

# Maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules over complete intersections

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(dedicated to D. Quillen)

We assume

$S$  regular local ring ( $\exists S = k[[x_0, \dots, x_n]]$ )

$R = S/I$  Gorenstein (e.g.  $I = (f)$ ;  $I = (f_1, \dots, f_c)$ )

Note:  $\dim(S) = n+1$ , for  $S = k[[x_0, \dots, x_n]]$ ;  $\dim(S/(z)) = n$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  regular sequence

Review  $M$  is maximal Cohen-Macaulay over  $R$  (where  $(R, m, k)$  local)

$\exists \{y_i\} \subset y_1, \dots, y_{\dim(R)}$  s.t.  $y_i$  is a nonzero divisor on  $M$

and  $y_{i+1}$  is a nonzero divisor on  $M_i = M / (y_1, \dots, y_i)M$

for  $i = 1, \dots, \dim(R) - 1$ .

Equivalently,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(k, M) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i < \dim(R)$ .

In general, the maximum  $d$  s.t.  $\exists y_1, \dots, y_d$  a regular sequence on  $\text{R-mod } N$  is called the "depth of  $N$ ".

Also,  $\inf \{i \mid \text{Ext}_R^i(k, N) \neq 0, \forall j < i\} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  is called the "grade" of  $N$ . The grade and the depth of  $N$  coincide.

If

$$0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$$

is a s.e.s. of  $\text{R-modules}$ , then  $\text{depth}(N') = \min(\text{depth}(0), \text{depth}(N'') + 1)$ . In particular, if  $R$  is Cohen-Macaulay (i.e.  $\text{depth}(R) = \dim(R)$ ) and  $N$  is free

$$\text{depth}(N') = \min(\dim(R), \text{depth}(N'') + 1).$$

If  $N$  is any  $\text{R-module}$  and you resolve

$$0 \leftarrow N \leftarrow F_0 \leftarrow F_1 \leftarrow F_2 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow F_d \leftarrow M \leftarrow 0$$

$\text{OR } N \leftarrow$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow N' \\ \searrow 0 \end{matrix}$

$\text{depth}(M) = \dim(R) - d$

perfect!

## The Auslander-Buchsbaum-Serre Thm.

\* If the projective dimension of  $M$  is finite, then

$$\text{pd}_{\mathbb{T}} M = \text{depth}(\mathbb{T}) - \text{depth}(M),$$

where  $M$  is a f.g. module over  $\mathbb{T}$ , some local ring."

In particular, for  $\mathbb{T} = R$ , and  $M$  a MCM module,

then  $\text{pd}_R(M) < \infty$  implies  $M$  is projective.

If  $\mathbb{T} = S$ , then  $\text{pd}_S(M) < \infty$  is Hilbert's Syzygy Thm, so

$$\text{pd}_S(M) = \dim(S) - \text{depth}(M)$$

so MCM modules have minimal projective dimension (over  $S$ ).

Example. 1) Let  $R = S/(f)$ ,  $M \in \text{MCM}(R)$ .

Then  $\text{pd}_S(M) = 1 \iff \exists 0 \rightarrow F, \xrightarrow{A} F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$

2) If  $R = S/(f_1, f_2)$ , and  $M \in \text{MCM}(R)$ , then

$$\text{pd}_S(M) = c \iff \exists 0 \rightarrow \overset{\text{A}}{F_2} \rightarrow \overset{\text{A}}{F_1} \rightarrow \overset{\text{A}}{F_0} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

(so  $A : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}[1]$ )

Recall that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & F_1 & \xrightarrow{A} & F_0 & \rightarrow & M \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow f & \swarrow B' & \downarrow f & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & F_1 & \xleftarrow{A} & F_0 & \rightarrow & M \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

On the other hand,

$$0 \leftarrow R \leftarrow S \xleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma}} S \cdot \sigma \leftarrow 0$$

$\Delta := (\nabla_{S \cdot \sigma}, \partial = \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma})$  is a graded commutative d.g. algebra over  $S$

Thus,

{ A "corresponds" to the differential on  $F_1 \rightarrow F_0$ ,  
 { B "corresponds" to the action of  $\sigma$  on  $F_1 \otimes F_0$ ,

so  $(F_0 \oplus F_1, A)$  is a dg.  $\Delta$ -module exactly when  $B$  turns  $(A, B)$  into a matrix factorization of  $f$ .

(Quillen) If  $(A, \partial)$ ,  $(A', \partial')$  are quasi-isomorphic d.g.algebras, [2]  
 Then  $D(A, \partial) \simeq D(A', \partial')$

If  $\rho: A \rightarrow B$  is a dg-algebra homomorphism giving the quasi-isomorphism, then

$$\mathcal{D}(A, \mathcal{D}) \xleftarrow{\Omega^+} \mathcal{D}(A, \mathcal{D})$$

\$(-) \otimes\_A^\mathbb{N} A'

are quasi-inverse equivalents

Example: For  $\Lambda = (\Lambda(S\sigma), \sigma) \hookrightarrow (R, \sigma)$

we get

$$\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda, \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}^b(R)$$

defined  
such that  $\rightarrow D_{sg}^b(\Lambda, \mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{\sim} D_{sg}^{b\downarrow}(R)$   
to gives  
the equivalence

