

## GRADED COMPLEXES OVER POWER SERIES RINGS

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A common method in studying a commutative Noetherian local ring  $A$  is to find a regular subring  $R$  contained in  $A$  so that  $A$  becomes a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and in this way one can obtain some information about the original ring by applying what is known about regular local rings. By the structure theorems of Cohen, if  $A$  is complete and contains a field, there will always exist such a subring  $R$ , and  $R$  will be a power series ring  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]] = k[[\mathbf{X}]]$  over a field  $k$ . In this paper we show that if  $R$  is chosen properly, the ring  $A$  (or, more generally, an  $A$ -module  $M$ ), will have a comparatively simple structure as an  $R$ -module. More precisely,  $A$  (or  $M$ ) will have a free resolution which resembles the Koszul complex on the variables  $(X_1, \dots, X_n) = (\mathbf{X})$ ; such a complex will be called an  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex and will be given a precise definition below. For low dimensions ( $\leq 3$ ) it is possible to list all modules which have such a resolution, and there are finitely many indecomposable ones; for higher dimensions this does not appear to be possible.

Nonetheless, in any dimension  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complexes have some nice properties. The only one we will consider here is the following: if  $F_*$  is an  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex, then it is possible to define a filtration on each module  $F_i$  so that the complex of associated graded modules one obtains is a complex of free graded modules over the associated graded ring of  $k[[\mathbf{X}]]$  with homology equal to the associated graded module of a good filtration on the homology of  $F_*$ . Such complexes will be called graded complexes; again, the exact definition will be given below. Interest in "approximating" a complex by a complex of graded modules came partly from the results of Peskine and Szpiro [2], where some conjectures on multiplicity are proven for graded modules by defining a sequence of invariants related to dimension and multiplicities from a complex of free graded modules. The results here allow one to define an analogous sequence of invariants in a more general situation; however, they will not have all the properties one has in the graded case, due to the inevitable dependence on the subring  $R$ . If  $A$  is Cohen-Macaulay, it is possible to produce from this a complex of modules over the graded ring of  $A$  (graded by powers of the ideal  $(\mathbf{X})$ ), and, if the original complex is the resolution of a module  $M$ , the new complex will be a resolution of the associated

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graded module of  $M$  by modules which are not necessarily free, but can be described in terms of the ring  $A/(\mathbf{X})$ . However, we do not develop this in this paper.

**1. (X)-graded complexes.** Let  $A = K[[\mathbf{X}]] = k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]$ . Before defining the concept of (X)-graded complex, we give a definition of the usual Koszul complex  $K_*(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  which will serve as a model for the more general definition.

In what follows, the word “complex” will mean “bounded complex of finitely generated free  $A$ -modules.”

The definition of the Koszul complex we give here is by induction on  $n$ .

1. If  $n = 0$ , we let  $K_* = A = k$  in degree zero (that is,  $K_i = k$  if  $i = 0$  and  $K_i = 0$  if  $i \neq 0$ ).

2. Suppose  $K_*(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$  is defined and is a complex of free  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]]$ -modules. Then  $K_*(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is the total complex of the double complex

$$K_*(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \otimes k[[\mathbf{X}]] \xrightarrow{X_n} K_*(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \otimes k[[\mathbf{X}]]$$

where the two copies of  $K_*(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \otimes k[[\mathbf{X}]]$  are given degrees 1 and 0 respectively and the tensor product is taken over  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]]$ .

We recall that if  $L_{**}$  is a double complex, then the total complex of  $L_{**}$ , denoted  $\text{tot}(L_{**})$ , is the complex with

$$\text{tot}(L_{**})_i = \bigoplus_{j+k=i} L_{jk}$$

and differentials induced by those of  $L_{**}$ .

We next give a preliminary definition.

*Definition 1.1.* A *projective complex* is a direct sum of complexes of the forms:

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{1} A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \quad \text{and}$$

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

where the non-zero part can occur in any degree.

For the sense in which it is reasonable to consider such a complex projective, we refer to [3]. We note that if  $A$  is a field, every complex is projective.

*Definition 1.2.* We define what it means for a complex to be (X)-graded by induction on  $n$ .

1. If  $n = 0$ , every complex is (X)-graded.

2. If  $n > 0$ , an  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex is a complex which is quasi-isomorphic to a complex of the form

$$\text{tot}[(K_* \otimes k[[\mathbf{X}]]) \xrightarrow{X_n \phi} (P_* \otimes k[[\mathbf{X}]])]$$

where we have a short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow L_* \rightarrow K_* \xrightarrow{\phi} P_* \rightarrow 0$$

in which  $K_*$  and  $P_*$  are  $(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$ -graded complexes and  $L_*$  is projective.

We give three examples:

*Example 1.* Every projective complex is  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded.

*Example 2.* The Koszul complex is  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded. More generally, if we truncate the Koszul complex by letting  $K_i = 0$  for all  $i$  less than some integer  $j$ , the resulting complex is  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded.

*Example 3.* The complex over  $A = k[[X_1, X_2]]$  given by

$$A^2 \xrightarrow{(X_1, X_2)} A$$

is also a truncated Koszul complex, but it is not in the form of part 2 of the above definition. However, it is quasi-isomorphic to the complex

$$A \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} -X_2 \\ X_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} A^3 \xrightarrow{(X_1 \ X_2 \ 0)} A$$

which is in the correct form, so it is  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded.

We next prove a result we will use later.

