

A surface and

a threefold with

equivalent

singularity categories

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Jntroduction

Let $0 \neq f \in \mathbb{C}[z_0, \dots, z_d] =: S$

A matrix factorization (MF)

of f is a pair

$(A, B) \in \text{Mat}_n(S) \times \text{Mat}_n(S)$

satisfying

$$A \cdot B = f \cdot \text{Id}_n = B \cdot A$$

Examples:

$$(\text{Id}_n, f \cdot \text{Id}_n) \text{ and } (f \cdot \text{Id}_n, \text{Id}_n)$$

are trivial matrix factorizations

Example: $f = z_0^2 + z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2$

Step 1: Consider $g = z_0^2 + z_1^2$

$$g = (z_0 + iz_1)(z_0 - iz_1) = :XY \text{ is MF}$$

Step 2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -X & (z_2 - iz_3) \\ (z_2 + iz_3) & Y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -Y & (z_2 - iz_3) \\ (z_2 + iz_3) & X \end{pmatrix}$$

is MF for f .

Remark :

(a) A similar approach yields a Matrix fact.

$$A \cdot A = (z_0^2 + z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2) \cdot \text{Id}_4$$

which is used in Dirac's discovery of the Dirac equation.

(b) More recently, theoretical physicists are interested in understanding and classifying MFs in relation with string theory.

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Observation (Knörrer 1987):

Let $0 \neq g \in \mathbb{C}[[z_0, \dots, z_d]]$

The construction in Step 2

defines a map

$$MF(g) \longrightarrow MF\left(g + z_{d+1}^2 + z_{d+2}^2\right)$$

This is a bijection

(up to sums of trivial MF_s).

More precisely, MFs
(A, B) of f can be seen as

2-periodic "curved complexes"

$$\dots \xrightarrow{A} S^n \xrightarrow{B} S^n \xrightarrow{A} S^n \xrightarrow{B} \dots$$

In analogy with homotopy categories of complexes one can define the homotopy category of MFs $HMF(f)$.

Thm (Knörrer '87) There is a triangle equiv.

$$HMF(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} HMF\left(f + z_{d+1}^2 + z_{d+2}^2\right)$$

The
Buchweitz – Orlov

Singularity category

X quasi-proj. variety / \mathbb{C}

$$\text{Perf}(X) \hookrightarrow D^b(\text{Coh } X) \longrightarrow D_{\text{sg}}(X) := \frac{D^b(\text{Coh } X)}{\text{Perf}(X)}$$

'smooth part'
consisting of
bounded complexes of
vector bundles

Singularity Category
measures
complexity of
singularities of X

Thm (Auslander - Buchsbaum & Serre)

$$X \text{ smooth} \iff D_{\text{sg}}(X) = 0$$

Thm (Orlov) If X has isolated singularities

$$D_{sg}(X) \cong \bigoplus_{s \in \text{Sing}(X)} D_{sg}(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_s)$$

(up to taking direct summands)

where

$$D_{sg}(R) := \frac{D^b(\text{mod-}R)}{K^b(\text{proj-}R)}$$

singularity category of a noetherian ring R .

Thm (Buchweitz, Eisenbud)

Let $0 \neq f \in \mathbb{C}[[z_0, \dots, z_d]] =: S$

$$I\text{-MF}(f) \cong D_{sg}(S/(f))$$

Def: Two (possibly noncomm.) algebras R, S

are called singular equivalent

if there is a triangle equivalence

$$D_{sg}(R) \cong D_{sg}(S)$$

"Trivial examples": If $\operatorname{gldim} R < \infty$ and $\operatorname{gldim} S < \infty$

(a) $D_{sg}(R) \cong 0 \cong D_{sg}(S)$

(b) $D_{sg}(T \times R) \cong D_{sg}(T) \oplus D_{sg}(R) \cong D_{sg}(T \times S)$

$$(c) D^b(\text{mod-}A) \cong D^b(\text{mod-}B) \Rightarrow D_{sg}(A) \cong D_{sg}(B)$$

However, for
commutative A & B



$$A \cong B$$

(d) If A and B are commutative
and "analytically isomorphic" we can have

$$D_{sg}(A) \cong D_{sg}(B)$$

BUT IN GENERAL

$$D_{sg}(A) \not\cong D_{sg}(B)$$

$$\text{e.g. } A = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x,y]}{(xy)},$$

$$B = \frac{\mathbb{C}[[x,y]]}{(xy)}$$

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$$B = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x,y]}{(y^2 - x^2 - x^3)}$$

