

# Triangulations & maximal almost rigid modules

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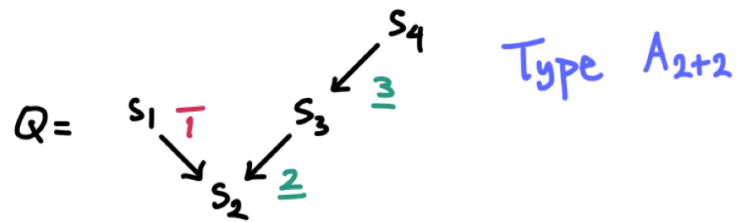
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Inspiration: Type A  $\eta$  map (Björner – Wachs 1997, Reading 2004)

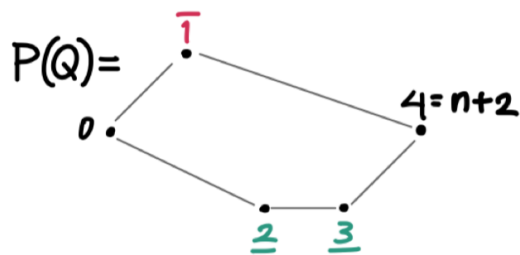
$Q$  quiver of type  $A_{n+2}$

$$s_1 - s_2 - \dots - s_{n+2}$$



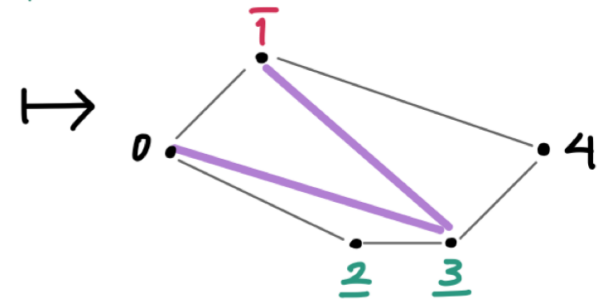
if  $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$  in  $Q$ , let  $\bar{i}$  be up

if  $s_i \leftarrow s_{i+1}$  in  $Q$ , let  $\underline{i}$  be down



$\eta_Q : \underbrace{S_{n+1}}_{\text{symmetric group}} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{triangulations} \\ \text{of } P(Q) \end{array} \right\}$

$w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S_3$



paths from 0 to  $n+2$

- $\lambda_3$   $0 \bar{1} \overset{x}{\text{remove } 3} 4$   $w(3) = \underline{3}$
- $\lambda_2$   $0 \bar{1} \overset{\text{insert } \bar{1}}{\underline{3}} 4$   $w(2) = \bar{1}$
- $\lambda_1$   $0 \overset{x}{\text{remove } 2} \underline{3} 4$   $w(1) = \underline{2}$
- $\lambda_0$   $0 \underline{2} \underline{3} 4$

along top edges (upward arrow)  
along bottom edges (downward arrow)

# Path algebra

Q quiver e.g.  $Q = \begin{array}{c} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \\ 3 \xleftarrow{b} 2 \\ 4 \xleftarrow{c} 3 \end{array}, \quad Q_0 := \{\text{vertices}\}, Q_1 := \{\text{arrows}\}, \mathbb{k} := \mathbb{C}$   
 $= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad = \{a, b, c\}$

Def The path algebra  $\mathbb{k}Q$

- basis:  $\{\text{all paths in } Q, \text{ including the lazy path } e_i \text{ at each vertex } i\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_1, a, \\ e_2, \\ b, e_3, \\ cb, c, e_4 \end{array} \right\}$
- multiplication on two basis elements:  $pp' = \begin{cases} pp' & \text{if } pp' \text{ is a path} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  *Concatenation*

$\mathbb{k}Q \cong$  algebra of matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{e_1} & \lambda_a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{e_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_b & \lambda_{e_3} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{cb} & \lambda_c & \lambda_{e_4} \end{bmatrix}$ .

each  $\lambda_p \in \mathbb{k}$  is the coefficient of the path  $p$ .

Entry in row  $i$ , col  $j \iff$  path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .

E.g.  $\begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & & 3 & \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_c & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{cb} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \\ \text{path } c & \text{path } b & & \text{path } cb \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & & 2 & \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} 3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_c & 0 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{path } b & \text{path } c & & 0 \end{matrix} \end{array}$

# Type A module category

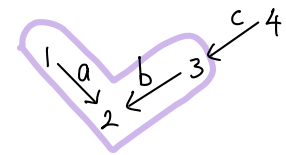
$\text{ind } Q =$  Indecomposable modules of the path algebra  $\mathbb{k}Q$

$\longleftrightarrow$  intervals  $M(i, j)$ ,  $i \leq j$  called "strings"

$\longleftrightarrow$  positive roots in a type A root system

E.g.