**PROPOSITION 1.3.** *Every  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex is quasi-isomorphic to one of the form given in part 2 of Definition 1.2 in which  $L_*$  has zero differentials.*

*Proof.* Let

$$0 \rightarrow L_* \rightarrow K_* \xrightarrow{\phi} P_* \rightarrow 0$$

be a short exact sequence of complexes of  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]]$ -modules as in part 2 of Definition 1.2. Suppose there exists an  $i$  such that  $d_i: L_i \rightarrow L_{i-1}$  is not zero. Since  $L_*$  is projective, this means that there is a direct summand  $F_*$  of  $L_*$  isomorphic to

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{1} A \rightarrow \dots ;$$

furthermore, since  $L_j$  is a direct summand of  $K_j$  for each  $j$ , the image of  $F_*$  in  $K_*$  is a direct summand of  $K_*$ . Denoting  $K_*/F_*$  by  $\bar{K}_*$ , we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F_* \rightarrow K_* \rightarrow \bar{K}_* \rightarrow 0$$

so that  $\bar{K}_*$  is quasi-isomorphic to  $K_*$  and is thus  $(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$ -graded. Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow F_* \otimes k[[X]] \rightarrow \text{tot}(K_* \otimes k[[X]]) \rightarrow P_* \otimes k[[x]] \\ \rightarrow \text{tot}(\bar{K}_* \otimes k[[X]]) \rightarrow P_* \otimes k[[x]] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

so that the above total complexes are also quasi-isomorphic. By continuing to remove trivial direct summands in this way we can eventually arrive at the situation in which  $L_*$  has zero differentials.

**2. Graded complexes.** Let  $A$  be a local ring with maximal ideal  $m$ . We define in this section an associated graded complex with respect to  $m$  for any complex of free  $A$ -modules. If the complex is minimal, so that the differentials are zero modulo  $m$ , this can be done very easily by using the  $m$ -adic filtration on each  $F_i$  shifted by  $i$ ; however, we will need a more general case so we will not assume that the complex is minimal, even though this makes the definition somewhat more complicated.

Let  $F_*$  be a bounded complex of finitely generated free  $A$ -modules. We will assume, as we can, that bases are chosen for each  $F_i$  so that  $d_i:F_i \rightarrow F_{i-1}$  is given by a matrix of the form

$$(1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I & 0 & 0 \\ M_i & N_i & P_i \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $I$  is an identity matrix and  $M_i, N_i,$  and  $P_i$  all have entries in  $m$ . We denote the corresponding decomposition of  $F_i$  into a direct sum by

$$F_i = F_i^1 \oplus F_i^2 \oplus F_i^3.$$

The fact that  $d_i d_{i+1} = 0$  translates into the equations

$$N_i + P_i M_{i+1} = 0 \quad P_i N_{i+1} = 0 \quad P_i P_{i+1} = 0.$$

Thus the matrix (1) becomes

$$(2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I & 0 & 0 \\ M_i & -P_i M_{i+1} & P_i \end{pmatrix}$$

and the only condition is  $P_i P_{i+1} = 0$ .

We now wish to produce from this a complex of free graded modules over the graded ring

$$\bar{A} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} m^i/m^{i+1}.$$

We use the following terminology and notation: if  $M$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module, a *good filtration* on  $M$  is a decreasing filtration of  $A$ -submodules

$$M = \mathbf{F}_k(M) \supseteq \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(M) \supseteq \dots$$

such that  $m\mathbf{F}_j(M) \subseteq \mathbf{F}_{j+1}(M)$  for all  $j$  and  $m\mathbf{F}_j(M) = \mathbf{F}_{j+1}(M)$  for all but finitely many  $j$ . If  $M$  is a module with a good filtration, then  $\bar{M}$ , the associated graded module, is a finitely generated  $\bar{A}$ -module. If  $f: M \rightarrow N$  satisfies

$$f(\mathbf{F}_j(M)) \subseteq \mathbf{F}_j(N) \quad \text{for all } j,$$

$f$  induces a map from  $\bar{M}$  to  $\bar{N}$  which we denote  $\bar{f}$ .

Now let  $F_*$  be the complex above, and define a good filtration on each  $F_i$  by letting

$$\mathbf{F}_k(F_i) = m^{k-i}F_i^1 \oplus m^{k-i-1}F_i^2 \oplus m^{k-i}F_i^3.$$

The fact that  $d_i(\mathbf{F}_k(F_i)) \subseteq \mathbf{F}_k(F_{i-1})$  follows from the fact that  $d_i$  is defined by the matrix (2) and  $M_i, M_{i+1}$ , and  $P_i$  have entries in  $m$ . Thus there is an associated complex  $\bar{F}_*$  of free  $\bar{A}$ -modules;  $\bar{F}_i$  is isomorphic as a graded module to

$$\bar{A}[-i]^{s_1} \oplus A[-i+1]^{s_2} \oplus \bar{A}[-i]^{s_3},$$

where  $s_j$  is the rank of  $F_i^j$ .

The filtration on  $F_i$  induces a good filtration on  $\text{Ker } d_i$  and  $\text{Im } d_{i+1}$  (by the Artin-Rees Lemma), and thus also on the homology  $H_i(F_*)$ . Furthermore, there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \overline{\text{Im } d_{i+1}} \rightarrow \overline{\text{Ker } d_i} \rightarrow \overline{H_i(F_*)} \rightarrow 0.$$

PROPOSITION 2.1. *There are natural maps:*

$$\kappa_i: \overline{\text{Ker } d_i} \rightarrow \text{Ker } (\bar{d}_i)$$

and

$$\mu_i: \text{Im } (\bar{d}_{i+1}) \rightarrow \overline{\text{Im } d_{i+1}}$$

making

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{\text{Im } d_{i+1}} & \longrightarrow & \overline{\text{Ker } d_i} \\ \uparrow \mu_i & & \uparrow \kappa_i \\ \text{Im } (\bar{d}_{i+1}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } (\bar{d}_i) \end{array}$$

commute.

