

## EXTENSIONS OF HOMOGENEOUS COORDINATE RINGS TO $A_\infty$ -ALGEBRAS

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### *Abstract*

We study  $A_\infty$ -structures extending the natural algebra structure on the cohomology of  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^n$ , where  $L$  is a very ample line bundle on a projective  $d$ -dimensional variety  $X$  such that  $H^i(X, L^n) = 0$  for  $0 < i < d$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We prove that there exists a unique such *nontrivial*  $A_\infty$ -structure up to a strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism (i.e., an  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism with the identity as the first structure map) and rescaling. In the case when  $X$  is a curve we also compute the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphisms of this  $A_\infty$ -structure.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a projective variety over a field  $k$ ,  $L$  be a very ample line bundle on  $X$ . Recall that the graded  $k$ -algebra

$$R_L = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H^0(X, L^n)$$

is called the *homogeneous coordinate ring* corresponding to  $L$ . More generally, one can consider the bigraded  $k$ -algebra

$$A_L = \bigoplus_{p, q \in \mathbb{Z}} H^q(X, L^p).$$

We call  $A_L$  the *extended homogeneous coordinate ring* corresponding to  $L$ .

Since  $A_L$  can be represented naturally as the cohomology algebra of some dg-algebra (say, using injective resolutions or Čech cohomology with respect to an affine covering), it is equipped with a family of higher operations called Massey products. A better way of recording this additional structure uses the notion of  $A_\infty$ -algebra due to Stasheff. Namely, by the theorem of Kadeishvili the product on  $A_L$  extends to a canonical (up to  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism)  $A_\infty$ -algebra structure with  $m_1 = 0$  (see [4] 3.3 and references therein). More precisely, this structure is unique up to a *strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism*, i.e., an  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism with the identity map as the first structure map (see section 2.1 for details). Note that the axioms of  $A_\infty$ -algebra use the *cohomological* grading on  $A_L$  (where  $H^q(X, L^p)$  has cohomological degree  $q$ ), and all the operations  $(m_n)$  have degree zero with respect to the *internal*

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grading (where  $H^q(X, L^p)$  has *internal degree*  $p$ ). The natural question is whether it is possible to characterize intrinsically this canonical class of  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$ . This question is partly motivated by the homological mirror symmetry. Namely, in the case when  $X$  is a Calabi-Yau manifold, the  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$  is supposed to be  $A_\infty$ -equivalent to an appropriate  $A_\infty$ -algebra arising on a mirror dual symplectic side. An intrinsic characterization of the  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism class of our  $A_\infty$ -structure could be helpful in reducing the problem of constructing such an  $A_\infty$ -equivalence to constructing an isomorphism of the usual associative algebras. More generally, it is conceivable that the algebra  $A_L$  can appear as cohomology algebra of some other dg-algebras (for example, if there is an equivalence of the derived category of coherent sheaves on  $X$  with some other such category), so one might be interested in comparing corresponding  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$ .

Thus, we want to study all  $A_\infty$ -structures  $(m_n)$  on  $A_L$  (with respect to the cohomological grading), such that  $m_1 = 0$ ,  $m_2$  is the standard double product and all  $m_n$  have degree 0 with respect to the internal grading. Let us call such an  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$  *admissible*. As we have already mentioned before, there is a *canonical strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism class* of such structures coming from the realization of  $A_L$  as cohomology of the dg-algebra  $\oplus_n \mathcal{C}^\bullet(L^n)$  where  $\mathcal{C}^\bullet(?)$  denotes the Čech complex with respect to some open affine covering of  $X$ . By definition, an  $A_\infty$ -structure belongs to the canonical class if there exists an  $A_\infty$ -morphism from  $A_L$  equipped with this  $A_\infty$ -structure to the above dg-algebra inducing identity on the cohomology. The simplest picture one could imagine would be that all admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures are strictly  $A_\infty$ -isomorphic, i.e., that  $A_L$  is intrinsically formal. It turns out that this is not the case. However, our main theorem below shows that if the cohomology of the structure sheaf on  $X$  is concentrated in degrees 0 and  $\dim X$  then for sufficiently ample  $L$  the situation is not too much worse.

We will recall the notion of a homotopy between  $A_\infty$ -morphisms in section 2.1 below.<sup>1</sup> Let us say that an  $A_\infty$ -structure is *nontrivial* if it is not  $A_\infty$ -isomorphic to an  $A_\infty$ -structure with  $m_n = 0$  for  $n \neq 2$ . By rescaling of an  $A_\infty$ -structure we mean the change of the products  $(m_n)$  to  $(\lambda^{n-2}m_n)$  for some constant  $\lambda \in k^*$ . Our main result gives a classification of admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  up to a strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism and rescaling (under certain assumptions).

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $L$  be a very ample line bundle on a  $d$ -dimensional projective variety  $X$  such that  $H^q(X, L^p) = 0$  for  $q \neq 0, d$  and all  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then*

- (i) *up to a strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism and rescaling there exists a unique non-trivial admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$ ; moreover,  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  from the canonical strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism class are nontrivial;*
- (ii) *for every pair of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms  $f, f' : (m_i) \rightarrow (m'_i)$  between admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  there exists a homotopy from  $f$  to  $f'$ .*

**Remarks.** 1. One can unify strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms with rescalings by considering  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms  $(f_n)$  with the morphism  $f_1$  of the form  $f_1(a) = \lambda^{\deg(a)}$  for

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<sup>1</sup>All  $A_\infty$ -morphisms and homotopies between them are assumed to respect the internal grading on  $A_L$ .

some  $\lambda \in k^*$  (where  $a$  is a homogeneous element of  $A_L$ ). In particular, part (i) of the theorem implies that all non-trivial admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  are  $A_\infty$ -isomorphic.

2. As we will show in section 2.1, part (ii) of the theorem is equivalent to its particular case when  $f' = f$ . In this case the statement is that every strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphism of  $f$  is homotopic to the identity.

3. If one wants to see more explicitly how a canonical  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$  looks like, one has to choose one of the natural dg-algebras with cohomology  $A_L$  (an obvious algebraic choice is the Čech complex; in the case  $k = \mathbb{C}$  one can also use the Dolbeault complex), choose a projector  $\pi$  from the dg-algebra to some space of representatives for the cohomology such that  $\pi = 1 - dQ - Qd$  for some operator  $Q$ , and then apply formulas of [5] for the operations  $m_n$  (they are given by certain sums over trees).

