

# Introduction to Koszul duality (through examples)

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This is the first talk in a series & will be oriented toward the classical ideas.

## Outline:

- general theory

- examples
- $T(V)$  "baby"
  - $\text{Sym}(V)$  classical motivation
  - $U(\mathfrak{g})$  deformation of  $\text{Sym}$  + filtered
  - $\Pi(Q)$  quadratic but not always Koszul
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"preprojective algebra of a quiver  $Q$ "

↪ all these are connected w/ representation theory & hence geometry

Def A quadratic presentation of a graded algebra  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  is an isomorphism

$$\varphi: T_{A_0}(A_1) / (R) \xrightarrow{\cong} A$$

with  $R \subset A_1 \otimes_{A_0} A_1$

Usually:  $A_0 = k$ ,  $A_1 = V$  a fin-dim  $k$ -vector space

(more generally,  $A_0$  is semisimple)

Def A quadratic algebra is an <sup>graded</sup> algebra possessing a quadratic presentation.

Def Given  $A = T_{A_0}(V)/(R)$ , then its quadratic dual is

$$A^{\text{quad}} := T_{A_0}(V^*)/(R^\perp)$$

where  $R^\perp = \text{Ann}_{V \otimes V}(R) \subset V^* \otimes V^*$

Remark  $(T(V))^{\text{quad}} \cong k \oplus V^*$  w/ square-zero multiplication

as  $R=0$ ,  $(R)=0$ ,  $R^\perp = V^* \otimes V^*$

Def The Koszul dual is  $A^! = \text{Ext}_A^*(k, k)$

where  $k$  is an  $A$ -algebra via the augmentation

$$\varepsilon: A \xrightarrow{\text{proj}} A_0 \cong k$$

Def  $A$  is Koszul if  $(A^!)^! \cong A$ .

there's a candidate isomorphism,  
It's not just abstract

### Equivalent characterizations of Koszulity

①  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, k[n]) = 0$  unless  $i=n$ ,  $\forall n > 0$   
("two gradings coincide")

②  $A^{\text{quad}} \cong A^!$

"Koszul complex"

③ There is a subcomplex of the bar complex

$$(A^! \otimes A, d)$$

bar differential restricted

that resolves  $k$  as an  $A$ -module

You can see  $(3) \Rightarrow (2)$  by using the

Koszul complex to compute

$$A^! = \text{Ext}_A^*(k, k).$$

Consider trying to show (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3):

Let  $i=1$ . Then

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(k, k[u]) = \text{Ext}_A^0(A_{>0}, k[u])$$

$$= \text{Hom}_A(A_{>0}, k[u])$$

$$= \text{Hom}_k(S, k[u])$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{unless } u=1$$

here  $S \subset A_{>0}$  is a vector space of generators:

$$A \cdot S = A_{>0}$$

Hence  $S \subset A_1$ .

Thus  $A$  is generated by  $A_1$ .

Let's take  $i=2$ .

Let  $\ker(\mu_1) = \ker(A \otimes A_1 \xrightarrow{\mu} A)$  multiplication

$$\text{Then } \text{Ext}_A^2(k, k[u]) = \text{Hom}_A(\ker(\mu_1), k[u])$$

$$= \text{Hom}_k(V, k[u])$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{unless } u=2$$

$\Rightarrow V \subset A_2 \Rightarrow A$  is quadratic

(4)

A detailed explanation can be found in the paper of Beilinson-Ginzburg-Soergel.

The Koszul resolution begins

$$\dots \rightarrow A \otimes (R \otimes V \otimes R) \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes 1 \otimes 1} A \otimes R \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes 1 \otimes 1} A \otimes V \xrightarrow{\mu} A$$

and 
$$K_n = \bigcap_{k=0}^{n-2} V^{\otimes k} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes n-k-2} \subset V^{\otimes n}$$

in general, with multiplication  $d = \mu \otimes \underbrace{1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1}_{n-1 \text{ terms}}$

In particular, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  graded piece of  $A^!$  is

$$A_n^! = K_n \cong (A^{\text{quad}})_n$$

Now let's leave theory behind & do some examples

①  $T_k(V) =$  free associative unital algebra on  $V$  over  $k$

$$= \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} V^{\otimes n}, \quad V^{\otimes 0} = k$$

$$T(V)^{\text{quad}} = T(V^*) / (V^* \otimes V^*) = k \oplus V^*$$

The traditional resolution of  $k$  over  $T(V)$  is

$$0 \rightarrow T(V) \otimes V \xrightarrow{\mu} T(V) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} k = T^0(V) \rightarrow 0$$

$$f \otimes x \longmapsto fx$$

and this is the Koszul resolution.

