

USING AN ALGEBRO-GEOMETRIC
METHOD TO CONSTRUCT
CLIFFORD QUANTUM \mathbb{P}^3 S WITH
A PREDETERMINED FINITE
POINT SCHEME

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Underlying motivating problem: classify regular algebras of global homological dimension n , for all n .

Subproblem: relate geometry to regular algebras & classify geometry that occurs, & use it to classify regular algebras.

Let k denote an alg closed field, $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$.

Definition [AS]

A connected, positively graded k -algebra A which is generated by deg-1 elements is called

Artin-Schelter regular of dimension n if

- (a) A has global dimension $n < \infty$,
 - (b) A has poly growth, &
 - (c) $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = \delta_n^i k[\text{shift}]$. (Gorenstein cond'n)
- ((c) = symmetry on projective resoln of k .)

Case $n \leq 3$:

classified by M. Artin, W. Schelter, J. Tate,
M. Van den Bergh & D. Stephenson.

Geometry used: 13 types for $n = 3$ where
generators have degree 1.

If A has generators of degree 1, can associate

- point modules & line modules (graded, cyclic module, generated by deg-0 element, Hilbert series $1/(1-t)$ ($1/(1-t)^2$))
- point/line scheme = scheme representing functor of point/line modules

If A quadratic, also useful to associate

- zero locus Γ in $\mathbb{P}(A_1^*) \times \mathbb{P}(A_1^*)$ of defining relations of A .

Case $n = 4$:

The following is known for quadratic cases:

- [VdB] (not necessarily regular)
4 gens, 6 generic relns $\rightsquigarrow |\Gamma| = 20$
- [ShV] (not necessarily regular)
4 gens, 6 relations, $|\Gamma| < \infty \rightsquigarrow$ can recover
defining relns of A from Γ
- [VdB] $\dim(\text{line scheme}) \geq 1$
- [ShV] $\dim(\text{line scheme}) = 1 \rightsquigarrow$ can re-
cover defining relns of A from line scheme
- [VdB, VVW, ...] many examples known
with 4 generators, 6 relations, $|\Gamma| < \infty$ &
2-diml line scheme

- [VVW,ShT,StV,CGSh] very few examples known with 4 gens, 6 relations, $|\Gamma| < \infty$ & 1-diml line scheme
- [StV,CGSh] even fewer known with 4 gens, 6 relations, $|\Gamma| < \infty$, $\Gamma =$ graph of an automorphism of **finite** order, 1-diml line scheme, yet algebra is an **infinite** module over its center.

We need more examples of last 2 types for formulating & testing conjectures to see where to go next...

Even better – find a method/algorithm to produce quadratic regular algebras with $n = 4$ with a prespecified $|\Gamma|$ & a 1-diml line scheme.

One idea is to take a regular Clifford algebra with $n = 4$ & with a prespecified $|\Gamma|$ & deform it to get a regular algebra with same $|\Gamma|$ but with a 1-diml line scheme.

- How produce a regular Clifford algebra with $n = 4$ & with a prespecified $|\Gamma|$?
- If successful in finding such a regular Clifford algebra, how deform it?
- Once such a deformation found, how can we be certain it is regular?

Let $q_1, \dots, q_n \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]_2$ be linearly independent, & let $B = \frac{k[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\langle q_1, \dots, q_n \rangle}$.

Define A to be the Koszul dual of B , that is

$$A = \frac{T(V)}{\langle W \rangle}, \quad \text{where } V = (kx_1 \oplus \dots \oplus kx_n)^*,$$

$T(V)$ = tensor algebra on V , &

$W = (\text{SKEW} \oplus kq_1 \oplus \dots \oplus kq_n)^\perp \subset V \otimes_k V$, where

SKEW = skew-symmetric tensors in $V^* \otimes_k V^*$.

Let $Q_i = \mathcal{V}(q_i) \subset \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ for all i , & let

\mathcal{Q} denote the quadric system $\{Q_1, \dots, Q_n\}$.

Associate a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix to Q_i .

THEOREM [LeB]

The algebra A is Auslander-regular (& hence, AS-regular) and satisfies the Cohen-Macaulay property iff \mathcal{Q} is base-point free (BPF).