The above theorem is applicable to every line bundle of sufficiently large degree on a curve. In higher dimensions it can be used for every sufficiently ample line bundle on a  $d$ -dimensional projective variety  $X$  such that there exists a dualizing sheaf on  $X$  and  $H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  for  $0 < i < d$ . For example, this condition is satisfied for complete intersections in projective spaces. At present we do not know how to extend this theorem to the case when  $\mathcal{O}_X$  has some nontrivial middle cohomology. Note that for a smooth projective variety  $X$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  the natural (up to a strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism)  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $H^*(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is trivial as follows from the formality theorem of [1]. This suggests that for sufficiently ample line bundle  $L$  one could try to characterize the canonical  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$  (up to a strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism and rescaling) as an admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure whose restriction to  $H^*(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is trivial.

In the case when  $X$  is a curve we can also compute the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphisms of an  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$ . As we will explain below 2.1, strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms on  $A_L$  form a group  $HG$ , which is a subgroup of automorphisms of the free coalgebra  $\text{Bar}(A_L)$  (preserving both gradings). The dual to the degree zero component of  $\text{Bar}(A_L)$  (with respect to both gradings) can be identified with the completed tensor algebra  $\hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*) = \prod_{n \geq 0} T^n(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*)$ . Therefore, we obtain a natural homomorphism from  $HG$  to the group  $G$  of continuous automorphisms of  $\hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $L$  be a very ample line bundle on a projective curve  $X$  such that  $H^1(X, L) = 0$ . Let also  $HG(m) \subset HG$  be the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphisms of an admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure  $m$  on  $A_L$ . Then the above homomorphism  $HG \rightarrow G$  restricts to an isomorphism of  $HG(m)$  with the subgroup  $G_0 \subset G$  consisting of inner automorphisms of  $\hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*)$  by elements in  $1 + \prod_{n > 0} T^n(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*)$ .*

Assume that  $X$  is a smooth projective curve. Then there is a canonical non-commutative thickening  $\tilde{J}$  of the Jacobian  $J$  of  $X$  (see [3]). As was shown in [10], a choice of an  $A_\infty$ -structure in the canonical strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism class gives rise to a formal system of coordinates on  $\tilde{J}$  at zero. More precisely, by this we mean an isomorphism of the formal completion of the local ring of  $\tilde{J}$  at zero with  $\hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*)$  inducing the identity map on the tangent spaces. Formal coor-

dinates associated with two strictly isomorphic  $A_\infty$ -structures are related by the coordinate change given by the image of the corresponding  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism under the homomorphism  $HG \rightarrow G$ . Now Theorem 1.2 implies that two  $A_\infty$ -structures in the canonical class that induce the same formal coordinate on  $\tilde{J}$  can be connected by a unique strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism. Indeed, two such isomorphisms would differ by a strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphism inducing the trivial automorphism of  $\hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*)$ , but such an  $A_\infty$ -automorphism is trivial by Theorem 1.2.

*Convention.* Throughout the paper we work over a fixed ground field  $k$ . The symbol  $\otimes$  without additional subscripts always denotes the tensor product over  $k$ .

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## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1. Strict $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms and homotopies

We refer to [4] for an introduction to  $A_\infty$ -structures. We restrict ourselves to several remarks about  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms and homotopies between them.

A *strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism* between two  $A_\infty$ -structures  $(m)$  and  $(m')$  on the same graded space  $A$  is an  $A_\infty$ -morphism  $f = (f_n)$  from  $(A, m)$  to  $(A, m')$  such that  $f_1 = \text{id}$ . The equations connecting  $f$ ,  $m$  and  $m'$  can be interpreted as follows. Recall that  $m$  and  $m'$  correspond to coderivations  $d_m$  and  $d_{m'}$  of the bar-construction  $\text{Bar}(A) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} T^n(A[1])$  such that  $d_m^2 = d_{m'}^2 = 0$ . Now every collection  $f = (f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ , where  $f_n : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$  has degree  $1 - n$ ,  $f_1 = \text{id}$ , defines a coalgebra automorphism  $\alpha_f : \text{Bar}(A) \rightarrow \text{Bar}(A)$ , with the component  $\text{Bar}(A) \rightarrow A[1]$  given by  $(f_n)$ . The condition that  $f$  is an  $A_\infty$ -morphism is equivalent to the equation  $\alpha_f \circ d_m = d_{m'} \circ \alpha_f$ . In other words, strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms between  $A_\infty$ -structures precisely correspond to the action of the group of automorphisms of  $\text{Bar}(A)$  as a coalgebra on the space of coderivations  $d$  such that  $d^2 = 0$ . More precisely, we consider only automorphisms of  $\text{Bar}(A)$  of degree 0 inducing the identity map  $A \rightarrow A$ . Let us denote by  $HG = HG(A)$  the group of such automorphisms which we will also call *the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms* on  $A$ . We will denote by  $m \rightarrow g * m$ , where  $g \in HG$ , the natural action of this group on the set of all  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A$ .

One can define a decreasing filtration  $(HG_n)$  of  $HG$  by normal subgroups by setting

$$HG_n = \{f = (f_i) \mid f_i = 0, 1 < i \leq n\}.$$

Note that  $f \in HG_n$  if and only if the restriction of  $\alpha_f$  to the sub-coalgebra  $\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n} = \bigoplus_{i \leq n} (A[1])^{\otimes i}$  is the identity homomorphism. Furthermore, it is also clear that  $HG \simeq \text{projlim}_n HG/HG_n$ . In particular, an infinite product of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms  $\dots * f(3) * f(2) * f(1)$  is well-defined as long as  $f(n) \in HG_{i(n)}$ , where  $i(n) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The notion of a homotopy between  $A_\infty$ -morphisms is best understood in a more general context of  $A_\infty$ -categories. Namely, for every pair of  $A_\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  one can define the  $A_\infty$ -category  $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  having  $A_\infty$ -functors  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  as objects (see [6], [8]). In particular, there is a natural notion of closed morphisms

