

## DG HOPF ALGEBRAS WITH STEENRODS I-TH COPRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT. In this article we introduce the notion of DG-Hopf algebra with Steenrods  $\nabla_i$  coproducts  $(C, d, \mu, \nabla_0, \nabla_1, \dots)$ , where  $(C, d, \mu)$  is a DG-algebra and  $\{\nabla_i : C \rightarrow C \otimes C\}$  are chain cooperations, with properties dual to Steenrods  $\smile_i$ -products, satisfying certain conditions of compatibility with the multiplication  $\mu : C \otimes C \rightarrow C$ . As an application the constructions of  $\nabla_i$ -s on the singular cubical chain complex  $CU_*(X)$  and on the cobar construction  $\Omega\bar{C}_*(X)$  of the singular chain complex of an 1-connected space  $X$  are given.

In this article we study objects of type

$$(C; d; \nabla_0, \nabla_1, \nabla_2, \dots; \mu)$$

where  $(C; d; \nabla_0)$  is a DG-coalgebra (with  $\deg d = -1$ ),  $(C; d; \mu)$  is a DG-algebra and  $\nabla_i : C \rightarrow C \otimes C$ ,  $i > 0$ , are cooperations, dual to Steenrods  $\smile_i$  products, i. e. they satisfy the conditions

$$\deg \nabla_i = i, \quad (d \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d)\nabla_i + \nabla_i d = \nabla_{i-1} + (-1)^i T\nabla_{i-1}.$$

here  $T : C \otimes C \rightarrow C \otimes C$  is the permutation map.

We are interested what kind of compatibility of  $\nabla_i$ -s with the multiplication  $\mu$  should be required. The requirement for the coproduct  $\nabla_0$  is well known:  $\nabla_0 : C \rightarrow C \otimes C$  should be a multiplicative map (this means, that  $(C; d; \nabla_0; \mu)$  is a DG-Hopf algebra). The requirement for  $\nabla_1$  is known too (see [3]):  $\nabla_1$  should be a  $(\nabla_0, T\nabla_1)$ -derivation, i. e.

$$\nabla_1 \mu = \mu_{C \otimes C}(\nabla_1 \otimes \nabla_0 + T\nabla_0 \otimes \nabla_1).$$

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Below we introduce the notion of *n-derivation*, which is map of algebras, which preserves multiplicative structure in some specific way. Particularly, a 0-derivation is just a multiplicative map, a 1-derivation is an ordinary derivation. We formulate the requirements for higher  $\nabla_i$ -s in these terms:  $\nabla_n$  should be a n-derivation. In a case when  $C$  is a free graded algebra, this allows proceed as follows: we can define  $\nabla_n$  on generators and extend on whole  $C$  as a n-derivation. As an example we give construction of cooperations  $\nabla_i$  for cubical chain complex of a space. Note, that the cooperation  $\nabla_0$ , constructed by this procedure coincides with the cooperation, constructed in [9], and  $\nabla_1$  with cooperation, constructed in [3].

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## 1. DERIVATIONS

**1.1. High rank derivations.** There are various types of maps of algebras  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , respecting multiplicative structure in some sense. First of all these are *multiplicative maps*, i. e. maps, satisfying  $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$ . If two multiplicative maps  $f, g : A \rightarrow B$  are given, then come in play *(f, g)-derivations*, i. e. maps  $s : A \rightarrow B$  with property  $s(ab) = s(a)f(b) + g(a)s(b)$ . So multiplicative maps and derivations *decompose* on products differently. If  $A$  is a free algebra, i. e. if  $A = T(V)$ , here  $T(V)$  is the tensor algebra generated by a graded module  $V$ , then each multiplicative map, as well as a derivation, is uniquely determined by the restriction on generator graded module  $V$ , but they have different *extension rules*: any linear map  $\alpha : V \rightarrow B$  determines a multiplicative map  $f_\alpha : A \rightarrow B$  extended from  $\alpha$  by the rule

$$f_\alpha(a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) = \alpha(a_1)\alpha(a_2) \cdots \alpha(a_n).$$

