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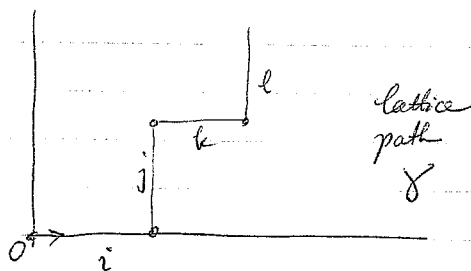
NON-COMM. FOURIER TRANSFORM, CHEN + HOLONOMY

Motivations

1. Non-commutative monomials & paths

$x, y$  do not commute ; monomial  $x^i y^j x^k y^l \dots$

$$\left\{ \sum_{i,j,k,l,\dots} c_{ijkl\dots} x^i y^j x^k y^l \dots \right\} = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y \rangle$$



Similarly,  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  ; monomials  $x^\gamma$  for  $\gamma$  a monotone lattice path

$$\sum_{\gamma} c_{\gamma} x^{\gamma} \quad \text{summation over paths}$$

$\mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  homomorphism into commutative  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\sum_{\gamma} c_{\gamma} x^{\gamma} \longmapsto \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n} a_{\alpha} x^{\alpha}$$

$$a_{\alpha} = \sum_{\gamma: 0 \rightarrow \alpha} c_{\gamma} \quad (\text{a Feynman path integrator})$$

Want to consider the continuous version of this :

Subdivide the lattice ; allow  $x_i^{1/m}$  and look at  $m \rightarrow \infty$

Assume  $\gamma$  continuous and piecewise smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , origin  $O$ .  
Can approximate by  $\frac{1}{m}$ -integer paths,  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

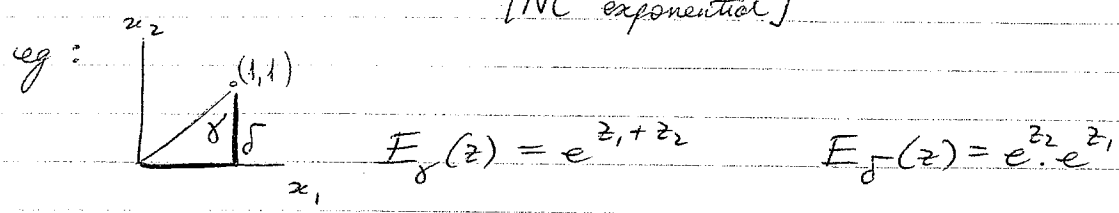
$$x_i = e^{z_i} \Rightarrow x_i^{1/m} = e^{1/m z_i} \in \mathbb{C}\langle z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle$$

[ Holonomy of connection ] (power series)  $\mathcal{H}$

let  $\Omega = \sum z_i dt_i \in \Omega^1 \otimes \mathcal{A}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The approximation  $\Rightarrow$

$E_\gamma(z) = \text{holonomy of } \Omega$  (A "connection")

[NC exponential]



Idea: NC Fourier transform: representing integrals for paths like this

$$F(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathcal{A} \quad \text{as} \quad \int_\gamma E_\gamma(z) \underbrace{D\gamma}_{\text{measure}}$$

In terms of Chevaler's iterated integrals:

Suppose  $M$  a  $C^\infty$ -manifold;  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_p$  1-forms;  $\gamma$  a path in  $M$

$\int_\gamma \omega_i \in \mathbb{C}$  parameterize  $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow M$   
 $\gamma|_{[0,s]}: [0,s] \rightarrow M$

$\int_{(\gamma)} \omega_1$  a function on  $\gamma$   
 $s \mapsto \int_{\gamma|_{[0,s]}} \omega_1$

$$\int_{(\gamma)} \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2 = \int_\gamma \left( \int_{(\gamma)} \omega_1 \right) \cdot \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$\int_{(\gamma)} \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$  a function on  $\gamma$