between two  $A_\infty$ -functors  $F, F' : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . Specializing to the case when  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are  $A_\infty$ -categories with one object corresponding to  $A_\infty$ -algebras  $A$  and  $B$  we obtain a notion of a closed morphism between a pair of  $A_\infty$ -morphisms  $f, f' : A \rightarrow B$ . Following [4] we call such a closed morphism a *homotopy between  $A_\infty$ -morphisms  $f$  and  $f'$* . More explicitly, a homotopy  $h$  is given by a collection of maps  $h_n : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow B$  of degree  $-n$ , where  $n \geq 1$ , satisfying some equations. These equations are written as follows: there exists a unique linear map  $H : \text{Bar}(A) \rightarrow \text{Bar}(B)$  of degree  $-1$  with the component  $\text{Bar}(A) \rightarrow B$  given by  $(h_n)$ , such that

$$\Delta \circ H = (\alpha_f \otimes H + H \otimes \alpha_{f'}) \circ \Delta, \tag{2.1.1}$$

where  $\alpha_f, \alpha_{f'} : \text{Bar}(A) \rightarrow \text{Bar}(B)$  are coalgebra homomorphisms corresponding to  $f$  and  $f'$ ,  $\Delta$  denotes the comultiplication. Then the equation connecting  $h, f$  and  $f'$  is

$$\alpha_f - \alpha_{f'} = d_A \circ H + H \circ d_B, \tag{2.1.2}$$

where  $d_A$  (resp.,  $d_B$ ) is the coderivation of  $\text{Bar}(A)$  (resp.,  $\text{Bar}(B)$ ) corresponding to the  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A$  (resp.,  $B$ ). It is not difficult to check that for a given  $A_\infty$ -morphism  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  the equations (2.1.1) and (2.1.2) imply that  $\alpha_{f'}$  is a homomorphism of dg-coalgebras, so it defines an  $A_\infty$ -morphism  $f'$  from  $A$  to  $B$ . Moreover, similarly to the case of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms we have the following result.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $A_\infty$ -algebras and  $f = (f_n)$  be an  $A_\infty$ -morphism from  $A$  to  $B$ . For every collection  $(h_n)_{n \geq 1}$ , where  $h_n : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow B$  has degree  $-n$ , there exists a unique  $A_\infty$ -morphism  $f'$  from  $A$  to  $B$  such that  $h$  is a homotopy from  $f$  to  $f'$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that equation (2.1.1) is equivalent to the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} H[a_1 | \dots | a_n] &= \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_k < m < j_1 < \dots < j_l = n} \\ &\pm [f_{i_1}(a_1, \dots, a_{i_1}) | \dots | f_{i_k - i_{k-1}}(a_{i_{k-1}+1}, \dots, a_{i_k}) | \\ &h_{m - i_k}(a_{i_k+1}, \dots, a_m) | f'_{j_1 - m}(a_{m+1}, \dots, a_{j_1}) | \dots | f'_{j_l - j_{l-1}}(a_{j_{l-1}+1}, \dots, a_{j_l})], \end{aligned} \tag{2.1.3}$$

where  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . We are going to construct the maps  $H|_{\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n}}$  and  $\alpha_{f'}|_{\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n}}$  recursively, so that at each step the equations (2.1.2) and (2.1.3) are satisfied when restricted to  $\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n}$ . Of course, we also want  $H$  to have  $(h_n)$  as components. Then such a construction will be unique. Note that  $H|_{A[1]}$  is given by  $h_1$  and  $\alpha_{f'}|_{A[1]}$  is given by  $f'_1 = f_1 - m_1 \circ h_1 - h_1 \circ m_1$ . Now assume that the restrictions of  $H$  and  $\alpha_{f'}$  to  $\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n-1}$  are already constructed, so that the maps  $f'_i : A^{\otimes i} \rightarrow B$  are defined for  $i \leq n-1$ . Then the formula (2.1.3) defines uniquely the extension of  $H$  to  $\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n}$  (note that in the RHS of this formula only  $f'_i$  with  $i \leq n-1$  appear). It remains to apply formula (2.1.2) to define  $\alpha_{f'}|_{\text{Bar}(A)_{\leq n}}$ .  $\square$

Let  $HG$  be the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms on a given graded space  $A$ . In other words,  $HG$  is the group of degree 0 coalgebra automorphisms of  $\text{Bar}(A)$  with the component  $A \rightarrow A$  equal to the identity map. This group acts on the set of all  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A$ . The stabilizer subgroup of some  $A_\infty$ -structure  $m$  is the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphisms  $HG(m)$ . We can consider the set of all

strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphisms  $f_h \in HG(m)$  such that there exists a homotopy  $h$  from the trivial  $A_\infty$ -automorphism  $f^{tr}$  to  $f_h$  (where  $f_i^{tr} = 0$  for  $i > 1$ ). It is easy to see that  $A_\infty$ -automorphisms of the form  $f_h$  constitute a normal subgroup in  $HG(m)$  that we will denote by  $HG(m)^0$ . Furthermore, for every  $g \in HG$  we have  $HG_{g*m} = gHG(m)^0g^{-1}$ . Also, for a pair of elements  $g_1, g_2 \in HG$  such that  $m' = g_1 * m = g_2 * m$ , there exists a homotopy between  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  (where  $g_i$  are considered as  $A_\infty$ -morphisms from  $(A, m)$  to  $(A, m')$ ) if and only if  $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in HG(m)^0$ .

**2.2. Obstructions**

Below we use Hochschild cohomology  $HH(A) := HH(A, A)$  for a graded associative algebra  $A$  (see [7] for the corresponding sign convention). When considering  $A = A_L$  as a graded algebra we equip it with the cohomological grading, so in the situation of Theorem 1.1 this grading has only 0-th and  $d$ -th non-trivial graded components.

