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# Matrix Concomitants, Schemes, and Azumaya Algebras

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# Outline

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# Three Objectives

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- To show how noncommutative functions as described in “**Foundations of Free Noncommutative Function Theory**” by Dima Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi and Victor Vinnikov [Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi & Vinnikov, 2014], can be realized and studied as cross sections of holomorphic matrix bundles.
- To suggest how Arveson’s theory of subalgebras of  $C^*$ -algebras may interact with the theory.
- To suggest roles that work in contemporary algebra and geometry may play in the theory.



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- Suppose  $H$  is an algebraic group acting algebraically on an algebraic variety  $X$  and suppose  $\rho : H \rightarrow G$  is an algebraic representation  $H$  in  $G$ . A **matrix concomitant** on  $X$  is simply a rational map  $F : X \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $F(xh) = \rho(h) \cdot F(x)$ .



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- Clearly, the matrix concomitants on  $X$  form a subalgebra  $M_n(\mathbb{C}(X))$ , where  $\mathbb{C}(X)$  is the function field of  $X$ .



# The Free Algebra

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- Let  $\mathbb{F}_d^+$  be the free semigroup on  $d$  symbols  $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ .  
Elements are words  $w = i_1 i_2 \cdots i_k$ .
- The **free algebra in  $d$  variables** is  
 $\mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle := \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{F}_d^+)$  - the semigroup algebra of  $\mathbb{F}_d^+$ .
- $(a + b)(w) := a(w) + b(w)$ ,  $a * b(w) := \sum_{w=uv} a(u)b(v)$ .
- The “indeterminate”  $X_i$  is the function  $X_i(w) = 1$ , if  $w = i$ ,  
and  $X_i(w) = 0$  otherwise.



# The $n$ -dimensional representations of the Free Algebra

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- Each algebra homomorphism  $\pi : \mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is given by a  $d$ -tuple  $\mathfrak{z} := (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_d)$ ,  $Z_i \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .
- $\pi(X_i) = Z_i$ .
- Write  $\pi_{\mathfrak{z}} := \pi$ , and for  $a \in \mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle$ , write  $\pi_{\mathfrak{z}}(a) = \hat{a}_n(\mathfrak{z}) = \sum_{w \in \mathbb{F}_d^+} a(w) Z^w$ , where  $Z^w := Z_{i_1} Z_{i_2} \cdots Z_{i_k}$ .
- $\mathbb{G}_0(d, n) := \{\hat{a}_n(\cdot) \mid a \in \mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle\}$  - the algebra of  $d$  generic  $n \times n$  matrices.
- $\mathbb{G}_0(d, n)$  is a very small subalgebra of  $M_n(\mathbb{C}[M_n^d]) := M_n(\mathbb{C}[z_{ij}(k), 1 \leq i, j \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq d])$  - the  $M_n$ -valued polynomial functions on  $M_n(\mathbb{C})^d$ , viewed as  $\mathbb{C}^{dn^2}$ .





# Noncommutative Function Theory

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## Theorem

[Kaliuzhnyi-Verbovetskyi & Vinnikov, 2014, Thm 6.1] Given  $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ , with  $f_n \in M_n(\mathbb{C}[M_n^d])$  and  $\sup_n \deg f_n < \infty$ , then there is an  $a \in \mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle$  such that  $f_n = \widehat{a}_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , iff

- 1  $f_{k+l} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{z} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathfrak{w} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} f_k(\mathfrak{z}) & 0 \\ 0 & f_l(\mathfrak{w}) \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathfrak{z} \in M_k(\mathbb{C})^d$ , and  $\mathfrak{w} \in M_l(\mathbb{C})^d$ .
- 2  $f_n(s^{-1}\mathfrak{z}s) = s^{-1}f_n(\mathfrak{z})s$ ,  $\mathfrak{z} \in M_n(\mathbb{C})^d$ ,  $s \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

- Thus each  $f_n$  is a polynomial matrix concomitant on  $M_n^d$ .

## Definition

$Hol(M_n^d, M_n)^G :=$  all holomorphic matrix concomitants.



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- What does that mean? See [Luminet, 1997].



