



## Dihedral homology of commutative algebras

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### Abstract

Let  $A$  be an associative  $k$ -algebra with involution, where  $k$  is a commutative ring of characteristic not equal to two. Then the dihedral groups act on the Hochschild complex and, following Loday, a new homological theory, called dihedral homology, can be defined generalizing the notion of cyclic homology defined by Connes. Here we give a model to compute dihedral homology of a commutative algebra over a characteristic zero field. As, for an involutive algebra, we have a decomposition of Hochschild homology into a direct sum of two  $k$ -modules:  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant and skew  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homologies, we give smoothness criteria in terms of vanishing of some  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology groups.

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### 0. Introduction

Let  $k$  be a unital commutative ring, where 2 is invertible, and let  $A$  be an associative  $k$ -algebra with involution. We recall, [5, 14], that the definition of cyclic homology uses explicitly the action of the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  over the Hochschild complex.

If  $A$  is involutive, an action of the dihedral groups  $D_n$  on the Hochschild complex can be defined as in [14], and it gives two new homological theories called dihedral homology and skew dihedral homology, see also [6] and [15].

The Hochschild homology of an involutive algebra decomposes into two parts ( $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant and skew  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homologies), and the Connes' long exact sequence splits into two long exact sequences relating dihedral homology, skew dihedral homology,  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant and skew  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homologies.

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In this paper we use the techniques of models developed in [3, 7] to study  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology and dihedral homology of a commutative algebra over a characteristic zero field. Most of the results obtained in the above papers can be generalized to dihedral homology. As a consequence, we give a sufficient (and necessary) condition for an involutive graded algebra to be a polynomial algebra, in terms of vanishing of some dihedral homology groups, or  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology groups. Finally, we show that  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology behaves well under localization. We use this result to give a positive answer to a refinement of a conjecture by Rodicio [16]. We prove:

**Theorem.** *Let  $A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$  be the coordinate ring of an algebraic variety of the affine space  $A_n(\mathbb{C})$ , containing the origin and invariant under symmetry by the origin. We endow  $A$  with the symmetry induced by  $\omega(x_i) = -x_i$ , for all  $i$ . If  $A$  is not smooth at the origin, then there exists an integer  $p > 0$  such that  $HH_i^+(A) \neq 0$  for all  $i < p$  and  $HH_{p+4n}^+(A) \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (where  $HH^+$  denotes the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology).*

### 1. Dihedral homology of differential graded algebras

Let  $k$  be a commutative ring with unit where 2 is invertible. We work in the category  $k$ -DGA of  $k$ -differential graded algebras. An object  $(A, d_A)$  is the data of a graded module  $A = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ , ( $A_0$  contains  $k$ ), a multiplication on  $A$  such that  $A_n \cdot A_p$  is included in  $A_{n+p}$ , and a derivation  $d_A$  of degree  $-1$  satisfying  $d_A^2 = 0$ ,  $d_A(a \cdot b) = (d_A a) \cdot b + (-1)^{|a|} a \cdot (d_A b)$ , where  $|a|$  denotes the degree of  $a \in A$ .

We assume furthermore that  $(A, d_A)$  is endowed with an involution  $\omega$ , that is a  $k$ -linear map of degree zero, commuting with  $d_A$ ,  $\omega^2 = Id$ , and satisfying

$$\omega(a \cdot b) = (-1)^{|a| \cdot |b|} \omega(b) \cdot \omega(a).$$

Following [8, 13], we consider the bigraded Hochschild complex  $(C_{pq})_{p, q \geq 0}$

$$C_{pq} = \bigoplus A_{i_0} \otimes \bar{A}_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{A}_{i_p},$$

where  $\bar{A} = A/k$  and the sum ranges over the  $(i_0, \dots, i_p)$  such that  $i_0 + \dots + i_p = q$ .

We extend the definition of  $d_A$  to this bicomplex, and the definitions of  $b$  and  $B$ .

Denote  $\mathcal{C}_* = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{C}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_n = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} C_{pq}$ .

