

On symmetric quivers and their degenerations

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(Or: *Just pick the right quiver*)

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1 Algebraic Lie-theoretic motivation

$$n \in \{2l, 2l+1\}$$

CONJUGATION



$GL(\mathbb{C})$ (1) Jordan
(2) Gerstenhaber



$$N := \{N \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid N^2 = 0\}$$

nilp. cone

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{B}$$

Boel

(1) B.-Reineke
(2) B.-Reineke



$$N^{(2)} := \{N \mid N^2 = 0\}$$

2-nilpotent

Questions: (1) orbits $B \cdot N$
(2) orbit closures $\overline{B \cdot N}$

1 Algebraic Lie-theoretic motivation

Define

$$Q = \bullet_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \bullet_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \bullet_l \xrightarrow{\alpha_l} \bullet_{\omega} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l^*}} \bullet_{l^*} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bullet_{2^*} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{1^*}} \bullet_{1^*}$$

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$$\underline{d} = (1, 2, \dots, l, n, l, \dots, 2, 1)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{C}Q \\ \cup \\ \mathbb{I} = (\alpha_{l^*} \circ \alpha_l, \xi^2) \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{A} := \mathbb{C}Q / \mathbb{I}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{rep} \\ \text{variety} \end{array} \hookrightarrow R_{\underline{d}} \supseteq R_{\underline{d}}^{\circ} := \{ (M_{\alpha})_{\alpha} \mid M_{\alpha_i} \text{ injective, } M_{\alpha_i^*} \text{ surjective } \forall i \}$$

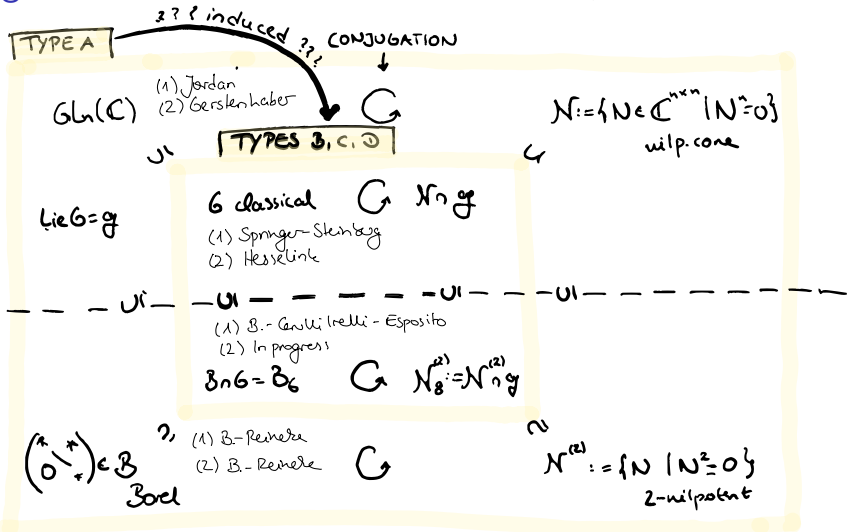
$G_{\underline{d}} = \prod_i GL_{d_i}(k)$

Lemma

$$\{ \mathcal{B}\text{-orbits in } \mathcal{N}^{(2)} \} \xleftarrow{\text{bji.}} \{ G_{\underline{d}}\text{-orbits in } R_{\underline{d}}^{\circ} \}$$

\uparrow
preserves orbit closure relations!

$$n \in \{2\ell, 2\ell+1\}$$



Questions: (1) Orbits $B.N$, $\overline{B_0.N}$
(2) Orbit closures $\overline{B.N}$, $\overline{B_0.N}$

$$N \in \mathcal{N}_g^{(2)}$$

2 Symmetric Representation Theory

Symmetric quivers and algebras

Let Q be a finite quiver

$$Q_0 = \{\text{vertices}\}$$

$$Q_1 = \{\text{arrows}\} \ni \alpha : s(\alpha) \rightarrow t(\alpha)$$

$$\text{If } \sigma : Q_0 \cup Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0 \cup Q_1 \text{ is} \\ x \mapsto \sigma(x)$$

an involution on Q_0

a reversing involution on Q_1

Then $Q := (Q, \sigma)$ is called a symmetric quiver

Examples:

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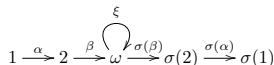
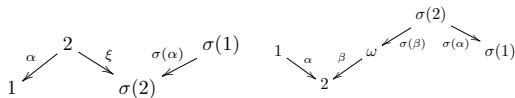
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Let $\mathbb{C}Q$ = path algebra of Q \rightsquigarrow G extends to paths

$I \subseteq \mathbb{C}Q$ admissible ideal

with $G(I) \subseteq I$

Then

$A := \mathbb{C}Q/I$ finite-dim., associative algebra with 1
(not commutative)

G induces
 \rightsquigarrow

iso $G: A \rightarrow A^{\text{op}} \simeq A$

self-duality $\nabla: \text{Rep } A \rightarrow \text{Rep } A$

2 Symmetric Representation Theory

Symmetric representations

Fix $\underline{d} = (d_i)_{i \in Q_0}$ dim vector with $d_i = d_{G(i)} \quad \forall i$

$$V = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} V_i \quad \dim V_i = d_i$$

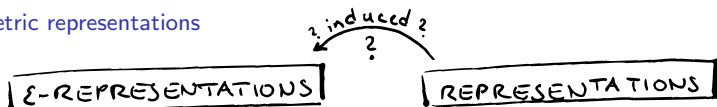
$$\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$$

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \rightarrow V$ non-degenerate bilin. form sth.

- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{V_i \times V_j} = 0$ unless $i = G(j)$
- $\langle v, w \rangle = \varepsilon \langle w, v \rangle$

2 Symmetric Representation Theory

Symmetric representations



$$\{(M_\lambda)_\lambda \mid M_\lambda^* = -M_{\sigma(\lambda)}\} =: R_\xi^\perp \subseteq R_\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \bigoplus_{\lambda \in Q_+} \text{Hom}(V_{\sigma(\lambda)}, V_{\xi(\lambda)})$$

\uparrow adjoint wrt \langle, \rangle \cup base change

$$\{(g_i) \mid g_i = g_{\sigma(i)}^*{}^{-1}\} =: G_\xi^\perp \subseteq G_\mathbb{Z} = \prod_{i \in Q_0} GL_{d_i}(\mathbb{C})$$

$\xi = 1$: orthogonal

$\xi = -1$ symplectic

orbits \equiv iso classes in rep cat
 \hookrightarrow denote both $M \leftarrow$

self-dual

$$M \cong {}^\vee M$$

2 Symmetric Representation Theory

Symmetric representations

First answer: Orbits are induced!

Theorem (MW 2000, DW 2002)

$$M, N \in \mathcal{R}_\mathbb{Z}^E \quad G_d^E M = G_d^E N \iff G_\mathbb{Z} M = G_\mathbb{Z} N$$

2 Symmetric Representation Theory

Our motivating example

Define

$$Q = \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & \sigma(\xi) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow \xi & & \\ & & & & \sigma(\alpha_i) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow \omega & & \\ & & & & \sigma(\omega) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & & & \sigma(\alpha_1) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & & & \sigma(2) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & & & \sigma(1) & & \end{array}$$

$$Q = \bullet_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \bullet_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \bullet_l \xrightarrow{\alpha_l} \bullet \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \bullet \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\alpha_l} \bullet \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \bullet$$

$$\underline{d} = (1, 2, \dots, l, n, l, \dots, 2, 1)$$

$$\mathbb{C}Q \bigcup \mathbb{I} = (\sigma(\alpha_i) \circ \alpha_i, \xi^2) \quad \left. \vphantom{\mathbb{C}Q} \right\} \mathcal{A} := \mathbb{C}Q / \mathbb{I}$$

