

Note on Quiver Representations

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1 Associative Algebras

1.1. We fix a field k . All the algebras and the modules are assumed to be finite-dimensional. Let R be an algebra. Denote $R\text{-mod}$ the category of finite-dimensional modules over R .

1.2. Radical Let R be an algebra. Denote $\text{rad } R$ be the **Jacobson radical**. It can be described as follows.

$$u \in \text{rad } R \iff \forall x \in R, 1 - xu \in \text{unit } R \iff \forall x \in R, 1 - ux \in \text{unit } R.$$

Then it is the intersection of all maximal left (right) ideals, thus an ideal. It is also a nilpotent ideal. *Hint: It is a classic ring theory excises that $1 - ab$ is invertible if and only if $1 - ba$ is invertible. Say $1 + b(1 - ab)^{-1}a$. If $1 - xu \in \mathfrak{M}$ for some maximal ideal and $x \in R$, then u cannot in \mathfrak{M} . Conversely, if $x \notin \mathfrak{M}$, then $1 \in Rx + \mathfrak{M}$. Note that $\text{rad } R^n = \text{rad } R \cdot \text{rad } R^n$ for some n , then by Nakayama lemma, it is zero.*

1.3. Nakayama Lemma For any module $M \in R\text{-mod}$, denote the **radical of M** by $\text{rad } M = \text{rad } R \cdot M$. We call $M/\text{rad } M$ the **top** of M . For a module morphism $M \xrightarrow{f} N$, it induces

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{rad } M & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & M/\text{rad } M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f & \searrow f' & \downarrow f'' & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{rad } N & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & N/\text{rad } N & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

The **Nakayama lemma** claims that

$$f \text{ is surjective} \iff f' \text{ is surjective} \iff f'' \text{ is surjective.}$$

Hint: $f(M) + \text{rad } R \cdot N = N$, thus $\text{rad } R \cdot N/f(M) = 0$. So $N = f(M)$, this is the usage of classic Nakayama lemma. Pick a set of minimal generators etc.

1.4. Semisimple For any module $M \in R\text{-mod}$, $\text{rad } M$ is the intersection of all maximal proper submodule, and the top of $M/\text{rad } M$ is semisimple (direct sum of simple modules). Thus the algebra $R/\text{rad } R$ is semisimple. *Hint: Consider the inclusion of $M' \rightarrow M$ for any maximal proper submodule.*

We see $\text{rad } R \cdot M + M'$ must be M' . For any maximal submodule, we can construct $M/M' \hookrightarrow \bigoplus M/M' \hookrightarrow M/\text{rad } M \twoheadrightarrow M/M'$. Then we can split a simple summand, etc.

1.5. Projective modules For any projective module $P \in \text{proj } R\text{-mod}$, the natural ring homomorphism $\text{End}(P) \rightarrow \text{End}(P/\text{rad } P)$ is surjective has kernel $\text{rad } \text{End}(P)$. In particular,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{indecomposable} \\ \text{projective modules} \end{array} \right\} / \cong \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{taking top}} \\ \xleftrightarrow{\text{projective cover}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{taking}} \end{array} \left\{ \text{simple modules} \right\} / \cong$$

gives a bijection of finite sets. **Hint:** It follows from the fact that the map is surjective and $\text{End}(P/\text{rad } P)$ is already semi-simple, thus the kernel must be the radical. To see it is a bijection, it suffices to show each simple module has a projective cover. Actually, we can lift the idempotent elements by a nilpotent ideal. Say $e^2 \equiv e \pmod{J}$, then $(3e^2 - 2e^3)^2 \equiv 3e^2 - 2e^3 \pmod{J^2}$. Pick any simple module S , and any projective $P \twoheadrightarrow S$. The projection to S in $P/\text{rad } P$ can be lift to a projection in P .

Warning For general indecomposable module M , $M/\text{rad } M$ is not necessarily simple.

1.6. Projective cover For any module M , the lift of the projective cover for $M/\text{rad } M$ is a projective cover for M . In particular, in the category $R\text{-mod}$, every object has a projective cover.

1.7. Basic Algebra By decompose $R/\text{rad } R$, we see that any indecomposable projective module is a direct summand of left regular module R . Consider the algebra $R' = \text{End}_R(P)^{\text{op}}$ where P is the direct sum of all indecomposable projective modules (with multiplicity 1). Then $R\text{-mod}$ and $R'\text{-mod}$ are Morita equivalent. Then each indecomposable module has multiplicity one in R' . This is called **basic algebra**.

1.8. Duality Denote $\text{Hom}_k(-, k)$ the **duality functor**. It defines an anti-equivalence of category $R\text{-mod}$ and $R^{\text{op}}\text{-mod}$. In particular, for any module $M \in R\text{-mod}$, the sum of all simple module is called **socle**. Dually,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{indecomposable} \\ \text{injective modules} \end{array} \right\} / \cong \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{taking socle}} \\ \xleftrightarrow{\text{injective hull}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{taking}} \end{array} \left\{ \text{simple modules} \right\} / \cong$$

gives a bijection of finite sets. For any module M , the extension of the injective hull for $\text{soc } M$ is an injective hull for M . In particular, the injective hull of each object in $R\text{-mod}$ lies in $R\text{-mod}$.

Exercises

1.9. Let $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ be the set of indecomposable projective modules over R . Let $S_i = P_i/\text{rad } P_i$ the corresponding simple modules. Show that

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}(P_i, P_j) = \text{multiplicity of } S_i \text{ in composition series of } P_j.$$

Hint: Since $\text{Hom}(P, -)$ is exact for projective P , and $\text{Hom}(M, S) = \text{Hom}(M/\text{rad } M, S)$ for simple S .

1.10. Show that M is indecomposable if and only if $\text{End}(M)$ is a local ring.

Hint: A local ring has no nontrivial idempotent. $\text{End}(M)$ is a local ring follows from Fitting lemma.

Warning When M is simple, $\text{End}(M)$ is a division algebra (Schur lemma), but the converse is not true in general.

2 Quivers

2.1. For a pseudo-abelian category \mathcal{C} over k (that is, an k -category with each idempotent morphism realized as a projection to some object). Assume this category has Krull–Schmidt property.

2.2. Radical To do this, for indecomposable objects M and N , denote the **radical** $\text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N) \subseteq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$ the space of non-isomorphism maps. That is, it is just $\text{Hom}(M, N)$ when $M \not\cong N$, and it is the radical of the local ring $\text{End}(M)$.

Denote $\text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}^2(M, N)$ the space spanned by $f \circ g$ with $g \in \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, L)$ and $f \in \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, N)$ for an indecomposable L . Equivalently, $M \xrightarrow{g} K \xrightarrow{f} N$ with $K \in \mathcal{C}$ and g not a split injection, f not a split surjection.

Similarly, we denote $\text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, N)$ the space spanned by $f_1 \circ \cdots \circ f_n$ with each $f_i \in \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bullet, \bullet)$. We take the convention that $\text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}^0 = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$.

