

CASTELNUOVO-MUMFORD REGULARITY FOR COMPLEXES AND RELATED TOPICS

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a noetherian AS regular Koszul quiver algebra (if A is commutative, it is essentially a polynomial ring), and $\text{gr } A$ the category of finitely generated graded left A -modules. Following Jørgensen, we define the Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity $\text{reg}(M^\bullet)$ of a complex $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A)$ in terms of the local cohomologies or the minimal projective resolution of M^\bullet . Let $A^!$ be the quadratic dual ring of A . Then $A^!$ is selfinjective and Koszul (e.g., if A is the polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$, then $A^!$ is the exterior algebra $E = \bigwedge \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$). For the Koszul duality functor $\mathcal{G} : D^b(\text{gr } A) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$, we have $\text{reg}(M^\bullet) = \max\{i \mid H^i(\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet)) \neq 0\}$. As an application, we refine results of Martinez-Villa and Zacharia on *weakly Koszul modules* over $A^!$ (especially, over E).

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $A := \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$ be a noetherian AS regular Koszul quiver algebra over a field k . Such a quiver algebra (with relation) has been studied by Martinez-Villa and coworkers (c.f. [6, 9, 10, 11]). And a *connected* (i.e., $A_0 = k$) AS regular algebra is very important in non-commutative algebraic geometry (c.f. [18]). If A is commutative and connected, it is a polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ with $\deg x_i = 1$ for each i .

Let $\text{Gr } A$ (resp. $\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$) be the category of graded left (resp. right) A -modules, and $\text{gr } A$ (resp. $\text{gr } A^{\text{op}}$) its full subcategory consisting of finitely generated modules. Set $\mathfrak{r} := \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} A_i$ to be the graded Jacobson radical. We have the left exact functor $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}} : \text{Gr } A \rightarrow \text{Gr } A$ defined by $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}}(M) = \{x \in M \mid \mathfrak{r}^n x = 0 \text{ for } n \gg 0\}$, and its right derived functor $R\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}} : D^b(\text{Gr } A) \rightarrow D^b(\text{Gr } A)$. For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{Gr } A)$, the i^{th} cohomology of $R\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}}(M^\bullet)$ is denoted by $H_{\mathfrak{r}}^i(M^\bullet)$. Similarly, we have the corresponding functors $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}^{\text{op}}}$, $R\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}^{\text{op}}}$, and $H_{\mathfrak{r}^{\text{op}}}^i$ for graded *right* A -modules. When A is a polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$, $H_{\mathfrak{r}}^i(-)$ is known as the *local cohomology module* with support in the graded maximal ideal \mathfrak{r} .

We have a bounded cochain complex \mathcal{D}^\bullet of graded A - A bimodules which gives duality functors $R\text{Hom}_A(-, \mathcal{D}^\bullet) : D^b(\text{gr } A) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A^{\text{op}})$ and $R\text{Hom}_{A^{\text{op}}}(-, \mathcal{D}^\bullet) : D^b(\text{gr } A^{\text{op}}) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A)$. These functors are quasi-inverse of each other. Moreover, we have “local duality theorem”

$$R\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(-, \mathcal{D}^\bullet) \cong R\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}}(-)^\vee \quad \text{and} \quad R\underline{\text{Hom}}_{A^{\text{op}}}(-, \mathcal{D}^\bullet) \cong R\Gamma_{\mathfrak{r}^{\text{op}}}(-)^\vee,$$

where $(-)^\vee$ stands for the graded k -dual. This is a quiver algebra version of [18].

For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A)$ and $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, set $\beta_j^i(M^\bullet) := \dim_k \underline{\text{Ext}}_A^{-i}(M^\bullet, A/\mathfrak{r})_{-j}$. Of course, $\beta_j^i(-)$ measures the “size” of a minimal projective resolution. Using the above duality, we can generalize a well-know result of Eisenbud-Goto [5] concerning graded modules over a polynomial ring.

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Definition-Theorem. (c.f. Jørgensen, [8]) For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A)$, we have

$$\text{reg}(M^\bullet) := \sup\{i + j \mid H_r^i(M^\bullet)_j \neq 0\} = \sup\{i + j \mid \beta_j^i(M^\bullet) \neq 0\} < \infty.$$

We call this value the “Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity” of M^\bullet .

For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A)$, set $\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)$ to be the complex such that $\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)^i = H^i(M)$ for all i and the differential maps are zero. Then $\text{reg}(\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)) \geq \text{reg}(M^\bullet)$. The difference $\text{reg}(\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)) - \text{reg}(M^\bullet)$ is a theme of the latter half of this note.

