

# Koszul Duality for $E_n$ Algebras

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**Assumptions** We work over a field  $k$  of characteristic 0 and implicitly work in the  $(\infty, 1)$ -setting; so by the word “category” we always mean an  $(\infty, 1)$ -category. The background “category of categories” is the category of stable presentable  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories with only colimit-preserving morphisms between them. This category is equipped with a symmetric monoidal structure given by the Lurie tensor product. The category  $\mathbf{Vect}$  is the  $(\infty, 1)$ -category of (unbounded) chain complexes over  $k$ .

## 1 Operads, Algebras and Modules

### 1.1 Operads

We shall use the following version of definition from [FG12]. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a symmetric monoidal category. Let  $\Sigma$  be the category of (nonempty) finite sets and bijections. Let  $\mathcal{X}^\Sigma := \prod_{n \geq 1} \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{X}}(\Sigma_n)$  be the category of symmetric sequences in  $\mathcal{X}$ ; its objects are collections  $\{O(n) \in \mathcal{X}, n \geq 1\}$  such that  $\Sigma_n$  acts on  $O(n)$ . Observe that  $\mathcal{X}^\Sigma \simeq \text{Funct}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$ . This category admits a monoidal structure  $\star$  such that the following functor is monoidal:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}^\Sigma &\rightarrow \text{Funct}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}) \\ \{O(n)\} &\mapsto \left( x \mapsto \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} (O(n) \otimes x^{\otimes n})_{\Sigma_n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Namely it’s given by

$$P \star Q = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} (P(n) \otimes Q^{\odot n})_{\Sigma_n}$$

where  $\odot$  is the Day convolution:

$$(P \odot Q)(n) = \bigoplus_{i+j=n} \text{Ind}_{S_i \times S_j}^{S_n} (P(i) \otimes Q(j))$$

Note that Day convolution is symmetric monoidal because  $S_i \times S_j$  and  $S_j \times S_i$  are conjugate in  $S_n$ . The unit object of  $(\mathcal{X}^\Sigma, \star)$  is  $\mathbf{1}_\star$ , given by  $\mathbf{1}_\star(1) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{X}}$  and  $\mathbf{1}_\star(n) = 0_{\mathcal{X}} \forall n > 1$ .

We define  $\text{Oprd}(\mathcal{X})$ , the category of *reduced, augmented* operads over  $\mathcal{X}$ , to be that of augmented associative algebras in  $(\mathcal{X}^\Sigma, \star)$  for which  $\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1)$  is an isomorphism. The dual notion  $\text{coOprd}(\mathcal{X})$  of co-augmented cooperads is defined dually. This means that we have the composition maps

$$O(k) \otimes O(n_1) \otimes \dots \otimes O(n_k) \rightarrow O(n_1 + \dots + n_k)$$

as well as a unit element in  $O(1)$ , such that the unital, associative and equivariance laws are satisfied up to coherent homotopy. If we interpret the definition in the classical (non- $\infty$ ) setting, then we obtain the usual notion of operads.

**Example 1.** The associative operad  $Ass$  is given by that  $Ass(n) = k[\Sigma_n]$ , the regular representation of  $\Sigma_n$ ; the operad maps come from substitution. Similarly, the commutative operad  $Comm$  is given by  $Comm(n) = k$ , the trivial representation of  $\Sigma_n$ .

**Linear Dual of Operads** Given an operad  $O$  such that  $O(n)$  has finite dimensional cohomologies, we can define  $O^*$  to be  $O^*(n) = O(n)^*$ , which will be a cooperad.

**Shifting Operads** For an operad  $O \in \text{Oprd}(\text{Vect})$ , we use  $O[1]$  to denote the operad given on the component level by

$$O[1](n) = O(n)[\widetilde{n-1}]$$

(where the tilde indicates that the  $\Sigma_n$  action needs to be twisted accordingly), such that  $c \mapsto c[1]$  gives an equivalence  $O[1]\text{-alg}(\text{Vect}) \rightarrow O\text{-alg}(\text{Vect})$  (see below). The dual notion of suspension of cooperads is defined analogously; namely, we also require  $O[1]\text{-coalg}(\text{Vect}) \rightarrow O\text{-coalg}(\text{Vect})$  is given by  $c \mapsto c[1]$ .

