

Okounkov's conjecture via BPS Lie algebras

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Quivers and algebras

Path algebra

A *quiver* is a pair of (finite) sets Q_1, Q_0 of arrows and vertices, respectively, and morphisms $s, t: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0$. For K a field, the path algebra KQ is the K -algebra with basis given by paths in Q including paths e_i of length zero at each $i \in Q_0$. Multiplication is given by concatenation of paths.

- The dimension vector of a KQ -module ρ is the tuple $\dim_Q(\rho) := (e_i \cdot \rho)_{i \in Q_0} \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$.
- The *doubled quiver* \overline{Q} is obtained by adding an arrow a^* for each $a \in Q_1$ and setting $s(a^*) = t(a)$ and $t(a^*) = s(a)$.
- The *preprojective algebra* Π_Q is the quotient $\mathbb{C}\overline{Q}/\langle \sum_{a \in Q_1} [a, a^*] \rangle$

Example

Consider the Jordan quiver:  . Then $\mathbb{C}\overline{Q} = \mathbb{C}\langle a, a^* \rangle$ and $\Pi_Q = \mathbb{C}\langle a, a^* \rangle / \langle [a, a^*] \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}[a, a^*]$.

Spaces of representations

- Fix a quiver Q and dimension vector $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$. Set

$$\text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(Q) := \prod_{a \in Q_1} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{d}_{s(a)}}, \mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{d}_{t(a)}})$$

which is acted on by $\text{GL}_{\mathbf{d}} := \prod_{i \in Q_0} \text{GL}_{\mathbf{d}_i}(\mathbb{C})$. Then

$$\{\text{GL}_{\mathbf{d}}\text{-orbits}\} \xrightarrow{1:1} \{\mathbf{d}\text{-dimensional } \mathbb{C}Q\text{-modules}\} / \sim^{\text{iso}}$$

- $\text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(\overline{Q}) \cong T^* \text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(Q)$ admits the (co)moment map $\mu_{Q,\mathbf{d}}$ to $\mathfrak{gl}_{\mathbf{d}} := \prod_{i \in Q_0} \text{Mat}_{\mathbf{d}_i \times \mathbf{d}_i}(\mathbb{C})$:

$$\text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(\overline{Q}) \ni \rho \mapsto \sum_{a \in Q_1} [\rho(a), \rho(a^*)] \in \mathfrak{gl}_{\mathbf{d}}$$

- $\text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(\Pi_Q) := \mu_{Q,\mathbf{d}}^{-1}(0) \subset \text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(\overline{Q})$ is the subspace of Π_Q -modules.
- We could consider the stack $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{d}}(\Pi_Q) = \mu_{Q,\mathbf{d}}^{-1}(0) / \text{GL}_{\mathbf{d}}$. It is highly singular, and highly stacky. E.g. for Q the Jordan quiver $\text{Rep}_{\mathbf{d}}(\Pi_Q)$ is the stack of pairs of commuting $d \times d$ -matrices, which at $(0_{d \times d}, 0_{d \times d})$, is very singular, with stabilizer GL_d .

Nakajima quiver varieties

Framed quiver

Let $f \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$ be a “framing” dimension vector. We define Q_f by setting

$$(Q_f)_0 := Q_0 \coprod \{\infty\}; \quad (Q_f)_1 := Q_1 \coprod \{r_{i,m} \mid i \in Q_0, 1 \leq m \leq f_i\}.$$

$$s(r_{i,m}) = \infty \text{ and } t(r_{i,m}) = i.$$

Definition

We define $N_Q(f, d) := \mu_{Q_f, (d, 1)}^{-1}(0)^{\text{st}} / GL_d$. The “st” means we only consider the stable locus: those \prod_{Q_f} modules ρ that are generated by $e_\infty \cdot \rho \cong \mathbb{C}$.

Key fact(s): $N_Q(f, d)$ is a *smooth variety*.

Example

Let Q be the Jordan quiver, set $f = 1$. Then $\overline{Q_f}$ is the ADHM quiver, and $N_Q(f, d) \cong \text{Hilb}_d(\mathbb{A}^2)$.

