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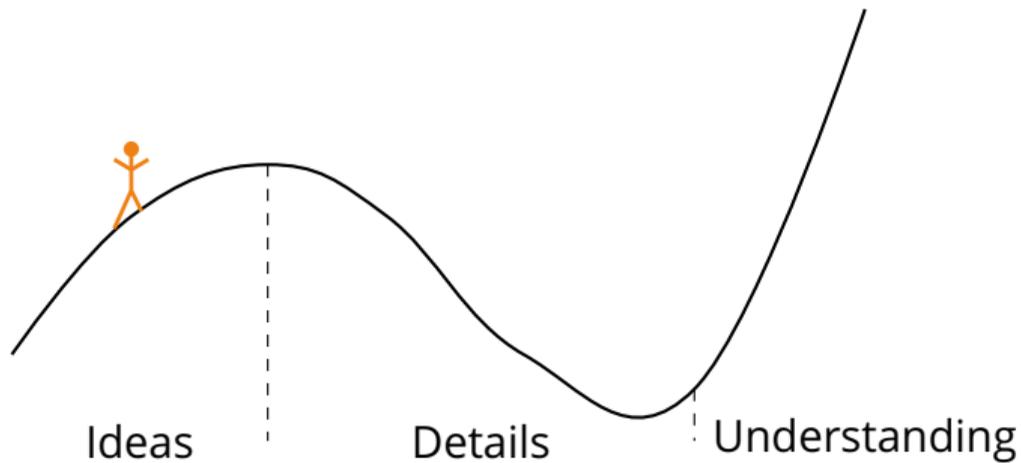
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THE CLASSIFICATION OF REPRESENTATION-FINITE SELF-INJECTIVE ALGEBRAS

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(My) Goal for this lecture



Fundamental notions

In this talk we assume that \mathbf{k} is an algebraically closed field.

Definition

Let Λ be a finite dimensional \mathbf{k} -algebra.

1. Λ is *representation-finite*, if there are finitely many indecomposable Λ -modules up to isomorphism.
2. Λ is *self-injective* if the projective modules are also injective.

The classification program of Christine Riedtmann:

1979 Gabriel, Riedtmann. *Group representations without groups*

1980 Riedtmann. *Algebren, Darstellungsköcher, Überlagerungen und zurück*

1980 Riedtmann. *Representation-finite selfinjective algebras of class A_n*

1981 Bretscher, Läser, Riedtmann. *Self-injective and simply connected algebras*

1983 Riedtmann. *Representation-finite algebras of class D_n*

1983 Riedtmann. *Configurations of $\mathbb{Z}D_n$.*

Historical setting:

Beginning of 1970's:

- Auslander-Reiten theory
- Quivers and tilting

Auslander-Reiten quivers, 1975 →

Auslander-Reiten quivers

For a f.d. \mathbf{k} -algebra Λ , the Auslander-Reiten quiver Γ_Λ is a combinatorial description of the module category $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

- Vertices are given by isoclasses of indecomposable modules,
- Arrows come from irreducible morphisms.

For each *almost split sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow \tau M \longrightarrow \bigoplus E_i \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

we have a *mesh*

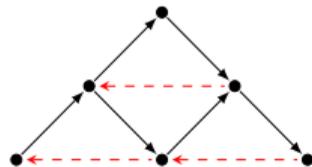
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & [E_1] & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ [\tau M] & & [E_2] & & [M] \\ & \nearrow & \vdots & \searrow & \\ & \searrow & [E_r] & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

in Γ_Λ .

Examples

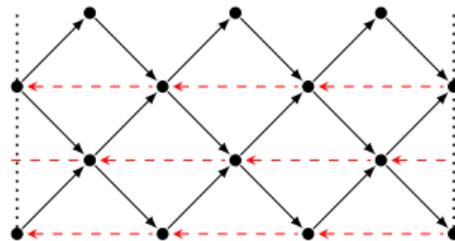
$$\Lambda_1 = \mathbf{k} [\bullet \longrightarrow \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet]$$

$$\Gamma_{\Lambda_1} =$$



$$\Lambda_2 = \mathbf{k} \left[\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \nearrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \right] / \langle \text{arrows} \rangle^4$$

$$\Gamma_{\Lambda_2} =$$



Translation quivers

Definition

Let Γ be a quiver without loops and double arrows. Assume that Γ is *locally finite*, i.e.

