

# GIVENTAL ACTION IS HOMOTOPY GAUGE SYMMETRY

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**ABSTRACT.** The Givental action on genus zero cohomological field theories, also known as hypercommutative algebras, is proved to be equal to the gauge symmetry action on Maurer–Cartan elements in a particular homotopy Lie algebra. This equivalent description allows us to extend the Givental action to homotopy hypercommutative algebras.

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## INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we study in depth symmetries of algebras over the homology operad of the moduli spaces of genus 0 stable curves  $H_\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$ , known, in different contexts and with small differences in definitions, under the names of a hypercommutative algebra, a formal Frobenius manifold, or a genus 0 reduction of Gromov–Witten theory or a genus 0 cohomological field theory, see [Man99]. This structure plays a crucial role in a range of questions arising in string theory, enumerative algebraic geometry, and integrable hierarchies, and is one of the basic structures underlying the classical mirror phenomena in genus 0. In this paper, we choose to take an algebraic viewpoint on this structure, and refer to its instances as *hypercommutative algebras*.

Let us consider the space of hypercommutative algebra structures on a given vector space  $A$ . Looking at the universal structure of the localisation formulas in Gromov–Witten theory, Givental observed in [Giv01a, Giv01b] that this space is equipped with an action of a big group of “formal Taylor loops of  $GL(A)$ ”, which we call in this context the *Givental group*. The Givental group is the main tool used to study various universal properties of hypercommutative algebras, and is behind important results in cohomological field theory and its relations to integrable hierarchies, matrix models, mirror symmetry, and homotopical algebra.

Algebraically, the space of hypercommutative algebra structures on  $A$  is the space of representations of the operad  $\text{HyperCom} := H_\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$  in the endomorphism operad of  $A$ . The operad  $\text{HyperCom}$  is well studied; for instance, it is proved to be Koszul in [Get95]. For our purposes, it is important that its internal structure can be described in terms of the intersection theory on the moduli spaces of curves of genus 0 and that it is a crucial ingredient in the homotopy theory of Batalin–Vilkovisky algebras [Man99, DV13, KMS12].

Representations of any operad admits a canonical deformation theory, but the resulting group action is not an action of such a big group. Therefore, some natural questions about the operad  $\text{HyperCom}$  arise. First, what is so special about the operad  $\text{HyperCom}$  that its spaces of representations have so many symmetries? Second, does the Givental group have an interpretation in terms of the universal deformation theory of the operad  $\text{HyperCom}$  or its resolution(s)? More generally, is the Givental group action natural

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in some sense in the framework of the homotopical algebra for the operad  $\text{HyperCom}$ ? Some hints were given by the results of our first paper [DSV13] on the subject. This paper now provides a full answer to all these questions.

To solve this problem, we need to encode these symmetries using the higher concept of homotopy Lie algebra [Get09] as follows. The first observation is that the structure of a  $\text{HyperCom}$ -algebra on a given vector space  $A$  is encoded by Maurer–Cartan elements in a certain dg Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$ , the convolution algebra coming from the Koszul model. It so happens that this dg Lie algebra is a subalgebra of a homotopy Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$ , the convolution algebra coming from the minimal model of the operad of Batalin–Vilkovisky algebras [DV13]. The homotopy Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$  is an extension of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$  by a dg Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{\Delta} = z \text{End}(A)[[z]]$ , whose degree zero elements form the Lie algebra of the Givental group. In a homotopy Lie algebra, the degree zero elements define vector fields on the variety of Maurer–Cartan elements, which are infinitesimal gauge symmetries of the Maurer–Cartan elements [Get09]. The main result of this paper is the following theorem.

**Theorem** (Thm. 5). *For any hypercommutative structure on a graded vector space  $A$  encoded by a Maurer–Cartan element  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$  and for any degree 0 element  $r(z) \in \mathfrak{g}_{\Delta}$ , the Givental action of  $r(z)$  on  $\alpha$  is equal to the gauge symmetry action:*

$$\widehat{r(z)}.\alpha = \ell_1^{\alpha}(r(z)).$$

Moreover, this theorem implies that the Givental group action on representations of the operad of hypercommutative algebras is just the first visible layer of a natural action of the Givental group on the space of structures of homotopy hypercommutative algebras. Besides its structural importance for the foundations of the Givental theory, this observation suggests the development of the Gromov–Witten theory on the chain level: a theory where the space of Gromov–Witten classes may be a chain complex (think about the evaluations of differential forms rather than the cohomology classes) that produces a homotopy  $\text{HyperCom}$ -algebra structure on the cohomology of the target variety.

The first consequence of the extension of the Givental action to homotopy hypercommutative algebras is a conjecture giving an explicit formulation of the identities between the operations on the most canonical and economic version of homotopy Batalin–Vilkovisky algebras. (The latter are algebras over the minimal model of the Batalin–Vilkovisky operad). This would give the strongest possible genus 0 generalisation of our earlier result [DSV13] stating that defining identities between operations of a commutative homotopy Batalin–Vilkovisky algebra can be naturally expressed in terms of stabilisers under the Givental group action. In particular, this would allow one to study homotopy Batalin–Vilkovisky algebras using explicit formulae relying on nothing else but intersection theory on moduli spaces in genus 0.

**Layout.** The paper is organised as follows. In Section 1, we recall the definitions, constructions, and results used in the sequel. Since our main result proves that two constructions coming from two fairly different areas actually coincide, we made that section quite elaborate to benefit readers coming from either of those areas. Section 2 describes the homotopy Lie algebra encoding skeletal homotopy Batalin–Vilkovisky algebras. In Section 3, we prove that the Givental action is equal to the gauge symmetry action, as explained above.

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## 1. RECOLLECTIONS

In this section, we recall necessary background information from various areas invoked in this paper. We assume working knowledge of standard results of homotopical algebra for operads, and encourage the reader to consult [LV12] for details on that.

Throughout the text, we work over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  of characteristic 0. We denote by  $s$  the suspension operator of degree 1:  $(sC)_{\bullet+1} := sC_{\bullet}$ . We use the “topologist’s notation” for finite sets, putting  $\underline{n} := \{1, \dots, n\}$ . The notation  $\odot$  stands for the ‘symmetric’ tensor product, that is, the quotient of the tensor product under the permutation of terms.

### 1.1. Hypercommutative algebras and cohomological field theories.

**Definition 1** (Hypercommutative algebra). A *hypercommutative algebra* is an algebra over the operad  $\text{HyperCom} := H_{\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$  made up of the homology of the Deligne–Mumford–Knudsen moduli spaces of stable genus 0 curves.

Such a structure is given by a morphism of operads  $H_{\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1}) \rightarrow \text{End}_A$ , and so amounts to a collection of symmetric multilinear maps  $\mu_n: A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$  of degree  $2(n-2)$  for each  $n \geq 2$  that satisfy certain quadratic relations, see [Man99]. The first of those relations is the associativity of  $\mu_2$ , and further ones are higher associativity relations mixing operations together, hence the name “hypercommutative”.

The operad  $H_{\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$  is Koszul, with the Koszul dual cooperad  $H_{\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})^i = H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1})$ , the cohomology groups of the moduli spaces of genus 0 curves. So the operadic cobar construction

$$\Omega H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$$

provides a resolution of the former operad, see [Get95].

**Definition 2** (Homotopy hypercommutative algebras). A *homotopy hypercommutative algebra* is an algebra over the operad  $\Omega H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1})$ .

This data amounts to an operadic twisting morphism  $H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1}) \rightarrow \text{End}_A$ . The operations defining such a structure are parametrised by  $H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1})$ . Hence, a homotopy hypercommutative algebra structure on a chain complex with trivial differential is made up of an infinite sequence of strata of multilinear operations, whose first stratum forms a hypercommutative algebra.

**Definition 3** (Genus 0 CohFT [KM94]). Given a graded vector space  $A$ , a genus 0 *cohomological field theory* (CohFT) on  $A$  is defined as a system of classes  $\alpha_n \in H^{\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1}) \otimes \text{End}_A(n)$  satisfying the following properties.

- ◇ The classes  $\alpha_n$  are equivariant with respect to the actions of the symmetric group  $\mathbb{S}_n$  on the labels of marked points and on the factors of  $\text{End}_V(n)$ .
- ◇ The pullbacks via the natural mappings  $\rho: \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+1} \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_2+1} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+n_2+1}$  produce the composition of the multilinear maps at the point corresponding to the preimage of the node on the first curve:

$$\rho^* \alpha_{0,n_1+n_2} = \alpha_{0,n_1+1} \tilde{\circ}_i \alpha_{0,n_2+1},$$

where  $\tilde{\circ}_i$  incorporates the composition in the endomorphism operad and the Künneth isomorphism.

