

## WEAKLY DISCRETE KOSZUL MODULES, II

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper is a continuous work of “Y. Pan, *Weakly discrete Koszul modules*, submitted, (2011)” ([12]), where the so-called *weakly discrete Koszul module* was first introduced. In this paper, the Ext module of a weakly discrete Koszul module is studied. Further, as the application of the approximation chain theorem obtained in [12], we will study the relations of the minimal graded projective resolutions between a given weakly discrete Koszul module and its quotients.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout,  $\mathbb{k}$  denotes a fixed field,  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the sets of natural numbers and integers, respectively. All the positively graded  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra  $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$  in this paper are assumed with the following properties:

- $A_0 = \mathbb{k} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{k}$ , a finite product of  $\mathbb{k}$ ;
- $A_i \cdot A_j = A_{i+j}$  for all  $0 \leq i, j < \infty$ ;
- $\dim_{\mathbb{k}} A_i < \infty$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

Under the above assumptions, it is easy to see that the graded Jacobson radical of  $A$ , which we denote by  $J$ , is  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 1} A_i$ . For any finitely generated graded  $A$ -module  $M$ , it possesses a graded projective resolution

$$\cdots \longrightarrow Q_n \xrightarrow{d_n} \cdots \longrightarrow Q_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} Q_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M \longrightarrow 0$$

such that  $\ker d_i \subseteq JQ_i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ , i.e., the resolution is “minimal”. Let  $Gr(A)$  denote the category of graded  $A$ -modules and  $gr(A)$  the category of finitely generated graded  $A$ -modules, which is a full subcategory of  $Gr(A)$ . Endowed with the Yoneda product,  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Ext}_A^i(A_0, A_0)$  is a bigraded algebra. Let  $M \in gr(A)$ . Then

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$\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Ext}_A^i(M, A_0)$  is a bigraded  $\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Ext}_A^i(A_0, A_0)$ -module. For simplicity, we write

$$E(A) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Ext}_A^i(A_0, A_0), \quad \mathcal{E}(M) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Ext}_A^i(M, A_0)$$

and call  $E(A)$  the *Yoneda algebra* of  $A$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(M)$  the *Ext module* of  $M$  respectively.

The Koszul algebra, introduced by Priddy in 1970 ([13]), is one of quadratic algebras with a linear resolution. Such an algebra may be understood a positively graded algebra that is ‘‘as close to semisimple as it can possible be’’ ([1]). Since then, a lot of generalizations on Koszul algebras have been done, we refer to [2-14] for the further details. In particular, the notion of discrete Koszul algebra/module was introduced by Lü and Chen in [9], recently, which is another class of  $\delta$ -Koszul algebras/modules ([3]) and another extension of Koszul algebras/modules. In order to study the discrete Koszul property of finitely generated graded modules over a discrete Koszul algebra, the author of the present paper defined the notion of weakly discrete Koszul modules in [12]. In fact, the original motivations for the present paper and [12] are [5] and [6], where the authors studied the Koszul property of finitely generated graded modules over a Koszul algebra and defined the notion of weakly Koszul modules. Moreover, follow this clue, some other generalizations have been done this years, such as [8-10] and [11], etc.

First, let’s recall some definitions.

Given integers  $d, p, q$  with  $d \geq p \geq 2$  and  $p \geq q + 2 \geq \frac{p}{2} + 1$ , we introduce a set function  $\delta_p^{d,q} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by

$$\delta_p^{d,q}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{nd}{p}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod } p), \\ \frac{(n-1)d}{p} + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 1(\text{mod } p), \\ \dots & \dots \\ \frac{(n-q)d}{p} + q, & \text{if } n \equiv q(\text{mod } p), \\ \frac{(n-q-1)d}{p} + t_1, & \text{if } n \equiv q+1(\text{mod } p), \\ \frac{(n-q-2)d}{p} + t_2, & \text{if } n \equiv q+2(\text{mod } p), \\ \dots & \dots \\ \frac{(n-p+1)d}{p} + t_{p-q-1}, & \text{if } n \equiv p-1(\text{mod } p). \end{cases}$$

where  $q < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_{p-q-1} < d$  are positive integers.

