

COMPARING COMMUTATIVE AND ASSOCIATIVE  
UNBOUNDED DIFFERENTIAL GRADED ALGEBRAS OVER  $\mathbb{Q}$   
FROM A HOMOTOPICAL POINT OF VIEW

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*Abstract*

In this paper we establish a faithfulness result, in a homotopical sense, between a subcategory of the model category of augmented differential graded commutative algebras CDGA and a subcategory of the model category of augmented differential graded algebras DGA over the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## 1. Introduction

It is well known that the forgetful functor from the category of commutative  $k$ -algebras to the category of associative  $k$ -algebras is fully faithful. We have an analogue result between the category of unbounded differential graded commutative  $k$ -algebras  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$  and the category of unbounded differential graded associative algebras  $\mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ . The question that we want to explore is the following: Suppose that  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ ; we want to know if it is true that forgetful functor  $U : \mathbf{dgCAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  induces a fully faithful functor at the level of homotopy categories

$$\mathbf{RU} : \mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{dgAlg}_k).$$

The answer is **no**. A nice and easy counterexample was given by Lurie [10]. He has considered  $k[x, y]$  the free commutative CDGA in two variables concentrated in degree 0. It follows obviously that

$$\mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k)(k[x, y], S) \simeq \mathrm{H}^0(S) \oplus \mathrm{H}^0(S),$$

while

$$\mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{dgAlg}_k)(k[x, y], S) \simeq \mathrm{H}^0(S) \oplus \mathrm{H}^0(S) \oplus \mathrm{H}^{-1}(S).$$

Something nice happens if we consider the category of augmented CDGA denoted by  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*$  and augmented DGA denoted by  $\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*$ .

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**Theorem 1.1** (Theorem 4.1). *For any  $R$  and  $S$  in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*$ , the induced map by the forgetful functor*

$$\Omega\mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \rightarrow \Omega\mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{dAlg}_k^*}(R, S)$$

*has a retract; in particular*

$$\pi_i\mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \rightarrow \pi_i\mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{dAlg}_k^*}(R, S)$$

*is injective  $\forall i > 0$ .*

**Definition 1.2** ([8],[7]). Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a model category and let  $a, a'$  be cofibrant objects and  $b, b'$  be fibrant objects. The (derived) mapping space denoted by  $\mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{M}}$  is a simplicial set having the following properties:

- $\pi_0\mathrm{Map}(a, b) \cong \mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{M})(a, b)$ , where  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{M})$  is the homotopy category of  $\mathbf{M}$ .
- For any weak equivalence  $a \rightarrow a'$ , we have a weak equivalence of simplicial sets  $\mathrm{Map}(a', b) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}(a, b)$ .
- For any weak equivalence  $b \rightarrow b'$ , we have a weak equivalence of simplicial sets  $\mathrm{Map}(a, b) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}(a, b')$ .

*Remark 1.3.* [4, Theorem 2.12] In our work we use only the formal properties of the derived mapping space in a model category. For any Quillen adjunction between model categories

$$\mathbf{M} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{G} \\ \xleftarrow{U} \end{array} \mathbf{N}$$

and for any cofibrant object  $a \in \mathbf{M}$  and any fibrant object  $c \in \mathbf{N}$ , we have the following (zig-zag) equivalence of simplicial sets:

$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{N}}(Ga, c) \sim \mathrm{Map}_{\mathbf{M}}(a, Uc).$$

Let  $S$  be a differential graded commutative algebra which is a “loop” of another CDGA algebra  $A$ , i.e.,  $S = \mathrm{Holim}(k \rightarrow A \leftarrow k)$ , where the homotopy limit is taken in the model category  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ . A direct consequence of our theorem is that the right derived functor  $\mathbf{R}U$  is a faithful functor, i.e., the induced map  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*)(R, S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathbf{dAlg}_k^*)(R, S)$  is injective.

