

NONCOMMUTATIVE PLANE CURVES

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$$k = \mathbb{C}$$

PLANE CURVE

$$f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]_d \quad \text{homogeneous of degree } d$$

$$\leadsto V(f) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 = \text{Proj } \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$$

- GOAL.
- 1) Define noncommutative plane $\mathbb{P}_{nc}^2$
 - 2) Study analogue of $V(f)$

I. NONCOMMUTATIVE PLANES

X, Y = smooth projective varieties

• [Gabriel 1962] $X \cong Y \iff \text{coh}(X) \cong \text{coh}(Y)$

• [Orlov 2001] If ω_X (anti)ample: $X \cong Y \iff D^b(X) \cong D^b(Y)$

Noncommutative algebraic geometry:

1) study $\mathcal{A}$ = abelian category which behaves like $\text{coh}(X)$

2) study $\mathcal{T}$ = triangulated category which behaves like (admissible subcategory of)

$$D^b(X) = D^b(\text{coh } X)$$

Abelian categories which behave like $\text{coh } X$

1) $\text{coh}(X, \mathcal{A}) = (\text{right}) \mathcal{A}\text{-modules, coherent / } X$

$\mathcal{A} = \text{coherent } \mathcal{O}_X\text{-algebra}$
(with $Z(\mathcal{A}) \cong \mathcal{O}_X$)

2) $\text{coh}(\mathcal{A})$
 $\uparrow$
stack with coarse moduli space X

3) $\text{qgr}(\mathcal{A})$
 $\uparrow$
graded $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra

Idea (Serre 1955, Artin - Zhang 1994)

$$\mathbb{C}[x, y, z] = \text{homogeneous coordinate ring of } \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^2) \simeq \text{qgr } \underbrace{\mathbb{C}[x, y, z]}_{\text{use noncommutative graded } \mathbb{C}\text{-algebra}} := \frac{\text{fg } \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]}{\text{fd } \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]}$$

Le Bruyn (1995)
Chan - Ingalls (2004)
Faber - Ingalls - Okawa - Satriano (2022)

For curves & surfaces
there is a dictionary:

$$\text{coh}(X, \mathcal{A}) \simeq \text{coh}(\mathcal{A}) \simeq \text{qgr}(\mathcal{A})$$

finitely generated
graded A -modules

finite-dimensional
 A -modules

DEFINITION (Artin-Schelter 1987)

$A_0 = \mathbb{C}$
 $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$
 $A =$ connected graded $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra generated in degree 1
 is called 3-Dim QUADRATIC AS-REGULAR ALGEBRA if

$A_1, \dots, A_n \subset A_n$ form a generating set of A_n (as a $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space)
 n times

$\dim A_1 < \infty$

- i) $\text{gldim } A = 3$
- ii) $\text{Ext}_A^i(\mathbb{C}, A) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{C} & i=3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$
 $\uparrow \mathbb{C} = A/A_{\geq 1}$
- iii) $h_A(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t)^3}$

In fact
 $A \cong \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / (f_1, f_2, f_3)$
 with $f_i \in \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle$

EXAMPLE

0) $\mathbb{C}[x, y, z] = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy - yx \\ xz - zx \\ yz - zy \end{pmatrix}$

1) Skew-polynomial algebra

$A_q = \mathbb{C}_q[x, y, z] = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy - qyx \\ xz - qzx \\ yz - qzy \end{pmatrix} \quad q \in \mathbb{C}^*$

If $q = \text{root of unity}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{finite } \mathbb{Z}(A)$

2) For $[a:b:c] \in \mathbb{P}^2$:

$A_{[a:b:c]} = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} axy + byx + cz^2 \\ axz + bzx + cy^2 \\ ayz + bzy + cx^2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Sklyanin algebra}$

$\rightarrow \text{Set } \boxed{\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}_\pi^2) := \text{qgr } A}$