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- Would like to write  $Hol(M_n^d, M_n)^G$  as “nice” functions on the space of **similarity classes** of **irreducible**  $n$ -dimensional representations of  $\mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle$ .
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- $\pi_3$  is similar to  $\pi_w$  iff there is an  $s \in G$  such that  $s^{-1}\pi_3(a)s = \pi_w(a)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d \rangle$ , if and only if  $s^{-1}Z_i s = W_i$  for all  $i$ , i.e.,  $s^{-1}\pi_3(\cdot)s = \pi_{s^{-1}3s}(\cdot)$ .



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- Yes! The **categorical quotient**  $M_n^d//G$  - to be defined.



# On Invariants

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- $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n) := \{f \in \mathbb{C}[M_n^d] \mid f(s^{-1}\mathfrak{z}s) = f(\mathfrak{z}), s \in G, \mathfrak{z} \in M_n^d\}$ .
- $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$  is finitely generated [Hilbert, 1890].
- $Q(d, n) := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{I}_0(d, n))$  - an abstract algebraic variety.
- The inclusion  $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[M_n^d]$  induces a morphism  $\pi : M_n^d \rightarrow Q(d, n)$ . (A “concrete” picture of  $Q(d, n)$  will be provided shortly.)



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- If  $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$  is generated by  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p$ , then  $\pi$  may be viewed as the map  $\mathfrak{z} \rightarrow (f_1(\mathfrak{z}), \dots, f_p(\mathfrak{z}))$  and  $Q(d, n)$  may be viewed as its image in  $\mathbb{C}^p$ .



## $2 \times 2 \times 2$ Example

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### Theorem

[Le Bruyn, 2008, Sect. 1.2] For  $\mathfrak{z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  in  $M_2^2$ , let  $f_1(\mathfrak{z}) := \text{tr}(Z_1)$ ,  $f_2(\mathfrak{z}) = \text{tr}(Z_2)$ ,  $f_3(\mathfrak{z}) = \det(Z_1)$ ,  $f_4(\mathfrak{z}) = \det(Z_2)$ , and  $f_5(\mathfrak{z}) = \text{tr}(Z_1 Z_2)$ . Then

- 1 The  $f_i$ 's generate  $\mathbb{I}_0(2, 2)$ .
- 2 The  $f_i$ 's are algebraically independent.
- 3  $\mathbb{I}_0(2, 2) \simeq \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{C}^5]$ , so  $Q(2, 2) \simeq \mathbb{C}^5$ .



# Artin-Procesi and the Categorical Quotient

- Write  $\mathfrak{z}G$  for  $\{s^{-1}\mathfrak{z}s \mid s \in G\}$ , the similarity orbit of  $\mathfrak{z}$ .

## Theorem

[Artin, 1969, 12.6] [Procesi, 1974, 4.1]

- 1  $\mathfrak{z}G$  is closed iff the image of  $\pi_{\mathfrak{z}}$  is a semisimple subalgebra of  $M_n$ ;  $\mathfrak{z}$  is called **semisimple** in this case.
- 2 For all  $\mathfrak{z} \in M_n^d$ ,  $\overline{\{s^{-1}\mathfrak{z}s \mid s \in G\}} := \overline{\mathfrak{z}G}$  contains a unique closed orbit,  $\mathfrak{z}_{ss}G$ , where  $\mathfrak{z}_{ss}$  is the “semisimplification” of  $\mathfrak{z}$ .
- 3 If  $\mathfrak{z}$  and  $\mathfrak{w}$  are semisimple, then  $\pi(\mathfrak{z}) = \pi(\mathfrak{w})$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{z}G = \mathfrak{w}G$ . Thus  $Q(d, n)$  may be viewed as parameterizing either the closed orbits or the orbit closures in  $M_n^d$ .
- 4 If  $\rho : M_n^d \rightarrow X$  is any equivariant regular map into an algebraic variety, then  $\rho$  factors through  $\pi$ , i.e., there is a unique regular map  $f : Q(d, n) \rightarrow X$  such that  $\rho = f \circ \pi$ , i.e.,  $Q(d, n)$  is the **categorical quotient**  $M_n^d // G$ .



