

The arithmetics of binary quadratic operads

Algebras and related groups

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Plan of the mini-course

1. Quadratic associative algebras: Koszul duality and Manin products
2. Examples of computing & Exercises
3. Varieties of non-associative algebras: linearization of identities
4. Free algebras and their multi-linear parts; Examples
5. Operads: from trees to varieties
6. Binary quadratic operads, Koszul duality
7. Manin white products of operads
8. Manin black product of operads

1. Quadratic associative algebras

[Loday, Vallette: Algebraic operads]

[Polishchuk, Positselski: Quadratic algebras]

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \text{ vector space over a field } \mathbb{k} \quad \dim V < \infty \\ R \subseteq V \otimes V \text{ subspace} \end{array} \right.$
→ quadratic data

tensor algebra = $\mathbb{k} \oplus V \oplus V^{\otimes 2} \oplus V^{\otimes 3} \oplus \dots$

Def

$$A(V, R) = T(V) / (R)$$

quadratic associative algebra

defined by the quadratic data (V, R)

← ideal in $T(V)$ generated by R

In other words:

Let x_1, \dots, x_n be a basis of V

Then $T(V) \cong \mathbb{k}\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$

non-commutative polynomials
in the variables x_1, \dots, x_n

$$R \subseteq V \otimes V = \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n d_{ij} x_i x_j \mid d_{ij} \in \mathbb{k} \right\}$$

homogeneous non-commutative
polynomials of $\deg = 2$

Example 1. $\dim V = 2$, x_1, x_2 basis

$$R = \text{span} \{ x_1 \otimes x_1 + x_2 \otimes x_2, x_1 \otimes x_2 - x_2 \otimes x_1 \}$$

$$\underline{A} = \mathcal{A}(V, R) = \mathbb{k} \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0, x_1 x_2 = x_2 x_1 \rangle$$

\Downarrow
commutative

If $\sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{k}$ then

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = (x_1 - ix_2)(x_1 + ix_2)$$

$$\text{so } A \cong \mathbb{k}[u, v] / (uv)$$

Example 2. $\dim U = 2$,

y_1, y_2 basis

$$S = \text{span} \{ y_1 \otimes y_2 + y_2 \otimes y_1, y_1 \otimes y_1, y_2 \otimes y_2 \}$$

$$\underline{B} = \mathcal{A}(U, S) = \mathbb{k} \langle y_1, y_2 \mid y_1^2 = y_2^2 = y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1 = 0 \rangle \cong \Lambda_2$$

the exterior algebra of U \leftarrow

Suppose (U, R) is a quadratic data,

$$R \subseteq U \otimes U$$

$U^* = \text{Hom}(U, k)$ dual space.

Then $(U \otimes U)^* \cong U^* \otimes U^*$

natural isomorphism:

thus

$$\langle \xi \otimes \eta, u \otimes v \rangle = \langle \xi, u \rangle \langle \eta, v \rangle$$

for $\xi, \eta \in U^*$, $u, v \in U$

$$R^\perp \subseteq (U \otimes U)^*$$

may be considered as a subspace of $U^* \otimes U^*$



(U^*, R^\perp) is again a quadratic data

For $A = \mathcal{A}(U, R)$, $\mathcal{A}(U^*, R^\perp) =: \underline{A}!$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Koszul dual} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{algebra} \end{array} \right.$

Example (see Example 1 on page 5)

Let $A = \mathbb{K} \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0, x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1 = 0 \rangle = \mathcal{A}(V, R)$
 x_1, x_2 basis of V

$V \otimes V$: $x_1^2, x_1 x_2, x_2 x_1, x_2^2$ basis
 $\parallel \parallel \parallel \parallel$
 $e_1 \quad e_2 \quad e_3 \quad e_4$

V^* has dual basis $\left. \begin{array}{l} \zeta_1 = x_1^*, \quad \zeta_2 = x_2^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ll} \zeta_1^2 = e_1^* & \zeta_1 \zeta_2 = e_2^* \\ \zeta_2 \zeta_1 = e_3^* & \zeta_2^2 = e_4^* \end{array}$

