

## Bar simplicial modules and secondary cyclic (co)homology

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study the simplicial structure of the complex  $C^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , associated to the secondary Hochschild cohomology. The main ingredient is the simplicial object  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , which plays a role equivalent to that of the bar resolution associated to an algebra. We also introduce the secondary cyclic (co)homology and establish some of its properties (Theorems 4.11 and 5.11).

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### 1. Introduction

Hochschild cohomology of an associative  $k$ -algebra  $A$  with coefficients in the  $A$ -bimodule  $M$ ,  $H^\bullet(A, M)$ , was introduced in [7] as the homology of an explicit complex. Hochschild's motivation was the study of certain extensions of algebras and the characterization of separability of algebras. Cartan and Eilenberg's realization that Hochschild cohomology is an example of a derived functor meant that resolutions can be used to study it (see [1]). The main ingredient used for the description of the Hochschild (co)homology became the so-called bar resolution. A few years later, Gerstenhaber discovered the importance of Hochschild cohomology in the study of deformations of algebras as well as its rich algebraic structure (see [4] and [5]). A first connection with geometry was noticed in [8] where it was proved that, for a smooth algebra  $A$ , the Hochschild homology can be explicitly computed using the module of differential forms on  $A$ . Later, Connes noticed that the complex used to define the Hochschild cohomology  $HH^\bullet(A) = H^\bullet(A, A^*)$  admits an action of the cyclic group  $C_{\bullet+1}$ , and that this action is compatible with the differential (see [2, 12]). He used this fact to define the cyclic cohomology which, in the commutative case, is essentially equivalent to the de Rham homology. This was a pivotal point in the development of noncommutative geometry since cyclic (co)homology is defined for algebras that are not necessarily commutative.

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The secondary Hochschild cohomology groups,  $H^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , are associated to a  $B$ -algebra  $A$  (determined by  $\varepsilon: B \rightarrow A$ ) and an  $A$ -bimodule  $M$  which is  $B$ -symmetric. Their construction was motivated by an algebraic version of the second Postnikov invariant (see [14]). The secondary Hochschild cohomology was used in [15] to study deformations of the  $B$ -algebra structures on  $A[[t]]$ . Some of its properties were studied in [16], where it was proved that the complex  $C^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); A)$  is a multiplicative non-symmetric operad and that the secondary Hochschild cohomology  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); A)$  is a Gerstenhaber algebra. It was also proved there, for characteristic 0, that  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); A)$  admits a Hodge type decomposition. When  $B = k$  one can easily see that the secondary Hochschild cohomology reduces to the usual Hochschild cohomology.

In this paper we study the simplicial structure of the complex  $C^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , which defines the secondary cohomology. For this we introduce the notion of a simplicial module over a simplicial algebra. The main example is an object  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , that we call the *Secondary Bar Simplicial Module*. In many ways  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  behaves like the bar resolution associated to a  $k$ -algebra  $A$ . Using  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  we get a presentation of  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$  as the homology of the complex associated to a co-simplicial  $k$ -module  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)}(\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon), \mathcal{C}(M))$ . This approach also allows us to give natural constructions for the secondary Hochschild and secondary cyclic cohomologies associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  ( $HH^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , respectively  $HC^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$ ). These two new cohomology theories have many of the nice properties one would expect. We mention here the functoriality and the existence of a long exact sequence (of Connes' type) relating them. We should point out that  $HH^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is not a particular example of the group  $H^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , this being one place where it is important to work with simplicial modules and not just modules.

Another application of the secondary bar simplicial module  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is that it allows us to introduce the secondary homology groups  $H_\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$  (as well as the Hochschild and cyclic homology groups associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ ). When  $B = k$ , we recover the usual Hochschild and cyclic homology. We expect that the groups introduced here,  $HH_\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$  and  $HC_\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , have applications to geometry and we plan to study this problem in a future paper.

## 2. Preliminaries

**2.1. Cyclic (co)homology.** Throughout this paper  $k$  is a field,  $\otimes = \otimes_k$ , and all  $k$ -algebras have a multiplicative unit. Cyclic cohomology was introduced by Connes. For a comprehensive account of this topic see [2, 9] or [12]. We recall here that the cyclic cohomology is the cohomology of a certain sub-complex of the Hochschild complex. More precisely, let  $A$  be an associative  $k$ -algebra and  $A^* = \text{Hom}_k(A, k)$  with the  $A$ -bimodule structure defined by  $(afa')(x) = f(a'xa)$ . The Hochschild

coboundary on  $C^\bullet(A, A^*)$  transfers to  $C^\bullet(A) := C^{\bullet+1}(A, k)$ , where it is given by the formula

$$(bf)(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f(\dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots) + (-1)^{n+1} f(a_{n+1} a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

and the Hochschild cohomology of the complex  $C^\bullet(A, A^*)$  is denoted by  $HH^\bullet(A)$ . The operators  $b': C^n(A) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(A)$  and  $\lambda: C^n(A) \rightarrow C^n(A)$  defined by

$$(b'f)(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f(\dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots),$$

$$(\lambda f)(a_0, \dots, a_n) = (-1)^n f(a_n, \dots, a_0)$$

satisfy the relation  $(1 - \lambda)b = b'(1 - \lambda)$ . If we set  $C_\lambda^\bullet(A) := \text{Ker}(1 - \lambda)$ , then  $(C_\lambda^\bullet, b)$  is a complex, called the cyclic complex of  $A$ . The homology of this complex is called the cyclic cohomology of  $A$  and is denoted by  $HC^\bullet(A)$ .