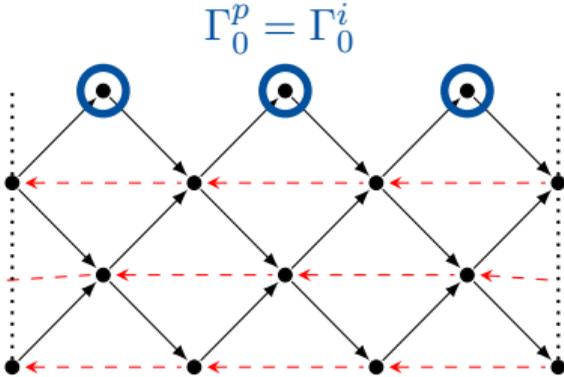
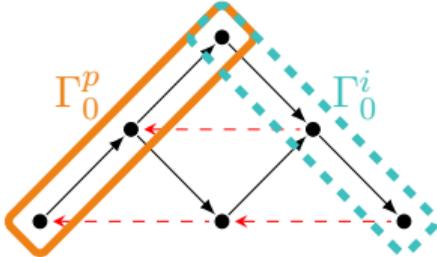
$$x^+ = \{y \mid \exists x \rightarrow y\} \quad \text{and} \quad x^- = \{z \mid \exists z \rightarrow x\}$$

are finite for all $x \in \Gamma_0$. A *translation* of Γ is a bijection $\tau: \Gamma_0 \setminus \Gamma_0^p \rightarrow \Gamma_0 \setminus \Gamma_0^i$, for some subsets Γ_0^p and Γ_0^i of vertices, such that

$$(\tau x)^+ = x^- \forall x \in \Gamma_0.$$

The pair (Γ, τ) is a *translation quiver*.

Translation quivers



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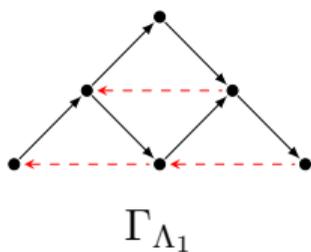
Let $\Gamma = (\Gamma, \tau)$ be a translation quiver. A vertex $x \in \Gamma_0$ is *stable* if $\tau^r x$ is defined for all $r \in \mathbb{Z}$. If all vertices are stable, we call Γ a stable translation quiver.

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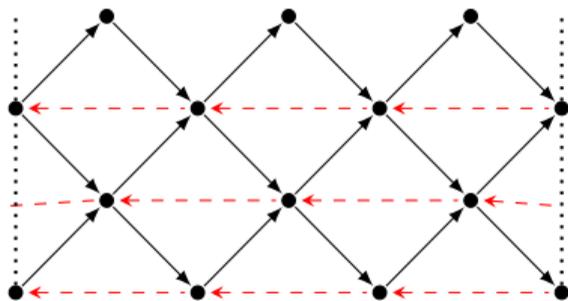


${}_s\Gamma_{\Lambda_1}$

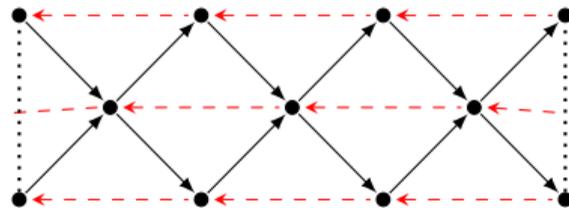
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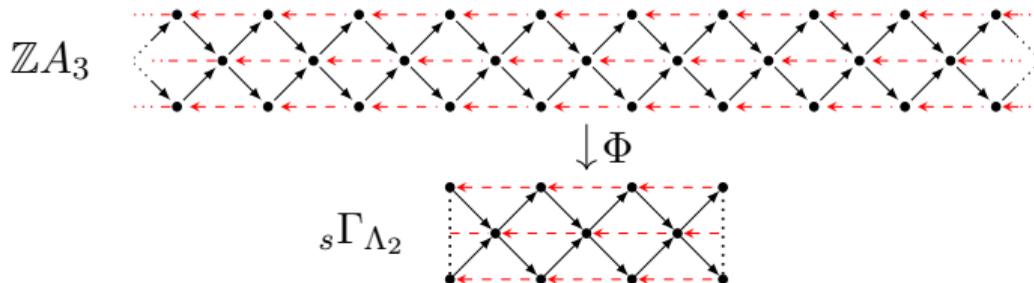