We recall that  $HH_*(A, d_A) = H_*(\mathcal{C}_*, b + d_A)$ .

Denote  $\mathcal{B}_* = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{B}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_n = \mathcal{C}_n \oplus \mathcal{C}_{n-2} \oplus \dots$ , and  $Bb$  its differential

$$Bb(c_n, c_{n-2}, \dots) = ((b + d_A)(c_n) + B(c_{n-2}), (b + d_A)(c_{n-2}) + B(c_{n-4}), \dots)$$

We recall that  $HC_*(A, d_A) = H_*(\mathcal{B}_*, Bb)$

Consider the dihedral group  $D_p$  of order  $2p$ , generated by  $t$  and  $u$  with the relations  $t^p = u^2 = 1, u \cdot t \cdot u = t^{-1}$ .

If  $(A, d_A)$  is endowed with an involution  $\omega$ , then  $D_{p+1}$  acts on  $C_{pq}$  by  $t$  and  $u$  as

$$t(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_p) = (-1)^{p + |a_p|(|a_{p-1}| + \cdots + |a_1|)} (a_p \otimes a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{p-1}),$$

$$u(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_p) = (-1)^{p(p+1)/2 + \Phi(p)} (\omega(a_0) \otimes \omega(a_p) \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega(a_1)),$$

where

$$\Phi(p) = |a_1| \sum_{i>1} |a_i| + |a_2| \sum_{i>2} |a_i| + \cdots + |a_{p-1}| |a_p|.$$

**Lemma 1.1.**  $bu = ub, Bu + uB = 0, ud_A = d_Au.$

**Proof.** We check the two first relations as in [14], the third one is an easy calculation.

So, as in [14], we have a decomposition  $\mathcal{C}_* = \mathcal{C}_*^+ \oplus \mathcal{C}_*^-$  into two subcomplexes where  $u$  acts as the identity on  $\mathcal{C}_*^+$  and acts as  $-Id$  on  $\mathcal{C}_*^-$ .

Let  $HH_*^+(A, d_A) = H_*(\mathcal{C}_*^+, b + d_A)$  and  $HH_*^-(A, d_A) = H_*(\mathcal{C}_*^-, b + d_A)$ , we have

$$HH_*(A, d_A) = HH_*^+(A, d_A) \oplus HH_*^-(A, d_A).$$

$HH_*^+$  is called  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology and  $HH_*^-$  is called skew  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology.

Now, we put

$$\mathcal{B}_n^+ = \mathcal{C}_n^+ \oplus \mathcal{C}_{n-2}^- \oplus \mathcal{C}_{n-4}^+ \oplus \cdots \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B}_n^- = \mathcal{C}_n^- \oplus \mathcal{C}_{n-2}^+ \oplus \mathcal{C}_{n-4}^- \oplus \cdots.$$

**Definition 1.2.**  $H_*(\mathcal{B}_*^+, b)$  is called the *dihedral homology* of  $(A, d_A)$  and denoted  $HD_*(A, d_A)$ .

$H_*(\mathcal{B}_*^-, b)$  is called the *skew dihedral homology* of  $(A, d_A)$  and denoted  $HSD_*(A, d_A)$

We have  $HC_*(A, d_A) = HD_*(A, d_A) \oplus HSD_*(A, d_A)$

As in [14], there are long exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow HH_n^+(A, d_A) \rightarrow HD_n(A, d_A) \rightarrow HSD_{n-2}(A, d_A) \rightarrow HH_{n-1}^+(A, d_A) \rightarrow \cdots \\ \cdots \rightarrow HH_n^-(A, d_A) \rightarrow HSD_n(A, d_A) \rightarrow HD_{n-2}(A, d_A) \rightarrow HH_{n-1}^-(A, d_A) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

In the rest of the paper, we will work with commutative differential graded algebras. Such an algebra satisfies  $a_n \cdot a_m = (-1)^{mn} a_m \cdot a_n$ , for  $a_n \in A_n, a_m \in A_m$ . So, an involutive commutative differential graded algebra has an involution  $\omega$  which is a morphism in the category of commutative differential graded algebras.