Let $A^!$ be the quadratic dual ring of A . Then $A^!$ is finite dimensional, Koszul and self-injective by [10]. (e.g., If A is the polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$, then $A^!$ is the exterior algebra $\bigwedge \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$). The Koszul duality functors $\mathcal{F} : D^b(\text{gr } A^!) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A)$ and $\mathcal{G} : D^b(\text{gr } A) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$ give an equivalence $D^b(\text{gr } A) \cong D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$ (c.f. [2]). We have

$$\text{reg}(M^\bullet) = \max\{i \mid H^i(\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet)) \neq 0\}.$$

For $N \in \text{gr } A^!$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $N_{\langle n \rangle}$ denotes the submodule of N generated by the degree n component N_n . We say N is *weakly Koszul*, if $N_{\langle n \rangle}$ has an n -linear projective resolution (i.e., $\beta_j^i(N_{\langle n \rangle}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow i + j = n$) for all n . Martinez-Villa and Zacharia [11] proved that the i^{th} syzygy $\Omega_i(N)$ of $N \in \text{gr } A^!$ is weakly Koszul for $i \gg 0$. Of course, the same is true for $N \in \text{gr } (A^!)^{\text{op}}$. Set $\text{lpd}(N) := \min\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid \Omega_i(N) \text{ is weakly Koszul}\}$.

Theorem. Let $N \in \text{gr } A^!$, and $N' := \underline{\text{Hom}}_{A^!}(N, A^!) \in \text{gr } (A^!)^{\text{op}}$ its dual. Then

$$\text{lpd}(N') = \text{reg}(\mathcal{H} \circ \mathcal{F}(N)).$$

If $A^!$ is the exterior algebra $E = \bigwedge \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$, we have an upper bound of $\text{lpd}(N)$ depending only on $\max\{\dim_k N_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and d . This bound gives huge numbers, and must be very far from optimal. On the other hand, we have $\text{lpd}(E/J) \leq \min\{1, d - 2\}$ for a monomial ideal J of E . This slightly improves a result of Herzog and Römer.

2. PRELIMINARIES

First, we sketch basic properties of an algebra of a quiver with relations.

Let Q be a finite quiver. That is, $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ is a finite oriented graph, where Q_0 is the set of vertices and Q_1 is the set of arrows. The path algebra kQ is a positively graded algebra with grading given by the lengths of paths. Let J be the graded Jacobson radical of kQ (i.e., the ideal generated by all arrows). If $I \subset J^2$ is a graded ideal, we say $A = kQ/I$ is a *graded quiver algebra*. Of course, $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$ is a graded ring. The subalgebra A_0 is a product of copies of the field k , one copy for each element of Q_0 . If $A_0 = k$ (i.e., Q has only one vertex), we say A is *connected*. If a graded algebra $R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$ with $R_0 = k$ is generated by R_1 as a k -algebra and $\dim_k R_1 < \infty$, then it can be regarded as a graded quiver algebra. Set $\tau := \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} A_i$. Unless otherwise specified, we assume that A is left and right noetherian throughout this note.

Let $\text{Gr } A$ (resp. $\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$) be the category of graded left (resp. right) A -modules, and $\text{gr } A$ (resp. $\text{gr } A^{\text{op}}$) its full subcategory consisting of finitely generated modules. Since A is noetherian, $\text{gr } A$ and $\text{gr } A^{\text{op}}$ are abelian categories. In the sequel, we will define several

concepts for $\text{Gr } A$, but the corresponding concepts for $\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$ can be defined in the similar way.

The n^{th} shift $M(n)$ of $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} M_i \in \text{Gr } A$ is defined by $M(n)_i = M_{n+i}$. Set $\iota(M) := \inf\{i \mid M_i \neq 0\}$.

For $v \in Q_0$, we have the idempotent e_v of A associated with v . Note that $1 = \sum_{v \in Q_0} e_v$. Set $P_v := Ae_v$ and ${}_vP := e_vA$. Then we have ${}_A A = \bigoplus_{v \in Q_0} P_v$ and $A_A = \bigoplus_{v \in Q_0} ({}_vP)$. Each P_v and ${}_vP$ are indecomposable projectives. Conversely, any indecomposable projective in $\text{Gr } A$ (resp. $\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$) is isomorphic to P_v (resp. ${}_vP$) for some $v \in Q_0$ up to degree shifting. Set $k_v := P_v/(\tau P_v)$ and ${}_vk := {}_vP/({}_vP \tau)$. Each k_v and ${}_vk$ are simple.

Let $C^b(\text{Gr } A)$ be the category of bounded cochain complexes in $\text{Gr } A$, and $D^b(\text{Gr } A)$ its derived category. For a complex M^\bullet and an integer p , let $M^\bullet[p]$ be the p^{th} translation of M^\bullet . That is, $M^\bullet[p]$ is a complex with $M^i[p] = M^{i+p}$. A module M can be regarded as a complex $\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$ with M at the 0^{th} term.

For $M, N \in \text{Gr } A$, set $\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(M, N) := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Gr } A}(M, N(i))$ to be a graded k -vector space with $\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(M, N)_i = \text{Hom}_{\text{Gr } A}(M, N(i))$. Similarly, we can also define $\underline{\text{Hom}}_A^\bullet(M^\bullet, N^\bullet)$, $\underline{\text{RHom}}_A(M^\bullet, N^\bullet)$, and $\underline{\text{Ext}}_A^i(M^\bullet, N^\bullet)$ for $M^\bullet, N^\bullet \in D^b(\text{Gr } A)$.

