

# Symmetric quiver representations

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## Introduction

Idea Introduce quiver representation theory for classical Lie groups

Research still is in beginner's shoes.

But it might lead to results in numerous directions:

- ~> (degenerate) flag varieties
- ~> certain algebraic group actions on affine varieties
- ~> cluster algebras ?

Let's introduce the theory, examples and first results.

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4. Orbits (classification)

5. Orbit closures

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## 1. The starting point

Let

- $k = \bar{k}$  field of odd characteristic.
- $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$  finite gives
  - ~  $Q_0$  finite set of vertices
  - ~  $Q_1$  finite set of arrows

$$s(a) \xrightarrow{\alpha} t(a)$$

### Examples

$$(1) Q = ; \rightarrow ; \rightarrow ; \rightarrow ;$$

$$(2) Q = . \xrightarrow{a} . \xrightarrow{B} . \xrightarrow{D} .$$

Let

- $kQ$  path algebra of  $Q$
- $\mathbb{I}$  admissible ideal

↳  $\exists R_Q^S \subseteq \mathbb{I} \subseteq R_Q^T$   
( $R_Q$  arrow ideal)

- $A := kQ/\mathbb{I}$  quotient algebra  
finite-dim, associative, basic, with 1.

Note  $\mathbb{I} = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$

sth.  $\beta_i = \sum_j \gamma_j \beta_j^{(i)}$ ,

$$s(\beta_j^{(i)}) = s(\beta_i), \quad t(\beta_j^{(i)}) = t(\beta_i) \quad \forall j$$

### Example

$$(2) \quad \mathbb{I} = (g^2) \quad A := kQ/\mathbb{I} \text{ find } A$$

# The representation category of A

## Definition

$\text{rep } A = \text{abelian category of fd } A\text{-reps}$

• Objects :  $M = ((M_i)_{i \in Q_0}, (M_\alpha)_{\alpha \in Q_1})$

↳  $M_i$  fd  $k$ -vsp

↳  $M_\alpha : M_{s(\alpha)} \rightarrow M_{t(\alpha)}$   $k$ -linear

$$\text{sth. } \sum_s \alpha_s \beta_s \in I \quad \beta = \alpha_1 \circ \dots \circ \alpha_n \\ \Rightarrow M_\beta = M_{\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ M_{\alpha_n} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_s \alpha_s M_{\beta_s} = 0$$

(relations are fulfilled)

## Example

$$Q: \quad k^2 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} k^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} k \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} k^3$$

$$\tilde{Q}: \quad k \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} k^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} k^3 \supset \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^L = 0$$

• Morphisms :  $A\text{-rep homs}$

$$(f_i : M_i \rightarrow M'_i) : M \rightarrow N$$

sth.  $\forall \alpha \in Q_1 :$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M_\alpha & \\ M_{s(\alpha)} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & M_{t(\alpha)} \\ \downarrow f_{s(\alpha)} & \bigcirc & \downarrow f_{t(\alpha)} \\ N_{s(\alpha)} & \longrightarrow & N_{t(\alpha)} \end{array}$$

## Example

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{M_\alpha} & k^2 & \xrightarrow{M_\beta} & k^3 \supset M_\gamma \\ \downarrow f_\alpha & \bigcirc & \downarrow F_\alpha & \bigcirc & \downarrow F_\beta \\ k & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & k^2 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & k^3 \supset N_\gamma \\ & & \downarrow f_\beta & & \downarrow F_\beta \\ & & N_\alpha & & N_\beta \end{array}$$

$$f_2 \circ M_\alpha = N_\alpha \circ f_\alpha$$

$$f_3 \circ M_\beta = N_\beta \circ f_\beta$$

$$f_3 \circ M_\alpha = N_\alpha \circ f_2,$$

## The representation variety

Let  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} V_i$  graded  $\mathfrak{h}$ -vsp

$$\underline{d} = (d_i)_{i \in Q_0}, \quad d_i = \dim V_i$$

dimension vector

### Definition

$$\bigoplus_{\lambda \in Q_0} \text{Hom}(V_{s(\lambda)}, V_{t(\lambda)})$$

$V_{\lambda}$  closure

$$R_{\underline{d}} A := R(A, V)$$

$$\bigcup \underset{\text{basis}}{\text{closure}} (g^M h = g_{t(M)} M g_{s(M)})$$

$$G_{\underline{d}} := G(V) := \overline{\bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} GL(V_i)}$$

