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Harm Derksen: Applications of quiver representations II

$Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$  quiver  
 $Q_0$  vertices  
 $Q_1$  arrows

$K = \bar{K}$  field

$a \in Q_1$ ,  $ta \in Q_0$  "tail"  
 $ha \in Q_0$  "head"

$\mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$  dimension vectors

$\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$

$$\text{Rep}(Q, \alpha) = \prod_{a \in Q_1} \text{Hom}(K^{\alpha(ta)}, K^{\alpha(ha)})$$

$\uparrow$   
isom

$$GL(\alpha) = \prod_{x \in Q_0} GL(x)$$



$$I(Q, \alpha) = K[\text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)]^{GL(\alpha)} \quad \text{ring of invariants}$$

Theorem (Le Bruyn-Procesi, char 0):  $I(Q, \alpha)$  is generated by traces of endomorphisms corresponding to closed paths

(Donkin, char > 0): use coefficients of characteristic polynomial instead

check  $K=0$   
Example:  $Q = \begin{array}{c} \circ \xrightarrow{\quad} \circ \\ \circ \xleftarrow{\quad} \circ \end{array}$   
 $\alpha = (2, 3)$



$I(Q, \alpha)$  is generated by  $\text{Tr}(AB), \text{Tr}(BA), \text{Tr}(ABAB), \text{Tr}(BABA), \dots$

If  $Q$  has no oriented cycles, then  $I(Q, \alpha) = K$ .

Def  $SL(\alpha) \subseteq GL(\alpha)$

$$\prod_{x \in Q_0} SL(\alpha(x))$$

$$SI(Q, \alpha) = K[\text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)]^{SL(\alpha)} \quad \text{"ring of semi-invariants"}$$

$\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0}$ , this defines a multiplicative character of  $GL(\alpha)$ .  
"weights"

$$\sigma: GL(\alpha) \ni \{A(x)\}_{x \in Q_0} \longmapsto \prod_{x \in Q_0} \det(A(x))^{\sigma(x)}$$

$$SI(Q, \alpha)_\sigma = \{f \in K[\text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)] \mid Af = \sigma(A)f \quad \forall A \in GL(\alpha)\}$$

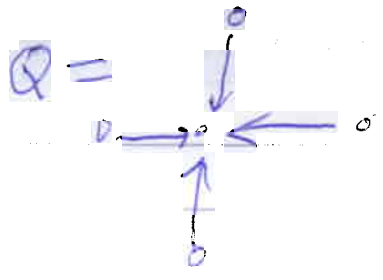
$$SI(Q, \alpha) = \bigoplus_{\sigma} SI(Q, \alpha)_\sigma \quad (\text{giving us a multigrading})$$

Def  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_0}$  dim. vector,  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0}$  weight

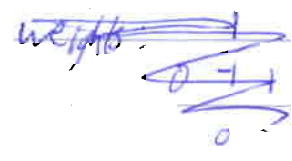
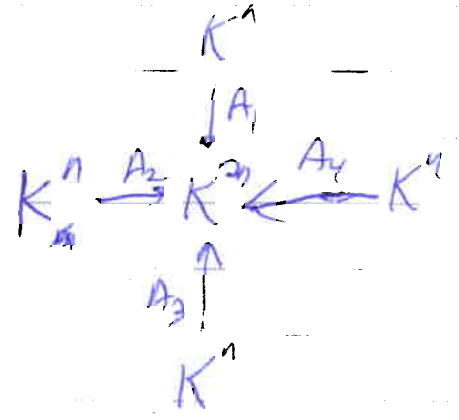
$$\sigma(\alpha) = \sum_{x \in Q_0} \sigma(x) \alpha(x)$$

Fact If  $SI(Q, \alpha)_\sigma \neq 0$ , then  $\sigma(\alpha) = 0$ .

Example:



$$Q = \begin{matrix} & & n & & \\ & & \swarrow & & \searrow \\ & & 1 & & 2n & & n \\ & & \nwarrow & & \swarrow & & \\ & & & & & & \end{matrix}$$



$I(Q, \rho) = K$  but:  $SI(Q, \alpha) = K \left[ \det(A_1 | A_2), \det(A_1 | A_3), \det(A_1 | A_4), \det(A_2 | A_3), \det(A_2 | A_4), \det(A_3 | A_4), \det \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 & A_3 & A_4 \\ 0 & A_2 & A_3 & A_4 \end{pmatrix} \right]$

$\{V(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in Q} = V \in \text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)$  (actually a rep w/ a preferred basis in every vec space)

$\{W(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in Q} = W \in \text{Rep}(Q, \beta)$

Exact:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_Q(V, W) \rightarrow \prod \text{Hom}(K^{\alpha(x)}, K^{\beta(x)}) \xrightarrow{d_W} \prod \text{Hom}(K^{\alpha(\tau x)}, K^{\beta(h x)}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_Q(V, W) \rightarrow 0$

$\{\varphi(x)\} \longmapsto \{W(\alpha) \varphi(\tau x) - \varphi(h x) V(\alpha)\}$

Euler form  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \sum_{x \in Q_0} \alpha(x) \beta(x) - \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} \alpha(\tau x) \beta(h x)$

Schofield semi-invariants

If  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow d_w^V$  is square  
 $\Rightarrow$  can define  $c(v, w) = \det d_w^v$

Fix  $V$ :  $c^v = c(v, \bullet) \in SI(Q, \beta)_{\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle}$

Fix  $W$ :  $c_w = c(\bullet, w) \in SI(Q, \alpha)_{\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle}$

Thm (-, Weyman)  $\mathbb{Z}$

(Schofield and vandenBergh in a different way)

(Assume  $Q$  has no oriented cycles [although this isn't really necessary])  
 $SI(Q, \beta)$  is spanned by  $c^v$ 's (where  $\forall v \in \text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)$  and  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = 0$ )

(In the example from these notes page 8, he <sup>now</sup> gave information on weights, but I couldn't read it.)

