

McKay correspondence

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Abstract

The goal of this thesis is to establish a 1-1 correspondence between quivers created from the four following sets whenever S is the power series ring $\mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ and G is a finite subgroup of $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ acting on S .

- The Maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules of the fixed ring S^G .
- The finitely generated indecomposable projective modules of the skew group algebra $S\#G$.
- The finitely generated indecomposable projective modules of $\text{End}_{S^G}(S)$.
- The irreducible representations of G (indecomposable $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules).

Much of the thesis will be used to define these four quivers and to develop tools to establish such a correspondence.

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Introduction

The story of the McKay correspondence starts in 1884 with Klein. He studied the finite subgroups $G \leq SL_2(\mathbb{C})$, and gave a characterization of the isolated quotient singularities \mathbb{C}^2/G , known today as Kleinian singularities [Kle84]. Later it was shown that the resolution graphs for these singularities gave a correspondence with the ADE Dynkin diagrams [DV34, Art66].

McKay observed that one could obtain the resolution graphs for \mathbb{C}^2/G purely by studying the representation theory of G [McK83]. This established an important bridge between the geometric and algebraic views of these quotient singularities. Many other important results have aided in the understanding of this correspondence, both from a geometric point of view [GSV81, AV85, EK85], and from an algebraic point of view [Aus86, AR89].

In this thesis we focus on the algebraic side. The story starts with Herzog in 1978 [Her78] when he showed that the ring $R = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]^G$ has finitely many indecomposable Maximal Cohen Macaulay modules and that they all arise as direct summands of $\mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$. The work of Auslander [Aus86] extended the McKay correspondence to be between the finitely generated indecomposable projective modules of the skew algebra $S\#G$, and the indecomposable R -direct summands of $\mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$. Since the finitely generated indecomposable projective modules of $S\#G$ are in correspondence with the irreducible representations of G , this ties in nicely with McKay's observation. In our specific case when G is in $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ we have that $S\#G$ is isomorphic to $\text{End}_R(S)$ [AG60, Aus62].

The goal of this thesis is to outline part of this correspondence. Specifically for the case when G is a finite subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$, acting on $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$, and $R = S^G$ we want to establish the correspondence between:

- The irreducible representations of G
- The indecomposable finitely generated projective modules of the skew group algebra $S\#G$
- The MCM R -modules appering as direct summands of S

Further we also want to show the ring isomorphism between $S\#G$ and $\text{End}_R(S)$, as well as the isomorphism between the McKay quiver formed

by the irreducible representations of G and the Gabriel quiver formed from $S\#G$.

The strategy for the proof in this thesis can be divided into 4 parts:

- Define the McKay quiver with vertices the irreducible representations of G .
- Show that the irreducible representations of G exactly corresponds with indecomposable finitely generated projective modules for the skew group algebra $S\#G$, and that this correspondance means the Gabriel quiver equals the McKay quiver.
- Show that $S\#G$ is isomorphic to the endomorphism ring $\text{End}_R(S)$.
- Show that R -direct summands of S are MCM modules, and use the isomorphism $S\#G \cong \text{End}_R(S)$ to show that the R -direct summands of S corresponds to indecomposable projective modules that appear as summands of $S\#G$.

Something that is omitted from my thesis is the definition of the Auslander-Reiten quiver for the R -direct summands of S and why it is isomorphic to the Gabriel quiver of $S\#G$. The interested reader may look in [reference](#) for further reading.

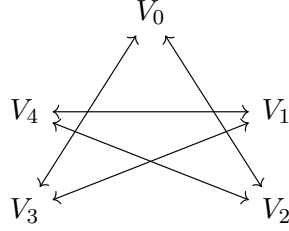
1 The McKay quiver

For a given group, G , and a representation of that group the McKay quiver uses that representation to establish relations between the irreducible representations of G . In the special case that G is a linear group we have a natural choice of representation to use. This leads us to define the McKay quiver as below.

Definition 1.1. *Let G be a finite subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$, and let V be the canonical representation (the one that sends g to g). Then we define the McKay quiver of G to be the quiver with vertices the irreducible representations of G , denoted V_i . For two irreducible representations V_i and V_j there is an arrow from the former to the latter if and only if V_j is a direct summand of $V \otimes V_i$.*

Example 1.1. *Let G be the group generated by $g = \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega^3 \end{pmatrix}$, where ω is a primitive fifth root of unity. Then there are five different irreducible*

representations, the one sending g to $\omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \omega^4$ respectively, and the trivial representation. Denote the representation sending g to ω^i by V_i , and let $V = V_2 \oplus V_3$ be the canonical representation. Note that $V_i \otimes V_j = V_{i+j}$, where $i+j$ is understood to be modulo 5. Then we get the following McKay-quiver



One of the remarks that sparked the interest for the McKay correspondence is that the McKay quivers for the finite subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ are exactly the Dynkin diagrams. The proof of this can be done on a case by case since there are up to change of basis only five families of subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$. A derivation of these groups can be found here [CS14]. Here I will simply list them in a table. We write ζ for the primitive fifth root of unity $\exp(2\pi i/5)$.

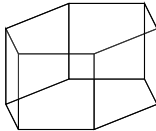
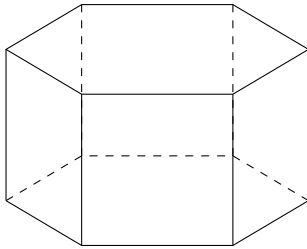
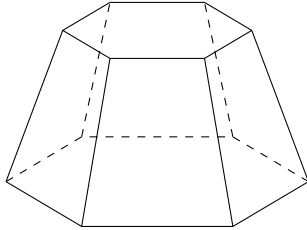
G	generators in $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$
$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \exp(2\pi i/n) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(-2\pi i/n) \end{pmatrix}$
BD_{4n}	$\begin{pmatrix} \exp(\pi i/n) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(-\pi i/n) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
BT_{24}	$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{i+1}{2} & -\frac{i+1}{2} \\ -\frac{-i+1}{2} & \frac{-i+1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i+1}{2} & \frac{i+1}{2} \\ -\frac{-i+1}{2} & \frac{-i+1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$
BO_{48}	$BT_{24}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$
BI_{120}	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^3 & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -\zeta + \zeta^4 & \zeta^2 - \zeta^3 \\ \zeta^2 - \zeta^3 & \zeta - \zeta^4 \end{pmatrix}$

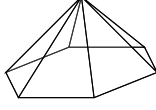
The groups have a natural action on the power series ring $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ by

changing variables. If we let R be the ring fixed by this action then R is isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle f \rangle$ for some irreducible polynomial f . This is also shown on a case by case basis and can be found in [Boc]. Below I will list the groups, their fixed ring, and the Dynkin diagram that is their McKay quiver.

McKay quiver	G	$R = S^G$
A_n	$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle uv - w^n \rangle$
D_n	BD_{4n}	$\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle u^{n+1} + v^2 - uw^2 \rangle$
E_6	BT_{24}	$\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle u^4 + v^3 + w^2 \rangle$
E_7	BO_{48}	$\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle u^3v + v^3 + w^2 \rangle$
E_8	BI_{120}	$\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle u^5 + v^3 + w^2 \rangle$

Since the finite subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ has a 2-to-1 correspondence with the finite subgroups of $SO(3)$, they can be associated symmetry groups of solids. Below I have included some nice illustrations.





2 Skew group algebra $S\#G$ indecomposable projectives

This section is largely based on the book by [LW12]. This section will use definitions and theorems from representation theory as taught in the courses MA3203 - Ring Theory and MA3204 - homological algebra. Since I do not assume knowledge of this I have created appendix A. I will try to use footnotes to indicate where such theorems are used.

Definition 2.1. *If G is a subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, we can extend the group action of G on \mathbb{C}^n to $\mathbb{C}\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_n \rrbracket$. More explicitly G acts on x_i as it would the i th basis vector of \mathbb{C}^n , and acts on products and sums by acting on each component separately. We then define the skew group algebra $\mathbb{C}\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_n \rrbracket \# G$ to be the algebra generated by elements of the form $f \cdot g$ with $f \in \mathbb{C}\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_n \rrbracket$ and $g \in G$, and we define the multiplication by*

$$(f_1 \cdot g_1) \cdot (f_2 \cdot g_2) = (f_1 \cdot f_2^{g_1}) \cdot (g_1 \cdot g_2)$$

Where f^g denotes the image of f under the action of g .

