

Higher Koszul complexes

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Abstract In this paper we generalize the Koszul complexes and Koszul algebras, and introduce the higher Koszul (t -Koszul) complexes and higher Koszul algebras, where $t \geq 2$ is an integer. We prove that an algebra is t -Koszul if and only if its t -Koszul complex is augmented, i.e. the higher degree (≥ 1) homologies vanish. For arbitrary t -Koszul algebra A , we also give a description of the structure of the cohomology algebra $\text{Ext}_A^\bullet(\Lambda_0, \Lambda_0)$ by using the t -Koszul complexes, where the Λ_0 is the direct sum of the simples.

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First introduced by Koszul, Koszul complex is applicable to the homology of Lie algebras. In order to compute the homology of the augmented algebras, Priddy constructed a kind of projective resolution for a large class of augmented algebras, including the Steenrod algebras and the enveloping algebras of Lie algebras. This kind of resolution which we call Koszul resolution generalizes the usual Koszul resolution^[1]. An algebra is called Koszul algebra if each simple module has a Koszul resolution. Essentially, a Koszul resolution means that the i th graded projective presentation is generated in degree i . Recently Koszul algebras are widely applied to commutative algebra, algebraic topology, Lie theory and quantum groups^[2-6].

In this paper, we generalize the Koszul complexes and Koszul algebras, and introduce the higher Koszul (t -Koszul) complexes and higher Koszul (t -Koszul) algebras, with $t \geq 2$ as an integer. The usual Koszul algebras are just the case of $t = 2$. We show that an algebra is a t -Koszul algebra if and only if the higher degree homologies (≥ 2) of its t -Koszul complex vanish.

Let A be an elementary 0,1-generated algebra, it is well-known that the Yoneda algebra $\text{Ext}_A^\bullet(\Lambda_0, \Lambda_0)$ is a positively graded algebra under the Yoneda product. We call it the cohomology algebra of A and denote it by $E(A)$. There is a unique compatible A_∞ -algebra structure on $E(A)$, and $E(A)$ is formal if and only if A is Koszul^[7]. A is a Koszul algebra if and only if $E(A)$ is generated by its degree 0 and degree 1 components^[8], if and only if $E(A) \cong (A^!)^{\text{opp}}$, where $A^!$ is the quadratic dual of A ^[4]. For t -Koszul algebra A , $t \geq 3$, we introduce the t -dual algebra $A^!$ of A , and show that as a Λ_0 - Λ_0 -bimodule, $E(A)_{2m+1} = A_{tm+1}^!$ and $E(A)_{2m} = A_{tm}^!$, $\forall i \geq 0$.

Let \mathbb{Z} denote the set of integers, \mathbb{N} denote the set of natural numbers and $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

1 Higher Koszul algebras

1.1 Preliminary

Throughout this paper, we fix a positive integer t with $t \geq 2$. Let k be a field and $A =$

$A_0 \oplus A_1 \oplus \cdots$ be a graded k -algebra with each A_i being a finite-dimensional k -space. We assume that A is elementary (i.e. A_0 is a finite product of copies of k), and is generated in degrees 0 and 1 (i.e. $A_i A_j = A_{i+j}$ for all i, j). Such an algebra is called an elementary 0,1-generated algebra. It is isomorphic to kQ/I , where Q is a finite quiver and I is a two-sided ideal of the path algebra kQ generated by homogeneous length elements with length 2 or more^[8]. Thus, $I \subseteq J^2$, where J is the two-sided ideal of kQ generated by the arrows of Q . Such an algebra A can be infinite-dimensional. Note that, since I is assumed to be generated by homogeneous elements of kQ , A is finite-dimensional if and only if I can be chosen to be admissible, i.e. $J^N \subseteq I$ for some positive integer $N \geq 2$. Denote by $A\text{-mod}$ the category of finitely generated left A -modules. All modules considered in this paper are in $A\text{-mod}$.

A A -module M is said to be a graded A -module provided that $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} M_i$ where each M_i is a finite-dimensional k -space such that $A_i M_j \subseteq M_{i+j}$; and a graded A -module M is said to be generated in degree 0 if $M_i = (0)$ for $i < 0$ and $M_i = A_i M_0$ for all $i \geq 0$. Let M and N be graded A -modules. A A -homomorphism $f: M \rightarrow N$ is said to be of degree 0 if $f(M_i) \subseteq N_i$ for all i . Denote the category of finitely generated graded A -modules and degree 0 maps by $\text{gr}(A)$. All graded modules considered in this paper are in $\text{gr}(A)\text{-mod}$.

If $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} M_i$ is a graded A -module and n is an integer, we let $M[n]$ denote the graded A -module $N = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} N_i$ such that $N_i = M_{i-n}$. Note that A will be viewed as a graded A -module generated in degree 0. If P is a graded summand of A , then $P[n]$ is a graded projective A -module. Graded projective A -modules are just direct sum of projective modules of the form $P[n]$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We denote the set of vertices of a quiver Q by Q_0 and the set of arrows of Q by Q_1 . For $\alpha \in Q_1$, let $s(\alpha)$ and $t(\alpha)$ denote respectively the starting point and the ending point of the arrow α . We will write compositions of paths in Q from right to left. For any $v \in Q_0$, denote by e_v the trivial path (i.e. a path with length zero) with the same starting point and ending point v .

