

# CELL DECOMPOSITION OF RANK 2 QUIVER GRASSMANNIANS

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**ABSTRACT.** We prove that all quiver Grassmannians for preprojective and preinjective representations of a generalized Kronecker quiver admit a cell decomposition. We also provide a natural combinatorial labeling for these cells using compatible pairs in a maximal Dyck path.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

-something about cluster algebras -something about categorification and quiver Grassmannians -something about compatible pairs and combinatorial construction of cluster variables -statement of our results -something about torus actions and the universal cover -something about cell decompositions of quiver Grassmannians -acknowledgements?

## 2. TORUS ACTION ON QUIVER GRASSMANNIANS

Let  $Q$  be an acyclic quiver with vertices  $Q_0$  and arrows  $Q_1$  which we denote by  $\alpha : i \rightarrow j$ . Moreover, let  $W_Q$  be the free (non-abelian) group generated by  $Q_1$ . We denote by  $\text{Rep}(Q)$  the category of  $\mathbb{C}$ -representations of  $Q$ .

**Definition 0.1.** *The universal covering quiver  $\tilde{Q}$  of  $Q$  is given by the vertices  $\tilde{Q}_0 = Q_0 \times W_Q$  and the arrow set  $\tilde{Q}_1 = Q_1 \times W_Q$  where  $(\alpha, w) : (i, w) \rightarrow (j, w\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha : i \rightarrow j$ .*

*We say that a representation  $X \in \text{Rep}(Q)$  can be lifted (to  $\tilde{Q}$ ) if there exists a representation  $\tilde{X} \in \text{Rep}(\tilde{Q})$  such that  $F_Q \tilde{X} = X$  where  $F_Q : \text{Rep}(\tilde{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(Q)$  is the natural functor.*

**Lemma 0.1.** *Every preprojective (resp. preinjective) representation of  $Q$  can be lifted to a representation of  $\tilde{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* This statement is clear for the simple representations  $S_q$ ,  $q \in Q_0$ . Now every preprojective representation  $X$  can be obtained when applying a sequence of BGP-reflections [1] to a simple representation  $S_{q'}$  of a quiver  $Q'$  whose underlying graph is the one of  $Q$ . Applying BGP-reflections to a source  $q$  of  $Q$  corresponds to applying BGP-reflections to all vertices  $(q, w)$  of  $\tilde{Q}$ . This leads the claim. The statement for preinjective representations follows in the same way.  $\square$

We choose a map  $d : \tilde{Q}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  and fix a representation  $X \in \text{Rep}(Q)$ . In any case, we can consider the decomposition  $X_q = \bigoplus_{w \in W_Q} X_{(q,w)}$ . We define a torus action on each  $X_{(q,w)}$  via  $t.x_{(q,w)} = t^{d(q,w)}x_{(q,w)}$  which can be extended linearly to each  $X_q$ . For a fixed a subspace  $U_q$ , we can define the subspace  $t.U_q$ . In general, this torus action induces no torus action on the Quiver Grassmannians  $\text{Gr}_{\mathbf{e}}(X)$  as  $t.U = (t.U_q)_{q \in Q_0}$  is no subrepresentation of  $X$  for every  $U \in \text{Gr}_{\mathbf{e}}(X)$ . Actually, for this the action has to satisfy  $X_\alpha(t.U_i) \in t.U_j$  for every  $\alpha : i \rightarrow j$  and every  $x \in X_i$ .

**Lemma 0.2.** *Fix an integer  $c_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  for every  $\alpha \in Q_1$ . If  $X \in \text{Rep}(Q)$  can be lifted,  $d : \tilde{Q}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  induces a torus action on  $\text{Gr}_{\mathbf{e}}(X)$  if we have  $d(j, w\alpha) - d(i, w) = c_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha : i \rightarrow j$  and  $w \in W_Q$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  can be lifted, we can write  $X_\alpha : X_i \rightarrow X_j$  as block matrix consisting of linear maps  $X_{(\alpha,w)} : X_{(i,w)} \rightarrow X_{(j,w\alpha)}$ . Then the condition  $X_\alpha(t.U_i) \in t.U_j$  translates into ...to be continued.  $\square$

**Lemma 0.3.** *There exists  $d : \tilde{Q}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $d(q, w) \neq d(q', w')$  for all  $q, q', w, w'$  with  $\dim X_{q,w} \neq 0$  and  $\dim X_{q',w'} \neq 0$ .*

