Gel'fand-Kirillov Dimension of Algebras: Prime Spectra, Gradations and Radicals

Abstract:

We study properties of affine algebras with small Gel'fand-Kirillov dimension, from the points of view of the prime spectrum, gradations and radical theory.

As an application, we are able to prove that Z-graded algebras with quadratic growth, and graded domains with cubic growth have finite (and efficiently bounded) classical Krull dimension; this is motivated by Artin's conjectured geometric classification of non-commutative projective surfaces, and by opposite examples in the non-graded case.

As another application, we prove a graded version of a dichotomy question raised by Braun and Small, between primitive algebras (namely, algebras admitting faithful irreducible representations) and algebras satisfying polynomial identities.

If time permits, we discuss approximations of the well-studied Koethe problem and in particular prove a stability result for certain radicals under suitable growth conditions.

We finally propose further questions and possible directions, which already stimulated new constructions of monomial algebras.

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