# NONCOMMUTATIVE CONICS IN CALABI-YAU QUANTUM PROJECTIVE PLANES I, II

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ABSTRACT. In noncommutative algebraic geometry, noncommutative quadric hypersurfaces are major objects of study. In this paper, we focus on studying the homogeneous coordinate algebras A of noncommutative conics  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A$  embedded into Calabi-Yau quantum projective planes. We give a complete classification of A up to isomorphism of graded algebras. As a consequence, we show that there are exactly 9 isomorphism classes of noncommutative conics  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A$  in Calabi-Yau quantum projective planes.

#### 1. MOTIVATION

Throughout this paper, we fix an algebraically closed field k of characteristic 0. By Sylvester's theorem, it is elementary to classify (commutative) quadric hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^{d-1}$ , namely, they are isomorphic to

$$\operatorname{Proj} k[x_1, \dots, x_d]/(x_1^2 + \dots + x_i^2) \subset \mathbb{P}^{d-1}$$

for some j = 1, ..., d. When d = 3, we see that there are exactly 3 isomorphism classes of conics, exactly 1 of them is smooth and exactly 1 of them is irreducible (the same one).

The ultimate goal of our project is to classify noncommutative quadric hypersurfaces in quantum  $\mathbb{P}^{d-1}$ 's. As a first step to this ultimate goal, we define and classify noncommutative conics in quantum  $\mathbb{P}^{2}$ 's.

# 2. Quantum polynomial algebras

**Definition 1** ([1]). A *d*-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra is a connected graded algebra S such that

- (1) gldim  $S = d < \infty$ ,
- (2)  $\operatorname{Ext}_{S}^{q}(k,S) = 0$  if  $q \neq d$ , and  $\operatorname{Ext}_{S}^{d}(k,S) \cong k$ , and
- (3)  $H_S(t) = 1/(1-t)^d$ .

A *d*-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra S is a noncommutative analogue of the commutative polynomial algebra  $k[x_1, \ldots, x_d]$ , so the noncommutative projective scheme  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} S$  associated to S in the sense of [3] is regarded as a quantum  $\mathbb{P}^{d-1}$  (see Section 3 for details).

Next, we recall a notion of geometric algebra for a quadratic algebra.

**Definition 2.** Let A = T(V)/(R) be a quadratic algebra where V is a finite dimensional vector space and  $R \subset V \otimes V$  is a subspace.

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- (1) A geometric pair  $(E, \sigma)$  consists of a projective scheme  $E \subset \mathbb{P}(V^*)$  and an automorphism  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Aut} E$ .
- (2) We say that A satisfies (G1) if there exists a geometric pair  $(E, \sigma)$  such that

$$\mathcal{V}(R) = \{ (p, \sigma(p)) \in \mathbb{P}(V^*) \times \mathbb{P}(V^*) \mid p \in E \}$$

In this case, we write  $\mathcal{P}(A) = (E, \sigma)$ .

(3) We say that A satisfies (G2) if there exists a geometric pair  $(E, \sigma)$  such that

$$R = \{ f \in V \otimes V \mid f(p, \sigma(p)) = 0 \ \forall \ p \in E \}.$$

In this case, we write  $A = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma)$ .

(4) We say that A is geometric if it satisfies both (G1) and (G2) such that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{P}(A)) = A$ .

**Theorem 3** ([2]). Every 3-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra  $A = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma)$  is geometric where either  $E = \mathbb{P}^2$  or  $E \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  is a cubic divisor.

**Example 4.** A typical example of a 3-dimensional quadratic AS-regular algebra is a 3-dimensional Sklyanin algebra

$$k\langle x, y, z \rangle / (ayz + bzy + cx^2, azx + bxz + cy^2, axy + byx + cz^2) = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma),$$

where  $E = \mathcal{V}((a^3 + b^3 + c^3)xyz - abc(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)) \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  is an elliptic curve, and  $\sigma \in \operatorname{Aut} E$  is the translation by a point  $(a, b, c) \in E$ .

# 3. QUANTUM PROJECTIVE SPACES

Artin and Zhang introduced a notion of noncommutative schemes.

**Definition 5** ([3]). A noncommutative scheme is a pair  $X = (\text{mod } X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  consisting of a k-linear abelian category mod X and an object  $\mathcal{O}_X \in \text{mod } X$ . We say that two noncommutative schemes X and Y are isomorphic, denoted by  $X \cong Y$ , if there exists an equivalence functor  $F : \text{mod } X \to \text{mod } Y$  such that  $F(\mathcal{O}_X) \cong \mathcal{O}_Y$ .

We give some examples of noncommutative schemes.