**Theorem 1.**  $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^Q(X)^T \cong \bigsqcup_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}} \text{ of type } \mathbf{e}} Gr_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{X})$

**Corollary 1.1.** *affine bundles over  $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{X})$  if  $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^Q(X)$  is smooth*

$$\{U \in Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^Q(X) : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot U \in Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{X})\}$$

**Question 1.1.** *What are the ranks of these bundles? Poincaré polynomials?*

### 3. QUIVER GRASSMANNIANS OF $\widetilde{K(n)}$

Define Chebyshev polynomials  $u_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  by the recursion  $u_0 = 0$ ,  $u_1 = 1$ ,  $u_{k+1} = nu_k - u_{k-1}$ . For  $m \geq 1$ , let  $P_m$  be the preprojective representation of  $K(n)$  with dimension vector  $(u_m, u_{m-1})$ .

Let  $\tilde{P}_m$  be a fixed lift of  $P_m$  to the universal cover  $\widetilde{K(n)}$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *There exist lifts  $\tilde{P}_{m-1,i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  of  $P_{m-1}$  to  $\widetilde{K(n)}$  so that:*

- (1)  $\text{Hom}_Q(P_{m-1}, P_m) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \text{Hom}_{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_{m-1,i}, \tilde{P}_m)$ ;
- (2) *For any proper subset  $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ , there exists a short exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow \tilde{P}_{m-1,i_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \tilde{P}_{m-1,i_k} \longrightarrow \tilde{P}_m \longrightarrow \tilde{P}_m^{i_1, \dots, i_k} \longrightarrow 0;$$

- (3) *The lifts  $\tilde{P}_{m-1,i}$  are pairwise orthogonal.*
- (4) *All nontrivial proper subrepresentations of  $\tilde{P}_m^{(k)}$  are preprojective.*

We will always choose the subset  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  when using Lemma 1.1.2 and thus we denote the cokernel simply by  $\tilde{P}_m^{(k)}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *If each  $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_{m-1,i})$  has a cell decomposition, then  $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\bigoplus \tilde{P}_{m-1,i_j})$  has a cell decomposition.*

**Lemma 1.3.** (1)  $\tilde{P}_m^{(n-1)} \cong \tilde{P}_{m-1}^{(1)}$

- (2) *The subrepresentation  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{k-1} \tilde{P}_{m-1,i} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-2,i} \subset \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}$  is in  $(\tilde{P}_m^{(k)})^\perp$  and*

$$\text{Ext}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}, \tilde{P}_m^{(k)}) \cong \text{Ext}(\tilde{P}_{m-1}^{(k)}, \tilde{P}_m^{(k)})$$

where  $\tilde{P}_{m-1}^{(k)}$  above denotes the cokernel of the inclusion.

**Corollary 1.2.** *observe when fibers are empty*

**Proposition 1.1.** *Consider  $\psi : Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_m) \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{e}} Gr_{\mathbf{f}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}) \times Gr_{\mathbf{g}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_m^{(k)})$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1) *For  $V \subsetneq \tilde{P}_m^{(k)}$  and  $U \subset \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}$ , we have  $\psi^{-1}(U, V) = \mathbb{A}^{\langle V, \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}/U \rangle}$ .*
- (2) *If  $V = \tilde{P}_m^{(k)}$  and the fiber is not empty, then  $\psi^{-1}(U, V)$  is constant.*

*Proof.* (1)  $V$  is preprojective but  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}/U$  is not unless  $U = 0$

(2)

$$0 \longrightarrow [V, P/U] \longrightarrow [V, U]^1 \longrightarrow [V, P]^1 \longrightarrow [V, P/U]^1 \longrightarrow 0$$

and the middle map is surjective. □

**Theorem 2.** *Every quiver Grassmannian of a preprojective or preinjective representation of  $K(n)$  and  $\widetilde{K(n)}$  has a cell decomposition.*

**Question 2.1.** *cells of  $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_m)$  are in one-to-one correspondence with certain tuples of subgraphs for smaller  $\tilde{P}_\ell^{i_1, \dots, i_k}$*

### 4. COMPATIBLE PAIRS LABEL CELLS IN $Gr_{\mathbf{e}}^Q(P_m)$

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