## 1.2 Algebras over Operads

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be as before, and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a commutative algebra object in the category of  $\mathcal{X}$ -modules. The action

$$(O, c) \mapsto \bigoplus_n (O(n) \otimes c^{\otimes n})_{\Sigma_n}$$

defines the  $\star$ -action of  $\mathcal{X}^\Sigma$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . For any operad  $O$  and any cooperad  $O^\circ$ , define

$$O\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}) := O\text{-mod}(\mathcal{C}, \star)$$

to be the category of  $O$ -algebras in  $\mathcal{C}$  and

$$O^\circ\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C}) := O^\circ\text{-comod}(\mathcal{C}, \star).$$

to be the category of  $O^\circ$ -coalgebras in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Example** Algebras over  $Ass$  and  $Comm$  in a category  $\mathcal{C}$  correspond respectively to augmented associative (that is,  $A_\infty$ ) and augmented commutative (that is,  $E_\infty$ ) algebras in  $\mathcal{C}$ ; Similarly, coalgebras over  $Ass^*$  and  $Comm^*$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  correspond to coaugmented coassociative coalgebras and coaugmented cocommutative coalgebras in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Remark 1.** Strictly speaking, the augmentation does not come from being a module of the operad, but rather the obvious equivalence of categories  $Assoc^{\text{non-unital}}(\mathcal{C}) \simeq Assoc^{\text{aug}}(\mathcal{C})$ , given by direct sum with  $\mathbf{1}$  / taking the augmentation ideal. To simplify discussion, we'll consider associative algebras as augmented for the rest of this talk.

### 1.2.1 Four Types of Comodules

Notice that what we wrote was  $O^\circ\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C})$  and not  $O^\circ\text{-coalg}$ ; indeed the former doesn't in general specialize to what we usual call comodules of cooperads. (Observe that, if  $A$  is a coalgebra, we ought to have maps  $A \rightarrow A^{\otimes n}$  and therefore a map to the direct product.) Instead, define the following  $\ast$ -action:

$$(O, c) \mapsto \prod_n (O(n) \otimes c^{\otimes n})^{\Sigma_n}$$

and write

$$O^\circ\text{-coalg}(\mathcal{C}) := O^\circ\text{-comod}(\mathcal{C}, \ast)$$

Then this is the one that specializes to our usual notion.

In addition, define the category  $O\text{-coalg}^{\text{mil}}$  to be the one equipped with the action

$$(O, c) \mapsto \bigoplus_n (O(n) \otimes c^{\otimes n})^{\Sigma_n}$$

and  $O\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}$  the one equipped with the action

$$(O, c) \mapsto \prod_n (O(n) \otimes c^{\otimes n})_{\Sigma_n}.$$

For this talk we will not worry about the d.p. part, since we have the averaging functor

$$\text{avg} : O^\circ\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}} \rightarrow O^\circ\text{-coalg}^{\text{nil}}, \text{ avg} : O^\circ\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}} \rightarrow O^\circ\text{-coalg}$$

which is an isomorphism in characteristic 0. We also have the obvious functor

$$O^\circ\text{-coalg}^{\text{nil}} \rightarrow O^\circ\text{-coalg}$$

We compose those two to get a map

$$\text{res} : O^\circ\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}} \rightarrow O^\circ\text{-coalg}.$$

This functor commutes with colimits so admit a right adjoint, giving a pair

$$\text{res} : O^\circ\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}} \rightleftarrows O^\circ\text{-coalg} : \text{res}^R$$

**Conjecture 1** ([FG12]). *res is always fully faithful.*

For categories of a specific type, this complication (and many below) disappears; namely those that are pro-nilpotent:

**Definition 1.** *A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called pro-nilpotent if we can write it as  $\mathcal{C} = \lim_{\text{Nop}} \mathcal{C}_i$  in the category of stable symmetric monoidal  $\mathcal{X}$ -module categories, such that the following are satisfied:*

1.  $\mathcal{C}_0 \simeq 0$ ;
2.  $i \geq j \implies f_{i,j} : \mathcal{C}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_j$  commutes with limits;
3. The monoidal map  $\mathcal{C}_i \otimes \mathcal{C}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$ , when restricted to  $\ker f_{i,i-1} \otimes \mathcal{C}_i$ , is zero.

