# NON-HOMOGENEOUS N-KOSZUL ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. This is a joint work with Victor Ginzburg [4] in which we study a class of associative algebras associated to finite groups acting on a vector space. These algebras are non-homogeneous N-Koszul algebra generalizations of symplectic reflection algebras. We realize the extension of the N-Koszul property to non-homogeneous algebras through a Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt property.

## PART I - HOMOGENEOUS N-KOSZUL ALGEBRAS

I introduced these algebras in [2]. These algebras extend classic Koszul algebras (Priddy, 1970) corresponding to N = 2. A natural question is: why higher N's? I list below four answers.

1. There are some relevant examples coming from

- noncommutative projective algebraic geometry: cubic Artin-Schelter regular algebras [1] of global dimension 3, as

$$A = \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle x, y \rangle}{(ay^2x + byxy + axy^2 + cx^3, x \leftrightarrow y)},$$

where the second relation is obtained from the first one by exchanging x and y. The two generators x and y have degree one, and the two relations are cubic. Artin-Schelter regular algebras are noncommutative analogues of polynomial rings which are used to make noncommutative projective algebraic geometry in sense of M. Artin and J. Zhang.

- representation theory: skew-symmetrizer killing algebras (introduced in [2]):

$$A = \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle}{\left(\sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \ x_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \dots x_{i_{\sigma(p)}}\right)}$$

for  $2 \le p \le n$ . The sum runs over all the permutations of  $1, 2, \ldots, p$ . There are n generators of degree one, and the relations have degree p. The number of relations is the binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{p}$ . I will go back to this example in Part III.

- theoretical physics: Yang-Mills algebras (A. Connes and M. Dubois-Violette [7]):

$$A = \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle \nabla_0, \dots, \nabla_s \rangle}{\left(\sum_{\lambda\mu} g^{\lambda\mu} [\nabla_{\lambda}, [\nabla_{\mu}, \nabla_{\nu}]]\right)}$$

where  $g^{\lambda\mu}$  are entries of an invertible symmetric real  $(s+1) \times (s+1)$  matrix. There are s+1 generators of degree one, and s+1 cubic relations.

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2. Poincaré duality in Hochschild (co)homology (R.B. and N. Marconnet [5]): if A is N-Koszul and AS-Gorenstein, then

$$HH^{i}(A, M) \cong HH_{d-i}(A, _{\varepsilon^{d+1}\phi}M),$$

where d is the global dimension of A, and  $\varepsilon^{d+1}\phi$  is a certain automorphism of the algebra A twisting the left action on M.

3. Extension of *N*-Koszulity to quiver algebras with relations by E. Green, E. Marcos, R. Martínez-Villa, P. Zhang [10].

4. Extension of Koszul duality in terms of  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras by J.-W. He and D.-M. Lu [11].

## PART II - SYMPLECTIC REFLECTION ALGEBRAS

These algebras were introduced by P. Etingof and V. Ginzburg [8], and play an important role in representation theory and algebraic geometry (desingularization). Let V be a finite dimensional complex vector space which is endowed with a symplectic 2-form  $\omega$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite subgroup of  $\operatorname{Sp}(V)$  and  $T(V)\#\Gamma$  be the smash product of the tensor algebra T(V) of V with the group algebra  $\mathbb{C}\Gamma$  of  $\Gamma$ . From these data, a  $\Gamma$ -invariant linear map

$$\psi = \sum_{g \in \Gamma} \psi_g \cdot g : \Lambda^2(V) \to \mathbb{C}\Gamma$$

is defined, and the symplectic reflection algebra is the  $\mathbb{C}\Gamma$ -algebra

$$H_{\psi} = \frac{T(V) \# \Gamma}{(x \otimes y - y \otimes x - \psi(x, y); \ x, \ y \in V)} \ .$$

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The algebra  $H_{\psi}$  is *filtered* and there is a natural graded algebra morphism  $H_0 = S(V) \# \Gamma \to gr(H_{\psi})$ .

**Theorem** (P.E.-V.G. [8]) This morphism is an isomorphism, i.e., the Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt (PBW) property holds for  $H_{\psi}$ .

