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Graded self-injective algebras “are” trivial extensions<sup>☆</sup>Xiao-Wu Chen<sup>1</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

For a positively graded artin algebra  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  we introduce its Beilinson algebra  $b(A)$ . We prove that if  $A$  is well-graded self-injective, then the category of graded  $A$ -modules is equivalent to the category of graded modules over the trivial extension algebra  $T(b(A))$ . Consequently, there is a full exact embedding from the bounded derived category of  $b(A)$  into the stable category of graded modules over  $A$ ; it is an equivalence if and only if the 0-th component algebra  $A_0$  has finite global dimension.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $R$  be a commutative artinian ring and let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a positively graded artin  $R$ -algebra. Set  $c = \max\{n \geq 0 \mid A_n \neq 0\}$ . Throughout we will assume that  $A$  is nontrivially graded, that is,  $c \geq 1$ . We define the *Beilinson algebra*  $b(A)$  of the graded algebra  $A$  to be the following upper triangular matrix algebra

$$b(A) = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 & A_1 & \cdots & A_{c-2} & A_{c-1} \\ 0 & A_0 & \cdots & A_{c-3} & A_{c-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_0 & A_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & A_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Here the multiplication of  $b(A)$  is induced from the one of  $A$ . This concept originates from the following example: let  $A$  be the exterior algebra over a field with the usual grading, then its Beilinson algebra  $b(A)$  appeared in Beilinson's study on the bounded derived category of projective spaces (see [3], also see the algebras in [2, Example 4.1.2], [11, p. 90] and [15, Corollary 2.8]); note that the algebra  $b(A)$  is different from the *Beilinson algebra* in [13] (also see [4] and [2, p. 332, Remark]), while they are derived equivalent.

Denote by  $A\text{-gr}$  the category of finitely generated graded left  $A$ -modules with morphisms preserving degrees. It is well known that the algebra  $A$  is self-injective (as an ungraded algebra) if and only if every projective object in  $A\text{-gr}$  is injective (by [14, Theorem 2.8.7] or [9]). In this case, we say that the graded artin algebra  $A$  is *graded self-injective* (compare [17]).

Let  $T(b(A)) = b(A) \oplus D(b(A))$  be the *trivial extension algebra* of  $b(A)$ , where  $D$  is the Matlis duality on finitely generated  $R$ -modules [1, Chapter II, §3]. Note that  $T(b(A))$  is a graded algebra such that  $\deg b(A) = 0$  and  $\deg D(b(A)) = 1$ , and that  $T(b(A))$  is graded self-injective ([1, p. 128, Proposition 3.9] and [11, p. 62, Lemma 2.2]).

We say that the graded artin algebra  $A$  is *left well-graded* if for each nonzero idempotent  $e \in A_0$ ,  $eAe \neq 0$ . Dually one has the notion of *right well-graded algebras*. We say that the graded algebra  $A$  is *well-graded* provided that it is both left and right well-graded. For example if the 0-th component algebra  $A_0$  is local, then  $A$  is well-graded. Note that for a graded self-injective algebra  $A$  it is left well-graded if and only if it is right well-graded, thus well-graded, see Lemma 2.2. Clearly the trivial extension algebra  $T(b(A))$  is well-graded, since  $D(b(A))$  is a faithful (left and right)  $b(A)$ -module.

The following result is inspired by [11, Chapter II, Example 5.1] and [10], and it somehow justifies the title.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a well-graded self-injective algebra. Then we have an equivalence of categories  $A\text{-gr} \simeq T(b(A))\text{-gr}$ .*

Note that the equivalence above may not be the *graded equivalence of algebras* in the sense of [9] (compare [6,18]), that is, in general it does not commute with the degree-shift automorphisms.

Denote by  $A\text{-gr}$  the stable category with respect to projective modules. It has a natural triangulated structure [11, Chapter I, Section 2]. Denote by  $b(A)\text{-mod}$  the category of finitely generated left  $b(A)$ -modules,  $D^b(b(A)\text{-mod})$  its bounded derived category. The following generalizes a result by Orlov [15, Corollary 2.8], which might be traced back to [3–5] (consult [2,7,10]).

