

# Lower Central Series Ideal Quotients Over $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{F}_p$

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## Abstract

Given a graded associative algebra  $A$ , this project studies its lower central series defined by  $L_1 = A$  and  $L_{i+1} = [L_i, A]$ . We may consider successive quotients  $N_i(A) = M_i(A)/M_{i+1}(A)$ , where  $M_i(A) = AL_i(A)A$ . These quotients are direct sums of graded components. Our purpose is to describe the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module structure of the components; i.e., their free and torsion parts. Following computer exploration using *MAGMA*, two main cases are studied. The first considers  $A = A_k/(f_1(x_1^{p^{m_1}}), \dots, f_k(x_k^{p^{m_k}}))$ , with noncommutative polynomial relations  $f_i$ , and  $A_n$  the free algebra defined on  $k$  generators  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  over a field of characteristic  $p$ . For primes  $p > 2$ , we prove that  $p^{\sum n_j} \mid \dim(N_i(A))$ . Moreover, we determine polynomials dividing the Hilbert series of each  $N_i(A)$ . The second concerns  $A = \mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle / (x_1^m, x_2^n)$ . For  $i = 2, 3$ , the bigraded structure of  $N_i(A_2)$  is completely described.

## 1 Introduction

Algebraic geometry is technically based on commutative algebra as one can reconstruct an affine algebraic variety from its commutative algebra of functions. This suggests to define a noncommutative “space” via a noncommutative algebra which plays the role of the algebra of functions on this nonexistent space.

This can seem a very daring postulate, but it has proven to be a powerful one. It lies at the heart of the theory of noncommutative geometry of Alain Connes and Quantum groups of Vladimir Drinfeld.

Feigin and Shoikhet [FS07] initiated a new approach to the study of a given noncommutative algebra. Their idea was to approximate it by pieces whose degree of noncommutativity is controlled. This parallels the idea of approaching a function by polynomials in its Taylor expansion. One gains through these “more commutative” approximations an access to tools of classical geometry.

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To be more precise, the first approximation of a noncommutative algebra  $A$  is its abelianization  $A_{ab} := A/A[A, A]A$ . A way to generalize this construction to higher orders is to consider the *lower central series*  $(L_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ . It is defined inductively: the first term  $L_1$  is  $A$  itself, while the following ones are defined as  $L_{i+1} = [A, L_i]$ . In particular the abelianization of  $A$  can be interpreted as  $A_{ab} = A/A[A, A]A = M_1/M_2$ , where  $M_i$  denotes the ideal generated by  $L_i$ , i.e.  $M_i := AL_iA$ . This suggests to define  $N_i := M_i/M_{i+1}$  as a generalization of  $A_{ab}$ . Note that some other papers on the same subject define and study directly  $B_i := L_i/L_{i+1}$ , without first forming an ideal.

The innovative work of Feigin and Shoikhet spawned a new line of research. The structure of  $B_i(A)$  was first studied by [FS07], then by [DKM08], [DE08], [AJ10], [BJ13], [BB11], [BJ11], and [BEJ<sup>+</sup>12]. Shortly after came the study of the  $N_i(A)$ , including papers by [Ker13], [BEJ<sup>+</sup>12], [JO13], and lastly [CFZ13].

In their paper, [FS07] considered  $A = A_n(\mathbb{C})$ , the free associative algebra on  $n$  letters, over the field of complex numbers, but their results remain valid over any field of characteristic zero, in particular over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . They have discovered that  $A/M_3$  can be identified with the algebra  $\Omega_{\text{even}}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  of even differential forms on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with Fedosov product. Thus, one can wonder whether there are other incarnations of classical geometric objects hidden in the  $N_i(A)$ 's.

This is a difficult question, and a first approach to understand the  $N_i(A)$ 's is to determine their dimensions. We do not want to restrict ourselves to free algebras, but consider instead algebras with relations. We work with fields or rings different than  $\mathbb{Q}$ , for example over the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  or a finite field  $k$  of characteristic  $p$ , as these are more accessible to computer assisted exploration.

In the first section, we consider algebras of the form  $A := A_n/(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$ . We show in Theorem 2.8 that  $W_N(k)$ , the Weyl algebra with divided powers, acts on  $N_i(A)$ . More generally there is an action of  $W_{n_1}(k) \otimes \dots \otimes W_{n_r}(k)$ , and one obtains (corollary 2.9) that  $\dim(N_i(A))$  is divisible by  $p^{\sum n_j}$ . We also deduce (corollary 2.10) that the Hilbert series of  $N_i(A)$  with respect to the corresponding variables  $X_1, \dots, X_r$  is divisible by  $(1 + X_1 + \dots + X_1^{p^{n_1}-1}) \dots (1 + X_r + \dots + X_r^{p^{n_r}-1})$ .

In the second section, we work over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and consider algebras of the form  $A := A_2/(x_1^m, x_2^n)$ . We prove that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module structure of  $N_2(A)$  and  $N_3(A)$  are given by the tables

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	$\dots$	$\dots$	$n-1$	$n$
0	0	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$
1	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
s 2	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$		$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$m-1$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
$m$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}_m$	$\mathbb{Z}_m$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}_m$	$\mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$

Table 1: Bigraded Description of  $N_2(A)$

and

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	$\dots$	$\dots$	$n-1$	$n$	$n+1$
0	0	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$
1	$\vdots$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(n)}$
2	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(n)}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$		$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$m-1$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(n)}$
$m$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$	$\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(n)} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$
$m+1$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(m)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(m)}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(m)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(m)} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$

Table 2: Bigraded Description of  $N_3(A)$

We give an explicit basis of the non-torsion part and also compute the torsion in terms of  $m$  and  $n$ .

## 2 Divisibility of Total Dimensions in characteristic $p$

The main tool of this section, Proposition 2.6, states that any finite dimensional module over  $W_N(k)$ , a sub algebra of the Weyl algebra with divided power structure, has dimension divisible by  $p^N$ . We show in Theorem 2.8 that  $N_i(A)$  can be equipped with an action of  $W_N(k)$ , and as a corollary, one obtains (corollary 2.9) that  $\dim(N_i(A))$  is divisible by  $p^{\sum n_j}$ .

### 2.1 Weyl algebra with divided powers

We first recall the definition 2.1 of the algebra  $W(k)$  and then give in lemma 2.2 a system of generators in order to formulate the definition 2.3 of  $W_N(k)$ .

**Definition 2.1** *The Weyl algebra with divided powers over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $W(\mathbb{Z})$ , is the algebra of linear operators of the form*

$$\sum_{i,j} a_{ij} x^i \frac{D^j}{j!},$$

where  $D := \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For a commutative ring  $R$ , one defines  $W(R) := W(\mathbb{Z}) \otimes R$ .

