

Hypergeometric systems III: Studying rank jumps

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Outline

1 Euler–Koszul homology

Recall:

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- $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n}$, $\mathbb{Z}A = \mathbb{Z}^d$, pointed.
- $R_A = \mathbb{C}[\partial]$, $\mathcal{O}_A = \mathbb{C}[x]$, $D_A = \mathcal{O}\langle\partial\rangle$.
- $I_A = \ker(x_j \rightarrow t^{\mathbf{a}_j})$, $R_A/I_A = \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}A]$.
- $H_A(\beta) = D_A(I_A, E - \beta)$.

Euler–Koszul technology

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Exercise: (with $E_i = a_{i,1}x_1\partial_1 + \dots + a_{i,n}x_n\partial_n$)

$$\begin{aligned}x^{\mathbf{u}}E_i - E_ix^{\mathbf{u}} &= -(A \cdot \mathbf{u})_i x^{\mathbf{u}}, \\ \partial^{\mathbf{u}}E_i - E_i\partial^{\mathbf{u}} &= (A \cdot \mathbf{u})_i \partial^{\mathbf{u}}.\end{aligned}$$

- define $-\deg_A(x_j) = \mathbf{a}_j = \deg_A(\partial_j)$.
- E_i induces D_A -linear endo of $D_A \otimes_{R_A} S_A = D_A/I_A$ by

$$E_i \circ (P \otimes 1) := PE_i \otimes 1 = (E_i + \deg_i(P))P$$

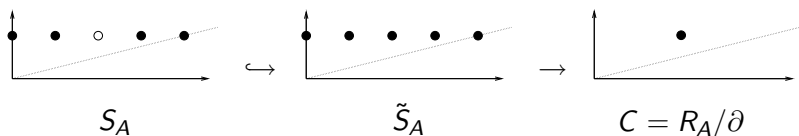
where $\deg_A = (\deg_1, \dots, \deg_d)$.

- $[E_i, E_j] = 0$; can form Koszul complex $\mathcal{K}_\bullet(S_A; \beta)$ on S_A .
- $\rightsquigarrow$ Euler–Koszul functor: $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -graded R_A -mods $\rightarrow D_A$ -mods.
- Key detail: $\mathcal{H}_0(S_A; \beta) = M_A(\beta)$.

Rank $>$ vol I: the setup

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$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Will show: sometimes $\text{vol} < \text{rk}$.



- Each $N \in \{S_A, \tilde{S}_A, C\}$ gives Euler–Koszul complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N & & \\
 & \nearrow^{E_1 - \beta_1} & & \searrow^{E_2 - \beta_2} & \\
 \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N & & & & \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N \\
 & \searrow_{E_2 - \beta_2} & \oplus & \nearrow_{-E_1 + \beta_1} & \\
 & & \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N & &
 \end{array}$$

Rank $>$ vol II: the graded complex

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- grade D_A by $x \mapsto 1$, $\partial \mapsto 0$. Note: $\text{gr}(D_A) = \mathbb{C}[x, \partial]$.

$$\text{gr} = \begin{array}{ccccc} & & \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N & & \\ & \nearrow E_1 & & \searrow E_2 & \\ \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N & & \oplus & & \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N \\ & \searrow E_2 & & \nearrow -E_1 & \\ & & \mathbb{C}[x] \otimes N & & \end{array}$$

- If $N = \tilde{S}_A$, graded complex exact ($\tilde{S}_A$ is Cohen–Macaulay).
- Spectral sequence theorem:
graded complex exact $\implies$ actual complex exact.

Rank > vol III: hunting for jumps

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- L.e.s. of Euler–Koszul homology:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{H}_0(S_A; \beta) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_0(\tilde{S}_A; \beta) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_0(C; \beta) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \nwarrow & & & & \\
 \mathcal{H}_1(S_A; \beta) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_1(C; \beta) & & \\
 & & \nwarrow & & & & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_2(S_A; \beta) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_2(C; \beta)
 \end{array}$$

- Rank is additive. . . $\text{rk}(\mathcal{H}_0(\tilde{S}_A, \beta))$ constant = $\text{vol}(A)$. . .
- . . . investigate $\mathcal{K}_\bullet(C; \beta)$!

Rank $>$ vol IV: getting closer

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What is $\mathcal{K}_\bullet(C; \beta)$ like?

- Recall: C sits in degree (1,2).
- $\mathbb{C}[x] \otimes C = D_A/D_A(\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n) \cong \mathbb{C}[x]$ shifted by (1,2):
- shift affects Euler–Koszul:

$$E_1 \circ P = P(E_1 \boxed{+1}) = P,$$

$$E_2 \circ P = P(E_2 \boxed{+2}) = 2P.$$

- $(E_1 - \beta) \circ P = (1 - \beta_1)P$, $(E_2 - \beta) \circ P = (2 - \beta_2)P$.
- if $\beta = (1, 2)$ both endos are zero, if not one is unit.
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$$\mathcal{H}_\bullet(\beta; C) = \begin{cases} (\mathbb{C}[x], \mathbb{C}[x] \oplus \mathbb{C}[x], \mathbb{C}[x]) & \text{if } \beta = (1, 2); \\ (0, 0, 0) & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Rank $>$ vol V : finding jumps

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- Feed back into les:
- For $\beta \neq (1, 2)$, $\text{rk}(H_A(\beta)) = \text{rk}(\mathcal{H}_0(\tilde{S}_A, \beta)) = \text{vol}(A)$.
- For $\beta = (1, 2)$,

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_1(C; \beta)}_{\text{rk}=2} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_0(S_A; \beta)}_{\text{rk}=?} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_0(\tilde{S}_A; \beta)}_{\text{rk}=4} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_0(C; \beta)}_{\text{rk}=1} \rightarrow 0$$

- Rank is additive in exact sequences.
- $\text{rk}(M_A(\beta)) = 2 + 4 - 1 = 5 > 4$.

Consequences of Euler–Koszul

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- $\{\beta \mid \text{rk}(H_A(\beta)) > \text{vol}(A)\} =: \mathcal{E}_A$.
- $\mathcal{E}_A$ = subspace arrangement, each parallel to a face of $\mathbb{R}_+ A$
- $\mathcal{E}_A \ni \beta \Leftrightarrow \beta \in \overline{\deg_A(\text{Ext}_{R_A}^i(S_A, R_A))}^{\text{Zar}}$ for some $i > n - d$
- $\mathcal{E}_A \ni \beta \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{K}_\bullet(S_A; \beta)$ not resolution
- $\beta \mapsto \text{rk}(H_A(\beta))$ is upper semi-continuous

Open questions

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- predict size of jump at $\beta \in \mathcal{E}_A$ by algebraic data
- bound $\sup \frac{\mathrm{rk}(H_A(\beta))}{\mathrm{vol}(A)}$ better than by 2^{2d}