

# Sequentially Cohen-Macaulay Rees modules

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# §1 Introduction

## [CGT]

N. T. Cuong, S. Goto and H. L. Truong, *The equality  $I^2 = qI$  in sequentially Cohen-Macaulay rings*, J. Algebra, **(379)** (2013), 50-79.

In [CGT],

- Characterized the sequentially Cohen-Macaulayness of  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  where  $I$  is an **m-primary ideal** which contains a **good parameter ideal** as a reduction. ([Theorem 5.3]).

## Question 1.1

When is the Rees module  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  sequentially Cohen-Macaulay?

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## §2 Survey on sequentially C-M modules

Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring and  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module with  $d = \dim_R M < \infty$ . We put

$$\text{Assh}_R M = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M \mid \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d\}.$$

Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\exists M_n$  the largest  $R$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $\dim_R M_n \leq n$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(M) &= \{\dim_R N \mid N \text{ is an } R\text{-submodule of } M, N \neq (0)\} \\ &= \{\dim R/\mathfrak{p} \mid \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M\} \\ &= \{d_1 < d_2 < \cdots < d_\ell = d\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\ell = \#\mathcal{S}(M)$ .

Let  $D_i = M_{d_i}$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ . We then have a filtration

$$D_0 := (0) \subsetneq D_1 \subsetneq D_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq D_\ell = M$$

which we call *the dimension filtration of  $M$* . Put  $C_i = D_i/D_{i-1}$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ . Notice that  $\dim_R D_i = \dim_R C_i = d_i$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .

## Definition 2.1 ([Sch, St])

- (1)  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module  
 $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} C_i$  is a C-M  $R$ -module for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .
- (2)  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay ring  
 $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} \dim R < \infty$  and  $R$  is a sequentially C-M module over itself.

## Example 2.2

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module with  $d = \dim_R M$ . Then

- (1)  $d = 1 \Rightarrow M$  is sequentially C-M.
- (2)  $M$  is C-M  $\Rightarrow M$  is sequentially C-M. The converse holds if  $M$  is unmixed.
- (3)  $R \times M$  is a sequentially C-M ring  $\Leftrightarrow R$  is a sequentially C-M ring and  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.

### Example 2.3 ([Sch])

Let  $R = k[\Delta]$  be the Stanley-Reisner ring of  $\Delta$  over a field  $k$ . If  $\Delta$  is shellable, then  $R$  is sequentially C-M.

### Example 2.4

Let  $R$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $G$  a finite subgroup of  $\text{Aut } R$ . Suppose that the order of  $G$  is invertible in  $R$ . If  $R$  is sequentially C-M, then  $R^G$  is sequentially C-M.

Let

$$(0) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M} M(\mathfrak{p})$$

be a primary decomposition of  $(0)$  in  $M$ , where  $\text{Ass}_R M/M(\mathfrak{p}) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$ .

## Fact 2.5 ([Sch])

*The following assertions hold true.*

- (1)  $D_i = \bigcap_{\dim R/\mathfrak{p} \geq d_{i+1}} M(\mathfrak{p})$  for  $0 \leq \forall i < \ell$ .
- (2)  $\text{Ass}_R C_i = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M \mid \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d_i\}$  and  
 $\text{Ass}_R D_i = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M \mid \dim R/\mathfrak{p} \leq d_i\}$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .



## Theorem 2.6 ([GHS])

Let  $\mathcal{M} = \{M_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq t}$  ( $t > 0$ ) be a family of  $R$ -submodules of  $M$  s.t.

(1)  $M_0 = (0) \subsetneq M_1 \subsetneq M_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq M_t = M$  and

(2)  $\dim_R M_{i-1} < \dim_R M_i$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq t$ .

Assume that  $\text{Ass}_R M_i/M_{i-1} = \text{Assh}_R M_i/M_{i-1}$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq t$ . Then  $t = \ell$  and  $M_i = D_i$  for  $0 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .

## Proposition 2.7 (NZD characterization)

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$  be a NZD on  $M$ . Then TFAE.

- (1)  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $M/xM$  is a sequentially C-M  $R/(x)$ -module and  $\{D_i/xD_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $M/xM$ .

### Proof.

Since  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$  is a NZD on  $C_i$  and on  $D_i$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ , so that we get a filtration

$$D_0/xD_0 = (0) \subsetneq D_1/xD_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq D_\ell/xD_\ell = M/xM.$$



## Remark 2.8

The implication (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is **not true** without the condition that  $\{D_i/xD_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $M/xM$ .