Note that the elements of  $W(\mathbb{Z})$  define endomorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  despite the denominators. If we denote  $D_j := D^j/j!$  it is clear that  $x$ , together with  $D_j$  for all non-negative  $j$  generate  $W(\mathbb{Z})$ . Also one has:

$$D_j D_r = \frac{D^j D^r}{j! r!} = \frac{(j+r)!}{j! r!} \frac{D^{j+r}}{(j+r)!} = \binom{j+r}{j} D_{j+r}. \quad (1)$$

From now on,  $R$  will be a field  $k$  of characteristic  $p$ . We have a well-known Lemma:

**Lemma 2.2** *If  $k$  has characteristic  $p$ , the algebra generated by  $D_j$  for all non-negative  $j$  is also generated by  $D_{p^i}$  for all non-negative  $i$ . More precisely, if  $a$  is a non-negative integer with representation  $a = a_n p^n + \dots + a_0$  in base  $p$ , we have*

$$D_a = \frac{1}{C} \prod_s (D_{p^s})^{a_s}, \text{ with } C = \prod_s (a_s!). \quad (2)$$

**Proof** One can write  $a$  as the sum of 2 elements  $b$  and  $c$ , in a compatible way with its decomposition in basis  $p$ :

$$a = \underbrace{a_n p^n + \dots + a_k p^k}_b + \underbrace{a_{k-1} p^{k-1} + \dots + a_0}_c.$$

We claim that

$$D_a = D_b D_c.$$

According to eq. (1), we already know that

$$\binom{a}{b} D_a = D_b D_c.$$

Therefore it suffices to prove, that  $\binom{a}{b} = 1 \pmod{p}$ .

Let us recall Lucas's Theorem: for all non-negative integers  $m, n$  and prime  $p$ , we have

$$\binom{m}{n} \equiv \prod_{i=0}^k \binom{m_i}{n_i} \pmod{p}, \quad (3)$$

where  $m = \sum_{i=0}^k m_i p^i$  and  $n = \sum_{i=0}^k n_i p^i$ . In our setting:

$$\binom{a}{b} = \Pi_s \binom{a_s}{b_s} \pmod{p}.$$

But we can decompose this product into two products (for  $s \leq k-1$  and for  $s > k-1$ ) and use the remark that by definition of  $b$ ,  $b_s = \begin{cases} a_s & \text{if } s > k-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

In other words  $\pmod{p}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{a}{b} &= \Pi_s \binom{a_s}{b_s} \\ &= \Pi_{s>k-1} \binom{a_s}{b_s} \Pi_{s \leq k-1} \binom{a_s}{b_s} \\ &= \Pi_{s>k-1} \binom{a_s}{a_s} \Pi_{s \leq k-1} \binom{a_s}{0} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Iterating this result, one gets

$$D_a = \Pi_s D_{a_s p^s}. \quad (4)$$

We now want to prove by induction that

$$\alpha! D_{\alpha p^i} = (D_{p^i})^\alpha. \quad (5)$$

By eq. (1),

$$\binom{\alpha p^i}{p^i} D_{\alpha p^i} = D_{(\alpha-1)p^i} D_{p^i},$$

so we are looking for the expression of  $\binom{\alpha p^i}{p^i}$ . But Lukas' theorem gives

$$\binom{\alpha p^i}{p^i} = \binom{\alpha}{1} = \alpha,$$

which completes the induction step.  $\square$

Thus,  $W(k)$  is generated by  $x$  and  $D_{p^i}$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

**Definition 2.3** Denote by  $W_N(k)$  the subalgebra generated by  $x$  and  $D_p, \dots, D_{p^{N-1}}$ . By Lemma 2.2, it is generated by  $x$  and all  $D_j$  with  $j < p^N$ .

For example,  $W_1(k)$  is generated by  $x$  and  $D$  with relations  $[D, x] = 1$  and  $D^p = 0$ .

We will need the following lemma in the proof of proposition 2.6.

**Lemma 2.4** For  $j < p^N$ , all  $D_j \in W_N(k)$  are nilpotent. Moreover  $x^{p^N}$  is central in this algebra.

**Proof** To show that all  $D_j$  are nilpotent, we first show that all  $D_{p^i}$  are nilpotent.

Since  $D_{(m-1)p^i} D_{p^i} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \binom{mp^i}{p^i} D_{mp^i}$ , an induction with Lucas's theorem  $\binom{mp^i}{p^i} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \binom{m}{1} = m$  shows that  $m! D_{mp^i} = D_{p^i}^m$ . In particular, for  $m = p$ , we have that

$$D_{p^i}^p = p! D_{p^{i+1}} = 0. \quad (6)$$

For arbitrary  $0 \leq j < p^N$ , we have by the proof of Lemma 2.2 that

$$D_j^p \stackrel{(4)}{=} \left( \prod_s D_{j_s p^s} \right)^p = \prod_s (D_{j_s p^s})^p.$$

It remains to show that one of the terms in this product vanishes. Choosing any term in the product and noting that since all  $j_s < p$ ,  $j_s! \neq 0$ , one has

$$D_{j_s p^s}^p \stackrel{(5)}{=} \left( \frac{D_{p^s}^{j_s}}{j_s!} \right)^p = \frac{(D_{p^s}^{j_s})^p}{j_s!^p} = \frac{(D_{p^s}^p)^{j_s}}{j_s!^p} \stackrel{(6)}{=} \frac{0^{j_s}}{j_s!^p} = 0. \quad (7)$$

Thus, we have shown that all  $D_j$  are nilpotent.

It is clear that  $x^{p^N}$  commutes with  $x$ . We now show that it commutes with  $D_j$  as well. According to lemma 2.2 it suffices to show it for  $D_{p^i}$ , with  $p^i < p^N$ . To this end, note that

$$[D_{p^i}, x^{p^N}] x^\ell = D_{p^i}(x^{p^N} x^\ell) - x^{p^N}(D_{p^i} x^\ell) = \binom{p^N + \ell}{p^i} x^{p^N + \ell - p^i} - \binom{\ell}{p^i} x^{p^N + \ell - p^i}.$$

Now, we show that  $0 = \left( \binom{p^N + \ell}{p^i} - \binom{\ell}{p^i} \right)$ . But, by Lucas's Theorem we have that

$$\binom{p^N + \ell}{p^i} - \binom{\ell}{p^i} = \binom{1}{0} \prod_s^{N-1} \binom{\ell_s}{p_s^i} - \prod_s^{N-1} \binom{\ell_s}{p_s^i} = 0. \quad \square$$

## 2.2 Divisibility of dimensions of $W_N(k)$ -modules

For the rest of this section, we assume that  $k$  is algebraically closed.

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $V$  be a  $W_N(k)$  module. Then all of the  $D_j$  share a common null vector  $v \in V$ . Moreover, if  $V$  is irreducible,  $x^{p^N}$  acts by a scalar  $s \in k$ .

