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Infinitesimal and tangent to polylogarithmic complexes for higher weight

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Abstract: Motivic and polylogarithmic complexes have deep connections with K -theory. This article gives morphisms (different from Goncharov’s generalized maps) between \mathbb{k} -vector spaces of Cathelineau’s infinitesimal complex for weight n . Our morphisms guarantee that the sequence of infinitesimal polylogs is a complex. We are also introducing a variant of Cathelineau’s complex with the derivation map for higher weight n and suggesting the definition of tangent group $T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$. These tangent groups develop the *tangent to Goncharov’s complex* for weight n .

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1. Introduction

The classical polylogarithms represented by Li_n are one valued functions on a complex plane (see [11]). They are called generalization of natural logarithms, which can be represented by an infinite series (power series):

$$\begin{aligned}
 Li_1(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k} = -\ln(1-z) \\
 Li_2(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^2} \\
 &\vdots \\
 Li_n(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^n} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The other versions of polylogarithms are Infinitesimal (see [8]) and Tangential (see [9]). We will discuss group theoretic form of infinitesimal and tangential polylogarithms in § 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 below.

Dupont and Sah describe the connection between scissors congruence group and classical dilogarithm (polylogarithm for $n = 2$) (see [10]). Suslin (see [1]) defines the Bloch group that makes the famous Bloch-Suslin complex which is described in section 2.1 below. Zagier and Goncharov generalize the groups on which polylogarithmic functions are defined. This initiates a new era in the field of polylogarithms, arousing interest of algebraist and geometers. One of the milestones is the proof of Zagier's conjecture for weight $n = 2, 3$ (see [2, 3]).

On the basis of this study Goncharov introduces a motivic complex (2.1) below, which is called Goncharov's complex (see [2]). On the other hand Cathelineau ([7, 8]) uses a differential process to introduce infinitesimal form of motivic (Bloch-Suslin's and Goncharov's) complexes that consists of \mathbb{k} -vector spaces. These \mathbb{k} -vector spaces are algebraic representation of infinitesimal versions of the Bloch-Suslin and Goncharov's complexes for higher weight n (see [8]), which satisfies functional equations of infinitesimal polylogarithms. Cathelineau also uses a tangent functor to get the tangential analogue of the Bloch-Suslin complex, that allowing a new approach to view additive dialogarithms (regulator on $T\mathcal{B}_2(F)$) (see [9]). The tangent group $T\mathcal{B}_2(F)$ has two parts; first part comes from $\mathcal{B}_2(F)$ and the second part is the derivative of first part. He also suggests a framework for defining the additive trilogarithms.

Our work proposes an improved map (morphism), with the alternate signs between the \mathbb{k} -vector spaces that converts the sequence (2.3) into a complex. Further, we introduce a variant of infinitesimal \mathbb{k} -vector spaces which is structurally infinitesimal but has functional equations similar to classical polylogarithmic groups.

In §3.1, we are also giving an inductive definition of group $T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$ for higher weight n and putting this in a complex with suitable maps that make a tangent complex (3.1) to Goncharov's (motivic) complex.

2. Materials and method

2.1. Bloch-Suslin complex

Let $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}]$ be a free abelian group generated by $[a]$ for $a \in F$. Suslin defines the following map

$$\delta_2 : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}] \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times, [\theta] \mapsto \theta \wedge (1 - \theta)$$

where $\wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times = \mathbb{k}^\times \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times / \langle \theta \otimes \theta, \theta \otimes \phi + \phi \otimes \theta \mid \theta, \phi \in \mathbb{k}^\times \rangle$. The Bloch-Suslin complex is defined as

$$\delta : \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times; [\theta]_2 \mapsto \theta \wedge (1 - \theta)$$

where $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k})$ is the quotient of $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}]$ by the subgroup generated by Abel's five term relation

$$[\theta] - [\phi] + \left[\frac{\phi}{\theta} \right] - \left[\frac{1 - \phi}{1 - \theta} \right] + \left[\frac{1 - \phi^{-1}}{1 - \theta^{-1}} \right]$$

and δ is induced by δ_2 . When \mathbb{k} is algebraically closed with characteristic zero, the above complex can be inserted into the algebraic K -theory variant of the Bloch-Wigner sequence [9]

$$0 \rightarrow \mu(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow K_3^{\text{ind}}(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \rightarrow K_2(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow 0$$

