

Finitely generated quadratic modules *

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ABSTRACT. A complete description of finitely generated quadratic modules is given in terms of their projective presentations as well as of generators and relations. The main tool is the reduction of this description to a sort of “matrix problem.”

1. INTRODUCTION

Polynomial functors were introduced by Whitehead [15], Eilenberg and MacLane [13], and since then they have proved their essential role in a lot of problems of algebraic topology. In particular, their simplest case, quadratic functors, is widely used in homotopy theory (cf., e.g., [15, 2, 3]). They provide natural homotopy invariants of polyhedra [2], and sometimes these invariants are even enough for a complete classification of homotopy types [5]. Hence, a description of such functors seems an interesting and rather important problem. Fortunately, it is indeed quite possible, at least for the case of “right continuous” functors, determined by their values on free abelian groups, or, the same, *quadratic modules* in the sense of [2, 3]. Note that till now such a description has only been given for quadratic modules of “*cyclic type*” [2]. It turns out that the classification of quadratic modules is a special case of the problem considered by the author in [11], hence, can be reduced to the representations of the so called “bunches of chains” in the sense of [7]. In this paper we present such a reduction and deduce from [7] a complete description of finitely generated quadratic modules. Namely, after general definitions given in Section 2, we prove in Section 3 that the classification of quadratic modules should indeed be done *locally*, i.e., it is enough to consider their 2-adic localizations. Section 4 is the crucial one: it relates quadratic modules to the representations of a certain bunch of chains, while in Section 5 a description of quadratic modules is given via their *projective presentations*. In Section 6 we rewrite it in terms of generators and relations and give some corollaries of this description: projective resolutions of quadratic modules, their torsion free parts, etc.

We add an Appendix devoted to the representations of bunches of chains, where we reformulate and rearrange a trifle the results of [7] taking into account the specific of our case (we need not but *chains*, while in [7] also semi-chains are considered). The answer is given in combinatorial frames of “strings and bands,” well-known to the experts in the representation theory of finite-dimensional algebras. One may suppose that the relations between this theory and some problems arising from topology should be rather wide and fruitful (cf., e.g., [4, 5]).

2. GENERALITIES

We remind some definitions and examples related to quadratic functors and quadratic modules. For the backgrounds we refer to the book [3]. We denote by \mathbf{Ab} (resp., \mathbf{ab}) the category of abelian groups (resp., that of finitely generated ones).

A *quadratic functor* is a functor $F : \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ such that, for every two objects A, B , the function $\tilde{F} : \text{Hom}(A, B) \times \text{Hom}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, B)$ defined as $\tilde{F}(a, b) = F(a + b) - F(a) - F(b)$ is bilinear. In this case, this function can be prolonged to a bilinear functor $\tilde{F} : \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ such that, for every A, B , one has: $F(A \oplus B) \simeq F(A) \oplus F(B) \oplus \tilde{F}(A, B)$. Let $F_1 = F(\mathbb{Z})$, $F_2 = \tilde{F}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$; $H : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ be the composition $F(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow F(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \tilde{F}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$, where the first mapping is induced by the diagonal embedding $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, while the second one is the projection onto the direct summand; at last, $P : F_2 \rightarrow F_1$ be the composition $\tilde{F}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow F(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow F(\mathbb{Z})$, where the first mapping is the embedding of the direct summand, while the second one is induced by the addition mapping $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. Then one has: $PHP = 2P$ and $HPH = 2H$, whence the following definition:

Definition 2.1. A *quadratic \mathbb{Z} -module* (or simply, a *quadratic module*) is a quadruple $M = (M_1, M_2, H, P)$, where M_1, M_2 are abelian groups and $H : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$, $P : M_2 \rightarrow M_1$ are homomorphisms such that $PHP = 2P$, $HPH = 2H$.

Conversely, each quadratic module M defines a quadratic functor $M \boxtimes$, called the *quadratic tensor product*: the group $M \boxtimes A$ is generated by the symbols $m \boxtimes a$ and $n \boxtimes [a, b]$, where $m \in M_1$, $n \in M_2$, $a, b \in A$, subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} m \boxtimes (a + b) &= m \boxtimes a + m \boxtimes b + Hm \boxtimes [a, b], \\ (m + m') \boxtimes a &= m \boxtimes a + m' \boxtimes a, \\ n \boxtimes [a, b] &\text{ is 3-linear,} \\ n \boxtimes [a, a] &= P(n) \boxtimes a, \\ n \boxtimes [a, b] &= [b, a] \boxtimes (HP - 1)a. \end{aligned}$$

It is known [6] that the quadratic tensor product is *right continuous*, i.e., commutes with cokernels and direct limits, and every right continuous quadratic functor is isomorphic to $M \boxtimes$ for a quadratic module M (determined up to isomorphism). Thus, the category of quadratic modules is equivalent to that of right continuous quadratic functors.

Remark. Certainly, a right continuous functor is completely defined by its values on the full subcategory \mathbf{fab} of finitely generated free

abelian groups. Thus, the category of quadratic modules is equivalent to that of quadratic functors $\mathbf{fab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$. Just in the same way, one can identify the category of *contravariant* quadratic functors $\mathbf{fab}^\circ \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ (or, equivalently, that of contravariant *left continuous* quadratic functors $\mathbf{Ab}^\circ \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$) with the category dual to that of quadratic modules: a quadratic module M corresponds to the “quadratic Hom-functor” $\mathbf{HOM}(-, M)$ [3, Definition 6.13.14].

Quadratic modules can be considered as modules over a special ring \mathbf{A} , for which we need a more explicit construction than that in [3]. Namely, we define \mathbf{A} as the subring of the direct product $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbf{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ consisting of all triples

$$\left(a, b, \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 2c_2 \\ c_3 & c_4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ such that } a \equiv c_1 \pmod{2} \text{ and } b \equiv c_4 \pmod{2}.$$

Let

$$e_1 = \left(1, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad e_2 = \left(0, 1, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$h = \left(0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad p = \left(0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

To each \mathbf{A} -module M one associates the quadratic module (e_1M, e_2M, h_M, p_M) , where h_M and p_M denote, respectively, the multiplication by h and by p in the module M . Conversely, each quadratic module (M_1, M_2, H, P) gives rise to an \mathbf{A} -module M such that $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ as a group and

$$\left(a, b, \begin{pmatrix} a + 2c_1 & 2c_2 \\ c_3 & b + 2c_4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} am_1 + c_2Pm_2 + c_1PHm_1 \\ bm_2 + c_3Hm_1 + c_4HPm_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, the category \mathcal{QM} of quadratic modules is equivalent to the category $\mathbf{A}\text{-Mod}$ of (left) \mathbf{A} -modules. Moreover, this correspondence maps finitely generated \mathbf{A} -modules to finitely generated quadratic modules (i.e., such that both M_1 and M_2 are finitely generated groups) and vice versa. The advantage of this realization of the ring \mathbf{A} is that it is an *order* in the semi-simple algebra $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbf{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Q})$, so we can apply the general theory of such orders to study quadratic modules.

Note that the natural involution δ of the category of quadratic modules that maps (M_1, M_2, H, P) to (M_2, M_1, P, H) corresponds to the following automorphism of the ring \mathbf{A} :

$$\left(a, b, \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 2c_2 \\ c_3 & c_4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mapsto \left(b, a, \begin{pmatrix} c_4 & 2c_3 \\ c_2 & c_1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

This involution induces an involution on the category of right continuous quadratic functors, which we also denote by δ .

