

# Noetherianity and homological finiteness of polynomial functors (II)

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**In this whole talk,  $\mathcal{A}$  denotes an essentially small additive category,  $\mathcal{E}$  an abelian category,  $R$  a ring and  $k$  a commutative ring.**

We are especially interested with the case  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{P}(R)$  (finitely generated projective left  $R$ -modules) and  $\mathcal{E} = k\text{-Mod}$ .

## Definition (Eilenberg-MacLane)

Let  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be a functor and  $d \geq 0$  an integer. One defines the  $d$ -th cross-effect of  $F$  as the functor  $cr_d(F) : \mathcal{A}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  given by

$$cr_d(F)(a_1, \dots, a_d) = \text{Ker} \left( F \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^d a_i \right) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^d \left( F \left( \bigoplus_{j \neq i} a_j \right) \right) \right)$$

where morphisms are induced by the canonical projections

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^d a_i \twoheadrightarrow \bigoplus_{j \neq i} a_j.$$

# Ordinary polynomial functors (à la Eilenberg-MacLane)

One has a natural splitting

$$F\left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^d a_i\right) \simeq \bigoplus_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n} cr_r(F)(a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_r}).$$

So, the functor  $cr_d : \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}^d, \mathcal{E})$  is a *direct summand* of precomposition by the  $d$ -th iterated direct sum  $\mathcal{A}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , and in particular,  $cr_d$  commutes to limits and colimits (so, it is exact).

## Definition (Eilenberg-MacLane)

A functor  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  is *polynomial* of degree at most  $d$  if  $cr_{d+1}(F) = 0$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  the full subcategory of  $\mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  on these functors.

(It is easy to check that, for  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{P}(R)$ , this definition is equivalent to the one given in the first talk.)

# An easy finiteness property

The following property can be easily deduced from the natural splitting of the previous slide.

## Proposition

*For each  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , the evaluation functor on  $R^d$  induces an exact and faithful functor  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathbf{P}(R), \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ .*

So, if  $F$  belongs to  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathbf{P}(R), \mathcal{E})$ , the lattice of subfunctors of  $F$  is a sub-ordered set of the lattice of subfunctors of  $F(R^d)$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ , whence:

## Corollary

*If  $F : \mathbf{P}(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  is a polynomial functor whose values are noetherian (resp. artinian, finite) in  $\mathcal{E}$ , then  $F$  is noetherian (resp. artinian, finite) in  $\mathbf{Fun}(\mathbf{P}(R), \mathcal{E})$*

# Two applications

If the ring  $R$  is finite, each finitely-generated functor (not assumed to be polynomial) of  $\mathcal{F}(R, k)$  has values in finitely-generated  $k$ -modules, so :

## Corollary

*Si  $R$  is a finite ring and  $k$  is a field, then each polynomial functor of  $\mathcal{F}(R, k)$  is locally finite.*

If the underlying additive group of  $R$  is finitely-generated, each finitely-generated polynomial functor of  $\mathcal{F}(R, k)$  has values in finitely-generated  $k$ -modules, whence:

## Corollary

*If the underlying additive group of  $R$  is finitely-generated and if the ring  $k$  is artinian (resp. noetherian), then each polynomial functor of  $\mathcal{F}(R, k)$  is locally finite (resp. locally noetherian).*

# Pirashvili's recollement Theorem (preliminaries)

As functors  $cr_n$  commute with limits and colimits, the subcategories  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  are *bilocalising* in  $\mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  (at least if  $\mathcal{E}$  is a Grothendieck category). One can look at the abelian quotient categories  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})/\mathcal{P}ol_{d-1}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ . Pirashvili described in the late 1980's these categories.

For  $F$  in  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ , the multifunctor  $cr_d(F) : \mathcal{A}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  is *additive* with respect to each of its  $d$  entries. Moreover, it is endowed, for each permutation  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_d$ , with natural isomorphisms

$$cr_d(F)(a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(d)}) \simeq cr_d(F)(a_1, \dots, a_d)$$

compatible in a suitable sense with composition of permutations. One says that  $cr_d(F)$  is a *symmetric*  $d$ -multifunctor on  $\mathcal{A}$  (with values in  $\mathcal{E}$ ).