**Proof** The  $D_j$ 's commute with each other and, by Lemma 2.4, are nilpotent. We will prove by induction that they all share a common null vector. Our base case is true: as  $D_1$  is nilpotent, for any  $v$ , there exists a certain power  $n$  for which  $v_1 := D_1^n v_k$  is nonzero, but  $D_1^{n+1} v_k$  vanishes, so one has  $D_1(v_1) = 0$ . Now, suppose that  $D_1, \dots, D_k$  all share a common null vector  $v_k \in V$ . Since

$D_{k+1}$  is nilpotent, there exists some integer  $\ell$  such that  $D_{k+1}^\ell(v_k) = 0$  and  $v_{k+1} := D_{k+1}^{\ell-1}(v_k) \neq 0$ . In particular  $D_{k+1}(v_{k+1}) = 0$ . Additionally, for any  $j \leq k$ , we have  $D_j(v_{k+1}) = D_j(D_{k+1}^{\ell-1}v_k) = D_{k+1}^{\ell-1}D_j(v_k) = 0$ , so our induction is done.

In addition, since  $x^{p^N}$  is central in  $W_N(k)$ , and since  $V$  is an irreducible  $W_N(k)$ -module, Schur's lemma asserts that  $x^{p^N}$  acts by multiplication by a scalar.  $\square$

This lemma enables to derive the main result of this section:

**Proposition 2.6** *Any finite dimensional module over  $W_N(k)$  has dimension divisible by  $p^N$ .*

We recall the following basic result whose proof we omit:

**Lemma 2.7** *Let  $E, F$  be subspaces of vector spaces  $V, W$  respectively. Given a linear mapping  $\phi : V \rightarrow W$  such that  $\phi(E) \subset F$ , the map  $\bar{\phi} : V/E \rightarrow W/F$  given by  $\bar{\phi}([v]) = [\phi(v)]$  for  $v \in V$  is well defined and linear.*

**Proof** Let  $M$  be a finite dimensional module over  $W_N(k)$ . If  $M$  is not already irreducible, then we may find an irreducible submodule  $V_1$  of  $M$ ; then, we have that  $M \cong V_1 \oplus M/V_1$ . If  $M/V_1$  is not yet irreducible, then we may find an irreducible submodule  $V_2 \subset M/V_1$ ; this implies the existence of a module  $F_2 \subset M$  such that  $F_1 := V_1 \subset F_2$  and  $F_2/F_1 \cong V_2$ . By continuing this process we build in a finite number of steps an exhausting filtration  $F_1 \subset \cdots \subset F_n = M$  of  $M$ . The associated successive quotients  $V_i := F_i/F_{i-1}$  are by construction irreducible modules and together form the Jordan-Hölder decomposition of  $M$  :

$$M = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_d.^1$$

To prove the proposition, it suffices to show that each  $V_i$  has dimension divisible by  $p^N$ . Let  $V$  be one of these  $V_i$ .

Our strategy is to show that  $V \cong k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s)$ , with  $s$  given by lemma 2.5. A filtration on  $k[x]$  is given by spaces  $F_i$  of polynomials of degree less than  $i$ . It induces a filtration  $\bar{F}_i$  on  $Q = k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s)$ , such that  $\bar{F}_i = \bar{F}_{p^N}$  for  $i \geq p^N$ . One has  $k[x]/(x^{p^N}) = gr(Q)$  where  $gr(Q)_i := \bar{F}_i/\bar{F}_{i-1}$ . It is clearly of dimension  $p^N$ . One will conclude with the property that a filtered  $k$ -module and its associated graded share the same dimension.

Therefore, we want to build an injective map  $\bar{f} : k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s) \xrightarrow{\sim} V'$  for  $V'$  a non-zero submodule of  $V$ : since  $V$  is irreducible, one will get  $V \cong V'$  and hence the result.

By Lemma 2.5, there exists a common null-vector  $v$  to all the  $D_j$ . Set  $V' = W_N(k) \cdot v$  to be the  $W_N(k)$  submodule of  $V$  generated by  $v$ .

Consider  $W_N(k) \cdot b$ , the one-dimensional free  $W_N(k)$  module generated by a symbol  $b$ . Then, we have a map

$$f : W_N(k) \cdot b \longrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v.$$

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<sup>1</sup> $V_2$  may not be a submodule of  $M$ , as this is a decomposition as vector spaces.

It is defined on  $b$  by  $f(b) := v$ , and extended to  $w \cdot b \in W_N(k) \cdot b$  by  $f(w \cdot b) = w \cdot f(b) = w \cdot v$ . This map is clearly surjective. We want to show that  $k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s) \cdot b$  is a quotient of  $W_N(k) \cdot b$  and that  $f$  will induce the map  $\bar{f}$  that we are looking for. More precisely we will show that  $f$  produces a surjective module morphism

$$\bar{f} : k[x] \cdot b \longrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v,$$

which in turn will induce

$$\bar{f} : k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s) \cdot b \longrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v.$$

Let  $(D_{p^i})$  be the left ideal generated by all  $D_{p^i}$  for  $0 \leq i < N$ . Then,  $(D_{p^i}) \cdot b$  is a submodule of  $W_N(k) \cdot b$ . If we show that  $(D_{p^i}) \cdot b \subset \text{Ker}(f)$ , then by Lemma 2.7, there is an induced map

$$\bar{f} : W_N(k) \cdot b / (D_{p^i}) \cdot b \twoheadrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v.$$

Since  $W_N(k) \cdot b / (D_{p^i}) \cdot b \cong (W_N(k) / (D_{p^i})) \cdot b \cong k[x] \cdot b$ , we will have the desired map  $\bar{f} : k[x] \cdot b \longrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v$ .

We therefore show that  $(D_{p^i}) \cdot b \subset \text{Ker}(f)$ . Consider an arbitrary element in  $(D_{p^i}) \cdot b$ . It is of the form  $uD_{p^i} \cdot b$  for some  $u \in W_N(k)$ . Since  $f(uD_{p^i} \cdot b) = uD_{p^i} \cdot f(b) = uD_{p^i} \cdot v$ , and since we have chosen  $v$  so that  $D_{p^i}v = 0$ , we are done.

It remains to show that this map

$$\bar{f} : k[x] \cdot b \longrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v$$

that we have just built indeed descends to a map

$$\bar{f} : k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s) \cdot b \longrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v.$$

By Lemma 2.5,  $x^{p^N}(v) = s(v)$ , so we have that  $(x^{p^N} - s) \cdot b \in \text{Ker}(\bar{f})$ , and we have a map  $\bar{f} : k[x]/(x^{p^N} - s) \cdot b \twoheadrightarrow W_N(k) \cdot v$  by Lemma 2.7.