**Example 2.** *The category  $\mathcal{X}^\Sigma$  is pro-nilpotent. Namely,  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is the full subcategory of those sequences whose value on  $n \geq i$  is 0.*

**Remark 2.** *For the results in [Cos13], the base category is that of chain complexes over a complete filtered vector space, such that each graded piece is a bounded complex. By truncating on the filtration, we can see that this category is pro-nilpotent, so all “nice” results below apply.*

**Remark 3.** *One of the bootstrapping observations of [FG12] is that  $D(\text{Ran } X)$ , equipped with the chiral tensor structure, is pro-nilpotent. Namely, the strata come from considering  $\text{Ran } X^{\leq n}$ , which is given by the same construction as Ran space, but only gluing along  $\Delta : X^I \rightarrow X^J$  when  $|J| \leq n$ . Note that  $D(\text{Ran } X)$  equipped with the  $*$ -tensor structure is not pro-nilpotent.*

**Proposition 1** ([FG12]). *When  $\mathcal{C}$  is pro-nilpotent, res is an isomorphism.*

### 1.3 Modules

Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  be an  $O$ -algebra, and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a module category over  $\mathcal{C}$  in the category of  $\mathcal{X}$ -modules. Note that there is a symmetric monoidal category  $\text{Sqz}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M})$ , the “square zero extension” of  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $\mathcal{M}$ , obtained from  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M}$  by collapsing the  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  morphisms. We then define the category of  $A$ -modules in  $\mathcal{M}$ , denoted  $\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$ , to be the  $(\infty, 1)$ -categorical fiber of  $A$  under  $\pi_1 : O\text{-alg}(\text{Sqz}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M})) \rightarrow O\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})$ , which is induced by the projection  $\pi_1 : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ . The dually defined comodule category is denoted  $\text{Comod}_{A^1, \text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{M})$ .

Concretely speaking, an  $A$ -module structure amounts to an object  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and operation maps

$$O(n) \otimes A^{k-1} \otimes M \otimes A^{n-k} \rightarrow M$$

for each  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , such that all necessary conditions hold.

**Left/Right Module** For the operad  $\text{Ass}$ , the notion above recovers the notion of *bimodules* over an associative algebra  $A$ . Using colored operads it is also possible to recover the notion of left/right modules, as is detailed in [Lur]. We shall not define those concepts, but for the sake of stating results let us introduce the notation  $\text{LMod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\text{RMod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  to denote those two categories.

## 2 $E_n$ operads

For this talk we shall focus on the case of  $E_n$  operads. Namely, for each  $n \geq 1$ , there is an element  $\mathcal{E}_n \in \text{Oprd}(\text{Spc})$  that is realized by the little  $n$ -disk or the little  $n$ -cube operads. The operad in  $\text{Oprd}(\text{Vect})$  induced by the singular chain functor  $C_* : \text{Spc} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$  is then called the  $E_n$  operad in chain complexes; we will refer to it simply by  $E_n$ .

By definition we have  $E_1 \simeq \text{Ass}$ , so an  $E_1$ -algebra is nothing more than an augmented associative algebra. The other extreme is when  $n = \infty$ , for which we'll write  $E_\infty := \text{colim}_n E_n$ . It turns out  $E_\infty \simeq \text{Comm}$  (having to do with  $S^\infty$  being contractible), i.e.  $E_\infty$ -algebras are augmented commutative algebras. The other  $E_n$  cases are interpolations between those two, so can be seen as describing algebras that are ‘‘partially commutative’’. More precisely, there is a sequence of maps between operads

$$E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_\infty$$

induced from the topological counterpart

$$\mathcal{E}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_\infty$$

(where  $\mathcal{E}_\infty(n) = *$  for each  $n$ ) by the standard embedding  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

From now on,  $\text{Vect}$  will denote the homotopy category of chain complexes. When the category  $\mathcal{C}$  is not specified, by  $E_n$ -algebras we mean elements of  $E_n\text{-alg}(\text{Vect})$ .

## 3 Koszul Duality

### 3.1 Bar Construction for Associative Algebras

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a monoidal  $\mathcal{X}$ -module category with limits and colimits, then we have a standard construction of a pair of adjoint functors

$$\text{Bar} : \text{AssocAlg}^{\text{aug}}(\mathcal{A}) \rightleftarrows \text{CoassocCoalg}^{\text{coaug}}(\mathcal{A}) : \text{coBar}$$

where  $\text{Bar}$  maps  $R$  to  $\mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1}$  ( $\mathbf{1}$  is considered as both a left and a right  $R$ -module, by means of the augmentation), and  $\text{coBar}$  defined dually. The comultiplication on  $\text{Bar}(R)$  is given by the following:

$$\mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1} \simeq \mathbf{1} \otimes_R R \otimes_R \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1} \simeq \mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1} \otimes_{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1} \rightarrow (\mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1}) \otimes (\mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1})$$

The coaugmentation is given by

$$\mathbf{1} \simeq \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{1} \otimes_R \mathbf{1}$$

It is checked in e.g. [Lur, Theorem 5.2.2.17] that this indeed lands in coassociative algebras.