### Interpretation of the result in the derived algebraic geometry

Rationally, any pointed topological  $X$  space can be viewed as an augmented (connective) commutative differential graded algebra via its cochain complex  $C^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$ . In the case where  $X$  is a simply connected rational space, the cochain complex  $C^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$  carries all the homotopical information about  $X$ , by the Sullivan theorem [6]. Moreover, the bar construction  $BC^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$  is identified (as  $E_\infty$ -DGA) to  $C^*(\Omega X, \mathbb{Q})$  and  $\Omega C^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$  is identified (as  $E_\infty$ -DGA) to  $C^*(\Sigma X, \mathbb{Q})$ ; cf. [5]. This interpretation allows us to make the following definition: A generalized rational pointed space is an augmented commutative differential graded  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra (possibly unbounded). In the same spirit, we define a pointed generalized **noncommutative rational space** as an augmented differential graded  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra (possibly unbounded). Let  $A$  be any augmented CDGA (resp. DGA); we will call a CDGA (resp. DGA) of the form  $\Omega A$  an *op-suspended* CDGA (resp. DGA). Our Theorem 4.1 can be interpreted as follows:

The homotopy category of op-suspended generalized commutative rational spaces is a subcategory of the homotopy category of op-suspended generalized noncommutative rational spaces.

## 2. DGA, CDGA, and $E_\infty$ -DGA

We work in the setting of unbounded differential graded  $k$ -modules  $\mathbf{dgMod}_k$ . This is a symmetric monoidal closed model category ( $k$  is a commutative ring). We denote the category of (reduced) operads in  $\mathbf{dgMod}_k$  by  $\mathbf{Op}_k$ . We follow notations and definitions of [2]; we say that an operad  $P$  is *admissible* if the category of  $P$ - $\mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  admits a model structure where the fibrations are degree wise surjections and weak equivalences are quasi-isomorphisms. For any map of operads  $\phi : P \rightarrow Q$  we have an induced adjunction of the corresponding categories of algebras:

$$P\text{-dgAlg}_k \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\phi_!} \\ \xleftarrow{\phi^*} \end{matrix} Q\text{-dgAlg}_k.$$

A  $\Sigma$ -cofibrant operad  $P$  is an operad such that  $P(n)$  is  $k[\Sigma_n]$ -cofibrant in  $\mathbf{dgMod}_{k[\Sigma_n]}$ . Any cofibrant operad  $P$  is a  $\Sigma$ -cofibrant operad [2, Proposition 4.3]. We denote the associative operad by  $\mathbf{Ass}$  and the commutative operad by  $\mathbf{Com}$ . The operad  $\mathbf{Ass}$  is an admissible operad and  $\Sigma$ -cofibrant, while the operad  $\mathbf{Com}$  is not admissible in general. In the rational case, when  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  the operad  $\mathbf{Com}$  is admissible and  $\Sigma$ -cofibrant. More generally any cofibrant operad  $P$  is admissible [2, Proposition 4.1, Remark 4.2]. We define a symmetric tensor product of operads by the formulae

$$[P \otimes Q](n) = P(n) \otimes Q(n), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\phi : \mathbf{Ass} \rightarrow P$  is a cofibration of operads. The operad  $P$  is admissible and the functor  $\phi^* : P\text{-dgAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  preserves fibrations, weak equivalences, and cofibrations with cofibrant domain in the underlying category  $\mathbf{dgMod}_k$ .*

*Proof.* First of all, the operad  $P$  is admissible; indeed we use the cofibrant resolution  $r : E_\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{Com}$  and consider the following pushout in  $\mathbf{Op}_k$  given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Ass}_\infty & \hookrightarrow & E_\infty \\ \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \alpha \\ \mathbf{Ass} & \xrightarrow{f} & E'_\infty \end{array}$$