If, in addition  $\beta, \beta' : V \rightarrow B$  are given (which determine a multiplicative maps  $f_\beta, f_{\beta'} : A \rightarrow B$ ), then the same  $\alpha$  can be extended as a  $(f_\beta, f_{\beta'})$ -derivation  $s_\alpha : A \rightarrow B$  by the extension rule

$$s_\alpha(a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta'(a_1) \cdots \beta'(a_{k-1}) \alpha(a_k) \beta(a_{k+1}) \cdots \beta(a_n).$$

In this section we introduce *high rank derivations*, maps with special type of decomposability on products.

Bellow we assume, that  $A$  and  $B$  are graded algebras with products  $\mu_A : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  and  $\mu_B : B \otimes B \rightarrow B$  respectively (we write  $\mu$  for  $\mu_A$  and  $\mu_B$ ).

Let us define a *0-derivation* as a homomorphism of degree 0  $f : A \rightarrow B$  such, that

$$f\mu = \mu(f \otimes f),$$

in fact a 0-derivation is just a multiplicative morphism of graded algebras.

Suppose now that two 0-derivations  $f_0^0, f_1^0 : A \rightarrow B$  are fixed. A *1-derivation* with respect to data  $(f_0^0, f_1^0)$  is a homomorphism  $f_0^1 : A \rightarrow B$  of

degree 1, which decomposes by the rule

$$f_0^1 \mu = \mu(f_0^1 \otimes f_0^0 + f_1^0 \otimes f_0^1),$$

This notion coincides with the usual notion of  $(f_0^0, f_1^0)$  derivation.

Now fix a following data

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & f_0^1 & & f_1^1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f_0^0 & & f_1^0 & & f_2^0 \end{array}$$

where  $f_0^0, f_1^0, f_2^0 : A \rightarrow B$  are 0-derivations, and  $f_0^1, f_1^1 : A \rightarrow B$  are 1-derivations with respect to  $(f_0^0, f_1^0)$  and  $(f_1^0, f_2^0)$ . A 2-*derivation* with respect to data above we define as a homomorphism of degree 2  $f_0^2 : A \rightarrow B$  which decomposes by the rule

$$f_0^2 \mu = \mu(f_0^2 \otimes f_0^0 + f_1^1 \otimes f_0^1 + f_1^0 \otimes f_0^2).$$

Here is the general

**Definition 1.** Suppose a following data is given:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} & & & & f_0^{n-1} & & f_1^{n-1} & & & & \\ & & & & \cdots & & \cdots & & \cdots & & \\ & & & & \cdots & & \cdots & & \cdots & & \\ f_0^0 & & f_0^1 & & f_1^0 & & f_1^1 & & \cdots & & f_{n-2}^1 & & f_{n-1}^1 & & f_n^0 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

where each  $f_q^p$  is a p-derivation with respect to the collection  $\{f_j^i\}$  with  $f_j^i$  from the triangle with  $f_q^p$  on the top. An n-derivation is a homomorphism of degree n, which decomposes by the rule

$$f_0^n \mu = \mu\left(\sum_{i=0}^n f_i^{n-i} \otimes f_0^i\right). \tag{2}$$

**1.2. Universal property.** Let  $A$  be a free graded algebra, i. e. the tensor algebra

$$T(V) = \Lambda + V + V \otimes V + V \otimes V \otimes V + \cdots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \otimes^i V$$

of some free graded  $\Lambda$ -module  $V$  with usual grading and product.