**REMARK.** A CohFT is often required to have a unit  $e_1 \in A$ ; this corresponds to making use of the natural mappings  $\pi: \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$ . We shall not force that, and use all necessary formulae without the unit. Also, a CohFT in all genera needs  $A$  to have a scalar product, and is defined using the language of modular operads. However, in genus 0, it is possible to eliminate it completely on the stage of applying the forgetful functor from modular operads to operads. The main advantage for doing so is to incorporate infinite dimensional spaces. An interested reader is referred to [DSV13, KMS12] for details.

Summing up, the above definitions of a hypercommutative algebra and of a genus 0 CohFT are the same.

**1.2. Intersection theory on moduli spaces.** The Givental group action, we discuss below, makes use of the  $\psi$ -classes on moduli spaces of curves.

**Definition 4** ( $\psi$ -classes). Both the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{0,n}$  and its compactification  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$  have  $n$  tautological line bundles  $\mathbb{L}_i$ . The fibre of  $\mathbb{L}_i$  over a point represented by a curve  $C$  with marked points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is equal to the cotangent line  $T_{x_i}^* C$ . The cohomology class  $\psi_i$  of  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$  is defined as the first Chern class of the line bundle  $\mathbb{L}_i$ :  $\psi_i = c_1(\mathbb{L}_i) \in H^2(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n})$ .

Recall that one can define the push-forward maps  $\rho_*$  on the cohomology using the Poincaré duality and the push-forward on the homology:

$$\begin{aligned} H^\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+1}) \otimes H^\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_2+1}) &\rightarrow H^\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+1} \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_2+1}) \rightarrow H_{d-\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+1} \times \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_2+1}) \\ &\rightarrow H_{d-\bullet}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+n_2+1}) \rightarrow H^{\bullet+2}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n_1+n_2+1}), \end{aligned}$$

where the dimension  $d$  is equal to  $2n_1 + 2n_2 - 8$ . Throughout the paper, we will only use the gluing along the point marked by 1 on the first curve and the point marked by 0 on the second one.

The main ingredients needed for computation with  $\psi$ -classes are the following formulae. They correspond to the expression the  $\psi$ -classes in terms of divisors, see e. g. [Man99, §VI.3].

**Proposition 1.** *The Poincaré duals  $\beta_n \in H^0(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$  of the fundamental classes of the moduli spaces satisfy the following properties.*

◇ For all  $i_1, i_2 \in \underline{n}$ ,

$$(1) \quad \psi_0 = \sum_{\substack{I \sqcup J = \underline{n} \\ i_1, i_2 \in I}} \rho_*(\beta_{|J|+1} \otimes \beta_{|I|}).$$

◇ For all  $i \in \underline{n}$ ,

$$(2) \quad \psi_i + \psi_0 = \sum_{\substack{I \sqcup J = \underline{n} \\ i \in I}} \rho_*(\beta_{|J|+1} \otimes \beta_{|I|}).$$

**1.3. Givental action on CohFTs.** In the case of genus 0 CohFTs, it is possible to extend the action of the Lie algebra [Lee09] of the Givental group [Giv01a, Giv01b] to the Lie algebra  $z \text{End}(A)[[z]]$  dropping the assumption on (skew-)symmetry of the components of operators [KMS12, Tel12]. Let us recall the corresponding formulae, which we shall later identify from the homotopy viewpoint. For a genus 0 CohFT given by a system of classes  $\alpha_n \in H^\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1}) \otimes \text{End}_A(n)$ , this action is defined by the formula

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} (r_k \widehat{z^k} \cdot \{\alpha\})_n &= (-1)^{k+1} r_k \circ_1 \alpha_n \cdot \psi_0^k + \sum_{m=1}^n \alpha_n \cdot \psi_m^k \circ_m r_k + \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}, |I| \geq 2, \\ i+j=k-1}} (-1)^{i+1} \tilde{\rho}_* \left( (\alpha_{|J|+1} \cdot \psi_1^j) \otimes (r_k \circ_1 \alpha_{|I|} \cdot \psi_0^i) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Here we assume that the output of every operadic element corresponds to the point marked by 0 on the curve. In the last term, the map  $\tilde{\rho}_*$  is defined by  $\rho_* \otimes \circ_1$ , i.e. an enrichment of the push-forward map on  $H^\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})$  with the operadic composition on  $\text{End}_A$ .

**1.4. Trees.** A *reduced rooted tree* is a rooted tree whose vertices have at least one input. We consider the category of reduced rooted trees with leaves labelled bijectively from 1 to  $n$ , denoted by  $\text{Tree}$ . The trivial tree  $|$  is considered to be part of  $\text{Tree}$ .

A *shuffle tree*, see [Hof10, §2.8] and [DK10, §3.1], is a reduced planar rooted tree equipped satisfying the following condition. Suppose that we put labels on all edges by going down from the leaves to the root and labelling each edge by the minimum of the labels of the inputs of its top endpoint. Then, for each vertex, the labels of its inputs, read from left to right, should appear in the increasing order.

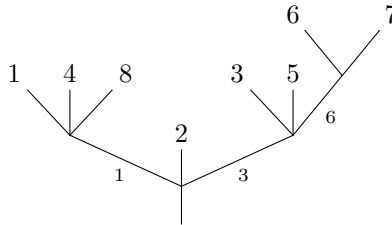


FIGURE 1. Example of a shuffle tree

Shuffle trees provide us with choices of planar representatives for trees in space. In the sequel, we will need shuffle binary trees, that we denote by  $\text{SBT}_n$ . The labels of the leaves of a shuffle tree  $t$ , read from left to right, provide us with a permutation  $\sigma^t$  of  $\mathbb{S}_n$ . In the example of Figure 1, this permutation is  $\sigma^t = [14823567]$ .

The underlying  $\mathbb{S}$ -module of the (conilpotent) cofree cooperad  $\mathcal{T}^c(M)$  on an  $\mathbb{S}$ -module  $M$  is given by the direct sum  $\bigoplus_{t \in \text{Tree}} t(M)$ , where  $t(M)$  is the treewise tensor module obtained by labelling every vertex of the tree  $t$  with an element of  $M$  according to the arity and the action of the symmetric groups. Its decomposition map is given by cutting the trees horizontally; see [LV12, Chapter 5] for more details.

The subcategory of trees with  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $\text{Tree}^{(n)}$ . The number of vertices endows the cofree cooperad  $\mathcal{T}^c(M) \cong \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{T}^c(M)^{(n)}$  with a weight grading.

**1.5. Homotopy BV-algebras and skeletal homotopy BV-algebras.** This section is a brief summary of constructions and results of [GCTV12] and [DV13] that we use.

**Definition 5** (dg BV-algebra). A dg BV-algebra  $(A, d, \bullet, \Delta)$  is a differential graded commutative algebra equipped with a square-zero degree 1 operator  $\Delta$  of order at most 2.

Notice that any BV-algebra includes a degree 1 Lie bracket  $\langle -, - \rangle$  defined by

$$\langle -, - \rangle = \Delta(- \bullet -) - (\Delta(-) \bullet -) - (- \bullet \Delta(-)).$$

This induces a quadratic-linear presentation  $\mathcal{T}(\bullet, \Delta, \langle -, - \rangle)/(R)$  for the operad BV encoding BV-algebras, see [GCTV12, Section 1] for a complete exposition. Its Koszul dual dg cooperad was proved to be equal to

$$\text{BV}^i \cong (G^i[\delta], d_\varphi),$$

where  $G^i$  stands for the Koszul dual cooperad of the operad  $G$  encoding Gerstenhaber algebras, where  $\delta := s\Delta$  is a degree 2 element of arity 1 and where  $d_\varphi$  is the unique coderivation extending

**Theorem 1.** [GCTV12, Theorem 6] *The operad BV is a nonhomogeneous Koszul operad, i.e. the cobar construction of  $\text{BV}^i$  is a resolution of BV:*

$$\text{BV}_\infty := \Omega \text{BV}^i \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{BV}.$$

Algebras over the Koszul resolution  $\text{BV}_\infty$  are called *homotopy BV-algebras*. This resolution is already much smaller than the bar-cobar resolution but is not minimal. Let us explain, following [DV13], how to derive the minimal resolution from it.