Ginzburg and I are able to provide an N-version of this theorem [4]. First we define an N-version of  $H_{\psi}$  with N = p (the notation p is more convenient as far as symplectic reflection algebras are concerned). These generalized  $H_{\psi}$ 's are called higher symplectic reflection algebras [4].

## PART III - HIGHER SYMPLECTIC REFLECTION ALGEBRAS

Fix  $p, 2 \leq p \leq \dim V$ . We have generalizations

$$\psi = \sum_{g \in \Gamma} \psi_g \cdot g : \Lambda^p(V) \to \mathbb{C}\Gamma,$$
$$H_{\psi} = \frac{T(V) \# \Gamma}{(\operatorname{Alt}(v_1, \dots, v_p) - \psi(v_1, \dots, v_p); v_i \in V)},$$

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where  $\operatorname{Alt}(v_1,\ldots,v_p) = \sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) v_{\sigma(1)} \ldots v_{\sigma(p)}$ .

**Theorem** (R.B.-V.G. [4]) The PBW property holds for generalized  $H_{\psi}$ .

The undeformed algebra  $H_0$  is the skew-symmetrizer killing algebra of Part I (up to the change of rings  $\mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}\Gamma$ ) which is still *p*-Koszul for the new ground ring. In order to prove the previous theorem, we state and prove the following.

**N-PBW Theorem** (R.B.-V.G. [4]) Assume that k is a von Neumann regular ring, V is a k-k-bimodule,  $N \ge 2$ , and P is a sub-k-k-bimodule of  $F^N$ , where  $F^n = \bigoplus_{0 \le i \le n} V^{\otimes i}$  for any  $n \ge 0$ . Set U = T(V)/I(P) and A = T(V)/I(R), where  $R = \pi(P)$  and  $\pi$  is the projection of  $F^N$  onto  $V^{\otimes N}$  modulo  $F^{N-1}$ .

Assume that A is N-Koszul (this assumption can be weakened). Then the combination of the two conditions

$$P \cap F^{N-1} = 0, (0.1)$$

$$(P \otimes V + V \otimes P) \cap F^N \subseteq P, \tag{0.2}$$

is equivalent to the PBW property for U.

Next, we check conditions (0.1) and (0.2) for generalized  $H_{\psi}$ . Condition (0.1) is easily drawn from the  $\Gamma$ -invariance of  $\psi$ , while condition (0.2) (which can be viewed as an *N*-version of the Jacobi identity) is obtained by a close analysis of a standard Koszul complex.

## Comments on the N-PBW Theorem

- For N = 2 and k field, this theorem is due to A. Braverman-D. Gaitsgory [6], and A. Polishchuk-L. Positselski [12] (during the 1990's).

- The N-PBW theorem for k field and V finite-dimensional is independently stated and proved by G. Fløystad and J. Vatne [9].

**Definitions** Let us keep notations and assumptions of the *N*-PBW theorem. If the PBW property holds for U, one says that U is *Koszul* (R.B.-V.G.), or that U is a *PBW-deformation* of A (G.F.-J.V.).

The first definition extends nicely the definition of homogeneous N-Koszul algebras. A historical argument in favour of this terminology is given by the first Lie theory use by J. L. Koszul of his complex (mentioned in Cartan-Eilenberg's book, p. 281): working in the *filtered* context of the enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra, J. L. Koszul used the classical PBW property as a tool to carry over the exactness of his complex to the standard complex. The second definition is useful when one wants to find all the U's corresponding to a given A.

There are already some various applications of the N-PBW theorem:

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1. G. Fløystad and J. Vatne have found [9] all the PBW-deformations of

- any cubic Artin-Schelter regular algebra of global dimension 3,

- any skew-symmetrizer killing algebra for p < n-1 between (note that, for this second point, the intersection of their result and our result is very small since it corresponds to a trivial group  $\Gamma$ ).

2. The PBW-deformations of Yang-Mills algebras have been determined by M. Dubois-Violette and R.B. [3].

In these applications, the *N*-PBW theorem of G.F.-J.V. suffices. However, our general setting for the *N*-PBW theorem allows us to include significant examples (as higher symplectic reflection algebras) for which the ground field  $\mathbb{C}$  is enlarged to group algebras  $\mathbb{C}\Gamma$  with non trivial  $\Gamma$ .

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