# Cohomology for categories, *k*-graphs, and groupoids

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Groupoidfest 17 October 2015 Many flavors of groupoid cohomology:

- Borel cocycle cohomology [Moo64]
- Continuous cocycle cohomology [Ren80]
- Sheaf cohomology [Kum88]
- Brauer group [KWMR98]
- Cohomology from simplicial spaces [Hae79, Moe98, Tu06]

For a higher-rank graph  $\Lambda$ , we have

- Cubical cohomology of Λ [KPS12]
- Categorical cohomology of Λ [KPS15]
- Cohomology for small categories [Xu08, BW, Wat66]

- To a k-graph Λ, associate (functorially) a groupoid G<sub>Λ</sub> Do we get maps from k-graph cohomology to groupoid cohomology?
- [KPS15] construct maps  $H^i(\Lambda, A) \rightarrow H^i_c(\mathcal{G}_\Lambda, A)$  for  $i \leq 2$ Very different constructions for i = 0, 1, 2!Don't generalize readily to i > 2
- Cohomology for small categories fixes this

- $\bullet$  Interpret cohomology for small categories in terms of higher-rank graphs  $\Lambda$ 
  - $\Lambda$ -modules  $\mathcal{A}$
- Define a functor  $\mathcal{A} \mapsto \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  from  $\Lambda$ -modules to  $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}$ -sheaves
- Obtain a map  $\psi^n : H^n(\Lambda, \mathcal{A}) \to H^n_c(\mathcal{G}_\Lambda, \underline{\mathcal{A}})$  for all n
- Future work: Connect  $\psi^2$  with  $\sigma : H^2(\Lambda, A) \to H^2_c(\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}, A)$  of [KPS15]

What are k-graphs?

- Directed graph  $\rightsquigarrow$  k-graph  $\Lambda$
- Paths  $\rightsquigarrow$  k-dimensional rectangles
- Degree functor  $d:\Lambda o \mathbb{N}^k$  tells us the size of the "path"

# Higher-rank graphs

## Definition

A k-graph is a countable category  $\Lambda$  with a degree map  $d: \Lambda \to \mathbb{N}^k$  satisfying the following factorization property: Whenever  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  has  $d(\lambda) = m + n$ ,  $\exists! \ \mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda = \mu \nu$  and  $d(\mu) = m, d(\nu) = n$ .



# Higher-rank graphs



In our example,

 $d(\lambda) = (3,2) = (0,2) + (3,0) = (2,0) + (0,1) + (1,0) + (0,1),$ 

so each of these possible factorizations must give us the same element  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}.$ 

# Infinite paths in k-graphs

Write  $\Lambda^{\infty}$  for the space of infinite paths in  $\Lambda$ .

For each  $p \in \mathbb{N}^k$ , set  $\sigma^p : \Lambda^{\infty} \to \Lambda^{\infty}$  by "chopping off" the initial segment of shape p.

More formally: Let

$$\Omega_k = \{ (m, n) \in \mathbb{N}^k \times \mathbb{N}^k : m \le n \}.$$

This is a k-graph with d(m, n) = n - m.

An infinite path  $x \in \Lambda^{\infty}$  is a degree-preserving functor  $x : \Omega_k \to \Lambda$ .

$$\sigma^p(x)(m,n) = x(m+p,n+p)$$

Think of x as a way to map  $\mathbb{N}^k$  into  $\Lambda$ ;  $\sigma^p(x)$  corresponds to the isomorphism  $\mathbb{N}^k \longleftrightarrow \mathbb{N}^k + p$ .

$$\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda} := \{ (x, p - q, y) : x, y \in \Lambda^{\infty}, \sigma^{p}(x) = \sigma^{q}(y) \}$$

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)}_{\Lambda}\cong \Lambda^{\infty}=\{(x,0,x):x\in \Lambda^{\infty}\}$$

$$(x,n,y)(y,\ell,z)=(x,n+\ell,z)$$

#### Definition

A  $\Lambda$ -module is a contravariant functor  $\mathcal{A} : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ .

To each vertex (object)  $v \in \Lambda^0$ , associate  $A_v \in \mathbf{Ab}$ . To an element (morphism)  $\lambda : v \to w$  of  $\Lambda$ , associate  $A(\lambda) : A_w \to A_v$  (group homomorphism).

