

INFINITE DIMENSIONAL EQUIVARIANT COMMUTATIVE ALGEBRA

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1. INTRODUCTION

(A) Let $R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ be the polynomial ring in infinitely many variables. Consider the group action $\mathfrak{S}_\infty = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathfrak{S}_n$. We have following theorem

Theorem 1.1 (Cohen, 1967). *R is \mathfrak{S}_∞ -noetherian, i.e., ACC holds for \mathfrak{S}_∞ -ideals.*

Applications:

- Cohen: any variety of metabelian groups is finitely based
- Draisma-Eggermont: $\text{Gr}_p(V) \subseteq \mathbb{P}(\wedge^p V) \sim \text{Sec}_k(\text{Gr}_p(V))$. Fix k , there exists d such that $\text{Sec}_k(\text{Gr}_p(V))$ are cut out by equations of degree $\leq d$ for any p and V .
- Draisma-Kuttar: similar result for Segre embeddings

(B) $\text{GL}_\infty = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \text{GL}_n$

Definition 1.2. A representation of GL_∞ is *polynomial* if it appears in a sum of tensor powers of the standard representation $\mathbb{C}^\infty = \cup \mathbb{C}^n$.

Example 1.3. • $(\mathbb{C}^\infty)^{\otimes h}$.

- $\text{Sym}^k(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$
- $\wedge^k(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$
- $S_\lambda(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$ where λ is a partition

Definition 1.4. A GL-algebra is a \mathbb{C} -algebra R equipped with an action of GL_∞ such that it forms a polynomial representation.

Example 1.5.

$$R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots] = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \text{Sym}^k(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$$

$$R = \mathbb{C}[x_i, y_i, z_i]_{i \geq 1} = \text{Sym}(\mathbb{C}^\infty \oplus \mathbb{C}^\infty \oplus \mathbb{C}^\infty)$$

$$R = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^\infty) = \mathbb{C}[x_{i,j}]_{1 \leq i < j < \infty}$$

$$R = \mathbb{C}[x_i, y_j] / (x_i y_j - x_j y_i).$$

Theorem 1.6 (Draisma). *Let $R = \text{Sym}(V)$ where V is some finite length polynomial representation. Then ACC holds for radical GL-ideals.*

Remark 1.7. ACC for arbitrary GL-ideals is unknown, which is a very important problem.

Applications

- $R = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^\infty) \oplus \text{Sym}^3(\mathbb{C}^\infty))$. Then $\text{Spec}(R) = (\text{Sym}^2)^* \times (\text{Sym}^3)^*$ is the space of pairs (f, g) where f is homogeneous degree 2 polynomials and g is homogeneous degree 3 polynomials. Both are in infinitely many variables.
- Erman-Sum-S: proved Stillman's conjecture using this approach.
- Draisma-Lasón-Leykm: finiteness properties of Gröbner basis.

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2. EQUIVALENT COMMUTATIVE ALGEBRA

Fix a commutative ring R on which a group G acts. The goal is to import definitions from commutative algebra to equivariant setting.

The principal is that we want to phrase things using ideals (no elements) then change “ideal” to “ G -ideal”.

Definition 2.1 (Classical). \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal if $xy \in \mathfrak{p}$ then $x \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $y \in \mathfrak{p}$.

Definition 2.2 (Equivariant). A G ideal \mathfrak{p} is a G -prime ideal if $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ then $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ or $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ for any G -ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$.

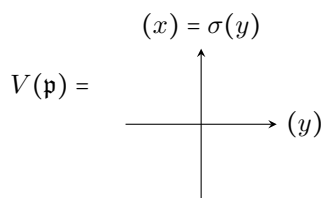
This is also an element form:

Definition 2.3. \mathfrak{p} is a G -prime if $x \cdot gy \in \mathfrak{p}$ for any $g \in G$, then either $x \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $y \in \mathfrak{p}$.

Example 2.4. Take $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ and $G = \mathfrak{S}_2$, $\mathfrak{p} = (xy)$.

Claim. \mathfrak{p} is a G -prime.