Such an algebra is a quadratic regular Clifford algebra & its defining relations are symmetric.

Conversely, a graded Clifford algebra (not defined in talk) is Auslander-regular etc iff it can be described in this way ([LeB]).

THEOREM [ATV1]

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{point mods over} \\ \text{reg Clifford alg } A \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \Gamma \subset \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

THEOREM [VVW] Suppose A is a regular Clifford algebra, w/ zero locus $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$.

$$(a, b) \in \Gamma \iff \underbrace{a^T b + b^T a}_{\text{rank} \leq 2} \in \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n kQ_j\right) = \mathbb{P}(Q)$$

$$\& \quad |\Gamma| = r_1 + 2r_2, \quad \text{where}$$

$r_i =$ number of rank- i matrices in $\mathbb{P}(Q)$, &

$$|\Gamma| < \infty \Rightarrow r_1 \in \{0, 1\}.$$

THEOREM Let $S = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Using above notation, suppose Q is BPF & let $q_1 = ab$, for some $a, b \in S_1$. The new quadric system $\frac{Q}{S_1 a \cap Q}$ in \mathbb{P}^{n-2} is BPF, has dimension $n - 1$, and corresponds to a regular Clifford subalgebra of A of $\text{gldim } n - 1$.

Use this theorem to help find regular Clifford algebras with the desired properties.

EXAMPLE ($\text{char}(k) = 0$) Let $n = 4$ & let

$$q_1 = x_1^2 - x_2^2, \quad q_2 = x_2^2 - x_3^2, \quad q_3 = x_2^2 - x_4^2,$$

$$q_4 = (x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4)^2.$$

This Q is BPF, so yields a quadratic regular Clifford algebra A of $\text{gldim } 4$.

Factor out $x_1 - x_2$: get

$$x_2^2 - x_3^2, \quad x_2^2 - x_4^2, \quad (x_3 + 2x_4)^2 \quad \text{BPF}$$

Instead, factor out $x_1 + x_2$: get

$$x_2^2 - x_3^2, \quad x_2^2 - x_4^2, \quad (-2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4)^2 \quad \text{BPF.}$$

By the last theorem, each of these new BPF quadric systems corresponds to a regular Clifford subalgebra of A of $\text{gldim } 3$.

An element of rank ≤ 2 in $\mathcal{Q} \mapsto$ an element of rank ≤ 2 in each of these new BPF quadric systems. Converse??

Write $Q \in \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{Q})$ as $Q = \sum_{j=1}^4 y_j Q_j$, so that $Q \sim (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \mathbb{P}^3$.

$$Q \xrightarrow{\text{mod}(x_1-x_2)} y_2 Q_2 + y_3 Q_3 + y_4 Q_4 \text{ mod}(x_1-x_2)$$

In this quadric system,

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{rk} \leq 2 \text{ elts}\} &= \mathcal{V}((y_2 + y_3)(y_2 y_3 - y_3 y_4 - 4y_2 y_4)) \\ &\subset \mathbb{P}^2 = \mathbb{P}(k\bar{Q}_2 + k\bar{Q}_3 + k\bar{Q}_4) \end{aligned}$$

whereas

$$Q \xrightarrow{\text{mod}(x_1+x_2)} y_2 Q_2 + y_3 Q_3 + y_4 Q_4 \text{ mod}(x_1+x_2)$$

& in this quadric system,

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{rk} \leq 2 \text{ elts}\} &= \mathcal{V}((y_2 + y_3)(y_2 y_3 - y_3 y_4 - 4y_2 y_4) + 4y_2 y_3 y_4) \\ &\subset \mathbb{P}^2 = \mathbb{P}(k\tilde{Q}_2 + k\tilde{Q}_3 + k\tilde{Q}_4). \end{aligned}$$

A point $(y_1, \dots, y_4) \in \mathbb{P}^3$ giving a point (y_2, y_3, y_4) on **both** curves yields a quadric Q in $\mathbb{P}(Q)$ that gives a quadric of rank ≤ 2 in each of the new quadric systems.

Let $Q_0 \sim (0, y_2, y_3, y_4)$. So, $Q \in kQ_0 + kQ_1$.

