

Lecture 8

$$\mathbf{SCRing} \cong \mathrm{Fun}_{\pi, \text{fin}}((\mathbf{Poly})^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Spc})$$

"Δ^{op}Set"

$R: (\mathbf{Poly})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Spc}$ sending finite coproducts in \mathbf{Poly} to products of spaces.

\mathbf{Poly} = full subcategory of \mathbf{CRing} spanned by $\mathbb{Z}[T_1, \dots, T_n]$, $n \geq 0$.

Prop: \mathcal{C} ∞ -cat admitting sifted colimits.

Then $\mathrm{Fun}_{\text{sift}}(\mathbf{SCRing}, \mathcal{C}) \cong \mathrm{Fun}(\mathbf{Poly}, \mathcal{C})$.

In other words, \mathbf{SCRing} is freely generated under sifted colimits by \mathbf{Poly} .

Rmk: Fix $R \in \mathbf{SCRing}$. Then \mathbf{SCRing}_R is freely generated by \mathbf{Poly}_R under sift. colim.

We can more generally consider $\mathbf{SCRMod} \supset \mathbf{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}}$ (connective)

where objects of \mathbf{SCRMod} are pairs (R, M) , $R \in \mathbf{SCRing}$, $M \in \mathbf{Mod}_R$ (resp. $M \in \mathbf{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}}$).

Let $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathbf{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}}$ be the full subcat spanned by (R, M) such that $R \cong \mathbb{Z}[T_1, \dots, T_n]$, $n \geq 0$, and $M \cong R^{\oplus m}$, $m \geq 0$.

Prop: The inclusion $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathbf{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}}$ induces an equivalence

$$\mathrm{Fun}_{\pi, \text{fin}}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Spc}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}}$$

see SAG 25.2.1.2 / HTT 5.5.8.15

Cor: \mathcal{E} ∞ -cat admitting (small) sifted colimits. Then

$$\mathrm{Fun}_{\text{sift}}(\mathbf{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}}, \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}).$$

Informally: to construct a functor $F: \mathbf{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ which commute with sifted colimits, it suffices to specify the value of F on \mathcal{E} , i.e. on pairs (R, M) with R polynomial ring, M free module of finite rank.

Note that R and M are (by definition) all discrete!

§ Derived symmetric and exterior powers.

We apply the previous construction to produce "derived" versions of Sym_R^n and Λ_R^n

1. Symmetric powers:

$R \in \mathbf{CRing} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{SCRing}$

$M \in \mathbf{Mod}_R$, discrete

$m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

$\rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}_R^m(M): \pi_0(M \otimes_R^n)/\Sigma_n \in \mathbf{Mod}_R$, discrete.
with $\sigma(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = x_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma(n)}$
(coinvariants for the action of Σ_n).

If $M = R^{\oplus m}$, $m \geq 1$, free with basis $\{T_1, \dots, T_m\}$, then $\mathrm{Sym}_R^m(M)$ is free of rank $\binom{m+m-1}{m}$ with basis the set of monomials

$$T_1^{d_1} T_2^{d_2} \cdots T_m^{d_m}$$

s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^m d_i = m$.

This means we have

$$\mathrm{Sym}^m: \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{E}, (R, M) \mapsto \mathrm{Sym}_R^m(M)$$

↑ defined above.

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This gives a "unique" extension: $\text{Sym}^n: \text{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}} \rightarrow \text{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}}$
 (we use the same notation. In SAG Lurie writes $L\text{Sym}_R^n(M)$ instead). In our terminology, this will be
 the derived symmetric power of $M \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}}$.

2. Exterior powers.

$R \in \mathbb{Z}[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ or more generally if $R \in \text{CRing}$ discrete.
 $M = R^{\oplus m}$

Define $\Lambda_R^m(M) = (M \otimes_R^n) / (\text{sgn } \Sigma_n) \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{ch}}$ (could write $\pi_0(M^{\otimes n}) / \dots$)
 with $\sigma(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = \text{sgn}(\sigma)x_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes x_{\sigma(n)}$, $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$.

If $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ is a basis of M , then $\Lambda_R^n(M)$ is also free of rk $\binom{m}{n}$.
 with basis given by the "ordered tensors".

As above, this defines $\Lambda^n: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, $(R, M) \mapsto (R, \Lambda_R^n(M))$

\Rightarrow get a "unique" extension $\Lambda^n: \text{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}} \rightarrow \text{SCRMod}^{\text{cn}} \rightsquigarrow \Lambda_R^n(M) \# M$ com.

We call it the n -th derived exterior power of $M \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}}$.

