

Clifford deformations and Generalized Knörrer's Periodicity Theorem

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 - (1) $H_A(t) = (1 - t)^{-n}$ for some $n \geq 1$,
 - (2) A is a domain.

$$H_A(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} t^n \dim A_n.$$

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- For $M \in \text{gr } R$, let

$\Gamma(M) = \{m \in M \mid mA \text{ is finite dimensional}\}$.

The i -th right derived functor of Γ is denoted by $R^i\Gamma$.

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• Problems:

- (1) find a way to compute $C(A_f)$;
- (2) Let $A = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$ and $A' = \mathbb{k}_{-1}[x, y]$, and let $f = x^2 + y^2$. Note that $C(A_f) \cong C(A'_f) \cong \mathbb{k} \times \mathbb{k}$. So, how can we recognize the difference between A_f and A'_f ?

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- The usual Clifford algebra

$$\mathbb{R}_n^{p,q} = \mathbb{R}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / (x_i^2 + 1, x_j^2 - 1 : 1 \leq i \leq p, p+1 \leq j \leq p+q)$$

is a Clifford deformation of the exterior algebra
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- We have the following facts:

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- Each central element $0 \neq f \in A_2$ is corresponding to a Clifford map θ_f of $E = A^!$.
- The Clifford deformation $E(\theta_f)$ is a *strongly \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra*.
- $C(A_f) \cong E(\theta_f)_0$.

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- Let $A = \mathbb{k}\langle x, y, z \rangle / (r_1, r_2, r_3)$, where $r_1 = zx + xz, r_2 = yz + zy, r_3 = x^2 + y^2$. Then A is a quantum polynomial algebra of dimension 3.

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Theorem

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(III) Generalizations of Knörrer's periodicity theorem

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- The reason is the following:

Let E and E' be the Koszul dual of A and A' respectively.

The Clifford deformation of E and that of E' associated to f are very different!

Indeed, $E(\theta_f) \cong \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{k})$ and $E'(\theta_f) \cong \mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_2$.

- It seems reasonable to classify the noncommutative quadric hypersurfaces according the Clifford deformations.

Definition

Let A be a quantum polynomial algebra, and let $f \in A_2$ be a central element. Let E be the Koszul dual of A .

*If the Clifford deformation $E(\theta_f)$ is a simple \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra, then we call $A_f = A/Af$ is a **simple graded isolated singularity**.*

- Let $n = p + q$, and let $M_n(\mathbb{k})$ be the matrix algebra over \mathbb{k} .
One may define a \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading on $M_n(\mathbb{k})$:

$$M(p|q)_0 = \begin{bmatrix} M_p(\mathbb{k}) & 0 \\ 0 & M_q(\mathbb{k}) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M(p|q)_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & M_{p \times q}(\mathbb{k}) \\ M_{q \times p}(\mathbb{k}) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Denoted by $M(p|q)$ the matrix algebra with the above \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading.

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- If both A_f and B_f are simple graded isolated singularity of **type-1**, then $(A \otimes B)_h$ is a simple graded isolated singularity of **type-0**.
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- A key lemma.

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Then we have an isomorphism of \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebras

$$E_{(A \otimes B)^!}(\theta_h) \cong E_{A^!}(\theta_f) \hat{\otimes} E_{B^!}(\theta_g),$$

where $\hat{\otimes}$ is the \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded tensor.

Examples

- Let $A = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$, and $f = x^2 + y^2$. Then

$$E(\theta_f) \cong \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{k}),$$

where $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{k})$ is viewed as a \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra by setting

$$\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{k})_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{k} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{k})_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{k} \\ \mathbb{k} & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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- Let $A = \mathbb{k}\langle x_1, \dots, x_5 \rangle / (r_1, \dots, r_{10})$, where the generating relations are as follows:

$$r_1 = x_1x_2 - x_2x_1, \quad r_2 = x_1x_3 + x_3x_1, \quad r_3 = x_1x_4 + x_4x_1,$$

$$r_4 = x_1x_5 + x_5x_1, \quad r_5 = x_2x_3 - x_3x_2, \quad r_6 = x_2x_4 + x_4x_2,$$

$$r_7 = x_2x_5 + x_5x_2, \quad r_8 = x_3x_4 - x_4x_3, \quad r_9 = x_3x_5 + x_5x_3,$$

$$r_{10} = x_4x_5 + x_5x_4.$$

Let $f = x_1^2 + \dots + x_5^2$. Then A_f is a simple graded isolated singularity of type-1.

