

Saturation Bounds for Smooth Vars

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Plan: -first 45 or 50 mins will discuss problem state results

• After break: discuss methods of pf.

Notation:

$$S = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_r]$$

$$S_+ = \mathcal{M} = (x_0, \dots, x_r) : \text{irrel. max ideal.}$$

Intro: Macaulay's Thm:

Consider homog polys

$$f_0, \dots, f_p \in S, \quad \deg f_i = d_i$$

$$d_0 \geq d_1 \geq \dots \geq d_p$$

$$J = (f_0, \dots, f_p) \subseteq S$$

M's Thm. Assume J is \mathcal{M} -primary, i.e. $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(S/J) < \infty$
(so $p \geq r$: main case $p = r$)

Then $J_t = S_t$ when

$$t \geq d_0 + \dots + d_r - r$$

Moreover, bound is (always) sharp when $p = r$.

Ex. Take $f_i = x_i^{d_i}$. Then

$$x_0^{d_0-1} \cdot \dots \cdot x_r^{d_r-1} \notin J.$$

I'm sure everyone here has their favorite pf of this Thm. I'll indicate mine in second part of

What's maybe less familiar is a generalization of this statement to powers

Generalization: with J as above, $(J^a)_t = S_t$ for

$$t \geq a d_0 + d_1 + \dots + d_r - r$$

Always sharp when $p = r$.

Ex. $f_i = x_i^{d_i}$. Then

$$x_0^{d_0-1} \cdot x_1^{d_1-1} \cdot \dots \cdot x_r^{d_r-1} \notin J^a$$

Ask: Analogues for more general J ?

Slogan: If

$$X = \text{zeros}(J) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$$

is a smooth variety, then exactly the same bounds hold.

If you're literal-minded and didn't know title of talk then you might raise objection that this is manifestly false. But point is we should interpret M's thm as statement about saturation.

Saturation-

Consider

$$J \subseteq S \text{ any homog ideal.}$$

Recall

$$J^{\text{sat}} = \{f \mid m^N \cdot f \in J \text{ for } N \gg 0\}$$

$$= (J : m^\infty)$$

Then

$$J^{\text{sat}}/J = H_m^0(S/J) \text{ vanishes in large degree,}$$

ie.

$$(J^{\text{sat}})_t = J_t \text{ for } t \gg a$$

Def:

$$\text{sat. deg}(J) = \text{least such } t.$$

Note: $J \subseteq S$ finite colength $\iff J^{\text{sat}} = S$. So

M's Thm \iff computing sat deg of J, J^a .

Ex. Consider

$$J = (xy, yz, zx)^2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$$

($J =$ square of ideal of the three coord pts in \mathbb{P}^2 .

$\cdot \cdot \cdot$)

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Then $J^{\text{sat}} = (xyz, J)$. \square

• Consider any var (or sch) $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$. Let

$I = I_X \subseteq S$ be homog ideal of X .

Then I_X is saturated (ie $I_X^{\text{sat}} = I_X$) and if

$J \subseteq S$ is any ideal s.t. $\text{Zeros}(J) = X$ (as scheme)

then

$$J^{\text{sat}} = I_X.$$

and $\text{sat deg}(J^n)$

Question: Given ideal J , can we bound $\text{sat. deg}(J)$ in terms of the degs of its generators?

Ex. Say

$X = \text{hyperplane } (l=0) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$.

Take

$$f_i = x_i^{d-1} l$$

$$J = (x_0^{d-1}, \dots, x_r^{d-1}) \cdot (l)$$

presence of l raises sat. deg by 1.

M's Thm \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sat. deg } J &= (r+1)(d-1) - r + 1 \\ &= (r+1)d - 2r \end{aligned}$$

(Very close in shape to M's bound.)

Ex (Caviglia) Take

$$J = (x^d, y^d, xz^{d-1} - yw^{d-1})$$

Then

$$\text{sat deg}(J) \approx d^2, \quad \square$$

Our first main result says that the first example is typical for ideals defining smooth varieties.

Thm A. As before, consider

$$J = (f_0, \dots, f_p).$$

where

$$\deg f_i = d_i, \quad d_0 \geq d_1 \geq \dots \geq d_p$$

Assume:

$$X = \text{zeros}(J) \text{ is smooth proj var / } \mathbb{C}.$$

Then

$$J_t = (I_X)_t \text{ for } t \geq d_0 + \dots + d_r - r.$$

Rmk: When $J = (x_0^{a_1}, \dots, x_r^{a_r}) \cdot I$, Thm gives

$$\text{sat. deg}(J) \leq (r+1)d - r,$$

whereas actual sat. deg is $(r+1)d - 2r$. So asymptotically sharp.