# The Trace Algebra

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## Definition

The **trace algebra**  $\mathbb{S}_0(d, n)$  is the subalgebra of  $M_n(\mathbb{C}[M_n^d])$  generated by  $\mathbb{G}_0(d, n)$  and  $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$ , where  $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$  is viewed as  $\mathbb{C}I_n$ -valued functions.

## Theorem

[Procesi, 1976, Thms 2.1 and 3.4]

- 1  $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$  is generated by  $\mathfrak{z} \rightarrow \text{tr}(Z_{i_1} Z_{i_2} \cdots Z_{i_s}) I_n$ ,  $s \leq 2^n - 1$ .
- 2  $\mathbb{S}_0(d, n) = M_n(\mathbb{C}[M_n^d])^{\mathbb{G}}$  - the polynomial matrix concomitants.
- 3  $\mathfrak{z}\mathbb{S}_0(d, n) = \mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$ .
- 4  $\mathbb{S}_0(d, n)$  is spanned as a **module** over  $\mathbb{I}_0(d, n)$  by  $\mathfrak{z} \rightarrow Z_{i_1} Z_{i_2} \cdots Z_{i_s}$ ,  $s \leq 2^n - 2$ .



# Irreducible points

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## Definition

$\mathcal{V}(d, n) := \{ \mathfrak{J} \mid Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_d \text{ generate } M_n(\mathbb{C}) \}$  - the **irreducible points of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})^d$** .  $Q_0(d, n) := \pi(\mathcal{V}(d, n))$ .

## Fact

$\mathcal{V}(d, n)$  is open and Zariski dense in  $M_n(\mathbb{C})^d$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)^c$  is an algebraic variety.





# Procesi's Fundamental Theorem

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## Theorem

[Procesi, 1974, Thm 5.10]

- 1  $Q_0(d, n)$  is contained in the smooth points of  $Q(d, n)$ .
  - 2  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)$  is the bundle space of a **nontrivial, holomorphic, principal  $G$ -bundle**,  $\mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{P}(d, n)$ , over  $Q_0(d, n)$  and  $\pi$  (restricted to  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)$ ) is the bundle map; in particular, the action of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)$  is free and proper, and  $\pi$  identifies  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)/G$  with  $Q_0(d, n)$ .
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- The open locus of  $\pi : M_n^d \rightarrow Q(d, n)$  is  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)$ , except when  $n = d = 2$  (Le Bruyn).



## Example: The $2 \times 2 \times 2$ Matrices (bis)

- $\mathcal{V}(2, 2) = \{(Z_1, Z_2) \mid \det(Z_1 Z_2 - Z_2 Z_1) \neq 0\}$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}_0(2, 2) = \{(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_5) \mid z_5^2 - z_1 z_3 z_5 + z_1^2 z_4 + z_3^2 z_2 - 4z_2 z_4 \neq 0\}$  [Le Bruyn, 2008, p. 16]
- $\mathbb{S}_0(2, 2)$  is a **free** module over  $\mathbb{I}_0(2, 2)$ , generated by

$$\mathfrak{z} \rightarrow \begin{cases} I_2 \\ Z_1 \\ Z_2 \\ Z_1 Z_2 \end{cases} .$$

- Every  $F \in \mathbb{S}_0(2, 2)$  can be written uniquely as  $F(\mathfrak{z}) = \xi_1(\mathfrak{z}) + \xi_2(\mathfrak{z})Z_1 + \xi_3(\mathfrak{z})Z_2 + \xi_4(\mathfrak{z})Z_1 Z_2$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{I}_0(2, 2)$ ,  $\mathfrak{z} \in \mathcal{V}(2, 2)$ .



# Cross Sections and Matrix Concomitants

- Let  $\mathfrak{M}_n := \mathfrak{P}[M_n]$  be the  $M_n$ -bundle over  $Q_0(d, n)$  associated to  $\mathfrak{P}$ . The bundle space of  $\mathfrak{M}_n$  is  $\mathcal{V}(d, n) \times_G M_n$ , the quotient of  $\mathcal{V}(d, n) \times M_n$  under the right action of  $G$ :  $(\mathfrak{z}, m) \cdot s := (s^{-1}\mathfrak{z}s, s^{-1}ms)$ . The bundle projection  $\pi([\mathfrak{z}, m]) := \pi(\mathfrak{z})$ .

