

# Higher products on Yoneda Ext algebras

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You know

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

Splicing  $\Downarrow$

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

Yoneda product on Ext.

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

?????  $\Downarrow$

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow U \rightarrow V \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

**Massey product** on Ext.

# DG-algebras and triple Massey products.

## DG-algebras 1/3

Let  $R$  a dg-algebra.

That is  $R := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} R^i$  a graded algebra equipped with a differential  $\partial$ , which is a morphism of degree 1 satisfying

$$\partial^2 = 0,$$

$$\partial(xy) = \partial(x)y + (-1)^{|x|}x\partial y.$$

where

$$|x| := \deg x.$$

## DG-algebras 2/3

$Z(R) := \text{Ker}(\partial)$ : the cocycle group.

$B(R) := \text{Im}(\partial)$ : the coboundary group.

$H(R) := \frac{Z(R)}{B(R)}$ : the cohomology group.

For a cocycle  $x \in Z(R)$ ,

$[x]$  denotes the cohomology class, i.e.,

$[x] := x + B(R) \in H(R)$

## DG-algebras 3/3

**The cohomology group  $H(R)$  comes with a graded algebra structure.**

**The multiplication**

$$[x][y] := [xy]$$

**gives the cohomology group  $H(R)$  a structure of graded algebra.**

## Example of dg-algebra: the endomorphism DG-algebra

**A**: an ordinary algebra.

**M**: a left **A**-module.

$P^\bullet \xrightarrow{\sim} M$ : a projective resolution of **M**.

Then

the endomorphism algebra  $R = \text{End}_A(P^\bullet)$  has a canonical dg-algebra structure.

$$H(R) \cong \text{Ext}_A(M, M)$$

(An isomorphism of graded algebras.)



**The cohomology group  $H(R)$  has more structures than associative multiplication. First we introduce triple Massey product, which is partially defined 3-ary operation of degree  $-1$ .**

## Triple Massey product (Outline)

From  $\xi, \eta, \zeta \in H(R)$  such that

$$\xi\eta = 0, \quad \eta\zeta = 0,$$

we construct cocycles  $w$  of degree

$$|w| = |\xi| + |\eta| + |\zeta| - 1.$$

“The cohomology classes  $[w]$  are called **triple Massey product** of  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$ ”.

Triple Massey products **1/4**

Let  $\xi, \eta, \zeta \in H(R)$  such that

$$\xi\eta = 0, \quad \eta\zeta = 0.$$

Let  $x, y, z \in Z(R)$  be cocycles which represent  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$ .

Then  $\xi\eta = 0 \implies xy \in B(R)$

$$\exists u \in R^{|\xi|+|\eta|-1} \text{ such that } xy = \partial u.$$

$\eta\zeta = 0 \implies$

$$\exists v \in R^{|\eta|+|\zeta|-1} \text{ such that } yz = \partial v.$$

## Triple Massey products 2/4

We set

$$\mathbf{w} := (-1)^{|x|+|y|}\mathbf{xv} + (-1)^{|y|+1}\mathbf{uz}.$$

Claim 2.1

$\mathbf{w}$  is cocycle.

$\therefore$  Using the equations  $\partial\mathbf{x} = 0$ ,  $\partial\mathbf{z} = 0$ ,  
 $\mathbf{xy} = \partial\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{yz} = \partial\mathbf{v}$ , we have

$$\partial(\mathbf{w}) = (-1)^{|y|}\mathbf{xyz} + (-1)^{|y|+1}\mathbf{xyz} = 0$$

## Triple Massey products 3/4

The degree  $|w|$  of  $w$  is

$$|w| = |\xi| + |\eta| + |\zeta| - 1$$

Since  $w$  is a cocycle,  
we can take a cohomology class  $[w]$ .

### Remark 2.2

The cohomology class  $[w]$  does depend on the choices of  $x, y, z, u, v$ .

