# Combinatorial aspects of $\tau$ -tilting theory

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### 1 Introduction

In these notes,  $A = k\Gamma/I$  will denote the quotient of a path algebra over an admissible ideal. In particular, A is finite dimensional. We now recall some important definitions from tau-tilting theory.

### 2 Duality on support $\tau$ -tilting modules

There is a theory of duality for support  $\tau$ -tilting modules which we now describe. For a support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module (M, P), let  $M_p$  be the projective part of M. We then have

$$(M,P)^{\dagger} = (\operatorname{Tr} M \oplus P^*, M_p^*)$$

and  $(M, P)^{\dagger}$  is a support  $\tau$ -tilting  $A^{\text{op}}$ -module.

The following observation will be particularly useful when studying the mutation graphs of symmetric algebras.

**Observation 2.1.** An ordering of (M, P) induces an ordering on  $(M, P)^{\dagger}$ . With this induced ordering,

$$G_{(M,P)^{\dagger}} = -G_{(M,P)}$$

*Proof.* Any indecomposable summand X in (M,P) appears as exactly one indecomposable summand of  $(M,P)^{\dagger}$ , either in the tau-rigid part or in the second part.

Also note that the canonical bijection between the vertices of A and  $A^{\text{op}}$  induces a canonical isomorphism between the Groethendieck groups  $K_0(A)$  and  $K_0(A^{\text{op}})$ .

Let now X be a nonprojective summand of M. Then we have a projective presentation  $P_i \to P_j \to X \to 0$ , inducing a projetive presentation of the transpose TrX

$$P_j^* \to P_i^* \to \text{Tr}X \to 0$$

Then it directly follows that  $q^{\text{Tr}X} = -q^X$ .

If X is a projective summand of M,  $(M, P)^{\dagger} = (N, Q \oplus X^*)$  for some appropriate N and Q. Then by the definition of g-matrices for support  $\tau$ -tilting

modules, the column corresponding to the g-vector of  $X^*$  is given a negative sign, as it is placed in the second part.

Lastly, if X is a summand of P, it is moved from the second part to the  $\tau$ -rigid part. This means that the column of the G-matrix  $(M,P)^{\dagger}$  corresponding to this summand will be sign-inverted.

As all columns are thus sign-inverted and we have proved the statement.

## 3 Mutation quivers of symmetric algebras

For a symmetric algebra A, any  $A^{op}$ -module M may be viewed a an A-module. In particular, for a support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module (M,P),  $(M,P)^{\dagger}$  may also be viewed as a support  $\tau$ -tilting module over A. This implies that the duality of support  $\tau$ -tilting modules induces an automorphism on the set of (not necessarily ordered) support  $\tau$ -tilting modules of symmetric algebras.