Note that Ae_v is a graded left projective A -module generated in degree 0, for $v \in Q_0$. If M is a graded A -module, then there exists a finite index set \mathcal{I} and maps $\mu: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow Q_0$, $d: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, and $f: \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} Ae_{\mu(i)}[d(i)] \rightarrow M$, such that f is a graded projective cover of M . Moreover, if P is a graded projective A -module, then P decomposes into a direct sum of projectives of the form $Ae_v[n]$ where $v \in Q_0$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Denote by $\text{gr}_0(A)$ the full subcategory of $\text{gr}(A)$ consisting of graded modules generated in degree 0. By definition, a graded module M has a linear presentation if there is an exact sequence in $\text{gr}(A)$: $P^1 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$, such that P^1 and P^0 are generated in degrees 1 and 0, respectively. Denote by $\mathcal{L}(A)$ the full subcategory of $\text{gr}_0(A)$ consisting of modules with linear presentations.

The graded Jacobson radical of A , denoted by \mathbf{r} is $A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \cdots$. We say that A is quadratic if $\mathbf{r}[-1] \in \mathcal{L}(A)$; or equivalently, if there is a graded exact sequence $P^2 \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow 0$ such that P^i is generated in degree i for $i = 0, 1, 2$.

1.2 Definition of higher Koszul algebras

First for each integer $t \geq 2$, we introduce a function $\mathbf{t} : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ which is given by

$$\mathbf{t}(2m) := tm, \quad \mathbf{t}(2m+1) := tm+1 \quad \forall m \geq 0.$$

Definition 1.1. Let A be an elementary 0, 1-generated algebra, $M \in \text{gr}_0(A)$. We call M a t -Koszul module if it has a graded projective resolution

$$\cdots \rightarrow P^{2m+1} \rightarrow P^{2m} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

such that P^m is generated in degree $\mathbf{t}(m)$, for any $m \geq 0$. Let $\mathcal{K}_t(A)$ denote the full subcategory of $\text{gr}_0(A)$ of t -Koszul modules. We call A a t -Koszul algebra if $A_0 \in \mathcal{K}_t(A)$.

Remark. If $t = 2$, then the t -Koszul modules are just the Koszul modules defined in ref. [4], and the t -Koszul algebras are the Koszul algebras.

1.3 Some examples

- (i) Any path algebra can be regarded as a t -Koszul algebra for any $t \geq 2$.
- (ii) Any t -truncated algebra A (i.e. $A = kQ/J^t$ where Q is a finite quiver and J is the ideal of kQ generated by all arrows) is a t -Koszul algebra for any $t \geq 2$.
- (iii) Different from Koszul algebras, a t -monomial algebra A (i.e. $A = kQ/I$ where Q is a finite quiver and I is an ideal of kQ generated by some paths all of length t) is not necessarily a t -Koszul algebra. For example, let A be the algebra given by the following quiver

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \alpha & \\ & \longrightarrow & \\ 1 \cdot & & \cdot 2 \\ & \longleftarrow & \\ & \beta & \end{array}$$

with relations $\alpha\beta\alpha$. Consider the simple module S_1 corresponding to vertex 1. S_1 has graded projective resolution

$$\mathbf{P}^\bullet : \cdots \rightarrow Ae_2[7] \rightarrow Ae_2[5] \rightarrow Ae_2[3] \rightarrow Ae_2[1] \rightarrow Ae_1 \rightarrow S_1$$

with $P^3 = Ae_2$ (see ref. [5]) generated in degree 5, not in degree 4.

- (iv) Let $A = kQ/I$. I is generated by homogeneous elements of length t . If $\text{gl.dim.}(A) \leq 2$, then A is a t -Koszul algebra.

1.4 Opposite algebras of t -Koszul algebras are also t -Koszul

Lemma 1.1. Let A be an elementary 0, 1-generated algebra, and \mathbf{P}^\bullet be a minimal graded projective resolution of A_0 . Let $i, n(i) \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then P^i is generated in degree $n(i)$ if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^i(A_0, A_0[n]) = 0$ unless $n = n(i)$.

In particular, A is a t -Koszul algebra if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^i(A_0, A_0[n]) = 0$ unless $n = \mathbf{t}(i)$ for any $i \geq 0$.

Proof. Since $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^i(A_0, A_0[n])$ is a sub-quotient of $\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(P^i, A_0[n])$, the “only if” part follows.

In order to prove the “if” part, note that

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^i(A_0, A_0[n]) = \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^{i-1}, A_0[n]) = 0,$$

where $Z^{i-1} = \text{Ker}(P^{i-1} \rightarrow P^{i-2})$. It follows that Z^{i-1} and hence P^i is generated in degree $n(i)$.

Similar to the Koszul case^[4], we have

Proposition 1.1. If A is a t -Koszul algebra, then so is its opposite algebra.