The skew group algebra is also sometimes called the twisted algebra, because the multiplication is "twisted" by the action of G .

Lemma 2.1. *Let $S = \mathbb{C}\llbracket x, y \rrbracket$. An $S\#G$ -module is projective¹ if and only if it is projective as an S -module.*

Proof. Only-ify follows from $S\#G$ being a free S -module, it is isomorphic to $\bigoplus_{g \in G} S$. Thus we need only show ifity.

First we need to see that an $S\#G$ -linear map is just an S -linear map, $f : M \rightarrow N$ between $S\#G$ -modules, such that $f(g(m)) = g(f(m))$ for all $g \in G$ and all $m \in M$. Equivalently $f(m) = g(f(g^{-1}(m)))$. This allows us to define a group action on S -linear maps by $f^g(m) = g(f(g^{-1}(m)))$. Then we just need to show

$$\text{Hom}_{S\#G}(M, N) = \text{Hom}_S(M, N)^G.$$

¹The definition of projective can be found in definition A.6 on page 29.

Clearly if f is $S\#G$ -linear then it's in $\text{Hom}_S(M, N)^G$. To see the other inclusion, let f be an S -linear map that is fixed under G . Then $f(s \cdot gm) = sf(gm) = s \cdot g(f(g^{-1}gm)) = s \cdot gf(m)$, and hence f is $S\#G$ -linear.

Nextly I want to show that $-^G$ is an exact functor². If K is the kernel of a map $f : M \rightarrow N$, then the kernel of the induced map $f^G : M^G \rightarrow N^G$ is of course just $K \cap M^G$ which equals K^G . Assume f is epi and let $n \in N^G$. Consider a preimage m such that $f(m) = n$. Let $\theta = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g(m)$. Then θ is in M^G and $f(\theta) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g(f(m)) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} n = n$.

Recall that a module being projective is equivalent to its covariant Hom-functor being exact. So if P is projective as an S -module then $\text{Hom}_S(P, -)$ is exact. Using our above result we get $\text{Hom}_S(P, -)^G = \text{Hom}_{S\#G}(P, -)$ is exact and our lemma follows. \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let S be the complex power series ring in n variables, and $\mathfrak{m} = \langle x_i \rangle_{i=1}^n$ the radical of S . Then for any free S -module N , $\mathfrak{m}N$ is small in N . That is if X is a submodule of N such that $X + \mathfrak{m}N = N$, then $X = N$.*

Proof. Let N be the free module $S^{(I)} := \bigoplus_{i \in I} S_i$, where $S_i \cong S$. Assume that X is a submodule such that $X + \mathfrak{m}N = N$. We denote by 1_i the elements that is 1 at index i and 0 elsewhere. Since $\{1_i\}$ generate N , it is enough to show that X contains all of them. Since $X + \mathfrak{m}N = N$, we know that there is an $m_i \in \mathfrak{m}N$ and an $x_i \in X$ such that $x_i + m_i = 1_i$. Then we have that $x_i = 1_i - m_i$. Since the power series at index i of x_i has constant coefficient 1 it is invertible. If we multiply x_i by its inverse we get \tilde{x}_i which is 1 at index i and some element of \mathfrak{m} at index $j \neq i$, say m_{ij} . Then $\tilde{x}_i - \sum_{j \neq i} m_{ij} \tilde{x}_j$ has a unit in index i and 0 at all other indices. Thus X contains 1_i for all i , and $X = N$. \square

Theorem 2.1. *Let $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ and let $\mathfrak{m} = \langle x, y \rangle_S$ be the radical of S . Then there are bijections between the indecomposable³ finitely generated projective $S\#G$ -modules and the indecomposable $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules given by*

²The definition of an exact functor can be found in definition A.5 on page 29.

³The definition of indecomposable can be found in definition A.3 on page 28.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{indecomposable projective} \\ S\#G\text{-modules} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{indecomposable} \\ \mathbb{C}G\text{-modules} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} : P \longmapsto P/\mathfrak{m}P$$

$$\mathcal{G} : S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \longleftarrow W$$

Where the $S\#G$ -module structure on $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is given by $(s \cdot g) \cdot f \otimes v = sf^g \otimes v^g$.

Proof. First we should show that $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is an indecomposable projective $S\#G$ -module and that $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ is in fact an indecomposable $\mathbb{C}G$ -module. Since $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is a free S -module it follows from lemma 2.1 that it is projective. To see that it is indecomposable we will first study it as an S -module and exploit the fact that $\text{Hom}_{S\#G}(M, N) \subseteq \text{Hom}_S(M, N)$.

Using lemma 2.2 we get that $\mathfrak{m}S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is small in $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$. This means that we get that

$$\frac{S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W}{\mathfrak{m}S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W} \cong S/\mathfrak{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong W$$

and therefore $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \rightarrow W$ is a projective cover⁴ of W as S -modules. Further since the projection $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \rightarrow W$ is $S\#G$ -linear we have that $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is the projective cover of W also as $S\#G$ -modules. Assume for the sake of contradiction that $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ decomposes as $M \oplus N$ for non-zero M and N . Then W would equal $M/\mathfrak{m}M \oplus N/\mathfrak{m}N$ as an $S\#G/\langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle$ -module. Since $S\#G/\langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}G$ and W is indecomposable we must have that either $M/\mathfrak{m}M$ or $N/\mathfrak{m}N$ is 0. This then gives a contradiction because $\mathfrak{m}M$ and $\mathfrak{m}N$ are small in M and N . Hence we must have that $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is indecomposable.

It's clear that $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ is a $\mathbb{C}G$ -module, because $\mathbb{C}G$ is a subring of $S\#G$. To see that it's indecomposable we will use a similar argument as above. Assume $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ decomposes as $V \oplus W$. Then both P and $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V \oplus S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ are projective covers of $P/\mathfrak{m}P = V \oplus W$ we get induced $S\#G$ -linear epimorphisms between them.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P & \\ \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow & \\ P & \twoheadrightarrow & P/\mathfrak{m}P \end{array}$$

⁴The definition of projective cover can be found in definition A.7 on page 30.

Now we use the fact that P is finitely generated. Since there can only be an epimorphism from a module with more or equal amount of generators, P and $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{m}P$ must have the same amount of generators and the induced maps are in fact isomorphisms of S -modules. Since the maps are also $S\#G$ -linear we have that P decomposes as $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V \oplus S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$. Then since P is indecomposable we must have that either $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V$ or $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W$ is 0. That means that either V or W is 0, and we have shown that $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ is an indecomposable $\mathbb{C}G$ -module.

To see that the given maps are bijections we will show that they are mutual inverses. First to see that $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{G}(W)) \cong W$ we simply look at the definition

$$\frac{S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W}{\mathfrak{m}S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W} \cong S/\mathfrak{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} W \cong W$$

Next we consider $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F}(P)) = S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P$. We have already seen that the induced map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} P/\mathfrak{m}P & \\ \swarrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow & \\ P & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P/\mathfrak{m}P \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism, and thus $P \cong \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F}(P))$. □

2.1 The Gabriel quiver

Now that we have seen that the indecomposable $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules and the indecomposable finitely generated projective $S\#G$ -modules are in correspondence we will construct the quiver that corresponds to the McKay quiver.

Definition 2.2. *For a skew group algebra $S\#G$ we define its Gabriel quiver to be the quiver with vertices as the indecomposable projective modules of $S\#G$. The arrows are given by taking the minimal projective resolution⁵ of $P/\mathfrak{m}P$, where \mathfrak{m} is as defined above. If the minimal projective resolution of $P/\mathfrak{m}P$ is given by*

$$\cdots \longrightarrow Q_1 \longrightarrow Q_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

⁵The definition of a minimal projective resolution can be found in definition A.8 on page 30.

We say there is an arrow from P to P' , if P' appears as a direct summand of Q_1 .