The canonical monomorphism  $C_\lambda^\bullet(A) \rightarrow C^\bullet(A, A^*)$  from the cyclic cochain complex  $C_\lambda^\bullet(A)$  to the Hochschild complex with coefficients in  $A^*$  induces a morphism  $I: HC^\bullet(A) \rightarrow HH^\bullet(A)$ . Connes proved that, in characteristic 0, there exists a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow HC^{n-2}(A) \rightarrow HC^n(A) \xrightarrow{I} HH^n(A) \rightarrow HC^{n-1}(A) \rightarrow HC^{n+1}(A) \xrightarrow{I} \dots$$

The “dual” notion, called cyclic homology, appeared in the work of Tsygan (see [17]) and Loday–Quillen (see [13]) and it can be described as the homology of a quotient of the Hochschild complex  $(C_\bullet(A, A), b)$ . More precisely, let  $C_n(A, A) = A^{\otimes(n+1)}$  and  $b, b': C_n(A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(A)$  and  $\lambda: C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n(A)$  be given by

$$b(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n + (-1)^n a_n a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1},$$

$$b'(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n,$$

$$\lambda(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = (-1)^n a_n \otimes a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1}.$$

It is known that  $(1 - \lambda)b' = b(1 - \lambda)$ , so the differential  $b$  is well-defined on  $C_\bullet^\lambda(A) := C_\bullet(A, A) / \text{Im}(1 - \lambda)$ . The homology of the complex  $(C_\bullet^\lambda(A), b)$  is called the cyclic homology of  $A$  and is denoted by  $HC_\bullet(A)$ .

Similar to the case of cyclic cohomology, in characteristic 0, there is a long exact sequence relating the cyclic and Hochschild homology of  $A$ ,

$$\dots \rightarrow HC_n(A) \rightarrow HC_{n-2}(A) \rightarrow HH_{n-1}(A) \xrightarrow{I} HC_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow HC_{n-3}(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Part of this paper is to show that similar long exact sequences exist and relate the secondary Hochschild and cyclic (co)homologies associated to a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

**2.2. The secondary Hochschild cohomology.** Let  $A$  be an associative  $k$ -algebra,  $B$  a commutative  $k$ -algebra,  $\varepsilon: B \rightarrow A$  a morphism of  $k$ -algebras such that  $\varepsilon(B) \subset \mathcal{Z}(A)$ , the center of  $A$ , and  $M$  an  $A$ -bimodule symmetric over  $B$  (i.e.  $\varepsilon(b)m = m\varepsilon(b)$  for all  $b \in B$  and  $m \in M$ ).

Given the data above, the secondary Hochschild cohomology of the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , with coefficients in  $M$ , was introduced by the second author in [15] as a tool in the study of algebra deformations,  $A[[t]]$ , which admit (nontrivial)  $B$ -algebra structures. It is denoted by  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$  and some of its properties were discussed in [16]. We mention here the existence of a Gerstenhaber algebra structure on  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); A)$  and of a Hodge-type decomposition, in characteristic zero, for  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ .

We recall from [15] the definition of the secondary Hochschild cohomology. The secondary Hochschild complex is defined by setting

$$C^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M) := \text{Hom}_k(A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n-1)/2}, M).$$

To define the coboundary map,  $\delta_n^\varepsilon: C^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M) \rightarrow C^{n+1}((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , it is convenient to view an element  $T \in A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n-1)/2}$  as having the matrix representation

$$T = \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_{1,2} & \cdots & b_{1,n-2} & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ 1 & a_2 & \cdots & b_{2,n-2} & b_{2,n-1} & b_{2,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a_i \in A$ ,  $b_{i,j} \in B$ , and  $1 \in k$ . For  $f \in C^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , we define:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_n^\varepsilon(f) & \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & = a_0 \varepsilon(b_{0,1} b_{0,2} \dots b_{0,n}) f \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_{1,2} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ 1 & a_2 & \cdots & b_{2,n-1} & b_{2,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i f \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i-1}b_{0,i} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i-1}b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{i-1}a_i\varepsilon(b_{i-1,i}) & \cdots & b_{i-1,n-1}b_{i,n-1} & b_{i-1,n}b_{i,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \\ \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
 & + (-1)^{n+1} f \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-2} & b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n-2} & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} & b_{n-2,n-1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) a_n \varepsilon(b_{0,n}b_{1,n} \dots b_{n-1,n}).
 \end{aligned}$$

The following result was proved in [15].

**Proposition 2.1.**  $(C^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M), \delta_n^\varepsilon)$  is a complex (i.e.  $\delta_{n+1}^\varepsilon \delta_n^\varepsilon = 0$ ). We denote its homology by  $H^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$  and we call it the secondary Hochschild cohomology of the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with coefficients in  $M$ .

**2.3. Simplicial category  $\Delta$ .** We recall a few definitions and results from [12]. Let  $\Delta$  be the category whose objects are the finite ordered sets  $\bar{n} = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , for integers  $n \geq 0$ , and whose morphisms are the nondecreasing maps. One can show that any morphism in  $\Delta$  can be written as the composition of *face maps*,  $d^i: \bar{n} \rightarrow \overline{n+1}$ , and *degeneracy maps*,  $s^i: \bar{n} \rightarrow \overline{n-1}$ , where

$$d^i(u) = \begin{cases} u, & \text{if } u < i, \\ u + 1, & \text{if } u \geq i, \end{cases} \quad s^i(u) = \begin{cases} u, & \text{if } u \leq i, \\ u - 1, & \text{if } u > i. \end{cases}$$

The maps  $d^i$  and  $s^i$  depend on  $n$ , although the notation does not reflect this dependence. When each composite function below is defined, it can be shown that we have the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d^j d^i &= d^i d^{j-1}, & \text{if } i < j, \\
 s^j s^i &= s^i s^{j+1}, & \text{if } i \leq j, \\
 s^j d^i &= d^i s^{j-1}, & \text{if } i < j, \\
 s^j d^i &= \text{identity}, & \text{if } i = j, i = j + 1, \\
 s^j d^i &= d^{i-1} s^j, & \text{if } i > j + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

A simplicial object  $X$ , in a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , is a functor  $X: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ . This means that there are objects  $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that for any nondecreasing map  $\phi: \bar{m} \rightarrow \bar{n}$  we have a morphism  $X(\phi): X_n \rightarrow X_m$ . In addition, for any  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  nondecreasing maps, we have  $X(\phi \circ \psi) = X(\psi) \circ X(\phi)$ .