where  $\mathbf{Ass}_\infty$  is a cofibrant replacement of  $\mathbf{Ass}$  in  $\mathbf{Op}_k$  and  $\mathbf{Ass}_\infty \rightarrow E_\infty$  is a cofibration which factors  $\mathbf{Ass}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{Ass} \rightarrow \mathbf{Com}$ . Since the category  $\mathbf{Op}_k$  is left proper in the sense of [13, Theorem 3], we have that  $\alpha : E_\infty \rightarrow E'_\infty$  is an equivalence. We denote by  $I$  the unit interval in the category  $\mathbf{dgMod}_k$  which is strictly coassociative [12, p. 503]; i.e., there is a map of operads  $\mathbf{Ass} \rightarrow \mathbf{End}^{op}(I)$ . Moreover, there is a map of operads  $E_\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{End}^{op}(I)$  which endows  $I$  with the structure of  $E_\infty$ -coalgebra [2, Remark 4.2]. Since  $I$  is a strict coalgebra (in particular an  $\mathbf{Ass}_\infty$ -coalgebra), the operad map  $\mathbf{Ass}_\infty \rightarrow$

$\text{End}^{op}(I)$  factors through  $\text{Ass}$ ; i.e., we have two compatible maps of operads:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Ass}_\infty & \hookrightarrow & E_\infty \\
 \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \alpha \\
 \text{Ass} & \xrightarrow{f} & E'_\infty \\
 & \searrow & \vdots \\
 & & \text{End}^{op}(I)
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

By the universality of the pushout, we have a map of operads  $E'_\infty \rightarrow \text{End}^{op}(I)$ . This means that the unit interval  $I$  has a structure of  $E'_\infty$ -coalgebra [2, p. 4]. Moreover, we have a commutative diagram in  $\text{Op}_k$  given by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{Ass} & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \text{Ass} \otimes \text{Ass} & \xrightarrow{\phi \otimes f} & P \otimes E'_\infty \\
 \downarrow \phi & & & & \downarrow id \otimes r \sim \\
 P & \xrightarrow{id} & P \otimes \text{Com} & = & P
 \end{array}$$

where the operad map  $r : E'_\infty \rightarrow \text{Com}$  is obtained by the universal property of the pushout (1) and the diagonal map  $\Delta : \text{Ass} \rightarrow \text{Ass} \otimes \text{Ass}$  is induced by the diagonals  $\Sigma_n \rightarrow \Sigma_n \times \Sigma_n$ ; therefore the commutativity of the diagram is a consequence of the co-unit property of the diagonal map  $\Delta$  and universal choice of  $r$ . Hence, the map  $P \otimes E'_\infty \rightarrow P$  admits a section. It implies by [2, Proposition 4.1] that  $P$  is admissible and  $\Sigma$ -cofibrant. Since all objects in  $P - \text{dgAlg}_k$  are fibrant and  $\phi^*$  is a right Quillen adjoint, it preserves fibrations and weak equivalences.

Since  $P$  is an admissible operad, we have a Quillen adjunction

$$\text{dgAlg}_k \xrightleftharpoons[\phi^*]{\phi_!} P - \text{dgAlg}_k,$$

where the functor  $\phi^*$  is identified to the forgetful functor. Moreover, the model structure on  $P - \text{dgAlg}_k$  is the transferred model structure from the cofibrantly generated model structure  $\text{dgAlg}_k$  via the adjunction  $\phi_!, \phi^*$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a cofibration in  $P - \text{dgAlg}_k$  such that  $A$  is cofibrant in  $\text{dgMod}_k$ . We factor this map as a cofibration followed by a trivial fibration

$$A \xrightarrow{i} P \xrightarrow{\sim} B$$

in the category  $\text{dgAlg}_k$ ; therefore  $i$  is a cofibration [14, Proposition 2.3 (3)] (Toën’s initial argument is for cofibrant objects, but it works for cofibrations, i.e., the forgetful functor  $\text{dgAlg}_k \rightarrow \text{dgMod}_k$  preserves cofibrations) and  $p$  is obviously a trivial fibration in  $\text{dgMod}_k$ . By [11, Lemma 4.1.16], we have an induced map of endomorphism operads of diagrams [11, Section 4.1.1]:

$$\text{End}_{\{A \rightarrow P \rightarrow B\}} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\{A \rightarrow B\}}$$

