The Hochschild homology and cohomology of $A(1)$

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ABSTRACT
We compute the Hochschild homology and cohomology of $A(1)$, the subalgebra of the 2-primary Steenrod algebra generated by the first two Steenrod squares, $Sq^1$, $Sq^2$. The computation is accomplished using several May-type spectral sequences.

1. Introduction.

The 2-primary Steenrod algebra $A$, that is, the algebra of stable natural endomorphisms of the mod 2 cohomology functor on topological spaces, has generators $Sq^1$, $Sq^2$, $Sq^3$, ..., the Steenrod squares. The subalgebra of $A$ generated by the first two Steenrod squares, $Sq^1$ and $Sq^2$, is called $A(1)$. The $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra $A(1)$ is an eight-dimensional, graded, noncommutative, co-commutative Hopf algebra. The homological algebra of $A(1)$-modules effectively determines, via the Adams spectral sequence, the 2-complete homotopy theory of spaces and spectra smashed with the connective real $K$-theory spectrum $ko$. These ideas are all classical; an excellent reference for the Steenrod algebra is Steenrod’s book [21], and an excellent reference for $A(1)$-modules and the Adams spectral sequence is the third chapter of Ravenel’s book [19].

The algebra $A(1)$ is well-used by homotopy theorists, but since the audience for this paper may include algebraists who have never worked with $A(1)$, we give a description of its structure. A minimal set of generators for $A(1)$, as a graded $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra, is $\{Sq^1, Sq^2\}$, with the former in degree 1 and the latter in degree 2. A minimal set of relations between these generators is $Sq^1 Sq^1 = 0$ and $Sq^2 Sq^2 = Sq^1 Sq^2 Sq^1$. The coproduct on $A(1)$ is determined by the fact that $Sq^1$ is primitive and $\Delta(Sq^2) = Sq^2 \otimes 1 + Sq^1 \otimes Sq^1 + 1 \otimes Sq^2$. The augmentation map $\epsilon : A(1) \to \mathbb{F}_2$ is determined by the grading degrees and the fact that $A(1)$ is a graded Hopf algebra, i.e., $\epsilon(Sq^1) = 0 = \epsilon(Sq^2)$.

Among homotopy theorists, the algebra $A(1)$ is a venerable and standard “test case” for any new construction which is applicable to a noncommutative ring. Computing $HH_*(A(1), A(1))$, however, is a nontrivial task, and it seems that before this paper, this computation has never been successfully done. Bökstedt, in his extremely influential unpublished paper on topological Hochschild homology, computes the Hochschild homology of $\pi_*(HF_pHF_p)$, i.e., the Hochschild homology of the linear dual of the entire Steenrod algebra, but this is very straightforward, since the dual of the Steenrod algebra is polynomial at $p = 2$ and polynomial tensored with exterior at $p > 2$. For the same reason, it is also easy to compute the Hochschild homology of the linear dual of $A(1)$. But the linear dual of $A(1)$ is a completely different ring than $A(1)$, so this sheds no light on the Hochschild homology of $A(1)$ itself! The reader who might
hope that the Hochschild homology of a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra \( R \) might be linearly dual to the Hochschild homology of the dual Hopf algebra can consider the counterexample \( R = k[x]/x^4 \) with \( k \) a field of characteristic two and \( x \) primitive.

In this paper we compute \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \) by using two different filtrations on \( A(1) \) and studying the spectral sequences in Hochschild homology arising from these filtrations. These spectral sequences are the analogues in Hochschild homology of J. P. May's spectral sequence [15] for computing \( \text{Ext} \) over the Steenrod algebra, so we think of these as "May-type" spectral sequences.

Computing \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \) takes some work, since \( A(1) \) is noncommutative, so \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \) does not have a natural product structure. As a consequence, the May-type spectral sequence converging to \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \) that one would construct in the most naïve way is not multiplicative, i.e., it does not have a product satisfying a Leibniz rule. This makes the computation of differentials in that spectral sequence basically intractable. Instead, we take the linear dual of the standard Hochschild chain complex on \( A(1) \), and we use the co-commutative coproduct on \( A(1) \) to give the cohomology of this linear dual cochain complex a product structure arising from the coproduct on \( A(1) \) and the linear dual of the Alexander-Whitney map. As a consequence, while the product on the \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-algebra \( A(1) \) is used to define the Hochschild homology \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \) as a \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-vector space, it is the coproduct on \( A(1) \) which gives us the useful ring structure on \( HH_*(A(1), A(1))^* \). This is in contrast to the more familiar situation of a commutative \( k \)-algebra \( R \): it is the product on \( R \) which is used both to define the \( k \)-vector space \( HH_*(R, R) \) and to equip it with a product.

In Proposition 4.3 we set up multiplicative spectral sequences computing the cohomology of the linear dual cochain complex of the standard Hochschild chain complex of \( A(1) \). By an easy universal coefficient theorem argument (Proposition 2.5), this cohomology is the \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-linear dual of the desired Hochschild homology \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \).

We then compute the differentials in these spectral sequences. In the end there are nonzero \( d_1 \) and \( d_2 \) differentials, and no nonzero differentials on any later terms of the spectral sequences. In 4.8 and 4.9 we present charts of the \( E_2 \) and \( E_3 \cong E_\infty \)-pages of the relevant spectral sequences. Our charts are drawn using the usual Adams spectral sequence conventions, described below. This is the best format if, for example, one wants to use this Hochschild homology as the input for an Adams spectral sequence, and it also makes it easier to see the natural map from this Hochschild homology to the classical Adams spectral sequence computing \( \pi_*(ko)^\wedge_2 \), the 2-complete homotopy groups of the connective real \( K \)-theory spectrum \( ko \), in Proposition 4.4 and in the charts 4.9 and 4.10.

In particular, the chart 4.9 is a chart of the (\( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-linear dual of the) Hochschild homology of \( A(1) \), and gives our most detailed description of \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \). We reproduce that chart here:

The vertical axis is homological degree, so the row \( s \) rows above the bottom of the chart is the associated graded \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-vector space of a filtration on \( HH_*(A(1), A(1)) \). The horizontal axis is, following
the tradition in homotopy theory, the Adams degree, i.e., the topological degree \( u \) (coming from the topological grading on \( A(1) \)) minus the homological degree \( s \). The horizontal lines in the chart describe comultiplications by certain elements in the linear dual Hopf algebra \( \text{hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(A(1), \mathbb{F}_2) \) of \( A(1) \), and the nonhorizontal lines describe certain operations in the linear dual of \( HH_s(A(1), A(1)) \), described in Convention 4.6. The entire pattern described by this chart is repeated every four vertical degrees and every eight horizontal degrees: there is a periodicity class (not pictured) in bidegree \( (s = 4, u - s = 8) \).

Information about the \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-vector space dimension of \( HH_s(A(1), A(1)) \) in each grading degree is provided by Theorem 4.10, which we reproduce below. We do not describe any ring structure on \( HH_s(A(1), A(1)) \) because \( A(1) \) is noncommutative and so there is no natural ring structure on its Hochschild homology.

**Theorem.** The \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-vector space dimension of \( HH_n(A(1), A(1)) \) is:

\[
\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} HH_n(A(1), A(1)) = \begin{cases} 
2n + 5 & \text{if } 2 \mid n \\
2n + 6 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \mod 4 \\
2n + 4 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \mod 4.
\end{cases}
\]

Hence the Poincaré series of the graded \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-vector space \( HH_s(A(1), A(1)) \) is

\[
\frac{5 + 8s + 9s^2 + 10s^3 + \frac{8s^4}{1 - s^4}}{1 - s^4}.
\]

If we additionally keep track of the extra grading on \( HH_s(A(1), A(1)) \) coming from the topological grading on \( A(1) \), then the Poincaré series of the bigraded \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-vector space \( HH_{s,u}(A(1), A(1)) \) is

\[
(1 + u)(1 + u^2 + su(1 + u^2 + u^5) + s^2u^2(1 + 2u^5 + u^7))
\]

\[
+ s^3u^3(1 + u^4 + u^5 + u^6 + u^9) + \frac{s^4u^4(1 + u^4 + u^5 + u^9)}{1 - su}
\]

\[
+ u^6 + su^2 + su^8 + s^2u^4 \left( \frac{1}{1 - s^4u^2} \right)
\]

where \( s \) is the homological degree and \( u \) is the topological degree.

