# NONCOMMUTATIVE GRADED GORENSTEIN ISOLATED SINGULARITIES

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ABSTRACT. Gorenstein isolated singularities play an essential role in representation theory of Cohen-Macaulay modules. In this article, we define a notion of noncommutative graded isolated singularity and study AS-Gorenstein isolated singularities. For an AS-Gorenstein algebra A of dimension  $d \ge 2$ , we show that A is a graded isolated singularity if and only if the stable category of graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules over Ahas the Serre functor. Using this result, we also show the existence of cluster tilting modules over certain fixed subalgebras of AS-regular algebras.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, k is an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. In representation theory of orders, which generalize both finite dimensional algebras and Cohen-Macaulay rings, studying the categories of Cohen-Macaulay modules is active (see [5] for details). In particular, the following results play key roles in the theory (we present graded versions due to [6, Corollary 2.5, Theorem 3.2, Theorem 4.2]).

**Theorem 1.** Let R be a noetherian commutative graded local Gorenstein ring of dimension d and of Gorenstein parameter  $\ell$ . Assume that R is an isolated singularity. Then the stable category of graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules has the Serre functor  $(-\ell)[d-1]$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $S = k[x_1, \ldots, x_d]$  be a polynomial ring generated in degree 1, G a finite subgroup of  $SL_d(k)$ , and  $S^G$  the fixed subring of S.

- (1) Then the skew group algebra S \* G is isomorphic to  $\underline{\operatorname{End}}_{S^G}(S)$  as graded algebras.
- (2) Assume that  $S^G$  is an isolated singularity. Then S is a (d-1)-cluster tilting module in the categories of graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules over  $S^G$ .

The proofs of these results rely on commutative ring theory. This paper tries to give a noncommutative (not necessarily order) version of them.

One of the noncommutative analogues of polynomial rings (resp. Gorenstein local rings) is AS-regular algebras (resp. AS-Gorenstein algebras). In this paper, we define a notion of noncommutative graded isolated singularity by the smoothness of the noncommutative projective scheme (see also [8]), and we focus on studying AS-Gorenstein

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isolated singularities. In particular, a noncommutative version of Theorem 1 will be given in Theorem 7, and a partial generalization of Theorem 2 for some fixed subalgebras of AS-regular algebras will be given in Theorem 11.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let A be a connected graded algebra and  $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{i>0} A_i$  the maximal homogeneous two-sided ideal of A. The trivial A-module  $A/\mathfrak{m}$  is denoted by k. We denote by  $\operatorname{GrMod} A$ the category of graded right A-modules with degree zero A-module homomorphisms, and by  $\operatorname{grmod} A$  the full subcategory consisting of finitely generated graded right Amodules. The group of graded k-algebra automorphisms of A is denoted by  $\operatorname{GrAut} A$ . Let M be a graded right A-module. For an integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define the truncation  $M_{\geq n} := \bigoplus_{i\geq n} M_i \in \operatorname{GrMod} A$  and the shift  $M(n) \in \operatorname{GrMod} A$  by  $M(n)_i := M_{n+i}$  for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We write

$$\underline{\operatorname{Ext}}^{i}_{A}(M,N) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{Ext}^{i}_{\operatorname{GrMod} A}(M,N(n)).$$

For a graded algebra automorphism  $\sigma \in \operatorname{GrAut} A$ , we define a new graded right Amodule  $M_{\sigma} \in \operatorname{GrMod} A$  by  $M_{\sigma} = M$  as graded vector spaces with the new right action  $m*a = m\sigma(a)$  for  $m \in M$  and  $a \in A$ . We denote by  $(-)^* = \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}_k(-, k)$  the graded Matlis duality. If M is locally finite, then  $M^{**} \cong M$  as graded A-modules. We define the functor  $\underline{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}} : \operatorname{GrMod} A \to \operatorname{GrMod} A$  by  $\underline{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}(-) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \operatorname{\underline{Hom}}_A(A/A_{\geq n}, -)$ . The derived functor of  $\underline{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is denoted by  $\operatorname{R}\underline{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}(-)$ , and its cohomologies are denoted by  $\underline{\mathrm{H}}_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(-) = h^i(\operatorname{R}\underline{\Gamma}_{\mathfrak{m}}(-))$ .