To show that  $\bar{f}$  is injective, it suffices to show that  $k[x]/(x^{p^N})$  is irreducible. So, let  $B$  be a non-trivial submodule of  $k[x]/(x^{p^N})$ , we will show that it coincides with  $k[x]/(x^{p^N})$ . We want to show that  $B$  contains an element of the form  $1 + \text{higher terms}$ , since such an element generates the module  $k[x]/x^{p^N}$  over  $k[x]$ . Let  $b$  be an arbitrary nonzero vector in  $B$ . Let  $x^n$  be the lowest monomial it contains. (We normalize  $b$  so that  $b = x^n + \text{higher terms}$ .) As

$$D_n b = 1 + \text{higher terms},$$

we have that  $B = k[x]/(x^{p^N})$ .  $\square$

## 2.3 Applications

Suppose that we work over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic  $p$ . Denote the algebra  $A_n := k\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$ . Our noncommutative algebra is  $A := A_n/(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$ , where each  $f_i = g_i \circ h$  for  $g_i \in A_n$  and  $h(x_1, \dots, x_n) := (x_1^{p^N}, \dots, x_n)$ .

**Theorem 2.8** *In the above setting, the algebra  $W_N(k)$  acts on  $N_i(A)$ .*

**Proof** We first describe the action on  $A$ . Let  $x$  act by  $x(a) = x_1 a$ . To define the action of  $D_m$ , consider the automorphism  $T$  of the algebra  $A \otimes k[t]/t^{p^N}$  given by

$$T(x_i) := \begin{cases} x_1 + t & i = 1 \\ x_i & i > 1. \end{cases}$$

To show that this is well-defined, we check that  $T(f) = f$  for  $f = g \circ h$ . Since  $f$  is in  $k\langle x_1^{p^N}, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$ , it is of the form  $f = \sum (\Pi_j \alpha_j x_1^{p^N}) \alpha_l$ , with  $\alpha_k \in k\langle x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$

Therefore

$$T(f) = \sum (\Pi_j \alpha_j T(x_1^{p^N})) \alpha_l = f,$$

by definition of  $T$  and since  $T(x_1^{p^N}) = (T(x_1))^{p^N} = (x_1 + t)^{p^N} = x_1^{p^N} + t^{p^N} = x_1^{p^N}$ .

Now, define the action of  $D_j$  on  $N_i(A)$ , for  $j < p^N$ , to be the coefficient of  $t^j$  of  $T$  acting on  $N_i(A)$ . So,  $T(v) = \sum t^j D_j(v)$ . This defines the required action.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9** *With the conditions of Theorem 2.8, if  $N_i(A)$  is finite dimensional (i.e. if the abelianization  $A_{ab}$  is finite dimensional), then  $\dim(N_i(A))$  is divisible by  $p^N$ . More generally, if we instead define  $h$  as*

$$h(x_1, \dots, x_r, \dots, x_n) := (x_1^{p^{n_1}}, \dots, x_r^{p^{n_r}}, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

(i.e. the relations are noncommutative polynomials of the first  $r$  variables  $x_1^{p^{n_1}}, \dots, x_r^{p^{n_r}}$ ), then  $\dim(N_i(A))$  is divisible by  $p^{\sum n_i}$ .

**Proof** According to Proposition 2.6, each finite dimensional representation of  $W_N(k)$  has dimension divisible by  $p^N$ . In the case of the relations being polynomials of  $x_i^{p^{n_i}}$  with  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , the tensor product algebra  $\bigotimes_i W_{n_i}(k)$  acts on  $N_i(A)$ . Because this is a tensor product of irreducible representations of  $W_{n_i}(k)$ , each of its irreducible representations has dimension divisible by  $p^{\sum n_i}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10** *Except for finite dimensionality of  $N_i(A)$ , suppose that in the situation of Corollary 2.9, the relations are homogeneous in  $x_1, \dots, x_r$ . Then, the Hilbert series of  $N_i(A)$  with respect*

to the corresponding variables  $X_1, \dots, X_r$  is divisible by

$$(1 + X_1 + \dots + X_1^{p^{n_1}-1}) \dots (1 + X_r + \dots + X_r^{p^{n_r}-1}),$$

in the sense that the ratio is a power series with non-negative integer coefficients.

**Proof** Consider the case  $r = 1$ , as the general proof follows similarly. Let  $M = N_i(A)$ . It is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded module over  $W_N(k)$ , with a grading given by  $\deg(x) = 1$ ,  $\deg(D) = -1$ , and nonnegative degrees of the vectors. Because of this, we may take any homogeneous vector and apply  $D_j$  until getting 0; thus, there exists a common null vector of  $D_j$ , namely  $v_1 \neq 0$ . Let  $M_1 = F_1$  be the submodule generated by  $v_1$ , then it has a basis of  $\langle v_1, xv_1, x^2v_1 \dots \rangle$ . Thus, we have two cases for  $M_1$ . First, if none of these  $x^s v_1 = 0$ , then  $M_1 \cong k[x]$ . Second, if  $x^s v_1 = 0$ , where  $s$  is minimal but positive, then we have that  $s$  is a multiple of  $p^{n_1}$  as by Theorem 2.8. Thus,  $M_1 \cong k[x]/(x^{jp^{n_1}})$  for some positive integer  $j$ .

Next, let  $v_2 \neq 0$  be a common null vector of  $D_j \in M/F_1$ . We define  $M_2$  as the submodule in  $M/F_1$  generated by  $v_2$ , and  $F_2$  as the preimage of  $M_2$  in  $M$ . Continuing this construction, we make an exhaustive filtration  $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset F_3 \subset \dots$  of  $M$  such that  $F_i/F_{i-1} = M_i$ , and all  $M_i \cong k[x]$  or  $k[x]/(x^{jp^{n_1}})$ .

If  $E$  is a graded vector space, denote  $h_E$  as the Hilbert Series of  $E$ , i.e., if  $E = \bigoplus_i E_i$ , then  $h_E = \sum_i \dim(E_i)X^i$ .

Since  $h_{N_i(A)} = h_{M_1} + h_{M_2} + \dots$ , we are done if each  $h_{M_i}$  is divisible by the desired polynomial. To this end, note that if  $M_i \cong k[x] \cdot v = \langle v, xv, \dots \rangle$  and  $\deg(v) = \ell$ , then  $h_{M_i} = X^\ell + X^{\ell+1} + \dots = (1 + X + \dots + X^{p^{n_1}-1})(X^\ell + X^{\ell+p^{n_1}} + \dots)$ . And, if  $M_i \cong k[x]/(x^{p^{n_1}j}) \cdot v'$ , where  $\deg(v') = \ell'$ , then  $h_{M_i} = X^{\ell'} + X^{\ell'+1} + \dots + X^{\ell'+(j-1)p^{n_1}} = (1 + X + \dots + X^{p^{n_1}-1})(X^{\ell'} + X^{\ell'+p^{n_1}} + \dots + X^{\ell'+(j-1)p^{n_1}})$ .  $\square$

### 3 Bigraded Structure of $N_2$ and $N_3$ over $\mathbb{Z}$

In this section, we give complete descriptions of the abelian group of  $N_i(A)$  for  $i = 2, 3$  and  $A = A_2/(x_1^m, x_2^n)$ , where  $A_2 = \mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$ . A bigrading of  $A_k$ , the free algebra with  $k$  generators, is given by the total degree in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ . This gives us more information about the inherent structure of the algebra.