if this sequence is tensored by \mathbb{Q} then

$$0 \rightarrow K_3^{(2)}(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \rightarrow K_2^{(2)}(\mathbb{k}) \rightarrow 0$$

where K -groups $K_n^{(i)}$ are the pieces of the Adams decomposition of $K_n(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ (see [6]). The homology of Bloch-Suslin complex is the K_n -groups for $n = 2, 3$ i.e. $\wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times / \text{Im} \delta \cong \mathbb{k}^\times \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times / \langle \theta \wedge (1 - \theta) | \theta \in \mathbb{k}^\times \rangle$ and $B(F) := \ker \delta$ is called Bloch group, which is isomorphic to K_3 group (see [11]).

2.2. Goncharov’s (motivic) complexes

The free abelian group $\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$ is defined by Goncharov (see[2]) as

$$\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k}) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}]}{\mathcal{R}_n(\mathbb{k})}$$

with the morphisms for $n = 2$

$$\delta_2 : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}] \rightarrow \frac{\wedge_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 \mathbb{k}^\times}{(2 - \text{torsion})}$$

$$[x] \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{where } x = 0, 1 \\ x \wedge (1 - x) & \text{for all other } x, \end{cases}$$

for $n \geq 3$

$$\delta_n : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times$$

$$[x] \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \\ [x]_{n-1} \otimes x & \text{for all other } x, \end{cases}$$

where $[x]_n$ is the class of x in $\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$. The subgroup $\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbb{k})$ of $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}]$ is generated by $[x + y - xy] - [x] - [y]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}]$ is a free abelian group generated by the symbol $[x]$ for $0, 1 \neq x \in \mathbb{k}$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{k} \setminus \{1\}$ then $\mathcal{B}_1(\mathbb{k}) \cong \mathbb{k}^\times$. For $n = 2$, $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbb{k})$ is defined

$$\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbb{k}) = \left\langle [\theta] - [\phi] + \left[\frac{\phi}{\theta} \right] - \left[\frac{1 - \phi}{1 - \theta} \right] + \left[\frac{1 - \phi^{-1}}{1 - \theta^{-1}} \right]; 0, 1 \neq \theta, \phi \in \mathbb{k} \right\rangle$$

The above relation is the Suslin’s form of Abel’s relations([11]). For $n \geq 2$, $\mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{k})$ is defined as the kernel of δ_n and $\mathcal{R}_n(\mathbb{k})$ is the subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}]$ spanned by $[0]$ and the elements $\sum n_i ([f_i(0)] - [f_i(1)])$, where f_i are rational fractions for indeterminate T , such that $\sum n_i [f_i] \in \mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{k}(T))$.

Lemma 2.1. (Goncharov [2, 3]) *The following is the (cochain) complex*

$$\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_{n-1} \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_{n-2} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \wedge^{n-2} \mathbb{k}^\times \xrightarrow{\delta} \frac{\wedge^n \mathbb{k}^\times}{2 - \text{torsion}} \tag{2.1}$$

Proof. Proof requires direct calculation (we work here with modulo 2-torsion means $a \wedge a = 0$ and $a \wedge b = -b \wedge a$). □

Example 2.2. For weight $n = 3$ the following is a complex

$$\mathcal{B}_3(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \xrightarrow{\delta} \wedge^3 \mathbb{k}^\times$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\delta([\theta]_3) &= \delta([\theta]_2 \otimes \theta) \\ &= (1 - \theta) \wedge \underbrace{\theta \wedge \theta}_0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.3. Cathelineau's infinitesimal complexes

Let \mathbb{k} be a field with a zero characteristic and $\mathbb{k}^{\bullet\bullet} = K - \{0, 1\}$, subspace $\beta_n(\mathbb{k})$ is defined in [3, 9] as

$$\beta_n(\mathbb{k}) = \frac{\mathbb{k}[\mathbb{k}^{\bullet\bullet}]}{\rho_n(\mathbb{k})}$$

where $\rho_n(K)$ is the kernel of the following map

$$\partial_n : \mathbb{k}[\mathbb{k}^{\bullet\bullet}] \rightarrow (\beta_{n-1} \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times) \oplus (\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}))$$

$$\partial_n : [\theta] \mapsto \langle \theta \rangle_{n-1} \otimes \theta + (1 - \theta) \otimes [\theta]_{n-1} \quad (2.2)$$

where $\langle \theta \rangle_n$ is the coset-class of θ in $\beta_n(\mathbb{k})$ and $\rho_2(\mathbb{k})$ generated by Cathelineau's relation,

$$[\theta] - [\phi] + \theta \left[\frac{\phi}{\theta} \right] + (1 - \theta) \left[\frac{1 - \phi}{1 - \theta} \right]$$

For $n = 1$ we have $\beta_1(\mathbb{k}) \cong \mathbb{k}$.