Using the notations  $\delta_i := X(d^i)$  and  $\sigma_i := X(s^i)$ , the maps  $\delta_i: X_{n+1} \rightarrow X_n$  and  $\sigma_i: X_{n-1} \rightarrow X_n$  satisfy the following relations.

$$\delta_i \delta_j = \delta_{j-1} \delta_i, \quad \text{if } i < j, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i \sigma_j &= \sigma_{j+1} \sigma_i, & \text{if } i \leq j, \\ \delta_i \sigma_j &= \sigma_{j-1} \delta_i, & \text{if } i < j, \\ \delta_i \sigma_j &= \text{id}_{X_n}, & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } i = j + 1, \\ \delta_i \sigma_j &= \sigma_j \delta_{i-1}, & \text{if } i > j + 1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

A co-simplicial object in a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , is a functor  $X: \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

### 3. Simplicial algebras and modules

In this section we introduce (recall) some definitions concerning simplicial algebras. We also give a few examples that will be used extensively in the rest of the paper (the most important being Example 3.11).

**Definition 3.1.** A *pre-simplicial  $k$ -algebra*  $\mathcal{A}$  is a collection of  $k$ -algebras  $(\mathcal{A}_n)_{n \geq 0}$  together with morphisms of  $k$ -algebras,  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{n-1}$ , such that Equation (2.1) is satisfied.

**Definition 3.2.** A *simplicial  $k$ -algebra*  $\mathcal{A}$  is a collection of  $k$ -algebras  $(\mathcal{A}_n)_{n \geq 0}$  together with morphisms of  $k$ -algebras,  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{n-1}$  and  $\sigma_i^{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$ , such that Equations (2.1) and (2.2) are satisfied.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra. We define the simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}(A)$  by setting  $\mathcal{A}_n = A$ ,  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{A}} = \text{id}_A$ , and  $\sigma_i^{\mathcal{A}} = \text{id}_A$ .

**Example 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra,  $B$  a commutative  $k$ -algebra, and  $\varepsilon: B \rightarrow A$  a morphism of  $k$ -algebras such that  $\varepsilon(B) \subset \mathcal{Z}(A)$ . We define the simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  by setting  $\mathcal{A}_n = A \otimes B^{\otimes(2n+1)} \otimes A^{\text{op}}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0^{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ &= a \varepsilon(\alpha_1) \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \beta_1 \otimes \beta_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b, \\ \sigma_0^{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ &= a \otimes 1 \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes 1 \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b, \\ \delta_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ &= a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_i \alpha_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_i \beta_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b, \\ \sigma_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ &= a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_i \otimes 1 \otimes \alpha_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_i \otimes 1 \otimes \beta_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \\ &\quad \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b, \\ \delta_n^{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ &= a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_{n-1} \otimes \alpha_n \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_{n-1} \otimes \varepsilon(\beta_n) b, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n^{\mathcal{A}}(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ = a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes 1 \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes 1 \otimes b, \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Note that for  $B = k$  we obtain  $\mathcal{A}(A \otimes A^{\text{op}})$  as in Example 3.3.

**Definition 3.5.** We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a *pre-simplicial left module* over a pre-simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a pre-simplicial  $k$ -vector space together with a left  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{M}_n$ , for each  $n$ , such that we have the natural compatibility conditions  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{M}}(a_n m_n) = \delta_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a_n) \delta_i^{\mathcal{M}}(m_n)$ , for all  $a_n \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and  $m_n \in \mathcal{M}_n$ .

**Definition 3.6.** We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a *simplicial left module* over a simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a simplicial  $k$ -vector space together with a left  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{M}_n$ , for each  $n$ , such that we have the natural compatibility conditions  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{M}}(a_n m_n) = \delta_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a_n) \delta_i^{\mathcal{M}}(m_n)$  and  $\sigma_i^{\mathcal{M}}(a_n m_n) = \sigma_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a_n) \sigma_i^{\mathcal{M}}(m_n)$ , for all  $a_n \in \mathcal{A}_n$  and  $m_n \in \mathcal{M}_n$ .

**Remark 3.7.** The above definitions can be easily adapted to (pre)simplicial right modules or bimodules.

**Example 3.8.** If  $A$  is a  $k$ -algebra and  $M$  is a left  $A$ -module, we can construct the following (pre)simplicial left modules over  $\mathcal{A}(A)$ .

(a) For each nonnegative integer  $p$ , let  $\mathcal{M}(M(p))$  be the pre-simplicial module obtained by setting  $\mathcal{M}_p = M$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_n = 0$  if  $n \neq p$ , and  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{M}} = 0$ . For  $a_p \in \mathcal{A}_p = A$  and  $m_p \in \mathcal{M}_p = M$ , the product  $a_p m_p$  is given by the left  $A$ -module structure on  $M$ .

(b) The simplicial left module  $\mathcal{M}(M)$  is defined by setting  $\mathcal{M}_n = M$ ,  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{M}} = \text{id}_M$ , and  $\sigma_i^{\mathcal{M}} = \text{id}_M$ . For  $a_n \in \mathcal{A}_n = A$  and  $m_n \in \mathcal{M}_n = M$ , the product  $a_n m_n$  is given by the left  $A$ -module structure on  $M$ .

(c) If  $M$  is an  $A$ -bimodule then  $\mathcal{M}(M(p))$  and  $\mathcal{M}(M)$  are (pre-)simplicial left modules over  $\mathcal{A}(A \otimes A^{\text{op}})$ .

**Example 3.9.** If  $A$  is a  $k$ -algebra then the bar resolution  $\mathcal{B}(A)$ , is a simplicial left module over  $\mathcal{A}(A \otimes A^{\text{op}})$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{B}_n = A^{\otimes(n+2)}$  and the  $A \otimes A^{\text{op}}$ -module structure is given by

$$(a \otimes b) \cdot (a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n+1}) = aa_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n+1}b.$$

For  $0 \leq i \leq n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_i^{\mathcal{B}}(a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n+1}) &= a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n+1}, \\ \sigma_i^{\mathcal{B}}(a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n+1}) &= a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_i \otimes 1 \otimes a_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The next three examples arise from the context in which the secondary Hochschild cohomology is defined. Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra,  $B$  a commutative  $k$ -algebra,  $\varepsilon: B \rightarrow A$  a morphism of  $k$ -algebras such that  $\varepsilon(B) \subset \mathcal{Z}(A)$ , and  $M$  an  $A$ -bimodule which is symmetric over  $B$ .