$R^\perp = \left(\text{span} \{ e_1 + e_4, e_2 - e_3 \} \right)^\perp = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_1^* - e_4^* \\ \parallel \\ \zeta_1^2 - \zeta_2^2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{l} e_2^* + e_3^* \\ \parallel \\ \zeta_1 \zeta_2 + \zeta_2 \zeta_1 \end{array} \right\}$

$A^\perp = \mathbb{K} \langle \zeta_1, \zeta_2 \mid \zeta_1^2 = \zeta_2^2, \zeta_1 \zeta_2 = -\zeta_2 \zeta_1 \rangle$

HW (Exercise 1): Calculate $B!$ for

Example 2
on page 5

$$B = \mathbb{k} \langle y_1, y_2 \mid y_1^2 = y_2^2 = y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1 = 0 \rangle$$

Proposition

$$\text{Let } \Lambda_n = \mathbb{k} \langle y_1, \dots, y_n \mid y_i^2 = 0, y_i y_j + y_j y_i = 0 \rangle \\ i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

Then

$$\Lambda_n! = \mathbb{k} [\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n]$$

commutative polynomial algebra
in η_1, \dots, η_n

Pf

Compare the dimensions to prove $\eta_i \eta_j - \eta_j \eta_i$ span S^+

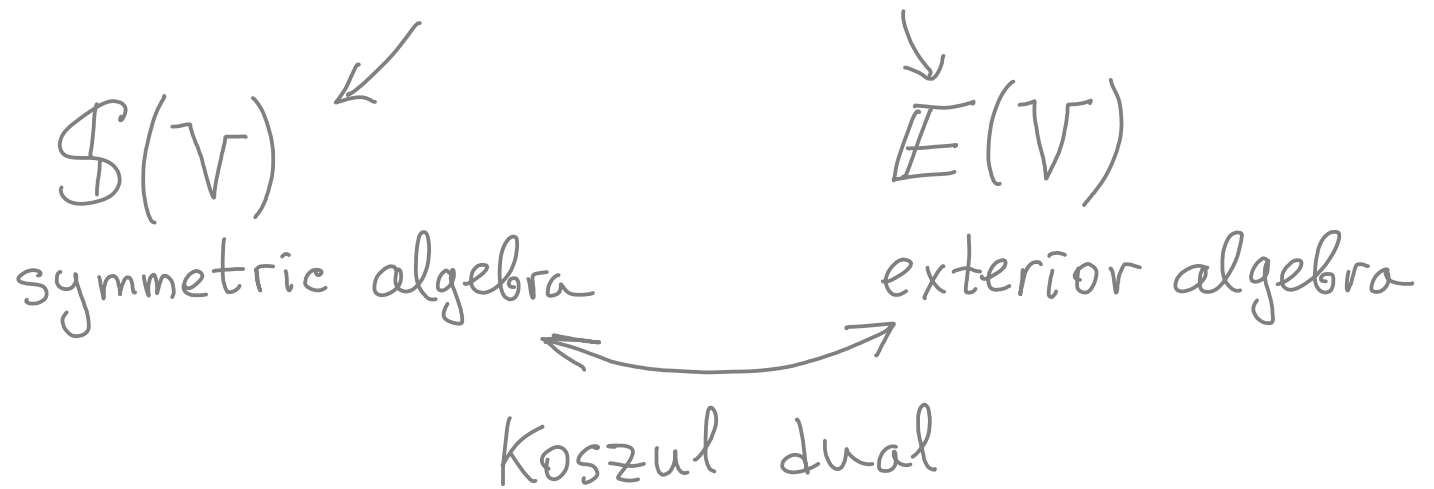
Proposition

For every quadratic associative $A = \mathcal{A}(V, R)$
we have $(A^\dagger)^\dagger \cong A$

$\dim V < \infty$

Pf $(U^*)^* \cong U, (R^\perp)^\perp \cong R$

As a corollary, $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]^\dagger = \Lambda_n$



Let

$$(V, R)$$

$$(U, S)$$

} quadratic
data

$$R \subseteq V \otimes V$$

$$S \subseteq U \otimes U$$

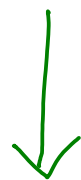
$$\underline{A} = \mathcal{A}(V, R)$$

$$\underline{B} = \mathcal{A}(U, S)$$

quadratic
algebras

Then

$$R \otimes U \otimes U \subseteq V \otimes V \otimes U \otimes U$$



$$(R \otimes U \otimes U)^{(23)} \subseteq (V \otimes U) \otimes (V \otimes U)$$

(23)