Proof. By Lemma 1.1, we need to prove that $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^i(\Lambda_0, \Lambda_0[n]) = 0$ unless $n = \mathbf{t}(i)$ for any $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$, where Λ_0 is regarded as a right Λ -module. Let

$$\cdots \longrightarrow P^{i+1} \longrightarrow P^i \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow P^1 \longrightarrow P^0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

be a projective resolution of M , where P^i is generated in degree $\mathbf{t}(i)$ for $i \geq 0$. Then we get an injective resolution of the right Λ -module Λ_0

$$0 \longrightarrow \Lambda_0 \longrightarrow (P^0)^\circledast \longrightarrow (P^1)^\circledast \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow (P^i)^\circledast \longrightarrow (P^{i+1})^\circledast \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where $(P^i)^\circledast := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\Lambda_0}(P_n^i, \Lambda_0)$ is a right injective Λ -module. Note that for any left graded Λ -module M , the gradation of the right Λ -module M^\circledast is given by $(M^\circledast)_i := (M_{-i})^*$. Thus, for a right Λ -module Λ_0 , $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^i(\Lambda_0[-n], \Lambda_0)$ is a subquotient of

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}(\Lambda_0[-n], (P^i)^\circledast) \cong ((\Lambda_0 \otimes_\Lambda P^i)_n)^* \cong ((P^i)_n)^*,$$

which is zero unless $n = \mathbf{t}(i)$. This proves that Λ^{opp} is also t -Koszul.

1.5. t -Koszul algebras can be given by quivers with relations of length t .

Proposition 1.2. Let $\Lambda = kQ/I$ where Q is a finite quiver and I is an ideal generated by homogeneous elements of length ≥ 2 . Let \mathbf{P}^\bullet be a graded projective resolution of Λ_0 . Then P^2 is generated in degree t if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^2(\Lambda_0, \Lambda_0[n]) = 0$ unless $n = t$, if and only if I is generated by homogeneous elements all of length t .

Proof. By Proposition 1.2, we know the first assertion. Also by definition we see that, if I is generated by homogeneous elements all of length t , then P^2 is generated in degree t .

Assume that $\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^2(\Lambda_0, \Lambda_0[n]) = 0$ unless $n = t$. Consider the exact sequence in $\text{gr}(\Lambda)$:

$$0 \rightarrow W \rightarrow \Lambda \otimes_{\Lambda_0} (kQ_1) \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_0,$$

with m being the multiplication map. Then $W \subseteq \mathbf{r} \otimes kQ_1$, where \mathbf{r} is the graded Jacobson radical of Λ . Thus we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^2(\Lambda_0, \Lambda_0[n]) = \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}(W, \Lambda_0[n]).$$

Now the assumption implies that W is generated in degree t . This means that I is generated by homogeneous elements all of length t as required.

Corollary 1.1. Let $\Lambda = kQ/I$ be a t -Koszul algebra. Then I is generated by homogeneous elements all of length t .

2 Higher Koszul complex

Let t be a fixed positive integer with $t \geq 2$. Recall the definition of the function $\mathbf{t} : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$, which is given by

$$\mathbf{t}(2m + 1) := mt + 1, \quad \mathbf{t}(2m) = mt \quad \forall m \geq 0. \tag{2.1}$$

Assuming that $\Lambda = kQ/I$, where Q is a finite quiver, I is an ideal of kQ generated by some combinations of paths in Q of length t , we call such an algebra a t -algebra. Rewrite Λ as $\Lambda = T_{\Lambda_0}(V)/\langle R \rangle$, where $V = kQ_1$, $T_{\Lambda_0}(V)$ is the tensor algebra of the bimodule ${}_{\Lambda_0}V_{\Lambda_0}$ over Λ_0 , and $R = \text{Ker}(V^{\otimes t} \rightarrow \Lambda_t)$ is a Λ_0 - Λ_0 -sub-bimodule of $V^{\otimes t}$.

Modifying the definition of the Koszul complex of a quadratic algebra^[4], we can define the t -Koszul complex for any t -algebra.

Definition 2.1. For t -algebra $A = T_{A_0}(V)/\langle R \rangle$, define the t -Koszul complex

$$\mathbf{K}^\bullet : \dots \longrightarrow K^{2m+1} \xrightarrow{d^{2m+1}} K^{2m} \xrightarrow{d^{2m}} K^{2m-1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow K^2 \xrightarrow{d^2} K^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} K^0$$

of A as follows. For any $i \geq 0$, K^i is a graded projective A -module given by

$$K^i = A \otimes K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^i,$$

where $K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^i$ is a A_0 -bimodule concentrating in degree $\mathbf{t}(i)$,

$$K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^i = \bigcap_{0 \leq v \leq \mathbf{t}(i)-t} V^{\otimes v} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes \mathbf{t}(i)-t-v} \subseteq V^{\otimes \mathbf{t}(i)}.$$

Note that $K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^i$ is concentrating in degree $\mathbf{t}(i)$, and the $(j + \mathbf{t}(i))$ -th component of K^i is $A_j \otimes K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^i$, $\forall j \geq 0$. For brevity, we set $K_j^i = (K^i)_j$. In particular, we have

$$K^0 = A \otimes A_0 = A, \quad K^1 = A \otimes V = A \otimes A_1, \quad K^2 = A \otimes R.$$