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a well-graded self-injective algebra. Then we have a full exact embedding of triangulated categories  $D^b(b(A)\text{-mod}) \hookrightarrow A\text{-gr}$ . Moreover, it is an equivalence if and only if the 0-th component algebra  $A_0$  has finite global dimension.*

**Proof.** Note that by [1, p. 78, Proposition 2.7], the algebra  $A_0$  has finite global dimension if and only if so does the Beilinson algebra  $b(A)$ . Theorem 1.1 implies the natural equivalence  $A\text{-gr} \simeq T(b(A))\text{-gr}$  of triangulated categories (by [11, Chapter I, 2.8]). Thus the corollary follows immediately from a result by Happel [12, Theorem 2.5].  $\square$

## 2. The proof of Theorem 1.1

Let  $R$  be a commutative artinian ring, and let  $D = \text{Hom}_R(-, E)$  be the Matlis duality with  $E$  the minimal injective  $R$ -cogenerator [1, pp. 37–39]. Let  $B$  be an artin  $R$ -algebra and let  ${}_B X_B$  be a  $B$ -bimodule such that  $R$  acts on  $X$  centrally and  $X$  is finitely generated both as a left and right  $B$ -module. The *trivial extension*  $B \ltimes X$  of  $B$  by the bimodule  $X$  is defined as follows: as an  $R$ -module  $B \ltimes X = B \oplus X$ , and the multiplication is given by  $(b, m)(b', m') = (bb', bm' + mb')$  [1, p. 78]. Then  $B \ltimes X$  is a positively graded  $R$ -algebra such that  $\deg B = 0$  and  $\deg X = 1$ . We will denote by  $B \ltimes X\text{-gr}$  the category of finitely generated graded left  $B \ltimes X$ -modules.

Consider the *regular*  $B$ -bimodule  ${}_B B_B$  and its dual  $B$ -bimodule  $D(B) = D({}_B B_B)$ , and thus the  $B$ -bimodule structure on  $D(B)$  is given such that for each  $b \in B$  and  $f \in D(B) = \text{Hom}_R(B, E)$ ,  $(bf)(x) =$

$f(xb)$  and  $(fb)(x) = f(bx)$  for all  $x \in B$ . The trivial extension  $T(B) = B \ltimes D(B)$  is simply referred as the *trivial extension algebra* of  $B$ . It is a symmetric algebra, thus self-injective [1, p. 128, Proposition 3.9]. More generally, given an automorphism  $\sigma : B \rightarrow B$  of  $R$ -algebras, consider the *twisted  $B$ -bimodule*  ${}_B B_B^\sigma$  such that the left  $B$ -module structure is given by the multiplication as usual and the right  $B$ -module structure is given by  $xb := x\sigma(b)$ , for all  $b \in B$  and  $x \in {}_B B_B^\sigma$ . Note that since  $\sigma$  is an  $R$ -algebra automorphism,  $R$  acts on the  $B$ -bimodule  ${}_B B_B^\sigma$  centrally. Denote by  $D(B^\sigma) = D({}_B B_B^\sigma)$  the dual  $B$ -bimodule and the corresponding trivial extension  $T(B^\sigma) = B \ltimes D(B^\sigma)$  is called the *twisted trivial extension algebra of  $B$  with respect to  $\sigma$* . Note that  $T(B^\sigma)$  is self-injective, in general not symmetric (see Example (4) in [8]).

We observe the following result.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Use the notation above. We have an isomorphism of categories  $T(B)\text{-gr} \simeq T(B^\sigma)\text{-gr}$ .*

**Proof.** Note that as  $R$ -modules  $T(B^\sigma) = B \oplus D(B)$ , and its multiplication is given by  $(b, f) \star (b', f') = (bb', \sigma(b)f' + fb')$ . Given a graded  $T(B)$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} M_n$ , we endow a  $T(B^\sigma)$ -action on it as follows: given a homogeneous element  $m \in M$ , define

$$(b, f) \star m = \sigma^{|m|}(b)m + (f \circ \sigma^{-|m|})m,$$

where  $|m|$  denotes the degree of  $m$ , and  $f \circ \sigma^{-|m|} : B \xrightarrow{\sigma^{-|m|}} B \xrightarrow{f} E \in D(B)$  means the composite. It is direct to check that “ $\star$ ” gives  $M$  a graded  $T(B^\sigma)$ -module structure. Furthermore this gives an isomorphism (more than an equivalence) of categories  $T(B)\text{-gr} \simeq T(B^\sigma)\text{-gr}$ .  $\square$