A <u>*G*-sheaf</u>  $\mathscr{A}$  consists of:

- An abelian group  $\mathscr{A}(x)$  at each  $x \in \mathcal{G}^{(0)}$
- An isomorphism  $\alpha_{\gamma} : \mathscr{A}(s(\gamma)) \to \mathscr{A}(r(\gamma))$  for each  $\gamma \in \mathcal{G}$
- A topology on 𝒴 = □<sub>x∈𝔅<sup>(0)</sup></sub> 𝖾(x) making everything continuous and consistent.

## From $\Lambda$ -modules to $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}$ -sheaves

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\Lambda$ -module. For  $x \in \Lambda^{\infty}$ , define

$$\underline{\mathcal{A}}(x) = \varinjlim_{\Omega_k} (\mathcal{A}_{x(p)}, \mathcal{A}(x(p,q)))$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \Omega_k \text{ is a directed system: Given any two rectangles} \\ (m,n), (p,q) \in \Omega_k, \text{ there is a rectangle } (M,N) \in \Omega_k \text{ containing} \\ \text{both. } M_i = \min\{m_i,p_i\}; \ N_i = \max\{n_i,q_i\}. \\ \text{Recall that } x(p,q) \in \Lambda \text{ is a morphism with range } x(p), \text{ source} \\ x(q); \ \mathcal{A} \text{ is a } \underbrace{\text{contravariant}}_{A-\text{action}} \text{ functor.} \\ \mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}\text{-action}? \\ \text{Let } \varphi_p^{\scriptscriptstyle X} : \mathcal{A}_{x(p)} \to \underline{\mathcal{A}}(x). \text{ Then} \end{array}$ 

$$(x, p-q, y) \cdot (\varphi_q^y(a)) = \varphi_p^x(a).$$

#### Theorem (G-Kumjian)

The map  $\mathcal{A} \mapsto \underline{\mathcal{A}}$  is a functor from  $\Lambda$ -mod to  $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}$ -shf.

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Usually, one defines an A-valued *n*-cochain on  $\mathcal{G}$  as a function  $f : \mathcal{G}^{(n)} \to A$ . We have a coboundary  $\delta^n$  taking *n*-cochains to (n-1)-cochains.

$$H^n_c(\mathcal{G}, A) = rac{\ker \delta^n}{\operatorname{Im} \delta^{n+1}}$$

Alternatively: From  $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}$ , construct a relative projective resolution  $\mathscr{P}_*$  of the trivial  $\mathcal{G}$ -sheaf  $\underline{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

## Proposition (G-Kumjian)

$$H^n_c(\mathcal{G},\mathscr{A}) = H^n(\operatorname{Hom}(\mathscr{P}_*,\mathscr{A})).$$

## From k-graph cohomology to groupoid cohomology

$$F_{v}^{n} = \mathbb{Z}\{(\lambda_{1},\ldots,\lambda_{n}) \in v\Lambda^{*n} : s(\lambda_{n}) = v\}$$

$$F^n(\lambda)[\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_n] = [\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_n\lambda]$$

We define

$$H^n(\Lambda, \mathcal{A}) = H^n(\operatorname{Hom}(F^*, \mathcal{A})).$$

## Theorem (G-Kumjian)

<u> $F^*$ </u> is a relative projective resolution of the trivial  $\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}$ -sheaf  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

# From k-graph cohomology to groupoid cohomology

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$$H^{n}(\operatorname{Hom}(\mathscr{P}_{*},\mathscr{A}))\cong H^{n}(\operatorname{Hom}(\underline{F^{*}},\mathscr{A})).$$

$$H^{n}(\Lambda, \mathcal{A}) \to H^{n}(\operatorname{Hom}(\underline{F^{*}}, \underline{\mathcal{A}})) \stackrel{\cong}{\leftarrow} H^{n}_{c}(\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}, \underline{\mathcal{A}}).$$
  
To compare our map  $\psi^{2} : H^{2}(\Lambda, \mathcal{A}) \to H^{2}(\mathcal{G}_{\Lambda}, \mathcal{A})$  with  $\sigma$  of [KPS15], we'll have to "flip arrows."

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