Each morphism of graded algebras  $f : T(V) \rightarrow B$  is uniquely determined by it's restriction on generators  $f|_V$ . More precisely tensor algebra has the following universal property: for an arbitrary homomorphism of graded modules  $\alpha : V \rightarrow B$  there exists the unique multiplicative homomorphism (a 0-derivation)  $f : T(V) \rightarrow B$ , for which commutes the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & T(V) \\ \alpha \searrow & & \swarrow f \\ & B & \end{array} ,$$



*Proof.* Here is the construction of  $f_0^n$  (the extension rule for  $\alpha_0^n$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_0^n | \otimes mV = & \sum_{p=1}^{\min(n,m)} \sum_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_p=n} \sum_{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_{p+1}=m-p} \\
 & \mu^m [(\alpha_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_p}^0)^{m_1} \otimes \alpha_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{p-1}}^{k_p} \otimes (\alpha_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{p-1}}^0)^{m_2} \otimes \dots \\
 & \otimes \alpha_{k_1+k_2}^{k_3} \otimes (\alpha_{k_1+k_2}^0)^{m_{p-1}} \otimes \alpha_{k_1}^{k_2} \otimes (\alpha_{k_1}^0)^{m_p} \otimes \alpha_0^{k_1} \otimes (\alpha_0^0)^{m_{p+1}}], \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

here  $k_i \geq 1, m_i \geq 0$ , and  $(\alpha_i^0)^0$  means omitting of this factor. The rest is routine verification. Note, that even  $\alpha_0^n = 0$ , it's extension  $f_0^n$  can be nonzero.  $\square$

**1.3. DG-derivations.** Now we suppose that  $(A, d)$  and  $(B, d)$  are *differential* graded algebras (*DG-algebras*) with differentials of degree-1.

Let us define a *DG-0-derivation* as a 0-derivation  $f : A \rightarrow B$  with additional property  $Df = 0$ , (here  $D$  is the differential in  $\text{Hom}(A, B)$ :  $Df = d_B f - (-1)^{\deg f} f d_A$ ). In fact this means that  $f$  is just a multiplicative chain map.

Suppose now that two *DG-derivations*  $f_0^0, f_1^0 : A \rightarrow B$  are fixed. A *DG-1-derivation* with respect to  $(f_0^0, f_1^0)$  we define as a 1-derivation  $f_0^1 : A \rightarrow B$  with additional property  $Df_0^1 = f_0^0 - f_1^0$ . This notion coincides with the obvious notion of derivation homotopy.

Generally we introduce the following inductive

**Definition 2.** Suppose a following data is given:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & & f_0^{n-1} & & f_1^{n-1} & & \\
 & & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \\
 & f_0^1 & & f_1^1 & \dots & f_{n-2}^1 & & f_{n-1}^1 \\
 f_0^0 & & f_0^0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & f_{n-1}^0 & f_n^0,
 \end{array} \quad (5)$$

where each  $f_q^p$  is a *DG-p-derivation* with respect to the collection  $\{f_j^i\}$  with  $f_j^i$  from the triangle with  $f_q^p$  on the top. A *DG-n-derivation* is an n-derivation with respect to this data  $f_0^n : A \rightarrow B$  which, in addition, satisfies the condition

$$Df_0^n = f_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n f_1^{n-1}. \quad (6)$$

**Proposition 2.** *Suppose  $A = T(V)$  and  $f_0^n : T(V) \rightarrow B$  be an n-derivation with respect to data (5), then  $f_0^n$  is a DG-n-derivation if and only if the condition (6) is satisfied for generators, i. e. if*

$$Df_0^n | V = (f_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n f_1^{n-1}) | V.$$

*Proof.* The proof follows from the fact, that  $Df_0^n$  and  $f_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n f_1^{n-1}$  have same decomposition rules:

$$\begin{aligned} Df_0^n \mu &= \mu \sum_{i=0}^n (Df_i^{n-i} \otimes f_0^i + (-1)^{n-i} f_i^{n-i} \otimes Df_0^i) = \\ &= \mu [\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} ((f_i^{n-i-1} + (-1)^{n-i} f_{i+1}^{n-i-1}) \otimes f_0^i) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} f_i^{n-i} \otimes \\ &(f_0^{i-1} + (-1)^i f_1^{i-1})] = \mu [\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f_i^{n-i-1} \otimes f_0^i + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-i} f_{i+1}^{n-i-1} \otimes f_0^i + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} f_i^{n-i} \otimes f_0^{i-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^n f_i^{n-i} \otimes f_1^{i-1}] = \\ &= (f_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n f_1^{n-1}) \mu. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**1.4. Twisting elements.** Now we suppose that  $A$  is a *free DG*-algebra, i. e.  $A = T(V)$  with some differential  $d$ . In this section we shall find the conditions which should satisfy a data (3) in order the induced  $n$ -derivation  $f_0^n : T(V) \rightarrow B$  to be a DG- $n$ -derivation.