Similarly, $(V \otimes V \otimes S)^{(23)} \subseteq (V \otimes U) \otimes (V \otimes U)$

Hence, $V \otimes U$
 and
 $ROS = (R \otimes U^{\otimes 2} + V^{\otimes 2} \otimes S)^{(23)}$ } quadratic data

$$\underline{A \circ B} = \mathcal{A}(V \otimes U, ROS)$$

Manin white product of quadratic algebras A, B

Namely, $ROS =$ all relations that hold for $V \otimes U$
 in $A \otimes B$

$A \circ B \lll A \otimes B$ \uparrow associative algebra,
 not quadratic in general

Properties

$$1) A \circ B \cong B \circ A$$

$$2) (A \circ B) \circ C \cong A \circ (B \circ C)$$

$$3) k[x] \circ B \cong B$$

$\dim V = 1$

$$R=0 \Rightarrow R \circ S = (V^{\otimes 2} \otimes S)^{(23)} \cong S$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (V, R) \\ (U, S) \end{array} \right\} \text{quadratic data}$$

$$R \subseteq V \otimes V$$

$$S \subseteq U \otimes U$$

$$A = \mathcal{A}(V, R)$$

$$B = \mathcal{A}(U, S)$$

quadratic algebras

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Then } V \otimes U \\ (R \otimes S)^{(23)} \end{array} \right\} \text{quadratic data}$$

$$\underline{A \bullet B} = \mathcal{A}(V \otimes U, (R \otimes S)^{(23)})$$

Manin block product of quadratic algebras A, B

Example

Calculate Manin product $A \circ B$

for

$$A = \mathbb{k} \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1 \rangle$$
$$B = \mathbb{k} \langle y_1, y_2 \mid y_1^2, y_2^2, y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1 \rangle$$

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$$R = \text{span} \{ x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1 \}$$

$$S = \text{span} \{ y_1^2, y_2^2, y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1 \}$$

$$z_{ij} = x_i \otimes y_j, \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

Method 1
(straight)

subspace in 16-dim space

$$R \circ S = \text{span} \left\{ (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \otimes y_i y_j, (x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1) \otimes y_i y_j, x_i x_j \otimes y_1^2, x_i x_j \otimes y_2^2, x_i x_j \otimes (y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1) \right\}$$

Apply (23)

$$(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \otimes y_i y_j \rightsquigarrow x_1 x_1 \otimes y_i y_j + x_2 x_2 \otimes y_i y_j = z_{1i} z_{1j} + z_{2i} z_{2j} \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$ROS = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z_{1i} z_{1j} + z_{2i} z_{2j}, \quad z_{1i} z_{2j} - z_{2i} z_{1j}, \\ z_{i1} z_{j1}, \quad z_{i2} z_{j2}, \quad z_{i1} z_{j2} + z_{i2} z_{j1} \end{array} \right\}$$

20 vectors in 16-dim space

<https://www.singular.uni-kl.de/>

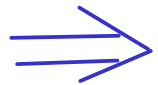
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int n=2;
ring r=0,(a(1..n)(1..n)(1..n)(1..n)),lp;
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int i; int j;
```

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ideal T;
```