*Proof.* The maps  $\kappa_i$  and  $\mu_i$  are induced by the identity on  $F_i$ ; the fact that they are well-defined and the commutativity of the diagram are straight forward to verify.

*Definition 2.2.* The complex  $F_*$  is *graded* if  $\kappa_i$  and  $\mu_i$  are isomorphisms for all  $i$ .

If  $F_*$  is graded, we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Im}(\bar{d}_{i+1}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker}(\bar{d}_i) & \longrightarrow & H_i(\bar{F}_*) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \mu_i \downarrow \wr 2 & & \kappa_i^{-1} \downarrow \wr 2 & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \overline{\text{Im } d_{i+1}} & \longrightarrow & \overline{\text{Ker } d_i} & \longrightarrow & \overline{H_i(F_*)} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

so that  $H_i(\bar{F}_*)$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{H_i(F_*)}$  as a graded module.

**PROPOSITION 2.3.**  $F_*$  is graded if and only if  $\kappa_i$  is surjective for all  $i$ .

*Proof.* We have commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \overline{\text{Ker } d_i} \hookrightarrow & & \text{Im } \bar{d}_{i+1} \hookrightarrow \\
 \downarrow \kappa_i & \searrow & \downarrow \mu_i \\
 \text{Ker } \bar{d}_i & \longrightarrow & \bar{F}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{F}_i \\
 \uparrow & \swarrow & \uparrow \\
 \text{Ker } \bar{d}_i & \longleftarrow & \overline{\text{Im } d_{i+1}}
 \end{array}$$

so that  $\kappa_i$  and  $\mu_i$  are automatically injective. Thus the proposition will be proven if we can show that the surjectivity of  $\kappa_{i+1}$  implies the surjectivity of  $\mu_i$ . We first express these conditions in terms of elements:

Surjectivity of  $\mu_i$ : This says that if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{i+1}$  and  $d\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i)$ , then there exists a  $\beta \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_{i+1})$  with  $d\alpha - d\beta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i)$ .

Surjectivity of  $\kappa_{i+1}$ : this says that if  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_{i+1})$  and  $d\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i)$ , then there exists  $\beta \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_{i+1})$  with  $\alpha - \beta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i)$  and  $d\beta = 0$ .

Suppose now that  $\kappa_{i+1}$  is surjective. Let  $\alpha \in F_{i+1}$  with  $d\alpha$  in  $\mathbf{F}_k(F_i)$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_{i+1})$  we are done; if not, choose  $j < k$  such that  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_j(F_{i+1})$ . Then

$$d\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i) \subseteq \mathbf{F}_{j+1}(F_i),$$

so by the surjectivity of  $\kappa_{i+1}$ , there is a  $\beta$  in  $\mathbf{F}_j(F_{i+1})$  with

$$d\beta = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha - \beta \in \mathbf{F}_{j+1}(F_{i+1}).$$

Then  $d(\alpha - \beta) = d\alpha - d\beta = d\alpha$ , so we can replace  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha - \beta \in \mathbf{F}_{j+1}(F_{i+1})$ . This process can be continued until we find  $\gamma \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_{j+1})$  with  $d\gamma = d\alpha$ , proving that  $\mu_i$  is surjective.

The next result we wish to prove is that the property of being graded depends only on the quasi-isomorphism class of the complex  $F_*$ . Since we

are only concerned here with complexes of free modules, this amounts to saying that if we represent a complex  $F_*$  as a direct sum  $F_* = G_* \oplus M_*$ , where  $G_*$  is chain homotopic to zero and  $M_*$  is minimal, then  $F_*$  is graded if and only if  $M_*$  is. If we represent  $F_*$  as in (2), the associated minimal complex is  $F_*^3$  with boundary maps  $d_i^3$  defined by the matrices  $P_i$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** *If  $F_*$  and  $G_*$  are quasi-isomorphic, then  $F_*$  is graded if and only if  $G_*$  is graded.*

*Proof.* As outlined above, it suffices to show that  $F_*$  with boundary maps given by (2) is graded if and only if  $F_*^3$  is. We use the criterion of Proposition 2.3.

Assume that  $F_*^3$  is graded. Let

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{\alpha} \\ \bar{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

be in the kernel of  $\bar{d}_i$  with

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbf{F}_k(F_i) \text{ and} \\ d \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -PM\alpha + P\beta \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_{i-1}).$$

We then have

$$-M\alpha + \beta \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i^3) \text{ and } P(-M\alpha + \beta) \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_{i-1}^3),$$

so, since  $F_*^3$  is graded, there exists a  $\gamma \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i^3)$  with  $P\gamma = 0$  and

$$(-M\alpha + \beta) - \gamma \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i^3).$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \\ \gamma + M\alpha \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Ker } d_i \text{ and} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \\ \gamma + M\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \beta - \gamma - M\alpha \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i).$$

Hence  $F_*$  is graded.

