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Annihilation of Cohomology Over Curve Singularities

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Abstract

Hilbert's syzygy theorem implies that the second syzygy of every module over a polynomial ring S in two variables is projective. In fancy language, this means that $Ext_S^3(M, N)$ vanishes for every pair of modules M,N. This is no longer true when we consider a quotient R of S by an ideal generated by a single polynomial f. In fact, for every i¿0 there is at least one pair M,N such that $Ext_R^i(M, N) \neq 0$. We investigate the ideal consisting of ring elements which uniformly annihilate all $Ext_R^i(M, N)$ for sufficiently large i. I am dedicating this talk to students and academics of Boğaziçi University who are protesting against a rector appointed by the 12th president of Turkey and I will try my best to keep it accessible to a broad audience.

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