Let us first analyze the structure of a differential  $d : T(V) \rightarrow T(V)$  on  $T(V)$  (see for example [7] or [6]).

Since this differential is required to be a derivation of degree -1, it is determined by its restriction

$$\beta = d | V : V \longrightarrow T(V),$$

which, in fact, consists of components

$$\beta = \{\beta_i : V \longrightarrow \otimes^i V\}$$

and the extension rule is

$$d | \otimes^m V = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (id)^{k-1} \otimes \beta_i \otimes (id)^{m-k}.$$

The composite  $dd$  is a derivation of degree -2, whence  $dd = 0$  if and only if the restriction  $dd | V = 0$ . This condition for the collection  $\{\beta_i\}$  means

$$\sum_{i+j=n} \sum_{k=1}^j [(id)^{k-1} \otimes \beta_i \otimes (id)^{j-k}] \beta_j = 0$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Note that shifting dimensions  $(V; \{\beta_i\})$  is an  $A_\infty$ -coalgebra, see [10].

Since of the universal property an  $n$ -derivation  $f_0^n : T(V) \rightarrow B$  is uniquely determined by a by a data (3). We are interested what additional condition should satisfy this data in order  $f_0^n$  to be a DG- $n$ -derivation?

**Definition 3.** A data (3) we call  $n$ -twisting if the following condition is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} d\alpha_0^n + \sum_{p=1}^{\min(n,m)} \sum_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_p=n} \sum_{m_1+m_2+\dots+m_{p+1}=m-p} \\ \mu^m [(\alpha_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_p}^0)^{m_1} \otimes \alpha_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{p-1}}^{k_p} \otimes (\alpha_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{p-1}}^0)^{m_2} \otimes \dots \\ \otimes \alpha_{k_1+k_2}^{k_3} \otimes (\alpha_{k_1+k_2}^0)^{m_{p-1}} \otimes \alpha_{k_1}^{k_2} \otimes (\alpha_{k_1}^0)^{m_p} \otimes \alpha_0^{k_1} \otimes (\alpha_0^0)^{m_{p+1}}] \beta_m = \\ = \alpha_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n \alpha_1^{n-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

**Proposition 3.** *The  $n$ -derivation  $f_0^n$  induced by a data (3) is a DG- $n$ -derivation if and only if (3) is  $n$ -twisting.*

*Proof.* Since of Proposition 2  $Df_0^n$  and  $f_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n f_1^{n-1}$  coincide, iff they coincide on generators, i. e. iff  $Df_0^n | V = (f_0^{n-1} + (-1)^n f_1^{n-1}) | V$ . This condition for generating homomorphisms  $\{\alpha_i\}$  means exactly (7).  $\square$

## 2. DG-HOPF ALGEBRAS WITH STEENRODS $\nabla_i$ -COPRODUCTS

**2.1. Steenrods  $\nabla_i$  coproducts.** We are going to study objects of type

$$(C, d, \nabla_0, \nabla_1, \nabla_2, \dots)$$

where  $(C, d, \nabla_0)$  is a DG-coalgebra (with  $\deg d = -1$ ) and  $\nabla_i : C \rightarrow C \otimes C$ ,  $i > 0$ , satisfies

$$\deg \nabla_i = i, \quad D\nabla_i = \nabla_{i-1} + (-1)^n T\nabla_{i-1}, \quad (8)$$

here  $D$  is the differential in  $\text{Hom}(C, C \otimes C)$  and  $T : C \otimes C \rightarrow C \otimes C$  is the permutation map  $T(a \otimes b) = (-1)^{\dim a \cdot \dim b} b \otimes a$ . Such an object we shall call *DG colagebra with Steenrods  $\nabla_i$ -coproducts*.

