

# The Cup and Cap Product of Simplicial Modules

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The concepts of simplicial sets arose in the study by Eilenberg and Zilber ([3], [4]), and simplicial abelian groups can be found in the paper [2] by Eilenberg and MacLane. In [1], Dold gives an equivalence between the categories of simplicial modules and chain complexes of modules. As in [6], the cup products for these simplicial modules are defined but even so the cap products can not define.

In this paper we shall give a definition of the cap products of new simplicial modules (Definition 2) and prove a relation between cup and cap products of simplicial modules (Theorem 3).

Throughout this paper, by  $A$  and  $\otimes$  we mean commutative rings with identity and  $\otimes_A$ , respectively. The objects  $[p] = \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$  with morphisms all weakly monotonic maps  $\mu$  ([6]) constitute a category  $M$ . Let  $\text{mod}_A$  be the category consisting of all  $A$ -modules and all  $A$ -module homomorphisms.

A simplicial  $A$ -module  $S$  is a contravariant functor from  $M$  to  $\text{mod}_A$ . If we put  $S([p]) = S_p$  (a  $A$ -module) then there are  $A$ -module homomorphisms

$$d_i^q: S_q \longrightarrow S_{q-1}, \quad S_i^q: S_q \longrightarrow S_{q+1}$$

for all  $i=0, 1, \dots, q$  ( $q > 0$  in the case of  $d_i^q$ ), which satisfy the identities ([6]):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d_i^{q-1} d_j^q &= d_j^{q-1} d_i^q, & i < j \\ S_i^{q+1} S_j^q &= S_j^{q+1} S_i^q, & i \leq j \\ d_i^{q+1} S_j^q &= S_j^{q+1} d_i^q, & i < j \\ &= 1_{S_q}, & i = j, \quad i = j+1 \\ &= S_j^{q-1} d_{i-1}^q, & i > j+1 \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

Moreover,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d_i^{q-1}d_j^q &= d_j^{q-1}d_{i+1}^q, & i \geq j \\ S_i^{q+1}S_j^q &= S_j^{q+1}S_{i-1}^q, & i > j \end{aligned} \right\} (*)'$$

Let  $K(S)$  be the chain complex such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} K(S): & \dots & \longrightarrow & K_q(S) & \xrightarrow{\partial_q} & K_{q-1}(S) & \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow K_0(S) \\ & & & \parallel & & \parallel & \parallel \\ & & & S_q & & S_{q-1} & S_0 \end{array}$$

where

$$\partial_q = d_0^q - d_1^q + \dots + (-1)^q d_q^q: K_q(S) \longrightarrow K_{q-1}(S)$$

with  $\partial_{q-1}\partial_q = 0$  ( $q \geq 2$ ) (by  $(*)$  and  $(*)'$  above).

Let  $S: M \longrightarrow \text{mod}_A$  be a fixed simplicial  $A$ -module. Then we have a covariant functor  $U: M \longrightarrow \text{mod}_A$  such that for each  $[n] \in M$

$$U([n]) = \text{Hom}_A(K_n(S), A) = U^n.$$

Let us put

$$e_i^q = \text{Hom}_A(d_i^q, 1_A): U^{q-1} \longrightarrow U^q$$

and

$$t_i^q = \text{Hom}_A(S_i^q, 1_A): U^{q+1} \longrightarrow U^q.$$

We have the chain complex;

$$U: U^0 \longrightarrow U^1 \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow U^{q-1} \xrightarrow{\delta^q} U^q \longrightarrow \dots,$$

where  $\delta^q = e_0^q - e_1^q + \dots + (-1)^q e_q^q: U^{q-1} \longrightarrow U^q$  and  $\delta^q \delta^{q-1} = 0$ , because that for  $\delta^q = \text{Hom}_A(\partial_q, 1_A)$

$$\delta^q \delta^{q-1} = \text{Hom}_A(\partial_q, 1_A) \cdot \text{Hom}_A(\partial_{q-1}, 1_A) = \text{Hom}_A(\partial_{q-1} \partial_q, 1_A) = 0.$$

For each  $A$ -module  $A$  we define the new simplicial  $A$ -module  $\tilde{A}: M \rightarrow \text{mod}_A$  such that for each  $q \in \text{Obj}(M)$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}([q]) &= \tilde{A}_q \\ &= \text{the free } A\text{-module generated by the set } \text{Hom}_A(U^q, A).\end{aligned}$$

If we put

$$d_i^q = \text{Hom}_A(e_i^q, 1_A): \tilde{A}_q \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{q-1}$$

and

$$S_i^q = \text{Hom}_A(t_i^q, 1_A): \tilde{A}_q \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{q+1},$$

then  $d_i^q$  and  $S_i^q$  satisfy the identities in (\*) and (\*). There is a chain complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}K(\tilde{A}): & \dots & \longrightarrow & K_q(\tilde{A}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_q} & K_{q-1}(\tilde{A}) & \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow K_0(\tilde{A}) \\ & & & \parallel & & \parallel & \\ & & & \tilde{A}_q & & \tilde{A}_{q-1} & \\ & & & & & & \parallel \\ & & & & & & \tilde{A}_0,\end{array}$$

where  $\partial_q = d_0^q - d_1^q + \dots + (-1)^q d_q^q: \tilde{A}_q \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{q-1}$  with  $\partial_{q-1}\partial_q = 0$  for  $q \geq 2$ .