The following lemma is well known and its proof is straightforward.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $m$  and  $m'$  be two admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A$ . Assume that  $m_i = m'_i$  for  $i < n$ , where  $n \geq 3$ .*

(i) *Set  $c(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (m'_n - m_n)(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Then  $c$  is a Hochschild  $n$ -cocycle, i.e.,*

$$\delta c(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j c(a_1, \dots, a_j a_{j+1}, \dots, a_{n+1}) + (-1)^n \text{deg}(a_1) a_1 c(a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) + (-1)^{n+1} c(a_1, \dots, a_n) a_{n+1} = 0.$$

(ii) *If  $m' = f * m$  for a strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphism  $f$  such that  $f_i = 0$  for  $1 < i < n - 1$ , then setting  $b(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) = (-1)^{n-1} f_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$  we get*

$$c(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \delta b(a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

where  $c$  is the  $n$ -cocycle defined in (i). Hence,  $c$  is a Hochschild coboundary.

Thus, the study of admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A$  is closely related to the study of certain components of Hochschild cohomology of  $A$ . More precisely, let us denote  $C_{p,q}^n(A)$  (resp.  $HH_{p,q}^n(A)$ ) the space of reduced Hochschild  $n$ -cochains (resp. of  $n$ -th Hochschild cohomology classes) of internal grading  $-p$  and of cohomological grading  $-q$ . In other words,  $C_{p,q}^n(A)$  consists of cochains  $c : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$  such that  $\text{intdeg } c(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \text{intdeg } a_1 + \dots + \text{intdeg } a_n - p$ ,  $\text{deg } c(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \text{deg } a_1 + \dots + \text{deg } a_n - q$ . Since, all the operations  $m_n$  respect the internal grading and have (cohomological) degree  $2 - n$ , we see that the cocycle  $c$  defined in Lemma 2.2 lives in  $C_{0,n-2}^n(A)$ .

There is an analogue of Lemma 2.2 for strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $m$  and  $m'$  be admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A$ ,  $f, f'$  be a pair of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms from  $m$  to  $m'$ . Assume that  $f_i = f'_i$  for  $i < n$ , where  $n \geq 2$ .*

(i) *Set  $c(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (f'_n - f_n)(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Then  $c$  is a Hochschild  $n$ -cocycle in  $C_{0,n-1}^n(A)$ .*

(ii) *If  $\phi : f \rightarrow f'$  is a homotopy such that  $\phi_i = 0$  for  $i < n - 1$ , then for  $b(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) = \pm \phi_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$  one has  $c = \delta b$ .*

### 3. Calculations

#### 3.1. Hochschild cohomology

In this subsection we calculate the components of the Hochschild cohomology of  $A = A_L$  that are relevant for the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Let us set  $R = R_L$  and let  $R_+ = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} R_n$  be the augmentation ideal in  $R$ , so that  $R/R_+ = k$ . Recall that the bar-construction provides a free resolution of  $k$  as  $R$ -module of the form

$$\dots \rightarrow R_+ \otimes R_+ \otimes R \rightarrow R_+ \otimes R \rightarrow R \rightarrow k. \tag{3.1.1}$$

For graded  $R$ -bimodules  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  we consider the bar-complex

$$B^\bullet(M_1, \dots, M_n) = M_1 \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_2 \otimes \dots \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_n,$$

where  $T(R_+)$  is the tensor algebra of  $R_+$ . This is just the tensor product over  $T(R_+)$  of the bar-complexes of  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  (where  $M_1$  is considered as a right  $R$ -module,  $M_2, \dots, M_{n-1}$  as  $R$ -bimodules, and  $M_n$  as a left  $R$ -module). The grading in this complex is induced by the *cohomological grading* of the tensor algebra  $T(R_+)$  defined by  $\deg T^i(R_+) = -i$ , so that  $B^\bullet(M_1, \dots, M_n)$  is concentrated in nonnegative degrees and the differential has degree 1. For example,  $B^\bullet(k, R)$  is the bar-resolution (3.1.1) of  $k$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 let us consider the graded  $R$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} H^d(X, L^i)$ . Let  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  be graded  $R$ -bimodules such that each of them is isomorphic to  $M$  as a (graded) right  $R$ -module and as a left  $R$ -module.*

- (i) *The complex  $B^\bullet(k, M) = T(R_+) \otimes M$  has one-dimensional cohomology, which is concentrated in degree  $-d - 1$  and internal degree 0.*
- (ii)  *$H^i(B^\bullet(M_1, M_2)) = 0$  for  $i \neq -d - 1$  and  $H^{-d-1}(B^\bullet(M_1, M_2))$  is isomorphic to  $M$  as a (graded) right  $R$ -module and as a left  $R$ -module.*
- (iii)  *$H^i(B^\bullet(M_1, \dots, M_n)) = 0$  for  $i > -(n - 1)(d + 1)$ .*
- (iv)  *$H^i(B^\bullet(k, M_1, \dots, M_n, k)) = 0$  for  $i > -n(d + 1)$ . In addition, the space  $H^{-d-1}(B^\bullet(k, M_1, k))$  is one-dimensional and has internal degree 0.*

*Proof.* (i) Localizing the exact sequence (3.1.1) on  $X$  and tensoring with  $L^m$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain the following exact sequence of vector bundles on  $X$ :

$$\dots \oplus_{n_1, n_2 > 0} R_{n_1} \otimes R_{n_2} \otimes L^{m-n_1-n_2} \rightarrow \oplus_{n > 0} R_n \otimes L^{m-n} \rightarrow L^m \rightarrow 0. \tag{3.1.2}$$

Each term in this sequence is a direct sum of a number of copies of line bundles  $L^n$ : for a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  we denote by  $V \otimes L^n$  the direct sum of  $\dim V$  copies of  $L^n$ . Now let us consider the spectral sequence with  $E_1$ -term given by the cohomology of all sheaves in this complex and abutting to zero (this sequence converges since we can compute cohomology using Čech resolutions with respect to a finite open affine covering of  $X$ ). The  $E_1$ -term consists of two rows: one obtained by applying the functor  $H^0(X, \cdot)$  to (3.1.2), another obtained by applying  $H^d(X, \cdot)$ . The row of  $H^0$ 's has form

$$\dots \oplus_{n_1, n_2 > 0} R_{n_1} \otimes R_{n_2} \otimes R_{m-n_1-n_2} \rightarrow \oplus_{n > 0} R_n \otimes R_{m-n} \rightarrow R_m \rightarrow 0$$

which is just the  $m$ -th homogeneous component of the bar-resolution. Hence, this complex is exact for  $m \neq 0$ . Since the sequence abuts to zero the row of  $H^d$ 's should also be exact for  $m \neq 0$ . For  $m = 0$  the row of  $H^0$ 's reduces to the single term  $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = k$ , hence, the row of  $H^d$ 's in this case has one-dimensional cohomology at  $-(d + 1)$ th term and is exact elsewhere.

