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# Noncommutative Algebraic Geometry and Algebraic Noncommutative Geometry First Lecture

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$\mathcal{C}at(\text{finite } T_0 \text{ topological spaces}) \equiv \mathcal{C}at(\text{finite posets})$

$$y \in \overline{\{x\}} \iff x \leq y$$

## Proposition (Ladkani)

Let  $X$  be a finite  $T_0$  topological space. Then

$$\mathfrak{Sh}(\mathbb{C}\text{-vector spaces on } X) \equiv \mathfrak{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(X))$$

where  $\mathcal{O}(X) := \text{span}\{e_{xy} \mid x \leq y\}$  with multiplication

$$e_{wx}e_{yz} = \delta_{xy}e_{wz}.$$

$\mathcal{O}(X)$  = the incidence algebra of the poset  $(X, \leq)$

## Proposition

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map between finite  $T_0$  topological spaces. There is an  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ - $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ -bimodule  $B_f$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{S}h(Y) & \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} & \mathcal{S}h(X) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \mathcal{S}h(Y) \\
 \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \\
 \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(Y)) & \xrightarrow{B_f \otimes -} & \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(X)) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(B_f, -)} & \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(Y))
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

- $(f^{-1}\mathcal{F})_x = \mathcal{F}_{f(x)}$
- $(f_*\mathcal{F})(U) = \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}U)$
- If  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$ , then  $B_{gf} \cong B_f \otimes_{\mathcal{O}(Y)} B_g$ .

# $\mathcal{O}(X)$ embeds in upper $\Delta^{\text{ar}}$ matrices

## Lemma

If  $|X| = n$  there is an injective homomorphism

$$\mathcal{O}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{upper } \Delta^{\text{ar}} n \times n \text{ matrices} \subset M_n(\mathbb{C}).$$

e.g.,  $\mathcal{O}(\{1 < 2 < \dots < n\}) \cong \text{upper } \Delta^{\text{ar}} n \times n \text{ matrices}.$

**Idea of proof:** Let  $R(X) := \{(x, y) \mid x \leq y\} \subset X \times X$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}(X) \cong \mathbb{C}^{R(X)} = \mathbb{C}$ -valued functions on  $R(X)$  with the convolution product

$$(fg)_{xz} = (f * g)(x, z) = \sum_y f(x, y)g(y, z) = \sum_y f_{xy}g_{yz}$$

# Points = simple modules = skyscraper sheaves

$\mathfrak{m}_x := \{f \in \mathcal{O}(X) \mid f(x, x) = 0\}$   
= maximal 2-sided ideal of  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  of codimension 1.

## Bijections:

points of  $X \longleftrightarrow$  simple  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ -modules  $\longleftrightarrow$  skyscraper sheaves  
 $x \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)/\mathfrak{m}_x \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_x$

## Proposition (Stanley & Sorkin)

*The following are equivalent :*

- 1  $x \neq y$  and  $[x, y] = \{x, y\}$
- 2  $\mathfrak{m}_x \mathfrak{m}_y \neq \mathfrak{m}_x \cap \mathfrak{m}_y$
- 3  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_y, \mathcal{O}_x) \neq 0$
- 4  $\exists$  s.e.s.  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_x \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_y \rightarrow 0$  with  $M \not\cong \mathcal{O}_x \oplus \mathcal{O}_y$ .

## Corollary

*Can recover  $X$  as a topological space from  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(X))$ .*

# $\mathcal{O}(X)$ is a coordinate ring for $X$

- 1  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(X)) \equiv \mathcal{G}h(X)$ .
- 2 The structure map  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$  corresponds to the structure map  $X \rightarrow \bullet = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}$ .
- 3  $i : \{x\} \hookrightarrow X$  corresponds to  $\mathfrak{m}_x \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\{x\})$ .
- 4 Simple  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ -modules are the skyscraper sheaves at the points of  $X$ .
- 5  $\mathcal{O}(X \times Y) \cong \mathcal{O}(X) \otimes \mathcal{O}(Y)$ .
- 6  $\mathcal{O}(X^{\text{op}}) \cong \mathcal{O}(X)^{\text{op}}$ .
- 7  $X_{\text{discrete}} \rightarrow X$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{O}(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}(X_{\text{discrete}}) = \mathcal{O}(X)/\sqrt{0}$  where  $\sqrt{0} :=$  the largest nilpotent ideal in  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

**The essence of non-commutativity:**  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_y, \mathcal{O}_x)$  can be non-zero when  $\mathcal{O}_x$  and  $\mathcal{O}_y$  are non-isomorphic simples.