For example, let  $R$  be a 2-dimensional Noetherian local domain of depth 1 (e.g., Nagata's bad example). Then  $R/(x)$  is sequentially C-M for  $x \neq 0$ , but  $R$  is not sequentially C-M.

# Localization of sequentially C-M modules

## Theorem 2.9

*Suppose that  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} = \dim R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$  and  $\forall P \in \text{Max } R$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq P$ . Then TFAE.*

- (1)  *$M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.*
- (2)  *$M_P$  is a sequentially C-M  $R_P$ -module for  $\forall P \in \text{Supp}_R M$ .*

## Corollary 2.10

*Let  $R$  be a finitely generated algebra over a field,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then TFAE.*

- (1)  *$M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.*
- (2)  *$M_P$  is a sequentially C-M  $R_P$ -module for  $\forall P \in \text{Supp}_R M$ .*

## Theorem 2.11

Let  $R = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_n$  be a Noetherian  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring s.t.  $(R, \mathfrak{M})$  is an  $H$ -local ring,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated graded  $R$ -module. Then TFAE.

- (1)  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a sequentially C-M  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ -module.

When this is the case,  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a sequentially C-M  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M$ .

## §3 Filtrations of ideals and modules

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring.

### Definition 3.1

$\mathcal{F} = \{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a filtration of ideals of  $R$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

- ①  $F_n$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,
- ②  $F_n \supseteq F_{n+1}$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,
- ③  $F_m F_n \subseteq F_{m+n}$  for  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and
- ④  $F_0 = R$ .

Then we put

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n t^n \subseteq R[t], \quad \mathcal{R}' = \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n t^n \subseteq R[t, t^{-1}].$$

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.

## Definition 3.2

$\mathcal{M} = \{M_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -filtration of  $R$ -submodules of  $M$   
 $\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}}$

- ①  $M_n$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ ,
- ②  $M_n \supseteq M_{n+1}$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,
- ③  $F_m M_n \subseteq M_{m+n}$  for  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and
- ④  $M_0 = M$ .

We set

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} t^n \otimes M_n \subseteq R[t] \otimes_R M,$$

$$\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} t^n \otimes M_n \subseteq R[t, t^{-1}] \otimes_R M.$$

Here

$$t^n \otimes M_n = \{t^n \otimes x \mid x \in M_n\} \subseteq R[t, t^{-1}] \otimes_R M$$

for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $F_1 \neq R$ , then we put

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{R}'/u\mathcal{R}', \quad \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})/u\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})$$

where  $u = t^{-1}$ .



For the rest of this section, we assume that  $F_1 \neq R$ .

### Lemma 3.3

*Suppose that  $R$  is Noetherian and  $M$  is finitely generated. Then TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}(M)$  is a finitely generated graded  $\mathcal{R}$ -module.
- (2)  $\mathcal{R}'(M)$  is a finitely generated graded  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.
- (3)  $\exists n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\ell \geq 0$  ( $\ell > 0$ ) s.t.  $M_n = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} F_{n-n_i} M_{n_i}$  for  $\forall n \geq \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\ell\}$ .

- The composite map

$$\psi : \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$$

is surjective and

- $$\text{Ker } \psi = u\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M}) \cap \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) = u[\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})]_+$$

where  $[\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})]_+ = \sum_{n>0} t^n \otimes M_n$ .

## Assumption 3.4

- $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  a Noetherian ring
- $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  a finitely generated  $\mathcal{R}$ -module

Then  $R$  is Noetherian and  $M$  is finitely generated.

## Proposition 3.5

Suppose that  $M \neq (0)$ . Then the following assertions hold true.

(1) If  $d = \dim_R M < \infty$ , then

$$\dim_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) = \begin{cases} d + 1 & \text{if } \exists \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Assh}_R M \text{ s.t. } F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}, \\ d & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(2)  $\dim_{\mathcal{R}'} \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M}) = \dim_R M + 1$ .

(3) If  $R$  is a local ring, then  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M}) \neq (0)$ ,  $\dim_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M}) = \dim_R M$ .