Definition 2.3. Let V be a vector space. We then define the exterior algebra $\bigwedge V$ as the associative unital graded algebra such that the multiplication is bilinear and satisfies $x \wedge y = -y \wedge x$ for any x and y in V .

Some key properties of the exterior algebra is that $x \wedge x = 0$, and more generally that $x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_p = 0$ whenever $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^p$ are linearly dependent.

The p th exterior power of V , denoted $\bigwedge^p V$ is the vector space of all elements that are the product of p vectors in V . If $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a basis for V , then $x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}$ where $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p$ and $1 \leq i_j \leq n$ forms a basis for $\bigwedge^p V$, thus it is $\binom{n}{p}$ -dimensional.

Proposition 2.1. If S is the ring of formal power series over \mathbb{C} in n variables, and G is a finite group acting on S , let $V = \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$. Then the minimal projective resolution of $\mathbb{C} \cong S/\mathfrak{m}$ as an S -module is given by

$$0 \longrightarrow S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^n V \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^1 V \xrightarrow{\partial_1} S \longrightarrow 0$$

Where ∂_p is the $S \# G$ -linear map defined by

$$\partial_p(s \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}) = \sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{j+1} s x_{i_j} \otimes x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{x}_{i_j} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}$$

Where $x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_p}$ is one of the standard basis vectors for $\bigwedge^n V$, namely $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p$, and \hat{x}_j means that x_j is omitted.

Proof. First we should show that this is a projective resolution of \mathbb{C} . In fact the complex described above is the Koszul complex of the regular sequence⁶ $(x_i)_{i=1}^n$. The Koszul complex of a regular sequence is a projective resolution of the ring modulo the ideal generated by the regular sequence [Sta19, Tag 062F], which in this case equals $S/\langle x_i \rangle_{i=1}^n = \mathbb{C}$.

Secondly we want to show that the resolution is minimal. To do this it is enough to show that for each $k \geq 1$, ∂_k is a projective cover of its image, and that $S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a projective cover of \mathbb{C} . In other words we have to show that the kernels of the maps are small. Since $\text{Im } \partial_{k+1} = \text{Ker } \partial_k$ and $\text{Im } \partial_{k+1} \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^{k+1} V$ it follows from lemma 2.2 that the resolution is minimal. \square

⁶Regular sequences are defined on page 12 in definition 3.2.

Since $V = \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$ is exactly the canonical representation of G the relationship between the McKay quiver and the Gabriel quiver should be apparent. Now we move to the next theorem for a formal argument.

Theorem 2.2. *If S is the complex power series ring in n variables and G is a finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, then the McKay quiver of G and the Gabriel quiver of $S\#G$ are isomorphic.*

Proof. We have already seen in theorem 2.1 that they have the same vertices, namely if V_i are the irreducible representations of G , then $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i$ are the indecomposable projectives of $S\#G$. To see that they have the same arrows consider as above the minimal resolution of \mathbb{C} :

$$0 \longrightarrow S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^n V \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^1 V \xrightarrow{\partial_1} S \longrightarrow 0.$$

If we tensor with V_i on the right we will get a minimal resolution of V_i :

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \bigwedge^1 V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i \xrightarrow{\partial_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i} S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i \longrightarrow 0.$$

From here, since $\bigwedge^1 V = V$, we see that $P_j = S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_j$ appears as a direct summand of $S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i$ exactly when V_j appears as a direct summand of $V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V_i$. \square

3 The endomorphism ring of S as an S^G -module

This section is largely based on the article by [IT13] and the book by [LW12].

In this section we will show that $S\#G$ is isomorphic to $\text{End}_R(S)$ as rings, where S is the complex power series ring in 2 variables, G is a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$, and $R = S^G$ is the fixed ring of S by G . This will be the longest proof of this thesis and I have therefore decided to split it up into several steps. The proof will be done by constructing an explicit isomorphism.

$$S\#G \longrightarrow \text{End}_R(S)$$

$$s \cdot g \longmapsto (t \mapsto s \cdot t^g)$$

We can easily show that this is an injective ring-homomorphism. The meat of the proof is to consider the map as a morphism of R -modules, and then using ramification theory to show that it is an epimorphism. We will show in theorem 3.4 that for every height one prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of S if we localize⁷ at \mathfrak{p} we get a so-called unramified extension of rings

$$R_{\mathfrak{p} \cap R} \hookrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

Then theorem 3.1 will give use that the extension is separable. That is, we have a split exact sequence

$$I \hookrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{p} \cap R}} S_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\mu} S_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

where μ is the multiplication map and I is the kernel of μ . Now writing $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{p} \cap R$, and $S_{\mathfrak{q}}$ for $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_R S$, what we really want is a split exact sequence

$$I \hookrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}} S_{\mathfrak{q}} \xrightarrow{\mu} S_{\mathfrak{q}}$$

We will use this splitting in theorem 3.2 to construct an inverse for $S_{\mathfrak{q}} \# G \rightarrow \text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}})$. Finally we will show that since we get an isomorphism whenever we localize at a height one prime ideal, lemma 3.3 and theorem 3.5 will give us that the map is an isomorphism.

Let us first begin with some definitions

Definition 3.1. *If A is a local ring with residual field k we define the depth of a module, M , to be the minimal n such that $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, M)$ is non-zero⁸. We write $\text{depth}_A(M)$ for this or simply $\text{depth}(M)$ when which ring we are using is clear.*

Definition 3.2. *If R is a commutative ring and M is an R -module, an R -regular sequence on M is a sequence of elements of R , r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n such that $M/\langle r_1, \dots, r_i \rangle M$ is non-zero and multiplication by r_i is injective on $M/\langle r_1, \dots, r_{i-1} \rangle M$.*

Proposition 3.1. *For a module over a local ring all maximal regular sequences have the same length. That length is the depth of the module.*

Proof. The proof is omitted here, but can be found in [Sta19, Tag 00LW] and [Sta19, Tag 090R]. \square

⁷Prime ideals and localization will be defined later in definition 3.3 and definition 3.4.

⁸The extension group is defined in definition A.9 on page 30.

Definition 3.3. If R is a ring, we say that \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal in R if

1. \mathfrak{p} is a proper ideal of R .
2. For any two elements $a, b \in R$ such that $ab \in \mathfrak{p}$ we must have that either a is in \mathfrak{p} or b is.

The height of \mathfrak{p} is the length of the longest chain of prime ideals contained in \mathfrak{p} :

$$\mathfrak{p}_0 \subset \mathfrak{p}_1 \subset \cdots \subset \mathfrak{p}_n = \mathfrak{p}.$$

Definition 3.4. Let R be a commutative ring, M an R -module, and $\mathfrak{p} \subset R$ a prime ideal of R . Then we define the localization of M at \mathfrak{p} , written as $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$, to be the set of formal fractions $\frac{m}{r}$ with m in M and r in $R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$. Two such fractions $\frac{m}{r}$ and $\frac{n}{s}$ are considered the same if there is an element $t \in R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ such that $t(sm - rn) = 0$.

Note that if we localize R at \mathfrak{p} we get an R -algebra with the multiplication $\frac{r}{s} \cdot \frac{r'}{s'} = \frac{rr'}{ss'}$, as you would expect. In fact it's enough to understand $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ because $M_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_R M$.

Definition 3.5. Let A and B be two local commutative rings with maximal ideal \mathfrak{n} and \mathfrak{m} respectively, and let $A \hookrightarrow B$ be an extension of rings. We say that the extension is unramified if the following conditions hold:

- B is a finitely generated A -module.
- $A/\mathfrak{n} \hookrightarrow B/\mathfrak{m}$ is a separable field extension.
- $\mathfrak{n}B = \mathfrak{m}$

If the two first conditions are met, and there is a positive integer e such that $\mathfrak{n}B = \mathfrak{m}^e B$, we say the extension has ramification index e when e is the smallest such number. Note that being unramified is then equivalent to having ramification index 1.

In order to show that unramified implies separable we must first take a small detour.

Definition 3.6. Let $A \rightarrow B$ be an extension of rings. We then define the derivation module $\Omega_{B|A}$ as the B -module with formal generators db for all $b \in B$ and with the following relations:

A-linearity: $d(ab + a'b') = adb + a'db'$ for all $a, a' \in A$ and $b, b' \in B$.

