

## 0.1 Cluster algebra

$\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{P}$  is a UFD

**Lemma 0.1.1.**  $\mathbb{P}$  is a torsion free abelian group written multiplicatively, then the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{P}$  is a UFD

*Proof.* Finitely generated torsion free abelian groups are free □

**Definition 0.1.2** (Exchange pattern).  $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_n$  is the regular  $n$  tree, the coefficient group  $\mathbb{P}$  is a torsion free abelian group under multiplication, thus the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{P}$  is a domain.

Cluster variables are  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \{x_i(t)\}_{i \in I}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{T}_n$  such that for  $\neq j$  and  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$

$$x_i(t) = x_i(t')$$

$\mathcal{M} = \{M_j(t)\}$  are monomials such that

$$M_j(t)(\mathbf{x}) = p_j(t) \prod_i x_i^{b_i}, p_j(t) \in \mathbb{P}, b_i \geq 0$$

and for  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ ,  $b_i$ 's depend on  $j$  and  $t$

$$x_j(t)x_j(t') = M_j(t)(\mathbf{x}(t)) + M_j(t')(\mathbf{x}(t'))$$

satisfying **exchange pattern**

$$(E1) \quad x_j \nmid M_j(t)$$

$$(E2) \quad x_i \mid M_j(t) \Rightarrow x_i \nmid M_j(t') \text{ for } t \xrightarrow{j} t'$$

$$(E3) \quad x_j \mid M_i(t) \Leftrightarrow x_i \mid M_j(t') \text{ for } t \xrightarrow{i} t' \xrightarrow{j} t_1$$

$$(E4) \quad \frac{M_i(t_3)}{M_i(t_4)} = \frac{M_i(t_2)}{M_i(t_1)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}} \text{ for } t_1 \xrightarrow{i} t_2 \xrightarrow{j} t_3 \xrightarrow{i} t_4, M_0 = (M_j(t_2) + M_j(t_3))|_{x_i=0}$$

**Remark 0.1.3.** The substitution  $x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}$  is effectively a monomial. Since if  $M_j(t_2)$  nor  $M_j(t_3)$  contain  $x_i$ , then  $M_i(t_2)$  nor  $M_i(t_3)$  contain  $x_j$  which it substitute for nothing

$$\frac{M_i(t_2)}{M_i(t_1)} = \left( \frac{M_i(t_2)}{M_i(t_1)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}} \right) \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}} = \frac{M_i(t_3)}{M_i(t_4)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}}$$

**Definition 0.1.4.** There is an involution between  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M})$  and  $(\mathbf{x}', \mathcal{M}')$  where  $x'_j(t) = x_j(t')$ ,  $M'_j(t) = M_j(t')$  for every  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$

**Definition 0.1.5.** Suppose  $J \subseteq I$  is a subset of size  $m$ , delete sides labeled in  $I - J$  in  $\mathbb{T}_n$  and choose a connected component which would be  $\mathbb{T}_m$ , add to the coefficient group  $\mathbf{x}_k$ 's  $k \in I - J$ . This is called a restriction

**Definition 0.1.6.** Exchange pattern on exponents is a family of  $B(t)$  such that for each  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$

$$\frac{M_j(t)}{M_j(t')} = \frac{p_j(t)}{p_j(t')} \prod_i x_i^{b_{ij}(t)}$$

Thus

$$M_j(t) = p_j(t) \prod_i x_i^{[b_{ij}(t)]_+}, M_j(t') = p_j(t') \prod_i x_i^{[-b_{ij}(t)]_+}$$

**Definition 0.1.7.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  is **sign-skew-symmetric** if  $b_{ii} = 0$  and for  $i \neq j$ ,  $b_{ij}, b_{ji}$  are both zeros or of opposite signs.  $B$  is **skew-symmetrizable** if there is a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $DB$  is skew symmetric, i.e.  $d_i b_{ij} = -d_j b_{ji}$ . Skew-symmetrizable matrices are obviously sign-skew-symmetric

Lemma on  $(|a|b+a|b|)/2$

**Lemma 0.1.8.**

$$\frac{|a|b+a|b|}{2} = \begin{cases} ab & a, b > 0 \\ -ab & a, b < 0 \\ 0 & ab < 0 \end{cases} = \text{sgn}(a)[ab]_+ = \text{sgn}(b)[ab]_+$$

*Note.*  $|a| = [a]_+ + [-a]_+$

**Definition 0.1.9.** A **mutation** on a  $m \times n$  ( $m > n$ ) matrix  $B$  in direction  $k$  denoted by  $\mu_k$  is given by

$$b'_{ij} = \begin{cases} -b_{ij} & i = k \text{ or } j = k \\ b_{ij} + \frac{|b_{ik}|b_{kj} + b_{ik}|b_{kj}|}{2} = b_{ij} + \text{sgn}(b_{ik})[b_{ik}b_{kj}]_+ & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here  $\mu_k(B) = B'$ .  $\mu_k$  is involutive

**Theorem 0.1.10.** If  $B(t)$  are sign-skew-symmetric and  $\mu_k(B(t)) = B(t')$  for each  $t \xrightarrow{k} t'$ , then it gives a exchange pattern

*Proof.* Suppose  $B(t)$  is an exchange pattern, then  $B(t)$  is obviously sign-skew-symmetric. For  $t \xrightarrow{k} t'$ , we have

$$\frac{M_k(t)}{M_k(t')} = \frac{p_k(t)}{p_k(t')} \prod_i x_i^{b_{ik}}, \quad \frac{M_k(t')}{M_k(t)} = \frac{p_k(t')}{p_k(t)} \prod_i x_i^{b'_{ik}}$$

Hence  $b'_{ik} = -b_{ik}$ . Consider  $t_1 \xrightarrow{j} t' \xrightarrow{k} t \xrightarrow{j} t_2$

$$\frac{M_j(t')}{M_j(t_1)} = \frac{M_j(t)}{M_j(t_2)} \Big|_{x_k \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_k}}$$

becomes

$$\frac{p_j(t')}{p_j(t_1)} \prod_i x_i^{b'_{ij}} = \frac{p_j(t)}{p_j(t_2)} \prod_i x_i^{b_{ij}} \Big|_{x_k \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_k}}$$