2.3. Quiver Category A quiver is a directed graph. For a quiver Q , we define the category

$$k\langle Q \rangle = \begin{cases} \mathbf{Obj} : & i \text{ vertex of } Q \\ \mathbf{Mor} : & \downarrow \in \bigoplus k \cdot (\text{paths from } i \rightarrow j) \end{cases}$$

The path algebra is defined by

$$kQ = \bigoplus_{i, j \text{ vertices}} \mathbb{1}_j \text{Hom}(i, j) \mathbb{1}_i = \bigoplus k \cdot (\text{all paths}).$$

with $\{\mathbb{1}_i\}$ the formal orthogonal idempotents. Here we take empty path into consideration (the identity morphism).

2.4. Quiver of a category The **quiver** $Q = (I, H)$ of the category \mathcal{C} is a directed graph with I the equivalence classes of indecomposable objects and

$$\#\{M \rightarrow N\} = \dim_k \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N) / \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}^2(M, N).$$

If we pick a lift of a choice of basis in $\text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$. Then each arrow corresponds to a morphism in \mathcal{C} . It defines a functor $k\langle Q \rangle \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ which is full (surjective in Hom). Moreover, it is compatible with the radical filtration. That is,

$$\text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, N) = \text{span}(\text{paths } M \rightarrow N \text{ of length } \geq n).$$

Thus, the quiver of the category is an approximation (of degree 1) of the category.

2.5. Quiver of an algebra For an algebra R , assume that $R/\text{rad}R$ is a product of copies of k 's (for example k is algebraically closed). The quiver of R is the quiver of $\text{proj } R\text{-mod}$. Then there is a surjective algebra homomorphism $kQ^{\text{op}} \rightarrow R$ with kernel in $\text{rad}^2 kQ$.

2.6. Auslander–Reiten Quiver of an algebra For an algebra R , the Auslander–Reiten Quiver (AR quiver) is the quiver of $R\text{-mod}$.

2.7. Quiver Representation Denote the category of **quiver representation** to be $Q\text{-rep} = \text{Fun}_k(k\langle Q \rangle, k\text{-mod})$. Equivalently, $Q\text{-rep} = kQ\text{-mod}$. Note that, to give a quiver representation is to give a vector space for each vertex and to give a linear map for each arrow.

Warning My notation of kQ is converse to most of books (where they use right modules mostly).

2.8. Consider the quiver

$$Q : \underset{1}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{f} \underset{2}{\bullet}$$

Then $kQ = ke_1 \oplus ke_2 \oplus kf$ with product

$\downarrow \cdot \rightarrow$	e_1	f	e_2
e_1	e_1	0	0
f	f	0	0
e_2	0	f	e_2

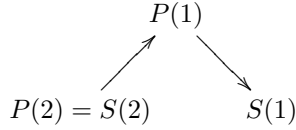
It is isomorphic to the algebra $\begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ & k \end{pmatrix}$. A Q -representation is just to give $V_1 \xrightarrow{f} V_2$. Thus it is just classified by $\dim V_1$, $\dim V_2$ and $\text{rank } f$. There are three indecomposable objects in $Q\text{-rep}$.

$$S(1) = [k \rightarrow 0] \quad S(2) = P(2) = [0 \rightarrow k] \quad P(1) = [k \xrightarrow{\text{id}} k].$$

Note that $S(i)$ is simple for $i = 1, 2$. For $V = [V_1 \xrightarrow{f} V_2]$, we have

$$\text{Hom}(S(1), V) = \ker f \quad \text{Hom}(S(2), V) = V_2 \quad \text{Hom}(P(1), V) = V_1.$$

Thus $P(i)$ is projective cover of $S(i)$ for $i = 1, 2$. The following is the Auslander–Reiten quiver of kQ



Exercise

2.9. Let $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ be the set of indecomposable projective modules over R . Show that

$$\text{rad}^n(P_i, P_j) = \text{Hom}(P_i, \text{rad}^n P_j).$$

Hint: Any $f \in \text{Hom}(P_i, P_j)$, it is an isomorphism if and only if the induced map $S_i \rightarrow S_j$ is an isomorphism. The general case follows from definition.

2.10. Under the same notation, assume $S_i = P_i / \text{rad } P_i$. Show that

$$\dim \text{Ext}^1(S_j, S_i) \cong \dim \text{rad}(P_i, P_j) / \text{rad}^2(P_i, P_j).$$

Hint: We have $\text{rad } P_j \rightarrow P_j \rightarrow S_j$. Then we get

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(S_j, S_i) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(P_j, S_i) \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Hom}_R(\text{rad } P_j, S_i)}_{\text{Hom}_{R/\text{rad } R}(\text{rad } P_j / \text{rad}^2 P_j, S_i)} \rightarrow \text{Ext}(S_j, S_i) \rightarrow 0$$

So $\text{Ext}(S_j, S_i) = \text{Hom}_{R/\text{rad } R}(\text{rad } P_j / \text{rad}^2 P_j, S_i)$. Since $R/\text{rad } R$ is semisimple, it has the same dimension as $\text{Hom}_{R/\text{rad } R}(S_i, \text{rad } P_j / \text{rad}^2 P_j) = \text{Hom}_R(P_i, \text{rad } P_j / \text{rad}^2 P_j)$. Since $\text{Hom}_R(P_i, -)$ is additive, this proves the assertion.

2.11. Consider the quiver

$$Q : \bullet_1 \xrightarrow{g} \bullet_2 \xrightarrow{f} \bullet_3$$

Then $kQ = ke_1 \oplus ke_2 \oplus kf \oplus kg \oplus k(fg)$. Show that it is isomorphic to the algebra $\begin{pmatrix} k & k & k \\ & k & k \\ & & k \end{pmatrix}$.

3 Functor Category

3.1. Functor Category Denote $\text{Fun}(R)$ the category of additive functor from $R\text{-mod}$ to $k\text{-mod}$. Note that it is an abelian category with kernel and cokernel object-wise. We have the **Yoneda embedding**, a contravariant functor $R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(R)$ sending M to $\tilde{M} := \text{Hom}_R(M, -)$. Then

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Fun}(R)}(\tilde{M}, F) = F(M), \quad \widetilde{\text{cok } f} = \ker \tilde{f}.$$

In particular, the Yoneda embedding is fully faithful (isomorphic in Hom).

3.2. Finitely Generated Functor Note that \tilde{M} is projective in $\text{Fun}(R)$ by definition. We say $F \in \text{Fun}(R)$ **finitely generated** if it is a quotient of \tilde{M} . By Yoneda embedding,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{indecomposable} \\ \text{modules in } R\text{-mod} \end{array} \right\} / \cong \xrightarrow{1:1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{indecomposable finitely} \\ \text{generated projective objects} \end{array} \right\} / \cong$$

gives a bijection of sets (not necessarily finite). *Hint: If $\tilde{M} \twoheadrightarrow F$ with F projective, then the splitting can be realized as an idempotent over \tilde{M} , then over M , so F is representable.*

3.3. Simple Functor For any simple object S in $\text{Fun}(R)$, it has a finitely generated projective cover say \tilde{M} for some indecomposable $M \in R\text{-mod}$. Moreover, $S(N) \cong \text{Hom}(M, N) / \text{rad}(M, N)$ for any indecomposable N . *Hint: Actually, M is the indecomposable module such that $S(M) = \text{Hom}(\tilde{M}, S) \neq 0$. The nonzero element in $\text{Hom}(\tilde{M}, S)$ must be surjective. Note that $S(M)$ has to be a $\text{End}(M)$ -module, the maximal choice of the kernel is $\text{rad}(M, M) = \text{rad}(M)$.*

3.4. For an indecomposable module M , $\text{rad}(M, L) = \bigoplus \text{rad}(M, L_i)$ where $L = \bigoplus L_i$ the decomposition of indecomposable modules. Equivalently, it is given by the space of $M \rightarrow L$ which is not a split injection.

