

# Triangulations & maximal almost rigid modules over gentle algebras

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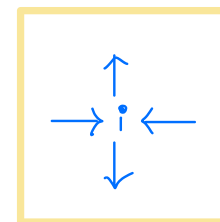
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# Gentle algebras

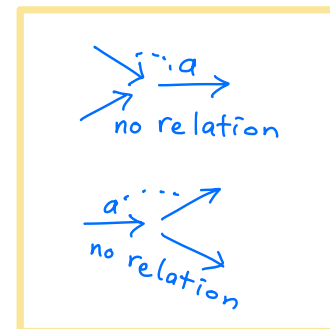
Def A finite-dimensional algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}Q/I$  is gentle if :

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

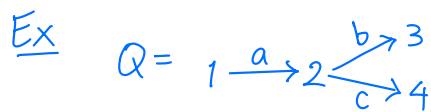


(G2)  $I$  is generated by paths of length 2

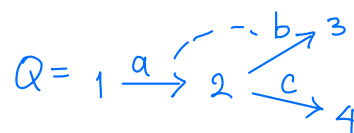
(G3)  $\forall$  arrow  $a$  of  $Q$ ,  $\exists$  at most 1 arrow  $b$  s.t.  $ba \notin I$   
 $\exists$  at most 1 arrow  $c$  s.t.  $ac \notin I$



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

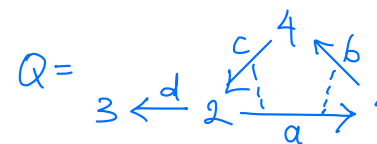


$\mathbb{k}Q$  Not gentle



$I = \langle ab \rangle$

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



$I = \langle ab, ca \rangle$

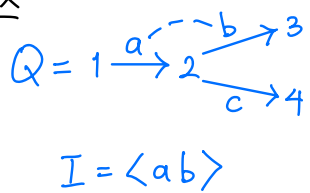
$\mathbb{k}Q/I$  is also gentle

# String modules

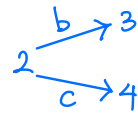
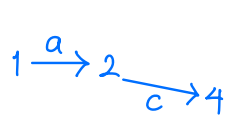
A string  $w$  is a walk along the arrows in  $Q_1 \cup \underbrace{Q_1^{-1}}_{\text{opposite arrow } \alpha^{-1} \mid \alpha \in Q_1}$

- 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



•  $ac$  is a string,  $\bar{b}c$  is a string,  $ab$  is not a string



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

[Butler - Ringel 1987]

If  $kQ/I$  is a gentle algebra,

indecomposable modules are "string modules" and "band modules"

$w$  string  $\leftrightarrow M(w)$  string module

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

- (T1) 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  $E \cong B \oplus A$
- (T2)  $T$  is maximal with respect to (T1)
- (T3)  $T$  has projective dimension at most 1

Rem A tilting  $T$  has  $|Q_0|$  non-isomorphic summands  
# of vertices of  $Q$

Def  $A = kQ/I$  gentle algebra. A basic direct sum  $T \in \text{mod}(A)$   
of string modules is maximal almost rigid (mar) if

- (M1) 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

- (M2)  $T$  is maximal with respect to (M1)

→ Originally defined for type A  $kQ$  by

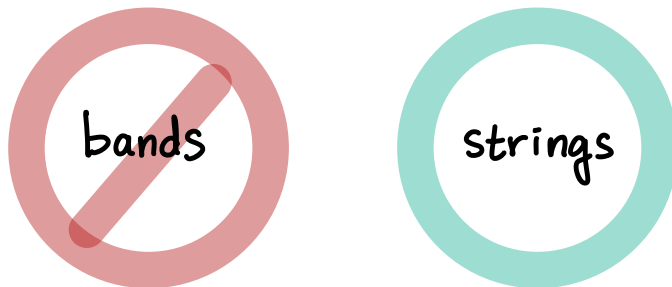
[Barnard, G. Meehan, Schiffler]

Rem (M2) can be replaced with:

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

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Rem Question: Why do we restrict to only string modules?



Answer: there are band modules that satisfy (M1)

Ex:  $k \xrightarrow[\lambda]{1} k$  satisfies (M1).

- If  $\lambda \neq \lambda'$ , then  $\text{Ext}^1 \left( k \xrightarrow[\lambda]{1} k, k \xrightarrow[\lambda']{1} k \right) = 0$ .
- If we allow bands, we would have infinitely many summands.