The differential $d^i : K^i \rightarrow K^{i-1}$ is defined as the restriction of the map $\tilde{d}^i : A \otimes V^{\otimes \mathbf{t}(i)} \rightarrow A \otimes V^{\otimes \mathbf{t}(i-1)}$, where \tilde{d}^i is given by

$$a \otimes (a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{\mathbf{t}(i)}) \mapsto aa_1 \dots a_{\mathbf{t}(i)-\mathbf{t}(i-1)} \otimes (a_{\mathbf{t}(i)-\mathbf{t}(i-1)+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{\mathbf{t}(i)}), \quad \forall a \in A.$$

Thus, we have

$$a \otimes (a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{mt+1}) \xrightarrow{d^{2m+1}} aa_1 \otimes (a_2 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{mt+1}), \quad \forall a \in A,$$

and

$$a \otimes (a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{mt}) \xrightarrow{d^{2m}} aa_1 \dots a_{t-1} \otimes (a_t \otimes \dots \otimes a_{mt}), \quad \forall a \in A.$$

Obviously d^i is well-defined and d^i is of degree 0. Thus $d^i d^{i+1} = 0$, $\forall i \geq 1$, hence \mathbf{K}^\bullet is indeed a complex.

It is clear that if the Koszul complex \mathbf{K}^\bullet of A is a projective resolution of A_0 (with the canonical projection $K^0 (= A) \rightarrow A_0$), then A is a t -Koszul algebra. The main purpose of this paper is to prove that the inverse statement also holds, i.e. A is a t -Koszul algebra if and only if the t -Koszul complex \mathbf{K}^\bullet is a projective resolution of A_0 . Also we get a description of the structure of the Yoneda algebra $E(A)$ in this case, by using the Koszul resolution.

Set $Z^i := \text{Ker} d^i$. Since the restriction $d^i : K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^i \rightarrow K_{\mathbf{t}(i)}^{i-1}$ is injective by construction, it follows that Z^i lives in degree $\geq \mathbf{t}(i) + 1$. Also, since the restriction $d^{2m+1} : K_j^{2m+1} \rightarrow K_j^{2m}$ is injective by construction, for $mt + 1 \leq j \leq mt + 1 + (t - 2) = (m + 1)t - 1$, it follows that Z^{2m+1} lives in degree $\geq (m + 1)t$. We have the following lemma.

Lemm 2.1. Let A be a t -Koszul algebra and \mathbf{K}^\bullet its Koszul complex. Then $\mathbf{K}^\bullet \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of A_0 if and only if

$$Z_{(m+1)t}^{2m+1} \subseteq d^{2m+2}(K_{(m+1)t}^{2m+2}), \quad \forall m \geq 0.$$

Proof. The necessity is obvious. In order to prove the sufficiency, we use induction on i to prove the cohomology $H^i(\mathbf{K}^\bullet) = 0$ for all $i \geq 0$. It is clear that $K^1 \rightarrow K^0 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence. So we need to prove $H^i(\mathbf{K}^\bullet) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$.

First, we claim that Z^i is generated in degree $\mathbf{t}(i + 1)$, where $\mathbf{t}(i + 1)$ is defined as in (2.1).

In order to prove the claim, it suffices to show that

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^i, A_0[n]) = 0 \quad \text{if } n \neq \mathbf{t}(i + 1).$$

Since by induction we have a graded projective resolution of A_0

$$P^{i+2} \longrightarrow P^{i+1} \longrightarrow K^i \longrightarrow K^{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow K^1 \longrightarrow K^0 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow 0,$$

where P^{i+2} and P^{i+1} are some graded projective A -modules, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^{i+1}(A_0, A_0[n]) &= \frac{\text{Ker}(\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(P^{i+1}, A_0[n]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(P^{i+2}, A_0[n]))}{\text{Im}(\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(K^i, A_0[n]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(P^{i+1}, A_0[n]))} \\ &= \frac{\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^i, A_0[n])}{\text{Im}(\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(K^i, A_0[n]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^i, A_0[n]))} \\ &= \text{coker}(\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(K^i, A_0[n]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^i, A_0[n])). \end{aligned}$$

Note that the induced map

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(K^i, A_0[n]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^i, A_0[n])$$

is zero. This proves

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(Z^i, A_0[n]) = \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^{i+1}(A_0, A_0[n]).$$

But since A is a t -Koszul algebra, i.e. P^{i+1} is generated in degree $(i+1)$, it follows that

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^{i+1}(A_0, A_0[n]) = 0 \quad \text{if } n \neq t(i+1).$$

This implies that Z^i is generated in degree $t(i+1)$, where $t(i+1)$ is defined as in (2.1).

Secondly, we claim that $H^{2m}(\mathbf{K}^\bullet) = 0$, i.e. $Z^{2m} = \text{Im}d^{2m+1}$, or equivalently, $Z_{mt+1}^{2m} \subseteq d^{2m+1}(K_{mt+1}^{2m+1})$, $\forall m \geq 1$.