$M(1, 3)$



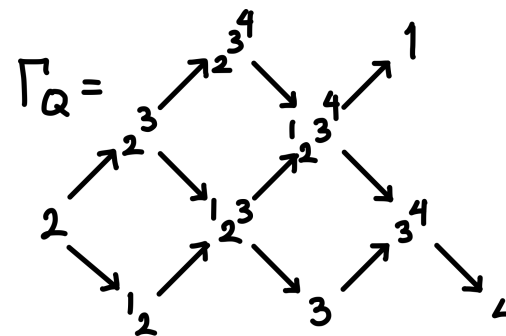
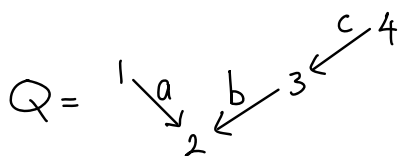
string  $ab^{-1}$  (or  $ba^{-1}$  or  $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$ )

$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3$

The Auslander - Reiten quiver of  $Q$  is a directed graph  $\Gamma_Q$  with

vertices = indecomposable modules

arrows = irreducible morphisms





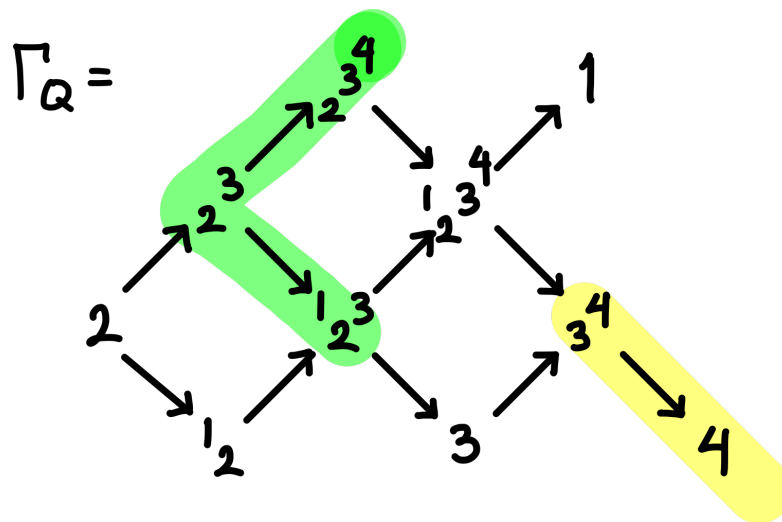
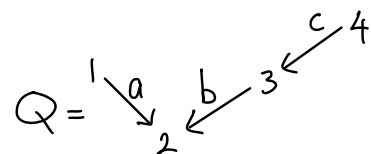
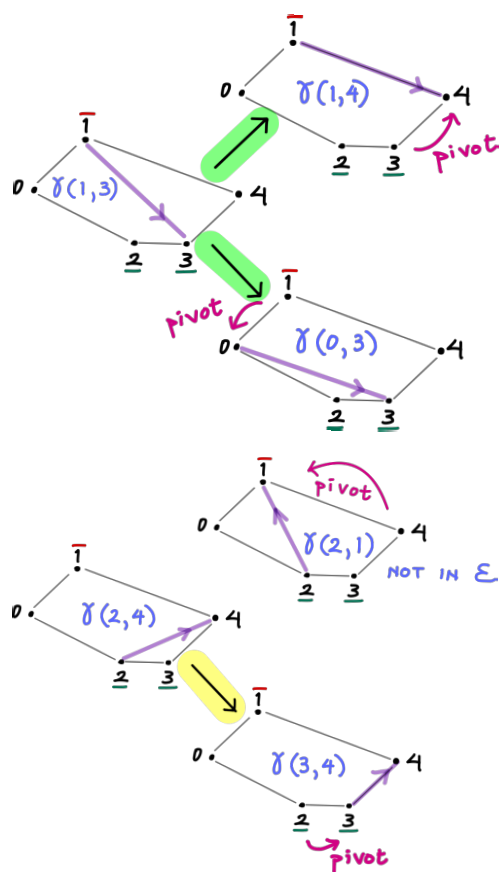
Barnard — G. — Meehan — Schiffler, 2019 [BGMS 19]

A model for  $\text{ind } Q$  inspired by the  $\eta$  map combinatorics (for type A)

Line segments  $\gamma(i, j), 0 \leq i < j \leq n+1 \iff$  indecomposable modules  $M(i+1, j)$   
 (incl. boundary segments)

Lower (upper) boundary line segments  $\iff$  maximal increasing (decreasing) paths

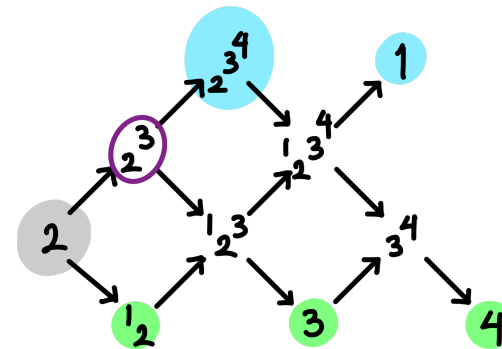
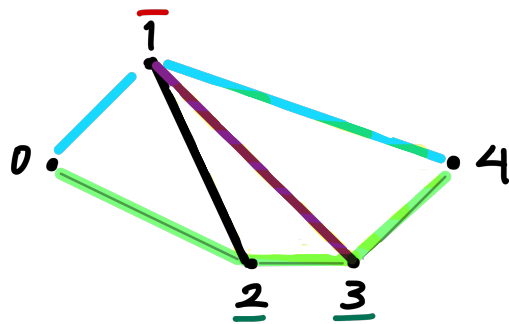
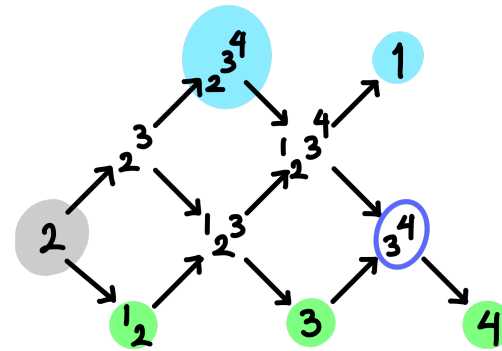
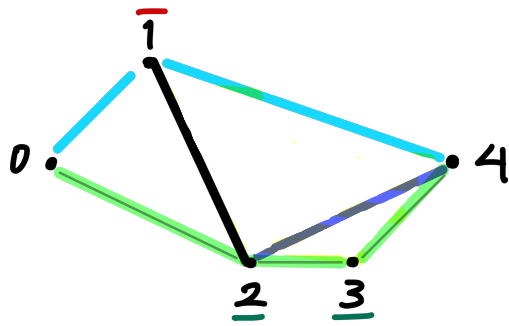
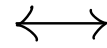
Pivots  $\iff$  irreducible morphisms