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for (i=1; i<=n; i++)
{
  for (j=1; j<=n; j++)
  {
    T=T,a(1)(i)(1)(j)+a(2)(i)(2)(j),
      a(1)(i)(1)(j)-a(2)(i)(1)(j),
      a(i)(1)(j)(1),
      a(i)(2)(j)(2),
      a(i)(1)(j)(2)+a(i)(2)(j)(1);
  }
}
```

$a(i)(j)(k)(l)$
 $||$
 $z_{ij} z_{kl}$



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> std(T);
_[1]=a(2)(2)(2)(2)
_[2]=a(2)(2)(1)(2)
_[3]=a(2)(2)(1)(1)+a(2)(2)(2)(1)
_[4]=a(2)(1)(2)(2)+a(2)(2)(2)(1)
_[5]=a(2)(1)(2)(1)
_[6]=a(2)(1)(1)(2)+a(2)(2)(1)(1)
_[7]=a(2)(1)(1)(1)
_[8]=a(1)(2)(2)(2)
_[9]=a(1)(2)(1)(2)-a(2)(2)(1)(2)
_[10]=a(1)(2)(1)(1)-a(2)(2)(1)(1)
_[11]=a(1)(1)(2)(2)+a(1)(2)(2)(1)
_[12]=a(1)(1)(2)(1)
_[13]=a(1)(1)(1)(2)-a(2)(1)(1)(2)
_[14]=a(1)(1)(1)(1)
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$$AOB = \mathbb{k} \langle z_{ij} \mid z_{22}^2, z_{22} z_{12}, z_{22} z_{11} + z_{22} z_{21}, \dots \rangle$$

$i, j = 1, 2$

$\dim ROS = 14$

Method 2

Consider a generic $f = \sum_{i,j,k,l} d_{ij}^{kl} z_{ij} z_{kl} \in (V \otimes U)^{\otimes 2}$

Expand $z_{ij} = x_i \otimes y_j$, $z_{kl} = x_k \otimes y_l$

and apply (23):

$$f^{(23)} = \sum_{i,j,k,l} d_{ij}^{kl} x_i x_k \otimes y_j y_l$$

Reduce $y_j y_l \pmod{S} \rightsquigarrow y_1 y_2$ only

$$y_i^2 = 0, \quad y_2 y_1 = -y_1 y_2$$

$$f^{(23)} \equiv \sum_{i,k} d_{i1}^{k2} x_i x_k \otimes y_1 y_2 - \sum_{i,k} d_{i2}^{k1} x_i x_k \otimes y_1 y_2$$

$\pmod{V^{\otimes 2} \oplus S}$



Reduce the result mod R

$$x_2^2 = -x_1^2$$

$$x_2 x_1 = x_1 x_2$$

$$\equiv \left. \begin{aligned} & \left(d_{11}^{12} - d_{21}^{22} - d_{12}^{11} + d_{22}^{21} \right) x_1^2 \otimes y_1 y_2 \\ & + \left(d_{11}^{22} + d_{21}^{12} - d_{12}^{21} - d_{22}^{11} \right) x_1 x_2 \otimes y_1 y_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{must be } = 0 \\ \text{in } A \otimes B \end{array}$$



$$f = \sum_{i,j,k,l} d_{ij}^{kl} z_{ij} z_{kl} \in \text{ROS} \quad \text{iff} \quad \begin{cases} d_{11}^{12} - d_{21}^{22} - d_{12}^{11} + d_{22}^{21} = 0 \\ d_{11}^{22} + d_{21}^{12} - d_{12}^{21} - d_{22}^{11} = 0 \end{cases}$$

system of linear equations

2 eqs on 16 variables

Fundamental solutions \Rightarrow basis of ROS $\Rightarrow \dim \text{ROS} = 14$

Example

Calculate Manin product $A \bullet B$

for

$$A = \mathbb{k} \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1 \rangle$$
$$B = \mathbb{k} \langle y_1, y_2 \mid y_1^2, y_2^2, y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1 \rangle$$

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$$R = \text{span} \{ x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1 \}$$

$$S = \text{span} \{ y_1^2, y_2^2, y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1 \}$$

$$z_{ij} = x_i \otimes y_j, \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

Method 1
(straight)

$$R \otimes S = \text{span} \left\{ (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \otimes y_i^2, (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \otimes (y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1), \right. \\ \left. (x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1) \otimes y_i^2, (x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_1) \otimes (y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1) \right\} \quad (23)$$

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$$A \bullet B = \mathbb{k} \langle z_{ij} \mid z_{1i}^2 + z_{2i}^2, z_{11} z_{12} + z_{12} z_{11} + z_{21} z_{22}, z_{1i} z_{2i} - z_{2i} z_{1i}, \\ z_{11} z_{22} - z_{21} z_{12} + z_{12} z_{21} - z_{22} z_{11} \rangle$$