## §4 Main results

### Notation 4.1

- $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  a Noetherian local ring
- $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module with  $d = \dim_R M$
- $\mathcal{F} = \{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  a filtration of ideals of  $R$  s.t.  $F_1 \neq R$
- $\mathcal{M} = \{M_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  an  $\mathcal{F}$ -filtration of  $R$ -submodules of  $M$
- $\mathfrak{a} = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})_+ = \sum_{n>0} F_n t^n$
- $\mathfrak{M}$  a unique graded maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$
- $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  a Noetherian ring
- $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  a finitely generated  $\mathcal{R}$ -module

Let  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ . We set

$$\mathcal{D}_i = \{M_n \cap D_i\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}, \quad \mathcal{C}_i = \{[(M_n \cap D_i) + D_{i-1}]/D_{i-1}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{D}_i$  (resp.  $\mathcal{C}_i$ ) is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -filtration of  $R$ -submodules of  $D_i$  (resp.  $C_i$ ).  
Look at the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow [\mathcal{D}_{i-1}]_n \rightarrow [\mathcal{D}_i]_n \rightarrow [\mathcal{C}_i]_n \rightarrow 0$$

of  $R$ -modules for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We then have

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_{i-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}_i) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{D}_{i-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{D}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{C}_i) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_{i-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i) \rightarrow 0.$$

## Theorem 4.2

*TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.
- (2)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module and  $\{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$ .

*When this is the case,  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.*

## Theorem 4.3

*Suppose that  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module and  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$ . Then TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}$ -module.
- (2)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module,  $\{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\mathfrak{a}(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i)) < 0$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .

*When this is the case,  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.*

## Lemma 4.4 (cf. [CGT])

- (1)  $\{\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})$ .
- (2) If  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$ , then  $\{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$ .



## Theorem 4.2

*TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.
- (2)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module and  $\{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$ .

*When this is the case,  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.*

## Proof of Theorem 4.2

Look at the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(C_i) \rightarrow R[t, t^{-1}] \otimes_R C_i \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$$

of graded  $\mathcal{R}'$ -modules for  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ .

Since  $\mathcal{R}'(C_i)$  is C-M and  $X_u = (0)$ , we have  $R[t, t^{-1}] \otimes_R C_i$  is C-M.

Therefore  $M$  is sequentially C-M, because  $C_i$  is C-M.



## Towards a proof of Theorem 4.3

### Fact 4.5 ([F])

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider the following two conditions.

- (1)  $\exists \ell > 0$  s.t.  $I^\ell \cdot H_m^i(M) = (0)$  for  $\forall i \neq t$ .
- (2)  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a C-M  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module and  $t = \dim_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} M_{\mathfrak{p}} + \dim R/\mathfrak{p}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M$  but  $\mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq I$ .

Then the implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) holds true. The converse holds, if  $R$  is a homomorphic image of a Gorenstein local ring.

## Lemma 4.6 (Key lemma)

*Suppose that  $H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M}))$  is finitely graded for  $\forall i \neq d$ . Then  $H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}))$  is finitely graded for  $\forall i \neq d + 1$ .*

## Proof of Lemma 4.6 (Sketch)

It is enough to show that

$$\exists \ell > 0 \text{ s.t. } \mathfrak{a}^{\ell} \cdot H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{R}(M)) = (0) \text{ for } i \neq d + 1.$$

To see this, let  $P \in \text{Supp}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{R}(M)$  s.t.  $P \not\subseteq \mathfrak{a}$  and  $P \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

Then we can check that  $\mathcal{R}(M)_P$  is C-M and

$$d + 1 = \dim_{\mathcal{R}_P} \mathcal{R}(M)_P + \dim \mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{M}}/P\mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{M}}.$$

Thanks to Fact 4.5,  $H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}))$  is finitely graded.

We set

$$a(N) = \max\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid [H_{\mathfrak{M}}^t(N)]_n \neq (0)\}$$

for a finitely generated graded  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $N$  of dimension  $t$ .

## Theorem 4.7

*TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  is a C-M  $\mathcal{R}$ -module and  $\dim_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) = d + 1$ .
- (2)  $H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})) = [H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M}))]_{-1}$  for  $\forall i < d$  and  $a(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})) < 0$ .

When this is the case,  $[H_{\mathfrak{M}}^i(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M}))]_{-1} \cong H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$  for  $\forall i < d$ .

## Corollary 4.8

*Suppose that  $M$  is a C-M  $R$ -module. Then TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  is a C-M  $\mathcal{R}$ -module and  $\dim_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) = d + 1$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  is a C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module and  $\mathfrak{a}(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})) < 0$ .

## Theorem 4.3

*Suppose that  $M$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module and  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$ . Then TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}$ -module.
- (2)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module,  $\{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\mathfrak{a}(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i)) < 0$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .

*When this is the case,  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.*

## Proof of Theorem 4.3

$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}$ -module

$\iff \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}_i) = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_i)/\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_{i-1})$  is a C-M  $\mathcal{R}$ -module for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$

$\iff \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i)$  is a C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module,  $a(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i)) < 0$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$

$\iff \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{G}$ -module,  $\{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $a(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i)) < 0$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .





## §5 Sequentially C-M property in $E^{\natural}$

Let  $R = \sum_{n \geq 0} R_n$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring. We put

$$F_n = \sum_{k \geq n} R_k \quad \text{for } \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then  $F_n$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a filtration of ideals of  $R$  and  $F_1 := R_+ \neq R$ .

Let  $E$  be a graded  $R$ -module with  $E_n = (0)$  for  $\forall n < 0$ . Put

$$E_{(n)} = \sum_{k \geq n} E_k \quad \text{for } \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then  $E_{(n)}$  is a graded  $R$ -submodule of  $E$ ,  $\mathcal{E} = \{E_{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -filtration of  $R$ -submodules of  $E$ .

Then we have

$$\underline{\underline{R = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\underline{E = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{E})}}.$$

## Assumption 5.1

- $R = \sum_{n \geq 0} R_n$  a Noetherian  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring
- $E \neq (0)$  a finitely generated graded  $R$ -module with  $d = \dim_R E < \infty$

We set

$$\underline{R^\natural} := \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{E^\natural} := \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{E}).$$

## Lemma 5.2

*Then the following assertions hold true.*

- (1)  $R^{\natural}$  is a Noetherian ring.
- (2)  $E^{\natural}$  is a finitely generated graded  $R^{\natural}$ -module.
- (3)  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{E})$  is a finitely generated graded  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.
- (4) Suppose that  $\exists \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Assh}_R E$  s.t.  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ . Then  $\dim_{R^{\natural}} E^{\natural} = \dim_R E + 1$ .
- (5)  $\dim_{\mathcal{R}'} \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{E}) = \dim_R E + 1$ .

Let

$$D_0 = (0) \subsetneq D_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq D_\ell = E$$

be the dimension filtration of  $E$ . Put  $C_i = D_i/D_{i-1}$ ,  $d_i = \dim_R D_i$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .

Then  $D_i$  is a graded  $R$ -submodule of  $E$  for  $0 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .

Let  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ . Then we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow [D_{i-1}]_{(n)} \rightarrow [D_i]_{(n)} \rightarrow [C_i]_{(n)} \rightarrow 0$$

of graded  $R$ -modules for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_{i-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{C}_i) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{D}_{i-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{D}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{C}_i) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_{i-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{D}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}_i) \rightarrow 0$$

of graded modules, where  $\mathcal{D}_i = \{[D_i]_{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_i = \{[C_i]_{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ .

### Lemma 5.3

- (1)  $\{\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{E})$ .
- (2) If  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R E$ , then  $\{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_i)\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{E})$ .

## Proposition 5.4

*TFAE.*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{E})$  is a sequentially C-M  $\mathcal{R}'$ -module.
- (2)  $E$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module.

## Lemma 5.5

Suppose  $R_0$  is a local ring,  $E$  is a C-M  $R$ -module and  $\exists \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Assh}_R E$  s.t.  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ . Then TFAE.

- (1)  $E^\natural$  is a C-M  $R^\natural$ -module.
- (2)  $\mathfrak{a}(E) < 0$ .

## Proof of Lemma 5.5 (Sketch)

Let  $P = \mathfrak{m}R + R_+$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  denotes the maximal ideal of  $R_0$ . Then  $P \supseteq F_1$  and

$$E = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{E}) \cong \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{E}_P), \quad R = \mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F}_P)$$

since  $R_+(E_{(n)}/E_{(n+1)}) = (0)$ ,  $R_+(F_n/F_{n+1}) = (0)$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
The assertion comes from the above isomorphisms.

## Theorem 5.6

Suppose that  $R_0$  is a local ring,  $E$  is a sequentially C-M  $R$ -module and  $F_1 \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  for  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R E$ . Then TFAE.

- (1)  $E^{\natural}$  is a sequentially C-M  $R^{\natural}$ -module.
- (2)  $a(C_i) < 0$  for  $1 \leq \forall i \leq \ell$ .