If V is a k -vector space, V^* denotes the dual space $\text{Hom}_k(V, k)$. For $M \in \text{Gr } A$ (resp. $M \in \text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$), $M^\vee := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (M_i)^*$ has a graded *right* (resp. *left*) A -module structure given by $(fa)(x) = f(ax)$ (resp. $(af)(x) = f(xa)$) and $(M^\vee)_i = (M_{-i})^*$. If W is a graded A - A bimodule, then so is W^\vee . Note that $I_v := ({}_vP)^\vee$ (resp. ${}_vI := (P_v)^\vee$) is injective in $\text{Gr } A$ (resp. $\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$). Moreover, I_v and ${}_vI$ are graded injective hulls of k_v and ${}_vk$ respectively. In particular, the A - A bimodule A^\vee is injective both in $\text{Gr } A$ and in $\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$.

Let W be a graded A - A -bimodule (we mainly concern the cases $W = A$ or $W = A^\vee$). If $M \in \text{Gr } A$, we can regard $\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(M, W)$ as a graded *right* A -module by $(fa)(x) = f(x)a$. We have a natural isomorphism $\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(M, A^\vee) \cong M^\vee$. We can also define $\underline{\text{RHom}}_A(M^\bullet, W) \in D^b(\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}})$ and $\underline{\text{Ext}}_A^i(M^\bullet, W) \in \text{Gr } A^{\text{op}}$ for $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{Gr } A)$.

Let P^\bullet be a bounded complex in $\text{gr } A$ such that each P^i is projective. We say P^\bullet is *minimal* if $\partial(P^i) \subset \tau P^{i+1}$ for all i . Any complex $M^\bullet \in C^b(\text{gr } A)$ has a minimal projective resolution, which is unique up to isomorphism. We denote a graded module A/τ by A_0 . Set $\beta_j^i(M^\bullet) := \dim_k \underline{\text{Ext}}_A^{-i}(M^\bullet, A_0)_{-j}$. Let P^\bullet be a minimal projective resolution of M^\bullet , and $P^i := \bigoplus_{l=1}^m T^{i,l}$ an indecomposable decomposition. Then we have

$$\beta_j^i(M^\bullet) = \#\{l \mid T^{i,l}(j) \cong P_v \text{ for some } v\}.$$

Definition 1. Let A be a graded quiver algebra. We say A is *Artin-Schelter regular* (AS-regular, for short), if

- A has finite global dimension d .
- $\underline{\text{Ext}}_A^i(k_v, A) = \underline{\text{Ext}}_{A^{\text{op}}}^i({}_vk, A) = 0$ for all $i \neq d$ and all $v \in Q_0$.
- There are a permutation δ on Q_0 and an integer n_v for each $v \in Q_0$ such that $\underline{\text{Ext}}_A^d(k_v, A) \cong {}_{\delta(v)}k(n_v)$ (equivalently, $\underline{\text{Ext}}_{A^{\text{op}}}^d({}_vk, A) \cong k_{\delta^{-1}(v)}(n_v)$) for all v .

Remark 2. The AS regularity is a very important concept in non-commutative algebraic geometry (see for example [18]). But there many authors assume the connectedness of A . We also remark that Martinez-Villa and coworkers called the rings in Definition 1 *generalized Auslander regular algebras*.

Definition 3. For an integer $l \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say $M^\bullet \in \text{gr } A$ has an l -linear (projective) resolution, if $\beta_j^i(M^\bullet) = 0$ for all i, j with $i + j \neq l$. If M^\bullet has an l -linear resolution for some l , we say M^\bullet has a linear resolution.

Definition 4. We say A is Koszul, if the graded left A -module A_0 has a linear resolution. (Note that $A_0 \cong \bigoplus_{v \in Q_0} k_v$.)

In the above definition, we can regard A_0 as a right A -module (we get the equivalent definition). The next fact is easy to prove.

Lemma 5. If A is AS-regular, Koszul, and has global dimension d , then $\underline{\text{Ext}}_A^d(k_v, A) \cong {}_{\delta(v)}k(d)$ and $\underline{\text{Ext}}_{A^{\text{op}}}^d({}_v k, A) \cong k_{\delta^{-1}(v)}(d)$ for all $v \in Q_0$. Here δ is the permutation of Q_0 given in Definition 1.

In the rest of this paper, A is always a noetherian AS-regular Koszul quiver algebra of global dimension d .

Example 6. (1) A polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ is clearly a noetherian AS-regular Koszul (quiver) algebra of global dimension d .