$\int_{(\gamma)} \omega_1 \dots \omega_p \in \mathbb{C}$

Can take  $\omega_i \in \Omega^1_n \otimes R$  for any associative algebra  $R$

If  $\omega \in \Omega_m^1 \otimes R$  connection form for an ordinary  $\nabla$   
 (End(E))

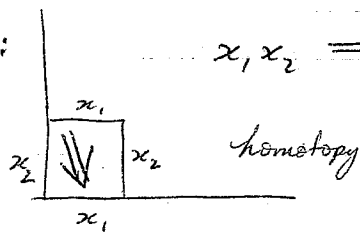
$$H(\omega) = 1 + \int \omega + \int \omega \cdot \omega + \int \omega \cdot \omega \cdot \omega + \dots$$

\* holonomy

Now for higher dimensional membranes! instead of paths:

For  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ ,  $x_i$  the step in the  $i$ -th direction

Idea:



$$x_1 x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 x_1$$

Introduce  $x_{ij}$ ,  $i < j$ , of degree -1

$$d(x_{ij}) = [x_i, x_j] = x_i x_j - x_j x_i$$

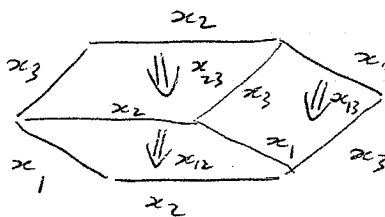
}  $B_{\leq 2}$   
 dg algebra

Want to relate to 2-categories:

let  $C_{\leq 2}$  be the 2-category generated by the 2-skeleton of the cubical lattice in  $R^n$ .

Want  $C_{\leq 2} \rightarrow B_{\leq 2}$

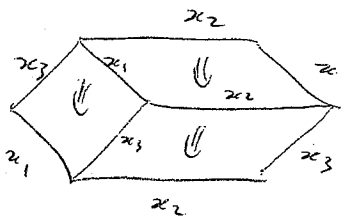
Pasting of cube



giving rule in  $B_{\leq 2}$

$$x_1 x_{23} + x_{13} x_2 + x_3 x_{12}$$

Alternative choice



$$x_{12} x_3 + x_2 x_{13} + x_{23} x_1$$

⇒ Extend  $B_{\leq 2}$  to  $B_{\leq 3}$  by adding  $x_{ijk}$  (degree  $-2$ )

$$d(x_{ijk}) = x_{ij}x_k + x_jx_{ik} + x_{jk}x_i$$

$$- x_ix_{jk} - x_{ik}x_j - x_kx_{ij}$$

$$= [x_{ij}, x_k] + [x_j, x_{ik}] + [x_{jk}, x_i]$$

enveloping algebra of a dg. Lie algebra :

$$B_{\leq 3} = U(L_{\leq 3})$$

Full dg. algebra  $B$

Generators  $x_I$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I = \{i_1 < \dots < i_p \mid i_1 \geq 1, i_p \leq n\} \\ \text{degree} = -p + 1 \end{array} \right.$

$$d(x_I) = \sum_{I=J \amalg K} \varepsilon(J, K) [x_J, x_K]$$

$I=J \amalg K$

disjoint union

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sign of shuffle

$$d^2 = 0$$

Theorem

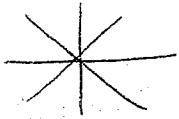
$B$  is a free N.C. resolution of  $C[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Wrt this  $d$ ,

$$H^j(B) = \begin{cases} C[-j] & j=0 \\ 0 & j \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof

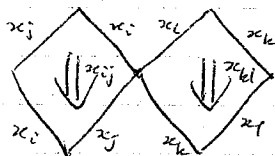
uses  $\mathbb{H} =$  Harrison complex of a free graded commutative algebra

\*  $C_{\leq n}$  a  $n$ -category



Want to realize  $C_{\leq n}$  inside  $B$ . Problem for  $n=2$ :

Consider pasting



What element of  $B$  is this?

Pasting  $\Rightarrow$  2 different results.

