Support varieties for Lie superalgebras and finite graded group schemes

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- This is joint work with Jonathan Kujawa (University of Oklahoma).
- Work over a (algebraically closed) field k of characteristic  $p \ge 0$ .
- Denote the cohomological support variety of an A-module M by  $|A|_M$ .

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## What's so super about super linear algebra?

Something is "super" if it has a compatible  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading.

- Superspaces  $V = V_{\overline{0}} \oplus V_{\overline{1}}$ ,  $W = W_{\overline{0}} \oplus W_{\overline{1}}$
- Induced gradings on tensor products, linear maps, etc.

$$(V\otimes W)_\ell = igoplus_{i+j=\ell} V_i\otimes W_j$$

$$\operatorname{Hom}_k(V,W)_\ell = \{f \in \operatorname{Hom}_k(V,W) : f(V_i) \subseteq W_{i+\ell}\}$$

•  $V \otimes W \cong W \otimes V$  via the supertwist  $v \otimes w \mapsto (-1)^{\overline{v} \cdot \overline{w}} w \otimes v$ 

Define (Hopf) superalgebras and notions of (super)commutativity and (super)cocommutativity in terms of the "usual diagrams," but using the supertwist map whenever graded objects pass one another.

## Examples of Hopf superalgebras

- Ordinary Hopf algebras (considered as purely even superalgebras).
- $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Hopf algebras (as defined, e.g., by Milnor and Moore)
- If g is a (restricted) Lie superalgebra, then its (restricted) enveloping superalgebra U(g) (resp. u(g)) is a Hopf superalgebra.

Recall that a **Lie superalgebra** is a superspace  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}$  equipped with an even map  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \to \mathfrak{g}$  such that for homogeneous  $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,

• 
$$[x, y] = -(-1)^{\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}} [y, x]$$

• 
$$[x, [y, z]] = [[x, y], z] + (-1)^{\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}} [y, [x, z]]$$

• 
$$[x,x] = 0$$
 if  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}}$  and  $p = 2$ 

• 
$$[x, [x, x]] = 0$$
 if  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}$  and  $p = 3$ 

Say that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a **restricted Lie superalgebra** if  $\mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}}$  is an ordinary restricted Lie algebra and  $\mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}$  is a restricted  $\mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}}$ -module under the adjoint action.

Classical correspondences:

affine group schemes  $\leftrightarrow$  cocommutative Hopf algebras finite group schemes  $\leftrightarrow$  f.d. cocommutative Hopf algebras height-one infinitesimal group schemes  $\leftrightarrow$  f.d. restricted Lie algebras

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### Problem

Can we study support varieties for finite supergroup schemes?

# Example: finite-dimensional exterior algebra

An exterior algebra  $\Lambda(V)$  is a (super)commutative superalgebra.

$$ab=(-1)^{\overline{a}\cdot\overline{b}}ba$$

It is also a (super)cocommutative Hopf superalgebra.

$$\begin{split} \Delta(uv) \\ &= \Delta(u)\Delta(v) \\ &= (u \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes u)(v \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes v) \\ &= (u \otimes 1)(v \otimes 1) + (u \otimes 1)(1 \otimes v) + (1 \otimes u)(v \otimes 1) + (1 \otimes u)(1 \otimes v) \\ &= (uv \otimes 1) + (u \otimes v) - (v \otimes u) + (1 \otimes uv) \end{split}$$

### Theorem

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space. Then  $H^{\bullet}(\Lambda(V), k) \cong S^{\bullet}(V^*)$ .

The cohomology ring is graded-(super)commutative in the sense that

$$\mathsf{ab} = (-1)^{\mathsf{deg}(\mathsf{a})\cdot\mathsf{deg}(b)+\overline{\mathsf{a}}\cdot\overline{b}}\mathsf{ba}.$$

### Theorem (Aramova–Avramov–Herzog, 2000)

Let *M* be a finite-dimensional  $\Lambda(V)$ -supermodule. Then

$$|\Lambda(V)|_M \cong \left\{ v \in V : M|_{\langle v \rangle} \text{ is not free} 
ight\}.$$

In the theorem,  $\langle v \rangle$  refers to an algebra isomorphic to  $\Lambda(v) \cong k[v]/\langle v^2 \rangle$ .