**Example 6.** If X is a commutative noetherian scheme, then we view X as a noncommutative scheme by  $X = (\operatorname{coh} X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

**Example 7.** The noncommutative affine scheme associated to a right noetherian algebra R is a noncommutative scheme defined by  $\operatorname{Spec}_{\operatorname{nc}} R := (\operatorname{mod} R, R)$ . If R is commutative, then  $\operatorname{Spec}_{\operatorname{nc}} R \cong \operatorname{Spec} R$ .

**Example 8.** Let A be a right noetherian connected graded algebra. We define the quotient category tails  $A := \operatorname{grmod} A/\operatorname{tors} A$  where  $\operatorname{tors} A$  is the full subcategory of grmod A consisting of finite dimensional modules over k. The *noncommutative projective scheme* associated to A is a noncommutative scheme defined by  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A := (\operatorname{tails} A, \pi A)$  where  $\pi$ : grmod  $A \to \operatorname{tails} A$  is the quotient functor. If A is commutative and generated in degree 1 over k, then  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A \cong \operatorname{Proj} A$ .

**Definition 9.** A quantum  $\mathbb{P}^{d-1}$  is a noncommutative projective scheme  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} S$  for some *d*-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra *S*.

### 4. Twisted superpotentials

**Definition 10.** Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Define a linear map  $\phi: V^{\otimes m} \to V^{\otimes m}$  by  $\phi(v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{m-1} \otimes v_m) = v_m \otimes v_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes v_{m-2} \otimes v_{m-1}$ .

- (1)  $w \in V^{\otimes m}$  is called superpotential if  $\phi(w) = w$ .
- (2)  $w \in V^{\otimes m}$  is called *twisted superpotential* if  $(\tau \otimes id^{\otimes m-1})\phi(w) = w$  for some  $\tau \in GL(V)$ .
- (3) The *i*-th derivation quotient algebra of  $w \in V^{\otimes m}$  is defined by  $D(w, i) := T(V)/(\partial^i w)$ where  $\partial^i w$  is the "*i*-th left partial derivatives" of w.

The next theorem plays a key role to classify quantum polynomial algebras.

**Theorem 11** ([4, Theorem 11]). For every d-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra S, there exists a unique twisted superpotential w such that S = D(w, d-2).

**Example 12.**  $w = a(xyz + yzx + zxy) + b(xzy + yxz + zyx) + c(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)$  is a superpotential such that

$$D(w,1) = k\langle x, y, z \rangle / (ayz + bzy + cx^2, azx + bxz + cy^2, axy + byx + cz^2)$$

is a 3-dimensional Sklyanin algebra.

The next theorem is a characterization of "Calabi-Yau" algebras by using twisted superpotentials.

**Theorem 13** ([9, Corollary 4.5]). Let S = D(w, d-2) be a d-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra where w is a twisted superpotential. Then S is "Calabi-Yau" if and only if w is  $(-1)^{d+1}$  twisted superpotential.

Example 14. Every 3-dimensional Sklyanin algebra is Calabi-Yau.

A classification of twisted superpotentials whose derivation-quotient algebras are 3dimensional quantum polynomial algebras is completed.

**Theorem 15** ([10]). Superpotentials w such that D(w, 1) are 3-dimensional quantum polynomial algebras are classified.

**Theorem 16** ([7, Theorem 3.4], [8, Theorem 4.2]). Twisted superpotentials w such that D(w, 1) are 3-dimensional quantum polynomial algebras are classified.

By the above theorem, we have finally completed the Artin-Schelter's project in the quadratic case proposed in [1]. As an application, we have the following.

**Theorem 17** ([7, Theorem 4.4]). For every 3-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra S, there exists a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra  $\tilde{S}$  such that  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} S \cong \operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} \tilde{S}$ .

The above theorem tells that every quantum  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is isomorphic to a "Calabi-Yau" quantum  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

#### 5. Noncommutative conics

In this section, we define a notion of noncommutative quadric hypersurface in a quantum  $\mathbb{P}^{d-1}$ .

**Definition 18.** A noncommutative quadric hypersurface in a (Calabi-Yau) quantum  $\mathbb{P}^{d-1}$  is the noncommutative projective scheme  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} S/(f)$  for some *d*-dimensional (Calabi-Yau) quantum polynomial algebra S and for some regular central element  $f \in Z(S)_2$ . In particular, when d = 3 (resp. d = 4), we say that  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} S/(f)$  is a noncommutative conic (resp. quadric).

Let Sym(3) be the symmetric group of degree 3 and

$$\operatorname{Sym}^{3} V = \{ w \in V^{\otimes 3} \mid \theta \cdot w = w \; \forall \theta \in \operatorname{Sym}(3) \}.$$

The following is one of the main results.

**Theorem 19** ([5, Proposition 3.4, Lemma 3.5], [6, Corollary 3.8]). Let  $S = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma)$  be a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f).