(2) Let $k\langle x_1, \dots, x_d \rangle$ be the free associative algebra, and $(q_{i,j})$ a $d \times d$ matrix with entries in k satisfying $q_{i,j}q_{j,i} = q_{i,i} = 1$ for all i, j . Then $A = k\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / (x_j x_i - q_{i,j} x_i x_j \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq d)$ is a noetherian AS-regular Koszul algebra with global dimension d . This fact must be well-known to the specialist, but we will sketch a proof here. Since $x_1, \dots, x_d \in A_1$ form a regular normalizing sequence with $k = A/(x_1, \dots, x_d)$, A is a noetherian ring with a balanced dualizing complex by [12, Lemma 7.3]. We can construct a free resolution of $k = A/\tau$, which is a “ q -analog” of the Koszul complex of a polynomial ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$. So A is Koszul and has global dimension d . Since A has finite global dimension and admits a balanced dualizing complex, it is AS-regular (c.f. [12, Remark 3.6 (3)]).

(3) For examples of non-connected AS regular algebras, see [6].

For $M \in \text{Gr } A$, set

$$\Gamma_\tau(M) = \varinjlim \underline{\text{Hom}}_A(A/\tau^n, M) = \{x \in M \mid A_n x = 0 \text{ for } n \gg 0\} \in \text{Gr } A.$$

Then $\Gamma_\tau(-)$ gives a left exact functor from $\text{Gr } A$ to itself. So we have a right derived functor $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_\tau : D^b(\text{Gr } A) \rightarrow D^b(\text{Gr } A)$. For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{Gr } A)$, $H_\tau^i(M^\bullet)$ denotes the i^{th} cohomology of $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_\tau(M^\bullet)$. Similarly, we can define $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_{\tau^{\text{op}}}$ and $H_{\tau^{\text{op}}}^i$ for $D^b(\text{Gr } A^{\text{op}})$ in the same way. If M is an A - A bimodule, $H_\tau^i(M)$ and $H_{\tau^{\text{op}}}^i(M)$ are also.

Since A is AS regular, we have $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_\tau(A) \cong A^\vee(d)[-d]$ in $D^b(\text{gr } A)$. By the same argument as [18, Proposition 4.4], we also have $\mathbf{R}\Gamma_\tau(A) \cong A^\vee(d)[-d]$ in $D^b(\text{gr } A^{\text{op}})$. It does not mean that $H_\tau^d(A) \cong A^\vee(d)$ as A - A bimodules. But there is an A - A bimodule L such that $L \otimes_A H_\tau^d(A) \cong A^\vee(d)$ as A - A bimodules. Here the underlying graded additive group of L is A , but the bimodule structure is give by $A \times L \times A \ni (a, l, b) \mapsto \phi(a)lb \in A = L$ for a (fixed) graded k -algebra automorphism ϕ of A . In particular, $L \cong A$ as left A -modules and as right A -modules (separately). If A is commutative, then ϕ is the identity map.

Set $L' \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_A(L, A)$ and $\mathcal{D}^\bullet := L'(-d)[d]$. Note that \mathcal{D}^\bullet belongs both $D^b(\text{gr } A)$ and $D^b(\text{gr } A^{\text{op}})$. We have $H_\tau^i(\mathcal{D}^\bullet) = H_{\tau^{\text{op}}}^i(\mathcal{D}^\bullet) = 0$ for all $i \neq 0$ and $H_\tau^0(\mathcal{D}^\bullet) \cong H_{\tau^{\text{op}}}^0(\mathcal{D}^\bullet) \cong A^\vee$ as A - A bimodules by the same argument as [18, §4]. Thus (an injective resolution of) \mathcal{D}^\bullet is a balanced dualizing complex of A in the sense of [18]. It is easy to check that $\mathbf{R}\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(-, \mathcal{D}^\bullet)$

and $\mathbf{R}\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_{A^{\mathrm{op}}}(-, \mathcal{D}^\bullet)$ give duality functors between $D^b(\mathrm{gr} A)$ and $D^b(\mathrm{gr} A^{\mathrm{op}})$, which are quasi-inverse of each other.

Theorem 7 (c.f. Yekutieli [18] and Martinez-Villa [9]). *For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\mathrm{gr} A)$, we have*

$$\mathbf{R}\Gamma_\tau(M^\bullet)^\vee \cong \mathbf{R}\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_A(M^\bullet, \mathcal{D}^\bullet). \quad \text{In particular, } (H_\tau^i(M^\bullet)_j)^* \cong \underline{\mathrm{Ext}}_A^{-i}(M^\bullet, \mathcal{D}^\bullet)_{-j}.$$

The above result was proved by Yekutieli in the connected case. (In some sense, Martinez-Villa proved a more general result than ours, but he did not concern complexes.) The proof of [18, Theorem 4.18] also works in our case.

Definition 8 (Jørgensen, [8]). For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\mathrm{gr} A)$, we say

$$\mathrm{reg}(M^\bullet) := \sup\{i + j \mid H_\tau^i(M^\bullet)_j \neq 0\}$$

is the *Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity* of M^\bullet .

