

# Nakajima's quiver varieties & kac-Moody actions

With a view toward/from symplectic resolution theory

Main ref.: Lectures on Nakajima's quiver varieties  
by Victor Ginzburg.

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/0905.0686.pdf>

What do we do:

From Wei's talk, there were 3 things.

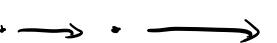
- 1) View things as special cases of Nakajima's quiver varieties. then apply Nakajima's results.
- 2) Category  $(\mathcal{C}_L)$
- 3) Do geometry?  $(\mathcal{C})$

In this talk, we focus on 1), with emphasis on the symp resolution point of view.

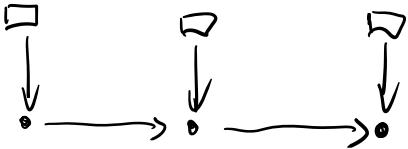
More precisely, we are going to define general Nakajima's quiver varieties and study their (symplectic) geometrical properties.

Setup: - quiver = (directed) graph  $Q=(I, E)$  (assume without loops (more of the time))

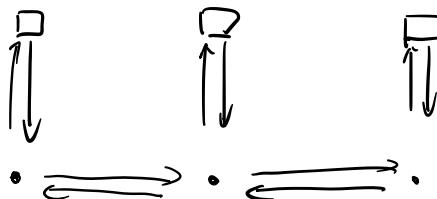
e.g 1: 

e.g 2: 

• framing



• Take "cotangent space", i.e., double the arrow



Rank: A few ways of thinking about framing:

- 1) Nakajima was a differential geometer at one point, studied gauge theory  $\rightsquigarrow$  ADHM equation:  $[x, y] + ij = 0$  this  $+ ij$  term only appears when you have framing.
- 2) Thinking quiver varieties as moduli spaces, framing is like "marked points" or "bundles with a choice of trivialisation".

3) (practical reason), if no framing, the variety is 0 most of the time.

Nakajima quiver variety.

for every vertex  $i \in I$ , & framing ' $\in Q$ ', chose a number  $N_{20}$ , i.e.  $\underline{v}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{N}^I$ . (Think,  $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$  as Hilbert polys?)

The space of all reps of the quiver is:

$$\text{Rep}(\overline{Q^\vee}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) := \bigoplus_{\substack{i \rightarrow j \\ j \rightarrow i}} \text{Hom}(V_i, V_j) \bigoplus_{\substack{i \rightarrow i \\ i \rightarrow i}} \bigoplus_{\substack{i \rightarrow i \\ i \rightarrow i}} \text{Hom}(V_i, W_i) \bigoplus_{\substack{i \rightarrow i \\ i \rightarrow i}} \text{Hom}(W_i, V_i)$$

$$\text{where } \dim V_i = v_i$$

$$\dim W_i = w_i$$

There is a  $GL(V) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} GL(V_i)$  action on it,

$$g \cdot (x, y, i, j) = (gxg^{-1}, gyg^{-1}, ig^{-1}, gj)$$

There is  $G$ -equivariant moment map

$$\mu: \text{Rep}(\overline{Q^\vee}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{O}_V^+} \cong \underline{\mathcal{O}_V}$$

$$(x, y, i, j) \mapsto \sum [x, y] + ji \quad (\text{ADHM})$$

So given  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{O}_V)$ ,  $\theta: GL(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$

Def:  $M_{\lambda, \theta}(Q, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) := \mu^+(\lambda) //_{\theta, GL(V)}$

We mostly consider the case  $\lambda = 0$ .

King's Stability:

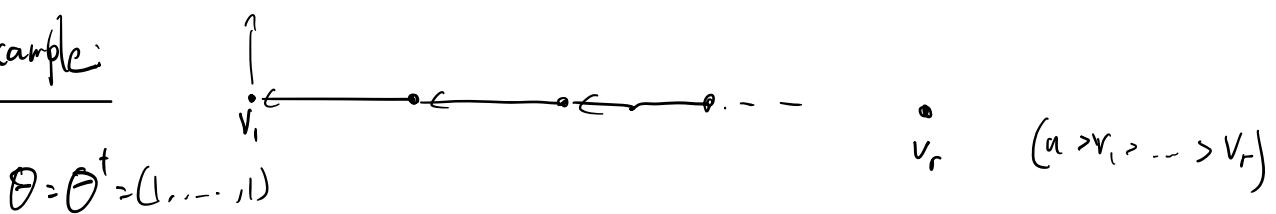
$(x, y, i, j) \in \mu^+(\lambda)$  is  $\theta$ -semistable

iff  $\forall S_i \subseteq V_i$  which is stable under the maps  $x \& y$ , we have

$$S_i \subseteq \ker j_i, \forall i \in I \Rightarrow \theta \cdot \dim_I S \leq 0$$

$$S_i \supset \text{Image } i_i, \forall i \in I \Rightarrow \theta \cdot \dim_I S \leq \theta \cdot \dim_I V$$

Example:



$$\theta = \theta^t = (1, \dots, 1)$$

semi-stable means that  $x_i \& j$  are injective

$$\rightsquigarrow M_{0, \theta^t} = T^* \mathcal{FL}(r, \mathbb{C}^n)$$

$$\Theta = \underline{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$$

Then any pt is  $\Theta$ -semistable.