**Contrast** with the commutative case:

## Proposition

*If  $X$  is a scheme,  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \text{coh}(X)$ , and  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{M}) \cap \text{supp}(\mathcal{N}) = \emptyset$ , then*

$$\text{Ext}_X^q(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } q \geq 0.$$

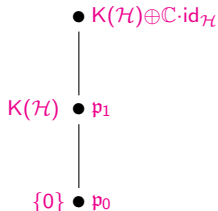
*In particular, if  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are non-isomorphic simples/skyscrapers, then every short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \rightarrow 0$  splits.*

The smallest non-commutative ring is  $\begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{O}(\{0 < 1\})$ .

The Sierpinski topological space,  $\{0 < 1\}$ , is a closed subspace of “most” non-commutative spaces.



Up to Morita equivalence, the smallest non-comm.  $C^*$ -algebra is



$K(\mathcal{H}) =$  compact op'ors on an  $\infty$ -dim'l separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$

$K(\mathcal{H})$  is strongly Morita equivalent to  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\text{Prim } K(\mathcal{H}) \cong \{0 < 1\}$$

# Philosophy of NCAG or ANCG

A **non-commutative variety** or **scheme**  $X$  is made manifest by the category of modules or quasi-coherent sheaves that live on it,

$$\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X).$$

$\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$  holds contains algebraic and geometric information about  $X$ .

Theorem (Gabriel+Rosenberg)

*A quasi-projective scheme  $X$  can be recovered from  $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$ .*

A **nc-morphism**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between nc-schemes is  
an **adjoint pair** of functors  $f^* \dashv f_*$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & f^* & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ \mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(Y) \end{array}$$

$f^* :=$  the inverse image functor       $f_* :=$  the direct image functor  
 $f$  is **affine** if  $f_*$  is faithful.

# Affine nc-schemes I

$R =$  a ring

$\mathfrak{Mod}(R) :=$  right  $R$ -modules

Define  $\text{Spec}_{nc}(R)$  implicitly by declaring that

$$\mathfrak{Coh}(\text{Spec}_{nc}(R)) := \mathfrak{Mod}(R).$$

A ring homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  induces a nc-morphism

$$f : \text{Spec}_{nc}(S) \rightarrow \text{Spec}_{nc}(R)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \begin{array}{cc} f^* & f^! \end{array} & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ \mathfrak{Mod}(S) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \mathfrak{Mod}(R) \end{array}$$

$$f^* \dashv f_* \dashv f^!$$

$$f^* = - \otimes_R S \quad f_* = \text{Hom}_S(S, -) \quad f^! = \text{Hom}_R(S, -)$$

# Affine nc-schemes II: coordinate rings

A nc-scheme  $X$  is **affine** if there is a ring  $R$  such that

$$\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X) \cong \mathcal{M}\text{od}(R).$$

Call such  $R$  a **coordinate ring** of  $X$ .

Equivalently,  $X$  is affine  $\iff \mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$  has a progenerator.

progenerator := a finitely generated projective generator

$P$  a progen'or  $\implies \text{Hom}_X(P, -) : \mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}\text{od}(\text{End}_X(P))$

## Theorem (Serre, FAC)

A noetherian scheme  $X$  is affine  $\iff H^q(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0$  for all  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$  and all  $q > 0$   $\iff \mathcal{O}_X$  is a progenerator in  $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$ .

Proof:  $H^q(X, -) = R^q\Gamma(X, -) = \text{Ext}_X^q(\mathcal{O}_X, -)$ .

# Affine nc-schemes III: nc-morphisms = bimodules

## Theorem (Eilenberg-Watts)

If  $f^* : \mathfrak{Mod}(S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{Mod}(R)$  is a right-exact functor commuting with direct sums, then  $\exists$  an  $R$ - $S$ -bimodule  $B$  such that  $f^* \cong - \otimes_R B$  and  $f^* \dashv f_* := \text{Hom}_S(B, -)$ .