# Pirashvili's recollement Theorem (statement)

We denote by  $\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  the category of multifunctors  $\mathcal{A}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  which are additive with respect to each entry (it is a full subcategory of  $\mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}^d, \mathcal{E})$ ), and by  $\Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  the category of *symmetric* multifunctors of  $\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ . Morphisms in  $\Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  are natural transformations that commute with symmetry isomorphisms (which are part of the structure). So,  $cr_d$  induces an exact functor  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ . Its kernel is by definition  $\mathcal{P}ol_{d-1}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ , so it induces an exact and faithful functor  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})/\mathcal{P}ol_{d-1}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

## Theorem (Pirashvili)

*The functor  $cr_d$  induces an equivalence of categories*

$$\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})/\mathcal{P}ol_{d-1}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}).$$

# Pirashvili's recollement Theorem (fundamental special case)

The category  $\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathbf{P}(R), k\text{-Mod})$  is equivalent to  $(k \otimes (R^{\text{op}})^{\otimes d})\text{-Mod}$ , where tensor products are taken over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

In general, if a group  $G$  acts on a commutative ring  $K$ , let us denote by  $K \rtimes G$  the *twisted group algebra* of  $G$  over  $K$ : its underlying  $K$ -module is the same as the usual group algebra  $K[G]$ , and multiplication is given by

$$(\lambda[g]).(\mu[h]) = (\lambda(g_*\mu))[gh]$$

(for  $(\lambda, \mu, g, h) \in K \times K \times G \times G$ ).

Then

$$\Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathbf{P}(R), k\text{-Mod}) \simeq (k \otimes (R^{\text{op}})^{\otimes d}) \rtimes \mathfrak{S}_d\text{-Mod},$$

where  $\mathfrak{S}_d$  acts on  $k \otimes (R^{\text{op}})^{\otimes d}$  by permuting factors of the tensor product.



# Pirashvili's recollement Theorem (elements of proof)

The functor  $cr_d : \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}^d, \mathcal{E})$  takes values in the full subcategory  $\mathbf{Fun}^{d\text{-red}}(\mathcal{A}^d, \mathcal{E})$  on  $d$ -reduced multifunctors, meaning that it is zero on each  $d$ -tuple of objects of  $\mathcal{A}$  whose at least one component is zero.

## Proposition (sum/diagonal adjunction)

*The functor  $\mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fun}^{d\text{-red}}(\mathcal{A}^d, \mathcal{E})$  induced by  $cr_d$  is adjoint on both sides to restriction to  $\mathbf{Fun}^{d\text{-red}}(\mathcal{A}^d, \mathcal{E})$  of precomposition  $\delta_d^*$  by  $d$ -iterated diagonal  $\delta_d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^d$ .*

*This adjunction restricts to the functor  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  induced by  $cr_d$ , which is adjoint on both sides to the functor  $\Delta_d : \mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  induced by  $\delta_d^*$ .*

If  $X$  is an object of  $\Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ , the symmetric structure on  $X$  induces an action of the group  $\mathfrak{S}_d$  on the functor  $\Delta_d(X)$  of  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

### Proposition

The functor  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  induced by  $cr_d$  is left adjoint to the functor

$$\Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \quad X \mapsto \Delta_d(X)^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$$

(invariants under the action of  $\mathfrak{S}_d$ ).

If  $F$  is a functor of  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ , one checks easily that the kernel and the cokernel of the unit of the adjunction  $F \rightarrow \Delta_d cr_d(F)^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$  belong to  $\mathcal{P}ol_{d-1}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

As a consequence, the functor  $(\Delta_d cr_d)^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$  induces identity on  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})/\mathcal{P}ol_{d-1}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

One checks also that the composite functor  $cr_d(\Delta_d^{\mathfrak{S}_d})$  is isomorphic to the identity of  $\Sigma\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

If  $V$  is a  $k$ -module, one defines the algebra of *divided powers* of  $V$  over  $k$ , denoted by  $\Gamma_k^*(V)$ , as the associative, commutative and unital  $k$ -algebra generated by elements  $v^{[n]}$  for  $v \in V$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with the following relations:

- $\forall v \in V, \quad v^{[0]} = 1$  ;
- $\forall (\lambda, v, n) \in k \times V \times \mathbb{N}, \quad (\lambda v)^{[n]} = \lambda^n \cdot v^{[n]}$  ;
- $\forall (v, n, m) \in V \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, \quad v^{[n]} \cdot v^{[m]} = \frac{(n+m)!}{n!m!} \cdot v^{[n+m]}$  ;
- $\forall (v, w, n) \in V \times V \times \mathbb{N}, \quad (v + w)^{[n]} = \sum_{i+j=n} v^{[i]} \cdot w^{[j]}$  .