Our 2 curves have only 4 intersection points:

$$(1, 0, 0) \sim Q_2, \mathbb{P}(kQ_2 + kQ_1) \ni Q_1 + Q_2 \sim x_1^2 - x_3^2$$

$$(0, 1, 0) \sim Q_3, \mathbb{P}(kQ_3 + kQ_1) \ni Q_1 + Q_3 \sim x_1^2 - x_4^2$$

$$(0, 0, 1) \sim Q_4, \mathbb{P}(kQ_4 + kQ_1) \not\ni \text{ extra rk } \leq 2 \text{ elt}$$

$$(1, -1, 0) \sim Q \sim x_4^2 - x_3^2,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(kQ + kQ_1) \not\ni \text{ extra rk } \leq 2 \text{ element.}$$

Hence, in this example, $r_1 = 1$, &

$$r_2 = \begin{matrix} 1 & + & 3 & & + & 2 & & = & 6 \\ & Q_1 & & Q_2, Q_3, Q & & 2 \text{ extra} & & & \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Gamma| = 2 \cdot 6 + 1 = 13.$$

How did I rig this $|\Gamma| = 13$?

I chose Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 so that $\#$ rk-2 elts in

$\mathbb{P}(\text{their span}) = 6$, and then chose Q_4 so that

- $\text{rank}(Q_4) = 1$
- Q is BPF (any generic choice of rk-1 element will achieve this)
- lifting can be done as outlined above.

So, $|\Gamma|$, & hence the number of point mods, can be counted from the number of intersection points of the 2 cubic curves in \mathbb{P}^2 .

This method of counting $|\Gamma|$ from the intersection points of 2 particular cubic curves in \mathbb{P}^2 yields an algorithm for producing quadratic regular Clifford algebras of gldim 4 with a pre-specified $|\Gamma|$.

THEOREM With above notation, if a regular Clifford algebra of $\text{gldim } 4$ has $|\Gamma| \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$, then $|\Gamma| \leq 13$.

Proof

We must prove that if $r_1 = 1$ & $r_2 < \infty$, then $r_2 \leq 6$. Given the above, we may assume $1 < r_2 < 10$. (Degree of scheme of quadrics of rank ≤ 2 in $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{Q})$ is 10.)

Use one of the rank-2 quadrics in \mathcal{Q} to form the 2 cubic curves C_i in \mathbb{P}^2 . The rank-1 quadric in $\mathcal{Q} \sim$ a singular point p on each C_i , so the intersection multiplicity of p on $C_1 \cap C_2$ is ≥ 4 . Since $r_1 = 1$ & $r_2 < \infty$, we may lift to \mathbb{P}^3 , so that $r_2 \leq 10 - 4 = 6$. ■

The method can be generalized to prove that $|\Gamma| \neq 2$ for any quadratic regular Clifford algebra of $\text{gldim } 4$ (proof also uses tower of regular Clifford subalgebras).

THEOREM Any regular Clifford algebra A of $\text{gldim } 4$ with $|\Gamma| \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$ is an Ore extension of a regular Clifford subalgebra of $\text{gldim } 3$ & conversely.

Proof (sketch): use the rank-1 quadric in \mathcal{Q} to find a regular Clifford subalgebra of $\text{gldim } 3$, then consider the symmetry of the defining relations of A to deduce that A is an Ore extension of that subalgebra. ■

The last result allows one to easily deform a regular Clifford algebra of $\text{gldim } 4$ with $|\Gamma| \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$ to obtain a regular nonClifford algebra that is an Ore extension of a regular algebra of $\text{gldim } 3$. This method tends to yield the $|\Gamma|$ for the deformed algebra to be finite and equal to $|\Gamma|$ for the original Clifford algebra.

What next?

Find a systematic way to use the geometry to deform regular Clifford algebras with $|\Gamma| \in 2\mathbb{Z}$.

Analyze all the deformed regular algebras:

$\dim(\text{line scheme})$? finite modules over their centers? order of automorphism of Γ ?

Then use the examples to make conjectures: describe line scheme of generic regular algebra of $\text{gldim } 4$.