Here are some examples of quadratic functors and the corresponding \mathbf{A} -modules, which play an important role in what follows:

Examples. (1) The *tensor square* $\otimes^2 : A \mapsto A \otimes A$ corresponds to the projective \mathbf{A} -module $\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{A}e_2$. Its dual $\mathbf{P}^2 = \delta \otimes^2$ is the so-called “quadratic construction” mapping a group A to $I(A)/I^3(A)$, where $I(A)$ is the augmentation ideal of the group ring $\mathbb{Z}[A]$. It corresponds to the projective module $\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{A}e_1$. By the way, \mathbf{A}_1 and \mathbf{A}_2 are the only indecomposable projective \mathbf{A} -modules.

(2) Denote by \mathbf{B}_1 the projection of \mathbf{A}_1 onto $\mathbb{Z} \times 0 \times 0$, by \mathbf{B}_2 the projection of \mathbf{A}_2 onto $0 \times \mathbb{Z} \times 0$, by \mathbf{B}_3 and \mathbf{B}_4 , respectively, the projections of \mathbf{A}_1 and of \mathbf{A}_2 onto $0 \times 0 \times \text{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Z})$. Then \mathbf{B}_2 and \mathbf{B}_4 correspond, respectively, to the functors of the *outer square* \bigwedge^2 and of the *symmetric square* \mathbf{S}^2 , while \mathbf{B}_1 and \mathbf{B}_3 correspond to their duals, $\delta \bigwedge^2 = \mathbf{I}$ being the identity functor and $\delta \mathbf{S}^2 = \mathbf{\Gamma}^2$ being the *Whitehead functor*, which represents the “universal quadratic function” [15].

Consider the subring \mathbf{B} of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \text{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ consisting of all triples

$$\left(a, b, \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 2c_2 \\ c_3 & c_4 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

and its ideal J consisting of the triples

$$\left(2a, 2b, \begin{pmatrix} 2c_1 & 2c_2 \\ c_3 & 2c_4 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

This ideal is indeed the *conductor* of \mathbf{B} in \mathbf{A} , i.e., the biggest ideal of \mathbf{B} contained in \mathbf{A} . The ring \mathbf{B} is *hereditary* (i.e., of the global homological dimension 1). Hence, each finitely generated \mathbf{B} -module is a direct sum of factor-modules N/N' , with N being an indecomposable projective \mathbf{B} -module. In our case, N is isomorphic to one of the modules \mathbf{B}_j defined above. Moreover, every homomorphism $g : Q \rightarrow P$ of projective (finitely generated) \mathbf{B} -modules is “diagonalizable,” i.e., there are decompositions of Q and P into direct sums of indecomposable modules: $Q = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m Q_i$ and $P = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n P_j$, such that the matrix of g with respect to this decomposition is diagonal [10].

3. LOCALIZATION

From now on all modules are supposed *finitely generated*, so we omit these words everywhere. In terms of quadratic functors, we restrict

ourselves by the functors $\mathbf{fab} \rightarrow \mathbf{ab}$. For any abelian group (in particular, for every \mathbf{A} -module) M denote by $\mathfrak{t}M$ its *torsion part*, i.e., the set of all elements of finite order, and by $\mathfrak{f}M$ its *torsion free part* i.e. the factor $M/\mathfrak{t}M$.

For any prime $p \in \mathbb{N}$, denote by $_{-(p)}$ the functor of the (*complete*) *localization* at p . It maps every abelian group A to $A_{(p)} = A \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$, where \mathbb{Z}_p is the ring of p -adic integers. Evidently, $\mathbf{A}_{(p)} = \mathbf{B}_{(p)} = \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \text{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ if $p \neq 2$. Hence, in this case, every indecomposable $\mathbf{A}_{(p)}$ -module is isomorphic either to one of the modules $\mathbf{B}_{i(p)}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) or to a factor $\mathbf{B}_{i(p)}/p^k \mathbf{B}_{i(p)}$ for some k . (Note that, for $p \neq 2$, $\mathbf{B}_{3(p)} \simeq \mathbf{B}_{4(p)}$.)

Put $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \text{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Q})$. For every \mathbf{A} -module M , $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M$ is a module over the semi-simple algebra \mathbf{Q} , hence, $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^3 r_i U_i$, where U_i are simple \mathbf{Q} -modules: $U_i = \mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} B_i$ (note that $U_4 \simeq U_3$). Denote by $\mathbf{r}(M)$ the vector (r_1, r_2, r_3) , which we call the *rank vector* of the module M . We use the same definitions and notations for $\mathbf{A}_{(p)}$ -modules, certainly, replacing \mathbb{Q} by the field \mathbb{Q}_p of p -adic numbers.

Theorem 3.1. (1) *\mathbf{A} -modules M, N are isomorphic if and only if $M_{(p)} \simeq N_{(p)}$ for all prime p .*
(2) *Given any set $\{N_p\}$, where N_p is an $\mathbf{A}_{(p)}$ -module, there is an \mathbf{A} -module M such that $M_{(p)} \simeq N_p$ for all p if and only if almost all (i.e., all but a finite set) of them are torsion free (maybe, zero) and $\mathbf{r}(N_p) = \mathbf{r}(N_q)$ for all p, q . In this case, $\mathbf{r}(M) = \mathbf{r}(N_p)$ and $\mathfrak{t}M = \bigoplus_p \mathfrak{t}N_p$.*

Proof. The theorem is obvious if all considered modules are torsion. Consider the case when these modules are *torsion free*. Then the second claim of the theorem is well-known [14]. The first one is also obvious for torsion free \mathbf{B} -modules, as they are direct sums of \mathbf{B}_i and $\text{End } \mathbf{B}_i = \mathbb{Z}$ (cf., e.g., [8]). Moreover, given any torsion free \mathbf{A} -module M , the isomorphism classes of modules N such that $N_{(p)} \simeq M_{(p)}$ for all p and $\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} N \simeq \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M$ are in one-to-one correspondence with the double cosets

$$(1) \quad \text{Aut}(\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M) \setminus \text{Aut}(\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M_{(2)}) / \text{Aut } M_{(2)}$$

(cf. *ibid.*). But, certainly, $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(M, M') \supseteq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M, M'J)$ for every two \mathbf{A} -modules M, M' and all the factors

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{B}_j) / \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{B}_i, J\mathbf{B}_j)$$

are zero for $i \neq j$ and \mathbb{F}_2 for $i = j$. Hence, any automorphism of $\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M_{(2)}$ is congruent to an automorphism of $\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M$ modulo

$\text{Aut } M_{(2)}$. Thus, the set (1) always consists of a unique element, so, the theorem is true for torsion free \mathbf{A} -modules.

For any \mathbf{A} -module M , one can consider the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{t}M \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow \mathfrak{f}M \longrightarrow 0$$

which defines an element $\xi_M \in \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathfrak{f}M, \mathfrak{t}M)$. As there are no homomorphisms from $\mathfrak{t}M$ to $\mathfrak{f}M$, two modules N and M are isomorphic if and only if there are isomorphisms $\alpha : \mathfrak{t}M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}N$ and $\beta : \mathfrak{f}M \rightarrow \mathfrak{f}N$ such that $\alpha\xi_M = \xi_N\beta$ (we mean the Yoneda multiplication). Put $F = \mathfrak{f}M$ and $T = \mathfrak{t}M$. Then $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^1(F, T) \simeq \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}_{(2)}}(F_{(2)}, T_{(2)})$ (as $\mathbf{A}_{(p)}$ is hereditary for $p \neq 2$). In particular, one only has to consider the case, when T is a 2-group, i.e., $T = T_{(2)}$. Thus, the second claim of the theorem becomes evident. Moreover, in this case the isomorphism classes of the \mathbf{A} -modules N such that $N_{(p)} \simeq M_{(p)}$ for all p are in one-to-one correspondence with the double cosets

$$(2) \quad \text{Aut } F \setminus \text{Aut } F_{(2)} / \text{Aut}_0 F_{(2)},$$

where $\text{Aut}_0 F_{(2)}$ denotes the subgroup of all automorphism acting trivially on $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^1(F, T)$.