[Oppen – Plamondon – Schroll 2018] + [Baur – Coelho Simões 2018]  
 extra marked points \*

Tiling or dissection  $(S, M, P, M^*)$

$S$ : Surface w/ nonempty  $\partial S$

$M$ : Marked points in  $\partial S$

$P$ : Dissection of  $(S, M)$  into tiles  
 -  $n$ -gon ( $n \geq 2$ ) w/ 1 bdry edge  
 as its side



$n=2$



$n=6$

- internal  $n$ -gon ( $n \geq 1$ )



$n=1$



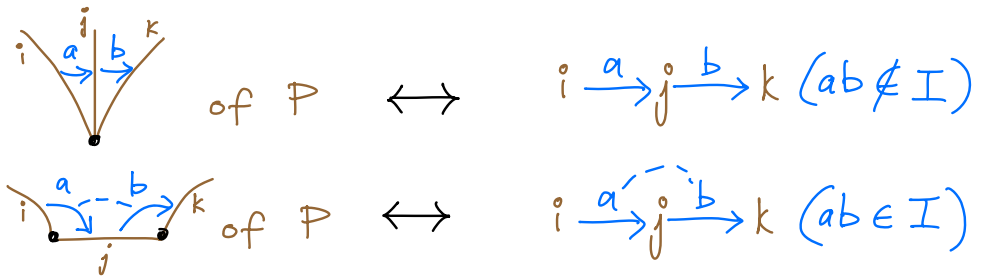
$n=2$



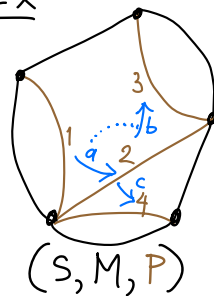
$M^*$ : Put a point  $*$  in each tile  
 - on bdry edge between points of  $M$   
 - in interior of internal disk

$\bullet \in M$        $*$   $\in M^*$

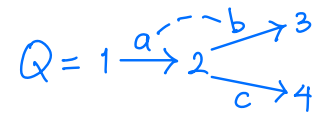
Rules:



Ex

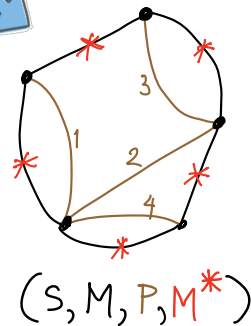


$(S, M, P)$



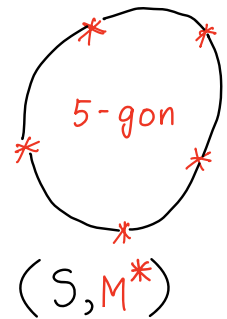
$I = \langle ab \rangle$

Add  $M^*$



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

Erase  $M, P$



$(S, M^*)$

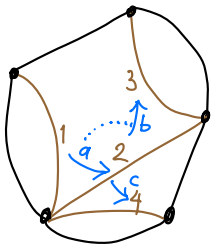
[Opper – Plamondon – Schroll 2018] + [Baur – Coelho Simões 2018]  
 extra marked points \*

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

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

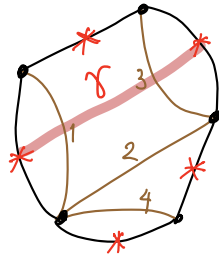


Ex  $(S, M, \mathcal{P})$

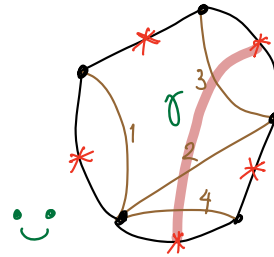


$$Q = 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{b} 3 \\ \xrightarrow{c} 4 \end{cases}$$

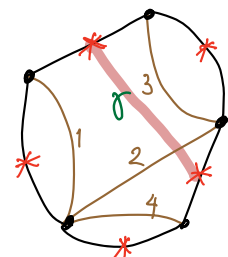
$$\underline{I} = \langle ab \rangle$$



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



permissible  $\gamma$   
 $\leftrightarrow$  string  $b^{-1}c$   
 or  $c^{-1}b$



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

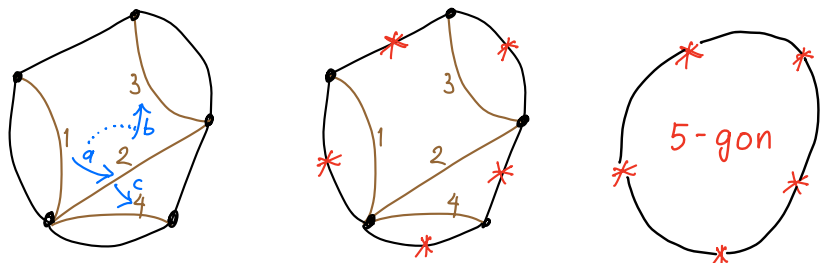
# Thm 1 (Barnard - Coelho Simões - G. - Schiffler [B.C.S.G.S])

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

Ex

$$Q = 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{b} 3 \\ \xrightarrow{c} 4 \end{array}$$