**Definition 3.** A connected graded algebra A is called a *d*-dimensional AS-Gorenstein algebra (resp. AS-regular algebra) of Gorenstein parameter  $\ell$  if

• 
$$A$$
 is noetherian,

•  $\operatorname{id}_A A = \operatorname{id}_{A^{\operatorname{op}}} A = d < \infty$  (resp. gldim  $A = d < \infty$ ) and

• 
$$\underline{\operatorname{Ext}}_{A}^{i}(k,A) \cong \underline{\operatorname{Ext}}_{A^{\operatorname{op}}}^{i}(k,A) \cong \begin{cases} k(\ell) & \text{if } i = d, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq d. \end{cases}$$

If A is a d-dimensional AS-Gorenstein algebra of Gorenstein parameter  $\ell$ , then *i*-th local cohomology  $\underline{\mathrm{H}}^{i}_{\mathfrak{m}}(A)$  of A is zero for all  $i \neq d$ . The graded A-A bimodule  $\omega_{A} := \underline{\mathrm{H}}^{d}_{\mathfrak{m}}(A)^{*}$  is called the canonical module of A. It is known that there exists a graded algebra automorphism  $\nu \in \operatorname{GrAut} A$  such that  $\omega_{A} \cong A_{\nu}(-\ell)$  as graded A-A bimodules (cf. [7, Theorem 1.2]). We call this graded algebra automorphism  $\nu \in \operatorname{GrAut} A$  the generalized Nakayama automorphism of A.

We denote by  $\operatorname{tors} A$  the full subcategory of  $\operatorname{grmod} A$  consisting of finite dimensional modules over k, and

### tails $A := \operatorname{grmod} A/\operatorname{tors} A$

the quotient category, which is called the noncommutative projective scheme associated to A in [1]. If A is a commutative graded algebra finitely generated in degree 1 over k, then tails A is equivalent to the category of coherent sheaves on Proj A by Serre, justifying the terminology. We usually denote by  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathsf{tails} A$  the image of  $M \in \mathsf{grmod} A$ . If  $M, N \in \mathsf{grmod} A$ , then  $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{N}$  in tails A if and only if  $M_{\geq n} \cong N_{\geq n}$  in  $\mathsf{grmod} A$  for some n, explaining the word of "tails".

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We define a notion of noncommutative graded isolated singularity by the smoothness of the noncommutative projective scheme. Recall that the global dimension of tails A is defined by

gldim(tails A) := sup{ $i \mid \operatorname{Ext}^{i}_{\operatorname{tails} A}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) \neq 0$  for some  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \operatorname{tails} A$ }.

**Definition 4.** A noetherian connected graded algebra A is called a graded isolated singularity if tails A has finite global dimension.

If A is a graded quotient of a polynomial ring generated in degree 1, then A is a graded isolated singularity (in the above sense) if and only if  $A_{(\mathfrak{p})}$  is regular for any homogeneous prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \neq \mathfrak{m}$ , justifying the definition. It is easy to see that if A has finite global dimension, then tails A has finite global dimension, so A is a graded isolated singularity. The purpose of this paper is to study AS-Gorenstein isolated singularities.

For the rest of this section, we recall that Jørgensen and Zhang [9] gave a noncommutative graded version of Watanabe's theorem. Let A be a graded algebra and let  $\sigma \in \operatorname{GrAut} A, M, N \in \operatorname{GrMod} A$ . A k-linear graded map  $f: M \to N$  is called  $\sigma$ -linear if  $f: M \to N_{\sigma}$  is a graded A-module homomorphism. If A is AS-Gorenstein, then by [9, Lemma 2.2],  $\sigma: A \to A$  induces a  $\sigma$ -linear map  $\operatorname{\underline{H}}^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(\sigma): \operatorname{\underline{H}}^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \to \operatorname{\underline{H}}^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(A)$ . Moreover, there exists a constant  $c \in k^{\times}$  such that  $\operatorname{\underline{H}}^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(\sigma): \operatorname{\underline{H}}^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \to \operatorname{\underline{H}}^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(A)$  is equal to  $c(\sigma^{-1})^*: A^*(\ell) \to A^*(\ell)$ . The constant  $c^{-1}$  is called the homological determinant of  $\sigma$ , and we denote hdet  $\sigma = c^{-1}$  (see [9, Definition 2.3]).