3.5. Almost split We say $M \xrightarrow{f} N$ is **left almost split** if

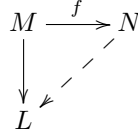
$$\tilde{N} \rightarrow \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M} / \text{rad } \tilde{M} \rightarrow 0$$

is a resolution. That is, it is surjective for any L

$$\text{Hom}(N, L) \twoheadrightarrow \text{rad}(M, L).$$

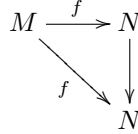
Equivalently,

Any map $M \xrightarrow{g} L$ which is not a split injection factor through N .



Moreover, we say f is **minimal** if the above resolution is minimal. It is equivalent to,

Any endmorphism of N commuting with f is invertible.

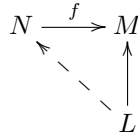


Hint: By a modification of the proof of Fitting lemma.

3.6. Combinatorially, assume $[M \xrightarrow{f} N] = \bigoplus [M \xrightarrow{f_i} N_i]$ with N_i all indecomposable (possibly with repetition). The condition is equivalent to say, for any path $M \rightarrow L$ of length ≥ 1 , it has to go through the sum of $M \xrightarrow{f_i} N_i$. So it is not difficult to see that when f_i corresponds to the arrow of AR quiver from M , f is left almost split and minimal.

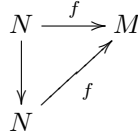
3.7. Duality Similarly, we can consider $\text{Fun}^\vee(R)$ the category of additive contravariant functor from $R\text{-mod}$ to $k\text{-mod}$. We can similarly define **Yoneda embedding** $M \mapsto \text{Hom}_R(-, M)$, **radical** $\text{rad}(-, M)$ the space of map to M which is not a split surjection, **right almost split**

Any map $L \rightarrow M$ which is not a split surjection factor through N .



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3.8. Auslander–Reiten translation For $M \in R\text{-mod}$, define the **transpose** $\text{Tr } M \in R^{\text{op}}\text{-mod}$ by sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, R) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P_0, R) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P_1, R) \rightarrow \text{Tr } M \rightarrow 0$$

where $P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is the minimal resolution of M . Define the **Auslander–Reiten translation** $\tau M = D \text{Tr } M \in R\text{-mod}$. It maps non-projective indecomposable modules to non-injective indecomposable modules.

3.9. Stable Hom For two modules $M, N \in R\text{-mod}$, define the **stable hom**

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, N) = \text{Hom}_R(M, N) / \{M \rightarrow P \rightarrow N : \text{for some projective } P\}.$$

We have **Auslander–Reiten formula**

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, N) = \text{Tor}(\text{Tr } M, N) = D \text{Ext}_{R^{\text{op}}}(\text{Tr } M, DN) = D \text{Ext}_R(N, \tau M)$$

where $D = \text{Hom}_k(-, k)$ the duality functor. **Hint: One can apply the universal coefficient theorem on the complex $P_1 \rightarrow P_0$ (spectral sequence).**

3.10. Denote $\underline{\text{Fun}}(R)$ the subcategory of $\text{Fun}(R)$ vanishing on projective modules. Denote $\underline{\text{Fun}}^\vee(R)$ the subcategory of $\text{Fun}^\vee(R)$ vanishing on projective modules. Then the Auslander–Reiten formula can be reformulated as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R\text{-mod} & \xrightarrow{M \mapsto \underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, -)} & \underline{\text{Fun}}(R) \\ \tau \downarrow & & \downarrow D \\ R\text{-mod} & \xrightarrow{M \mapsto \text{Ext}_R(-, M)} & \underline{\text{Fun}}^\vee(R) \end{array}$$

Exercises

3.11. For a projective resolution $P \twoheadrightarrow N$, show that

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, N) &= \text{cok} \left[\text{Hom}_R(M, P) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \right] \\ &= \text{cok} \left[\text{Hom}_R(M, R) \otimes_R N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

4 Auslander–Reiten Theory

4.1. Almost split sequence For a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} L \xrightarrow{g} N \longrightarrow 0$$

Then

f is left almost split and minimal (in particular M is indecomposable) \iff g is right almost split and minimal (in particular N is indecomposable)

\iff f is left almost split
 g is right almost split

In this case we say this sequence is **almost split**. *Hint: The trick is standard --- taking pull back to construct splitting/factorization etc.*

4.2. Auslander–Reiten Theorem When M is indecomposable but not projective,

$$0 \longrightarrow \tau M \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

is an almost split sequence.

Proof Denote $\tilde{M} = \text{Hom}(-, M)$, and $S_M = \tilde{M}/\text{rad } \tilde{M}$. Note that $\tilde{M} \rightarrow S_M$ fact through $\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, M)$. Then we get

$$DS_M \hookrightarrow D \underline{\text{Hom}}(-, M) = \text{Ext}_R(M, \tau -).$$

Take into M , the nonzero element $*$ $\in DS_M(M)$ corresponds to an extension L . We will show it is an almost split sequence. For any $N \rightarrow M$ which is not a split surjection, that is, in $\text{rad}(M, N)$,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} * & \in DS_M(M) \hookrightarrow & D \underline{\text{Hom}}(M, M) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \text{Ext}_R(M, \tau M) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \in DS_N(M) \hookrightarrow & D \underline{\text{Hom}}(M, N) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \text{Ext}_R(N, \tau M) \end{array}$$

Thus the pull back splits, we see $N \rightarrow M$ factor through L . Similarly, we do it dually on τM . Q.E.D.

4.3. As a result, when M is indecomposable non-projective. in $\text{Fun}^\vee(R)$, we have minimal resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{\tau M} \longrightarrow \tilde{L} \longrightarrow \tilde{M} \longrightarrow \tilde{M}/\text{rad } \tilde{M} \longrightarrow 0.$$

In $\text{Fun}(R)$, we have minimal resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{\tau^{-1}N} \longrightarrow \tilde{L} \longrightarrow \tilde{N} \longrightarrow \tilde{N}/\text{rad } \tilde{N} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $N = \tau M$ is indecomposable non-injective.