We consider the  $\mathbb{S}$ -module  $M$  made up of the two elements  $\mu$  and  $\beta$ , both of arity two with trivial symmetric group action, in degrees 1 and 2 respectively:

$$M := \mathbb{K}_2 \underbrace{s \bullet}_{\mu} \oplus \mathbb{K}_2 \underbrace{s \langle , \rangle}_{\beta}.$$

Let  $\psi$  denote the degree one morphism of graded  $\mathbb{S}$ -modules  $\psi : \mathcal{T}^c(M) \rightarrow M$  which first projects  $\mathcal{T}^c(M)$  to the cogenerators  $M$  and then takes  $\mu$  to  $\beta$  and  $\beta$  to zero. The map  $\psi$  extends uniquely to a degree one coderivation  $d_\psi$  of  $\mathcal{T}^c(M)$ , which amounts to applying  $\psi$  everywhere. So its image is equal to the sum over the vertices labelled  $\mu$  of trees where this  $\mu$  is changed for a  $\beta$ .

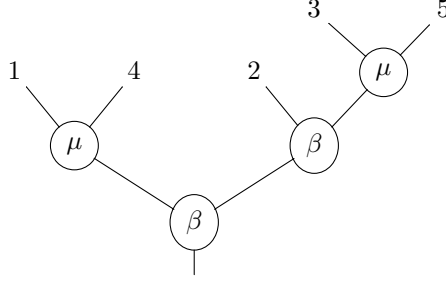
The Koszul dual cooperad  $G^i$  is a sub-cooperad of the cofree cooperad  $\mathcal{T}^c(M)$  and the coderivation  $d_\varphi$  of  $G^i[\delta]$  is equal to  $\delta^{-1}d_\psi$ .

Let  $t$  be a binary tree, that is a tree where all the vertices have total valence 3. Any vertex  $v$  has some number of leaves  $m_v$  above one of its incoming edges, and another number  $n_v$  above the other. Let the *weight*  $\omega(v)$  be their product  $m_v n_v$ . The sum of the weights of all the vertices of a binary tree with  $n$  leaves is equal to  $\binom{n}{2}$ .

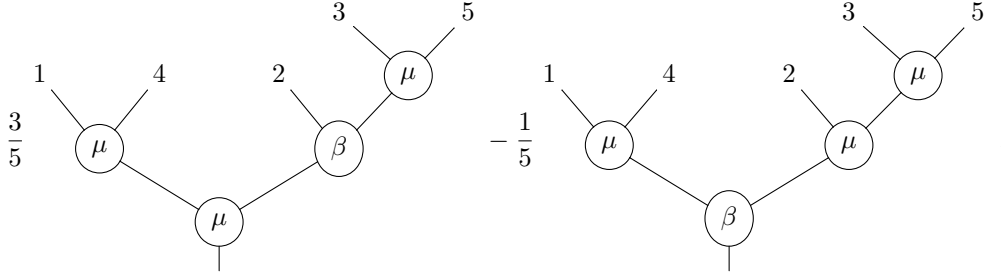
**Definition 6** (The map  $H$ ). Let  $\bar{H} : M \rightarrow M$  be the degree  $-1$  morphism of graded  $\mathbb{S}$ -modules given by sending  $\beta$  to  $\mu$  and  $\mu$  to  $0$ . We define the map  $H$  on a decorated tree with  $n$  leaves in  $\mathcal{T}^c(M)$  as a sum over the vertices. For the vertex  $v$ , the contribution to the sum is  $\frac{\omega(v)}{\binom{n}{2}}$  times the decorated tree obtained by applying  $\bar{H}$  to  $v$ , including the Koszul sign.

So the map  $H$  has a similar flavour to extending  $\bar{H}$  as a coderivation, but also includes combinatorial factors.

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under the map  $H$  is equal to



**Proposition 2** ([DV13]). *The maps  $H$  and  $d_\psi$  defined on  $\mathcal{T}^c(M)$  restrict to the sub-cooperad  $G^i \subset \mathcal{T}^c(M)$ , and give rise to the following deformation retract:*

$$\delta_H \curvearrowright (G^i[\delta], d_\varphi = \delta^{-1}d_\psi) \xrightleftharpoons{pr} (\bar{T}^c(\delta) \oplus \text{Im } Hd_\psi, 0),$$

where  $pr$  is the sum of the projection onto  $\bar{T}^c(\delta)$  in positive  $\delta$ -degrees and the projection  $Hd_\psi$  in  $\delta$ -degree 0.

The right-hand side computes the Quillen homology of the operad  $BV$ , i.e. the homology of the bar construction of  $BV$ . We shall denote it by  $\mathcal{H}$  for brevity. It can be expressed in terms of the cohomology of the moduli space of curves of genus 0:

$$\mathcal{H} := H^Q(BV) \cong \bar{T}^c(\delta) \oplus \text{Im } Hd_\psi \cong \bar{T}^c(\delta) \oplus H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1}).$$

In [DV13], the Homotopy Transfer Theorem for homotopy cooperads was used to transfer the dg cooperad structure of  $BV^i$  to a homotopy cooperad structure on  $\mathcal{H}$  via the above deformation retract. In operadic terms, the short exact sequence of homotopy cooperads

$$\bar{T}^c(\delta) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \twoheadrightarrow H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1})$$

is exact, i.e.  $\mathcal{H}$  is an extension of the (non-unital) cooperads

$$\bar{T}^c(\delta) = H^\bullet(S^1)^i \quad \text{and} \quad H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1}) = H_\bullet(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1})^i.$$

**Theorem 2** ([DV13]). *The cobar construction of the homotopy cooperad  $\mathcal{H}$  is the minimal model of the operad  $BV$ :*

$$\text{sBV}_\infty := \Omega_\infty \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\sim} BV.$$

Algebras over the minimal model  $\text{sBV}_\infty$  are called *skeletal homotopy BV-algebras*.

### 1.6. Homotopy Lie algebra.

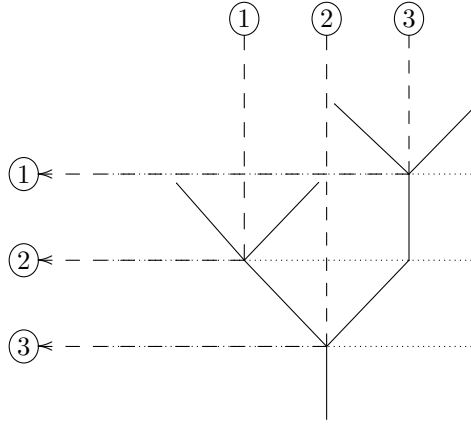
**Definition 7** ( $L_\infty$ -algebra). An  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure on a dg module  $(A, d_A)$  is a family of totally skew-symmetric maps  $\ell_n : A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A$  of degree  $|\ell_n| = n - 2$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ , satisfying the relations

$$\partial_A(\ell_n) = \sum_{\substack{p+q=n+1 \\ p,q \geq 1}} \sum_{\sigma \in Sh_{p-1,q}^{-1}} \text{sgn}(\sigma)(-1)^{(p-1)q} (\ell_p \circ_1 \ell_q)^\sigma, \quad \text{for } n \geq 2,$$

where  $\partial_A$  is the differential of  $\text{End}_A$  induced by  $d_A$  and where  $Sh_{p,q}$  denotes the set of  $(p, q)$ -shuffles.

For any shuffle binary tree  $t$  with  $n$  leaves, we consider its underlying planar binary tree  $\bar{t}$  with  $n - 1$  vertices. To this planar binary tree, we associate a permutation of  $\mathbb{S}_{n-1}$  as follows. First, we put the vertices on  $n - 1$  distinct upward levels. This means that, among the trees with levels that represent  $\bar{t}$ , we choose the tree whose levels of the vertices, which are at the same level in  $\bar{t}$ , go upward when moving from left to right. We label the levels by  $\{1, \dots, n - 1\}$  from top to bottom and we label the vertices by  $\{1, \dots, n - 1\}$  from left to right. The assignment which gives the level of each vertex defines a permutation  $\sigma_{\bar{t}}$  of  $\mathbb{S}_{n-1}$ .

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In this example, the associated permutation is  $\sigma_{\bar{t}} = [132]$ .