Now let  $\mathcal{A}$  be as above and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module category. Fix some augmented associative algebra  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . By general construction we have an adjoint pair

$$\text{Bar}_A : A\text{-mod}(\mathcal{C}) \rightleftarrows \mathcal{C} : \text{triv}_A$$

Namely we have  $\text{Bar}_A(M) = M \otimes_A \mathbf{1}$  where  $A \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$  is the augmentation; by this notation we mean the colimit of the following diagram:

$$\dots A \otimes M \rightrightarrows M$$

Similarly if  $A^\circ$  is an coaugmented coassociative coalgebra and  $\mathcal{C}^\circ$  an  $A^\circ$ -comodule, then we have an adjoint pair

$$\text{triv}_{A^\circ} : \mathcal{C}^\circ \rightleftarrows A^\circ\text{-mod}(\mathcal{C}^\circ) : \text{coBar}_{A^\circ}$$

## 3.2 Koszul Duality for Operads

When  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathcal{X}^\Sigma$  as above, these functors trivially lift to another adjoint pair

$$\text{Bar} : \text{Oprd}(\mathcal{X}) \rightleftarrows \text{coOprd}(\mathcal{X}) : \text{coBar}$$

that are compatible with the obvious forgetful functors. This pair we call the operadic Koszul duality.

**Proposition 2.** *These are mutual equivalences.*

*Proof.* Apply the algebraic Koszul duality (defined below) on  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Vect}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vect}^\Sigma$  this reduces to the computation that  $\text{Ass}^! = \text{Ass}^*[1]$ , which is done manually.  $\square$

We shall refer to  $\text{Bar}(x)$  as the *Koszul dual* of  $x$  and write it as  $x^!$ .

**Example 3.** *The fundamental example in representation theory is  $\text{Lie}^! = \text{Comm}^*[1]$ , corresponding to the relationship between an Lie algebra and its Chevalley complex.*

### 3.2.1 Koszul Dual for the $E_n$ Operads

**Proposition 3.**  $E_1^! = E_1^*[1]$ . More generally, we have  $E_n^! \simeq E_n^*[n]$ , and the map is compatible with  $E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$ .

The  $n = 1$  case is a straightforward computation. For our setting (characteristic 0) the general  $n$  case would follow from a corresponding computation in homology operad in [GJ94] plus the formality theorem for  $E_n$  proved in *loc. cit*; over  $\mathbb{Z}$  this is proven in [Fre11].

## 3.3 Koszul Duality for Algebras

Now let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the same as in section 1.2. For any Koszul pair  $(O, O^!)$ , bar construction for modules gives an adjoint pair:

$$\text{Bar}_O^{\text{naive}} : O\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}) \rightleftarrows O^!\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C}) : \text{coBar}_{O^!}^{\text{naive}}$$

Again compatible with the forgetful functors. Now combine with the restriction adjoint pair to get

$$\text{Bar}_O = \text{res} \circ \text{Bar}_O^{\text{naive}} : O\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}) \rightleftarrows O^!\text{-coalg}(\mathcal{C}) : \text{coBar}_{O^!}^{\text{naive}} \circ \text{res}^R = \text{cobar}_{O^!}$$

This is what we call the algebraic Koszul duality, and we'll write  $A^!$  for  $\text{Bar}_O(A)$  as well. We shall say  $A$  is *Koszul* if  $A \rightarrow (A^!)^!$  is an isomorphism. Recall that when  $\mathcal{C}$  is pro-nilpotent, the two functors agree.

**Proposition 4** ([FG12, Prop 4.1.2]). *When  $\mathcal{C}$  is pro-nilpotent, both functors are equivalences.*

**The Two Bar Constructions Agree** In the case  $O = \text{Ass}$ , the Koszul duality above gives a pair of adjunction

$$[1] \circ \text{Bar}_{\text{Ass}} : \text{Assoc}^{\text{aug}}(\mathcal{C}) \rightleftarrows \text{Coassoc}^{\text{coaug}}(\mathcal{C}) : \text{coBar}_{\text{Ass}^*[1]} \circ [-1]$$

This agrees with the bar construction given at the beginning of section 3.

**Example 4.** *Taking Koszul dual along  $\text{Ass}^! = \text{Ass}^*[1]$  gives Hochschild complex; along  $\text{Lie}^! = \text{Comm}^*[1]$  gives Chevalley complex; and along  $\text{Comm}^! = \text{Lie}^*[1]$  gives Harrison complex.*

### 3.3.1 Building an Equivalence

Unlike the operadic case, in general we have no reason to expect algebraic Koszul duality to be an equivalence.