This algebra is graded by  $\deg(v^{[n]}) := n$ . One denotes by  $\Gamma_k^d(V)$  the  $d$ -th homogeneous component of the graded algebra  $\Gamma_k^*(V)$ . One defines so an endofunctor  $\Gamma_k^d$  of  $k$ -modules called  $d$ -th divided power.

The functor  $\Gamma_k^d$  is polynomial of degree  $d$ . It preserves surjective morphisms and filtered colimits, and one has a natural  $k$ -linear morphism  $\Gamma_k^d(V) \rightarrow (V^{\otimes d})^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$  which is an isomorphism if  $V$  is a *flat* module.

The functor  $\Gamma_k^d$  is compatible base-change of the ring  $k$  in the following sense: if  $k \rightarrow K$  is a ring morphism, with  $K$  commutative, one has a  $K$ -linear isomorphism  $\Gamma_K^d(K \otimes_k V) \simeq K \otimes_k \Gamma_k^d(V)$ , natural in the  $k$ -module  $V$ .

The functor  $\Gamma_k^d$  has a canonical structure of *symmetric monoidal* endofunctor of the symmetric monoidal category  $(k\text{-Mod}, \otimes, k)$ . This allows to lift  $\Gamma_k^d$  as an endofunctor of  $k$ -algebras.

# Strict polynomial functors (à la Friedlander-Suslin)

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $k$ -linear category, one defines a  $k$ -linear category  $\Gamma_k^d \mathcal{A}$  with the same objects as  $\mathcal{A}$  and with morphisms given by  $(\Gamma_k^d \mathcal{A})(a, b) := \Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}(a, b))$  and composition by

$$\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}(a, b)) \otimes_k \Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}(b, c)) \rightarrow \Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}(a, b) \otimes_k \mathcal{A}(b, c)) \rightarrow \Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}(a, c))$$

where the first map is induced by the monoidal structure of  $\Gamma_k^d$  and the seconde one is induced by composition in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  a small  $k$ -linear additive category,  $\mathcal{E}$  be a  $k$ -linear abelian category and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  the category  $\mathbf{Add}_k(\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}), \mathcal{E})$  of  $k$ -linear functors  $\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ . Its objects are called homogeneous *strict polynomial functors* of degree  $d$  over  $k$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

One writes  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathcal{A}; k)$  for  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathcal{A}, k\mathbf{-Mod})$ ; when  $R$  and  $S$  are  $k$ -algebras, one writes  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(R, S)$  for  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathbf{P}(R), S\mathbf{-Mod})$ .

This notion was introduced, in the case of  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(k, k)$ , by Friedlander and Suslin (*Inventiones* 1997). It is related to representations of *algebraic* linear groups.

# Relation with ordinary polynomial functors

There is a canonical  $k$ -linear morphism  $k[V] \rightarrow \Gamma_k^d(V) \quad v \mapsto v^{[d]}$  (natural in a  $k$ -module  $V$ ). It is compatible with symmetric monoidal structures of functors  $k[-]$  and  $\Gamma_k^d$ . As a consequence, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $k$ -linear category, one gets a  $k$ -linear functor  $k[\mathcal{A}] \rightarrow \Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{A})$  which is identity on objects.

Let us now assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $k$ -linear, additive and small. The functor  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  (where  $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $k$ -linear abelian category) obtained by precomposition by the previous functor takes values in  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

So, one gets a functor  $i_d : \mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  which is exact (it commutes even with all limits and colimits) and faithful. It is nevertheless generally not full.

