

A geometric realisation of affine 0-Schur algebras.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Chapter 2

Representations and Hall algebras of cyclic quivers

In this chapter we will review some of the relevant background on quiver representations and establish notation and terminology. The cases of linear quivers of type A and cyclic quivers (type \tilde{A}) will be considered in detail. In particular, the aim is to describe the classification of finite dimensional representations of a cyclic quiver over \mathbb{C} ; or over an arbitrary field. In the case of an arbitrary field, there is a combinatorial characterisation of the isomorphism classes of nilpotent representations, which does not depend on the ground field. This fact is used in defining the Ringel-Hall algebra of a cyclic quiver. (!!) The subalgebra generated by the isoclasses of simple representations, called the composition subalgebra, gives a realisation of the positive part of the quantised enveloping algebra $U_q(\tilde{\mathfrak{gl}}_n)$.

References for this chapter include: [3], [2], [1].

Give the basic definitions and results for an arbitrary connected quiver:

define representations of a quiver, morphisms of quiver representations, simple representations.

Define the path algebra of the quiver and give notation for orthogonal idempotents corresponding to the vertices. Emphasise the equivalence between representations of the quiver and modules over the path algebra.

The category of finite dimensional representations of a quiver is Krull-Schmidt, abelian, and so on.

Give Gabriel's theorem and the generalisation due to Kac(?).

Illustrative example(s): Ringel-Hall algebras for type A_2 and A_3 of different orientations.

2.1 Cyclic quivers

Let n be a positive integer. Let $\Delta = (\Delta_0, \Delta_1)$ denote the (cyclic) quiver with vertex set $\Delta_0 = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ and arrows $\Delta_1 = \{i \rightarrow i+1 : i \in \Delta_0\}$.

Let \mathbf{k} be a field. A representation $V = (V_i, \rho_i)_{i \in \Delta_0}$ of Δ over \mathbf{k} is a collection of vector spaces $V_i : i \in \Delta_0$ and linear maps $\rho_i : V_i \rightarrow V_{i+1}$ for $i \in \Delta_0$. A morphism $f : V \rightarrow W$ is a collection of linear maps $f_i : V_i \rightarrow W_i$ ($i \in \Delta_0$) such that $\rho_i^W f_i = f_{i+1} \rho_i^V$ for $i \in \Delta_0$.

The category of finite dimensional representations of Δ over \mathbf{k} , denoted $\text{rep}_{\mathbf{k}}(\Delta)$, is abelian and Krull-Schmidt. $\text{rep}_{\mathbf{k}}(\Delta)$ is equivalent to the category of finite dimensional left modules over the path algebra $\mathbf{k}\Delta$, denoted $\text{mod}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$.

The dimension vector of a finite dimensional representation M is $\underline{\dim}(M) = (\dim(M_1), \dots, \dim(M_n)) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$. Give consequence of Gabriel's theorem in this case. Discussion of real and imaginary roots.

roughly – real roots ($q(\alpha) = 1$): there is a unique indecomposable with dimension vector α , up to isomorphism; imaginary roots ($q(\alpha) = 0$): a family of isoclasses of indecomposables indexed by \mathbb{P}_k^1 ?

$M \in \text{mod}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ is nilpotent if there is $a > 0$ such that $(\mathbf{k}\Delta)^a \cdot M = 0$. The nilpotent modules constitute a full abelian subcategory of $\text{mod}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$, which we denote by $\text{mod}^0(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$. The subcategory of nilpotent representations corresponds to the inhomogeneous tube of rank n , with quasi-simples corresponding to the 1-dimensional simple representations at each vertex. In particular, the set of isoclasses in $\text{mod}^0(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ has a combinatorial description which does not depend on the underlying field.

For $i \in \Delta_0$, let S_i denote the simple module $S_i = \mathbf{k}e_i$, where e_i acts as 1 and all other paths act as 0. The indecomposable modules are uniserial and admit a composition series with composition factors (amongst) S_1, \dots, S_n – see this by taking the radical filtration of an indecomposable nilpotent module.

Up to isomorphism, there is a unique module with top S_i and length $l \geq 1$, which we denote by $S_i(l)$. By convention, set $S_i(0) = 0$. Then we have non-split short exact sequences

$$S_{i+1}(l-1) \rightarrow S_i(l) \rightarrow S_i$$

$$S_{i+l-1} \rightarrow S_i(l) \rightarrow S_i(l-1),$$

given by embedding of the radical and the quotient by the socle, respectively. In light of these, the convention $S_i(0) = 0$ reflects that simple modules have length 1, so $S_i(1) = S_i$.

Lemma 2.1.1 (extensions of strings). *Let $i_1, i_2 \in \Delta_0$ and $l_1, l_2 \geq 1$. $\text{Ext}^1(S_{i_2}(l_2), S_{i_1}(l_1)) = 0$ unless $i_2 = i_1 + j_1$. In the case $i_2 = i_1 + l_1$, we have*

$$\dim \text{Ext}^1(S_{i_2}(l_2), S_{i_1}(l_1)) = 1.$$

The class of the non-split extension is given by the short exact sequence

$$S_{i_1+l_1}(l_2) \rightarrow S_{i_1}(l_1 + l_2) \rightarrow S_{i_1}(l_1).$$

Lemma 2.1.2 (structure theorem). *Any $M \in \text{mod}^0(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ decomposes uniquely as*

$$M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in \Delta_0; l \geq 1} m_{i,l} S_i(l)$$

2.2 Hall algebras: finite fields

We now define the Hall algebra of $\text{mod}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$, where \mathbf{k} is a finite field with $q = \#\mathbf{k}$ elements: Let $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ be a free \mathbb{Z} -module with basis $\text{Iso}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ with a \mathbb{Z} -bilinear pairing given by

$$[M][N] = \sum_{[L] \in \text{Iso}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)} \phi_{[M],[N]}^{[L]}[L],$$

where

$$\phi_{[M],[N];q}^{[L]} = \#\{X \leq L : X \cong N, L/X \cong M\}.$$

This is well defined, since the cardinality of the set on the right hand side does not depend on the choice of representatives M, N, L of the isomorphism classes. These cardinalities are finite since L, M, N are finite dimensional and \mathbf{k} is a finite field. With this choice of bilinear pairing, $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ is a ring with $1 = [0]$, which is known as the Hall algebra of $\mathbf{k}\Delta$. The isomorphism classes of nilpotent representations span a subalgebra of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$, which may be seen as the Hall algebra of the category $\text{mod}^0(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$ of finite dimensional nilpotent $\mathbf{k}\Delta$ -modules.

2.3 The Ringel-Hall algebra of a cyclic quiver

In order to define the Ringel-Hall algebra, we first give a combinatorial description of the set of isomorphism classes of finite-dimensional nilpotent $\mathbf{k}\Delta$ -modules, where \mathbf{k} is any field. If $M \in \text{mod}^0(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$, then

$$M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in \Delta_0, l \geq 1} m_{i,l} S_i(l),$$

for some $m_{i,l} \in \mathbb{N}$. Associate to M the collection $((l_{1,1}, \dots, l_{1,m_1}), \dots, (l_{n,1}, \dots, l_{n,m_n}))$, which may be arranged as an upper triangular tableaux – for now I want to avoid confusion with the matrices indexing orbits in $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$.

There exist polynomials $h_{M,N}^L \in \mathbb{Z}[q]$, for each $L, M, N \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{C}\Delta)$, such that

$$h_{M,N}^L(q) = \phi_{[M],[N];q}^{[L]}$$

The generic Ringel Hall algebra of Δ is defined as follows: Let $\mathcal{H}(\Delta)$ be a free $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -module with basis $\text{Iso}^0(\mathbb{C}\Delta)$, consisting of the isomorphism classes of finite dimensional nilpotent $\mathbb{C}\Delta$ -modules, with $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ bilinear pairing given by

$$[M][N] = \sum_{[L] \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{C}\Delta)} h_{M,N}^L [L]$$

Then $\mathcal{H}(\Delta)$ is an associative $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -algebra with multiplicative identity $1 = [0]$. A short note on this construction: Proving existence of these polynomial structure constants is hard, however their uniqueness is clear and associativity of the multiplication follows from associativity of the multiplication in $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k}\Delta)$.