4.4. When P is indecomposable projective,

$$\text{rad}(-, P) = \text{Hom}(-, \text{rad } P)$$

is representable, thus we have minimal resolution in $\text{Fun}^\vee(R)$

$$0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{\text{rad } P} \longrightarrow \tilde{P} \longrightarrow \tilde{P}/\text{rad } \tilde{P} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Dually, when I is indecomposable injective, we have minimal resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{I/\text{soc } I} \longrightarrow \tilde{I} \longrightarrow \tilde{I}/\text{rad } \tilde{I} \longrightarrow 0.$$

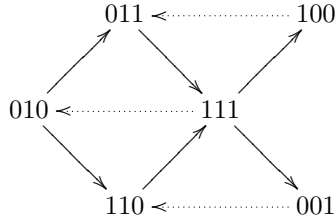
4.5. Consider the example

$$Q : \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet \longleftarrow \bullet$$

It has 6 indecomposable representations

$$[1 \ 0 \ 0], \quad \underbrace{[0 \ 1 \ 0]}_{\text{projective}}, \quad [0 \ 0 \ 1], \quad \underbrace{[1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1 \ 0]}_{\text{projective}}, \quad \underbrace{[0 \ 1 \xleftarrow{\text{id}} 1]}_{\text{projective}}, \quad [1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1 \xleftarrow{\text{id}} 1].$$

Then we can draw the AR quiver



4.6. Consider $k[x]/(x^3)$

$$Q : \bullet \xrightarrow{x} \bullet \xrightarrow{x} \bullet \quad x^3 = 0$$

It has 3 indecomposable representations

$$1 : x = (0), \quad 2 : x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad 3 : x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The AR quiver



Exercises

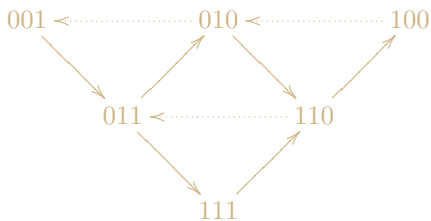
4.7. Draw the AR quiver of Q -rep with Q

$$Q : \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$$

Hint: It has 6 indecomposable representations

$$[1 \ 0 \ 0], \quad [0 \ 1 \ 0], \quad \underbrace{[0 \ 0 \ 1]}_{\text{projective}}, \quad [1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1 \ 0], \quad \underbrace{[0 \ 1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1]}_{\text{projective}}, \quad \underbrace{[1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1]}_{\text{projective}}.$$

The the AR quiver



5 Quiver Representations

5.1. Quiver Representations Assume Q is a quiver without oriented loop. For any $M \in Q\text{-rep}$, the radical is the sum of images of arrows, the socle is the intersection of kernel of arrows.

§ For each vertex i , denote $S(i)$ the one-dimensional representation supported over i , that is

$$S(i) : \text{the path at } i, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad S(i)_j = \delta_{ij} \cdot k.$$

Denote $P(i)$ the representation such that

$$P(i) : \text{paths from } i, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad P(i)_j = \bigoplus k(\text{path from } i \text{ to } j)$$

the arrows is the tautological one. Denote $I(i)$ the representation such that

$$I(i) : \text{dual of paths to } i, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad I(i)_j^* = \bigoplus k(\text{path from } j \text{ to } i)$$

the arrows is the tautological one.

§ Then, the set of simple representation is $\{S(i)\}$. The projective cover of $S(i)$ is $P(i)$. More precisely, we have the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} P(j) \longrightarrow P(i) \longrightarrow S(i) \longrightarrow 0.$$

The injective hull of $S(i)$ is $I(i)$. More precisely, we have the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow S(i) \longrightarrow I(i) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } j \rightarrow i} I(j) \longrightarrow 0.$$

In particular, the category $Q\text{-rep}$ has projective dimension 1 (for nontrivial Q).

§ We see that the quiver for $\text{proj}(Q\text{-rep})$ is Q^{op} .

5.2. Dimension vector Denote the vertices set of Q to be I . For a $V \in Q\text{-rep}$, define the **dimension vector** $\dim V = (\dim V_i)_{i \in I}$. Then this defines an isomorphism of Grothendieck group

$$G_0(Q\text{-rep}) \xrightarrow{\dim} \mathbb{Z}^I,$$

where

$$G_0(Q\text{-rep}) = \frac{\bigoplus_{V \in Q\text{-rep}} \mathbb{Z} \cdot [V]}{[V_2] = [V_1] + [V_3] : \begin{array}{l} \text{short exact sequence} \\ 0 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow V_2 \rightarrow V_3 \rightarrow 0 \end{array}}$$

5.3. Euler form For representation V, W , define the **Euler form**

$$\langle V, W \rangle = \dim \text{Hom}_{Q\text{-rep}}(V, W) - \dim \text{Ext}_{Q\text{-rep}}(V, W).$$

Note that this is bi-additive, thus factor through $G_0(Q\text{-rep})$. Say, for \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} two dimension vectors, define

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \sum_{\text{vertex } i} v_i w_i - \sum_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} v_i w_j$$

Then $\langle V, W \rangle = \langle \dim V, \dim W \rangle$. *Hint: Since we computed Ext of simple modules.*

5.4. Moduli of $Q\text{-rep}$ Let $\mathbf{v} = (v_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{N}^I$, where $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Denote

$$E(\mathbf{v}) = \prod_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} \text{Hom}_k(k^{v_i}, k^{v_j}), \quad G(\mathbf{v}) = \prod_{\text{vertex } i} \text{GL}(k^{v_i}).$$

The group $G(\mathbf{v})$ acts on $E(\mathbf{v})$ by conjugation. Then tautologically, we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{representations of} \\ \text{dimension } \mathbf{v} \text{ in } Q\text{-rep} \end{array} \right\} / \cong \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(\mathbf{v}) \text{ orbits} \\ \text{of } E(\mathbf{v}) \end{array} \right\}$$

So the space $E(\mathbf{v})$ with the group action $G(\mathbf{v})$ is said to be the **moduli of $Q\text{-rep}$** . One can also think it as the quotient stack. Let us compute the dimension of $E(\mathbf{v})$ and $G(\mathbf{v})$.

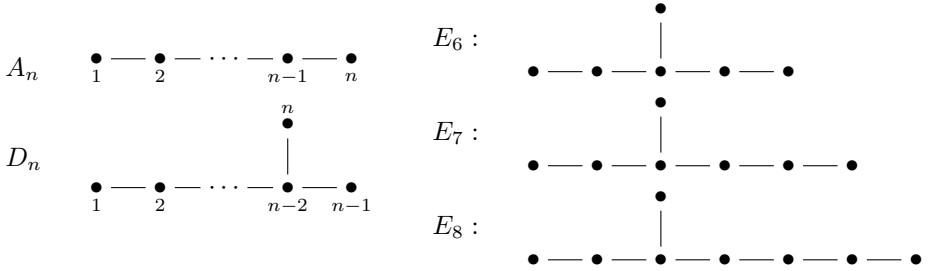
$$\dim E(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} v_i v_j, \quad \dim G(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\text{vertex } i} v_i^2.$$

In particular,

$$\dim E(\mathbf{v}) - \dim G(\mathbf{v}) = -\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle.$$

5.5. We see that if the $G(\mathbf{v})$ -orbits are finite, then we need to require that $\dim E(\mathbf{v}) - \dim G(\mathbf{v}) < 0$ (since the action of $k^\times \in G(\mathbf{v})$ is trivial, we need to quotient by $\mathbb{P}G(\mathbf{v})$). That is, the Euler form is positive-definite. This only happens when the underlying graph is a disjoint union of **simply-laced Dynkin diagrams**, say **ADE type**.

5.6. Simply-laced Dynkin Diagrams



5.7. Gabriel Theorem A quiver Q with finite many indecomposable representations if and only if the underlying graph is disjoint union of simply-laced Dynkin diagrams.

We have proved the “only if” part. The “if” part will be done in the next section.