Some geometric representation theory

Fix a quiver Q and $f \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$. Set $\mathbb{M}_{Q,f} := \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} H(N_Q(f,d), \mathbb{Q})$

Theorem (Grojnowski, Nakajima)

Let $Q = \bullet \circlearrowleft$ be the Jordan quiver, and set $f = 1$. We've seen that $N_Q(1,d) \cong \text{Hilb}_d(\mathbb{A}^2)$. The $\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$ -graded vector space $\mathbb{M}_{Q,1}$ carries an action of an infinite-dimensional Heisenberg algebra heis_∞ , and is an irreducible lowest weight module.

Given Q a quiver *without loops* we may define the Kac–Moody Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_Q \cong \mathfrak{n}_Q^- \oplus \mathfrak{h}_Q \oplus \mathfrak{n}_Q^+$. The positive part \mathfrak{n}_Q^+ is free Lie algebra generated by one (Chevalley) generator for each $i \in Q_0$, subject to the Serre relations.

Theorem (Nakajima)

Let Q be a quiver without loops. Then $\mathbb{M}_{Q,f}$ is a \mathfrak{g}_Q -module, and $\mathbb{M}_{Q,f}^{\text{lowest}} := \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} H^{\text{lowest}}(N_Q(f,d), \mathbb{Q})$ is an irreducible lowest weight module, with lowest weight dependent on f .

Deformations

- Let $N_Q^0(f, d)$ be the affinization of $N_Q(f, d)$. E.g. if Q is the Jordan quiver and $f = 1$ then $N_Q^0(f, d) = \text{Sym}^d(\mathbb{A}^2)$. In general the morphism $\pi: N_Q(f, d) \rightarrow N_Q^0(f, d)$ is a resolution of singularities.
- This morphism admits a “universal deformation”:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_Q(f, d) & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{N}_Q(f, d) \\ \downarrow \pi & \lrcorner & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ N_Q^0(f, d) & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{N}_Q^0(f, d) \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \{0\} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{A}^{Q_0} \end{array}$$

- For generic $x \in \mathbb{A}^{Q_0}$ the morphism $\tilde{\pi}_x: \tilde{N}_Q(f, d)_x \rightarrow \tilde{N}_Q^0(f, d)_x$ obtained by base change along $\{x\} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}^{Q_0}$ is an isomorphism of affine varieties.

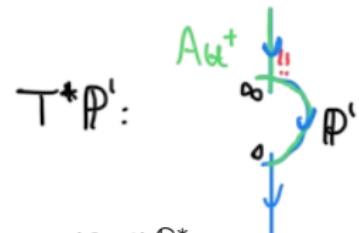
Torus action

Let $f = f' + f''$ be a decomposition of $f \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$, with $f', f'' \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0} \setminus \{0\}$. We let \mathbb{C}^* act on quiver varieties by scaling $r_{i,1}, \dots, r_{i,f'_i}$ with weight ± 1 , $r_{i,1}^*, \dots, r_{i,f'_i}^*$ with weight ∓ 1 , and leaving all other arrows invariant.

Proposition

There is an identification $N_Q(f, d)^{\mathbb{C}^*} = \coprod_{d'+d''=d} N_Q(f', d') \times N_Q(f'', d'')$ given by taking direct sums.

- Define $\text{Att}^\pm \subset N_Q(f, d)$ to be the subset of ρ for which $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot \rho$ exists.
- **NB:** the morphism $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0}(t \cdot -): \text{Att}^\pm \rightarrow N_Q(f, d)^{\mathbb{C}^*}$ might not be continuous!!
- But the morphism $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0}(t \cdot -): \text{Att}_x^\pm \rightarrow N_Q(f, d)_x^{\mathbb{C}^*}$ is continuous, for generic $x \in \mathbb{A}^{Q_0}$.