Where

$$M_0 = \left( p_k(t) \prod_i x_i^{[b_{ik}]_+} + p_k(t') \prod_i x_i^{[-b_{ik}]_+} \right) \Big|_{x_j=0}$$

Case 1:  $b_{jk} > 0 \Leftrightarrow b_{kj} < 0$ , then  $M_0 = p_k(t') \prod_{i \neq j} x_i^{[-b_{ik}]_+}$ , thus

$$\prod_{i \neq j} x_i^{b'_{ij}} = \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{b_{ij}} \cdot \left( x_k^{-1} \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{[-b_{ik}]_+} \right)^{b_{kj}} = \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{b_{ij} + b_{kj}[-b_{ik}]_+} x_k^{-b_{kj}}$$

Case 2:  $b_{jk} < 0 \Leftrightarrow b_{kj} > 0$ , then  $M_0 = p_k(t') \prod_{i \neq j} x_i^{[-b_{ik}]_+}$ , thus

$$\prod_{i \neq j} x_i^{b'_{ij}} = \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{b_{ij}} \cdot \left( x_k^{-1} \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{[b_{ik}]_+} \right)^{b_{kj}} = \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{b_{ij} + b_{kj}[b_{ik}]_+} x_k^{-b_{kj}}$$

Case 3:  $b_{jk} = 0 \Leftrightarrow b_{kj} = 0$ , then

$$\prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{b'_{ij}} = \prod_{i \neq j, k} x_i^{b_{ij}}$$

Therefore  $b'_{kj} = -b_{kj}$  and  $b'_{ij} = b_{ij} + \text{sgn}(b_{ik})[b_{ik}b_{kj}]_+$

Conversely, if  $B(t)$  are sign-skew-symmetric and  $\mu_k(B(t)) = B(t')$  for each  $t \xrightarrow{k} t'$ , take

$$M_k(t) = \prod_i x_i^{[b_{ik}(t)]_+}, M_k(t') = \prod_i x_i^{[-b_{ik}(t)]_+}$$

for  $t \xrightarrow{k} t'$ , then obviously  $x_k \nmid M_k(t)$  since  $b_{kk} = 0$  and

$$x_j \mid M_k(t) \Leftrightarrow b_{jk} > 0 \Leftrightarrow -b_{jk} < 0 \Rightarrow x_j \nmid M_k(t')$$

For  $t \xrightarrow{k} t' \xrightarrow{j} t_1$

$$x_j \mid M_k(t) \Leftrightarrow b_{jk} > 0 \Leftrightarrow b'_{kj} = -b_{kj} > 0 \Leftrightarrow x_k \mid M_j(t')$$

For  $t_1 \xrightarrow{j} t' \xrightarrow{k} t \xrightarrow{j} t_2$ , it is the exact argument above by taking  $p_j(t) \equiv 1$   $\square$

Mutation of a skew-symmetrizable matrix preserves the skew-symmetrizing matrix

**Proposition 0.1.11.** Given a skew-symmetrizable matrix  $B$ , the all possible mutations  $B(t)$  in  $\mathbb{T}_n$  are skew-symmetrizable with the same skew-symmetrizing matrix  $D$

*Proof.* True for each mutation  $\mu_k$   $\square$

**Remark 0.1.12.** For cluster algebra of rank  $n \leq 2$ , the exchange pattern is skew-symmetrizable.

If  $n = 1$ ,  $B(t) \equiv 0$ . If  $n = 2$ ,  $B(t_n) = (-1)^n \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

**Definition 0.1.13.** Denote  $2n$  tuple  $\mathbf{p}(t)$  the coefficients  $p_j(t), p_j(t')$  for  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ .  $\Sigma(t) = (\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{p}(t), B(t))$  is a **seed**,  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is the **cluster** of the seed. If we assume  $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$  are algebraically independent ( $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$  is a cluster of rank  $n$ ), then so are  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  since they are all mutationally equivalent. Denote the collection of all cluster variables  $\mathcal{X}$ , the collection of all coefficients  $\mathcal{P}$ , the collection of exchange matrices  $\mathcal{B}$ , the collection of  $M_j(t)$ 's  $\mathcal{M}$ , the collection of seeds  $\mathcal{S}$ . We can take  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{P}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to be the **ambient field**,  $\mathbf{x}$  can be some cluster  $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$ . The **cluster algebra** is the subalgebra  $\mathbb{Z}\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{X}]$

**Proposition 0.1.14.** Given  $B(t)$  that give rise to exchange pattern, the coefficients must satisfy

$$p_i(t_1)p_i(t_3)p_i(t_3)^{[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+} = p_i(t_2)p_i(t_4)p_i(t_2)^{[b_{ji}(t_2)]_+} \quad (0.1.1)$$

*Proof.* For  $t_1 \xrightarrow{i} t_2 \xrightarrow{j} t_3 \xrightarrow{i} t_4$

$$\frac{p_i(t_3)}{p_i(t_4)} \prod_k x_k^{b_{ki}(t_3)} = \frac{M_i(t_3)}{M_i(t_4)} = \frac{M_i(t_3)}{M_i(t_4)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}} = \frac{p_i(t_2)}{p_i(t_1)} \prod_k x_k^{b_{ki}(t_2)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}}$$

Here

$$M_0 = (M_j(t_2) + M_j(t_3))|_{x_i=0} = \left( p_j(t_2) \prod_k x_k^{[b_{kj}(t_2)]_+} + p_j(t_3) \prod_k x_k^{[b_{kj}(t_3)]_+} \right) \Big|_{x_i=0}$$