## 2. Models for $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology and dihedral homology

Let  $(A, d_A)$  be a commutative differential graded algebra endowed with an involution  $\omega$ . Theorem 1.3 of [10], stated for cochain algebras, remains valid since it relies on the fact that any  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant subspace of a vector space has a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant complement. So the construction of Proposition 1.1 of [3] can be performed equivariantly and we have the following.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(A, d_A)$  be a commutative differential graded algebra endowed with an involution  $\omega$ . Then there exists a free commutative differential graded algebra  $(AV, \partial)$  and a morphism  $\rho: (AV, \partial) \rightarrow (A, d_A)$  inducing an isomorphism in homology such that*

- (1)  $V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} V_n$ , on each  $V_n$ , there exists an involution  $\omega$ , which induces a morphism of commutative differential graded algebras,
- (2)  $\rho\omega = \omega\rho$ .

Such an algebra  $(AV, \partial)$  is called an *equivariant model* of  $(A, d_A)$ .

**Remark.** Let  $A$  be an involutive commutative algebra of finite type, then  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_p]/I$ , where the involution  $\omega$  of  $A$  is the image of  $\omega'$  on  $\mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_p]$  satisfying  $\omega'(x_i) = \pm x_i$  for all  $i$ , and  $I$  contains  $\omega'(I)$ . So we can construct an equivariant model of  $A$ ,  $(AV, \partial)$ , with  $V_0 = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq p} \mathbf{k}x_i$  and  $\dim V_n < \infty$ , for all  $n$ .

Proposition III. 2.9 of [8] can be transposed in this context:

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $f: (A, d_A) \rightarrow (B, d_B)$  be an equivariant morphism of involutive commutative differential graded algebras over a field. If  $f_\star$  is an isomorphism from  $H_\star(A, d_A)$  to  $H_\star(B, d_B)$ , then  $f$  induces isomorphisms between  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant (resp. skew  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant) Hochschild homology and dihedral homology.*

From now on, we will assume that  $\mathbf{k}$  is a field of characteristic zero, and using Proposition 2.2, we will work with the equivariant model  $(AV, \partial)$ .

In the appendix of [12], we define the module of differential forms  $\Omega^1$  of a commutative graded algebra  $(A, \partial)$ , extending the classical definition, so that  $\Omega^1$  is an  $(A, \partial)$ -differential module with a differential  $\delta$  satisfying  $d\delta + \delta d = 0$ .

If  $(A, \partial)$  is endowed with an involution  $\omega$ , we define an involution still denoted  $\omega$  on  $\Omega^1$  satisfying  $\omega d + d\omega = 0$ ,  $\omega\delta = \delta\omega$ .

By definition,  $(\Omega_{(A, \partial)}^\star, \delta)$  is the  $(A, \partial)$ -commutative differential graded algebra on  $\Omega^1$ . So the formula:

$$\omega_n(a_0 \wedge da_1 \wedge \dots \wedge da_n) = (-1)^n \omega(a_0) d\omega(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d\omega(a_n)$$

defines an involution  $\omega$  on  $(\Omega_{(A, \partial)}^\star, \delta)$  which is a morphism of commutative differential graded algebras satisfying  $\omega d + d\omega = 0$ .

If  $(A, \partial) = (AV, \partial)$ , the algebra  $(\Omega_{(AV, \partial)}^\star, \delta)$  of differential forms has the form  $(AV \otimes AV, \delta)$  with  $\bar{V} = dV$ , and  $\delta d + d\delta = 0$ .

Now, we recall the main result of [3] (Theorem 2.4).