Stable envelopes

- For generic x we consider the closed embedding(s)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Att}_x^\pm &\rightarrow \tilde{N}_Q(f, d)_x^{\mathbb{C}^*} \times \tilde{N}_Q(f, d)_x \\ \rho &\mapsto (\lim_{t \mapsto 0} t \cdot \rho, \rho)\end{aligned}$$

- Maulik and Okounkov define

$$\mathcal{L}^\pm = \lim_{x \mapsto 0} [\text{Att}_x^\pm] \in H_{\mathbb{C}^* \times T}(N_Q(f, d)^{\mathbb{C}^*} \times N_Q(f, d), \mathbb{Q})$$

(T is a choice of extra torus acting by scaling arrows of $\overline{Q_f}$)

- The two morphisms defined by these correspondences

$$\text{Stab}^\pm: H_{\mathbb{C}^* \times T}(N_Q(f, d)^{\mathbb{C}^*}, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{C}^* \times T}(N_Q(f, d), \mathbb{Q})$$

become invertible after tensoring with $\text{Frac}(H_{\mathbb{C}^*}) = \mathbb{Q}(a)$, where $H_{\mathbb{C}^*} = \mathbb{Q}[a]$ is the \mathbb{C}^* -equivariant cohomology of a point.

R-matrices

Definition

For $f', f'' \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$ the *R-matrix* is defined as

$$R(a) = (\text{Stab}^-)^{-1} \circ \text{Stab}^+ \in \text{End}_{H_T}(\mathbb{M}_{Q,f'} \otimes_{H_T} \mathbb{M}_{Q,f''}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}(a)$$

Basic properties

- Expanding in powers of a^{-1}

$$R(a) = \text{id} + \hbar a^{-1} r + \hbar O(a^{-2})$$

where \hbar is the T -weight of the symplectic form on $N_Q(f, d)$ and $r \in \text{End}_{H_T}(\mathbb{M}_{Q,f'} \otimes_{H_T} \mathbb{M}_{Q,f''})$ is the “classical r-matrix”. So to get an interesting R-matrix we *must* pick nontrivial T .

- The R-matrix satisfies the Yang-Baxter equation

$R_{12}(a_1)R_{13}(a_1 + a_2)R_{23}(a_2) = R_{23}(a_2)R_{13}(a_1 + a_2)R_{12}(a_1)$, the fundamental relation in integrable systems, responsible for producing e.g. knot invariants out of quantum groups.

Yangians

- Given $g \in \text{End}_{H_T}(\mathbb{M}_{Q,f'})[a]$, written as $\langle g_1 | \otimes | g_2 \rangle$ with $g_2 \in \mathbb{M}_{Q,f'}[a]$ and g_1 in the dual $\mathbb{M}_{Q,f'}^\vee$, we define

$$E_{f''}(g) = \text{Res}_a((\langle g_1 | \otimes -) \circ R \circ (| g_2 \rangle \otimes -)) \in \text{End}(\mathbb{M}_{Q,f''})$$

- MO define $\mathbf{Y}_Q \subset \bigoplus_{f'' \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} \text{End}(\mathbb{M}_{Q,f''})$ to be the subalgebra generated by all $E(g) := \bigoplus_{f'' \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} E_{f''}(g)$.
- Similarly, they define $\mathfrak{g}_Q^{\text{MO}} \subset \bigoplus_{f'' \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} \text{End}(\mathbb{M}_{Q,f''})$ to be vector space generated by $E(g)$ with g constant in a .

Theorem (Maulik–Okounkov)

- The \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0} -graded H_T -module $\mathfrak{g}_Q^{\text{MO}}$ is closed under commutator.
- Each summand $\mathfrak{g}_{Q,d}^{\text{MO}}$ is free of finite rank.
- The morphism $\text{Sym}(\mathfrak{g}_Q^{\text{MO}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}[a]) \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}_Q$ is an isomorphism.