In fact, if $\sum a \otimes (a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{mt}) \in Z_{mt+1}^{2m} \subseteq \Lambda_1 \otimes K_{mt}^{2m}$, $a \in \Lambda_1$, i.e. $\sum aa_1 \cdots a_{t-1} \otimes (a_t \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{mt}) = 0$, then $\sum a \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{t-1} \otimes (a_t \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{mt}) \in R \otimes V^{\otimes(m-1)t+1}$. It follows that

$$\sum 1 \otimes a \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{mt} \in \Lambda_0 \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1} = K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}$$

and

$$d^{2m+1}(\sum 1 \otimes a \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{mt}) = \sum a \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{mt}.$$

Finally, by assumption $Z_{(m+1)t}^{2m+1} \subseteq d^{2m+2}(K_{(m+1)t}^{2m+2})$, $\forall m \geq 0$, we have $Z^{2m+1} = \text{Im}d^{2m+2}$, $\forall m \geq 0$, hence $H^{2m+1}(\mathbf{K}^\bullet) = 0$ for all $m \geq 0$. This completes the proof.

Before giving the main result, we make some preparations. We recall two basic lemmas in linear algebra.

Assume S to be a unitary semi-simple ring, i.e. $S = S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_n$, where S_i 's are the complete set of simple ideals of S . Let e_i be the identity of S_i . Then $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \cdots + e_n$ is a decomposition of minimal orthogonal idempotent of the identity of S . By $\text{mod-}S$ we denote the category of finitely generated right S -modules. Similarly, $S\text{-mod}$ and $S\text{-mod-}S$ denote the category of finitely generated left S -modules and S - S -modules respectively.

Lemma 2.2. Let S be a semi-simple ring. Assuming $M \in \text{mod-}S$, $N \in S\text{-mod}$, for any submodules $H, L \subseteq N$, we have

$$M \otimes (H \cap L) = (M \otimes H) \cap (M \otimes L).$$

Proof. Obviously, $M \otimes (H \cap L) \subseteq (M \otimes H) \cap (M \otimes L)$. It suffices to show that for any $x \in (M \otimes H) \cap (M \otimes L)$, $x \in M \otimes (H \cap L)$.

Decompose S as above. As a semi-simple module, M can be decomposed into $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus M_l$, where $M_i = m_i S \cong e_{s_i} S$ are simple modules such that $m_i = m_i e_{s_i} \in M$, for any

$1 \leq i \leq l$. We can write x as $x = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} \bar{m}_i \otimes \bar{h}_i$ for $x \in M \otimes H$, where $\bar{m}_i \in M_i$, $\bar{h}_i \in H$. Since $\bar{m}_i = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq l} m_j a_{ij}$, $\forall 1 \leq i \leq m$, where $a_{ij} \in S$, we get

$$x = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} \bar{m}_i \otimes \bar{h}_i = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} m_j a_{ij} \otimes \bar{h}_i = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq l} m_j \otimes \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} a_{ij} \bar{h}_i.$$

Thus we can rewrite x as $x = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} m_i \otimes h_i$ such that $h_i = e_{s_i} h_i \in H$.

Similarly, since $x \in M \otimes L$, we have $x = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} m_i \otimes l_i$, where $l_i = e_{s_i} l_i \in L$. Because S is semi-simple, for any $x \in M \otimes N$, x has unique expression of the form $x = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} m_i \otimes n_i$ such that $n_i = e_{s_i} n_i \in N$. Thus $h_i = l_i$, $\forall 1 \leq i \leq l$, hence $x \in M \otimes (H \cap L)$. This completes the proof.

Since any modules over semi-simple rings are projective and therefore flat, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 2.3. Assume that S is semi-simple, $M, N \in \text{mod-}S$, $f \in \text{Hom}_s(M, N)$, $H \in S\text{-mod}$. Considering the map $f \otimes 1 : M \otimes H \rightarrow N \otimes H$, we have

$$\text{Ker}(f \otimes 1) = (\text{Ker}f) \otimes H.$$

Similarly, if $M, N \in S\text{-mod}$, $H \in \text{mod-}S$, and $f \in \text{Hom}_s(M, N)$, then

$$\text{Ker}(1 \otimes f) = H \otimes (\text{Ker}f).$$

Now we return to t -Koszul complexes of t -Koszul algebras. The following proposition is natural.

Proposition 2.5. Assuming that Λ is a t -Koszul algebra, we have the following exact sequence:

$$\Lambda \otimes ((R \otimes V) \cap (V \otimes R)) \xrightarrow{d^3} \Lambda \otimes R \xrightarrow{d^2} \Lambda \otimes V \xrightarrow{d^1} \Lambda \xrightarrow{d^0} \Lambda_0,$$

where $V = \Lambda_1$, $R = \text{Ker}(V^{\otimes t} \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda_t)$ and m is induced by multiplication.

Proof. By the construction of the t -Koszul complex, $\text{Im}d^1 = \text{Ker}d^0$, i.e. the sequence is exact at Λ . Also from the proof of Lemma we know $\text{Im}d^2 = \text{Ker}d^1$; that is, the sequence is exact at $\Lambda \otimes V$.

