

# Evaluations of Polynomials in a noncommutative setting

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## 1 I) One Variable.

### Ia) Classical case.

Let  $k$  be a field,  $f(x), g(x) \in R = k[x]$ ,  $a \in k$ .

a)  $f(a) = 0$  iff  $x - a$  divides  $f(x)$  iff  $\overline{f(x)} = \overline{0}$  in  $R/(x - a)$ .

b)  $(f \cdot g)(a) = f(a)g(a)$ .

c)  $|\{a \in k \mid f(a) = 0\}| \leq \deg(f)$ .

Remark that c) is not valid for rings with zero divisors:

$(x - 2)(x - 3) \in (\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})[x]$  has 4 zeroes in  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ .

If a ring  $R$  is such that every nonzero polynomial has a finite number of zeros then  $R$  is a domain (Fuchs, Maxson, Pilz).

### Ib) Noncommutative case.

**Examples 1.1.** [1]  $ix = xi \in \mathbb{H}[x]$ . So,

$$(1.I) \quad (ix)(j) = \begin{cases} ij, & \text{right evaluation,} \\ ji & \text{left evaluation.} \end{cases}$$

[2]  $x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{H}[x]$  &  $\forall a \in \mathbb{H}^*$ ,  $(aia^{-1})^2 + 1 = 0$ . So,  $x^2 + 1$  has an infinite number of roots. In fact  $V(x^2 + 1) = \{aia^{-1} \mid a \in \mathbb{H}^*\}$

[3]  $\mathbb{H}[x] = (x - j)(x - i)$  only one right root:  $i$ .

[4] If  $K$  is a finite dimensional division algebra over its center  $F$  and  $f(x) = (x - d)g(x) \in K[x]$ , then a conjugate  $d'$  of  $d$  is a right root of  $f(x)$ .

**Theorem 1.2** (Niven). *The quaternion algebra  $\mathbb{H}$  defined over the real numbers is algebraically closed, meaning that every polynomial  $p(y) \in \mathbb{H}[y]$  possesses at least one root in  $\mathbb{H}$ .*

For a noncommutative coefficient ring  $R$ ,  $R_G[y]$  is the general polynomials with coefficients from  $R$ . The elements are sums of monomials structured as  $a_1ya_2y\cdots ya_n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$ .

$$a_1ya_2ya_3y + b_1yb_2yb_3yb_4yb_5yb_6 + \cdots$$

The product of two monomials is obtained by concatenation. The evaluation at some element  $a \in R$  of such a polynomial is obtained by replacing  $y$  by  $a$ .

**Theorem 1.3** (Fuchs, Maxson, Pilz). *Each nonzero polynomial in  $R_G[y]$  possesses a finite number of zeros if and only if the ring  $R$  is finite.*

We note the following Theorem due to P.M. Cohn.

**Theorem 1.4** (P.M. Cohn). *Let  $K$  be an arbitrary division ring. For any polynomial equation of degree  $n > 0$ ,*

$$y^n + a_1y^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0 \quad (a_i \in K)$$

*there exists a right root in some extension of the division ring  $K$ .*

Looking at polynomials with noncommutative variables we can consider polynomials in the free algebra over a field  $K$ , i.e.

$K \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ . The evaluation of such polynomials over any  $K$  algebra makes sense and leads to a very wide area, that includes polynomial identities.

### Ic) Skew polynomial rings

$A$  a ring,  $S \in \text{End}(A)$ ,  $D$  a  $S$ -derivation:

$$D \in \text{End}(A, +) \quad D(ab) = S(a)D(b) + D(a)b, \forall a, b \in A.$$

For  $a \in A$ ,  $L_a$  left multiplication by  $a$ .

In  $End(A, +)$ , we then have :  $D \circ L_a = L_{S(a)} \circ D + L_{D(a)}$ .

Define a ring  $R := A[t; S, D]$ ; Polynomials  $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i \in R$ .

Degree and addition are defined as usual, the product is based on:

$$\forall a \in A, \quad ta = S(a)t + D(a).$$

**Examples 1.5.** 1) If  $S = id.$  and  $D = 0$  we get back the usual polynomial ring  $A[x]$ .

2)  $R = \mathbb{C}[t; S]$  where  $S$  is the complex conjugation. If  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  is such that  $S(x)x = 1$  then

$$t^2 - 1 = (t + S(x))(t - x).$$

$t^2 + 1$  is central and irreducible in  $R$ ,  $R/(t^2 + 1) \cong \mathbb{H}$

3)  $K$  a field,  $q \in K \setminus \{0\}$  and  $S \in End_K(K[x])$  defined by  $S(x) = qx$ .  $R = K[x][y; S]$ . Commutation rule:  $yx = qxy$ .