Let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a positively graded artin algebra and let  $c = \max\{n \geq 0 \mid A_n \neq 0\}$ . As in the introduction we always assume that  $c \geq 1$ . Consider the category  $A\text{-gr}$  of finitely generated graded left  $A$ -modules. For a graded  $A$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} M_n$ , its *width*  $w(M)$  is defined to be  $\max\{n \mid M_n \neq 0\} - \min\{n \mid M_n \neq 0\} + 1$  (for  $M = 0$ , set  $w(M) = 0$ ). For example  $w(A) = c + 1$ , here we regard  $A$  as a graded  $A$ -module via the multiplication such that the identity  $1_A$  is at the 0-th component. For a graded  $A$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} M_n$ , denote by  $M(1)$  its *shifted module* which is the same as  $M$  as ungraded modules, and which is graded such that  $M(1)_n = M_{n+1}$ . This gives rise to the *degree-shift automorphism*  $(1) : A\text{-gr} \rightarrow A\text{-gr}$ . Denote by  $(d)$  the  $d$ -th power of  $(1)$  for each  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  [14]. Recall that each indecomposable projective object in  $A\text{-gr}$  is of the form  $Ae(d)$ , where  $e \in A_0$  is a primitive idempotent and  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; dually each indecomposable injective object is of the form  $D(eA)(d)$ , where  $D(eA)$  is graded such that  $D(eA)_n = D(eA_{-n})$ . For details, see [9, Section 5].

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a graded self-injective algebra. Assume that it is left well-graded. Then it is right well-graded.*

**Proof.** Note that  $A$  is left well-graded if and only if  $w(Ae) = c + 1$  for each primitive idempotent  $e \in A_0$ , thus if and only if  $w(P) = c + 1$  for each indecomposable projective object  $P$  in  $A\text{-gr}$ . Since  $A$  is graded self-injective, the indecomposable injective graded module  $D(eA)$  is projective, and thus by above  $w(D(eA)) = c + 1$ . Note that  $w(D(eA)) = w(eA)$ , where  $eA$  is considered as a graded right  $A$ -module. Hence for each primitive idempotent  $e \in A_0$  we have  $w(eA) = c + 1$ , and this shows that  $A$  is right well-graded.  $\square$

We will divide the proof of Theorem 1.1 into several easy results. Let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a graded artin algebra and let  $b(A)$  be its Beilinson algebra. Consider the following  $R$ -module

$$x(A) = \begin{pmatrix} A_c & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ A_{c-1} & A_c & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_2 & A_3 & \cdots & A_c & 0 \\ A_1 & A_2 & \cdots & A_{c-1} & A_c \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that there is a natural  $b(A)$ -bimodule structure on  $x(A)$ , induced from matrix multiplication and the multiplication of  $A$ ; moreover,  $R$  acts on  $x(A)$  centrally. Consider the trivial extension  $t(A) = b(A) \oplus x(A)$ , which is a graded algebra as above.

**Lemma 2.3.** *There is an equivalence of categories  $A\text{-gr} \simeq t(A)\text{-gr}$ . Moreover,  $A$  is left well-graded if and only if  $t(A)$  is.*

**Proof.** Define a functor  $\Phi : A\text{-gr} \rightarrow t(A)\text{-gr}$  as follows: for  $M = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} M_n \in A\text{-gr}$ , set  $\Phi(M) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Phi(M)_n$  with  $\Phi(M)_n = \bigoplus_{i=nc}^{(n+1)c-1} M_i$ , and there is a natural graded  $t(A)$ -module structure on  $\Phi(M)$  (using the multiplication rule of matrices on column vectors; here the elements in  $\Phi(M)_n$  are viewed as column vectors  $(m_{(n+1)c-1}, \dots, m_{nc+1}, m_{nc})^t$  of size  $c$ , here  $t$  means the transpose, and note that  $c \geq 1$ ); the action of  $\Phi$  on morphisms is the identity. To construct the inverse, for each  $0 \leq r \leq c-1$ , set  $e_{rr} \in b(A)$  to be the elementary matrix having the  $(r+1, r+1)$  entry 1 and elsewhere 0. Define a functor  $\Psi : t(A)\text{-gr} \rightarrow A\text{-gr}$  sending a graded  $t(A)$ -module  $N = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} N_n$  to  $\Psi(N) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Psi(N)_n$  such that  $\Psi(N)_{ic+r} = e_{rr} N_i$  for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r \leq c-1$ ; on  $\Psi(N)$  there is a natural graded  $A$ -module structure. Then it is direct to check that  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are mutually inverse to each other. Note that one may have a more conceptual proof of the equivalence above by [16, Theorem 2.12] (compare [18, Example 3.10] and [6]).