## Observation (Griesenauer, M and Solel)

$\text{Hol}(M_n^d, M_n)^G$  is isomorphic to the algebra of holomorphic cross sections of  $\mathfrak{M}_n$ ,  $\Gamma_h(Q_0(d, n), \mathfrak{M}_n)$ , via the map  $F \rightarrow s_F$ , where  $s_F(\mathfrak{z}G) = [\mathfrak{z}, F(\mathfrak{z})]$ .

## Proposal

*The sheaf of holomorphic concomitants should be the sheaf  $\underline{\Gamma}_h(Q_0(d, n), \mathfrak{M}_n)$  of holomorphic sections of  $\mathfrak{M}_n$ .*



# Getting a feel for $\mathfrak{P}$ and $\mathfrak{M}_n$

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## Definition

An  $n$ -variety is a  $G$ -invariant subset  $X \subseteq \mathcal{V}(d, n)$  such that  $X = \overline{X} \cap \mathcal{V}(d, n)$  where  $\overline{X}$  is the Zariski closure of  $X$  [Reichstein & Vonesen, 2007, 3.1].

## Theorem

[Reichstein & Vonesen, 2007, 8.1] Every irreducible generically free algebraic  $G$ -space is equivariantly birationally equivalent to an irreducible  $n$ -variety in  $\mathcal{V}(d, n)$  for a suitable  $d$ .

## Corollary

Every irreducible, algebraic principal  $G$ -bundle may be “realized” as a subbundle of  $\mathfrak{P}(d, n)$  for suitable  $d$ .



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- 2 We want to study  $\Gamma_h(Q_0(d, n), \mathfrak{M}_n)$  and  $\Gamma_c(Q_0(d, n), \mathfrak{M}_n)$ , and we would like  $\Gamma_c(X, \mathfrak{M}_n)$  to be a  $C^*$ -algebra whenever  $X \subseteq Q_0(d, n)$  is compact. However, there is no **evident**  $*$ -structure on  $\mathfrak{M}_n$ .



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A point  $\mathfrak{z} = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_d)$  is called **hypernormal** in case  $\sum_{i=1}^d [Z_i, Z_i^*] = 0$ .  $\mathcal{HN}(d, n) :=$  all hypernormal points.





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## Kempf-Ness Theorem

$Q(d, n) \simeq \mathcal{HN}(d, n)/K$ , where  $K := PU(n, \mathbb{C})$ .  
[Le Bruyn, 2008, Theorem 2.11].

- Study  $Q(d, n)$  using [Percy, 1962b, Percy, 1962a] and [Radjavi, 1968].



# Intermezzo: A Riff on James Pascoe's Talk

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- Define  $p : M_n^d \times G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $p(\mathfrak{z}, s) := \|s^{-1}\mathfrak{z}s\|$ .

## Theorem

*T.F.A.E. for  $\mathfrak{z} \neq 0$ .*

- 1  $\mathfrak{z}G$  is a closed orbit.
- 2  $\mathfrak{z}$  is a semisimple point.



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# Corollary

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## Theorem

$\mathcal{H}\mathcal{N}(d, n) \cap \mathcal{V}(d, n)$  is the bundle space of a principal  $K := PU(n, \mathbb{C})$  bundle  $\mathcal{Q}$  over  $Q_0(d, n)$ . The bundle map is the restriction of  $\pi$ .

- Thus,  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a **reduction** [Steenrod, 1951, 9.4] (also **restriction** [Husemoller, 1994, 6.2]) of  $\mathfrak{P}$  to  $K$ .

## Corollary

The bundles  $\mathfrak{M}_n$  and  $\mathcal{Q} \times_K M_n$  are isomorphic bundles over  $Q_0(d, n)$  as **topological** bundles, and  $\mathcal{Q} \times_K M_n$  carries a natural  $*$ -structure.