Vector space $\beta_n(\mathbb{k})$ has some non-trivial elements from the functional relations of Li_n for $n \leq 7$ while one can find only inversion and distribution relations in $\beta_n(\mathbb{k})$ for $n > 7$ (see [11]).

The following is the Cathelineau's infinitesimal complex to the Goncharov's complex for weight n (see §2 of [4] and [9]):

$$\beta_n(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\beta_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k})} \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\beta_{n-2}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-2}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\beta_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{n-2} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{n-3} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^{n-1} \mathbb{k}^\times \quad (2.3)$$

Example 2.3. For weight $n = 3$, the following infinitesimal version satisfying the definition of a complex:

$$\beta_3(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \beta_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \bigoplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \quad (2.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial\partial(\langle \theta \rangle_3) &= \partial(\langle \theta \rangle_2 \otimes \theta + (1 - \theta) \otimes [\theta]_2) \\ &= -\theta \otimes \underbrace{\theta \wedge \theta}_0 - (1 - \theta) \otimes (1 - \theta) \wedge \theta + (1 - \theta) \otimes (1 - \theta) \wedge \theta \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.4. Variant of Cathelineau’s complex

We put $\llbracket a \rrbracket^D = \frac{D(a)}{a(1-a)}[a]$ where $D(a) \in \text{Der}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{k}, \mathbb{k})$ and is called general derivation, $\beta_n^D(\mathbb{k})$ is defined as

$$\beta_n^D(\mathbb{k}) = \frac{\mathbb{k}[\mathbb{k}^{\bullet\bullet}]}{\rho_n^D(\mathbb{k})}$$

where $\rho_n^D(\mathbb{k})$ is a kernel of the following map

$$\partial_n^D : \mathbb{k}[\mathbb{k}^{\bullet\bullet}] \rightarrow (\beta_{n-1}^D(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times) \oplus (\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1})$$

$$\partial_n^D : [\theta]^D \mapsto \llbracket \theta \rrbracket_{n-1}^D \otimes \theta + D \log(\theta) \otimes [a]_{n-1}$$

and $\llbracket \theta \rrbracket_n^D$ is a class of θ in $\beta_n^D(\mathbb{k})$ which is equal to $\frac{D(\theta)}{\theta(1-\theta)}\langle \theta \rangle_n$. The following is a subspace of $\mathbb{k}[\mathbb{k}^{\bullet\bullet}]$:

$$\rho_2^D(\mathbb{k}) = \left\langle \llbracket \theta \rrbracket^D - \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^D + \left[\frac{\psi}{\theta} \right]^D - \left[\frac{1-\psi}{1-\theta} \right]^D + \left[\frac{1-\psi^{-1}}{1-\theta^{-1}} \right]^D ; 0, 1 \neq \theta, \psi \in \mathbb{k} \right\rangle$$

For $n \geq 4$, one can write only inversion relations in $\beta_n^D(\mathbb{k})$ while for $n \leq 3$ we have other non-trivial relations as well. The following sequence is a complex. One can easily prove in a completely analogous way as Lemma 3.1

$$\beta_n^D(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial^D} \frac{\beta_{n-1}^D(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k})} \xrightarrow{\partial^D} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial^D} \frac{\beta_2^D(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{n-2} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{n-3} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial^D} \mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^{n-1} \mathbb{k}^\times \tag{2.5}$$

Example 2.4. This $D \log$ version of Cathelineau’s complex is also satisfying the definition of a complex when the above maps are used for weight $n = 3$.