- (1) If A is commutative, then
  - (a) either  $E = \mathbb{P}^2$  or  $E \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  is a triple line, and
  - (b) A is isomorphic to one of the following algebras:

 $k[x,y,z]/(x^2), \ k[x,y,z]/(x^2+y^2), \ k[x,y,z]/(x^2+y^2+z^2).$ 

- (2) If A is not commutative, then
  - (a)  $|\sigma| = 2$ , and
  - (b)  $S = \mathcal{D}(w, 1)$  for some  $w \in \operatorname{Sym}^3 V$ , and

$$A \cong k\langle x, y, z \rangle / (yz + zy + ax^2, zx + xz + by^2, xy + yx + cz^2) / (\alpha x^2 + \beta y^2 + \gamma z^2)$$
  
for some  $(a, b, c) \in k^3$  and  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{P}^2$ .

### 6. Classification of A

**Lemma 20** ([6, Corollary 3.8]). Let  $S = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma)$  be a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f). If A is not commutative, then the quadratic dual algebra  $A! \cong k[X, Y, Z]/(F_1, F_2)$  is a complete intersection where  $F_1, F_2 \in k[X, Y, Z]_2$ .

**Lemma 21.** There are exactly 6 isomorphism classes of complete intersections of the form  $k[X,Y,Z]/(F_1,F_2)$  where  $F_1, F_2 \in k[X,Y,Z]_2$ . (Classification of pencils of conics, see Table 1.)

TABLE 1. List of  $k[X, Y, Z]/(F_1, F_2)$ 

$k[X,Y,Z]/(X^2,Y^2),$	$k[X,Y,Z]/(X^2 - YZ,Z^2),$
$\overline{k[X,Y,Z]/(XZ+Y^2,YZ)},$	$k[X,Y,Z]/(X^2 - Y^2,Z^2),$
$k[X, Y, Z]/(X^2 - YZ, Y^2 - XZ),$	$k[X,Y,Z]/(X^2 - Y^2, X^2 - Z^2).$

**Corollary 22** ([6, Corollary 3.9]). Let S be a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f). There are exactly 9 isomorphism classes of A (3 of them are commutative, and 6 of them are not commutative, see Table 2).

### TABLE 2. List of A

$k[x, y, z]/(x^2),$	$k[x, y, z]/(x^2 + y^2),$	$k[x, y, z]/(x^2 + y^2 + z^2),$
$S^{(0,0,0)}/(x^2),$	$S^{(0,0,0)}/(x^2+y^2),$	$S^{(0,0,0)}/(x^2+y^2+z^2),$
$S^{(1,1,0)}/(x^2),$	$S^{(1,1,0)}/(3x^2+3y^2+4z^2),$	$S^{(1,1,0)}/(x^2+y^2-4z^2).$
$S^{(a,b,c)} := k \langle z \rangle$	$ x,y,z\rangle/(yz+zy+ax^2,zx+ax^2) x +ax^2 x +ax^2$	$xz + by^2, xy + yx + cz^2).$

## 7. CLASSIFICATION OF $E_A$ AND C(A)

If S is a d-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra,  $f \in Z(S)_2$  is a regular central element, and A = S/(f), then there exists a unique regular central element  $f^! \in Z(A^!)_2$ such that S' = A'/(f'). We define  $C(A) := A'[(f')^{-1}]_0$ .

**Theorem 23** ([12, Proposition 5.2]). If S is a d-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra,  $f \in Z(S)_2$  is a regular central element, and A = S/(f), then  $CM^{\mathbb{Z}}(A) \cong \mathcal{D}^b(mod C(A))$ .

**Theorem 24** ([5, Lemma 2.6], [6, Proposition 4.3, Lemma 4.4]). Let  $S = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma)$  be a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f). If A is not commutative, then the following holds:

- (1) C(A) is a 4-dimensional commutative Frobenius algebra.
- (2)  $Z(S)_2 = \{g^2 \mid g \in S_1\}$  (every  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$  is reducible!) (3) A satisfies (G1). In fact, if  $f = g^2$  for  $g \in S_1$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(A) = (E_A, \sigma_A)$  where

 $E_A = (E \cap \mathcal{V}(g)) \cup \sigma(E \cap \mathcal{V}(g)), \ \sigma_A = \sigma|_{E_A}.$ 

Lemma 25 ([6, Proposition 4.3]). If

$$S = k\langle x, y, z \rangle / (yz + zy + ax^2, zx + xz + by^2, xy + yx + cz^2)$$

is a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A =S/(f), then A is not commutative, and

Spec 
$$C(A) \cong \{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{A}^3 \mid (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)^2 = f \text{ in } S\} / \sim$$

where  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \sim (-\alpha, -\beta, -\gamma)$ .