Now note that $J_{(2)} = \text{rad } \mathbf{A}_{(2)}$ (Jacobson radical) and the ring $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$ is *semi-perfect* in the sense of [1]. Hence, there always is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow F_{(2)} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where P is a projective $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$ -module and $K \subseteq JP$. It induces an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow JP \longrightarrow JF_{(2)} \longrightarrow 0.$$

As both JP and $JF_{(2)}$ are \mathbf{B} -modules and \mathbf{B} is hereditary, the latter splits. It implies that $\alpha\xi = 0$ for any endomorphism $\alpha : F_{(2)} \rightarrow F_{(2)}$ whose image belongs to $JF_{(2)}$ and for any element $\xi \in \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{A}}^1(F, T)$. Hence, $\text{Aut}_0 F_{(2)}$ contains the ‘‘congruence subgroup’’

$$\{ \alpha \in \text{Aut } F_{(2)} \mid \text{Im}(\alpha - \text{id}) \subseteq JF_{(2)} \}.$$

One can easily check that \mathbf{B}_i are the only irreducible torsion free \mathbf{A} -modules. As each of them is a factor-module of some \mathbf{A}_j and the length of $\mathbf{Q} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A}_j$ is 2, $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$ is an *order of weight 2* in the sense of [12]. Moreover, as $J\mathbf{A}_j$ decomposes, it also follows from [12] that the modules \mathbf{A}_j are the only indecomposable but not irreducible torsion free \mathbf{A} -modules. Thus, every torsion free \mathbf{A} -module is a direct sum of modules isomorphic to \mathbf{B}_i or \mathbf{A}_j . The next table describes the values

of the groups $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_{(2)}}(F'_{(2)}, F''_{(2)})/\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_{(2)}}(F'_{(2)}, JF''_{(2)})$, when F' and F'' run through indecomposable torsion free \mathbf{A} -modules:

	\mathbf{B}_1	\mathbf{B}_2	\mathbf{B}_3	\mathbf{B}_4	\mathbf{A}_1	\mathbf{A}_2
\mathbf{B}_1	\mathbb{F}_2	0	0	0	\mathbb{F}_2	0
\mathbf{B}_2	0	\mathbb{F}_2	0	0	0	\mathbb{F}_2
\mathbf{B}_3	0	0	\mathbb{F}_2	0	\mathbb{F}_2	0
\mathbf{B}_4	0	0	0	\mathbb{F}_2	0	\mathbb{F}_2
\mathbf{A}_1	0	0	0	0	\mathbb{F}_2	0
\mathbf{A}_2	0	0	0	0	0	\mathbb{F}_2

It evidently implies that every automorphism of $F_{(2)}$ is congruent to an automorphism of F modulo $\text{Aut}_0 F_{(2)}$, i.e., the set (2) consists of one element. Hence, the theorem is valid for all (finitely generated) \mathbf{A} -modules. \square

4. REDUCTION

From now on, except of the last section (“Corollaries”), we consider the *2-local case*, hence, always write \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{Q} , etc. instead of $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$, $\mathbf{B}_{(2)}$, $\mathbf{Q}_{(2)}$, etc.

We shall study *projective presentations* of \mathbf{A} -modules M , i.e., homomorphisms of projective modules $f : P' \rightarrow P$ such that $M \simeq \text{Coker } f$. In terms of quadratic functors, it means that we shall study exact sequences

$$\Phi' \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0,$$

where F is a given functor, while Φ and Φ' are direct sums of functors isomorphic to \otimes^2 and P^2 . Moreover, if we are studying finitely generated modules, these sums can always be chosen finite too. The advantage of the local case is that here \mathbf{A} is a *semi-perfect ring* in the sense of [1]; hence, every (finitely generated) \mathbf{A} -module M has a *projective cover*, i.e., an epimorphism $\varphi : P \rightarrow M$, where P is projective and $\text{Ker } \varphi \subseteq JP$ (note that here $J = \text{rad } \mathbf{A}$, the Jacobson radical of \mathbf{A}). It implies that M has a projective presentation $f : P' \rightarrow P$ with $\text{Im } f \subseteq JP$ and we only consider such presentations.

Each homomorphism of projective modules $f : P' \rightarrow P$ induces the homomorphism $\mathbf{B} \otimes f : \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P' \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P$. If $M = \text{Coker } f$, then $\text{Coker}(\mathbf{B} \otimes f) \simeq \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M$. As we know all possibilities for $\mathbf{B} \otimes f$, we are going to classify the homomorphisms f with prescribed $\mathbf{B} \otimes f$, or, the same, the \mathbf{A} -modules M with prescribed $\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} M$. We always identify P with the submodule $1 \otimes P \subseteq \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P$. If $\text{Im } f \subseteq JP$, then also $\text{Im}(\mathbf{B} \otimes f) \subseteq J(\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P) = JP$. On the other hand, suppose that

$\text{Im } \varphi \subseteq JP$ for some $\varphi : \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P' \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P$. As $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P', JP) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(P', JP)$, then φ is of the form $\mathbf{B} \otimes f$ for some $f : P' \rightarrow P$.

One calls two homomorphisms $f, f' : P' \rightarrow P$ *equivalent* if there are automorphisms $g \in \text{Aut } P$ and $g' \in \text{Aut } P'$ such that $gf = f'g'$. Then, of course, $\text{Coker } f \simeq \text{Coker } f'$. The following proposition is quite evident:

Proposition 4.1. *Let P, P' be projective (finitely generated) \mathbf{A} -modules, $Q = \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P$, $Q' = \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P'$, $\varphi : Q' \rightarrow Q$ a homomorphism with $\text{Im } \varphi \subseteq JQ$. There is a one-to-one correspondence between the equivalence classes of homomorphisms $f : P' \rightarrow P$ such that $\mathbf{B} \otimes f = \varphi$ and the double cosets*

$$(3) \quad \text{Aut } \varphi \setminus \text{Aut } Q \times \text{Aut } Q' / \text{Aut } P \times \text{Aut } P',$$

where $\text{Aut } \varphi$ denotes the subgroup $\{(g, h) \in \text{Aut } Q \times \text{Aut } Q' \mid g\varphi = \varphi h\}$.

Namely, the coset containing a pair (g, h) corresponds to the homomorphism f which coincides with $g^{-1}\varphi h$ under the identification of $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(P', JP)$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(Q', JQ)$.

Put $\bar{P} = P/JP$ and $\bar{Q} = Q/JQ$. Note that always $JQ = JP$ and $\text{Aut } P$ contains the ‘‘congruence subgroup’’

$$\text{Aut}(Q, J) = \{g \in \text{Aut } Q \mid \text{Im}(g - \text{id}) \subseteq JQ\}.$$

Moreover, an endomorphism g of Q is invertible if and only if it is invertible modulo J . Therefore, the set (3) can be identified with

$$(4) \quad \overline{\text{Aut } \varphi} \setminus \text{Aut } \bar{Q} \times \text{Aut } \bar{Q}' / \text{Aut } \bar{P} \times \text{Aut } \bar{P}',$$

where $\overline{\text{Aut } \varphi}$ is the image of $\text{Aut } \varphi$ in $\text{Aut } \bar{Q} \times \text{Aut } \bar{Q}'$.