Method 2

see p.7

$$A^! = k \langle \xi_1, \xi_2 \mid \xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2, \xi_1 \xi_2 + \xi_2 \xi_1 \rangle$$

Consider $\psi: k \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \rightarrow A^! \otimes k \langle z_{ij} \mid i, j = 1, 2 \rangle$

$$y_j \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^2 \xi_i \otimes z_{ij}$$

Find the image of S :

$$\psi(y_j^2) = (\xi_1 \otimes z_{1j} + \xi_2 \otimes z_{2j})^2 = \xi_1^2 \otimes z_{1j}^2 + \xi_1 \xi_2 \otimes z_{1j} z_{2j} + \xi_2 \xi_1 \otimes z_{2j} z_{1j} + \xi_2^2 \otimes z_{2j}^2$$

$$= \xi_1^2 (z_{1j}^2 + z_{2j}^2) + \xi_1 \xi_2 \otimes (z_{1j} z_{2j} - z_{2j} z_{1j})$$

basis of $A^!$

coefficients — relations in $A \otimes B$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi(y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_1) &= (\zeta_1 \otimes z_{11} + \zeta_2 \otimes z_{21})(\zeta_1 \otimes z_{12} + \zeta_2 \otimes z_{22}) \\
&\quad + (\zeta_1 \otimes z_{12} + \zeta_2 \otimes z_{22})(\zeta_1 \otimes z_{11} + \zeta_2 \otimes z_{21}) \\
&= \zeta_1^2 \otimes (z_{11} z_{12} + z_{21} z_{22} + z_{12} z_{11} + z_{22} z_{21}) \\
&\quad + \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \otimes (z_{11} z_{22} - z_{21} z_{12} + z_{12} z_{21} - z_{22} z_{11})
\end{aligned}$$

As a result:

$(R \otimes S)^{(2,3)}$ is spanned by all coefficients of $\Psi(S)$

$$z_{ij}^2 + z_{2j}^2$$

$$z_{ij} z_{2j} - z_{2j} z_{ij}$$

$$z_{11} z_{12} + z_{21} z_{22} + z_{12} z_{11} + z_{22} z_{21}$$

$$z_{11} z_{22} - z_{21} z_{12} + z_{12} z_{21} - z_{22} z_{11}$$

Why this method works:

$$A = \mathcal{A}(V, R) \quad B = \mathcal{A}(U, S) \quad \text{in general}$$

$$(x_i) \text{ basis of } V \quad (y_j) \text{ basis of } U$$

$$\text{Restrict: } \Psi: U^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow \left(\underbrace{V^* \otimes V^*}_{\cong T'(U)} \Big/_{R^\perp} \right) \otimes \underbrace{(V \otimes U)}_{\cong T(V \otimes U)}^{\otimes 2}$$

$$z_{ij} = x_i \otimes y_j$$

$$\xi_i = x_i^*$$

$$\Psi(y_j y_k) = \Psi(y_j) \Psi(y_k) = \left(\sum_i \xi_i \otimes z_{ij} \right) \left(\sum_l \xi_l \otimes z_{lk} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i,l} \xi_i \xi_l \otimes z_{ij} z_{lk}$$

$$R \hookrightarrow V \otimes V$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 R^* \xleftarrow{\text{onto}} (V \otimes V)^* \\
 \ker = R^\perp
 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{V^* \otimes V^* / R^\perp \cong R^*}
 \end{array}$$

dual map

i.e., $\psi(p) \in \underline{R^*} \otimes (V \otimes U)^{\otimes 2}$ for $p \in U^{\otimes 2}$

$\forall f \in R$:

$$(\langle \underline{f}, \cdot \rangle \otimes \text{id}) \psi(p) \stackrel{(23)}{=} f \otimes p$$

straightforward
check for

$$f = \sum d_{ij} x_i x_j$$

Coefficients of $\psi(S) \Leftrightarrow R \otimes S$

(23) as desired

Exercise

1. Calculate $A^! \circ B^!$ and $A^! \bullet B^!$ for A, B as above
 2. Compare the results with
 $(A \bullet B)^!$ and $(A \circ B)^!$
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Proposition

Let A and B be quadratic associative algebras.

Then $(A \circ B)^! = A^! \bullet B^!$

Pf Elementary linear algebra: if $R \subseteq X$, $S \subseteq Y$

then $(X \otimes S + R \otimes Y)^\perp = (R^\perp \otimes S^\perp)$ in $X \otimes Y$