However, with the added relations from the ideal  $(x_1^m, x_2^n)$ , which is generated by homogeneous terms in  $x_1, x_2$ ,  $A$  inherits a bigrading from  $A_2$  which is bounded by  $m, n$ . More precisely, the bigrading of a monomial  $P$  is given by  $(|P|_{x_1}, |P|_{x_2})$ , where  $|P|_{x_1}$  denotes the total degree in  $x_1$  of  $P$  and  $|P|_{x_2}$  denotes the total degree in  $x_2$  of  $P$ . For example, the bigrading of the term  $x_1 x_2^3 x_1$  is given by  $(2, 3)$ .

In fact, the bigrading over  $A_2$  and  $A$  induce a grading over  $N_2(A)$  and  $N_3(A)$ .

When we view  $N_i(A_2)$  as finite-dimensional abelian groups, we may induce a bigrading based upon the degrees of each generator.

Since these are abelian groups, they may be decomposed into a free part (copies of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) and a torsion part (direct sum of  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  for integral  $m$ ) by the Fundamental Theorem of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups. Thus, using the data generated by our *MAGMA* program, we conjecture and prove the structures of  $N_2$  and  $N_3$ .

We will use the simple but well-known Leibniz Rule throughout:

**Lemma 3.1**

$$[a_1 \dots a_n, b] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_1 \dots a_{i-1} [a_i, b] a_{i+1} \dots a_n$$

and

$$[a, b_1 \dots b_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n b_1 \dots b_{i-1} [a, b_i] b_{i+1} \dots b_n.$$

### 3.1 Structure of $N_2$

The aim of this section is to show that the abelian group structure of  $N_2$  is given by the following table:

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	$\dots$	$\dots$	$n-1$	$n$
0	0	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$
1	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
2	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$		$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$m-1$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
$m$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}_m$	$\mathbb{Z}_m$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}_m$	$\mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$

Table 3: Bigraded Description of  $N_2(A)$

where  $(m, n) = \gcd(m, n)$ . In other terms we want to show that

**Theorem 3.2** *The free part of  $N_2(A)$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module has a basis  $\{x_1^i x_2^j y \mid 0 \leq i \leq m-1, 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ . (Free part description)*

and that

**Theorem 3.3** *As a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, the elements  $x_1^i x_2^{n-1} y$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m-2$  (resp  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^j y$ ) are of torsion of order  $n$  (resp  $m$ ), except when  $i = m-1$  for which  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y$  is of order  $(m, n)$ . (Torsion part description)*

Our chain of reasoning in proving Theorem 3.2 starts with forming a basis of  $M_2(A_2)$  (Lemma 3.5). This induces a generating family of  $N_2(A_2) = M_2(A_2)/M_3(A_2)$  with eventually some redundancy. In order to eliminate this redundancy, we will rewrite these elements using  $R$  to arrive to a

normal form and obtain a basis of  $N_2(A_2)$ . Finally, if we take into account the extra relations of  $A$  to find as basis of  $N_2(A)$  (Theorem 3.2), then some torsion appears. This torsion part induced by the relations will be separated from the free part of  $N_2(A)$ .

Let us recall a presentation of  $A/M_3$  from [BEJ<sup>+</sup>12], inspired by the seminal paper [FS07] by Feigin and Shoikhet.

**Theorem 3.4**  $A_2/M_3 = \langle x_1, x_2, y \rangle / (R)$  where  $R$  is the set of relations

$$[x_1, x_2] = y, \tag{8}$$

$$[x_1, y] = [x_2, y] = y^2 = 0. \tag{9}$$

Below are three tools we use intermediately to prove 3.2:

**Remark** A basis of  $A_n$ , denoted  $\mathcal{B}(A_n)$ , is given by monomials in the generators  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

**Lemma 3.5** A basis of  $M_2(A_2)$  is given by  $\{vyw \mid v, w \in \mathcal{B}(A_n)\}$ .

**Proposition 3.6** A basis of  $N_2(A_2)$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is given by  $\{x_1^i x_2^j y\}$ .

**Proof** Recall the definition of  $M_2(A_2) = A_2 L_2(A_2) A_2 = A_2[A_2, A_2]A_2$ . Any element in this  $M_2$  is a linear combination of  $u[v, w]z$  where  $u, v, w, z \in \mathcal{B}(A_2)$ .

The Leibniz rule gives  $u[v, w]z = u(\sum v_i y w_i)z$  for some  $v_i, w_i \in \mathcal{B}(A_2)$ ; note this means that there is at least one  $y$  term in each monomial, and  $M_2$  is spanned by  $\{v' y w' \mid v', w' \in \mathcal{B}(A_2)\}$ . It is simply a routine checking to verify the linear independence of this basis.  $\square$

We now prove Proposition 3.6.

**Proof** Starting with a basis  $\mathcal{B}_2$  of  $M_2(A_2)$  given by Theorem 3.4, we use the relations from Theorem 3.2 to rewrite the elements of its image  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_2$  in  $N_2(A_2) = M_2(A_2)/M_3(A_2)$  in a normal form. Using relation (2), we may commute  $y$  anywhere within, so we push them to the right of every term by convention.

We now show that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  commute in monomials which contain a  $y$ . Let  $u, w \in \mathcal{B}(A_2)$ :

$$ux_2 x_1 w y \stackrel{(8)}{=} u(x_1 x_2 - y) w y = ux_1 x_2 w y - uy^2 \stackrel{(8)}{=} ux_1 x_2 w y.$$

Thus, any element of  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_2$  may be rewritten in the form of  $x_1^i x_2^j y$ ; the set of all such elements is still a generating family, but now is linearly independent in the quotient.  $\square$

These set us up for the proof of Theorem 3.2.

**Proof** Now, we finally work with  $N_2(A)$ . To show that  $0 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , recall that  $A$  has the additional relations  $x_1^m, x_2^n$ , so if  $i \geq m$  or  $j \geq n$ , then  $x_1^i x_2^j y$  vanishes. But, for  $0 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , no torsion can occur in total degree  $i+j < m$  or  $n$ . This is because  $m$  and  $n$  are the degrees of  $A$ 's relations.  $\square$

And Theorem 3.3:

**Proof** For each bidegree with torsion, we specifically calculate the terms causing torsion. For example, to find those with bidegree  $(m, 1)$ , we first note that the term must be of the form  $x_1^m y$  by Proposition 3.6. The generators of  $N_2(A)$  are the images of the generators of  $N_2(A_2)$  modulo relations  $x_1^m = 0, x_2^n = 0$ . To show its torsion, note that:

$$0 = [x_1^m, x_2] = \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} x_1^s [x_1, x_2] x_1^{m-s-1} = \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} x_1^s y x_1^{m-s-1} = \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} x_1^{m-1} y = m x_1^{m-1} y.$$

Similarly, we find that  $n x_2^{n-1} y = 0$ .