Proof. Given that $f \cdot \sigma y \in \mathfrak{p}$ for any $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_2$. Suppose that $f \notin \mathfrak{p}$, say $x \nmid f$, then $xy|f \cdot \sigma g \Rightarrow x|\sigma g$ for any σ , which implies that $x|g, y|g$. So $xy|g \Rightarrow g \in \mathfrak{p}$. □



Fact 2.5. Suppose that G is finite, R noetherian. Then

- if \mathfrak{p} is a prime of R , then $\bigcap_{\sigma \in G} \sigma(\mathfrak{p})$ is G -prime.
- there is a bijection $\{\text{primes}\}/G \cong \{G\text{-primes}\}$.

Example 2.6. Let $R = \mathbb{C}[x_i]_{i \geq 1}$, $G = \mathfrak{S}_\infty$ and $\mathfrak{p} = (x_i^2)_{i \geq 1}$.

Claim. \mathfrak{p} is G -prime

Proof. Say $f \cdot \sigma(g) \in \mathfrak{p}$ for any $\sigma \in G$. Choose σ such that f and g have no variables in common. Then f or g belongs to \mathfrak{p} , which implies that \mathfrak{p} is G -prime. □

Definition 2.7 (Classical). The radical of an ideal \mathfrak{a} is the set of elements x such that $x^n \in \mathfrak{a}$ for some n . So $\text{Rad}(\mathfrak{a}) = \sum$ of all ideals \mathfrak{b} such that $\mathfrak{b}^n \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$ for some n .

Definition 2.8 (Equivariant). The G -radical of a G -ideal \mathfrak{a} , denoted $\text{Rad}_G(\mathfrak{a})$, is the sum of all G -ideals \mathfrak{b} such that $\mathfrak{b}^n \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$ for some n .

Fact 2.9. $\text{Rad}_G(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p}$ where \mathfrak{p} runs through all G -primes.

Definition 2.10. The G -spectrum of R , $\text{Spec}_G(R)$, is the set of all G -primes, with Zariski topology.

Remark 2.11. If $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$ are G -ideals, then $V_G(\mathfrak{a}) = V_G(\mathfrak{b})$ if and only if $\text{Rad}_G(\mathfrak{a}) = \text{Rad}_G(\mathfrak{b})$.

The main problem is to understand Spec_G in examples (A) and (B).

3. EXAMPLE A

(Joint with Rohit Nagpel) Let $R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ and $G = \mathfrak{S}_\infty$. To start, let's consider radical G -primes

$$X = \text{Spec}(R) = \mathbb{C}^\infty = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

radical G -primes $\Leftrightarrow G$ -irreducible closed sets of X .

Construction 3.1 (Bound number of values). $Z_1 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^\infty$ consisting of tuples use at most 2 values, e.g., $(a, a, a, b, b, b, b, a, \dots)$.

Claim. Z_1 is Zariski closed

Defined by vanishing of 3-variable discriminants $(x_i - x_j)(x_i - x_k)(x_j - x_k) = 0$ for any i, j, k .

Construction 3.2 (Bound multiplicities of values). $Z_2 \subseteq Z_1$ is the set where b appears at most once. This is defined by $(x_i - x_j)(x_k - x_l) = 0$ for any i, j, k, l distinct.

Construction 3.3 (Algebraic relations between values). $Z_3 \subseteq Z_2$ is the set where $f(a, b) = 0$ for $f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$. This is defined by $(x_i - x_j)(x_i - x_k)f(x_j, x_i) = 0$.

Construction 3.4 (General construction).

- A partition of ∞ is a tuple $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$ where $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r$ where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ and $\lambda_1 = \infty$.
- $X_\lambda \subseteq X$ consisting of points of type λ ($Z_2 = X_{(\infty, 1)}$)
- $\varphi: X_\lambda / \mathfrak{S}_\infty \cong \mathbb{A}^{[r]} / \text{Aut}(\lambda)$ where $\mathbb{A}^{[r]} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^r$ are the points where coordinates are distinct and $\text{Aut}(\lambda) \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_r$ fixes λ .
- Given a closed subset Z of RHS above, denote $X_\lambda(Z) \subseteq X$ be the Zariski closure of $\varphi^{-1}(Z)$.