Every homomorphism $\varphi : Q' \rightarrow Q$ of projective \mathbf{B} -modules is equivalent to a direct sum of homomorphisms of the forms $\varphi_{ijk} : \mathbf{B}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_i$. Here $(ij) \in \{(11), (22), (33), (34), (43), (44)\}$, k is a non-negative integer or, if $i = j$, maybe $k = \pm\infty$. If $k \neq \pm\infty$, the homomorphism φ_{ijk} is the multiplication by 2^{k+1} for $i = j$, the multiplication on the right by $2^k h$ for $(ij) = (34)$ and by $2^k p$ for $(ij) = (43)$; $\varphi_{ii, -\infty}$ denotes the homomorphism $0 \rightarrow P_i$ and $\varphi_{ii, +\infty}$ the homomorphism $P_i \rightarrow 0$.

The rings \mathbf{A}/J and \mathbf{B}/J are semi-simple; $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) and $\bar{\mathbf{B}}_j$ ($j = 1, 2, 3, 4$) are their simple modules. Moreover, $\bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \simeq \bar{\mathbf{B}}_3 \simeq \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1$ and $\bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \simeq \bar{\mathbf{B}}_4 \simeq \bar{\mathbf{A}}_2$ as \mathbf{A} -modules, and the isomorphisms $\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A}_1 \simeq \mathbf{B}_1 \oplus \mathbf{B}_3$, $\mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A}_2 \simeq \mathbf{B}_2 \oplus \mathbf{B}_4$ induce the diagonal embeddings

$$\begin{aligned} \text{End } \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 \simeq \mathbb{F}_2 &\longrightarrow \text{End } \bar{\mathbf{B}}_1 \times \text{End } \bar{\mathbf{B}}_3 \simeq \mathbb{F}_2^2, \\ \text{End } \bar{\mathbf{A}}_2 \simeq \mathbb{F}_2 &\longrightarrow \text{End } \bar{\mathbf{B}}_2 \times \text{End } \bar{\mathbf{B}}_4 \simeq \mathbb{F}_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

For $\varphi : Q' \rightarrow Q$, $\psi : Q'_1 \rightarrow Q_1$, one denotes:

$$\text{Hom}(\varphi, \psi) = \{ (u, v) \mid u : Q \rightarrow Q_1, v : Q' \rightarrow Q'_1, u\varphi = \psi v \},$$

$H(\varphi, \psi)$ and $H'(\varphi, \psi)$ the projections of $\text{Hom}(\varphi, \psi)$, respectively, onto $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\overline{Q}, \overline{Q}_1)$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\overline{Q'}, \overline{Q}'_1)$. One easily calculates these groups when φ, ψ run through $\{ \varphi_{ijk} \}$. It is convenient to present the result in the following way. Consider the new symbols $v(ijk)$ and $v'(ijk)$, where the triples (ijk) are as before except $v(ii, +\infty)$ and $v'(ii, -\infty)$, which are forbidden. We define an ordering on the set of these symbols putting $v(ijk) \leq v(i'j'k')$ if $H(\varphi(ijk), \varphi(i'j'k')) \neq 0$ and $v'(ijk) \leq v'(i'j'k')$ if $H'(\varphi(ijk), \varphi(i'j'k')) \neq 0$ (then all these groups are isomorphic to \mathbb{F}_2). Here is the table describing this ordering:

$$\begin{aligned} v(ijk) &< v(ijk') && \text{if } k' < k, \\ v(33k) &< v(34k') && \text{if } k' < k, \text{ otherwise } v(34k') < v(33k), \\ v(44k) &< v(43k') && \text{if } k' \leq k, \text{ otherwise } v(43k') < v(44k), \\ v'(ijk) &< v'(ijk') && \text{if } k < k', \\ v'(33k) &< v'(43k') && \text{if } k < k', \text{ otherwise } v'(43k') < v'(33k), \\ v'(44k) &< v'(34k') && \text{if } k \leq k', \text{ otherwise } v'(34k') < v'(44k). \end{aligned}$$

Now one can easily see that we have obtained a special case of the so called ‘‘bunch of chains’’ (cf. [7] or Appendix). Namely, put $\mathbf{I} = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 \}$, consider the following chains:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathfrak{E}_1 = \{ v(11k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_1 = \{ 1 \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_2 = \{ v(22k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_2 = \{ 2 \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_3 = \{ v(33k), v(34k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_3 = \{ 3 \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_4 = \{ v(43k), v(44k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_4 = \{ 4 \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_5 = \{ v'(11k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_5 = \{ 1' \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_6 = \{ v'(22k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_6 = \{ 2' \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_7 = \{ v'(33k), v'(43k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_7 = \{ 3' \} \\ \mathfrak{E}_8 = \{ v'(34k), v'(44k) \} & \mathfrak{F}_8 = \{ 4' \} \end{array}$$

(with the above defined ordering) and define an equivalence relation \sim on the union of these chains such that the only non-trivial equivalences are: $v(ijk) \sim v'(ijk)$ for $k \neq \infty$, $1 \sim 3$, $2 \sim 4$, $1' \sim 3'$, $2' \sim 4'$. One gets in this way a bunch of chains $\mathfrak{X} = \{ \mathbf{I}, \mathfrak{E}_i, \mathfrak{F}_i, \sim \}$. We are going to establish relations between representations of this bunch over the field \mathbb{F}_2 and quadratic modules. Thus, in all references to [7] or Appendix one supposes $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{F}_2$. We write $x - y$ if $x \in \mathfrak{E}_i, y \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ (with the same i) or vice versa and denote by \mathbf{U} the bimodule corresponding to the bunch \mathfrak{X} (cf. Appendix).

For every equivalence class \bar{a} of the relation \sim or, the same, for an object of the category $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}(\mathfrak{X})$ (cf. Appendix), put

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_E(a) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_i & \text{if } a \ni v(ijk) \text{ for some } j, k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
Q'_E(a) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_j & \text{if } a \ni v(ijk) \text{ for some } i, k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
Q_F(a) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_i \oplus \mathbf{B}_j & \text{if } a = \{i, j\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
Q'_F(a) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_i \oplus \mathbf{B}_j & \text{if } a = \{i', j'\} \subseteq \{1', 2', 3', 4'\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

If $c = \bigoplus_m a_m$ is an object of the category \mathbf{C}^∞ (the additive hull of \mathbf{C}), put $Q_E(c) = \bigoplus_m Q_E(a_m)$, the same for $Q'_E(c)$, $Q_F(c)$, $Q'_F(c)$. Note that $\mathbf{U}(a, b) \neq 0$ if and only if $a \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$, $b \subseteq \mathfrak{E}$ and there are $x \in a$, $y \in b$ such that $x - y$, in which case this space is 1-dimensional and can be identified with one of the spaces $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\overline{Q_F(a)}, \overline{Q_E(b)})$ or $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{B}}(\overline{Q'_F(a)}, \overline{Q'_E(b)})$, namely, the non-zero one. Hence, any element $u \in \mathbf{U}(c, c)$ can be considered as a pair of homomorphisms $(\alpha(u), \alpha'(u))$, where $\alpha(u) : \overline{Q_F(c)} \rightarrow \overline{Q_E(c)}$ and $\alpha'(u) : \overline{Q'_F(c)} \rightarrow \overline{Q'_E(c)}$. Call such an element u (i.e., a representation of the bunch \mathfrak{X}) *balanced* if both $\alpha(u)$ and $\alpha'(u)$ are isomorphisms and there are such projective \mathbf{A} -modules P, P' that $Q_F(c) \simeq \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P$ and $Q'_F(c) \simeq \mathbf{B} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}} P'$. Then the following result is immediate.