A representation theoretic hint

- The morphism

$$\pi: N_Q(f, d) \rightarrow N_Q^0(f, d)$$

is a projective morphism from a smooth variety. So the BBDG decomposition theorem applies, and we can write

$$\pi_* \mathbb{Q}_{N_Q(f, d)}[d] = IC_{N_Q^0(f, d)} \oplus \dots$$

as a direct sum of perverse sheaves ($d = \dim(N_Q(f, d))$). In particular.
 $IH^*(N_Q^0(f, d)) \subset M_{Q,f}$

- Lowering operators in \mathfrak{g}_Q^{MO} lift to morphisms of perverse sheaves
 $\pi_* \mathbb{Q}_{N_Q(f, d)}[d] \rightarrow \pi_*^{\mathbb{C}^*} \mathbb{Q}_{N_Q^{\mathbb{C}^*}(f, d)}[d^{\mathbb{C}^*}]$.
- So $IH^*(N_Q^0(f, d)) \subset M_{Q,f}$ is a space of lowest weight vectors for support reasons...

Okounkov's conjecture

Definition-Theorem (Kac)

For any quiver Q and dimension vector $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$ there is a polynomial $a_{Q,\mathbf{d}}(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ (the *Kac polynomial*) such that if $q = p^n$ is a prime power,

$$a_{Q,\mathbf{d}}(q) = \#\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text{absolutely indecomposable} \\ \text{\mathbf{d}-dimensional $\mathbb{F}_q Q$-modules} \end{array}\right\} / \sim^{\text{iso}}$$

Conjecture (Maulik–Okounkov)

\exists isomorphism of Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}_Q^{\text{MO}, T} \cong \mathfrak{g}'_Q^{\text{MO}} \otimes \mathsf{H}_T$ for $\mathfrak{g}'_Q^{\text{MO}}$ defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Conjecture (Okounkov)

There is an equality $a_{Q,\mathbf{d}}(t^{-1}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \dim(\mathfrak{g}'_{Q,\mathbf{d}}^{\text{MO}, n}) t^{n/2}$.

- Maulik–Okounkov proved the conjectures when Q is the Jordan quiver.
- McBreen explicitly described the Yangian in the case Q an ADE Dynkin diagram, his results imply the conjecture for these quivers.

Preprojective CoHA

- Define $\mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q, d} := H^{BM}(\mathfrak{M}_d(\Pi_Q), \mathbb{Q})$ and $\mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q} := \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q, d}$
- We consider the usual correspondence diagram
$$\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q) \times \mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q) \xleftarrow{\pi_1 \times \pi_3} \mathfrak{Exact}(\Pi_Q) \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q) \text{ where } \pi_n \text{ maps } (\rho_1 \rightarrow \rho_2 \rightarrow \rho_3) \mapsto \rho_n.$$
- (Schiffmann–Vasserot, Yang–Zhao): pullback along $\pi_1 \times \pi_3$ and push forward along π_2 yields a morphism $\mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q, d'} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q, d''} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q, d'+d''}$ making \mathcal{A}_{Π_Q} into a \mathbb{N}^{Q_0} -graded, cohomologically graded algebra.

Theorem (-, Meinhardt)

There is a Lie sub-algebra $\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q}^+ \subset \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q}$ and a $H_{\mathbb{C}^*} = \mathbb{Q}[a]$ -action on \mathcal{A}_{Π_Q} such that $\text{Sym}(\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q}^+ \otimes \mathbb{Q}[a]) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q}$ is a PBW isomorphism.

Theorem (-)

There is an equality of characteristic functions $\chi_{t^{1/2}}(\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q, d}^+) = a_{Q, d}(t^{-1})$

Conjecture *: There is an isomorphism of Lie algebras $\mathfrak{n}_Q^{MO,+} \cong \mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q}^+ \otimes H_T$.