(ii) Consider the filtration on  $B^\bullet(M_1, M_2)$  associated with the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $M_2$ . By part (i) the corresponding spectral sequence has the term  $E_1 \simeq H^{-d-1}(M_1 \otimes T(R_+)) \otimes M_2 \simeq M_2$ . Hence, it degenerates in this term and

$$H^*(K^\bullet) \simeq H^{-d-1}(K^\bullet) \simeq M$$

as a right  $R$ -module. Similarly, the spectral sequence associated with the filtration on  $K^\bullet$  induced by the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $M_2$  gives an isomorphism of left  $R$ -modules  $H^{-d-1}(K^\bullet) \simeq M$ .

(iii) For  $n = 2$  this follows from (ii). Now let  $n > 2$  and assume that the assertion holds for  $n' < n$ . We can consider  $B^\bullet(M_1, \dots, M_n)$  as the total complex associated with a bicomplex, where the bidegree  $(\text{deg}_0, \text{deg}_1)$  on  $M_1 \otimes T(R_+) \otimes \dots \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_n$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{deg}_0(x_1 \otimes t_1 \otimes \dots \otimes t_{n-1} \otimes x_n) &= \sum_{i \equiv 0(2)} \text{deg}(t_i), \\ \text{deg}_1(x_1 \otimes t_1 \otimes \dots \otimes t_{n-1} \otimes x_n) &= \sum_{i \equiv 1(2)} \text{deg}(t_i), \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_i \in T(R_+)$ ,  $x_i \in M_i$ ,  $\text{deg}$  denotes the cohomological degree on  $T(R_+)$ . Therefore, there is a spectral sequence abutting to cohomology of  $B^\bullet(M_1, \dots, M_n)$  with the  $E_1$ -term

$$H^*(M_1 \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_2) \otimes T(R_+) \otimes H^*(M_3 \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_4) \otimes \dots,$$

where the last factor of the tensor product is either  $M_n$  or  $H^*(M_{n-1} \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_n)$ . Using part (ii) we see that  $E_1$  is isomorphic to the complex of the form

$$B^\bullet(M'_1, \dots, M'_{n'})[(n - n')(d + 1)]$$

with  $n' < n$ . It remains to apply the induction assumption.

(iv) Consider first the case  $n = 1$ . The complex  $B^\bullet(k, M_1, k) = T(R_+) \otimes M_1 \otimes T(R_+)$  is the total complex of the bicomplex  $(\partial_1 \otimes \text{id}, \text{id} \otimes \partial_2)$ , where  $\partial_1$  and  $\partial_2$  are bar-differentials on  $T(R_+) \otimes M_1$  and  $M_1 \otimes T(R_+)$ . Our assertion follows immediately from (i) by considering the spectral sequence associated with this bicomplex.

Now assume that for some  $n > 1$  the assertion holds for all  $n' < n$ . As before we view  $B^\bullet(k, M_1, \dots, M_n, k)$  as the total complex of a bicomplex by defining the bidegree on  $T(R_+) \otimes M_1 \otimes \dots \otimes M_n \otimes T(R_+)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{deg}_0(t_0 \otimes x_1 \otimes t_1 \dots \otimes x_n \otimes t_n) &= \sum_{i \equiv 0(2)} \text{deg}(t_i), \\ \text{deg}_1(t_0 \otimes x_1 \otimes t_1 \dots \otimes x_n \otimes t_n) &= \sum_{i \equiv 1(2)} \text{deg}(t_i). \end{aligned}$$

Assume first that  $n$  is even. Then there is a spectral sequence associated with the above bicomplex abutting to the cohomology of  $B^\bullet(k, M_1, \dots, M_n, k)$  and with the  $E_1$ -term

$$T(R_+) \otimes H^*(M_1 \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_2) \otimes T(R_+) \otimes \dots \otimes H^*(M_{n-1} \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_n) \otimes T(R_+).$$

Using (ii) we see that  $E_1$  is isomorphic to the complex of the form

$$B^\bullet(k, M'_1, \dots, M'_{n/2}, k)[n(d+1)/2],$$

so we can apply the induction assumption. If  $n$  is odd then we consider another spectral sequence associated with the above bicomplex, so that

$$E_1 = H^*(T(R_+) \otimes M_1) \otimes T(R_+) \otimes H^*(M_2 \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_3) \otimes T(R_+) \otimes \dots \otimes H^*(M_{n-1} \otimes T(R_+) \otimes M_n) \otimes T(R_+).$$

By (i) and (ii) this complex is isomorphic to  $B^\bullet(k, M'_1, \dots, M'_{(n-1)/2}, k)[(n+1)(d+1)/2]$ . Again we can finish the proof by applying the induction assumption.  $\square$

We will also need the following simple lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $C^\bullet$  be a complex in an abelian category equipped with a decreasing filtration  $C^\bullet = F^0 C^\bullet \supset F^1 C^\bullet \supset F^2 C^\bullet \supset \dots$  such that  $C^n = \text{proj. lim}_i C^n / F^i C^n$  for all  $n$ . Let  $\text{gr}_i C^\bullet = F^i C^\bullet / F^{i+1} C^\bullet$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots$  be the associated graded factors. Assume that  $H^n \text{gr}_i C^\bullet = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and for some fixed  $n$ . Then the natural map  $H^n C^\bullet \rightarrow H^n \text{gr}_0 C^\bullet$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Considering an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow F^1 C^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet \rightarrow \text{gr}_0 C^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

one can easily reduce the proof to the case  $H^n \text{gr}_i C^\bullet = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . In this case we have to show that  $H^n C^\bullet = 0$ . Let  $c \in C^n$  be a cocycle and let  $c_i$  be its image in  $C^n / F^i C^n$ . It suffices to construct a sequence of elements  $x_i \in C^{n-1} / F^i C^{n-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $x_{i+1} \equiv x_i \pmod{F^i C^{n-1}}$  and  $c_i = d(i)x_i$ , where  $d(i)$  is the differential on  $C^\bullet / F^i C^\bullet$ . Since  $n$ -th cohomology of  $C^\bullet / F^1 C^\bullet = \text{gr}_0 C^\bullet$  is trivial we can find  $x_1$  such that  $c_1 = d(1)x_1$ . Then we proceed by induction: once  $x_1, \dots, x_i$  are chosen an easy diagram chase using the exact triple of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \text{gr}_i C^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet / F^{i+1} C^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet / F^i C^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

and the vanishing of  $H^n(\text{gr}_i C^\bullet)$  show that  $x_{i+1}$  exists.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 one has  $HH^i_{0,md}(A) = 0$  for  $i < m(d+2)$  and  $\dim HH^{d+2}_{0,d}(A) \leq 1$ , where  $A = A_L$ .*