**Theorem 5.** [9, Theorem 3.3] If A is AS-Gorenstein of dimension d, and G is a finite subgroup of GrAut A such that hdet  $\sigma = 1$  for all  $\sigma \in G$ , then the fixed subalgebra  $A^G$  is AS-Gorenstein of dimension d.

### 3. Serre Functors

**Definition 6.** Let C be a k-linear category such that  $\dim_k \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) < \infty$  for all  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathsf{C}$ . An autoequivalence  $S : \mathsf{C} \to \mathsf{C}$  is called the Serre functor for  $\mathsf{C}$  if we have a functorial isomorphism

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(\mathcal{M},\mathcal{N})\cong\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{C}}(\mathcal{N},S(\mathcal{M}))^*$$

for all  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \mathsf{C}$ .

Note that the Serre functor is unique if it exists. Let A be an AS-Gorenstein algebra of dimension d. We say that  $M \in \operatorname{grmod} A$  is graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay if  $\operatorname{Ext}_A^i(M, A) = 0$  for any i > 0. We denote by  $\operatorname{CM}^{\operatorname{gr}}(A)$  the full subcategory of  $\operatorname{grmod} A$  consisting of graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules, and by  $\operatorname{\underline{CM}}^{\operatorname{gr}}(A)$  the stable category of  $\operatorname{CM}^{\operatorname{gr}}(A)$ . Thus  $\operatorname{\underline{CM}}^{\operatorname{gr}}(A)$  has the same objects as  $\operatorname{CM}^{\operatorname{gr}}(A)$  and the morphism set is given by

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathrm{gr}}(A)}(M,N) = \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{GrMod}\,A}(M,N)/P(M,N)$$

for any  $M, N \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A)$ , where P(M, N) consists of the degree zero A-module homomorphisms that factor through a projective module in  $\mathsf{GrMod} A$ . The syzygy gives a functor  $\Omega : \underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A) \to \underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A)$ . By [2], we see that  $\underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A)$  is a triangulated category with respect to the translation functor  $M[-1] = \Omega M$ .

We have the following main result in this section.

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**Theorem 7.** Let A be an AS-Gorenstein algebra of dimension  $d \ge 2$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- (1) A is a graded isolated singularity.
- (2)  $\underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A)$  has the Serre functor  $-\otimes_A \omega_A[d-1]$ , that is, there exists a functorial isomorphism

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathrm{gr}}(A)}(M,N) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\underline{\mathsf{CM}}^{\mathrm{gr}}(A)}(N,M \otimes_A \omega_A[d-1])^*$$

for any  $M, N \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A)$ .

In order to give an example of this result, we prepare a noncommutative graded version of a classical result by Auslander. Let A be an AS-Gorenstein algebra. We call A CMrepresentation-finite if there exist finitely many indecomposable graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  so that, up to isomorphism, the indecomposable graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules in grmod A are precisely the degree shifts  $X_i(s)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proposition 8.** Let A be an AS-regular algebra of dimension 2, and let G be a finite subgroup of GrAut A such that hdet  $\sigma = 1$  for all  $\sigma \in G$ . Then  $A^G$  is CM-representation-finite. In fact, the indecomposable maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules over  $A^G$  are precisely the indecomposable summands of A(s). Moreover,  $A^G$  is an AS-Gorenstein isolated singularity.

## Example 9. Let

$$A = k\langle x, y \rangle / (xy - \alpha yx)$$
  $0 \neq \alpha \in k$ , deg  $x = \deg y = 1$ .