Γ_{Λ_2}



${}_s\Gamma_{\Lambda_2}$

Coverings



Definition

A morphism of translation quivers $\Phi: \tilde{\Gamma} \rightarrow \Gamma$ is a *covering* if

- $\Phi: \tilde{\Gamma}_0 \rightarrow \Gamma_0$ is surjective,
- $\forall x \in \tilde{\Gamma}$ the maps

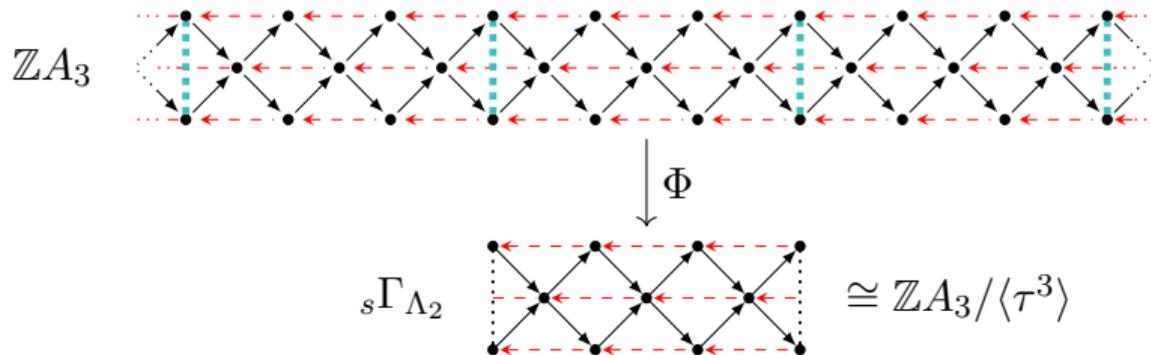
$$\Phi|_{x^+}: x^+ \rightarrow \Phi(x)^+ \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi|_{x^-}: x^- \rightarrow \Phi(x)^-$$

are bijective.

For an *admissible* subgroup $\Pi \subseteq \text{Aut}(\Gamma, \tau)$,

$$\pi: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma/\Pi$$

is a covering.