Theorem 4.2. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between the equivalence classes of homomorphisms of projective \mathbf{A} -modules $f : P' \rightarrow P$ such that $\text{Im } f \subseteq JP$ and the isomorphism classes of balanced representations of the bunch of chains \mathfrak{X} .*

5. DESCRIPTION

Now we are able to use the results of [7] in order to describe the projective presentations of quadratic modules (or, the same, of \mathbf{A} -modules). We rearrange a bit the definitions of [7] or Appendix in order to make them more adequate to the specific structure of our concrete bunch of chains \mathfrak{X} as well as to the “balancedness condition” of Theorem 4.2. One writes $x \in \mathfrak{X}$ and says that x is an element of \mathfrak{X} if x is an element of one of the chains \mathfrak{E}_i or \mathfrak{F}_i . One also writes $x - y$ if $x \in \mathfrak{E}_i$ and $y \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ with the same i or vice versa.

- Definition 5.1.** (1) An \mathfrak{X} -word (or simply a *word*) is a finite sequence $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 r_3 \dots r_n x_n$, where $x_i \in \mathfrak{X}$ and $r_i \in \{-, \sim\}$, satisfying the following conditions:
- (a) For every $i = 2, \dots, n$, $x_{i-1} r_i x_i$ in the above defined sense.
 - (b) For every $i = 2, \dots, n-1$, $r_i \neq r_{i+1}$.
- (2) An \mathfrak{X} -word $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 r_3 \dots r_n x_n$ is called *balanced* if $n > 1$ and both x_1 and x_n are of the form $v(ii, -\infty)$ or $v'(ii, +\infty)$. (Note that in this case necessarily $r_2 = r_n = -$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.) Moreover, if $n = 4$, we suppose that either x_1 or x_4 is of the form $v(ii, -\infty)$.
- (3) An \mathfrak{X} -word $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 r_3 \dots r_n x_n$ is called *cyclic* if $r_2 = r_n$ and $x_n r_1 x_1$, where $r_1 \in \{\sim, -\}$ and $r_1 \neq r_n$. For such a word, we put $x_0 = x_n$ and $x_{n+1} = x_1$. (Note that in this case necessarily $n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$.)
- (4) A cyclic \mathfrak{X} -word is called *aperiodic* if it cannot be obtained as a repetition of a shorter word: $w \neq \bar{w} r \bar{w} r \dots \bar{w}$ for $r \in \{-, \sim\}$.
- (5) A cyclic word $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 r_3 \dots r_n x_n$ is called *normalized* if it is aperiodic, $r_2 = r_n = \sim$ and $x_1 \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ for some i . (The last notion is not but a technical one making easier the definition of “bands” nearby.)

In [7] (cf. also Appendix) a complete description of the representations of a bunch of chains was given in terms of the so called *strings and bands*. We are going to translate it to the description of \mathbf{A} -modules via Theorem 4.2. To this purpose, we introduce some notions and notations.

Call an *A-entry* any word a of the form $a = x \sim y$, where $x \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ for some i and $x \neq y$. For every \mathbf{A} -entry $a = x \sim y$ define two projective \mathbf{A} -modules $P(a)$ and $P'(a)$ putting:

$$(5) \quad P(a) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{A}_1 & \text{if } 1 \in \{x, y\} \\ \mathbf{A}_2 & \text{if } 2 \in \{x, y\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(6) \quad P'(a) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{A}_1 & \text{if } 1' \in \{x, y\} \\ \mathbf{A}_2 & \text{if } 2' \in \{x, y\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For every word w , put $P(w) = \bigoplus_a P(a)$ and $P'(w) = \bigoplus_a P'(a)$, where a runs through all subwords of w which are \mathbf{A} -entries.

If a and a' are two subwords of w which are both \mathbf{A} -entries, one says that they are *related in w by the triple (ijk)* if they are contained in a subword of the form $a - \omega(a, a') - a'$, where $\omega(a, a') = v(ijk) \sim v'(ijk)$,

or of the form $a' - \omega(a, a') - a$, where $\omega(a, a') = v'(ijk) \sim v(ijk)$. Note that in both cases $P(a') = P'(a) = 0$, while $P(a)$ and $P'(a')$ are non-zero. (In particular, this relation between a and a' is *not* symmetric.) We call $\omega(a, a')$ the *relating subword* for a, a' . If w is a normalized cyclic word, we also include the case when $a = x_{n-3} \sim x_{n-2}$, $a' = x_1 \sim x_2$ or vice versa and $\omega(a, a') = x_{n-1} \sim x_n$.

Now define the homomorphisms $\theta(ijk) : \mathbf{A}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_i$, where $k > 0$ or $k = 0$ and $i \neq j$. Namely, $\theta(ijk)$ is the multiplication to the right by the following element of the ring \mathbf{A} :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(2^{k+1}, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{ if } i = j = 1 \\ \left(0, 2^{k+1}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{ if } i = j = 2 \\ \left(0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{ if } i = j = 3 \\ \left(0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{k+1} \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{ if } i = j = 4 \\ \left(0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2^k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{ if } i = 3, j = 4 \\ \left(0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2^{k+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) & \text{ if } i = 4, j = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 5.2. Let $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 r_3 \dots r_n x_n$ be a balanced \mathfrak{X} -word. Then the corresponding *string homomorphism* $c(w) : P'(w) \rightarrow P(w)$ is defined as one whose only non-zero components with respect to the decompositions $P(w) = \bigoplus_a P(a)$ and $P'(w) = \bigoplus_a P'(a)$ are $P'(a') \rightarrow P(a)$ if a and a' are related in w by a triple (ijk) , the corresponding component being $\theta(ijk)$.

The *string module* $C(w)$ is defined as $\text{Coker } c(w)$.

Note that the string homomorphism can be defined also when $n = 4$ and both x_1 and x_4 are of the form $v'(ii, +\infty)$, but then it is the zero mapping $\mathbf{A}_j \rightarrow 0$, hence, gives rise to the zero module.

Definition 5.3. Let now $w = x_1 r_2 x_1 r_2 \dots r_n x_n$ be a normalized cyclic word, $\pi(t) \neq t^d$ be a *primary polynomial* over the field \mathbb{F}_2 , i.e., a power of an irreducible one, $d = \deg \pi(t)$. Denote by Φ the Frobenius matrix with the characteristic polynomial $\pi(t)$ and by I the unit $d \times d$ matrix. Then the *band homomorphism* $b(w, \pi(t))$ is defined as the mapping $dP'(w) \rightarrow dP(w)$, whose only non-zero components with respect to the decompositions $dP(w) = \bigoplus_a dP(a)$ and

$dP'(w) = \bigoplus_a dP'(a)$ are $dP'(a') \rightarrow dP(a)$ if a and a' are related in w by a triple (ijk) , the corresponding component being $\theta(ijk)I$, except of the case when the relating subword $\omega(a, a')$ is the subword $x_{n-1} \sim x_n$ (hence, $\{a, a'\} = \{x_1 \sim x_2, x_{n-3} \sim x_{n-2}\}$); in the latter case the corresponding component is $\theta(ijk)\Phi$.

The band module $B(w, \pi(t))$ is defined as $\text{Coker } b(w, \pi(t))$.

The following classification is an immediate consequence of that given in [7].

- Theorem 5.4.** (1) *For every balanced word w , the string \mathbf{A} -module $C(w)$ is indecomposable and for every pair $(w, \pi(t))$ with w a normalized cyclic word, $\pi(t) \neq t^d$ a primary polynomial over \mathbb{F}_2 , the band \mathbf{A} -module $B(w, \pi(t))$ is also indecomposable.*
- (2) *Every finitely generated \mathbf{A} -module decomposes uniquely into a direct sum of modules isomorphic to string and band \mathbf{A} -modules.*
- (3) *The only isomorphisms between different string and band \mathbf{A} -modules are the following:*
- (a) $C(w) \simeq C(w^*)$, where w^* is the reversed word to w , i.e., if $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 r_3 \dots r_n x_n$ then $w^* = x_n r_n \dots r_3 x_2 r_2 x_1$.
 - (b) $B(w, \pi(t)) \simeq B(w^{(s)}, \pi(t))$ where s is a positive integer divisible by 4 and $w^{(s)}$ is the s -shift of w , i.e., if $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_n x_n$ then $w^{(s)} = x_{s+1} r_{s+2} x_{s+2} \dots r_n x_n - x_1 \dots r_s x_s$. (The condition “ $4 \mid s$ ” is necessary in order that $w^{(s)}$ were also a normalized cyclic word.)
 - (c) $B(w, \pi(t)) \simeq B(w^{*(s-2)}, \pi^*(t))$ for s as above and $\pi^*(t) = t^d \pi(1/t)$ where $d = \deg \pi(t)$.