However, the difference is  $d[x_{ij}, x_{kl}]$

So could consider quotient algebra by this ... define

$$D_{\leq 2} = B / d(\text{all commutators involving } x_I, |I| \geq 2)$$

$$= B_{\leq 2} / d([x_{ij}, x_{kl}])$$

$$C_{\leq 2} \text{ quotiented by translations} \longrightarrow D_{\leq 2}$$

Continuous version

Extend  $\langle z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle$  by  $z_{ij}, z_{ijk}, \dots$  as above.

$$\text{Get } \hat{B} = B \otimes_{\langle z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle} \dots; (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

" "  
" $B_0$ "

$$\Omega = \sum_i z_i dt_i + \sum_{i < j} z_{ij} dt_i dt_j + \sum_{i < j < k} z_{ijk} dt_i dt_j dt_k + \dots$$

total degree 1

$$\underline{\text{Claim}}: d\Omega + \frac{1}{2} [\Omega, \Omega] = 0$$

FLAT CONNECTION

Relation of this to connections on gerbes:

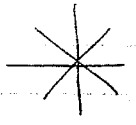
Crossed module

$$G^{-1} \xrightarrow{d} G^0 \quad G^0 \text{ acts on } G^{-1}$$

ie. 2-groups with 1 object

If  $G^i$  are Lie groups,  $\mathfrak{g}^i$  the Lie algebras

$$\left( \mathfrak{g}^0 \right) \mathfrak{g}^{-1} \xrightarrow{d} \mathfrak{g}^0 = dg\text{-Lie algebra in degrees } -1, 0$$

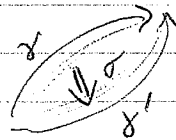


Let  $M$  a manifold.

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &\in (\Omega_m^0 \otimes \mathfrak{g}^0)^1, & F &= d\Omega + \frac{1}{2} [\Omega, \Omega] \in (\Omega_m^0 \otimes \mathfrak{g}^0)^2 \\ &= \Omega_1 + \Omega_2 & &= \tilde{\Omega}_2 \in \Omega_m^2 \otimes \mathfrak{g}^0 \\ &\text{usual connections} & &+ \tilde{\Omega}_3 \in \Omega_m^3 \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

If  $F=0$  then the claim is that  $\forall$  membranes  $\gamma$

$$\exists H(\gamma) \in U(\mathfrak{g}^0)^{-1} \text{ with } dH(\gamma) = H(\gamma) - H(\gamma')$$



Depends on  $\gamma$  up to reparameterisation.

Chen's iterated integrals written as functions/forms on space of paths,  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ .

$$\gamma \mapsto \int_{\gamma} \omega_1 \dots \omega_p \quad \omega_i \in \Omega^1$$

If  $\omega_i \in \Omega_m^{l_i}$  then have

$$\int_{\gamma} \omega_1 \dots \omega_p \in \Omega_{\mathcal{P}(M)}^{\sum l_i - 1}$$

$$H = \sum \int_{\mathcal{P}(M)} \Omega \dots \Omega \in \left( \Omega_{\mathcal{P}(M)}^0 \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}^0) \right)^0$$

"Chen's Holonomy"



If  $F=0$ , then  $dH=0$  on each  $P(a, b)$ . start  
↓  
end

$$H_0 \in \Omega_{P(M)}^0 \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}^*)$$

$$H_1 \in \Omega_{P(M)}^1 \otimes U(\mathfrak{g}^*)^{-1}$$

$$H(\sigma) = \int_I H_1 \quad \text{over paths in } P(M)$$

We had  $\Omega \in (\Omega_{\mathbb{R}^n}^0 \otimes \hat{B}^*)^1$  for  $\hat{B}^* = U(\hat{L}^1)$

$\hat{L}^*$  sits in degrees  $\{-n+1, \dots, 0\}$

$$\hat{L}^{\geq -1} / d(\hat{L}^{-2}) \longleftarrow (\text{i.e. } d[z_{ij}, z_{kl}]) \quad \text{lie}^* \text{ crossed module}$$

Smooth membranes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (modulo reparameterization)

$$\downarrow$$

$$U(\hat{L}^{\geq -1} / d\hat{L}^{-2})$$

Berges

ITERATED WREATH PRODUCT

- Will talk about
1.  $\Delta$  + 1-fold loop spaces
  2. New categories out of  $\Delta$  + n-fold loop spaces
  3. n-operads vs  $E_n$ -operads

Ref: G. Segal (1974) Theorem Special  $\Gamma$ -spaces as models for  $\infty$ -loop spaces.  
 Special  $\Delta$ -spaces model 1-fold loop spaces.