*Proof.* Set  $C^i = C^i_{0,md}(A)$  (see 2.2). Note that Hochschild differential maps  $C^i$  into  $C^{i+1}$  (since  $m_2$  preserves both gradings on  $A$ ). Recall that the decomposition of  $A$  into graded pieces with respect to the cohomological degree has form  $A = R \oplus M$ , where  $R$  has degree 0 and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} H^d(X, L^i)$  has degree  $d$ . The natural augmentation of  $A$  is given by the ideal  $A_+ = R_+ \oplus M$ . Each of the spaces  $C^i$

decomposes into a direct sum  $C^i = C^i(0) \oplus C^i(d)$ , where  $C^i(0) \subset \text{Hom}(A_+^{\otimes i}, R)$ ,  $C^i(d) \subset \text{Hom}(A_+^{\otimes i}, M)$ . More precisely, the space  $C^i(0)$  consists of linear maps

$$[T(R_+) \otimes M \otimes T(R_+) \otimes \dots \otimes M \otimes T(R_+)]_i \rightarrow R \tag{3.1.3}$$

preserving the internal grading, where there are  $m$  factors of  $M$  in the tensor product and the index  $i$  refers to the total number of factors  $H^*(L^*)$  (so that the LHS can be considered as a subspace of  $A_+^{\otimes i}$ ). Similarly, the space  $C^i(d)$  consists of linear maps

$$[T(R^+) \otimes M \otimes T(R_+) \otimes \dots \otimes M \otimes T(R_+)]_i \rightarrow M$$

preserving the internal grading, where there is  $m + 1$  factors of  $M$  in the tensor product. Clearly,  $C^\bullet(d)$  is a subcomplex in  $C^\bullet$ , so we have an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow C^\bullet(d) \rightarrow C^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet(0) \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, it suffices to prove that  $H^i(C^\bullet(0)) = H^i(C^\bullet(d)) = 0$  for  $i < m(d+2)$ , and that in the case  $m = 1$  one has in addition  $H^{d+2}(C^\bullet(d)) = 0$  and  $\dim H^{d+2}(C^\bullet(0)) \leq 1$ .

To compute the cohomology of these two complexes we can use spectral sequences associated with some natural filtrations to reduce the problem to simpler complexes. First, let us consider the decomposition

$$C^\bullet(0) = \prod_{j \geq 0} C^\bullet(0)_j,$$

where  $C^i(0)_j \subset C^i(0)$  is the space of maps (3.1.3) with the image contained in  $H^0(L^j) \subset R$ . The differential on  $C^\bullet(0)$  has form

$$\delta(x_j)_{j \geq 0} = \left( \sum_{j' \leq j} \delta_{j',j} x_{j'} \right)_{j \geq 0}$$

for some maps  $\delta_{j',j} : C^\bullet(0)_{j'} \rightarrow C^\bullet(0)_j$ , where  $j' \leq j$ . By Lemma 3.2 it suffices to prove that one has  $H^i(C^\bullet(0)_j, \delta_{j,j}) = 0$  for  $i < m(d+2)$  and all  $j$ , while for  $m = 1$  one has in addition  $H^{d+2}(C^\bullet(0)_j, \delta_{j,j}) = 0$  for  $j > 0$  and  $\dim H^{d+2}(C^\bullet(0)_0, \delta_{0,0}) \leq 1$ . But

$$(C^\bullet(0)_j, \delta_{j,j}) = \text{Hom}(K_{m,j}^\bullet, R_j)[-m],$$

where  $K_m^\bullet = B^\bullet(k, M, \dots, M, k)$  ( $m$  copies of  $M$ ) and  $K_{m,j}^\bullet$  is its  $j$ -th graded component with respect to the internal grading. Here we use the following convention for the grading on the dual complex:  $\text{Hom}(K^\bullet, R)^i = \text{Hom}(K^{-i}, R)$ . Therefore, Proposition 3.1(iv) implies that cohomology of  $C^\bullet(0)_j$  is concentrated in degrees  $\geq m(d+1) + m = m(d+2)$ . Moreover, for  $m = 1$  the  $(d+2)$ -th cohomology space is non-zero only for  $j = 0$ , in which case it is one-dimensional.

For the complex  $C^\bullet(d)$  we have to use a different filtration (since  $M$  is not bounded below with respect to the internal grading). Consider the decreasing filtration on  $C^\bullet(d)$  induced by the following grading on  $T(R^+) \otimes M \otimes T(R_+) \otimes \dots \otimes M \otimes T(R_+)$ :

$$\deg(t_1 \otimes x_1 \otimes t_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_{m+1} \otimes t_{m+2}) = \deg(t_1) + \deg(t_{m+2}),$$

where  $t_i \in T(R_+)$ ,  $x_i \in M$ , the degree of  $R_+$  is taken to be  $-1$ . The associated graded complex is

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}}(T(R^+) \otimes B^\bullet(M, \dots, M) \otimes T(R^+), M)[-m - 1],$$

where there are  $m + 1$  factors of  $M$  in the bar-construction. It remains to apply Proposition 3.1(iii).  $\square$

### 3.2. Some Massey products

In this subsection we will show the nontriviality of the canonical class of  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  and combine it with our computations of the Hochschild cohomology to prove the main theorem.