**Example 5.** *In the case of  $\text{Lie}^! = \text{Comm}^*[1]$ , the Bar functor sends a Lie algebra to its Chevalley complex, and this functor is clearly not fully faithful: take say  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ , then its Chevalley complex is concentrated on degree  $(-3)$ , but the trivial Lie algebra  $k[3]$  would have the same Chevalley complex.*

Nevertheless, [FG12] proposes a conjecture about how to make this an equivalence. We say an  $O$ -algebra  $A$  is nilpotent if there exists an  $N$  such that  $n > N$  implies  $O(n) \otimes A^n \rightarrow A$  is zero (nulhomotopic), and we define  $O\text{-alg}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C})$  to be the subcategory spanned by objects that are limits of nilpotent algebras (we call such objects *pro-nilpotent*).

Observe that the  $\text{coBar}$  functor lands in this subcategory: write  $O^! = \text{colim}_k O^{!, \leq k}$ , where  $O^{!, \leq k}$  is obtained by erasing  $O^!(s)$  terms for all  $s > k$ . For  $B \in O^!\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $A = \text{coBar}_{O^!}(B)$ , define  $A^{\leq k} := \text{coBar}_{O^{!, \leq k}}(B)$ , then one can check that  $A = \lim_{O\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})} (A^{\leq k})$  and  $O(s)$  acts on  $A^{\leq k}$  by zero for  $s > k$ . So by adjunction, the functor  $\text{Bar}_O^{\text{naive}}$  factors as  $\overline{\text{Bar}_O^{\text{naive}}} \circ \text{compl}_O$ , where the completion functor  $\text{compl}_O$  is the left adjoint to the limit-preserving embedding  $O\text{-alg}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow O\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\overline{\text{Bar}_O^{\text{naive}}} : O\text{-alg}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow O^!\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Conjecture 2** ([FG12]).

$$\overline{\text{Bar}_O^{\text{naive}}} : O\text{-alg}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C}) \rightleftarrows O^!\text{-coalg}_{\text{d.p.}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathcal{C}) : \text{coBar}_{O^!}$$

is an equivalence of categories.

**Remark 4.** 0-connected case for modules over a commutative ring spectrum is proven in [CH15].

This can be understood as a generalization of the classical results in [BGS96] of the auto-equivalence of left finite Koszul algebras.

### 3.3.2 Koszul Duality for $E_1$ Algebras

Let us look at  $E_1$ -algebras, i.e. the case of associative algebras in  $\text{Vect}$ .

**Theorem 3.1** ([Lur11, Corollary 3.1.15]). *Let  $A$  be an  $E_1$ -algebra. If  $A$  is coconnective and locally finite, then  $A$  is Koszul.*

Note that coconnective means  $\pi_0(A) = k$ ,  $\pi_i(A) = 0$  for  $i > 0$ , and locally finite means  $\dim \pi_i(A) < \infty$  for each  $i$ . In the classical setting this simply means our  $A$  is Artinian; in the dg setting, it means that our algebra is connective and has finite dimensional cohomologies.

**Sample Computation** Let's do a concrete example with chain complexes. Consider  $k[x]$  for  $x$  in degree  $-1$ , so it is the complex  $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$  concentrated in degree 0 and  $-1$ . Let's compute what the (associative) Koszul dual  $k \otimes_{k[x]}^L k$  is. The complex  $k$  (concentrated on degree 0) admits the following resolution

$$\dots \rightarrow k[x][2] \rightarrow k[x][1] \rightarrow k[x] \rightarrow k$$

where the maps between complexes are given by

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & k & \longrightarrow & k & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow^{id} & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & \longrightarrow & k & \longrightarrow & k \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Thus we can compute the derived tensor product as

$$\text{Tot}(\dots \rightarrow k[2] \rightarrow k[1] \rightarrow k)$$

which is given by

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow k$$

i.e.  $k[y]$  for  $y$  placed in degree  $-2$ . Now we compute  $\text{coBar}(k[y]) = \text{Hom}_{k[y]\text{-comod}}(k, k) = \text{Hom}_{k[y^*]\text{-mod}}(k, k)$  where  $y^*$  is on degree 2. We use the following resolution:

$$0 \rightarrow k[y^*][-2] \rightarrow k[y^*] \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$$

So the derived hom is given by

$$\mathrm{Tot}(k \rightarrow k[2] \rightarrow 0)$$

which is  $k[x]$  again. More generally, if we place a vector space  $V$  on degree -1, then the trivial  $\mathrm{Sym}(V[1])$ -module admits the following resolution:

$$\dots \bigwedge^2 (V[1]) \otimes \mathrm{Sym}(V[1]) \rightarrow V[1] \otimes \mathrm{Sym}(V[1]) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}(V[1]) \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$$

From which we can derive that  $\mathrm{Sym}(V[1])^! = \mathrm{Sym}(V[2])$ , considered as a coalgebra.