## Triple Massey product 4/4

## Definition 1

The triple Massey product  $\langle \xi, \eta, \zeta \rangle$  of  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$  is a subset of cohomology algebra

$$\langle \xi, \eta, \zeta \rangle \subset H^{|\xi|+|\eta|+|\zeta|-1}(\mathbf{R})$$

consisting of  $[\mathbf{w}]$  obtained in the above way.

## Question

Recall

$$\text{Ext}_A^n(M, M)$$

$$= \frac{\{0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0\}}{\sim}.$$

The multiplication on  $\text{Ext}_A(M, M)$  splices the exact sequences.

Can we express triple Massey product on  $\text{Ext}_A(M, M)$  in terms of exact sequences?

# Triple Massey products of three short exact sequences.



## Outline 1/2

Let  $A$  be an algebra over a field  $k$ .

For a short exact sequence  $x$

$$x : 0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$\{x\} \in \text{Ext}_A^1(M_2, M_1)$  denotes  
the corresponding cohomology class.

## Outline 2/2

For short exact sequences  $x, y, z$  such that

$$\{x\}\{y\} = 0, \quad \{y\}\{z\} = 0,$$

we compute triple Massey product of  $\{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\}$ ,

in terms of exact sequences.

Since  $1 + 1 + 1 - 1 = 2$

$\langle \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\} \rangle \subset \text{Ext}_A^2(M_4, M_1)$  consist of classes of exact sequence of length 4

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow U \rightarrow V \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

## Recalling basic fact 1/2

Let  $x, y$  be exact sequences.

$$x : 0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$y : 0 \rightarrow M_2 \xrightarrow{g} Y \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

Recall that TFAE:

- ①  $\{x\}\{y\} = 0$  in  $\text{Ext}_A(M_3, M_1)$
- ②  $\exists \tilde{f} : \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f : X \rightarrow M_2$  is the pull-back of  $\tilde{f}$  along  $g : M_2 \rightarrow Y$ .
- ③  $\exists \hat{g} : X \rightarrow \hat{Y}$  such that  $g : M_2 \rightarrow Y$  is the push-out of  $\hat{g}$  along  $f : X \rightarrow M_2$ .

## Recalling basic fact 2/2

The second condition:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{X} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbf{M}_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M} & \longrightarrow & \widetilde{\mathbf{X}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & \mathbf{Y} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

The third condition :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{X} & \xrightarrow{\sigma\alpha} & \widehat{\mathbf{Y}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \xrightarrow{\sigma\alpha} & \mathbf{Y} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Triple Massey product of short exact sequences **1/3**.

Let  $x, y, z$  be exact sequences

$$x : 0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$y : 0 \rightarrow M_2 \xrightarrow{g} Y \xrightarrow{h} M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$z : 0 \rightarrow M_3 \xrightarrow{k} Z \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

such that

$$\{x\}\{y\} = 0, \quad \{y\}\{z\} = 0.$$

## Triple Massey product of short exact sequences 2/3.

$$\{x\}\{y\} = 0 \implies$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & M_2 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & Y & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\{y\}\{z\} = 0 \implies$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Y & \xrightarrow{\hat{k}} & \hat{Z} & \longrightarrow & M_4 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & M_3 & \xrightarrow{k} & Z & \longrightarrow & M_4 & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

## Triple Massey product of short exact sequences 3/3.

By splicing

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \hat{Z} \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

we obtain

$$w : 0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X} \rightarrow \hat{Z} \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

Proposition 3.1

$$-w \in \langle \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\} \rangle \subset \text{Ext}_A^2(M_4, M_1)$$

## A composition series like expression 1/3

The middle term  $X$  of

$$x : 0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow X \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

has a filtration  $F = \{F_1 \subset F_2\}$

$$M_1 = F_1 \subset F_2 = X, \quad F_2/F_1 = M_2.$$

We express the exact sequence  $x$  as

$$0 \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\quad M_2 \quad} M_2 \longrightarrow 0$$