Properties: (SAG 25.2.3)

a) Base-change: given $A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \in \text{CRing}$ morphism $\text{Mod}_A \rightarrow \text{Mod}_B$
 Then for every $M \in \text{Mod}_A^{\text{cn}}$ we have $M \mapsto M \otimes_A B$.

$$i) B \otimes_A \text{Sym}_A^m(M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Sym}_B^m(B \otimes_A M)$$

$$ii) B \otimes_A \Lambda_A^n(M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda_B^n(B \otimes_A M).$$

Proof: we always have a comparison map $B \otimes_A \text{Sym}_A^m(M) \xrightarrow{\alpha_M} \text{Sym}_B^m(B \otimes_A M)$,
 and the construction commutes with sifted colimits. (OK for $B \otimes_A (-)$. For Sym ok by Cor at previous page.) Thus we can assume M is free of finite rank.

$$\Rightarrow M = A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M_0, M_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus m}. \text{ But then look at}$$

$$B \otimes_A A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Sym}_{\mathbb{Z}}^m(M_0) \xrightarrow{\text{for } B' = B \otimes_A A \text{ and } A' = \mathbb{Z}} \text{Sym}_{B \otimes_A A}^m(B \otimes_A A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M_0) \cong \text{Sym}_B^m(B \otimes_A M)$$

$$B \otimes \alpha_M \text{ for } \alpha_M: A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Sym}_{\mathbb{Z}}^m(M_0) \rightarrow \text{Sym}_A^m(A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{enough to show the statement when } A = \mathbb{Z}.$$

By colimit extension argument, can assume $B = \mathbb{Z}[T_1, \dots, T_n] \Rightarrow$ explicit description

But then we are saying $B \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} ((\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus m})^{\otimes n}) / \Sigma_n \cong ((B^{\oplus m})^{\otimes n}) / \Sigma_n$ ok.

Same argument works for Λ^n . \square

b) $R \in \text{CRing}$. $M \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}}$ which is locally free of rank $= m$. resp.

(\tilde{M} locally free as object of $\text{QCoh}(\text{Spec}(R))$).

$\Rightarrow \text{Sym}_R^m(M)$ and $\Lambda_R^m(M)$ are both locally free of rk $\binom{m+m-1}{m}, \binom{m}{m}$. \checkmark

proof: by a) above, we can actually assume that R is $\mathbb{Z}[T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k]$ and that $M = R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus m}$ is free of rank m .

Further using the trick of the previous proof, we can assume $R = \mathbb{Z}$. But then we have already seen that both $\Lambda_R^n(M)$ and $\text{Sym}_R^m(M)$ are free of the expected rank.

We conclude by quoting the following

Prop (SAG 25.2.3.4). Let R be a discrete SCRing, and let $M \in \text{Mod}_R$ be a flat R -module. Then:

- 1) $\text{Sym}_R^m(M) \cong \text{Sym}_R^{1^n}(M)$, where $\text{Sym}_R^{1^n}(M) := \pi_0(M \otimes_R^{1^n}) / \Sigma_n$ (non derived version)
- 2) $\Lambda_R^n(M) \cong \Lambda_R^{1^n}(M)$, where $(\Lambda^{1^n})_R(M) = \pi_0(M \otimes_R^{1^n}) / \text{sgn } \Sigma_n$ (non derived version)

In particular, $\text{Sym}_R^m(M)$ and $\Lambda_R^n(M)$ are discrete.

Warning: if $M \in \text{Mod}_R$ discrete, with R discrete, $\text{Sym}_R^m(M)$ and $\Lambda_R^n(M)$ are not discrete, in general, unless M is flat. In particular, they don't agree with the "classical constructions". However, the classical construction agrees with $\pi_0(\text{Sym}_R^m(M))$ and $\pi_0(\Lambda_R^n(M))$ resp.

From $\text{Sym}_R^m(-)$ to $\Lambda_R^n(-)$: the 2 functors are related as follows:

Prop (DAG 3.2.1). Let $R \in \text{SCRing}$, $M \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}}$. The functor

$M \mapsto (\text{Sym}_R^m(M[1]))[-m]$ agrees with $\Lambda_R^n(M)$, up to equivalence.

proof: One has to show that the functor $T_R^n: M \mapsto \text{Sym}_R^m(M[1])[-n]$ agrees with the "non abelian left derived functor" (in Lurie's sense) of Λ_R^n .

Thus we have to show $\Lambda_R^n(M) \cong T_R^n(M)$ if $R \in \text{CRing}$ is discrete and $M = R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}^m$ is free. In fact we can use the previous prop (a) to reduce to the case $R = \mathbb{Z}$.

The case $m \leq 1$ is clear, so assume $m \geq 2$. Note that if M and N are free, we have:

$$\text{Sym}_R^m((M \oplus N)[1]) \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} \text{Sym}_R^i(M[1]) \otimes_R \text{Sym}_R^j(N[1]) \quad (**)$$

see below

and so we can assume $M \cong R$ (i.e. R is free of rank = 1).

