

# Higher Operators on Resolutions over Complete Intersections

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## Construction of the CI Operators

- $f_1, \dots, f_c \in S$  a regular sequence in a regular local ring (or standard graded polynomial ring).  $k = S/\mathfrak{m}$  the residue field of  $S$
- $R = S/(f_1, \dots, f_c)$ ; and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module
- $\mathbb{F} : \dots \xrightarrow{d} F_1 \xrightarrow{d} F_0$  a minimal  $R$ -free resolution of  $M$
- $\tilde{\mathbb{F}} : \dots \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} \tilde{F}_1 \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} \tilde{F}_0$  a lifting of  $d$  to a sequence of maps  $\tilde{d}$  of free modules over  $S$  (*not a complex!*)

Write  $\tilde{d}\tilde{d} = \sum_i f_i \tilde{t}_i$  (not unique). Set  $t_i := R \otimes \tilde{t}_i : F_i \rightarrow F_{i-2}$ .

### Theorem:

[E, 1980] *The  $t_i$  are maps of complexes,  $F \rightarrow F[2]$ . They are homotopy-unique and homotopy-commutative. Thus they define a module structure on  $E = \text{Ext}_R(M, k) = \sum_{p \geq 0} \text{Ext}_R^p(M, k)$  over  $T := k[t_1, \dots, t_c]$ . The module  $E$  is finitely generated over  $T$  of Krull dimension  $\leq c$ .*

## Codimension 0

There are no CI operators in this case; but there is a pattern:  
 $c = 0$ ,  $R = S$ , regular local; minimal resolutions are finite, and  
 $Ext_R(M, k)$  is a  $T$ -module of finite length.

Asymptotically,  $Ext \equiv 0$ .

The finite part is still mysterious! For example:

### Conjecture

[Buchsbaum-E-Horrocks]: *Length is*  $\geq 2^{\text{codim}M}$

# Codimension 1

$c = 1$ ,  $R = S/(f)$ , hypersurface. A high truncation of any  $T = k[t]$ -module is free. Thus:

**Theorem:**[E, 1980] *If  $M$  is a high  $R$ -syzygy (any Cohen-Macaulay module) then:*

- $t = t_1 : \mathbb{F}[-2] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is an isomorphism;  $\mathbb{F}$  is periodic of period 2; all  $F_i$  have the same rank.
- $\tilde{d}_{i+1}\tilde{d}_i = f \cdot Id$ .

Definition: a **matrix factorization** of a nonzerdivisor  $f$  is a pair of maps of free  $S$ -modules  $F \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} G \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}'} F$  such that  $F, G$  have the same rank and  $\tilde{d}\tilde{d}' = f \cdot Id$ .

(Irena Peeva spoke about our work on a generalization: higher matrix factorizations. Not my subject today.)

## Two Modules

Because the  $t_i$  have degree 2,  $\text{Ext}_R(M, k)$  is the direct sum of *two*  $k[t_1, \dots, t_c]$ -modules:  $\text{Ext}^{\text{even}}(M, k) := \sum_p \text{Ext}_R^{2p}(M, k)$  and  $\text{Ext}^{\text{odd}}(M, k) := \sum_p \text{Ext}_R^{2p+1}(M, k)$ .

*What's the relationship between  $\text{Ext}^{\text{even}}(M, k)$  and  $\text{Ext}^{\text{odd}}(M, k)$ ??*

**Avramov, Gasharov and Peeva** proved that the two modules have same Krull dimension, same multiplicity; this generalizes the fact that for  $c = 1$ , if  $M$  is a Cohen-Macaulay module (and not free) then in the minimal resolution

$$\mathbb{F} : \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0$$

of  $M$ , all the  $F_i$  have the same rank.

They also proved that, in any codimension, for  $i \gg 0$  the ranks of the  $F_i$  are either constant or strictly increasing.

## Two Modules, $c = 2$

What about Krull dim Ext( $M, k$ ) = 2? Example:

$R = k[x, y]/(x^3, y^3)$ ,  $M = R/(x, y)^2$ . The minimal free resolution is

$$\mathbb{F} : \dots \rightarrow R^7 \rightarrow R^6 \rightarrow R^4 \rightarrow R^3 \rightarrow R.$$

so

$$\text{Ext}^{\text{even}} = T \oplus T^2(-2), \quad \text{Ext}^{\text{odd}} = T^3(-1).$$

In general (since Betti numbers will be strictly increasing!) the free part will be, up to truncation,

$$\text{Ext}^{\text{even}} = \bigoplus_1^m T(a_i), \quad \text{Ext}^{\text{odd}} = \bigoplus_1^m T(b_i)$$

where  $\sum_1^m a_i < \sum_1^m b_i < m + \sum_1^m a_i$ .