**Proposition 2.3** (Burghelea and Vigué-Poirrier [3]). *The map*

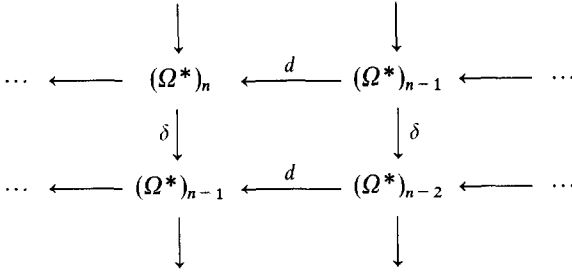
$$\theta_{p, n-p}: C_{p, n-p}(AV, \partial) \rightarrow (\Omega_{(AV, \partial)}^p)_n$$

defined by

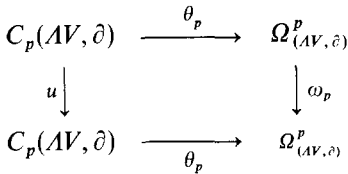
$$\theta_p(a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_p) = [(-1)^{\epsilon_p(a)}] / p! \cdot (a_0 \wedge da_1 \wedge \dots \wedge da_p),$$

where  $a_0 \in AV, a_i \in AV/k$  if  $i \geq 1, \varepsilon_p(a) = |a_1| + |a_3| + \dots$  satisfies

- (1)  $\theta_0 b = 0, \theta_0 \partial = \delta_0 \theta, \theta_0 B = d_0 \theta;$
- (2)  $\theta$  induces isomorphisms:  $HH_n(AV, \partial) \cong H_n(\Omega^*, \delta)$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $HC_n(AV, \partial) \cong HC_n(\Omega^*, \partial, \delta),$  where  $HC_*(\Omega^*, \partial, \delta)$  is the total homology of the bicomplex



**Lemma 2.4.** The following diagram commutes



**Proof.** Left to the reader.

We have a decomposition  $\Omega_{(AV, \partial)}^* = (\Omega^*)^+ \oplus (\Omega^*)^-$  where  $(\Omega^*)^+ = \{x/\omega(x) = x\}$  and  $(\Omega^*)^- = \{x/\omega(x) = -x\}.$

From Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.4, we have directly:

**Theorem 2.5.** We have explicit isomorphisms, induced by  $\theta,$  for each  $n \geq 0.$

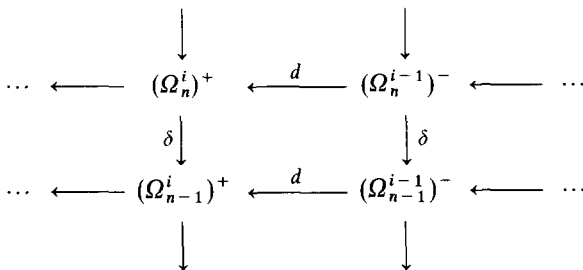
$$HH_n^+(A) \cong HH_n^+(AV, \partial) \cong H_n((\Omega^*)^+, \delta) = \bigoplus_i H_n^{(i)}((\Omega^*)^+, \delta)$$

$$HD_n(A) \cong HD_n(AV, \partial) \cong HC_n((\Omega^*)^+, \delta, d) = \bigoplus_i HC_n^{(i)}((\Omega^*)^+, \delta, d),$$

where

$$H_*^{(i)}((\Omega^*)^+, \delta) = H_*((\Omega^*)^+ \cap (\Omega^i, \delta))$$

$HC_*^{(i)}((\Omega^*)^+, \delta, d)$  is the total homology of the bicomplex



Since  $H_n(\Omega_*^+, d) = ((\Omega_n^+ \cap \text{Ker } d)/d(\Omega_n^-))$  and

$$H_n(\Omega_*^-, d) = ((\Omega_n^- \cap \text{Ker } d)/d(\Omega_n^+)) \quad \text{for all } n > 0,$$

we have a similar result to Theorem 2.1 of [3]

**Theorem 2.6.** *The map  $\phi: \Omega_n^+ \oplus \Omega_{n-2}^- \oplus \dots \rightarrow (\Omega_{n+1}^- \cap d(\Omega_n^+), \delta)$  defined by  $\phi(c_n, c_{n-2} \dots) = (-1)^n dc_n$  for  $c_{n-2i} \in \Omega_{n-2i}$ , is a morphism of complexes and induces an isomorphism between  $H\bar{D}_*(AV, \partial) = HD_*(AV, \partial)/HD_*(\mathbf{k})$  and  $H_{*+1}(\Omega_*^- \cap d(\Omega_*^+), \delta)$ . Analogously, we have an isomorphism between  $H\bar{S}\bar{D}_*(AV, \partial) = HSD_*(AV, \partial)/HSD_*(\mathbf{k})$  and  $H_{*+1}(\Omega_*^+ \cap d(\Omega_*^-), \delta)$ .*

The famous Hochschild–Kostant–Rosenberg theorem implies that if  $A$  is smooth, then the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology groups  $HH_n^+(A)$  are zero for  $n$  sufficiently large.