Leibniz rule: $d(bc) = bdc + cdb$ for all $b, c \in B$.

Note that for any polynomial expression $f(b)$ we have that $df(b) = f'(b)db$ where f' is the formal derivative of f . Now we will show how the derivation module make a link between unramified extensions and the splitting of our sequence.

Proposition 3.2. *Let $A \rightarrow B$ be an unramified extension of local rings. Then $\Omega_{B|A}$ is 0.*

Proof. Keeping with the notation above we let \mathfrak{n} be the maximal ideal of A and \mathfrak{m} the maximal ideal of B . Furthermore let l denote B/\mathfrak{m} and k denote A/\mathfrak{n} . Then I claim there is an exact sequence

$$\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Omega_{B|A} \otimes_B B/\mathfrak{m} \longrightarrow \Omega_{l|A} \longrightarrow 0$$

where $\alpha(\overline{m}) = d_{B|A}m \otimes 1$ for any m in \mathfrak{m} . Let's first show that α is well defined. Let $m_1 \cdot m_2$ be in \mathfrak{m}^2 . Then we need to show that $\alpha(\overline{m_1 \cdot m_2})$ is 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\overline{m_1 \cdot m_2}) &= d_{B|A}(m_1 \cdot m_2) \otimes 1 = \\ &= m_1 d_{B|A}m_2 \otimes 1 + m_2 d_{B|A}m_1 \otimes 1 = \\ &= d_{B|A}m_2 \otimes (m_1 \cdot 1) + d_{B|A}m_1 \otimes (m_2 \cdot 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since $l = B/\mathfrak{m}$ we have that $m_1 \cdot 1$ and $m_2 \cdot 1$ is 0 in l , thus the right hand side is 0, and α is well defined.

The map $\Omega_{B|A} \otimes_B B/\mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \Omega_{l|A}$ is just the natural projection sending $db \otimes 1$ to $d\bar{b}$, where \bar{b} is the projection of b onto l . We want to show that this is the cokernel of α . The kernel of $\Omega_{B|A} \otimes_B B/\mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \Omega_{l|A}$ is generated by $dm \otimes 1$ for $m \in \mathfrak{m}$, but this is exactly the image of α , thus the sequence is exact.

Nextly we want to show that $\Omega_{l|A} = 0$. Since $\mathfrak{n} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ and l is annihilated by \mathfrak{m} we have that $\Omega_{l|A} = \Omega_{l|k}$. Let x be an element of l , and let p be its irreducible polynomial over k . Now we want to use the fact that $k \subset l$ is a separable field extension. Remember that $k \subset l$ being separable means that the formal derivative of p is non-zero. Now we have that

$$0 = d(p(x)) = p'(x)dx.$$

Since p' is a non-zero polynomial of lower degree than p , and p is the smallest polynomial with root x , we must have that $p'(x)$ is non-zero. This implies that $dx = 0$, and since this holds for all x it must be that $\Omega_{l|k} = 0$.

Since $\Omega_{l|k} = 0$ we have that α is surjective. We will now use that since $A \rightarrow B$ is unramified $\mathfrak{n}B = \mathfrak{m}$. More specifically the map $\beta : \mathfrak{n}/\mathfrak{n}^2 \otimes_A B \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$ is surjective. Since both α and β are surjective we have that $\alpha\beta$ is also surjective, but

$$\alpha\beta(\bar{n} \otimes b) = \alpha(\overline{nb}) = d(nb) \otimes 1 = ndb \otimes 1 = db \otimes n \cdot 1 = 0$$

for all $n \in \mathfrak{n}$ and $b \in B$. Thus the only conclusion is that $\Omega_{B|A} \otimes_B l = 0$.

Since $\Omega_{B|A} \otimes_B l = \Omega_{B|A} \otimes_B B/\mathfrak{m} = \Omega_{B|A}/\mathfrak{m}\Omega_{B|A}$ it follows from Nakayama's lemma [Sta19, Tag 07RC] that $\Omega_{B|A} = 0$. \square

Theorem 3.1. *Let $A \rightarrow B$ be an unramified extension of local rings. Then the sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow B \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{\mu} B \longrightarrow 0$$

splits as a short exact sequence of $B \otimes_A B$ -modules. Here μ is given by $\mu(b \otimes b') = bb'$, and the $B \otimes_A B$ -module structure on B is given by $b \otimes b' \cdot b'' = bb'b''$, and $I = \text{Ker } \mu$. We say that the extension is separable

Proof. Firstly note that I is generated by elements on the form $b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b$, and that since B is finitely generated as an A -module, I is finitely generated.

Next we want to show that $I/I^2 = \Omega_{B|A}$, which we have already seen equals 0. Since $\Omega_{B|A}$ is a B -module we need a B -module structure on I/I^2 . Since $(b \otimes 1)i - (1 \otimes b)i$ is in I^2 for $i \in I$, we have that $(b \otimes 1)i = (1 \otimes b)i \pmod{I^2}$. Then I/I^2 is generated by $(c \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes c)$ as a B -module with the B -module action given by $b \cdot i := (1 \otimes b)i$.

Now to see that $I/I^2 = \Omega_{B|A}$ we will show that the relations on $(b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b)$ in I/I^2 are exactly the same as those for db in $\Omega_{B|A}$, thus that $(db \mapsto (b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b))$ is an isomorphism.

A -linearity follows from the fact that we are tensoring over A , that is

$$\begin{aligned} (ab \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes ab) &= (b \otimes a - 1 \otimes ab) = \\ (1 \otimes a)(b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b) &= a \cdot (b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b) \end{aligned}$$

The Leibniz rule $dbc - bdc - cdb = 0$ follows from a similar computation.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b)(c \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes c) \\
&= bc \otimes 1 - b \otimes c - c \otimes b + 1 \otimes bc \\
&= (bc \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes bc) - (c \otimes b - 1 \otimes bc) - (b \otimes c - 1 \otimes bc) \\
&= (bc \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes bc) - (1 \otimes b)(c \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes c) - (1 \otimes c)(b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b)
\end{aligned}$$

and we see that $(bc \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes bc) - b \cdot (c \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes c) - c \cdot (b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b)$ generates I^2 .

Now that we have shown that $I/I^2 = \Omega_{B|A} = 0$, or rather that $I = I^2$. Nakayama's lemma gives that there is an $i \in I$ such that $ji = j$ for all $j \in I$. Then we can define the splitting map $B \otimes_A B \rightarrow I$ by $b \otimes b' \mapsto b \otimes b' \cdot i$. Thus the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow B \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{\mu} B \longrightarrow 0$$

splits. □

Theorem 3.2. *Let B be a local k -algebra domain, and G a finite subgroup of $\text{Aut}_k(B)$ with order relatively prime to the characteristic of k , and denote by A the fixed ring B^G . If the short exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow B \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{\mu} B \longrightarrow 0$$

splits, then the map

$$B \# G \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{End}_A(B)$$

$$b \cdot g \longmapsto (a \mapsto b \cdot a^g)$$

is an isomorphism of A -modules, and isomorphism of rings.

Proof. First in order to see that the map is injective, assume $b \cdot g$ and $b' \cdot g'$ map to the same endomorphism. Then $b \cdot t^g = b' \cdot t^{g'}$ for all $t \in B$. Choosing $t = 1$ we see that $b = b'$. Then since B is a domain this means that $t^g = t^{g'}$ for all t , that is to say $g = g'$.