$\uparrow$ behaves like $\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^2)$, resp. $D^b(\mathbb{P}^2)$

e.g. $D^b(\mathbb{P}_\pi^2) = \langle \pi A, \pi A(1), \pi A(2) \rangle$

$\pi: \text{gr } A \rightarrow \text{qgr } A$

DEFINITION

A noncommutative plane curve of degree d is

$\text{qgr}(A/(f))$ for $0 \neq f \in \mathbb{Z}(A)_d$

EXAMPLE [Ueyama 2020]

• $A_{q=1} \rightarrow f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 : [\text{Bailenson '78}]$

$D^b(A_{q=1}/(f)) = D^b(\mathbb{P}^1) \xrightarrow{\downarrow} D^b(\pi p \circ \text{curv})$

• $A_{q=-1} \rightarrow f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \in \mathbb{Z}(A_{q=-1})_2 = \mathbb{C}x^2 \oplus \mathbb{C}y^2 \oplus \mathbb{C}z^2$

$D^b(A_{q=-1}/(f)) = D^b(\pi p \circ \text{curv})$

QUESTIONS

1) $\mathbb{Z}(A)_d \neq 0$?

2) What happens for other f ?

II DICTIONARY IN DIM TWO (and ONE)

1) $\text{coh}(X, \mathcal{O})$ $[X = \text{surface}]$

2) $\text{coh}(\mathcal{X})$

3) $\text{qgr}(A)$

Central Proj [Le Bruyn 1995]

$A = 3\text{dim AS regular algebra finite}/\mathbb{Z}(A)$

$(\mathbb{Z}(A), A) \xrightarrow{\text{Proj}} (\text{Proj } \mathbb{Z}(A), \tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Z}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \cong \mathcal{O}_Y} (\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}), \mathcal{O}) =: (X, \mathcal{O})$

Artin '85L gives an example of a Sklyanin algebra s.t. $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} Y$

but finite over $\mathcal{O}_Y$

$\Rightarrow \text{qgr } A \cong \text{coh}(X, \mathcal{O})$

normal Cohen-Macaulay surface

THEOREM [Le Bruyn '95, Mori, Artin, van Gastel 2004]

③ $\longleftrightarrow$ ①

If A is 3dim quadratic AS-regular algebra finite/ $\mathbb{Z}(A)$

$\Rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O})$ with

• $\mathcal{O} = \text{maximal } \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}\text{-order}$

An $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebra $\mathcal{O}$ is an $\mathcal{O}_X$ -order if

- $\mathcal{O}$ is coherent & torsionfree (as $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module)
- $\mathcal{O}_{\eta} = \mathcal{O} \otimes_X k(X)$ is a central simple $k(X)$ -algebra

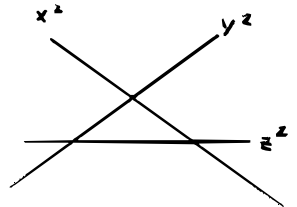
$\approx X$ integral!

• $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \text{empty}, \subset, \alpha, \bigcirc, \times$

$\parallel$
 $\{x \in X \mid \mathcal{O} \otimes_X k(x) \text{ not Azumaya}\}$ RAMIFICATION LOCUS

EXAMPLE $A_{q=-1} = k\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy+yx \\ xz+zx \\ yz+zy \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \text{qgr}(A_{q=-1}) \cong \text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O})$ with $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} =$



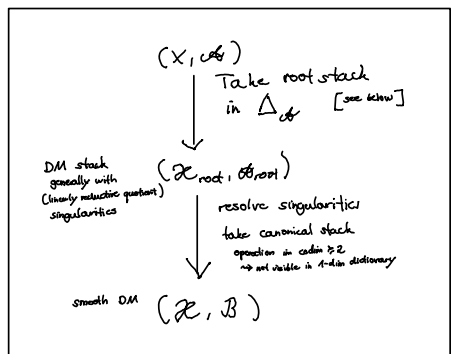
THEOREM [Faber - Ingalls - Chavara - Satriano 2012]