4)  $t^n a = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i^n(a) t^i$  where  $f_i^n$  is the sum of all words in  $S$  and  $D$  of length  $n$  having  $i$  letters  $S$  and  $n - i$  letters  $D$ .

Facts Let  $K$  be a division ring.

a) Ore (1933):  $R = K[t; S, D]$  is a left principal ideal domain.

b) Ore (1933):  $R = K[t; S, D]$  is a unique factorization domain:

If  $f(t) = p_1(t) \dots p_n(t) = q_1(t) \dots q_m(t)$ ,  $p_i(t), q_i(t)$  irreducible then  $m = n$  and there exists  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n$  such that,

$$\text{For } 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad \frac{R}{Rq_i} \cong \frac{R}{Rp_{\sigma(i)}}$$

## Id) Evaluations and roots

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $f(t) \in R = A[t; S, D]$  and  $a \in A$ , there exists a unique  $b \in A$  such that  $b + R(t - a) = f(t) + R(t - a)$ .  $b$  is called the right evaluation of  $f(t)$  at  $a$  and is denoted  $f(a)$

To express  $f(a)$  we introduce, for  $a \in A$ , the following maps:

$$N_0(a) = 1, N_1(a) = a \quad \text{and} \quad N_{i+1}(a) = S(N_i(a))a + D(N_i(a))$$

For  $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i$  and  $a \in R$  we have

$$f(a) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i N_i(a)$$

**Examples 1.7.** 1.  $N_2(a) = S(a)a + D(a)$ ,

$$2. N_3(a) = S(N_2(a))a + D(N_2(a)) = \dots$$

$$3. \text{ If } D = 0 \quad N_n(a) = S^{n-1}(a)S^{n-2}(a) \cdots S(a)a.$$

Question: How to compute  $fg(a)$  for  $f, g \in R = A[t; S, D]$ ?

If  $A = K$  is a division ring we have the "product formula"

$$(1.II) \quad (f.g)(a) := \begin{cases} 0 & ; g(a) = 0, \\ f(a^{g(a)}) \cdot g(a) & ; g(a) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

where for  $c \in K/\{0\}$ ,  $a^c = \sigma(c)ac^{-1} + \delta(c)c^{-1}$ .

**Remark 1.8.** The above formula needs to be applied even in the "classical case" (i.e.  $S = Id.$  and  $D = 0$ ).

Question: and if  $A$  is not a division ring?

## Ie) PLT

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $S$  an endomorphism of  $A$  and  $D$  a  $S$ -derivation of  $A$ . Let also  $V$  stand for a left  $A$ -module. An additive

map  $T : V \longrightarrow V$  such that, for  $\alpha \in A$  and  $v \in V$ ,

$$T(\alpha v) = S(\alpha)T(v) + D(\alpha)v.$$

is called an  $(S, D)$  pseudo-linear transformation (or a  $(S, D)$ -PLT, for short).

**Example 1.10.** For  $a \in A$ ,  $T_a \in \text{End}(A, +)$  is defined by

$$T_a(x) = S(x)a + D(x) \quad \forall x \in A.$$

Examples:  $T_0 = D$ ,  $T_1 = S + D$ .

**Proposition 1.11.** *Let  $A$  be a ring  $S \in \text{End}(A)$  and  $D$  a  $S$ -derivation of  $A$ . For an additive group  $(V, +)$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $V$  is a left  $R = A[t; S, D]$ -module;
- (ii)  $V$  is a left  $A$ -module and there exists an  $(S, D)$  pseudo-linear transformation  $T : V \longrightarrow V$ ;
- (iii) There exists a ring homomorphism  $\Lambda : R \longrightarrow \text{End}(V, +)$ .

**Corollaire 1.12.** *For any  $f, g \in R = A[t; S, D]$  and any pseudo-linear transformation  $T$  we have:  $(fg)(T) = f(T)g(T)$ .*

**Theorem 1.13.** (a)  $f(T_a)(1) = f(a)$ .

(b) For  $f, g \in R$ ,  $fg(a) = f(T_a)(g(a))$ .

