

# Queen's Algebraic Geometry — Seminar —

## ASYMPTOTIC LINEARITY OF REGULARITY AND $a^*$ -INVARIANT OF POWERS OF IDEALS

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### Abstract

Let  $X = \text{Proj } R$  be a projective variety and let  $I$  be a homogeneous ideal in  $R$ . It is well known that the regularity  $\text{reg}(I^n)$  and the  $a^*$ -invariant  $a^*(I^n)$  are asymptotically linear functions in  $n$ , i.e. there exist constants  $a_1, a_2, b_1$  and  $b_2$  such that  $\text{reg}(I^n) = a_1n + b_1$  and  $a^*(I^n) = a_2n + b_2$  for all  $n$  sufficiently large. The linear constants are well understood from reduction theory. In this talk, when  $I$  is generated in a single degree, I will discuss how the free constants  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  can be related to a collection of “local” data, the regularity and  $a^*$ -invariant of fibers of certain projection map from the blowup of  $X$ .

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