Non-trivial singular equivalences
between commutative rings

$$(A) D_{sg}\left(\frac{S}{(f)}\right) \cong D_{sg}\left(\frac{S[y_1, \dots, y_{2n}]}{(f+y_1^2+\dots+y_{2n}^2)}\right)$$

[Knörrer '87]

(B) [D. Yang, Y. Kawamata, K.-Karmazyn]
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$$D_{sg} \left(\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]^{\frac{1}{m}(1,1)} \right) \cong D_{sg} \left(\frac{\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}]}{(z_1, \dots, z_{m-1})^2} \right)$$

where $\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_d]^{\frac{1}{m}(a_1, \dots, a_d)}$ is the invariant ring of the following group action:

$$z_i : 1 \longrightarrow \varepsilon_m^{a_i} z_i \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(for a primitive} \\ \text{m-th root of unity)} \\ \varepsilon_m \in \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

Remarks:

- (i) Until recently this was a complete list of non-trivial singular equivalences between comm. rings. \triangleright
- (ii) All these equivalences preserve the parity of the Krull dimension.
- (iii) Knörrer's equivalences are the only known examples where both rings have ^{positive} Krull dim.

Thm (K. '21)

There is a singular equivalence

$$D_{sg} \left(\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2, z_3]^{\frac{1}{2}(1,1,1)} \right) \simeq D_{sg} \left(\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]^{\frac{1}{4}(1,1)} \right)$$

Remark :

The Krull dimensions of
these invariant rings are
3 and 2, respectively.

In particular, this singular
equivalence does not preserve the
parity of Krull dimensions.

Proof

Def: A noetherian \mathbb{C} -algebra R is Syzygy simple of order m if there exist $S \in \text{mod-}R$ s.t.

- (s1) For every $M \in \text{mod-}R$ there is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\Omega^n(M) \in \underline{\text{add}}-S$.
- (s2) $\underline{\text{add}}-S \cong \text{mod-}\mathbb{C}$
- (s3) $\Omega(S) \cong S^{\oplus m}$ in mod- R .

Prop: Let $R \& S$ be syzygy simple of order m . Then

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{sg}}(R) \cong \mathcal{D}_{\text{sg}}(S)$$

Examples: (a) $K_m := \frac{\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_m]}{(z_1, \dots, z_m)^2}$

is syzygy simple of order m ,

with $S = \frac{\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_m]}{(z_1, \dots, z_m)}$ simple

(b) [cf. Iyama-Wemyss, "GL(2) McKay-Corr."]

$R_m := \mathbb{C}[[z_1, z_2]]^{\frac{1}{(m+1)}(1,1)}$

is syzygy simple of order m .

(c) $R := \mathbb{C}[[z_1, z_2, z_3]]^{\frac{1}{2}(1,1,1)}$

is syzygy simple of order 3.

Here, $S = \mathcal{Q}(w_R)$.

[uses Auslander-Reiten theory]

In combination with

the proposition above

this shows all non-trivial

singular equivalences between

Comm. rings except for Knörrer's

Proof

of

Proposition

Blackbox (Heller) :

A category with $E: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

} there is a
universal way of
"enlarging" \mathcal{A} s.t.
 E "becomes"
autoequivalence

$S(\mathcal{A}, E)$

"Stabilization" of (\mathcal{A}, E)

Thm [Keller - Vossieck '87]

R noetherian. There is a Δ -equiv.

$$S(\underline{\text{mod}}-R, \Omega) \cong D_{\text{sg}}(R)$$

It is the "stabilization" of

$$F: \underline{\text{mod}}-R \longrightarrow D_{\text{sg}}(R).$$

Lemma: If R syzygy simple

$$(\underline{\text{add}}-S, \Omega) \subset (\underline{\text{mod}}-R, \Omega)$$

is a left triangulated subcategory
and the "stabilization" is a Δ -equiv.

$$S(\underline{\text{add}}-S, \Omega) \cong S(\underline{\text{mod}}-R, \Omega)$$