Exercises

5.8. Show that

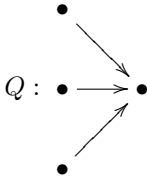
$$\text{Hom}_Q(P(i), V) = V_i, \quad \text{Hom}_Q(S(i), V) = \ker \left[V_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} V_j \right].$$

Dually,

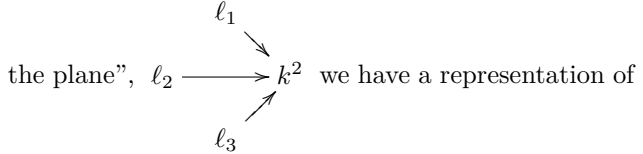
$$D \text{Hom}_Q(V, I(i)) = V_i, \quad D \text{Hom}_Q(V, S(i)) = \text{cok} \left[\bigoplus_{\text{arrow } j \rightarrow i} V_j \rightarrow V_i \right].$$

6 Reflection Functors

6.1. Let us start from an example. Consider the quiver

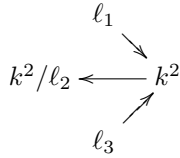


By consider “three different lines passing through 0 in

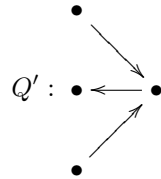


dimension $\frac{1}{2}$. It is easy to see this representation is indecomposable.

If we take the cokernel of one arrow, say



, we get an indecomposable rep-



resentation for Q' .

6.2. For a quiver Q , and a **sink** i (no arrow from i). $S(i) = P(i)$ is projective. If $V \in Q\text{-rep}$ is indecomposable but not $S(i)$, then the map

$$\bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} V_j \longrightarrow V_i$$

is surjective. Dually, for a **source** i (no arrow to i), $S(i) = I(i)$ is injective. If $V \in Q\text{-rep}$ is indecomposable but not $S(i)$, then the map

$$V_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} V_j$$

is injective. **Hint:** The kernel can be thought as a copy of $S(i)$ which is injective.

6.3. In general, for a quiver Q and a vertex i , we define a new quiver $S_i Q$ by reverse all arrows incident (to or from) i . Define the **reflection functor** when i is a sink

$$S_i^+ : Q\text{-rep} \longrightarrow S_i Q\text{-rep}$$

sending V to S_i^+V by replacing the $V_i \rightarrow V_j$ by $V_j \rightarrow (S_i^+V)_i$ such that the following sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow (S_i^+V)_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} V_j \longrightarrow V_i$$

exact. In particular, $S_i^+S(i) = 0$.

Define the **reflection functor** when i is a source

$$S_i^- : Q\text{-rep} \longrightarrow S_iQ\text{-rep}$$

sending V to S_i^-V by replacing the $V_j \rightarrow V_i$ by $(S_i^-V)_i \rightarrow V_j$ such that the following sequence

$$V_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} V_j \longrightarrow (S_i^-V)_i \longrightarrow 0$$

exact. In particular, $S_i^-S(i) = 0$.

6.4. From the discussion above, we see that for a sink (or source) i , the functor $S_i^\mp S_i^\pm : Q\text{-rep} \rightarrow Q\text{-rep}$ is natural isomorphic to the projection to the direct summand without $S(i)$ (this is a functor since $\text{Hom}(-, S(i)) = 0$ for this summand).

6.5. Denote the quadratic form $B(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ and $\alpha_i = \mathbf{e}_i$ the standard basis. Define $s_i\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} - \frac{2B(\mathbf{v}, \alpha_i)}{B(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)}\alpha_i = \mathbf{v} - B(\mathbf{v}, \alpha_i)\alpha_i$. Note that

$$\dim S_i^\pm V = \max(s_i \dim V, 0)$$

for indecomposable representation V .

6.6. For any simply-laced Dynkin diagram Q (actually, any quiver whose underlying graph is a tree), we can find an order $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$Q_0\text{-rep} \xrightarrow{S_1^+} Q_1\text{-rep} \xrightarrow{S_2^+} \dots \longrightarrow Q_n\text{-rep} \xrightarrow{S_n^+} Q_0\text{-rep}.$$

is well-defined (i.e. i is a sink for Q_i). We call the above functor the **Coxeter functor**. *Hint: Actually, we can assign certain height of each vertex such that all arrows go down, then reflection of a sink is to pick the lowest vertices up.*

6.7. The standard theory of Coxeter group tells us the group generated by s_i (Weyl group) has a Coxeter representataion

$$\begin{aligned} s_i^2 &= 1 && \text{for all vertex } i \\ s_i s_j s_i &= s_j s_i s_j && i \text{ --- } j \text{ exists an edge} \\ s_i s_j &= s_j s_i && i \quad j \text{ no edge} \end{aligned}$$

Denote the product of s_i in any order is said to be a **Coxeter element**. There is no nonzero element $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^I$ fixed by Coxeter element c . Moreover, every nonzero element of $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^I$ will be send out by some power of c . *Hint: Say $c = s_n \cdots s_1$. Then the first component of $s_1 v$ will never be changed after the end, so it is zero, so $v_1 = 0$ and $s_1 v = v$. The by induction we see $v = 0$. For any $v \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^I$, the element $v + cv + \cdots + c^{h-1}v$ is fixed by c , where h is the order of c , the Coxeter number.*

6.8. By the discussion above, every indecomposable module is killed by iterated Coxeter functor. That is, it is a simple representation in some Q_i -rep. By reflecting back, we see it has finite many indecomposable representations. This finishes the proof of Gabriel theorem.

6.9. We see that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{indecomposable} \\ \text{representations in } Q\text{-rep} \end{array} \right\} / \cong \xrightarrow{\dim} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{positive roots} \\ \text{of the root system} \end{array} \right\}$$

is a bijection. *Hint: When it vanishes depends only on the dimension vector, thus it is injective. Any root can be reflected to a simple root, then we can just reflect back to get an indecomposable representat*

Exercises

6.10. Show that the Coxeter elements are all conjugate. *Hint: $s_1 s_2 \cdots \sim s_2 s_1 s_2 \cdots s_2 = s_1 s_2 s_1 \cdots s_2 \sim s_1 \cdots s_2 s_1 s_2 = s_1 \cdots s_1 s_2 s_1 \sim s_2 s_1 \cdots$.*

7 More Examples

7.1. **Type A** The type A quiver

$$A_n : \bullet_1 \text{---} \bullet_2 \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \bullet_{n-1} \text{---} \bullet_n$$

The indecomposable representations are given by connected subgraphs.

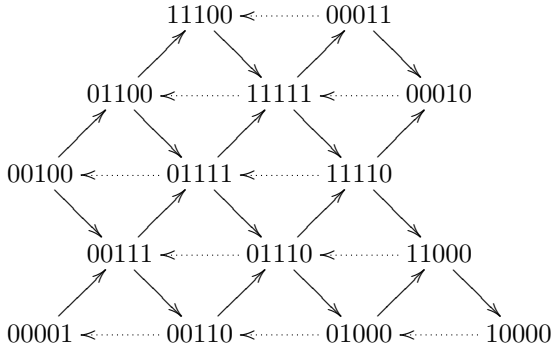
$$0 \cdots 01 \cdots 10 \cdots 0.$$

The maps between 1's are all identities.