Powers -

Recall that if $Z \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ is any reduced var w. homog ideal I_Z , then

$$I_Z^{(a)} = \left\{ f \in S \mid \text{ord}_x f \geq a \text{ at general (or all)} \right\} \quad \text{symbolic power of } I_Z$$

Prop: If $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ is non-sing, then

$$I_X^{(a)} = (I_X^a)^{\text{sat}}.$$

Esp

$$(I_X^{(a)})_t = (I_X^a)_t \text{ for } t \geq \text{sat. deg}(I_X^a).$$

Ex. $X = \{ \cdot \cdot \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 \}$, $I_X = (xy, yz, zx)$. Then

$$I_X^{(a)} = I^a + (xyz) I_X^{a-2} + (xyz)^2 \cdot I_X^{a-4} + \dots$$

So

$$\text{sat. deg}(I_X^a) = 2a.$$

Thm A' : Take J as in Thm A, so

$$\text{Zeros}(J) = \text{sm var} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$$

Then

$$\text{sat. deg } J^a \leq ad_0 + d_1 + \dots + d_r - r.$$

Esp, if I_X has gens of degs $d_0 \geq d_1 \geq \dots \geq d_m$, then

$$(I_X^{(a)})_t = (I_X^a)_t \text{ for } t \geq ad_0 + \dots + d_r - r.$$

Ex $X = (\cdot \cdot \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2)$. Thm gives

$$\text{sat. deg}(I_X^a) \leq 2a + 2,$$

off by 2.

Saturation and regularity -

. Consider

$$X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r \text{ w ideal sheaf } \mathcal{I}_X \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}$$

Recall: say X is m -regular if

$$H^i(\mathbb{P}^r, \mathcal{I}_X(m-i)) = 0 \quad i > 0$$



I_X being m -regular in sense of Eisenbud-Goto,

We will call this "arithmetic regularity"

Note: For arb ideal $J \subseteq S$

arithmetic reg of J



- regularity of J^{sat} (or $\tilde{J} = \tilde{J} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}$)
- Bound on sat. deg J .

Geramita - Gimigliano - Pittoud, Sidman, Chandler - If

$X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ is finite set, and X is m -reg,
then

$$\text{sat. deg}(I_X^a) \leq m \cdot a.$$

Ex. $X = \{ \cdot \} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$; 2 -reg, and

$$\text{sat deg}(I_X^a) = 2a.$$

Ask: What about $\dim X \geq 1$?

Thm B. Same statement holds when $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ a smooth curve
ie

$$\text{sat. deg}(I_X^a) \leq a \cdot \text{reg}(X).$$

(I think: X reduced ok.)

Ex. Thm optimal eg when $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ is rat normal curve

Question: Is it reasonable to expect analogous statement when
 $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ smooth of $\dim \geq 2$?



Inputs to Pfs -

- Inspired by paper of Cooper + 9, who used symm products of Hilbert Burch resols to study symbolic powers of codim 2 CM ideals.
- To illustrate, I'll explain how their methods would apply to pts in \mathbb{P}^2 .

Ex. Consider m -reg finite set
 $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$

We'll use ideas of $[C^+]$ to prove $\text{sat. deg}(I_X^a) \leq am$.

(1°) Use min gens of I_X to construct resdn

$$0 \longrightarrow U_1 \longrightarrow U_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathcal{L}_X \longrightarrow 0$$

w.

$$U_0 = \bigoplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-b_i) \quad \text{all } b_i \leq m$$

$$U_1 = \bigoplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-c_j) \quad " \quad c_j \leq m+1$$

(2°). Consider

$$S^a U_0 \xrightarrow{S^a \epsilon} \mathcal{L}_X^a \longrightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Image of } H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, S^a U_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(t)) \longrightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{L}_X^a \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(t))$$

is

$$(I_X^a)_t \subseteq (I_X^{(a)})_t.$$

(3°). (*) sits in long exact seq

$$0 \longleftarrow \mathcal{L}_X^a \longleftarrow S^a U_0 \longleftarrow S^{a+1} U_0 \otimes U_1 \longleftarrow S^{a+2} U_0 \otimes \Lambda^2 U_1 \longleftarrow \dots$$

\uparrow
 a -reg

\uparrow
 $(a+1)$ -reg

\uparrow
 $(a+2)$ -reg

(4°). Result follows from:

Lemma. Consider exact seq of sheaves on \mathbb{P}^r :

$$\dots \longrightarrow E_2 \longrightarrow E_1 \longrightarrow E_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \longrightarrow 0$$

Assume E_i is $(l+i)$ -reg. Then

$$H^0(\mathbb{P}, E_0(t)) \longrightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{F}(t)) \quad \text{for } t \geq l. \quad \square$$

For Thm B, will want to extend to X of higher dim.