Common goals:

(1) Understand the orbits

$$G_{\underline{d}} M := \{gM \mid g \in G_{\underline{d}}\}$$

( $G_{\underline{d}}$ -orbits in  $R_{\underline{d}} A \iff$  iso classes in  $\text{rep } A$ )  
of dimension vector  $\underline{d}$

We call both  $M$

(2) Understand their Tanaka closures

$$\overline{G_{\underline{d}} M} \subseteq R_{\underline{d}} A$$

Many results known, in particular if

$A$  rep-finite ( $\# \text{indirs}/\text{iso} < \infty$ )

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*GENERALIZED QUIVERS ASSOCIATED TO REDUCTIVE GROUPS*

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**0. Introduction.** The representation theory of quivers has played an important role in the representation theory of Artin algebras for more than twenty years. It can be viewed as a formalization of a natural class of linear algebra problems. However if viewed in such a way, this theory has the drawback that it deals only with representations of general linear groups.

## History / State of the art / Literature

Kruglyak 1979 „Representations of free involutive quivers“

Roiter 1979 „Bocses with involution“

Sergeichuk 1979 „Representations of simple involutive quivers“

1983 „Representations of orschemes“ †

1988 "Tame collections of linear maps, symmetric, skew-symmetric and bilinear forms"

Magyar-Weyman-Zelevinsky 1998 „Symplectic multiple flag varieties of finite type“

- (M) Derksen, Weyman 2002 „Generalized quivers associated to reductive groups“ [DW]
- (S) Shmelkin 2006 „Signed quivers, symmetric quivers and root systems“
- (C) B.-Cerulli Irelli-Esposito 2019 „Parabolic orbits of 2-nilpotent elements for classical groups“ [BCE]
- (C) B.-Cerulli Irelli 2021 „On degenerations and extensions of symplectic and orthogonal quiver representations“ [BC]
- (C) B.- Cerulli Irelli 2022 " Symmetric degenerations are not in general induced by Type A degenerations“ [BC2]

## 2. Symmetric representation theory

Let  $(Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t))$  be a finite quiver

together with an arrow-reversing involution  $\sigma$  on  $Q_0 \cup Q_1$  s.t.

$$G(Q_0) = Q_0, \quad G(Q_1) = Q_1$$

### Example

$$Q = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \\ i \end{array} \xrightarrow{\beta} j \xrightarrow{\gamma} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\delta} \\ k \end{array} \quad \begin{matrix} G(\alpha) = \beta \\ G(\beta) = \alpha \\ G(\gamma) = \delta \end{matrix} \quad G(\delta) = \gamma$$

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \\ i \end{array} \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\delta} \\ w \end{array} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\delta} \\ k \end{array} \xrightarrow{\beta} j \quad \begin{matrix} G(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2 \\ G(\alpha_2) = \alpha_1 \\ G(\gamma) = \beta \\ G(\beta) = \gamma \end{matrix}$$

Let  $KQ$  path algebra

$\mathfrak{U}$

$$I \text{ admissible} \quad G(I) = I$$

$$\text{Then } A \stackrel{G}{\sim} A^{\text{op}} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{algebra with} \\ \text{isomorphism} \end{matrix}$$

$$KQ/I$$

Let  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} V_i \quad \underline{d} = (\underline{d}_i); \dim \text{vector}$

$G_{\underline{d}} \subset R_{\underline{d}} \star$  no base charge.

Let us fix some data:

- $\Sigma \in \{\pm 1\}$
- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow K$  bilinear form s.t.

$\leftarrow \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  non-degenerate

$\Sigma$ -form

$$\leftarrow \Sigma \langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$$

$$\leftarrow \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle|_{V_i \times V_j} = 0 \text{ unless } i = G(j)$$

Now we are able to define symmetric representations.