If \mathbf{k} is a finite field with q elements, then the specialisation of $\mathcal{H}(\Delta)$ at $q = q$ is isomorphic to the Hall algebra of nilpotent $\mathbf{k}\Delta$ -modules:

$$\mathbb{Z}[q]/(q - q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q]} \mathcal{H}(\Delta) \cong \mathcal{H}(\text{mod}^0(\mathbf{k}\Delta))$$

The 0-Hall algebra of Δ is the specialisation of $\mathcal{H}(\Delta)$ at $q = 0$:

$$\mathcal{H}_0(\Delta) := \mathbb{Z}[q]/(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q]} \mathcal{H}(\Delta)$$

Chapter 3

The cyclic flags approach to affine q -Schur algebras.

Fix natural numbers n and r .

Definition 3.0.1. A composition of r into n parts is an n -tuple $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ of non-negative integers whose sum equals r . Denote the set of compositions of r into n parts by $\Lambda_0(n, r)$.

Definition 3.0.2. Let $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ be the set of matrices $A = (a_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ with non-negative integer entries $a_{i,j}$ satisfying the following conditions: each row or column has only finitely many non-zero entries; the sum of the entries in any n consecutive rows or columns equals r ; $a_{i-n,j-n} = a_{i,j}$ for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. These matrices are referred to as infinite periodic matrices.

Definition 3.0.3. Given $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, let $\text{ro } A$ and $\text{co } A$ be the compositions of r into n parts given by

$$\text{ro } A = \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{1,j}, \dots, \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{n,j} \right)$$

and

$$\text{co } A = \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{i,1}, \dots, \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{i,n} \right).$$

$A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ is said to go from $\text{co } A$ to $\text{ro } A$.

3.1 Cyclic flags

Fix $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$ and let \mathbf{k} be a field. Let \mathcal{S} be the \mathbf{k} -algebra $\mathbf{k}[\varepsilon, \varepsilon^{-1}]$ and let \mathcal{R} be the subalgebra generated by ε , so $\mathcal{R} = \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon]$. Let V be a free \mathcal{S} -module of rank r . Let G be the automorphism group of the \mathcal{S} -module V , so G is isomorphic to $\text{GL}_r(\mathcal{S})$. A (\mathcal{R}) -lattice in V is a \mathcal{R} -submodule L of V with $\mathcal{S} \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} L = V$. In particular, a lattice is an \mathcal{R} -submodule of V which is a free \mathcal{R} -module of rank r . Let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k}}(n, r)$ be the set of collections $(L_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of lattices in V with $L_i \subset L_{i+1}$ and $\varepsilon L_i = L_{i-n}$ for each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. These collections of lattices in V are referred to as cyclic flags in V .

G acts on \mathcal{F} by $(g \cdot L)_i = g(L_i)$ for each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, given $g \in G$ and $L \in \mathcal{F}$. The G -orbits in \mathcal{F} are indexed by the set $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ of compositions of r into n parts: the G -orbit in \mathcal{F} corresponding to $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ is

$$\mathcal{F}_{\lambda} = \left\{ L \in \mathcal{F} : \dim \left(\frac{L_i}{L_{i-1}} \right) = \lambda_i \text{ for each } i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Definition 3.1.1. The periodic characteristic matrix of a pair of cyclic flags $(L, L') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ is the matrix $A(L, L') = (a_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ with entries

$$a_{i,j} = \dim \left(\frac{L_i \cap L'_j}{L_i \cap L'_{j-1} + L_{i-1} \cap L'_j} \right)$$

for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The diagonal action of G on $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ has orbits indexed by the set $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ of infinite periodic matrices (see definition 3.0.2). The G -orbit corresponding to $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ is denoted \mathcal{O}_A and consists of those pairs $(L, L') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ with periodic characteristic matrix $A(L, L')$ equal to A .

define $Y_{A,B}$, $X_{A,B}$ in terms of the maps π, δ and the product of orbits. Given $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ define

$$X_{A,B} = \{(L, L'') : \exists L' \in \mathcal{F} \text{ with } (L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A \text{ and } (L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B\}.$$

Observation 1. There are only finitely many G -orbits in $X_{A,B}$.

3.2 Convolution algebras

Suppose \mathbf{k} is a finite field and let q denote the number of elements of \mathbf{k} . Consider the set S of G -invariant functions $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ with constructible support. S is a free \mathbb{Z} -module with a basis consisting of the indicator functions of the G -orbits in $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$. Define an operation \star on S as follows: for each $f, g \in S$, $f \star g \in S$ is given by

$$(f \star g)(L, L'') = \sum_{L' \in \mathcal{F}} f(L, L')g(L', L''),$$

for $(L, L'') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$.

$f \star g$ is well defined since the supports of f and g consist of finitely many G -orbits, so there are only finitely many $L' \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $f(L, L')g(L', L'') \neq 0$, given $(L, L'') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$. $f \star g$ is constant on G -orbits and is supported on finitely many G -orbits, so $f \star g \in S$.

Lemma 3.2.1. The set S together with the operation \star is an associative \mathbb{Z} -algebra with identity element ι given by $\iota(L, L) = 1$ and $\iota(L, L') = 0$ for $L' \neq L$.

Proof. Given $f, g, h \in S$ and $(L, L''') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{aligned} ((f \star g) \star h)(L, L''') &= \sum_{L''} (f \star g)(L, L'')h(L'', L''') \\ &= \sum_{L''} \sum_{L'} f(L, L')g(L', L'')h(L'', L''') \\ &= (f \star (g \star h))(L, L'''), \end{aligned}$$

thus \star is associative. ι is the multiplicative identity since

$$(\iota \star f)(L, L'') = \sum_{L'} \iota(L, L')f(L', L'') = f(L, L'')$$

and

$$(f \star \iota)(L, L'') = \sum_{L'} f(L, L')\iota(L', L'') = f(L, L''),$$

for each $f \in S$ and $(L, L'') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$. □

Given $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, let $e_A \in S$ denote the indicator function of the orbit \mathcal{O}_A . S is a free \mathbb{Z} -module with basis $\{e_A : A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)\}$. There exist $\gamma_{A,B,C;q} \in \mathbb{Z}$ for $A, B, C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ such that

$$e_A \star e_B = \sum_{C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)} \gamma_{A,B,C;q} e_C$$

for each $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A,B,C;q} &= (e_A \star e_B)(L, L'') \\ &= \sum_{L'} e_A(L, L') e_B(L', L'') \\ &= \#\{L' : (L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A \text{ and } (L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B\}, \end{aligned}$$

for any $(L, L'') \in \mathcal{O}_C$.

3.3 Affine q -Schur algebras

There exist a polynomial $\gamma_{A,B,C} \in \mathbb{Z}[q]$ for each $A, B, C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ such that $\gamma_{A,B,C}(q) = \gamma_{A,B,C;q}$ for any prime power q , following [ADD A REFERENCE][4]. The affine q -Schur algebra $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$ (defined in [ADD A REFERENCE]) is a free $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -module with basis $\{e_A : A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)\}$ and with multiplication given by

$$e_A e_B = \sum_C \gamma_{A,B,C} e_C.$$

$(L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$ if and only if $(L', L) \in \mathcal{O}_{A^\top}$. In fact, the operation of transposition on $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ (or on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$) induces an anti-automorphism of $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$.

Lemma 3.3.1. *Transposition gives a homomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -modules $\top : \hat{S}_q(n, r) \rightarrow \hat{S}_q(n, r)$ with $\top(e_A) = e_{A^\top}$, $\top \circ \top = 1$ and $\top(e_A e_B) = \top(e_B) \top(e_A)$.*

Proof. Let $A, B, C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ and let \mathbf{k} be a finite field with $q = \#\mathbf{k}$ elements. If $(L, L'') \in \mathcal{O}_C$ then $(L'', L) \in \mathcal{O}_{C^\top}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A,B,C;q} &= \#\{L' : (L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A \text{ and } (L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B\} \\ &= \#\{L' : (L'', L') \in \mathcal{O}_{B^\top} \text{ and } (L', L) \in \mathcal{O}_{A^\top}\} \\ &= \gamma_{B^\top, A^\top, C^\top;q} \end{aligned}$$

It then follows that $\top(e_A e_B) = \top(e_B) \top(e_A)$. □

Chapter 4

Quivers with relations for affine q-Schur algebras.

4.1 Basic results: TO BE REPLACED WITH A MORE INFORMATIVE NAME.

If $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $\mathcal{E}_{i,j}$ denote the ‘elementary matrix’ with entries given by $(\mathcal{E}_{i,j})_{s,t} = 1$, for $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$, whenever $(i, j) \sim (s, t)$ modulo (n, n) and all other entries are zero.