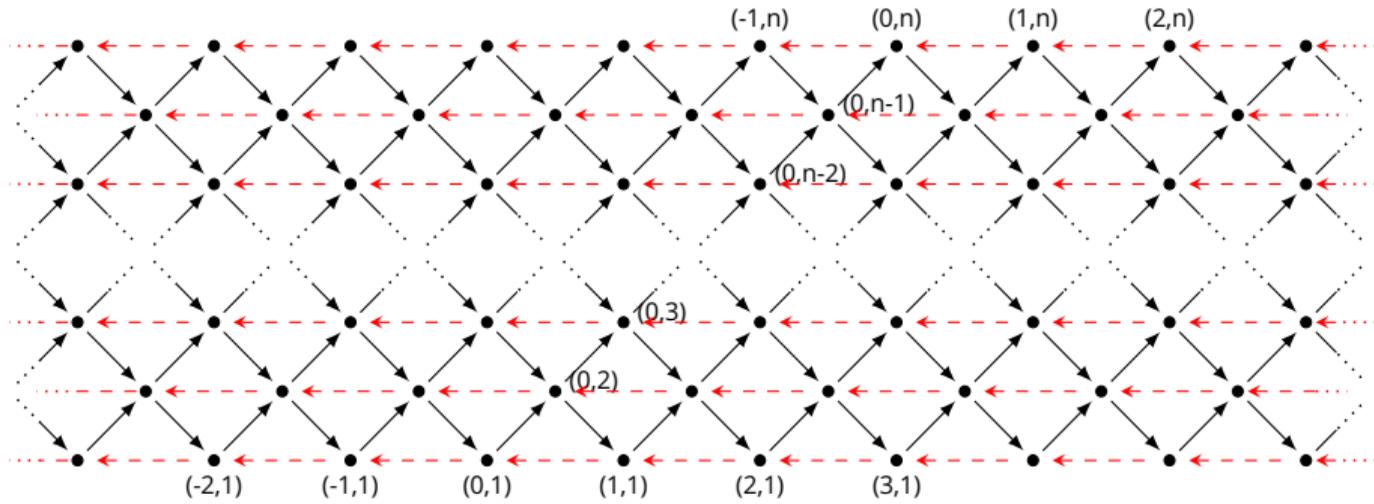
Riedtmann's Structure Theorem

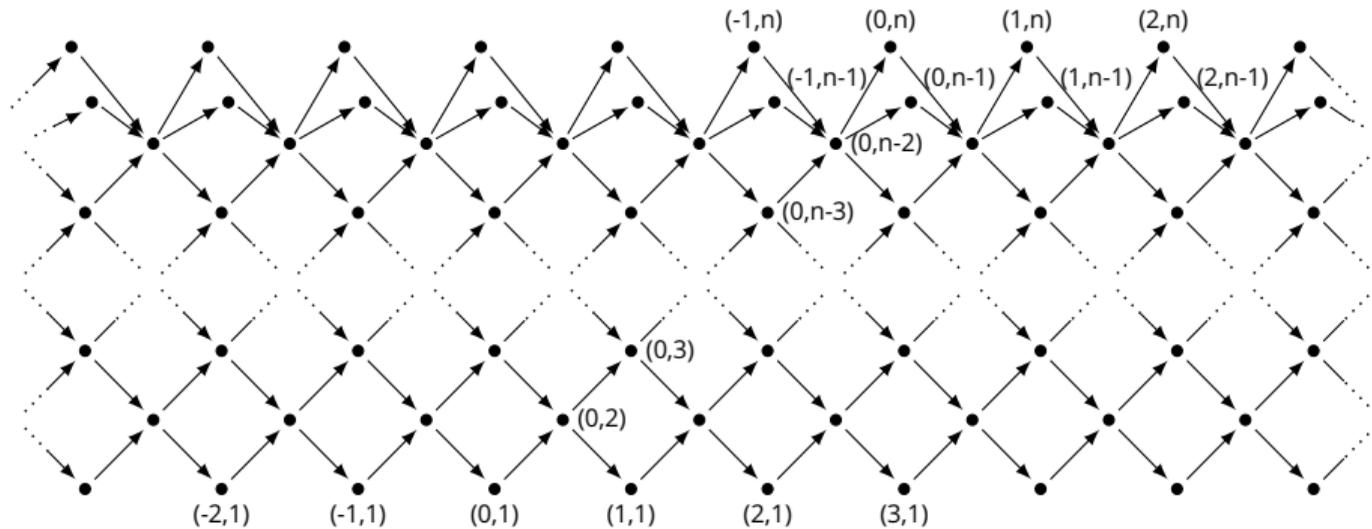
Teorem [Riedtmann]

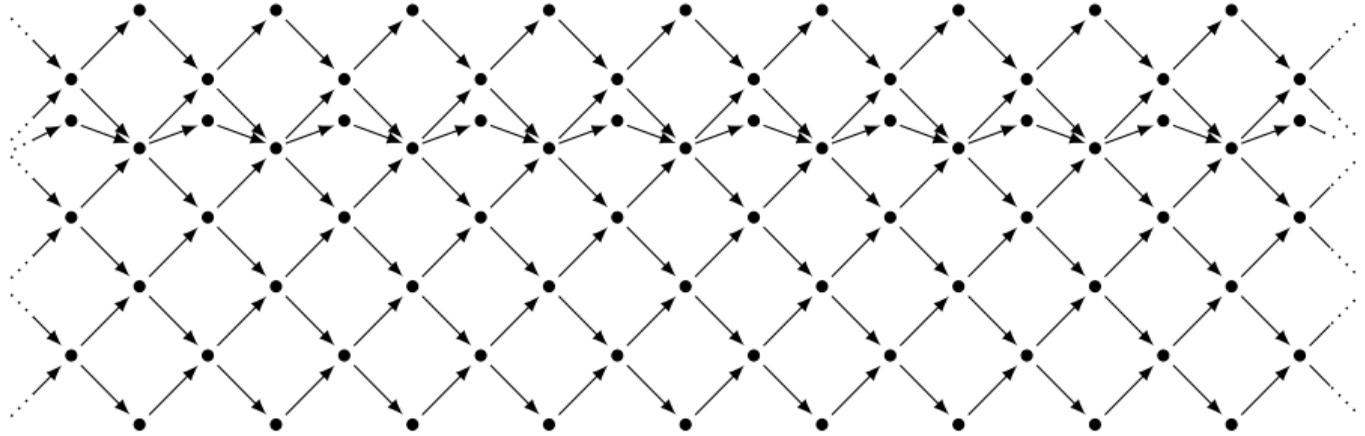
Let Λ be a finite dimensional \mathbf{k} -algebra for finite representation type. Let Γ be a connected component of the stable AR-quiver ${}_s\Gamma_\Lambda$ of Λ . Then we have a universal covering