$$\beta_3^D(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \beta_2^D(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \bigoplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \tag{2.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \partial (\langle \theta \rangle_3^D) &= \partial (\langle \theta \rangle_2^D \otimes \theta + D \log \theta \otimes [\theta]_2) \\ &= -D \log(1-\theta) \otimes \underbrace{\theta \wedge \theta}_0 + D \log \theta \otimes (1-\theta) \wedge \theta + D \log \theta \otimes \theta \wedge (1-\theta) \\ &= D \log \theta \otimes (1-\theta) \wedge \theta - D \log \theta \otimes (1-\theta) \wedge \theta \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.5. Tangent to Bloch-Suslin complex

We represent a ring of dual numbers by $\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2 = \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]/\langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle$ where \mathbb{k} is algebraically closed field with zero characteristic. There is a \mathbb{k}^\times -action on $\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}^\times$

$$\lambda : \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2$$

$$\lambda \star (\theta + \theta' \varepsilon) = \theta + \lambda \theta' \varepsilon$$

For dual numbers $\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2$, we define a free abelian group $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2]$ generated by $[\theta + \phi \varepsilon]$ for $\theta + \phi \varepsilon \in \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2$. Define a morphism

$$\partial : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2] \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2^\times \tag{2.7}$$

$$\partial : [\mu] \mapsto \mu \wedge (1 - \mu)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2$. Similarly, if we replace \mathbb{k} by $\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2$ in the Bloch-Suslin complex, we get

$$\partial : \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2) \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2^\times \quad (2.8)$$

The right hand side of (2.8) is canonically isomorphic to $\wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}$ with

$$(\theta + \phi\varepsilon) \wedge (\theta' + \phi'\varepsilon) \mapsto \theta \wedge \theta' \oplus \left(\theta \otimes \frac{\phi'}{\theta'} - \theta' \otimes \frac{\phi}{\theta} \right) \oplus \frac{\phi}{\theta} \wedge \frac{\phi'}{\theta'}$$

while the left hand side is isomorphic to $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \oplus \beta_2(\mathbb{k}) \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{k} \oplus \mathbb{k}$ (see [9])

Define a \mathbb{Z} -module $\mathcal{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2]$ generated by $\langle \theta; \phi \rangle = [\theta + \phi\varepsilon] - [\theta]$ for $\theta, \phi \in \mathbb{k}$ and define $\mathcal{R}_2^\varepsilon(\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2)$ as a submodule of $\mathcal{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2]$ generated by the five term relation (see [9] and [12])

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta; \theta' \rangle - \langle \psi; \psi' \rangle + \left\langle \frac{\psi}{\theta}; \left(\frac{\psi}{\theta} \right)' \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1-\psi}{1-\theta}; \left(\frac{1-\psi}{1-\theta} \right)' \right\rangle \\ + \left\langle \frac{\theta(1-\psi)}{\psi(1-\theta)}; \left(\frac{\theta(1-\psi)}{\psi(1-\theta)} \right)' \right\rangle, \quad \theta, \psi \neq 0, 1, \theta \neq \psi \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\psi}{\theta} \right)' &= \frac{\theta\psi' - \theta'\psi}{\theta^2}, \\ \left(\frac{1-\psi}{1-\theta} \right)' &= \frac{(1-\psi)\theta' - (1-\theta)\psi'}{(1-\theta)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{\theta(1-\psi)}{\psi(1-\theta)} \right)' = \frac{\psi(1-\psi)\theta' - \theta(1-\theta)\psi'}{(\psi(1-\theta))^2}$$

Define

$$T\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) = \frac{\mathcal{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2]}{\mathcal{R}_2^\varepsilon(\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2)}$$

Remark 2.5. The tangent group $T\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k})$ is isomorphic to $\beta_2(\mathbb{k}) \oplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{k} \oplus \mathbb{k}$ (Theorem 1.1 of [9]) and $\mathcal{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2]$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2)$

3. Main results and discussion

Consider the sequence (2.3) above. Here we suggest a map (morphism) different from the one which is defined in §2 of [3] and the relation (2.2) above between the abelian groups of sequence (2.3), since the map without alternate sign does not follow the definition of a complex. Thus, the above sequence becomes a complex if we put alternate signs for ∂ :

when $n = 2$, we put

$$\partial : \langle \theta \rangle_2 \mapsto -(\theta \otimes \theta + (1 - \theta) \otimes (1 - \theta))$$

and for $n \geq 3$, we suggest to use

$$\partial : \langle \theta \rangle_n \mapsto \langle \theta \rangle_{n-1} \otimes \theta + (-1)^{n-1} (1 - \theta) \otimes [\theta]_{n-1}$$