Take  $x_k = 1$  for  $k \neq j$ , and use the fact that  $B(t)$  are sign-skew-symmetric, we get

$$p_i(t_1)p_i(t_3) = p_i(t_2)p_i(t_4)M_0^{b_{ji}(t_2)}$$

With

Case 1:  $b_{ij}(t_2) > 0$ . Then  $b_{ij}(t_3) < 0$ ,  $M_0 = p_j(t_3)$  and

$$p_i(t_1)p_i(t_3)p_i(t_3)^{b_{ji}(t_3)} = p_i(t_2)p_i(t_4)$$

Case 2:  $b_{ij}(t_2) < 0$ . Then  $b_{ij}(t_3) > 0$ ,  $M_0 = p_j(t_2)$  and

$$p_i(t_1)p_i(t_3) = p_i(t_2)p_i(t_4)p_i(t_2)^{b_{ji}(t_2)}$$

Case 3:  $b_{ij}(t_2) = 0$ . Then  $b_{ij}(t_3) = 0$ ,  $M_0 = p_j(t_2) + p_j(t_3)$ , but  $b_{ji}(t_2) = b_{ji}(t_3) = 0$ , hence

$$p_i(t_1)p_i(t_3) = p_i(t_2)p_i(t_4)$$

□

*Note.* A trivial solution of (0.1.1) is  $p_j(t) = 1$

**Proposition 0.1.15.** The **universal coefficient group**  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathbb{P}$  is the free abelian group generated by  $p_i(t)$  modulo (0.1.1).  $\mathcal{P}$  is torsion free, more precisely, it is the free abelian group generated by  $p_i(t_0), p_i(t)$  for every  $t_0 \xrightarrow{i} t$  and exactly one of  $p_i(t), p_i(t')$  for every  $t \xrightarrow{i} t'$  where  $t, t' \neq t_0$

**Definition 0.1.16.** Take the field of rational functions of cluster variables  $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}\mathcal{P}$  to be the ambient field  $\mathcal{F}$ , all other cluster variables  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  are also in  $\mathcal{F}$  by Theorem 0.2.3. The **universal cluster algebra**  $\mathcal{A}$  is the subalgebra generated by all cluster variables with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}\mathcal{P}$

M-equivalence

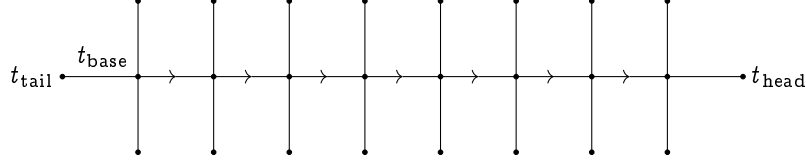
**Definition 0.1.17.**  $t, t' \in \mathbb{T}_n$  are **M-equivalent** if there is a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $I$  such that

- $x_{\sigma(i)}(t) = x_i(t')$
- $M_{\sigma(j)}(t)(\mathbf{x}(t)) = M_j(t')(\mathbf{x}(t'))$  and  $M_{\sigma(j)}(t_1)(\mathbf{x}(t)) = M_j(t'_1)(\mathbf{x}(t'))$  for  $t \xrightarrow{\sigma(j)} t_1$  and  $t' \xrightarrow{j} t'_1$

## 0.2 Laurent phenomenon

Caterpillar lemma

**Lemma 0.2.1** (Caterpillar lemma). Define the caterpillar tree  $\mathbb{T}_{n,m}$  consists of a spine of  $m+2$  nodes, with an orientation from  $t_{\text{tail}}$  to  $t_{\text{head}}$  with  $t_{\text{base}}$  connected to  $t_{\text{tail}}$ , as illustrated in Figure 0.2.1

Figure 0.2.1:  $\mathbb{T}_{4,8}$  $\mathbb{T}_{4,8}$ 

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a UFD, exchange polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  for each edge  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ , denoted  $x \xrightarrow[j]{P} t'$  satisfying the generalized exchange pattern

- $P$  doesn't depend on  $x_j$  and  $x_i$  doesn't divide  $P$
- For  $t_0 \xrightarrow[i]{P} t_1 \xrightarrow[j]{Q} t_2$ ,  $P, Q_0$  are coprime in  $\mathbb{A}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , where  $Q_0 = Q|_{x_i=0}$
- For  $t_0 \xrightarrow[i]{P} t_1 \xrightarrow[j]{Q} t_2 \xrightarrow[i]{R} t_3$ ,  $LQ_0^b P = R|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{Q_0}{x_j}}$  for some  $b \geq 0$  and some Laurent monomial  $L$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{A}$  coprime with  $P$

Cluster variables  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \{x_i(t)\}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{n,m}$  satisfying for each  $t \xrightarrow[i]{P} t'$

- $x_i(t) = x_i(t')$  for any  $i \neq j$
- $x_j(t)x_j(t') = P(t)(\mathbf{x}(t))$

Then  $\mathbf{x}(t_{\text{head}})$  are Laurent polynomials in  $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{A}$

*Proof.* Write the subring of Laurent polynomials generated by  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  as

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \mathbb{A}[x_1(t)^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n(t)^{\pm 1}]$$

Make induction on  $m$ . If  $m = 1$ , consider  $t_{\text{tail}} = t \xrightarrow[i]{P} t_{\text{base}} = t' \xrightarrow[j]{Q} t_{\text{head}} = t_1$ , we have for  $k \neq i, j$

$$\begin{aligned} x_k(t_1) &= x_k(t') = x_k(t) \\ x_i(t_1) &= x_i(t') = \frac{P(\mathbf{x}(t))}{x_i(t)} \\ x_j(t_1) &= \frac{Q(\mathbf{x}(t'))}{x_j(t')} = \frac{Q(\mathbf{x}(t))}{x_j(t)} \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $m \geq 2$ , let's show that  $X = x_k(t_{\text{head}}) \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$ , by induction,  $X \in \mathcal{L}(t_1) \cap \mathcal{L}(t_3)$ .