Conversely, assume that  $F_*$  is graded, and let  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i)$ , be such that

$$P\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_{i-1}^3).$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i)$$

with

$$d \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_{i-1}),$$

so there exists

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{F}_k(F_i)$$

with

$$d_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i).$$

We claim that the element  $\theta = \gamma - M\beta$  in  $F_i^3$  satisfies the condition of Proposition 2.3. Since

$$d_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

we have  $P\theta = P\gamma - PM\beta = 0$ . Furthermore, since  $\beta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i^2)$ , we have  $M\beta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i^3)$ , so

$$\alpha - \theta = \alpha + M\beta - \gamma = (\alpha - \gamma) + M\beta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i).$$

Thus  $d_i^3(\theta) = 0$  and  $\alpha - \theta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i^3)$ , so  $F_*^3$  is graded.

As a final result in this section, we wish to show that the  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complexes defined above are graded. Let

$$A = k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \quad \text{and} \quad m = (X_1, \dots, X_n).$$

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *An  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex is graded.*

*Proof.* The proof is by induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 0$ ,  $A$  is a field and there is nothing to prove.

Assume the result for  $n - 1$ , and let  $F_*$  be an  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex. By Proposition 1.3, we can assume that

$$F_* = \text{tot}(K_* \otimes k[\mathbf{X}] \xrightarrow{X_n \phi} P_* \otimes k[\mathbf{X}]),$$



where

$$0 \rightarrow L_* \rightarrow K_* \xrightarrow{\phi} P_* \rightarrow 0$$

is exact,  $K_*$  and  $P_*$  are  $(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$  graded complexes, and  $L_*$  is a complex of free  $A$ -modules with zero differentials.

If the complex  $P_*$  is not minimal, we can remove a trivial summand from  $P_*$  and  $K_*$  to make  $P_*$  minimal while replacing all complexes involved by quasi-isomorphic ones. It is not always possible to make  $K_*$  minimal, but by a proper choice of splitting

$$K_i \cong P_i \oplus L_i^1 \oplus L_i^2,$$

the boundary maps of  $K_*$  can be put in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_i & 0 & 0 \\ J_i & 0 & 0 \\ M_i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $J_i$  is of the form  $(I \ 0)$  for an identity matrix  $I$  and  $G_i$  and  $M_i$  have coefficients in  $m$ . The boundary map in the total complex to  $X_n\phi$  will now have the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_{i+1} & (-1)^i X_n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is now in the proper form, and we can use the criterion of Proposition 2.3 to show that this total complex is graded, using the inductive hypothesis on  $K_*$  and  $P_*$ .

Let

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} \text{ be in } F_k(F_i) \text{ with}$$

$$d \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{i+1}\alpha + (-1)^i X_n\beta \\ G_i\beta \\ J_i\beta \\ M_i\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

in  $F_{k+1}(F_{i-1})$ . It is clear that the choices of  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  are arbitrary and they can be taken to be zero. We must thus find

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\beta} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{F_{k+1}(F_i)} \quad \text{with} \quad d \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\beta} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Let

$$\alpha = \sum \alpha_j X_n^j \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \sum \beta_j X_n^j$$

with  $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_j$  in  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]]$ . Since  $G$  and  $M$  have coefficients in  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]]$ , the condition

$$G_{i+1}\alpha + (-1)^i X_n \beta \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_{i-1})$$

becomes:

$$G_{i+1}(\alpha_0) \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(P_{i-1})$$

$$G_{i+1}(\alpha_j) + (-1)^i \beta_{j-1} = \theta_{j-1} \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1-j}(P_{i-1}) \quad \text{for } j > 0.$$

Since  $P_*$  is graded, we can find  $\tilde{\alpha}_0$  with  $\tilde{\alpha}_0 - \alpha_0 \in \mathbf{F}_{k+1}(P_i)$  and  $d\tilde{\alpha}_0 = 0$ . Let

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\alpha}_0 + \alpha_1 X_n + \alpha_2 X_n^2 + \dots$$

and let

$$\tilde{\beta} = \sum (\beta_j - (-1)^i \theta_j) X_n^j.$$

It is then clear from the equations above that  $\tilde{\alpha}$  and  $\tilde{\beta}$  will satisfy

$$G_{i+1}(\tilde{\alpha}) + (-1)^i X_n \tilde{\beta} = 0$$

and that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\beta} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{\mathbf{F}_{k+1}(F_i)}.$$

The fact that

$$X_n \tilde{\beta} = G_{i+1}((-1)^i \tilde{\alpha})$$

now implies that

$$X_n G_i(\tilde{\beta}) = 0, \quad X_n J_i(\tilde{\beta}) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad X_n M_i(\tilde{\beta}) = 0,$$

so

$$G_i(\tilde{\beta}) = J_i(\tilde{\beta}) = M_i(\tilde{\beta}) = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$d \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\beta} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Thus  $F_*$  is graded.

**3. General complexes over power series rings.** Let  $A = k[[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]]$  be a power series ring, and let  $F_*$  be a bounded complex of finitely generated  $A$ -modules. We wish to show that there is a sub-power series ring  $k[[X]] \subseteq k[[Y]]$  such that  $k[[Y]]$  is a finite  $k[[X]]$ -module and such that  $F_*$  is an  $(X)$ -graded complex. The proof is by induction; as usual, there is nothing to prove if  $n = 0$ . If  $n > 0$ , we reduce to dimension  $n - 1$  by taking the dual of a Cartan-Eilenberg resolution of  $F_*$  and showing that it is quasi-isomorphic in positive degrees to a double complex of modules of dimension less than or equal to  $n - 1$ . One can then recover  $F_*$  up to a projective summand using a method of [1] and show that for proper choice of  $k[[X]]$ ,  $F_*$  is  $(X)$ -graded. For the homological results in this section which are not well-known, we refer to [2].