Given $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, let $D_\lambda \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ denote the diagonal matrix with $r(D_\lambda) = c(D_\lambda) = \lambda$. That is,

$$D_\lambda = \lambda_1 \mathcal{E}_{1,1} + \cdots + \lambda_n \mathcal{E}_{n,n}$$

For $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, write $1_\lambda = e_{D_\lambda}$. The 1_λ are pairwise orthogonal idempotents in $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$ with $1 = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} 1_\lambda$.

Given $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, write $X_{i,j} = \mathcal{E}_{i,j} - \mathcal{E}_{i+1,j}$. By convention, $e_A = 0$ unless $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$.

For $i \in [1, n]$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, write

$$E_{i,\lambda} = e_{D_\lambda + X_{i,i+1}},$$

$$F_{i,\lambda} = e_{D_\lambda - X_{i,i}}.$$

Define

$$E_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} E_{i,\lambda}$$

$$F_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} F_{i,\lambda}.$$

Observe that $E_{i,\lambda} = 0$ unless $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$ and $F_{i,\lambda} = 0$ unless $\lambda_i > 0$. Also, $E_{i,\lambda} = E_i 1_\lambda$ and $F_{i,\lambda} = F_i 1_\lambda$.

Lemma 4.1.1. *Let $i \in [1, n]$ and $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$.*

$$E_i e_A = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{j>p} a_{i,j}} [a_{i,p} + 1] e_{A+X_{i,p}}$$

and

$$F_i e_A = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{j<p} a_{i+1,j}} [a_{i+1,p} + 1] e_{A-X_{i,p}}.$$

Note that these formulas are still valid in the cases $E_i e_A = 0$ and $F_i e_A = 0$. There are similar formulas for right multiplication by E_i and F_i , which can be obtained by applying the transpose involution to the above formulas. The transpose relates the E_i , F_i and 1_λ in the following way: $\top(E_{i,\lambda}) = F_{i,\lambda}$, $\top(F_{i,\lambda}) = E_{i,\lambda-\varepsilon_i+\varepsilon_{i+1}}$ and $\top(1_\lambda) = 1_\lambda$. In particular, $\top(E_i) = F_i$ and $\top(F_i) = E_i$.

Corollary 4.1.2. *Let $j \in [1, n]$ and $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$. Then*

$$e_A F_j = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{i>p} a_{i,j}} [a_{p,j} + 1] e_{A+X_{j,p}^\top}$$

and

$$e_A E_j = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{i<p} a_{i,j+1}} [a_{p,j+1} + 1] e_{A-X_{j,p}^\top}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} e_A F_j &= \top(E_j e_{A^\top}) \\ &= \top\left(\sum_p q^{\sum_{i>p} a_{i,j}} [a_{p,j} + 1] e_{A^\top + X_{j,p}}\right) \\ &= \sum_p q^{\sum_{i>p} a_{i,j}} [a_{p,j} + 1] e_{A+X_{j,p}^\top} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_A E_j &= \top(F_j e_{A^\top}) \\ &= \top\left(\sum_p q^{\sum_{i<p} a_{i,j+1}} [a_{p,j+1} + 1] e_{A^\top - X_{j,p}}\right) \\ &= \sum_p q^{\sum_{i<p} a_{i,j+1}} [a_{p,j+1} + 1] e_{A-X_{j,p}^\top} \end{aligned}$$

□

Note that $E_i^{r+1} = F_i^{r+1} = 0$ while

$$E_i^r = [r]! e_r \varepsilon_{i,i+1}$$

and

$$F_i^r = [r]! e_r \varepsilon_{i+1,i}.$$

Lemma 4.1.3 (quantum Serre relations: $n \geq 3$). *Suppose $n \geq 3$. The following relations hold in $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$:*

$$E_i E_j - E_j E_i = 0$$

$$F_i F_j - F_j F_i = 0$$

unless $j = i \pm 1$;

$$\begin{aligned} E_i E_{i+1}^2 - (1+q) E_{i+1} E_i E_{i+1} + q E_{i+1}^2 E_i &= 0 \\ E_i^2 E_{i+1} - (1+q) E_i E_{i+1} E_i + q E_{i+1} E_i^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F_{i+1} F_i^2 - (1+q) F_i F_{i+1} F_i + q F_i^2 F_{i+1} &= 0 \\ F_{i+1}^2 F_i - (1+q) F_{i+1} F_i F_{i+1} + q F_i F_{i+1}^2 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Here we introduce temporary notation for the basis elements: Write $[A] = e_A$.

Take $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$.

$$E_i E_{i+1}^2 1_\lambda = [2][D_\lambda + 2X_{i+1, i+2} + X_{i, i+2}] + [2][D_\lambda + 2X_{i+1, i+2} + X_{i, i+1}]$$

$$E_{i+1} E_i E_{i+1} 1_\lambda = [D_\lambda + 2X_{i+1, i+2} + X_{i, i+1}] + [2][D_\lambda + 2X_{i+1, i+1} + X_{i, i+1}]$$

$$E_{i+1}^2 E_i 1_\lambda = [2][D_\lambda + 2X_{i+1, i+2} + X_{i, i+1}]$$

Then

$$(E_i E_{i+1}^2 - (1+q)E_{i+1} E_i E_{i+1} + qE_{i+1}^2 E_i) 1_\lambda = 0,$$

for each $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$. The relation $E_i E_{i+1}^2 - (1+q)E_{i+1} E_i E_{i+1} + qE_{i+1}^2 E_i = 0$ then follows.

The relations between F_i and F_{i+1} may be obtained directly, as above, or by applying the transpose operator to the relations already derived: note that the two sets of relations are related by swapping E_i and F_i and reversing the order of multiplication. \square

Lemma 4.1.4 (quantum Serre relations: $n = 2$). *In the case $n = 2$, the quantum Serre relations will be of total degree 4. Look at the presentation of quantum groups for candidate relations. If that fails, brute force won't be too hard.*

Lemma 4.1.5. $[E_i, F_j] = 0$ unless $j = i$.

$$E_i F_i - F_i E_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} ([\lambda_i] - [\lambda_{i+1}]) 1_\lambda.$$

For $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, let $R_\lambda = e_{\lambda_1 \varepsilon_{0,1} + \dots + \lambda_n \varepsilon_{n-1,n}}$. Write $R = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} R_\lambda$. Note $R_\lambda = R 1_\lambda$. Given $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $A[m] \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ be given by $A[m]_{i,j} = a_{i,j+m}$ and let $A^{[m]}$ be given by $A^{[m]}_{i,j} = a_{i+m,j}$ for each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Lemma 4.1.6 (Shifting). *If $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ then*

$$R e_A = e_{A[\pm 1]}$$

and

$$e_A R = e_{A[\pm 1]}.$$

Conjugation by R gives an automorphism ρ of $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$ satisfying $\rho^n = 1$.

4.2 quivers with relations

Denote by $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ the set of compositions of r into n parts. That is, $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ is the set of $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ with non-negative entries which sum to r . Let $\varepsilon_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ be the i th elementary vector and write $\alpha_i = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1}$ for each $i \in [1, n]$. Then $\lambda + \alpha_i \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ if $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$ and $\lambda - \alpha_i \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ if $\lambda_i > 0$.

Let $\Gamma = \Gamma(n, r)$ be the quiver with set of vertices $\Lambda_0(n, r)$, with the following arrows:

For $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ and $i \in [1, n]$, there is an arrow $e_{i,\lambda} : \lambda \rightarrow \lambda + \alpha_i$ if $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$ and there is an arrow $f_{i,\lambda} : \lambda \rightarrow \lambda - \alpha_i$ if $\lambda_i > 0$.

Denote by $\mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma$ the path $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -algebra of Γ . Thus $\mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma$ is a free $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -module with a basis given by the set of paths in Γ , with multiplication given by the concatenation of paths. If p starts

where q ends, the product pq is the path q followed by p . Write $e_{i,\lambda} = 0$ unless $\lambda, \lambda + \alpha_i \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ and write $f_{i,\lambda} = 0$ unless $\lambda, \lambda - \alpha_i \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$.

By construction, there is a homomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -algebras

$$\phi: \mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma \rightarrow \hat{S}_q(n, r)$$

given by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(e_{i,\lambda}) &= E_{i,\lambda} \\ \phi(f_{i,\lambda}) &= F_{i,\lambda} \\ \phi(k_\lambda) &= 1_\lambda,\end{aligned}$$

for $i \in [1, n]$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$.