To see that the map is surjective we will construct a splitting. The splitting will be constructed using the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B\#G & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \text{End}_A(B) \\
\tilde{\mu} \uparrow & & \downarrow f \mapsto f \otimes \rho \\
B \otimes_A B\#G & \xleftarrow{ev_\epsilon} & \text{Hom}_B(B \otimes_A B, B \otimes_A B\#G)
\end{array}$$

where ρ is the modified Reinolds-operator

$$\rho(b) = \sum_{g \in G} b^g \cdot g.$$

Since we assumed the extension is unramified we have that

$$0 \longrightarrow I \xrightarrow{\iota} B \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{\mu} B \longrightarrow 0$$

$\swarrow \text{---} \psi \text{---}$

splits. As indicated we denote the left splitting by ψ . Then let $\epsilon = 1 \otimes 1 - \iota\psi(1 \otimes 1)$ in $B \otimes_A B$. Then $\mu(\epsilon) = 1$, and $(b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b)\epsilon = 0$. Then we define the evaluation map at ϵ by

$$ev_\epsilon : \quad \text{Hom}_B(B \otimes_A B, B \otimes_A B\#G) \longrightarrow B \otimes_A B\#G$$

$$f \longmapsto f(\epsilon)$$

Lastly $\tilde{\mu} : B \otimes_A B\#G \rightarrow B\#G$ is simply the map $b \otimes c \cdot g \mapsto bc \cdot g$. We have now defined all the maps in the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B\#G & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \text{End}_A(B) \\
\tilde{\mu} \uparrow & & \downarrow f \mapsto f \otimes \rho \\
B \otimes_A B\#G & \xleftarrow{ev_\epsilon} & \text{Hom}_B(B \otimes_A B, B \otimes_A B\#G)
\end{array}$$

Now we want to show that the composition of the three bottom maps forms a splitting. That is for any $f \in \text{End}_A(B)$ we have that $\gamma(\tilde{\mu}(ev_\epsilon(f \otimes \rho))) = f$.

Write $\epsilon = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$. Then I claim that

$$\sum_i x_i y_i^g = \begin{cases} 1 & g = 1_G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We know that

$$(b \otimes 1) \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i = (1 \otimes b) \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$$

holds for all b . Then applying the map $1 \otimes g$ on both sides we get

$$\sum_i b x_i \otimes y_i^g = \sum_i x_i \otimes b^g y_i^g$$

Then by applying μ we get

$$b \sum_i x_i y_i^g = b^g \sum_i x_i y_i^g$$

Then since B is a domain we get that either $b = b^g$ or $\sum_i x_i y_i^g = 0$. If we assume that $\sum_i x_i y_i^g \neq 0$ then we must have that $b = b^g$ for all $b \in B$ and we then get that $g = 1_G$. Then since

$$\sum_i x_i y_i = \mu(\epsilon) = 1$$

we see that my claim holds. We can now calculate $\gamma(\tilde{\mu}(ev_\epsilon(f \otimes \rho)))$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma[\tilde{\mu}[(f \otimes \rho)(\epsilon)]](b) = \\ & \gamma\left[\tilde{\mu}\left[(f \otimes \rho)\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i\right)\right]\right](b) = \\ & \gamma\left[\tilde{\mu}\left[\sum_i f(x_i) \otimes \rho(y_i)\right]\right](b) = \\ & \gamma\left[\sum_i f(x_i) \sum_g y_i^g \cdot g\right](b) = \\ & \gamma\left[\sum_g \sum_i f(x_i) y_i^g \cdot g\right](b) = \\ & \sum_g \left(\sum_i f(x_i) y_i^g \cdot b^g\right)^* = \\ & f\left(\sum_g \left(\sum_i x_i y_i^g\right) \cdot b^g\right)^{**} = \\ & f(b) \end{aligned}$$

In (*) we use the fact that f is A -linear and that $\sum_g y_i^g b^g$ is in A . In (**) we use the claim from above that

$$\sum_i x_i y_i^g = \begin{cases} 1 & g = 1_G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This means that γ is an epimorphism and then also an isomorphism. \square

Definition 3.7. Let S be a commutative ring, G a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(S)$, and \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal. The inertia group of \mathfrak{p} is defined as

$$T(\mathfrak{p}) = \{g \in G \mid s^g - s \in \mathfrak{p} \ \forall s \in S\}.$$

Definition 3.8. Let S be a commutative ring, G a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(S)$, and \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal. The decomposition group of \mathfrak{p} is defined as

$$D(\mathfrak{p}) = \{g \in G \mid g(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{p}\}.$$

Lemma 3.1. Let S be the complex power series ring in n variables, let G be a finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ acting on S , and let \mathfrak{p} be a height one prime ideal of S . Denote by R the fixed ring S^G and let $\mathfrak{q} = R \cap \mathfrak{p}$. Let e be the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$, and let f be the degree of the field extension $R_{\mathfrak{q}}/\mathfrak{q} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}$. Then the order of the decomposition group $|D(\mathfrak{p})|$ is ef .

Proof. Let $\{\mathfrak{p}_i\}$ be the set of prime ideals in S lying over \mathfrak{q} . The group G acts on the set by permuting the ideals. We will show that this group action is transitive. Assume for the sake of contradiction that it is not and that there is a prime ideal \mathfrak{p}_t such that $g(\mathfrak{p}) \neq \mathfrak{p}_t$ for all $g \in G$. Then by the **approximation lemma** we have that there is an $a \in \mathfrak{p}_t$ such that $a^g \notin \mathfrak{p}$ for any $g \in G$. Now consider $x = \prod_{g \in G} a^g$. Clearly x is in R and thus in \mathfrak{q} , but since none of the factors of x are in \mathfrak{p} we must have that $x \notin \mathfrak{p}$. This is a contradiction, thus the action of G is transitive on $\{\mathfrak{p}_i\}$.

The orbit-stabilizer theorem states that the size of an orbit is the same as the index of the stabilizer group. Note that $D(\mathfrak{p})$ is exactly the stabilizer of \mathfrak{p} . Then since G acts transitively we have that $|\{\mathfrak{p}_i\}| = |G|/|D(\mathfrak{p})|$. In particular this set is finite, say $r := |\{\mathfrak{p}_i\}|$, and $|G| = |D(\mathfrak{p})| \cdot r$.

Since the order of G is $|G| = efr$ it follows that $|D(\mathfrak{p})| = ef$. \square

Lemma 3.2. Let S be the complex power series ring in n variables, let G be a finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ acting on S , and let \mathfrak{p} be a height one prime ideal of S . Denote by R the fixed ring S^G and let $\mathfrak{q} = R \cap \mathfrak{p}$. Then the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$, denoted by e , divides order of the inertia group $|T(\mathfrak{p})|$.

Proof. Since \mathfrak{p} is invariant under the action of $D(\mathfrak{p})$, also its complement will be. This means the group action on $S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ given by $g(\frac{s}{t}) = \frac{s^g}{t^g}$ is well defined whenever g is in $D(\mathfrak{p})$. This also gives a well defined group action on $S_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}S_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Since this action fixes $R_{\mathfrak{q}}/\mathfrak{q}R_{\mathfrak{q}}$ we get a map from $D(\mathfrak{p})$ to the galois group of the field extension $R_{\mathfrak{q}}/\mathfrak{q}R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}S_{\mathfrak{p}}$. If we can show that the kernel of this map is $T(\mathfrak{p})$, then we get that $|D(\mathfrak{p})/T(\mathfrak{p})|$ divides the order of the galois

group which equals the order of the field extension. Then since $|D(\mathfrak{p})| = ef$ we get that $ef \mid |T(\mathfrak{p})|f$, and that e divides $|T(\mathfrak{p})|$.

First we see that $T(\mathfrak{p})$ is contained in the kernel. Since $\frac{s}{t} = \frac{\prod_{g \neq 1} t^g s}{\prod_g t^g}$ where g ranges over the elements of $T(\mathfrak{p})$, we have that all fractions in $S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ can be written with a denominator invariant under $T(\mathfrak{p})$. Then since $s^g - s \in \mathfrak{p}$ whenever s is in S and g is in $T(\mathfrak{p})$ we get that $(\frac{s}{t})^g - \frac{s}{t} \in \mathfrak{p}S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ for all $\frac{s}{t} \in S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $g \in T(\mathfrak{p})$. Thus the action of $T(\mathfrak{p})$ on $S_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is trivial.

To see the converse assume $g \in D(\mathfrak{p})$ acts trivially on $S_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}S_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Then in particular we have that $\frac{s^g}{1} - \frac{s}{1} \in \mathfrak{p}S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ for all $s \in S$. This means that $s^g - s \in \mathfrak{p}$, which is exactly the condition for g to be in $T(\mathfrak{p})$.