Let

$$0 \rightarrow C_{k*} \rightarrow C_{k-1,*} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_{1*} \rightarrow C_{0*} \rightarrow F_* \rightarrow 0$$

be a finite Cartan-Eilenberg resolution of  $F_*$ .

Let  $P^{**} = \text{Hom}_A(C_{**}, A)$ . For each  $i, j$  we have boundary maps:

$$d_p^{ij}: P^{ij} \rightarrow P^{i+1,j}$$

$$\delta_p^{ij}: P^{ij} \rightarrow P^{i,j+1}.$$

LEMMA 3.1. *For each  $i > 0$  and for each  $j$ , we have:*

- a.  $\dim(H^i(P^{*j})) \leq n - 1$
- b.  $\dim(H^i(\text{Ker } \delta^{*j})) \leq n - 1$ .

*Proof.* These homology groups are

$$\text{Ext}^i(F_j, A) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Ext}^i(F_j/d_j(F_{j+1}), A)$$

respectively; since  $A$  is an integral domain of dimension  $n$ , they have dimension  $\leq n - 1$  for  $i > 0$  (in fact,  $\text{Ext}^i(F_j, A) = 0$ ).

LEMMA 3.2. *There exists a sub-double complex  $K^{**} \subseteq P^{**}$  such that:*

- a.  $\dim P^{ij}/K^{ij} \leq n - 1$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ .
- b.  $P^{*j} \rightarrow P^{*j}/K^{*j}$  induces isomorphisms in homology in degrees  $> 0$  for all  $j$ .
- c.  $\text{Ker } \delta_p^{*j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_{P/K}^{*j}$  induces isomorphisms in homology in degrees  $> 0$  for all  $j$ .

*Proof.* We proceed step by step, dividing at each stage by a subcomplex of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \delta(K) & \longrightarrow & \delta d(K) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \uparrow \delta & & \uparrow \delta & & \\
 & & K & \xrightarrow{d} & d(K) & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

where  $K$  is a submodule of  $P^{k,l}$  such that  $\dim P^{k,l}/K \leq n - 1$  and the projection from  $P^{**}$  onto the quotient modulo this subcomplex satisfies conditions b and c of the lemma. Thus we assume that this has been done for  $i < k$  and for  $i = k$  and  $j < l$ , so that  $\dim P^{i,j} \leq n - 1$  for these indices, and show that it can then be done for  $P^{k,l}$ . Since there are only a finite number of non-zero modules in  $P^{**}$ , this will prove the lemma.

Fix  $k, l$  as above. The procedure is now as follows: we give several conditions on a submodule  $K$  of  $P^{k,l}$  so that if  $K$  satisfies all of them, it will satisfy conditions b and c of the lemma. We show that there is a submodule  $K$  satisfying each condition with

$$\dim P^{k,l}/K \leq n - 1.$$

Finally, each condition has the property that if  $K$  satisfies it so does any submodule of  $K$ . Then the intersection of submodules satisfying each of them will satisfy all of them and  $P^{k,l}/K$  will still have the correct dimension.

CONDITION 1.  $K \xrightarrow{d} dK$  is an isomorphism if  $k > 0$  and surjective if  $k = 0$ .

Surjectivity is of course obvious. For injectivity, assume  $k > 0$  and consider the sequence

$$P^{k-1,l} \rightarrow P^{k,l} \xrightarrow{d^{k,l}} P^{k+1,l}.$$

Since  $P^{k-1,l}$  and  $H^*(P^{k,l})$  have dimension  $\leq n - 1$ ,  $\text{Ker } d^{k,l}$  must also. Thus we can choose a  $K$  with

$$K \cap \text{Ker } d^{k,l} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dim P^{k,l}/K \leq n - 1.$$

CONDITION 2.  $\delta K \xrightarrow{d} d\delta K$  is an isomorphism if  $k > 0$  and surjective if  $k = 0$ .

As for Condition 1, we can find a submodule  $L$  of  $P^{k,l+1}$  with

$$\dim P^{k,l+1}/L \leq n - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad L \cap \text{Ker } d = 0.$$

We then let  $K = \delta^{-1}(L)$ .

We assume henceforth that the module  $K$  under consideration satisfies Conditions 1 and 2.

CONDITION 3. For  $k > 0$ , and for all  $j$ ,

$$\text{Ker } \delta_K^{k,j} \xrightarrow{d} \text{Ker } \delta_K^{k+1,j}$$

is an isomorphism. For  $k = 0$ , for all  $j$  we have

$$K \cap d^{-1}(\text{Ker } \delta_p^{k+1,l}) \subseteq \text{Ker } \delta_p^{k,l} + \text{Ker } d_p^{k,l}.$$

This condition is trivial if  $j \neq l$  or  $l + 1$  and is Condition 2 if  $j = l + 1$ . Hence we assume  $j = l$ .