## Higher CI operators

We can put all the  $\tilde{t}_i$  together as a map

$$\tilde{t} : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[-2] \otimes S^c.$$

Let

$$\mathbb{K} : 0 \rightarrow \wedge^c S^c \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} \wedge^2 S^c \xrightarrow{\delta} \wedge^1 S^c \xrightarrow{\delta} S$$

be the Koszul complex of  $f_1, \dots, f_c$ , and consider the array of maps  $\tilde{\mathbb{F}} \otimes_S \mathbb{K}$ . The equation that defines  $\tilde{t} : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[-2] \otimes S^c$  is  $(1 \otimes \delta)(\tilde{t}) = (\tilde{d} \otimes 1)^2$ . If we set

$$s_0 = 1 \otimes \delta \quad s_1 = \tilde{d} \quad s_2 = t$$

this becomes

$$s_0 s_2 = s_1^2 : \mathbb{F} \otimes K_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \otimes K_1$$

Moreover, taking into account the fact that the homological degree  $-1$  term of  $\mathbb{K}$  is 0, we may harmlessly add the term  $s_2 s_0$ , which is 0 on  $\mathbb{F} \otimes K_1$ .



## Higher CI operators—continued

We had:

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Taking into account the fact that the homological degree  $-1$  term of  $\mathbb{K}$  is 0, we may harmlessly add the term  $s_2 s_0$ , which is 0 on  $\mathbb{F} \otimes K_1$ , and write this as  $s_0 s_2 + s_2 s_0 = s_1^2$

### Theorem

*There are operators  $s_j : \tilde{\mathbb{F}} \otimes \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[i] \otimes \mathbb{K}[-i + 1]$  such that  $s_0 = 1 \otimes \delta$   $s_1 = \tilde{d}$  and, for all  $n$ ,*

$$\sum_{i+j=n} s_i s_j = 0.$$

## Construction

With  $R = S/(f_1, \dots, f_c)$  and an  $R$ -module  $M$  as before, let

$$\mathbb{G} : \dots \xrightarrow{u_2} G_1 \xrightarrow{u_1} G_0$$

be a free resolution of  $M$  as an  $S$ -module. Since  $M$  is annihilated by  $f_1, \dots, f_c$  there is an isomorphism  $R \otimes_S M \rightarrow M$ , and this lifts to a map of complexes

$$\mathbb{K} \otimes_S \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$$

The Homotopy uniqueness of comparison maps guarantees that, modulo homotopy, this gives  $G$  the structure of a differential graded  $\wedge S^n$ -module. In particular,

$$\text{Tor}^S(M, k) \text{ is a module over } \wedge R^c$$

An example with  $c = 3$ :

$$S = k[x, y, z] \quad R = S/(x^3, y^3, z^3), \quad M = R/(x, y, z)^2$$

Note that  $M$  is a Cohen-Macaulay module. The minimal free resolution of  $M$  as  $S$ -module is

$$0 \rightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^8 \rightarrow S^6 \rightarrow S$$

On the next slide are the betti tables of the  $\wedge k^3$ -free resolutions of  $\text{Tor}^S(M_i, k)$  where  $M_i$  is the  $i$ -th syzygy of  $M = M_0$  and  $i = 0, 1, 2$

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|         0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 |
|total: 18 54 108 180 270 378 504 648 810 990 1188 |
|   0:  1  3  6  10 15 21 28 36 45 55 66 |
|   1:  6 18 36 60 90 126 168 216 270 330 396 |
|   2:  8 24 48 80 120 168 224 288 360 440 528 |
|   3:  3  9 18 30 45 63 84 108 135 165 198 |

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|         0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10|
|total: 20 57 112 185 276 385 512 657 820 1001 1200|
|   0:  6 18 36 60 90 126 168 216 270 330 396|
|   1: 11 30 58 95 141 196 260 333 415 506 606|
|   2:  3  9 18 30 45 63 84 108 135 165 198|

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|total: 32 75 136 215 312 427 560 711 880 1067 1272|
|   0: 11 30 58 95 141 196 260 333 415 506 606|
|   1: 21 45 78 120 171 231 300 378 465 561 666|

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# The case of a high syzygy

## Theorem (E-Peeva-Schreyer)

If  $M$  is a high syzygy over the complete intersection  $R = S/(f_1, \dots, f_c)$ , then  $\text{Tor}^S(M, k)$  is generated by  $\text{Tor}_0$  and  $\text{Tor}_1$ . Moreover, the resolution of  $\text{Tor}^S(M, k)$  as a  $\wedge k^c$ -module has only two linear strands. The Koszul duals of these strands are  $\text{Ext}_R^{\text{even}}(M, k)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^{\text{odd}}(M, k)$ . The maps between the two strands of the resolution are given by the higher CI operator  $s_3$ .