(c) For  $a, b \in A$  with  $b \in U(A)$ , we have  $(t - c)b = S(b)(t - a)$  where  $c := S(b)ab^{-1} + D(b)b^{-1}$ . This will be denoted  $c = a^b$ .



(d) For  $b \in U(A)$ ,  $(f(t)b)(a) = f(a^b)b$ .

(e) For  $b \in U(A)$ ,  $f(T_a)(b) = f(a^b)b$ .

(f) If  $g(a) \in U'(A)$ , we have  $fg(a) = f(a^{g(a)})g(a)$ .

We define

$$E(f, a) := \ker f(T_a)$$

If  $A = K$  is a division ring we have

$$E(f, a) = \{0 \neq b \in K \mid f(a^b) = 0\} \cup \{0\}$$

Recent news about Ore extensions with finite order automorphisms and zero derivations (L., Lopez and K. S. Lee).

Let  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Aut}(R)$  be a of finite orders  $m, l$ . There is 1 – 1 ring

homomorphism  $\varphi_m$  from  $R[x; \sigma]$  into  $\oplus^m R[t; \pi_m]$  such that

$\varphi_m(r) = (r, \sigma(r), \dots, \sigma^{m-1}(r))$  and  $\varphi_m(x) = t^m$  and

$\pi_m(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_0)$ . We have  $R[x; \sigma] \cong S_\sigma[t; \pi]$ ,

where  $S_\sigma = \{(a, \sigma(a), \dots, \sigma^{m-1}(a)) \mid a \in R\}$ .

We denote  $R^\sigma = \{a \in R \mid \sigma(a) = a\}$ . Suppose that  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Aut}(R)$  has

order  $m$  and  $l$  respectively. We denote by  $s$  the least common

multiple of  $m$  and  $r$ . we have the following injective ring

homomorphisms :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 R^\sigma[x^m] & \longrightarrow & R[x^m] & \longrightarrow & R[x, \sigma] \cong S_\sigma[t, \pi_m] & \longrightarrow & \oplus^m R[t_m, \pi_m] \\
 & & & & & & \searrow \gamma_{m,s} \\
 & & & & & & \oplus^s R[t_s, \pi_s] \\
 & & & & & & \nearrow \gamma_{l,s} \\
 R^\tau[x^l] & \longrightarrow & R[x^l] & \longrightarrow & R[x, \tau] \cong S_\tau[t, \pi_l] & \longrightarrow & \oplus^l R[t_l, \pi_l]
 \end{array}$$

The map  $\gamma_{m,s}$  is defined as follows. Write  $s = mr$

We define the embedding  $\gamma_{m,s} : \oplus^m R[t_m, \pi_m] \longrightarrow \oplus^s R[t_s, \pi_s]$  by  $\gamma_{m,s}(t_m) = t_s^r$  and  $\gamma_{m,s}((a_1, \dots, a_m)) = (b_1, \dots, b_s)$ , where  $b_i = 0$  if  $i \notin m\mathbb{N}$  and  $b_{ml} = a_l$  for  $1 \leq l \leq r$ .

One particular feature of this diagram is that, by embedding different  $R[x; \sigma]$  and  $R[x; \tau]$  we in an adequate  $\oplus R^m[t; \pi]$ , we can consider the elements of these Ore extensions in a single one and hence compute the product....

### I f) Counting the number of roots.

$K$  a division ring.

#### Facts and notations

$a \in K$ ,  $K$  a division ring,  $R = K[t; S, D]$ .

- 1)  $\Delta(a) := \{a^c = S(c)ac^{-1} + D(c)c^{-1} \mid 0 \neq c \in K\}$ .
- 2)  $T_a$  defines a left  $R$ -module structure on  $K$  via  $f(t).x = f(T_a)(x)$ .
- 3) In fact,  ${}_R K \cong R/R(t-a)$  as left  $R$ -module.
- 4)  ${}_R K_S$  where  $S = \text{End}_R({}_R K) \cong \text{End}_R(R/R(t-a))$ , a division ring isomorphic to the division ring  $C(a) := \{0 \neq x \in K \mid a^x = a\} \cup \{0\}$ .
- 5) For any  $a \in K$  and  $f(t) \in R = K[t; S, D]$ ,  $\ker f(T_a)$  is a right vector space on the division ring  $C(a)$ .