6. COROLLARIES

We present some corollaries of the description of the $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$ -modules given above. First, note that one can also construct string and band modules for the ring \mathbf{A} just in the same way as it has been done in Section 6 for its localization $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$. To be accurate, we will denote from now on the string and band $\mathbf{A}_{(2)}$ -modules by $C_{(2)}(w)$ and $B_{(2)}(w, \pi(t))$, while the notations $C(w)$ and $B(w, \pi(t))$ will be used for the string and band \mathbf{A} -modules. Denote also by $\mathbf{B}(i, p, k)$ the factor-module $\mathbf{B}_i/p^k \mathbf{B}_i$, where $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and p is an odd prime. As the “local” string and band modules are indeed the 2-localizations of the “global” ones, Theorems 3.1 and 5.4 imply the following complete description of finitely generated \mathbf{A} -modules (or, the same, quadratic modules).

- Theorem 6.1.** (1) For every balanced word w , the string \mathbf{A} -module $C(w)$ is indecomposable and for every pair $(w, \pi(t))$ with w a normalized cyclic word, $\pi(t) \neq t^d$ a primary polynomial over \mathbb{F}_2 , the band \mathbf{A} -module $B(w, \pi(t))$ is also indecomposable.
- (2) Every finitely generated \mathbf{A} -module decomposes uniquely into a direct sum of modules isomorphic to string and band \mathbf{A} -modules and to modules $\mathbf{B}(i, p, k)$.
- (3) The only isomorphisms between different string and band \mathbf{A} -modules are the following:
- (a) $C(w) \simeq C(w^*)$.
- (b) $B(w, \pi(t)) \simeq B(w^{(s)}, \pi(t)) \simeq B(w^{*(s-2)}, \pi^*(t))$ where s is a positive integer divisible by 4.
- (4) Neither two different modules $\mathbf{B}(i, p, k)$ are isomorphic and neither of them is isomorphic to a string or band module.

We are also able to write down generators and relations for indecomposable quadratic modules. Namely, we say that a balanced word $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_n x_n$, as well as the corresponding string module, is of type $-\infty$ (resp., $+\infty$ or $\pm\infty$) if both ends of w are of the form $v(ii, -\infty)$ (resp., both are $v'(ii, +\infty)$ or one is $v(ii, -\infty)$ and the other is $v'(jj, +\infty)$). Certainly, in the latter case ($\pm\infty$), one can always suppose (and we shall do it) that $x_1 = v(ii, -\infty)$ and $x_n = v'(jj, +\infty)$. Just in the same way, we shall suppose that a normalized cyclic word w starts from $x_1 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Hence, such words are of the following forms:

- word of type $\pm\infty$:

$$\begin{aligned} v(i_1 i_1, -\infty) - i_1 \sim i_2 - v(i_2 j_1 k_1) \sim v'(i_2 j_1 k_1) - \\ - j'_1 \sim j'_2 - v'(i_3 j_2 k_2) \sim \dots \sim v'(i_{2m} j_{2m-1} k_{2m-1}) - \\ - j'_{2m-1} \sim j'_{2m} - v'(j_{2m} j_{2m}, +\infty) \end{aligned}$$

- word of type $-\infty$:

$$\begin{aligned} v(i_1 i_1, -\infty) - i_1 \sim i_2 - v(i_2 j_1 k_1) \sim v'(i_2 j_1 k_1) - \\ - j'_1 \sim j'_2 - v'(i_3 j_2 k_2) \sim \dots \sim v(i_{2m-1} j_{2m-2} k_{2m-2}) - \\ - i_{2m-1} \sim i_{2m} - v(i_{2m} i_{2m}, -\infty) \end{aligned}$$

- word of type $+\infty$:

$$\begin{aligned} v'(j_{-1} j_{-1}, +\infty) - j'_{-1} \sim j'_0 - v'(i_1 j_0 k_0) \sim v(i_1 j_0 k_0) - \\ - i_1 \sim i_2 - v(i_2 j_1 k_1) \sim \dots \sim v'(i_{2m} j_{2m-1} k_{2m-1}) - \\ - j'_{2m-1} \sim j'_{2m} - v'(j_{2m} j_{2m}, +\infty) \end{aligned}$$

- normalized cyclic word:

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 \sim i_2 - v(i_2 j_1 k_1) \sim v'(i_2 j_1 k_1) - j'_1 \sim j'_2 - \\ - v'(i_3 j_2 k_2) \sim \cdots \sim v'(i_{2m-1} j_{2m-2} k_{2m-2}) - j'_{2m-1} \sim \\ \sim j'_{2m} - v'(i_1 j_{2m} k_{2m}) \sim v(i_1 j_{2m} k_{2m}) \end{aligned}$$

Define the following operators acting on any quadratic module M :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{11} &= 2 - PH, & R_{22} &= 2 - HP, \\ R_{33} &= PH, & R_{44} &= HP, & R_{34} &= H, & R_{43} &= P. \end{aligned}$$

Here R_{11} and R_{33} are mappings $M_1 \rightarrow M_1$, R_{22} and R_{44} are mappings $M_2 \rightarrow M_2$, while $R_{34} : M_2 \rightarrow M_1$ and $R_{43} : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$. (Indeed, R_{ij} corresponds to the multiplication by $\theta(ij0)$.)

Corollary 6.2. (1) *If an indecomposable quadratic module M corresponds to one of the balanced words described above, it is generated by the elements \mathbf{g}_ν ($\nu = 1, 2, \dots, m$) such that $\mathbf{g}_\nu \in M_1$ if $i_{2\nu} \in \{1, 3\}$ and $\mathbf{g}_\nu \in M_2$ if $i_{2\nu} \in \{2, 4\}$. These elements are subject to the following defining relations:*

$$(7) \quad 2^{k_{2\nu-1}} R_{i_{2\nu} j_{2\nu-1}} \mathbf{g}_\nu + 2^{k_{2\nu}} R_{i_{2\nu+1} j_{2\nu}} \mathbf{g}_{\nu+1} = 0.$$

(We put $\mathbf{g}_0 = \mathbf{g}_{m+1} = 0$.)

