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This talk defines in a new way the Lie operad in spectra. Using it, they prove a Quillen-type theorem identifying certain homotopy types of spectra with Lie algebras, but no longer confined to characteristic zero.

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SPECTRAL LIE ALGEBRAS AND UNSTABLE HOMOTOPY THEORY

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Outline:

Part 1, what are spectral Lie algebras? They should be Lie algebras in spectra such that if we look over \mathbb{Q} or $H\mathbb{Q}$ we should get differential graded (dg) Lie algebras over \mathbb{Q} . Why use them?

- Formal deformation theory if a dg Lie algebra over \mathbb{Q} . Brantner-Matthew use (spectral) partition Lie algebras to do formal deformation theory in positive characteristic
- Quillen's description of rational homotopy theory. The following have the same homotopy theories:

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{connected dg Lie algebras over } \mathbb{Q}\} &\simeq \{\text{simply connected rational spaces}\} \\ &\simeq \{\text{simply connected cocommutative dg coalgebras over } \mathbb{Q}\} \end{aligned}$$

Part 2, generalize Quillen's results to " v_n -periodic localizations" of \mathcal{S}_* the homotopy theory of pointed spaces. Recall that $\text{Spec } \mathbb{S}$, i.e. the Balmer spectrum of finite spectra, is considerably larger than $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$ ¹

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¹Paul Balmer, *Spectra, Spectra, Spectra*, <https://projecteuclid.org/euclid.agt/1513715144>

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& & | & | & & | & \\
& & \mathcal{P}_{2,n+1} & \mathcal{P}_{3,n+1} & \cdots & \mathcal{P}_{p,n+1} & \cdots \\
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\mathrm{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) = & 2\mathbb{Z} & 3\mathbb{Z} & \cdots & p\mathbb{Z} & \cdots \\
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\end{array}$$

$\rho_{\mathrm{SH}^{\mathrm{fin}}}$

For each prime $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have a corresponding twoer which we call $K(n)_p$ (written $\mathcal{P}_{p,n}$ above) for $n \leq 1$. There is a corresponding localization of \mathcal{S}_* for each of these as well which we write \mathcal{S}_{v_n} (where we will be fixing p so do not include it in the notation). Rational corresponds to $n = 0$, at which all the different $K(n)_p$ coincide.

Theorem 1. The v_n -periodic localization \mathcal{S}_{v_n} is equivalent to $\mathrm{Lie}(\mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)})$, some category of spectral Lie algebras.

I. Spectral Lie algebras

Consider the category of augmented E_∞ -ring spectra $\mathbf{CAlg}^{\mathrm{aug}}(\mathrm{Sp})$. There is a trivial functor Sp to this category which assigns to $X \in \mathrm{Sp}$ the square-zero extension $\mathrm{triv}(X) = \mathbb{S} \oplus X$. This functor preserves limits, so by the adjoint functor theorem it admits a left adjoint which we will call TAQ and can be thought of as the cotangent fibre, or topological Andre-Quillen homology (hence the name), or derived indecomposables. Specifically,

$$TAQ(A \rightarrow \mathbb{S}) = \mathbb{L}_A \otimes AS$$

where \mathbb{L}_A is the cotangent complex.

Facts: first,

$$TAQ(\text{triv}(X)) \cong \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} (\Pi_k \otimes X^{\otimes k})_{h\Sigma_k}$$

where Π_k is the k th partition complex (more on that soon). Second, $TAQ \circ \text{triv}$ is a comonad, which means that the Π_k assemble into a cooperad, so dualizing gives an operad which we call \mathbb{L} the *spectral Lie operad*, first constructed by Ching and Salvatore independently.

Definition 2. For $k \geq 2$, define $\text{Part}^\pm(k)$ to be the poset of partitions of $\{1, \dots, k\}$ which are proper and nontrivial, and let $\Pi_k = \Sigma|\text{Part}^\pm(k)|^\diamond$, where \diamond denotes the unreduced suspension. Let $\Pi_0 = \Pi_1 = *$.