Type A

representations

symmetric representations

Types B,C,D

" $\Sigma$ -rep"

"symplectic"     $\Sigma = -1$   
"orthogonal"     $\Sigma = 1$

$$R \subseteq A$$

!!

$$R^{\Sigma} \subseteq A$$

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$$\bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q_0} \mathrm{Hom}(V_{\delta(\alpha)}, V_{t(\alpha)}) \supseteq R(A, V)$$

$$\supseteq R^{(1)}(A, V) := \{ M \mid \langle M_{\alpha}(v), w \rangle = - \langle v, M_{g(\alpha)}(w) \rangle \forall \alpha \}$$

$\forall \alpha : i=j \quad \forall v \in V_i \quad \forall w \in V_{g(\alpha)}$

$$= M = M^*$$

adj. wrt  $L^2$

↑      change of  
basis

$$(g_i)_i \cdot (M_\alpha)_\alpha$$

$$= (g_{t(\alpha)} M_\alpha g_{\delta(\alpha)})_\alpha$$

$$\prod_{i \in Q_0} GL(V_i) = G(V)$$

!!

$$G^{(1)}(V) := \{ g \mid g = (g^*)^* \}$$

$$G_d$$

$$G^{\Sigma}$$

GOAL Try to understand  $(M \in R_{\pm}^{\xi} A)$

MANY results known, in part. if \* rep. finite ( $\# \text{rads}/_{10} < \infty$ )

Orbits

$$G_{\pm} M = \{gM \mid g \in G_{\pm}\}$$

$$\xleftarrow{?}$$

$$G_{\pm}^{\xi} M = \{gM \mid g \in G_{\pm}^{\xi}\}$$

Orbit  
closures

$$\overline{G_{\pm} M} = \bigcup_{\text{certain } N} G_{\pm} N$$

$$\xleftarrow{?}$$
  
*interrelation*

$$\overline{G_{\pm}^{\xi} M}$$

### 3. Motivation

IN GENERAL:

Type A

deduce  
new  
knowledge

Type B,C,D

In particular

(1) Algebraic group actions, e.g.

Type A

$G_{\text{ln}}$   $\supseteq$   $G$  classical

Type B,C,D

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\supseteq$$

$$\mathcal{N}^{(1)} \xrightarrow{\text{conjugation}} \mathcal{N}^{(2)} \cap \text{Lie } G$$

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$$\{N | N^2 = 0\}$$

### Classification

via rep theory



via symmetric rep theory

$$\alpha^2 = 0$$

not enough results known!

[BCE]

(2) Linear degenerations of flag varieties (Cerulli Irelli, Feinberg, Fourier, Renner 2017)

Type A

$$Q = i \rightarrow i \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow i$$

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

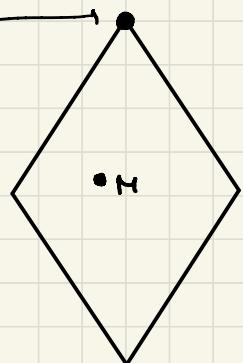
[FFF]

$$V = \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$$

$$\pi: \mathbb{P}^{\underline{d}} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\underline{d}} \text{ kQ}$$

Proj.  
 $G_d$ -equiv.

$\text{Fl}(V)$



$\pi^{-1}(M)$   
quiver Grassmann  
 $\cong$  linear deg. of  
flag variety

Results: Geometric properties  
e.g. irreduc. locav. flat locav., ...  
in terms of  $\leq_{\text{deg}}$

Analogy:

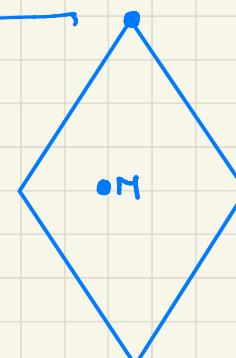
$$\underline{d} = (2n, \dots, 2n)$$

Types B,C,D

$$\pi: \mathbb{P}^{\underline{d}} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\underline{d}} \text{ kQ}$$

symp. complete  
flag VR

$\pi^{-1}(M)$   
Legendrian quivers  
Grassmannian



Fist step: Understand  $G_d$ -orbits + their closures  
in  $\mathbb{P}^{\underline{d}} \text{ kQ}$

Tomorrow

2nd lecture

4. Orbits (Classification)

5. Orbit closures

6. Outlook