$\mathfrak{Cat}(\text{affine nc-schemes}) := 2 - \mathfrak{Cat}(\text{rings \& morphisms} = \text{bimodules})$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & B \otimes_S A & & & \\ & & & \curvearrowright & & & \\ R & \xrightarrow{\quad B \quad} & S & \xrightarrow{\quad A \quad} & T & & \\ & & & \curvearrowleft & & & \end{array}$$

$$\mathfrak{Mod}(R) \xrightarrow[\quad f_B^* \quad]{\quad - \otimes_R B \quad} \mathfrak{Mod}(S) \xrightarrow[\quad f_A^* \quad]{\quad - \otimes_S A \quad} \mathfrak{Mod}(T)$$

$$\text{Spec}_{nc}(R) \longleftarrow \quad f_B \quad \longleftarrow \text{Spec}_{nc}(S) \longleftarrow \quad f_A \quad \longleftarrow \text{Spec}_{nc}(T)$$

# Some affine curves I

Let  $R$  be a fin. gend. comm. algebra over  $k = \bar{k}$

Tautology:

- $\text{Spec}(R[t]) \cong \mathbb{A}_k^1 \times \text{Spec}(R) \xrightarrow{\xi} \text{Spec}(R)$
- $\xi^{-1}(p) \cong \mathbb{A}_k^1$  for all closed points  $p \in \text{Spec} R$
- $\text{Spec} R[t] =$  the disjoint union of the fibers  $\xi^{-1}(p)$

A non-commutative analogue:

Replace  $R[t]$  by an **Ore extension**  $A = R[t; \sigma, \delta]$  where  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_k(R)$  and  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  is a  $k$ -linear map s.t.  $\delta(rs) = \delta(r)s + \sigma(r)\delta(s)$  for all  $r, s \in R$ .

$$R[t; \sigma, \delta] = R \oplus Rt \oplus Rt^2 \oplus \dots \quad \text{where } tr = \sigma(r)t + \delta(r)$$

$R \hookrightarrow A$  induces an affine nc-morphism  $\xi : X = \text{Spec}_{nc}(A) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R)$ .

What do the fibers  $X_p = \xi^{-1}(p)$  look like?

The fibers should be considered as non-commutative curves

## Theorem (S-Zhang)

The fibers  $X_p$  have the following structure:

- 1  $p = \sigma(p)$  and  $f(\delta)(R) \subset \mathfrak{m}_p$  for some  $f \in k[t] - \{0\} \implies X_p \cong \mathbb{A}_k^1$
- 2  $p = \sigma(p)$  and case (1) does not occur  $\implies X_p \cong \text{Spec}(k)$
- 3  $|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(p)| = n < \infty \implies \text{Qcoh}(X_p) \cong \text{Mod}(kQ)$  where  $Q = \widetilde{A}_n$  with cyclic orientation
- 4  $|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(p)| = \infty \implies \text{Qcoh}(X_p) \cong \text{Gr}(k[u]) \cong \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{Z}, \leq))$  with  $\deg(u) = 1$

$k$  uncountable  $\implies X$  is the disjoint union of the fibers.

How is  $X_p$  defined?

The definition of  $\text{Qcoh}(X_p)$  involves the injective envelope

$$E(\xi^* \mathcal{O}_p) = E(A/\mathfrak{m}_p A).$$

# Exceptional locus for blowing up a point on a nc-surface

- $X$  = noetherian nc surface
- $Y \subset X$  is a **comm. curve** that is a **divisor** &  $y \in Y$  is a closed point
- $\text{inj.dim}_{\Omega\text{coh}(X)} \mathcal{F} < \infty \quad \forall \mathcal{F} \in \Omega\text{coh}(Y)$  ( $X$  smooth in a nghd of  $Y$ )

## Theorem (Van den Bergh)

There is a comm. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi^{-1}(y) = E & & \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tilde{X} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
 \{y\} & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & X
 \end{array}$$

*in which*

- 1  $\tilde{X} - E \cong X - \{y\}$
- 2  $\tilde{Y}$  = "strict transform" of  $Y$  is commutative curve & a divisor on  $\tilde{X}$
- 3  $\sigma(y) = y \implies E \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ , i.e.,  $\Omega\text{coh}(E) \equiv \Omega\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^1)$
- 4  $|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(y)| = n \implies E \cong \mathbb{P}^1_{[1,n]} \cong [\mathbb{P}^1/\mu_n]$  i.e.,  
 $\Omega\text{coh}(E) \equiv \Omega\mathcal{G}\text{r}(k[u, v])$  with  $\deg(u, v) = (1, n)$
- 5  $|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(y)| = \infty \implies \Omega\text{coh}(E) \equiv \mathcal{G}\text{r}(k[v])$  with  $\deg(v) = 1$