## §6 Application –Stanley-Reisner algebras–

### Notation 6.1

- $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  ( $n > 0$ ) a vertex set
- $\Delta$  a simplicial complex on  $V$  s.t.  $\Delta \neq \emptyset$
- $\mathcal{F}(\Delta)$  a set of facets of  $\Delta$
- $m = \#\mathcal{F}(\Delta)$  ( $> 0$ ) its cardinality
- $S = k[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$  a polynomial ring over a field  $k$
- $I_{\Delta} = (X_{i_1}X_{i_2}\cdots X_{i_r} \mid \{i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_r\} \notin \Delta)$
- $R = k[\Delta] = S/I_{\Delta}$  the Stanley-Reisner ring of  $\Delta$

## Definition 6.2

A simplicial complex  $\Delta$  is *shellable*

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  either  $m = 1$  or  $m > 1$ , then  $\exists F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$  s.t.

(1)  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta) = \{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m\}$

(2)  $\langle F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{i-1} \rangle \cap \langle F_i \rangle$  is pure and

$$\dim \langle F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{i-1} \rangle \cap \langle F_i \rangle = \dim F_i - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq \forall i \leq m.$$

## Remark 6.3

If  $\Delta$  is shellable, then we can take a shelling order

$F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$  s.t.  $\dim F_1 \geq \dim F_2 \geq \dots \geq \dim F_m$ .

We now regard  $R = \sum_{n \geq 0} R_n$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring and put

$$I_n := \sum_{k \geq n} R_k = \mathfrak{m}^n \quad \text{for } \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

where  $\mathfrak{m} := R_+ = \sum_{n > 0} R_n$ . Then  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an **m-adic** filtration of  $R$  and  $I_1 \neq R$ .

## Proposition 6.4

*If  $\Delta$  is shellable, then  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathfrak{m})$  is a sequentially C-M ring.*

## Remark 6.5

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq I_1 \text{ for } \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } R &\iff F \neq \emptyset \text{ for } \forall F \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \\ &\iff \Delta \neq \{\emptyset\}. \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem 6.6

Suppose that  $\Delta$  is shellable with shelling order

$F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$  s.t.  $\dim F_1 \geq \dim F_2 \geq \dots \geq \dim F_m$  and  $\Delta \neq \{\emptyset\}$ . Then TFAE.

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathfrak{m})$  is a sequentially C-M ring.
- (2) Either  $m = 1$  or  $m \geq 2$ , then  $\dim F_i - 1 > \#\mathcal{F}(\Delta_1 \cap \Delta_2)$  for  $2 \leq \forall i \leq m$ , where  $\Delta_1 = \langle F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{i-1} \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \langle F_i \rangle$ .

Apply Theorem 6.6, we get the following.

### Corollary 6.7

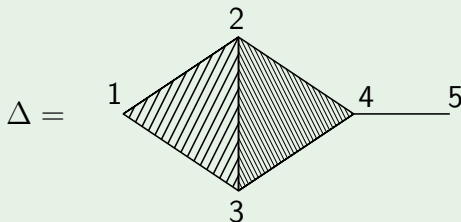
*Suppose that  $\dim F_m > 2$ . If  $\langle F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{i-1} \rangle \cap \langle F_i \rangle$  is a simplex for  $2 \leq \forall i \leq m$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(\mathfrak{m})$  is a sequentially C-M ring.*

## Example 6.8

Let  $\Delta = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$ , where  $F_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $F_2 = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $F_3 = \{4, 5\}$ . Then  $\Delta$  is shellable with the numbering  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta) = \{F_1, F_2, F_3\}$ . Then

$$\langle F_1 \rangle \cap \langle F_2 \rangle, \quad \langle F_1, F_2 \rangle \cap \langle F_3 \rangle$$

are simplex, so that  $\mathcal{R}(\mathfrak{m})$  is a sequentially C-M ring.

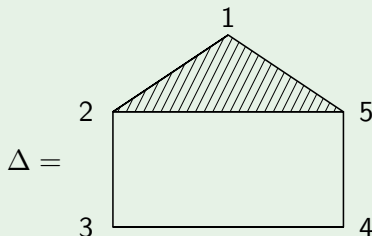


## Example 6.9

Let  $\Delta = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 \rangle$ , where  $F_1 = \{1, 2, 5\}$ ,  $F_2 = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $F_3 = \{3, 4\}$  and  $F_4 = \{4, 5\}$ . Then  $\Delta$  is shellable with the numbering  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta) = \{F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4\}$ . We put  $\Delta_1 = \langle F_1, F_2, F_3 \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \langle F_4 \rangle$ . Then

$$\sharp \mathcal{F}(\Delta_1 \cap \Delta_2) = 2 = \dim F_4 - 1,$$

so that  $\mathcal{R}(\mathfrak{m})$  is not a sequentially C-M ring by Theorem 6.6.



Thank you very much for your attention!



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