If  $k > 0$ , Condition 3 follows from Conditions 1 and 2 and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } \delta_K^{k,l} & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \delta K \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow d & & \downarrow \wr & & \downarrow \wr \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } \delta_K^{k+1,l} & \longrightarrow & dK & \longrightarrow & d\delta K \longrightarrow 0.
 \end{array}$$

Let  $k = 0$ . Both  $\text{Ker } \delta_p^{k,l}$  and  $\text{Ker } d_p^{k,l}$  are mapped by  $d$  into  $\text{Ker } \delta_p^{k+1,l}$ , and we have an injective map

$$0 \rightarrow d^{-1}(\text{Ker } \delta_p^{k+1,l}) / (\text{Ker } \delta_p^{k,l} + \text{Ker } d_p^{k,l}) \rightarrow H^1(\text{Ker } \delta^{*,l}).$$

Since  $\dim H^1(\text{Ker } \delta^{*,l}) \leq n - 1$ , we can then find a submodule  $K$  with

$$\dim P^{k,l} / K \leq n - 1$$

and satisfying

$$K \cap d^{-1}(\text{Ker } \delta_p^{k+1,l}) \subseteq \text{Ker } \delta_p^{k,l} + \text{Ker } d_p^{k,l}.$$

CONDITION 4. For all  $k > 0$ , and for all  $j$ , the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_K^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_p^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_{p/K}^{*,j} \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

With no assumptions on  $K$ , we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_p^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_p^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_{p,K}^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \delta_K^{*,j}.$$

Thus we must make the map from  $\text{Ker } \delta_{p/K}^{*,j}$  to  $\text{Coker } \delta_K^{*,j}$  zero. Since  $\text{Coker } \delta_K^{*,j} = 0$  unless  $j = l - 1$ , we assume  $j = l - 1$ . In this case, the map looks like:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{Coker } \delta_K^{*,l-1} = \dots \rightarrow 0 & \rightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{d} & dK & \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \delta^{k,l-1} & & \uparrow \delta^{k+1,l-1} & & \\
 \text{Ker } \delta_{p/K}^{*,l-1} = \dots & 0 \rightarrow & \delta^{-1}(K) & \xrightarrow{d} & \delta^{-1}(dK) & \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

We must now choose  $K$  so that both vertical caps are zero.

To make  $\delta^{k,l-1} = 0$  in this diagram, it suffices to make

$$K \cap \delta(P^{k,l-1}) = 0.$$

Now  $\dim P^{k,l-1} \leq n - 1$  by hypothesis, so

$$\dim \delta(P^{k,l-1}) \leq n - 1$$

and we can do this.

To make  $\delta^{k+1,l-1}$  zero, we need

$$\delta P^{k+1,l-1} \cap dK = 0.$$

First, the short exact sequence of complexes:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta^{*,l-1} \rightarrow P^{*,l-1} \rightarrow \text{Im } \delta^{*,l-1} \rightarrow 0$$

together with Lemma 3.1 imply that  $\text{Im } \delta^{*,l-1}$  has homology of dimension  $\leq n - 1$  in degrees  $\geq 1$ . Since  $d(\text{Im } \delta^{k,l-1})$  has dimension  $\leq n - 1$ , we deduce that

$$\text{Im } \delta^{k+1,l-1} \cap \text{Ker } d^{k+1,l}$$

has dimension  $\leq n - 1$ . Hence we can find a submodule  $L$  of  $P^{k+1,l}$  with

$$\dim P^{k+1,l}/L \leq n - 1$$

and such that

$$L \cap \text{Im } \delta^{k+1,l-1} \cap \text{Ker } d^{k+1,l} = 0.$$

It then suffices to take  $K = d^{-1}(L)$ .

We now show that if Conditions 1-4 are satisfied, the map  $P^{**} \rightarrow P^{**}/K^{**}$  satisfies Conditions b and c of the lemma.

*Condition b.* Conditions 1 and 2 imply that for each  $j$ , and each  $i > 0$ , we have  $H^i(K^{*,j}) = 0$ . Thus the long exact sequence associated to

$$0 \rightarrow K^{*,j} \rightarrow P^{*,j} \rightarrow (P/K)^{*,j} \rightarrow 0$$

implies Condition b.

*Condition c.* We divide this into two cases.

First assume  $k > 0$ . Then Condition 3 says that

$$H^i(\text{Ker } \delta_K^{*,j}) = 0 \text{ for all } i,$$

and Condition 4 says that

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_K^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_P^{*,j} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \delta_{P/K}^{*,j} \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Hence the long exact sequence implies Condition c.

Now assume  $k = 0$ . We must check that

$$H^1(\text{Ker } \delta_P^{*,j}) \rightarrow H^1(\text{Ker } \delta_{P/K}^{*,j})$$

is an isomorphism.

Surjectivity follows from Condition 4 as in the case when  $k > 0$ . We now show that Condition 3 is enough to imply that this map is injective. This is non-trivial only if  $j = l$ .

Let  $\eta \in H^1(\text{Ker } \delta_{P/K}^{*,l})$  be such that its image in  $H^1(\text{Ker } \delta_{P/K}^{*,l})$  is zero. Represent  $\eta$  by  $x$  in  $P^{k,l+1}$  with  $\delta x = dx = 0$ . Then, since the image of  $\eta$  is zero in  $H^1(\text{Ker } \delta_{P/K}^{*,l})$ , there exists  $\bar{y}$  in  $P^{k,l}/K$  with  $\delta \bar{y} = 0$  in  $P^{k,l+1}/\delta K$  and  $\bar{y} = \bar{x}$  in  $P^{*,l}/dK$ . In other words, there exists  $y \in P^{k,l}$  and  $k, k'$  in  $K$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \delta y &= \delta k' \\ dy &= x + dk. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $y - k'$  and  $k$  by  $k - k'$ , we can replace the first equation by

$$\delta y = 0.$$

We have

$$\delta(dk) = \delta(dy - x) = d\delta y - \delta x = 0,$$

so

$$dk \in \text{Ker } \delta_p^{k+1,l}.$$

Thus, by Condition 3 we can write  $k = s + t$ , with

$$s \in \text{Ker } \delta_p^{k,l} \quad \text{and} \quad t \in \text{Ker } d_p^{k,l}.$$

Now let  $y' = y - s$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta y' &= \delta y - \delta s = 0 \\ dy' &= dy - ds = x + dk - dk = x. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $x \in d(\text{Ker } \delta^{k,l})$ ,  $\eta = 0$  in  $H^1(\text{Ker } \delta_p^{*,l})$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.