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# Noncommutative Function Algebras

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- 1  $\Omega$  - a reduction of  $\mathfrak{P}$  to  $K$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}_n^* := \Omega[M_n]$ , the  $M_n$ -bundle over  $Q_0(d, n)$  associated to  $\Omega$ .
- 2  $\mathcal{D}$  - a domain such that  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$  is a Stein compact subset of  $Q_0(d, n)$ .
- 3  $A(\mathcal{D})$  - the sup-norm closure of  $Hol(\overline{\mathcal{D}})$  in  $C(\overline{\mathcal{D}})$ .
- 4  $\partial\mathcal{D}$  - the Shilov boundary of  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\partial_e\mathcal{D}$  - the Choquet (or extreme) boundary of  $\mathcal{D}$ .
- 5  $A(\partial\mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  - the closure  $\Gamma_h(\overline{\mathcal{D}}, \mathfrak{M}_n)$  in the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\Gamma_c(\partial\mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$ .



# The Boundary Theorem

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## Theorem (Griesenauer, M and Solel)

Every point in  $\partial_e \mathcal{D}$  gives rise, through evaluation, to a boundary representation of  $\Gamma_c(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  for  $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$ , and so  $\Gamma_c(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  is the  $C^*$ -envelope of  $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$ .



# Fundamental Properties of $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$

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## Theorem (Griesenauer, M and Solel)

Suppose  $\mathcal{D}$  is a domain in  $Q_0(d, n)$  such that  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$  is Stein compact, then

- 1 The center of  $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  is  $A(\mathcal{D})$  - independently of the reduction  $\Omega$ .
- 2  $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  is a rank  $n$  **Azumaya algebra**.



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    - 1  $A$  satisfies the identities of the  $n \times n$  matrices.
    - 2 There are no (nonzero) homomorphisms of  $A$  in  $M_{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  is for M. Artin.



# The Formanek Center

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## Definition

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## Example

$p(\mathfrak{z}) := (Z_1 Z_2 - Z_2 Z_1)^2 = -\det(Z_1 Z_2 - Z_2 Z_1)I$ ,  $\mathfrak{z} \in M_2^2$ , by Cayley-Hamilton, so  $p \in \mathbb{F}(2, 2)$ .

## Definition

If  $A$  satisfies the identities of the  $n \times n$  matrices, then the Formanek center of  $A$  is

$$F(A) := \cup_{d \geq 1} \{p(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d) \mid a_i \in A, p \in \mathbb{F}(d, n)\}.$$

- $F(A) \subseteq \mathfrak{Z}A$ .



# Artin-Procesi Theorem and a lemma of Reichstein and Vonesen

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## Lemma

[Reichstein & Vonessen, 2007, 2.10] Given  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r \in \mathcal{V}(d, n)$  there is a  $p \in \mathbb{F}(d, n)$  such that  $p(\beta_i) \neq 0$  for all  $i$ .



# Proof that $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$ is Azumaya

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- Recall: The center of  $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  is  $A(\mathcal{D}) :=$  the sup-norm closure of  $Hol(\overline{\mathcal{D}})$ .
- For each  $x \in \overline{\mathcal{D}}$ , choose  $\mathfrak{z} \in \mathcal{V}(d, n)$  such that  $\pi(\mathfrak{z}) = x$  and choose  $p \in \mathbb{F}(d, n)$  such that  $p(\mathfrak{z}) \neq 0$ .
- Since  $p$  is invariant, there is a regular function  $\tilde{p}$  on  $Q(d, n)$ , such that  $\tilde{p}(x) = p(\mathfrak{z}) \neq 0$ .
- Since  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$  is compact, there is a finite family  $\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2, \dots, \tilde{p}_r \in \widetilde{\mathbb{F}(d, n)} \subseteq \mathfrak{Z}A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*) = A(\mathcal{D})$ , which have no common zero on  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$ .
- Therefore  $1 \in \tilde{p}_1 A(\mathcal{D}) + \tilde{p}_2 A(\mathcal{D}) + \dots + \tilde{p}_r A(\mathcal{D})$ . So by the Artin-Procesi theorem,  $A(\partial \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{M}_n^*)$  is Azumaya.



# A final word - for now

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- Many of the results described here have natural generalizations covering some of the matricial functions that Baruch and I introduced in [Muhly & Solel, 2013], particularly in the context of quiver algebras.
- The proper places where our matricial concomitants live is on what are known as quiver varieties.
- These, in turn, have symplectic reductions that are much like  $\mathcal{HN}(d, n)/K$ .
- There are new challenges, however, and how they will unfold remains to be seen.



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