which is a trivial fibration of operads since  $p$  is a trivial fibration. Notice that Rezk's arguments [11] are performed in the category of simplicial  $k$ -modules and are formally transposable in the context of differential graded  $k$ -modules. By definition of our endomorphism operads of diagrams, we have the following commutative diagram in  $\text{Op}_k$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ass} & \longrightarrow & \text{End}_{\{A \rightarrow P \rightarrow B\}} \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dotted} & \downarrow \sim \\ \text{P} & \longrightarrow & \text{End}_{\{A \rightarrow B\}} \end{array}$$

where the first horizontal map of operads translates the fact that  $A \rightarrow P \rightarrow B$  are maps in  $\text{dgAlg}_k$ ; respectively, the second horizontal map translates the fact that  $A \rightarrow B$  is a map of  $\text{P}$ -algebra. Since  $\text{Op}_k$  is a model category, it implies that we have a lifting map of operads  $\text{P} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\{A \rightarrow P \rightarrow B\}}$ ; hence  $i$  and  $p$  are maps of  $\text{P} - \text{dgAlg}_k$ . Therefore, we consider the following commutative square in the category  $\text{P} - \text{dgAlg}_k$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & P \\ f \downarrow & \nearrow r \text{ dotted} & \downarrow p \\ B & \xrightarrow{id} & B \end{array}$$

The lifting map  $r$  exists since  $\text{P} - \text{dgAlg}_k$  is a model category. We conclude that  $p \circ r = id$  and  $r \circ f = i$ , which means that  $f$  is a retract of  $i$ ; hence  $f$  is a cofibration in  $\text{dgAlg}_k$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.2.* With the same notation as in Lemma 2.1, if  $A$  is a cofibrant object in  $\text{P} - \text{dgAlg}_k$  then  $A$  is a cofibrant object in  $\text{dgMod}_k$ . Indeed  $k \rightarrow A$  is a cofibration in  $\text{P} - \text{dgAlg}_k$ ; by the previous lemma  $k \rightarrow A$  is a cofibration in  $\text{dgAlg}_k$ . Therefore,  $k \rightarrow A$  is a cofibration in  $\text{dgMod}_k$ .

### 3. Suspension in CDGA and DGA

We denote the operad  $E'_\infty$  of the previous section by  $E_\infty$ , and  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ .

#### 3.1. $E_\infty$ -DGA

We have a map of operads  $\text{Ass} \rightarrow \text{Com}$ , which we factor as cofibration followed by a trivial fibration:

$$\text{Ass} \hookrightarrow E_\infty \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Com}.$$

As a consequence, we have the following Quillen adjunctions:

$$\text{dgAlg}_k \xrightleftharpoons[U]{Ab_\infty} E_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k \xrightleftharpoons[U']{str} \text{dgCAlg}_k.$$

These adjunctions have the following properties:

- The functors  $U'$  and  $U \circ U'$  are the forgetful functors; they are fully faithful (cf. Propositions 3.3 and 3.2).

- The functors  $str, U'$  form a Quillen equivalence since  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  (cf. [9, Corollary 1.5, Part II]). The functor  $str$  is the strictification functor.
- The functors  $Ab_\infty, U$  form a Quillen pair.
- The composition  $str \circ Ab_\infty$  is the abelianization functor  $Ab : \mathbf{dgAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ .
- The functors  $str$  and  $Ab$  are idempotent functors (cf. Propositions 3.3 and 3.2).

The model categories  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*, \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*$ , and  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*$  are pointed model categories. It is natural to introduce the suspension functors in these categories.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be any pointed model category. We denote the point by 1, and let  $A \in \mathbf{C}$ ; a suspension  $\Sigma A$  is defined as  $\text{hocolim}(1 \leftarrow A \rightarrow 1)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Any map  $f : A \rightarrow S$  in  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ , where  $S$  is in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ , factors in a unique way as  $A \rightarrow str(A) \rightarrow S$  and the forgetful functor  $U' : \mathbf{dgCAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  is fully faithful. Moreover, the unit of the adjunction  $\nu_A : A \rightarrow str(A)$  is a fibration.