This shows that $T(\mathfrak{p})$ is the kernel of the map, and thus that the ramification index divides the order of $T(\mathfrak{p})$. \square

Theorem 3.3. *Let S be the complex power series ring in n variables, let G be a finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ acting on S , and let \mathfrak{p} be a height one prime ideal of S . Denote by R the fixed ring S^G and let $\mathfrak{q} = R \cap \mathfrak{p}$. Then the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ equals the order of the inertia group $|T(\mathfrak{p})|$.*

Proof. We write \mathfrak{m} for the maximal ideal of S . Since \mathfrak{p} is height one and S is a UFD we have that $\mathfrak{p} = \langle z \rangle$ for some $z \in \mathfrak{m}$. We define an inner product on $V := \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$ by

$$\langle x, y \rangle_G = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \langle x^g, y^g \rangle$$

\square

where $\langle -, - \rangle$ is the standard inner product. Note that the action of G is orthogonal with respect to this inner product.

We write \bar{z} for the representative for z in V . Since the action of G preserves degrees and that $\bar{z}^g - \bar{z} \in \langle \bar{z} \rangle$ we must have that $\bar{z}^g = a_g \cdot \bar{z}$ for some scalar $a_g \in \mathbb{C}$. Further since $x^g = x + \lambda_{g,x} \bar{z}$ for all $x \in V$ and $g \in T(\mathfrak{p})$, and g is an orthogonal operator we have that g fixes the $\langle -, - \rangle_G$ -orthogonal complement to \bar{z} . This means we can choose a basis such that all elements of $T(\mathfrak{p})$ are

on the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & a_g \end{pmatrix}$$

This means $T(\mathfrak{p})$ is isomorphic to $\{a_g\}_{g \in T(\mathfrak{p})} \leq \mathbb{C}^*$ which is a subgroup of \mathbb{C}^* . Since all finite subgroups of \mathbb{C}^* are cyclic this implies that $T(\mathfrak{p})$ is cyclic. Let s be the order of $T(\mathfrak{p})$. Then

$$\sigma := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & \exp(2\pi i/s) \end{pmatrix}$$

generates $T(\mathfrak{p})$. Consider the ring $S^{T(\mathfrak{p})}$. We have that $R \subset S^{T(\mathfrak{p})}$, and $\mathfrak{q} \subset S^{T(\mathfrak{p})} \cap \mathfrak{p}$. Then we have that $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{S^{T(\mathfrak{p})} \cap \mathfrak{p}}^{T(\mathfrak{p})}$, and the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the product of the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{S^{T(\mathfrak{p})} \cap \mathfrak{p}}^{T(\mathfrak{p})}$ and of $S_{S^{T(\mathfrak{p})} \cap \mathfrak{p}}^{T(\mathfrak{p})} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Then since $(S^{T(\mathfrak{p})} \cap \mathfrak{p})S = z^s S = \langle z \rangle^s S$, we have that the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is divisible by the order of $T(\mathfrak{p})$. Since we have already seen that the ramification index divides $|T(\mathfrak{p})|$ this implies that $e = |T(\mathfrak{p})|$.

Theorem 3.4. $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is unramified for all height one primes \mathfrak{p} if and only if G contains no pseudoreflections, that is a non-trivial element that fixes a codimension 1 subspace.

Proof. Firstly since we are working in characteristic 0, all field extensions are separable, thus $R_{\mathfrak{q}}/\mathfrak{q} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}$ is separable. Since S is a rank $|G|$ R -module, $S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ will be a finitely generated $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$ -module.

We know that elements of $T(\mathfrak{p})$ can be written on the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & a_g \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since G does not contain any pseudoreflections we must have that $a_g = 1$ and therefore $T(\mathfrak{p})$ is trivial and $|T(\mathfrak{p})| = 1$. That means that the ramification index of $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is 1, and the extension is unramified. \square

Note that no finite subgroup of $SL_n(\mathbb{C})$ contains pseudoreflections. In particular $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is unramified when G is a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Now the last piece of the puzzle is to show that this implies that

$$S \# G \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{End}_R(S)$$

is an isomorphism when $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$, and G is a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Lemma 3.3. *Let S be a local ring and let M and N be S -modules such that $\text{depth } M_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq \min\{2, \text{height}(\mathfrak{p})\}$ and $\text{depth } N_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq \min\{1, \text{height}(\mathfrak{p})\}$ for all prime ideals \mathfrak{p} ⁹. Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a monomorphism such that $f_{\mathfrak{p}} : M_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is an epimorphism for all height one prime ideals. Then f is an isomorphism.*

Proof. Assume f is not an epimorphism. Then f has a cokernel $C \neq 0$, and we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} N \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

Now we choose \mathfrak{p} to be the annihilator of a submodule $\langle c \rangle$ for some non-zero $c \in C$. We want to show that \mathfrak{p} has height at least 2. If \mathfrak{p} had height one then since $f_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is epi we would have that $C_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$. This is equivalent to saying that for every $c \in C$ there is some element $s \notin \mathfrak{p}$ such that $sc = 0$. This is impossible since \mathfrak{p} is the annihilator for some c , thus if $sc = 0$ then s is in \mathfrak{p} . The same argument works for a height 0 prime ideal since they are contained in height one prime ideals.

Thus \mathfrak{p} has height at least 2 and $\text{depth } M_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq 2$, $\text{depth } N_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq 1$. Now we want to show that $C_{\mathfrak{p}}$ has depth 0, using regular sequences. Recall that the depth of a module is the length of the longest regular sequence. Since \mathfrak{p} annihilates some $c \in C$ multiplication by $p \in \mathfrak{p}$ cannot be injective on $C_{\mathfrak{p}}$, because $\frac{c}{1}$ will be in the kernel. Multiplication by any element not in \mathfrak{p} will be epimorphic since $s \cdot \frac{c}{s \cdot t} = \frac{c}{t}$, thus no regular sequence exist on $C_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

Now we consider the short exact sequence

⁹This is called Serre's criterion

$$0 \longrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{f_{\mathfrak{p}}} N_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow C_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow 0$$

and take its long exact sequence of $\text{Ext}_S(k, -)$ where k is the residual field of S .

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_S(k, N_{\mathfrak{p}}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_S(k, C_{\mathfrak{p}}) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_S^1(k, M_{\mathfrak{p}}) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

Since $\text{depth } N_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq 1$ and $\text{depth } M_{\mathfrak{p}} \geq 2$ we have that $\text{Hom}_S(k, N_{\mathfrak{p}})$ and $\text{Ext}_S^1(k, M_{\mathfrak{p}})$ is 0. Then by exactness we get that $\text{Hom}_S(k, C_{\mathfrak{p}}) = 0$. This contradicts the fact that $\text{depth } C_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$, and thus our assumption that $C \neq 0$ is wrong. Therefore f is an epimorphism and therefore also an isomorphism. \square

Theorem 3.5. *Let $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ be the complex power series ring in two variables, let G be a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ acting on S , and let $R = S^G$ be the fixed ring. Then the map*

$$S \# G \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{End}_R(S)$$

is an isomorphism of rings.

Proof. Let \mathfrak{q} be a height one prime ideal of R and let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal in S lying over \mathfrak{q} . Then since G is in $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ it can't contain any pseudoreflections, thus by theorem 3.4 the extension $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \subset S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is unramified. Then by theorem 3.1 we have that

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}} S_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\mu} S_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow 0$$

is a split exact sequence. Since $S_{\mathfrak{q}} := R_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_R S$ lies between $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$ and $S_{\mathfrak{p}}$ we then have that

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}} S_{\mathfrak{q}} \xrightarrow{\mu} S_{\mathfrak{q}} \longrightarrow 0$$

also splits ?????. Then by theorem 3.2 we have that the map

$$S_{\mathfrak{q}} \# G \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}}) \tag{1}$$

is an isomorphism of rings. Now we want to show that (1) is the localization of

$$S\#G \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{End}_R(S).$$

That $S_{\mathfrak{q}}\#G$ is the localization of $S\#G$ is clear to see. What we need to show is that $\text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}})$ is the localization of $\text{End}_R(S)$, that is $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_R \text{End}_R(S) \cong \text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}})$. We can construct an explicit isomorphism by

$$R_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_R \text{End}_R(S) \longrightarrow \text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}})$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \otimes \varphi \longmapsto \left(\frac{s}{t} \mapsto \frac{\varphi(s)}{rt} \right)$$

It should be clear that the map is injective. To see surjectivity let s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n be generators of S as an R -module, and let ψ be in $\text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}})$. Write $\frac{t_i}{r_i}$ for $\psi(s_i)$, and let φ be the map in $\text{End}_R(S)$ sending s_i to $t_i \prod_{j \neq i} r_j$. Then $\frac{1}{\prod r_i} \otimes \varphi$ is a preimage of ψ , and thus $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_R \text{End}_R(S) \cong \text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}})$.