$$\mathbb{Z}\Delta/\Pi \rightarrow \Gamma$$

for $\Delta \in \{A_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8\}$ and an admissible cyclic subgroup $\Pi \subseteq \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}\Delta)$.







Observation

- For Λ selfinjective, ${}_s\Gamma_\Lambda$ is obtained by deleting $[P]$ and the corresponding arrows for $P \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ projective indecomposable.
- Moreover, for a projective and injective indecomposable module P , we have an almost split sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{rad } P \longrightarrow P \oplus (\text{rad } P / \text{Soc } P) \longrightarrow \text{Soc } P \longrightarrow 0$$

Hence, for Λ selfinjective and rep-finite, ${}_s\Gamma_\Lambda$ is finite and connected.

Motivating conclusion

Teorem [Riedtmann]

Let Λ be a finite dimensional, selfinjective and representation-finite \mathbf{k} -algebra.
Then we have a universal covering

$$\mathbb{Z}\Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\Delta/\Pi \cong {}_s\Gamma_\Lambda$$

for $\Delta \in \{A_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8\}$ and an admissible cyclic subgroup $\Pi \subseteq \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}\Delta)$.

Goal

Determine the AR-quivers of rep-finite selfinjective algebras.

How

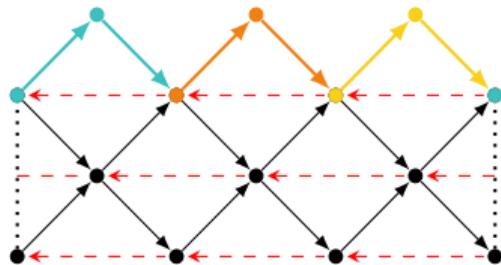
Knowing the stable part – How do we add projectives?

- Starting with an algebra, we simply add a vertex c^* and arrows $c \rightarrow c^*$ and $c^* \rightarrow \tau^{-1}c$ for each vertex $c = [\text{rad } P]$ for P projective indecomposable.

Example

$$\Lambda = \mathbf{k} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} & \bullet & \\ \nearrow & & \searrow \\ \bullet & & \bullet \\ \leftarrow & & \end{array} \right] / \langle \text{arrows} \rangle^4$$

$$\Gamma = ({}_s\Gamma_{st}\Lambda)\mathcal{A}$$



Let $\mathcal{C} = \{ [\text{rad } P] \mid P \in \text{mod } \Lambda \text{ projective indecomposable} \}$.

Classification strategy

Find a set $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}\Delta$ and automorphisms Π such that $\mathbb{Z}\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}/\Pi$ is an AR-quiver for a self-injective rep-finite \mathbf{k} -algebra Λ .

$\mathbb{Z}\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}$ is obtained by adding

$$c \rightarrow c^* \quad \text{and} \quad c^* \rightarrow \tau^-c$$

to $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$ for each $c \in \mathcal{C}$.

Auslander Correspondence

Teorem [Auslander]

Up to Morita-equivalence, there is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{f.d. rep-finite} \\ \text{k-algebras } \Lambda \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{f.d. k-algebras } E \text{ s.t.} \\ \text{gl. dim. } E \leq 2 \leq \text{dom. dim } E \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Lambda \longmapsto E_\Lambda = \text{End}_\Lambda \left(\bigoplus_{[M] \in \text{ind } A} M \right)$$

Auslander Correspondence

Observe that the ordinary quiver of E_Λ , is simply the AR-quiver of Λ .