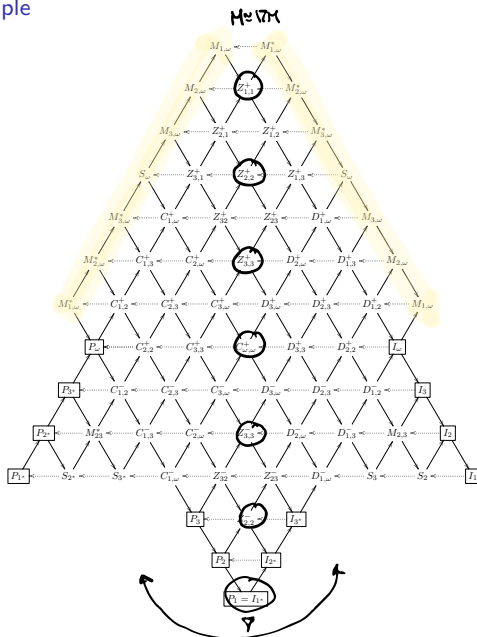
$$R_{\underline{d}} \supseteq R_{\underline{d}}^{\circ} := \{ (M_{\alpha})_{\alpha} \mid M_{\alpha_i} \text{ injective, } M_{\sigma(\alpha_i)} \text{ surjective } \forall i \}$$

Lemma

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{ \mathcal{B}\text{-orbits in } N^{(w)} \} & \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij.}} & \{ G_{\underline{d}}\text{-orbits in } R_{\underline{d}}^{\circ} \} \\ \{ \mathcal{B}_0\text{-orbits in } N_{ng}^{(w)} \} & \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij.}} & \{ G_{\underline{d}}^E\text{-orbits in } R_{\underline{d}}^{\circ} \cap R_{\underline{d}}^E \} \\ & \uparrow & \\ & \text{preserves orbit closure relations!} & \\ \text{orbits} \equiv \text{iso classes} & & \text{closures} \equiv (E\text{-})\text{degenerations} \end{array}$$

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3 Degenerations

Let $M, N \in \mathcal{R}_d$

$M \leq_{\text{deg}} N \iff G_d N \subseteq \overline{G_d M} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_d$ "degeneration"

$M \leq_{\text{hom}} N \iff \dim \text{Hom}(U, M) \leq \dim \text{Hom}(U, N) \quad \forall U \in \text{Rep } A$ "hom order"

$M \leq_{\text{Ext}} N \iff \exists M_1, \dots, M_k \in \text{Rep } A \text{ and "Ext order"}$
short ex. seq.

$$0 \rightarrow U_i \rightarrow M_{i-1} \rightarrow V_i \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$M_1 \simeq M, M_k \simeq N, M_i \simeq U_i \oplus V_i$$

GENERAL: $\leq_{\text{Ext}} \stackrel{\text{Bongartz}}{=} \leq_{\text{deg}} \stackrel{\text{Abraam-De Fina, Reineke}}{\iff} \leq_{\text{hom}}$

A REP-FINITE: $\leq_{\text{deg}} \stackrel{(\iff)}{\text{Zwara}} \leq_{\text{hom}}$

DYNKW: $\leq_{\text{Ext}} \stackrel{(\iff)}{\text{Bongartz}} \leq_{\text{deg}} \stackrel{(\iff)}{\text{Zwara}} \leq_{\text{hom}}$

3 Symmetric Degenerations

$$\text{Let } M, N \in \mathbb{R}_d^c$$

$$M \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon} N \iff G_d^{\varepsilon} M \leq \overline{G_d^{\varepsilon} N} \quad \text{"}\varepsilon\text{-degenerate"}$$

$$M \leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon} N \iff \exists \varepsilon\text{-reps } M_1, \dots, M_k \text{ and "}\varepsilon\text{-Ext"}$$

short ex. seq.

$$0 \rightarrow L_i \hookrightarrow M_{i+1} \rightarrow V_i \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$M_1 \cong M, M_k \cong N, M_i \cong L_i \oplus \nabla L_i \oplus L_i^+ / L_i$$