7.2. Consider

$$\bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$$

The AR quiver is



7.3. **Type D** The type D quiver

$$D_n : \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & n & & \\ & & & & \bullet & & \\ & & & & | & & \\ \bullet & \text{---} & \bullet & \text{---} & \cdots & \text{---} & \bullet & \text{---} & \bullet \\ 1 & & 2 & & & & n-2 & & n-1 \end{array}$$

We have indecomposable representations given by connected subgraphs.

$$0 \cdots 01 \cdots 10 \cdots 00^0, \quad 0 \cdots 01 \cdots 10^1, \quad 0 \cdots 01 \cdots 11^0, \quad 0 \cdots 01 \cdots 11^1.$$

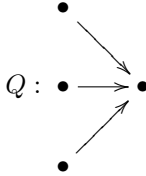
We also has “3-star representation”

$$0 \cdots 01 \cdots 12 \cdots 21^1,$$

with identities between 2's and 1's respectively, and the three maps between 1 and 2 are given as D_4 .

Consider three different lines passing through 0 in the plane. This gives the case of one of orientations (reflection functor). For other orientations, just replacing the inclusion by its cokernel.

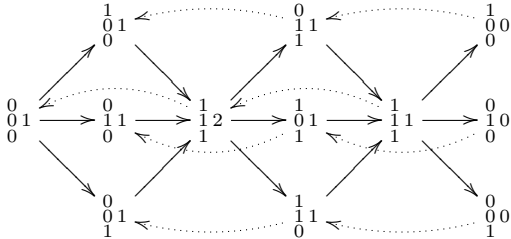
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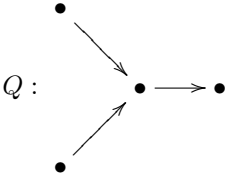
It has 12 indecomposable modules

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}, & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{matrix}, & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}, & \underbrace{\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}}, & \underbrace{\begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}}, & \underbrace{\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}}, & \underbrace{\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{matrix}}, & \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}, & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{matrix}, & \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{matrix}, & \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{matrix}. \end{matrix}$$

The representation $\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$ is given by three different lines going through 0 in a plane. The AR quiver



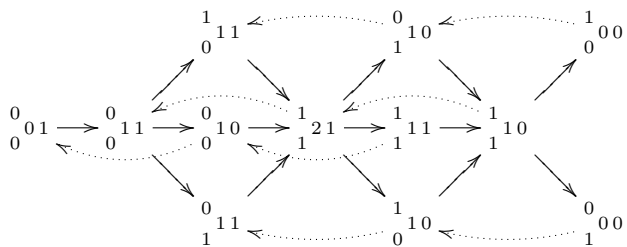
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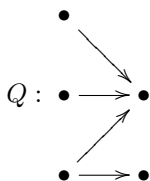
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The AR quiver

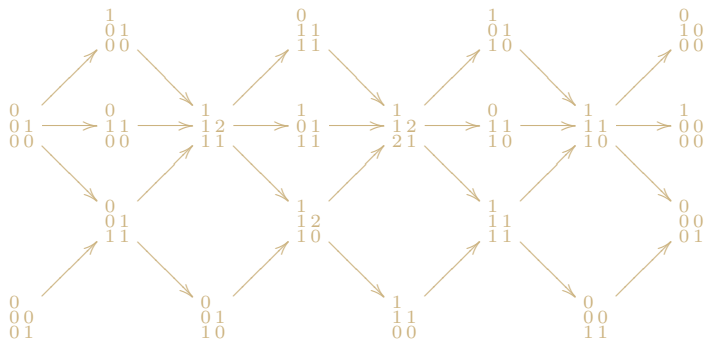


Exercises

7.6. Compute for the quiver



Hint:



The τ is omitted.

8 Tilting Modules

8.1. Morita Theory For a **projective generator** $P \in B\text{-mod}$ (any $M \in B\text{-mod}$ is a quotient of P^n). Denote $A = \text{End}_B(P)^{\text{op}}$. Then the adjoint functor gives

$$A\text{-mod} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{P \otimes_A -} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}_B(P, -)} \end{array} B\text{-mod}$$

an equivalence. Since the natural transform

$$\text{id} \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_B(P, P \otimes_A -)$$

is an isomorphism on any finitely generated projective module, and both sides are right exact, thus it is an isomorphism; the natural transform

$$P \otimes_A \text{Hom}_B(P, -) \longrightarrow \text{id}$$

is an isomorphism on P , and both sides are right exact, thus it is an isomorphism.

8.2. Actually, if we denote $Q = \text{Hom}_B(P, B)$. Then

$$Q \otimes_B - = \text{Hom}_B(P, B) \otimes_B - = \text{Hom}_B(P, -).$$

So $Q \otimes_B P \cong A$ and $P \otimes_A Q \cong B$.

8.3. General Tilting Module Now we want to do the same work on derived category. Assume the algebra R is of finite homological dimension. Denote $D(R)$ the derived category of bounded complexes over R . We say a module $M \in R\text{-mod}$ is a **(general) tilting module** if

$$\text{Ext}^{\geq 1}(T, T) = 0$$

and the minimal triangulated category containing T is $D(R)$. Then the adjoint functor gives

$$D(S) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T \otimes_S^L -} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathbf{R}\text{Hom}_R(T, -)} \end{array} D(R)$$

where $S = \text{End}(T)^{\text{op}}$.

8.4. Tilting Module We say a module $M \in R\text{-mod}$ is a **tilting module** if

$$\text{Ext}^{\geq 2}(T, -) = 0, \quad \text{Ext}^1(T, T) = 0$$

and there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow T_1 \longrightarrow T_2 \longrightarrow 0$$

with $T_1, T_2 \in \text{add } T$ the set of direct sums of summands of T .

Two stronger conditions ensure that T is of projective dimension ≤ 1 as $R\text{-mod}$ and also as $\text{mod-}S$. *Hint: The functor $\text{Hom}_R(-, T)$ is exact on $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow 0$, so we get a resolution of T as S -module of length ≤ 1 .*

8.5. Denote the T -torsion part and T -torsionfree part

$$\mathcal{T}(T) = \ker[\text{Ext}_R^1(T, -)], \quad \mathcal{F}(T) = \ker[\text{Hom}_R(T, -)].$$

Denote

$$\mathcal{X}(T) = \ker[T \otimes_S -], \quad \mathcal{Y}(T) = \ker[\text{Tor}_S(T, -)].$$

The **Brenner and Butler theorem** tells us for any $M \in R\text{-mod}$, there is a functorial exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \underbrace{T \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(T, M)}_{\in \mathcal{T}(T)} \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow \underbrace{\text{Tor}_S(T, \text{Ext}_R^1(T, M))}_{\in \mathcal{F}(T)} \longrightarrow 0$$

and for any $N \in S\text{-mod}$, there is a functorial exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \underbrace{\text{Ext}_R^1(T, \text{Tor}_S(T, N))}_{\in \mathcal{X}(T)} \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow \underbrace{\text{Hom}_R(T, T \otimes_S N)}_{\in \mathcal{Y}(T)} \longrightarrow 0$$

Hint: This is a standard usage of Grothendieck spectral sequence (derived version).