The image of ϕ is the subalgebra of $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$ generated by E_i, F_i for $i \in [1, n]$ and 1_λ for $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, since $E_{i,\lambda} = E_i 1_\lambda$ and $F_{i,\lambda} = F_i 1_\lambda$, while $E_i = \sum_\lambda E_{i,\lambda}$ and $F_i = \sum_\lambda F_{i,\lambda}$. In general ϕ is not surjective, so this does not always lead to a presentation of $\hat{S}_q(n, r)$.

4.2.1 Exceptional case $n = 2$.

Describe the quiver.

Define an ideal of relations in the path algebra.

Write down the homomorphism from the bound quiver algebra to the q -Schur algebra.

4.2.2 Typical case $n > 2$.

Suppose $n \geq 3$. Then $\Gamma = \Gamma(n, r)$ has vertex set $\Lambda_0(n, r)$. **RESUME HERE...**

Define $e_i, f_i \in \mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma(n, r)$ by

$$e_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} e_{i,\lambda}$$

and

$$f_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} f_{i,\lambda},$$

with the convention $e_{i,\lambda} = 0$ unless $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$ and $f_{i,\lambda} = 0$ unless $\lambda_i > 0$. Let $k_\lambda \in \mathbf{k}\Delta$ denote the constant path at vertex λ . $\{k_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)\}$ is a set of pairwise orthogonal idempotents in $\mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma(n, r)$.

Let $I(n, r) \subset \mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma(n, r)$ be the ideal generated by the expressions

$$\begin{aligned}& e_i e_{i+1}^2 - (1 + q) e_{i+1} e_i e_{i+1} + q e_{i+1}^2 e_i \\& e_i^2 e_{i+1} - (1 + q) e_i e_{i+1} e_i + q e_{i+1} e_i^2 \\& f_{i+1} f_i^2 - (1 + q) f_i f_{i+1} f_i + q f_i^2 f_{i+1} \\& f_{i+1}^2 f_i - (1 + q) f_{i+1} f_i f_{i+1} + q f_i f_{i+1}^2 \\& e_i f_j - f_j e_i - \delta_{i,j} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} ([\lambda_i] - [\lambda_{i+1}]) k_\lambda\end{aligned}$$

Recall that a relation is a $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -linear combination of paths with common start and end vertices. The relations involving paths $\lambda \rightarrow \mu$ are given by $1_\mu \text{expr} 1_\lambda$, for each of the above expressions.

Lemma 4.2.1. *There is a homomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ -algebras*

$$\phi: \mathbb{Z}[q]\Gamma(n, r)/I(n, r) \rightarrow \hat{S}_q(n, r)$$

given by

$$\phi(e_{i,\lambda}) = E_{i,\lambda}$$

$$\phi(f_{i,\lambda}) = F_{i,\lambda}$$

$$\phi(k_\lambda) = 1_\lambda.$$

Chapter 5

A generic affine Schur algebra.

5.1 Introducing the affine generic algebra

Assume $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{C}$ and fix $n, r \geq 1$. Let \mathcal{S} be the \mathbf{k} -algebra $\mathbf{k}[\varepsilon, \varepsilon^{-1}]$ and let \mathcal{R} be the subalgebra generated by ε , namely $\mathcal{R} = \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon]$. Let V be a free \mathcal{S} -module of rank r and let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{k}}(n, r)$ be the set of n -periodic cyclic flags in V ; so \mathcal{F} consists of collections $L = (L_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of \mathcal{R} -lattices in V with $L_i \subset L_{i+1}$ for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\varepsilon L_i = L_{i-n}$ for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let G be the group of \mathcal{S} -module automorphisms of V . Thus G is isomorphic to $\mathrm{GL}_r(\mathcal{S})$. G acts on \mathcal{F} with orbits $\{\mathcal{F}_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)\}$, where $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ is the set of compositions of r into n parts.

The diagonal action of G on $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ has orbits $\{\mathcal{O}_A : A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)\}$, where \mathcal{O}_A consists of those pairs of flags with periodic characteristic matrix equal to A . In particular, the periodic characteristic matrix of a pair $(L, L') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ is the $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ matrix $A = (a_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$, with

$$a_{i,j} = \dim \left(\frac{L_i \cap L'_j}{L_{i-1} \cap L'_j + L_i \cap L'_{j-1}} \right),$$

for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

5.1.1 Not quite a category

There are maps $\mathrm{ro}, \mathrm{co} : \Lambda_1(n, r) \rightarrow \Lambda_0(n, r)$ given by

$$\mathrm{ro} A = \left(\sum_j a_{1,j}, \dots, \sum_j a_{n,j} \right)$$

and

$$\mathrm{co} A = \left(\sum_i a_{i,1}, \dots, \sum_i a_{i,n} \right).$$

Given $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, write $\mathrm{co} A \xrightarrow{A} \mathrm{ro} A$. The purpose of this chapter is to define a category with objects $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ and morphisms $\Lambda_1(n, r)$; where $\mathrm{Hom}(\lambda, \mu) = \{A \in \Lambda_1(n, r) : \mathrm{ro} A = \mu, \mathrm{co} A = \lambda\}$. Given $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ let $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A,B}$ be the set of $C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ such that there exist $L, L', L'' \in \mathcal{F}$ with $(L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$, $(L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B$ and $(L'', L''') \in \mathcal{O}_C$. It will be shown that $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ admits a partial order \leq such that $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A,B}$ has a maximum element $A * B$, whenever $\mathrm{co} A = \mathrm{ro} B$. It

will be shown that $*$ is associative, so defining the composition of morphisms in the category formed by $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ and $\Lambda_1(n, r)$.

The generic affine Schur algebra $\hat{G}(n, r)$ will then be a \mathbb{Z} -algebra defined as a linearisation of this category. It will be shown that $\hat{G}(n, r)$ gives a realisation of the affine 0-Schur algebra $\hat{S}_0(n, r)$ when $r < n$. It is expected that a more refined presentation of the generic algebra and the 0-Schur algebra will allow the conditions on the parameters to be relaxed slightly: the $r = n$ case is approachable, which may extend to the case $r < 2n$.

5.2 A partial order

Given $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, define a map $d_{i,j}$ on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ by setting

$$d_{i,j}A = \sum_{s \leq i, t > j} a_{s,t}$$

for each $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$.

Lemma 5.2.1. *Let $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, with $A = (a_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and write $d_{i,j} = d_{i,j}A$ for $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then*

$$d_{i+1,j} - d_{i,j} = \sum_{t > j} a_{i+1,t}$$

and

$$d_{i,j+1} - d_{i,j} = - \sum_{s \leq i} a_{s,j}.$$

Proof. Let $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$d_{i+1,j} - d_{i,j} = \sum_{s \leq i+1, t > j} a_{s,t} - \sum_{s \leq i, t > j} a_{s,t} = \sum_{t > j} a_{i+1,t}.$$

Similarly,

$$d_{i,j+1} - d_{i,j} = \sum_{s \leq i, t > j+1} a_{s,t} - \sum_{s \leq i, t > j} a_{s,t} = - \sum_{s \leq i} a_{s,j}.$$

□

Lemma 5.2.2. *Let $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, with $A = (a_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and write $d_{i,j} = d_{i,j}A$ for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then*

$$a_{i,j} = d_{i,j-1} - d_{i-1,j-1} + d_{i-1,j} - d_{i,j}$$

for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. Using lemma 5.2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{i,j} &= \sum_{t > j-1} a_{i,t} - \sum_{t > j} a_{i,t} \\ &= (d_{i,j-1} - d_{i-1,j-1}) - (d_{i,j} - d_{i-1,j}). \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{i,j} &= \sum_{s \leq i} a_{s,j} - \sum_{s \leq i-1} a_{s,j} \\ &= (d_{i,j-1} - d_{i,j}) - (d_{i-1,j-1} - d_{i-1,j}). \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 5.2.3. *The relation \leq on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$, defined by $A \leq B$ if and only if $d_{i,j}A \leq d_{i,j}B$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, is a partial order.*

Proof. It is clear that \leq is reflexive and transitive, so it remains to see \leq is antisymmetric. Suppose $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ with $A \leq B$ and $B \leq A$. Then $d_{i,j}A = d_{i,j}B$ for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, which shows $A = B$ as a result of lemma 5.2.2. \square

The partial order on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ induces a partial order on the set of G -orbits in $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$, such that $\mathcal{O}_A \leq \mathcal{O}_B$ if and only if $A \leq B$. The next lemma gives some geometric significance to the partial order on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$.