**The Case of Lie Algebras** The computation above is the abelian case of the general computation for Lie algebras. Namely, given a (dg) Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the Bar construction computes its Chevalley complex, which could be obtained from the following resolution of the trivial module:

$$\dots \bigwedge^2 (\mathfrak{g}) \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$$

Let us briefly explain the case of Lie algebra Koszul duality. Because there is an operad morphism  $\mathrm{Lie} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ass}$ , we have a natural morphism  $\mathrm{res} : \mathrm{Ass}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Lie}(\mathcal{C})$ , which admits a left adjoint  $U : \mathrm{Lie}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ass}(\mathcal{C})$ , and we have

$$[1] \circ \mathrm{Bar}_{\mathrm{Ass}} \circ U \simeq \mathrm{oblv}^{\mathrm{Cocomm} \rightarrow \mathrm{Coass}} \circ [1] \circ \mathrm{Bar}_{\mathrm{Lie}}$$

as functors  $\mathrm{Lie}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Coassoc}(\mathcal{C})$ . This is a lossy functor, however: whereas  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  is a cocommutative Hopf algebra, now we only have a coassociative coalgebra.

To make this precise, define  $\mathrm{CocommBialg}(\mathcal{C}) := E_1\text{-alg}(\mathrm{Cocomm}\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})) \simeq \mathrm{Cocomm}\text{-alg}(E_1\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}))$ —note that this equivalence is not automatic and is checked in [GR, IV.2], and further define  $\mathrm{CocommHopf}(\mathcal{C}) := \mathrm{Grp}(\mathrm{Cocomm}\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}))$ . To upgrade to an equivalence of cocommutative Hopf algebras one has to loop our Lie algebra; namely we can upgrade  $U$  to  $U^{\mathrm{Hopf}} : \mathrm{Lie}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{CocommHopf}(\mathcal{C})$ , and we have

$$[1] \circ \mathrm{Grp}(\mathrm{Bar}_{\mathrm{Lie}}) \circ \Omega_{\mathrm{Lie}} \simeq U^{\mathrm{Hopf}}$$

as functors  $\mathrm{Lie}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{CocommHopf}(\mathcal{C})$ . (One might be worried that the Lie structure becomes trivial after the looping, but the Lie bracket can be recovered from the homotopy data.) The same story holds for  $E_n$ -algebras in place of  $E_1$ , the only difference being that we have to loop  $n$  times instead.

### 3.4 Koszul Duality for Modules

Now let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the same as in section 1.3. By taking left adjoint to the trivial module functor  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathrm{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  we obtain another Bar functor, and similarly a cobar functor. By same reasoning as in the algebra case, this pair factors through another pair:

$$\overline{\mathrm{Bar}}_A : \mathrm{Mod}_A^{\mathrm{nil}}(\mathcal{M}) \rightleftarrows \mathrm{Comod}_{A^!, \mathrm{d.p.}}^{\mathrm{nil}}(\mathcal{M}) : \mathrm{coBar}_{A^!}$$

which we call the *modular Koszul duality*. (Warning: this is slightly different from the one in [FG12, Section 7], where they used what we write as  $\mathrm{Bar}_O^{\mathrm{naive}}$ . When  $\mathcal{C}$  is pro-nilpotent, however, those two notions will agree.) Even if  $A$  is Koszul, there is no guarantee that its modular Koszul duality is an equivalence. However,

**Proposition 5.** *When  $\mathcal{M}$  is pro-unipotent, these are equivalences.*

For the case of one-sided modules we have the following result:

**Theorem 3.2** ([Lur11, 3.5.2]). *For  $A$  a small  $E_1$ -algebra (defined in [Lur11, 1.1.11]), there is an equivalence between the category of ind-coherent left/right modules (ind-object over small modules, i.e. those whose homotopy groups are finite dimensional) over  $A$  and that of left/right comodules over  $A^!$ .*

## 4 More on $E_n$ Operads

The following, known as *Dunn Additivity*, is the key fact that makes things work:

**Theorem 4.1** ([Dun88], [Lur, 5.1.2.2]). *For any  $n, m$ , we have  $E_{n+m}\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}) = E_n\text{-alg}(E_m\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}))$ .*