Note that the canonical class of  $A_\infty$ -structures can be defined in a more general context. Namely, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is an abelian category with enough injectives then we can define the canonical class of  $A_\infty$ -structures on the derived category  $D^+(\mathcal{C})$  of bounded below complexes over  $\mathcal{C}$ . Indeed, one can use the equivalence of  $D^+(\mathcal{C})$  with the homotopy category of complexes with injective terms and apply Kadeishvili's construction to the dg-category of such complexes (see [10], 1.2 for more details). In the case when  $\mathcal{C}$  is the category of coherent sheaves the resulting  $A_\infty$ -structure is strictly  $A_\infty$ -isomorphic to the structure obtained using Čech resolutions (since the relevant dg-categories are equivalent). In this context we have the following construction of nontrivial Massey products.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an abelian category with enough injectives,*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathcal{F}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} \mathcal{F}_n \rightarrow 0$$

*be an exact sequence in  $\mathcal{C}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , and let  $\beta : \mathcal{F}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_0[n - 1]$  be a morphism in the derived category  $D^b(\mathcal{C})$  corresponding to the Yoneda extension class in  $\text{Ext}^{n-1}(\mathcal{F}_n, \mathcal{F}_0)$  represented by the above sequence. Assume that  $\text{Ext}^{j-i-1}(\mathcal{F}_j, \mathcal{F}_i) = 0$  when  $0 \leq i < j \leq n - 1$ . Then*

$$m_{n+1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta) = \pm \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}_0}$$

*for any  $A_\infty$ -structure  $(m_i)$  on  $D^b(\mathcal{C})$  from the canonical class.*

*Proof.* Assume first that  $n = 2$ . Then  $m_3(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta)$  is the unique value of the well-defined triple Massey product in  $D^b(\mathcal{C})$  (see [9], 1.1). Using the standard recipe for its calculation (see [2], IV.2) we immediately get that  $m_3(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta) = \text{id}$ .

For general  $n$  we can proceed by induction. Assume that the statement is true for  $n - 1$ . Set  $\mathcal{F}'_{n-1} = \ker(\alpha_n)$ . Then we have exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{n-2} \xrightarrow{\alpha'_{n-1}} \mathcal{F}'_{n-1} \rightarrow 0, \tag{3.2.1}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'_{n-1} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{F}_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} \mathcal{F}_n \rightarrow 0, \tag{3.2.2}$$

where  $m_2(\alpha'_{n-1}, i) = i \circ \alpha'_{n-1} = \alpha_{n-1}$ . By the definition, we have  $\beta = m_2(\gamma, \beta')$ , where  $\beta' \in \text{Ext}^{n-2}(\mathcal{F}'_{n-1}, \mathcal{F}_0)$  and  $\gamma \in \text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_n, \mathcal{F}'_{n-1})$  are the extension classes corresponding to these exact sequences. Applying the  $A_\infty$ -axiom to the elements

$(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \gamma, \beta')$  and using the vanishing of  $m_{n-i+2}(\alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n, \gamma, \beta') \in \text{Ext}^{i-1}(\mathcal{F}_i, \mathcal{F}_0)$  for  $0 < i < n$ , we get

$$m_{n+1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta) = \pm m_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}, m_3(\alpha_{n-1}, \alpha_n, \gamma), \beta'). \quad (3.2.3)$$

Furthermore, applying the  $A_\infty$ -axiom to the elements  $(\alpha'_{n-1}, i, \alpha_n, \gamma)$  we get

$$m_3(\alpha_{n-1}, \alpha_n, \gamma) = \pm m_2(\alpha'_{n-1}, m_3(i, \alpha_n, \gamma)). \quad (3.2.4)$$

Next, we claim that sequences (3.2.1) and (3.2.2) satisfy the assumptions of the lemma. Indeed, for (3.2.1) this is clear, so we just have to check that  $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}_{n-1}, \mathcal{F}'_{n-1}) = 0$ . The exact sequence (3.2.1) gives a resolution  $\mathcal{F}_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{n-2}$  of  $\mathcal{F}'_{n-1}$  and we can compute  $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}_{n-1}, \mathcal{F}'_{n-1})$  using this resolution. Now the required vanishing follows from our assumption that  $\text{Ext}^{n-i-2}(\mathcal{F}_{n-1}, \mathcal{F}_i) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-2$ . Therefore, we have

$$m_3(i, \alpha_n, \gamma) = \text{id}.$$

Together with (3.2.4) this implies that

$$m_3(\alpha_{n-1}, \alpha_n, \gamma) = \pm \alpha'_{n-1}.$$

Substituting this into (3.2.3) we get

$$m_{n+1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta) = \pm m_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}, \alpha'_{n-1}, \beta').$$

It remains to apply the induction assumption to the sequence (3.2.1). □

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* (i) Since the algebra  $A = A_L$  is concentrated in degrees 0 and  $d$ , the first potentially nontrivial higher product of an admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure  $(m_i)$  on  $A$  is  $m_{d+2}$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2.2 for every such  $A_\infty$ -structure  $(m_i)$  on  $A$  the map  $m_{d+2}$  induces a cohomology class  $[m_{d+2}] \in HH_{0,d}^{d+2}(A)$ . We claim that if  $(m'_i)$  is another admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A$  then  $(m_i)$  is strictly  $A_\infty$ -isomorphic to  $(m'_i)$  if and only if  $[m_{d+2}] = [m'_{d+2}]$ . Indeed, this follows from Lemma 2.2 and from the vanishing of higher obstructions due to Theorem 3.3 (these obstructions lie in  $HH_{0,md}^{md+2}(A)$  where  $m > 1$ , and the vanishing follows since  $md+2 < m(d+2)$ ). In particular, an admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure  $(m_i)$  is nontrivial if and only if  $[m_{d+2}] \neq 0$ . Since by Theorem 3.3 the space  $HH_{0,d}^{d+2}(A)$  is at most one-dimensional, it remains to prove the nontriviality of an admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure from the canonical class. Replacing  $L$  by its sufficiently high power if necessary we can assume that there exists  $d+1$  sections  $s_1, \dots, s_{d+1} \in H^0(L)$  without common zeroes. The corresponding Koszul complex gives an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\oplus(d+1)} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\oplus \binom{d+1}{2}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L^2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\oplus(d+1)} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} L^d \rightarrow L^{d+1} \rightarrow 0.$$

By our assumptions this sequence satisfies the conditions required in Lemma 3.4, hence we get a nontrivial  $(d+2)$ -ple Massey product for our  $A_\infty$ -structure.