## A composition series like expression 2/3

$$y : 0 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

is

$$0 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_2 \xrightarrow{M_3} M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$$

is

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_1 \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{M_3} M_3 \\ \xrightarrow{M_2} M_2 \end{array} \rightarrow 0$$

## A composition series like expression 3/3

$$w : 0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X} \rightarrow \hat{Z} \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow 0$$

is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & M_3 & & M_4 & \\
 & & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & & M_2 & & M_3 & & \\
 & & \searrow & & & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_2 & \longrightarrow & M_4 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \nearrow & & \\
 & & & & M_3 & & \\
 & & & & \nearrow & & \\
 & & & & M_4 & & 
 \end{array}$$

## Prop 3.1 (restate). By triple Massey product

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_3 & & \mathbf{M}_4 & \\
 & & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & & & \mathbf{M}_2 & & \mathbf{M}_3 & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_4 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

is obtained from

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_2 & & & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_3 & & & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_4 & & & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_4 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

In other words, by reversing triple Massey product

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_3 & & \mathbf{M}_4 & \\
 & & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & & \mathbf{M}_2 & & \mathbf{M}_3 & & \\
 & & \searrow & & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_4 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

is decomposed into

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_2 & & & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_3 & & & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbf{M}_4 & & & \\
 & & & \searrow & & & \\
 \mathbf{0} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{M}_4 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{0}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & M_n & & M_{n+1} & & \\
 & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \\
 & & M_3 & & M_4 & & \\
 & & M_2 & & M_3 & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_2 \\
 & & & & & & M_{n+1} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

is obtained from

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & M_2 & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & M_3 & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_2 & \longrightarrow & M_2 & \longrightarrow & M_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & M_4 & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_3 & \longrightarrow & M_3 & \longrightarrow & M_4 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\
 & & & & M_{n+1} & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_n & \longrightarrow & M_n & \longrightarrow & M_{n+1} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

by **higher Massey product**.

Application: Generation of  $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^2(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$ 

## Proposition 3.2

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a finite dimensional algebra,

$\mathbf{S} := \bigoplus$ (simple modules).

Then  $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^2(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  is generated by  $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  using higher Massey products.

## "Proof"

Every exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow U \rightarrow V \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$$

is of the form  $S_i$  are simple modules.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & S_n & & S_{n+1} & & \\
 & & \searrow & & \searrow & & \\
 & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \\
 & & \searrow & & \searrow & & \\
 & & S_3 & & S_4 & & \\
 & & \searrow & & \searrow & & \\
 & & S_2 & & S_3 & & \\
 & & \searrow & & \searrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & & S_2 & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

# Higher Massey products and $A_\infty$ -products on $H(R)$ .



Higher Massey product **1/2**

**For  $n \geq 4$ ,  $n$ -th Massey products is partially defined  $n$ -ary operation of degree  $2 - n$ .**

**For  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n \in H(R)$ ,**

$$\xi_1\xi_2 = 0, \xi_2\xi_3 = 0, \dots, \xi_{n-1}\xi_n = 0$$

**is a necessary condition to define  $n$ -th Massey product, but not a sufficient condition.**

## Higher Massey product 2/2

If  $n$ -th Massey product  $\langle \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \rangle$  is defined, it is a subset of cohomology group of degree  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| + \dots + |\xi_n| - (n - 2)$ .

$$\langle \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \rangle \subset \mathbf{H}^{|\xi_1|+|\xi_2|+\dots+|\xi_n|-(n-2)}(\mathbf{R}).$$