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Triangulations

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$\mathbb{K}Q$  : path algebra of type A

Classical def  $T \in \text{mod}(\mathbb{K}Q)$  is maximal rigid if

(T1)  $T$  has  $|Q_0|$  non-isomorphic summands  
# of vertices of  $Q$

(T2) For each pair  $A, B$  of summands of  $T$ ,  
if  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow E \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence, then  $E \cong B \oplus A$  } called rigid

Def [BGMS 19]

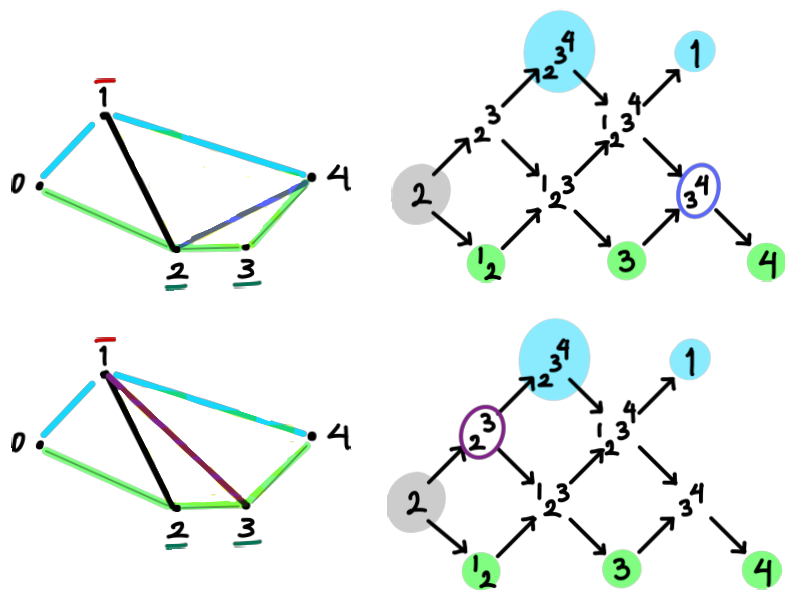
$T \in \text{mod}(\mathbb{K}Q)$  is maximal almost rigid (mar) if

(M1)  $T$  has  $|Q_0| + |Q_1|$  non-isomorphic summands  
# of vertices of  $Q$  # of arrows of  $Q$

(M2) For each pair  $A, B$  of summands of  $T$ ,  
if  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow E \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence,  
then  $E \cong B \oplus A$  or  $E$  is indecomposable } called almost rigid

Rem (M1) can be replaced with:  
"T is maximal with respect to (M2)"

Thm 1 [BGMS 19]  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{triangulations of } P(Q) \\ \text{including boundary edges} \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mar modules} \\ \text{mar}(\mathbb{K}Q) \end{array} \right\}$



Corollary

The mar modules (type A) are Catalan objects 😊

Thm 2 [BGMS 19]

Construct a bigger type A path algebra  $\mathbb{K}\bar{Q}$  where  $|\bar{Q}_0| = |Q_0| + |Q_1|$ .

Then  $M \in \text{mar}(Q) \Rightarrow$

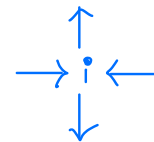
$$\text{End}_A(M) \cong \text{End}_{\bar{A}}(T)$$

where  $T$  is tilting in  $\text{mod}(\mathbb{K}\bar{Q})$ .

# Gentle algebras

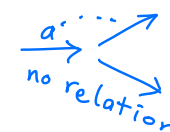
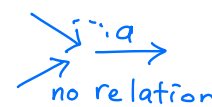
Def A finite-dimensional algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$  is gentle if :

(G1)  $\forall$  vertex  $i$  of  $Q$ ,  $\exists$  at most 2 arrows starting at  $i$   
 $\exists$  at most 2 arrows ending at  $i$

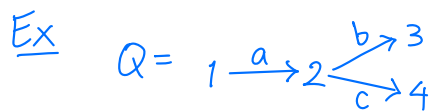


(G2)  $\mathcal{I}$  is generated by paths of length 2

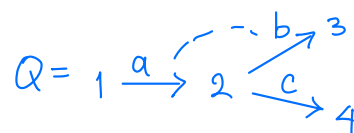
(G3)  $\forall$  arrow  $a$  of  $Q$ ,  $\exists$  at most 1 arrow  $b$  s.t.  $ba \notin \mathcal{I}$   
 $\exists$  at most 1 arrow  $c$  s.t.  $ac \notin \mathcal{I}$