For another  $A$ -module  $B$ , consider the chain complex  $K(\tilde{B})$  which is defined as above. Then the Eilenberg-Zilber theorem says that there is a natural equivalence

$$K(\tilde{A} \times \tilde{B}) \xrightleftharpoons[K]{\rho} K(\tilde{A}) \otimes K(\tilde{B}) \quad ([5], [6]).$$

In particular, for each  $a \in K_n(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{A}_n$  and  $b \in K_n(\tilde{B}) = \tilde{B}_n$  the Alexander-Whitney maps are defined as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}\rho(a \times b) &= \sum_{i=0}^n d_{i+1}^{i+1} \dots d_n^n a \otimes d_0^{n-i+1} \dots d_{i-1}^{i-1} b \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n a e_n^n \dots e_{i+1}^{i+1} \otimes b e_{i-1}^{i-1} \dots e_0^{n-i+1}\end{aligned} \right\} (**)$$

and for  $a \in \tilde{A}_p, b \in \tilde{B}_q (p+q=n)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}K(a \otimes b) &= \sum_{(\mu, \nu)} (-1)^{\epsilon(\mu)} (S_{\nu_q}^{n-1} \dots S_{\nu_1}^1 a \times S_{\mu_p}^{n-1} \dots S_{\mu_1}^1 b) \\ &= \sum_{(\mu, \nu)} (-1)^{\epsilon(\mu)} [a t_{\nu_1}^1 \dots t_{\nu_q}^{n-1} \times b t_{\mu_1}^1 \dots t_{\mu_p}^{n-1}]\end{aligned} \right\} (**)$$

where  $(\mu, \nu)$  is a  $(p, q)$ -shuffle and  $\varepsilon(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^p \mu_i - (i-1)$  ([6]).

Furthermore, for each  $f \in \text{Hom}_A(U^0, A)$  if we define a  $A$ -module homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varepsilon: K_0(\tilde{A}) & \longrightarrow & A \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ f & \longmapsto & 1, \end{array}$$

then it follows that  $K(\tilde{A})$  is an augmented chain complex for each  $A$ -module  $A$ .

We define homology and cohomology groups:

$$H_n(K(\tilde{A})) = H_n^s(A)$$

$$H^n(\text{Hom}_A(K(\tilde{A}), A) = H_n^s(A)$$

for all  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ . For each  $n \geq 0$  we put

$$\tilde{U}_n = \text{Hom}_A(\tilde{U}^n, A)$$

and

$$K_n(\tilde{U}) = \text{the free } A\text{-module generated by } \tilde{U}_n.$$

As before, there is a chain complex such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} K(\tilde{U}): \dots & \longrightarrow & K_q(\tilde{U}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_q} & K_{q-1}(\tilde{U}) & \longrightarrow & \dots \longrightarrow K_0(\tilde{U}) \\ & & \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ & & K_q(\tilde{A}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_q} & K_{q-1}(\tilde{A}) & & K_0(\tilde{A}). \end{array}$$

The simplicial diagonal map  $\tilde{U} \longrightarrow \tilde{U} \times \tilde{U} (f \longmapsto f \times f)$  induces the chain transformation

$$\Delta: K(\tilde{U}) \longrightarrow K(\tilde{U} \times \tilde{U}).$$

Moreover, there exists the chain transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \omega = \rho \Delta: K(\tilde{U}) & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & K(\tilde{U} \times \tilde{U}) & \xrightarrow{\rho} & K(\tilde{U}) \otimes K(\tilde{U}) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ K(\tilde{A}) & & & & K(\tilde{A}) \otimes K(\tilde{A}). \end{array}$$

Let us put

$$H^n(\text{Hom}_A(K(\tilde{A}) \otimes K(\tilde{A}), A)) = H^n_s(K(\tilde{A}) \otimes K(\tilde{A}), A).$$

The cross product

$$P^n: H^n_s(A) \otimes H^n_s(A) \longrightarrow H^{k+n}(K(\tilde{A}) \otimes K(\tilde{A}), A)$$

is defined by  $[u] \otimes [v] \mapsto [u \otimes v]$  for each

$$[u] \otimes [v] \in H^n_s(A) \otimes H^n_s(A),$$

where  $[u]$  is the cohomology class containing  $u$ .