The main example is chain complex  $C_*(X)$  with  $\nabla_i$  dual to Steenrods  $\smile_i$ -products.

Suppose that, in addition, on  $C$  an associative multiplication  $\mu : C \otimes C \rightarrow C$  is given, which turns  $(C, d, \mu)$  into a DG algebra, i. e.  $d$  is a derivation with respect to  $\mu$ .

We are interested what kind of compatibility of  $\nabla_i$ -s with  $\mu$  is natural to require.

Usually for  $\nabla_0 : C \rightarrow C \otimes C$  it is required the multiplicativity, i. e.

$$\nabla_0 \mu = \mu_{C \otimes C}(\nabla_0 \otimes \nabla_0),$$

here  $\mu_{C \otimes C} = (\mu \otimes \mu)(id \otimes T \otimes id)$  is the induced multiplication on  $C \otimes C$ . This condition means, that  $(C, d, \mu, \nabla_0)$  is a *DG-Hopf algebra*. The example of such structure is  $C_*(\Omega X)$ .

As for the next cooperation, in [3] it is required that  $\nabla_1$  should be a  $(\nabla_0, T\nabla_1)$ -derivation, i. e.

$$\nabla_1 \mu = \mu_{C \otimes C}(\nabla_1 \otimes \nabla_0 + T\nabla_0 \otimes \nabla_1).$$

Let us mention that an object  $(C, d, \mu, \nabla_0, \nabla_1)$  is a HAH in the sense of [An], homotopy Hopf algebra in sense of [3] and a  $B_\infty$ -algebra in sense of [5].

The compatibility of higher  $\nabla_i$ -s with the product  $\mu$  is described in the following

**Definition 4.** A DG-Hopf algebra with Steenrods  $\nabla_i$  coproducts

$$(C, d, \mu, \nabla_0, \nabla_1, \nabla_2, \dots)$$

we define as a  $DG$ -algebra  $(C, d, \mu)$  with given sequence of cooperations

$$\{\nabla_i : C \longrightarrow C \otimes C, i = 0, 2, \dots\}$$

so that each  $\nabla_n$  is a  $DG$ -  $n$ -derivation with respect to data (5) with  $f_q^p = T^q \nabla_p$ , i. e. with respect to data

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & \nabla_{n-1} & & T\nabla_{n-1} & & & \\ & & \cdots & & \cdots & & \cdots & \\ \nabla_1 & & T\nabla_1 & \cdots & T^{n-2}\nabla_1 & & T^{n-1}\nabla_1 & \\ \nabla_0 & T\nabla_0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & T^{n-1}\nabla_0 & & T^n\nabla_0. \end{array} \quad (9)$$

In other words cooperations  $(\nabla_0, \nabla_1, \nabla_2, \dots)$  shall satisfy the conditions (see (6) and (2)):

$$cD\nabla_n = \nabla_{n-1} + (-1)^n T\nabla_{n-1} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\nabla_n \mu = \sum_{k=0}^n \mu_{C \otimes C}(\nabla_k \otimes T^k \nabla_{n-k}). \quad (11)$$

The advantage of this definition is that if  $C = T(V)$  then it suffices to define the cooperations  $\nabla_i$  on generators and extend them by the rule (4), then the needed conditions will be automatically satisfied.

Namely, from the Proposition 3 follows the

**Proposition 4.** *Suppose for a sequence of homomorphisms*

$$\{\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \dots; \alpha^i \in \text{Hom}^i(V, T(V) \otimes T(V))\}$$

*the sequence  $\{\alpha_q^p = T^q \alpha^p\}$  satisfies the condition (7). Then the sequence of cooperations  $\{\nabla_i\}$  where each  $\nabla_n$  is a  $DG$ -  $n$ -derivation, obtained by extension of  $\{\alpha^i\}$  by the rule (4) forms on  $(T(V), d)$  a structure of  $DG$ -Hopf algebra with Steenrods  $\nabla_i$  coproducts.*

**2.2. Steenrods  $\nabla_i$  coproducts in cubical chain complex.** First we construct cooperations  $\nabla_i$  for the  $DG$ -algebra  $I(\infty)$ , which was used by Baues [3] for the construction of  $\nabla_0$  and  $\nabla_1$ .