We will not try to prove this theorem, but let us mention that this has a generalization to factorization algebras. Namely it would follow from Lurie's result (locally constant factorization algebras on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are the same as  $E_n$  algebras) and the following statement:

**Theorem 4.2** ([Roz]). *For any manifolds  $M, N$ , the factorization algebras on  $M$  valued in factorization algebras on  $N$  are the same as factorization algebras on  $M \times N$ .*

In terms of left-right modules,  $E_k$  algebra also behave well (everything below would also hold for RMod):

**Corollary 1** ([Lur, 4.8.5.20]). *For  $A$  an  $E_n$ -algebra and  $\mathcal{M}$  as in section 1.3,  $L\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  (where  $A$  is viewed as an  $E_1$ -algebra) are  $E_{n-1}$ -categories.*

In fact something stronger is true:

**Corollary 2.** *If  $\mathcal{M}$  is such that for every  $A \in E_n\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})$ , there exists  $M_A \in L\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $A \simeq \text{End}_A(M_A)$ , then the functor  $L\text{Mod}_\bullet(\mathcal{M})$  is a fully faithful functor from  $E_n\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})$  to  $E_{n-1}\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}\text{-ModCat})$ .*

In particular this is satisfied by  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$  by taking  $M_A = A$ . In other words, specifying an  $E_n$ -algebra structure on  $A$  is equivalent to specifying an  $E_1$ -structure on  $A$  and an  $E_{n-1}$  structure on the representation category  $L\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{C}}(A)$ .

**Example 6.** *If  $A$  is an  $E_3$  algebra, i.e. quasi-triangular Hopf algebra, then its module category is a braided monoidal ( $E_2$ ) category.*

Now if we have a  $E_1$ -algebra  $A$ , its left module category would have no monoidal structure; however, its bimodule category would again have an  $E_1$  structure. The general statement is the following:

**Theorem 4.3** ([Lur, 3.4.4.6]). *For  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$  and  $A \in E_n\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})$ , we have  $\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{C}) \in E_n\text{-alg}(A\text{-ModCat})$ .*

**Remark 5.** *The theorem is true more generally for  $O$  a coherent operad, as defined in [Lur, 3.3.1]. Also it should be straightforward to separate the exact condition on  $\mathcal{M}$  for this to hold.*

### 4.1 (Co)Hochschild (Co)homology

Notice that when we take  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$ , we have in particular  $A \in \text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{C})$ , so it makes sense to discuss

$$HH^*(A) := \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{C})}(A, A)$$

and

$$HH_*(A) := A \otimes_{\text{Mod}_A(\mathcal{C})} A.$$

We shall refer to them as the Hochschild cohomology/homology of  $A$  respectively. Dually we can define  $\text{CHH}^*(A)$  and  $\text{CHH}_*(A)$ , the coHochschild cohomology/homology of a coalgebra. The following statement is usually referred to as (higher) *Deligne Conjecture*:

**Proposition 6** ([Lur09, 2.5.13], [KS00], [Tam03]). *Hochschild cohomology of an  $E_n$ -algebra is an  $E_{n+1}$ -algebra.*

**Example 7.** *For  $\mathcal{C}$  a monoidal category, its Hochschild cohomology would be  $E_2$ ; this is the Drinfeld center.*



## 5 Koszul Duality for $E_2$ Algebras and Modules

Define  $\text{Bialg}(\mathcal{C})$ , the category of bialgebras in  $\mathcal{C}$ , to be

$$E_1\text{-alg}(E_1^*\text{-coalg}(\mathcal{C})) \simeq (E_1^*\text{-coalg}(E_1\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})))$$

(That these two definitions are equivalent is again not obvious.) Let  $\text{Hopf}(\mathcal{C})$  denote the full subcategory of Hopf algebra objects.

**Remark 6.** *Let us admit that we do not yet have a workable  $\infty$ -definition for  $\text{Hopf}(\mathcal{C})$ , so the following can only be understood at the dg level. (In an earlier version of this note an incorrect definition was given.)*

Using additivity, we can write  $E_2\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C})$  as  $E_1\text{-alg}(E_1\text{-alg}(\mathcal{C}))$ ; applying Koszul duality on the inner level, we end up producing an element of  $\text{Bialg}(\mathcal{C})$ . This observation (that the  $E_1$  Koszul dual of an  $E_2$ -algebra is a bialgebra) was due to Tamarkin.

We give two proofs for the case  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vect}$ .

