

Harm Derksen - 3/21/08 2pm - "Quivers with Potentials"

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lecture begins

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Quivers with potentials

Quivers = directed graph

$Q = (Q_0, Q_1, h, t)$ where $Q_0 = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ vertices & $Q_1 =$ arrows

$h, t : Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0$ head, tail No Loops!

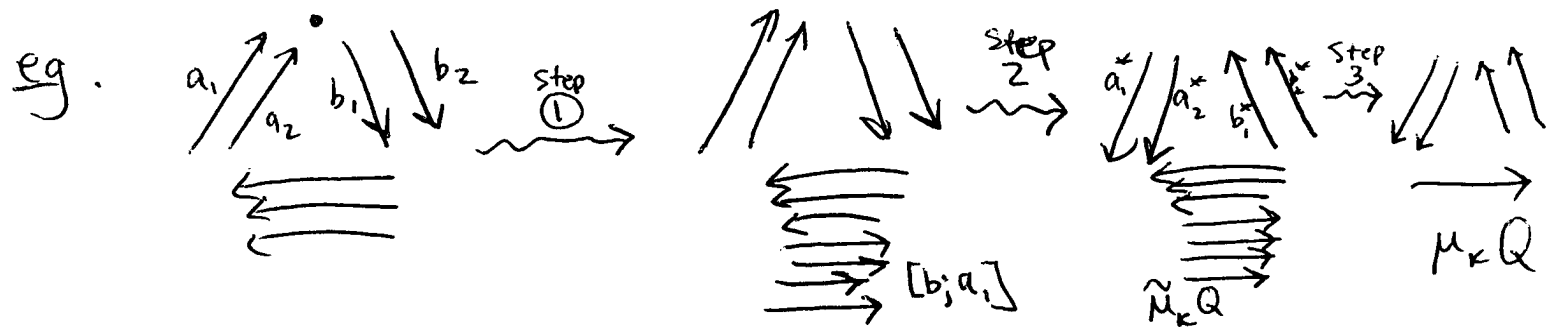
Connection w/ Clusters (Assume Q has no 2 cycles)

Define a mutation of Q at vertex k :

- ① $\forall a: i \rightarrow k, b: k \rightarrow j$, we create $[b, a]: i \rightarrow j$
- ② replace every $a: i \rightarrow k$ by $a^*: k \rightarrow i$ & every $b: k \rightarrow j$ by $b^*: j \rightarrow k$
- ③ remove 2-cycles until none are left.

After 3rd step we call the remaining quiver as $\mu_k Q$.

After 2nd " " " " " " $\tilde{\mu}_k Q$.

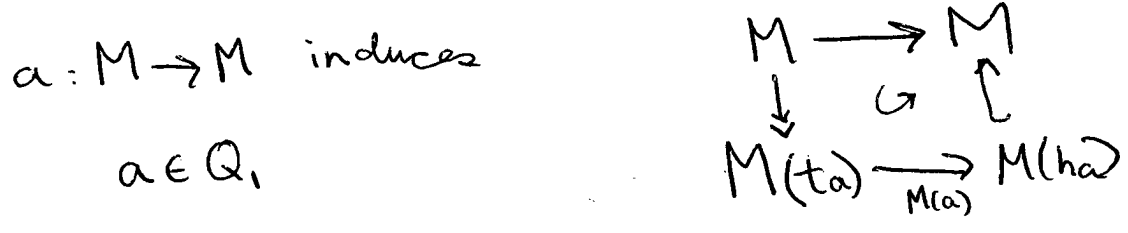


Note: $\mu_k^2 = id.$

Fix $K = \mathbb{C}$. KQ Path algebra is the set of formal lin. comb. of paths in Q . $\forall i \in Q_0$, there is the trivial path $e_i: i \rightarrow i$.

$$p \circ q = \begin{cases} \text{concat } pq & \text{if } t_p = h_q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i$$

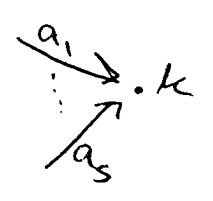
M fin. dim. KQ -module. $M(i) = e_i M$, $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M(i)$.



Connection betw: repⁿ of quivers \leftrightarrow cluster algebras
if Q is acyclic

Goal of Talk: to find this connection for arb. quivers.