What is  $M_{0,0}$ ? (some kind of nilpotent orbit closure ...)

$$\Theta = \bar{\Theta} = (-1, \dots, -1)$$

Semi-stable means that  $y_i$  &  $i$  are surjections

$$\leadsto M_{0,\bar{\Theta}} = \bar{T}^* \bar{M}(r, \mathbb{C}^n)$$

but now "flags" are  $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrowtail \mathbb{C}^{k_1} \rightarrowtail \mathbb{C}^{k_2} \dots$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{0,\Theta^+} & & M_{0,\Theta^-} \\ \searrow & & \downarrow \\ & M_{0,0} & \end{array}$$

Where is the sympl alg geo?

The claim is that  $M_{0,0} \rightarrow M_{0,0}$  is an example of a symplectic singularity, & in many cases, a symplectic resolution.

Def: Let  $X$  be affine normal Poisson variety.

If  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is a symplectic resolution if  $\tilde{X}$  is smooth symplectic st.  $\pi^* \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$  as a poisson algebra, and a resolution of singularities.

Quote: 'Symplectic resolutions are the Lie algebras of the 21<sup>st</sup> century' — Okounkov.

Properties:

1) semi-small:  $\dim(\widetilde{X} \times_X \widetilde{X}) = \dim X$

Therefore dim of irred components  $\leq \dim X$

2)  $X$  is a union of finitely many symplectic leaves  $X = \bigsqcup X_\alpha$ , each  $X_\alpha$  is locally closed smooth

3) In the case of a conical symplectic resolution (i.e., that there are  $\mathbb{C}^*$  actions on  $\widetilde{X}$  and  $X$ , such that  $\pi$  is equivariant, and contracts  $X$  to a point 0 then  $\pi^{-1}(0)$  is a homotopy retract of  $\widetilde{X}$ , and  $H^*(\widetilde{X}, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^*(\pi^{-1}(0), \mathbb{C})$ ,

4) More generally,  $\pi^{-1}(\text{any point})$  is isotropic (in the sense of symplectic geo)

When is  $M_{\lambda, \theta}(v, w) \rightarrow M_{\lambda, 0}$  a symplectic resolution?

Answer: (Almost always) when  $(\lambda, \theta)$  is  $v$ -regular;

$$(\lambda, \theta) \in \mathbb{C}^I \times \mathbb{Z}^I \subseteq \mathbb{C}^I \times \mathbb{R}^I \cong \mathbb{R}^I \times \mathbb{R}^I \times \mathbb{R}^I$$

$$\cong \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^I$$

$$\text{Let } R' = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^I \setminus \{0\} \mid C_Q v \cdot v \leq 2 \quad \forall i \in I \right\}$$

This is the set of roots, when  $\mathbb{Q}$  is Dynkin or affine Dynkin, this coincides with the usual roots.

$C_Q$  is the Cartan matrix,  $C_Q := 2I - A_Q$ ,  $A_Q$  is the adjacency matrix.

Back to the example, we had .

$$C_Q = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & \\ & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } R' = \left\{ \pm (e_i - e_j) \right\}$$

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^I$ , write  $\alpha^\perp := \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^I \mid \lambda \cdot \alpha = 0 \right\}$

$(\lambda, \theta)$  is  $v$ -regular if:

$$(\lambda, \theta) \in (\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^I) \setminus \bigcup_{\{\alpha \in R' \mid 0 < \alpha \leq v\}} \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \alpha^\perp$$

if  $(\lambda, \theta) = (0, \theta^+)$ , which is  $e_1 \otimes e_0 + e_2 \otimes e_0 + e_3 \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix}$   
 in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^I$

$\begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \cdot \alpha \neq 0 \Rightarrow (0, \theta^+) \text{ (and } (0, \theta^-)\text{)} \text{ is } v\text{-regular for all } v.$

$$S_6: M_{0, \theta^+}(v, w) \rightarrow M_{0, 0}$$

is a symplectic resolution.

(When  $\lambda = 0$ ), the Weyl group  $W (= S_n)$  acts on  $\theta$ 's.