**Theorem 3** (Homotopy Transfer Theorem, see [LV12]). *Let  $(V, d_V)$  be a homotopy retract of  $(A, d_A)$ :*

$$h \begin{array}{c} \hookrightarrow \\ \circlearrowleft \end{array} (A, d_A) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{p} \\ \xrightarrow{i} \end{array} (V, d_V)$$

$\text{id}_A - ip = d_A h + h d_A$ ,  $i$  quasi-isomorphism.

Let the bracket  $[, ] : A^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow A$  endow  $A$  with a dg Lie algebra structure. The maps  $\{\ell_n : V^{\otimes n} \rightarrow V\}_{n \geq 2}$  defined by

$$\ell_n := \sum_{t \in \text{SBT}_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma^t) \text{sgn}(\sigma_{\bar{t}}) p t([, ], h) i^{\otimes n},$$

where the notation  $t([, ], h)$  stands for the  $n$ -multilinear operation on  $A$  defined by the composition scheme  $t$  with vertices labelled by  $[, ]$  and internal edges labelled by  $h$ , define an  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure on  $V$ .

Moreover, the maps  $i_1 := i$  and

$$i_n := \sum_{t \in \text{SBT}_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma^t) \text{sgn}(\sigma_{\bar{t}}) h t([, ], h) i^{\otimes n}, \quad \text{for } n \geq 2,$$

define an  $\infty$ -quasi-isomorphism from the transferred  $L_\infty$ -algebra  $(V, d_V, \{\ell_n\}_{n \geq 2})$  to the dg Lie algebra  $(A, d_A, [, ])$ .

*Proof.* Let us make explicit the signs in the proof of [LV12, Theorem 10.3.3]. First one easily checks that the map  $\psi$  yields no sign since one starts from a degree 0 Lie bracket. (The signs coming from the permutations of the suspensions  $s$  and the homotopy  $h$  cancel.) The map  $s\varphi$  has degree 2 and so produces no sign. Therefore, the only sign is the one coming from the decomposition map of the cooperad  $\text{Lie}^i = \text{End}_{\mathbb{K}s^{-1}}^c \otimes_H \text{Com}^*$ . The decomposition map of the cooperad  $\text{Com}^*$  is given by the sum of all the



binary trees, that we choose to represent with shuffle trees. And the decomposition map of the cooperad  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{K}s-1}^c$  is given by the sum of all the shuffle binary trees  $t$  with coefficient exactly  $\text{sgn}(\sigma^t) \text{sgn}(\sigma_{\bar{t}})$ .  $\square$

**1.7. Convolution algebras.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a dg cooperad and let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a dg operad. Recall that the collection  $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P}) := \{\text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}(n), \mathcal{P}(n))\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  forms an operad called the *convolution operad*, see [LV12]. This structure induces a dg pre-Lie algebra structure and hence a dg Lie algebra structure on equivariant maps

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P}) := \left( \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}_n}(\mathcal{C}(n), \mathcal{P}(n)), \partial, [\cdot, \cdot] \right).$$

Explicitly, the Lie bracket is given by

$$[f, g] := \gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \circ (f \otimes g - (-1)^{|f||g|} g \otimes f) \circ \Delta_{(1)},$$

where  $\Delta_{(1)} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(2)}$  is the partial decomposition map of the cooperad  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this *convolution dg Lie algebra*, we consider the Maurer–Cartan equation

$$\partial(\alpha) + \frac{1}{2}[\alpha, \alpha] = 0,$$

whose degree  $-1$  solutions are called *twisting morphisms* and denoted  $\text{Tw}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})$ .

All the dg Lie algebras of this paper are of this form, where the cooperad is the Koszul dual dg cooperad  $\mathcal{P}^i$  of an operad  $\mathcal{P}$  and where the operad is the endomorphism operad  $\text{End}_A$ :

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{P}} := \left( \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{P}^i(n), \text{End}_A(n)), \partial := (\partial_A)_* - (d_{\mathcal{P}^i})^*, [\cdot, \cdot] \right).$$

**Theorem 4** (“Rosetta Stone”, see [LV12]). *The set of homotopy  $\mathcal{P}$ -algebra structures on a dg module  $A$  is equal to*

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{dgOp}}(\Omega \mathcal{P}^i, \text{End}_A) \cong \text{Tw}(\mathcal{P}^i, \text{End}_A) \cong \text{Codiff}(\mathcal{P}^i(A)).$$

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a homotopy cooperad with the decomposition map  $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(\geq 2)}$ , and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a dg operad with the composition map  $\tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{P}} : \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})^{(\geq 2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ , the collection  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})$  is a homotopy operad, called the *convolution homotopy operad*. The direct sum of components of this collection

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P}) := \left( \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}_n}(\mathcal{C}(n), \mathcal{P}(n)), \partial, \{\ell_n\}_{n \geq 2} \right).$$

is an  $L_{\infty}$ -algebra [VdL02]. This algebra is referred to as the *convolution  $L_{\infty}$ -algebra*; its structure maps  $\ell_n$  are given by the formula

$$(4) \quad \ell_n(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (-1)^{\text{sgn}(\sigma, f_1, \dots, f_n)} \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{P}} \circ (f_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{\sigma(n)}) \circ \Delta_{\mathcal{C}}^{(n)},$$

where  $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}^{(n)}$  is the component of  $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}$  which maps  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(n)}$ , see [MV09, VdL02].

In such an algebra, we can consider the (generalised) Maurer–Cartan equation

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n!} \ell_n(\alpha, \dots, \alpha) = 0,$$

whose degree  $-1$  solutions are called (generalised) *twisting morphisms* and denoted by  $\text{Tw}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})$ . Notice that this equation, as well as other formulae throughout this paper, makes sense for homotopy convolution algebras, since for every element  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ , its image under the decomposition map  $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a finite sum.

## 2. THE HOMOTOPY LIE ALGEBRA ENCODING SKELETAL HOMOTOPY BV-ALGEBRAS

The homotopy Lie algebra encoding skeletal homotopy BV-algebras is defined by, first, transferring a homotopy cooperad structure on the generators  $\mathcal{H} = H^Q(\text{BV})$  of the minimal model of the operad BV and, then, by considering the convolution algebra  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{H}, \text{End}_A)$ . The combinatorics of the first step makes the final description hard to apply in practice. To make it manageable, we go the other way round, first considering the convolution Lie algebra  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{BV}^i, \text{End}_A)$  associated to the Koszul dual of BV and, then applying the homotopy transfer theorem for homotopy Lie algebras.



**2.1. The three convolution dg Lie algebras.** The general construction of convolution dg Lie algebras from Section 1.7 can be used to produce three dg Lie algebras that we shall use in this paper. Applying the general construction to the dg cooperad  $\mathcal{C} = \text{BV}^i$ , we obtain the convolution dg Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{BV}}$  that encodes homotopy BV-algebras structures. The formulae of Section 1.5 show that

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\text{BV}} \cong (\mathfrak{g}_G[[z]], z(d_\psi)^*),$$

where  $z$  is a degree  $-2$  element. Applying the general construction to the dg cooperad  $\mathcal{C} = \overline{T}^c(\delta)$ , we obtain the convolution dg Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_\Delta := (\text{Hom}(\overline{T}^c(\delta), \text{End}(A)), (\partial_A)_*) \cong (z \text{End}(A)[[z]], \partial_A)$$

that encodes multicomplex structures, see [DSV12]. Notice that this dg Lie algebra is equal to Givental dg Lie algebra of Section 1.3. Finally, applying the general construction to the dg cooperad  $\mathcal{C} = \text{HyperCom}^i$ , we obtain the convolution dg Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}} := (\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(H^{\bullet+1}(\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1}), \text{End}_A), (\partial_A)_*) \cong (\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{Im } Hd_\psi, \text{End}_A), (\partial_A)_*),$$

which encodes homotopy hypercommutative algebra structures.