Since  $X, x_i(t_1) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x}(t_0))}{x_i(t_0)} \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$ ,  $X = \frac{f_0}{x_i(t_1)^a}$  for some  $f_0 \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$  and  $a \geq 0$ , similarly,

$X = \frac{g_0}{x_j(t_2)^b x_i(t_3)^c}$  for some  $g_0 \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$  and  $b, c \geq 0$ , thanks to Lemma 0.2.2,  $X \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$   $\square$

Lemma for caterpillar lemma

**Lemma 0.2.2.** For  $t_0 \xrightarrow[i]{P} t_1 \xrightarrow[j]{Q} t_2 \xrightarrow[i]{R} t_3$ ,  $\mathbf{x}(t_1), \mathbf{x}(t_2), \mathbf{x}(t_3) \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$ , and

$$\gcd(x_i(t_1), x_i(t_3)) = \gcd(x_j(t_2), x_i(t_1)) = 1$$

in  $\mathcal{L}(t_0)$

*Note.*  $\mathcal{L}(t_0)$  is a UFD,  $\mathcal{L}(t_0)^\times$  consists of Laurent monomials with coefficients  $\mathbb{A}^\times$

*Proof.* Denote  $x = x_i(t_0)$ ,  $y = x_j(t_0) = x_j(t_1)$ ,  $z = x_i(t_1) = x_i(t_2)$ ,  $u = x_j(t_2) = x_j(t_3)$ ,  $v = x_i(t_3)$ , think of  $P, Q, R$  as functions of  $x_j, x_i, x_j$  respectively, then

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{P(y)}{x} \\ u &= \frac{Q(z)}{y} = \frac{Q\left(\frac{P(y)}{x}\right)}{y} \\ v &= \frac{R(u)}{z} = \frac{R\left(\frac{Q(z)}{y}\right)}{z} = \frac{R\left(\frac{Q(z)}{y}\right) - R\left(\frac{Q(0)}{y}\right)}{z} + \frac{R\left(\frac{Q(0)}{y}\right)}{z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{R\left(\frac{Q(z)}{y}\right) - R\left(\frac{Q(0)}{y}\right)}{z} = R'\left(\frac{Q_0}{y}\right) \frac{Q'(0)}{y} + \frac{1}{2} R''\left(\frac{Q(z)}{y}\right) \Big|_{z=0} z + \dots \equiv R'\left(\frac{Q_0}{y}\right) \frac{Q'(0)}{y} \pmod{z}$$

$$\frac{R\left(\frac{Q_0}{y}\right)}{z} = \frac{L(y)Q_0(y)^b P(y)}{z} = L(y)Q_0(y)^b x$$

Thus  $v \in \mathcal{L}(t_0)$

Since  $\gcd(P, Q_0) = \gcd(P, L) = 1$

$$\gcd(z, v) = \gcd\left(\frac{P(y)}{x}, L(y)Q_0(y)^b x\right) = \gcd(P(y), L(y)Q_0(y)^b) = 1$$

Since  $\frac{Q(z)}{y} \equiv \frac{Q_0}{y} \pmod{z}$

$$\gcd(z, u) = \gcd\left(z, \frac{Q_0}{y}\right) = \gcd(P(y), Q_0) = 1$$

□

Laurent phenomenon

**Theorem 0.2.3.** Catepillar lemma 0.2.1 implies that in a cluster algebra, any cluster variable can be expressed as a Laurent polynomial in a given  $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\mathbb{P}$  since there is no subtraction involved

*Proof.*  $\mathbb{T}_{n,m}$  can be embedded in  $\mathbb{T}_n$ .  $M_j(t) + M_j(t')$  doesn't depend on  $x_j$  and not divisible by  $x_i$  for  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$  and any  $i \neq j$

For  $t_0 \xrightarrow[i]{P} t_1 \xrightarrow[j]{Q} t_2 \xrightarrow[i]{R} t_3$ , we have

$$\frac{P}{M_i(t_0)} = 1 + \frac{M_i(t_1)}{M_i(t_0)} = 1 + \frac{M_i(t_2)}{M_i(t_3)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}} = \frac{R}{M_i(t_3)} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_j}}$$

Where  $M_0 = (M_j(t_1) + M_j(t_2))|_{x_i=0} = Q_0$ , thus

$$\frac{R|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{Q_0}{x_j}}}{P} = \frac{M_i(t_3)|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{Q_0}{x_j}}}{M_i(t_0)}$$

Note that  $M_i(t_0) = p_i(t_0) \prod_k x_k^{[b_{ki}(t_0)]_+}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} M_i(t_3)|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{Q_0}{x_j}} &= p_i(t_3) \prod_k x_k^{[b_{ki}(t_3)]_+} \Big|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{Q_0}{x_j}} \\ &= p_i(t_3) \left( \frac{Q_0}{x_j} \right)^{[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+} \prod_{k \neq i, j} x_k^{[b_{ki}(t_3)]_+} \\ &= p_i(t_3) Q_0^{[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+} x_j^{-[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+} \prod_{k \neq i, j} x_k^{[b_{ki}(t_3)]_+} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$R|_{x_j \leftarrow \frac{Q_0}{x_j}} = \frac{p_i(t_3)}{p_i(t_0)} x_j^{-[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+ - [b_{ji}(t_0)]_+} \prod_{k \neq i, j} x_k^{[b_{ki}(t_3)]_+ - [b_{ki}(t_0)]_+} Q_0^{[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+} P = L Q_0^b P$$

Since the sum of two monomials  $P$  doesn't depend on  $x_i$  and is not divisible by any  $x_k$  for  $k \neq i$ ,  $Q_0$  is a monomial,  $L$  is a Laurent monomial,  $Q_0, P$  are coprime in  $\mathbb{A}[\mathbf{x}]$  and  $L, P$  are coprime in  $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{x}]$   $\square$

### 0.3 Y-system

$A$  is the Cartan matrix of root system  $\Phi$  with simple system  $\Pi$ , denote  $[\alpha : \alpha_i]$  as the coefficients of  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , write  $\Phi_{\geq -1} = \Phi_+ \cup (-\Pi)$ . Since the Coxeter graph is a tree, it is bipartite, up to renaming  $I = \{1, \dots, n\} = I_- \sqcup I_+$ ,  $\varepsilon(i) = \varepsilon$  for  $i \in I_\varepsilon$  be the indicator. Let  $t_\varepsilon = \prod_{i \in I_\varepsilon} s_i$ ,  $t = t_- t_+$  is a Coxeter element,  $h$  is the Coxeter number.  $s_{i_-}, s_{i_+}$  are reduced words of  $t_-, t_+$ , then

$$w_o = \underbrace{s_{i_-} s_{i_+} \cdots s_{i_\pm}}_{h \text{ times}} = s_{i_o}$$

is the element of longest length

**Definition 0.3.1.** Suppose  $\Phi$  is irreducible, then

$$[s_i(\alpha) : \alpha_k] = \begin{cases} -[\alpha : \alpha_i] - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} [\alpha : \alpha_j] & k = i \\ [\alpha : \alpha_k] & k \neq i \end{cases}$$

