

# Annihilation of Cohomology over Gorenstein Rings

A conference in memoriam Ragnar-Olaf Buchweitz

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# Introduction

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MAXIMAL COHEN-MACAULAY MODULES AND TATE-COHOMOLOGY  
OVER  
GORENSTEIN RINGS

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The main theme of this article is :

Why should one consider Maximal Cohen-Macaulay Modules ?

Although there has been a lot of work and success lately in the theory of such modules, of which this conference witnessed, it has remained mysterious - at least to the present author - why these modules provide such a powerful tool in studying the algebra and geometry of singula-

# The Singularity Category of A Regular Ring is Trivial

**Lemma 7.7.4.:** Let  $S$  be a commutative Gorenstein ring of finite Krull dimension. Then for a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $\text{Spec}(S)$  the groups  $\text{Ext}_S^i(X, Y)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  are zero for all (complexes of)  $S$ -modules  $Y$  (in  $D^-(\text{Mod-}S)$ ) and  $X$  (in  $D^b(S)$ ) if and only if  $S_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a regular local ring. 69

Coming back to the promised application of the Duality Theorem, let us recall that  $t = \dim T$  and  $s = \text{vdim } S = t - d$  by (7.6.3.(iii)). Then we have :

**Theorem 7.7.5.** (The Duality Theorem for isolated singularities) : Assume again given a homomorphism of rings  $f : T \longrightarrow S$  which satisfies (7.6.2.),  $\omega_T$  and  $\omega_S$  dualizing modules over  $T$  and  $S$  respectively as in (7.7.1.),  $M$  a complex of  $S$ -modules in  $D^b(S)$  and  $N$  a  $S$ -bimodule which is MCM on both sides.

(i) If  $M$  and the underlying right  $S$ -module of  $N$  are stably trans-

## Question.

For a commutative Gorenstein ring  $R$ , describe the ideal

$$\bigcap_{M \in \text{MCM}(R)} \underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, N).$$

- The Jacobian ideal of a commutative ring and annihilators of cohomology (1610:02599),
- Annihilation of cohomology and decompositions of derived categories (1405:5299),
- Annihilation of cohomology and strong generation of module categories (1404:1476)

# The Jacobian Ideal Annihilates All Tate Cohomology Groups

trivially valuated) field  $k$  in  $n$  variables.

Assume given a sequence  $\underline{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$  of elements in the unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and let  $J(\underline{f})$  denote the corresponding Jacobian ideal generated by all maximal minors of the Jacobian matrix of  $\underline{f}$  with respect to the chosen coordinate-functions  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , whose entries are hence given by the partial derivatives  $\partial f_j / \partial x_i$ .

With these notations we have :

**Corollary 7.8.7.:** If  $\underline{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$  constitutes a regular sequence in  $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , the quotient ring  $R = P/\underline{f}P$  is a complete intersection ring, hence Gorenstein, of dimension  $n - m$ .

The Jacobian ideal  $J(\underline{f})$  then annihilates all Tate-cohomology groups over  $R$  which become consequently modules over the Jacobian ring of  $R$ ,  $\bar{R} = R/J(\underline{f})R$  in a natural way.

For the proof it needs only to be remarked that a composition

$$k \langle x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n-m}} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{incl.}} P \xrightarrow{\text{proj.}} R$$

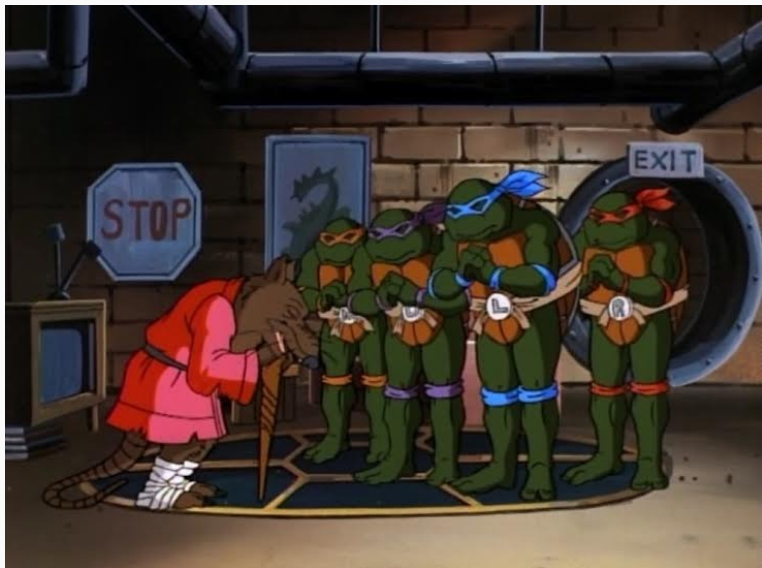
yields a finite flat homomorphism of rings if the corresponding minor



# The Problem

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# The Group in Toronto



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## Theorem

*Over a 1-dimensional complete reduced Gorenstein local ring, the cohomology annihilator ideal coincides with the conductor ideal.*

## Theorem

Let  $f(x, y) \subseteq \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$  be a reduced plane curve singularity. Consider

$$R = \mathbb{C}[[x, y, z_1, \dots, z_n]] / (f(x, y) + z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2).$$

Then,

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} R/J(R) = 2 \dim_{\mathbb{C}} R/\text{ca}(R) - r + 1$$

where  $r$  is the number of branches of the curve  $f$  at its singular point.

# Orders

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Examples of orders where this works:

- If  $R$  is of finite maximal Cohen-Macaulay type of dimension 0, 1 or 2, then its Auslander algebra,
- If  $R$  is the generic determinantal hypersurface singularity, then the NCCR described by Buchweitz-Leuschke-van den Bergh,
- If  $R$  is a one dimensional torus invariant ring, then the NCCR described by van den Bergh.

## Theorem

*Let  $R$  be a Gorenstein ring. If  $\Lambda$  is an  $R$ -order of finite global dimension containing  $R$  as a direct summand, then*

$$(\text{ann}_R \underline{\text{End}}_R(\Lambda))^{1+\text{gldim}\Lambda} \subseteq \text{ca}(R) \subseteq \text{ann}_R \underline{\text{End}}_R(\Lambda).$$

Danke Schön!