② $\longleftrightarrow$ ①

$\text{coh}(X, \mathcal{O}) \cong \text{coh}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{B})$

smooth DM stack $\nearrow$ Azumaya algebra

- $X = \text{coarse space of } \mathcal{X}$
- stacky structure depends on $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$



THEOREM [Chen - Ingalls 2004]

$C = \text{smooth curve}$

$\mathcal{O} = \text{hereditary } \mathcal{O}_C\text{-order (i.e. gldim } \mathcal{O} = 1)$

at $p \in \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}: \mathcal{O} \otimes_C \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{C,p} & \dots & \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{O}_{C,p} & \dots & \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \end{pmatrix} \subset M_n(\mathcal{O}_{C,p})$

$n > 1 \Leftrightarrow p \in \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$

$\Rightarrow$ associated root stack $\sqrt[n]{\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{C,p}; p} = \left[\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{C,p}[x] / (x^n - r)) / \mu_n \right]$ $m = (r)$

$\Rightarrow \text{coh}(C, \mathcal{O}) \cong \text{coh}(\sqrt[n]{C; \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}})$

smooth root stack

III Noncommutative plane curves

THEOREM (B. Berman - van Gauden)

If $C \subset X$ a curve:

$$\mathrm{coh}(\mathcal{R}_X C, \mathcal{B}|_C) \simeq \mathrm{coh}(C, \mathcal{O}_C) (\simeq \mathrm{qgr} A/(f))$$

+ properties of $\mathcal{O}_C$ in terms of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}_C} \cap C$

- i) $\mathcal{O}_C$ order $\iff C \not\subset \Delta$
- ii) $\mathcal{O}_C$ Azumaya $\iff C \cap \Delta_{\mathcal{O}_C} = \emptyset$
- iii) $C \cap \Delta_{\mathcal{O}_C}$ in smooth locus of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}_C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C$ hereditary
- iv) $C \cap \Delta_{\mathcal{O}_C}$ non-transversely in smooth locus $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C$ not hereditary.

APPLICATION: Noncommutative conics

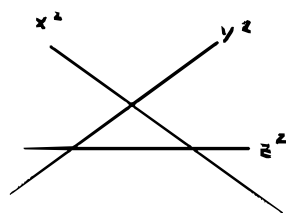
studied via Koszul duality

[Ueyama 2020, Ha-Matsumoto-Mori 2021, Ha-Mori 2023]

$$A_q = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy - qyx \\ xz - qzx \\ yz - qzy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathrm{D}^b(\mathrm{qgr} A_q/(f)) \simeq \begin{cases} \mathrm{D}^b(\mathrm{rep} \circ \hookrightarrow) & \text{if } q=1, \\ \mathrm{D}^b(\mathrm{rep} \circ \hookrightarrow \circ \begin{smallmatrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ \circ & \circ \end{smallmatrix}) & \text{if } q=-1. \end{cases}$$

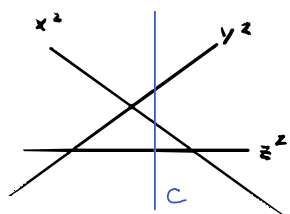
If $q=-1 \mapsto \mathrm{qgr}(A_q) = \mathrm{coh}(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O})$ with $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} =$



Q(ii): What happens for other f ?

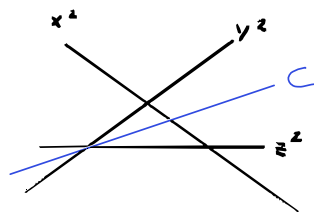
① General $f \in \mathbb{C}x^2 + \mathbb{C}y^2 + \mathbb{C}z^2$:

$$\underbrace{\mathrm{D}^b(C, \mathcal{O}_C)}_{\text{hereditary order}} \xrightarrow{\text{a'ou}} \mathrm{D}^b(\sqrt{P^1; 0+1+0}) \stackrel{\text{Sh'87}}{\simeq} \mathrm{D}^b(\mathrm{rep} \circ \hookrightarrow \circ \begin{smallmatrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ \circ & \circ \end{smallmatrix}) \simeq \mathrm{D}^b(\begin{smallmatrix} \circ & \circ \\ \swarrow & \searrow \end{smallmatrix})$$