Define a piecewise linear modification

$$[\sigma_i(\alpha) : \alpha_k] = \begin{cases} -[\alpha : \alpha_i] - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} [\alpha : \alpha_j]_+ & k = i \\ [\alpha : \alpha_k] & k \neq i \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 0.3.2.**

1.  $\sigma_i$  are involutions
2.  $\sigma_i, \sigma_j$  commutes if  $i, j$  are not adjacent in the Coxeter graph
3.  $\sigma_i$  preserves  $\Phi_{\geq -1}$

**Proposition 0.3.3.** Let  $\tau_\varepsilon = \prod_{i \in I_\varepsilon} \sigma_i$

1.  $\tau_\varepsilon$  are involutions that preserve  $\Phi_{\geq -1}$
2.  $\tau_\varepsilon \alpha = t_\varepsilon \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \Pi$
3.  $\Phi_{\geq -1} \rightarrow \Phi_{\geq -1}^\vee$ ,  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha^\vee$  are  $\tau_\varepsilon$  equivariant, i.e.  $(\tau_\varepsilon \alpha)^\vee = \tau_\varepsilon \alpha^\vee$

**Definition 0.3.4.** A **Y-system** is a family of commuting variables  $Y_i(t)$ ,  $i \in I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$Y_i(t+1)Y_i(t-1) = \prod_{j \neq i} (1 + Y_j(t))^{-a_{ij}} \quad (0.3.1)$$

**Remark 0.3.5.** (0.3.1) only really involve those  $Y_j(k)$  with  $\varepsilon(j) \cdot (-1)^k = \text{const}$ , assume  $Y_j(k) = Y_j(k+1)$  for  $\varepsilon(i) = (-1)^k$ , then we have

$$Y_i(k+1) = \begin{cases} \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (1 + Y_j(k))^{-a_{ij}}}{Y_i(k)} & \varepsilon(i) = (-1)^k + 1 \\ Y_i(k) & \varepsilon(i) = (-1)^k \end{cases}$$

Denote  $\mathcal{Y}$  as the collection of all  $Y_j(k)$ 's,  $u_i = Y_i(0)$ , define

$$\tau_\varepsilon(u_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (1 + u_j)^{-a_{ij}}}{u_i} & \varepsilon(i) = \varepsilon \\ u_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



**Theorem 0.3.6** (Zamolodichikov).  $Y_i(t)$ 's are  $2(h+2)$  periodic, i.e.  $Y_i(t+2(h+2)) = Y_i(t)$

**Theorem 0.3.7.** There is a unique family  $\{F[\alpha]\}_{\alpha \in \Phi_{\geq -1}}$  of polynomials in  $u_i$  such that  $F[-\alpha_i] = -1$  and

$$\tau_\varepsilon(F[\alpha]) = \frac{\prod_{\varepsilon(i)=-\varepsilon} (u_i + 1)^{[\alpha^\vee : \alpha_i^\vee]}}{\prod_{\varepsilon(i)=\varepsilon} u_i^{[\alpha^\vee : \alpha_i^\vee]_+}} F[\tau_{-\varepsilon}(\alpha)]$$

Furthermore,  $F[\alpha] \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[\mathbf{u}]$  has constant term 1. Call  $F[\alpha]$  Fibonacci polynomials

Any  $\alpha \in \Phi_{\geq -1}$  can be written as  $\alpha(k, i) = (\tau_- \tau_+)^k(-\alpha_i)$ , denote  $N[\alpha] = \prod_{j \neq i} F[\alpha(-k, i)]^{-a_{ij}}$ ,

note that  $N[\alpha] \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[\mathbf{u}]$  also has constant term 1

**Theorem 0.3.8.** There is a unique bijection  $\Phi_{\geq -1} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $\alpha \mapsto Y[\alpha] = \frac{N[\alpha]}{\mathbf{u}^{\alpha^\vee}}$  such that  $Y[-\alpha_i] = u_i$ ,  $\tau_\varepsilon(Y[\alpha]) = Y[\tau_\varepsilon(\alpha)]$

**Definition 0.3.9.** A **tropical specialization**  $r_{\text{trop}}$  of a rational expression  $r$  is changing the addition  $+$  and multiplication  $\cdot$  into  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  where  $a \oplus b = \max(a, b)$ ,  $a \odot b = a + b$

The **compatibility degree** for  $\alpha, \beta \in \Phi_{\geq -1}$  is

$$(\alpha || \beta) = (Y[\alpha] + 1)(\beta)_{\text{trop}}$$

Here  $(Y[\alpha] + 1)(\beta)$  is evaluation at  $\{u_i = [\beta : \alpha_i]\}$ .  $\alpha, \beta$  are **compatible** if  $(\alpha || \beta) = 0$

$\Delta(\Phi)$  is a simplicial complex with  $\Phi_{\geq -1}$  as vertices and mutually compatible subsets of  $\Delta(\Phi)$  are simplices, the maximal simplices are **clusters**. The **exchange graph**  $E(\Phi)$  is an unoriented graph with clusters as vertices and an edge between clusters which has intersection of cardinality  $n-1$

**Remark 0.3.10.**  $(||)$  is uniquely characterized by

$$\begin{aligned} (-\alpha_i || \beta) &= (Y[-\alpha_i] + 1)(\beta)_{\text{trop}} = (u_i + 1)(\beta)_{\text{trop}} = [\beta : \alpha_i]_+ \\ (\tau_\varepsilon(\alpha) || \tau_\varepsilon(\beta)) &= (Y[\tau_\varepsilon(\alpha)] + 1)(\tau_\varepsilon(\beta))_{\text{trop}} = (\tau_\varepsilon(Y[\alpha]) + 1)(\tau_\varepsilon(\beta))_{\text{trop}} = (\alpha || \beta) \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 0.3.11.** Consider perfect bilinear pairing