Thus, for all  $j < n$ , we have that  $m x_1^{m-1} x_2^j y = 0$ , so there is  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  torsion there. Likewise, we find  $n x_1^i x_2^{n-1} y = 0$  for  $i < m$ , so there is  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  torsion there.

However, let us consider what happens with  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y$ . We know that  $m x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y = n x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y = 0$ . Let  $k$  be the order of  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y$ ; then, since for all  $a, b$ ,  $am x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y = b n x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y = 0$ , by Bezout's Lemma we have  $k \mid (m, n)$ . Thus, the term generates the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$ .  $\square$

### 3.2 Structure of $N_3$

In this section, we prove that the non-zero terms in the bigraded structure of  $N_3$  are given by the following table:

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	$\dots$	$\dots$	$n-1$	$n$	$n+1$
0	0	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$
1	$\vdots$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(n)}$
2	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(n)}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$m-1$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}^3$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(n)}$
$m$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$	$\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(n)} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$
$m+1$	$\vdots$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(m)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(m)}$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{f(m)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{f(m)} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{(m,n)}$

Table 4: Bigraded Description of  $N_3(A)$

Where  $(m, n) = \gcd(m, n)$  and

**Definition 3.7** The function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$f(k) := \begin{cases} k & k \text{ odd} \\ \frac{k}{2} & k \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

In addition to the notation  $y := [x_1, x_2]$  from the previous section, we introduce the following two terms:  $z_1 := [x_1, y]$ ,  $z_2 := [x_2, y]$ .

In this section, we prove the following lemmas about the structure of  $N_3(A)$  using tools similar to those from the previous section:

**Lemma 3.8** The free part of  $N_3$  is generated as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module by the following terms:  $x_1^i x_2^j z_1$ ,  $x_1^i x_2^j z_2$ ,  $x_1^i x_2^j y^2$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ . (Free part description)

**Lemma 3.9** As a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, the  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^j y^2$  and  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^{j+1} z_1$  (resp  $x_1^i x_2^{n-1} y^2$  and  $x_1^{i+1} x_2^{m-1} z_2$ ) terms are of torsion of order  $m$  and  $f(m)$  (resp  $n$  and  $f(n)$ ), except when  $j = n-1$ , for which  $x_1^{m-1} x_2^{n-1} y$  is of order  $(m, n)$ . (Torsion part description)

First, we show that

**Proposition 3.10**  $M_3$  is generated by  $u[x_1, y]v$ ,  $u[x_2, y]v$ , and  $uyvyw$ , for  $u, v, w \in A$ .

**Proof** We first show that  $M_3$  is generated by  $u[g, y]v$  and  $uyvyw$ , for  $u, v, w \in A$  and  $g \in \{x_1, x_2\}$ . By definition,  $M_3 = A[A, [A, A]]A$ , so any of its elements may be written as  $u[a, [b, c]]v$  for some  $u, a, b, c, v$  in  $A_2$ .

We will concentrate on showing that  $[a, [b, c]]$  can be written as a sum of  $u[g, [b, c]]u'$ . Consider  $a = a_1 \cdots a_k$ , where each of  $a_i \in \{x_1, x_2\}$ . We are done if we use the Leibniz Rule:

$$[a, [b, c]] = [a_1 \cdots a_k, [b, c]] = \sum_{i=1}^k a_1 \cdots a_{i-1} [a_i, [b, c]] a_{i+1} \cdots a_k.$$

Next, we will show that  $[g, [b, c]]$  can be written as a sum of  $u[g, [g', d]]v$ , with  $g, g' \in \{x_1, x_2\}$  and  $u, d, v \in A$ . We apply the Jacobi identity to get  $[g, [b, c]] = [b, [g, c]] - [c, [g, b]]$ . Looking at the first term  $[b, [g, c]]$ , we can apply the Leibniz rule as before to show that it can be written as a sum of  $u[g, [g', d]]v$ . Since the second term is the same up to order as the first term, we are done.

Finally, we consider terms of the form  $[g, [g', d]]$ , showing that they can be written as a sum of the desired basis terms of  $u[g, y]v$  and  $uyvyw$ . Let  $d = d_1 \cdots d_j$ , with each  $d_i \in \{x_1, x_2\}$ . We apply the Leibniz rule once again, this time to  $d$ . Thus,

$$[g, [g', d]] = \sum_{i=1}^j [g, u_i[g', d_i]v_i] = \sum_{i=1}^j (u_i[g, [g', d_i]]v_i + u_i[g', d_i][g, v_i] + [g, u_i][g', d_i]v_i)$$

for some  $u_i, v_i \in A$ . The term  $u_i[g, [g', d_i]]v_i$  is of the form of  $u[g, y]v$  already, as  $[g', d_i] = y$  or  $0$ . To show that  $[g, v_i]$  (and simultaneously  $[g, u_i]$ ) is in the form of  $uyw$  (or is equal to  $0$ ) with  $u, w \in A$ , we apply the Leibniz rule to  $v_i = v_{i,1} \cdots v_{i,\ell}$  with  $v_{i,j} \in \{x_1, x_2\}$ .

$$u_i y[g, v_i] = u_i y \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} v_{i,1} \cdots v_{i,j-1} [g, v_{i,j}] v_{i,j+1} \cdots v_{i,\ell} = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ v_{i,j} \neq g}}^{\ell} u_i y w_j y v_j$$

with  $w_j, v_j \in A$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

Then, we recall a theorem by [EKM09] that is the  $M_4$  analogue of Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 3.11** *A presentation of  $A_2/M_4$  is given by the generators  $x_1, x_2$  the following relations:*

$$[x_1, z_2] = [x_1, z_1] = [x_2, z_1] = [x_2, z_2] = 0, \quad yz_1 = yz_2 = y^3 = 0, \quad z_1^2 = z_1 z_2 = z_2^2 = 0.$$

Armed with Lemma 3.10 and Theorem 3.11, we can find a basis of  $M_3/M_4 = N_3$ .

**Proof** Our aim is to rewrite the terms  $E$  and  $F$  in a normal form using rewriting rules from  $M_4$ 's basis, where  $E := u[x, y]v$  and  $F := uyvyw$  for  $u, v, w \in A$  and  $x \in \{x_1, x_2\}$ .

Using methods similar to those in Theorem 3.2, we find that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in monomials like  $E$  commute, and so  $E = x_1^i x_2^j z_1$  or  $x_1^i x_2^j z_2$ .