We now return to the inductive proof that there is a power series subring  $R$  of  $A$  such that  $F_*$  is an  $(X)$ -graded complex of  $R$ -modules. Let  $K^{**}$  be as in Lemma 3.5, and let  $M^{**} = P^{**}/K^{**}$ . Then the dimension of  $M^{ij}$  is less than  $n$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ , so there is a non-zero element  $X_n \in A$  such that  $X_n M^{ij} = 0$  for all  $i, j$ . Choose  $\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}$  in  $A$  so that  $A/X_n A$  is a finitely generated  $k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}]]$ -module. We note that  $A$  is then a finitely generated  $k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}, X_n]]$ -module.

The procedure is now to reconstruct  $F_*$  from  $M^{**}$ . Let  $Q^{**} \rightarrow M^{**}$  be a Cartan-Eilenberg resolution of the complex of complexes of  $k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}]]$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow M^{0*} \rightarrow M^{1*} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M^{k*} \rightarrow 0.$$

Let  $S^{**}$  be the total complex (or mapping cone) of the map of complexes of complexes of  $k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}, X_n]]$  modules given by

$$\tilde{Q}^{**} \xrightarrow{X_n} \tilde{Q}^{**},$$

where

$$\tilde{Q}^{**} = Q^{**} \otimes_{k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}]]} k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}, X_n]].$$

Thus for each  $i$ , we have

$$S^{i*} = \tilde{Q}^{i*} \oplus \tilde{Q}^{i+1,*},$$

with differentials induced by those of  $\tilde{Q}^{**}$  and by  $X_n$ .

Then  $S^{**}$  is a resolution of  $M^{**}$  over  $k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}, X_n]]$ . Since  $P^{**}$  is a resolution of  $M^{**}$  in degrees  $\geq 1$  (by the construction in Lemma 3.2),  $S^{**}$  and  $P^{**}$  agree in degrees  $\geq 1$  up to trivial direct summands and in degree zero up to a projective direct summand. Let  $T^{**}$  denote  $S^{**}$  truncated by omitting everything in degrees  $< 0$ . The complex  $T^{**}$  is constructed from  $\tilde{Q}^{**}$  as follows: let  $\tilde{Q}_{\geq 0}^{**}$  denote  $\tilde{Q}^{**}$  truncated by omitting  $\tilde{Q}^{i*}$  for  $i < 0$  (i.e., replacing these  $\tilde{Q}^{i*}$  with zeros), and let  $\tilde{Q}_{\geq 1}^{**}$  by  $\tilde{Q}^{**}$  truncated by omitting  $\tilde{Q}^{i*}$  for  $i < 1$ ; similarly define  $Q_{\geq 1}^{**}$  and  $Q_{\geq 0}^{**}$ . Then if

$$\tilde{Q}_{\geq 1} \xrightarrow{\psi} \tilde{Q}_{\geq 0}^{**}$$

is the inclusion, we have

$$T^{**} = \text{tot}(\tilde{Q}_{\geq 1}^{**} \xrightarrow{X_n \psi} \tilde{Q}_{\geq 0}^{**}).$$

We now dualize to get back to  $C_{**}$ . Let

$$R = k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}, X_n]].$$

We have:

$$C_{**} \cong \text{Hom}_A(P^{**}, A).$$

We also know that

$$\text{Hom}_R(T^{**}, R) \cong \text{Hom}_R(P^{**}, R)$$

up to trivial summands in positive degrees and a projective summand in degree zero. We wish to show that the total complexes of all these complexes are isomorphic as complexes of  $R$ -modules up to a projective direct summand, and to do this it will suffice to show that

$$\text{Hom}_A(P^{**}, A) \cong \text{Hom}_R(P^{**}, R)$$

as complexes of  $R$ -modules.

To see this last isomorphism, we note that since  $P^{**}$  is a complex of free modules, we can decompose it into summands isomorphic to  $A$  and maps given by multiplication by elements of  $A$ . Hence it suffices to find an isomorphism

$$\alpha: \text{Hom}_A(A, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_R(A, R)$$



such that for each  $a \in A$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Hom}_A(A, A) = A & \xrightarrow{a} & A \\
 \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \alpha \\
 \text{Hom}_R(A, R) & \xrightarrow{a} & \text{Hom}_R(A, R)
 \end{array}$$

commutes. But this is the same as an isomorphism of  $A$ -modules:

$$\text{Hom}_R(A, R) \cong A,$$

and this exists whenever  $A$  is a Gorenstein ring.

Putting these isomorphisms together, we deduce that

$$F_* \cong \text{tot}(\text{Hom}_R(T^{**}, R))$$

up to a projective direct summand. Let

$$R' = k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}]].$$

By changing the order in which we tensor with  $R$  and take total complexes, we have that  $\text{tot}(\text{Hom}_R(T^{**}, R))$  is isomorphic to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{tot}[\text{Hom}(\text{tot } Q_{i \geq 0}^{**}, R')] \\
 & \otimes_{R'} R \xrightarrow{X_n' \text{Hom}(\text{tot } \psi, R') \otimes R} \text{Hom}(\text{tot } Q_{i \geq 1}^{**}, R') \otimes_{R'} R.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the induction hypothesis, we can find a subring

$$k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]] \subseteq k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}]]$$

such that the complexes  $\text{Hom}(\text{tot } Q_{i \geq 0}^{**}, R')$  and  $\text{Hom}(\text{tot } Q_{i \geq 1}^{**}, R')$  are  $(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$ -graded and such that  $k[[\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_{n-1}]]$  is a finitely generated  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]]$ -module. It then follows that  $A$  is a finitely generated  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]$ -module and  $\text{Hom}(T^{**}, R)$ , so also  $F_*$ , is an  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ -graded  $k[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]$ -module, as was to be shown.