Definition

Let $\Gamma = (\Gamma, \tau)$ be a translation quiver. The *mesh algebra* $\mathbf{k}(\Gamma)$ is the bounded path algebra $\mathbf{k}\Gamma/I_\Gamma$, where I_Γ is the ideal generated by *mesh relations*, i.e. for each non-projective $x \in \Gamma$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & y_1 & & \\ & \nearrow^{\beta_1} & & \searrow_{\alpha_1} & \\ \tau x & \xrightarrow{\beta_2} & y_2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} & x \\ & \searrow_{\beta_r} & \vdots & \nearrow_{\alpha_r} & \\ & & y_r & & \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \sum \beta_i \alpha_i$$

Teorem [Riedtmann]

Let Λ be self-injective rep-finite such that

$$\Phi: \mathbb{Z}A_n \rightarrow {}_s\Gamma_\Lambda$$

is the universal covering with automorphism group Π . Let

$$\mathcal{C} = \Phi^{-1}(\{ [\text{rad } P] \mid P \in \text{mod } \Lambda \text{ projective indecomposable} \}).$$

Then

$$\Gamma_\Lambda = (\mathbb{Z}A_n)_{\mathcal{C}}/\Pi,$$

and the Auslander algebra E_Λ is isomorphic to the mesh-algebra $\mathbf{k}(\Gamma_\Lambda)$.

Classification strategy – Modified

Find $(\Delta, \Pi, \mathcal{C})$ such that $\mathbf{k}(\mathbb{Z}\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}/\Pi)$ is an Auslander algebra.

Such \mathcal{C} are called *configurations* of $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$.

Combinatorial configurations

Definition

Let \mathcal{C} be a set of vertices in $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$, $\Delta \in \{A_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8\}$. \mathcal{C} is a *combinatorial configuration* if

- for all vertices $x \in \mathbb{Z}\Delta$, there exists a vertex $c \in \mathcal{C}$ such that

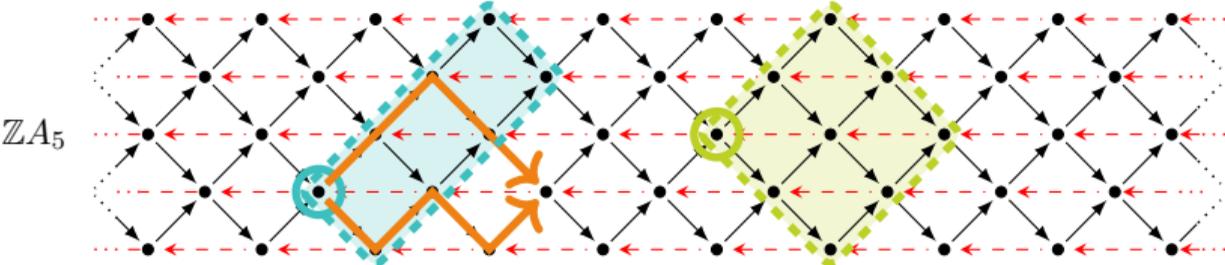
$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}(\mathbb{Z}\Delta)}(x, c) \neq 0.$$

- for all pairs $c, d \in \mathcal{C}$ of distinct vertices,

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}(\mathbb{Z}\Delta)}(c, d) = 0.$$

Note, $\mathbf{k}(\mathbb{Z}\Delta)$ is here a category.

Combinatorial configurations - Type A_n



$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathbb{Z}A_5)}(p, -) \neq 0$

$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathbb{Z}A_5)}(q, -) \neq 0$