Lemma 5.2.4. *Let $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ and take $(L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$. Then*

$$d_{i,j}A = \dim \left(\frac{L_i}{L_i \cap L'_j} \right)$$

for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

It is thought* that the partial order on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ is compatible with the degeneration order (or closure order) on G -orbits in $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ when $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{C}$. In particular, it is hoped that $\mathcal{O}_A \leq \mathcal{O}_B$ if and only if $\mathcal{O}_A \subset \overline{\mathcal{O}_B}$.

5.3 Preliminary results

Fix $L \in \mathcal{F}$.

Lemma 5.3.1. *$L_0/\varepsilon L_0$ is a torsion $\mathbf{k}[\varepsilon]$ -module, where ε acts as zero, with dimension r as a \mathbf{k} -vector space.*

Proof. Let $V = \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon, \varepsilon^{-1}]^r$. L_0 is a free $\mathbf{k}[\varepsilon]$ -module of rank r , with $L_0 \subset V$. So we may take a $\mathbf{k}[\varepsilon]$ -basis $x_1, \dots, x_r \in V$ for L_0 . The action of ε gives an automorphism of V mapping L_0 to εL_0 , so $\varepsilon x_1, \dots, \varepsilon x_r$ give a basis for εL_0 over $\mathbf{k}[\varepsilon]$. Therefore, the cosets $x_1 + \varepsilon L_0, \dots, x_r + \varepsilon L_0$ give a basis for $L_0/\varepsilon L_0$ over \mathbf{k} . \square

Suppose $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ with $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$. Recall the notation

$$Y_{A,B} = \{(L, L', L'') \in \mathcal{F}^3 : (L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A, (L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B\}$$

and

$$X_{A,B} = \{(L, L'') \in \mathcal{F}^2 : \exists L' \in \mathcal{F} \text{ with } (L, L', L'') \in Y_{A,B}\}.$$

$X_{A,B}$ is the image of $Y_{A,B}$ under the projection onto the first and last components.

Lemma 5.3.2. *There is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that*

$$\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L_0'' \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$$

whenever $(L, L'') \in X_{A,B}$.

Proof. There exist $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\varepsilon^{N_1} L_0 \subset L'_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N_1} L_0$$

and

$$\varepsilon^{N_2} L'_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0,$$

whenever $(L, L', L'') \in Y_{A,B}$. Then, for $(L, L', L'') \in Y_{A,B}$,

$$L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-(N_1+N_2)} L_0$$

and

$$\varepsilon^{N_1+N_2} L_0 \subset \varepsilon^{N_2} L'_0 \subset L''_0.$$

In particular, taking $N = N_1 + N_2$, we have

$$\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$$

whenever $(L, L'') \in X_{A,B}$. □

Lemma 5.3.3. Suppose $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\varepsilon^{N_1} L_0 \subset L_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N_1} L_0$ and $\varepsilon^{N_2} L'_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0$ whenever $(L, L', L'') \in Y_{A,B}$ and let $N = N_1 + N_2$. Then

$$\dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{L''_0} \right) = d_{nN_1,0}(A) + d_{nN_2,0}(B)$$

and

$$\dim \left(\frac{L''_0}{\varepsilon^N L_0} \right) = 2Nr - d_{nN_1,0}(A) + d_{nN_2,0}(B),$$

whenever $(L, L'') \in X_{A,B}$.

Proof. Suppose $(L, L'') \in X_{A,B}$ and $L' \in \mathcal{F}$ so that $(L, L', L'') \in Y_{A,B}$. As in lemma 5.3.2, $\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$, so

$$\dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{L''_0} \right) + \dim \left(\frac{L''_0}{\varepsilon^N L_0} \right) = \dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{\varepsilon^N L_0} \right).$$

As a \mathbf{k} -vector space, $\varepsilon^{-N} L_0 / \varepsilon^N L_0$ is isomorphic to $(L_0 / \varepsilon L_0)^{2N}$, which has dimension $2Nr$, so

$$\dim \left(\frac{L''_0}{\varepsilon^N L_0} \right) = 2Nr - \dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{L''_0} \right).$$

It remains to compute the codimension of L''_0 in $\varepsilon^{-N} L_0$. Note $L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$, so

$$\dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{L''_0} \right) = \dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{\varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0} \right) + \dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0}{L''_0} \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{\varepsilon^{-N_2} L'_0} \right) &= \dim \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N_1} L_0}{L'_0} \right) \\ &= \dim \left(\frac{L_{nN_1}}{L_{nN_1} \cap L'_0} \right) \\ &= \sum_{s \leq nN_1, t > 0} A_{s,t} \\ &= d_{nN_1,0}(A). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N_2}L'_0}{L''_0}\right) &= \dim\left(\frac{L'_{nN_2}}{L'_{nN_2} \cap L''_0}\right) \\
&= \sum_{s \leq nN_2, t > 0} B_{s,t} \\
&= d_{nN_2,0}(B).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Fix $L \in \mathcal{F}$. Given $N, a \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, define

$$\Pi_{N,\lambda} = \{L'' \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda : \varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L'' \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0\}$$

and

$$\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a = \left\{ L'' \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda : \varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L'' \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0, \dim\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{L''_0}\right) = a \right\}.$$

$\Pi_{N,\lambda}$ is the (disjoint) union of the $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$ for $a \in \mathbb{N}$. In fact, we will see $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$ is empty whenever $a > 2Nr$.

Lemma 5.3.4. *Let $N, a \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$. Then $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$ is nonempty exactly when $0 \leq a \leq 2Nr$.*

Proof. Suppose $L'' \in \Pi_{N,\lambda}$. By definition, $\varepsilon^{-N} L_0 \subset L'' \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$, which shows

$$\dim\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{L''_0}\right) \leq \dim\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{-N} L_0}{\varepsilon^N L_0}\right) = 2Nr.$$

Therefore, $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$ is empty unless $a \leq 2Nr$.

Now assume $0 \leq a \leq 2Nr$. We may choose an ε -invariant subspace W' of $W = \varepsilon^{-N} L_0 / \varepsilon^N L_0$ of codimension a . W' lifts to give a \mathcal{R} -module, say L''_0 , with $\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$ and with $\dim(\varepsilon^{-N} L_0 / L''_0) = \dim(W/W') = a$. Similarly, a flag of type λ in $L''_0 / \varepsilon L''_0$ lifts to give \mathcal{R} -modules $(L''_{-n+1}, \dots, L''_0)$ with

$$\varepsilon L''_0 \subset L''_{-n+1} \subset \dots \subset L''_{-1} \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$$

and such that the dimensions of successive quotients are given by $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n, a$, from left to right. Thus, $(L''_{-n+1}, \dots, L''_0)$ extends by periodicity to give an element of $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$, as desired. □

Lemma 5.3.5. *$\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$ is a (quasi)projective variety, provided $0 \leq a \leq 2Nr$.*

Proof. Let $W = \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0 / \varepsilon^N L_0$ and let

$$X = \left\{ W_1 \leq \dots \leq W_n \leq W : \dim\left(\frac{W}{W_n}\right) = a, \dim\left(\frac{W_i}{W_{i-1}}\right) = \lambda_i \text{ for } i = 2, \dots, n \right\}.$$

X is known to be a projective variety [CITATION NEEDED]

Let X' be the subset of X consisting of those (W_1, \dots, W_n) , where each W_i is ε -invariant and $\varepsilon W_n \leq W_1$. X' is a closed subset of X , though is not necessarily irreducible.

The correspondence between the set of \mathcal{R} -submodules of $\varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$ which contain $\varepsilon^N L_0$ and the set of \mathcal{R} -submodules of $\varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0 / \varepsilon^N L_0$ gives a pair of mutually inverse maps $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a \leftrightarrow X'$.

– the idea that is relevant to the proof is that inclusion relations $L_i \subset L_{i+1}$ describe a closed set in a product of grassmanians. Unsure here – Is it true that irreducible components of X' are projective varieties. In this case, should the statement be that $\Pi_{N,\lambda}^a$ is a projective algebraic set, rather than a quasi projective variety? □

Lemma 5.3.6. Suppose $(L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B$ with $(L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$. Then $X_{A,B}^L$ is the image of the map

$$G_L \times G_{L'} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} : (\alpha, \beta) \mapsto \alpha\beta L''.$$

Proof. Suppose $\alpha \in G_L$ and $\beta \in G_{L'}$. $(L, \alpha L', \alpha\beta L'') \in Y_{A,B}$ since $(L, \alpha L') \sim (L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$ and $(\alpha L', \alpha\beta L'') \sim (L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B$. This shows $(L, \alpha\beta L'') \in X_{A,B}$ and thus $\alpha\beta L'' \in X_{A,B}^L$.

