



Kadeishvili's formality theorem and universal Massey products

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The UMP is:

- independent of the choice of minimal model,
- invariant under quasi-isomorphisms,
- the first obstruction to formality,

$$[\{m_3\}, \{m_3\}] = 0.$$

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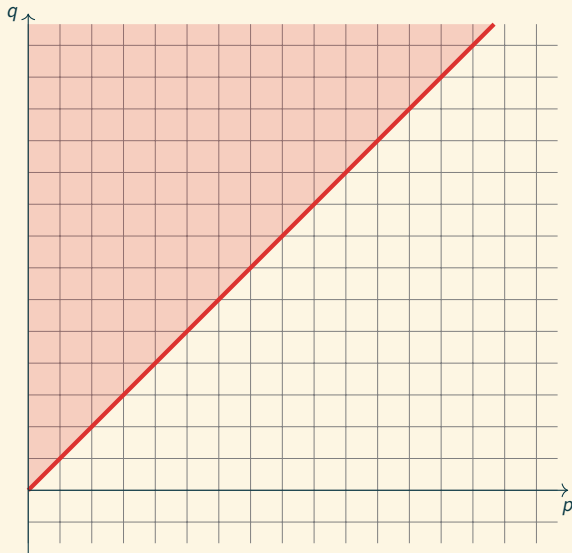
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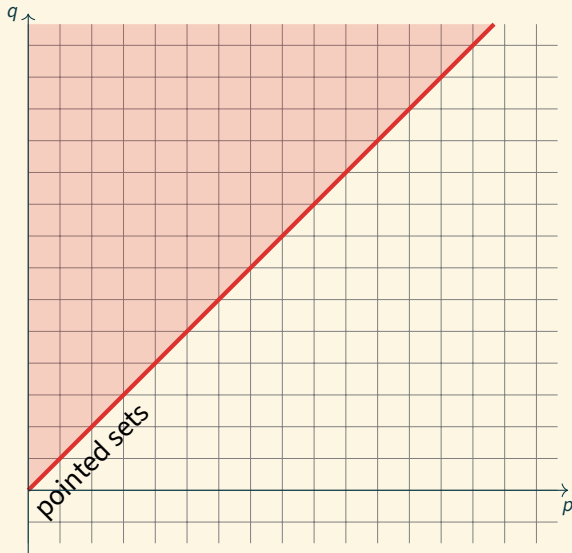


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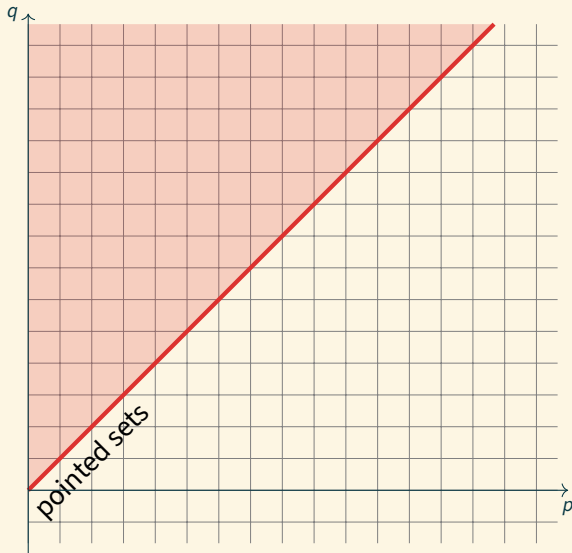