Now for the matrix factorization  $F_1 \xrightarrow{\Delta} F_0$ , consider

$$\nabla: A + B \cdot s : \underbrace{\mathbb{T} \otimes S[s]}_{\substack{\text{polynomial} \\ \text{algebra}}} \xrightarrow{s} \underbrace{\mathbb{T} \otimes S[s][\cdot^{-1}]}_n, \text{ where } \deg(S) = 2$$

↑ shift

## Note

$$\nabla^2 = (\Delta + B s) (\Delta + B s) = \Delta^2 + \overset{\text{"}}{AB} s + \overset{\text{"}}{BA} s + B^2 s^2$$

$$\text{so } (\Delta, \mathcal{B}) \iff (\nabla = A + B S, \nabla^2 = f \cdot s).$$

Also, note that  $S[S] = \bigoplus H^i(\text{Proj}_S S[s], \mathcal{O}_S(s))$ , so  $S[S]$  is the cohomology ring of  $\mathbb{P}^{\circ}_S$ . Furthermore, one also has

$S[s] \models \text{Ext}_{(\Delta, \delta)}^*(S, S)$ , and  $R[s] \models \text{Ext}_{(\Delta, \delta)}^*(R, R)$ .

Consider now  $R = S/(f)$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{mod gr}(A, \mathfrak{a})}$

For any Gorenstein ring

$$\frac{\mathrm{HF}_S(\mathfrak{s})}{(\Delta_{\mathfrak{s}})} \rightarrow \mathrm{Hot}^2(\mathrm{proj}\, R) \rightarrow \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{dg}}(\mathrm{proj}\, R) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{MCM}(R) \rightarrow \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{sg}}^{b\leq}(R)$$

Recall that  $\text{mod}_{[0,c]}(\Lambda, \mathcal{I})$  has objects

$$\mathbb{F} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^c \mathbb{F}_i, \quad \mathbb{F}_i \text{ are finite rank free } S\text{-modules} \quad : \text{Terms in the proj } S\text{-resol.}$$

$$A: \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[1] \quad : \text{S-linear map}$$

$$B_i: \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \quad : \text{action of } \sigma_i \text{ on } \mathbb{F}$$

: differentiability  
of the resol.

Let  $s_1, \dots, s_c$  be variables of degree +2 and set

$$\nabla = A + \sum_{i=1}^c B_i s_i \quad \text{with} \quad \nabla^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^c f_{ij} s_i s_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla^2 = A^2 + \sum_{i=1}^c & \underbrace{(AB_i + B_i A)}_{\substack{\text{dg. module} \\ \downarrow \text{structure}}}) s_i + \sum_{i < j} (B_i B_j + B_j B_i) s_i s_j + \sum_{i=1}^c B_i^2 s_i^2 \\ = 0 + \sum_{i=1}^c & f_{ii} s_i + \dots + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, for  $(\mathbb{F}, A, B_i, \nabla = A + \sum_{i=1}^c B_i s_i, \text{ s.t. } \nabla^2 = \sum_{i=1}^c f_{ii} s_i)$

we consider  $\text{coker}(A: \mathbb{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_0)$

Exercise:  $(\mathbb{F}, A)$  is a resolution of a module, which is an MCM  $R$ -module.  $\square$

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$$M = \text{coker}(A: \mathbb{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_0) \cong \text{Im} \left( \underbrace{B_{1,0} \circ B_{0,1}}_{\substack{\text{action of the seeds of } \Lambda!}}: \mathbb{F}_0 \otimes_S R \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_0 \otimes_S R \right).$$

So, consider

$$\text{mod}_{[0,c]}(\Lambda, \mathcal{I}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Kac}(\text{proj } R)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathbb{F}, A) & \xrightarrow[S]{\sim} & M \rightarrow 0 \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ \mathbb{F} \otimes_S \mathbb{I}_R \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^c R \sigma_i \right) & \rightarrow M & \mathbb{F} \otimes_S \text{Sym}_{R \otimes_R \mathbb{I}_{R^e}}^c \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^c R \sigma_i \right) \otimes_R R \\ \uparrow & & \\ \text{divided} & & \deg(S) = 2 \\ \text{power algebra} & & \\ \deg(\sigma_i) = -2 & & \end{array}$$

Now, replace  $\mathbb{F}$  by  $\Lambda$ : [3]

$$\Lambda \otimes_S \mathbb{I}_S \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^c S\sigma_i \right) @_S \textcircled{R} \xrightarrow{\text{replace by } \Lambda} \Lambda \otimes_S \text{Sym} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^c S\sigma_i \right) @_S \textcircled{R} \xrightarrow{\text{replace by } \Lambda} \textcircled{R} \xrightarrow{\text{replace by } \Lambda}$$

is a complete resolution of  $\Lambda$  as  $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes_S \Lambda$ -module!

The graded module  $\mathbb{F} \otimes_S S[s_1, \dots, s_c]$  over  $S[s_1, \dots, s_c]$ , with  $\deg(s_i) = 2$  ( $\sim$  gr. matrix factorization of  $\sum f_i s_i$ ).

We see it as  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}_S^{c-1}$ .

If "S is a field"

$$\underline{\text{modgr}}_{[0,c]} \Lambda \underset{\text{[Beilinson]}}{\simeq} D^b(\mathbb{P}_S^{c-1}) \xrightarrow{\sim_{[BGG]}} D^b_{sg}(\Lambda) \simeq \underline{\text{modgr}} \Lambda$$

Hence, one may think

$$\underline{\text{modgr}}_{[0,c]}(\Lambda, \partial) \rightarrow \text{Kac}(\text{proj } R)$$

is a kind of "Beilinson" construction.