**2.2. The convolution homotopy Lie algebra of skeletal homotopy BV-algebras.** Applying the general construction of convolution homotopy Lie algebras to the homotopy cooperad  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{H} \cong H^Q(\text{BV})$ , we obtain the convolution  $L_\infty$ -algebra

$$\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}} := \left( \prod_{n \geq 1} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}_n} \mathcal{H}(n), \text{End}_A(n), (\partial_A)_*, \{\ell_n\}_{n \geq 2} \right).$$

**Proposition 3 ([DV13]).** *The set of skeletal homotopy BV-algebra structures on a dg module  $A$  is equal to*

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{dgOp}}(\text{sBV}_\infty, \text{End}_A) \cong \text{Tw}(\mathcal{H}, \text{End}_A).$$

**Proposition 4.** *The above  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$  on  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{H}, \text{End}_A)$  is isomorphic to the  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure obtained by transferring the dg Lie algebra structure of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{BV}}$  under the formulae of Theorem 3 and the following deformation retract*

$$(\delta\mathcal{H})^* \hookrightarrow (\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\text{BV}^i, \text{End}_A), \partial) \xrightleftharpoons[\text{pr}^*]{\text{pr}^*} (\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{H}, \text{End}_A), (\partial_A)_*),$$

*Proof.* This proposition follows from the following general result: the formulae for the transferred homotopy cooperad [DV13, Theorem 3.3] and for the transferred homotopy Lie algebra (Theorem 3) commute under the convolution homotopy Lie algebra functor

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(-, \mathcal{P}) : \text{homotopy cooperads} \rightarrow \text{homotopy Lie algebras},$$

given in Section 1.7. Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \Delta, d_{\mathcal{C}})$  be a dg cooperad and let  $(\mathcal{P}, \gamma, d_{\mathcal{P}})$  be a dg operad. Writing the underlying homology groups  $\mathcal{H}$  as a deformation retract of  $(\mathcal{C}, d_{\mathcal{C}})$

$$\eta \hookrightarrow (\mathcal{C}, d_{\mathcal{C}}) \xrightleftharpoons[\iota]{\pi} (\mathcal{H}, 0)$$

allows one to transfer a homotopy cooperad structure as follows. For any tree  $t \in \text{Tree}$  with at least 2 vertices, we consider all the possible ways of writing it by successive substitutions of trees with two vertices:

$$t = (((t_1 \circ_{j_1} t_2) \circ_{j_2} t_3) \cdots) \circ_{j_k} t_{k+1},$$

where  $t \circ_j s$  stands for the substitution of the tree  $s$  at the  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $t$ . The transferred structure map  $\tilde{\Delta}_t : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow t(\mathcal{H})$ , for  $t \in \text{Tree}$ , is then given by

$$\tilde{\Delta}_t := \sum \pm t(\pi) \circ ((\Delta_{t_{k+1}} \eta) \circ_{j_k} (\cdots (\Delta_{t_3} \eta) \circ_{j_2} ((\Delta_{t_2} \eta) \circ_{j_1} \Delta_{t_1}))) \circ \iota,$$

where the notation  $(\Delta_{t'} \eta) \circ_j \Delta_t$  means the composite of  $\Delta_t$  with  $\Delta_{t'} \eta$  at the  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex of the tree  $t$ . The induced  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure on the convolution algebra  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P})$  is then equals to

$$\ell_n(f_1, \dots, f_n) : \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(n)} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}(\pi)} \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})^{(n)} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{P},$$

where the map  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})^{(n)}$  is  $\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \mathcal{T}(f_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, f_{\sigma(n)})$  and where the map from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(n)}$  is  $\sum_{t \in \text{Tree}(n)} \sum \pm ((\Delta_{t_{n-1}} \eta) \circ_{j_{n-2}} (\dots (\Delta_{t_3} \eta) \circ_{j_2} ((\Delta_{t_2} \eta) \circ_{j_1} \Delta_{t_1})))$ . This latter map is equal to the iteration of the infinitesimal decomposition map of the cooperad  $\mathcal{C}$

$$\sum_{j_k \in \{1, \dots, k+1\}} \text{sgn}(\sigma_j) ((\Delta_{(1)} \eta) \circ_{j_{n-2}} (\dots (\Delta_{(1)} \eta) \circ_{j_2} ((\Delta_{(1)} \eta) \circ_{j_1} \Delta_{(1)}))) ,$$

where the sign  $\text{sgn}(\sigma_j)$  is given by the permutation associated to the following planar binary tree  $j$  with levels: any sequence of integers  $(j_1, \dots, j_{n-2})$  gives rise to a with  $n-1$  vertices such that the binary vertex at level  $n-1-k$  is at place  $j_k$ . All the other signs are straightforward applications of the sign rule of the permutations of graded elements.

On the other hand, the transferred  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure on  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P})$  through the pulled-back deformation retract

$$h := \eta^* \circlearrowleft (\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P}), \partial) \xrightleftharpoons[i := \pi^*]{p := \iota^*} (\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P}), \partial)$$

given by Theorem 3 is

$$l_n := \sum_{t \in \text{SBT}_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma^t) \text{sgn}(\sigma_t) i t([, ], h) (p)^{\otimes n} ,$$

where  $[, ]$  is the bracket of the convolution Lie algebra  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{P})$  equal to

$$[f, g] : \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\Delta_{(1)}} \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(2)} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}(f, g) - \mathcal{T}(g, f)} \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})^{(2)} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{P} .$$

So the map given by the labelled trees  $t([, ], h)$  amounts to splitting the elements of  $\mathcal{C}$  in all possible ways via iterations of  $(\Delta_{(1)} h)$ . In the end, the map  $l_n(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  is equal to

$$l_n(f_1, \dots, f_n) : \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})^{(n)} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{P} ,$$

where the map  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})^{(n)}$  is  $\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \mathcal{T}(f_{\sigma(1)} \pi, \dots, f_{\sigma(n)} \pi)$  and where the map from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})^{(n)}$  is  $\sum_{j_k \in \{1, \dots, k+1\}} \text{sgn}(\sigma_j) ((\Delta_{(1)} \eta) \circ_{j_{n-2}} (\dots (\Delta_{(1)} \eta) \circ_{j_2} ((\Delta_{(1)} \eta) \circ_{j_1} \Delta_{(1)})))$ . The sign  $\text{sgn}(\sigma_t)$  coincides with the sign  $\text{sgn}(\sigma_j)$ , the other signs are direct consequences of permutation of graded elements. Therefore,  $\ell_n = l_n$ .  $\square$

The  $L_\infty$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$  whose underlying space satisfies

$$\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}} = \mathfrak{g}_\Delta \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$$

is an extension of the two dg Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}_\Delta$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$  in the category of  $L_\infty$ -algebras.

**2.3. Gauge symmetries in Lie infinity algebras.** Let  $(\mathfrak{l}, \{\ell_n\}_{n \geq 1})$  be an  $L_\infty$ -algebra, and let  $\alpha$  be a (generalised) Maurer–Cartan element of that algebra. One can twist the original structure maps of  $\mathfrak{l}$  with  $\alpha$ :

$$\ell_n^\alpha(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \sum_{p \geq 0} \frac{1}{p!} \ell_{n+p}(\underbrace{\alpha, \dots, \alpha}_p, x_1, \dots, x_n) ,$$

so that  $\mathfrak{l}^\alpha := (\mathfrak{l}, \{\ell_n^\alpha\}_{n \geq 1})$  forms again an  $L_\infty$ -algebra, called a *twisted  $L_\infty$ -algebra*. Recall that a degree  $-1$  element  $\tau \in \mathfrak{l}$  is an infinitesimal deformation of  $\alpha$ , i.e.

$$\alpha + \varepsilon \tau \in \text{MC}(\mathfrak{l} \otimes \mathbb{K}[\varepsilon]/(\varepsilon^2)) ,$$

if and only if  $\ell_1^\alpha(\tau) = 0$ . So the tangent space of the Maurer–Cartan variety at the point  $\alpha$  is equal to

$$T_\alpha \text{MC}(\mathfrak{l}) = \text{Ker } \ell_1^\alpha .$$

In particular, if  $\lambda$  is an element of degree 0 in  $\mathfrak{l}$ , the element  $\tau_\lambda = \ell_1^\alpha(\lambda)$  satisfies the equation  $\ell_1^\alpha(\tau_\lambda) = 0$ ; so such an element defines an infinitesimal deformation of  $\alpha$ . The element  $\tau_\lambda$  depends on  $\alpha$ , and so defines a vector field; we just checked that this vector field is a tangent vector field of the Maurer–Cartan variety. Its integral curves give deformations of Maurer–Cartan elements, and define *gauge symmetries* of Maurer–Cartan elements of a  $L_\infty$ -algebra, see [Get09].

### 3. GAUGE INTERPRETATION OF GIVENTAL ACTION

In this section, we use the  $L_\infty$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$  to identify the Givental action with the homotopy BV gauge symmetries.

