $i$ -cell"

$\Delta^i \times S^1 \longrightarrow M$   $i$ -dimensional family of loops in  $M$  parametrized by  $\Delta^i$



Let  $\Delta^j \xrightarrow{\tau} LM$  be an "oriented  $j$ -cell in  $LM$ "  
 Assume families of basepoints intersect transversally  
 in  $M$

If  $p$  is in the intersection locus, have 2 loops  
 with basepoint  $p$

**\* CONCATENATE ALONG INTERSECTION LOCUS \***

THM (Chas-Sullivan 99) This "parametrized concatenation"  
 induces a "partially defined"

$$C_i(LM) \otimes C_j(LM) \longrightarrow C_{i+j-d}(LM)$$

induces loop product

$$H_i(LM) \otimes H_j(LM) \longrightarrow H_{i+j-d}(LM)$$

(graded) associative, commutative

# FURTHER

(a)  $M \hookrightarrow LM$  constant loops induces

$(H.(M), \cup) \longrightarrow (H.(LM), \cdot)$  alg morphism

(b)  $\Omega M \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} LM$  restriction to base point

Induces  
 $\downarrow \text{ev}$

$M$

$(H.(LM), \cdot) \longrightarrow (H.-d(\Omega M), c_*)$

BV OPERATOR  $X$  any space

$S^1 \times LX \xrightarrow{r} LX$  rotation



$(\theta, \gamma) \longmapsto (t \mapsto \gamma(t+\theta))$

$\rightsquigarrow H_i(S^1) \otimes H_j(LX) \xrightarrow{EZ} H_{i+j}(S^1 \times LX) \xrightarrow{r} H_{i+j}(LX)$

Fix  $[s'] \in H_1(S^1)$

induces  $H_*(LX) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_{*+1}(LX)$



THM (Chas-Sullivan)

$(H.(LM), \cdot, \Delta)$  is a BV algebra

THM (Cohen-Jones-Yan 2003, Menichi 2007)

$$H_*(LS^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)[-2] \cong \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathbb{Z}_2[\alpha_k] \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathbb{Z}_2[\beta_k]$$

$|\alpha_k| = k \qquad |\beta_k| = k-2$

$$\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_l = \alpha_{k+l}$$

$$\beta_k \cdot \beta_l = 0$$

$$\alpha_k \cdot \beta_l = \beta_{k+l}$$

$$\Delta(\alpha_k) = 0$$

$$\Delta(\beta_k) = k\alpha_{k-1} + k\beta_{k+1}$$

## II HOCHSCHILD COHOMOLOGY BY ALGEBRA

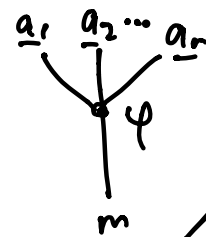
Let  $A$  be a dga over a commutative ring  $R$   
 $M$  dg module over  $A$

DEF. Hochschild cochain complex

shift  $\underline{A}_j := A_{j-1}$

$$CH^*(A, M) := \prod_{r \geq 0} \text{Hom}(\underline{A}^{\otimes r}, M)$$

$$\varphi: \underline{A}^{\otimes r} \rightarrow M$$



Differential  $D = D_d + D_0$ .

$$D_d(\varphi)(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_r) := d_m \varphi(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_r) + \sum_j \pm \varphi(\underline{a}_1, \dots, d \underline{a}_j, \dots, \underline{a}_r)$$

$$D_0(\varphi)(\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_{r+1}) := \underline{a}_1 \varphi(\underline{a}_2 \dots \underline{a}_{r+1}) + \sum_j \pm \varphi(\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_j \underline{a}_{j+1}, \dots, \underline{a}_r) \\ \pm \varphi(\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_r) \cdot \underline{a}_{r+1}$$

$$D^2 = 0$$

## Hochschild cohomology

$$HH^*(A, M) := H^*(CH^*(A, M), D)$$

normalized cochains  $\varphi$  vanish if any input is  $\underline{1} \in A$

THM (Loday?)  $\overline{CH}^*(A, M) \hookrightarrow CH^*(A, M)$  quasi iso

GERSTENHABER CUP PRODUCT ON  $HH^*(A, M)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DEF } \varphi: \underline{A}^{\otimes r} &\rightarrow A & \varphi \cup \psi: \underline{A}^{\otimes (r+s)} &\rightarrow A \\ \psi: \underline{A}^{\otimes s} &\rightarrow A & (\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_{r+s}) &\mapsto \varphi(\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_r) \cdot \psi(\underline{a}_{r+1} \dots \underline{a}_{r+s}) \end{aligned}$$

$\swarrow$   
 $m A$

THM (Gerstenhaber 60s?)  $D$  is a derivation of  $\cup$ ,

induces

$$HH^*(A, A) \otimes HH^*(A, A) \xrightarrow{\cup} HH^*(A, A)$$

THM (Cohen-Jones 2002)  $M$  closed, oriented, simply connected. Let  $A = C^*(M)$  singular cochains.

$\exists$  isomorphism of graded commutative algebras

$$(H_*(LM), \bullet) \longrightarrow (HH^*(A, A), \cup)$$

QUESTION: What about a BV structure on  $HH^*(A, A)$ ?