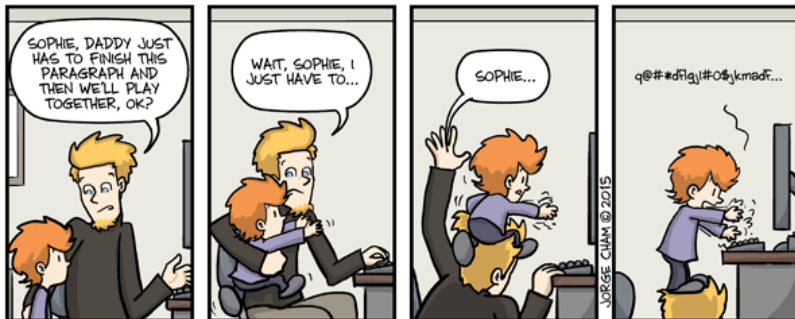
L_i isotropic in M_{i+1}

$$\text{GENERAL} \quad \leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon} \stackrel{\text{b-continuity}}{=} \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon} \implies \leq_{\text{deg}} (=) \leq_{\text{hom}}$$

REPFINITE }
 DYNKIN } Don't want to spoil it now ☺

4 Results

$$? \leq_{deg} \Rightarrow \leq_{deg}^{\varepsilon} ?$$



"Piled Higher and Deeper" by Jorge Cham
www.phdcomics.de

4 Dynkin case

$Q=(Q, \sigma)$ connected symm. quiver of finite type

$$A = \mathbb{C}Q$$

$$\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\} \quad \in \text{symm. dim vector}$$

Theorem (B. - Gelfand-Kirillov)

$$\text{Let } M, N \in R_{\pm}^{\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{Then } M \leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon} N \iff M \leq_{\text{dg}}^{\varepsilon} N \iff M \leq_{\text{dg}} N$$

$$\text{Strategy of proof} \quad \leq_{\text{dg}} \Rightarrow \leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon}$$

$$L \text{ indec sth } [L, N]^1 = 0 \rightsquigarrow L \hookrightarrow M$$

can be chosen isotypically!

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{different cases } L = \nabla L$$
$$L \oplus \nabla L$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{symmetry of } ARQ, \text{ in part. generic quotients}$$

\rightarrow inductive argument

4 Dynkin case

$$A_2 := \begin{array}{ccc} & \mathfrak{g}(2) & \\ & \downarrow \alpha & \\ \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bullet \\ 1 & & \mathfrak{g}(1) \end{array}$$

$$\underline{d} = (n, n)$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{n \times n} / \text{GL}_n \times \text{GL}_n \quad \text{only inv. = rk}$$

$$\varepsilon = -1$$

\langle, \rangle symplectic form on $\mathbb{C}^n \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon\text{-reps} : \{ M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \mid M_x^* &= -M_x \} &= \mathbb{R}_\perp^{\varepsilon} \\ &\uparrow \\ \{ (g_1, g_2) \mid g_1 &= (g_2^*)^* \} &= \mathbb{G}_\varepsilon^{\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

orbits = symplectic matrices / sympl. congruences

Thus \implies closure ordering by rk

4 Algebraic Lie-theoretic (counter)example

Orthogonal types B and D

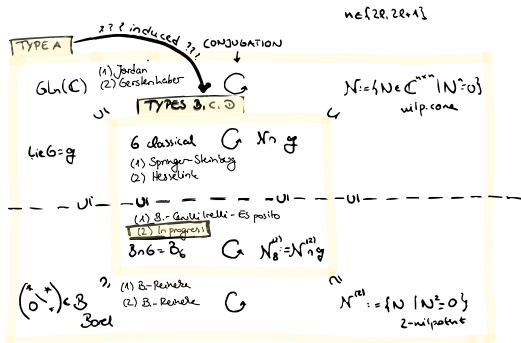
$$\Sigma = 1$$

$$Q = \underset{1}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \underset{2}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \underset{3}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{G(\alpha_2)} \underset{G(2)}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{G(\alpha_1)} \underset{G(1)}{\bullet}$$