**Definition 1.1.** ([9]) Let  $A$  be a positively graded  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i \in \text{gr}(A)$ . We call  $M$  a *discrete Koszul module* provided that  $M$  admits a minimal graded projective resolution

$$\dots \longrightarrow P_n \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0,$$

such that each  $P_n$  is generated in degree  $\delta_p^{d,q}(n)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . In particular, the positively graded algebra  $A$  will be called a *discrete Koszul algebra* if the trivial  $A$ -module  $A_0$  is a discrete Koszul module.

Let  $\mathcal{K}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  denote the category of discrete Koszul modules.

**Remark 1.2.** *We should note the following observations.*

- (1) *The set  $\{\delta_p^{d,q}(n) | n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1, q, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{p-q-1}, d, d+1, d+2, \dots, d+q-1, d+q, d+t_1, d+t_2, \dots, d+t_{p-q-1}, \dots\}$ .*
- (2) *Put  $t_i = q+i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-q-1$  and  $d = p$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  is identical with the category of Koszul modules;  $\mathcal{K}_2^{\delta_2^{d,0}}(A)$ , ( $d \geq 2$ ), is identical with the category of  $d$ -Koszul modules ([4]).*
- (3) *Put  $t_i = q+i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  is identical with the category of piecewise-Koszul modules ([10]).*
- (4) *In general, discrete Koszul modules are a class of  $\delta$ -Koszul modules ([3], [9]).*

**Definition 1.3.** ([12]) Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M \in gr(A)$ . Let

$$\cdots \longrightarrow Q_n \xrightarrow{f_n} \cdots \longrightarrow Q_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} Q_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} M \longrightarrow 0$$

be a minimal graded projective resolution of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is called a *weakly discrete Koszul module* if for all  $n$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , we have  $J^k \ker f_n = \ker f_n \cap J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(n+1) - \delta_p^{d,q}(n) + k} Q_n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{WK}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  denote the category of weakly discrete Koszul modules.

The following is the main result of [12].

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M \in gr(A)$ . Let  $\{S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, \dots, S_{d_m}\}$  denote the set of minimal homogeneous generating spaces of  $M$  and  $S_{d_i}$  consists of homogeneous elements of degree  $d_i$ . Consider the following natural filtration of  $M$ :  $0 = \mathcal{M}_0 \subset \mathcal{M}_1 \subset \mathcal{M}_2 \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{M}_m = M$ , where  $\mathcal{M}_1 = \langle S_{d_1} \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_2 = \langle S_{d_1}, S_{d_2} \rangle$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_m = \langle S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, \dots, S_{d_m} \rangle$ . Then  $M \in \mathcal{WK}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  if and only if all  $\mathcal{M}_i/\mathcal{M}_{i-1}[-d_i] \in \mathcal{K}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .*

Motivated by Definitions 1.1 and 1.3, it is meaningful to study the relations of the minimal graded projective resolutions between the weakly discrete Koszul module  $M$  and these  $\mathcal{M}_i/\mathcal{M}_{i-1}[-d_i]$ . More precisely, we obtain the following.

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra,  $M \in \mathcal{WK}_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}}(A)$  and  $0 = \mathcal{M}_1 \subset \mathcal{M}_2 \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{M}_{m-1} \subset \mathcal{M}_m = M$  its natural submodule filtration. Set  $K_i := \mathcal{M}_i/\mathcal{M}_{i-1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_* \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mathcal{P}_*^i \rightarrow K_i \rightarrow 0$  be*

the minimal graded projective resolutions of  $M$  and  $K_i$ 's, respectively. Then for all  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{P}_n \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{P}_n^i.$$

**Remark 1.6.** In fact, we can restate Theorem 1.5 as follows:

Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M \in \mathcal{WK}_{\mathbb{P}}^{d,q}(A)$ . Let  $\{S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, \dots, S_{d_m}\}$  be the set of minimal homogeneous generating spaces of  $M$  where  $S_{d_i}$  consists of homogeneous elements of degree  $d_i$ . If  $\mathcal{P}_*^i \rightarrow AS_{d_i} \rightarrow 0$  is the minimal graded projective resolution of  $AS_{d_i}$ , then

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{P}_*^i \rightarrow (M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m AS_{d_i}) \rightarrow 0$$

is the minimal graded projective resolution of  $M$ .

