

# Interesting Combinatorics In Higher Auslander Theory

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## Auslander-Reiten Theory

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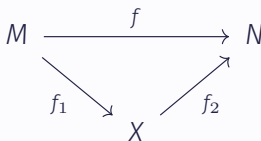
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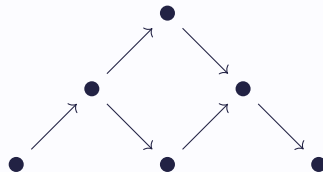


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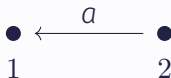
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## The path algebra of a quiver

Let  $Q$  be a quiver. The **path algebra**  $kQ$  of  $Q$  is the  $k$ -algebra whose  $k$ -vector space has as its basis all paths of length  $\geq 0$  in  $Q$  and the product of two basis elements is the concatenation of paths.

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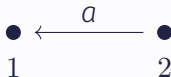
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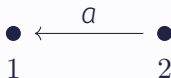
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## Theorem (Gabriel's)

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# Dynkin quivers



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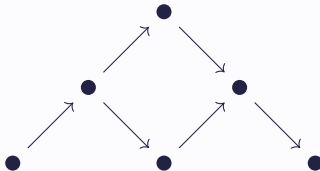
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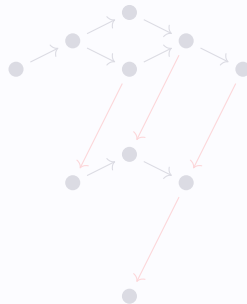
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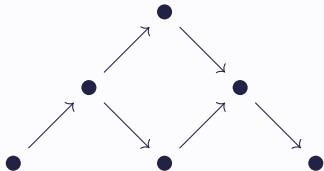
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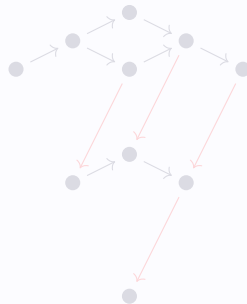
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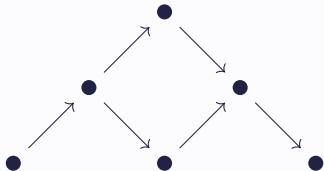
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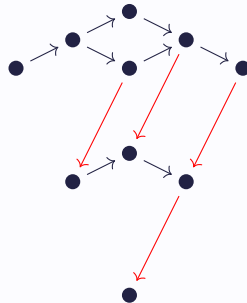
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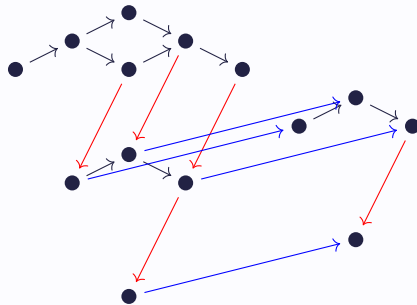


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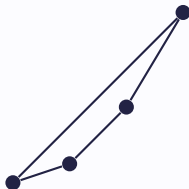


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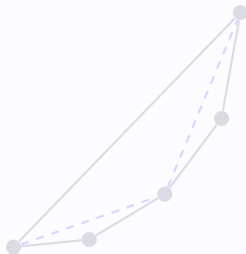


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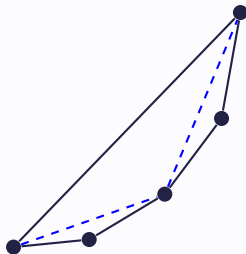


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