Since $\underline{\text{add}}\text{-}\mathcal{S} \cong \text{mod-}\mathbb{C}$ is

semi-simple the functor

$$\Omega : \underline{\text{add}}\text{-}\mathcal{S} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{add}}\text{-}\mathcal{S}$$

is completely determined by

$$\Omega(S) \cong S^{\oplus m}$$

Summing up, the Proposition follows from

$$S(\underline{\text{add}}\text{-}\mathcal{S}_R, \Omega_R) \cong S(\underline{\text{add}}\text{-}\mathcal{S}_S, \Omega_S)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ S(\underline{\text{mod}}\text{-}R, \Omega_R) \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \approx \\ D_{sg}(R) \end{array}$$

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More details
on examples
of syzygy
Simple algebras

Thm: The invariant rings

$$Q = \mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_d]^G, \quad G \subset GL(d, \mathbb{C})$$

are Cohen-Macaulay finite subgrp.

Lemma: If R is a local Cohen-Macaulay ring of Krull dimension d and $M \in \text{mod-}R$ then for all $n \geq d$

$$\Omega^n(M) \text{ is a}$$

maximal Cohen-Macaulay R -module

Cor: Understanding high syzygies

$$\Omega^{>0}(M), \quad M \in \text{mod-}R$$

reduces to understanding syzygies of maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules $\text{MCM}(R)$. (which are again MCM!)

Lemma: \mathbb{Q} invariant ring as above.
Then there is an injective object

$w_{\mathbb{Q}} \in \text{MCM}(\mathbb{Q})$ "canonical module"

In particular, for all $N \in \text{MCM}(\mathbb{Q})$:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(N, w_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{Q}^n, w_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathcal{Q}(N), w_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

~ All morphisms $\mathcal{Q}(N) \rightarrow w_{\mathbb{Q}}$
factor $\downarrow G$ \downarrow
 \mathbb{Q}^n

~ $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathcal{Q}(N), w_{\mathbb{Q}}) = 0$

Irreducible morphisms in $\underline{\text{MCM}}(R)$:

[Auslander-Reiten]

$$R = \mathbb{C}[[z_1, z_2, z_3]]^{\frac{1}{2}(1,1,1)}$$

$$M \rightleftharpoons w_R$$

Lemma $\Rightarrow \Omega(N) \in \underline{\text{add}}_R(M)$ for all $N \in \text{MCM}(R)$

and $\underline{\text{End}}_R(M) \cong \mathbb{C}$

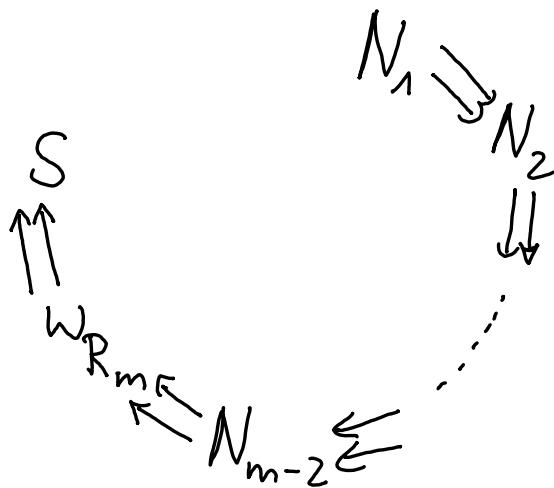
$\Rightarrow R$ is Syzygy Simple

Applying $\Omega(-)$ to

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow w_R^{\oplus 3} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

shows $\Omega(M) \cong \Omega(w_R^{\oplus 3}) \cong M^{\oplus 3}$

$$R_m := \mathbb{C}[[z_1, z_2]]^{\frac{1}{(m+1)}(1,1)}$$



stable
Auslander-Reiten
quiver

$\leadsto \exists$ morphisms $N_i \xrightarrow{\neq 0} w_{R_m}$ in MCM(R_m)

& $w_{R_m} \xrightarrow{id \neq 0} w_{R_m}$

Lemma $\leadsto Q(M) \in \underline{\text{add}}\text{-}S$ for $M \in \underline{\text{MCM}}(R_m)$

Moreover, $\underline{\text{End}}_{R_m}(S) \cong \mathbb{C}$

$\leadsto R_m$ syzygy simple (of order m)
[uses K-theory]