# Comparison between possible $\pi^{-1}(y)$ and $\xi^{-1}(p)$

$$\sigma(y) = y \iff \pi^{-1}(y) \cong \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$\sigma(p) = p \iff \xi^{-1}(p) \cong \mathbb{A}^1 = \mathbb{P}^1 - \{\text{point}\}$$

$$|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(y)| = n < \infty \iff \pi^{-1}(y) \cong [\mathbb{P}^1/\mu_n]$$

$$|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(p)| = n < \infty \iff \xi^{-1}(p) \cong [\mathbb{A}^1/\mu_n] = [\mathbb{P}^1/\mu_n] - \{\text{point}\}$$

$$|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(y)| = \infty \iff \pi^{-1}(y) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$$

$$|\sigma^{\mathbb{Z}}(p)| = \infty \iff \xi^{-1}(p) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) = (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) - \{\text{point}\}$$

Use a quotient category to formalize  $X_{nc} - \{\text{a closed point}\} \hookrightarrow X_{nc}$

Conclusion: the above examples are typical affine and projective nc curves

**BUT** there is one strange feature: the fiber  $\xi^{-1}(p) \cong \text{Spec}(k)$

**BUT** some points on non-comm. surfaces behave like curves with negative self-intersection

**OR** some curves on non-comm. surfaces behave like points

# Some nc affine quadrics

$$\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}) = \text{span} \left\{ e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$V_n$  := irreducible representation of dimension  $n + 1$ .

$\Omega$  :=  $2(e f + f e) + h^2$ , the Casimir central element

$$U_\lambda := \frac{U(\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}))}{(\Omega - \lambda)}$$

$Q_\lambda := \text{Spec}_{nc}(U_\lambda) \subset \text{Spec}_{nc}(U(\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})))$

A pencil of nc-quadric surfaces in an  $\mathbb{A}_{nc}^3$ .

Analogous to the conjugacy classes  $\det = \lambda$  in  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .

The pencil  $Q_\lambda$  has the “same” singularity behavior as the commutative pencil of quadrics  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \lambda$

### Proposition (Stafford)

$$\text{gldim}(U_\lambda) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } \lambda = -1 \\ 2 & \text{if } \lambda = n(n+2) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Proposition (Van den Bergh)

$$\text{pdim}_{U_\lambda^e}(U_\lambda) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } \lambda = -1 \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(Twisted) Hochschild cohomology dimension is a “better” measure of dimension than global dimension (when it is finite).

$$\mathfrak{m}_n := \text{Ann}(V_n) \supset (\Omega - n(n+2))$$

$$\frac{U(\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}))}{\mathfrak{m}_n} \cong M_{n+1}(\mathbb{C}) \stackrel{M.E.}{\sim} \mathbb{C}$$

The zero-locus of  $\mathfrak{m}_n$  is  $Z(\mathfrak{m}_n) := \text{Spec}_{nc}(U_{n(n+2)}/\mathfrak{m}_n) \cong \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$

$\mathcal{D}$ -modules = quasi-coh. sheaves of modules over the sheaf of diff'l ops.

- $U_0 \cong \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{P}^1})$  and  $\text{Mod}(U_0) \cong \text{Coh}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{P}^1})$
- Under this equivalence,  $V_0 \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ , an object of “geom. dim. 1”.
- Although  $Z(\mathfrak{m}_n)$  has “dimension zero” for several reasons, from the perspective of  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules it has dimension 1.

## Strange points on $Q_{n(n+2)}$ , continued

If  $p$  is a closed point on a smooth commutative quadric, then

$$\dim_k \operatorname{Ext}^0(\mathcal{O}_p, \mathcal{O}_p) - \dim_k \operatorname{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_p, \mathcal{O}_p) + \dim_k \operatorname{Ext}^2(\mathcal{O}_p, \mathcal{O}_p) = 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

however, on  $Q_{n(n+2)}$ ,

$$\dim_k \operatorname{Ext}^0(V_n, V_n) - \dim_k \operatorname{Ext}^1(V_n, V_n) + \dim_k \operatorname{Ext}^2(V_n, V_n) = 1 - 0 + 1 = 2$$

There are other ways the point  $Z(\mathfrak{m}_n)$  behaves like a curve.

