



Assignments for the lecture on  
*Non-Commutative (Algebraic) Geometry*  
Winter term 2017/18

**Assignment 1**

Hand in on Tuesday, 02.01.18, Mailbox 014 (basement of E2.5)

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**Exercise 1.**

Consider the ideal given by

$$I = \langle x^4 + y^4 + 2x^2y^2 - x^2 - y^2 \rangle \subset \mathbb{R}[x, y].$$

- (i) Compute the vanishing locus  $V(I)$  and draw a picture of it.
- (ii) Is  $I$  a prime? Is it radical, i.e.  $\sqrt{I} = I$ ?
- (iii) Does Hilbert's Nullstellensatz hold for  $I$ ? (Even though  $\mathbb{R}$  is not algebraically closed)

**Exercise 2.**

From Amitsur's Nullstellensatz for matrices we know that 1 must be in the ideal which is generated by  $x_1x_2 - x_2x_1 - 1$  and the ideal  $m_2$  of polynomial identities for  $2 \times 2$ -matrices. The latter is generated by  $[[x_1, x_2]^2, x_3]$  and  $s_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  (and substitution of variables). Find an explicit representation of 1 in terms of those generators.

**Exercise 3** (Prove the claim in Remark 3.7.).

Let  $c$  be a homogenous central polynomial, i.e.  $c(A) \in \mathbb{C} \cdot 1_d$  for all  $A \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$ . Show that for  $f_1 = c$  and  $f_2 = 1 + c^2$  we have:

- $\text{Tr}(f_1(X)) = 0 = \text{Tr}(f_2(X))$  has no solution  $X \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$ ;
- but there are no  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , s.t.

$$\lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2 \sim 1 + p,$$

where  $p$  a polynomial identity in  $M_d(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Exercise 4** (Prove part 2 of Lemma 3.8).

Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $g, g_1 \in \mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  such that

$$gpg_1 = g_1pg \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle.$$

Show that  $g$  and  $g_1$  are linearly dependent.

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**Exercise 5.**

Prove by algebraic manipulations the rational identity in  $\mathbb{C}\langle x, y, z \rangle$ :

$$y^{-1} + y^{-1}(z^{-1}x^{-1} - y^{-1})^{-1}y^{-1} = (y - zx)^{-1}.$$

**Exercise 6.**

Let  $A$  be a unital algebra,  $\Omega^n(A)$  the algebra of non-commutative  $n$ -forms,  $\omega \in \Omega^n(A)$  and  $\eta \in \Omega^m(A)$ . Show that for boundary operator  $d$  the graded Leibniz rule holds:

$$d(\omega\eta) = d\omega \cdot \eta + (-1)^n \omega d\eta.$$