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# The Bernstein filtration on $A_n(k)$ .

- Given a finitely generated left  $A_n(k)$ -module, we are going to define a dimension  $d(M)$ . then we will define and study the class of holonomic modules.

$A_n(k) \xrightarrow{\text{Bernstein filtration}} \mathcal{B} \quad \underline{\text{gr}^{\mathcal{B}}(A_n(k))}$   
associated graded alg.

$M \xrightarrow{\text{filtration } \Gamma} \text{gr}^{\Gamma}(M)$   
graded module over  $\text{gr}^{\mathcal{B}}(A_n(k))$ .

$\text{gr}^{\mathcal{B}}(A_n(k))$  is commutative!, has 2-side ideals!

Apply Comm. Alg. to define dimension.

## Definition

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A graded ring (resp.  $K$ -alg.)  
is a ring (resp.  $K$ -alg.)  $R$  that admits a decomp.

$$R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i \quad \leftarrow \text{called } i^{\text{th}} \text{ homogeneous component.}$$

as Abelian groups (or  $K$ -vector spaces) s.t.

$$R_i \cdot R_j \subset R_{i+j} \quad \forall i, j \geq 0$$

Polynomials ~~on~~  $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is of course graded ~~on~~

\* but the grade may not be degree!

Let  $R$  be a graded ring,  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. If

$$M = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i \quad (\text{as Abelian group}) \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$R_i M_j \subset M_{i+j}$ ,  $\forall i, j \geq 0$ . then  $M$  is a  
"graded module".

How do we give a "grade" on the ~~Polynomial algebra~~?

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The degree doesn't work

$A_n(K)$ ?

because the relation is not homogeneous.

• Filtrations (to solve the problem above!)

$R$ :  $K$ -alg.,  $\mathcal{F}$ : filtration on  $R$ , is:

$$F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots$$

All are  $K$ -subspaces of  $R$ , s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} R = \bigcup_{i \geq 0} F_i \quad \text{and}$$

$$\textcircled{2} F_i F_j \subset F_{i+j}, \quad \forall i, j \geq 0.$$

Two filtrations on  $A_n(K)$ :

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Bernstein Filtration } \mathcal{B} = \{B_i\}_{i \geq 0}$$

by degree  $\leq i$ .

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Order filtration: } C_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Operators in } A_n(K) \text{ with} \\ \text{order} \leq i \end{array} \right\}$$

We are going to exclusively consider B.

Reason: Each  $B_i$  is finite dim.  $K$ -vector space.

Filtration  $\longrightarrow$  grade algebra.

Suppose  $R$  is a  $K$ -alg.,  $\mathcal{F}$  a filtration.

$$\text{gr}^{\mathcal{F}}(R) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} F_i / F_{i-1} \quad (F_{-1} = 0)$$

Direct sum of  $K$ -vector space. How about multiplications?

~~Let  $F(i) = F_i / F_{i-1}$ .~~ Define it Naturally!

Not hard to see it is well defined. Extend by  $K$ -linear.

What is  $\text{gr}^B(A_n(K))$ ,  $B$  the Bernstein-filtration.

Theorem:  $\text{gr}^B(A_n(K)) \cong$  poly over  $K$  in  $2n$ -variables.

\*  $x_i d_i - d_i x_i = -1$ ,

$F_i / F_{i-1}$  send  $-1$  to  $0$ , so  $x_i d_i = d_i x_i$ , comm!

It ~~is~~ takes some work to show there's no other relations. Argue by contradiction.

\*  $A_n(k)$  is interesting because  $[X_i, d_i] \neq 0$ .

So the filtration is not that interesting ... Maybe I'm wrong ...

\* Some "1" is killed, some not.

$X_i d_i - d_i X_i = -1$ , is killed. The reason is, when you calculate " $X_i d_i - d_i X_i$ ", implicitly there is a degree "2" in the formula. Everything with a lower degree is killed. This gives a way of killing sth. safe without destroying the structure.

In some sense we module the "1" in a different way.

\* What if the relation is, say  $X^2 d_i - d_i X_i = 1$ , and we want to kill the "1"?

or, let  $R_2, R_3$  share the same grade? ↑

Either, find a "grade", so  $X^2 d_i$  and  $d_i X_i$  have the same grade. Or, find a way to kill "1" without using grades.