$$A := \mathbb{C}Q / (\xi^2, G(\alpha_2) \circ \alpha_2)$$

$$\underline{d} = (1, 2, 5, 2, 1) \text{ TYPE B}$$

$$\underline{d} = (1, 2, 4, 2, 1) \text{ TYPE D}$$



Question : $\leq_{deg} \Leftrightarrow \leq_{deg} ?$

4 Algebraic Lie-theoretic (counter)example

Orthogonal types

Type B

Type D

$$+20$$

$$11 \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$8 \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

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$$0 \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

ORBIT
DIMENSION
IN N_g
(TYPE A) - 6

$$+16$$

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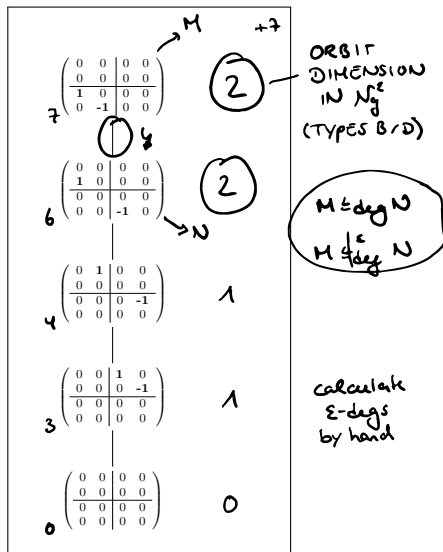
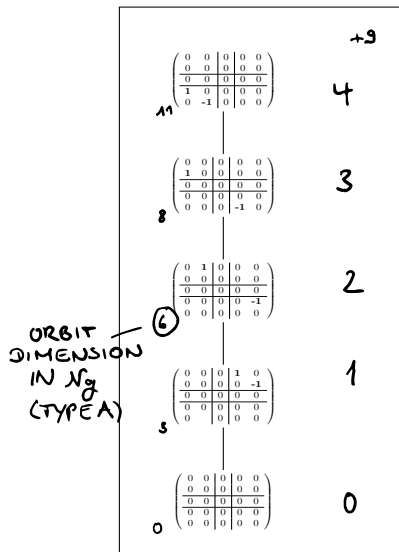
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Orthogonal types

Type B

Type D



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Orthogonal types

ORBIT CLOSURES IN $N_{\mathfrak{g}}^{(2)}$

TYPE B

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4 Algebraic Lie-theoretic (counter)example

Orthogonal types B and D

TYPE D:

$\leq_{\text{deg}} \Leftrightarrow \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon}$ is in general not true.

TYPE B:

not known

(In single G-orbits (it seems to be true!))

TYPE C: $\leq_{\text{deg}} (=) \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon}$ is true
(in preparation)

CONCLUSION

GENERAL: $\leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon} = \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow \leq_{\text{hom}}$

A REPT-FINITE: $\leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon} \not\Rightarrow \leq_{\text{hom}}$

DYNKIN $\leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon} (\Rightarrow) \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon} (\Rightarrow) \leq_{\text{hom}}$

CONJECTURE

* rep-directed $\leq_{\text{Ext}}^{\varepsilon} (\Leftrightarrow) \leq_{\text{deg}}^{\varepsilon} (\Leftrightarrow) \leq_{\text{hom}}$

maybe even if all in-degs are rigid?!

THANK

you



A hand-drawn sketch of a face, possibly a woman, with the words "THANK" and "you" written on it. The drawing is done in black ink on a white background. The face is outlined with simple, expressive lines. The eyes are closed or looking down. The mouth is open in a smile. The words "THANK" and "you" are written in a bold, sans-serif font. "THANK" is positioned above "you". There are some greyish lines and arrows pointing towards the text, suggesting a correction or emphasis. The overall style is casual and artistic.

THANK

you



A stylized signature or scribble in the bottom right corner, consisting of several overlapping, curved lines in black ink.