**Theorem 1.14.** *Let  $f(t) \in R = K[t; S, D]$  be of degree  $n$ . We have*

- (a) *The roots of  $f(t)$  belong to at most  $n$  conjugacy classes, say  $\Delta(a_1), \dots, \Delta(a_r)$ ;  $r \leq n$  (Gordon Motzkin in "classical" case).*
- (b)  $\sum_{i=1}^r \dim_{C_i} \ker f(T_{a_i}) \leq n$ .

For any  $f(t) \in R = K[t; S, D]$  we thus "compute" the number of roots by adding the dimensions of the vector spaces consisting of "exponents" of roots in the different conjugacy classes...

**Theorem 1.15.** *let  $p$  be a prime number,  $\mathbb{F}_q$  a finite field with  $q = p^n$  elements,  $\theta$  the Frobenius automorphism ( $\theta(x) = x^p$ ). Then:*

a) *There are  $p$  distinct classes of  $\theta$ -conjugation in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .*

b)  *$0 \neq a \in \mathbb{F}_q$  we have  $C^\theta(a) = \mathbb{F}_p$  and  $C^\theta(0) = \mathbb{F}_q$ .*

c)  *$R = \mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta]$ ,  $t - a$  for  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q$  is*

$$G(t) := [t - a \mid a \in \mathbb{F}_q]_l = t^{(p-1)n+1} - t.$$

*We have  $RG(t) = G(t)R$ .*

The polynomial  $G(t)$  in the above theorem is a Wedderburn polynomial...

Conjecture (Werner)  $R$  a finite ring. Then the set  $\{f(x) \in R[x] \mid f(R) = 0\}$  is a two-sided ideal.

**Lemme 1.16.** *Every nonzero element in a finite ring is a sum of finite number of units.*

**Theorem 1.17.** *Let  $R$  be a ring such that its elements are sums of a finite number of units. Then the set*

*$K := \{f(t) \in R[t; \sigma, \delta] \mid f(R) = 0\}$  is a two sided ideal of  $R[t; \sigma, \delta]$ .*

*Proof.*  $f(t) \in K$  and  $g(t) \in R[t; \sigma, \delta]$ . Clear:  $g(t)f(t) \in K$ .

For  $r \in R$   $(f(t)g(t))(r) = f(T_r)(g(r))$ . There exists units  $g(r) = u_1 + \cdots u_s$ . Since  $f(T_r)(u_i) = (f.u_i)(r) = f(r^{u_i})u_i = 0$  This gives  $f(T_r)(u_1 + \cdots u_s) = 0$  □

d) **Wedderburn polynomials and their factorizations**

**Definitions 1.18.** 1. (a) A monic polynomial  $p(t) \in R = K[t; S, D]$  ( $K$  a division ring) is a Wedderburn polynomial if we have equality in the "counting roots formula" (cf Theorem 1.14).

(b) For  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in K$  the matrix

$$V_n^{S,D}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ T_{a_1}(1) & T_{a_2}(1) & \dots & T_{a_n}(1) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ T_{a_1}^{n-1}(1) & T_{a_2}^{n-1}(1) & \dots & T_{a_n}^{n-1}(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem 1.19.** Let  $f(t) \in R = K[t; S, D]$  be a monic polynomial of degree  $n$ . The following are equivalent:

(a)  $f(t)$  is a Wedderburn polynomial.

(b) There exist  $n$  elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in K$  such that

$$f(t) = [t - a_1, \dots, t - a_n]_l \text{ where } [g, h]_l \text{ stands for LLCM of } g, h.$$

(c) There exist  $n$  elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in K$  such that

$$S(V)C_f V^{-1} + D(V)V^{-1} = \text{Diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

Where  $C_f$  is the companion matrix of  $f$  and  $V = V(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

(d) Every quadratic factor of  $f$  is a Wedderburn polynomial.

**Example 1.20.** Construction of Wedderburn polynomials: Let  $a, b \in K$  be two different elements in  $K$ .

$$f(t) := [t - a, t - b]_l = (t - b^{b-a})(t - a) = (t - a^{a-b})(t - b).$$

Assume now that  $c \in K$  is such that  $f(c) \neq 0$  then:

$$g(t) := [t - a, t - b, t - c]_l = (t - c^{f(c)})f(t).$$

**Remarks 1.21.**

(b) **Question:** Is every left  $V$ -domain a right  $V$ -domain?