It is well known that the Ext module plays an important role in studying Koszulity. In the last section, the Ext module of a weakly discrete Koszul module is investigated and we prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.7.** Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M$  be a weakly discrete Koszul module. Using the notations of Theorem 1.4. Then  $\mathcal{E}(M)$  is finitely generated in degree 0 as a graded  $E(A)$ -module.

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1.5

The following result is easy to check.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $A$  be a positively graded algebra with the graded Jacobson radical  $J$ . Then

(1) for any  $M \in \text{gr}(A)$ , we have  $A/J \otimes_A M \cong M/JM$ ;

(2) for any short exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0$  in  $\text{gr}(A)$ , we have the exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow K \cap JM \longrightarrow JM \longrightarrow JN \longrightarrow 0$ . Moreover,  $JK = K \cap JM$  if and only if the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow JK \longrightarrow JM \longrightarrow JN \longrightarrow 0 \text{ is exact.}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** ([8]) Let  $A$  be a positively graded algebra and

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence in  $\text{gr}(A)$ . Then  $JK = K \cap JM$  if and only if we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \Omega^1(K) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^1(M) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^1(N) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & P_0 & \longrightarrow & Q_0 & \longrightarrow & L_0 \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0, \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

where  $P_0$ ,  $Q_0$  and  $L_0$  are graded projective covers.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i$  be a weakly discrete Koszul module with  $M_0 \neq 0$ .*

- (1) *Denote  $K := \langle M_0 \rangle$  and  $N := M/K$ . Then the “Minimal Horseshoe Lemma” holds for the natural exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0.$$

*That is, for any given diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & \mathcal{P}_* & & \mathcal{Q}_* & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & & & 0
\end{array}$$

*with  $\mathcal{P}_*$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_*$  being minimal projective resolutions of  $K$  and  $N$ , respectively. Then we can complete the above diagram into the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_* & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_* & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q}_* \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

such that  $\mathcal{L}_* \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  is also a minimal projective resolution and for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $L_n \cong P_n \oplus Q_n$ .

(2) Use the notions of Theorem 1.4. Then for all integers  $j \geq 1$ , the “Minimal Horseshoe Lemma” holds for

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_j \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{j+1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{j+1}/\mathcal{M}_j \longrightarrow 0.$$

**Proof.** (1) It is easy to see that  $JK = K \cap JM$ . By Lemma 2.2, we have the commutative diagram as Lemma 2.2 and the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \Omega^1(K) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^1(M) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^1(N) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)} P_0 & \longrightarrow & J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)} L_0 & \longrightarrow & J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)} Q_0 \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

where  $P_0$ ,  $Q_0$  and  $L_0$  are graded projective covers. Of course,  $L_0 = P_0 \oplus Q_0$  since the exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow L_0 \longrightarrow Q_0 \longrightarrow 0$  and  $Q_0$  is a graded projective module. Note that  $M$  and  $N$  are weakly discrete Koszul modules. Applying the functor  $A/J \otimes_A -$  to the above diagram, we get the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A/J \otimes_A \Omega^1(K) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & A/J \otimes_A \Omega^1(M) & \longrightarrow & A/J \otimes_A \Omega^1(N) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 \rightarrow A/J \otimes_A J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)} P_0 & \rightarrow & A/J \otimes_A J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)} L_0 & \rightarrow & A/J \otimes_A J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)} Q_0 & \rightarrow & 0. \end{array}$$

Note that  $K$  is a discrete Koszul module, which implies  $J\Omega^1(K) = \Omega^1(K) \cap J_p^{\delta_p^{d,q}(1)-\delta_p^{d,q}(0)+1} P_0$ . Thus,  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism, which implies that  $\beta$  is also a monomorphism. By Lemma 2.1, we have  $J\Omega^1(K) = \Omega^1(K) \cap J\Omega^1(M)$ . Now replace  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0$  by

$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega^1(K) \longrightarrow \Omega^1(M) \longrightarrow \Omega^1(N) \longrightarrow 0,$$

and repeat the above argument, we are done.