We need to prove that $\text{Im}d^3 = \text{Ker}d^2$. It suffices to prove that $\text{Im}d^3 \supseteq \text{Ker}d^2$. Since Λ is t -Koszul, by definition, $\text{Ker}d^2$ is generated in degree $t+1$; thus we need only to show that $(\text{Ker}d^2)_{t+1} \subseteq \text{Im}d^3$.

Suppose $x \in (\text{Ker}d^2)_{t+1}$, and write x as $x = \sum_i a_i \otimes R_i$, $a_i \in V$, $R_i \in R$. If $x \in ((R \otimes V) \cap (V \otimes R))$ is proved. Then, $1 \otimes x \in \Lambda \otimes ((R \otimes V) \cap (V \otimes R))$, satisfying $d^3(1 \otimes x) = x$. The proposition follows.

By the choice of x , we have $x \in V \otimes R$. It suffices to show that $x \in R \otimes V$. By the map $V^{\otimes t+1} \xrightarrow{m \otimes 1} \Lambda_t \otimes V$, we get $(m \otimes 1)(x) = d^2(x) = 0$. By Lemma 2.4, we have $x \in R \otimes V$. Thus the sequence is exact as required.

Now a key lemma follows.

Lemma 2.4. Let $\Lambda = T_{\Lambda_0}(V)/\langle R \rangle$ be a t -Koszul algebra, where $V = kQ_1$, $T_{\Lambda_0}(V)$, $R = \text{Ker}(V^{\otimes t} \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda_t)$. Then for any $1 \leq n \leq t-1$, we have

$$(V^{\otimes n} \otimes R) \cap (R \otimes V^{\otimes n}) = \bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq n} (V^{\otimes i} \otimes R \otimes V^{n-i}).$$

Remark. In the case $t = 2$, the lemma is trivial.

Proof. We prove the lemma by induction on n . The case $n = 1$ is obvious. Suppose that the lemma holds in the case $\leq n-1$. We need to show that it also holds in the case n . Consider the following map:

$$V^{\otimes n} \otimes R \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda_{n-1} \otimes (V \otimes R) \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^3} \Lambda_n \otimes R \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^2} \Lambda_{n+t-1} \otimes V,$$

where m is given by the multiplication of the first $n-1$ terms; \tilde{d}^3 and \tilde{d}^2 are the restriction of the maps defined in Definition 2.1.

For $x \in (V^{\otimes n} \otimes R) \cap (R \otimes V^{\otimes n})$, we have $\tilde{d}^2(\tilde{d}^3(m(x))) = 0$. This implies that $\tilde{d}^3(m(x)) \in \text{Ker} \tilde{d}^2$. Since $d^2|_{\Lambda_n \otimes R} = \tilde{d}^2|_{\Lambda_n \otimes R}$, by Proposition 2.1, there exists $\bar{x} \in \Lambda_{n-1} \otimes ((R \otimes V) \cap (V \otimes R))$ such that $d^3(\bar{x}) = \tilde{d}^3(m(x))$. But for any $1 \leq s \leq t-1$, the multiplication $v^{\otimes s} \rightarrow \Lambda_s$ is injective, thus m and $\tilde{d}^3|_{\Lambda_{n-1} \otimes V^{\otimes n+1}}$ are both injective, so we get $\bar{x} = m(x)$. On the other hand, m is obviously surjective, implying that m is an isomorphism. Hence by $\bar{x} \in \Lambda_{n-1} \otimes R \otimes V$, we get $x \in V^{\otimes n-1} \otimes R \otimes V$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in (V^{\otimes n-1} \otimes R \otimes V) \cap (R \otimes V^{\otimes n}) \cap (V^{\otimes n} \otimes R) \\ &= (((V^{\otimes n-1} \otimes R) \cap (R \otimes V^{\otimes n-1})) \otimes V) \cap (V^{\otimes n} \otimes R) \\ &= \left(\bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} (V^i \otimes R \otimes V^{n-1-i}) \otimes V \right) \cap (V^{\otimes n} \otimes R) \\ &= \bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq n} V^i \otimes R \otimes V^{n-i}, \end{aligned}$$

where the second step is given by Lemma, while the third one is given by induction.

Here we to give the main theorem of this section

Theorem 2.1. Let Λ be an elementary 0, 1-generated algebra. Then Λ is t -Koszul if and only if its t -Koszul complex is a projective resolution of Λ_0 . And in this case, the t -Koszul complex K^\bullet of Λ is also a minimal resolution of Λ_0 .

Proof. The sufficiency is given by the definitions. By Lemma 2.1, to prove the necessity, it suffices to show that $Z_{(m+1)t}^{2m+1} \subseteq d^{2m+2}(K_{(m+1)t}^{2m+2})$, $\forall m \geq 0$.

Suppose $x \in Z_{(m+1)t}^{2m+1}$, $x \in \Lambda_{t-1} \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}$. Consider the following map:

$$V^{\otimes(m+1)t} \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda_{t-1} \otimes V^{\otimes mt+1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^{2m+1}} \Lambda_t \otimes V^{\otimes mt},$$

where m and \tilde{d}^{2m+1} are both induced by multiplication. It is easy to show that m is a Λ_0 - Λ_0 -bimodule isomorphism; thus there exists $\bar{x} \in V^{\otimes(m+1)t}$ such that $x = m(\bar{x})$.