For graded algebras, we can prove a converse of this result, using the theory developed in the present paragraph. This is, in fact, the proof of a refinement of a conjecture by Rodicio [16].

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $A$  be a graded algebra over a characteristic zero field, and  $\omega$  an involution on  $A$ . If there exists three integers  $i, j, k$  such that  $i - j, j - k$  and  $i - k$  are not divisible by 4, and*

$$HH_i^+(A) = HH_j^+(A) = HH_k^+(A) = 0$$

then  $A$  is a polynomial algebra.

**Proof.** The proof relies on Theorem 2.6 and the existence of a minimal model for a graded algebra. Then, we proceed as in the proofs of theorems 1 and 2 of [18]. If  $A$  is not a polynomial algebra, we write  $A = \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_m]/I$ , with  $I \neq 0$ , and we consider the elements  $Z_{m+2n} = (dx_1 \dots dx_m)(dy)^n$ , and their images by the involution  $\omega$ . Since  $A$  is graded, we have short exact sequences:

$$0 \rightarrow H\bar{S}\bar{D}_{n-1}(A, d_A) \rightarrow HH_n^+(A, d_A) \rightarrow H\bar{D}_n(A, d_A) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow H\bar{D}_{n-1}(A, d_A) \rightarrow HH_n^-(A, d_A) \rightarrow H\bar{S}\bar{D}_n(A, d_A) \rightarrow 0$$

The elements  $Z_{m+2n}$  define nonzero classes in  $H\bar{D}_{m+2n-1}$  or  $H\bar{S}\bar{D}_{m+2n-1}$ , depending on the actions of  $\omega$ . This allows us to determine when the groups  $HH_n^+(A)$  are not zero.

**Remark.** In [18], it is proven that if  $A$  is not a polynomial algebra, then  $HC_n(A) \neq 0$  for infinitely many  $n$ . Here we cannot prove the same result for dihedral homology or skew dihedral homology, but instead, it is valid for  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology.

### 3. Localization of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology. Applications

Let  $A$  be a commutative algebra. One of the most important properties of Hochschild homology, specially for geometrical applications, is that it is well-behaved with respect to localization. Explicitly, if  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ , and  $A_S = S^{-1}A$ , then by a result of Brylinski [2]

$$HH_*(A_S) = HH_*(A) \otimes_A A_S$$

If  $A$  is provided with an involution  $\omega$ , and  $A^+$  is the subalgebra of the elements of  $A$  fixed by  $\omega$ , then  $HH_n^+(A)$  is no more an  $A$ -algebra but an  $A^+$ -algebra.

Let  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ , stable by the involution (i.e.  $\omega(S)$  is included in  $S$ ), and let  $S^+ = \{s \in S / \omega(s) = s\}$ .

Then  $1 \in S^+$ , and  $S^+$  is also a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ .

If  $a, a' \in A, s, s' \in S$ , then  $a/s = a'/s'$  in  $A_S$  if and only if  $\exists t \in S$  such that  $t.(as' - a's) = 0$ . In this case,  $\omega(a)/\omega(s) = \omega(a')/\omega(s')$  in  $A_S$ .

So, the formula  $\omega(a/s) = \omega(a)/\omega(s)$  makes sense and defines an involution on  $A_S$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *The inclusion  $i: A_{S^+} \rightarrow A_S; i(a/s) = a/s$  is an isomorphism of algebras, such that  $\omega i = i\omega$ .*

**Proof.** It is clear that  $i$  is a morphism of algebras which is injective.

It is also surjective because if  $a/s \in A_S$ , then  $a/s = a.\omega(s)/s.\omega(s)$  in  $A_S$ , and  $s.\omega(s) \in S^+$ .