*Proof by Tannakian Formalism.* For any  $E_2$ -algebra  $A$ , recall that  $A\text{-mod}(\text{Vect})$  is an  $E_1$ -algebra in  $\text{DGCat}$ , i.e. a monoidal DG category. Now apply modular Koszul to  $A\text{-mod}$ ; in nice cases, this gives us  $A^1\text{-comod}$  for  $A^1 \in E_1^*[1]\text{-coalg}$ , and by our remark above, the  $E_1$  (monoidal) structure on  $A\text{-mod}$  gives a monoidal structure on  $A^1\text{-comod}$ . Furthermore, by definition, shift by 1 gives an isomorphism  $A^1\text{-comod} \simeq (A^1[1])\text{-comod}$ , equipped with an  $E_1$  structure. Since it also comes with a monoidal forgetful map to the underlying  $\text{Vect}$ , by general Tannakian formalism we can reconstruct the bialgebra  $A^1[1]$ .  $\square$

*Original Proof by Tamarkin.* For any given operad  $O \in \text{Oprd}(\text{Vect})$ , the homology of  $O$  (with trivial differential) is again an operad, which we call the *homology operad* of  $O$  and denote by  $HO$ . The key fact is the following, which is usually referred to as *Kontsevich formality*:

**Theorem 5.1** ([Tam03], [Kon97]).  $E_n \simeq HE_n$ .

The operad  $HE_n$  is  $P_n$ , the operad of Poisson  $n$ -algebras, that is, Poisson algebras whose brackets has degree  $(1 - n)$ . Next, there is a combinatorially defined operad  $B_\infty$ , that of the brace algebras.

**Proposition 7** ([KS00]).  $B_\infty \simeq HB_\infty \simeq P_2$ .

This means that any  $E_2$ -algebra is automatically equipped with a  $B_\infty$ -algebra structure. Finally, an explicit check (e.g. [Foi17]) shows that Bar construction maps  $B_\infty$ -algebras to Hopf algebras.  $\square$

Let us mention in the passing that ideas here also give another proof of the Etingof-Kazhdan quantization theorem, as noted by [Tam07]. Namely, if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie bialgebra, then  $\text{Sym}(\mathfrak{g}[-1])$  has, by definition, the structure of an  $P_2$ -algebra; then the procedure here would yield a (dg) Hopf algebra. One then checks that the resulting Hopf algebra is concentrated on degree 0, and the degree 0 piece is a bona fide Hopf algebra, which we denote by  $Q(\mathfrak{g})$ . Then the Etingof-Kazhdan quantization  $U_\hbar(\mathfrak{g})$ , as a Hopf algebra (see below), is given as  $\varprojlim_n \mathfrak{g} \otimes k[t]/t^n$ .<sup>1</sup>

**Remark 7.** *The equivalence  $B_\infty \simeq P_2$  implicitly involves the choice of an associator.*

**Remark 8.** *Under additional conditions, this procedure can in fact produce a Hopf algebra (i.e. we get the antipode map). For instance, Tannakian formalism recovers the Hopf algebra structure if the module category turns out to be rigid; likewise, if the Lie bialgebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is conilpotent (i.e.  $x \mapsto \delta(x) - (1 \otimes x + x \otimes 1)$  is a nilpotent operator), then the resulting bialgebra is also conilpotent, thus equipped with an antipode structure. In particular, this is satisfied by  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes k[t]/t^n$  mentioned above.*

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<sup>1</sup> $\mathfrak{g} \otimes k[t]/t^n$  is the Lie bialgebra over  $k[t]/t^n$ , equipped with the same Lie bracket and the cobracket  $\delta(x \otimes a) = ta\delta(x)$ ,  $\delta(x)$  being the Lie cobracket on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

## 6 The General Case for $E_n$

Finally we list some facts about general  $E_n$  algebras and modules.

**Proposition 8.** *Under the identification  $E_n\text{-alg} \simeq E_1\text{-alg}(E_1\text{-alg}(\dots))$ , applying the  $E_n$  Koszul duality is the same thing as applying the  $E_1$  Koszul duality on each of the  $E_1$ -structures.*

**Proposition 9** ([Lur11, 4.4.5]). *Let  $A$  be an  $E_n$ -algebra that is  $n$ -coconnective (meaning  $\pi_i = 0$  for  $i \geq n$ ) and locally finite. Then  $A$  is Koszul.*

**Proposition 10** ([AF14]).  *$HH_*(A) \simeq CHH_*(A^!)$  for  $A \in E_n\text{-alg}$  that is  $(-n)$ -coconnective.*

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