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Motivic homotopy  
type?

# Motivic cohomology:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Var/k} & \longrightarrow & R\text{-mod} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ X & \longmapsto & H^{i,j}(X, R) \end{array}$$

## Properties:

1. Mayer - Vietoris for open and closed coverings
2.  $\mathbb{A}'$  - homotopy invariance
3. Blow-up exact sequence

Th. 1  $H^{i,i}(\text{Spec } k, R)$

is a quadratic algebra  
for any field  $k$  and  
coefficients ring  $R$

Th. 2  $H^{i,i}(\text{Spec } k, \mathbb{Z}/2)$

$= H^i(k, \mathbb{Z}/2)$  for  
 $\text{char } k \neq 2$ .

Cor:  $H^*(k, \mathbb{Z}/2)$  is a  
quadratic algebra.

Conjecture :

$$H^{i,j}(X, R) = 0$$

for  $i < 0$  and any  
 $X, R.$

Another approach to  
motivic cohomology

- categories  $DM(X, R)$

In topology :

$$H^i(X, R) = \text{Hom}(R, R[i])$$

In motives :

$$H^{ij}(X, R) =$$

-  $\text{Hom}_{DM(X, R)}(R, R(j)[i])$

Objects  $DM^{\text{eff}}(X, R)$

are complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Y_n \rightarrow Y_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0$$

where  $Y_n$  are smooth

algebraic varieties over

$X$  and differentials

are finite corresponden-

~~ees~~ over  $X$  with coef.  
 $R$ .

## The complex

$$0 \rightarrow P' \times X \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$$

is called the Tate object and denoted  $R(\cdot)$ .

## The complex

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$$

denoted  $R$  or  $R(0)$  is the unit of the obvious tensor structure

One sets:

$$R(n) \stackrel{df}{=} R(1)^{\otimes n}$$

and defines the triangulated category  
of Tate motives  
over  $X$  with coef.  
in  $R$  as the trian-  
gulated sub. cat. gene-  
rated by  $R(n)$ 's.

Conjecture : For any  
field  $k$  and a  
 $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra  $R$  there  
exists a pro-algebraic  
group  $\text{Gal}_{\text{TdR}}(k)$  ov.  
 $R$  together with a  
distinguished representation  
of  $\text{Gal} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$   
such that

the triangulated subcategory of  $DM(\mathrm{Spec} k, R)$   
generated by  $R(n)$ 's  
is equivalent to the  
derived category of  
representations of  
 $\mathrm{Gal}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}}$ .

Conj:

$D^b(\text{Rep Gal}_{\text{tun}}(k))$

$\downarrow$ s  ~~$\otimes$~~ , triang.

$DT(\text{Spec } k, R)$

Cor. 1  $H^{i,i}(\text{Spec } k, R)$

is quadratic

Cor. 2  $H^{i,j}(\text{Spec } k, R) = 0$

for  $i < 0$ .