BGP - reflection functors if k sink or source.
 k sink (no arrow b with $tb = k$)

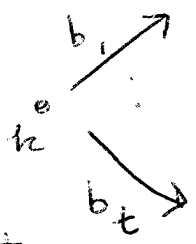


Define $\mu_k M = \bar{M}$ reps of $\mu_k Q$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{M}(i) &= M(i) & \text{if } i \neq k \\
 \bar{M}(b) &= M(b) & \text{if } b \neq a_1 \text{ --- } a_s
 \end{aligned}$$

$$M_{in} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s M(a_i) \xrightarrow{\alpha_k = [M(a_1) \dots M(a_s)]} M(k)$$

The kernel is $\begin{bmatrix} M(a_1^*) \\ \vdots \\ M(a_s^*) \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{M}(k) \rightarrow M_{in}$.

Now, if k source  then we have

$$M(k) \xrightarrow{\beta_k = \begin{bmatrix} M(b_1) \\ \vdots \\ M(b_s) \end{bmatrix}} M_{out} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^t M(hb_j) \quad \bar{M}(k) \text{ is the cokernel of } \beta_k$$

Remark if α_k is onto, then $\mu_k^2 M \cong M$.

The functors above are only defined if k is a sink or a source.

Quiver with Potentials

\widehat{KQ} is the completion of path algebra (its a topological ring) of cyclic paths of length ≤ 2 .

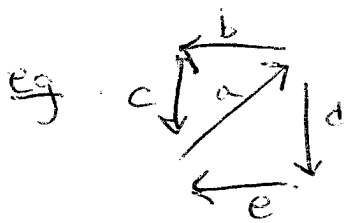
A potential is a lin. comb. of cyclic paths of length ≤ 2 .
 ↑ denoted by S

So a quiver with potential is a pair (Q, S) .
 $I =$ closure of span of all $a_i a_{i-1} \dots a_1 - a_{i-1} \dots a_1 a_i$
 where $a_i - a_1$ cyclic path.

Say $S \sim_{\theta} S'$ if $S - S' \in I$

$a_2 a_{2-1} \dots a_1$ cyclic path, then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} a_2 a_{2-1} \dots a_1 = \sum_{a_i=b} a_{i-1} \dots a_1 a_{i+1} \dots a_2$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} d n c b a e = c b a e d + e d a c b$$

$J(S) =$ closure of ideal generated by $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} S, a \in Q$.

$PL(Q,S) = KQ/J(S)$ is called the Jacobian algebra.

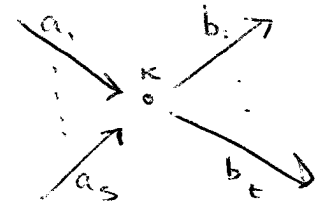
How do we mutate Quivers with Potentials?

We did this with Q (see page 1). But how about for (Q,S) ?

\tilde{S} potential for $\tilde{\mu}_K Q. \quad \tilde{S} = [S] + \Delta$

$[S] = S$ where $b_i a_i$ is replaced by $[b_i a_i]$.

$$\Delta = \sum_{i,j} [b_i a_i] a_i^* b_j^*$$



Claim: there exists an automorphism $\varphi: \widehat{K\tilde{Q}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{KQ}$ s.t. $\varphi(\tilde{S}) = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i v_i + \bar{S}$ where $u_i \rightarrow u_N, v_i \rightarrow v_N$ distinct arrows not appearing in \bar{S} . The u_i, v_i are 2-cycles.