(G4)  $\forall$  arrow  $a$  of  $Q$ ,  $\exists$  at most 1 arrow  $b'$  s.t.  $b'a \in \mathcal{I}$   
 $\exists$  at most 1 arrow  $c'$  s.t.  $ac' \in \mathcal{I}$

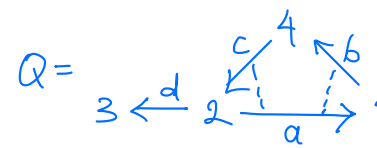


$\mathbb{k}Q$  Not gentle



$\mathcal{I} = \langle ab \rangle$

$\mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$  is gentle



$\mathcal{I} = \langle ab, ca \rangle$

$\mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$  is also gentle

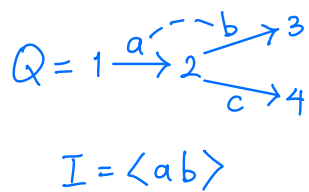
# String modules

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A string  $w$  is a walk along the arrows in  $Q_1 \cup \underbrace{Q_1^{-1}}_{\text{opposite arrow } \alpha^{-1} \mid \alpha \in Q_1}$

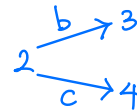
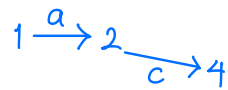
- with
- no backtrack  $a\bar{a}$  or  $\bar{a}a$
  - no subwalk  $v$  with  $v \in I$  or  $\bar{v} \in I$   
(no going through relations)

Ex



- $ac$  and  $\bar{b}c$  are strings,

$ab$  is not a string



- $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  are trivial strings

[Butler - Ringel 1987]

- $w$  string  $\leftrightarrow M(w)$  string module
- If  $kQ/I$  is a finite representation type gentle algebra,  
finitely many indecomposable modules  
 indecomposable modules are string modules.

Recall def  $T \in \text{mod}(A)$  is tilting if

(T1)  $T$  has  $|Q_0|$  non-isomorphic summands  
# of vertices of  $Q$

(T2) For each pair  $A, B$  of summands of  $T$ ,  
if  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow E \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence, then  $E \cong B \oplus A$

(T3)  $T$  has projective dimension at most 1.

Def  $A = kQ/I$  finite representation type gentle algebra.

$T \in \text{mod}(A)$  is maximal almost rigid (mar) if

(M1)  $T$  has  $|Q_0| + |Q_1|$  non-isomorphic summands  
# of vertices of  $Q$  # of arrows of  $Q$

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Rem (M1) can be replaced with:

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[Opper - Plamondon - Schroll 2018]

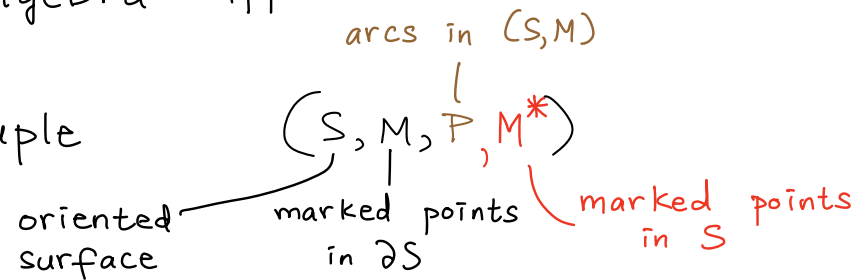
[Baur - Coelho Simões 2018]



extra marked points \*

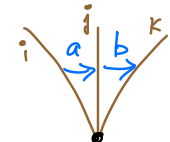
$A = \mathbb{k}Q / I$  is a gentle algebra iff

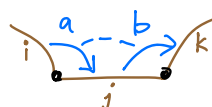
$A$  comes from a 4-tuple



- $\in M$
- \*  $\in M^*$

"Rules":

$i \xrightarrow{a} j \xrightarrow{b} k \quad ab \notin I$  corresponds to configuration  of  $P$

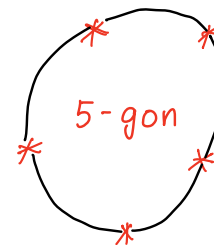
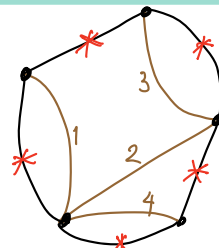
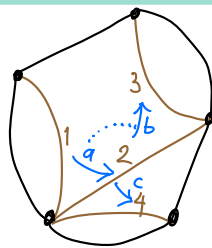
$i \xrightarrow{a} j \xrightarrow{b} k \quad ab \in I$  corresponds to configuration  of  $P$

Ex

$$Q = 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{b} 3$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{c} 4$$

$$I = \langle ab \rangle$$



$$(S, M, P) \longrightarrow (S, M, P, M^*) \longrightarrow (S, M^*)$$

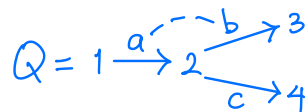


# Thm 3 (Barnard - Coelho Simões - G. - Schiffler [B.C.S.G.S])

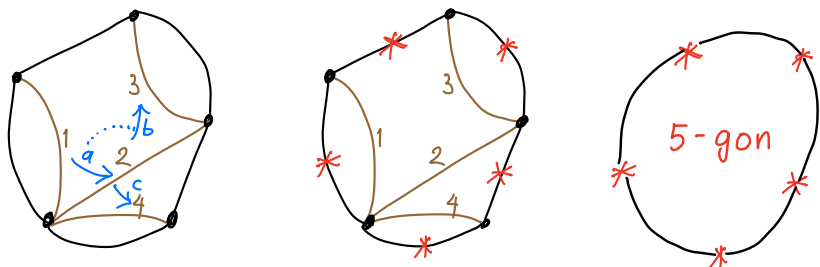
Let  $A = kQ/\mathcal{I}$  be a finite representation type gentle algebra.