By Theorem 7 and the fact that $\mathbf{R}\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_A(M^\bullet, \mathcal{D}^\bullet) \in D^b(\mathrm{gr} A^{\mathrm{op}})$, we have $\mathrm{reg}(M^\bullet) < \infty$ for all $M^\bullet \in D^b(\mathrm{gr} A)$.

Theorem 9 (Jørgensen, [8]). *If $M^\bullet \in C^b(\mathrm{gr} A)$, then*

$$(2.1) \quad \mathrm{reg}(M^\bullet) = \max\{i + j \mid \beta_j^i(M^\bullet) \neq 0\}.$$

When A is a polynomial ring and M^\bullet is a module, the above theorem is a fundamental result obtained by Eisenbud and Goto [5]. In the non-commutative case, under the assumption that A is connected but not necessarily regular, this has been proved by Jørgensen [8]. (If A is not regular, we have $\mathrm{reg}(A) > 0$ in many cases. So one has to assume that $\mathrm{reg} A = 0$ there.) In our case (i.e., A is AS-regular), we have a much simpler proof. So we will give it here. This proof is also different from one given in [5].

Proof. Set $Q^\bullet := \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_A(P^\bullet, L'(-d)[d])$. Here P^\bullet is a minimal projective resolution of M^\bullet , and L' is the A - A bimodule given in the construction of the dualizing complex \mathcal{D}^\bullet . Note that $\underline{\mathrm{Hom}}_A(P_v, L') \cong \delta_{-1(v)}P$ for all $v \in Q_0$. Let s be the right hand side of (2.1), and l the minimal integer with the property that $\beta_{s-l}^l(M^\bullet) \neq 0$. Then $\iota(Q^{-d-l}) = l - s + d$, and $\iota(Q^{-d-l+1}) \geq l - s + d$. Since Q^\bullet is a minimal complex, we have

$$0 \neq H^{-d-l}(Q^\bullet)_{l-s+d} = \underline{\mathrm{Ext}}_A^{-d-l}(M^\bullet, \mathcal{D}^\bullet)_{l-s+d} = (H_\tau^{d+l}(M^\bullet)_{-l+s-d})^*.$$

Thus $\mathrm{reg}(M^\bullet) \geq s$. The opposite inequality can be proved similarly and more easily. \square

3. KOSZUL DUALITY

In this section, we study the relation between the Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity of complexes and the Koszul duality. For precise information of this duality, see [2, §2].

Recall that $A = kQ/I$ is a graded quiver algebra over a finite quiver Q . Let Q^{op} be the *opposite quiver* of Q . That is, $Q_0^{\mathrm{op}} = Q_0$ and there is a bijection from Q_1 to Q_1^{op} which sends an arrow $\alpha : v \rightarrow u$ in Q_1 to the arrow $\alpha^{\mathrm{op}} : u \rightarrow v$ in Q_1^{op} . Consider the bilinear form $\langle -, - \rangle : (kQ)_2 \times (kQ^{\mathrm{op}})_2 \rightarrow A_0$ defined by

$$\langle \alpha\beta, \gamma^{\mathrm{op}}\delta^{\mathrm{op}} \rangle = \begin{cases} e_v & \text{if } \alpha = \delta \text{ and } \beta = \gamma, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in Q_1$. Here $v \in Q_0$ is the vertex with $\beta \in Ae_v$. Let $I^\perp \subset kQ^{\text{op}}$ be the ideal generated by $\{y \in (kQ^{\text{op}})_2 \mid \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in I_2\}$. We say kQ^{op}/I^\perp is the *quadratic dual ring* of A , and denote it by $A^!$. Clearly, $(A^!)_0 = A_0$. Since A is Koszul, so is $A^!$. Since A is AS regular, $A^!$ is a finite dimensional selfinjective algebra with $A = \bigoplus_{i=0}^d A_i$ by [10, Theorem 5.1]. If A is a polynomial ring, then $A^!$ is the exterior algebra $\bigwedge(A_1)^*$.

Let V be a finitely generated left A_0 -module. Then $\text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, V)$ is a graded *left* $A^!$ -module with $(af)(a') = f(a'a)$ and $\text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, V)_i = \text{Hom}_{A_0}((A^!)_{-i}, V)$. Since $A^!$ is selfinjective, we have $\text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, A_0) \cong A^!(d)$. Hence $\text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, V)$ is a projective (and injective) left $A^!$ -module for all V . If V has degree i (e.g., $V = M_i$ for some $M \in \text{gr } A$), then we set $\text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, V)_j = \text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!_{-j-i}, V)$.