- **Remark.** We are unable to find a way to characterize when A_f is a simple graded isolated singularity.

A criterion for singularities obtained from skew polynomial algebras to be simple graded isolated singularity will be given at the next part of the talk.

- We have the following generalized Knörrer's periodicity theorem.

Theorem

Let A and B be quantum polynomial algebras, and let $f \in A_2$ and $g \in B_2$ be central elements. Suppose that $A \otimes B$ is noetherian, and let $h = f \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes g \in A \otimes B$.

(i) If B_g is a simple graded isolated singularity of **type-0**, then there are equivalences of triangulated categories

$$\underline{\mathrm{mcm}}(A \otimes B)_h \cong D^b(\mathrm{mod}E(\theta_f)_0) \cong \underline{\mathrm{mcm}}A_f;$$

(ii) If B_g is a simple graded isolated singularity of **type-1**, there is an equivalence of triangulated categories

$$\underline{\mathrm{mcm}}(A \otimes B)_h \cong D^b(\mathrm{mod}E(\theta_f)^\natural),$$

where $E(\theta_f)^\natural$ is the underlying ungraded algebra, and $\mathrm{mod}E(\theta_f)^\natural$ is the category of all the finite dimensional modules over $E(\theta_f)^\natural$.

- In particular, if we take $B = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$ and $g = x^2 + y^2$, then we obtain:

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(IV) Isolated singularities obtained from skew polynomial algebras

Graphs of skew polynomial algebras

- Let $A = \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon_{ij}}[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \mathbb{k}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / (x_i x_j - \varepsilon_{ij} x_j x_i)$, where $\varepsilon_{ij} = \pm 1$.

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- Define a graph G_A associated to A as following:

$$V(G_A) = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$i \sim j$ if and only if $\varepsilon_{ij} = 1$.

Graphs of skew polynomial algebras

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$$f = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \in A_2.$$

- Define a graph G_A associated to A as following:

$$V(G_A) = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$i \sim j$ if and only if $\varepsilon_{ij} = 1$.

- graph **Clifford algebra** C_{G_A} , which is generated by elements e_1, \dots, e_n with relations

$$e_i e_j = e_j e_i, \quad \text{if} \quad i \not\sim j;$$

$$e_i e_j = -e_j e_i, \quad \text{if} \quad i \sim j;$$

$$e_i^2 = 1, \quad \text{for all } i.$$

- **Facts.** (1) $A = \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon_{ij}}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a Koszul algebra, and $f = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \in A_2$ is a central element of A .
(2) The Koszul dual of A is the Grassmann algebra E associated to the graph G_A .
(2) The Clifford deformation of E defined by the central element f :

$$E(\theta_f) \cong C_{G_A}.$$

Definition

Let G be a graph with nonempty edge sets. Assume $i \sim j$. Then the **edge reduction of G** (with respect to $i \sim j$) is a new graph $G' = \mu_{i,j}(G)$ with the same vertex set as G and the edge set obtained from $E(G)$ following the rules

- (i) if $s \notin \{i, j\}$, then $s \sim i$ and $s \sim j$ in G' ;
- (ii) for any $s, t \notin \{i, j\}$, if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

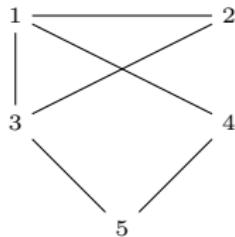
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- ② $t \sim i, t \sim j$;
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then $s \sim t$ in G' if and only if $s \sim t$ in G ;

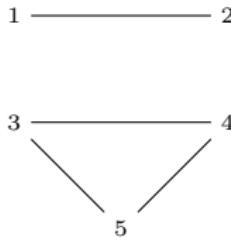
- (iii) otherwise, $s \sim t$ in G' if and only if $s \not\sim t$ in G .