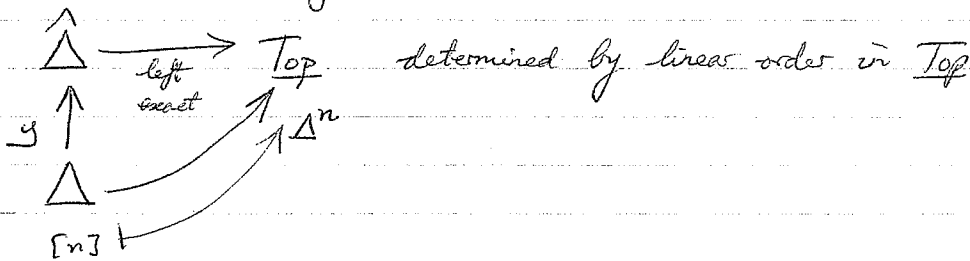
Motivation: comparison of Segal and May approaches to loop spaces

Objects of  $\Delta$   $[n] = \{0 < 1 < \dots < n\}$  (geometric)  
 Arrows of  $\Delta$  functors  $[m] \rightarrow [n]$

$$\Delta \xleftarrow[\text{dense}]{\text{Cat}} \xrightarrow[\mathcal{N}]{\text{Set}^{\Delta^{op}}} \hat{\Delta}$$

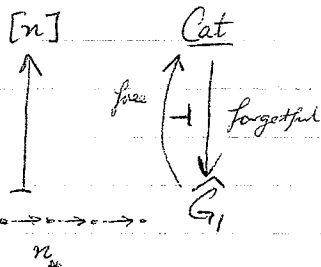
nerve

$\hat{\Delta}$  is a classifying topos for linear orders  $\Rightarrow$  nice geometric realization:



$\Delta_0 \subset \Delta$  morphisms are the free morphisms in  $\Delta$   
 $= \{ \phi \mid \phi(i+1) = \phi(i) + 1 \}$   
 $\forall i$

let  $G_1$  be the category  $\Rightarrow$



$\Delta_0$  is a site for topology = epimorphic family of morphisms.

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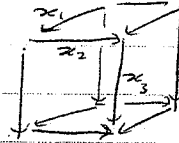
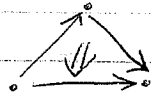
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NC FOURIER TRANSFORM II (Requel)

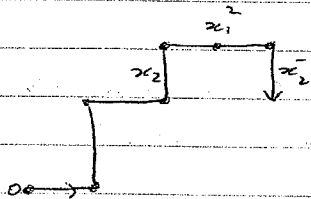
Street-free  $n$ -categories eg: simplices + cubes



monomials  
in  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

Chen (1950's): papers about paths

Let  $F(n)$  free group on  $x_1, \dots, x_n =$  lattice paths in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 module translations =  
 (begin paths at 0)

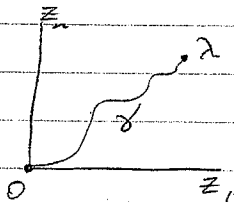


module cancellations

Associate to this path  $\gamma$ ,

$$F(\gamma)(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

See  
 previous  
 talk



$$\downarrow c$$

$$\exp\left(\sum \lambda_i z_i\right)$$

$F(\gamma)(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathcal{A}$   
 grouplike element

Hopf algebra,  $z_i$  primitive,  $\mathcal{A} = \langle\langle z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle\rangle$

Considers  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{A}^*$  grouplike elements in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  the