As a consequence of this lemma, from now on we can suppose  $S = S^+$ .

Consider now an  $A$ -bimodule  $M$ , which is  $A^+$ -symmetric (i.e.  $rm = mr$ , for  $r \in A^+, m \in M$ ), provided with an involution  $\omega_M$  compatible with  $\omega$ .

More explicitly,  $\omega_M$  is  $k$ -linear,  $\omega_M^2 = id_M$ , and if  $a, b \in A, m \in M$ , then  $\omega_M(a.m.b) = \omega(b) \cdot \omega_M(m) \cdot \omega(a)$ . We denote by  $M^+ = \{m \in M / \omega_M(m) = m\}$ .

As in the previous sections, the Hochschild complex  $C_*(A, M)$  can be decomposed into  $C_*^+(A, M)$  and  $C_*^-(A, M)$ , whose homologies are, respectively,  $H_*^+(A, M)$  and  $H_*^-(A, M)$  [14].

$H_*(A, M)$ , (resp.  $H_*^+(A, M)$ ) has a natural structure of symmetric  $A$ -bimodule (resp.  $A^+$ -bimodule).

If  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ , suppose  $S = S^+$ , and define  $M_S = A_S^+ \otimes_A M \otimes_A A_S^+$ .

**Remark.**  $(M^+)_S \cong (M_S)^+$  as  $A_S^+$ -bimodule.

**Theorem 3.2.** *In the above conditions,*

$$H_*^+(A_S, M_S) \cong [H_*^+(A, M)]_S \quad (\text{and analogously for } H^-)$$

**Proof.** First observe that the functor  $X \rightarrow X^+$  from the category of symmetric  $A$ -bimodules to the category of  $A^+$ -bimodules is well-defined and exact.

Also, let  $\eta_0: [H_0(A, M)]_S \rightarrow H_0(A_S, M_S)$  be the natural isomorphism induced by  $\bar{f}: M/[A, M] \rightarrow M_S/[A_S, M_S]$ ;  $\bar{f}(\bar{m}) = c1(1 \otimes m \otimes 1)$ .

By a theorem of Grothendieck [9], as  $\eta_0$  is an isomorphism and we also have natural functors  $\eta_n: [H_n(A, M)]_S \rightarrow H_n(A_S, M_S)$  for  $n \geq 0$ , then  $[H_*(A, M)]_S$  is isomorphic to  $H_*(A_S, M_S)$ .

Also,  $\eta_0$  commutes with the involution. So,  $[H_*^+(A, M)]_S \cong [(H_*(A, M))^+]_S$ . By the previous remark, this last term is identical with  $([H_*(A, M)]_S)^+$ , and by the result of Brylinski, this equals  $[H_*(A_S, M_S)]^+ = H_*^+(A_S, M_S)$ .

Now, we apply Theorem 3.2 to the characterization of smoothness in terms of the nullity of some  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant Hochschild homology groups.

In [16], the author conjectures:

*Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic zero and let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra of finite type. If  $HH_n(A) = 0$  for  $n$  sufficiently large, then  $A$  is a smooth  $k$ -algebra.*

In [4, 1], the authors prove the conjecture, under the less restrictive assumption that there exists two Hochschild homology groups  $HH_{2i}$  and  $HH_{2j+1}$  which vanish.