Conversely, suppose $N'' \in X_{A,B}^L$. $(L, N'') \in X_{A,B}$, so there is N' such that $(L, N') \in \mathcal{O}_A$ and $(N', N'') \in \mathcal{O}_B$. There exist $\gamma, \delta \in G$ such that $\gamma(L, L') = (N, N')$ and $\delta(L', L'') = (N', N'')$. Then $(L, N', N'') = (L, \gamma L', \delta L'') = (L, \gamma L', \gamma(\gamma^{-1}\delta)L'')$, where $\gamma \in G_L$ and $\gamma^{-1}\delta \in G_{L'}$. This shows $N'' \in G_L G_{L'} L''$ as required. \square

Given $N \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$H_N = \left\{ h \in G_L : h = 1 \text{ on } \frac{\varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0}{\varepsilon^N L_0} \right\}.$$

Explicitly, the condition $h = 1$ on $\varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0 / \varepsilon^N L_0$ means: $h(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = x + \varepsilon^N L_0$ for $x \in \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$. Observe that $H_{N+1} \subset H_N$ for $N \in \mathbb{N}$ since $h(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = x + \varepsilon^N L_0$ whenever $x \in \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$.

Lemma 5.3.7. H_N is a normal subgroup in G_L , for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. $H_N \subset G_L$ by definition. Suppose $h, h' \in H_N$ and let $x \in \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$. $h'(x) \in \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$ as $h' \in G_L$, so $hh'(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = h'(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = x + \varepsilon^N L_0$, which shows $hh' \in H_N$. $h(x) - x \in \varepsilon^N L_0$, so $h^{-1}(x) - x = -h^{-1}(h(x) - x) \in \varepsilon^N L_0$. $h^{-1} \in H_N$, so H_N is a subgroup of G_L .

Let $g \in G_L$. $hg^{-1}(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = g^{-1}(x)$ as $g^{-1}(x) \in \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$, so $ghg^{-1}(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = gg^{-1}(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = x + \varepsilon^N L_0$. Thus $ghg^{-1} \in H_N$, which proves H_N is a normal subgroup in G_L . \square

Lemma 5.3.8. G_L/H_N is an irreducible algebraic group, for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. COMPLETE THIS PROOF. \square

The H_N form a descending chain of normal subgroups in G_L : $\cdots \subset H_1 \subset H_0 \subset G_L \subset G$.

Lemma 5.3.9. There is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $H_N \subset G_{L'}$. Consequently, $H_{N'} \subset G_{L'}$ whenever $N' \geq N$.

Proof. Choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L'_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$. Then

$$\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L'_0 \subset L'_1 \subset \cdots \subset L'_n \subset \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0.$$

Let $h \in H_N$. $h(x) + \varepsilon^N L_0 = x + \varepsilon^N L_0$ for $x \in \varepsilon^{-(1+N)} L_0$, so $h(L'_i) \subset L'_i$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Moreover, h^{-1} stabilises L'_i , so $h(L'_i) = L'_i$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and therefore for $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. This shows $h \in G_{L'}$ as required, so $H_N \subset G_{L'}$. \square

Note that H_N is generally not a normal subgroup of $G_{L'}$, though the space of (right) cosets of H_N in $G_{L'}$ will still be irreducible.

Lemma 5.3.10. $G_{L'}/H_N$ is irreducible, provided $H_N \subset G_{L'}$.

Proof. COMPLETE THIS PROOF. \square

5.4 Existence of a maximum

Proposition 5.4.1. *Given $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ with $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$, $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$ has a maximum element.*

Draft 1. $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$ is non-empty since $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$. The partial order on $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$ is given by the partial order on $\Lambda_1(n, r)$; where $C' \leq C$ if and only if $d_{i, j}C' \leq d_{i, j}C$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

To prove existence of a maximum element in $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$ we will consider the poset of G -orbits in $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ and prove existence of a maximum orbit in $X_{A, B}$ using an open orbits argument. Recall $X_{A, B}$ consists of $(L, L'') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ such that there exists $L' \in \mathcal{F}$ with $(L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$ and $(L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B$.

There is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0$ whenever $(L, L'') \in X_{A, B}$. Fix $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ro } A}$ and write

$$X_{A, B}^L = \{L'' \in \mathcal{F} : (L, L'') \in X_{A, B}\}.$$

With the above choice of N , write

$$\Pi = \{L'' \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{co } B} : \varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0\}.$$

Π is a complex projective variety (not generally irreducible), closed under the action of G_L . [\[ADD A REFERENCE\]](#) The closure $\overline{X_{A, B}^L}$ of $X_{A, B}^L$ in Π is an irreducible complex projective variety.

Proposition [\[ADD A REFERENCE\]](#) shows there is a unique G_L -orbit in $X_{A, B}^L$ which is open in $\overline{X_{A, B}^L}$, say \mathcal{O}_C^L for some $C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$. It will be shown that C is the maximum element of $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$. Given $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $m_{i, j}$ denote the maximum of $\{d_{i, j}C : C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}\}$ and define

$$\mathcal{M}_{i, j} = \{L'' \in \overline{X_{A, B}^L} : d_{i, j}(L, L'') = m_{i, j}\}.$$

$\mathcal{M}_{i, j}$ is non-empty by definition of the $m_{i, j}$ and is closed under the action of G_L . $\mathcal{M}_{i, j}$ is open in $\overline{X_{A, B}^L}$ since the function

$$d_{i, j}^L : \Pi \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : L'' \mapsto \dim \left(\frac{L_i}{L_i \cap L_j''} \right)$$

is lower semi-continuous [\[ADD A REFERENCE\]](#) and

$$\mathcal{M}_{i, j} = \overline{X_{A, B}^L} \setminus \{L'' \in \overline{X_{A, B}^L} : d_{i, j}^L(L'') \leq m_{i, j} - 1\}.$$

It follows that \mathcal{O}_C^L and $\mathcal{M}_{i, j}$ intersect non-trivially, since $\overline{X_{A, B}^L}$ is irreducible and therefore $\mathcal{O}_C^L \subset \mathcal{M}_{i, j}$ as both are closed under the action of G_L . This proves C is a maximum element of $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$, since

$$d_{i, j}C = d_{i, j}(L, L'') = m_{i, j}$$

for any $L'' \in \mathcal{O}_C^L$. □

Draft 2. $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$ is non-empty since $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$. For each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, define

$$m_{i, j} = \max_{C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}} d_{i, j}C.$$

It will be shown that there is a unique element $A * B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$ with $d_{i, j}(A * B) = m_{i, j}$: such an element is necessarily a maximum in $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A, B}$. Fix $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ro } A}$ and assume $N \in \mathbb{N}$ is sufficiently large that $X_{A, B}^L \subset \Pi_N$; where

$$\Pi_N = \{L'' \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{co } B} : \varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L''_0 \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0\}.$$

Lusztig notes [4] that Π_N is a projective algebraic variety, closed under the action of G_L . Lemma [ADD A REFERENCE] shows that the closure of $X_{A,B}^L$ in Π_N , denoted $\overline{X_{A,B}^L}$, is an irreducible complex projective variety.

For each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, write

$$\mathcal{M}_{i,j} = \{L'' \in \overline{X_{A,B}^L} : d_{i,j}(L, L'') = m_{i,j}\}.$$

$\mathcal{M}_{i,j}$ is non-empty since $d_{i,j}(L, -)$ attains a maximum on $X_{A,B}^L$. $\mathcal{M}_{i,j}$ is open in $\overline{X_{A,B}^L}$ since

$$\overline{X_{A,B}^L} \setminus \mathcal{M}_{i,j} = \{L'' \in \overline{X_{A,B}^L} : d_{i,j}(L, L'') \leq m_{i,j} - 1\}$$

and the function

$$d_{i,j}(L, -) : \Pi_N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : L'' \mapsto \dim \left(\frac{L_i}{L_i \cap L_j''} \right)$$

is lower semi-continuous, by lemma [[ADD A REFERENCE]: lower semi-continuity].