(ii) Applying Lemma 2.3 we see that obstructions for connecting two strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms by a homotopy lie in  $\oplus_{m \geq 1} HH_{0,md}^{md+1}(A)$ . But this space is zero by Theorem 3.3. □

**Corollary 3.5.** *Under assumptions of Theorem 1.1 the space  $HH_{0,d}^{d+2}(A_L)$  is one-dimensional.*

*Proof.* Indeed, from Theorem 3.3 we know that  $\dim HH_{0,d}^{d+2}(A_L) \leq 1$ . If this space were zero then the above argument would show that all admissible  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  are trivial. But we know that  $A_\infty$ -structures on  $A_L$  from the canonical class are nontrivial.  $\square$

**Remark.** One can ask whether there exists an  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A_L$  from the canonical class such that  $m_n = 0$  for  $n > d + 2$  or at least  $m_n = 0$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ . However, even in the case of smooth curves of genus  $\geq 1$  the answer is “no”. The proof can be obtained using the construction of a universal deformation of a coherent sheaf (when it exists) using the canonical  $A_\infty$ -structure, outlined in [10]. For example, it is shown there that the products

$$m_{n+2} : H^1(\mathcal{O}_X)^{\otimes n} \otimes H^0(L^{n_1}) \otimes H^0(L^{n_2}) \rightarrow H^0(L^{n_1+n_2})$$

appear as coefficients in the universal deformation of the structure sheaf. The base of this family is  $\text{Spec } R$ , where  $R \simeq k[[t_1, \dots, t_g]]$  is the completed symmetric algebra of  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_X)^\vee$ . If all sufficiently large products were zero, this family would be induced by the base change from some family over an open neighborhood  $U$  of zero in the affine space  $\mathbb{A}^g$ . But this would imply that the embedding of  $\text{Spec } R$  into the Jacobian (corresponding to the isomorphism of  $R$  with the completion of the local ring of the Jacobian at zero) factors through  $U$ , which is false.

### 3.3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Theorem 1.1(i) easily implies that every admissible  $A_\infty$ -structure on  $A = A_L$  is (strictly)  $A_\infty$ -isomorphic to some strictly unital  $A_\infty$ -structure. Therefore, it is enough to prove our statement for strictly unital structures. Recall that the group of strict  $A_\infty$ -isomorphisms  $HG$  is the group of coalgebra automorphisms of  $\text{Bar}(A_L)$  inducing the identity map  $A_L \rightarrow A_L$  and preserving two gradings on  $\text{Bar}(A_L)$  induced by the two gradings of  $A_L$ . Thus, we can identify  $HG$  with a subgroup of algebra automorphisms of the completed cobar-construction  $\text{Cobar}(A_L) = \prod_{n \geq 0} T^n(A_L^*[-1])$  (our convention is that passing to dual vector space changes the grading to the opposite one).

By Theorem 1.1(ii) for every strict  $A_\infty$ -automorphism  $f$  of an  $A_\infty$ -structure  $m$  there exists a homotopy from  $f$  to the trivial  $A_\infty$ -automorphism  $f^{tr}$ . Let  $\alpha = \alpha_f^*$  be the automorphism of  $\text{Cobar}(A_L)$  corresponding to  $f$  and  $h = H^* : \text{Cobar}(A_L) \rightarrow \text{Cobar}(A_L)[-1]$  be the map giving the homotopy from  $f$  to  $f^{tr}$ . The equations dual to (2.1.1) and (2.1.2) in our case have form

$$h(xy) = h(x)y \pm \alpha(x)h(y),$$

$$\alpha = \text{id} + d \circ h + h \circ d,$$

where  $d$  is the differential on  $\text{Cobar}(A_L)$  associated with  $m$ . Recall that  $A_L = H^0 \oplus H^1$ , where  $H^0 = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H^0(X, L^n)$ ,  $H^1 = \bigoplus_{n \leq 0} H^1(X, L^n)$ . Since  $h$  has degree

$-1$  we have  $h((H^1)^*[-1]) = 0$  and  $h((H^0)^*[-1]) \subset \hat{T}((H^1)^*[-1])$ . Furthermore, since  $h$  preserves the internal degree, we have  $h(H^0(X, L^n)^*[-1]) = 0$  for all  $n > 0$ . Let  $\epsilon \in (H^0)^*[-1] \subset \text{Cobar}(A_L)$  be an element corresponding to the natural projection  $H^0 \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq k$ . Then we have  $A_L^*[-1] = k\epsilon \oplus V$ , where  $V = (H^1)^*[-1] \oplus (\oplus_{n>0} H^0(X, L^n)^*[-1])$ , and  $h(V) = 0$ . Let  $\langle V \rangle \subset \text{Cobar}(A_L)$  be the subalgebra topologically generated by  $V$ . Then  $h$  vanishes on  $\langle V \rangle$ . Also, for every  $x \in V$  we have

$$dx = \epsilon x + x\epsilon \quad \text{mod } \langle V \rangle$$

since our  $A_\infty$ -structure is strictly unital. Hence, for  $x \in V$  we have

$$\alpha(x) = x + h(dx) = x + h(\epsilon)x - \alpha(x)h(\epsilon),$$

which implies that

$$\alpha(x) = (1 + h(\epsilon))x(1 + h(\epsilon))^{-1}.$$

In particular, the restriction of  $\alpha$  to the subalgebra  $\hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*[-1])$  is the inner automorphism associated with the invertible element  $1+h(\epsilon) \in \hat{T}(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*[-1])$ . On the other hand, we have

$$d\epsilon = \epsilon^2 \quad \text{mod } \langle V \rangle.$$

Hence,

$$\alpha(\epsilon) = \epsilon + dh(\epsilon) + h(\epsilon)\epsilon - \alpha(\epsilon)h(\epsilon),$$

so that

$$\alpha(\epsilon) = (1 + h(\epsilon))\epsilon(1 + h(\epsilon))^{-1} + dh(\epsilon) \cdot (1 + h(\epsilon))^{-1}.$$

Thus,  $\alpha$  is uniquely determined by  $h(\epsilon)$ . Also, by Lemma 2.1  $h(\epsilon)$  can be an arbitrary element of  $\prod_{n \geq 1} T^n(H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*[-1])$ .  $\square$

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