Remark 3. Disregarding the natural Σ_k -action, $\Pi_k \simeq \bigvee_{(k-1)!} S^{k-1}$

Example 4.

- $\text{Part}^\pm(2) = \emptyset$, so $\Pi_2 = S^1$.
- $\text{Part}^\pm(3) = \{*, *, *\}$ three disjoint points, so

$$\Pi_3 \simeq \Sigma \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \\ \bigcirc \end{array} \right) = S^2 \vee S^2$$

- $\text{Part}^\pm(4)$ is also possible to draw, but harder convince yourself of.

Facts about \mathbb{L} :

- (1) The homology of \mathbb{L} gives us the Lie operad in \mathbf{Ab} with a degree shift:

$$\begin{aligned} H_*\mathbb{L}(n) &\cong \text{Lie}(n)[1-n] \text{ twisted by the sign representation of } \Sigma_n \\ &\cong \text{Lie}(n)[1] \otimes (\mathbb{Z}[-1])^{\otimes n} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if M is a graded abelian group, a $H_*\mathbb{L}$ -algebra structure on M is the same thing as a graded Lie algebra structure on $M[-1]$, i.e. degree shift is no big deal.

- (2) \mathbb{L} is isomorphic to the cobar complex on the Comm cooperad, and by general machinery this automatically makes it an operad.

II. v_n -periodic unstable homotopy theory

Fix a prime p and work everywhere henceforth p -locally, giving us only a tower of $K(n)$ in $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{S}_p^\wedge)$ to think about. They correspond to thick subcategories of finite p -local spectra of type $\geq n$ which we denote

$$\text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}} \supset \text{Sp}_{\geq 1}^{\text{fin}} \supset \cdots \supset \text{Sp}_{\geq n}^{\text{fin}} \supset \cdots$$

Definition 5. A spectrum X is *of type n* if $K(m)_*X = 0$ for $m < n$ and is nonzero if $m = n$. A space X is of type n if $\Sigma_+^\infty X$ is of type n .

Definition 6. A v_n -self map of X is $v: \Sigma^d X \rightarrow X$ (for some d) such that $K(m)_*v$ is an isomorphism if $m = n$ and is nilpotent otherwise.

Example 7. S^k for $k \geq 1$ is of type 0, and $p: S^k \rightarrow S^k$ is a v_0 -self map. The quotient S^k/p (i.e. the mod p Moore space) is type 1, and the Adams map (for odd p) $\alpha: \Sigma^{2(p-1)}S^k/p \rightarrow S^k/p$ is a v_1 -self map. Continuing on, the cofibre of α is type 2,...

Theorem 8 (Mitchell). Finite type n spaces exist for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 9 (Hopkins-Smith). If X is a finite space of type n , then some $\Sigma^d X$ has a v_n -self map. Moreover, they are asymptotically unique.

v_n -periodic homotopy groups

Let X be a pointed space, V a type n space with $v: \Sigma^d V \rightarrow V$ a v_n -map. Then define

$$v_n^{-1}\pi_*(X, V) = v^{-1}\pi_*(\text{Map}_*(X, V))$$

This turns out not to depend on the choice of v (asymptotically).

Definition 10. A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ of spaces/spectra is a v_n -periodic local equivalence if and only if $v_n^{-1}\pi_*(f, V)$ is an isomorphism (and this actually doesn't depend on V). Let \mathcal{S}_{v_n} be the localization of pointed spaces \mathcal{S}_* at the v_n -local equivalences (not stable, so use ∞ -categorical techniques). Let $\text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ be the localization of Sp at the same.

Remark 11. $\text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ is equivalent to the Ind-completion of the Verdier quotient $\text{Sp}_{\geq n}^{\text{fin}} / \text{Sp}_{\geq n+1}^{\text{fin}}$.