8.6. Moreover, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}(T) &= \text{im}[T \otimes_S -], & \mathcal{F}(T) &= \text{im}[\text{Tor}_S(T, -)]. \\ \mathcal{X}(T) &= \text{im}[\text{Ext}_R^1(T, -)], & \mathcal{Y}(T) &= \text{im}[\text{Hom}_R(T, -)]. \end{aligned}$$

The functors

$$\mathcal{Y}(T) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T \otimes_S -} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}_R(T, -)} \end{array} \mathcal{T}(T), \quad \mathcal{X}(T) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Tor}_S(T, -)} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Ext}_R^1(T, -)} \end{array} \mathcal{F}(T)$$

are equivalences.

$$\text{Hom}_R(\mathcal{T}(T), \mathcal{F}(T)) = 0, \quad \text{Hom}_S(\mathcal{X}(T), \mathcal{Y}(T)) = 0.$$

Exercises

8.7. Let $\text{Gen } T$ be the category of modules can be written as a quotient of T . Let T be a tilting module. Show that $\text{Gen } T = \mathcal{T}(T)$. **Hint:** Show that $\text{im}[T \otimes_S -] \subseteq \text{Gen } T \subseteq \ker[\text{Ext}_R^1(T, -)]$

8.8. Denote $\overline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, N) = \text{Hom}_R(M, N) / \{M \rightarrow I \rightarrow N : \text{from some injective } I\}$. Show the dual **Auslander–Reiten formula**

$$\overline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, N) = D \text{Ext}_R(\tau^{-1}N, M).$$

Or

$$\text{Ext}_R(M, N) = D \underline{\text{Hom}}_R(\tau^{-1}N, M) = D \overline{\text{Hom}}_R(N, \tau M).$$

8.9. Assume $\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 2}(-, \tau M) = 0$, then

$$\text{Ext}_R^1(N, \tau M) = D \text{Hom}(M, N).$$

Dually, if $\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 2}(N, -) = 0$, then

$$\text{Ext}_R^1(N, M) = D \text{Hom}(M, \tau N).$$

Hint: The condition tells $\text{Hom}_R(M, R) = 0$. Thus $\underline{\text{Hom}}(M, N) = \text{Hom}(M, N)$

9 Reflection Functors Again

9.1. Let Q be a quiver. Let i be an vertex. Let us compute $\tau S(i)$. The following resolution is minimal

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} P(j) \longrightarrow P(i) \longrightarrow S(i) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Thus by a careful computation, we get

$$0 \longrightarrow \tau S(i) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } i \rightarrow j} I(j) \longrightarrow I(i) \longrightarrow 0.$$

When i is a sink, $S(i) = I(i)$, the above sequence is an almost split sequence. Dually,

$$0 \longrightarrow P(i) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{arrow } j \rightarrow i} P(j) \longrightarrow \tau^{-1} S(i) \longrightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

When i is a source, $S(i) = P(i)$, the above sequence is an almost split sequence.

9.2. Let i be a sink. Let $V \in Q\text{-rep}$. We see $\text{Hom}_{Q\text{-rep}}(P(i), V) = V_i$, thus

$$\text{Hom}_{Q\text{-rep}}(\tau^{-1} S(i), V) = \ker \left[\bigoplus_{\text{arrow } j \rightarrow i} V_j \longrightarrow V_i \right].$$

Consider

$$T = \tau^{-1} S(i) \oplus \bigoplus_{j \neq i} P(j).$$

Then we see directly from the AR quiver that $\text{End}_R(T)^{\text{op}} = S_i Q$. Moreover,

$$\text{Hom}_R(T, V) = S_i^+ V.$$

We will show T is a tiling module. It is extension-free by Auslander–Reiten formula

$$\text{Ext}^1(\tau^{-1} S(i), P(j)) = D\overline{\text{Hom}}(P(j), S(i)) = 0.$$

The sequence $(*)$ shows the last condition of definition of tilting module. Moreover, for $V \in S_i Q\text{-rep}$, one can check that

$$T \otimes_{S_i Q} V = S_i^- V.$$

9.3. Assume i is a sink, then the functorial exact sequence is

$$0 \longrightarrow S_i^- S_i^+ V \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow V/S_i^- S_i^+ V \longrightarrow 0$$

Note that $V/S_i^- S_i^+ V$ is a copy of $S(i) = P(i)$ thus above sequence splits.

9.4. Then one can consider the derived version of reflection functor $\mathbf{R} \text{Hom}_R(T, -) = \mathbf{R}S_i^+$. Actually, it send $S(i)$ to $\text{Ext}^1(T, S(i)) = \text{Ext}^1(\tau^{-1}S(i), S(i)) = S(i)[-1]$ (from the $(*)$ above).

For a complex in derived category of Q -rep, define

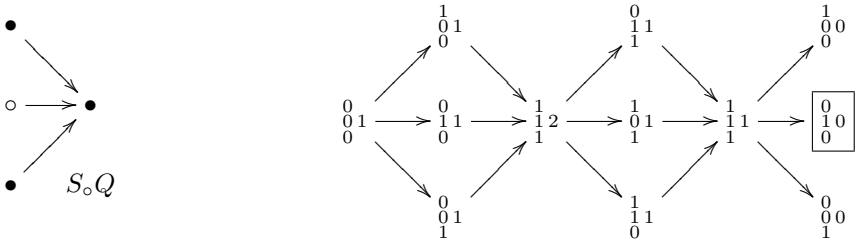
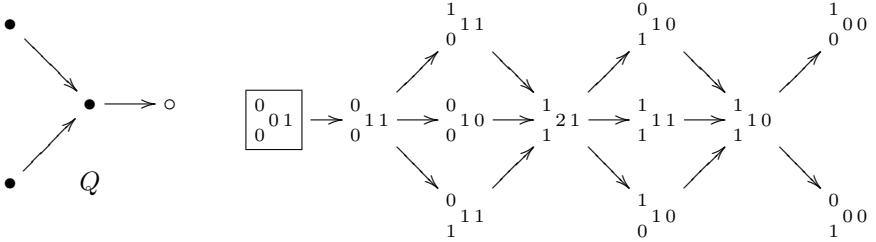
$$\dim V^\bullet = \sum (-1)^i \dim V^i \in \mathbb{Z}^I.$$

Then

$$\dim \mathbf{R}S_i^+(V^\bullet) = s_i \dim V^\bullet.$$

Similar result holds for $T \otimes_{S_i Q}^L - = \mathbf{L}S_i^-$.

9.5. Consider the example.



Note that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{representations of} \\ s_0 Q \text{ in box} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Tor}_{s_0 Q}(T, -)} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Ext}_Q(T, -)} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{representations of} \\ Q \text{ in box} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{representations of} \\ s_\circ Q \text{ out of box} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T \otimes_{s_\circ Q} - = S_\circ^-} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}_Q(T, -) = S_\circ^+} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{representations of} \\ Q \text{ out of box} \end{array} \right\}$$

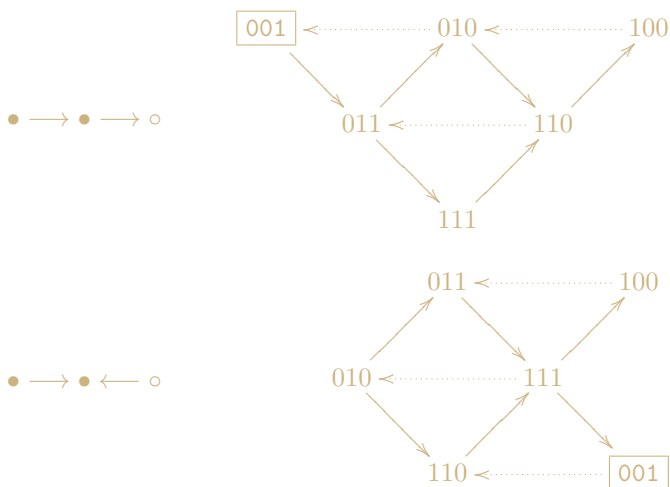
are both equivalences.