(2) By (1), we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q}_*^2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow 0, \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_*^1$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_*^2$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_*^2$  are the minimal graded projective resolutions. Clearly, for each  $i$ , the terms  $P_i^1$ ,  $P_i^2$  and  $Q_i^2$  in the complexes  $\mathcal{P}_*^1$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_*^2$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_*^2$  respectively satisfy  $P_i^2 = P_i^1 \oplus Q_i^2$ .

Similarly, we also have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q}_*^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q}_*^3 \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_3/\mathcal{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_3/\mathcal{M}_2 \longrightarrow 0, \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}_*^2$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_*^3$  are the minimal graded projective resolutions.

Now consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q} \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_3/\mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow 0, \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_*^1$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_*^3$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  are the minimal graded projective resolutions. If we further denote the terms in complexes  $\mathcal{P}_*^3$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_*^3$  by  $P_i^3$  and  $Q_i^3$ . Then it is clear that  $P_i^3 = P_i^1 \oplus Q_i^2 \oplus Q_i^3$ .

For exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_3 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_3/\mathcal{M}_2 \longrightarrow 0$ , by ‘Horseshoe Lemma’, we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_* & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Q}_*^3 \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_3/\mathcal{M}_2 \longrightarrow 0, \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

with exact rows and columns, where  $\mathcal{P}_*^2$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_*^3$  are the minimal graded projective resolutions. For each term  $P_i$  in  $\mathcal{P}_*$ , it is clear that  $P_i = P_i^2 \oplus Q_i^3 = P_i^1 \oplus Q_i^2 \oplus Q_i^3$ , which shows that  $\mathcal{P}_*$  is the minimal graded projective resolution of  $\mathcal{M}_3$ . Then we can get the desired result by induction.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} M_i$  be a weakly discrete Koszul module. Use the notations of Theorem 1.4. Then  $J\mathcal{M}_{j-1} = \mathcal{M}_{j-1} \cap J\mathcal{M}_j$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , where  $M_0 = 0$ .

**Proof.** It is immediate from Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.  $\square$

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 1.5.

**Proof.** Consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M/\mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Lemma 2.3 (1), we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_* & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_*^1 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_1 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & M/\mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow 0, \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_*^1$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_*$  and  $\mathcal{L}_*^1$  are the minimal graded projective resolutions of  $\mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $M$  and  $M/\mathcal{M}_1$ , respectively. Clearly,  $\mathcal{P}_* = \mathcal{P}_*^1 \oplus \mathcal{L}_*^1$ . Put  $W = M/\mathcal{M}_1$ . Then  $\langle W_{d_2} \rangle = \mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1 = K_2$ . Consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K_2 \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow W/K_2 \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Lemma 2.3 (1) again, we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_*^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_*^2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K_2 & \longrightarrow & W & \longrightarrow & W/K_2 \longrightarrow 0, \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$



where  $\mathcal{P}_*^2$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_*^1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_*^2$  are the minimal graded projective resolution of  $K_2$ ,  $W$  and  $W/K_2$ , respectively. Clearly,  $\mathcal{L}_*^1 = \mathcal{P}_*^2 \oplus \mathcal{L}_*^2$ . Repeat the above argument and by induction, we finally get the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^{l-1} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_*^{m-1} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}_*^m & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K_{m-1} & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & K_m & \longrightarrow & 0. \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

Therefore, we have  $\mathcal{P}_n \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{P}_n^i$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .  $\square$

