

An application of Hochschild cohomology to the moduli of subalgebras of the full matrix ring

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and $d^i : C^i(A, M) \rightarrow C^{i+1}(A, M)$ ($i \geq 0$) defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d^i(f)(a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{i+1}) \\ := a_1 f(a_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^j f(a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_j a_{j+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{i+1}) \\ + (-1)^{i+1} f(a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_i) a_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

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Moreover, $\text{Mold}_{n,d}$ is a closed subscheme of the Grassmann scheme $\text{Grass}(d, n^2)$.

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In the case $n = 2$, we have

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$$\text{Mold}_{2,3} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^1,$$

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Proof. The Zariski tangent space $T_x \text{Mold}_{n,d}$ consists of $k(x)[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2)$ -valued points of $\text{Mold}_{n,d}$ mapping the closed point to x . We can easily check the statement. \square

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Note that $\text{Ker } d^1 = \text{Der}_k(A, M_n(k)/A) \supseteq \text{Im } d^0 = \text{Im } d$. Hence we have $H^1(A, M_n(k)/A) \cong \text{Der}_k(A, M_n(k)/A) / \text{Im } d$. \square

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$$\begin{aligned} \dim_{k(x)} T_x \text{Mold}_{n,d} \\ = \dim_{k(x)} H^1(\mathcal{A}(x), M_n(k(x))/\mathcal{A}(x)) + n^2 - \dim_{k(x)} N(\mathcal{A}(x)) \end{aligned}$$

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Set $r^{\otimes 0} := E$. Then $\text{Hom}_{E^e}(r^{\otimes 0}, M) = M^E$. Hence the complex above can be written by $\{\text{Hom}_{E^e}(r^{\otimes n}, E), \delta^n\}$.

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For $i \geq 0$, $H^i(D_n(R), M_n(R)/D_n(R)) = 0$.

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Let R be a commutative ring. We define $x \in M_n(R)$ by

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Proposition 1.15

For $A = S_2(k)$ or $S_3(k)$,

$$H^i(A, M_3(k)/A) = \begin{cases} k^2 & (i = 0) \\ 0 & (i > 0). \end{cases}$$

Theorem 18

For the non-commutative subalgebras part in $\text{Mold}_{3,3}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mold}_{3,3}^{\text{non-comm}} &= \text{Mold}_{3,3}^{S_2} \amalg \text{Mold}_{3,3}^{S_3} \\ &\cong ((\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 \times \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2) \setminus \Delta) \amalg ((\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 \times \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2) \setminus \Delta),\end{aligned}$$

where Δ is the diagonal of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2 \times \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2$.

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In other words, there exist distinct subline bundles L_1, L_2 of R^3 or distinct rank 2 subbundles W_1, W_2 of R^3 such that

$$A = \langle \text{Hom}_R(R^3/L_1, L_2) \rangle \subset \text{End}_R(R^3) = M_3(R)$$

or

$$A = \langle \text{Hom}_R(R^3/W_1, W_2) \rangle \subset \text{End}_R(R^3) = M_3(R).$$