In characteristic 0, this is most of the complete picture!

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## Corollary

Let A be a finite-dimensional cocommutative Hopf superalgebra over k. Then  $A \cong kG \# \Lambda(V)$  for some finite group G and some finite-dimensional purely odd kG-module V.

Given  $kG \# \Lambda(V)$  as in the corollary, we denote the corresponding finite supergroup scheme by  $G \ltimes V$ .

#### Theorem

Let  $G \ltimes V$  be a finite k-supergroup scheme. Let M and N be  $G \ltimes V$ -supermodules. Then  $\operatorname{Ext}_{G \ltimes V}^{\bullet}(M, N) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda(V)}^{\bullet}(M, N)^{G}$ . In particular,

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Let  $G \ltimes V$  be a finite k-supergroup scheme, and let M be a finite-dimensional  $G \ltimes V$ -supermodule. Then

$$|G \ltimes V| \cong V/G$$
, the quotient of V by G  
 $|G \ltimes V|_M \cong \{[v] \in V/G : M|_{\langle v \rangle} \text{ is not free} \}$ .

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### Results in characteristic zero

•  $H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, k)$  can be either finite-dimensional or infinite-dimensional

• If 
$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}$$
, then  $U(\mathfrak{g}) = \Lambda(\mathfrak{g})$  and  $H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \cong S(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ .

• If  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$  and  $m \ge n$ , then  $H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, k) \cong H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{gl}_m, k)$  [Fuks-Leites]

### Boe-Kujawa-Nakano (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

- Support varieties in terms of relative cohomology H<sup>•</sup>(g, g<sub>0</sub>; k)
- Work in the category  ${\mathcal F}$  of f.d.  ${\mathfrak g}\text{-supermodules that are s.s. over <math display="inline">{\mathfrak g}_{\overline 0}$
- Variety theory can measure *defect* of g and *atypicality* of modules. Dimension does not equal complexity.

## Duflo-Serganova (arXiv 2005)

• Given a g-supermodule M, defined the associated variety

$$X_M = \left\{ x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}} : [x, x] = 0 \text{ and } M|_{\langle x 
angle} ext{ is not free} 
ight\}$$

- Relatively simple  $GL_m \times GL_n$  orbit structure when  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$ .
- Varieties detect projectivity in  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- Not defined in terms of cohomology.

## Assumption

For the rest of this talk, assume that k is of characteristic  $p \ge 3$ .

- *p*-th powers in  $S(\mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}^*) \subset \Lambda(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  consist of cocycles. Induced map  $\varphi : S(\mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}^*[p])^{(1)} \to \mathrm{H}^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, k).$
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#### Theorem

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a finite-dimensional Lie superalgebra. Let M be a finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -supermodule. Then

$$\mathcal{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}(M) \cong \left\{ x \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}} : [x, x] = 0 \text{ and } M|_{\langle x 
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### Proof

Modify Jantzen's arguments for restricted Lie algebras in characteristic 2.

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First step toward support varieties: cohomological finite generation (CFG)

# Theorem (D 2014)

Let G be a finite k-supergroup scheme (equivalently, a finite-dimensional cocommutative Hopf superalgebra). Then  $H^{\bullet}(G, k)$  is a finitely-generated k-superalgebra.

### Remark

If A is a Hopf superalgebra, then  $A\#(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$  is an ordinary Hopf algebra, and  $H^{\bullet}(A\#(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}), k) \cong H^{\bullet}(A, k)_{\overline{0}}$ .

Can view the theorem as a generalization of the Friedlander–Suslin CFG result in multiple ways (to a strictly larger class of ordinary Hopf algebras, or to Hopf algebra objects in another symmetric monoidal category).