Hence

$$\text{Ext}_{T(V)}^1(k, k) = \text{Hom}_{T(V)}(T(V) \otimes V \rightarrow T(V), k)$$

$$= \left( \text{Hom}_{T(V)}(T(V) \otimes V, k) \xleftarrow{\mu^*} \text{Hom}_{T(V)}(T(V), k) \right)$$

becomes the zero map

these equalities are OK  
since the differential  
is zero on RHS

$$= \left( \text{Hom}_{\substack{k \\ V^*}}(V, k) \xleftarrow{0} \text{Hom}_k(k, k) \right)$$

Thus  $T(V)^! = T(V)^{\text{quad}}!$

This Koszul resolution allows us to build a small resolution of  $T(V)$  as a  $T(V)$ -bimodule:  
just tensor with  $T(V)$

$$(0 \rightarrow T(V) \otimes V \otimes T(V) \rightarrow T(V) \otimes T(V)) \simeq T(V)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{HH}^*(T(V)) = 0 \text{ for } * \geq 2$$

Hence  $T(V)$  has no nontrivial deformations as an associative algebra.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Sym}(V) = T(V) / (x \otimes y - y \otimes x)_{x, y \in V}$$

Let's compute the quadratic dual first:

$$R^\perp = (x^* \otimes y^* + y^* \otimes x^*)_{x^*, y^* \in V^*}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Sym}(V)^{\text{quad}} &= T(V^*) / (R^\perp) \\ &= \Lambda(V^*) \end{aligned}$$

Now let's provide the Koszul resolution.

$$K^\bullet = (0 \rightarrow \text{Sym}(V) \otimes \Lambda^{\dim V} V \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Sym}(V) \otimes V \rightarrow \text{Sym}(V)) \cong k$$

$$d(f \otimes y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge y_q) = \sum_{i=1}^q (-1)^{i-1} f y_i \otimes y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{y}_i \wedge \dots \wedge y_q$$

Claim This complex has cohomology  $H^n = 0, n \neq 0$ ,  
 $H^0 \cong k$ .

Cor:  $\text{Sym}(V)$  is Koszul.

Proof There's a contracting homotopy

$$h(x_1 \cdots x_p \otimes Y) = \sum_{j=1}^p x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots x_p \otimes x_j \wedge Y$$

so

$$d \circ h + h \circ d = (p+q) \text{id} - 0. \quad \square$$

Let's see the computation of  $\text{Sym}(V)^!$ :

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{Sym}(V)}(k, k) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Sym}(V)}(K^\bullet, k)$$

$$= \left( \text{Hom}_{\text{Sym}(V)}(\text{Sym } V, k) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Sym}(V)}(\text{Sym } V \otimes V, k) \rightarrow \dots \right)$$

*all differentials are zero*

$$\cong \left( k \xrightarrow{0} V^* \xrightarrow{0} \Lambda^2 V^* \rightarrow \dots \right)$$

$$\cong \text{Sym}(V^*[-1])$$

Similarly to  $T(V)$  case:

$$\text{HH}^*(\text{Sym } V) = \Lambda_{\text{Sym}(V)}^*(\text{Der}(\text{Sym } V))$$

↪ first example of the HKR theorem

$$\Rightarrow \text{HH}^2(\text{Sym } V) \cong \text{biderivations} = \text{1st order deformations of the algebra} \quad (8)$$



③  $U\mathfrak{g}$  = enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$

$$= T(\mathfrak{g}) / (x \otimes y - y \otimes x - [x, y])_{x, y \in \mathfrak{g}}$$

$U\mathfrak{g}$  is filtered but not graded &

$\text{Gr}(U\mathfrak{g}) \cong \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{g})$  by PBW theorem

We might hope to view  $U\mathfrak{g}$  as a deformation of  $\text{Sym} \mathfrak{g}$  & then get a "Koszul dual"

by deforming  $(\text{Sym} \mathfrak{g})^! = \Lambda \mathfrak{g}^*$ :

the "answer" is

$$(U\mathfrak{g})^! = \text{CE}^*(\mathfrak{g})$$

In general, there is a version of Koszul duality of the following form:

Def  $\text{Aet. } A$  be a filtered algebra  $A$  that is quadratic-linear & satisfies

$$(I) \quad R \cap V = \{0\}$$

$$(II) \quad V^{\otimes 2} \cap (R \otimes V + V \otimes R) \subset R \cap V^{\otimes 2}$$

↗  
It says we cannot generate more relations  
quadratic

You can check that  $Ug$  satisfies these.

In fact, these conditions ensure that the "dual" of the quadratic-linear relation produces a square-zero differential.

Let me foreshadow the next talk

There's also a relationship btw modules:

$$A\text{-mod} \xrightarrow{\text{Ext}_A^1(-, k)} A^!\text{-mod}$$