Let  $I(\infty)$  be the free graded algebra generated by three elements  $e, e', e''$  with degree  $\deg e' = 0, \deg e'' = 0, \deg e = 1$ . An element of  $I(\infty)$  we shall write as  $e_1 \cdots e_2 \cdots e_n$  with  $e_i = e', e''$  or  $e$ . The differential  $d : I(\infty) \rightarrow I(\infty)$  on generators is given by  $d(e') = d(e'') = 0, d(e) = e'' - e'$  and is extended as a derivation.

We want to define a sequence of cooperations

$$\{\nabla_i : I(\infty) \rightarrow I(\infty) \otimes I(\infty), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

satisfying the conditions (10) and (11).



Let's define a sequence of cooperations  $\{\alpha^i\}$  on generators by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^0(e') &= e' \otimes e', \quad \alpha^0(e'') = e'' \otimes e'', \quad \alpha^0(e) = e' \otimes e + e \otimes e''; \\ \alpha^1(e') &= 0, \quad \alpha^1(e'') = 0, \quad \alpha^1(e) = e \otimes e; \\ \alpha^i(e') &= 0, \quad \alpha^i(e'') = 0, \quad \alpha^i(e) = 0 \quad \text{for } i > 2, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

thus the suitable data (3)  $\{\alpha_q^p = T^q \alpha^p\}$  now looks as

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & & & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & & \\ & & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & & \\ \alpha^1 & & T\alpha^1 & \cdots & T^{n-2}\alpha^1 & & T^{n-1}\alpha^1 & & \\ \alpha_0 & T\alpha^0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & T^{n-1}\alpha^0 & & T^n\alpha^0. \end{array} \quad (13)$$

It is not hard to check that the this data satisfies the condition (7). Extending (13) by the rule (4), according to Proposition 4, we obtain the sequence  $\{\nabla_i\}$  which forms on  $I(\infty)$  a structure of DG-Hopf algebra with Steenrods  $\nabla_i$  products.

Here are the formulae of  $\nabla_n$ -s for the elements  $e^m = e \cdots \cdots e \in I(\infty)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_n(e^m) &= \sum_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{n+1} + n = m} (T^n \alpha^0(e))^{p_{n+1}} \cdots T^{n-1} \alpha^1(e) \cdots (T^{n-1} \alpha^0(e))^{p_n} \times \\ &\quad \times T^{n-2} \alpha^1(e) \cdots (T^1 \alpha^0(e))^{p_2} \cdot T^0 \alpha^1(e) \cdot (T^0 \alpha^0(e))^{p_1} = \\ &= \sum_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{n+1} + n = m} (T^n(e' \otimes e + e \otimes e''))^{p_{n+1}} \cdot T^{n-1}(e \otimes e) \times \\ &\quad \times (T^{n-1}(e' \otimes e + e \otimes e''))^{p_n} \cdot T^{n-2}(e \otimes e) \cdots (T^1(e' \otimes e + e \otimes e''))^{p_2} \times \\ &\quad \times T^0(e \otimes e) \cdot (T^0(e' \otimes e + e \otimes e''))^{p_1} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

here  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $(e' \otimes e + e \otimes e'')^0$  means omitting of this factor.

Let us change the notation in order to make it closer to standard one. The cube  $I^n$  we represent as  $(t, t, \dots, t)$  where  $t$  is variable from  $I = [0, 1]$ . For example  $I^2$  is represented as  $(t, t)$  and it's 1-faces as  $(0, t), (1, t), (t, 0), (t, 1)$ .