- ${oldsymbol {\mathcal V}}$  category of finite-dimensional superspaces
- $V^{\otimes d}$  is naturally a right  $\mathfrak{S}_d$ -module (signed place permutations)

• 
$$\Gamma^d(V) = (V^{\otimes d})^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$$

•  $\Gamma^{d}(\mathcal{V})$ : category with the same objects as  $\mathcal{V}$ , but with morphisms

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma^{d}(\mathcal{V})}(V,W) = \Gamma^{d}[\operatorname{Hom}_{k}(V,W)] \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{k\mathfrak{S}_{d}}(V^{\otimes d},W^{\otimes d}).$$

## Strict polynomial superfunctors (Axtell 2013)

The category  $\mathcal{P}_d$  of homogeneous degree-*d* strict polynomial superfunctors is the category of functors  $F : \Gamma^d \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{V}$  such that for each  $V, W \in \mathcal{V}$ ,

$$F_{V,W}$$
: Hom <sub>$k\mathfrak{S}_d$</sub>  $(V^{\otimes d}, W^{\otimes d}) \to$  Hom <sub>$k$</sub>  $(F(V), F(W))$ 

is an even k-linear map.

## Examples of strict polynomial superfunctors

- Π parity flip functor
- $T^d(V) = V^{\otimes d}$  tensor power
- $\Gamma^d(V) = (V^{\otimes d})^{\Sigma_d}$  super-symmetric tensors
- $\boldsymbol{S}^{d}(V) = (V^{\otimes d})_{\Sigma_{d}}$  super-symmetric power
- $\Lambda^d(V)$  super-exterior power
- $A^d(V)$  super-alternating tensors
- $I^{(r)}(V) = V^{(r)}$  r-th Frobenius twist  $(r \ge 1)$   $I^{(r)} = I_0^{(r)} \oplus I_1^{(r)}$

 $(\Pi V)_{\overline{0}} = V_{\overline{1}}, \ (\Pi V)_{\overline{1}} = V_{\overline{0}}$ 

 $\Gamma(V) = \Gamma(V_{\overline{0}}) \otimes \Lambda(V_{\overline{1}})$ 

 $\boldsymbol{S}(V) = S(V_{\overline{0}}) \otimes \Lambda(V_{\overline{1}})$ 

 $\Lambda(V) = \Lambda(V_{\overline{0}}) \,^{g} \otimes S(V_{\overline{1}})$ 

 $\mathbf{A}(V) = \Lambda(V_{\overline{0}}) \ ^{g} \otimes \Gamma(V_{\overline{1}})$ 

- Non-example:  $V \mapsto V_{\overline{0}}$  (incompatible with composition of odd maps)
- SPSFs can restrict to ordinary SPFs in two different ways
- Ordinary SPFs in general don't seem lift to SPSFs
- Frobenius twists of SPFs lift to SPSFs in several different ways

Calculate the structure of the extension algebra

$$\mathsf{Ext}^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{P}}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{Ext}^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{P}}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{0}, \boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{0}) & \mathsf{Ext}^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{P}}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{1}, \boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{0}) \\ \mathsf{Ext}^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{P}}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{0}, \boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{1}) & \mathsf{Ext}^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{P}}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{1}, \boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}_{1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Theorem (D 2015)

 $\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\bullet}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}^{(r)})$  is generated as an algebra by extension classes

•  $\boldsymbol{e}_i \in \operatorname{Ext}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}}^{2p^{i-1}}(\boldsymbol{I}_0^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}_0^{(r)}) \text{ and } \boldsymbol{e}_i^{\Pi} \in \operatorname{Ext}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}}^{2p^{i-1}}(\boldsymbol{I}_1^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}_1^{(r)}) \quad (1 \le i \le r)$ •  $\boldsymbol{c}_r \in \operatorname{Ext}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}}^{p^r}(\boldsymbol{I}_1^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}_0^{(r)}) \text{ and } \boldsymbol{c}_r^{\Pi} \in \operatorname{Ext}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}}^{p^r}(\boldsymbol{I}_0^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}_1^{(r)})$ 

These generators satisfy:

• 
$$(e_i)^p = 0 = (e_i^{\Pi})^p$$
 if  $1 \le i \le r - 1$ .