Then  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{"permissible" ideal triangulations of } (S, M^*) \\ \text{including boundary edges} \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mar modules} \\ \text{mar}(A) \end{array} \right\}$

Ex



$$\mathcal{I} = \langle ab \rangle$$



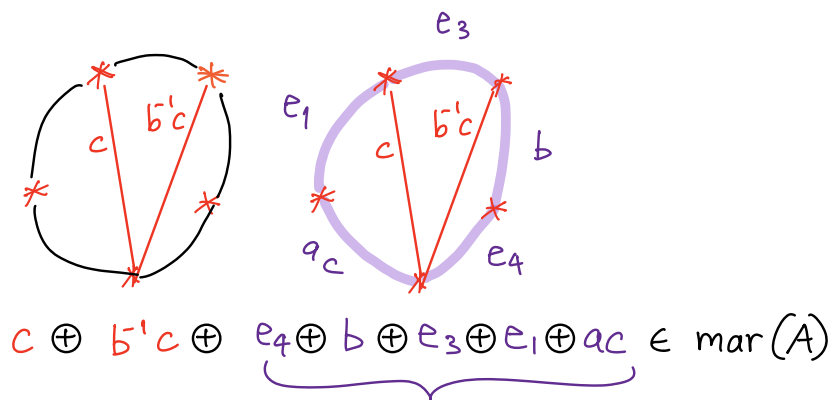
$$(S, M, P) \longrightarrow (S, M, P, M^*) \longrightarrow (S, M^*)$$

Recall Property (M1):

Each  $T$  in  $\text{mar}(A)$

has  $|Q_0| + |Q_1|$  summands

$$4 + 3$$



These 5 summands  
are required in  
every  $T \in \text{mar}(A)$

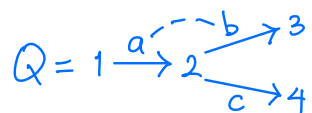
Thm 4  
[B.C.S.G.S]

Construct a new gentle algebra

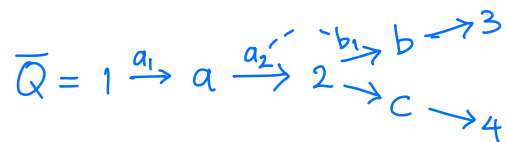
$$\bar{A} := \mathbb{k}\bar{Q} / \bar{I} \quad \text{where} \quad |\bar{Q}_0| = |Q_0| + |Q_1|.$$

$$\text{Then } M \in \text{mar}(A) \Rightarrow \text{End}_A(M) \cong \text{End}_{\bar{A}}(T)$$

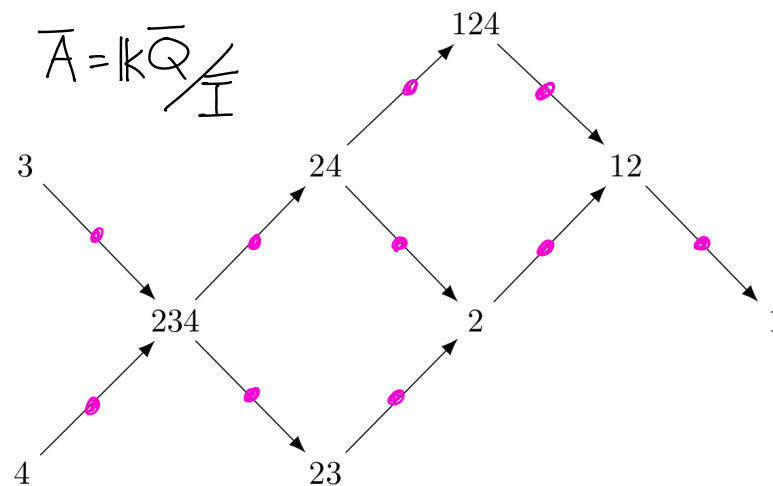
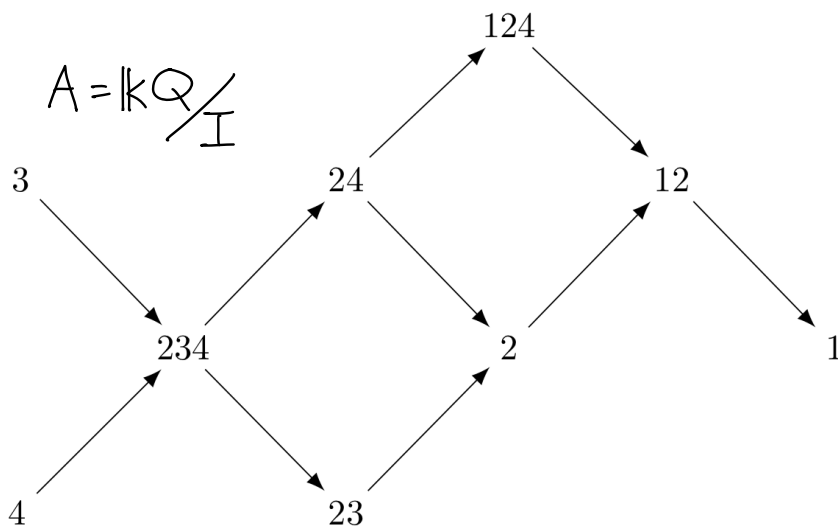
where  $T$  is tilting in  $\text{mod}(\bar{A})$ .

