

Chen simple modules and Prüfer modules over Leavitt path algebras

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Overview

- Brief review of Leavitt path algebras
- Chen simple modules
- $\text{Ext}_{L_K(E)}^1(S, T)$ for various simple $L_K(E)$ -modules S, T
- Prüfer modules
- Injective modules over $L_K(E)$

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$$v \cdot q = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } v = s(f_1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad e \cdot q = \begin{cases} eq & \text{if } r(e) = s(f_1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad e^* \cdot q = \begin{cases} \tau_{>1}(q) & \text{if } e = f_1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The K -linear extension of this action endows $V_{[p]}$ with the structure of a left $L_K(E)$ -module.

Chen simple modules

Theorem: Let $p \in E^\infty$. Then the left $L_K(E)$ -module $V_{[p]}$ is simple. If $p, q \in E^\infty$, then $V_{[p]} \cong V_{[q]}$ as left $L_K(E)$ -modules if and only if $p \sim q$, if and only if $V_{[p]} = V_{[q]}$.

Idea: A linear combination of distinct paths tail equivalent to p can be reduced to a single nonzero term by appropriate multiplication. Then any path tail equivalent to p can be generated from this single term via the module action.

X.W. Chen, “Irreducible representations of Leavitt path algebras”,
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Note: Let $w \in E^0$ be a sink. We consider $w = w^\infty$ as an element in E^∞ . The Chen simple module $V_{[w^\infty]}$ coincides with the ideal $L_K(E)w$.

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Remark: Type (1) is trivial, since w is an idempotent and so the left ideal $L_K(E)w$ is a projective left $L_K(E)$ -module. Type (3) is interesting, but we won't need it in the rest of the lecture, so discussion omitted.

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- By a degree argument, we get $r(c - v) = 0$ if and only if $r = 0$. So the map $\rho_{c-v} : L_K(E)v \rightarrow L_K(E)v$ is a monomorphism of left $L_K(E)$ -modules.

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Corollary: Let E be a finite graph. Let d be a basic closed path. Then $\text{Ext}_{L_K(E)}^1(V_{[d^\infty]}, V_{[d^\infty]}) \neq 0$. In particular, $V_{[d^\infty]}$ is neither projective, nor injective.

Example

Consider the graph R_2 :



Let $q \in R_2^\infty$ and let $T = V_{[q]}$. Let d be a basic closed path in R_2 . Since $v = s(d) \in U(T) = \{v\}$, the previous theorem applies and hence $\text{Ext}_{L_K(R_2)}^1(V_{[d^\infty]}, T) \neq 0$.

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$$V_{[d^\infty]} \cong L_K(E)/L_K(E)(d - 1).$$

Prüfer modules

We look at the standard Prüfer abelian groups for guidance.

p denotes a prime in \mathbb{Z} .

$$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^3\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \dots$$

The embedding is $a + p^i\mathbb{Z} \mapsto pa + p^{i+1}\mathbb{Z}$

The Prüfer p -group is

$$\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^i\mathbb{Z}$$

Another point of view: $\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) = \{\frac{a}{p^i} \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$, with addition mod \mathbb{Z} .

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OR, think of it as an inverse limit of the rings / maps

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We can do this in general.

Proposition: Suppose $a \in R$ has these two properties:

- (1) R/Ra is a simple left R -module, and
- (2) for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$, the equation $aX = 1 + Ra^i$ has no solution in R/Ra^i .

Then the direct limit $U_{R,a}$ of the sequence

$$R/Ra \hookrightarrow R/Ra^2 \hookrightarrow R/Ra^3 \hookrightarrow \dots$$

has structural properties analogous to those for $\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ given above.

Prüfer modules

Now we apply these ideas to the specific case where

$$R = L_K(E), \quad a = c - 1$$

where c is a cycle in the finite graph E .

$$L_K(E)/L_K(E)(c-1) \hookrightarrow L_K(E)/L_K(E)(c-1)^2 \hookrightarrow L_K(E)/L_K(E)(c-1)^3 \hookrightarrow \dots$$

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Proof: By work on Ext^1 groups described previously (using the hypothesis that d connects to v),

$$\text{Ext}^1(V_{[d^\infty]}, V_{[c^\infty]}) \neq 0.$$

Let α_1 denote $1 + L_K(E)(c - 1)$. We get

$$0 \rightarrow V_{[c^\infty]} \cong L_K(E)\alpha_1 \hookrightarrow U_{E,c-1} \twoheadrightarrow U_{E,c-1}/L_K(E)\alpha_1 \cong U_{E,c-1} \rightarrow 0$$

But $\text{Hom}(V_{[d^\infty]}, U_{E,c-1}) = 0$, because the only simple submodule of $U_{E,c-1}$ is isomorphic to $V_{[c^\infty]} \not\cong V_{[d^\infty]}$.