Next, we will rewrite  $F$ . We first note that if there is more than one  $y$  present in any monomial, then all the  $y$ 's commute with everything within that term, so  $F$  may be rewritten as  $uvw y^2$ . Like previously, if  $F = uvw y^2 \neq x_1^i x_2^j y^2$ , then we can also commute each  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in these terms.  $\square$

We will use a fact in the proof of Lemma 3.9:

**Proposition 3.12** *Let  $i \geq 1$ . Then,  $yx_1^i = x_1^i y - ix_1^{i-1} z_1$  and  $yx_2^i = x_2^i y - ix_2^{i-1} z_2$ .*

**Proof** To find the torsion, we identify all relations for bidegree  $(m+1, 2)$ , and work our way up from there.

We start off with some algebraic manipulation to get that

$$0 = mx_1^{m-1}y + \frac{m(m-1)}{2}x_1^{m-2}z_1. \tag{10}$$

Let  $E$  be the right hand of equation (1).

First, we would like to prove  $m(m-1)x_1^{m-1}y^2 = 0$ . Starting with  $0 = [E, x_2]$ , we get that

$$0 = m(m-1)x_1^{m-2}y^2.$$

Multiplying on the right by  $x_1$  yields our first relation.

Second, we would like to show that  $mx_1^{m-1}y^2 = 0$ . Right multiplication on equation (1) by  $y$  yields the relation.

Third, we will show that  $mx_1^{m-1}x_2z_1 = 0$ . With right multiplication by  $x_2$  on the equation  $mx_1^{m-1}z_1 = 0$ , commutativity of  $z_1$  with everything yields our desired relation.

Finally, we will show that  $\frac{m(m-1)}{2}x_1^{m-1}x_2z_1 = 0$ . If we right multiply equation (1) by  $x_1$ , we get the following:

$$0 = \frac{m(m-1)}{2}x_1^{m-1}z_1.$$

To finish, we right multiply by  $x_2$ .

Notice that these monomials end with either  $y^2$  or  $z_1$ , which both commute with  $x_2$ ; thus, if we right multiply by  $x_2^j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n-3$  we get our desired results.

So, we have found two terms that generate groups:  $x_1^{m-1}x_2^jy^2$ , and  $x_1^{m-1}x_2^{j+1}z_1$ , both with bidegrees  $(m+1, j+2)$ . The first term generates a torsion part of order  $\gcd(m, m(m-1)) = m$ , while the second generates a torsion part of order  $(m, \frac{m(m-1)}{2})$ . Thus, the torsion in the bidegree is  $\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(m, \frac{m(m-1)}{2})}$ . For odd  $m$ , this is equal to  $\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{m}{2}}$  for even  $m$ , so our prior Definition 3.7 of  $f(k)$  holds.

Since  $x_1$  is symmetric with respect to  $x_2$ , we obtain the same results for the bidegrees  $(i+2, n+1)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m-3$ ; i.e., the torsion is  $\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(n, \frac{n(n-1)}{2})}$ .  $\square$

## 4 Conclusion

In this project, we programmed *MAGMA* [BCP97] to compute data about the dimensions and ranks of these lower central series ideal quotients for various algebras. Using this data, we formulated and proved conjectures concerning these quotients  $N_i(A)$ . Just like how knowing sufficiently the divisors of an integer, we have proven a partial result about the substructure of an infinite and complex family of algebras in **Section 2**. And, in **Section 3** we characterized the bigraded structure of  $N_2(A)$  and  $N_3(A)$  for algebras with two generators over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In addition, we have gathered over 250 bigraded tables and nearly 100 totally graded tables, which can aid further exploration of these algebraic structures and applications.

## 5 Future Work

There is still much that may be explored in this topic. Over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we could describe the bigraded structure of  $N_4(A_2)$  by utilizing a recently published paper by [dCK13] that outlined a basis of  $A/M_5$ . In addition, we could try to produce code and explore individual grading of more than just 2 variables. In general, we would like to be able to describe  $N_i(A)$ , where  $A \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, \dots, x_k \rangle / (x_1^{m_1}, \dots, x_k^{m_k})$ . Potential further work is to perform individual grading on the  $B_i(A)$  defined in the introduction.

There are several conjectures we were not able to prove by the time of submission:

1. By comparing Tables 5 and 6 in Section 5, where the only difference is that they were cal-

culated over  $\mathbb{Z}$  versus  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , we seem to be able to recover Table 6's data from the others'. We mod out the free parts by  $p\mathbb{Z}$ , leaving a copy of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . If there was torsion  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  in the Table over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , then there would be a copy of  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p,m)}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . All our tables support this.

2. We have a conjecture about generators for the free part of  $N_4(A)$ , that they are  $x_1^i, x_2^j v$ , where  $v \in A$  has one of the following bidegrees:  $(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)$ .
3. Though we have a complete description of  $N_2(A)$ , with  $A = A_2/(x_1^m, x_2^n)$ , we have found proofs of the same fashion that allow us to conjecture the number of generating terms there are in the basis  $N_2(A_k)$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} \binom{k}{2i}.$$

By using a complex filtration, a closed form of this expression can be found:

$$\text{Re}((1+i)^k).$$

## 6 Methods and Tables

In order to calculate free and torsion subgroups of  $N_i(A)$ , we use preexisting code that calculated  $N_i(A)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for one relation. This required us to modify the code to allow for multiple relations, calculations over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , and most importantly: to calculate bigraded data (that is, degrees of individual generators in  $A_2$ ). The code computes each  $N_i$  after computing the corresponding  $L_i$  and  $M_i$ , then moves on to the subsequent  $N_{i+1}$ .

However, computers can only handle linear systems of size a few thousands. The dimension of  $A_2$  in degree  $n$  is  $2^n$ , so to compute data with degree  $n$  about  $N_i(A_2)$ , we need to solve linear systems of size  $2^n$ . Realistically, our last calculable value  $n = 12$ , as  $2^{12} = 4096$  bigraded entries. So, we work with many data tables of  $N_i(A)$  for small  $i < 12$ , automating the collection process by writing *Java* and *BASH* scripts to convert data to *LaTeX* tables. Below, we present a small selection of our data collection, which contains over 350 tables.

The rows represent  $m$  and the columns represent  $n$ , where our relations are  $x_1^m = x_2^n = 0$ . A cell with a small  $\circ$  represents no free component there, while a blank cell indicates that the computer was not able to calculate data there. Each non-trivial cell is of the form  $R, (T)$ , where  $R$  represents the rank of the free component ( $\mathbb{Z}^R$ ), while  $(T)$ , in parentheses, represents the torsion structure. For example, in  $(2, 5)$  of Table 6,  $T = (2 \cdot 4)$  represents  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Absence of parentheses indicates an absence of torsion.