Since $x \in \Lambda_{t-1} \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}$, we have $\bar{x} \in V^{\otimes t-1} \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}$, $x \in Z_{(m+1)t}^{2m+1}$ and

$$\tilde{d}^{2m+1}|_{\Lambda_{t-1} \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}} = d^{2m+1}|_{\Lambda_{t-1} \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}}$$

implies that $\tilde{d}^{2m+1}(m(\bar{x})) = d^{2m+1}(x) = 0$. Applying Lemma 2.3, we have $\bar{x} \in R \otimes V^{\otimes mt}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &\in (R \otimes V^{\otimes mt}) \cap (V^{\otimes t-1} \otimes K_{mt+1}^{2m+1}) \\ &= (R \otimes V^{\otimes mt}) \cap \left(V^{\otimes t-1} \otimes \bigcap_{i=0}^{(m-1)t+1} (V^{\otimes i} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes (m-1)t+1-i}) \right) \\ &= (R \otimes V^{\otimes mt}) \cap \bigcap_{t-1 \leq i \leq mt} (V^{\otimes i} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes mt-i}) \\ &\subseteq (R \otimes V^{\otimes mt}) \cap (V^{\otimes t-1} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes (m-1)t+1}) \\ &= ((R \otimes V^{\otimes t-1}) \cap (V^{\otimes t-1} \otimes R)) \otimes V^{\otimes (m-1)t+1} \\ &= \bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq t-1} (V^{\otimes i} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes t-1-i}) \otimes V^{\otimes (m-1)t+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last step is given by Lemma 2.4. Hence

$$\bar{x} \in \bigcap_{0 \leq i \leq mt} (V^{\otimes i} \otimes R \otimes V^{\otimes (m+1)t-i}) = K_{(m+1)t}^{2m+2}.$$

Considering the element $1 \otimes \bar{x} \in A_0 \otimes (K_{(m+1)t}^{2m+2})$, we get $x = d^{2m+2}(1 \otimes \bar{x}) \in d^{2m+2}(K_{(m+1)t}^{2m+2})$, as required.

3 Cohomology algebra of higher Koszul algebras

For any k -algebra A and any A -module M , $\text{Ext}^\bullet(M, M) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \text{Ext}^n(M, M)$ becomes a positively graded algebra under the Yoneda product, where $\text{Ext}^\bullet(-, -)$ denotes $\text{Ext}_{A_0}^\bullet(-, -)$. An elementary 0, 1-generated algebra A is Koszul if and only if its cohomology algebra $\text{Ext}^\bullet(A_0, A_0)$ can be generated in degree 0, and 1 (see ref. [8]); if and only if $\text{Ext}^\bullet(A_0, A_0) \cong (A^!)^{\text{opp}}$, where $A^!$ is the quadratic dual of A (see ref. [4]). In this section, we introduce the t -dual algebra for any $t \geq 3$ and any t -algebra. For a t -Koszul algebra A , we give a description of its cohomology algebra by using its t -dual algebra. Concretely, we show that $\text{Ext}^i(A_0, A_0)$, the i -degree component of $\text{Ext}^\bullet(A_0, A_0)$, is just the $\mathbf{t}(i)$ -degree component of the t -dual algebra of A , where $\mathbf{t}(i)$ is given by (2.1).

The following general lemma is well-known and very useful in the study of graded algebras and graded modules.

Lemma 3.1. Let $A = A_0 \oplus A_1 \oplus \cdots$ be an arbitrary positively graded algebra, and M and N be finitely generated graded A -modules. Then we have

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, N) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}(A)}(M, N[n]) \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(M, N) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(A)}^i(M, N[n]). \quad (3.2)$$

Proposition 3.1. Let A be an arbitrary elementary 0, 1-generated algebra, and let P^\bullet be a minimal graded resolution of A_0 . Assume that P^i, P^j and P^{i+j} are generated in degree $n(i), n(j)$ and $n(i+j)$ respectively. If $n(i) + n(j) \neq n(i+j)$. Then we have the Yoneda product

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(A_0, A_0) \cdot \text{Ext}_A^j(A_0, A_0) = 0.$$

Proof. By (3.2) and Lemma 1.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(A_0, A_0) \cdot \text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(A_0, A_0) \\ & \subseteq \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+j}(A_0, A_0) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^{i+j}(A_0, A_0[n]) = \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^{i+j}(A_0, A_0[n(i+j)]) \\ & \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(A_0, A_0) = \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^i(A_0, A_0[n(i)]), \quad \text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(A_0, A_0) = \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^j(A_0, A_0[n(j)]). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(A_0, A_0) \cdot \text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(A_0, A_0) &= \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^i(A_0, A_0[n(i)]) \cdot \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^j(A_0, A_0[n(j)]) \\ &\subseteq \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^{i+j}(A_0, A_0[n(i) + n(j)]). \end{aligned}$$

Since $n(i+j) \neq n(i) + n(j)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(A_0, A_0) \cdot \text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(A_0, A_0) \\ & \subseteq \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^{i+j}(A_0, A_0[n(i+j)]) \cap \text{Ext}_{\text{gr}(\Lambda)}^{i+j}(A_0, A_0[n(i) + n(j)]) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

as required.