Can we use  $R = K[t; S, D]$  to construct such an example?

One necessary condition for  $R$  to be a right  $V$  domain is that every monic polynomial is Wedderburn... (-, T.Y.Lam, S.K.Jain)

(c) Matrices  $A \in M_n(K)$  that are  $(S, D)$ -diagonalizable can be characterized by Wedderburn polynomials ( $S \in \text{Aut}(K)$ .)

How can we build all the linear factorizations of a Wedderburn polynomial?

**Theorem 1.22.** *Let  $f \in R$  be a Wedderburn polynomial and  $V(f)$  the set of its right roots.*

(a) *Assume that  $V(f) \subseteq \Delta(a)$ , then the linear factorizations are in bijection with the complete flags of right  $C(a)$ -vector spaces in  $E(f, a)$ .*

(b) *Assume that  $V(f) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^r \Delta(a_i)$  then the linear factorizations of  $f$  are in bijection with the "shuffle complete flags" of  $\bigcup_{i=1}^r E(f, a_i)$ .*

Since a polynomial which is linearly factorizable is a product of Wedderburn polynomials we can use the above factorizations to get factorizations of such polynomials.

**Example 1.23.** Let us describe all the factorizations of

$f = [t - a^x, t - a]_l$ . These factorizations are in bijection with the complete flags in the two dimensional vector space  $E(f, a) = C + xC$  where  $C := C^{S,D}(a)$ . The flags are of the form  $0 \neq yC \subset E(f, a)$ .

Apart from the flag  $0 \subset xC \subset E(f, a)$ , they are given by

$0 \subset (1 + x\beta)C \subset E(f, a)$ , where  $\beta \in C^{S,D}(a)$ . Hence we get the following factorizations  $f = (t - a^{a-a^x})(t - a^x)$  and  $(t - a^{a-\gamma})(t - a^{1+x\beta})$ , where  $\gamma = a - a^{1+x\beta}$ .

Pursuing the theme of the above example we can develop a theory of symmetric functions.

c) **Factorizations in  $\mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta]$ .**

Aim: reduce factorization in  $\mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta]$  to factorisation in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$

**Definitions 1.24.**  $p$  a prime number,

(a)  $i \geq 1$ , put  $[i] := \frac{p^i - 1}{p - 1} = p^{i-1} + p^{i-2} + \cdots + 1$  and put  $[0] = 0$ .

(b)  $q = p^n$ . define  $\mathbb{F}_q[x^\square] \subset \mathbb{F}_q[x]$  by:

$$\mathbb{F}_q[x^\square] := \left\{ \sum_{i \geq 0} \alpha_i x^{[i]} \in \mathbb{F}_q[x] \right\}$$

Elements of  $\mathbb{F}_q[x^\square]$  are called  $[p]$ -polynomials.

Extend  $\theta$  to  $F_q[x]$  via  $\theta(x) = x^p$  i.e.  $\theta(g) = g^p$  for  $g \in F_q[x]$ .

Let us consider  $R := F_q[t; \theta] \subset S := F_q[x][t; \theta]$ .

For  $f \in R := \mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta] \subset \mathbb{F}_q[x][t; \theta]$

We may evaluate  $f$  in  $x$ .

**Theorem 1.25.** *Let*

$f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i \in R := \mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta] \subset S := \mathbb{F}_q[x][t; \theta]$ . *We have:*

1) *for every  $b \in \mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $f(b) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b^{[i]}$ .*

2)  $f^\square(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^{[i]} \in \mathbb{F}_q[x^\square]$ .

3)  $\{f^\square | f \in R = \mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta]\} = \mathbb{F}_q[x^\square]$ .

4) *For  $i \geq 0$  and  $h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$  we have  $T_x^i(h) = h^{p^i} x^{[i]}$ .*

5) If  $g(t) \in S = F_q[x][t; \theta]$  et  $h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$   $g(T_x)(h(x)) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]h(x)$ .

6) For  $h(t) \in R = \mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta]$ ,  $f(t) \in Rh(t)$  iff  $f^\square(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]h^\square(x)$ .