Exercises

9.6. Analyse

$$\bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \circ \quad \xrightarrow{S_\circ} \quad \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \leftarrow \circ$$

Hint:



10 Hall–Ringel Algebras

10.1. Let \mathbf{q} be a power of a prime number, and $q = \mathbf{q}^{1/2}$ a square root. Assume $k = \mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ the finite field. We are going to do counting over k -rep. This relates the Lie algebra corresponding to the Dynkin diagrams.

10.2. Denote

$$[n]_q = \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}}, \quad [n]!_q = [1]_q \cdots [n]_q, \quad \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[n]!_q}{[k]!_q [n-k]!_q}.$$

Note that

$$q^{-n} \cdot \#\mathbb{P}^n = [n+1]_q, \quad q^{-n(n-1)/2} \cdot \#\mathcal{F}\ell(n) = [n]!_q, \quad q^{-k(n-k)} \cdot \#\mathcal{G}r(n, k) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

10.3. Denote the **Hall algebra of Q**

$$\mathcal{H}(Q) = \bigoplus_{V \in Q\text{-rep}/\cong} \mathbb{Z} \cdot [V]$$

the formal direct sum of isomorphism classes of Q -rep. It is equipped with the **Hall convolution**

$$[U] * [V] = \sum \# \left\{ W' \subseteq W : \begin{array}{l} W' \cong V \\ W/W' \cong U \end{array} \right\} \cdot [W].$$

Denote the **virtual Hall convolution**

$$[U] \cdot [V] = q^{(U,V)} [U] * [V].$$

It is not difficult to see $(\mathcal{H}(Q), *)$ or $(\mathcal{H}(Q), \cdot)$ forms an associative algebra graded by **dim**.

10.4. We are going to compute the case

$$\bullet_1 \longrightarrow \bullet_2.$$

Denote

$$\theta_1 = S(1) = [1 \ 0], \quad \theta_2 = S(2) = P(2) = [0 \ 1].$$

§ Consider the degree **dim** = 2. The only module is $[2 \ 0]$. Thus $\theta_1 * \theta_1 = \#\mathbb{P}^1 \cdot [2 \ 0]$. As a result,

$$\theta_1^2 = q^1 \cdot \#\mathbb{P}^1 \cdot [2 \ 0] = q^2 [2]_q \cdot [2 \ 0].$$

§ Similarly, for the degree $\mathbf{dim} = 02$,

$$\theta_2^2 = q^2[2]_q \cdot [0 \ 2].$$

§ Consider the degree $\mathbf{dim} = 11$. There are two candidates $P(1) = [1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} 1]$ and $S(1) \oplus S(2) = [1 \ 1]$.

	$[1 \rightarrow 1]$	$[1 \ 1]$
$S(2) \subseteq?$	unique	unique
$S(1) \subseteq?$	never	unique

Thus

$$\theta_1 \cdot \theta_2 = q^{-1}[1 \rightarrow 1] + q^{-1}[1 \ 1], \quad \theta_2 \cdot \theta_1 = [1 \ 1].$$

Note that $\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle = -1$, and $\langle \theta_2, \theta_1 \rangle = 0$.

§ Consider the degree $\mathbf{dim} = 21$. There are two candidates $S(1) \oplus P(1) = [2 \rightarrow 1]$ and $S(1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus S(2) = [2 \ 1]$.

	$[2 \rightarrow 1]$	$[2 \ 1]$
$S(2) \subseteq?$	unique	unique
$S(1) \subseteq?$	unique, the kernel	\mathbb{P}^1 -many choices

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [2 \ 0] \cdot \theta_2 &= q^{-2} \cdot [2 \rightarrow 1] + q^{-2} \cdot [2 \ 1] \\ [1 \rightarrow 1] \cdot \theta_1 &= q \cdot [2 \rightarrow 1] \\ [1 \ 1] \cdot \theta_1 &= q^2 \cdot [2]_q \cdot [2 \ 1] \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1^2 \theta_2 &= [2]_q \cdot [2 \rightarrow 1] + [2]_q \cdot [2 \ 1] \\ \theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_1 &= [2 \rightarrow 1] + q[2]_q \cdot [2 \ 1] \\ \theta_2 \theta_1^2 &= q^2 [2]_q \cdot [2 \ 1] \end{aligned}$$

So we get the [Serre relation](#)

$$\theta_1^2 \theta_2 - [2]_q \theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_1 + \theta_2 \theta_1^2 = 0.$$

§ Consider the degree $\mathbf{dim} = 12$. There are two candidates $S(2) \oplus P(1) = [1 \rightarrow 2]$ and $S(1) \oplus S(2)^{\oplus 2} = [1 \ 2]$.

	$[1 \rightarrow 2]$	$[1 \ 2]$
$S(2) \subseteq?$	\mathbb{P}^1 -many choices *	\mathbb{P}^1 -many choices
$S(1) \subseteq?$	never	unique

*: the quotient is $[1 \ 1]$ if it coincides with image, and $[1 \rightarrow 1]$ otherwise.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [1 \rightarrow 1] \cdot \theta_2 &= q^2 \cdot [1 \rightarrow 2] \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \theta_2 &= 1 \cdot [1 \rightarrow 2] + q[2]_q \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \theta_1 &= \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 \theta_2^2 &= (q + q^{-1})[1 \rightarrow 2] + [2]_q \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \theta_2 \theta_1 \theta_2 &= [1 \rightarrow 2] + q[2]_q \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \theta_2^2 \theta_1 &= q^2 [2]_q \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So we get the **Serre relation**

$$\theta_1^2 \theta_2 - [2]_q \theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_1 + \theta_2 \theta_1^2 = 0.$$

10.5. Assume the underlying graph of Q is a simply-laced Dynkin diagram. The computation is local thus Serre relation also holds. Thus we get the **Ringel map**

$$U_v(\mathfrak{g})^+ \Big|_{v=q} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(Q)$$

where $U_q(\mathfrak{g})^+$ is the negative part of quantum group of the corresponding Lie algebra. This is an isomorphism by PBW basis theorem for $U_v(\mathfrak{g})^+$ and the classification of representations of Q .

Exercises

10.6. Show that for the quiver $\bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$

$$[m \ 0] * [0 \ n] = [m \ n], \quad [m \ 0] \cdot [0 \ n] = q^{mn} [m \ n].$$

10.7. Show that for the quiver $\bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$

$$[m \ 0] * [n \ 0] = q^{mn} \begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ m \end{bmatrix} [m+n \ 0], \quad [m \ 0] \cdot [n \ 0] = q^{2mn} \begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ m \end{bmatrix} [m+n \ 0].$$

In particular,

$$\theta_1^n = q^{n(n-1)} [n]!_q \cdot [n \ 0].$$