

# L1: Koszul algebras

Def (Priddy): a Koszul algebra is a standard gdd  $k$ -alg

$$(R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i, R_0 = k, R = R_0[R_1], m = R_+ = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} R_i)$$

← not necess. commutative!

Priddy: more gen'l setting

such that the min'l gdd  $R$ -free resn of  $k = R/m$  is linear:

$$\dots \rightarrow R(-i)^{b_i} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R(-2)^{b_2} \rightarrow R(-1)^{b_1} \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{\epsilon} k \rightarrow 0$$

I.e., matrices have entries linear (deg 1)!

←  $R(-j)$  = shifted  $R$

$$(R(-j))_n = R_{-j+n} \\ (\text{so } 1 \in R_0 = R(-j)_j \text{ in degree } j)$$

Equiv: gdd Betti numbers:

$$\beta_{ij} (= \dim_k \text{Tor}_i(k, R)_j) = \begin{cases} b_i & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Tor}_i(k, k) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Tor}_i(k, k)_i = \text{"diagonal part"}$$

(same for  $\text{Ext}_i(k, k)$ )

Ex:  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  poly ring

resn of  $k = R/(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is the Koszul CX  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\text{eg, } R = k[x, y] \rightsquigarrow 0 \rightarrow R(-2) \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix}} R(-1) \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}} R \xrightarrow{\epsilon} k \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Ex: } R = \frac{k[x, y]}{(x^2, y^2)}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{from } x^2, y^2 = 0 \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & -y \\ 0 & y & x \end{bmatrix} \\ \uparrow \\ R^3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Koszul rel'n}} R^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}} R \xrightarrow{\epsilon} k \rightarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$   $R(-2)^3$        $\uparrow$   $\text{neglig } R(-1)^2$

Need whole resn!

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ Q/(x^2, y^2) & & Q/(x, y) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{embedded} \\ \text{c.i.} \end{array} \quad \xRightarrow{\text{Tate}} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} R \langle \overset{1}{e_1}, \overset{2}{e_2}, \overset{1}{T_1}, \overset{2}{T_2} \rangle & \xrightarrow[\quad]{\quad} & k \\ \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ x & y & x e_1 \quad y e_2 \end{array}$$

Leibniz + linear coeffs  $\Rightarrow$  resn linear ✓

Note:  $R = Q/I$ ,  $Q = \text{poly}$

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$R \text{ Koszul} \Rightarrow R \text{ quadratic alg (I send by deg 2)}$   
 ~~$\times$~~  (else  $\partial_2$  not linear!)

Examples of Koszul algs:

1) quadratic c.i.'s (Tate resn!)

2)  $I = \text{quadratic monomial ideal}$

$R \neq$  3)  $I$  has quadratic Gröbner basis  
"G-Koszul" (in  $(I)$  quadratic monomial  $\xrightarrow{\text{deform}} I$ )  
eg, determinantal  $2 \times 2$  (eg  $\frac{k \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{bmatrix}}{I_2(\cdot)}$ )

4)  $I$  linear resn - see pblms

But: no finite characterization known! (open)

Roos:  $\exists$  examples,  $\forall n$ , st. resn of  $k$  linear for  $n$  steps

but not  $\partial_{n+1}$  (n unrelated to dim or edim)

Why important?

1) duality theory...

2) arise naturally in many places:

- alg geom (Segre, Veronese, toric, ...)

- alg topology (Steenrod algebra, cohom alg of  $K(\pi, 1)$ -spaces  
holonomy algebras of supersolvable hyperplane arrangements  
also:  $\{\text{perverse sheaves on } \Delta^d \text{ space}\} \approx \{\text{modules over a Koszul alg}\}$

- noncommut. geom. (nat'l condition on an exceptional collection, noncommut. deformations of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ )

- # theory (Milnor K-theory  $\otimes \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  of fields  $\leftarrow$  conjecturally) (stronger than Bloch-Kato)

operadic stuff...  
relative version...



Def: For a quadratic alg

$$R = \frac{k\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle}{(w)} = \frac{T(V)}{(w)} \quad \text{where } w \subseteq T(V)^{v.\text{space}}_2$$

its quadratic dual is

$$R^! = \frac{k\langle x_1^*, \dots, x_n^* \rangle}{(w^\perp)} = \frac{T(V^*)}{(w^\perp)}$$

where  $w^\perp =$  orthogonal complement of  $w$  under <sup>the</sup> pairing  
 $= \{ f \in (V^*)^{\otimes 2} \mid \alpha f = 0 \ \forall \alpha \in w \}$

Ex:  $R = \frac{k[x, y]}{(x^2, xy + y^2)} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{k\langle x, y \rangle}{(\underbrace{xy - yx}_{\text{commut.}}, x^2, xy + y^2)} = \frac{T(V)}{(w)}$

note  $\dim_k T_2 = \dim_k \{x^2, xy, yx, y^2\} = 4$   
 $\dim_k w = 3$   
 so  $\dim_k w^\perp = 1$

$$R^! = \frac{k\langle x^*, y^* \rangle}{(x^*y^* + y^*x^* - (y^*)^2)} = \frac{T(V^*)}{(w^\perp)}$$

(lazy: call  $x^*$  just  $x$   
 "  $y^*$  "  $y$   $\frac{k\langle x, y \rangle}{(xy + yx - y^2)}$ )

$R^! = \underbrace{k1}_{R_0^!} \oplus \underbrace{k\{x, y\}}_{R_1^!} \oplus \underbrace{k\{x^2, xy, yx, \cancel{y^2}\}}_{R_2^!} \oplus \dots$

noncommut. ring