Our computation of \( HH_s(A(1), A(1)) \) can be used as the input for other spectral sequences in order to make further computations. For example, one could use it as input for the Connes spectral sequence, as in 9.8.6 of [24], computing the cyclic homology \( HC_s(A(1)) \), or as input for the Pirashvili–Waldhausen spectral sequence, as in [18], computing the topological Hochschild homology \( THH_s(A(1)) \). Those \( THH \)-groups are the input one would use to run the necessary homotopy fixed-point spectral sequences to compute the topological cyclic homology \( TC_s(A(1)) \), which, using McCarthy's theorem (see [9]), gives the 2-complete algebraic \( K \)-groups \( K_s(A(1)) \). See [13] for a survey of trace method computations of this kind. Those computations are entirely outside the scope of the present paper.

We prefer to give much simpler applications: in Section 5, we use our Hochschild homology calculations together with a well-known duality argument to calculate the Hochschild cohomology groups \( HH^*(A(1), A(1)) \). Using the relationship between graded deformations of algebras and graded Hochschild cohomology from [3], we give some deformation-theoretic consequences in Corollary 5.2: for example, we find that there are precisely four isomorphism classes of first-order graded deformations of the \( \mathbb{F}_2 \)-algebra \( A(1) \).

We remark that the methods used in this paper also admit basically obvious extensions to methods for computing \( HH_n(A(n), A(n)) \) for arbitrary \( n \), but one sees that for \( n > 1 \), carrying out such computations would be a daunting task. Our HH-May spectral sequence of Proposition 4.3 surjects on to the classical May spectral sequence computing \( \text{Ext}^*_{A(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \), and for the same reasons, the \( n > 1 \) analogue of our HH-May spectral sequence maps naturally to the classical May spectral sequence computing
Ext^*_{A(n)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2). We suspect that this map is still surjective for n > 1, although we have made no attempt to verify this. Consequently the computation of \( HH^*_s(A(n), A(n)) \) using our methods is of at least the same level of difficulty as the computation of\( \text{Ext}^*_{A(n)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \). For n = 2 this is already quite nontrivial.

There have been many cases of spectral sequence calculations of Hochschild (co)homology. We single out one particularly interesting precedent for this paper: in [4], J.-L. Brylinski constructs a spectral sequence related to the present paper's abelianizing spectral sequence. Brylinski's spectral sequence computes the Hochschild homology of a noncommutative algebra over a field of characteristic zero, for the purposes of studying Poisson manifolds, and remarks that "[e]xamples show that this spectral sequence tends to degenerate at \( E^2 \)," in particular, that Brylinski's spectral sequence collapses at the \( E^2 \)-term for the algebra of differential operators on an algebraic or complex-analytic manifold. In the present paper's computation of \( HH^*_s(A(1), A(1)) \) we instead get collapse one term later, at \( E_3 \) rather than \( E_2 \).

**Remark 1.1.** Given a field \( k \) and a graded \( k \)-algebra \( A \), there are two notions of the Hochschild homology \( HH^*_s(A, A) \) which are in common circulation:

- one can forget the grading, and simply consider the Hochschild homology of the underlying ungraded \( k \)-algebra of \( A \). This is the right thing to do in many applications of Hochschild homology in classical algebra; for example, if one wants to use trace methods to compute the algebraic \( K \)-groups of (the underlying ungraded algebra of) \( A \). The computations in [10] are an excellent example of this.
- Alternatively, one can instead compute the "graded algebra Hochschild homology," which incorporates a sign convention into the cyclic bar complex. This is the right thing to do in many applications of Hochschild homology in algebraic topology; for example, if one wants to use Bökstedt's spectral sequence to compute topological Hochschild homology of a ring spectrum. The computations in [16] are an excellent example of this.

Since \( A(1) \) has characteristic 2, sign conventions are irrelevant, and both notions of Hochschild homology coincide. This makes the computations in this paper equally applicable in classical algebra as in algebraic topology. Any future odd-primary analogues of these computations, however, would require that one carry out "ungraded" \( HH^*_s \) computations separately from the "graded" \( HH^*_s \) computations.

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## 2. Construction of May-type spectral sequences for Hochschild homology

The spectral sequence of Proposition 2.1 is classical, but in what follows, we will rely on specific structure and properties of this spectral sequence. We prefer to give a self-contained treatment of the spectral sequence here, to fix our conventions about indexing in the spectral sequence, and also so that the reader can easily see that our claims about the structure and properties of the spectral sequence are indeed true. In the statement of Theorem 2.1, the bigrading subscripts \( HH_{s,t} \) are as follows: \( s \) is the usual homological degree, while \( t \) is the filtration degree, defined and computed as follows: given a homology class \( x \in HH_s(E^0A, E^0A) \), its filtration degree is the total degree (in the grading on \( E^0A \)) of any homogeneous cycle representative for \( x \) in the standard Hochschild chain complex.

**Proposition 2.1.** (May spectral sequence for Hochschild homology.) Let \( k \) be a field, \( A \) an algebra, and

\[
A = F^0A \supseteq F^1A \supseteq F^2A \supseteq \cdots
\]  

(2.1)
a filtration of \( A \) which is multiplicative, that is, if \( x \in F^mA \) and \( y \in F^nA \), then \( xy \in F^{m+n}A \). Then there exists a spectral sequence

\[
E_1^{s,t} \cong HH_{s,t}(E^0A, E^0A) \Rightarrow HH_s(A, A)
\]

\[
d_r^{s,t} : E_r^{s,t} \to E_r^{s-1,t+r}.
\]

This spectral sequence enjoys the following properties:

- If the filtration (2.1) is finite, then the spectral sequence converges strongly.
If $A$ is also a graded $k$-algebra and the filtration layers $F^n A$ are graded sub-$k$-modules of $A$, then the differential in the spectral sequence preserves the grading.

If $A$ is commutative, then so is $E_0 A$, and the spectral sequence is one of algebras\(^1\). Furthermore, the product in the spectral sequence converges to the product induced on the associated graded by the usual shuffle product on $HH_* (A, A)$.

**Proof.** Let $CC_\bullet (A, A)$ denote the standard Hochschild chain complex of $A$, and let $F^n CC_\bullet (A, A)$ denote the sub-chain-complex of $CC_\bullet (A, A)$ consisting of all chains of total filtration degree $\leq n$. Our May spectral sequence is now simply the spectral sequence of the filtered chain complex

$$CC_\bullet (A, A) = F^0 CC_\bullet (A, A) \supseteq F^1 CC_\bullet (A, A) \supseteq F^2 CC_\bullet (A, A) \supseteq \cdots$$

(2.2)

If $A$ is commutative, then filtration (2.1) being multiplicative implies that filtration (2.2) is a multiplicative filtration of the differential graded algebra $CC_\bullet (A, A)$, with product given by the shuffle product. See [24] for a textbook treatment of the shuffle product. It is standard (e.g. see [14]) that the spectral sequence of a multiplicatively-filtered DGA is multiplicative.

The product on the spectral sequence being given by the shuffle product is due to the naturality of the construction of $CC_\bullet (A, A)$ in the choice of $k$-algebra $A$: if $A$ is commutative, then the multiplication map $A \otimes_k A \to A$ is a morphism of $k$-algebras, hence we get a map of chain complexes

$$CC_\bullet (A \otimes_k A, A \otimes_k A) \to CC_\bullet (A, A),$$

which we compose with the Eilenberg-Zilber (i.e., "shuffle") isomorphism

$$CC_\bullet (A, A) \otimes_k CC_\bullet (A, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} CC_\bullet (A \otimes_k A, A \otimes_k A).$$

**Remark 2.2.** The differential in the spectral sequence of **Proposition 2.1** is (like any other spectral sequence of a filtered chain complex) computed on a class $x \in HH_{n+k} (E_0 A, E_0 A)$ by computing a homogeneous cycle representative $y$ in the standard Hochschild chain complex for $E_0 A$, lifting $y$ to a homogeneous chain $\tilde{y}$ in the standard Hochschild chain complex for $A$, applying the Hochschild differential $d$ to $\tilde{y}$, then taking the image of $d\tilde{y}$ in the standard Hochschild chain complex for $E_0 A$.