**3.1. The main theorem.** Any Maurer–Cartan element  $\alpha$  in  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$ , representing a homotopy hypercommutative algebra, is also a Maurer–Cartan element in  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$ . We shall deform  $\alpha$  in the direction of  $\mathfrak{g}_\Delta$  in the  $L_\infty$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$ . Let  $r(z) = \sum_{l \geq 1} r_l z^l$  be a degree 0 element of  $\mathfrak{g}_\Delta$ . The general definition of gauge symmetries implies that  $\ell_1^\alpha(r(z))$  is an infinitesimal deformation of  $\alpha$ . Note that although in general gauge symmetries for  $L_\infty$ -algebras form an  $\infty$ -groupoid [Get09], in our particular case  $\mathfrak{g}_\Delta$  is a dg Lie subalgebra, so the respective symmetries form a group. A hypercommutative algebra can also be viewed as a genus 0 CohFT, and as such can be deformed by the infinitesimal Givental action. In this section, we show that these two deformations are exactly the same, proving the following result.

**Theorem 5.** *For any hypercommutative algebra structure on  $A$  encoded by a Maurer–Cartan element  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$  and for any degree 0 element  $r(z) \in \mathfrak{g}_\Delta$ , the Givental action of  $r(z)$  on  $\alpha$  is equal to the gauge symmetry action:*

$$\widehat{r(z)} \cdot \alpha = \ell_1^\alpha(r(z)) .$$

The rest of this section is devoted to the proof of this formula.

**3.2. Gauge symmetries restrict to hypercommutative algebras.** Let us first check that the formula of Theorem 5 makes sense by proving the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *The infinitesimal gauge symmetry action of  $r(z)$  on  $\alpha$  deforms it in the class of hypercommutative algebra structures, i.e.*

$$\ell_1^\alpha(r(z)) \in T_\alpha \text{MC}(\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}) .$$

*Proof.* Since neither  $A$  nor the homotopy cooperad  $\mathcal{H} = H^Q(\text{BV})$  has a differential, the first term in the formula

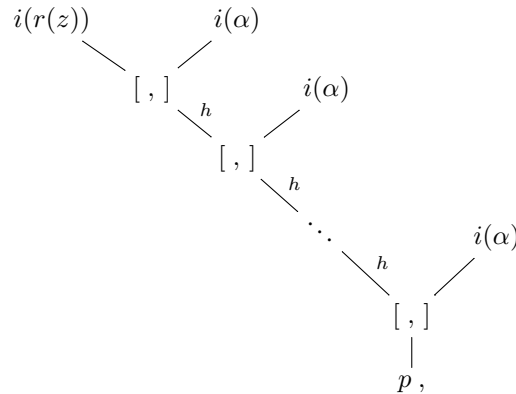
$$\ell_1^\alpha(r(z)) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \ell_n(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, r(z))$$

for the infinitesimal gauge symmetry vanishes. Therefore, only the terms with  $n > 1$  contribute to the above sum. Since the  $L_\infty$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$  is a convolution algebra, it is graded by arity of the maps minus one. So the map  $\ell_1^\alpha(r(z))$  vanishes on the arity one elements  $\overline{T}^c(\delta)$ .

Since  $\alpha$  is a Maurer–Cartan element, any tree in the homotopy transfer formulae which has two leaves with the same parent both labelled by  $i(\alpha)$  contributes zero to the terms  $\ell_n(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, r(z))$ . Therefore the only non-trivial contributions to the homotopy transfer formulae for

$$\ell_n(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, r(z)) = (-1)^{n-1} \ell_n(r(z), \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$$

are given by “left combs”



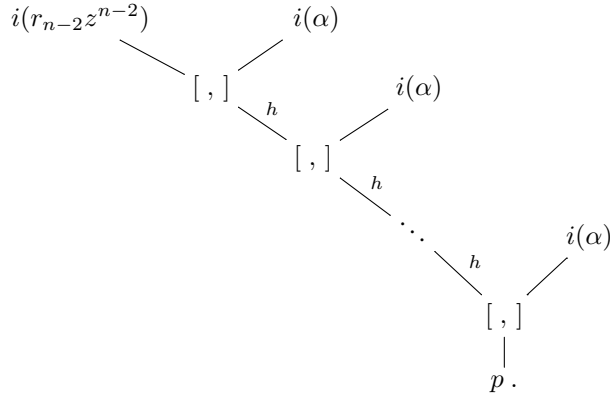
where  $i = (pr)^*$  and  $h = (\delta H)^*$ . To compute such a term as an element of  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$ , we should be able to evaluate it on any element  $b$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ . For that, there is the following recursive procedure. Such an element, viewed as an element in  $\text{Im } Hd_q \subset G^i$ , should be decomposed into two in all possible ways in the cooperad

$G^i$ . In the result  $b_1 \circ_i b_2$  of such a decomposition one should apply  $i(\alpha)$  to one of the arguments, the remaining part of our left comb to the other argument, and anti-symmetrise with respect to that choice.

Recall from [DV13] that  $\text{Im } Hd_\psi$  is weight graded by the number of vertices labelled by  $\mu$ ; we denote it by  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[k]}$ , for  $k \geq 1$ . This weight grading corresponds to the usual weight grading of the Koszul dual cooperad under the isomorphism  $\text{Im } Hd_\psi \cong \text{HyperCom}^i$ . So a hypercommutative algebra structure is equivalent to a Maurer-Cartan element  $\alpha \in \text{MC}(\mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}})$  which vanishes outside  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[1]}$ . Tracing the above recipe for computing the left comb as an element of  $\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}$ , one sees that if  $\alpha$  vanishes outside  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[1]}$ , then  $\ell_n(r(z), \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$  satisfies the same property. Indeed, suppose that we compute  $\ell_n(r(z), \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$  on an element  $b$  from  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[k]}$ . Under the first decomposition we get one element to which we apply  $i(\alpha)$  right away, and another element, to which we apply the rest of our left comb, which has  $h$  at the root, amounting to applying  $\delta H$ . The former element must belong to  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[1]}$  in order to be able to apply  $i(\alpha)$  to it, hence the latter element will belong to  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[k-1]}$ , and after applying  $\delta H$  will be back in  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[k]}$ . At the leaf level of the comb we shall end up with a zero contribution, since we shall be forced to apply  $i(\alpha)$  to an element from  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[k]}$  (and since  $i(r)$  vanishes on  $\text{Im } Hd_\psi$ ). This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3.3. Proof of Theorem 5.

*Proof of Theorem 5.* Let us examine the formulae in question carefully. Shuffle trees that we always use suggest that to make the notation most economic, we should replace each term  $\ell_n(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, r(z))$  in the formula for the infinitesimal gauge symmetry by the equal term  $(-1)^{n-1} \ell_n(r(z), \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$ , and examine those terms without signs. At the stage when we deal with the Givental formulae, we shall also modify them accordingly. Let us note that the only non-trivial contributions to  $\ell_1^\alpha(r(z))$  come from the terms  $\ell_n(r_{n-2}z^{n-2}, \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$ . Indeed, if we evaluate the homotopy transfer formula for  $\ell_n(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, r(z))$  on a particular element  $b$  of  $\text{Im } Hd_\psi$ , we see that in the inductive computation of the result, as described in the proof of Lemma 1, the total power  $\delta^{n-2}$  accumulates (each for one occurrence of  $h$ ). In the end, we apply  $r(z)$  to that power of  $\delta$ , so only  $r_{n-2}$  matters. Moreover, the contribution of  $\ell_n(r_{n-2}z^{n-2}, \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$  to  $\ell_1^\alpha(r(z))$  is precisely the left comb



The coefficient  $\frac{1}{(n-1)!}$  disappears since there are  $(n-1)!$  shuffle left combs of arity  $n$ .

Since both sides of the formula, we want to prove, are linear in  $r(z)$ , it is sufficient to prove the equality for each component  $r_k$  individually. Furthermore, due to the factorisation property, a CohFT is completely defined by its values on fundamental cycles, and equivalently, a hypercommutative algebra is defined once we defined its generating operations. Since we know that both the Givental action and the gauge action take a hypercommutative algebra to a hypercommutative algebra, it is sufficient to show that the Givental formula, once integrated over fundamental cycles gives the same operations as the gauge symmetry formula on  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[1]}$ . We shall prove that by induction on  $k$ , showing that both satisfy the same kind of recursion relation.