Theorem 3.5 (Nagpel-S.). *Have bijections*

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{proper } G\text{-irreducible subsets of } X\} &\leftrightarrow \{(\lambda, Z) \mid \lambda \text{ partition of } \infty, Z \text{ as above, irreducible}\} \\ X_\lambda(Z) &\leftrightarrow (\lambda, Z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\{G\text{-primes of } R\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{radical } G\text{-primes}\}$$

Goal is to understand fibers.

Let $\mathfrak{q} = \langle x_i - x_j \rangle_{i, j \geq 1} \subseteq R$ be a radical G -prime. It is sufficient to understand fibers over \mathfrak{q} .

We define $\mathfrak{q}_n = \langle (x_i - x_j)^n \rangle_{i, j \geq 1} \subseteq R$.

Theorem 3.6 (Nagpel-S.).

- \mathfrak{q}_n is G -prime if and only if n is odd.
- The \mathfrak{q}_n with n odd are exactly G -primes with radical \mathfrak{q} .

The key ingredient is that

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ B &= \mathbb{C}[x_i - x_j] \subseteq A \\ &= \mathbb{C}[y_2, \dots, y_n] \quad \text{where } y_i = x_i - x_1 \\ I &= \langle x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k \rangle \\ J &= B \cap I \text{ contraction} \end{aligned}$$

$$(y_i - y_j)^{2k-1} = (x_i - x_j)^{2k-1} = \sum_{r=0}^{2k-1} \binom{2k-1}{r} x_i^r x_j^{2k-1-r}$$

Since at least one of the exponent on RHS is $\leq k$, we conclude that $(y_i - y_j)^{2k-1} \in J$.

Theorem 3.7. $J = \langle (y_i - y_j)^{2k-1} \rangle_{2 \leq i, j, \leq n}$.

4. EXAMPLE B

Let R be a G -algebra where $G = \text{GL}$. Goal is to describe $\text{Spec}_G(R)$.

Example 4.1. • $R = \text{Sym}(\overbrace{\mathbb{C}^\infty \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{C}^\infty}^{d \text{ copies}})$

Proposition 4.2 (Sam-S.). G -primes are G -stables primes.

- So $\text{Spec}_G(R) = \coprod_{r=0}^d \text{Gr}_r(\mathbb{C}^d)$ (topology is *not* disjoint union).
- $R = \bigoplus_{n=0}^\infty \wedge^{2n}(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$. (0) is G -prime, i.e., $R = \text{GL}$ -domain. $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subseteq R$ nonzero G -ideals, need to show that $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \neq (0)$.
 - $R = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^\infty) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \text{ even}} S_\lambda(\mathbb{C}^\infty)$.
 - \mathfrak{p}_r is the determinantal ideal, G -stable prime.
 - $\mathfrak{p}_{r,s}$ ideal generated by $(2s+2) \times (r+1)$ rectangle.
- There are G -prime.

For $R = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2)$, $R(\mathbb{C}^\infty) = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^\infty)$ and $R(\mathbb{C}^{\infty|\infty}) = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^{\infty|\infty}) = \text{Sym}(\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{C}^\infty \oplus \underbrace{\wedge^2 \mathbb{C}^\infty[z]}_{\text{nilpotent}} \oplus \text{cross terms})$

$V(\mathfrak{p}_{r,s}(\mathbb{C}^{\infty|\infty})) = \text{rank } s, r \text{ on even part, rank } \leq s \text{ on odd part.}$

Theorem 4.3. R is a GL -algebra, $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subseteq R$ are GL -ideals. Then

$$\text{Rad}_G(\mathfrak{a}) = \text{Rad}_G(\mathfrak{b}) \Leftrightarrow V(\mathfrak{a}(\mathbb{C}^{\infty|\infty})) = V(\mathfrak{b}(\mathbb{C}^{\infty|\infty}))$$