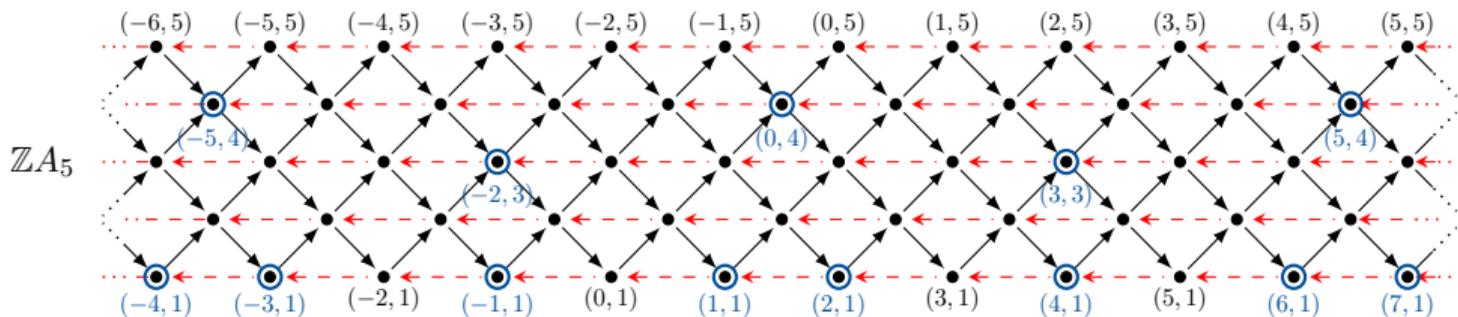
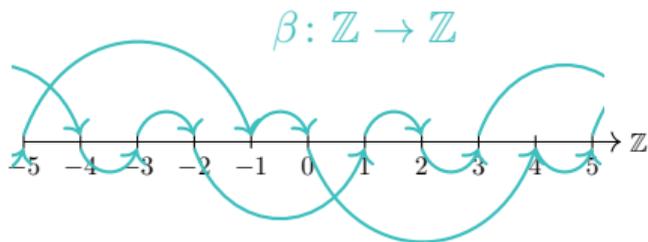
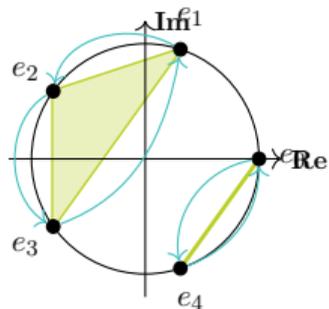
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Proposition [Riedtmann]

There is a bijection between the Brauer Relations of order n and the combinatorial configurations of $\mathbb{Z}A_n$.

A consequence of this is that configurations on $\mathbb{Z}A_n$ are periodic, $\tau^n \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}$.

Example – Combinatorial configuration



Admissible automorphisms

Remember the goal:

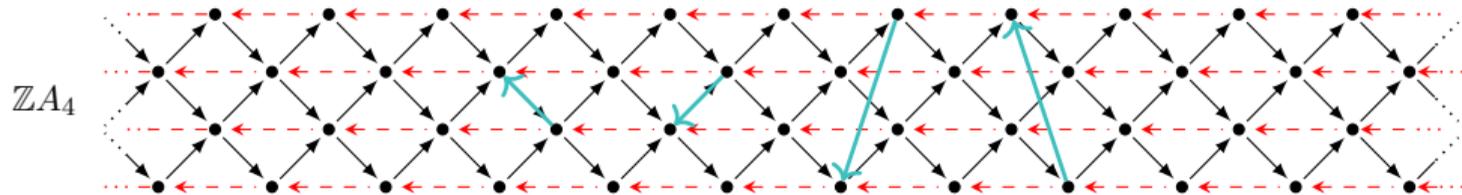
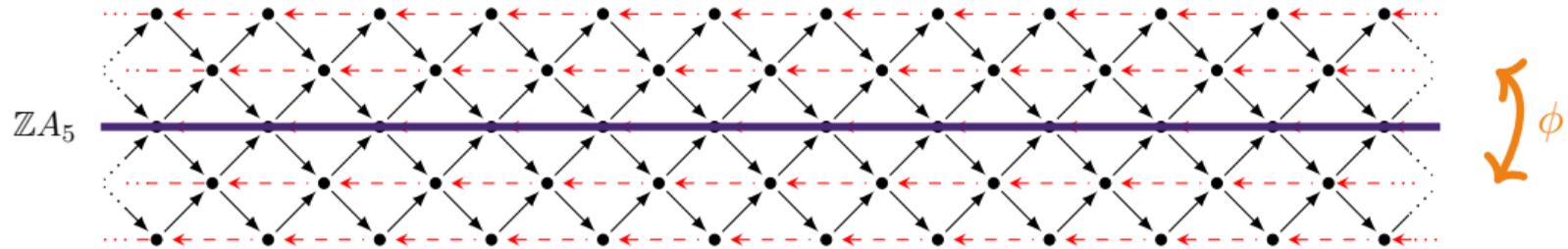
Find $(\Delta, \Pi, \mathcal{C})$ such that $\mathbb{Z}\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}/\Pi$ is the AR-quiver for some selfinjective rep-finite \mathbf{k} -algebra Λ .

Any automorphism needs to stabilize \mathcal{C} .

Automorphisms of $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$ are of the form $(\tau^r \phi)^{\mathbb{Z}}$ [Riedtmann].