**Example 3.10.** (a) For each nonnegative integer  $p$ , we define the pre-simplicial left module  $\mathcal{M}(M(p))$ , over the simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , by setting  $\mathcal{M}_p = M$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_n = 0$  for  $n \neq p$ ,  $\delta_i = 0$ . The only nontrivial multiplication is  $\mathcal{A}_p \times \mathcal{M}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_p$  given by the formula

$$(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_p \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_p \otimes b) \cdot m_p = a\varepsilon(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p \gamma \beta_1 \dots \beta_p)m_p b. \quad (3.1)$$

(b) The simplicial bimodule  $\mathcal{M}(M)$ , over the simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , is defined by taking  $\mathcal{M}_n = M$ ,  $\delta_i = \text{id}_M$ , and  $\sigma_i = \text{id}_M$ . The multiplication  $\mathcal{A}_n \times \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n$  is given by the formula

$$(a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \cdot m_n = a\varepsilon(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \gamma \beta_1 \dots \beta_n)m_n b. \quad (3.2)$$

Our next example can be viewed as an analogue of the Hochschild bar resolution in the context of secondary Hochschild cohomology. This example will be used extensively in the next sections.

**Example 3.11.** The bar simplicial left module  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , over the simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , is defined by setting  $\mathcal{B}_n(A, B, \varepsilon) = A^{\otimes(n+2)} \otimes B^{\otimes(n+1)(n+2)/2}$ . For  $0 \leq i \leq n$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta_i^{\mathcal{B}} \left( \otimes \left( \begin{matrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+1} \end{matrix} \right) \right) \\ &= \otimes \left( \begin{matrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i}b_{0,i+1} & \cdots & b_{0,n} & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i}b_{1,i+1} & \cdots & b_{1,n} & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & a_i a_{i+1} \varepsilon(b_{i,i+1}) & \cdots & b_{i,n} b_{i+1,n} & b_{i,n+1} b_{i+1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & a_n & b_{n,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & a_{n+1} \end{matrix} \right), \\ & \sigma_i^{\mathcal{B}} \left( \otimes \left( \begin{matrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+1} \end{matrix} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$= \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i} & 1 & b_{0,i+1} & \cdots & b_{0,n} & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} & 1 & b_{1,i+1} & \cdots & b_{1,n} & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & a_i & 1 & b_{i,i+1} & \cdots & b_{i,n} & b_{i,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & 1 & a_{i+1} & \cdots & b_{i+1,n} & b_{i+1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdots & a_n & b_{n,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, the  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{B}_n$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) & \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & = \otimes \begin{pmatrix} aa_0 & \alpha_1 b_{0,1} & \cdots & \alpha_n b_{0,n} & \gamma b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n} & b_{1,n+1} \beta_1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_n & b_{n,n+1} \beta_n \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n+1} b \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

**Remark 3.12.** The bar construction described above can be formulated in terms of bimodules. This is the analog of the fact that an  $A$ -bimodule is a left  $A \otimes A^{\text{op}}$ -module. Our choice to use left modules turns out to be more convenient in the next section when we have to consider  $\text{Hom}$  and  $\otimes$  of simplicial modules over a simplicial algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### 4. Secondary cyclic cohomology

**4.1. Secondary cohomology of a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .** In the arXiv version of [15] we introduced a certain cyclic module associated to a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . That construction does not have all the properties which one would like from a cyclic cohomology, so the construction was removed from the final version of the paper. In this section we take a different approach to the secondary cyclic cohomology, one which seems to be more consistent with the classical theory and could have applications to geometry.

**Definition 4.1.** We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a *co-simplicial left module* over a simplicial  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}^n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a co-simplicial  $k$ -vector space together with a left  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{M}^n$ , for each  $n$ , such that we have the natural compatibility conditions  $\delta_{\mathcal{M}}^i(\delta_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a_{n+1})m_n) = a_{n+1}\delta_{\mathcal{M}}^i(m_n)$  and  $\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^i(\sigma_i^{\mathcal{A}}(a_{n-1})m_n) = a_{n-1}\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^i(m_n)$  for all  $a_{n-1} \in \mathcal{A}_{n-1}$ ,  $a_{n+1} \in \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$  and  $m_n \in \mathcal{M}^n$ .

For a simplicial left module  $(\mathcal{X}, \delta_i^{\mathcal{X}}, \sigma_i^{\mathcal{X}})$  and a co-simplicial left module  $(\mathcal{Y}, \delta_y^i, \sigma_y^i)$ , both over the simplicial algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , we define  $\mathcal{M}^n := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_n}(X_n, Y^n)$  and the maps  $D^i: \mathcal{M}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{n+1}$  and  $S^i: \mathcal{M}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{n-1}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} D^i(f) &= \delta_y^i f \delta_i^{\mathcal{X}}, \\ S^i(f) &= \sigma_y^i f \sigma_i^{\mathcal{X}}. \end{aligned}$$

With the above definitions we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2.**  $(\mathcal{M}, D^i, S^i)$  is a co-simplicial  $k$ -module, which we will denote by  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ .

*Proof.* An easy verification of the definition. □

If  $M$  is an  $A$ -bimodule that is  $B$ -symmetric, we denote by  $\mathcal{C}(M)$  the co-simplicial  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ -module determined by  $\mathcal{C}^n(M) = M$ ,  $\delta_{\mathcal{C}}^i = \text{id}_M$ ,  $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}}^i = \text{id}_M$ , with the obvious  $A \otimes B^{\otimes(2n+1)} \otimes A^{\text{op}}$  left module structure (same as in equation (3.2)). Lemma 4.2 implies that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)}(\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon), \mathcal{C}(M))$  is a co-simplicial  $k$ -module.

By using the same lemma and the adjunction forgetful functor/tensor product, it is not hard to see that the induced complex associated to this co-simplicial module can be identified with the complex  $C^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M) = \text{Hom}_k(A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n-1)/2}, M)$  and that we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** The homology of the induced complex of the co-simplicial module  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)}(\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon), \mathcal{C}(M))$  is the secondary Hochschild cohomology of the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with coefficients in  $M$ , namely  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ .

We will use the bar simplicial module  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  to introduce the analogue of the Hochschild complex of  $A$ , with coefficients in  $A^* = \text{Hom}_k(A, k)$ , and then use it to define the secondary cyclic cohomology.

**Example 4.4.** We define a co-simplicial module  $\mathcal{H}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  over  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  as follows. First, take  $\mathcal{H}^n = \text{Hom}_k(A \otimes B^{\otimes n}, k)$ , with the  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -left module structure given by

$$\begin{aligned} ((a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \cdot \phi)(a_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n) \\ = \phi(ba_0a\varepsilon(\gamma) \otimes \alpha_1b_1\beta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \alpha_nb_n\beta_n). \end{aligned}$$

Second, if  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we define  $\delta_{\mathcal{H}}^i: \mathcal{H}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{n+1}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\mathcal{H}}^0(\phi)(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_{n+1}) &= \phi(a\varepsilon(b_1) \otimes b_2 \otimes \dots \otimes b_{n+1}), \\ \delta_{\mathcal{H}}^{n+1}(\phi)(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_{n+1}) &= \phi(\varepsilon(b_{n+1})a \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n), \\ \delta_{\mathcal{H}}^i(\phi)(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_{n+1}) &= \phi(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_i b_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes b_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , we set  $\sigma_{\mathcal{H}}^i: \mathcal{H}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{n-1}$  to be given by

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{H}}^i(\phi)(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_{n-1}) = \phi(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_i \otimes 1 \otimes b_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes b_{n-1}),$$

*Proof.* Straightforward computation. □

Now, if we combine the bar simplicial module  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  (Example 3.11), the co-simplicial module  $\mathcal{H}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  (Example 4.4), and Lemma 4.2, we get the following result.

**Proposition 4.5.**  *$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)}(\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon), \mathcal{H}(A, B, \varepsilon))$  is a co-simplicial  $k$ -module. We denote the associated cohomology groups by  $HH^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , and we call them the secondary Hochschild cohomology groups associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .*

*Proof.* Follows from the above discussion. □

Next we will study in more details the complex  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  which defines  $HH^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , the secondary Hochschild cohomology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . The notation “ $\bar{C}$ ” is used to avoid confusion with the complex  $C^n((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ , which defines the secondary Hochschild cohomology of the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with coefficients in  $M$ . Notice that

$$\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_n}(\mathcal{B}_n, \mathcal{H}^n),$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_n = A \otimes B^{\otimes(2n+1)} \otimes A^{\text{op}}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_n = A^{\otimes(n+2)} \otimes B^{\otimes(n+1)(n+2)/2}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}^n = \text{Hom}_k(A \otimes B^{\otimes n}, k)$ . From Proposition 4.5, we have

$$d^i: \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon)$$

is defined by  $d^i(f) = \delta_{\mathcal{H}}^i f \delta_i^{\mathcal{B}}$ . More precisely, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d^0(f) & \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{01} & \cdots & b_{0,n+2} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n+1,n+2} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \alpha_1 \\ \cdots \\ \alpha_n \\ \alpha_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \\ & = f \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 a_1 \varepsilon(b_{0,1}) & b_{0,2} b_{1,2} & \cdots & b_{0,n+2} b_{1,n+2} \\ 1 & a_2 & \cdots & b_{1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & b_{n-1,n+2} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \varepsilon(\alpha_1) \\ \alpha_2 \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_n \\ \alpha_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d^i(f) \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{01} & \cdots & b_{0,n+2} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n+1,n+2} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \alpha_1 \\ \cdots \\ \alpha_n \\ \alpha_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= f \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i}b_{0,i+1} & \cdots & b_{0,n+2} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i}b_{1,i+1} & \cdots & b_{1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & a_i a_{i+1} \varepsilon(b_{i,i+1}) & \cdots & b_{i,n+2} b_{i+1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & a_{n+2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \alpha_1 \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_i \alpha_{i+1} \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_{n+1} \end{pmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d^{n+1}(f) \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{01} & \cdots & b_{0,n+2} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n+1,n+2} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \alpha_1 \\ \cdots \\ \alpha_n \\ \alpha_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= f \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n+1}b_{0,n+2} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+1}b_{1,n+2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & b_{n,n+1}b_{n,n+2} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n+1}a_{n+2}\varepsilon(b_{n+1,n+2}) \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(\alpha_{n+1})a \\ \alpha_1 \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_{n-1} \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The differential  $\partial_n: \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is given by the formula  $\partial_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i d^i$ .

Using the standard properties of adjoint functors we can identify  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with

$$\text{Hom}_k(A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n-1)/2}, \text{Hom}_k(A \otimes B^{\otimes n}, k))$$

or, even better, with

$$\text{Hom}_k(A^{\otimes(n+1)} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n+1)/2}, k).$$

The identification is given by

$$\Psi_n: \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \cong \text{Hom}_k(A^{\otimes(n+1)} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n+1)/2}, k),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_n(f) & \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & = f \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n+1} & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & b_{n-1,n} & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & a_n & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_{0,1} \\ \cdot \\ b_{0,n-1} \\ b_{0,n} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining all the results from this section, one can see that the induced differential,  $b_n: \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , has the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} (b_n \phi) & \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n} & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n} & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_n & b_{n,n+1} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \phi \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & \cdots & b_{0,i} b_{0,i+1} & \cdots & b_{0,n} & b_{0,n+1} \\ 1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} b_{1,i+1} & \cdots & b_{1,n} & b_{1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdots & a_i a_{i+1} \varepsilon(b_{i,i+1}) & \cdots & b_{i,n} b_{i+1,n} & b_{i,n+1} b_{i+1,n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & + (-1)^{n+1} \phi \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_{n+1} a_0 \varepsilon(b_{0,n+1}) & b_{1,n+1} b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{i,n+1} b_{0,i} & \cdots & b_{n,n+1} b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdots & a_i & \cdots & b_{i,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.6.** With the identification above, we have that the secondary Hochschild cohomology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is the homology of the complex  $(\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon), b_n)$ . When  $B = k$ , we have that  $\mathcal{H}^n = A^*$  and we recover the known fact that  $HH^n(A)$  is the cohomology of the Hochschild complex with coefficients in  $A^*$ .