**Corollaire 1.26.**  $f(t) \in \mathbb{F}_q[t; \theta]$  is irréductible iff the corresponding  $p$ -polynomial  $f^\square$  does not have non trivial factors in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x^\square]$ .

### Ih) Roots and coefficients: twisted symmetric functions

Example 2.2. Suppose  $x_1 \neq x_2$  are elements in  $K$ . We have :

$$[t - x_1, t - x_2]_l = (t - x_1^{x_1 - x_2})(t - x_2) = (t - x_2^{x_2 - x_1})(t - x_1)$$

Comparing coefficients of degree 0 and 1

$$\Lambda_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1^{x_1 - x_2} + S(x_2) = x_2^{x_2 - x_1} + S(x_1)$$

$$\Lambda_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1^{x_1 - x_2} \cdot x_2 - D(x_2) = x_2^{x_2 - x_1} \cdot x_1 - D(x_1)$$

Put  $p_j = [t - x_i \mid i \leq j]_l$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . It is useful to also define  $p_0 := 1$

**Lemme 1.27.**  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq K$  is  $P$ -independent if and only if for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $p_i(x_{i+1}) \neq 0$

we put

$$y_i = x_i^{p_{i-1}(x_i)} \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

We then have:

$$[t - x_j \mid j = 1, \dots, i]_l = p_i(t) = (t - y_i) \dots (t - y_1) \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

## 2 II) $n$ Variables.

### II a) Iterated Ore extensions.

In what follows, we consider an iterated Ore extension

$$R = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n].$$

We will always assume that, for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have  $\sigma_i(A) \subseteq A$  and  $\delta_i(A) \subseteq A$ .

**Definitions 2.1.** For  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$ , we define

$$I = R(t_1 - a_1) + R(t_2 - a_2) + \cdots R(t_n - a_n)$$

$$I_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = R_1(t_1 - a_1) + \cdots + R_{n-1}(t_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) + R(t_n - a_n),$$

where, for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $R_i$  stands for  $R_i = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1] \cdots [t_i; \sigma_i, \delta_i]$ . the evaluation of  $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  at a point  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , denoted by  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , as the representative in  $A$  of  $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  modulo  $I_n$

**Remark 2.2.** 1) If  $n = 1$ , we obviously have  $I = I_1$  and all points are good.

2) In general,  $I_n \subset I$  are different.

3) The left  $R$ -module  $I$  can be the entire ring. This the case in the Weyl algebra  $R = A_1(K) = K[t_1][t_2; id, \frac{d}{dt_1}]$  for the point  $(0, 0)$  since we then have  $t_2 t_1 - t_1 t_2 = 1$  and hence  $Rt_1 + Rt_2 = R$ .

3) Consider the Ore extension  $R = K[t_1; \sigma_1][t_2; \sigma_2]$  where  $K$  is a field and  $\sigma_2$  is an endomorphism of  $K[t_1; \sigma_1]$  such that  $\sigma_2(t_1) = t_1$ . It is easy to check that for any  $(a_1, a_2) \in K^2$  we have

$$(t_2 - \sigma_1(a_2))(t_1 - a_1) + (-t_1 + \sigma_2(a_1))(t_2 - a_2) = \sigma_1(a_2)a_1 - \sigma_2(a_1)a_2.$$

So that if  $\sigma_1(a_2)a_1 - \sigma_2(a_1)a_2 \neq 0$ , then the left ideal  $I(a_1, a_2) = R$ .



**Definition 2.3.** A point  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in K^n$  will be called a good point if the two ways of evaluating a polynomial in  $K[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n]$  at  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  coincide i.e. if  $I_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = I$ .

## II b) Iterated PLT or MLT.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $A$  a ring,  $R = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n]$  be an iterated Ore extension,  ${}_A V$  a left  $A$ -module, and  $(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  be a sequence of maps in  $\text{End}(V, +)$  such that for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $T_i$  is a  $(\sigma_i, \delta_i)$ -PLT of  ${}_A V$ . This sequence  $(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  is called *good* if  $({}_A V, T_1)$  gives a  ${}_{R_1} V$  structure on  $V$ , and  $T_2$  is a  $(\sigma_2, \delta_2)$ -PLT on  ${}_{R_1} V$  so that  $({}_{R_1} V, T_2)$  defines an  ${}_{R_2} V$  structure on  $V$  and inductively, for any  $1 \leq i < n$ ,  $T_{i+1}$  is a  $(\sigma_i, \delta_i)$ -PLT on  ${}_{R_i} V$ -structure which leads to an  ${}_{R_{i+1}}$  module structure on  $V$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  and consider the following iterated Ore extension

$$R = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n].$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we define the map  $T_i : A \rightarrow A$  given by  $T_i(x) = \sigma_i(x)a_i + \delta_i(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . This sequence of PLT's defined on  $A$  corresponds to a left  $R$ -module structure on  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $A$  be a ring and*