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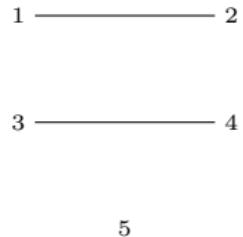
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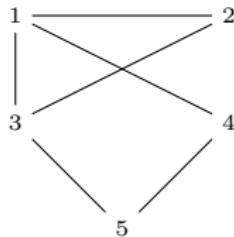
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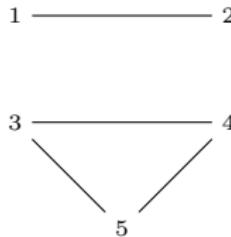
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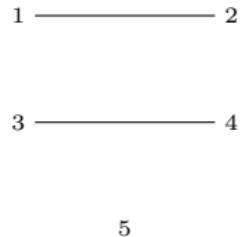
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- **Fact.** Let G be a graph, and assume $i \sim j$. Let $G' = \mu_{i \sim j}(G)$. Then $C_G \cong C_{G'}$.

In general, the graph Clifford algebras C_G and $C_{G'}$ are not isomorphic as \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebras.

Isolated singularities of type-0

Proposition

Let $A = \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon_{ij}}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be the skew polynomial algebra, and $f = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \in A$.

Then A_f is a simple graded isolated singularity of type-0 \iff there are a sequence of edge reductions so that the result graph is a union of

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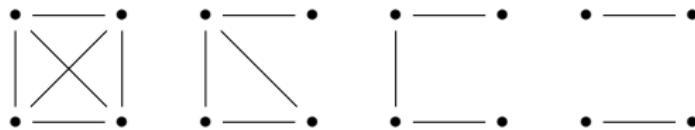
Let $A = \mathbb{K}_{\varepsilon_{ij}}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be the skew polynomial algebra. Let G_A be the associated graph of A , and let M be the adjacency matrix of G_A .

Then A_f is a simple graded isolated singularity of type-0 $\iff \det(M) = 1$ in \mathbb{F}_2 .

Isolated singularities of type-0

- **Example.**

Let $A = \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon_{ij}}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$ and $f = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2$. Then $A/(f)$ is a simple graded isolated singularity of type-0 if and only if the associated graph G_A is one of the following graphs:



Isolated singularities of type-1

Proposition

Let G be a graph with adjacency matrix $M = (g_{ij})_{n \times n}$. Then

- (i) If $C_G \cong M_m(\mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_2)$ for some m , then $\text{rank}(M) = n - 1$ as a matrix in \mathbb{F}_2 . In this case $n = 2k + 1$ for some k and $m = 2^k$;
- (ii) Assume that $\text{rank}(M) = n - 1 = 2k$. Let $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ be the unique nonzero vector such that $(a_1, \dots, a_n)M = 0$.

Then $Z(C_G)$ is spanned by $\{1, c\}$ as a \mathbb{k} -vector space, where $c = e_1^{a_1} \cdots e_n^{a_n}$.

In particular, $C_G \cong M_m(\mathbb{k}\mathbb{Z}_2)$ if and only if $a_1 + \cdots + a_n \neq 0$ in \mathbb{F}_2 .

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Isolated singularities of type-1

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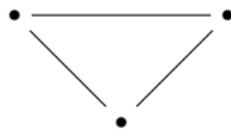
A_f is a simple graded isolated singularity of type-1 if and only if n is odd, $\text{rank}M = n - 1$, and $a_1 + \dots + a_n \neq 0$ in \mathbb{F}_2 , where (a_1, \dots, a_n) is the unique nonzero vector such that $(a_1, \dots, a_n)M = 0$.

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Examples

- Let $A = \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon_{ij}}[x_1, x_2, x_3]$ and $f = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$. Then A_f is a simple graded isolated singularity of type 1 if and only if the associated graph G_A is one of the following graphs.

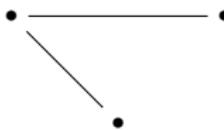


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- Let $A = \mathbb{k}\langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \rangle / (x_1x_2 + x_2x_1, x_1x_3 + x_3x_1, x_2x_3 - x_3x_2)$ and $f = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$. Then the associated graph G_A is given as follows.



As an \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded algebra, $C_{G_A} \cong M(1|1) \times M(1|1)$ is not graded simple, and hence A_f is not a simple graded isolated singularity.

Thank you for your attention!