The following construction is classical: as far as the author knows, it was first introduced in [6] (see also section 3.1 of [8]):

**Definition 2.3.** Let $k$ be a field and $C$ a coalgebra over $k$ with comultiplication map $\Delta : C \to C \otimes_k C$. By the Cartier cobar construction on $C$ we mean the cosimplicial $k$-vector space

$$C \xrightarrow{\delta_0} C \otimes_k C \xrightarrow{\delta_1} C \otimes_k C \otimes_k C \xrightarrow{\delta_2} \cdots$$

with coface maps $\delta_0, \delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n : C \otimes_k C \to C \otimes_k C \otimes_k C \otimes_k \cdots$ given by

$$\delta^i (a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1}) = \begin{cases} a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_i \otimes \Delta(a_{i+1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1} & \text{if } i < n, \\ \tau (\Delta(a_0) \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1}) & \text{if } i = n, \end{cases}$$

where $\tau$ is the cyclic permutation toward the left, i.e.,

$$\tau (a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) = a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n \otimes a_0.$$

The codegeneracy maps are constructed from the counit (augmentation) map on $C$ in the usual way.

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\(^1\)That is, the differentials in the spectral sequence obey the graded Leibniz rule. The ring structures on the input $HH_*(E_0 A, E_0 A)$ and abutment $HH_*(A, A)$ are given by the usual shuffle product on the Hochschild homology of a commutative ring.
By the Cartier cochain complex of $C$, denoted $\text{Cart}C^\bullet(C,C)$, we mean the alternating sum cochain complex of the Cartier cobar construction on $C$. We will write $\text{Cart}H^\bullet(C,C)$ for its cohomology, which we call Cartier cohomology.

**Remark 2.4.** Clearly, if $A$ is a finite-dimensional co-commutative Hopf algebra over a field $k$, and if $C$ is the $k$-linear dual of $A$, then the Cartier cochain complex on $C$ is isomorphic to the $k$-linear dual of the Hochschild chain complex on $A$, and the Cartier cochain complex then inherits a product from the cobar product on the Hochschild chain complex of $A$.

It is worthwhile to be very explicit about the coproduct on the Hochschild chain complex of a co-commutative Hopf algebra, since this point is not as well documented in the literature as it could be (although it does appear in some places, for example, in [1]). A Hochschild $n$-chain is an element of $A \otimes kA \otimes \cdots \otimes kA$, with $n + 1$ tensor factors of $A$; because the tensor factor on the far left plays a special role, we will adopt the common notation $a_0 [a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n]$ instead of $a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n$ for a (term in a) Hochschild $n$-chain.

Then the coproduct on the Hochschild chain complex is given by

$$\Delta (a_0 [a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n]) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=0}^{n} a'_{0,i} [a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_j] \otimes a''_{0,i} [a_{j+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n]$$

where $\ell$ and $\{a'_{0,i}, a''_{0,i}\}_{i=1, \ldots, \ell}$ are given by the determined by the coproduct in $A$ and the formula

$$\Delta (a_0) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} a'_{0,i} \otimes a''_{0,i}.$$

It is not difficult to see how to adapt Definition 2.3 to yield the Cartier cochain complex with coefficients in an $C$-bicomodule $M$. An explicit account is given in [8]. This of course also yields a definition of $\text{Cart}H^\bullet(C,M)$.

**Proposition 2.5** is straightforward and certainly not new:

**Proposition 2.5.** Let $k$ be a field and let $A$ be a $k$-algebra which is finite-dimensional as a $k$-vector space. Let $A^*$ denote the $k$-linear dual coalgebra of $A$. Then, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the $n$th Hochschild homology $k$-vector space of $A$ and the $n$th Cartier cohomology $k$-vector space of $A^*$ are mutually $k$-linearly dual. That is, we have isomorphisms of $k$-vector spaces:

$$\text{hom}_k(\text{HH}_n(A,A), k) \cong \text{Cart}H^n(A^*, A^*),$$

as well as isomorphisms

$$\text{hom}_k(\text{Cart}H^n(A^*, A^*), k) \cong \text{HH}_n(A, A),$$

and

$$\text{hom}_k(\text{HH}_n(A, k), k) \cong \text{Cart}H^n(A^*, k),$$

as well as isomorphisms

$$\text{hom}_k(\text{Cart}H^n(A^*, k), k) \cong \text{HH}_n(A, k).$$

**Proof.** By construction, the Cartier cobar construction is simply the $k$-linear dual of the usual Hochschild bar construction, so isomorphisms (2.3) through (2.6) simply follow from the universal coefficient theorem.

In **Proposition 2.6**, the bigrading superscripts $\text{Cart}H^{s,t}$ are as follows: $s$ is the usual cohomological degree, while $t$ is the filtration degree, defined and computed as follows using cocycle representatives in the same way as the filtration degree in the spectral sequence of **Proposition 2.1**.

**Proposition 2.6.** (May spectral sequence for dual Hochschild cohomology.) Let $k$ be a field and let $C$ be a $k$-coalgebra. Let

$$F_0 C \subseteq F_1 C \subseteq F_2 C \subseteq \cdots$$

(2.7)
be a filtration of $C$ which is comultiplicative, that is, if $x \in F_m C$, then $\Delta(x) \in \sum_{n=0}^{m} F_n C \otimes F_{m-n} C$. Then there exists a spectral sequence

$$E^1_{s,t} \cong \text{CartH}^{s,t}(E^0 C, E^0 C) \Rightarrow \text{CartH}^s(C, C)$$

$$d^r_{s,t} : E^r_{s,t} \to E^r_{s+1, t-r}.$$

This spectral sequence enjoys the following additional properties:

1. If the filtration (2.7) is finite, then the spectral sequence converges strongly.
2. If $C$ is also a graded cocommutative $k$-coalgebra and the filtration layers $F_n C$ are graded $k$-linear subspaces, then the differential preserves the grading.
3. If $C$ is the underlying coalgebra of the $k$-linear dual Hopf algebra of a commutative Hopf algebra $A$ over $k$, and the filtration (2.7) is a filtration by Hopf ideals, then $E^0 C$ is also a cocommutative Hopf algebra, and the $E_1$-term and the abutment of the spectral sequence each have a natural ring structure. The spectral sequence is furthermore one of algebras, and the product in the spectral sequence converges to the product on the abutment.

Proof. This is formally dual to Proposition 2.1. The only thing that needs some explanation is the ring structure. The underlying filtered DGA of this spectral sequence has a ring structure given by the composite

$$\text{CartC}^*(C, C) \otimes_k \text{CartC}^*(C, C) \cong (\text{CC}_*(A, A))^* \otimes_k (\text{CC}_*(A, A))^*$$

$$\cong (\text{CC}_*(A, A) \otimes_k \text{CC}_*(A, A))^*$$

$$\cong (\text{CC}_*(A \otimes_k A, A \otimes_k A))^*$$

$$\Delta^* \to \text{CC}_*(A, A)^*$$

$$\cong \text{CartC}^*(C, C),$$

where the map marked $\cong$ is the $k$-linear dual of the Alexander-Whitney map, the map marked $\Delta^*$ is the $k$-linear dual of $\text{CC}_*$ applied to the comultiplication map on $A$ (which is well-defined, since $\text{CC}_*$ is functorial on $k$-algebra maps and since $A$ is assumed cocommutative, so that its comultiplication is a $k$-algebra morphism). The rest is formal. \qed

Proposition 2.7. (May spectral sequence for dual Hochschild cohomology, with coefficients in the base field.) Let $k$ be a field and let $C$ be a $k$-coalgebra. Suppose $C$ is equipped with a comultiplicative filtration as in (2.7). Then there exists a spectral sequence

$$E^1_{s,t} \cong \text{CartH}^{s,t}(E^0 C, k) \Rightarrow \text{CartH}^s(C, k)$$

$$d^r_{s,t} : E^r_{s,t} \to E^r_{s+t+1, t-r}.$$

The bigrading superscripts $\text{CartH}^{s,t}$ are as in Proposition 2.6.