*Proof.* Suppose that we have a map  $h : R \rightarrow S$  in  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  such that  $R$  and  $S$  are objects in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ . By definition of the operad  $\mathbf{E}_\infty$  the map  $h$  respects the multiplication; therefore  $h$  is a morphism in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$  since  $R$  and  $S$  are commutative differential graded algebras. The forgetful functor  $U' : \mathbf{dgCAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  is fully faithful: this implies that  $str(S) = S$  for any  $S \in \mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ . We have a commutative diagram induced by the unit  $\nu$  of the adjunction  $(U', str)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & S \\ \nu_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \nu_S = id \\ str(A) & \xrightarrow{str(f)} & str(S) = S \end{array}$$

We conclude that  $f = str(f) \circ \nu_A$ . The surjectivity of the  $\nu_A$  follows from the universal property of  $str(A)$ . Hence,  $\nu_A$  is a fibration in  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** Any map  $f : A \rightarrow S$  in  $\mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ , where  $S$  is in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ , factors in a unique way as  $A \rightarrow Ab(A) \rightarrow S$ , and the forgetful functor  $U \circ U' : \mathbf{dgCAlg}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  is fully faithful. Moreover, the unit of the adjunction  $\nu_A : A \rightarrow Ab(A)$  is a fibration.

*Proof.* The proof is the same as in Proposition 3.2.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** Suppose that we have a trivial cofibration  $k \rightarrow \underline{k}$  in  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ . Then the universal map  $\pi : Ab(\underline{k}) \rightarrow str(\underline{k})$  is a trivial fibration and admits a section in the category  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ .

*Proof.* We consider the following commutative diagram in  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \underline{k} \\ id \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ k = str(k) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & str(\underline{k}) \end{array}$$

The map  $\underline{k} \rightarrow str(\underline{k})$  is an equivalence since  $str$  is a left Quillen functor; the same thing holds for the abelianization functor. More precisely, the forgetful functor  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k \rightarrow$

$\text{dgAlg}_k$  preserves cofibration (Lemma 2.1) ( $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{E}_\infty$ ); therefore the map  $Ab(k) \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k})$  is a weak equivalence in  $\text{dgCAlg}_k$ . It follows that we have a commutative diagram in  $\text{dgAlg}_k$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \underline{k} \\ \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ k = Ab(k) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & Ab(\underline{k}) \end{array}$$

i.e.,  $\underline{k} \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k})$  is a trivial fibration, since  $\underline{k} \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k})$  is surjective by definition of the abelianization functor. On the other hand the map  $\underline{k} \rightarrow str(\underline{k})$  is a trivial fibration in  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k$  (Proposition 3.2) and hence in  $\text{dgAlg}_k$ ; therefore it can be factored (cf. Proposition 3.3) as  $\underline{k} \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k}) \rightarrow str(\underline{k})$ , where  $Ab(\underline{k}) \rightarrow str(\underline{k})$  is a trivial fibration between cofibrant objects in  $\text{dgCAlg}_k$ . It follows that we have a retract  $l : str(\underline{k}) \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k})$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.5.** The suspension functor in the pointed model categories  $\text{dgCAlg}_k^*$ ,  $\text{dgAlg}_k^*$ , and  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k^*$  are denoted by  $B$  (resp.  $\Sigma$  and resp.  $B_\infty$ ).

*Remark 3.6.* The notation  $\Sigma$  is a generic notation for the suspension functor in a pointed model category. In the case of  $\text{dgCAlg}_k^*$  and  $\text{dgAlg}_k^*$  we have used the notation  $B$  and  $B_\infty$  to make a link with the Bar construction for commutative ( $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ ) differential graded algebra; this coincides with the generic suspension functor.