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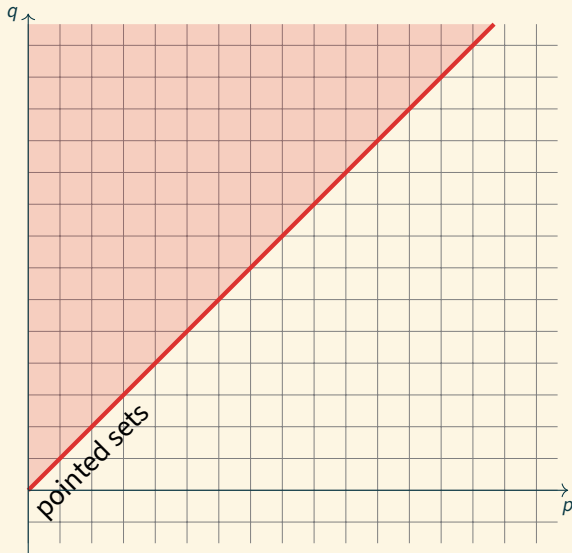
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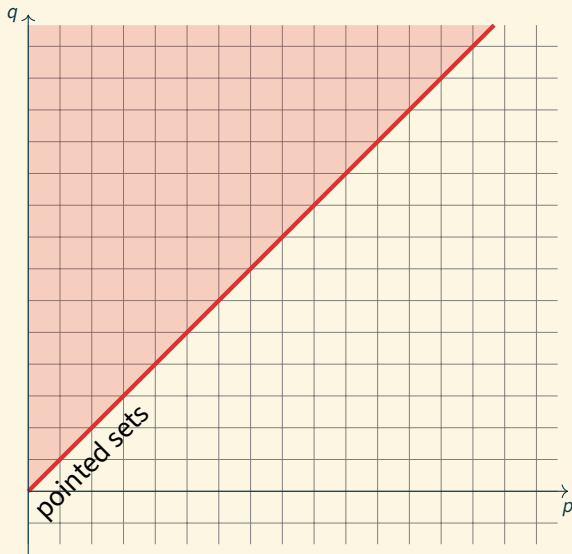
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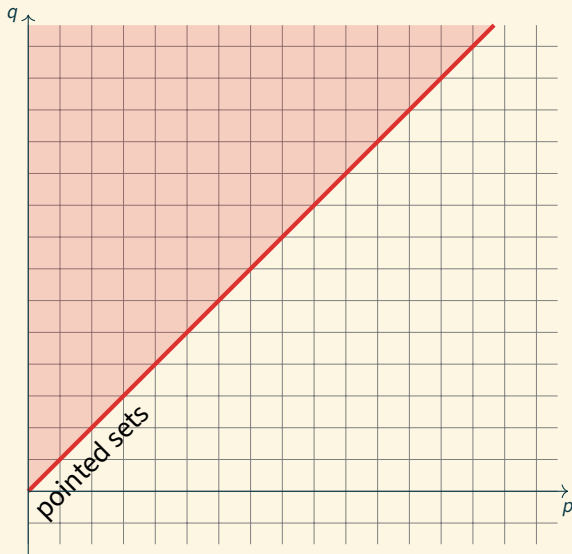
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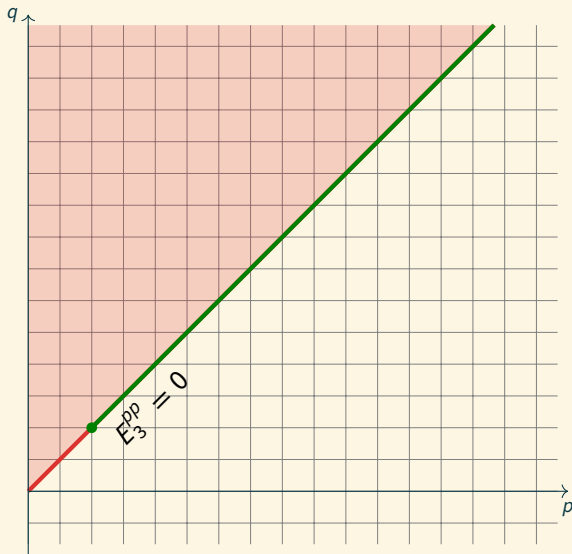
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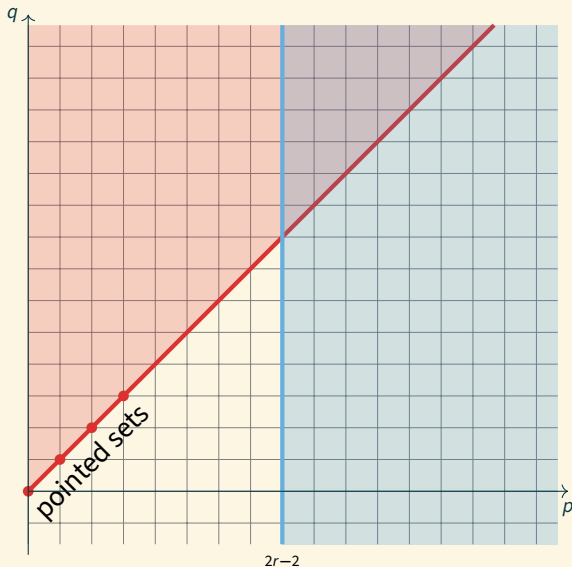
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The derived Auslander correspondence, Muro 2022

The following result is an application of the generalized Kadeishvili theorem.