For $M^\bullet \in C^b(\text{gr } A)$, let $\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet) := \text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, M^\bullet) \in C^b(\text{gr } A^!)$ be the total complex of the double complex with $\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet)^{i,j} = \text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, M_j^i)$ whose vertical and horizontal differentials d' and d'' are defined by

$$d'(f)(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} \alpha f(\alpha^{\text{op}} x), \quad d''(f)(x) = \partial_{M^\bullet}(f(x))$$

for $f \in \text{Hom}_{A_0}(A^!, M_j^i)$ and $x \in A^!$. The grading of $\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet)$ is given by

$$\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet)_q^p := \bigoplus_{p=i+j, q=-l-j} \text{Hom}_{A_0}((A^!)_l, M_j^i).$$

Similarly, for a complex $N^\bullet \in C^b(\text{gr } A^!)$, we can define a new complex $\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet) := A \otimes_{A_0} N^\bullet \in C^b(\text{gr } A)$ as the total complex of the double complex with $\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)^{i,j} = A \otimes_{A_0} N_j^i$ whose vertical and horizontal differentials d' and d'' are defined by

$$d'(a \otimes x) = \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} a\alpha \otimes \alpha^{\text{op}} x, \quad d''(a \otimes x) = a \otimes \partial_{N^\bullet}(x)$$

for $a \otimes x \in A \otimes_{A_0} N_j^i$. The gradings of $\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)$ is given by

$$\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)_q^p := \bigoplus_{p=i+j, q=l-j} A_l \otimes_{A_0} N_j^i.$$

Clearly, each term of $\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)$ is a projective A -module. For a module $N \in \text{gr } A^!$, $\mathcal{F}(N)$ is a minimal complex. Hence we have

$$\beta_j^i(\mathcal{F}(N)) = \begin{cases} \dim_k N_i & \text{if } i+j=0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The operations \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} define functors $\mathcal{F} : D^b(\text{gr } A^!) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A)$ and $\mathcal{G} : D^b(\text{gr } A) \rightarrow D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$, and they give an equivalence $D^b(\text{gr } A) \cong D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$ of triangulated categories. This equivalence is called the *Koszul duality*. When A is a polynomial ring, this equivalence is called *Bernstein-Gel'fand-Gel'fand correspondence*. See, for example, [4].

Proposition 10 (c.f. [4, Proposition 2.3]). *In the above situation, we have*

$$\beta_j^i(M^\bullet) = \dim_k H^{i+j}(\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet))_{-j}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{\text{Ext}}_{A^!}^i(A_0, N^\bullet)_j &\cong \text{Hom}_{D^b(\text{gr } A^!)}(A_0, N^\bullet[i](j)) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_{D^b(\text{gr } A)}(\mathcal{F}(A_0), \mathcal{F}(N^\bullet[i](j))) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_{D^b(\text{gr } A)}(A, \mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)[i+j](-j)) \\
&\cong H^{i+j}(\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet))_{-j}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

The next result immediately follows from Theorem 9 and Proposition 10.

Corollary 11. $\text{reg}(M^\bullet) = \max\{i \mid H^i(\mathcal{G}(M^\bullet)) \neq 0\}$.

For $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A)$, set $\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)$ to be the complex such that $\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)^i = H^i(M)$ for all i and all differential maps are zero. By a spectral sequence argument, we see that

$$(3.1) \quad \text{reg}(\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet)) \geq \text{reg}(M^\bullet).$$

In the next section, we will see that the difference $\text{reg}(M^\bullet) - \text{reg}(\mathcal{H}(M^\bullet))$ can be arbitrary large. For $N^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$, we can define $\mathcal{H}(N^\bullet)$ is the same way.

We can refine Proposition 10 using the notion of *linear strands* of projective resolutions, which was introduced by Eisenbud et. al. ([4, §3]). Let P^\bullet be a *minimal* projective resolution of $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A)$. Consider the decomposition $P^i := \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P^{i,j}$ such that any indecomposable summand of $P^{i,j}$ is isomorphic to a summand of $A(-j)$. For an integer l , we define the l -*linear strand* $\text{proj. lin}_l(M^\bullet)$ of a projective resolution of M^\bullet as follows: The term $\text{proj. lin}_l(M^\bullet)^i$ of cohomological degree i is $P^{i, l-i}$ and the differential $P^{i, l-i} \rightarrow P^{i+1, l-i-1}$ is the corresponding component of the differential $P^i \rightarrow P^{i+1}$ of P^\bullet . So the differential of $\text{proj. lin}_l(M^\bullet)$ is represented by a matrix whose entries are elements in A_1 . Set $\text{proj. lin}(M^\bullet) := \bigoplus_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{proj. lin}_l(M^\bullet)$. Clearly, $\beta_j^i(M^\bullet) = \beta_j^i(\text{proj. lin}(M^\bullet))$ for all i, j .

Proposition 12 (c.f. [4, Corollary 3.6]). *For $N^\bullet \in D^b(\text{gr } A^!)$, we have*

$$\text{proj. lin}_l(\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)) = \mathcal{F}(H^l(N^\bullet))[-l], \quad \text{in particular,} \quad \text{proj. lin}(\mathcal{F}(N^\bullet)) = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}(N^\bullet)).$$

4. WEAKLY KOSZUL MODULES

Let B be a noetherian Koszul algebra with the graded Jacobson radical \mathfrak{r} . For $M \in \text{gr } B$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $M_{\langle i \rangle}$ denotes the submodule of M generated by its degree i component M_i . The next result naturally appears in the study of Koszul algebras, and might be a folk-theorem (see [17] for further information).