Let us denote by  $\lambda_n^{(k)} \in \text{End}_A(n)$  the value of the element  $(-1)^{k-1} \widehat{(rz^k \cdot \alpha)}_n$  on the fundamental cycle of  $\mathcal{M}_{0,n+1}$  (recall that we should change signs in the exact same way as we did for the gauge action), and by  $\theta_n^{(k)} \in \text{End}_A(n)$  the value of  $\ell_{k+2}(rz^k, \alpha, \dots, \alpha)$  on the  $n$ -ary generator from  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[1]}$ . Finally,

let us denote by  $\nu_n$  the value of the element  $\alpha$  on the fundamental cycle of  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n+1}$ . We remark that the elements  $\lambda_n^{(k)}$  and  $\theta_n^{(k)}$  are well defined for  $k \geq 1$ . For  $k = 0$ , although the corresponding elements do not literally belong to the Givental formalism or to the gauge symmetries respectively, the actual formulae make sense and are applicable. Both of them give the commutator in the endomorphism operad:

$$\lambda_n^{(0)} = \theta_n^{(0)} = r \circ_1 \nu_n - \sum_{m=1}^n \nu_n \circ_m r .$$

We show in the remaining part of this section that for each  $k \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n^{(k+1)} &= \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \lambda_{|J|+1}^{(k)} \circ_1 \nu_{|I|} - \left(1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}\right) \nu_{|J|+1} \circ_1 \lambda_{|I|}^{(k)}, \\ \theta_n^{(k+1)} &= \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \theta_{|J|+1}^{(k)} \circ_1 \nu_{|I|} - \left(1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}\right) \nu_{|J|+1} \circ_1 \theta_{|I|}^{(k)}. \end{aligned}$$

These formulae, together with the fact that  $\lambda_n^{(0)} = \theta_n^{(0)}$  imply that  $\lambda_n^{(k)} = \theta_n^{(k)}$  for all  $k$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**3.4. Recursion relation for the Givental action.** In this section, we shall prove the recursion relation for the Givental action stated above.

**Lemma 2.** *The components of the Givental action on the fundamental classes satisfy the recurrence relation*

$$(5) \quad \lambda_n^{(k+1)} = \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \lambda_{|J|+1}^{(k)} \circ_1 \nu_{|I|} - \left(1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}\right) \nu_{|J|+1} \circ_1 \lambda_{|I|}^{(k)}, \quad \text{for } k \geq 0 .$$

*Proof.* Proving (5) essentially amounts to somewhat imaginative application of Relations (1) and (2). Let us explain how that is done.

We evaluate  $(-1)^k \widehat{(rz^{k+1} \cdot \alpha)}_n$  using Formula (3) as

$$\begin{aligned} r \circ_1 \alpha_n \cdot \psi_0^{k+1} + (-1)^{k+2} \sum_{m=1}^n \alpha_n \cdot \psi_m^{k+1} \circ_m r + \\ + \sum_{\substack{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}, |I| \geq 2, \\ i+j=k}} (-1)^{j+1} \tilde{\rho}_* \left( (\alpha_{|J|+1} \cdot \psi_1^j) \otimes (r \circ_1 \alpha_{|I|} \cdot \psi_0^i) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We shall represent this and subsequent formulae pictorially, so that

$$\begin{aligned} r \circ_1 \alpha_n \cdot \psi_0^{k+1} &= \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{n} \\ \text{---} \\ r\psi^{k+1} \end{array}, \\ \alpha_n \cdot \psi_m^{k+1} \circ_m r &= \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^{k+1} \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{n} \\ \text{---} \end{array}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{\rho}_* \left( (\alpha_{|J|+1} \cdot \psi_1^j) \otimes (r \circ_1 \alpha_{|I|} \cdot \psi_0^i) \right) =$$

so that the label of each vertex is the set of its “free” inputs.

First, let us rewrite the first term in the formula for the Givental action using Formula (1). That formula depends on a choice of  $i_1, i_2 \in \underline{n}$ , and to obtain something symmetric, we shall average over all such choices. Using the factorisation property of genus 0 CohFT, we obtain

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{\underline{n}} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ r\psi^{k+1} \end{array} = \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{I} \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{J} \\ r\psi^k \end{array},$$

where the tree on the right-hand side represents  $\tilde{\rho}_* ((r \circ_1 \psi_0^k \cdot \alpha_{|J|+1}) \otimes \alpha_{|I|})$ .

To deal with the first sum in the formula, let us recall that, by Formula (2), we have

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^{k+1} \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{\underline{n}} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \psi \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{\underline{n}} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \psi \end{array} = \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{I} \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{J} \end{array}.$$

Since Formula (1) gives,

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{\underline{n}} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \psi \end{array} = \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{I} \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{J} \end{array} + \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{I} \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{J} \end{array},$$

then we have

$$(7) \quad (-1)^{k+2} \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^{k+1} \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{\underline{n}} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \psi \end{array} = (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \left( \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} - 1 \right) \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{I} \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{J} \end{array} +$$

$$+ (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{I \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{I} \quad r\psi^k \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{J} \end{array}.$$

Let us rewrite the second sum in the formula. Let us first outline our strategy. For  $i, j > 0$ , we split the term

$$(-1)^{j+1} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ | \\ \textcircled{I} \\ | \\ \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^j \text{---} \cdots \\ | \\ \textcircled{J} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

into two pieces,

$$(-1)^{j+1} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ | \\ \textcircled{I} \\ | \\ \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^j \text{---} \cdots \\ | \\ \textcircled{J} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad (-1)^{j+1} \frac{\binom{|J|}{2} + |I||J|}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ | \\ \textcircled{I} \\ | \\ \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^j \text{---} \cdots \\ | \\ \textcircled{J} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}.$$

We rewrite the first term using Formula (1), as in the first case above, and the second term using Formulae (2) and (1), as in the second case above. Then, we shall again average over various choices, although in the second case, the choices have to be somewhat more subtle than just all possibilities with equal coefficients. Finally, we examine the contribution of extreme terms (where either  $i$  or  $j$  is equal to zero). We split them in a similar fashion into a weighted sum of two, but then perform similar computations with the two.

So rewriting

$$(-1)^{j+1} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ | \\ \textcircled{I} \\ | \\ \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^j \text{---} \cdots \\ | \\ \textcircled{J} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

using Formula (1) yields

$$(8) \quad (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{I_1 \sqcup I_2 \sqcup J = \underline{n}} \frac{\binom{|I_1|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ | \\ \textcircled{I_1} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \textcircled{I_2} \\ | \\ \psi^{i-1} \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^j \text{---} \cdots \\ | \\ \textcircled{J} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array},$$



[illegible]
$$(-1)^{j+1} \sum_{I \sqcup J_1 \sqcup J_2 = \underline{n}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } I \text{ connected to } \psi^i, \text{ which is connected to } r, \text{ which is connected to } \psi^{j-1}, \text{ which is connected to } J_1 \text{ and } J_2. \end{array} - (-1)^{j+1} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2: } I \text{ connected to } \psi^i, \text{ which is connected to } r, \text{ which is connected to } \psi^{j-1}, \text{ which is connected to } J. \end{array}$$
$$(9) \quad (-1)^{j+1} \left( 1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \right) \sum_{I \sqcup J_1 \sqcup J_2 = \underline{n}}$$
$$(-1)^j \frac{\binom{|J|}{2} + |I||J|}{\binom{n}{2}}$$

using Formula (1). We shall average it over the variety of  $\binom{|J|}{2} + |I||J|$  different choices of two leaves:  $\binom{|J|}{2}$  choices where both leaves belong to  $J$ , and “ $|I||J|$  choices where one leaf belongs to  $I$  and the other leaf belongs to  $J$ ”, or more precisely the choices where one leaf belongs to  $J$ , and the other leaf is the

“connector” between the two corollas, taken with multiplicity  $|I|$ . The result is made up of

$$(10) \quad (-1)^j \frac{|I||J_1|}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{I \sqcup J_1 \sqcup J_2 = \underline{n}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ \circlearrowleft I \\ \text{---} \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^{j-1} \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_1 \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_2 \end{array} ,$$

$$(11) \quad (-1)^j \frac{\binom{|J_1|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{I \sqcup J_1 \sqcup J_2 = \underline{n}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ \circlearrowleft I \\ \text{---} \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^{j-1} \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_1 \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_2 \end{array} ,$$

and

$$(12) \quad (-1)^j \frac{\binom{|J_1|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{I \sqcup J_1 \sqcup J_2 = \underline{n}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ \circlearrowleft I \\ \text{---} \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^{j-1} \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_2 \text{---} \cdots \circlearrowleft J_1 \end{array} .$$