• 
$$(\boldsymbol{e}_r)^p = \boldsymbol{c}_r \circ \boldsymbol{c}_r^{\Pi}$$
 and  $(\boldsymbol{e}_r^{\Pi})^p = \boldsymbol{c}_r^{\Pi} \circ \boldsymbol{c}_r$ 

- The  $e_i, e_i^{\Pi}$  generate a commutative subalgebra.
- $(\boldsymbol{c}_r \circ \boldsymbol{c}_r^{\Pi})$  and  $(\boldsymbol{c}_r^{\Pi} \circ \boldsymbol{c}_r)$  each generate polynomial subalgebras.
- The  $e_i$  restrict to Friedlander and Suslin's universal extension classes
- $c_r$  generates  $\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\bullet}(I_1^{(r)}, I_0^{(r)})$  over the matrix ring
- $\boldsymbol{c}_r^{\Pi}$  generates  $\operatorname{Ext}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}}^{\bullet}(\boldsymbol{I}_0^{(r)}, \boldsymbol{I}_1^{(r)})$  over the matrix ring
- Have  $\boldsymbol{e}_i \circ \boldsymbol{c}_r = \pm (\boldsymbol{c}_r \circ \boldsymbol{e}_i^{\Pi})$ . But is it + or -?

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Let  $G \subset GL(m|n)$  be an infinitesimal supergroup scheme of height  $\leq r$ .

Evaluation and restriction maps

$$\mathsf{Ext}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\bullet}(\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)},\boldsymbol{I}^{(r)}) \to \mathsf{Ext}_{GL(m|n)}^{\bullet}((k^{m|n})^{(r)},(k^{m|n})^{(r)})$$
$$\cong \mathsf{Ext}_{GL(m|n)}^{\bullet}(k,\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^{(r)})$$
$$\to \mathsf{Ext}_{G}^{\bullet}(k,\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^{(r)})$$
$$\cong \mathsf{Hom}_{k}(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^{*(r)},\mathsf{H}^{\bullet}(G,k))$$

For r = 1, the strict polynomial superfunctor extension classes give rise to a superalgebra homomorphism

$$\varphi: S(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^*_{\overline{0}}[2])^{(1)} \otimes S(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^*_{\overline{1}}[p])^{(1)} \to \mathsf{H}^{\bullet}(G,k).$$

Induced finite map of varieties  $|G| \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(m|n)$  with image  $V_G(k)$ .

Change to the language of finite-dimensional restricted Lie superalgebras.

#### Theorem

Let  ${\mathfrak g}$  be a finite-dimensional restricted Lie superalgebra. Then

$$V_{u(\mathfrak{g})}(k)\cong \{x+y\mid x\in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}}, y\in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}, [x,y]=0, x^{[p]}=y^2\}$$

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### Main ideas of the proof

Relations come from the extension classes for polynomial superfunctors.

• Sufficiency of the relations comes from explicit calculations for the restricted subalgebra generated by x and y, using an "explicit" projective resolution constructed by Iwai–Shimada and May.

• 
$$x^{[p]} = y^2$$
 comes from  $(\boldsymbol{e}_1)^p = \boldsymbol{c}_1 \circ \boldsymbol{c}_1^{\mathsf{\Pi}}$  and  $(\boldsymbol{e}_1^{\mathsf{\Pi}})^p = \boldsymbol{c}_1^{\mathsf{\Pi}} \circ \boldsymbol{c}_1$ 

• 
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# Rank varieties

- Given a  $u(\mathfrak{g})$ -supermodule M, what is  $V_{u(\mathfrak{g})}(M)$ ?
- If x + y ∈ V<sub>u(g)</sub>(M) and x and y are both nonzero, what does this mean about the restriction M|<sub>⟨x,y⟩p</sub>?

Now let  $G \subset GL(m|n)$  be a height-*r* infinitesimal supergroup scheme. The polynomial superfunctor classes give rise to a homomorphism

$$\left[\bigotimes_{i=1}^r S(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^*_{\overline{0}}[2p^{i-1}])^{(r)}\right] \otimes S(\mathfrak{gl}(m|n)^*_{\overline{1}}[p^r])^{(r)} \to \mathsf{H}^{\bullet}(G,k)$$

over whose image  $H^{\bullet}(G, k)$  is finite.

## Possible description for |G|?

Set of all *r*-tuples  $(x_1, \ldots, x_{r-1}, x_r + y)$  such that

• 
$$x_i \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{0}}$$
 for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ 

• 
$$y \in \mathfrak{g}_{\overline{1}}$$
.

• Entries pairwise commute, and  $[x_r, y] = 0$ .

• 
$$x_i^{[p]} = 0$$
 for  $1 \le i \le r - 1$ .

• 
$$x_r^{[p]} = y^2$$
.