**Lemma 3.7.** *Suppose that  $A$  is a cofibrant object in  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k^*$ . Then  $str(B_\infty A)$  is a retract of  $Ab(\Sigma A)$  in the category  $\text{dgCAlg}_k$ .*

*Proof.* First of all, if a map  $f$  is associative (or commutative, or an  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$  map) we put index  $f_a$  (or  $f_c$ , or  $f_\infty$ , respectively). Notice that by definition of the operad  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$  any  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -map is a strictly associative map. Suppose that  $A$  is a cofibrant object in  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k$ . Consider the following commutative square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i_\infty} & k \\ \downarrow i_\infty & & \downarrow h_a \\ k & \xrightarrow{h_a} & \Sigma A \\ & & \downarrow u_a \\ & & B_\infty A \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow f_\infty \\ & & \exists! \\ & \xrightarrow{f_\infty} & \downarrow u_a \\ & & B_\infty A \end{array}$

where  $\Sigma A$  is the (homotopy in Lemma 2.1) pushout in  $\text{dgAlg}_k$  and  $B_\infty A$  is the (homotopy) pushout in  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k$ . By Proposition 3.2 and Proposition 3.3 we have the

following commutative square in  $\mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma A & \xrightarrow{u_a} & B_\infty A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Ab(\Sigma A) & \xrightarrow{x_c} & str[B_\infty A] = B[str(A)]. \end{array}$$

By Proposition 3.4 we have an inclusion of commutative differential graded algebras  $l_c : str(\underline{k}) \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k})$  and after strictification we obtain another homotopy pushout (inner) square in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$  given by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} str(A) \subset & \xrightarrow{i_c} & str(\underline{k}) & \xrightarrow{l_c} & Ab(\underline{k}) \\ \downarrow i_c & & \downarrow f_c & & \downarrow h_c \\ str(\underline{k}) \subset & \xrightarrow{f_c} & B[str(A)] & \xrightarrow{u_c} & Ab(\Sigma(A)) \\ \downarrow l_c & & \swarrow \exists! & & \\ Ab(\underline{k}) \subset & \xrightarrow{h_c} & & & \end{array}$$

In order to prove that  $B[str(A)]$  is a retract of  $Ab(\Sigma(A))$  it is sufficient to prove that

$$x_c \circ h_c \circ l_c = f_c.$$

By Proposition 3.2 and Proposition 3.3, the composition  $E_\infty$ -maps

$$\underline{k} \xrightarrow{f_\infty} B_\infty A \longrightarrow str[B_\infty A]$$

can be factored in a unique way as

$$\underline{k} \longrightarrow Ab(\underline{k}) \xrightarrow{\pi} str(\underline{k}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_c} str[B_\infty A] = B[str(A)].$$

By unicity,  $\alpha_c = f_c$ . On the other hand, using the first pushout in  $E_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ , the previous composition  $\underline{k} \rightarrow str[B_\infty A]$  is factored as

$$\underline{k} \xrightarrow{h_a} \Sigma A \longrightarrow Ab(\Sigma A) \xrightarrow{x_c} str[B_\infty A].$$

We summarize the previous remarks in the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \underline{k} & \xrightarrow{pr} & Ab(\underline{k}) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & str(\underline{k}) & \xrightarrow{f_c} & str[B_\infty A] \\ \downarrow id & & \downarrow h_c = Ab(h_a) & & \downarrow id & & \downarrow id \\ \underline{k} & \longrightarrow & Ab(\Sigma A) & \xrightarrow{x_c} & str[B_\infty A] & & \end{array}$$

By definition of  $h_a$ , the dotted map  $h_c$  makes the left square commutative. Since the whole square is commutative and the map  $pr$  is surjective, we conclude that



$x_c \circ h_c = f_c \circ \pi$ . Since the map  $l_c : Str(\underline{k}) \rightarrow Ab(\underline{k})$  is a retract of  $\pi$  (cf. 3.4), i.e.,  $\pi \circ l_c = id$ , we conclude that  $x_c \circ h_c \circ l_c = f_c$ . Finally, by unicity of the pushout, we deduce that the following composition

$$B[Str(A)] \xrightarrow{u_c} Ab(\Sigma A) \xrightarrow{x_c} B[Str(A)]$$

is identity.  $\square$

## 4. Main result and applications

**Theorem 4.1.** *For any  $R$  and  $S$  in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*$ , the induced map by the forgetful functor*

$$\Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \rightarrow \Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S)$$

has a retract; in particular

$$\pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \rightarrow \pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S)$$

is injective  $\forall i > 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R$  is a cofibrant object in  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$  and  $S$  any object in  $\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k$ . By adjunction, we have that

$$\Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(Str(R), S) \sim \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(B[Str(R)], S) \quad (2)$$

$$\sim \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(Str[B_\infty R], S) \quad (3)$$

$$\sim \text{Map}_{\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(B_\infty R, S) \quad (4)$$

$$\sim \Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S). \quad (5)$$

By Lemma 3.7, we have a retract

$$\text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(B[Str(R)], S) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(Ab(\Sigma R), S) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(B[Str(R)], S).$$