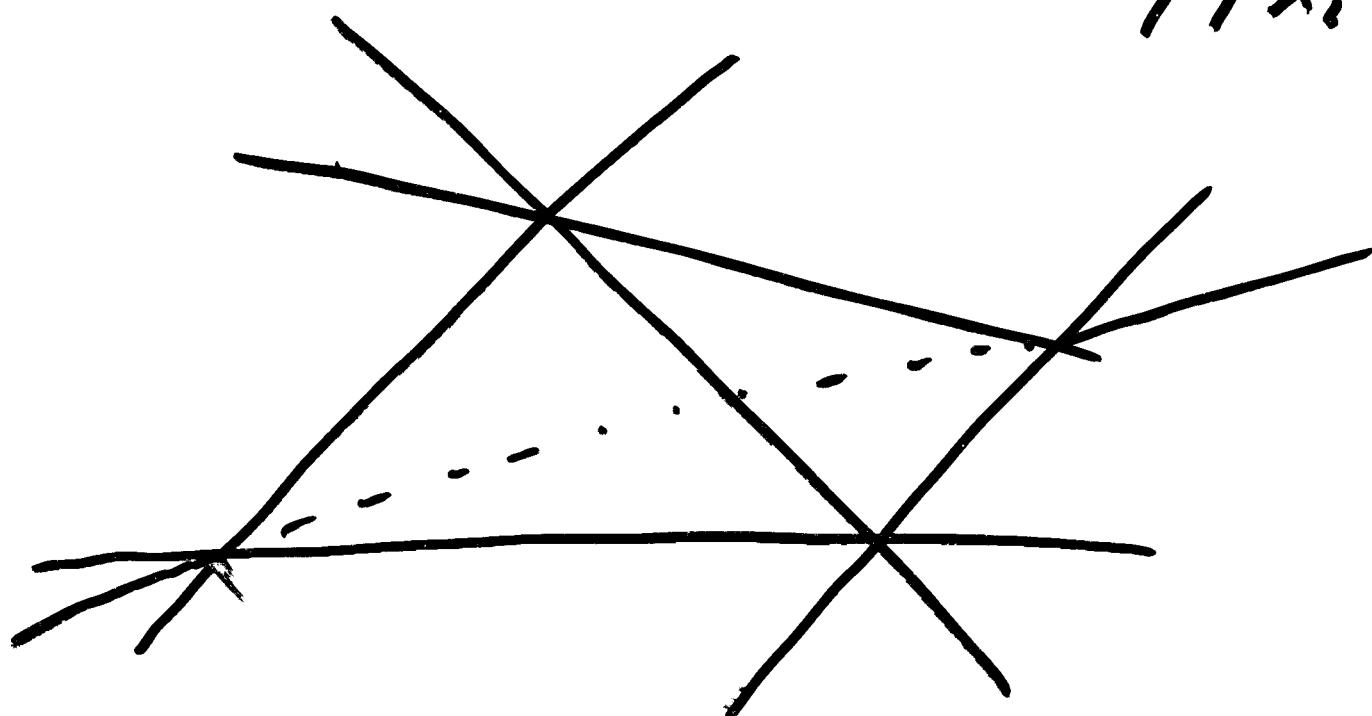
Conjecture fails

for general  $X$  or  
 $R$  which are not  
 $\mathbb{Q}$  - algebras.

Example:

$$X = \partial\Delta^3 =$$

$$= \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_3] / \begin{matrix} \sum x_i = 1 \\ \prod x_i = 0 \end{matrix}$$



$H^{ij}(X, Q) = 0$  for

$j < 0$

(true for all  $X$ )

$$H^{\bullet i, 0}(X, Q) = \begin{cases} Q & i=0 \\ 0 & i=1 \\ Q & i=2 \\ 0 & i \neq 0, 2 \end{cases}$$

(from closed M.-V.  
and  $A'$ -homotopy invariance)

Discrete groups

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Pointed homotopy types

$$G \longrightarrow BG$$

Algebraic groups

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Models for algebraic  
homotopy types -

- commutative, as-  
sociative cosimplicial  
algebras.

Discrete homotopy type

represented by a simplicial set  $X.$

$$\dots x_2 \equiv x_1 = x_0$$

maps to the algebra  
of functions on  $X.$

with values in  $\mathbb{R}$   
with pointwise multi-  
plication.  $\boxed{X. \rightarrow R(X.)}$

Algebraic group  $G$   
maps to the algebra  
of functions on the  
simplicial variety  $BG$

$$\boxed{\text{I } G \times G \equiv G = \bullet}$$

$$[G \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(B, G)]$$

One can define triangulated category of modules over cosimplicial algebra such that :

$$D(\mathcal{O}(B, G)\text{-mod}) \cong D(\text{Rep } G)$$

$$D(R(X)) = D_{lc}(X)$$

Conjecture: Let  $X$   
be a variety over  $k$   
and  $R$  a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra  
There exists  $A_{\text{TU}}^i(k, R)$

such that

$$D(A_{\text{TU}}^i(k, R)) \cong DT(k, R)$$

In particular:

$$\bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} H^{i+j}(X, R) =$$

$$= H^i(N(A'(X, R))).$$

All standard constructions give

$$\bigoplus_{i,j} H^{i+j} = \bigoplus H^i(N(B.))$$

for simplicial  $B.$  !!