(2) *If an indecomposable quadratic module M corresponds to a normalized cyclic word described above and to a primary polynomial $\pi(t) = t^d + a_1 t^{d-1} + \cdots + a_d$ ($a_\mu \in \{0, 1\}$), it is generated by the elements $\mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu}$ ($\nu = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $\mu = 1, 2, \dots, d$) such that $\mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \in M_1$ if $i_{2\nu} \in \{1, 3\}$ and $\mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \in M_2$ if $i_{2\nu} \in \{2, 4\}$. These elements are subject to the following defining relations:*

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} 2^{k_{2\nu-1}} R_{i_{2\nu} j_{2\nu-1}} \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} + 2^{k_{2\nu}} R_{i_{2\nu+1} j_{2\nu}} \mathbf{g}_{\nu+1, \mu} &= 0 \text{ if } \nu < m, \\ 2^{k_{2m-1}} R_{i_{2m} j_{2m-1}} \mathbf{g}_{m\mu} + 2^{k_{2m}} R_{i_1 j_{2m}} \mathbf{g}_{1, \mu+1} &= 0 \text{ if } \mu < d, \\ 2^{k_{2m-1}} R_{i_{2m} j_{2m-1}} \mathbf{g}_{md} - 2^{k_{2m}} R_{i_1 j_{2m}} \sum_{\mu=1}^d a_\mu \mathbf{g}_{1\mu} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. Certainly, the generators of M_1 as of abelian group are, for string modules:

$$\{ \mathbf{g}_\nu, ph\mathbf{g}_\nu \mid \mathbf{g}_\nu \in M_1 \} \cup \{ p\mathbf{g}_\nu \mid \mathbf{g}_\nu \in M_2 \},$$

while for band modules:

$$\{ \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu}, ph\mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \mid \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \in M_1 \} \cup \{ p\mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \mid \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \in M_2 \}$$

and those of M_2 are, for string modules:

$$\{ \mathbf{g}_\nu, hp\mathbf{g}_\nu \mid \mathbf{g}_\nu \in M_2 \} \cup \{ h\mathbf{g}_\nu \mid \mathbf{g}_\nu \in M_1 \},$$

while for band modules:

$$\{ \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu}, h p \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \mid \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \in M_2 \} \cup \{ h \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \mid \mathbf{g}_{\nu\mu} \in M_1 \} .$$

One can easily deduce the defining relations for these elements from the relations (7),(8): one only has to multiply each of them by h and ph or by p and hp .

Evidently, the projective indecomposable \mathbf{A} -modules \mathbf{A}_1 and \mathbf{A}_2 correspond to the words, respectively, $v(11, -\infty) - 1 \sim 3 - v(33, -\infty)$ and $v(22, -\infty) - 2 \sim 4 - v(44, -\infty)$ (the only balanced words of length 4). The description given by Theorem 6.1 allows easily to calculate projective resolutions of quadratic modules. First, it implies immediately the following result.

Proposition 6.3. *The kernels of string and band morphisms are the following:*

- $\text{Ker } b(w, \pi(t)) = 0$;
- $\text{Ker } c(w) = 0$ if both ends of the word w are of the form $v(ii, -\infty)$;
- $\text{Ker } c(w) \simeq \mathbf{B}_{\lambda(i)}$ if one end of the word w is $v'(ii, +\infty)$ and the other is $v(jj, -\infty)$;
- $\text{Ker } c(w) \simeq \mathbf{B}_{\lambda(i)} \oplus \mathbf{B}_{\lambda(j)}$ if both ends of w are $v'(ii, +\infty)$ and $v'(jj, +\infty)$,

where $\lambda(1) = 1$, $\lambda(2) = 2$, $\lambda(3) = 4$, $\lambda(4) = 3$.

Now note that each module \mathbf{B}_i has a periodic projective resolution of period 4. Here they are:

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\longrightarrow \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_3} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathbf{A}_1 \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}_1 \\ \dots &\longrightarrow \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_3} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_3} \mathbf{A}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}_2 \\ \dots &\longrightarrow \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_3} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} \mathbf{A}_1 \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}_3 \\ \dots &\longrightarrow \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} \mathbf{A}_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_3} \mathbf{A}_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \mathbf{A}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}_4 \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_1 = \theta(341)$, $\alpha_2 = \theta(221)$, $\alpha_3 = \theta(431)$, $\alpha_4 = \theta(111)$.

Corollary 6.4. (1) *A quadratic module M is of finite projective dimension if and only if it contains no string summands of type $+\infty$ or $\pm\infty$. In this case either M is projective (hence, a direct sum of modules isomorphic to \mathbf{A}_i) or $\text{pr. dim } M = 1$. Otherwise, $\text{pr. dim } M = \infty$.*

(2) *Any quadratic module M has a periodic projective resolution*

$$\dots \rightarrow P_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\gamma_n} P_n \xrightarrow{\gamma_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} P_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

of period 4, namely, such that $\gamma_{n+4} = \gamma_n$ for every $n \geq 2$.

In particular, we obtain the value of the finitistic dimension [1] of the ring \mathbf{A} or, the same, of the category of quadratic modules.

Corollary 6.5. $\text{fin. dim } \mathbf{A} = 1$.

We are also able to calculate the *torsion free part* $\text{f}M$ of every indecomposable quadratic \mathbf{A} -module M .

Corollary 6.6. *The torsion free parts of non-projective string and band modules are the following:*

- $\text{f}B(w, \pi(t)) = 0$;
- $\text{f}C(w) = 0$ if both ends of w are of the form $v'(ii, +\infty)$;
- $\text{f}C(w) \simeq \mathbf{B}_i$ if one of the ends of w is $v(ii, -\infty)$ and the other is $v'(jj, +\infty)$;
- $\text{f}C(w) \simeq \mathbf{B}_i \oplus \mathbf{B}_j$ if both ends of w are $v(ii, -\infty)$ and $v(jj, -\infty)$ and w is not of length 4.

APPENDIX: BUNCHES OF CHAINS

Here we recall some definitions and results related to the *bunches of chains* considered by Bondarenko in [7]. We rearrange the definitions to make them more convenient for our purpose and consider only the case of *chains* (not semi-chains) as we need only this one and it is technically much easier. In what follows \mathbf{k} denotes an arbitrary field.

Definition A.7. A *bunch of chains* $\mathfrak{X} = \{\mathbf{I}, \mathfrak{E}_i, \mathfrak{F}_i, \sim\}$ is defined by the following data:

- (1) A set \mathbf{I} of indexes.
- (2) Two chains (i.e., linear ordered sets) \mathfrak{E}_i and \mathfrak{F}_i given for each $i \in \mathbf{I}$.
Put $\mathfrak{E} := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{I}} \mathfrak{E}_i$, $\mathfrak{F} := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{I}} \mathfrak{F}_i$ and $|\mathfrak{X}| := \mathfrak{E} \cup \mathfrak{F}$.
- (3) An equivalence relation \sim on $|\mathfrak{X}|$ such that each equivalence class consists of at most 2 elements.

We also write $x - y$ if $x \in \mathfrak{E}_i$, $y \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ or vice versa (with the same index i). Moreover, we consider the ordering on $|\mathfrak{X}|$ which is just the union of all orderings on \mathfrak{E}_i and \mathfrak{F}_i (i.e., $x < y$ means that x, y belong to the same chain \mathfrak{E}_i or \mathfrak{F}_i and $x < y$ in this chain).

If a bunch of chains $\mathfrak{X} = \{\mathbf{I}, \mathfrak{E}_i, \mathfrak{F}_i, \sim\}$ is given, define the corresponding \mathbf{k} -category $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}(\mathfrak{X})$ and the corresponding \mathbf{C} -bimodule $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{X})$ as follows:

- The objects of \mathbf{C} are the equivalence classes of $|\mathfrak{X}|$ with respect to \sim .

- If a, b are two such equivalence classes, a basis of the morphism space $\mathbf{C}(a, b)$ consists of elements p_{xy} with $y \in a$, $x \in b$, $y < x$ and, if $a = b$, the identity morphism 1_a .
- The multiplication is given by the rule: $p_{xy}p_{yz} = p_{xz}$ if $z < y < x$, while all other possible products are zeros.
- A basis of $\mathbf{U}(a, b)$ consists of elements u_{xy} with $x \in b \cap \mathfrak{E}$, $y \in a \cap \mathfrak{F}$ and $x - y$.
- The action of \mathbf{C} on \mathbf{U} is given by the rule: $p_{zx}u_{xy} = u_{zy}$ if $x < z$; $u_{xy}p_{yt} = u_{xt}$ if $t < y$, while all other possible products are zeros.