From Proposition 3.1, we have

Corollary 3.1. Let Λ be a t -Koszul algebra, $t \geq 3$. Then we have

$$\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{2i+1}(A_0, A_0) \cdot \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{2j+1}(A_0, A_0) = 0.$$

Proof. In the t -Koszul, $t \geq 3$ case, P^{2i+1} is generated in degree $it + 1$, $P^{2(j+1)}$ in degree $(i+j+1)t$. Since $t \geq 3$, $(it+1) + (jt+1) \neq (i+j+1)t$, the conclusion follows.

Also, with Proposition 1.4 and Proposition 3.2, we get

Corollary 3.2. Let Λ be a t -algebra (i.e. $\Lambda = kQ/I$, I can be generated by homogeneous elements all of length t), where $t \geq 3$. Then we have the Yoneda product

$$\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(A_0, A_0) \cdot \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(A_0, A_0) = 0.$$

Let $\Lambda = kQ/I$ be a t -algebra. Rewrite Λ as $\Lambda = T_{\Lambda_0}(V)/\langle R \rangle$, where $V = kQ_1$, and $T_{\Lambda_0}(V)$ is the tensor algebra of Λ_0 - Λ_0 -bi-module ${}_{\Lambda_0}V_{\Lambda_0}$ over Λ_0 . $R = \text{Ker}(V^{\otimes t} \xrightarrow{m} \Lambda_t)$ is a sub-bimodule of $V^{\otimes t}$. For brevity, we write $V^{\otimes t}$ as V^t . Define

$$R^\perp := \{ f \in (V^*)^t = (V^t)^* \mid f(R) = 0 \}$$

and

$$A^! := T_{\Lambda_0}(V^*)/\langle R^\perp \rangle, \quad (3.3)$$

where $V^* := \text{Hom}_{\Lambda_0}(V, \Lambda_0)$, and $\langle R^\perp \rangle$ is the ideal of $T_{\Lambda_0}(V^*)$ generated by R^\perp . We call $A^!$ the t -dual algebra of Λ . Let $A^!_i = (A^!)_i$. We have

$$A^!_{t(i)} := \frac{(V^*)^{t(i)}}{\sum_{0 \leq v \leq t(i)-t} (V^*)^{t(i)-t-v} \otimes R^\perp \otimes (V^*)^v}.$$

By using the equality $(V/W)^* = \{ f \in V^* \mid f(w) = 0 \}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (A^!_{t(i)})^* &= \left(\frac{(V^*)^{t(i)}}{\sum_{0 \leq v \leq t(i)-t} (V^*)^{t(i)-t-v} \otimes R^\perp \otimes (V^*)^v} \right)^* \\ &= \{ f \in ((V^*)^{t(i)})^* = V^{t(i)} \mid f(\sum_{0 \leq v \leq t(i)-t} (V^*)^{t(i)-t-v} \otimes R^\perp \otimes (V^*)^v) = 0 \} \\ &= \bigcap_{0 \leq v \leq t(i)-t} V^v \otimes R \otimes V^{t(i)-v-t} = K^i_{t(i)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $K_{t(i)}^i$ is given as in Definition 2.5. This proves

Lemma 3.2. Let $A^!$ be as in (3.3). Then we have $(A_{t(i)}^!)^* = K_{t(i)}^i, \forall i \geq 0$.

The following theorem says that for arbitrary t -Koszul A , the i -degree component of its cohomology algebra $\text{Ext}_A^\bullet(A_0, A_0)$ is just the $t(i)$ -degree component of its dual algebra $A^!$. This generalizes the corresponding result of the usual Koszul case.

Theorem 3.1. Let A be an arbitrary t -Koszul algebra. Then we have

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(A_0, A_0) = A_{t(i)}^!, \quad \forall i \geq 0.$$

Proof. Since A is t -Koszul, by Theorem 2.1, the t -Koszul complex \mathbf{K}^\bullet of A is a projective resolution of A_0 . Thus, applying Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^i(A_0, A_0) &= \frac{\text{Ker}(\text{Hom}_A(K^i, A_0) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(K^{i+1}, A_0))}{\text{Im}(\text{Hom}_A(K^{i-1}, A_0) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(K^i, A_0))} = \text{Hom}_A(K^i, A_0) \\ &= \text{Hom}_A(A \otimes K_{t(i)}^i, A_0) = \text{Hom}_{A_0}(K_{t(i)}^i, \text{Hom}_A(A, A_0)) \\ &= \text{Hom}_{A_0}((A_{t(i)}^!)^*, A_0) = A_{t(i)}^!, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that the functors Hom and \otimes are adjoint: let A and B be arbitrary rings, and let ${}_A L$, ${}_B M_A$ and ${}_B N$ be left A -module, B - A -bimodule and left B -module respectively. Then

$$\text{Hom}_A(L, \text{Hom}_B(M, N)) \cong \text{Hom}_B(M \otimes_A L, N).$$

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