# Higher brackets on cyclic and negative cyclic (co)homology

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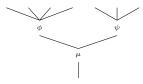
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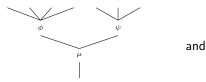
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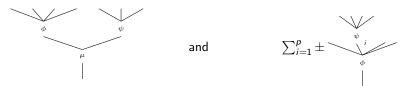
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In algebra, the answer is in general: no. As you possibly noticed, the graded commutator [., .]<sub>1</sub> is the Gerstenhaber bracket we talked about before {., .} for which there is in general no reason to vanish.

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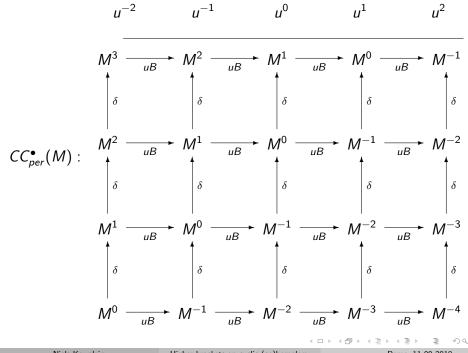
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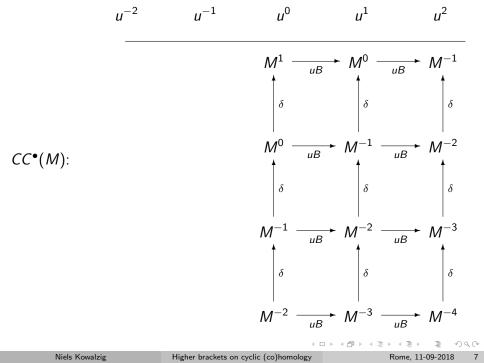
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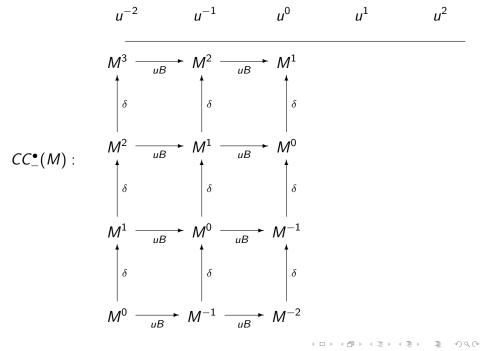
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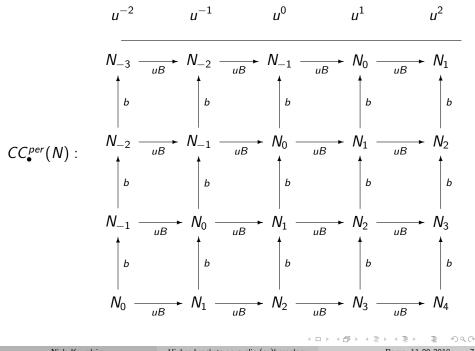


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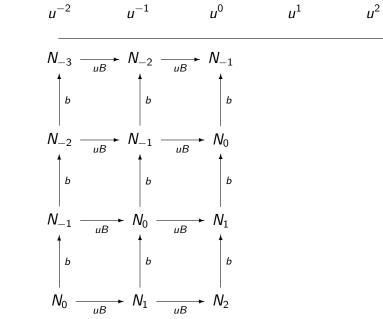




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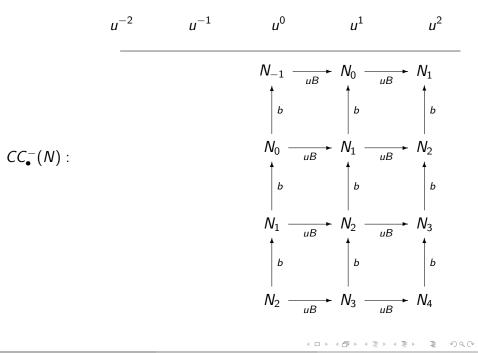


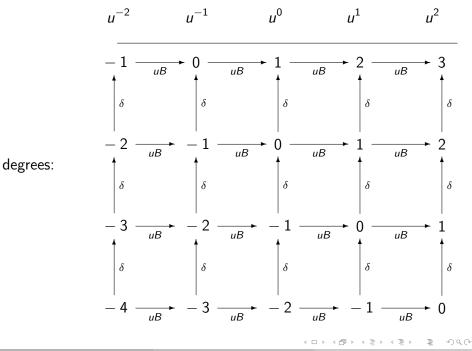
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#### Theorem (Third main result)

A homotopy C.-G. calculus with duality cocycle induces a BV algebra structure  $(H^{\bullet}(M)[-1], \{\cdot, \cdot\}, \smile, B)$  for a mixed complex M. The negative cyclic cohomology  $HC^{\bullet}_{-}(M)$  carries the deg -2 string topology bracket (or Chas-Sullivan-Menichi bracket)

$$[x,y] := (-1)^{x} j((\beta x) \smile (\beta y)),$$

with the property

$$\beta[\cdot, \cdot] = \{\beta(\cdot), \beta(\cdot)\},\$$

where  $j : H^{\bullet}(M) \to HC^{\bullet}(M)$  and  $\beta : HC^{\bullet}(M) \to H^{\bullet-1}(M)$  are the maps appearing in the SBI sequence relating Hochschild to negative cyclic cohomology.

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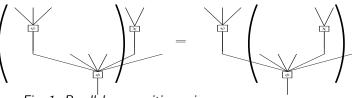


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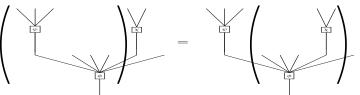
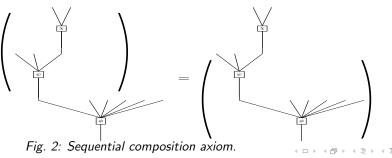


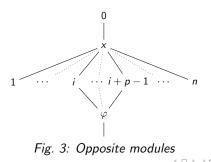
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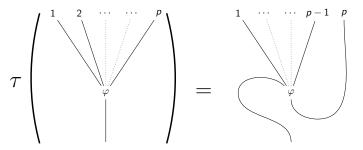


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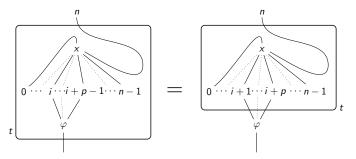


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With  $\mathcal{T}(arphi,\psi)(x):=\mathcal{T}(arphi,\psi,x)$  and as before  $d_u=b+uB$ , one has

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