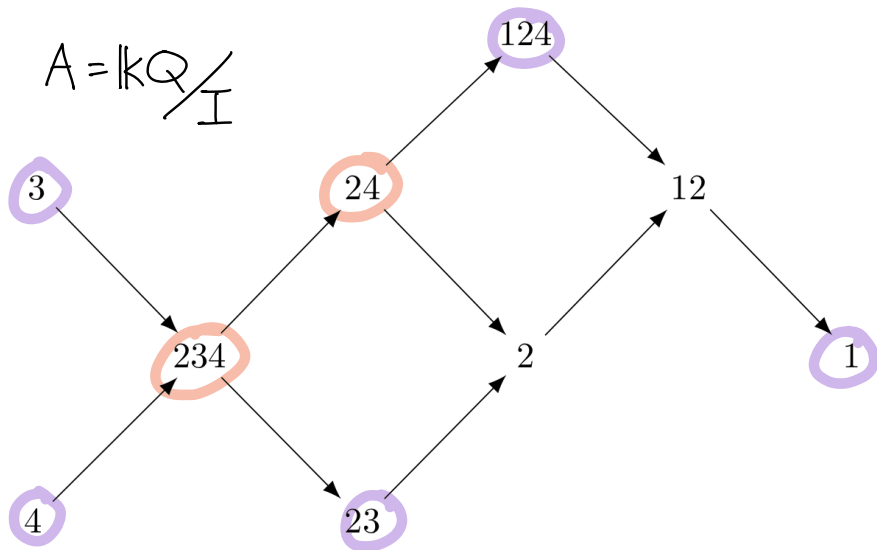
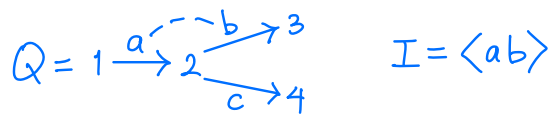


$$I = \langle ab \rangle$$

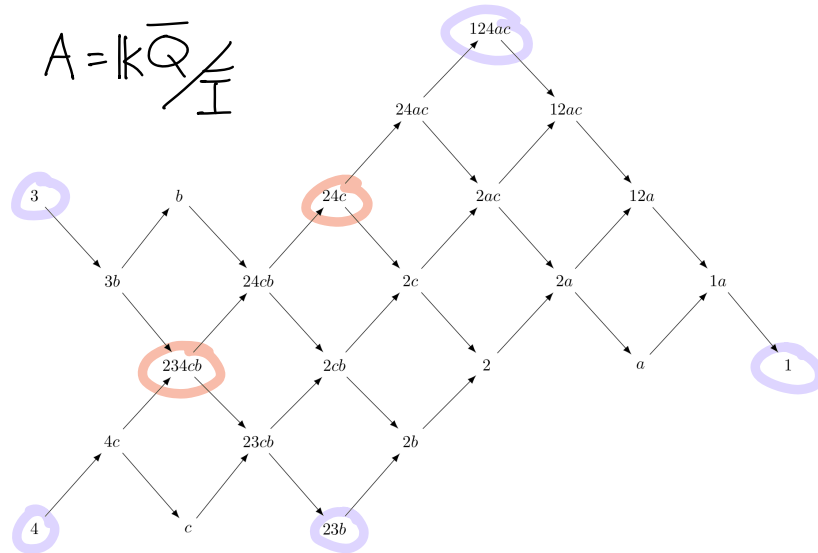
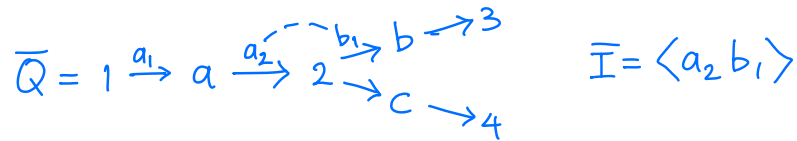