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(The Leavitt path algebra $L_K(T)$ is isomorphic to the Jacobson algebra $K\langle X, Y | XY = 1 \rangle$.)

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Moreover, in case $U_{E,c-1}$ is injective, then:

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Two steps: Reduce to the case when c is a source loop. Then prove the result in this case.

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Proposition:

- 1) Source elimination is a Morita equivalence, and preserves Prüfer modules.
- 2) Reduction of a source cycle to a source loop is a Morita equivalence, and preserves Prüfer modules.

Proof: Omitted. Not too difficult.

Prüfer modules

We analyze specific elements.

Proposition: Let c be a source loop. Let $j \in \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$. Then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $c^{*n}j = 0$.

Proof: It is not hard to show that any nonzero $j \in \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$ is a K -linear combination of elements of the form

$$\alpha\beta^*w\gamma\delta^* \neq 0,$$

where $w \neq s(c)$. Now consider cases.

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3) In all the other cases $\alpha = c^t \eta_1 \cdots \eta_s$ with $c \neq \eta_1 \in E^1$, $t \geq 0$ and $s \geq 1$. Then

$$(c^{t+1})^* \alpha \beta^* w \gamma \delta^* = (c^{t+1})^* c^t \eta_1 \cdots \eta_s \beta^* w \gamma \delta^* = c^* \eta_1 \cdots \eta_s \beta^* w \gamma \delta^* = 0.$$

Since j is a finite sum of terms of the form $\alpha \beta^* w \gamma \delta^*$, the result follows.

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Proposition: For any $\ell \in L_K(E) \setminus \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$ and for any $u \in U_{E,c-1}$, there exists $X \in U_{E,c-1}$ such that $\ell X = u$. That is, u is divisible by any element in $L_K(E) \setminus \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$.

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Idea of Proof: It can be shown that

$$\text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1}) = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} L_K(E)(c-1)^n = \langle E^0 \setminus s(c) \rangle.$$

Then using the “Division Algorithm” for $c-1$ (and some computation) yields the result.

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$$cx = u.$$

We may assume that $s(c)x = x$. Then

$$0 \neq x = s(c)x = c^*cx = c^*u.$$

Repeating the same argument for $0 \neq c^*u \in U_{E,c-1}$, we get $(c^*)^2 u \neq 0$. Now continue.

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Assume on one hand that $\ell \in \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$, and hence $I_f \leq \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$.

But we know these two things:

- 1) Any element of $\text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$ is annihilated by some c^{*N} , and
- 2) $c^{*n}u \neq 0$ for all $0 \neq u \in U_{E,c-1}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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But then for $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{L_K(E)}(I_f, U_{E,c-1})$ we see that $\varphi(\ell) = 0$.
Here's why:

Otherwise, if $\varphi(\ell) \neq 0$, then $(c^*)^n \varphi(\ell) \neq 0$ for all n ;

but $\ell \in \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$ gives $(c^*)^N \ell = 0$ for some N , so that
 $0 = \varphi((c^*)^N \ell) = (c^*)^N \varphi(\ell)$, a contradiction.

And $\varphi(\ell) = 0$ gives $\varphi = 0$, because I_f is generated by ℓ . Thus in
this case we must have $\text{Hom}_{L_K(E)}(I_f, U_{E,c-1}) = 0$, and the
conclusion follows trivially.

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Assume on the other hand that $l \notin \text{Ann}_{L_K(E)}(U_{E,c-1})$.
But then there exists $x \in U_{E,c-1}$ for which $lx = \varphi(l)$.

Let $\psi : L_K(E) \rightarrow U_{E,c-1}$ be the map ρ_x . Then, for each $i = rl \in I_f$, we have

$$\psi(i) = \psi(rl) = rl\psi(1) = rlx = \varphi(l) = \varphi(rl) = \varphi(i),$$

and so φ extends in this case as well.

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Proposition: Each $L_K(E)/L_K(E)(c-1)^i$ is a right S -submodule of $U_{E,c-1}$, and these are ALL the right S -submodules of $U_{E,c-1}$. In particular, $(U_{E,c-1})_S$ is artinian.

Proof: Not hard.

Prüfer modules

Here's why we care about the right S -structure of $U_{E,c-1}$:

This property implies that the functor $\text{Ext}^1(-, U_{E,c-1})$ sends direct limits to inverse limits.

(More details: If a module is linearly compact over its endomorphism ring, then it is algebraically compact and hence pure-injective. But for a pure-injective left R -module M , the functor $\text{Ext}^1(-, M)$ sends direct limits to inverse limits.)

Prüfer modules

Finally, we get the result.

Theorem: Let E be a finite graph with source loop c . Then the Prüfer module $U_{E,c-1}$ is injective. Indeed, $U_{E,c-1}$ is the injective envelope of $V_{[c^\infty]}$.

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Since $L_K(E)\alpha_1$ is an essential submodule of $U_{E,c-1}$, the last statement follows.