**Example 26.** If  $S = \mathcal{A}(E, \sigma) = k\langle x, y, z \rangle / (yz + zy, zx + xz, xy + yx)$  is a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra, then

$$E = \mathcal{V}(xyz), \\ \begin{cases} \sigma(0, b, c) = (0, b, -c), \\ \sigma(a, 0, c) = (-a, 0, c), \\ \sigma(a, b, 0) = (a, -b, 0). \end{cases}$$

Further, if  $f = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f), then

 $(x+y+z)^2 = (x+y-z)^2 = (x-y+z)^2 = (x-y-z)^2 = f$  in S and  $C(A) \cong k^4,$  so

Spec 
$$C(A) \cong \{(1,1,1), (1,1,-1), (1,-1,1), (1,-1,-1)\} \subset \mathbb{A}^3$$
.

Further, if g = x + y + z so that  $g^2 = f$ , then

$$E_A = \{(0, 1, -1), (-1, 0, 1), (1, -1, 0) \cup \sigma(\{(0, 1, -1), (-1, 0, 1), (1, -1, 0)\}) \\ = \{(0, 1, -1), (-1, 0, 1), (1, -1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\} \subset \mathbb{P}^2.$$

**Theorem 27** ([6, Theorem 4.14]). Let S, S' be 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebras,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ ,  $f' \in Z(S')_2$ , and A = S/(f), A' = S'/(f') such that A, A' are not commutative. Then  $E_A \cong E_{A'}$  if and only if  $C(A) \cong C(A')$ . There are exactly 6 isomorphism classes of  $E_A$  (see Table 3), so there are exactly 6 isomorphism classes of C(A) (see Table 4). Moreover, every 4-dimensional commutative Frobenius algebra appears as C(A).

TABLE 3. Pictures of  $E_A$  when A is not commutative

1 line	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	6 points
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TABLE 4. List of C(A) when A is not commutative

$k[u,v]/(u^2,v^2),$	$k[u]/(u^4),$	$k[u]/(u^3) \times k,$
$k[u]/(u^2) \times k[u]/(u^2),$	$k[u]/(u^2) \times k^2,$	$k^4$ .

**Corollary 28.** Let S be a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f). There are exactly 9 isomorphism classes of C(A).

8. CLASSIFICATION OF  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A$ 

It is not easy to classify  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A$  directly. Thanks to the classification of A and that of C(A), we can complete the classification of  $\operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A$ .

**Theorem 29** ([6, Theorem 5.10]). Let S, S' be 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebras,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2, 0 \neq f' \in Z(S')_2$ , and A = S/(f), A' = S'/(f'). Then

$$A \cong A' \Rightarrow \operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A \cong \operatorname{Proj}_{\operatorname{nc}} A' \Rightarrow C(A) \cong C(A').$$

**Corollary 30** ([6, Theorem 5.11]). There are exactly 9 isomorphism classes of noncommutative conics in Calabi-Yau quantum  $\mathbb{P}^2$ 's.

Finally, we focus on studying noncommutative smooth conics.

**Definition 31.** We say that  $\operatorname{Proj}_{nc} A$  is *smooth* if gldim(tails A) <  $\infty$ .

**Theorem 32** ([12, Theorem 5.6], [11, Theorem 5.5]). Let S be a d-dimensional quantum polynomial algebra,  $f \in Z(S)_2$  a regular central element, and A = S/(f). Then  $\operatorname{Proj}_{nc} A$  is smooth if and only if C(A) is semisimple.

**Theorem 33** ([6, Theorem 5.15]). Let S be a 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau quantum polynomial algebra,  $0 \neq f \in Z(S)_2$ , and A = S/(f). If  $\operatorname{Proj}_{nc} A$  is smooth, then exactly one of the following two cases occur:

- (1) (a) A is commutative.
  - (b) f is irreducible.
  - (c)  $C(A) \cong M_2(k)$ .
  - (d)  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{tails } A) \cong \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } k\widetilde{A_1})$ , where  $k\widetilde{A_1}$  is the path algebra of the quiver

$$1 \Longrightarrow 2 \qquad (\widetilde{A_1} \ type).$$

- (2) (a) A is not commutative.
  - (b) f is reducible.
  - (c)  $C(A) \cong k^4$ .
  - (d)  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{tails } A) \cong \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } k\widetilde{D_4})$ , where  $k\widetilde{D}_4$  is the path algebra of the quiver



It is known that there are infinitely many Calabi-Yau quantum  $\mathbb{P}^2$ 's, so it is rather surprising that there are only 9 noncommutative conics in Calabi-Yau quantum  $\mathbb{P}^2$ 's up to isomorphism of noncommutative schemes, exactly two of them are smooth, and exactly one of them is irreducible.

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