

# 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 - acknowledgements?

## 2. TORUS ACTION ON QUIVER GRASSMANNIANS

**Definition 0.1.** *universal cover  $\tilde{Q}$*

**Lemma 0.1.** *how to lift exceptional representations of  $Q$  to  $\tilde{Q}$*

**Lemma 0.2.**  *$d : \tilde{Q}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defines a torus action on  $Gr_e^Q(X)$  if  $d(q, w\rho) - d(q, w) = c_\rho$  for all  $w \in W_{\tilde{Q}_1}$*

**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.**  $Gr_e^Q(X)^T \cong \bigsqcup_{\text{e of type}} Gr_e^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{X})$

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

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

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

## 3. REPRESENTATION THEORY OF $K(n)$

Denote by  $K(n)$  the  $n$ -Kronecker quiver  $1 \xleftarrow{n} 2$  with vertices  $K(n)_0 = \{1, 2\}$  and  $n$  arrows from vertex 2 to vertex 1.

Define Chebyshev polynomials  $u_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  by the recursion  $u_0 = 0, u_1 = 1, u_{k+1} = nu_k - u_{k-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *For each  $m \geq 1$ , there exist unique (up to isomorphism) indecomposable rigid representations  $P_m$  and  $I_m$  of  $K(n)$  with dimension vectors  $(u_m, u_{m-1})$  and  $(u_{m-1}, u_m)$  respectively. Moreover, any rigid representation of  $K(n)$  is isomorphic to one of the form  $P_m^{a_1} P_{m+1}^{a_2}$  or  $I_m^{a_1} I_{m+1}^{a_2}$  for some  $m \geq 1$  and some  $a_1, a_2 \geq 0$ .*

The representations  $P_m$  are called the *preprojective* representations of  $K(n)$  and the representations  $I_m$  are called *preinjective*.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For any  $m \geq 1$ , we have  $\dim \text{Hom}(P_m, P_m) = 1$ ,  $\dim \text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1}) = n$ , and  $\dim \text{Hom}(P_{m+1}, P_m) = 0$ . Moreover, for  $1 \leq k < n$  and linearly independent functions  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1})$ , the map  $[f_1 \cdots f_k] : P_m^k \rightarrow P_{m+1}$  is injective.*

Write  $P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}$  for the cokernel of the map  $[f_1 \cdots f_k] : P_m^k \rightarrow P_{m+1}$ , i.e. we have a short exact sequence

$$(1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow P_m^k \xrightarrow{[f_1 \cdots f_k]} P_{m+1} \longrightarrow P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *For  $m \geq 1$  and linearly independent functions  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in \text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1})$ , the following hold:*

- (1)  $\text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}})$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1})/\mathbb{k}f_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{k}f_k$ ;
- (2)  $\text{Ext}(P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}, P_m)$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{k}f_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{k}f_k$ ;
- (3)  $\text{Hom}(P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}, P_m) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}(P_m, -)$  to the sequence (1) gives the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(P_m, P_m^k) \xrightarrow{[f_1 \ \dots \ f_k]^\circ} \text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(P_m, P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}) \longrightarrow 0,$$

establishing (1).

To see (2), we apply the functor  $\text{Hom}(-, P_m)$  to the sequence (1) to get an isomorphism  $\text{Hom}(P_m^k, P_m) \cong \text{Ext}(P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}, P_m)$ . To get the isomorphism with  $\mathbb{k}f_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{k}f_k$ , we work by induction on  $k$ . Indeed,  $\text{Hom}(P_m^k, P_m)$  is spanned by the coordinate projections  $\pi_i : P_m^k \rightarrow P_m$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and each of these gives rise to a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & P_m^{k-1} & \xlongequal{\quad} & P_m^{k-1} & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow [f_1 \ \dots \ \widehat{f_i} \ \dots \ f_k] & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P_m^k & \xrightarrow{[f_1 \ \dots \ f_k]} & P_{m+1} & \longrightarrow & P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \pi_i & \lrcorner & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P_m & \xrightarrow{f_i} & P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, \widehat{f_i}, \dots, f_k\}} & \longrightarrow & P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

The bottom row of this diagram is the extension in  $\text{Ext}(P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}, P_m)$  naturally identified with the generator  $f_i$  of  $\mathbb{k}f_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{k}f_k$ .

Part (3) follows immediately from the observation that  $\langle P_{m+1}^{\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}}, P_m \rangle = -k$ .  $\square$

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

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

**Lemma 2.3.** *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 2.3.2 and thus we denote the cokernel simply by  $\tilde{P}_m^{(k)}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *If each  $\text{Gr}_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_{m-1,i})$  has a cell decomposition, then  $\text{Gr}_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\bigoplus \tilde{P}_{m-1,i_j})$  has a cell decomposition.*

**Lemma 2.5.** (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 2.1.** observe when fibers are empty

**Proposition 2.1.** Consider  $\psi : Gr_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_m) \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}+\tilde{\mathbf{g}}=\tilde{\mathbf{e}}} Gr_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^k \tilde{P}_{m-1,i}) \times Gr_{\tilde{\mathbf{g}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_m^{(k)})$ . 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 3.** Every quiver Grassmannian of a preprojective or preinjective representation of  $K(n)$  and  $\widetilde{K(n)}$  has a cell decomposition.

**Question 3.1.** cells of  $Gr_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}}}^{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{P}_m)$  are in one-to-one correspondence with certain tuples of subgraphs for smaller  $\tilde{P}_\ell^{i_1, \dots, i_k}$

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