**Definition 1.** With the above notations the composite  $U = \omega^* P^n$ , i. e.,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^n_s(A) \otimes H^n_s(A) & \xrightarrow{U} & H^{k+n}_s(A) \\ & \searrow P^n \quad \quad \quad \nearrow \omega^* & \\ & H^{k+n}_s(K(\tilde{A}) \otimes K(\tilde{A}), A) & \end{array} \quad \textcircled{\odot}$$

is called the *initial simplicial cup product*.

In fact, for  $[u] \in H^n_s(A)$ ,  $[v] \in H^n_s(A)$  and  $\sigma \in K_{k+n}(\tilde{A})$ ,  $u \cup v \in \text{Hom}_A(K_{k+n}(\tilde{A}), A)$

$$(u \cup v)(\sigma) = u(\sigma e_{k+1}^{1+n} \dots e_{k+1}^{1+n}) \cdot v(\sigma e_{k+1}^{1+n} \dots e_0^{n+1}) \quad (***)$$

by (\*\*) above.

Moreover,  $[u] \cup [v] = [u \cup v]$ ,  $([u] \cup [v])(\sigma) = (u \cup v)(\sigma)$ .

As in the case of topological spaces our cup products satisfy the following properties:

1°. By the naturality of cup products, for each  $A$ -module homomorphism  $f: B \longrightarrow A$  and  $[u] \cup [v] \in H^{k+n}_s(A)$

$$f^*([u] \cup [v]) = f^*([u]) \cup f^*([v]).$$

2°. For  $1 \in H^0_s(A)$  and  $[u] \in H^n_s(A)$

$$1 \cup [u] = [u] \cup 1 = [u].$$

**Proof.** We first note that 1 is the cohomology class containing the augmentation  $\varepsilon: K_0(\tilde{A}) \longrightarrow A$ .

Take an element  $\sigma \in K_n(\tilde{A})$ , then by (\*\*\*),

$$\begin{aligned} ([u] \cup 1)(\sigma) &= (u \cup \varepsilon)(\sigma) = u(\sigma) \cdot \varepsilon(\sigma e_{n-1}^n \dots e_0^n) \\ &= u(\sigma) \\ &= [u](\sigma), \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$[u] \cup 1 = 1 \cup [u] = [u].$$

**Definition 2.** We shall define *cap product*. For  $c \in K_n(\tilde{A})$  and  $u \in \text{Hom}_A(K_p(\tilde{A}), A)$  ( $n \geq p$ ),  $c \cap u \in K_{n-p}(\tilde{A})$  is defined such that  $c \cap u = \sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i e_{p-1}^n \dots e_0^{n-p+1} \cdot u(\sigma_i e_n^n \dots e_{p+1}^{p+1})$ , where  $c \in \sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i$ ,  $\lambda_i \in A$  and  $\sigma_i \in \text{Hom}_A(U^n, A)$ .

Furthermore, we define

$$[c] \cap [u] = [c \cap u] \in H_{n-p}^s(A),$$

which is called the *initial cap product*.

**Theorem 3.** (i) For  $1 \in H_0^s(A)$  and  $[c] \in H_n^s(A)$

$$[c] \cap 1 = [c].$$

(ii) For  $[c] \in H_n^s(A)$ ,  $[u] \in H_p^s(A)$  and  $[v] \in H_{n-p}^s(A)$  ( $p \leq n$ )

$$[v]([c] \cap [u]) = ([u] \cup [v])([c]).$$

**Proof.** (i) By Definition 2, for  $c = \sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i$

$$[c] \cap 1 = [c \cap \varepsilon] = [\sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i] = [c].$$

(ii) By Definition 1 and 2 it suffices to prove that

$$v(c \cap u) = (u \cup v)(c).$$

Put  $c = \sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i$ . Since

$$c \cap u = \sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i e_{p-1}^n \dots e_0^{n-p+1} \cdot u(\sigma_i e_n^n \dots e_{p+1}^{p+1}),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(c \cap u) &= \sum_i \lambda_i v(\sigma_i e_p^n \dots e_0^{n-p+1}) \cdot u(\sigma_i e_p^n \dots e_{p+1}^{p+1}) \\
 &= \sum_i \lambda_i u(\sigma_i e_p^n \dots e_{p+1}^{p+1}) \cdot v(\sigma_i e_p^n \dots e_0^{n-p+1}) \\
 &= \sum_i \lambda_i (u \cup v)(\sigma_i) \\
 &= \sum_i (u \cup v)(\lambda_i \sigma_i) \\
 &= (u \cup v)(\sum_i \lambda_i \sigma_i) \\
 &= (u \cup v)(c).
 \end{aligned}$$

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