This spectral sequence enjoys properties 2.6 and 2.6 from Proposition 2.6.

Proof. Essentially identical to Proposition 2.6. \qed

Differentials in the spectral sequences of Propositions 2.6 and 2.7 are computable, at least in principle, by the same method described in Remark 2.2. We use that method below, in Propositions 4.5, 4.8, and 4.9.
3. The May and abelianizing filtrations

We aim to compute $HH_n(A(1), A(1))$, the Hochschild homology of $A(1)$. By Proposition 2.5, this amounts to computing $CartH^*(A(1)^*, A(1)^*)$, and then taking the $\mathbb{F}_2$-linear dual. We now go about doing this.

**Definition 3.1.** Recall that the May filtration on $A(1)$ is the filtration by powers of the augmentation ideal $I = (Sq^1, Sq^2)$. We write $\text{Aug}^n(A(1))$ for the $n$th filtration layer in this filtration, i.e., $\text{Aug}^n A(1) = I^n$, and we write $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$ for the associated graded $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra. If $x \in A(1)$, we sometimes write $\overline{x}$ for the associated element in $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$.

**Proposition 3.2.** The $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$ is the graded $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra with generators $\tilde{Sq}^1$ and $\tilde{Sq}^2$ in grading degrees 1 and 2, respectively, and relations

$$0 = \tilde{Sq}^1 \tilde{Sq}^1 = \tilde{Sq}^2 \tilde{Sq}^2 = \tilde{Sq}^1 \tilde{Sq}^2 \tilde{Sq}^1 \tilde{Sq}^2 + \tilde{Sq}^2 \tilde{Sq}^1 \tilde{Sq}^1 \tilde{Sq}^2.$$

The $\mathbb{F}_2$-linear duals of $A(1)$ and $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$ are, as Hopf algebras,

$$A(1)^* = \mathbb{F}_2[\overline{\xi}_1, \overline{\xi}_2]/\left(\overline{\xi}_1^2, \overline{\xi}_2^2\right),$$

$$\Delta(\overline{\xi}_2) = \overline{\xi}_2 \otimes 1 + \overline{\xi}_1 \otimes \overline{\xi}_1 + 1 \otimes \overline{\xi}_2,$$

$$\left(\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)^*\right) = \mathbb{F}_2[\overline{\xi}_{1,0}, \overline{\xi}_{1,1}, \overline{\xi}_{2,0}]/\left(\overline{\xi}_{1,0}^2, \overline{\xi}_{1,1}^2, \overline{\xi}_{2,0}^2\right),$$

$$\Delta(\overline{\xi}_{2,0}) = \overline{\xi}_{2,0} \otimes 1 + \overline{\xi}_{1,0} \otimes \overline{\xi}_{1,1} + 1 \otimes \overline{\xi}_{2,0},$$

with $\overline{\xi}_1, \overline{\xi}_{1,0}, \overline{\xi}_{1,1}$ all primitive\(^2\).

**Proof.** Well-known consequence of the computation of the dual Steenrod algebra, as in [17]. \qed

We do not know a reference for Proposition 3.3, but we doubt that it is a new observation.

**Proposition 3.3.** The $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$ is isomorphic to the group ring $\mathbb{F}_2[D_8]$ of the dihedral group $D_8$.

**Proof.** We use the presentation

$$D_8 = \langle a, b \mid a^2, b^2, abab = baba \rangle$$

for $D_8$. The $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra map

$$f : \mathbb{F}_2[D_8] \to \text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$$

given by

$$f(a) = 1 + \tilde{Sq}^1$$
$$f(b) = 1 + \tilde{Sq}^2$$

is well-defined\(^3\), since $f(a)^2 = 1 = f(b)^2$ and $f(a)f(b)f(a)f(b) = f(b)f(a)f(b)f(a)$. The algebra map $f$ is surjective since it hits the generators of $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$, and its domain and codomain are finite-dimensional of the same dimension, hence $f$ must be an isomorphism. \qed

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\(^2\)The notation $\overline{x}$ is traditional for the conjugate of $x$ in a Hopf algebra. In $A(1)^*$, we have $\overline{\xi}_1 = \xi_1$ and $\overline{\xi}_2 = \xi_2 + \xi_1^2$. Another notational point: the symbol $\overline{\xi}_{ij}$ is used to denote the image of $\xi_{ij}^2 \in A(1)$ in $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$.

\(^3\)Here it is essential that we are using $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$ and not $A(1)$, since $(\tilde{Sq}^2)^2 = 0$ in $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1)$ but $(Sq^2)^2 \neq 0$ in $A(1)$.
We now use the well-known computation of the Hochschild homology of group rings. See [5] for this result when \( k \) has characteristic zero, and Theorem 7.4.6 of [12] for the general case, which is as follows:

**Theorem 3.4.** Suppose \( G \) is a discrete group, \( k \) a field. Let \( (G) \) be the set of conjugacy classes of elements in \( G \), and given a conjugacy class \( S \), let \( C_G(S) \) denote the centralizer of \( S \) in \( G \). Then there exists an isomorphism of graded \( k \)-vector spaces

\[
HH_*(k[G], k[G]) \cong \oplus_{S \in (G)} H_*(C_G(S); k).
\]

**Corollary 3.5.** The dimension of \( HH_n(^{Aug}E_0A(1), ^{Aug}E_0A(1)) \) as a \( k \)-vector space is

\[
\dim_k HH_n(^{Aug}E_0A(1), ^{Aug}E_0A(1)) = 3n + 5.
\]

**Proof.** We use Proposition 3.3 and Theorem 3.4. There are five conjugacy classes of elements in \( D_8 = \langle a, b \mid a^2, b^4, ab = b^3 a \rangle \):

\[
1, \{a, b^2 a\}, \{ba, b^3 a\}, \{b, b^3\}, \{b^5\},
\]

with centralizers

\[
D_8, \langle a, b^2 \mid a^2, (b^2)^2 \rangle, \langle b^2 \mid (b^2)^2 \rangle, \langle b \mid b^4 \rangle, D_8,
\]

respectively. These centralizer subgroups are isomorphic to

\[
D_8, C_2 \times C_2, C_2, C_4, D_8,
\]

respectively. The homology of these groups with \( \mathbb{F}_2 \) coefficients is well-known:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(D_8; \mathbb{F}_2) &= n + 1 \\
\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(C_2 \times C_2; \mathbb{F}_2) &= n + 1 \\
\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(C_2; \mathbb{F}_2) &= 1 \\
\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(C_4; \mathbb{F}_2) &= 1,
\end{align*}
\]

hence

\[
\begin{align*}
\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} HH_n(^{Aug}E_0A(1), ^{Aug}E_0A(1)) &= \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(D_8; \mathbb{F}_2) + \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(C_2 \times C_2; \mathbb{F}_2) \\
&\quad + \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(C_2; \mathbb{F}_2) + \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(C_4; \mathbb{F}_2) \\
&\quad + \dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} H_n(D_8; \mathbb{F}_2) \\
&= 3n + 5. \quad \square
\end{align*}
\]

To avoid any confusion about notation in Definition 3.6: \( (x) \) denotes the two-sided ideal generated by an element \( x \). The notation \( Q_1 \) is Milnor’s notation for the element \( Sq^1 Sq^2 + Sq^2 Sq^1 \) of \( A(1) \).

**Definition 3.6.** We now define a new filtration on \( A(1) \) which we will call the abelianizing filtration on \( A(1) \). To notationally distinguish it from the May filtration, we will write \( ^{Ab}F^n A(1) \) for its filtration stages, and \( ^{Ab}E_0A(1) \) for its associated graded algebra. The abelianizing filtration is defined as follows.

\[
\begin{align*}
^{Ab}F^0 A(1) &= A(1) \\
^{Ab}F^1 A(1) &= (Sq^1, Sq^2) \\
^{Ab}F^2 A(1) &= (Sq^2) \\
^{Ab}F^3 A(1) &= (Sq^1 Sq^2, Sq^2 Sq^1) \\
^{Ab}F^4 A(1) &= (Q_1) \\
^{Ab}F^5 A(1) &= (Sq^1 Q_1, Sq^2 Q_1)
\end{align*}
\]
\[ AbE^6(A(1)) = (Sq^2 Q_1) \]
\[ AbE^7(A(1)) = (Sq^1 Sq^2 Q_1) \]
\[ AbE^8(A(1)) = 0. \]

If \( x \in A(1) \), we sometimes write \( \tilde{x} \) for the associated element in \( AbE^0A(1) \).