In this case $\Lambda_R^m(M) = 0$, so it's enough to show $\text{Sym}_R^m(M[1])[-n] = 0$.

Claim: $R \oplus R[1] \cong \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \text{Sym}_R^m(R[1])$. In particular, $\text{Sym}_R^m(R[1]) = 0$ ($m \geq 2$). (Note that Sym_R^n can be computed degreewise on cofibrant connective R -modules for R discrete). See SAG 25.2.4.2. \square

Another useful ~~debbie~~ property:

Prop: $R \in \text{SCRing}$, $M \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}, \text{perf}}$. Then $\text{Sym}_R^m(M)$ and $\Lambda_R^n(M)$ are perfect.

Note: $\text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}} \subset \text{Mod}_R^{\text{cn}, \text{perf}} \subset \text{Mod}_R^{\text{perf}}$, and Sym and Λ preserve projectivity.

We wish now to use the operation $\text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}}$

To define a λ -ring structure on

$$K_0(\text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}}) \cong K_0(R), \quad R \in \text{SCRing}$$

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Recall before the following classical definition.

Def: A commutative ring K is called a pre- λ -ring (SGA 6 terminology)
if we are given a family of operations $\lambda^k: K \rightarrow K$, $k \geq 0$
such that $\forall x, y \in K$, $\lambda^k(x+y) = \sum_{i=0}^k \lambda^i(x)\lambda^{k-i}(y)$ (*)
 $\lambda^0(x) = 1$, $\lambda^1(x) = x$.

We therefore have to define $\lambda^k: K_0(R) \rightarrow K_0(R)$, $R \in \text{SCRing}$.

If $M \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}}$, we can set $\lambda^k(M) = [\wedge_R^k(M)]$, which make sense,
since $\wedge_R^k(M) \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}}$ $\forall k \geq 0$, thanks to property b) discussed above.

We need them to prove the relation (*): to do so, we essentially
reduce to the (*) decomposition above, that we need to explain more
generally for any $M, N \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}}$.

Construction: $R \in \text{CRing}$ discrete; consider a sequence

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V.2.2.1 $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{p} M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ of finitely generated and free
($M' \xrightarrow{p} M \rightarrow \text{Cof}(p) = M'' \rightarrow +$) R -modules.

We define a filtration on $\text{Sym}_R^m(M)$ ($= \text{Sym}_R^{1,m}(M)$, with the
 $\circledast\ddagger$ notation introduced above)

$$\text{where } F^{d,m}(p) = \text{submodule generated by symmetric powers}$$

$F^{d,m}(p) = \sqrt{M'}$ of homogeneous degree $= d$.

= Image of the canonical morphism:

$$\text{Sym}_R^{m-d}(M') \otimes \text{Sym}_R^d(M) \rightarrow \text{Sym}_R^m(M).$$

Claim: $F^{d,m}(p)/F^{d-1,m}(p) \cong \text{Sym}_R^d(M'') \otimes \text{Sym}_R^{n-d}(M')$. (Both terms discrete)

This is completely classical.

We can extend this construction: let $E = \text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \text{SCRMod}^{\text{en}}) \times \text{SCRing}$

objects: $(\exists R, p: M' \rightarrow M)$, $R \in \text{SCRing}$
 $M, M' \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{en}}$

$\text{Fun}(\Delta^1, \text{SCRing})$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}} & & \\ \wedge_R^n(-) & \uparrow & \text{proj. } R\text{-modules} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \text{locally free} \\ & & \text{of finite rank} \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{E}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ ✓
 subcategory spanned by $(\mathbb{Z}[T_1, \dots, T_r], p: M' \rightarrow M)$
 with M', M'' finitely generated and free (\rightarrow discrete).

Then

$$\text{Fun}_{\text{sift}}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{C}) \simeq \text{Fun}(\mathcal{E}_0, \mathcal{C}) \quad \# \text{ } \infty\text{-Cat } \mathcal{C} \text{ admitting}\newline \text{sifted colimits.}$$

$$(\mathcal{E} \simeq \text{Fun}_{\text{PT,fin}}(\mathcal{E}_0, \text{Spc})).$$

This gives an extension of $F^{d,n}(R, p)$, any $R \in \text{SCRing}$

By construction, we have $\text{Cofib}(F^{d-1,n}(p) \rightarrow F^{d,n}(p)) \cong \text{Sym}_R^d(\text{Cof } p)$

Write $\text{gr}^d(\text{Sym}_R^m(M))$ for this cofiber.

Consequence: Suppose $M' \xrightarrow[p]{} M \rightarrow M''$ cofiber sequence, with $M', M, M'' \in \text{Mod}_R^{\text{proj}}$.