- There is a pencil of  $nc$  projective quadrics  $\overline{Q}_\lambda \subset \mathbb{P}_{nc}^3$ , and
- an intersection theory on  $\overline{Q}_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \neq -1$
- The “point” on  $\overline{Q}_{n(n+2)}$  corresponding to  $Z(\mathfrak{m}_n)$  has self-intersection number 2
- $\overline{Q}_\lambda$  is ruled by two pencils of lines.
- Each pencil is naturally parametrized by {Borel subalgebras}.
- The lines in each pencil correspond to the Verma modules  $\mathbb{C}_{n^2 \pm 2n} \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} U(\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C}))$  as  $\mathfrak{b}$  ranges over all Borel subalgebras.
- The point  $Z(\mathfrak{m}_n)$  lies on all the lines in one of the rulings.

**HENCEFORTH**  $A = K \oplus A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \cdots$  is

- a finitely generated  $k$ -algebra ( $k$ =field) &
- locally finite, i.e.,  $\dim_k(A_n) < \infty$  for all  $n$ .

e.g.  $A = kQ/I$ , a quotient of the path algebra of a finite quiver  $Q$ .

Theorem (Serre, 1955, FAC, §59)

If  $S = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  is the polynomial ring on  $n + 1$  variables with  $\deg(x_i) = 1$  and  $I$  is an ideal generated by homogeneous elements, then

$$\Omega\mathcal{G}r(S/I) \equiv \Omega\text{coh}(\text{Proj}(S/I)),$$

the cat. of quasi-coherent sheaves on the projective scheme  $\text{Proj}(S/I)$ .

e.g.  $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(S) \equiv \Omega\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^n)$

$\Omega\mathcal{G}r(A)$  can be defined for any graded ring  $A$

# Projective nc-schemes I — Definition of $\text{Proj}_{nc}(A)$

$k =$  a field      &       $A =$  a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $k$ -algebra.

Abelian categories:

$\mathfrak{Gr}(A) :=$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded right  $A$ -modules with degree-preserving  
 $A$ -module homomorphisms

$\mathfrak{Fdim}(A) :=$  the full subcategory of  $\mathfrak{Gr}(A)$  consisting of the  $M$  that  
are the sum of their finite dim'l submodules

Because  $\mathfrak{Fdim}(A)$  is closed under submodules, quotients, and extensions,  
there is a quotient category

$$\Omega\mathfrak{Gr}(A) := \frac{\mathfrak{Gr}(A)}{\mathfrak{Fdim}(A)}$$

Define  $\text{Proj}_{nc}(A)$  implicitly by declaring that

$$\Omega\text{coh}(\text{Proj}_{nc}(A)) := \Omega\mathfrak{Gr}(A).$$

Call  $A$  a **homogeneous coordinate ring** (hcr) for  $\text{Proj}_{nc}(A)$



# Concerning $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(A)$

- $\text{Ob}(\Omega\mathcal{G}r(A)) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{G}r(A))$  but  $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(A)$  has more morphisms
- There is an exact localization functor  $\pi^* : \mathcal{G}r(A) \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{G}r(A)$ .
- $\pi^*$  has an exact right adjoint,  $\pi_*$ .
- $M \in \mathfrak{Fdim}(A) \iff \pi^* M \cong 0$ .
- **Twisting:** if  $M \in \mathcal{G}r(A)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define  $M(n) \in \mathcal{G}r(A)$  by  $M(n)_A = M_A$  but  $M(n)_i := M_{n+i}$ .
- $M \mapsto M(n)$  is an automorphism of  $\mathcal{G}r(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{Fdim}(A)$  so induces an automorphism  $(n) : \Omega\mathcal{G}r(A) \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{G}r(A)$
- Write  $X = \text{Proj}_{nc}(A)$ .
- Often write  $\mathcal{O}_X$  for  $\pi^* A$  and consider the pair  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .
- Call  $\mathcal{O}_X$  a **structure sheaf** for  $X$ .

The above facts are compatible with **Serre's Theorem**:

- If  $M \in \mathcal{G}r(S/I)$ , then  $\pi^*(M) \cong \tilde{M}$  à la Hartshorne pp. 116-117.
- $\pi^*(S/I) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\text{Proj}(S/I)}$
- $(n) =$  the usual Serre twist/degree shift.