The decomposition theorem

- There is a canonical affinization map $JH: \mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\Pi_Q)$, where $\mathcal{M}(\Pi_Q)$ is the coarse moduli space; points of $\mathcal{M}(\Pi_Q)$ are in bijection with semisimple Π_Q -modules.
- One definition of $H^{BM}(\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q), \mathbb{Q})$ is as the derived global sections of the Verdier dual of the constant sheaf $\mathbb{D}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q)}$.
- Factoring the structure morphism $\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q) \rightarrow pt$ through JH , we find $H^{BM}(\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q), \mathbb{Q}) \cong H(\mathcal{M}(\Pi_Q), JH_* \mathbb{D}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q)})$

Theorem (Decomposition theorem (-))

$JH_* \mathbb{D}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q)}^{(vir)} \cong \bigoplus_{n \in 2\cdot\mathbb{N}} {}^p\mathcal{H}^n(JH_* \mathbb{D}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q)}^{(vir)})[-n]$. Setting

${}^p\mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q}^0 = H(\mathcal{M}(\Pi_Q), {}^p\mathcal{H}^0(JH_* \mathbb{D}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathfrak{M}(\Pi_Q)}^{(vir)})) \subset \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q}$, we obtain the subalgebra

$${}^p\mathcal{A}_{\Pi_Q}^0 \cong U(\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q}^+)$$

In (something like) English, the theorem tells us that the BPS Lie algebra can be lifted to an algebra object in the category of perverse sheaves on the coarse moduli space $\mathcal{M}(\Pi_Q)$.

Structure theorem

Let Q be a quiver and pick $d \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$ such that there exists a simple d -dimensional Π_Q -module. Then by the decomposition theorem there is a unique summand

$$IH^*(\mathcal{M}_d(\Pi_Q)) \subset \mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q, d}^+$$

which is *primitive* (for support reasons).

Theorem (-,Hennecart,Schlegel-Mejia)

Assume that Q has no isotropic roots, then $\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_Q}^+$ is one half of a generalised Kac–Moody Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_{Π_Q} , with Chevalley generators given by the above intersection cohomology groups.

(With isotropic roots the statement is just a little more complicated.)

Proposition

There is a natural isomorphism $\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_{Q_f},(d,1)}^+ \cong H(N_Q(f,d), \mathbb{Q})$. Via the isomorphisms $\mathfrak{g}_{\Pi_Q, \bullet} \cong \mathfrak{g}_{\Pi_{Q_f}, (\bullet,0)}$ we get a $\mathfrak{g}_{\Pi_Q, \bullet}$ -action on $\mathfrak{g}_{\Pi_{Q_f}, (\bullet,1)} \cong M_{Q,f}$.

The main theorem (with Tommaso Botta)

- For $(x_i)_{i \in Q_0} \in \mathbb{A}^{Q_0}$ we define the deformed stack $\mathfrak{M}_d(\Pi_Q)_x$ in analogy with deformed Nakajima quiver varieties $N_Q(f, d)_x$.
- For generic x we have (almost) diagonal embedding
$$\Delta_x: N_Q(f, d)_x \hookrightarrow N_Q(f, d)_x \times \mathfrak{M}_{(d,1)}(\Pi_{Q_f})_x$$
- We define the nonabelian stable envelope via the correspondence
$$\lim_{x \mapsto 0} [N_Q(f, d)_x] \in H(N_Q(f, d), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes H^{\text{BM}}(\mathfrak{M}_{(d,1)}(\Pi_{Q_f}), \mathbb{Q})$$

$$\Psi_f: \mathbb{M}_{Q,f} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} \mathcal{A}_{\Pi_{Q_f}, (d,1)}$$

(Defined also for T -equivariant versions).

Theorem (Botta,-)

- The morphism Ψ_f induces an isomorphism $\mathbb{M}_{Q,f} \rightarrow \mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_{Q_f}, (\bullet,1)}^+$, sending lowest weight vectors to Chevalley raising operators.
- Both $\mathfrak{g}_Q^{\text{MO}}$ and \mathfrak{g}_{Π_Q} are realised as Lie subalgebras of $\bigoplus_{f \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}} \text{End}(\mathfrak{n}_{\Pi_{Q_f}, (\bullet,1)}^+)$, and are the same subalgebras \Rightarrow
*+MO+Okounkov conjectures hold.

Thank you!

That's it, thanks for listening!!