We also consider the *additive hull* \mathbf{C}^∞ of the category \mathbf{C} and the natural prolongation of the bimodule \mathbf{U} onto \mathbf{C}^∞ , which we also denote by \mathbf{U} .

The *category of representations* of the bunch \mathfrak{X} is then defined as the category $\text{El}(\mathbf{U})$ of the elements of this bimodule [9]. In other words, the objects of $\text{El}(\mathbf{U})$ are the elements of $\bigcup_A \text{El}(A, A)$ where A runs through the objects of \mathbf{C}^∞ . A morphism $u \rightarrow u'$, where $u \in \text{El}(A, A)$, $u' \in \text{El}(A', A')$, is a morphism $\alpha : A \rightarrow A'$ such that $\alpha u = u' \alpha$. One can easily verify that this definition gives just the same representations as the definition from [7]. Note that in [7] a more general situation was investigated, but we only need this case, which is essentially simpler than the general one. The following result is the specialization of the description of the representations given in [7] to our case, though it can be obtained directly using the same recursive procedure. First define some combinatorial objects called “strings” and “bands.”

Definition A.8. Let $\mathfrak{X} = \{\mathbf{I}, \mathfrak{E}_i, \mathfrak{F}_i, \sim\}$ be a bunch of chains.

- (1) An \mathfrak{X} -word is a sequence $w = x_1 r_1 x_2 r_2 x_3 \dots r_m x_m$, where $x_k \in |\mathfrak{X}|$ and each r_k is either \sim or $-$, such that:
 - (a) $x_{k-1} r_k x_k$ in $|\mathfrak{X}|$;
 - (b) if $r_k = \sim$, then $r_{k+1} = -$ and vice versa.
Possibly $m = 1$, i.e., $w = x$ for some $x \in |\mathfrak{X}|$.
- (2) Call an \mathfrak{X} -word w as above an \mathfrak{X} -cycle if $r_2 = r_m = \sim$ and $x_m - x_1$. (Note that in this case m is always even.)
- (3) Call an \mathfrak{X} -word *full* if, whenever x_1 is not a unique element in its equivalence class, then $r_2 = \sim$ and, whenever x_m is not a unique element in its equivalence class, then $r_m = \sim$.
- (4) Call an \mathfrak{X} -cycle $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_m x_m$ *aperiodic* if it cannot be written as a repetition of a shorter cycle v : $w \neq v r v r \dots v$ for any $r \in \{-, \sim\}$.
- (5) We say that an equivalence class a *occurs* in a word w if w contains a subword x in case $a = \{x\}$ is a singleton, or either

a subword $x \sim y$ or a subword $y \sim x$ in case $a = \{x, y\}$ with $x \neq y$. In the former case we say that this occurrence corresponds to the occurrence of x , while in the latter case we say that it corresponds to both the occurrence of x and to the occurrence of y . Denote by $\nu(a, w)$ the number of occurrences of a in w .

Definition A.9. For an \mathfrak{X} -word $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_m x_m$ call its \sim -subword any subword of the form $v = x \sim y$ as well as that of the form $v = x$ if $x \in \mathfrak{X}$ is unique in its equivalence class. In the latter case put $|v| = \{x\}$, while in the former case put $|v| = \{x, y\}$. Denote by $[w]$ the collection of all \sim -subwords of w .

Note that if w is a cycle, it contains no entries $x \in |\mathfrak{X}|$ such that x is unique in its equivalence class.

Definition A.10. For any full \mathfrak{X} -word $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_m x_m$, define the corresponding *string representation* $u = u_s(w)$ of the bunch \mathfrak{X} as follows:

- (1) $u \in \mathbf{U}(A, A)$ where $A = \bigoplus_{v \in [w]} |v|$.
- (2) Suppose there is a subword $v_1 - v_2$ in w with $v_i \in [w]$. Let x be the right end of the word v_1 and y be the left end of the word v_2 . Then $\mathbf{U}(A, A)$ has a direct summand $\mathbf{U}(|v_1|, |v_2|) \oplus \mathbf{U}(|v_2|, |v_1|)$ and we define the corresponding components of u to be $(0, u_{xy})$ if $x \in \mathfrak{E}$ and $(u_{yx}, 0)$ if $x \in \mathfrak{F}$.
- (3) All other components of u are defined to be zero.

Definition A.11. For any pair $(w, \pi(t))$ where w is an aperiodic \mathfrak{X} -cycle and $\pi(t) \neq t^d$ is a *primary polynomial* over \mathbf{k} (i.e., a power of an irreducible one), define the corresponding *band representation* $u = u_b(w, \pi(t))$ of the bunch \mathfrak{X} as follows:

- (1) $u \in \mathbf{U}(A, A)$ where $A = \bigoplus_{v \in [w]} d|v|$ and $d = \deg \pi(t)$.
- (2) Suppose there is a subword $v_1 - v_2$ in w with $v_i \in [w]$. Let x be the right end of the word v_1 and y be the left end of the word v_2 . Then $\mathbf{U}(A, A)$ has a direct summand

$$\mathbf{U}(d|v_1|, d|v_2|) \oplus \mathbf{U}(d|v_2|, d|v_1|) \simeq \mathbf{Mat}(d \times d, \mathbf{U}(|v_1|, |v_2|) \oplus \mathbf{Mat}(d \times d, \mathbf{U}(|v_2|, |v_1|)))$$

and we define the corresponding components of u to be $(0, u_{xy}I)$ if $x \in \mathfrak{E}$ and $(u_{yx}I, 0)$ if $x \in \mathfrak{F}$, where I denotes the unit $d \times d$ matrix.

- (3) Let now v_1 be the last and v_2 be the first \sim -subword in w (they may coincide), x be the right end of the word v_1 and

y be the left end of the word v_2 . Then $\mathbf{U}(A, A)$ has a direct summand

$$\mathbf{U}(d|v_1|, d|v_2|) \oplus \mathbf{U}(d|v_2|, d|v_1|) \simeq \text{Mat}(d \times d, \mathbf{U}(|v_1|, |v_2|) \oplus \text{Mat}(d \times d, \mathbf{U}(|v_2|, |v_1|)))$$

and we define the corresponding components of u to be $(0, u_{xy}J)$ if $x \in \mathfrak{E}$ and $(u_{yx}\Phi, 0)$ if $x \in \mathfrak{F}$, where Φ denotes the Frobenius matrix with the characteristic polynomial $\pi(t)$.

(4) All other components of u are defined to be zero.

Theorem A.12. (1) *All representations $u_s(w)$ and $u_b(w, \pi(t))$ defined above are indecomposable and each indecomposable representation of \mathfrak{X} is isomorphic to one of these representations.*

(2) *The only possible isomorphisms between these representations are the following:*

(a) $u_s(w) \simeq u_s(w^*)$ if $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_m x_m$ and $w^* = x_m r_m x_{m-1} \dots r_1 x_0$, the reversed word.

(b) $u_b(w, \pi(t)) \simeq u_b(w', \pi'(t))$ if $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_m x_m$, $w' = x_{2k+1} r_{2k+2} x_{2k+2} \dots r_{2k} x_{2k}$ is a cyclic permutation of w and $\pi'(t) = \pi(t)$ for k even, while for k odd $\pi'(t) = t^d \pi(1/t)$.

(c) $u_b(w, \pi(t)) \simeq u_b(w', \pi'(t))$ if $w = x_1 r_2 x_2 \dots r_m x_m$, $w' = x_{2k} r_{2k} x_{2k-1} \dots r_{2k+2} x_{2k+1}$ is a cyclic permutation of the reversed word and $\pi'(t) = \pi(t)$ for k odd, while for k even $\pi'(t) = t^d \pi(1/t)$.

(d always denotes $\deg \pi$.)

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