Again by adjunction:

$$\text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(Ab(\Sigma R), S) \sim \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(\Sigma R, S) \sim \Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S).$$

We conclude that

$$\Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \xrightarrow{U} \Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \longrightarrow \Omega \text{Map}_{\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S)$$

is a retract. Hence, the forgetful functor  $U$  induces an injective map on homotopy groups, i.e.,

$$\pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k^*}(Str(R), S) \simeq \pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S) \rightarrow \pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgAlg}_k^*}(R, S)$$

is injective  $\forall i > 0$ .  $\square$

### 4.1. Rational homotopy theory

We give an application of our Theorem 4.1 in the context of rational homotopy theory. Let  $X$  be a simply connected rational space such that  $\pi_i X$  is finite dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space for each  $i > 0$ . Let  $C^*(X)$  be the differential graded  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra cochain associated to  $X$  which is a connective  $\mathbf{E}_\infty \mathbf{dgAlg}_k$ . If  $R = C^*(X)$  and  $S = \mathbb{Q}$  then by the Sullivan theorem  $\pi_i X \simeq \pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{dgCAlg}_k}(C^*(X), \mathbb{Q})$ . By Theorem 4.1, we have that

$\pi_i X$  is a sub  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space of  $\pi_i \text{Map}_{\text{dgAlg}_k}(R, S)$ . On the other hand [1], since  $C^*(X)$  is connective, we have that for any  $i > 1$

$$\pi_i \text{Map}_{\text{dgAlg}_k}(C^*(X), \mathbb{Q}) \simeq \text{HH}^{1-i}(C^*(X), \mathbb{Q}),$$

where  $\text{HH}^*$  is the Hochschild cohomology. Since we have assumed finiteness condition on  $X$ , we have that

$$\text{HH}^{1-i}(C^*(X), \mathbb{Q}) \simeq \text{HH}_{i-1}(C^*(X), \mathbb{Q}).$$

The functor  $C^*(-, \mathbb{Q}) : \text{Top}^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k$  commutes with finite homotopy limits, where  $\text{Top}$  is the category of simply connected spaces. Hence,

$$\text{HH}_{-1+i}(C^*(X), \mathbb{Q}) = \text{H}^{i-1}[C^*(X) \otimes_{C^*(X \times X)}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathbb{Q}] \simeq \text{H}^{i-1}(\Omega X, \mathbb{Q}).$$

We conclude that  $\pi_i X$  is a sub  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space of  $\text{H}^{i-1}(\Omega X, \mathbb{Q})$ .

More generally by the Block-Lazarev result [3] on rational homotopy theory and [1], we have an injective map of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces

$$\text{AQ}^{-i}(C^*(X), C^*(Y)) \rightarrow \text{HH}^{-i+1}(C^*(X), C^*(Y)),$$

where the  $C^*(X)$ -(bi)modules structure on  $C^*(Y)$  is given by  $C^*(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow C^*(Y)$ , and  $\text{AQ}^*$  is the André-Quillen cohomology. We also assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are simply connected and  $i > 1$ .

More generally,

$$\pi_i \text{Map}_{\mathbf{E}_\infty \text{dgAlg}_k}(R, S) = \text{AQ}^{-i}(R, S) \rightarrow \text{HH}^{-i+1}(R, S) = \pi_i \text{Map}_{\text{dgAlg}_k}(R, S)$$

is an injective map of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces for all  $i > 1$  and any augmented  $\mathbf{E}_\infty$ -differential graded connective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebras  $R$  and  $S$ , where the action of  $S$  on  $R$  is given by  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow R$ .

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