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}\Pi^\vee \times \mathbb{Z}\Pi &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\ (\xi, \gamma) &\mapsto \{\xi, \gamma\} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\{\xi, \gamma\} = \sum \varepsilon(i)[\xi : \alpha_i^\vee][\gamma : \alpha_i]$ . Then

$$(\alpha || \beta) = \max(\{\tau_+ \alpha^\vee, \beta\}, \{\alpha^\vee, \tau_+ \beta\}, 0) = \max(-\{\tau_- \alpha^\vee, \beta\}, -\{\alpha^\vee, \tau_- \beta\}, 0)$$

*Note.*  $(||)$  doesn't depend on the choice of the indicator  $\varepsilon$

**Proposition 0.3.12.**

1.  $(\alpha || \beta) = (\beta^\vee || \alpha^\vee)$ , in particular, if  $\Phi$  is simply laced, then  $(\alpha || \beta) = (\beta || \alpha)$
2. If  $(\alpha || \beta) = 0$ , then  $(\beta || \alpha) = 0$
3.  $J \subseteq I$ ,  $\Phi(J) \subseteq \Phi$  is a root subsystem,  $(||)$  on  $\Phi(J)$  is the same as the restriction

**Theorem 0.3.13.**  $\Delta(\Phi)$  is pure of dimension  $n-1$ , and each facet forms a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for the root lattice

**Theorem 0.3.14.** The simplicial cones of all clusters form a complete simplicial fan

**Corollary 0.3.15.** The geometric realization of  $\Delta(\Phi)$  is  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$

**Conjecture 0.3.16.** The simplicial fan of  $\Delta(\Phi)$  is the normal fan of some convex polytope  $P(\Phi)$

**Theorem 0.3.17.**  $E(\Phi)$  is a regular  $n$  tree

**Example 0.3.18.**

## 0.4 Associahedron

**Definition 0.4.1.** Any  $n$  regular polygon has  $\binom{n}{2} - n = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$  diagonals, with these as vertices, noncrossing subsets as simplexes, we have given it a abstract simplicial complex structure

## 0.5 Cluster algebra of geometric type

Semifield is multiplicative torison free

**Lemma 0.5.1.** Semifield  $\mathbb{P}$  is multiplicative torison free

*Proof.* Suppose  $p^m = 1$ , then

$$p = \frac{p^m \oplus p^{m-1} \oplus \cdots \oplus p}{p^{m-1} \oplus p^{m-2} \oplus \cdots \oplus 1} = \frac{1 \oplus p^{m-1} \oplus \cdots \oplus p}{p^{m-1} \oplus p^{m-2} \oplus \cdots \oplus 1} = 1$$

□

**Definition 0.5.2.** Exchange pattern is **normalized** if  $\mathbb{P}$  is a semifield and  $p_j(t) \oplus p_j(t') = 1$  for any  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$

Normalized exchange pattern determines the cluster algebra

**Proposition 0.5.3.** Given  $p_j, r_j$  in a semifield  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $p_j \oplus r_j = 1$ , and exchange matrix  $B(t)$  on  $\mathbb{T}_n$ , define  $p_j(t_0) = p_j, p_j(t) = r_j$  for each  $t_0 \xrightarrow{i} t$ , this completely determines the cluster algebra

*Proof.* Define  $u_j(t) = \frac{p_j(t)}{p_j(t')}$  for  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ , then

$$p_j(t) = \frac{u_j(t)}{1 \oplus u_j(t)}, p_j(t') = \frac{1}{1 \oplus u_j(t)}$$

Then (0.1.1) becomes

$$u_i(t_3)p_j(t_3)^{[b_{ji}(t_3)]_+} = u_i(t_2)p_j(t_2)^{[b_{ji}(t_2)]_+}$$

Case 1:  $u_i(t_3)p_j(t_3)^{b_{ji}(t_3)} = u_i(t_2) \Rightarrow u_i(t_3) = u_i(t_2)(1 \oplus u_j(t_2))^{b_{ji}(t_2)}$

Case 2:  $u_i(t_3) = u_i(t_2)p_j(t_2)^{b_{ji}(t_2)} = u_i(t_2) \left( \frac{u_j(t_2)}{1 \oplus u_j(t_2)} \right)^{b_{ji}(t_2)}$

Thus for  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ , we have

$$u_i(t') = u_i(t)u_j(t)^{[b_{ji}(t)]_+} (1 \oplus u_j(t))^{-b_{ji}(t)}$$

□

**Remark 0.5.4.**  $\mathbf{p}$  determines  $\mathbf{u}$  which in turn determines  $\mathbf{p}$

Fix semifield  $\mathbb{P}$ ,  $B$  is skew-symmetrizable, then  $(B, \mathbf{p})$  determines the cluster algebra  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(B, \mathbf{p})$  up to isomorphism

**Corollary 0.5.5.** The exchange graph of a normalized cluster algebra is  $n$ -regular

**Definition 0.5.6.** The **tropical semifield**  $(\mathbb{R}, \oplus, \odot)$  is a semifield with multiplication as  $\odot$ , min or max as  $\oplus$

The tropical semifield generated by  $p$  is the free abelian group generated multiplicatively by  $p$  with  $p^a \oplus p^b = p^{\min(a,b)}$

**Definition 0.5.7.** A normalized cluster algebra is of geometric type if  $\mathbb{P}$  is the tropical semifield generated by  $\{p_i\}_{i \in I'}$  and each  $p_j(t)$  is a monomial with nonnegative exponents

**Remark 0.5.8.** In this particular case, normality just means that for  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ ,  $p_j(t), p_j(t')$  doesn't have a common variable, or the support doesn't intersect

**Proposition 0.5.9.**  $\mathbb{P}$  is the tropical semifield generated by  $p_i, i \in I'$ ,  $B(t)$  is the exchange pattern of exponents,  $p_j(t)$  give rise to a cluster algebra of geometric type iff  $C(t)$  satisfies the exchange pattern of coefficients, i.e.  $p_j(t) = \prod_i p_i^{[c_{ij}(t)]_+}$  and

$$c'_{ij} = \begin{cases} -c_{ij} & j = k \\ c_{ij} + \frac{|c_{ij}|b_{jk} + c_{ij}|b_{jk}|}{2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here the mutation is in direction  $k$