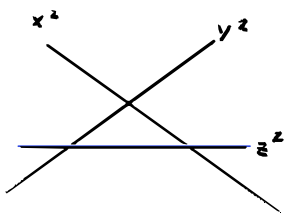
② $V(f)$ intersects $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ in singular locus

$$\mathrm{coh}(C, \mathcal{O}_C) \leftarrow \text{Gorenstein order}$$



③ $V(f) \subset \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$

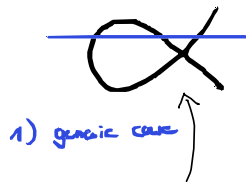
- $\mathcal{O}_C$ not an order
- $\mathcal{O}_C$ = stacky curve with non-trivial gen. stabilizer



THEOREM [B- Belmans - van Geemen]

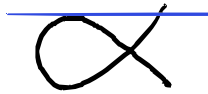
In $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O})$ = central Proj of a graded Clifford algebra

there are 6 Morita equivalence classes of noncommutative curves

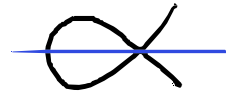


1) generic case

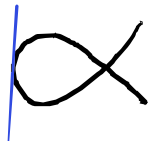
$$A = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy + yx \\ xz + zx + y^2 \\ yz + zy + x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



2a) not stack in non-reduced divisor $2p + q$



2b) non-root stack



3a) not stack in $3p$



3b) not not stack

Other graded Clifford algebras

$$\hookrightarrow \rightsquigarrow A = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy + yx - z^2 \\ xz + zx - y^2 \\ yz + zy - x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bigcirc \rightsquigarrow A = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy + yx \\ xz + zx \\ yz + zy + x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

PROOF SKETCH

① By classification of terminal orders [Chan-Ingalls 2005]
 $\mathcal{A}$ is complete locally either

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} k[x, y] & k[x, y] \\ (x) & k[x, y] \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } p \in \Delta^{\text{reg}} \\ \frac{k[x, y] \langle i, j \rangle}{(i^2 - x, j^2 - y, ij \mid j)} & \text{if } p \in \Delta^{\text{sing}} \end{cases}$$

② [Barban-Drozdz 2022]

$$\text{coh}(C, \mathcal{O}) \cong \text{coh}(C', \mathcal{O}')$$

$\exists f: C \rightarrow C'$ isomorphism of curves s.t.

- $\mathcal{O}_C \cong \mathcal{O}'_{f(p)}$ of central simple algebra
- $f(\Delta_C) = \Delta_{C'}$
- $\forall p \in C: \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{C, p} \cong \hat{\mathcal{O}}'_{f(p)}$

③ Intersection theory for line & cubic on $\mathbb{P}^2$ + 3-transitivity give 6-iso classes.

□

APPLICATION: SKEW CUBICS [Karnazawa'15]

$$A = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle / \begin{pmatrix} xy - q_1 yx \\ xz - q_2 zx \\ yz - q_3 zy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{s.t. } q_i^3 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow Z(A)_3 = \mathbb{C}x^3 \oplus \mathbb{C}y^3 \oplus \mathbb{C}z^3$$

PROPOSITION [B. BLMAN - van GARDEN]

$$\bullet \text{ If } q_1^{-1} q_2^{-1} = q_1 q_3^{-1} = q_2 q_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall f \in Z(A)_3 : \underbrace{qgr(A/(f))}_{\substack{1\text{-CY by} \\ \text{Karnazawa}}} \simeq \underbrace{\text{coh}(E)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{defin by } f \text{ in } \mathbb{P}^2}}$$

• Otherwise

$$\forall f = ax^3 + by^3 + cz^3 \in Z(A)_3 \text{ s.t. } ac \neq 0 : qgr(A/(f)) \simeq \underbrace{\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^1; 0+1+\infty)}_{\substack{\text{fractional Calabi-Yam} \\ \text{of dim } 3/3}}$$