**Observation 3.7.** By routine calculation, one sees that the abelianizing filtration on \( A(1) \) has the following properties:

- The abelianizing filtration is finer than the May filtration, that is, \( \text{Aug}^n(A(1)) \subseteq AbE^n(A(1)) \) for all \( n \).
- The abelianizing filtration is a multiplicative filtration, that is, if \( x \in AbE^n(A(1)) \) and \( y \in AbE^m(A(1)) \), then \( xy \in AbE^{m+n}(A(1)) \).
- Furthermore, the abelianizing filtration is a Hopf filtration, that is, if \( x \in AbE^n(A(1)) \), then

\[
\Delta(x) \in \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} AbE^i(A(1)) \otimes_{F_2} AbE^{n-i}(A(1)).
\]

- The associated graded Hopf algebra \( AbE_0(A(1)) \) of the abelianizing filtration on \( A(1) \) is the exterior algebra \( E(Sq^1, Sq^2, Q_1) \), with \( Sq^1 \) and \( Q_1 \) primitive, and with \( \Delta(Sq^2) = Sq^2 \otimes 1 + Sq^1 \otimes Sq^2 + 1 \otimes Sq^2 \). The topological degrees (i.e., inherited from the usual grading on the Steenrod algebra) of \( Sq^1, Sq^2, Q_1 \) are 1, 3, and 4, respectively, and their abelianizing degrees (i.e., inherited from the abelianizing filtration) are 1, 2, and 4, respectively.
- The \( F_2 \)-linear dual Hopf algebra \( (AbE_0(A(1)))^* \) is

\[
\left( AbE_0(A(1)) \right)^* \cong F_2[\xi_{1,0}, \xi_{2,0}] / (\xi_{1,0}^4, \xi_{2,0}^2),
\]

with \( \xi_{1,0}, \xi_{2,0} \) both primitive. In particular, \( (AbE_0(A(1)))^* \) is isomorphic to \( (\text{Aug}E_0(A(1)))^* \) as \( F_2 \)-coalgebras, but not as Hopf algebras.

4. Running the HH-May and abelianizing spectral sequences

4.1. Input

Beginning in this section, we will sometimes use the standard notations:

- \( \Gamma_k(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) denotes the divided power \( k \)-algebra on generators \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \),
- \( E(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) denotes the exterior \( k \)-algebra on generators \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \),
- and \( P(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) denotes the polynomial \( k \)-algebra on generators \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \).

**Lemma 4.1.** Let \( k \) be a field of characteristic two, and give \( k[x]/x^2 \) the structure of a Hopf algebra over \( k \) by letting \( \Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x \). Then we have an isomorphism of graded Hopf algebras

\[
HH_k(k[x]/x^2, k[x]/x^2) \cong k[x]/x^2 \otimes_k \Gamma_k(\sigma x),
\]

where:

- \( HH_k(k[x]/x^2, k[x]/x^2) \) inherits its coproduct from that of \( k[x]/x^2 \), as in Remark 2.4,
- \( \sigma x \) denotes the homology class of the 1-cycle \( 1[x] \), i.e., \( 1 \otimes x \) (and consequently \( \sigma x \) is in homological degree 1),
- \( \Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x \), and
- \( \Delta(\gamma_n(\sigma x)) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \gamma_i(\sigma x) \otimes \gamma_{n-i}(\sigma x) \), where \( \gamma_n \) is the \( n \)th divided power.

As a consequence, the Hopf \( k \)-algebra \( \text{Cart}H^* \left( (k[x]/x^2)^*, (k[x]/x^2)^* \right) \) is isomorphic to \( k[\xi]/\xi^2 \otimes_k k[h] \), with \( \xi, h \) both primitive. Here \( \xi \) denotes the dual basis element to \( x \), and \( h \) is the dual basis element to \( \sigma x \). Consequently \( \xi, h \) are in cohomological degrees 0, 1, respectively.
Proof. Using the cycle representative $1 \{x \otimes \cdots \otimes x\}$ for $\gamma_0(\sigma x)$, with $n$ tensor factors of $x$, the claims made are easy (and classical) computations of coproducts and shuffle products in the Hochschild chain complex, using Remark 2.4.

Lemma 4.2. Let $k$ be a field of characteristic two, and give $k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2)$ the structure of a Hopf algebra over $k$ by letting $\Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$ and by letting $\Delta(y) = y \otimes 1 + x \otimes x + 1 \otimes y$. Then we have an isomorphism of graded Hopf algebras

$$HH_+(k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2), k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2)) \cong k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2) \otimes_k \Gamma_k(\sigma x, \sigma y),$$

where:

- $\sigma x$ (respectively, $\sigma y$) denotes the homology class of the 1-cycle $1[x]$ (respectively, $1[y]$), and consequently $\sigma x$ and $\sigma y$ are each in homological degree 1,
- the coproducts $\Delta(x)$ and $\Delta(y)$ are exactly as in $k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2)$,
- $\Delta(\gamma_0(\sigma x)) = \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i(\sigma x) \otimes \gamma_{n-i}(\sigma x)$, and
- $\Delta(\gamma_0(\sigma y)) = \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i(\sigma y) \otimes \gamma_{n-i}(\sigma y)$.

Consequently, the Hopf $k$-algebra $\text{Cart}H^+((k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2))^\ast, (k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2))^\ast)$ is isomorphic to $k[\xi]/\xi^4 \otimes_k k[h_x, h_y]$, with $\xi, h_x, h_y$ all primitive. Here $\xi$ is the dual basis element to $x$, and $h_x, h_y$ are the dual basis elements to $\sigma x, \sigma y$, respectively. Consequently $\xi, h_x, h_y$ are in grading degrees 0, 1, 1, respectively.

Proof. Just as in Lemma 4.1. (Note that $\Delta(\gamma_0(\sigma y))$ does not involve $x$ or $\sigma x$, even though $\Delta(y)$ involves $x$; this is simply because the formula for $\Delta(\sigma y) = \Delta(1[y])$, given in Remark 2.4, does not actually make any use of the coproduct of $y$ in $k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2)$.)

In the spectral sequences described in Proposition 4.3, the tridegrees $(s, t, u)$ are as follows: $s$ is the cohomological degree, $t$ is the filtration degree, and $u$ is the internal/topological degree arising from the grading on the algebra $A(1)$ itself.

Proposition 4.3. There exist four strongly convergent trigraded multiplicative spectral sequences, each with differential of the form $d_{r}^{s,t,u}_{r} : E_{r}^{s,t,u} \rightarrow E_{r+1,1-j-r,u}^{s,t,u}$.

| Name                           | $E_{1}^{s,t,u}$                                                                 | Abutment                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abelianizing                   | $\text{Cart}H^{s,t,u}(\text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast), \text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast))$        | $\text{Cart}H^+(A(1)^\ast, A(1)^\ast)$                           |
|                                | $\cong (F_2[x_{10}]/(x_{10}^2) \otimes_{F_2} E(x_{20}))$                      |                               |
| HH-May                         | $\text{Cart}H^{s,t,u}(\text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast), \text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast))$        | $\text{Cart}H^+(A(1)^\ast, A(1)^\ast)$                           |
| HH-May with coeffs. in $F_2$   | $\text{Cart}H^{s,t,u}(\text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast), F_2)$                           | $\text{Cart}H^+(A(1)^\ast, F_2)$                                 |
| Abelianizing to HH-May         | $\text{Cart}H^{s,t,u}(\text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast), \text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast))$        | $\text{Cart}H^+(\text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast), \text{Aug}^0(A(1)^\ast))$ |
|                                | $\cong (F_2[x_{10}]/(x_{10}^2) \otimes_{F_2} E(x_{20}))$                      |                               |

Furthermore, there exists a morphism of spectral sequences from the HH-May spectral sequence to the HH-May spectral sequence with coefficients in $F_2$.