*Proof.* Suppose  $p_j(t)$  give rise to a cluster algebra of geometric type. Define  $u_j(t) = \frac{p_j(t)}{p_j(t')} =$

$\prod_{i \in I'} p_i^{c_{ij}(t)}$  for each  $t \xrightarrow{j} t'$ , then according to Proposition 0.5.3

$$p_j(t) = \frac{u_j(t)}{1 \oplus u_j(t)} = \frac{\prod_i p_i^{c_{ij}}}{1 \oplus \prod_i p_i^{c_{ij}}} = \frac{\prod_i p_i^{c_{ij}}}{\prod_i p_i^{-[-c_{ij}]_+}} = \prod_i p_i^{[c_{ij}]_+}$$

$$1 = u_k(t)u_k(t') = \prod_i p_i^{c_{ik} + c'_{ik}} \Rightarrow c'_{ik} = -c_{ik}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_i p_i^{c'_{ij}} &= \prod_i p_i^{c_{ij}} \left( \prod_i p_i^{c_{ik}} \right)^{[b_{kj}]_+} \left( 1 \oplus \prod_i p_i^{c_{ik}} \right)^{-b_{kj}} \\ &= \prod_i p_i^{c_{ij}} \prod_i p_i^{c_{ik}[b_{kj}]_+} \prod_i p_i^{b_{kj}[-c_{ik}]_+} \\ &= \prod_i p_i^{c_{ij} + \frac{|c_{ij}|b_{jk} + c_{ij}|b_{jk}|}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 0.5.10.** Note if we take  $\tilde{B}(t) = (\tilde{b}_{ij})_{i \in I \cup I', j \in I}$  where  $\tilde{b}_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for  $i, j \in I$  is the principal part of  $\tilde{B}$ ,  $\tilde{b}_{ij} = c_{ij}$  for  $i \in I', j \in I$

**Corollary 0.5.11.** Given  $\tilde{B}_0$  with a skew-symmetrizable principal part  $B_0$ , then there exists a unique exchange pattern of geometric type such that  $\tilde{B}(t_0) = \tilde{B}_0$  for  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}_n$

*Proof.* By Proposition 0.1.11

□

**Remark 0.5.12.** The class of exchange patterns of geometric type is stable under restriction and direct product

## 0.6 Rank two case

Cluster algebra of rank 2

**Example 0.6.1.** If  $n = 2$ , consider  $\mathbb{T}_2$

$$\overset{1}{\text{---}} t_0 \overset{2}{\text{---}} t_1 \overset{1}{\text{---}} t_2 \overset{2}{\text{---}} t_3 \overset{1}{\text{---}} t_4 \overset{2}{\text{---}} t_5 \overset{1}{\text{---}}$$

The cluster variables are  $y_i, y_{i+1}$  for  $t_i$

$$y_{2k+1} = x_1(t_{2k}) = x_1(t_{2k+1}), y_{2k} = x_2(t_{2k-1}) = x_2(t_{2k})$$

$M_2(t_0)$  and  $M_2(t_1)$  don't have  $x_1$  and can't both have  $x_2$

If both of them don't have  $x_2$ , then  $M_2(t_0), M_2(t_1) \in \mathbb{P}$ , thus

$$\cdots x_2 \nmid M_1(t_{-1}) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \nmid M_2(t_0) \Leftrightarrow x_2 \nmid M_1(t_1) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \nmid M_2(t_2) \cdots$$

$$\cdots x_2 \nmid M_1(t_0) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \nmid M_2(t_1) \Leftrightarrow x_2 \nmid M_1(t_2) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \nmid M_2(t_3) \cdots$$

So is every  $M_*(t_*) \in \mathbb{P}$ , write  $q_m, r_m$  as the two monomials of  $t_{m-1} \text{---} t_m$ , then we have

$$y_{m-1}y_{m+1} = q_m + r_m$$

And for  $t_{m-2} \text{---} t_{m-1} \text{---} t_m \text{---} t_{m+1}$  we have

$$\frac{q_{m+1}}{r_{m+1}} = \frac{r_{m-1}}{q_{m-1}} \Leftrightarrow q_{m-1}q_{m+1} = r_{m-1}r_{m+1}$$

If  $M_2(t_0) = q_1 x_1^b$ ,  $M_2(t_1) = r_1$  (the other case corresponds to the involution) for some  $b > 0$ , then  $M_1(t_1) = q_2 x_2^c$ ,  $M_1(t_2) = r_2$  for some  $c > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{M_2(t_2)}{M_2(t_3)} = \frac{M_2(t_1)}{M_2(t_0)} \Big|_{x_1 \leftarrow \frac{M_0}{x_1}} = \frac{r_1}{q_1 x_1^b} \Big|_{x_1 \leftarrow \frac{r_2}{x_1}} = \frac{r_1 x_1^b}{q_1 r_2^b}$$

Since  $x_1 \mid M_2(t_3) \Rightarrow x_2 \nmid M_2(t_2)$  gives a contradiction,  $x_1 \nmid M_2(t_3) \Rightarrow M_2(t_3) = r_3$ , thus  $M_2(t_2) = q_3 x_1^b$ , periodically, we can conclude

$$M_2(t_{2k}) = q_{2k+1} x_1^b$$

$$M_2(t_{2k+1}) = r_{2k+1}$$

$$M_1(t_{2k-1}) = q_{2k} x_2^c$$

$$M_1(t_{2k}) = r_{2k}$$

Therefore we have

$$y_{2k-1}y_{2k+1} = q_{2k} y_{2k}^c + r_{2k}$$

$$y_{2k}y_{2k+2} = q_{2k+1} y_{2k+1}^b + r_{2k+1}$$

For  $t_{2k-1} \text{---} t_{2k} \text{---} t_{2k+1} \text{---} t_{2k+2}$  we have

$$q_{2k} q_{2k+2} r_{2k+1}^c = r_{2k} r_{2k+2}$$

For  $t_{2k-2} \text{---} t_{2k-1} \text{---} t_{2k} \text{---} t_{2k+1}$  we have

$$q_{2k-1} q_{2k+1} r_{2k}^b = r_{2k-1} r_{2k+1}$$

The exchange matrices are

$$B(t_m) = (-1)^m \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Conversely, given such relation, we can always find a corresponding cluster algebra