Theorem 3.1. *The sequence (2.3) is a complex for the ∂ defined above.*

Proof. To prove that the sequence (2.3) is a complex we consider $2 \leq k \leq n - 2$

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\beta_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-1} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-2} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\beta_{n-k}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^k \mathbb{k}^\times}{\oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-1} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{\beta_{n-k-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k+1} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^k \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots$$

Let $\langle u \rangle_{n-k+1} \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i + \theta \otimes [\phi]_{n-k+1} \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} \psi_j \in \frac{\beta_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-1} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-2} \mathbb{k}^\times}$

Now compute $\partial \left(\partial \left(\langle u \rangle_{n-k+1} \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i + \theta \otimes [\phi]_{n-k+1} \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} \psi_j \right) \right)$.

To make calculation simple, first we compute

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial \left(\partial \left(\langle u \rangle_{n-k+1} \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i \right) \right) \\ &= \partial \left(\langle u \rangle_{n-k} \otimes u \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i + (-1)^{n-k} (1-u) \otimes [u]_{n-k} \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i \right) \\ &= \langle u \rangle_{n-k-1} \otimes \underbrace{u \wedge u}_0 \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i + (-1)^{n-k-1} (1-u) \otimes [u]_{n-k-1} \otimes u \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-k} (1-u) \otimes [u]_{n-k-1} \otimes u \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} v_i \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

then find

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \left(\partial \left(\theta \otimes [\phi]_{n-k+1} \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} \psi_j \right) \right) &= \partial \left(\theta \otimes [\phi]_{n-k} \otimes \phi \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} \psi_j \right) \\ &= \theta \otimes [\phi]_{n-k-1} \otimes \underbrace{\phi \wedge \phi}_0 \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} \psi_j \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now the last case is for $k = 1$ with $\bigwedge_{i=0}^0 v_i = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and using $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z} \cong R$ for any ring R . □

Similarly, for the variant of Cathelineau’s complex (2.5) and tangential version of Goncharv’s complex (3.1), we have similar results.

Theorem 3.2. *The above sequence (2.5) is a complex.*

Proof. There is not much effort required to prove the above sequence is a complex except to use $D \log$ maps. We just follow the steps of Theorem 3.1 and use $D \log$. □

3.1. Tangent to Goncharov’s complex

Here, we suggest that how to define a tangent group $T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$ for any n in the same spirit as $\beta_n(\mathbb{k})$ is defined in [3] and give its appropriateness by relating them in a suitable complex.

Inductively, for any n , we define a tangent group $T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$ by defining the map

$$\partial : \mathbb{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2] \rightarrow T\mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k})$$

thus $T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$ is

$$T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k}) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2]}{\mathcal{R}_n^\varepsilon(\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2)}$$

where $\mathcal{R}_n^\varepsilon(\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2)$ is a kernel of the following map

$$\partial_{\varepsilon,n} : \mathbb{Z}'[\mathbb{k}[\varepsilon]_2] \rightarrow T\mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \oplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k})$$

$$\partial_{\varepsilon,n} : \langle \theta; \psi \rangle \mapsto \langle \theta; \psi \rangle_{n-1} \otimes \theta + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\psi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-1}$$

where $\langle \theta; \psi \rangle = [\theta + \psi\varepsilon] - [\theta]$ and $\langle \theta; \psi \rangle_n$ is the class of $\langle \theta, \psi \rangle$ in $T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$, by using the above definition, the following becomes a complex

$$T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k})} \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{n-2} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{n-3} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} (\mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^{n-1} \mathbb{k}^\times) \oplus (\wedge^2 \mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^{n-2} \mathbb{k}^\times) \quad (3.1)$$

where ∂_ε is induced by $\partial_{\varepsilon,n}$ and when ∂_ε is applied to the group $\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k})$ then it agrees with δ_n defined above and in [11].