Proof. Consequence of Propositions 2.6 and 3.2, Observation 3.7, and Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2.

Of course the machinery we are using produces much more than just the four spectral sequences listed in Proposition 4.3, but those four are the ones we will actually use in this paper.
In Proposition 4.3 and elsewhere, we write \( x_{i0} \) for the cohomology class of the Cartier 0-cocycle \( \xi_{i0} \), and \( h_{ij} \) for the cohomology class of the Cartier 1-cocycle \( 1 \xi_{ij} \), where \( \xi_{1,0}, \xi_{1,1}, \xi_{2,0} \) are the dual basis elements to the elements \( Sq^1, Sq^2, Q_1 \), respectively, in \( AbE_0A(1) \).

The tridegrees of the generators of \( CartH^{*,*,*}(\widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*), \widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*)) \), and cocycle representatives for those cohomology classes in the Cartier cochain complex, are as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
  x_{10} &= [\xi_{1,0}] \in CartC^{0,1,1}(\widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*), \widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*)) \\
  x_{20} &= [\xi_{2,0}] \in CartC^{0,4,3}(\widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*), \widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*)) \\
  h_{10} &= [1 \otimes \xi_{1,0}] \in CartC^{1,1,1}(\widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*), \widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*)) \\
  h_{11} &= [1 \otimes \xi_{1,1}] \in CartC^{1,2,2}(\widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*), \widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*)) \\
  h_{20} &= [1 \otimes \xi_{2,0}] \in CartC^{1,4,3}(\widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*), \widehat{AbE}^0(A(1)*))
\end{align*}
\]

**Proposition 4.4.** The HH-May spectral sequence with coefficients in \( \mathbb{F}_2 \), from Proposition 4.3, is isomorphic (beginning with the \( E_1 \)-term) to the classical May spectral sequence\(^4\) for \( A(1) \), \( Ext^{*,*,*}_{\mathbb{F}_0A(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \Rightarrow Ext^{*,*,*}_{\mathbb{A}(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \).

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.5, the HH-May spectral sequence with coefficients in \( \mathbb{F}_2 \) has input

\[
E_1^{s,t,u} \cong CartH^{s,t,u}(\widehat{AugE}^0(A(1)*), \mathbb{F}_2) \\
\cong \text{hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(HH^{s,t,u}(\widehat{AugE}^0A(1), \mathbb{F}_2), \mathbb{F}_2) \\
\cong \text{hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(\text{Tor}^{AugE_0A(1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_2 \widehat{AugE}^0A(1)^{op}}(\widehat{AugE}^0A(1), \mathbb{F}_2), \mathbb{F}_2) \\
\cong \text{hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(\text{Tor}^{AugE_0A(1)^{op}}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2), \mathbb{F}_2) \\
\cong Ext^{s,t,u}_{\widehat{AugE}^0A(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2),
\]

using the usual Ext-Tor duality properties of finite-dimensional Hopf algebras (in this case, \( \widehat{AugE}^0A(1) \)).

The same analysis on the abutment of the spectral sequence yields

\[
E_1^{s,t,u} \cong CartH^{s,t,u}(A(1)*, \mathbb{F}_2) \\
\cong Ext^{s,t,u}_{\mathbb{A}(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2),
\]

so the \( E_1 \)-term of the HH-May spectral sequence is isomorphic to the \( E_1 \)-term of the classical May spectral sequence for \( A(1) \), and their abutments also are isomorphic. The fact that the spectral sequences themselves are isomorphic is due to the easy observation that the Cartier cochain complex of \( A(1) \) with coefficients in \( \mathbb{F}_2 \) is isomorphic to the classical cobar complex of \( A(1) \), as in Definition A.1.2.11 of [19], and the May filtration on one coincides with the May filtration on the other. \( \square \)

### 4.2. \( d_1 \)-differentials

**Proposition 4.5.** In both the abelianizing spectral sequence and the abelianizing-to-HH-May spectral sequence, the \( d_1 \) differentials are given on the multiplicative generators by

\[
\begin{align*}
  d_1(x_{10}) &= 0, \\
  d_1(x_{20}) &= x_{10}h_{11} + x_{10}^2h_{10},
\end{align*}
\]

\(^4\)A good reference for this classical May spectral sequence is Example 3.2.7 of [19].
Using these formulas and the Leibniz rule, we get the $d_1$ differential on all elements of the $E_1$-terms of the abelianizing and abelianizing-to-HH-May spectral sequences.

**Proof.** In Proposition 4.3 we gave cocycle representatives for the six multiplicative generators. We then easily compute the $d_1$ differentials on those generators using the method described in Proposition 2.6:

\[
\begin{align*}
\quad & d(\bar{\xi}_{1,0}) = 0, \\
\quad & d(\bar{\xi}_{2,0}) = \bar{\xi}_{1,0} \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,1} + \bar{\xi}_{1,1} \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,0} + 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} + \bar{\xi}_{2,0} \otimes 1 + \bar{\xi}_{2,0} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} = \bar{\xi}_{1,0} \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,1} + \bar{\xi}_{1,1} \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,0}, \\
\quad & d(1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,0}) = 0, \\
\quad & d(1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,1}) = 0, \\
\quad & d(1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0}) = 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} + 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,0} \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,1} + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} + 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{2,0} \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,0} \otimes \bar{\xi}_{1,1}.
\end{align*}
\]

Here $\bar{\xi}_{1,1}$ is the dual basis element to $\text{Sq}^2$, so $\bar{\xi}_{1,1} = \bar{\xi}_{1,0}$ in the associated graded of the abelianizing filtration, but $\bar{\xi}_{1,1}$ is indecomposable in the associated graded of the May filtration. Using the product on dual Hochschild cohomology from Proposition 2.6, we get that these cocycles represent the cohomology classes $0, 0, x_{10}h_{11} + x_{10}^2h_{10}, 0, h_{10}h_{11}$, respectively. \hfill \qed

Now one has enough information to do a routine computation of the cohomology of the $E_1$-term, and get the $E_2$-term. While $h_{20}$ is not a cocycle in the $E_1$-term, its square is, and we follow the traditional (due to May’s thesis) notational conventions of May spectral sequences by writing $b_{20}$ for $h_{20}^2$.

We will present the $E_2$-term as a spectral sequence chart.

**Conventions 4.6.** In all the spectral sequence charts in this paper,

- the vertical axis is the homological degree $s$,
- the horizontal axis is the Adams degree $u - s$, i.e., the internal/topological degree $u$ minus the homological degree $s$,
- horizontal lines (whether curved or straight) represent multiplication by $x_{10}$,
- vertical lines represent multiplication by $h_{10}$, and
- diagonal lines represent multiplication by $h_{11}$.

Here is a spectral sequence chart illustrating the $E_2$-term of the abelianizing and abelianizing-to-HH-May spectral sequences (their $E_2$-terms are abstractly isomorphic as bigraded $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector spaces, if
one forgets about the filtration degree and only keeps track of the cohomological and Adams degrees), reduced modulo the ideal generated by $b_{20}$:

The classes whose names are not implied by the lines representing various multiplications are as follows:
- the class in bidegree $(s = 1, u - s = 5)$ is $x_{10}^2(h_{10}x_{20} + x_{10}h_{20})$, which we abbreviate as $z$,
- and the class in bidegree $(s = 0, u - s = 6)$ is $x_{10}^3x_{20}$, which we abbreviate as $x_6$.

The spectral sequence's $E_2$-term is $b_{20}$-periodic, that is, there exists a class (not pictured) $b_{20}$ in bidegree $(s = 2, u - s = 4)$ each of whose positive integer powers generates an isomorphic copy of the chart 4.8.