**4. (X)-graded complexes in low dimension.** If the dimension  $R$  is one or two, it is possible to write down a list of all indecomposable (X)-graded complexes. If the dimension is three, this does not appear to be possible; however, it is still possible to list all modules whose free resolutions are of this type.

In dimension one,  $R$  is a discrete valuation ring, so there is a structure theorem for all complexes; every complex is a direct sum of free modules and complexes of the form

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{Y^n} R \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

We remark that the complex is (X)-graded if and only if  $n = 1$  in every direct summand of this form; we will use this in the next example.

Assume now that the dimension of  $R$  is 2. Here there are numerous infinite families of indecomposable modules, but we will show that there are exactly five distinct indecomposable (X)-graded complexes. For convenience, we will write  $R = k[[X, Y]]$ , and we assume that we have a map  $\phi: K_* \rightarrow P_*$  of (X)-graded complexes over  $k[[X]]$  which fits into a short exact sequence

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow L_* \rightarrow K_* \rightarrow P_* \rightarrow 0$$

where  $L_*$  is a complex of free modules with zero differentials. We now wish to describe the complex

$$\text{tot}(K_* \otimes k[[X, Y]] \xrightarrow{Y\phi} P_* \otimes k[[X, Y]]).$$

We will do this by modifying the complex (\*) by row and column operations on its matrices to split off direct summands of various types. Let  $S = k[[X]]$ . Let  $n$  be the highest degree for which  $L_n, K_n,$  or  $P_n$  is not zero. We can then throw out  $L_n$  and the highest two degrees of the sequence will look like:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & 0 & & 0 & \\ & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & S^r & \longrightarrow & S^r \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow N \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & S^s & \longrightarrow & S^s + S^m & \longrightarrow & S^m \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where  $M$  and  $N$  are matrices with coefficients in  $S$ .

If we have a column of zeros in the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$ , we can split off a summand of the form

$$S \xrightarrow{1} S$$

from the first row, which gives the complex

$$(1) \quad R \xrightarrow{Y} R.$$

If we have a row of zeros, we can split off a summand from the second row and deal with it when considering the map from degree  $n - 1$  to degree  $n - 2$ .

We now wish to reduce the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} M \\ N \end{pmatrix}$ . Note that we are not allowed

to add a row of  $M$  to  $N$  or interchange rows when one is in  $M$  and the other in  $N$ , as this will not preserve the subcomplex  $L_*$ . Other row and column operations are allowed.

We first reduce  $N$  to obtain the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & M' \\ 0 & \\ \hline I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where we use  $X$  to denote  $X$  times an identity matrix of the appropriate size. This gives summands of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \\ \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow 1 \\ S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \end{array}$$

which give rise to trivial complexes.

Now reduce the part of  $M'$  lying above zeros:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I & 0 & 0 \\ M'' & 0 & X & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline X & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The  $I$  gives direct summands of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \\ \downarrow 1 & & \\ S & & \end{array}$$

which produce the complex

$$(2) \quad \begin{pmatrix} Y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ R \longrightarrow R^2 = R.$$

We now have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} M'' & X \\ & 0 \\ X & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We note that a column operation on  $M''$  can be undone in  $X$  by an appropriate row operation, and that any multiple of  $X$  in  $M''$  can be removed by subtracting a multiple of a row below the dotted line, so that we can reduce the part of  $M''$  to the left of zero and obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & M''' & X \\ I & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ X & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This produces summands of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \\ \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ X \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow X \\ S^2 & \xrightarrow{(0, 1)} & S \end{array}$$

which give

$$(3) \quad \begin{pmatrix} -Y \\ 1 \\ X \end{pmatrix} : R \rightarrow R^3 \xrightarrow{(X \ 0 \ Y)} R = R^2 \xrightarrow{(X \ Y)} R.$$

We can now reduce  $M'''$  to get

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & X & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & X \\ \hline X & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This gives three types of direct summand. The first is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & X \\ X & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

however, in diagonal form this becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & X^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which cannot occur since  $K_*$  is  $(X)$ -graded. The others are:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \\ \downarrow X & & \downarrow \\ S & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

which produces

$$(4) \quad R \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow R^2$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \\ \downarrow X & & \downarrow X \\ S & \xrightarrow{1} & S \end{array}$$

which gives rise to the Koszul complex

$$(5) \quad R \begin{pmatrix} -Y \\ X \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow R^2 \xrightarrow{(X \ Y)} R.$$

Thus there are five  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complexes over  $k[[X, Y]]$ ; it is clear that these are distinct (up to quasi-isomorphism).

If  $R = k[[X, Y, Z]]$ , there does not appear to be a simple classification of  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complexes of this sort. However, if  $F_*$  is the resolution of a module, we can take its dual (as in Section 3); this will give an  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded complex over  $k[[X, Y]]$ , and, using the above classification, one can see that there are eight modules which arise in this way. Adding a free module of rank one, this gives nine  $(\mathbf{X})$ -graded modules in dimension three.

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