This means that for each height one prime of R , the localization of γ is an isomorphism. Then lemma 3.3 reduces the problem of showing that γ is an isomorphism to showing that $\text{depth}_R S_{\mathfrak{q}}\#G \geq \min\{2, \text{height}(\mathfrak{q})\}$, and that $\text{depth}_R \text{End}_{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}(S_{\mathfrak{q}}) \geq \min\{1, \text{height}(\mathfrak{p})\}$. **not sure how to show this**

□

4 Maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules of S^G

Definition 4.1. If R is a ring we define its Krull dimension to be the maximum length of a chain of prime ideals in R .

Example 4.1. For example the power series ring $\mathbb{C}[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ has Krull dimension n given by the chain

$$0 \subseteq \langle x_1 \rangle \subseteq \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \subseteq \dots \subseteq \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

Definition 4.2. If M is a module over a local ring R with Krull dimension d we say that M is maximal Cohen Macaulay (MCM) if the depth of M equals d . If a ring is MCM as a module over itself we say that it's a Cohen Macaulay ring (CM). Note that the ring must be CM for it to have any MCM modules.

Theorem 4.1. If G is a finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, S is the complex power series ring in n variables and $R = S^G$ is the ring fixed under the action of G , then R is a direct summand of S as R -modules.

Proof. Consider the map $\pi : S \rightarrow R$ given by

$$\pi(s) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} s^g$$

It's clear that the image of π is in R because an action from G will just permute the order of the sum. Further

$$\pi(r) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} r^g = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} r = r,$$

so π splits the inclusion $R \hookrightarrow S$ which shows that R is a direct summand of S . \square

Since we are interested in the MCM modules that appear as R -direct summands of S , it is nice to see that R itself is such a module.

Proposition 4.1. *Let R be a local ring with depth of R equaling it's Krull dimension, that is R is CM. If M is an MCM R -module, and N is a direct summand of M then N is also MCM.*

Proof. We write M as $N \oplus X$. Since M is MCM we have that $0 = \text{Ext}_R^i(M) = \text{Ext}_R^i(N) \oplus \text{Ext}_R^i(X)$ for all i less than the Krull dimension of R . This means the depth of N is greater than or equal to the Krull dimension of R . Since the depth of a module cannot exceed the Krull dimension of the ring **reference** we have that N is MCM. \square

Lemma 4.1. *If S is a commutative local ring with finite depth, G a finite subgroup of $\text{Aut}(S)$, and $R = S^G$ is the fixed ring, then*

$$\text{depth}_S S \leq \text{depth}_R R, \text{ and } \text{depth}_S S = \text{depth}_R S.$$

Proof. The proof will be by induction on $\text{depth}_S S$. For the base case let $\text{depth}_S S = 0$. Since depth is always bigger than or equal to 0 we have that $\text{depth}_S S \leq \text{depth}_R R$. Also since R is a subring of S we have that $\text{depth}_R S \leq \text{depth}_S S$. Thus if $\text{depth}_S S = 0$ we have $\text{depth}_R S = \text{depth}_S S = 0$.

Before we can prove the induction step we first need to show some properties of the map $N : S \rightarrow S$ given by $N(s) = \prod_{g \in G} s^g$. Note that for any $s \in S$ we have that $N(s) \in R$. Further if s is a non-unit and not a zero divisor, then $N(s)$ will also be a non-unit and not a zero divisor. Another property of $N(s)$ we will use is that $(S/N(s)S)^G = R/N(s)R$ whenever $N(s)$ is not a zero divisor. To see this note that since $(N(s)S)^G \subset N(s)S$, we have that

$$(s + N(s)S)^g = s^g + N(s)S,$$

and thus

$$(S/N(s)S)^G = S/(N(s)S \cap R).$$

Then what's left to show is that $N(s)S \cap R = N(s)R$. Assume $N(s)t$ is in $N(s)S \cap R$. Then $(N(s)t)^g = N(s)t$ for all $g \in G$. Since $N(s)$ is in R we have that $(N(s)t)^g = N(s)t^g$. Now using the fact that $N(s)$ is not a zero divisor we get that $t^g = t$ for all $g \in G$, which means that t is in R , and thus $N(s)t$ is in $N(s)R$.

We are now ready to show the induction step. Assume the statement holds whenever $\text{depth}_S S < n$. Then we want to show that it holds when $\text{depth}_S S = n$. Since the $\text{depth}_S S > 0$ there exists a non-unit which is not a zero divisor $s \in S$. Then $N(s)$ is also a non-unit and not a zero divisor. This means $N(s)$ is the first element of some maximal regular sequence on S . Since all maximal regular sequences on S has the same length this means that

$$\text{depth}_S S/N(s)S = \text{depth}_S S - 1.$$

Further since $N(s)$ is in R the same argument gives that

$$\text{depth}_R S/N(s)S = \text{depth}_R S - 1.$$

Since every element in $N(s)S$ annihilates $S/N(s)S$ we can consider S -regular sequences on $S/N(s)S$ as $S/N(s)$ -regular sequences and vice versa. Thus

$$\text{depth}_S S/N(s)S = \text{depth}_{S/N(s)S} S/N(s)S.$$

Using that $(S/N(s)S)^G = R/N(s)R$, the same argument gives that

$$\text{depth}_R S/N(s)S = \text{depth}_{R/N(s)R} S/N(s)S.$$

Now we apply the induction hypothesis. Since $S/N(s)S$ is a local ring with depth less than n we have that

$$\text{depth}_{S/N(s)S} S/N(s)S \leq \text{depth}_{R/N(s)R} R/N(s)R$$

and that

$$\text{depth}_{S/N(s)S} S/N(s)S = \text{depth}_{R/N(s)R} S/N(s)S.$$

This means that

$$\text{depth}_S S - 1 \leq \text{depth}_R R - 1$$

and that

$$\text{depth}_S S - 1 = \text{depth}_R S - 1.$$

Thus we can conclude that $\text{depth}_S S \leq \text{depth}_R R$ and $\text{depth}_S S = \text{depth}_R S$. By induction the statement holds for all n . \square

Now that we have shown a general relationship between the depths of local rings fixed under group actions we can apply it to our special case of $S = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ and G being in $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

Theorem 4.2. *Let S be the complex power series ring in two variables, G a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ acting on S by linear change of variables, and $R = S^G$ the fixed ring. Then R is a CM and S is an MCM R -module.*

Proof. Since S is the complex power series ring in two variables we have that $\dim S = \text{depth}_S S = 2$. By lemma 4.1 we have that $\text{depth}_S S \leq \text{depth}_R R$. Since the depth of a module never exceeds the Krull dimension of the ring [reference](#) we have that $\text{depth}_S R \leq \dim S$. Lastly we saw in the first section that R always equals $\mathbb{C}[[u, v, w]]/\langle f \rangle$ for an irreducible polynomial f . Thus we have that $\dim R = 2 = \dim S$. Putting this together we get

$$\dim R = \dim S = \text{depth}_S S \leq \text{depth}_R R \leq \dim R$$

and thus $\dim R = \text{depth}_R R$, which means R is CM. lemma 4.1 also gives us that $\text{depth}_S S = \text{depth}_R S$, which means that $\text{depth}_R S = \dim S = \dim R$, so S is MCM. \square

Note that proposition 4.1 gives that all the R -direct summands of S are MCM R -modules. This holds true if we let G be any finite subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$. The proof of the case where $G \subset GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ goes in much the same way, but we need some algebraic geometry to show that $\dim R = \dim S$. An interesting fact that I will not prove here is that when G is a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ the converse holds. That is, all MCM R -modules can be written as the sum of R -direct summands of S .