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.7

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M \in gr(A)$ . Then  $M$  is a discrete Koszul module over  $A$  if and only if  $\mathcal{E}(M) = \langle \text{Ext}_A^0(M, A_0) \rangle$  as a graded  $E(A)$ -module.*

**Proof.** It is immediate from [4, Proposition 3.5].  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $A$  be a discrete Koszul algebra and  $M \in gr(A)$ . Use the notations of Theorem 1.4. Then  $M$  is a weakly discrete Koszul module if and only if  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_i/\mathcal{M}_{i-1})$  is generated in degree 0 as a graded  $E(A)$ -module for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 1.4 and Lemma 3.1, we are done.  $\square$

Now we can prove Theorem 1.7.

**Proof.** First we claim that  $\mathcal{E}(M)$  is generated in degree 0 as a graded  $E(A)$ -module. Indeed, consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow 0.$$

For all  $i \geq 1$ , we have the following exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega^i(\mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow \Omega^i(\mathcal{M}_2) \longrightarrow \Omega^i(\mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow 0,$$

which imply the following exact sequences for all  $i \geq 1$ ,

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Theorem 1.4 and Lemma 3.1, we have  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1)$  are generated in degree 0 as a graded  $E(A)$ -module, which forces  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2)$  is generated in degree 0 as a graded  $E(A)$ -module.

Next, we prove that  $\mathcal{E}(M)$  is finitely generated as a graded  $E(A)$ -module. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{E}(M)$  is finitely generated as a graded  $E(A)$ -module for a discrete Koszul algebra  $A$  and a discrete Koszul module  $M$  over  $A$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2)$  is finitely generated as a graded  $E(A)$ -module since the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2/\mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_2) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow 0$$

and the fact that the category of finitely generated modules is closed under extensions. Thus, we finish the proof by induction.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** *Different to discrete Koszul modules, the converse of Theorem 1.7 is not true. The following is a counterexample.*

**Example 3.4.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be the following quiver*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \bullet 1 & \xrightarrow{u_1} & \bullet 2 & \xrightarrow{u_2} & \bullet 3 & \xrightarrow{u_3} & \bullet 4 \\ & & \downarrow u_4 & & & & \\ & & \bullet 5 & & & & \end{array}$$

and  $A = \mathbb{k}\Gamma/(u_1u_4)$ . Then  $A$  is a discrete Koszul algebra, where  $\delta_p^{d,q}(i) = i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_5$  be the idempotents of  $A$  corresponding to the vertices. Let  $V = \mathbb{k}v_0 \oplus \mathbb{k}v_1$  be a graded vector space with basis  $v_0$  and  $v_1$ . Assume that the degree of  $v_0$  is 0 and that of  $v_1$  is 1. Define a left  $A_0$ -module action on  $V$  as follows:  $e_4 \cdot v_0 = v_0$  and  $e_i \cdot v_0 = 0$  for  $i \neq 4$ ;  $e_5 \cdot v_1 = v_1$  and  $e_i \cdot v_1 = 0$  for  $i \neq 5$ . Let

$$M = \frac{A \otimes_{A_0} V}{\langle u_2 \otimes_{A_0} u_3 \otimes_{A_0} v_0 - u_4 \otimes_{A_0} v_1 \rangle}.$$

It is not hard to check  $\mathcal{E}(M) = \langle \mathcal{E}^0(M) \rangle$  as a graded  $E(A)$ -module. Let  $V_0 = \langle v_0 \rangle$  and  $V_1 = \langle v_1 \rangle$ . Then  $V = V_0 \oplus V_1$  as a left  $A_0$ -module. But

$$\langle M_0 \rangle \cong \frac{A \otimes_{A_0} V_0}{\langle u_1u_2u_3 \otimes_{A_0} v_0 \rangle}.$$

Clearly,  $\langle M_0 \rangle$  is not a discrete Koszul module. By Theorem 1.4,  $M$  is impossible to be a weakly discrete Koszul module.

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