Consequently, as a trigraded $\mathbb{F}_2$-algebra, the spectral sequence's $E_2$-term is isomorphic to:

\[
\mathbb{F}_2[x_{10}, h_{10}, h_{11}, z, x_6, b_{20}] \text{ modulo relations } x_{10}^4, x_{10}h_{11} = x_{10}^2h_{10},
\]

\[
h_{10}h_{11}, x_{10}z = h_{10}x_6, h_{11}z, z^2,  
\]

\[
x_{10}x_6, zx_6, x_6^2,
\]

with generators in tridegrees:

| Class  | Coh. degree $s$ | Ab. degree $t$ | Top. degree $u$ | Adams degree $u - s$ |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| $x_{10}$ | 0              | 1              | 1               | 1                    |
| $x_6$   | 0              | 7              | 6               | 6                    |
| $h_{10}$ | 1              | 1              | 1               | 0                    |
| $h_{11}$ | 1              | 2              | 2               | 1                    |
| $z$     | 1              | 7              | 6               | 5                    |
| $b_{20}$ | 2              | 8              | 6               | 4                    |

4.3. $d_2$-differentials

**Proposition 4.7.** The abelianizing-to-HH-May spectral sequence collapses at $E_2$, i.e., there are no nonzero differentials longer than $d_1$ differentials. Consequently, the spectral sequence chart 4.8 describes the $E_1$-term (and also the $E_2$-term) of the HH-May spectral sequence, as well as the $E_2$-term of the abelianizing spectral sequence.

**Proof.** An easy dimension count on the $E_2$-term 4.8 gives us that the $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space dimension of the $s$-row is $3s + 5$. By Proposition 2.5 and Corollary 3.5, this is the correct dimension for the $E_\infty$-term. So there can be no further nonzero differentials in the spectral sequence, since any such differentials would reduce the $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space dimension of some row.
Proposition 4.8. The $d_2$ differentials on the multiplicative generators of the $E_2$-term of the HH-May spectral sequence, as well as the abelianizing spectral sequence, are as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
    d_2(x_{10}) &= 0, \\
    d_2(h_{10}) &= 0, \\
    d_2(h_{11}) &= 0, \\
    d_2(z) &= 0, \\
    d_2(x_6) &= 0, \text{ and} \\
    d_2(b_{20}) &= h_{11}^3.
\end{align*}
\]

Using these formulas and the Leibniz rule, we get the $d_2$ differential on all elements of the $E_2$-term of the abelianizing spectral sequence.

Proof. For $x_{10}, h_{10},$ and $h_{11},$ this is simply the same computation as Proposition 4.5. The point is that,

- when we take a cocycle representative for any of these three cohomology classes in the Cartier cochain complex for $\text{Aug} E_0 A(1),$
- then regard that cocycle as a cochain in the Cartier cochain complex for $A(1),$
- the resulting cochain is still a cocycle.

Consequently the differential $d_r$ vanishes, for all $r,$ on each of the three cohomology classes $x_{10}, h_{10},$ and $h_{11}.$

For $z$ and $x_6,$ inspection of the tridegrees of elements rules out all nonzero possibilities for $d_2.$ For the differential $d_2(b_{20}):$ we see from inspection of the tridegrees that the only possible nonzero differential on $b_{20}$ would have to hit a scalar multiple of $h_{11}^3,$ and this differential indeed occurs, using Proposition 4.4 to map the HH-May spectral sequence to the classical May spectral sequence for $A(1),$ in which the differential $d_2(b_{20}) = h_{11}^3$ is classical and well-known (see e.g. Lemma 3.2.10 of [19]).

So the only nonzero $d_2$ differentials are the $d_2$-differential $d_2(b_{20}) = h_{11}^3$ and its products with other classes. By the Leibniz rule, $d_2(b_{20}^2) = 0,$ so the spectral sequence’s $E_3$-term is $b_{20}^2$-periodic. We now draw a chart illustrating the $E_3$-term, modulo the two-sided ideal generated by $b_{20}^2:

The entire pattern described by the chart 4.9 repeats: there is the periodicity class (not pictured) $b_{20}^2$ in bidegree $(s = 4, u - s = 8),$ which maps, under the map of spectral sequences of Proposition 4.4, to the element in $\text{Ext}_{A(1)}^{4,12}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ which, in the Adams spectral sequence, detects the famous real Bott periodicity element in $\pi_8(ko).$

The classes whose names are not implied by the lines representing various multiplications are as follows, and whose names were not already given in our description of the $E_2$-term, are as follows:
• the class in bidegree \((s = 3, u - s = 4)\) is \(h_{10}b_{20}\), which we abbreviate as \(w_4\),
• the class in bidegree \((s = 2, u - s = 5)\) is \(x_{10}b_{20}\), which we abbreviate as \(w_5\),
• and the class in bidegree \((s = 3, u - s = 9)\) is \(zb_{20}\), which we abbreviate as \(w_9\).

Finally, we write \(b\) for \(b_{20}^2\), so that the spectral sequence's \(E_3\)-term is multiplicatively generated by elements:

| Class | Coh. degree \(s\) | Ab. degree \(t\) | Top. degree \(u\) | Adams degree \(u - s\) |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| \(x_{10}\) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| \(x_6\) | 0 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| \(h_{10}\) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| \(h_{11}\) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| \(z\) | 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| \(w_4\) | 3 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| \(w_5\) | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| \(w_9\) | 3 | 15 | 12 | 9 |
| \(b\) | 4 | 16 | 12 | 8 |

In Proposition 4.4 we constructed a map from the HH-May spectral sequence to the classical May spectral sequence computing \(\text{Ext}_{A(1)}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)\). We now draw the \(E_3 = E_\infty\)-term of that classical May spectral sequence, using the same conventions as charts 4.8 and 4.9, so that one can easily see the (surjective) map of spectral sequence \(E_3\)-terms:

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{5} & \text{4} & \text{3} & \text{2} & \text{1} & \text{0} \\
&\text{1} & \text{2} & \text{3} & \text{4} & \text{5} & \text{6} & \text{7} & \text{8} & \text{9} & \text{10} & \text{11}
\end{align*}
\]

Again, the periodicity class (not pictured) is \(b = b_{20}\) in bidegree \((s = 4, u - s = 8)\).

**Proposition 4.9.** In the abelianizing and the HH-May spectral sequences, all \(d_r\) differentials are zero, for all \(r > 2\).

**Proof.** We simply check that there can no nonzero \(d_r\) differentials, for \(r > 2\), on the multiplicative generators \(x_{10}, x_6, h_{10}, h_{11}, z, w_4, w_5, w_9, b\) of the \(E_3\)-term of the abelianizing, equivalently (starting with \(E_3\)), the HH-May spectral sequence. In the proof of Proposition 4.8, we saw that \(x_{10}, h_{10}, h_{11}\), and \(x_6\) all do not support nonzero differentials of any length whatsoever: the first three by a cocycle-level calculation, and the last simply for degree reasons. The remaining generators of the \(E_3\)-term are all incapable of supporting nonzero \(d_r\) differentials, for \(r > 2\), for degree reasons: there are no classes in the correct tridegree for any of these classes to hit by a \(d_r\) differential, if \(r > 2\).
Theorem 4.10. The spectral sequence chart 4.9 displays (by reading across the rows) the Hochschild homology $HH_n(A(1), A(1))$. In particular, the $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space dimension of $HH_n(A(1), A(1))$ is:

$$\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} HH_n(A(1), A(1)) = \begin{cases} 
2n + 5 & \text{if } 2 \mid n \\
2n + 6 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \mod 4 \\
2n + 4 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \mod 4.
\end{cases}$$

Hence the Poincaré series of the graded $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space $HH_*(A(1), A(1))$ is

$$\frac{5 + 8s + 9s^2 + 10s^3 + \frac{8s^4}{1-s^4}}{1 - s^4}.$$

If we additionally keep track of the extra grading on $HH_*(A(1), A(1))$ coming from the topological grading on $A(1)$, then the Poincaré series of the bigraded $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space $HH_{*,*}(A(1), A(1))$ is

$$(1 + u) \left(1 + u^2 + su(1 + u^2 + u^5) + s^2u^2(1 + 2u^5 + u^7) + s^3u^3(1 + u^4 + u^5 + u^6 + u^9) + \frac{s^4u^4(1 + u^4 + u^5 + u^9)}{1-su} + u^6 + su^2 + su^8 + s^2u^4\right) \frac{1}{1-s^4u^{12}} \tag{4.11}$$

where $s$ indexes the homological grading and $u$ indexes the topological grading, as in Proposition 4.3.