Here, we give a similar result for involutive commutative algebras.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]/I$  be a reduced commutative algebra of finite type. We assume that  $A$  is the coordinate ring of an algebraic subset  $V$  containing the origin and symmetric by the origin (so, the involution  $\omega(x_i) = -x_i$  for all  $i$ , induces an involution on  $A$ ).*

*Then, if  $V$  is not smooth at the origin, there exists an integer  $p$  such that  $HH_i^+(A) \neq 0$  for all  $i < p$ , and  $HH_{p+4n}^+(A) \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Proof.** We recall that an algebraic subset  $V$  of the affine space  $A_m(\mathbb{C})$  is defined by the data of a family of polynomials  $(P_i)_{i \in I}$ ,  $P_i \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and

$$V = \{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m / P_i(a_1, \dots, a_m) = 0, \text{ for all } i\}.$$

If we denote by  $I(V)$  the ideal generated by the polynomials  $Q$  such that  $Q(a_1, \dots, a_m) = 0$ , for all  $(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in V$ , then  $I(V)$  is equal to the radical of the ideal generated by the family  $(P_i)_{i \in I}$ . Then  $A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]/I(V)$  is called the coordinate ring of  $V$ . From the Nullstellensatz theorem, we have a one-to-one correspondence between reduced commutative algebras of finite type and coordinate rings of algebraic subsets.

Now consider an algebraic set  $V$  containing the origin  $O$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the central symmetry of center  $O$  in  $A_m(\mathbb{C})$ , we assume that  $V$  contains  $\sigma(V)$ . We denote by  $\omega$  the algebra morphism on  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  defined by  $\omega(x_i) = -x_i$  for all  $i$ . If  $\sigma(V)$  is a subset of  $V$  we can find generators  $P_1, \dots, P_r$  of  $I(V)$  such that  $\omega(P_j) = \pm P_j$ , for all  $j \in [1, \dots, r]$ . In the following,  $A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_m]/I(V)$  will be endowed with the image of this involution  $\omega$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M}' = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}'/I$ . From Theorem 3.2, we have  $HH_*^+(A_{\mathfrak{M}}) \cong HH_*^+(A) \otimes_{A^+} (A^+)_{S^+}$ , with  $S^+ = \{s \in \mathbb{C}[x_i] - \mathfrak{M}/\omega(s) = s\}$ .



So we work with the local ring  $A_{\mathfrak{M}}$  endowed with the induced involution. Since  $\omega(x_i) = -x_i$  for all  $i$ , the ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  has a minimal set of generators on which  $\omega$  operates as  $-Id$ . A classical argument [1], shows that we can write  $A_{\mathfrak{M}} = A_0/J$  with  $A_0$  a local regular ring of maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,  $J$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{R}^2$  and  $A_0$  has an involution  $\omega$  that operates as  $-Id$  on a minimal set of generators  $(f_1, \dots, f_p)$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . Furthermore, we have  $A_0/\mathfrak{R} \cong \mathbb{C}$ .

Tate's construction [17], allows us to say that there exists a minimal commutative graded differential algebra  $(A_0 \otimes AV, \partial)$ ,  $V = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} V_n$ , and a map from  $(A_0 \otimes AV, \partial)$  onto  $A_0/J$  which induces an isomorphism in homology.

On the other hand, since  $A$  is involutive, we can build this model such that each  $V_n$  is endowed with an involution which is a morphism of commutative differential graded algebras, extending the involution of  $A_0$ .

In [7, 19], it is proved that the Hochschild homology of  $A_0/J$  is isomorphic to the homology of  $(\Omega_{A_0}^* \otimes \Omega_{AV}^*, \delta)$  with  $\delta d + d\delta = 0$ .

A similar argument to those of Section 2 shows that

$$HH_*^+(A_{\mathfrak{M}}) = H_*((\Omega_{A_0}^* \otimes \Omega_{AV}^*)^+, \delta)$$

Then the proof is the same as in [1]; if  $A_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is not local regular, then  $J \neq 0$ , so we have  $V_1 \neq 0$ , we can find an element  $y \in V_1$  such that  $\omega(y) = \pm y$ . Since  $\omega(f_i) = -f_i$  for all  $i$ , we have  $\omega(df_i) = df_i$ .

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we put  $Z_{4n+p} = (df_1 \dots df_p)(dy)^{2n}$ , then  $\omega(Z_{4n+p}) = Z_{4n+p}$ , so  $Z_{4n+p} \in (\Omega_{A_0}^* \otimes \Omega_{AV}^*)^+$ .

We conclude as in [1].

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