$$\bar{I} = \langle a_2 b_1 \rangle$$



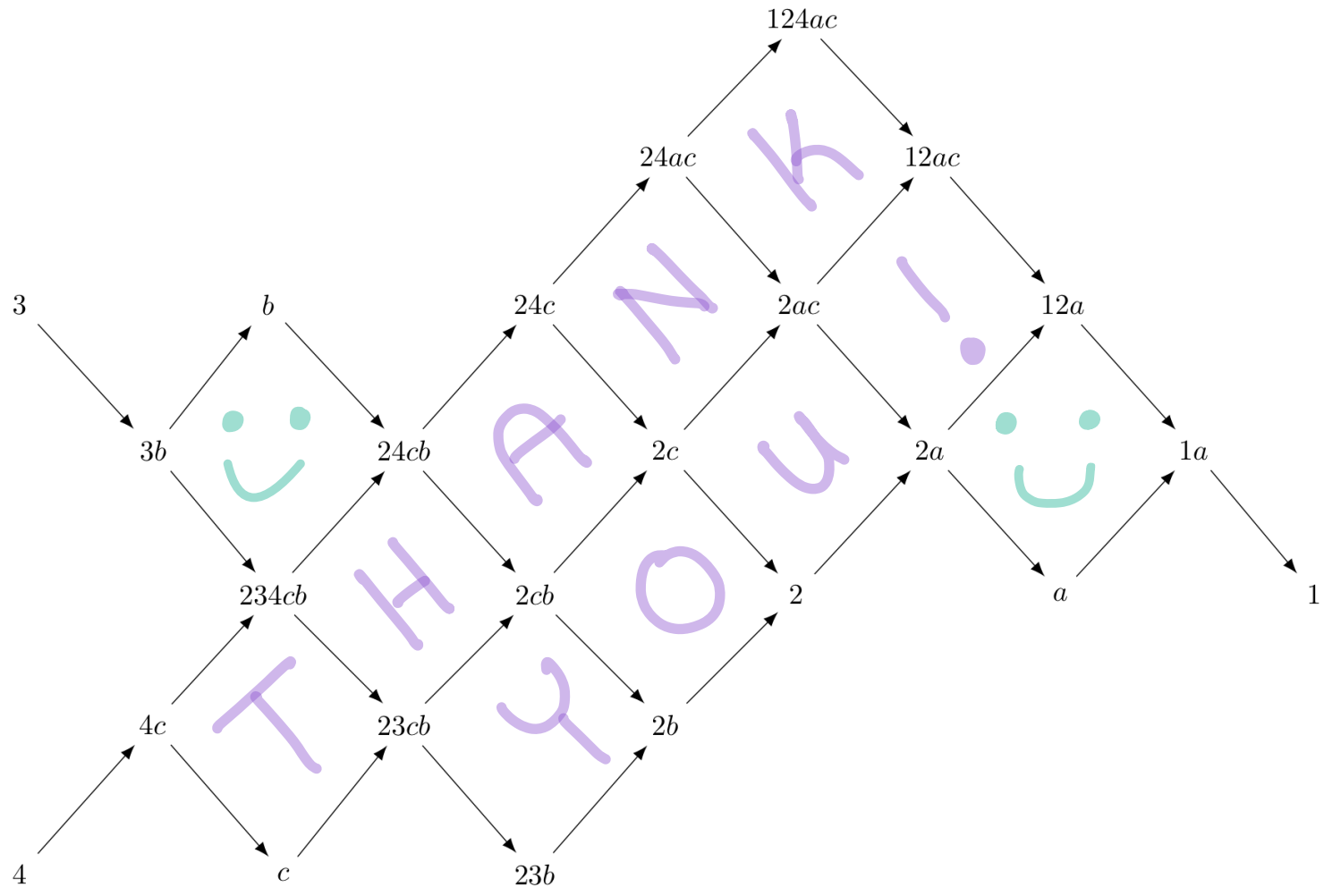


$M \in \text{mar}(A)$



$T$  is a tilting module over  $\bar{A}$

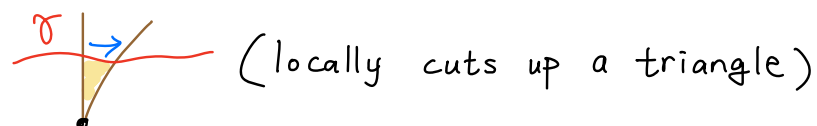
$\text{mar over } A$   
 $\downarrow$   
Thm 4  $\text{End}_A(M) \cong \text{End}_{\bar{A}}(T)$   
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 $\text{tilting over } \bar{A}$



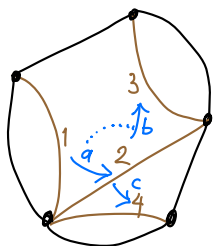
# What is a permissible arc? (extra)

string modules of  $kQ/\mathcal{I} \xleftrightarrow{|-|} \text{permissible arcs } \gamma \text{ in } S:$

- (i) endpoints are in  $R$
- (ii) each pair of consecutive crossings of  $\gamma$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  corresponds to an arrow of  $Q$



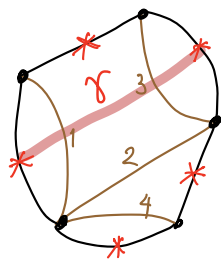
Ex  $(S, M, \mathcal{P})$



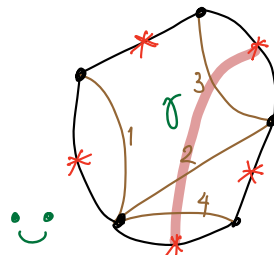
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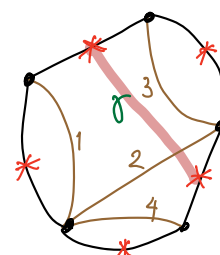
$$\mathcal{I} = \langle ab \rangle$$



- $\gamma$  is not permissible
- Consecutive crossings arc 1, arc 3 do not correspond to an arrow of  $Q$

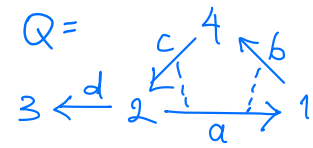


permissible  $\gamma$   
 $\leftrightarrow$  string  $b^1c$   
 or  $c^1b$



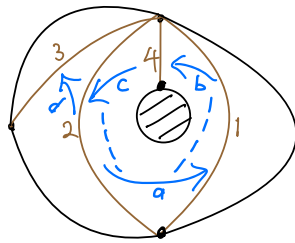
permissible  $\gamma$   
 $\leftrightarrow$  trivial string  $e_2$