# Finiteness conditions

If  $A$  is a right noetherian graded algebra define

- $\mathfrak{gr}(A) :=$  finitely generated graded  $A$ -modules  $\subset \mathfrak{Gr}(A)$
- $\mathfrak{fdim}(A) :=$  finite dim'l graded  $A$ -modules  $= \mathfrak{gr}(A) \cap \mathfrak{Fdim}(A)$

$$\mathfrak{qgr}(A) := \frac{\mathfrak{gr}(A)}{\mathfrak{fdim}(A)} \subset \mathfrak{QGr}(A) \quad (1)$$

In Serre's theorem,  $\mathfrak{qgr}(S/I) = \mathfrak{coh}(\text{Proj}(S/I))$

If  $A$  is a graded algebra that is right graded-coherent define

- $\mathfrak{gr}(A) :=$  finitely presented graded right  $A$ -modules  $\subset \mathfrak{Gr}(A)$
- $\mathfrak{fdim}(A) :=$  finitely presented finite dim'l graded right  $A$ -modules  
 $= \mathfrak{gr}(A) \cap \mathfrak{Fdim}(A)$
- Define  $\mathfrak{qgr}(A)$  by (1) above

A ring  $R$  is **right coherent** if every finitely generated submodule of a finitely presented module is finitely presented. Equivalently, the category  $\text{mod}(R)$  of finitely presented right  $R$ -modules is abelian.

The path algebra,  $kQ$ , of every finite quiver is coherent

# A nc hcr for $\mathbb{P}^1$

If  $A = \frac{k\langle x, y \rangle}{(yx - xy - x^2)}$  **OR**  $A = \frac{k\langle x, y \rangle}{(yx - qxy)}$  for some  $q \in k^\times$ , then

$$\Omega\mathcal{G}r(A) \equiv \Omega\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^1).$$

**Reason:**  $A$  is a **Zhang twist** of the polynomial ring so

$$\mathcal{G}r(A) \equiv \mathcal{G}r(k[X, Y]).$$

How is  $\mathbb{P}^1$  obtained from  $A$ ?

**Answer:**  $\mathbb{P}^1 =$  the moduli space for the point modules for  $A$   
 $A$  a **point module** for a conn. gr.  $k$ -alg.  $A = k[A_1]$  is a graded right  $A$ -module

$$M = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n \quad \text{s.t.} \quad M_n = M_0 A_n \quad \& \quad \dim_k(M_n) = 1 \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

The point modules for the above  $A$  are

$$M_p := \frac{A}{(bx - ay)A}, \quad \text{parametrized by } p = (a, b) \in \mathbb{P}^1.$$

$$B := \frac{k\langle x, y \rangle}{[x^2, y] = [y^2, x] = 0} = \frac{k\langle x, y \rangle}{(x^2y - yx^2, xy^2 - y^2x)}$$

$$\Omega\mathcal{G}r(B) \cong \Omega\mathcal{C}oh(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$$

**Reason:** Verevkin's Theorem **OR** Artin-Van den Bergh Theorem for twisted hcrs.

- $B$  is 3-dim'l AS-regular &  $H(B; t) = (1 - t^2)^{-1}(1 - t)^{-2}$
- $B^{(2)} = k[B_2] = k[x^2, xy, yx, y^2]$
- $B^{(2)}$  is commutative &  $\cong k[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]/(x_0x_3 - x_1x_2)$
- $\text{Proj}(B^{(2)}) = (\text{a smooth quadric in } \mathbb{P}^3) \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

# Veronese subalgebras & Verevkin's Theorem

**Def'n.** Let  $A$  be an  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded  $k$ -algebra. Call

$$A^{(n)} := \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_{in}$$

with  $\deg(A_{in}) = i$ , the  **$n$ -Veronese subalgebra** of  $A$ .

## Theorem (Verevkin)

If  $A = A_0[A_1]$  is coherent, then  $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(A) \equiv \Omega\mathcal{G}r(A^{(n)})$  via  $\pi^* M \rightsquigarrow \pi^*(M^{(n)})$ .

On the previous slide,  $\text{Proj}_{nc}(B) \cong \text{Proj}_{nc}(B^{(2)}) \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$   
i.e.,  $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(B) \equiv \Omega\mathcal{G}r(B^{(2)}) \equiv \Omega\text{coh}(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$

V's Thm. fails if  $A \neq A_0[A_1]$ . E.g., if  $\deg(x) = r$ , then  $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(k[x]) \equiv \mathcal{M}od(k^{\oplus r})$  but  $\Omega\mathcal{G}r(k[x]^{(r)}) \equiv \mathcal{M}od(k)$ .