&  $M_{0, \theta_1} \cong M_{0, \theta_2}$  if  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  in the same chamber.

So, when we were in  $\bullet$  (type  $A_1$ )

there were 2 chambers  $\theta^+ = 1, \theta^- = -1$

in  $\text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet$  type  $A_n$

there are  $(1+n)!$  chambers

There is a  $\mathbb{C}^*$  action on the cotangent direction:

$$t \cdot (x, y, i, j) = (x, ty, i, tj)$$

& the map  $M_{0, \theta} \rightarrow M_{0, 0}$  is  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -equivariant.

The point is that  $\pi^*(M_{0, 0})^{\mathbb{C}^*}$  is a lagrangian subvariety,

and in the case when  $Q$  has no oriented cycles,  $m_{0,0} = 1$ .

So  $\pi^*(0)$  is a Lagrangian in the quiver case.

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### BM homology

There isn't a notion of fundamental class for non-compact manifolds in usual homology theory, but there is for BM homology.

$$M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3$$

$$\downarrow P_{i,j}$$

$$M_i \times M_j \\ \cup_{\text{closed}}$$

$$Z_{i,j}$$

$$z_{12} \circ z_{23} = P_{13} \circ (P_{12}^* z_{12} \cap P_{23}^* z_{23})$$

$$\ast: H_i(Z_{12}) \times H_j(Z_{23}) \longrightarrow H_{i+j-\dim M_2}(Z_{12} \circ Z_{23}) \quad (\text{R})$$

$$c_{12} \quad c_{23} \longrightarrow P_{13} \circ ((c_{12} \boxtimes [M_3]) \cap (c_{23} \boxtimes M_1))$$

Now set  $M_1 = M$ , &  $Z = M \times_Y M$  for  $\pi: M \rightarrow Y$  proper.

This forms an algebra  $H_*(Z)$

$$\text{pick } y \in Y, \quad M_y = \pi^{-1}(y)$$

$$\text{Set } M_1 = M_2 = M, \quad M_3 = pt$$

$$Z_{12} = Z, \quad Z_{23} = M_y, \quad Z_{12} \circ Z_{23} = M_y$$

$$\rightarrow H_*(Z) \subset H_*(M_y)$$

Now back to the quiver case

$$\text{let } m(w) = \bigsqcup_v |M_{o,\theta^+}(v, w)$$

$$m_o(w) = \bigsqcup_v |M_{o,o}(v, w)$$

$$Z(w) = \bigsqcup_{v, v'} M_{o, \theta^+}(v, w) \times_{M_{o,o}(v+v', w)} M_{o, \theta^+}(v', w)$$

$$(\text{in other words, } Z(w) = M(w) \times_{M_o(w)} M(w))$$

$$\text{Let } H_w = H_{\text{top}}(Z(w))$$

$$\text{Let } \pi_{v,w}^{-1}(o) \text{ be the Lagrangian } \begin{matrix} M_{o,\theta^+}(v,w) \\ \downarrow \pi_{v,w} \\ M_{o,o} \end{matrix}$$

$$L_w = H_{\text{top}} \left( \bigsqcup_v \pi_{v,w}^{-1}(o) \right)$$

Using top as there is a shift in ~~it~~, and semistable property makes sure we stay in top deg. And Lagrangian also has the right dim.

(I think)

$$\leadsto H_w \subset L_w$$

Theorem [Na]: There is an algebra map

$$\Phi: \widetilde{U}(g_{\mathbb{Q}}) \longrightarrow H_w,$$

and  $L_w$  is a simple integrable  $g_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module  
with highest weight  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \cdot \omega_i$  ( $\omega_i$ : fundamental weight)

When  $\alpha$  is type A, this was first discovered by Ginzburg,

"Lagrangian construction of the enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ "

Define  $B_k^{(r)}(v, w) = \left\{ (v', v'') \mid V'' \in \text{Rep}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}, v + r e_k, w), \right.$   
 $V' \subset V'' \text{ subrep}$   
 $\left. \text{s.t. } \text{Im}(i_k: W_k \rightarrow V'_k) \subset V' \right\}$

$B_k^{(r)}(v, w)$  is a irreducible component in  $\mathcal{Z}(v, v + r e_k, w)$

Define  $E_k^{(r)} = \sum_V [B_k^{(r)}(v, w)]$

Let  $\Delta(v, w)$  be the diagonal in  $M_{0,0}(v, w) \times M_{0,0'}(v, w)$

Then  $\bar{E}_k [\Delta(v, w)] = [\Delta(v - e^k, w)] \bar{E}_k$

Apparently this is easy to check..