# Example (extra)

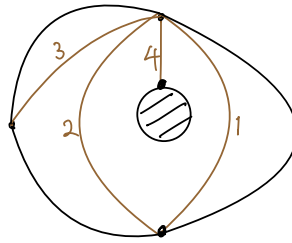


$I = \langle ab, ca \rangle$

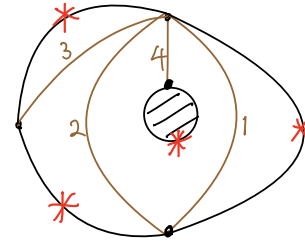
$(S, M, P)$



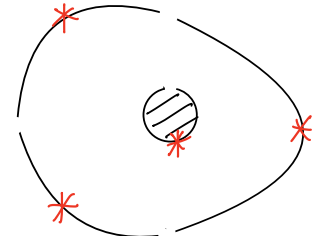
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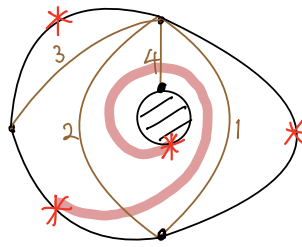
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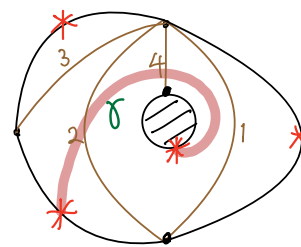
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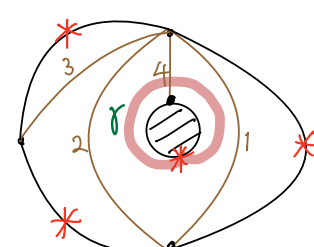
An annulus with  
3 points on one bdy  
& 1 point on the other



Not permissible  
because  
the crossings  
w/ P at  
arc 2, arc 4  
do not  
correspond  
to an arrow in Q



permissible  
 $\gamma \leftrightarrow$   
string  $\uparrow$   
4 c 2

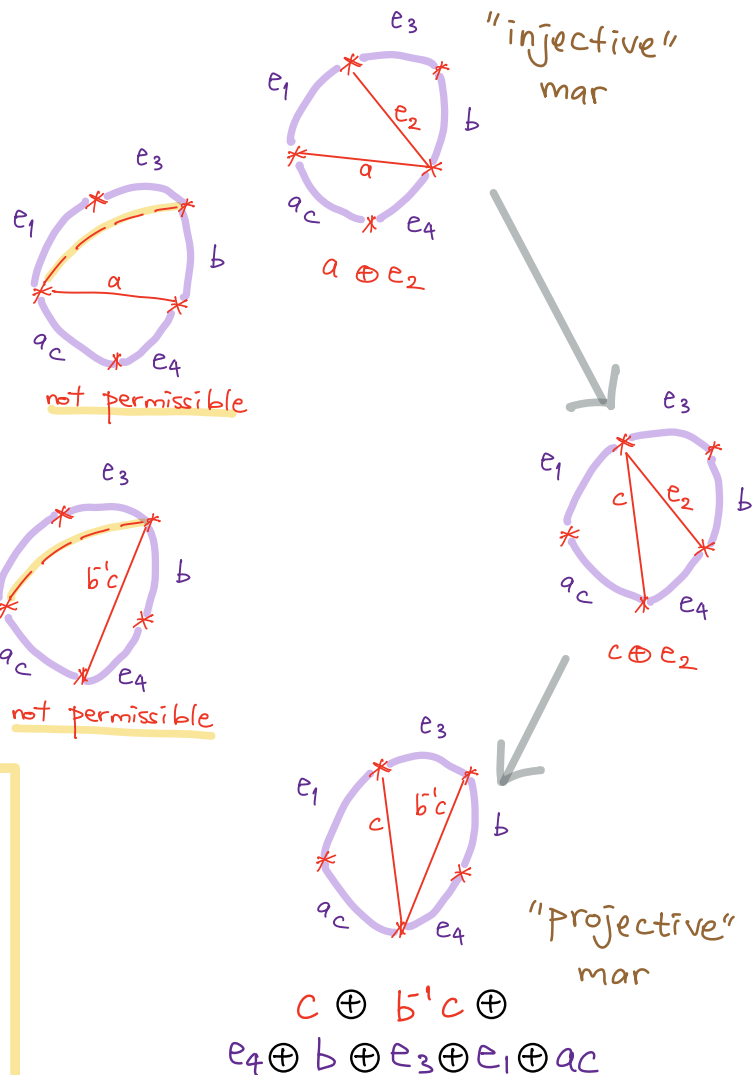


permissible  
 $\gamma \leftrightarrow$   
trivial  
string  $e_4$

Def/Prop

The oriented flip graph of  $\text{mar}(\mathbb{k}Q/I)$ :  
 arrows are "positive" diagonal flips

Ex The flip graph of  $\text{mar}(\mathbb{k}Q/I)$   
 for  $Q = 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{b} 3$   
 $\phantom{for } \phantom{Q = } \phantom{1 \xrightarrow{a} 2} \phantom{\xrightarrow{b} 3} \phantom{\phantom{c} \rightarrow 4}$   
 $\phantom{for } \phantom{Q = } \phantom{1 \xrightarrow{a} 2} \phantom{\xrightarrow{b} 3} \phantom{\phantom{c} \rightarrow 4}$   
 $I = \langle ab \rangle$  is ...



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 In type A, the flip graph of  $\text{mar}(\mathbb{k}Q)$   
 is an oriented exchange graph of a type A  
 cluster algebra & a Tamari/Cambrian lattice