

# 1 Motivation

**Definition 1.0.1.** A *quiver* is a finite oriented graph.

**Definition 1.0.2.** A *quiver representation*  $M$  is a vectorspace  $M_i$  for each  $i \in Q_0$  and a map  $M_a : M_{s(a)} \rightarrow M_{t(a)}$  for  $a \in Q_1$ . A morphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$  of quiver representations is a set of morphisms  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  commuting with the  $M_a$  and  $N_a$ .

**Definition 1.0.3.** A quiver  $Q$  is acyclic if there do not exist cycles.

**Definition 1.0.4.** Let  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}}$  be the moduli stack of  $\theta$ -ss representations of  $Q$  of dimension  $d \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$  (meaning  $\dim M_i = d_i$ ).

In what follows, let  $S$  be a noetherian scheme.

**Theorem 1.0.5.** If  $Q$  is acyclic there exists a projective adequate moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}} \rightarrow M_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}}$ .

**Theorem 1.0.6.** Let  $Q$  be any quiver and  $\theta = -\langle -, \beta \rangle$  then there exists a separated adequate moduli space and a morphism  $M_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}} \rightarrow M_{d,S}$  which is proper.

**Theorem 1.0.7.** Let  $k$  be a field,  $Q$  any quiver. For a natural construction  $\mathcal{L}_\theta \in \text{Pic}(\mathcal{M}_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}})$ . There exists an explicit bound  $m_0$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_\theta^{\otimes m}$  is globally generated for  $m \geq m_0$ .

# 2 Moduli Stacks

A Stack  $\mathcal{X}$  is a pseudofunctor  $\mathcal{X} : \mathbf{Sch}_S^{\text{ét}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Gpd}$  with a descent condition.

**Definition 2.0.1.** An stack is *algebraic* if,

- (a)  $\Delta_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \times_S \mathcal{X}$  is representable by algebraic spaces
- (b) there exists a smooth surjective morphism from a scheme  $U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ .

**Definition 2.0.2.** We define,

$$\mathcal{M}_{d,S}(T) = \{ \mathcal{F}_i \text{ loc free on } T \text{ of rank } d_i \text{ with } \varphi_a : \mathcal{F}_{s(a)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{t(a)} \}$$

**Proposition 2.0.3.**  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S} \cong [R_d/G_d]$  where,

$$R_d = \prod_{a \in Q_1} \mathbb{A}_S^{d_{t(a)} d_{s(a)}} \quad G_d = \prod_{i \in Q_0} \text{GL}_{d_i}$$

Therefore we have a presentation  $\mathbb{A}_S^N \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{d,S}$ .

**Corollary 2.0.4.**  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S}$  is an algebraic stack smooth and finite type over  $S'$ .

**Proposition 2.0.5.**  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S}$  has affine diagonal.

**Definition 2.0.6.** A *stability function*  $\theta : \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a group homomorphism.

*Remark.* Given a stability function we will write  $\theta(M) := \theta(\dim M)$  where  $\dim M \in \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0}$  is the vector of dimensions.

**Definition 2.0.7.**  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{d,S}$  is  $\theta$ -semistable if  $\theta(M) = 0$  and  $\forall M' \subset M$  we have  $\theta(M') \leq 0$ .

**Proposition 2.0.8.**  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{d,S}$  is an open subfunctor.

**Example 2.0.9.** If  $\theta = 0$  then  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S}^{\theta\text{-ss}} = \mathcal{M}_{d,S}$ .

### 3 Characterizing Semistability

Over  $S = \text{Spec}(k)$  and  $k = \bar{k}$ .

**Definition 3.0.1.**  $\mathcal{M}_{d,k}$  has the universal representation  $\mathcal{E} = (\mathcal{E}_i)$ . The *determinantal line bundle* is,

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta = \bigotimes_{i \in Q_0} (\det \mathcal{E}_i)^{\otimes -\theta_i}$$

where  $\theta_i = \theta(e_i)$ .

Let  $Q$  be a quiver and  $M, N$  be two representations. Every  $M$  has a 2-step projective resolution and thus,

$$\langle M, N \rangle := \chi(QMN)$$

is the Euler pairing. This only depends on the dimension vectors  $\dim M$  and  $\dim N$ .

Assume that  $\theta = -\langle -, \beta \rangle$  for  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$  and  $\theta(d) = 0$  so  $d\beta = 0$ .

For  $V \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$  then,

$$Q\mathcal{E}V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}_d} = [K^0 \xrightarrow{d} K^1]$$

We can take  $\det d : \det K^0 \rightarrow \det K^1$  which corresponds to a section  $\sigma_V \in H^0(\det K^{0\vee} \otimes \det K^1) = H^0(\det \mathcal{E}V \otimes \mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{L}_\theta$

**Proposition 3.0.2.**  $M \in \mathcal{M}_d$  is  $\theta$ -ss for  $\theta = -\beta$  iff there is  $m > 0$  and  $V \in \mathcal{M}_{m\beta}$  s.t.,  $QMV = 0$ .

*Proof.*  $QMV = 0$  iff  $d$  is an isomorphism at the point  $M$  iff  $\det d$  is nonzero. This is equivalent to  $\sigma_V$  being nonzero. Thus we see that  $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}^{\otimes m}$  is globally generated on  $\mathcal{M}_d^{\theta\text{-ss}}$ .  $\square$

*Remark.*  $\mathcal{L}_{m\theta} = \mathcal{L}_\theta^{\otimes m}$ .

### 4 Good and adequate Moduli Space

For  $\theta = 0$  we have  $\mathcal{M}_d^{\theta\text{-ss}} = \mathcal{M}_d$ .

**Proposition 4.0.1.**  $Q$  is acyclic implies that adequate moduli of  $\mathcal{M}_{d,S} \rightarrow S$  is isomorphic to  $S$ .

**Definition 4.0.2.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be quasi-separated. A *good moduli space* of  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$  (qcqs) to be an algebraic space  $X$  s.t.

- (a)  $f_*\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{O}_X$
- (b)  $f$  is “cohomologically affine” meaning  $f_*$  is exact on  $\mathfrak{QCoh}(\mathcal{X})$ .

**Example 4.0.3.** If  $G \curvearrowright X$ , say  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a good quotient. Then  $[X/G] \rightarrow Y$  is a good moduli space.

**Definition 4.0.4.**  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$  is an adequate moduli space if,

- (a)  $f_*\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{O}_X$
- (b)  $f$  is “adequately affine” meaning for any  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  of quasi-coherent algebras, étale-locally  $\sqrt{f_*\mathcal{A}} \twoheadrightarrow f_*$ . (??)

**Theorem 4.0.5** (Alper). Let  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$  be an adequate moduli space

- (a)  $f$  is surjective, universall closed
- (b) over  $k = \bar{k}$  the map  $f$  induces a bijection on closed points
- (c) if  $X$  is a scheme implies that it is initial in  $\mathbf{Sch}_S$  under  $\mathcal{X}$
- (d) base change of an adequate moduli space is homeom. to the adequate moduli space of the base change.