Lemma [[ADD A REFERENCE]: open orbit] shows that there is a unique G_L -orbit in $X_{A,B}^L$ which is open in $\overline{X_{A,B}^L}$, say \mathcal{O}_{A*B}^L for some $A * B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{A,B}$. $\mathcal{M}_{i,j}$ intersects the open orbit \mathcal{O}_{A*B}^L non-trivially, since $\mathcal{M}_{i,j}$ and \mathcal{O}_{A*B}^L are both non-empty and open in the irreducible space $\overline{X_{A,B}^L}$. Moreover, $\mathcal{O}_{A*B}^L \subset \mathcal{M}_{i,j}$, since $\mathcal{M}_{i,j}$ is closed under the action of G_L . In particular, we have $A * B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{A,B}$ with $d_{i,j}(A * B) = m_{i,j}$ for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, which shows $A * B$ is a maximum in $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A,B}$.

More specifically, we may compute:

$$a_{i,j}(A * B) = m_{i,j-1} - m_{i-1,j-1} + m_{i-1,j} - m_{i,j}$$

for each $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. □

Lemma 5.4.2. *For each $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, $D_\lambda * A = A$ whenever $\text{ro } A = \lambda$ and $A * D_\lambda = A$ whenever $\text{co } A = \lambda$.*

5.5 Associativity

Proposition 5.5.1. *Given $A, B, C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ with $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$ and $\text{co } B = \text{ro } C$, $(A * B) * C = A * (B * C)$.*

Proof. INCLUDE PROOF. □

5.6 The generic algebra

Definition 5.6.1. *For each $n, r \geq 1$, the generic category $\mathcal{G}(n, r)$ is the category with set of objects $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ and set of morphisms $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ where; the morphisms from λ to μ are those matrices $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ with $\text{co } A = \lambda$ and $\text{ro } A = \mu$; the composition of morphisms $A : \lambda \rightarrow \mu$ and $B : \mu \rightarrow \nu$ is $B * A : \lambda \rightarrow \nu$, where $B * A$ is the maximum element in $\Lambda_1(n, r)_{A,B}$. For each $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, the identity morphism $D_\lambda : \lambda \rightarrow \lambda$ is given by $(D_\lambda)_{i,i} = \lambda_i$ and $(D_\lambda)_{i,j} = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$.*

Example 1. *The objects in $\mathcal{G}(n, r)_{2,2}$ are compositions of 2 into 2 parts, namely $(0, 2)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(2, 0)$. The set of morphisms from λ to μ is the set of infinite periodic matrices $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)_{2,2}$ with $\text{co } A = \lambda$ and $\text{ro } A = \mu$, which is a countably infinite set for any pair of compositions $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda_0(n, r)_{2,2}$.*

Definition 5.6.2 (Generic algebra). *The affine generic algebra $\hat{G}(n, r)$ is the category \mathbb{Z} -algebra of $\mathcal{G}(n, r)$. In particular, $\hat{G}(n, r)$ is a free \mathbb{Z} -module with basis $\{e_A : A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)\}$ and with associative multiplication given by*

$$e_A * e_B = \begin{cases} e_{A*B} & \text{if } \text{co } A = \text{ro } B \\ 0 & \text{if } \text{co } A \neq \text{ro } B. \end{cases}$$

Given $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, let $1_\lambda = e_{D_\lambda}$.

Corollary 5.6.1. $\{1_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)\}$ is a set of pairwise orthogonal idempotents in $\hat{G}(n, r)$ with $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} 1_\lambda = 1$.

Theorem 5.6.2. $\hat{G}(n, r)$ is an associative \mathbb{Z} -algebra with 1.

Proof. Given $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ with $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$, proposition 5.4.1 shows that there is a maximum element in $\{C \in \Lambda_1(n, r) : g_{A,B,C} \neq 0\}$, which is denoted $A * B$. This shows that the product on $\hat{G}(n, r)$ is well-defined. If $\text{co } A \neq \text{ro } B$ or $\text{co } B \neq \text{ro } C$, then $(e_A * e_B) * e_C = 0 = e_A * (e_B * e_C)$. If $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$ and $\text{co } B = \text{ro } C$, then proposition 5.5.1 shows that

$$(e_A * e_B) * e_C = e_{(A*B)*C} = e_{A*(B*C)} = e_A * (e_B * e_C).$$

Corollary 5.6.1 shows that the sum of the idempotents 1_λ for $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ is a multiplicative identity. \square

5.7 Multiplication rules

Write

$$E_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} E_{i,\lambda}$$

$$F_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)} F_{i,\lambda}.$$

Then $E_{i,\lambda} = E_i 1_\lambda$ and $F_{i,\lambda} = F_i 1_\lambda$.

Lemma 5.7.1. *Let $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, $i \in [1, n]$ and let $\lambda = \text{ro } A$. The following multiplication rules hold:*

$$E_i e_A = \begin{cases} e_{A+X_{i,p}} & \text{if } \lambda_{i+1} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda_{i+1} = 0; \end{cases}$$

where p is such that $A_{i+1,p} > 0$ and $A_{i+1,j} = 0$ for $j > p$. Also

$$F_i e_A = \begin{cases} e_{A-X_{i,p}} & \text{if } \lambda_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda_i = 0; \end{cases}$$

where p is such that $A_{i,p} > 0$ and $A_{i,j} = 0$ for $j < p$.

Similar formulas for right multiplication by E_i and F_i are obtained by applying the transpose.

Lemma 5.7.2. *The following relations hold in $\hat{G}(n, r)$ ($n \geq 3$):*

$$E_i E_j - E_j E_i = 0$$

$$F_i F_j - F_j F_i = 0$$

unless $|j - i| = 1$.

$$E_i E_{i+1}^2 - E_{i+1} E_i E_{i+1} = 0$$

$$E_i^2 E_{i+1} - E_i E_{i+1} E_i = 0$$

$$F_{i+1} F_i^2 - F_i F_{i+1} F_i = 0$$

$$F_{i+1}^2 F_i - F_{i+1} F_i F_{i+1} = 0$$

$$E_i F_j - F_j E_i = 0$$

unless $j = i$.

$$E_i F_i - F_i E_i + \sum_{\lambda: \lambda_i=0, \lambda_{i+1}>0} 1_\lambda - \sum_{\lambda: \lambda_i>0, \lambda_{i+1}=0} 1_\lambda = 0.$$

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Define

$$\Pi = \left\{ L'' \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{co}B} : \varepsilon^N L_0 \subset L_0'' \subset \dots \subset L_n'' \subset \varepsilon^{-N} L_0 \text{ and } \dim(L_0''/\varepsilon^N L_0) = -Nr + d_{-Nn,0}^-(A) + d_{-Nn,0}^-(B) \right\}.$$

Lemma 5.8.1. *Π is a projective algebraic variety, closed under the action of G_L .*

By choice of N , we have $X_{A,B}^L \subset \Pi$.

Lemma 5.8.2. *The group G_L/H is an irreducible algebraic group.*

Proof. $\sigma \in G_L$ naturally induces an automorphism $\bar{\sigma}$ of $\varepsilon^{-N} L_0/\varepsilon^N L_0$, with inverse induced by σ^{-1} . Moreover, the natural map

$$G_L/H \rightarrow GL(\varepsilon^{-N} L_0/\varepsilon^N L_0)$$

is a group homomorphism. In fact, this homomorphism is injective: if $\sigma = \tau$ on $\varepsilon^{-N} L_0/\varepsilon^N L_0$, then $\sigma\tau^{-1} = 1$ on $\varepsilon^{-N} L_0/\varepsilon^N L_0$ and so $\sigma H = \tau H$. Thus G_L/H is isomorphic to its image in $GL(\varepsilon^{-N} L_0/\varepsilon^N L_0)$. **this image is an algebraic group, then I need to deduce G_L/H is an algebraic group. First isomorphism theorem?** \square

Lemma 5.8.3. *Suppose $(L, L', L''), (N, N', N'') \in \beta^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_A \times \mathcal{O}_B)$. Then there are $\sigma, \tau \in G$, with $\tau \in G_{L'}$, such that $(N, N', N'') = \sigma(L, L', \tau L'')$.*

Proof. There exist $g, g' \in G$ such that $(N, N') = g(L, L')$ and $(N', N'') = g'(L', L'')$. Then $(N, N', N'') = g(L, L', g^{-1}g'L'')$. Taking $\sigma = g$ and $\tau = g^{-1}g'$ gives the required result. \square

Proposition 5.8.4. *Suppose $X_{A,B}^L \neq \emptyset$. Then $X_{A,B}^L \subset \mathcal{F}_{\text{co}B}$ is finite dimensional and irreducible.*

Proof. The map

$$G_L/H \times G_{L'}/H \rightarrow \Pi$$

has image $X_{A,B}^L$, so the closure of $X_{A,B}^L$ in Π is irreducible **due to some properties of the above groups.** \square

5.8.1 locally closed orbits

Proposition 5.8.5. *Suppose $X_{A,B}^L \neq \emptyset$. The G_L -orbits in $X_{A,B}^L$ are locally closed.*

Proof. The G_L orbit of $L'' \in X_{A,B}^L$ is the image of the map

$$G_L/H \rightarrow \Pi : g \mapsto gL''.$$

Justify why this image must be locally closed. □

Proposition 5.8.6. *Let $A, B \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$, $L \in \mathcal{F}$ and suppose $X_{A,B}^L \neq \emptyset$. There is a unique open G_L -orbit in $X_{A,B}^L$.*

Proof. Write $X = X_{A,B}^L$. X is irreducible and finite dimensional, using Lemma 5.8.4. We have

$$X = \bigcup_C O_C,$$

where the union is taken over the finite set $\{C \in \Lambda_1(n, r) : O_C \subset X_{A,B}\}$.