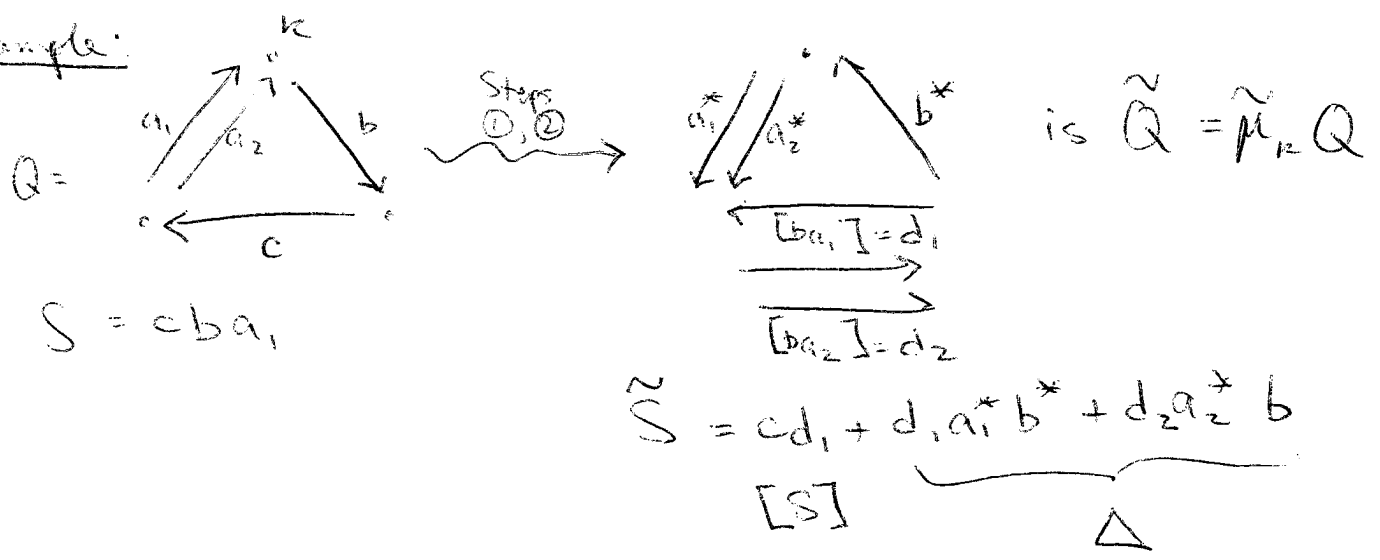
Then $\bar{Q} = \widehat{Q} \setminus \{u_i \rightarrow u_N, v_i \rightarrow v_N\}$. If S is "generic enough", then \bar{Q} has no 2-cycles. $\bar{Q} = \mu_K Q$.

Remark: \bar{S} has no 2-cycles.

Define $\mu_K(Q, S) = (\bar{Q}, \bar{S})$. We say $(Q, S) \sim_{\text{right}} (Q', S')$ are right equivalent if \exists isom $\Psi: \widehat{KQ} \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{KQ'}$ s.t. $\Psi(S) \sim_{\text{cycl.}} S'$. This implies $P(Q, S) \cong P(Q', S')$.

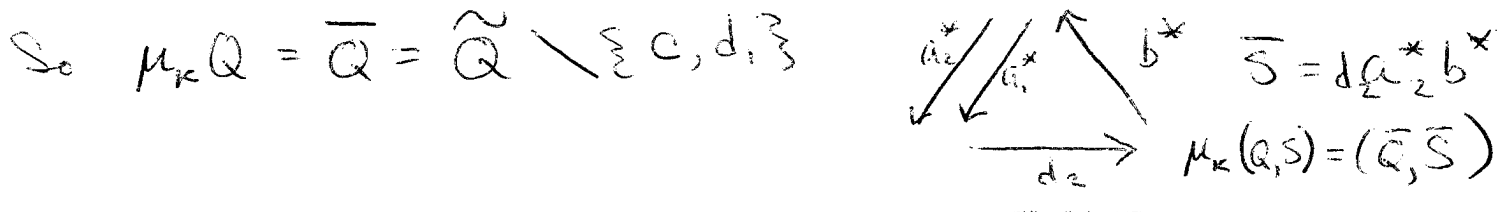
So our defⁿ above for $\mu_K(Q, S)$ is well-defined up to right equivalence

Example:



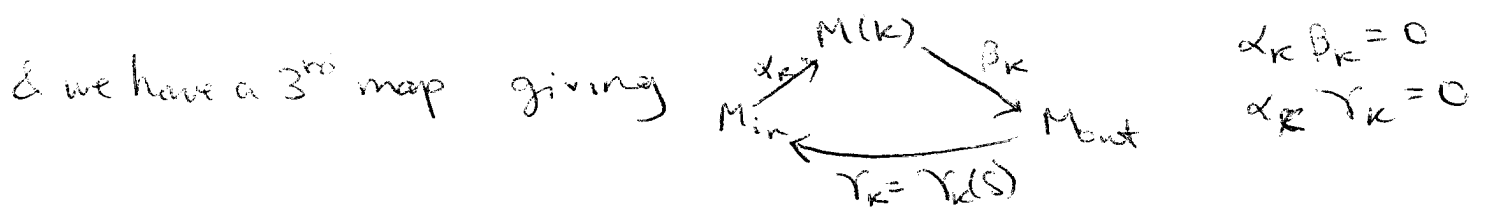
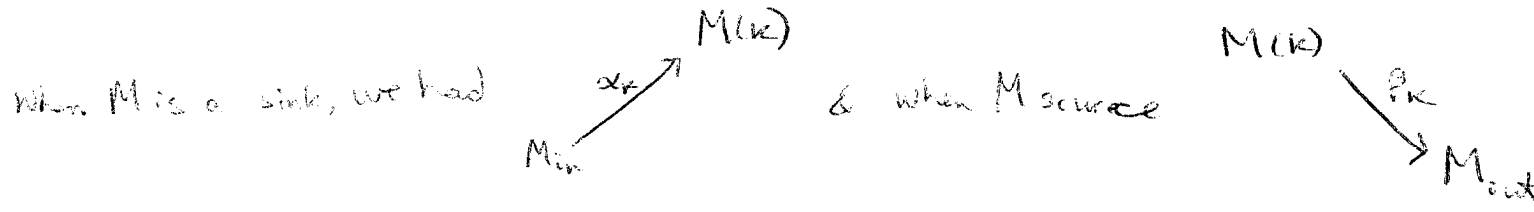
Now we need to get rid of 2 cycles. Apply Ψ where $\Psi(c) = c - a_1^* b^*$ & that will cancel some terms in \tilde{S} .

$\Psi(\tilde{S}) \sim_{\text{cycl.}} cd_1 + d_2 a_2^* b^*$ This will become my \bar{S} .



Defⁿ A repⁿ of (Q, S) is a pair $M = (M, V)$ where M is a $P(Q, S)$ -module. $V = (V_1, \dots, V_n)$ $V_i = \text{fin. dim. vect. space}_k = \text{"decorations"}$

The Challenge: to define $\mu_k M$.



$\alpha_k \beta_k = 0$
 $\alpha_k \gamma_k = 0$

$\overline{M}(k) = \ker \alpha_k / \text{im } \gamma_k \oplus \text{im } \gamma_k \oplus \ker \gamma_k / \text{im } \beta_k \oplus V_k$

Given a Quiver Q , you can assoc. a matrix $B = B(Q) = (b_{ij})_{i,j \in Q}$

where $b_{ij} = (\# \text{ arrows } j \rightarrow i) - (\# \text{ arrows } i \rightarrow j)$

Observe, $B(\mu_k Q) = \mu_k B$. $M = (M, V)$ QP-rep's.

$d = (d_1, \dots, d_n)$ $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$. $Gr_d(M) = \text{variety of } d\text{-dim'l subrep's of } M$

$\prod_i Gr_{d_i}(M(i)) \quad k = \mathbb{C}$

$\chi(Gr_d(M))$ Euler Characteristic

$F_M(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \sum_d \chi(Gr_d(M)) y^d \quad y^d = \prod y_i^{d_i}$

$h_M = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad g_M = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{bmatrix} \quad h_i = -\dim \ker \beta_i$
 $g_i = \dim \gamma_i - \dim M_i + \dim V_i$

$\overline{M} = \mu_k M \quad (1+y_k)^{h_k} F_M(y_1, \dots, y_n) = (1+\overline{y}_k)^{\overline{h}_k} F_{\overline{M}}(\overline{y}_1, \dots, \overline{y}_n)$

where $y_i = \begin{cases} y_k^{-1} & \text{if } i=k \\ y_i & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases} \quad g_k = h_k - \overline{h}_k$

$$S_k^- = (0, v)$$

$$v_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq k \\ k & \text{if } i = k \end{cases}$$

$$(M, v) = \mu_{i_d} \dots \mu_{i_1} S_k^-$$

$$F_M(y_1 \dots y_N) \quad g_M$$

End of lecture

Let us thank the speaker 😊