In particular, consider the coordinate ring of  $\text{Gr}_2(5)$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} y_m &= [\overline{2m-1}, \overline{2m+1}] \\ q_m &= [\overline{2m-2}, \overline{2m+2}] \\ r_m &= [\overline{2m-2}, \overline{2m-1}] [\overline{2m+1}, \overline{2m+2}] \\ b &= c = 1 \end{aligned}$$

*Note.* If we denote  $m \bmod 2$  as  $\langle m \rangle$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\langle m \rangle}(t_m) &= q_{m+1} \\ p_{\langle m+1 \rangle}(t_m) &= r_m \\ x_{\langle m \rangle}(t_m) &= q_m \\ x_{\langle m+1 \rangle}(t_m) &= y_{m+1} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 0.6.2.** As in Example 0.6.1, by Theorem 0.2.3, we know that

$$y_m = \frac{N_m(y_1, y_2)}{y_1^{d_1(m)} y_2^{d_2(m)}}$$

Where  $N_m(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{P}[y_1, y_2]$  not divisible by  $y_1$  or  $y_2$

## 0.7 Cluster algebra of finite type

**Definition 0.7.1.** Seeds  $\Sigma(t), \Sigma(t')$  are **equivalent** if  $t, t'$  are  $\mathcal{M}$ -equivalent, i.e. there is a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $I$  such that  $x_{\sigma(i)(t)} = x_i(t')$ ,  $b_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)}(t') = b_{ij}(t)$ ,  $p_{\sigma(j)}(t) = p_j(t')$ . For geometric type,  $c_{i\sigma(j)}(t) = c_{ij}(t')$ , or rather,  $\tilde{b}_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)}(t') = \tilde{b}_{ij}(t)$  since  $\sigma$  as only a permutation of  $I$  fixes  $I'$ . By Proposition 0.5.3, if  $t, t'$  are equivalent, and  $t \xrightarrow{\sigma(j)} t_1$  and  $t' \xrightarrow{j} t'_1$ , then  $t_1, t'_1$  are equivalent

Cluster algebras  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{S}), \mathcal{A}'(\mathcal{S}')$  are strongly isomorphic if there is a field isomorphism  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'$  that sends seeds in  $\mathcal{S}$  to seeds  $\mathcal{S}'$ , thus inducing bijection  $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'$  and an isomorphism  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$ .  $\mathcal{A}(B, -)$  are all the possible normalized cluster algebras.  $\mathcal{A}(B), \mathcal{A}(B')$  are strongly isomorphic if there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $\mathcal{A}(B, \mathbf{p})$  and  $\mathcal{A}(B', \mathbf{p}')$ , this is true iff  $B, B'$  are mutationally equivalent modulo relabelling rows and columns

$\mathcal{A}$  is of **finite type** if it has finitely many seeds up to equivalences

**Definition 0.7.2.** The **Cartan counterpart** of  $B$  is the **generalized Cartan matrix**  $A(B) = (a_{ij})$ ,  $a_{ii} = 2$ ,  $a_{ij} = -|b_{ij}|$  for  $i \neq j$ , with the same symmetrizing matrix  $D$ , i.e.  $d_i a_{ij} = d_j a_{ji}$

A Cartan matrix of finite type,  $A(B)=A$ ,  $b_{ij}b_{ik}>0$ ,  $\mathbf{p}$  normalized, then cluster algebra is of finite type

**Theorem 0.7.3.**  $A$  is a Cartan matrix of finite type, there is a sign-skew symmetric  $B_o$  such that  $A(B_o) = A$  and  $b_{ij}b_{ik} > 0$  for all  $i, j, k$ , and  $\mathbf{p}_o$  is normalized, then  $\mathcal{A}(B_o, \mathbf{p}_o)$  is of finite type. Any cluster algebra of finite type is strongly isomorphic to one such data

**Remark 0.7.4.** Since the Coxeter graph of  $A$  is a tree which is bipartite, thus we can certainly divide them into sinks and sources. Since  $b_{ij} > 0$  would be there is a directed edge from  $i$  to  $j$ , thus we can always find such a  $B_o$

**Theorem 0.7.5.**  $B, B'$  sign-skew symmetric,  $\mathcal{A}(B), \mathcal{A}(B')$  iff  $A(B), A(B')$  are of the same Cartan-Killing type

**Theorem 0.7.6.**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a cluster algebra, the following are equivalent

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is of finite type
- (ii)  $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$
- (iii) For every seed  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, B)$ ,  $|b_{xy}b_{yx}| < 3$  for  $x, y \in \mathbf{x}$
- (iv)  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(B_o, \mathbf{p}_o)$  as in Theorem 0.7.3

**Theorem 0.7.7.**  $\mathcal{A}(B)$  consists of cluster algebras all simultaneously of finite type or of infinite type. There is a bijective correspondence between generalized Cartan matrices of finite type and strong isomorphic classes of normalized cluster algebras, through  $B \rightarrow A(B)$

Bijection between almost positive roots and  $X$

**Theorem 0.7.8.** There is a unique bijection  $\Phi_{\geq -1} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\alpha \mapsto x[\alpha] = \frac{P_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_o)}{\mathbf{x}^\alpha}$ ,  $P_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\mathcal{P}$  with nonzero constant term such that  $X[-\alpha_i] = x_i$

**Theorem 0.7.9.** Every seed  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, B)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is uniquely determined by the cluster  $\mathbf{x}$ , and for any  $x \in \mathbf{x}$ , there is a unique cluster  $\mathbf{x}'$  such that  $\mathbf{x} \cap \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - \{x\}$ . The the cluster complex  $\Delta(\mathcal{A})$  encodes the combinatorics of seed mutations

**Theorem 0.7.10.** The bijection in Theorem 0.7.8 identifies  $\Delta(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\Delta(\Phi)$ , in particular, the cluster complex doesn't depend on  $\mathbb{P}$  nor  $\mathbf{p}_o$