**Remark 4.7.** Although similar in name, the reader should note the difference between  $HH^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , the secondary Hochschild cohomology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , and  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon), M)$ , the secondary Hochschild cohomology of the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with coefficients in  $M$ . In general, the former is not a special case

of the latter since the “coefficient” module  $\mathcal{H}^n$  varies with  $n$ , but note that they both arise from co-simplicial modules of the form  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}(A,B,\varepsilon)}(\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon), -)$ .

**Remark 4.8.** It was proved in [3] that the secondary cohomology is a particular case of a generalized higher Hochschild cohomology. More precisely, to a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with  $A$  commutative, a symmetric bimodule  $M$  and a pointed simplicial pair  $(X, Y)$  one can associate a generalized higher Hochschild cohomology  $H_{(X,Y)}^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ . When  $(X, Y) = (*, Y)$  one recovers the higher Hochschild cohomology  $H_Y^\bullet(A, M)$  (see [6]), when  $(X, Y) = (S^1, D^2)$  one recovers the secondary Hochschild cohomology  $H^\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ . It would be interesting to construct a natural simplicial algebra and a bar simplicial module associated to that general setting.

**4.2. Secondary cyclic cohomology.** There is a natural left action of the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1} = \langle \lambda \rangle$  on  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  (where  $\lambda$  is the permutation  $(0, 1, 2, \dots, n)$ ), defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \cdot \phi & \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & b_{0,2} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & b_{1,2} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ & = (-1)^n \phi \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_n & b_{0,n} & b_{1,n} & \cdots & b_{n-2,n} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-2} & b_{0,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} & b_{n-2,n-1} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have a right action of  $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$  on  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  ( $\phi\lambda = \lambda^n\phi$ ). We define the secondary cyclic complex as a sub-complex of  $\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . A multilinear functional  $\phi \in \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is called a secondary cyclic  $n$ -cochain if it is invariant under the action of  $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$ . That is,  $\lambda\phi = \phi$  (a condition equivalent to  $\phi\lambda = \phi$ ).

The  $k$ -submodule of  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  of secondary cyclic  $n$ -cochains is denoted by  $\bar{C}_\lambda^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . Note that the action of  $\lambda$  determines an operator on  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  and we have that  $\bar{C}_\lambda^n(A, B, \varepsilon) = \text{Ker}(1 - \lambda)$ .

**Lemma 4.9.** For every  $n \geq 0$  we have  $b_n(\bar{C}_\lambda^n(A, B, \varepsilon)) \subseteq \bar{C}_\lambda^{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

*Proof.* Similar to the case of cyclic cochains, one can show that  $(1-\lambda)b_n = b'_n(1-\lambda)$ , where  $b'_n$  is the sum of the first  $n + 1$  terms from the definition of  $b_n$ . Since  $\bar{C}_\lambda^n(A, B, \varepsilon) = \text{Ker}(1 - \lambda)$ , we obtain the stated result.  $\square$

**Definition 4.10.** The homology of the complex  $(\bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon), b)$  is denoted by  $HC^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$  and is called the *Secondary Cyclic Cohomology* associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

Next we obtain a similar result to Connes' long exact sequence.

**Theorem 4.11.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic zero. For a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  we have a long exact sequence*

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow HC^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{I} HH^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \\ \xrightarrow{B} HC^{n-1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{S} HC^{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I$  is induced by the inclusion  $\bar{C}_\lambda^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

*Proof.* We will follow the line of proof from [9] and [12]. Note that the short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)/\bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow HC^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{I} HH^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \\ \rightarrow H^n(\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)/\bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)) \rightarrow HC^{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \dots. \end{aligned}$$

In order to get the statement from the theorem we need to show that

$$HC^{n-1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \simeq H^n(\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)/\bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)).$$

Take

$$N = 1 + \lambda + \dots + \lambda^n: \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon).$$

One can check that  $(1-\lambda)b = b'(1-\lambda)$ ,  $N(1-\lambda) = (1-\lambda)N = 0$ , and  $bN = Nb'$ , so we obtain the short exact sequence of complexes:

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)/\bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{1-\lambda} (\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon), b') \xrightarrow{N} \bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0.$$

The only part which requires an additional explanation is the inclusion  $\text{Ker}(N) \subset \text{Im}(1-\lambda)$ . If  $\phi \in \text{Ker}(N)$ , then let

$$\psi = \phi - \lambda^2\phi - 2\lambda^3\phi - \dots - (n-1)\lambda^n\phi.$$

It is then easy to see that we have  $(1-\lambda)((1/(n+1))\psi) = \phi$ .

Finally, the complex  $(\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon), b')$  has the contracting homotopy

$$\begin{aligned} s_n f \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \dots & b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \dots & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ = (-1)^{n-1} f \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \dots & b_{0,n-1} & 1 \\ 1 & a_1 & \dots & b_{1,n-1} & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & a_{n-1} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $H^n(\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon), b') = 0$ , we get an isomorphism

$$HC^{n-1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \simeq H^n(\bar{C}^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)/\bar{C}_\lambda^\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon))$$

and our proof is now complete. □

**Remark 4.12.** One can give an alternative proof for Theorem 4.11 by showing that  $\bar{C}_\lambda^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is a cyclic object.

### 5. Secondary homology

In this section we give a brief description for the secondary (cyclic) homology associated to a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

We will use the bar simplicial module  $\mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  over the simplicial algebra  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . The first step is to prove an analog of the Lemma 4.2 replacing the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}$  with the tensor product  $\otimes_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \delta_i^{\mathcal{X}}, \sigma_i^{\mathcal{X}})$  be a right simplicial module and  $(\mathcal{Y}, \delta_i^{\mathcal{Y}}, \sigma_i^{\mathcal{Y}})$  a left simplicial module, both over a simplicial algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . We set  $\mathcal{M}_n := X_n \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_n} Y_n$  and define the maps  $D_i: \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-1}$  and  $S_i: \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n+1}$  by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} D_i &= \delta_i^{\mathcal{X}} \otimes \delta_i^{\mathcal{Y}}: X_n \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_n} Y_n \rightarrow X_{n-1} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{n-1}} Y_{n-1} \\ S_i &= \sigma_i^{\mathcal{X}} \otimes \sigma_i^{\mathcal{Y}}: X_n \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_n} Y_n \rightarrow X_{n+1} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_{n+1}} Y_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

One can check that these maps are well defined. Moreover, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.1.**  $(\mathcal{M}, D_i, S_i)$  is a simplicial  $k$ -module, which we'll denote by  $\mathcal{X} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{Y}$ .