Let us remark that the terms (9), (10), and (11) collect altogether into

$$(13) \quad (-1)^j \left( \frac{\binom{|I \sqcup J_1|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} - 1 \right) \sum_{I \sqcup J_1 \sqcup J_2 = \underline{n}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \\ \circlearrowleft I \\ \text{---} \psi^i \text{---} r \text{---} \psi^{j-1} \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_1 \text{---} \cdots \\ \circlearrowleft J_2 \end{array} ,$$

There are just two terms where some of our manipulations would not work (they correspond to  $i = 0$  and to  $j = 0$ , where either the top  $\psi$ -class or the bottom  $\psi$ -class is missing, and therefore only one of the two weighted parts into which we split the respective term would be rewritten). Those additional contributions

$$(14) \quad (-1)^{k+1} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}$$

The diagram shows two circular vertices, \$I\$ and \$J\$. Vertex \$I\$ is at the top left and has three incoming lines from above, indicated by dots. Vertex \$J\$ is at the bottom right and has one outgoing line below it, indicated by a dot. A line connects vertex \$I\$ to vertex \$J\$, with the label \$r\$ placed near vertex \$I\$ and \$\psi^k\$ placed near vertex \$J\$.

$$(15) \quad -\left(1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}\right)$$
$$\frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \lambda_{|J|+1}^{(k)} \circ_1 \nu_{|I|}$$
$$-\left(1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}\right) \nu_{|J|+1} \circ_1 \lambda_{|I|}^{(k)}$$

**3.5. Recursion relation for the gauge symmetries action.** Let us now prove the same recursion relation for the gauge symmetries action.

$$(16) \quad \theta_n^{(k+1)} = \sum_{I \sqcup J = n} \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \theta_{|J|+1}^{(k)} \circ_1 \nu_{|I|} - \left(1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}\right) \nu_{|J|+1} \circ_1 \theta_{|I|}^{(k)}, \quad \text{for } k \geq 0.$$
$$C := \begin{array}{c} i(rz^{k+1}) \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ [\,,\,] \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]}_h \quad i(\alpha) \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \diagdown \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad [\,,\,] \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \vdots \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \phantom{[\,,\,]}_h \quad i(\alpha) \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \diagdown \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad [\,,\,] \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad | \\ \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad \phantom{[\,,\,]} \quad p \end{array}$$

with the  $k + 1$  edges labelled by  $h$ . Let us start evaluating this map on the element  $b$  of  $(\mathrm{Im} \, Hd_\psi)^{[1]}(n)$  representing the  $n$ -ary generator of HyperCom. It follows from [DV13] that  $b = H(\sum t)$ , where  $t$  ranges over all shuffle binary trees with  $n$  leaves and with internal vertices labelled by  $\beta$ . Thus, the element  $b$

is equal to the weighted sum of shuffle binary trees with one internal vertex labelled by  $\mu$  and the others labelled by  $\beta$ . The application of the left comb  $C$  to  $b$  amounts to computing the weighted sum of elements

$$C'(\delta H(b')) \circ_i i(\alpha)(b'') - i(\alpha)(b') \circ_i C'(\delta H(b'')) ,$$

over all ways to split  $b$  as a decomposition  $b' \circ_i b''$ , where  $b'$  has the  $J \sqcup \{i\}$  as its set of leaves,  $b''$  has  $I$  as its set of leaves, and where  $C'$  denotes the “top part” of the left comb. Since  $\alpha$  vanishes outside  $(\text{Im } Hd_\psi)^{[1]}$ , we may only apply  $i(\alpha)$  to the part of the decomposition that contains the only corolla labelled by  $\mu$ . This means that in the term  $C'(\delta H(b')) \circ_i i(\alpha)(b'')$  all weights coming from the formula for  $H$  are within  $b''$ . It follows that  $b'$  is the sum of all shuffle binary trees with the set of leaves  $J \sqcup \{i\}$ , and  $C'(\delta H(b'))$  is nothing but  $\theta_{|J|+1}^{(k)}$ , since the additional occurrence of  $\delta$  we now have will only affect the power  $z$  at the last stage. To write  $b''$  as an element of the image of  $H$  we just need to modify the denominators of the weights; all numerators are automatically correct:

$$i(\alpha)(b'') = \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \alpha(Hd_\psi(b'')) .$$

Similarly, in the term  $i(\alpha)(b') \circ_i C'(\delta H(b''))$ , all weights coming from the formula for  $H$  are within  $b'$ , so  $b''$  is the sum of all shuffle binary trees with the set of leaves  $I$ , and  $C'(\delta H(b''))$  is nothing but  $\theta_{|I|}^{(k)}$ . In  $b'$  the weights are not quite correct, however, when applying  $i(\alpha)$  to  $b'$ , one uses the projection  $Hd_\psi$ , which turns out to create the correct weights. Indeed, since each term in  $b'$  is a tree monomial containing exactly one vertex labelled  $\mu$ , its image under  $d_\psi$  is a tree monomial of the same shape where all vertices are labelled  $\beta$ , and then the application of  $H$  to that monomial creates correct weights. Thus  $i(\alpha)(b')$  differs from  $\nu_{|J|+1}$  by a scalar multiple, which is the sum of the  $H$ -weights of the vertices of  $b'$  computed for those vertices viewed as vertices of  $b$ . For each tree monomial that sum is equal to  $1 - \frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}$  since the total sum of weights of all vertices of a given tree is equal to 1 and since we already noticed that for  $b''$  the sum of weights is equal to  $\frac{\binom{|I|}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**3.6. Givental action on homotopy hypercommutative algebras.** If in Theorem 5 we assume  $A$  to be a chain complex with a non-zero differential, the result remains true for the modified statement

$$\ell_1^\alpha(r(z)) = [d_A, r(z)] + \widehat{r(z)} \cdot \alpha .$$

In particular, the Givental formulae define an action if we restrict ourselves to the subalgebra of the Givental Lie algebra consisting of elements that commute with  $d_A$ . (This restriction makes sense, as only this way the Givental formulae are homotopically meaningful). A direct consequence of this theorem is that the Givental group action on hypercommutative algebras extends naturally to homotopy hypercommutative algebras. This suggests the following definition.

**Definition 8.** Let a homotopy hypercommutative algebra structure on a chain complex  $A$  be encoded by a Maurer–Cartan element  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$ , and let  $r(z)$  be a degree 0 element of  $\mathfrak{g}_\Delta$  commuting with  $d_A$ . The infinitesimal Givental action is the gauge symmetry action of  $r(z)$  on  $\alpha$ :

$$\widehat{r(z)} \cdot \alpha := \ell_1^\alpha(r(z)) .$$

**3.7. Skeletal homotopy Batalin–Vilkovisky algebras via the Givental action.** In [DSV13], we described the Givental stabilisers of commutative algebras viewed as genus 0 CohFTs of homological degree 0, and related them to the notion of commutative homotopy BV-algebras. The above generalisation of the Givental action allows us to formulate the following conjecture giving an explicit definition of skeletal homotopy BV-algebras.

**Conjecture 1.** Let  $A$  be a chain complex that has both a structure of a homotopy hypercommutative algebra encoded by a Maurer–Cartan element  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}_{\text{HyperCom}}$ , and that of a multicomplex encoded by a Maurer–Cartan element  $r(z) \in \mathfrak{g}_\Delta$ . Then

$$\widehat{r(z)} \cdot \alpha = 0 \iff r(z) + \alpha \in \text{MC}(\mathfrak{l}_{\text{BV}}) .$$

In other words, the Givental action formulae applied to  $r(z)$  preserve  $\alpha$  if and only if the element  $r(z) + \alpha$  encodes a skeletal homotopy BV-algebra.

Note that the term  $\widehat{r(z)}.\alpha$  makes sense, since Definition 8 can be applied to elements  $r(z) \in z \operatorname{End}_A[[z]]$  of arbitrary homological degrees. In the particular case when  $\alpha$  encodes a commutative algebra structure, this conjecture would immediately imply Theorem 1 of [DSV13].

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