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \text{gr}^d(\text{Sym}_R^m(M)) \cong \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \text{Sym}_R^d(M'') \otimes_R \text{Sym}_R^{m-d}(M')$$

and

$$[\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \text{gr}^d(\text{Sym}_R^m(M))] = \sum_{d \geq 0} [\text{gr}^d(\text{Sym}_R^m(M))] = [\text{Sym}_R^m(M)]$$

Using now the equivalence $\Lambda_R^n(M) = \text{Sym}_R^n(M[1])[-n]$,
 we get the required formula (*), since the

product structure on $\text{Ko}(R)$ is induced exactly by \otimes_R .

In summary:
Prop: $\text{Ko}(R)$ is a pre- λ -ring.

We have then $\lambda^K: \text{Ko}(R) \rightarrow \text{Ko}(R)$.

Suppose $R \xrightarrow{f} R'$ is a morphism in SCRing . The compatibility of Λ_R^n with base change, discussed above, shows that λ^K is compatible with

$$\text{Ko}(R) \xrightarrow[f_*]{ } \text{Ko}(R'), \quad M \mapsto M \otimes_{R'} R!$$

Rmk: we don't discuss, for now, the proof of the fact that $\text{Ko}(R)$ has in fact
 the structure of λ -ring (aka special λ -ring). See SGA 6, VI for
 classical proof.

§ Globalization:

$X \in \text{DSch}$. We would like to extend $\lambda^K: \text{Ko}(R) \rightarrow \text{Ko}(R)$ to $\text{Ko}(X)$.

Def: Let $\text{Perf}(X) \subset \text{QCoh}(X)$ be the subcategory spanned by perfect complexes. We have $\text{Vect}(X) \subset \text{Perf}(X)$, where $\text{Vect}(X)$ is the subcat.
 generated by locally free sheaves. We have

$$\text{Ko}^{\text{naive}}(X) = \text{Ko}(\text{Vect}(X)) \xrightarrow{i} \text{Ko}(\text{Perf}(X)) = \text{Ko}(X) \text{ canonical map.}$$

Recall that if $X = \text{Spec}(R)$, $R \in \text{SCRing}$, then i is an isomorphism.

We say that X satisfies the global resolution property if i is an equivalence.

Recall: if X is a classical scheme, this property is satisfied if X is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, admitting an ample family of line bundles (SGA 6 & Thomason). See SGA 6, II. 2.2.9.

Assume X has global resolution. Then we could replace $\text{Perf}(X)$ with $\text{Vect}(X)$

Them:

$$\text{Vect}(X) \simeq \varprojlim_{\text{Spec}(A) \hookrightarrow X} \text{Mod}_A^{\text{proj}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^k : \text{Vect}(X) \longrightarrow \text{Vect}(X)$$

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$$\lim_{\leftarrow} \text{Mod}_A^{\text{proj}} \longrightarrow \lim_{\leftarrow} \text{Mod}_A^{\text{proj}}$$

\Rightarrow get the map $\lambda^K : K_0(\text{Vect}(X)) \rightarrow K_0(\text{Vect}(X))$, $\forall K \geq 0$

The identity making $Ko(X)$ into a pre- λ -ring can be checked locally. Hence they are automatically satisfied, thanks to the discussion above.

§ γ - operations.

This can be done axiomatically on any pre λ -ring K .

$\gamma^k : K \rightarrow K$. Take $x \in K$.

Write $\lambda_s(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda^i(x)s^i \in K[s]$.

Change variables: $s = \frac{t}{1-t}$. Then we can rewrite $\lambda_s(x)$ as $\gamma_t(x) = \sum \gamma(x)^k t^k$

$\Rightarrow \gamma^k(x) = \text{coefficient of } t^k.$

$$E_x : \quad \gamma^k(x) = \lambda^k(x+k-1)$$

Properties: $r_t(x+y) = r_t(x) r_t(y)$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^0(x) = 1, \quad \gamma^1(x) = x, \quad \gamma^k(x+y) = \sum \gamma^i(x) \gamma^{k-i}(y).$$

Thus, the γ -operations satisfy the axioms of a λ -ring structure on K .

§ Adams operations.

Assume that K is augmented $\varepsilon: K \rightarrow H^0$, $H^0 \subset K$ bimomial ring
 Then ε is a morphism of rings.

Then we can define:

$$\psi^0(x) = \varepsilon(x)$$

$$\gamma^1(x) = x$$

$$\gamma^2(x) = x^2 - 2\lambda^2(x)$$

$$\psi^k(x) = \lambda^1(x)\psi^{k-1}(x) - \lambda^2(x)\psi^{k-2}(x) + \dots + (-1)^{k-1} k! \lambda^k(x).$$

The operations are defined to satisfy $\psi^j \psi^k = \psi^{jk}$ if $j, k > 0$
 if K satisfy the "splitting principle".