*Proof.* An easy verification of the definitions. □

The next two examples, obtained by specializing the above construction, lead to the definition of the secondary Hochschild homology and the secondary cyclic homology.

**Example 5.2.** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -bimodule that is  $B$ -symmetric. We denote by  $\mathcal{S}(M)$  the simplicial  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ -module determined by  $\mathcal{S}_n := M$ , with the obvious  $A \otimes B^{\otimes(2n+1)} \otimes A^{\text{op}}$ -right module structure (see equation (3.2)),  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{S}} = \text{id}_M$  and  $\sigma_i^{\mathcal{S}} = \text{id}_M$ . Lemma 5.1 implies that  $\mathcal{S}(M) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)} \mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is a simplicial  $k$ -module.

**Definition 5.3.** The homology of the complex associated to the simplicial  $k$ -module  $\mathcal{S}(M) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)} \mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is called the secondary Hochschild homology of the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  with coefficients in  $M$  and it is denoted by  $H_\bullet((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$ .



**Remark 5.4.** We can make the identification  $\mathcal{S}_n \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_n} \mathcal{B}_n = M \otimes A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n-1)/2}$  and, if we set  $C_n((A, B, \varepsilon); M) = M \otimes A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n-1)/2}$ , one can easily see that the differential  $\partial_n: C_n((A, B, \varepsilon); M) \rightarrow C_{n-1}((A, B, \varepsilon); M)$  is given by the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_n \left( m \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_i & \cdots & b_{i,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= ma_0\varepsilon(b_{0,1}b_{0,2}\cdots b_{0,n-1}) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_{1,2} & \cdots & b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} \\ 1 & a_2 & \cdots & b_{2,i} & \cdots & b_{2,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_i & \cdots & b_{i,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^i m \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i-1}b_{0,i} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i-1}b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{i-1}a_i\varepsilon(b_{i-1,i}) & \cdots & b_{i-1,n-1}b_{i,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ (-1)^n a_{n-1}m\varepsilon(b_{0,n-1}b_{1,n-1}\cdots b_{n-2,n-1}) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,i} & \cdots & b_{0,n-2} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n-2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdots & a_i & \cdots & b_{i,n-2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we get that  $H_0((A, B, \varepsilon); M) = H_0(A, M)$ .

**Example 5.5.** We introduce the simplicial  $\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ -right module  $\mathcal{L}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  by setting  $\mathcal{L}_n = A \otimes B^{\otimes n}$ . The  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{L}_n$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) \cdot (a \otimes \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \gamma \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n \otimes b) \\ &= ba_0a\varepsilon(\gamma) \otimes \alpha_1b_1\beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_nb_n\beta_n. \end{aligned}$$

The simplicial structure maps,  $\delta_i^{\mathcal{L}}: \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n-1}$  and  $\sigma_i^{\mathcal{L}}: \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+1}$ , are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0^{\mathcal{L}}(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) &= a\varepsilon(b_1) \otimes b_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n, \\ \delta_n^{\mathcal{L}}(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) &= \varepsilon(b_n)a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_{n-1}, \\ \delta_i^{\mathcal{L}}(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) &= a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_i b_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n, \end{aligned}$$

if  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , and

$$\sigma_i^{\mathcal{L}}(a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) = a \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_i \otimes 1 \otimes b_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n,$$

if  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward computation. □

**Definition 5.6.** The homology of the complex associated to the simplicial  $k$ -module  $\mathcal{L}(A, B, \varepsilon) \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(A, B, \varepsilon)} \mathcal{B}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is called the secondary Hochschild homology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  and it is denoted by  $HH_{\bullet}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

**Remark 5.7.** We can identify  $\mathcal{L}_n \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_n} \mathcal{B}_n$  with  $A^{\otimes(n+1)} \otimes B^{\otimes n(n+1)/2}$  and we denote the latter by  $\bar{C}_n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . If  $b$  is the induced differential, one can see that  $HH_{\bullet}(A, B, \varepsilon)$  is the homology of the complex  $(\bar{C}_{\bullet}(A, B, \varepsilon), b)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} & b_n \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & \cdots & b_{0,i} b_{0,i+1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} b_{1,i+1} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdots & a_i a_{i+1} \varepsilon(b_{i,i+1}) & \cdots & b_{i,n-1} b_{i+1,n-1} & b_{i,n} b_{i+1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &+ (-1)^n \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_n a_0 \varepsilon(b_{0,n}) & b_{1,n} b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{i,n} b_{0,i} & \cdots & b_{n-1,n} b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,i} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdots & a_i & \cdots & b_{i,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 5.8.** For a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  we have  $HH_0(A, B, \varepsilon) = HH_0(A)$ .

Just like in the case of  $\bar{C}^n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , there are natural left and right actions of the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1} = \langle \lambda \rangle$  on  $\bar{C}_n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . More precisely, the left action is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \cdot \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & b_{0,2} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & b_{1,2} & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} & b_{1,n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \right) \\ = (-1)^n \left( \otimes \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_n & b_{0,n} & b_{1,n} & \cdots & b_{n-2,n} & b_{n-1,n} \\ 1 & a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-2} & b_{0,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} & b_{n-2,n-1} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We define the complex  $\bar{C}_n^\lambda(A, B, \varepsilon) := \bar{C}_n(A, B, \varepsilon)/\text{Im}(1 - \lambda)$ . If  $b'_n$  denotes the sum of the first  $n$  terms in the formula defining  $b_n$ , the relation  $(1 - \lambda)b'_n = b_n(1 - \lambda)$  holds, so the operator  $b$  is well defined on  $\bar{C}_\bullet^\lambda(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . With these considerations, we introduce the cyclic homology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

**Definition 5.9.** The homology of the complex  $(\bar{C}_\bullet^\lambda(A, B, \varepsilon), b)$  is denoted by  $HC_\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon)$  and is called the cyclic homology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

**Remark 5.10.** If  $n = 0$ ,  $HC_0(A, B, \varepsilon) = HH_0(A) = A/[A, A]$ .

Similar to the case of the classical cyclic homology, we have a long exact sequence which relates the secondary Hochschild and cyclic homology groups associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . Our approach in proving this result is based on a natural extension of the cyclic bicomplex of  $A$ . Then we follow the same line of proof as in [10], so we won't reproduce all the details here.