Theorem (Derived Auslander correspondence)

There is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DG algebras } A \text{ up to quasi-isomorphism} \\ H^0(A) \text{ basic finite-dimensional} \\ A \text{ an additive generator of } D^c(A) \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\Lambda, I) \text{ up to isomorphism} \\ \Lambda \text{ basic Frobenius algebra} \\ I \text{ an invertible } \Lambda\text{-bimodule} \\ \text{such that } \Omega_{\Lambda^e}^3(\Lambda) \cong I \text{ stably} \end{array} \right\},$$

$$A \longmapsto (H^0 A, H^{-1} A).$$

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Since Λ is Frobenius, **Hochschild–Tate cohomology** is defined,

$$\underline{\mathrm{HH}}^{*,*}(\Lambda, \Lambda(\sigma)).$$

The result says that $j^*\{m_3\}$ is a **Hochschild–Tate unit**, so $j^*\{m_3\} \neq 0$ unless Λ is separable. In particular A is non-formal in most cases since $\{m_3\} \neq 0$.

Recovering the universal Massey product

Proposition (Muro 2022)

Given a Hochschild–Tate unit,

$$\eta \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda, \Lambda(\sigma)),$$

there exists a unique

$$m_\eta \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda(\sigma), \Lambda(\sigma))$$

such that

$$j^*(m_\eta) = \eta, \quad [m_\eta, m_\eta] = 0.$$

Moreover, if $\rho \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda, \Lambda(\sigma))$ is another Hochschild–Tate unit, there exists a graded algebra automorphism of $\Lambda(\sigma)$ under which $m_\eta = m_\rho$.

Therefore, the Massey algebra of A is completely determined by the basic Frobenius algebra $\Lambda = H^0 A$ and the invertible bimodule ${}_1\Lambda_\sigma = H^{-1} A$ such that $\Omega_{\Lambda^e}^3 \Lambda \cong {}_1\Lambda_\sigma$ stably.

Why Hochschild–Massey cohomology vanishes

The following result ensures that we can apply the generalized Kadeishvili theorem to prove the injectivity of the derived Auslander correspondence.

Proposition

Given

$$m \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda(\sigma), \Lambda(\sigma))$$

such that

$$j^*m \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda, \Lambda(\sigma))$$

is a Hochschild–Tate unit,

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Theorem (Derived Auslander–Iyama correspondence, Jasso and Muro 2023)

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The converse is a lifting problem:

When does an isomorphism $H^*A[n] \cong DH^*A$ lift to $A[n] \cong DA$?

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Theorem (Jasso and Muro 2026)

Let A be a DG algebra such that H^0A is basic finite-dimensional and $A \in D^c(A)$ is $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting for some $d \geq 1$. An isomorphism

$$H^*A[sd] \cong DH^*A$$

lifts to a bimodule right sd -Calabi–Yau structure on A if and only if

$$\Delta(\{m_{d+2}\}) = 0 \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+1,-d}(H^*A).$$

Calabi–Yau structures on $\Lambda(\sigma, d)$

For the graded algebra $\Lambda(\sigma, d)$, $d \geq 1$, an isomorphism

$$\Lambda(\sigma, d)[sd] \cong D\Lambda(\sigma, d)$$

is the same as an associative nondegenerate bilinear pairing

$$\langle -, - \rangle : \Lambda \times \Lambda \longrightarrow k$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle y, x \rangle &= \langle \sigma^m(x), y \rangle, \\ \langle \sigma^l(x), y \rangle &= (-1)^{dl(sd+1)} \langle x, \sigma^{-l}(y) \rangle, \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}.\end{aligned}$$

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Hence, it does not lift to a bimodule right 0-Calabi–Yau structure on A .

 **THE END** 

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