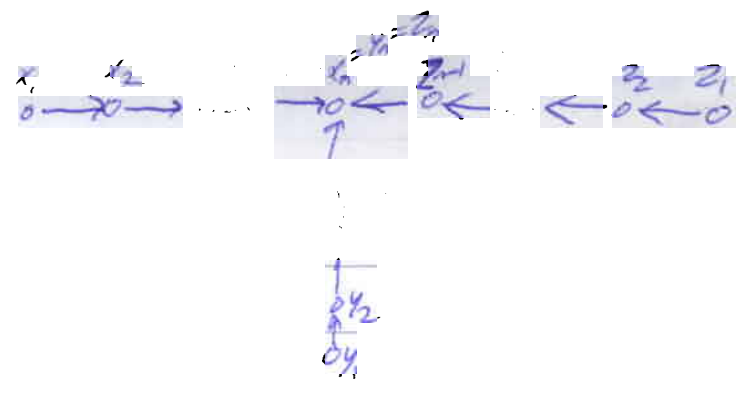
(def)  $\Sigma(Q, \alpha) = \{ \sigma \in \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0} \mid SI(Q, \alpha)_\sigma \neq 0 \}$

Thm (-, Weyman):  $\Sigma(Q, \alpha) = \{ \sigma \in \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0} \mid \sigma(\alpha) = 0 \text{ and } \sigma(\beta) \leq 0 \text{ and } \forall \beta \text{ with } \text{ext}(\beta, \alpha - \beta) = 1$

(def)  $\text{ext}(\alpha, \beta) = \dim \text{Ext}(V, W)$ , where  $V \in \text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)$ ,  $W \in \text{Rep}(Q, \beta)$  are in general position.

$\Sigma(Q, \alpha)$  polyhedral cone

Example:



$$\bar{\lambda} = \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 & n-1 & \dots & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & & n-1 & & & \\ & & & & & \vdots & & & \\ & & & & & 2 & & & \\ & & & & & 1 & & & \end{matrix}$$

Then  $SF(\mathbb{Q}, \rho)_{\sigma} = (V_{\lambda} \otimes V_{\mu} \otimes V_{\nu})^{SL(N)}$   
 ↑ irred reps. of  $SL(N)$

Dual partition

$$\begin{cases} \lambda' = ((n-1)^{\sigma(x_1)}, \dots, 1^{\sigma(x_1)}) \\ \mu' = ((n-1)^{\sigma(y_1)}, \dots, 1^{\sigma(y_1)}) \\ \nu' = ((n-1)^{\sigma(z_1)}, \dots, 1^{\sigma(z_1)}) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{Q}, \rho) \cong \{(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \mid c_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \neq 0\}$$

(with wood-Ribuzon coeffs)

$$\text{mult} = V_{\nu} \subseteq V_{\lambda} \subseteq V_{\mu}$$

Cor: If  $N > 1$ ,  $c_{N, N, N}^{NW} \neq 0 \Rightarrow c_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \neq 0$

Knutson-Tao: This is a step to prove Horn's conjecture.



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(note)  $C^V(W) = 0 \Leftrightarrow C^W(V) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(V, W) \neq 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Q}}(V, W) \neq 0$

(Def)  $\alpha$  is a Schur root if a general representation of  $\dim \alpha$  is indecomposable.

Example:  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\alpha = (n)$ ,  $n > 1$   
 general matrix is diagonalizable  
 $\Rightarrow (n)$  is not a Schur root.

$J = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$  Jordan block is indecomposable.  
 $\Rightarrow (n)$  is a root.

Def:  $\alpha \perp \beta$  ("strongly orthogonal") if

$$\dim SI(\mathbb{Q}, q\beta) \langle p\alpha \rangle = \dim SI(\mathbb{Q}, p\beta) \langle \alpha, q\beta \rangle, \quad \forall p, q = 1, 2$$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  is a Schur sequence if

- ①  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  are Schur roots, and
- ②  $\alpha_i \perp \alpha_j, \forall i < j$

If  $\alpha = \sum r_i \alpha_i$ ,  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  Schur sequence,

then  $\sum \sigma_i \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{Q}_0} \mid \sigma(\alpha_i) = \dots = \sigma(\alpha_r) = 0$  is a face of  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{Q}, \rho)$

and all faces arise in this way.

$$p(n) = \dim SI(\mathbb{Q}, \alpha)_{n0}$$

Thm (-, Weyman):  $p(n)$  is a polynomial.

$$R = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} SI(\mathbb{Q}, \alpha)_{n0}$$

~~$$H(R, t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \dim SI(\mathbb{Q}, \alpha)_{n0} t^n$$~~

$$H(R, t) = \sum_n p(n) t^n = \frac{a(t)}{b(t)}$$

For the Thm. to be true, we need  $b(t) = (1-t)^r$   
and  $\deg a(t) < \deg b(t)$ .

It's not obvious why these hold.

Generalized Fulton

Conj: If  $p(1) = 1$  then  $p(n) = 1$  for

Buch Conj: Does  $p(n)$  have nonneg. coefficients?