- Consider m -reg. sm. var $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$
- \mathcal{I}_X has loc free resolu:

$$0 \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_X \leftarrow U_0 \leftarrow U_1 \leftarrow U_2 \leftarrow \dots \quad (*)$$

$$\text{reg}(U_i) \leq m+i$$

- Weyman: $S^a(\mathcal{I}_X)$ has shape

$$0 \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_X^a \leftarrow S^a U_0 \leftarrow S^{a-1} U_0 \otimes U_1 \leftarrow \begin{matrix} S^{a-2} U_0 \otimes \Lambda^2 U_1 \\ \oplus \\ S^{a-1} U_0 \otimes U_2 \end{matrix} \leftarrow \dots$$

\uparrow $a m$ -reg \uparrow $(a m + 1)$ reg \uparrow $(a m + 2)$ reg

- $S^a(\mathcal{I}_X)$ not exact, but is exact off X
- Check à la [GLP] that if $\dim X \leq 1$, still get

$$H^0(S^a U_0(t)) \longrightarrow H^0(\mathcal{I}_X^a(t)) \quad \text{for } t \geq a m.$$

Powers of Koszul Complex -

- The Macaulay-type statements come from Koszul cx and its powers.
- To warm up, let me recall one way of proving classical statement

Ex ("Mac Classic") Take $f_0, \dots, f_r \in S$ gen m -prim $\mathcal{J} \subseteq S$.

Let

$$U = \bigoplus_{i=0}^r \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}(-d_i)$$

$$\varepsilon: U \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{map given by } f_i$$

(surj as map on sheaves since \mathcal{J} is m -primary)

So

$$J = \text{im} \left(H_x^0(U) \longrightarrow H_x^0(\mathcal{O}_P) = S \right)$$

• Now form Kosz cx from ε :

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda^{r+1} U \rightarrow \Lambda^r U \rightarrow U \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{reg}(\Lambda^i U) = d_0 + \dots + d_{i-1} \leq (d_0 + \dots + d_{r-r}) + i$$

• Lemma \Rightarrow

$$H^0(U(t)) \longrightarrow H^0(\mathcal{O}_P(t)) \quad t \geq \sum d_i - r \quad \square$$

What about powers?

Def. Let $U = \text{v.b. on sm var } M$. Given $a \geq 1$, defines

$$S^{a, 1^{k-1}}(U) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Schur power of } U \text{ corresp} \\ \text{to partition } (a, 1, \dots, 1) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \ker(S^a U \otimes \Lambda^{k-1} U \longrightarrow S^{a+1} U \otimes \Lambda^{k-2} U)$$

$$= \text{im}(S^{a-1} U \otimes \Lambda^k U \longrightarrow S^a U \otimes \Lambda^{k-1} U)$$

Rmks. • When $a=1$, $S^{a, 1^{k-1}} U = \Lambda^k U$

• $S^{a, 1^{k-1}} U = 0$ when $k > rk U$.

• If $U = \bigoplus_{i=0}^m \mathcal{O}_{P^r}(-d_i)$ w. $d_0 \geq d_1 \geq \dots$, then

$$\text{reg}(S^{a, 1^{k-1}} U) = a d_0 + \dots + d_{k-1}$$

Prop. (Srinivasan...) Consider map of v.b.s

$$\varepsilon: U \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_M$$

For $a \geq 1$, ε determines cx:

$$\dots \longrightarrow S^{a+1}U \longrightarrow S^a U \xrightarrow{S^a(\varepsilon)} S^a U \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_M \quad (*)_a$$

This is acyclic under same assumptions as for Kosz. cx $(*)_1$.

- Prop \Rightarrow Variant of M's thm for J^a .
- Prop \Rightarrow Zariski's thm that if $Z \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ is compl. intersection of $\dim \geq 0$, then I_Z^a saturated $\forall a \geq 1$

Idea of Pf of Thm A

• As above, let $U = \bigoplus_{i=0}^r \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}(-d_i)$.

• We assume given surj

$$\varepsilon: U \longrightarrow d_X \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}, \quad X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r \text{ sm.}$$

• Want to apply constr above to $S^a U \longrightarrow d_X^a$, but resulting complex not exact

• Pass to blow-up:

$$\mu: \mathbb{P}' = \text{Bl}_X(\mathbb{P}^r) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^r$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \cup \\ \mathbb{E} = \text{exceptional div.} \end{array} \quad d_X \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}'} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}'}(-\mathbb{E}).$$

• Let $U' = \mu^* U$. Now get surj map

$$\varepsilon': U' \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}'}(-\mathbb{E})$$

So on \mathbb{P}^r get exact complex:

$$\dots \longrightarrow S^{a+1}U' \otimes \mathcal{O}(E) \longrightarrow S^a U' \xrightarrow{S^a \varepsilon'} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}(-aE) \longrightarrow 0$$

As before, issue is to show that suitable twist of $S^a \varepsilon'$ surj on H^0 .

Difficulty: For $k \geq e = \text{codim}(X)$, twists of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}(kE)$ have non-vanish. cohom in intermediate degrees.

So need to compute. Two essential pts:

(A).

$$R^i \mu_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}(kE) = \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}}^i(d_X^{\otimes k+1-e}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r})$$

(B). Thm Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^r$ be sm proj var / \mathbb{C} w normal bundle $N = N_{X/\mathbb{P}^r}$.

Then:

$$H^i(X, S^k N \otimes \det N \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(l-r)) = 0 \text{ for } i > 0$$

for all $k, l \geq 0$.

(This reduces to Kodaira-Nakano vanishing on X .)