Theorem 3.3. For weight $n = 3$, the tangent to Goncharov’s complex is also a complex.

$$T\mathcal{B}_3(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} T\mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times \bigoplus \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \mathbb{k} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times \bigoplus \wedge^2 \mathbb{k} \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times$$

where $\partial_\varepsilon(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_3) = \langle \theta; \phi \rangle_2 \otimes \theta + \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_2$ and

$$\partial_\varepsilon(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_2 \otimes \psi + x \otimes [y]_2) = -\frac{\phi}{1-\theta} \otimes \theta \wedge \psi - \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes (1-\theta) \wedge \psi + x \otimes (1-y) \wedge y + \frac{\phi}{1-\theta} \wedge \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes \psi + \frac{\phi}{\theta} \wedge \frac{\phi}{1-\theta} \otimes y$$

Proof. Here we will prove that how the above sequence is a complex for weight $n = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\varepsilon \partial_\varepsilon(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_3) &= \partial_\varepsilon \left(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_2 \otimes \theta + \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_2 \right) \\ &= -\frac{\phi}{1-\theta} \otimes \underbrace{\theta \wedge \theta}_0 - \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes (1-\theta) \wedge \theta + \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes (1-\theta) \wedge \theta + \frac{\phi}{1-\theta} \wedge \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes \theta + \frac{\phi}{\theta} \wedge \frac{\phi}{1-\theta} \otimes \theta \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{by invoking the antisymmetric relation in the last two terms}) \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 3.4. The above sequence (3.1) is a complex.

Proof. We can show that (3.1) is a complex, by considering two cases:

Case 1: Consider

$$T\mathcal{B}_n(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-1}(\mathbb{k})} \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-2}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^2 \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-2}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial_\varepsilon} \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\varepsilon(\partial_\varepsilon(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_n)) &= \partial_\varepsilon(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_{n-1} \otimes \theta + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-1}) \\ &= \langle \theta; \phi \rangle_{n-2} \underbrace{\theta \wedge \theta}_0 + (-1)^{n-2} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-2} \otimes \theta + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-2} \otimes \theta \\ &= -(-1)^{n-1} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-2} \otimes \theta + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-2} \otimes \theta \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: We consider

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-1} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-2} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-k}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^k \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-1} \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-k-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k+1} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k-1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^k \mathbb{k}^\times} \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots$$

Let $\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_{n-k+1} \otimes \wedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i + x \otimes [y] \otimes \wedge_{j=1}^{k-2} z_j \in \frac{T\mathcal{B}_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-1} \mathbb{k}^\times}{\mathbb{k} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{n-k+1}(\mathbb{k}) \otimes \wedge^{k-2} \mathbb{k}^\times}$

Now applying maps

$$\begin{aligned} &\partial_\varepsilon \left(\partial_\varepsilon \left(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_{n-k+1} \otimes \wedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i + x \otimes [y] \otimes \wedge_{j=1}^{k-2} z_j \right) \right) \\ &= \partial_\varepsilon \left(\langle \theta; \phi \rangle_{n-k} \otimes \theta \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i + (-1)^{n-k} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-k} \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i + x \otimes [y]_{n-k} \otimes y \otimes \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} z_j \right) \\ &= \langle \theta; \phi \rangle_{n-k-1} \otimes \underbrace{\theta \wedge \theta}_0 \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i + (-1)^{n-k-1} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-k-1} \otimes \theta \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-k} \frac{\phi}{\theta} \otimes [\theta]_{n-k-1} \otimes \theta \otimes \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k-1} \phi_i + x \otimes [y]_{n-k-1} \otimes \underbrace{y \wedge y}_0 \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-2} z_j \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{two middle terms are opposite in sign}) \end{aligned}$$

4. Conclusion

□

We have shown that the sequences (2.3), (2.5) and (3.1) are complexes. Complexes (2.3) and (2.5) have only inversion and distribution relations (functional equations) for $n > 3$. However, there are some non-trivial but non-defining relations known for $n \leq 7$ (see [5, 11]). There is insufficient information for the complex (3.1) (kernels of ∂_ε and defining relations are unknown) to compute the homologies for $n \geq 3$, but it is expected to come out in a similar way as the homology of the complex (2.1).

The original construction of the tangent to Bloch-Suslin complex (see [9]) is described by the application of a tangent functor on the Bloch-Suslin, resulting in the first derivative on $\mathcal{B}_2(F)$ and $\wedge^2 F^\times$. One can find the higher order derivatives (tangent order) on Goncharov's complex or precisely on $T\mathcal{B}_n(F)$ in a similar way as done in [13] for Bloch-Suslin complex.

Conflict of interest

The author declares there is no conflicts of interest in this paper.

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