$\varinjlim \mathcal{E}_d$  for  $\mathcal{E}_d$  the free degree  $d$  unipotent group. (Lie)

Let  $\mathbb{T} = \{ \gamma \text{ module reparameterization and cancellation} \}$

$\mathbb{T} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}$  embedding (Chen), dense ( $\rightarrow \mathcal{E}_d$  surjective)

Idea of NC Fourier Transform

$\{ \text{NC functions of } z_1, \dots, z_n \} \longleftrightarrow$   
 with measures on  $\mathbb{T}$

$$\mu \mapsto F(z) = \int_{\sigma \in \Pi} E_{\sigma}(z) d\mu$$

Example:  $e^{-z_1^2} \dots -z_n^2$

let  $M$  a  $C^{\infty}$ -manifold;  $P_M$  groupoid of paths in  $M$  (piecewise) modulo reparam. and cancellatio.  
 want to view as a Lie algebroid:

Definition A Lie algebroid is

A vector bundle  $E \xrightarrow{q} TM$  with Lie algebra structure in sections for  $q$  a morphism of Lie algebras, and for sections  $s$  and  $t$

$$[fs, t] - f \cdot [s, t] = -(\mathcal{L}_{q(t)} f) \cdot s$$

\*  $\tilde{P}_M \xrightarrow{q} TM$  the Lie algebroid of  $P_M$ ,

$$\text{with } (\tilde{P}_M)_x \equiv T_{id(x)} P_M(x, \cdot)$$

$$= \text{free Lie algebras on } T_x M = T_x M \oplus \wedge^2 T_x M \oplus \dots$$

Theorem

{free Lie algebras on  $TM$ } has the structure of a Lie algebroid with  $q = \text{projection to } TM$ .

Let  $\xi$  a vector field on  $M$ ; a section of  $\tilde{P}_M$ :

$$[\xi, \eta]_{\tilde{P}} = [\xi, \eta]_{\text{Lie}} + [\xi, \eta]_{\text{Free Lie on } TM}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\xi \wedge \eta$$

Consider  $\text{Bun}_{\nabla}(M) = \text{category of vector bundles with connections}$

$$\int \text{fiber functors } \text{Bun}_{\nabla}(M) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_x} \text{Vect}$$

$$D: E \rightarrow E$$

with

$\gamma$ , path  $x$  to  $y \mapsto M_\gamma: \phi_x \Rightarrow \phi_y$  preserving  $\otimes$  for bundles

$\tilde{P}_M =$  NC derivations  $(D)$  s.t.

$$D_{E \otimes F} = D_E \otimes 1_F + 1_E \otimes D_F$$

eg:  $\xi \in \text{Vect}(M)$   
 $(E, \nabla) \mapsto \nabla_\xi$

eg:  $\omega \in \Gamma^2(N^2 TM)$   
 $(E, \nabla) \mapsto (F_\nabla, \omega)$

\* Concept of connections and curvature encoded in structure of  $\tilde{P}_M$

\* Extend idea to differential operators ...

let  $\mathcal{D}_M =$  NC-diff<sup>t</sup> operators ;  $\rho \mapsto \rho_{E, \nabla}: E \rightarrow E$

eg: a vector field on  $M$

eg:  $(M, g_{ij})$  a Riemannian manifold

$\tilde{D}$ -modules for "curved" vector bundles

$(E, \nabla) \mapsto d^* \cdot d$  Laplace operator  $E \rightarrow E$

For  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ , coords  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  ;  $\Delta = \nabla_{t_1}^2 + \dots + \nabla_{t_n}^2$

Laplace

$\mathcal{G} = e^{-\Delta}$  Heat operator, kernel  $K(x, y): E_x \rightarrow E_y$

For  $(E, \nabla): K_E(x, y) = \int H_\gamma \mathcal{D}w$

$\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow M$   
 $\gamma(0) = x$   
 $\gamma(1) = y$