Proof. This information is read off directly from the spectral sequence chart 4.9. (Note that the horizontal axis in the chart 4.9 is the Adams degree, i.e., $u-s$, not the internal/topological degree, i.e., $u$, so one must be a little careful in reading off the series 4.11 from the chart.)

5. The Hochschild cohomology of $A(1)$

Finite-dimensional Hopf algebras, such as $A(1)$, are Frobenius algebras. For a Frobenius algebra $A$ over a field $k$, there is a relatively straightforward and well-known duality between Hochschild cohomology and Hochschild homology, as follows. Write $D(A)$ for the graded $k$-linear dual hom$_k(A, k)$ of $A$: then $D(A)$ will be concentrated in nonpositive degrees, if $A$ is connected. The Frobenius form $(\langle - , - \rangle)$ on $A$ is the nondegenerate $k$-bilinear form given by fixing an isomorphism of the ground field $k$ with the (necessarily one-dimensional) highest-degree summand of $A$, and then letting $\langle x, y \rangle$ be the projection of the product $xy$ in $A$ to $k$.

Since $A$ is Frobenius, it also admits a grading-preserving Nakayama automorphism $\nu : A \to A$ which is determined by the property that $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, \nu(x) \rangle$ for all homogeneous $x, y \in A$. Write $A_\nu$ for the $A$-bimodule whose underlying set of elements is $A$, whose left $A$-action is the usual left action of $A$ on itself (i.e., by left multiplication), and whose right $A$-action is given by letting $x \cdot a$ be $x\nu(a)$, i.e., $A$ acts on the right on $A_\nu$ by first applying $\nu$ and then multiplying on the right.

The relevant duality result is that $D(A) \cong \Sigma^{-n}A_\nu$, as graded $A$-bimodules, where $n$ is the highest degree of a nonzero element of $A$. (Sometimes this number $n$ is called the "Artin-Schelter index of $A_\nu$," as in [7].) Consequently on the level of the Hochschild chain and cochain complexes $CC_\bullet$ and $CC^\bullet$, we have:

$$D(CC^\bullet(A, A_\nu)) \cong \text{hom}_k(\text{Bar}_\bullet(A) \otimes_{A^e} A_\nu, k) \cong \text{hom}_{A^e}(\text{Bar}_\bullet(A), \text{hom}_k(A_\nu, k))$$

The author does not know where this duality originally appeared in the literature, but a nice account of the duality appears in [2] and in section 3.1 of [11]. See sections 1.1 and 1.2 of [7] and section 3 of [20] for good accounts of the most fundamental properties of graded Frobenius algebras. The duality does not seem to be a special case of van den Bergh’s Poincaré duality for Hochschild (co)homology [22]: as van den Bergh remarks in [23], the duality of [22] requires the ring to be of finite Hochschild dimension, but the calculation of Hochschild homology we have just made in Theorem 4.10 demonstrates that $A(1)$ has infinite Hochschild dimension.
The upshot is that we have an isomorphism

$$HH^i(A, A) \cong \Sigma^n D(HH_i(A, A_v))$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.12)

of graded $k$-vector spaces for each integer $i$.

Using this duality in the case of $A(1)$, we get the following calculation of the Hochschild cohomology of $A(1)$:

**Theorem 5.1.** The $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space dimension of the Hochschild cohomology $HH^n(A(1), A(1))$ is equal to that of $HH_n(A(1), A(1))$, i.e.,

$$\dim_{\mathbb{F}_2} HH^n(A(1), A(1)) = \begin{cases} 
2n + 5 & \text{if } 2 \mid n \\
2n + 6 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\
2n + 4 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}.
\end{cases}$$

If we additionally keep track of the extra grading on $HH^*(A(1), A(1))$ coming from the topological grading on $A(1)$, then the Poincaré series of the bigraded $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector space $HH^{*,*}(A(1), A(1))$ is

$$u^{-7}(u + 1) \left( u^{12} + u^{10} + su^6(u^5 + u^3 + 1) + s^2u^3(u^7 + 2u^2 + 1) + s^3(u^9 + u^5 + u^4 + u^3 + 1) + \frac{s^4(u^9 + u^5 + u^4 + 1)}{u - s} + 1 + su^4 + su^{-2} + s^2u^2 \right) \left( 1 - s^4u^{-12} \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.13)

where $s$ indexes the homological grading and $u$ indexes the topological grading.

**Proof.** By an elementary calculation, the Nakayama automorphism of $A(1)$ is the identity map, and the Artin-Schelter index of $A(1)$ (i.e., the degree of the socle of $A(1)$) is 6. Consequently $A(1) = A(1)_v$, and the isomorphism (5.12) reduces to $HH^i(A(1), A(1)) \cong \Sigma^6 D(HH_i(A(1), A(1)))$.

As a consequence, all that is necessary to obtain the Poincaré series of $HH^*(A(1), A(1))$ is to replace $u$ with $u^{-1}$ in the Poincaré series (4.11) for $HH_2(A(1), A(1))$, and to multiply the result by $u^6$. This yields (5.13). \hfill $\square$

Hochschild cohomology is of great use in classifying deformations. The most straightforward deformation-theoretic consequences of the calculation in Theorem 5.1 are as follows. Recall (e.g. from [3]) that a **graded deformation** (respectively, **nth order graded deformation**) of an associative graded $k$-algebra $A$ is a graded $k$-algebra $A'$ over the polynomial ring $k[t]$ (respectively, over the truncated polynomial ring $k[t]/(t^{n+1})$), with $t$ in degree 1, such that $A'$ is free over the module $k[t]$ (respectively, $k[t]/(t^{n+1})$), and such that $A'/tA' \cong A$.

**Corollary 5.2.** There are precisely four isomorphism classes of first-order graded deformations of $A(1)$.

Suppose that $n > 4$. If an $n$th order graded deformation of $A(1)$ extends to an $(n + 1)$th order graded deformation of $A(1)$, then it does so uniquely, up to isomorphism.

Suppose furthermore that $n > 7$. Then every $n$th order graded deformation of $A(1)$ extends to an $(n + 1)$th order graded deformation of $A(1)$, unique up to isomorphism.

**Proof.** Reading off $HH^2$ and $HH^3$ from Theorem 5.1 or from the spectral sequence chart (4.10), we have isomorphisms of graded $\mathbb{F}_2$-vector spaces...
\[ HH^2(A(1), A(1)) \cong \Sigma^{-4}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-3}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-2}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-1}F_2 \]
\[ \oplus \Sigma^{-2}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-1}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^0F_2 \oplus \Sigma^1F_2 \]
\[ HH^3(A(1), A(1)) \cong \Sigma^{-7}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-6}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-5}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-4}F_2 \]
\[ \oplus \Sigma^{-3}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-2}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^{-1}F_2 \oplus \Sigma^0F_2 \oplus \Sigma^1F_2 \oplus \Sigma^2F_2 \]

The graded version of the infinitesimal deformation theory of associative algebras (see 1.5 of [3], or Proposition 5.4.1 of [25] for a textbook account) establishes that the isomorphism classes of first-order infinitesimal deformations of a graded algebra \( A \) are in bijection with \( HH^{2,-1}(A, A) \), while the obstructions to extending an \((n - 1)\)th order infinitesimal deformation to an \( n \)th order infinitesimal deformation are cohomology classes in \( HH^{3,-n}(A, A) \). When the extension of an \((n - 1)\)th order deformation to an \( n \)th order deformation is unobstructed, the set of isomorphism classes of such extensions is in bijection with \( HH^{2,-n}(A, A) \).

In the case of \( A(1) \), \( HH^{2,-1}(A(1), A(1)) \) is two-dimensional, hence has four elements. We have \( HH^{2,-n}(A(1), A(1)) \cong 0 \) for all \( n > 4 \), and we have \( HH^{3,-n}(A(1), A(1)) \cong 0 \) for all \( n > 7 \).

More detailed consequences for deformations of \( A(1) \) are possible using the Hochschild cohomology calculations in this paper: for example, one could calculate Gerstenhaber brackets in \( HH^n(A(1), A(1)) \) to determine which of the four first-order deformations extend to higher-order deformations. We regard such investigations as beyond the scope of this paper, though.

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