## Proposition

*A functor  $F$  of  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  is finitely generated if and only if the functor  $i_d(F)$  of  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  is finitely generated.*

Let us now assume that  $k = \mathbb{Z}$ . The natural morphism  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}}^d(V) \rightarrow V^{\otimes d}$  induces an additive functor  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}}^d(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\otimes d}$  (the tensor product of two preadditive categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is the preadditive category  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A}) \times \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})$  and  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B})((a, b), (a', b')) = \mathcal{A}(a, a') \otimes \mathcal{B}(b, b')$ ). By precomposition, we get an exact and faithful functor

$$\mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \simeq \mathbf{Add}(\mathcal{A}^{\otimes d}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{d;\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$$

whence, by precomposing with the forgetful functor, a functor

$$\tilde{\Delta}_d : \Sigma \mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{d;\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$$

such that  $\Delta_d \simeq i_d \circ \tilde{\Delta}_d : \Sigma \mathbf{Add}_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ .

# Relation with Schur algebras

The following result is a consequence of Gabriel-Popescu Theorem.

## Proposition

*Let  $R$  and  $S$  be  $k$ -algebras and  $n \geq d \geq 0$  be integers. The evaluation functor on  $R^n$  induces a  $k$ -linear equivalence of categories*

$$\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(R, S) \xrightarrow{\simeq} (\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{M}_n(R)) \otimes_k S)\text{-Mod.}$$

Algebras  $\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{M}_n(R))$  are generalisations of classical Schur algebras.

(One can also prove, from Gabriel-Popescu, that the category  $\mathcal{P}ol_d(\mathbf{P}(R), S)$  is equivalent to module category, but over a ring which is not very tractable.)



# A classical theorem of E. Noether

## Theorem (Noether)

*Let  $k$  be a commutative noetherian ring,  $A$  a finitely-generated commutative  $k$ -algebra and  $G$  a finite group acting on  $A$  (by  $k$ -algebra automorphisms). Then the algebra  $A^G$  of invariants is a finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra (in particular, it is noetherian).*

By applying this result to a square-zero extension, one obtains:

## Corollary

*Under the previous assumptions, if  $V$  is a finitely-generated  $A$ -module endowed with an action of  $G$  such that  $g_*(a.v) = (g_*a).(g_*v)$  for all  $(g, a, v) \in G \times A \times V$ , then  $V^G$  is a finitely-generated  $A^G$ -module.*

# A noetherian theorem for strict polynomial functors

## Theorem (D.-Touzé)

*Let  $k$  be a commutative noetherian ring and  $R$  a commutative  $k$ -algebra which is essentially finitely-generated (i.e. a localisation of a finitely-generated commutative  $k$ -algebra).*

*Then for each  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , the category of strict polynomial functors  $\mathcal{P}_{d;k}(R, k)$  is locally noetherian.*

One can also replace  $R$  by a (non-commutative) *finite* (i.e. finitely generated as a module) algebra over a commutative essentially finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra (with the same proof).

# Proof (1): reductions

- 1 It is the same to prove that the  $k$ -algebra  $\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{M}_d(R))$  is noetherian.
- 2 It is enough to prove the result when  $R$  is a finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra. (Everything commutes with localisation, and a localisation of a noetherian ring is noetherian.)
- 3 It is enough to prove the result when  $R$  is a finitely-generated *flat*  $k$ -algebra. In fact, any finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra is a quotient of a polynomial algebra  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , which  $k$ -flat,  $\Gamma_k^d$  preserves surjective morphisms, and any quotient of a noetherian ring is noetherian.

## Proof (2): case when $R$ is flat and finitely generated

$R^{\otimes d}$  is a finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra, and  $V := (\mathcal{M}_d(R))^{\otimes d}$  is a finitely-generated  $R^{\otimes d}$ -module. The group  $\mathfrak{S}_d$  acts on  $R^{\otimes d}$  and  $V$  (in a compatible way), so that Noether Theorem implies that  $(R^{\otimes d})^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$  is a finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra (so is noetherian), and that  $V^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$  is a finitely-generated  $(R^{\otimes d})^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$ -module.

As the  $k$ -modules  $R$  and  $\mathcal{M}_d(R)$  are flat,  $\Gamma_k^d(R) \simeq (R^{\otimes d})^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$  and  $\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{M}_d(R)) \simeq V^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$ . So,  $\Gamma_k^d(\mathcal{M}_d(R))$  is a finite algebra over a finitely-generated  $k$ -algebra, implying that it is noetherian.

(Temporary) end

Thank you for your attention!

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