

On the deformation theory of dg-categories

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hence, informally, the latter is a dg-Lie-algebra.

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Theorem (B.-Pandit)

Let T_0 be a smooth proper dg-category in $Dg^{cc}(k)$. For every $\{\alpha_i\}_i \in Def_{T_0}^{\wedge}(k[[t]])$ there exists a proper dg-algebra B over $k[[t]]$ such that

$$Def_{B_0}^{dga}(k[[t]]) \longrightarrow Def_{T_0}^{\wedge}(k[[t]])$$

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Let $T_0 \in Dg^{cc}(k)$ be a smooth proper dg-category. Then the map $Def_{T_0}(k[[t]]) \rightarrow Def_{T_0}^{\wedge}(k[[t]])$ is an equivalence. In other word, the naive definition of deformation works out.