For the second statement, take  $1_{A_0} = \sum_{i=1}^l e_i$  to be a decomposition of unity into primitive idempotents, and thus every primitive idempotent of  $A_0$  is conjugate to one of  $e_i$ 's. Hence  $A$  is left well-graded if and only if  $e_i A_c \neq 0$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq l$ . However  $1_{b(A)} = \sum_{r=0}^{c-1} \sum_{i=1}^l e_{rr} e_i$  is a decomposition of unity in  $b(A)$  into primitive idempotents, and hence  $t(A)$  is left well-graded if and only if  $e_{rr} e_i x(A) \neq 0$  for each  $0 \leq r \leq c-1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq l$ . Note that  $e_{rr} e_i x(A) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^r e_i A_{c-i}$  and then we are done.  $\square$

Consider the trivial extension  $T = B \ltimes X$  of an artin  $R$ -algebra  $B$  by a (nonzero)  $B$ -bimodule  $X$  as above. Take  $e \in B$  to be an idempotent such that  $eBe$  is the basic algebra associated to  $B$  [1, p. 35]. Thus  $eXe$  has the induced  $eBe$ -bimodule structure and we have an identification of (graded) algebras  $eTe = eBe \ltimes eXe$ . Then we have the following result.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Use the notation above. We have an equivalence of categories  $T\text{-gr} \simeq eTe\text{-gr}$ . Moreover  $T$  is left well-graded if and only if so is  $eTe$ .*

**Proof.** Recall that the Morita equivalence between the algebras  $B$  and  $eBe$  is given by the functors  $F := \text{Hom}_B(Be, -) : B\text{-mod} \rightarrow eBe\text{-mod}$  and its quasi-inverse  $G := Be \otimes_{eBe} - : eBe\text{-mod} \rightarrow B\text{-mod}$ ; moreover note that for each  $B$ -module  $M$ ,  $F(M) = eM$  and there is a natural isomorphism  $\theta_M : M \rightarrow Be \otimes_{eBe} eM$  of  $B$ -modules [1, p. 36, Corollary 2.6]. One may apply similar constructions on the graded module categories: define a functor  $F' : T\text{-gr} \rightarrow eTe\text{-gr}$  sending a graded  $T$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} M_n$  to a graded  $eTe$ -module  $F'(M) = eM = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} eM_n$ ; conversely, define a functor  $G' : eTe\text{-gr} \rightarrow T\text{-gr}$  sending  $N = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} N_n$  to  $G'(N) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} Be \otimes_{eBe} N_n$ . Here one needs to note that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  there is a natural composite morphism of  $B$ -modules as follows

$$X \otimes_B (Be \otimes_{eBe} N_n) \simeq Xe \otimes_{eBe} N_n \simeq Be \otimes_{eBe} eXe \otimes_{eBe} N_n \longrightarrow Be \otimes_{eBe} N_{n+1},$$

where from the left, the first isomorphism is induced by the isomorphism  $X \otimes_B Be \simeq Xe$ , the second is induced by the isomorphism  $\theta_{Xe}$  and the last morphism is induced from the action of  $eXe$  on the  $n$ -th component  $N_n$  of  $N$ . The above composite morphism gives a graded  $T$ -module structure on  $G'(N)$ . Then it is direct to check that the functors  $F'$  and  $G'$  are mutually inverse to each other, and we are done with the first statement. Note that one may deduce this equivalence by applying [16, Theorem 2.12] (compare [18, Example 3.10] and [6]), since in this case the graded projective  $T$ -module  $Te = Be \oplus Xe$  is a generator in the category  $T\text{-gr}$  up to degree-shift automorphisms.