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 (7)	0	0	0	
2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 (7)	0	0		
3	0	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)	0	0			
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
6	0	0	0	0	0	0						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 5:  $N_2 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle / (x_1^3, x_2^7)$ , Time: 906.16 sec, Memory: 780.78MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0 (2 · 3)	0	0	0	0	
2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0 (2 · 3)	0	0	0		
3	0	1	1	1	1	1	0 (2 · 3)	0	0			
4	0	0 (4)	0 (4)	0 (4)	0 (4)	0 (4)	0 (2)	0				
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
6	0	0	0	0	0	0						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 6:  $N_2 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle / (x_1^4, x_2^6)$ , Time: 911.82 sec, Memory: 769.03MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	0 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	1	3	3	2 (4)	0 (2 · 4)	0	0	0	0		
3	0	1	2 (3)	2 (3)	1 (3 · 4)	0 (4)	0	0	0			
4	0	0 (3)	0 (3 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (3 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (3)	0	0	0				
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
6	0	0	0	0	0	0						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 7:  $N_3 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^3, y^4)$ , Time: 912.87 sec, Memory: 789.53MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0		
3	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0			
4	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0				
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
6	0	0	0	0	0	0						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 8:  $N_3 : \mathbb{Z}_3\langle x, y \rangle / (x^3, y^4)$ , Time: 97654.05 sec, Memory: 2783.16MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 (7)	0	0	
2	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	2 (7)	0 (7 <sup>2</sup> )	0		
3	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	2 (7)	0 (7 <sup>2</sup> )			
4	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	2 (7)				
5	0	1	3	3	3	3	3					
6	0	1	3	3	3	3						
7	0	1	2 (7)	2 (7)	2 (7)							
8	0	0 (7)	0 (7 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (7 <sup>2</sup> )								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 9:  $N_3 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^7, y^7)$ , Time: 879.42 sec, Memory: 754.81MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$(0, n)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$(1, n)$	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
$(2, n)$	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	0		
$(3, n)$	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2			
$(4, n)$	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3				
$(5, n)$	0	1	3	3	3	3	3					
$(6, n)$	0	1	3	3	3	3						
$(7, n)$	0	1	3	3	3							
$(8, n)$	0	1	2	2								
$(9, n)$	0	0	0									
$(10, n)$	0	0										
$(11, n)$	0											

Table 10:  $N_3 : \mathbb{Z}_7\langle x, y \rangle / (x^7, y^7)$ , Time: 15927.51 sec, Memory: 4333.34MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 (4)	0	
2	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2 (8)	0 (4 · 8)		
3	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2 (8)			
4	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3				
5	0	1	3	3	3	3	3					
6	0	1	3	3	3	3						
7	0	1	3	3	3							
8	0	1	2 (8)	2 (8)								
9	0	0 (4)	0 (4 · 8)									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 11:  $N_3 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^8, y^8)$ , Time: 876.37 sec, Memory: 754.19MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 (9)	
2	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2 (9)		
3	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
4	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3				
5	0	1	3	3	3	3	3					
6	0	1	3	3	3	3						
7	0	1	3	3	3							
8	0	1	2 (8)	2 (8)								
9	0	0 (4)	0 (4 · 8)									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 12:  $N_3 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^8, y^9)$ , Time: 877.02 sec, Memory: 753.88MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	0 (2 · 5)	0 (2)	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	1	3	3	0 (2 <sup>2</sup> · 3 · 4 · 5)	0 (2 <sup>2</sup> )	0	0	0		
3	0	1	3	6	5(4)	0 (2 <sup>2</sup> · 4 <sup>3</sup> · 3 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (2 <sup>2</sup> · 4)	0	0			
4	0	1	3	6	5(4)	0 (2 <sup>2</sup> · 4 <sup>3</sup> · 3 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (2 <sup>2</sup> · 4)	0				
5	0	1	3	5(5)	4(4 · 5)	0 (2 · 4 <sup>3</sup> · 3 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (2 · 4)					
6	0	0 (2 · 5)	0 (5 <sup>3</sup> · 2 · 4)	0 (5 <sup>5</sup> · 2 · 4 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (5 <sup>4</sup> · 2 · 4 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (4 <sup>2</sup> )						
7	0	0 (5)	0 (5 <sup>2</sup> )	0 (5 <sup>3</sup> )	0 (5 <sup>2</sup> )							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 13:  $N_4 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^5, y^4)$ , Time: 524.7 sec, Memory: 772.22MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
3	0	1	3	6	6	6	6	6	6			
4	0	1	3	6	6	6	6	6				
5	0	1	3	6	6	6	6					
6	0	1	3	6	6	6						
7	0	1	3	6	6							
8	0	1	3	6								
9	0	1	3									
10	0	1										
11	0											

Table 14:  $N_4 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^{101})$ , Time: 878.2 sec, Memory: 753.88MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	1	3	0 ( $2^2 \cdot 3^2$ )	0 (3)	0	0	0	0		
3	0	1	3	4 (3)	0 ( $3^4 \cdot 2^2$ )	0 ( $3^2$ )	0	0	0			
4	0	0 (2)	0 ( $2^2 \cdot 3^2$ )	0 ( $3^4 \cdot 2^2$ )	0 ( $3^4 \cdot 2$ )	0 ( $3^2$ )	0	0				
5	0	0	0 (3)	0 ( $3^2$ )	0 ( $3^2$ )	0 (3)	0					
6	0	0	0	0	0	0						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 15:  $N_4 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^3, y^3)$ , Time: 1730.05 sec, Memory: 1582.34MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	0 $(2 \cdot 5)$	0 $(2)$	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	1	3	3	0 $(2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5)$	0 $(2^2)$	0	0	0		
3	0	1	3	5 $(3)$	4 $(3 \cdot 4)$	0 $(2 \cdot 4^3 \cdot 3^2)$	0 $(2 \cdot 4)$	0	0			
4	0	0 $(2)$	0 $(2^2 \cdot 3^2)$	0 $(3^4 \cdot 2^3)$	0 $(3^4 \cdot 2^3)$	0 $(2^2 \cdot 3^2)$	0 $(2)$	0				
5	0	0	0 $(3)$	0 $(3^2)$	0 $(3^2)$	0 $(3)$	0					
6	0	0	0	0	0	0						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 16:  $N_4 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^3, y^4)$ , Time: 912.87 sec, Memory: 789.53MB

$(m, n)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0 $(5)$	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	2	5	4 $(2 \cdot 5)$	0 $(2^4)$	0 $(2^2)$	0	0		
3	0	0	2	6	9 $(3)$	5 $(2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 4^2)$	0 $(2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5)$	0 $(2^3)$	0			
4	0	1	4 $(2)$	6 $(2^2 \cdot 3^3)$	6 $(2^4 \cdot 3^6)$	2 $(2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 4^2)$	0 $(2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 4)$	0 $(2^2)$				
5	0	0	0 $(3^2 \cdot 2)$	0 $(3^5 \cdot 2^2)$	0 $(3^7 \cdot 2^3)$	0 $(3^5 \cdot 2^3)$	0 $(2^2 \cdot 3^2)$					
6	0	0	0 $(3)$	0 $(3^2)$	0 $(3^3)$	0 $(3^2)$						
7	0	0	0	0	0							
8	0	0	0	0								
9	0	0	0									
10	0	0										
11	0											

Table 17:  $N_5 : \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y \rangle / (x^3, y^4)$ , Time: 912.87 sec, Memory: 789.53MB

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