Then A is an AS-regular algebra of dimension 2 and of Gorenstein parameter 2. We define a graded algebra automorphism  $\sigma \in \operatorname{GrAut} A$  by  $\sigma(x) = \xi x, \sigma(y) = \xi^2 y$  where  $\xi$  is a primitive 3-rd root of unity. One can check hdet  $\sigma = 1$ . Let  $G = \langle \sigma \rangle \leq \operatorname{GrAut} A$ . Then  $A^G$  is AS-Gorenstein of dimension 2 and

$$H_{A^G}(t) = \frac{1 - t + t^2}{(1 - t)^2 (1 + t + t^2)}.$$

It follows from Proposition 8 that  $A^G$  is CM-representation-finite and a graded isolated singularity. But  $A^G$  is not AS-regular because  $H_{A^G}(t)^{-1} \notin \mathbb{Z}[t]$ . Theorem 7 shows that  $\underline{CM}^{gr}(A^G)$  has the Serre functor.

## 4. *n*-cluster tilting modules

The notion of n-cluster tilting subcategories plays an important role from the viewpoint of higher analogue of Auslander-Reiten theory [3], [4]. It can be regarded as a natural generalization of the classical notion of CM-representation-finiteness.

**Definition 10.** Let A be a balanced Cohen-Macaulay algebra. A graded maximal Cohen-Macaulay module  $X \in CM^{gr}(A)$  is called an *n*-cluster tilting module if

$$add_A \{ X(s) \mid s \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ M \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A) \mid \underline{\operatorname{Ext}}^i_A(M, X) = 0 \ (0 < i < n) \} \\ = \{ M \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A) \mid \underline{\operatorname{Ext}}^i_A(X, M) = 0 \ (0 < i < n) \}.$$

Note that A is CM-representation-finite if and only if A has a 1-cluster tilting module. In fact if A and  $A^G$  are as in Proposition 8, then  $A^G$  has a 1-cluster tilting module  $A \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A^G)$ .

Let A be a connected graded algebra and G a finite subgroup of GrAut A. Then the skew group algebra A \* G is an N-graded algebra defined by  $A * G = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (A_i \otimes_k kG)$  as a graded vector space with the multiplication

$$(a \otimes \sigma)(a' \otimes \sigma') = a\sigma(a') \otimes \sigma\sigma'$$

for any  $a, a' \in A$  and  $\sigma, \sigma' \in G$ . We have the following main result in this section.

**Theorem 11.** Let A be a AS-regular domain of dimension  $d \ge 2$  and of Gorenstein parameter  $\ell$  generated in degree 1. Take  $r \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that  $r \mid \ell$ . We define a graded algebra automorphism  $\sigma_r$  of A by  $\sigma_r(a) = \xi^{\deg a} a$  where  $\xi$  is a primitive r-th root of unity, and write  $G = \langle \sigma_r \rangle$  for the finite cyclic subgroup of GrAut(A) generated by  $\sigma_r$ . Then

- (1) the skew group algebra A \* G is isomorphic to  $\underline{\operatorname{End}}_{A^G}(A)$  as graded algebras.
- (2)  $A^G$  is a graded isolated singularity, and  $A \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A^G)$  is a (d-1)-cluster tilting module.

Moreover, it follows from the study of skew group algebras [10, Lemma 13] that  $\underline{\operatorname{End}}_{A^G}(A)$  in the above theorem is a generalized AS-regular algebra of dimension d (ie,  $\underline{\operatorname{End}}_{A^G}(A)$  has global dimension d and satisfies generalized Gorenstein condition).

Theorem 11 is a partial generalization of Theorem 2. Thanks to this result, we can obtain examples of (d-1)-cluster tilting modules over non-orders.

### Example 12. Let

 $A = k \langle x, y \rangle / (\alpha x y^2 + \beta y x y + \alpha y^2 x + \gamma x^3, \alpha y x^2 + \beta x y x + \alpha x^2 y + \gamma y^3), \deg x = \deg y = 1$ 

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in k$  are generic scalars. Then A is an AS-regular algebra of dimension 3 and Gorenstein parameter 4. Let

$$G = \langle \sigma_4 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & \xi \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \leq \operatorname{GrAut} A$$

where  $\xi$  is a primitive 4-th root of unity. Then  $A^G$  is an AS-Gorenstein isolated singularity, and  $A \in \mathsf{CM}^{\mathsf{gr}}(A^G)$  is a 2-cluster tilting module. Moreover, we see that  $\underline{\mathrm{End}}_{A^G}(A)$  is a generalized AS-regular algebra of dimension 3.

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