A proper, non-empty, closed subset of X has strictly smaller dimension than X , so there is C such that $\overline{O_C} = X$. O_C is locally closed, by Lemma 5.8.5, so it follows that O_C is open in $\overline{O_C} = X$.

Now suppose O_C is an open G_L orbit and let $D \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$. $O_D \subset X \setminus O_C$ and thus $\overline{O_D} \subset X \setminus O_C$. This shows O_D is not open in X and thus the claim is proven. □

5.8.2 Associativity of the generic product

Given $A, B, C \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ and $L \in \mathcal{F}$ let

$$X_{A,B,C}^L = \{L''' \in \mathcal{F} : \exists (L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B \text{ with } (L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A, (L'', L''') \in \mathcal{O}_C\}.$$

Note that $X_{A,B,C}^L \subset \mathcal{F}$ is contained in $\mathcal{F}_{\text{co } C}$ and is non-empty only if $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ro } A}$, $\text{co } A = \text{ro } B$ and $\text{co } B = \text{ro } C$. $X_{A,B,C}^L$ consists of finitely many G_L -orbits. Using a similar argument to the existence of generic orbits we show that there is a unique generic orbit in $X_{A,B,C}^L$, which will establish associativity of the generic product. We now suppose $X_{A,B,C}^L$ is non-empty and fix $(L, L', L'', L''') \in \mathcal{F}^4$ with $(L, L') \in \mathcal{O}_A$, $(L', L'') \in \mathcal{O}_B$ and $(L'', L''') \in \mathcal{O}_C$.

Lemma 5.8.7. *$X_{A,B,C}^L$ is the image of the map*

$$\phi : G_L \times G_{L'} \times G_{L''} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} : (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \mapsto \alpha\beta\gamma L'''.$$

Proposition 5.8.8. *The closure $\overline{X_{A,B,C}^L}$ of $X_{A,B,C}^L$ in \mathcal{F} is irreducible.*

Proposition 5.8.9. *There is a unique generic G_L -orbit in $X_{A,B,C}^L$.*

Chapter 6

A realisation of affine zero Schur algebras

We aim to prove the isomorphism theorem in the cases $r < n$ and $n \leq r < 2n$ separately. Below are crude versions of the statements we want to prove.

Theorem 6.0.1. *Assume $r < n$. The map $\psi: \hat{G}(n, r) \rightarrow \hat{S}_0(n, r)$, given by $\psi(E_i) = E_i$, $\psi(F_i) = F_i$ and $\psi(1_\lambda) = 1_\lambda$, is an isomorphism of \mathbb{Z} -algebras.*

Proof. Below are some of the pieces: [1] The elements $E_i, F_i, 1_\lambda$ generate $\hat{G}(n, r)$.

Provided $r < n$, any $A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ may be obtained from the diagonal matrix D_λ with $\lambda = \text{ro } A$ by a sequence of transitions $A \mapsto A \pm X_{i,p}$.

[2] Give a complete set of generating relations for $\hat{G}(n, r)$. □

Theorem 6.0.2. *Assume $n \leq r < 2n$. There is a unique homomorphism of \mathbb{Z} -algebras $\hat{\psi}: \hat{G}(n, r) \rightarrow \hat{S}_0(n, r)$ such that $\hat{\psi}(R) = R$ and $\hat{\psi} = \psi$ on the subalgebra of $\hat{G}(n, r)$ generated by the E_i, F_i and 1_λ . $\hat{\psi}$ is an isomorphism of \mathbb{Z} -algebras.*

6.1 Quivers with relations for the generic algebra.

Recall that $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ denotes the set of compositions of r into n parts. That is, $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ is the set of tuples $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ with each λ_i non-negative and $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n = r$. Given $i \in [1, n]$, let $\varepsilon_i = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ be the i -th elementary vector and let $\alpha_i = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1}$. Then given $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$, we have $\lambda + \alpha_i \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ provided $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$ and $\lambda - \alpha_i \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$ provided $\lambda_i > 0$.

Let $\Gamma = \Gamma(n, r)$ be the quiver with set of vertices $\Lambda_0(n, r)$ with arrows $e_{i,\lambda}: \lambda \rightarrow \lambda + \alpha_i$ (if $\lambda_{i+1} > 0$) and $f_{i,\lambda}: \lambda \rightarrow \lambda - \alpha_i$ (if $\lambda_i > 0$). Thus there are no arrows between λ and μ unless $\lambda = \mu \pm \alpha_i$ for some $i \in [1, n]$.

If $n \geq 3$ then neighbouring vertices are connected by two arrows, one of each direction. In the case $n = 2$, neighbouring vertices are joined by four arrows, two of each direction. The $\mathbb{Z}\Gamma$ denote the path \mathbb{Z} algebra of Γ . By construction of Γ , there is a \mathbb{Z} -algebra homomorphism $\mathbb{Z}\Gamma \rightarrow \hat{G}(n, r)$ with $e_{i,\lambda} \mapsto E_{i,\lambda}$, $f_{i,\lambda} \mapsto F_{i,\lambda}$ and $k_\lambda = 1_\lambda$. We aim to describe the image and kernel of the morphism to give a presentation of the generic algebra by a quiver with relations, when possible. In general, we should obtain a presentation of a subalgebra of the generic algebra consisting of the so-called aperiodic elements (c.f. [4]).

$A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)$ is said to be aperiodic if for each $l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ there exists $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a_{i,i+l} = 0$. Denote the set of aperiodic elements in $\Lambda_1(n, r)$ by $\Lambda_1(n, r)^{ap}$. Note that $\Lambda_1(n, r)^{ap} = \Lambda_1(n, r)$ if $r < n$.

Proposition 6.1.1. *The subalgebra of $\hat{G}(n, r)$ generated by $E_{i, \lambda}$, $F_{i, \lambda}$ and 1_λ has \mathbb{Z} -basis $\{e_A : A \in \Lambda_1(n, r)^{ap}\}$, where $\Lambda_1(n, r)^{ap} \subset \Lambda_1(n, r)$ is the set of aperiodic elements.*

Chapter 7

Further directions

[1] Investigate link between this generic product and the generic extension of representations. Shifting to the non-negative subalgebra to do computations purely in terms of generic extensions of quiver representations.

[2] Degenerate group algebras of symmetric groups: write down a presentation of the degenerate group algebras, with generators given by the transpositions, or 2-cycles. Type up the computations done for degenerate group algebras for S_3 and S_4 . Formulate propositions for the general case: the transpositions generate the degenerate group algebra; lemma: ‘these’ relations hold; these generators and relations give a presentation of the degenerate group algebras.

Chapter 8

A brief report of progress

The stated goal for the summer was to have the existence and associativity of generic multiplication written up carefully and to have some new ideas in presenting affine zero schur algebras by the generic algebras.

I think the existence and associativity parts are almost coherent, but still don't think my document is convincing and needs a lot of editing, as I have ended up neglecting typing in favour of trying to make the argument clear to myself.

Progress towards presenting generic algebras: Have a systematic way to express the aperiodic basis elements (any n and r) in terms of E_i , F_i and 1_λ for $i \in [1, n]$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda_0(n, r)$. To prove the algorithm works, try induction on the number of nonzero entries - modulo the periodicity condition - off the diagonal.

Work on degenerate group algebras for symmetric groups:

Presentation by generators and relations for the cases S_3 and S_4 . Explicit calculation done on paper. Identified parts that should generalise to S_n for any n . This is to be typed in a separate document in only a few pages.

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