Theorem 4.3. *Let S be the complex power series ring in two variables, G a finite subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ acting on S by linear change of variables, and $R = S^G$ the fixed ring. Then there is a one-to-one correspondence between the finitely generated indecomposable projective $S\#G$ -modules and the indecomposable MCM R -modules appearing as R -direct summands of S .*

Proof. Let \mathfrak{m} denote the maximal ideal of S . We saw in theorem 2.1 that there's a one-to-one correspondence between the finitely generated projective $S\#G$ -modules and the finitely generated $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules. In particular we get that $S\#G \cong S \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} S\#G/\mathfrak{m}S\#G$. Since $S\#G/\mathfrak{m}S\#G \cong \mathbb{C}G$ and all indecomposable $\mathbb{C}G$ modules appear as a direct summand of $\mathbb{C}G$ we have that all finitely generated projective $S\#G$ -modules appear as a direct summand of $S\#G$. The direct summands of $S\#G$ are exactly the primitive idempotents of $\text{End}_{S\#G}(S\#G) \cong S\#G^{op}$. Since $S\#G$ is isomorphic to $S\#G^{op}$ by the

isomorphism $(s \cdot g \mapsto s^{g^{-1}} \cdot g^{-1})$, we have that the finitely generated projective $S\#G$ -modules correspond to primitive idempotents of $S\#G$.

In theorem 3.5 we showed that $S\#G \cong \text{End}_R(S)$. Thus the primitive idempotents of $S\#G$ corresponds to the primitive idempotents of $\text{End}_R(S)$ which are exactly the projections onto the indecomposable R -direct summands of S . Thus the finitely generated indecomposable projective $S\#G$ -modules are in one-to-one correspondence with the indecomposable R -direct summands of S . Since we showed in theorem 4.2 that S is MCM it follows from proposition 4.1 that the direct summands of S also are MCM. \square

This last theorem concludes the part of the McKay correspondence that I will prove in this thesis. Another interesting part of the thesis I have not shown is that the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the indecomposable MCM modules appearing as an R -direct summand of S is isomorphic to the Gabriel quiver. If the reader is interested they can read further in [references and further readings](#).

Appendices

A Representation theory

Definition A.1. *If R is a ring and M is an abelian group, we define a representation of R to be a ring-map, φ , from R to $\text{End}(M)$. Then we say that M is a (left) R -module, and we write rm with $r \in R$ and $m \in M$ to mean $\varphi(r)(m)$. Similarly we define a right R -module if φ goes from R to $\text{End}(M)^{\text{op}}$ and we write mr for $\varphi(r)(m)$.*

Definition A.2. *If G is a group and V a complex vector space, we define a representation of G to be a group-map, ρ , from G to $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$. When ρ is inferred we say that V is a representation of G and we write gv to mean $\rho(g)(v)$. Note that representations of G exactly corresponds to representations of the ring $\mathbb{C}G$ of formal linear combinations of elements of G with multiplication given by $\lambda g \cdot \lambda' g' = (\lambda \cdot \lambda') gg'$.*

Definition A.3. *If R is a ring and M_1 and M_2 are two modules we define their direct sum, $M_1 \oplus M_2$ to be the module consisting of all pairs (m_1, m_2) (usually written $m_1 + m_2$), where addition and scalar multiplication is point-wise. If a non-zero module cannot be written as the direct sum of two non-zero modules we call it indecomposable.*

Definition A.4. A submodule is a subset of a module which is also a module. A non-zero module with no non-trivial proper submodules is called simple.

Theorem A.1. (Schur's Lemma) Let G be a group and V and W be two irreducible representations of G . If $f : V \rightarrow W$ is a G -linear map then f is 0 if V and W are not isomorphic, and a scaling of identity (up to change of basis) if they are isomorphic.

Proof. Start by assuming f is non-zero. Then we will show that V and W are isomorphic. Since the image of f is a non-zero subrepresentation of W and W is irreducible, we have that $\text{Im } f = W$ and f is surjective. Since the kernel of f is a proper subrepresentation of V we must have that the kernel is 0, and that f is injective. Thus f is an isomorphism. Now assume $f : V \rightarrow V$ is a G -linear map, then we want to show that f is simply a scaling of identity. Since f is a linear map on a complex vector space it must have at least one eigenvalue, say $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Let v be in the eigenspace λ . Since $f(gv) = gf(v) = \lambda gv$ for all g in G we have that gv is also in the eigenspace. This means the eigenspace is a subrepresentation, and since V is irreducible it must equal all of V . This means that f is just scaling by λ . \square

Definition A.5. We call a functor left exact if for any short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

the image of the sequence under the functor is also exact. For example for any module M the functor $\text{Hom}(M, -)$ is left exact. That is the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(M, A) \xrightarrow{f \circ -} \text{Hom}(M, B) \xrightarrow{g \circ -} C$$

is exact. Dually we call a functor right exact if short exact sequences of the form

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

is mapped to an exact sequence. A functor that is both left exact and right exact is called exact.

Definition A.6. We say that a module, P , is projective if for any epimorphism $f : M \twoheadrightarrow N$, and any map $g : P \rightarrow N$, there is a map $\varphi : P \rightarrow M$ such that $f\varphi = g$. Said another way, the diagram below induces the dotted arrow making the diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& & P \\
& \nearrow \varphi & \downarrow g \\
M & \xrightarrow{f} & N
\end{array}$$

Note that P being projective is equivalent to $\text{Hom}(P, -)$ being right exact (i.e. exact).

Definition A.7. If M is a module and $f : P \rightarrow M$ is a homomorphism we say that f is a projective cover of M if

- P is projective
- f is an epimorphism
- For any homomorphism $g : X \rightarrow P$, if $f \circ g$ is an epimorphism then g is an epimorphism.

The last condition for a projective cover is equivalent to the kernel of f being small. That is for any submodule X of P , if $X + \text{Ker } f = P$ then $X = P$. For a module M the choice of P in the projective cover is unique (but the choice of f might not be). Therefore it is normal to refer to P as *the* projective cover of M .

Definition A.8. If M is a module we say that a projective resolution of M is a sequence

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} P_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} P_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} P_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

such that P_i is projective for all i , the sequence is exact around every P_i for $i \geq 1$, and that $\text{Cok } \partial_0 = M$.

We call a projective resolution minimal if each map ∂_i as well as the cokernel map $P_0 \rightarrow M$ is a projective cover of its image. In a minimal resolution the objects P_i are uniquely determined.

Definition A.9. If M and N are modules then the i th extension group, $\text{Ext}^i(M, N)$, is constructed in the following way.

- Take a projective resolution of M

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} P_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} P_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} P_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

- Apply $\text{Hom}(-, N)$

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(P_0, N) \xrightarrow{-\circ \partial_0} \text{Hom}(P_1, N) \xrightarrow{-\circ \partial_1} \text{Hom}(P_2, N) \xrightarrow{-\circ \partial_2} \dots$$

- Now $\text{Ext}^i(M, N)$ is the homology at position $-i$, that is $\text{Ext}^i(M, N) = \text{Ker}(-\circ \partial_i) / \text{Im}(-\circ \partial_{i-1})$.

Note that the definition of $\text{Ext}^i(M, N)$ is independent of choice of projective resolution. An important property of Ext that is used in this thesis is the long exact sequence in Ext -groups.

Theorem A.2. *For any module M and short exact sequence of modules:*

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

there are long exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(M, A) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(M, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(M, C) \\ & & & & & & \searrow \\ & & & & & & \text{Ext}^1(M, A) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^1(M, B) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^1(M, C) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^2(M, A) \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(A, M) & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(B, M) & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(C, M) \\ & & & & & & \searrow \\ & & & & & & \text{Ext}^1(A, M) \longleftarrow \text{Ext}^1(B, M) \longleftarrow \text{Ext}^1(C, M) \longleftarrow \text{Ext}^2(A, M) \longleftarrow \dots \end{array}$$

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