Note that the equivalence just constructed preserves the widths of modules, and as we noted in the proof of Lemma 2.2, the graded algebras  $T$  and  $eTe$  are well-graded if and only if every indecomposable projective object in the corresponding graded module categories has width 2. Hence the second statement follows immediately.  $\square$

The key observation is as follows.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $T = B \ltimes X$  be a trivial extension as above. Assume that  $B$  is a basic algebra and  $T$  is well-graded self-injective. Then there is an isomorphism of  $B$ -bimodules  $X \simeq D(B^\sigma)$  for some  $R$ -automorphism  $\sigma$  on  $B$ . In particular, there is an isomorphism  $T \simeq T(B^\sigma)$  of graded algebras.*

**Proof.** Take  $1_B = \sum_{i=1}^l e_i$  to be a decomposition of unity into primitive idempotents. Since  $B$  is basic, the set  $\{Te_i(d) \mid 1 \leq i \leq l, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  forms a complete set of pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable projective objects in  $T$ -gr. Dually,  $\{D(e_iT)(d) \mid 1 \leq i \leq l, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  forms a complete set of pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable injective objects in  $T$ -gr. Since  $T$  is well-graded, all these modules have width 2. Since  $T$  is graded self-injective, we have an isomorphism of graded  $T$ -modules  $Te_i \simeq D(e_{s(i)}T)(-1)$ , where  $s: \{1, \dots, l\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, l\}$  forms a permutation. In particular, we have isomorphisms  $Xe_i \simeq D(e_{s(i)}B)$  of left  $B$ -modules for each  $1 \leq i \leq l$ . Since  $B$  is basic, we deduce an isomorphism of left  $B$ -modules  ${}_B X \simeq D({}_B B)$ . Similarly we have an isomorphism  $X_B \simeq D({}_B B)$  of right  $B$ -modules.

Consider the dual  $B$ -bimodule  $M = D({}_B X_B)$ . We have isomorphisms  ${}_B M \simeq {}_B B$  and  $M_B \simeq B_B$ . It is a good exercise to deduce from these isomorphisms that there is an isomorphism of  $B$ -bimodules  $M \simeq {}_B B_B^\sigma$  for some  $R$ -automorphism  $\sigma$  on  $B$ , and thus  $X \simeq D(M) \simeq D(B^\sigma)$ . We are done.  $\square$

**Remark 2.6.** The same argument as in the proof above yields the following result immediately, which we will not use, and which seems to be of independent interest. Let  $A = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} A_n$  be a graded algebra with  $A_0$  basic. Set  $c = \max\{n \geq 0 \mid A_n \neq 0\}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is graded Frobenius, that is,  ${}_A A \simeq D(A_A)(-c)$  as graded left  $A$ -modules.
- (2)  $A$  is graded self-injective and  $A_c$  is a faithful left  $A_0$ -module.
- (3)  $A$  is well-graded self-injective.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** By Lemma 2.3 we have an equivalence  $A\text{-gr} \simeq t(A)\text{-gr}$ , and thus the algebra  $t(A)$  is well-graded self-injective. Set  $B = eb(A)e$  to be the basic algebra associated to the Beilinson algebra  $b(A)$ . Thus by Lemma 2.4  $t(A)\text{-gr} \simeq (B \ltimes X)\text{-gr}$  for some (nonzero)  $B$ -bimodule  $X$ , moreover, the trivial extension  $T = B \ltimes X$  is well-graded self-injective. By Lemma 2.5, we have an isomorphism of graded algebras  $T \simeq T(B^\sigma)$ , and thus combining it with Lemma 2.1 we deduce that  $T\text{-gr} \simeq T(B)\text{-gr}$ . Now applying Lemma 2.4 again we have  $T(B)\text{-gr} \simeq T(b(A))\text{-gr}$  (note that  $B = eb(A)e$  and we have a natural  $B$ -bimodule isomorphism  $D(B) \simeq eD(b(A))e$ ), and thus we get the desired equivalence  $A\text{-gr} \simeq T(b(A))\text{-gr}$ .  $\square$

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