Proposition 13. *In the above situation, the following are equivalent.*

- (1) $M_{\langle i \rangle}$ has a linear projective resolution for all i .
- (2) $H^i(\text{proj. lin}(M)) = 0$ for all $i \neq 0$.
- (3) $\text{gr}_{\mathfrak{r}} M := \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{r}^{i-1} M / \mathfrak{r}^i M$ has a linear resolution as a $B (\cong \text{gr}_{\mathfrak{r}} B)$ -modules.

Definition 14 (Martinez-Villa et.al., c.f. [11]). We say $M \in \text{gr } B$ is *weakly Koszul*, if it satisfies the equivalent conditions of Proposition 13.

If $M \in \text{gr } B$ has a linear resolution, then it is weakly Koszul. Moreover, if M is weakly Koszul, then the i^{th} syzygy $\Omega_i(M)$ is also for all $i \geq 1$.

Let A be a noetherian AS-regular Koszul quiver algebra of global dimension d , and $A^!$ its quadratic dual, as in the previous sections.

Theorem 15 (Martinez-Villa and Zacharia, [11]). *If $N \in \text{gr } A^!$ (or $N \in \text{gr } (A^!)^{\text{op}}$), then the i^{th} syzygy $\Omega_i(N)$ is weakly Koszul for $i \gg 0$.*

Definition 16 (Herzog et. al., [7, 14]). For $0 \neq N \in \text{gr } A^!$ (or $N \in \text{gr } (A^!)^{\text{op}}$), set

$$\text{lpd}(N) := \inf\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid \Omega_i(N) \text{ is weakly Koszul}\}.$$

Remark 17. Herzog and Iyengar ([7]) studied the invariant lpd over noetherian commutative Koszul algebras. Among other things, they proved that $\text{lpd}(M)$ is always finite over some “nice” rings (e.g., graded complete intersections which are Koszul).

The next result follows from Corollary 11 and Proposition 12.

Theorem 18. *Let $N \in \text{gr } A^!$, and $N' := \text{Hom}_{A^!}(N, A^!) \in \text{gr } (A^!)^{\text{op}}$ its dual. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lpd}(N') &= \text{reg}(\mathcal{H} \circ \mathcal{F}(N)) \\ &= \max\{\text{reg}(H^i(\mathcal{F}(N))) + i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\text{reg}(\mathcal{H} \circ \mathcal{F}(N)) \geq \text{reg}(\mathcal{F}(N)) = \max\{i \mid H^i(\mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{F}(N)) \neq 0\} = 0$ by the inequality (3.1) and Corollary 11.

If $\text{lpd}(N) \geq 1$ for some $N \in \text{gr } A^!$, then $\sup\{\text{lpd}(L) \mid L \in \text{gr } A^!\} = \infty$. In fact, if $\Omega_{-i}(N)$ is the i^{th} cosyzygy of N (since $A^!$ is selfinjective, we can consider cosyzygies), then $\text{lpd}(\Omega_{-i}(N)) > i$. But when A is the polynomial ring $S = k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ and $A^!$ is the exterior algebra $E = \bigwedge \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$, we have an upper bound of $\text{lpd}(N)$ for $N \in \text{gr } E$ depending only on $\max\{\dim_k N_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and d . But before stating this, we recall a result on a upper bound of $\text{reg}(M)$ for $M \in \text{gr } S$.

Theorem 19 (Brodmann and Lashgari, [3]). *Let $S = k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ be a polynomial ring. Assume that a graded submodule $M \subset S^{\oplus n}$ is generated by elements whose degrees are at most δ . Then we have $\text{reg}(M) \leq n^{d!} (2\delta)^{(d-1)!}$.*

When $n = 1$ (i.e., when M is an ideal), the above bound is given by Bayer and Mumford [1], and sharper than it seems. In fact, for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, there is an ideal $I \subset k[x_1, \dots, x_{10m+1}]$ which is generated by elements of degree at most four but satisfies $\text{reg}(I) \geq 2^{2^m} + 1$. For our study on $\text{lpd}(N)$, the case when $\delta = 1$ (but n is general) is essential. When $n = \delta = 1$, we have $\text{reg}(M) = 1$ in the situation of Theorem 19. So I believe that the bound can be largely improved (at least) when $\delta = 1$.