The v_n -periodic homotopy groups of X are homotopy groups of an associated spectrum

$$\Phi_V(X) = \text{colim}(\Sigma^\infty \text{Map}_*(V, X) \xrightarrow{v^*} \Sigma^{\infty-d} \text{Map}_*(V, X) \rightarrow \cdots)$$

which is called the *telescopic functor* $\Phi_V: \mathcal{S}_* \rightarrow \text{Sp}_{T(n)}$, factoring through \mathcal{S}_{v_n} . It doesn't really depend on V , so let's lose it from the notation.

Definition 12. The Bousfield-Kuhn functor is a functor $\Phi: \mathcal{S}_{v_n} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)}$ defined by

- (1) $\Phi_V \cong \underline{\mathrm{Map}}(V, \Phi)$ as spectra (so the righthand side is the mapping spectrum, not just the space)
- (2) $\Phi\Omega^\infty \cong L_{T(n)}: \mathrm{Sp} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)}$ the localization functor, so the localization from spectra to type n spectra factors through infinite loop spaces.

Theorem 13 (Bousfield). Φ has a left adjoint $\Theta: \mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}$.

Theorem 14 (Eldred-H-Mathew-Meier). Φ is a monadic functor, so \mathcal{S}_{v_n} is isomorphic to algebras in $\mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)}$ over the monad $\Phi\Theta$. We have two adjunctions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)} & \\
 \Sigma_{v_n}^\infty \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft \Omega^\infty \\
 & \mathcal{S}_{v_n} & \\
 \Theta \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft \Phi \\
 & \mathrm{Sp}_{T(n)} &
 \end{array}$$

and we know that $\Phi\Omega^\infty \simeq \mathrm{id}$, so we can conclude that $\Sigma_{v_n}^\infty\Theta \simeq \mathrm{id}$ too. This is analogous to the following for an operad \mathcal{O} with $\mathcal{O}(0) = 0$ and \mathcal{C} a stable category

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathcal{C} & \\
 \text{"TAQ"} \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft \text{triv} \\
 & \mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{C}) & \\
 F \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft U \\
 & \mathcal{C} &
 \end{array}$$

where $U \circ \text{triv} = \mathrm{id}$ and the other composite is also the identity.

There's also a coalgebra version with the same conclusion.

Theorem 15. $\Phi\Theta$ is the free spectral Lie algebra monad,

$$\Phi\Theta(X) \cong \left[\bigoplus_{k \geq 1} (\mathbb{L}(k) \otimes X^{\otimes k})_{h\Sigma_k} \right]_{L_{T(n)} \text{ localized}}$$

Remark 16. We've done part of Quillen's story, but what about the cocommutative coalgebras? Unfortunately,

$$\mathcal{S}_{v_n} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_{v_n}^\infty} \text{coCAlg}(\text{Sp}_{T(n)})$$

is *not* an equivalence, and neither are the categories abstractly, unlike the rational case.

Nonetheless, there is a comparison map

$$\Phi(X) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Map}}(\text{TAQ}(\mathbb{S}^{X_+}), \mathbb{S}_{T(n)})$$

which generally isn't an equivalence (for the same reason) but is sometimes, e.g. $X = S^k$ [Behrens-Rezk, Arone-Mahowald].

Ingredients of the proof: Say $F: \text{Sp}_{T(n)} \rightarrow \text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ is *coanalytic* if it is of the form

$$F(X) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} (\mathcal{O}(k) \otimes X^{\otimes k})_{h\Sigma_k}$$

for some symmetric sequence \mathcal{O} .

Theorem 17. The obvious map from symmetric sequences to coanalytic functions on $\text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ is an equivalence, so maps between functors must arise from maps of symmetric sequences. This is pretty unique to the $T(n)$ -local setting.

This theorem is proved using Tate vanishing (Kuhn) and a nilpotence trick (Mathew).

As a consequence, a (co)operad in $\text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ is the same thing as a coanalytic (co)monad.

Proposition 18 (with Lurie). $F: \text{Sp}_{T(n)} \rightarrow \text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ is coanalytic if and only if F preserves sifted colimits.

This is true rationally, but also true in this case.

Corollary 19. $\Phi\Theta$ preserves sifted colimits, so it corresponds to some operad in symmetric sequences.

and that lets one finish the proof.