Denote  $e' = 0, e'' = 1, e = t$ . For a word  $e_1 \cdots e_n \in I(\infty)$  with  $e_k = e', e''$  or  $e$  we shall write  $(i_1, \dots, i_n)$  with  $i_k = 0, 1$  or  $t$ .

The above formula (14) for  $\nabla_n(t^m)$  now looks as

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_n(t, \dots, t) &= \sum_{p_1 + \cdots + p_{n+1} + n = m} (T^n(0 \otimes t + t \otimes 1))^{p_{n+1}} \cdot T^{n-1}(t \otimes t) \cdot \\ &\quad (T^{n-1}(0 \otimes t + t \otimes 1))^{p_n} \cdot T^{n-2}(t \otimes t) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdots (T^1(0 \otimes t + t \otimes 1))^{p_2} \cdot T^0(t \otimes t) \cdot (T^0(0 \otimes t + t \otimes 1))^{p_1}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Particularly for  $\nabla_0$  we have

$$\nabla_0(t, \dots, t) = (0 \otimes t + t \otimes 1)^m,$$

this formula can be rewritten in another form. Let us introduce two maps  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1 : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, t\}$  given by

$$\varphi_0(0) = 0, \varphi_0(1) = t; \varphi_1(0) = t, \varphi_1(1) = 1.$$

Then it is possible to show by induction, that

$$\nabla_0(t, \dots, t) = \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)} [\varphi_0(i_1), \dots, \varphi_0(i_n)] \otimes [\varphi_1(i_1), \dots, \varphi_1(i_n)]$$

where the summation is taken over all vertexes  $(i_1, \dots, i_n)$ ,  $i_k = 0, 1$ , of  $I^n$ . This coproduct coincides with one, given in [9] and [3].

For  $\nabla_1$  we have

$$\nabla_1(t, \dots, t) = \sum_{p_1 + p_2 + 1 = m} (t \otimes 0 + 1 \otimes t)^{p_1} \cdot (t \otimes t) \cdot (0 \otimes t + t \otimes 1)^{p_2}.$$

Using above terminology, this formula looks as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \nabla_1(t, \dots, t) = \\ & = \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}, t, i_{k+1}, \dots, i_n)} (\varphi_1(i_1), \dots, \varphi_1(i_{k-1}), t, \varphi_0(i_{k+1}), \dots, \varphi_0(i_n)) \otimes \\ & \quad (\varphi_0(i_1), \dots, \varphi_0(i_{k-1}), t, \varphi_1(i_{k+1}), \dots, \varphi_1(i_n)) \end{aligned}$$

where the summation is taken over all 1-faces  $(i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}, t, i_{k+1}, \dots, i_n)$ ,  $i_k = 0, 1$ , of  $I^n$ . This coproduct coincides with one given in [3].

Generally, the formula (15) looks as:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_s(t, \dots, t) = & \sum (\varphi_s(i_1), \dots, \varphi_s(i_{k_1-1}), t, \varphi_{s-1}(i_{k_1+1}), \dots, \varphi_{s-1}(i_{k_2-1}), t, \\ & \varphi_{s-2}(i_{k_2+1}), \dots, \varphi_1(i_{k_s-1}), t, \varphi_0(i_{k_s+1}), \dots, \varphi_0(i_m)) \otimes \\ & (\varphi_{s+1}(i_1), \dots, \varphi_{s+1}(i_{k_1-1}), t, \varphi_s(i_{k_1+1}), \dots, \varphi_s(i_{k_2-1}), t, \\ & \varphi_{s-1}(i_{k_2+1}), \dots, \varphi_2(i_{k_s-1}), t, \varphi_1(i_{k_s+1}), \dots, \varphi_1(i_m)) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where the summation is taken over all  $s$ -faces

$$\begin{aligned} & (i_1, \dots, i_{k_1-1}, t, i_{k_1+1}, \dots, i_{k_2-1}, t, i_{k_2+1}, \dots, i_{k_s-1}, t, i_{k_s+1}, \dots, i_m), \\ & \quad i_k = 0, 1 \end{aligned}$$

of  $I^m$  and  $\varphi_k = \varphi_{k \bmod 2}$ .