$A_\infty$ -products 1/2

$A_\infty$ -product on a graded module  $H$  is a collection of morphisms  $m_n : H^{\otimes n} \rightarrow H$  of degree  $2 - n$  for  $n \geq 1$  which satisfies the Stasheff identities

$$\sum_{i+j+k=n} (-1)^{ij+k} m_{i+1+k} (\text{id}_H^{\otimes i} \otimes m_j \otimes \text{id}_H^{\otimes k}) = 0$$

for  $n \geq 1$

## $A_\infty$ -products 2/2

- 1 If  $m_n = 0$  for  $n \neq 1, 2$ ,  
then  $m_2$  is an associative multiplication  
and  $m_1$  is a differential w.r.t  $m_2$ ,  
and  $H$  is a DG algebra.
- 2 If  $m_1 = 0$ ,  
then  $m_2$  is an associative multiplication  
and  $H$  is a graded algebra.  
The higher multiplications  $m_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ )  
can be viewed as an additional structure  
on the graded algebra  $H$ .

## Kadeishvili's Theorem

## Theorem 2

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be a DG-algebra and  $\mathbf{H} := H(\mathbf{R})$ .

Then  $\exists m_n : \mathbf{H}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  for  $n \geq 3$

which makes  $\mathbf{H}$  an  $\mathbf{A}_\infty$ -algebra such that  $\mathbf{H}$  is quasi-isomorphic to  $\mathbf{R}$  as  $\mathbf{A}_\infty$ -algebras.

Moreover, such  $\mathbf{A}_\infty$ -algebra structure on  $\mathbf{H}$  is unique up to non-canonical isomorphisms.

## Relation between Massey product and $\mathbf{A}_\infty$ -product on $H(\mathbf{R})$

### Theorem 3 (Lu-Palmieri-Wu-Zhang)

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be a DG-algebra,  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in H(\mathbf{R})$ . Assume that Massey product  $\langle \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \rangle$  is defined.

Then

$$\pm \mathbf{m}_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \langle \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \rangle \subset H(\mathbf{R}).$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_\infty$ -products  $\mathbf{m}_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) is obtained by the Merkulov construction.

# Applications

## Application: Generation of $\mathbf{Ext}_A(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$ by higher products

### Theorem 4 (Gugenheim-May, Keller)

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathbf{A}_i$  be a locally finite graded algebra over a field and

$\mathbf{S} := \bigoplus$  (simple modules)

Then the extension algebra  $\mathbf{Ext}_A(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  is generated by  $\mathbf{Ext}_A^0(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  and  $\mathbf{Ext}_A^1(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  using Massey products.



## Remark 5.1

- ① Gugenheim-May showed that  $\mathbf{Ext}_A(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  is generated by  $\mathbf{Ext}_A^0(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  and  $\mathbf{Ext}_A^1(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  using **Matric Massey products**.

Their main tool was Algebraic Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence.

- ② Keller did not write any proof.

He stated that  $\mathbf{Ext}_A(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  is generated by  $\mathbf{Ext}_A^0(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  and  $\mathbf{Ext}_A^1(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{S})$  using  $\mathbf{A}_\infty$  products.

## Application of Theorem 4: Koszulity and higher products

### Corollary 5 (Keller)

*Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a locally finite non-negatively graded algebra such that the augmentation algebra  $\mathbf{A}_0$  is semi-simple. Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (1) **A is Koszul.**
- (2) **the  $A_\infty$ -product on the Ext algebra  $\text{Ext}_A(S, S)$  vanish.**
- (3) **the Matric Massey products on the Ext algebra  $\text{Ext}_A(S, S)$  vanish.**
- (4) **the Massey products on the Ext algebra  $\text{Ext}_A(S, S)$  vanish.**

Application: Generation of  $\mathbf{Ext}_R(\kappa(\mathfrak{p}), \kappa(\mathfrak{p}))$  by higher products

## Theorem 6

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be a Noetherian algebra with the center  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a maximal ideal of  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

Set  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p}) := \mathbf{R} \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}\mathbf{Z}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

Then the Ext algebra  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{Ext}_R(\kappa(\mathfrak{p}), \kappa(\mathfrak{p}))$  is generated by  $\mathbf{E}^0$  and  $\mathbf{E}^1$  using Massey products.

# Thank you