*$R = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n]$  an iterated Ore extension on  $A$ . For  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$ , we let  $T_i = T_{a_i}$  be the PLT on  $A$  defined in the above example and  $f = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in R$ . Then the following statements hold.*

1. *For any  $x \in A$ , we have  $(fx)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(T_{a_1}, \dots, T_{a_n})(x)$ .*

2. We have  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(T_{a_1}, \dots, T_{a_n})(1)$ .

3. For any  $x \in U(A)$ , we have

$$f(T_{a_1}, \dots, T_{a_n})(x) = (fx)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(a_1^x, \dots, a_n^x)x,$$

where for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $a_i^x = \sigma_i(x)a_ix^{-1} + \delta_i(x)x^{-1}$ .

**Example 2.7.** The statement (3) above can be used to obtain a closed formula for the evaluation of

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \sum \alpha_{l_1, \dots, l_n} t_1^{l_1} t_2^{l_2} \cdots t_n^{l_n} \text{ at the point } (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in K^n.$$

For instance, in the case in which  $n = 2$  and  $(a, b) \in K^2$ , we consider the evaluation of  $f(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{i=0, j=0}^{l_1, l_2} a_{i,j} t_1^i t_2^j$  at  $(a, b)$  and, assuming  $x_j := N_j^{\sigma_2, \delta_2}(b) \neq 0$  for  $0 \leq j \leq l_2$ , we deduce that

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} N_i^{\sigma_1, \delta_1}(a^{x_j}) x_j.$$

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $A$  be a ring and

$R = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n]$ . We consider

$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  and put

$$I = R(t_1 - a_1) + R(t_2 - a_2) + \cdots + R(t_n - a_n),$$

and

$$I_n = R_1(t_1 - a_1) + \cdots + R_{n-1}(t_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) + R(t_n - a_n),$$

where, for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $R_i = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1] \cdots [t_i; \sigma_i, \delta_i]$ . With these notations, the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $I_n = I$ ;
2.  $R(t_i - a_i) \subseteq I_n$ ;
3.  $I \neq R$ ;

4. For  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , we have  $t_j(t_i - a_i) \in I_n$ ;
5. For  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , we have  $\sigma_j(t_i - a_i)a_j + \delta_j(t_i - a_i) \in I_n$ ;
6. For  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , we have  $(t_j t_i)(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sigma_j(a_i)a_j + \delta_j(a_i)$ ;
7. For all  $f, g \in R$ , we have

$$(fg)(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (f(T_{a_1}, T_{a_2}, \dots, T_{a_n}) \circ g(T_{a_1}, T_{a_2}, \dots, T_{a_n}))(1);$$

8. The sequence  $(T_{a_1}, T_{a_2}, \dots, T_{a_n})$  of PLT on  $A$  is good;
9. The map

$\psi : R = A[t_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1][t_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2] \cdots [t_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n] \longrightarrow \text{End}(A, +)$  defined by  $\psi(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = f(T_{a_1}, \dots, T_{a_n})$  is a ring homomorphism.

## II c) Other kind of skew multivariables polynomials.

Other kind of multivariable Ore-like extensions are used

a) (E. Wexler-Kreindler) Let  $A$  be a ring and consider  $S$  the commutative semigroup generated by  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ . Let  $R$  be the left free  $A$ -module with the element of  $S$  as a basis.

Let also  $\sigma : A \rightarrow M_n(A)$  be a ring homomorphism and, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  let  $\delta_i : A \rightarrow A$  be additive mappings. Commutation rules

$$1 \leq i \leq n, \forall a \in A \quad t_i a = \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma(a)_j t_j + \delta_i(a)$$

b) (Martinez Peñas) The same construction but we don't impose any commutation rule between the variables. (used in coding theory).

**Thank you !!**