Suppose now that  $X$  is a topological space and  $CU_*(X)$  be it's singular cubical chain complex, i. e.  $CU_m(X)$  is a free module, generated by singular cubes  $\sigma^m : I^m \rightarrow X$ . Then the coproducts  $\nabla_s : I(\infty) \rightarrow I(\infty) \otimes I(\infty)$ , given by (16) induce the coproducts  $\nabla_s : CU_*(X) \rightarrow CU_*(X) \otimes CU_*(X)$ : by formula (16)  $\nabla_s(t, \dots, t) = \nabla(I^m)$  is the sum of tensor products of some faces of  $I^m$ , define  $\nabla_s \sigma^n = (\sigma^n \otimes \sigma^n) \nabla_s$ .

*Remark.* The formula (16) can be rewritten in terms of boundary operators  $d_i^\epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon = 0, 1$  of a cubical set  $Q$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_s(\sigma^n) = & \sum d_1^{\varphi_s(i_1)} d_2^{\varphi_s(i_2)} \dots d_{i_{k_1-1}}^{\varphi_s(i_{k_1-1})} d_{i_k}^t d_{i_{k_1+1}}^{\varphi_{s-1}(i_{k_1+1})} \dots \\ & d_{i_{k_2-1}}^{\varphi_{s-1}(i_{k_2-1})} d_{i_{k_2}}^t d_{i_{k_2+1}}^{\varphi_{s-2}(i_{k_2+1})} \dots d_{i_{k_s-1}}^{\varphi_1(i_{k_s-1})} d_{i_{k_s}}^t d_{i_{k_s+1}}^{\varphi_0(i_{k_s+1})} \dots \\ & d_n^{\varphi_0(i_n)} \sigma^n \otimes d_1^{\varphi_{s+1}(i_1)} d_2^{\varphi_{s+1}(i_2)} \dots d_{i_{k_1-1}}^{\varphi_{s+1}(i_{k_1-1})} d_{i_k}^t d_{i_{k_1+1}}^{\varphi_s(i_{k_1+1})} \dots \\ & d_{i_{k_2-1}}^{\varphi_s(i_{k_2-1})} d_{i_{k_2}}^t d_{i_{k_2+1}}^{\varphi_{s-1}(i_{k_2+1})} \dots d_{i_{k_s-1}}^{\varphi_2(i_{k_s-1})} d_{i_{k_s}}^t d_{i_{k_s+1}}^{\varphi_1(i_{k_s+1})} \dots d_n^{\varphi_1(i_n)} \sigma^n, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

here we assume  $d_k^t = id$ , and, as above the summation is taken over all  $s$ -faces

$(i_1, \dots, i_{k_1-1}, t, i_{k_1+1}, \dots, i_{k_2-1}, t, i_{k_2+1}, \dots, i_{k_s-1}, t, i_{k_s+1}, \dots, i_n)$ ,  $i_k = 0, 1$  of  $I^n$  and  $\varphi_k = \varphi_{k \bmod 2}$ . This formula determines the coproducts  $\nabla_s$  not only in  $CU_*(X)$  but in chain complex  $C_*(Q)$  of an arbitrary cubical set  $Q$ .

In [8] it is shown, that the cobar construction  $\Omega \bar{C}_*(X)$  of the singular chain complex of an 1-connected space  $X$  coincides with the chain complex of certain cubical set  $Q$ , thus there appear on the cobar construction the coproducts  $\nabla_s$  given by (17). Moreover, there exists a map of cubical sets  $Q \rightarrow Q(\Omega X)$ , where  $Q(\Omega X)$  is the cubical set of singular cubs of the loop space  $\Omega X$ . It is clear that it preserves boundary operators  $d_i^\epsilon$  and, consequently, coproducts  $\nabla_s$ , thus these coproducts are geometric. Note, that  $\nabla_0$  and  $\nabla_1$  of  $\Omega C_*(X)$  coincide with coproducts, constructed by Baues in [2] and [3].

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