

comes from the "invariants" functor.

$G$  - a group

$M$  - a  $G$ -module

$C^n(G, M)$  : functions  $G^n \rightarrow M$

if  $\psi \in C^n(G, M)$ ,  $d\psi \in C^{n+1}(G, M)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (d\psi)(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1}) &= g_1 \psi(g_2, \dots, g_{n+1}) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \psi(g_1, \dots, g_{i-1}, g_i \cdot g_{i+1}, \dots, g_{n+1}) \\ &+ (-1)^{n+1} \psi(g_1, \dots, g_n) \end{aligned}$$

If  $M$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ , this yields  $H^*(\mathbb{K}(G, 1))$

in that case,  $H^1 = \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{K})$

$H^2 =$  "central extensions by  $\mathbb{K}$ ".

What is the cup product?

I should see if this is related to Gauss diagram formulas.

cup product:  $\psi \in C^n, \varphi \in C^m$

$$(\psi \cup \varphi)(g_1, \dots, g_{n+m}) = \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^\sigma \psi(g_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}) \varphi(g_{\sigma(n+1)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n+m)})$$

where  $\sigma \in S_{n+m}$  is monotone on  $1 \dots n$  & on  $(n+1) \dots (n+m)$ .

$$d(\varphi \cup \psi) = (d\varphi) \cup \psi \pm \varphi \cup (d\psi)$$