Theorem 20. *Let $E = \bigwedge \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$ be an exterior algebra, and $N \in \text{gr } E$. Set $n := \max\{\dim_k N_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Then $\text{lpd}(N) \leq n^{d!} 2^{(d-1)!}$.*

Proof. Set $L := N' \in \text{gr } E$. (For graded E -modules, we do not have to distinguish left modules from right ones.) By Theorem 18, it suffices to prove $\text{reg}(H^i(\mathcal{F}(L))) + i \leq$

$n^{d!}2^{(d-1)!}$ for each i . We may assume that $i = 0$. Note that $H^0(\mathcal{F}(L))$ is the cohomology of the sequence

$$S \otimes_k L_{-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{-1}} S \otimes_k L_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} S \otimes_k L_1.$$

Since $\text{im}(\partial_0)(-1)$ is a submodule of $S^{\oplus \dim_k L_1}$ generated by elements of degree 1, we have $\text{reg}(\text{im}(\partial_0)) < n^{d!}2^{(d-1)!}$ by Theorem 19. Consider the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \ker(\partial_0) \rightarrow S \otimes_k L_0 \rightarrow \text{im}(\partial_0) \rightarrow 0$. Since $\text{reg}(S \otimes_k L_0) = 0$, we have $\text{reg}(\ker(\partial_0)) \leq n^{d!}2^{(d-1)!}$. Similarly, we have $\text{reg}(\text{im}(\partial_{-1})) \leq n^{d!}2^{(d-1)!}$ by Theorem 19. By the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \text{im}(\partial_{-1}) \rightarrow \ker(\partial_0) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{F}(L)) \rightarrow 0$, we have $\text{reg}(H^0(\mathcal{F}(L))) \leq n^{d!}2^{(d-1)!}$. \square

In a special case, there is much more reasonable bound for $\text{lpd}(N)$.

Definition 21 (Römer, [13]). We say an integer vector $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ is *square-free*, if $a_i = 0, 1$ for all i . Let $N = \bigoplus_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} N_{\mathbf{a}}$ be a finitely generated \mathbb{Z}^d -graded modules over the exterior algebra $E = \bigwedge \langle y_1, \dots, y_d \rangle$. We say N is *squarefree*, if $N_{\mathbf{a}} \neq 0$ implies that \mathbf{a} is squarefree.

This concept naturally appears in the study of combinatorial commutative algebra (c.f. [14, 16]). For example, all monomial ideals of E are squarefree.

Proposition 22 (Herzog and Römer, [14]). *If N is a squarefree E -module, then we have $\text{lpd}(N) \leq d - 1$.*

In [17], we describe $\text{lpd}(N)$ for a squarefree E -module N in terms of combinatorial commutative algebra. We will show it below in the case when N is a monomial ideal. We also remark that there is a squarefree E -module N with $\text{lpd}(N) = d - 1$.

Set $[d] := \{1, \dots, d\}$. Let $\Delta \subset 2^{[d]}$ be an (abstract) simplicial complex (i.e., $F \in \Delta$ and $G \subset F$ imply $G \in \Delta$). It is easy to see that $\Delta^\vee := \{F \subset [d] \mid [d] \setminus F \notin \Delta\}$ is a simplicial complex again. We also have $\Delta^{\vee\vee} = \Delta$. Set $J_\Delta = (\prod_{i \in F} y_i \mid F \subset [d], F \notin \Delta)$ to be a monomial ideal of E . Any monomial ideal of E is given in this way. Similarly, set $I_\Delta = (\prod_{i \in F} x_i \mid F \subset [d], F \notin \Delta)$ to be a monomial ideal of S , and call it the *Stanley-Reisner ideal* of Δ . Any squarefree monomial ideal of S is given in this way.

Proposition 23. *For a simplicial complex $\Delta \subset 2^{[d]}$, we have*

$$(4.1) \quad \text{lpd}(J_\Delta) = \max\{i - \text{depth}_S(\text{Ext}_S^{d-i}(S/I_{\Delta^\vee}, S)) \mid 0 \leq i \leq d\}.$$

Here we set the depth of the 0 module to be $+\infty$.

If $\text{Ext}_S^{d-i}(S/I_{\Delta^\vee}, S) \neq 0$, then we have $i - \text{depth}_S(\text{Ext}_S^{d-i}(S/I_{\Delta^\vee}, S)) \geq 0$. One might think the right side of the equality (4.1) is strange. But the right side of (4.1) equals 0 if and only if S/I_{Δ^\vee} is *sequentially Cohen-Macaulay* (see [15]). In this sense, $\text{lpd}(J_\Delta)$ measures “how is S/I_{Δ^\vee} far from sequentially Cohen-Macaulay?”.

Corollary 24 (Römer, [13]). *For a simplicial complex $\Delta \subset 2^{[d]}$, the following are equivalent.*

- (1) $J_\Delta \subset E$ is weakly Koszul.
- (2) $I_\Delta \subset S$ is weakly Koszul.
- (3) S/I_{Δ^\vee} is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay.

We remark that there are many examples of Stanley-Reisner ideals $I_\Delta \subset S$ which are weakly Koszul (dually, Stanley-Reisner rings S/I_Δ which are sequentially Cohen-Macaulay).

Corollary 25. *If $d \geq 3$, then we have $\text{lpd}(E/J_\Delta) \leq d - 2$.*

In this moment, I have no idea whether the above bound is (nearly) sharp for large d .

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