For A_n , ϕ is either

- $id_{\mathbb{Z}\Delta}$,
- a reflection, or
- a glide-reflection



Admissible automorphisms

Proposition [Riedtmann]

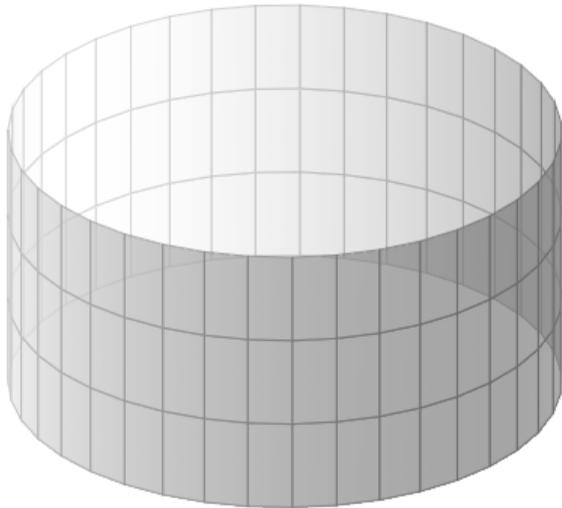
Assume there exists a reflection-translation ϕ of $\mathbb{Z}A_n$ which stabilizes the configuration \mathcal{C} . Then n is odd, \mathcal{C} intersects the central line

$$\{(p, (n + 1/2)) \mid p \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

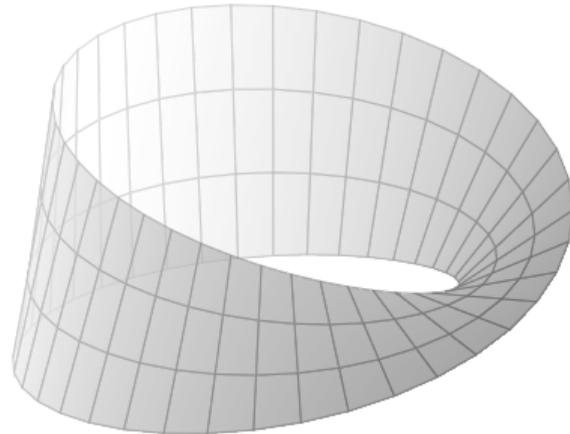
and the stabilizer of \mathcal{C} is

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}A_n, \mathcal{C}) = \tau^{n\mathbb{Z}} \times \phi^{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}.$$

Type A_n



$$n \in \mathbb{Z}, \phi = \text{id}_{\mathbb{Z}A_n}$$



$$n \text{ odd}, \phi = \text{reflection}$$

Teorem [Riedtmann]

Let \mathcal{C} be a combinatorial configuration of $\mathbb{Z}A_n$ and Π an admissible group of automorphisms on $\mathbb{Z}A_n$ stabilizing \mathcal{C} . Then the mesh algebra $\mathbf{k}(\mathbb{Z}A_n\mathcal{C}/\Pi)$ is an Auslander algebra of a selfinjective algebra.

Remaining types

- Meant to follow a similar path for all Dynkin graphs.
- [Bretscher, Läser, Riedtmann] The configurations of $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$ correspond bijectively to isoclasses of $\vec{\Delta}$ -section algebras.
- [Bretscher, Läser, Riedtmann] Description for type A_n can be lifted to remaining types.
- [Hughes, Waschbüsch] Each configuration of $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$ can be obtained from a tilting module over the path-algebra $\mathbf{k}\vec{\Delta}$.

Proposition [Bretscher, Läser, Riedtmann]

The **standard** rep-finite self-injective \mathbf{k} -algebras $\Lambda \neq \mathbf{k}$ are classified by the isomorphism classes

$$(\Delta, \Pi, \mathcal{C})$$

Troubles

- Underlying assumption was that a rep-finite selfinjective algebra is uniquely determined by its AR-quiver.

Definition

A rep-finite \mathbf{k} -algebra is *standard*, if $\mathbf{k}(\Gamma_\Delta) \cong E_\Delta$.

- Non-standard selfinjective exists for type $\Delta = D_{3m}$, $\text{char}(\mathbf{k}) = 2$ and $\Pi = (\tau^{2m-1})\mathbb{Z}$.