Wiener measure

with  $H_\gamma: E_x \rightarrow E_y$  holonomy along  $\gamma$

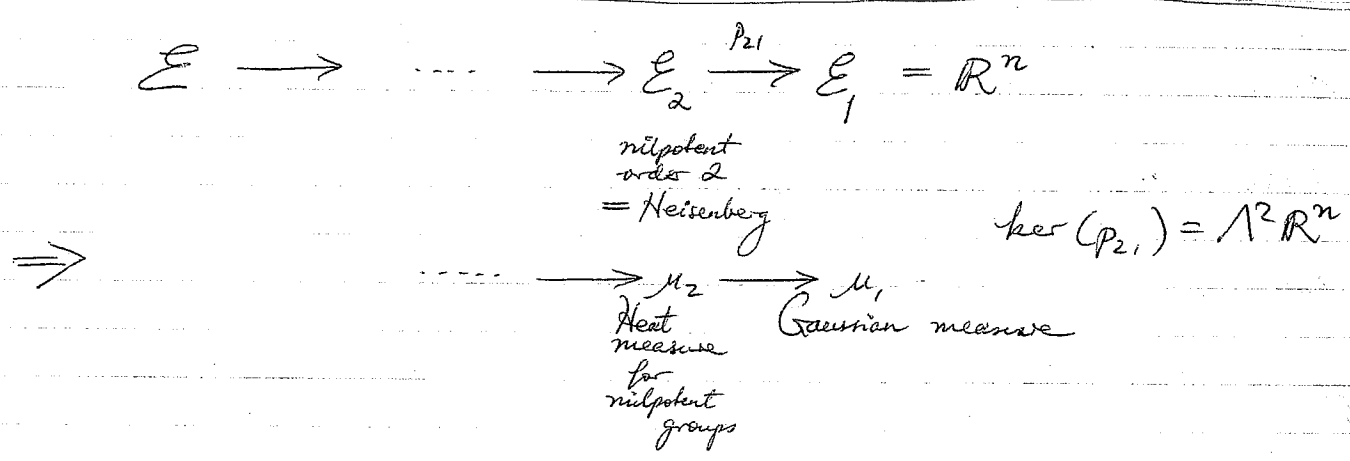
Usually,  $\gamma \mapsto H_\gamma$  defined on a measure 0 set  $\Rightarrow$

Stochastic integration, extension of this map up to inessential ambiguity

Here, consider  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}^n} = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  or, "action" on free algebra  $\langle \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}}, \dots, \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}} \rangle$

$z_i \mapsto \nabla_{t_i}$

The NC F-transform of  $e^{-\sum z_i^2}$  is given by the measure on  $\Pi$ , which is the pushdown of the Wiener measure on  $\text{Map}[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $0 \mapsto 0$



Recall lecture I - think of extending to membranes

Replacement of  $E$ ? A "membrane 2-group"

Recall a dg-lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}^{-1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^0$  for  $\mathfrak{g}^0$  free lie on  $z_1, \dots, z_n$

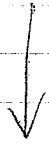
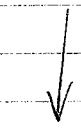
Group version: crossed module  $G^{-1} \xrightarrow{d} G^0$  for  $G^0$  free grp on  $n$  generators  
 for image of  $d$  the commutator

Want a central extension of  $[G_n^0, G_n^0]$  by an Abelian group  $K$   
 (element of  $H^2([, ], K)$ )

$\mathcal{B}[ , J ] = 1\text{-skeleton } Sk_1(\mathbb{R}_{\square}^n)$  decomposition into cubes

$[ , J ]^{Ab} = \mathbb{Z}_1(\mathbb{R}_{\square}^n)$  1-cycles

$$[ , J ] \longleftarrow G^{-1}$$



$[ , J ]^{Ab} \xleftarrow{\partial} C_2(\mathbb{R}_{\square}^n)$  2-chains

giving the crossed module.

$$\pi_1 = \text{coker}(d) = \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$\pi_2 = \text{ker}(d) = \mathbb{Z}_2(\mathbb{R}_{\square}^n)$$

" Membrane  
2-groupoid "