For  $N = 1 + \lambda + \lambda^2 + \cdots + \lambda^n$ , we have the relations  $N(1 - \lambda) = (1 - \lambda)N = 0$ ,  $Nb = b'N$ ,  $(1 - \lambda)b' = b(1 - \lambda)$  and  $b^2 = b'^2 = 0$ . This implies that we have the following double complex, whose total complex we denote by  $(\text{Tot}_\bullet C(A, B, \varepsilon), \delta)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & b \downarrow & & -b' \downarrow & & b \downarrow \\ \bar{C}_2(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{1-\lambda} & \bar{C}_2(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{N} & \bar{C}_2(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{1-\lambda} & \dots \\ & & b \downarrow & & -b' \downarrow & & b' \downarrow \\ \bar{C}_1(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{1-\lambda} & \bar{C}_1(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{N} & \bar{C}_1(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{1-\lambda} & \dots \\ & & b \downarrow & & -b' \downarrow & & b \downarrow \\ \bar{C}_0(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{1-\lambda} & \bar{C}_0(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{N} & \bar{C}_0(A, B, \varepsilon) & \xleftarrow{1-\lambda} & \dots \end{array}$$

In characteristic 0, we have that  $\text{Ker}(1 - \lambda) = \text{Im } N$  and  $\text{Ker } N = \text{Im}(1 - \lambda)$  so the rows are exact. It follows that the homology of the total complex, is exactly the cyclic homology associated to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . Moreover, following [10], we have a short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Tot}'_{\bullet} C(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{i} \text{Tot}_{\bullet} C(A, B, \varepsilon)[2] \xrightarrow{s} \text{Tot}_{\bullet} C(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\text{Tot}_{\bullet} C(A, B, \varepsilon)[2]$  is the shifted by 2 complex and the truncation map  $s$  is defined by

$$s(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}).$$

The kernel of  $s$  is the total complex of the first two columns,

$$\text{Tot}'_n C(A, B, \varepsilon) = A^{\otimes n} \otimes B^{\otimes(n-1)n/2} \oplus A^{\otimes(n-1)} \otimes B^{\otimes(n-2)(n-1)/2}.$$

It is not hard to see that the complexes  $(\bar{C}_{\bullet}(A, B, \varepsilon), b)$  and  $\text{Tot}'_{\bullet} C(A, B, \varepsilon)$  have the same homology since they are homotopy equivalent via the map

$$t_n \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n-1} \\ 1 & 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdot & \cdots & a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain that the short exact sequence defined above induces the desired long exact sequence. More precisely, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.11.** *Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic zero. For a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$  we have a long exact sequence*

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow HC_n(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{S} HC_{n-2}(A, B, \varepsilon) \\ \xrightarrow{B} HH_{n-1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{I} HC_{n-1}(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Here  $S$  is induced by the truncation map  $s$  and  $B$  is the connecting homomorphism of the long exact sequence. An explicit formula for  $B$ , at the level of chains, is

$$B = (1 - \lambda)tN: \bar{C}_n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \bar{C}_{n+1}(A, B, \varepsilon).$$

Next we make some remarks about the relation between  $HH_{\bullet}(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , and two classical versions of Hochschild homology  $HH_{\bullet}(A)$  and  $HH_{\bullet}^B(A)$ .

**Remark 5.12.** Let  $(C_{\bullet}(A), d)$  the chain complex associate to the Hochschild cohomology and  $(\bar{C}_{\bullet}(A, B, \varepsilon), b)$  the chain complex that gives the secondary

Hochschild homology associate to the triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . Just like in [11], one can show that there is a morphism  $\psi: (C_\bullet(A), d) \rightarrow (\bar{C}_\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon), b)$  determined by

$$\psi_n(a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{n-1} \otimes a_n) = \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & a_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

This induces a morphism at the level of homology  $\bar{\psi}_n: HH_n(A) \rightarrow HH_n(A, B, \varepsilon)$ .

**Remark 5.13.** Likewise, denote by  $(C_\bullet^B(A), d)$  the chain complex associated to the usual Hochschild homology of  $A$  relative to  $B$ . We can define a morphism of chain complexes  $\varphi: (\bar{C}_\bullet(A, B, \varepsilon), b) \rightarrow (C_\bullet^B(A), d)$  by

$$\varphi_n \left( \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_{0,1} & \cdots & b_{0,n} \\ 1 & a_1 & \cdots & b_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \right) = a_0 \otimes_B a_1 \otimes_B \cdots \otimes_B a_n \varepsilon \left( \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} b_{i,j} \right).$$

It is easy to verify that  $d_n \circ \varphi_n = \varphi_{n-1} \circ b_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and so we get a morphism  $\bar{\varphi}_n: HH_n(A, B, \varepsilon) \rightarrow HH_n^B(A)$ . Moreover, one can see that  $\varphi_n \circ \psi_n$  is the natural projection  $C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n^B(A)$ , and so  $\bar{\varphi}_n \circ \bar{\psi}_n$  is the natural map from  $HH_n(A)$  to  $HH_n^B(A)$ .

There are other chain complexes that can be associated to a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ . It would be interesting to establish the relation among these complexes and to figure out their relevance to other areas of mathematics. We plan to come back to these groups in a future paper and discuss their connection with the de Rham homology. We are especially interested in defining a  $K$ -theory associated to a triple  $(A, B, \varepsilon)$ , and in finding its geometrical meaning. Notice that even in the commutative case the construction from this paper has the potential to provide a new perspective on problems in geometry.

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