$$I = \langle ab \rangle$$

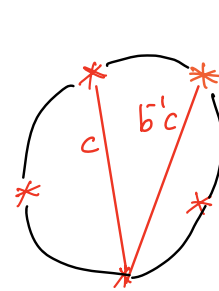


$$(S, M, P) \longrightarrow (S, M, P, M^*) \longrightarrow (S, M^*)$$

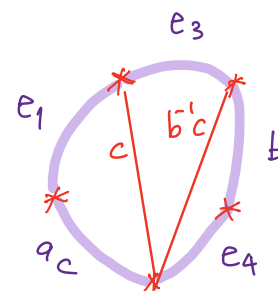
Recall: Each  $T$  in  $\text{mar}(A)$

has  $|Q_0| + |Q_1|$  summands

$$4 + 3$$



$$c \oplus b'c \oplus$$

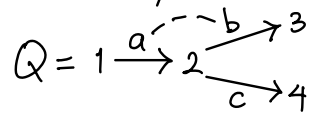


$$e_4 \oplus b \oplus e_3 \oplus e_1 \oplus ac \in \text{mar}(A)$$

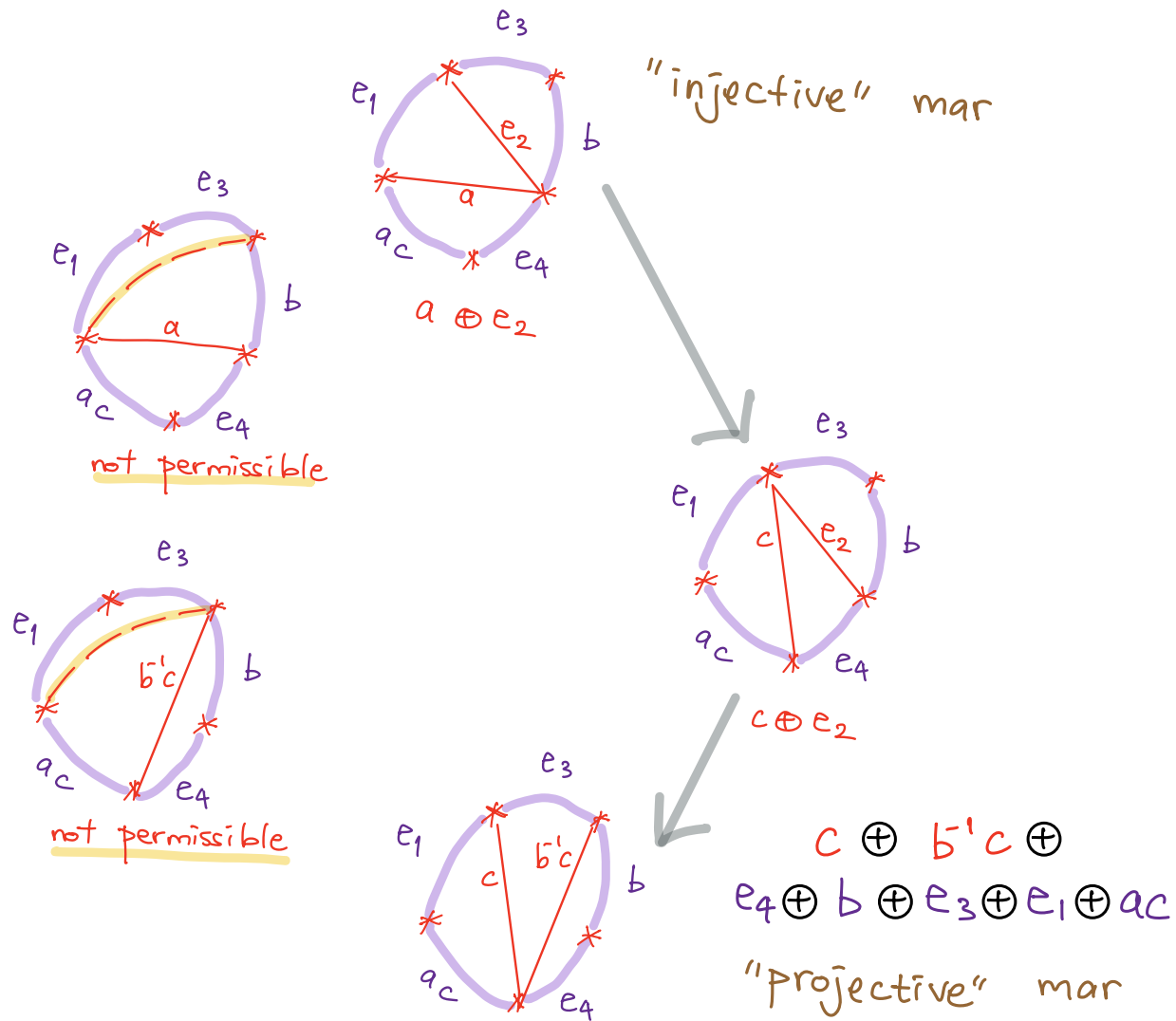
These 5 summands  
are required in  
every  $T \in \text{mar}(A)$



Ex There are exactly three mar modules for



$$I = \langle ab \rangle$$



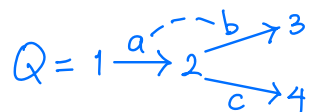
Thm 2  
[B.C.S.G.S]

Construct a new gentle algebra

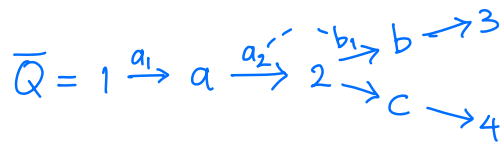
$$\bar{A} := \mathbb{k}\bar{Q} / \bar{I} \quad \text{where} \quad |\bar{Q}_0| = |Q_0| + |Q_1|.$$

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

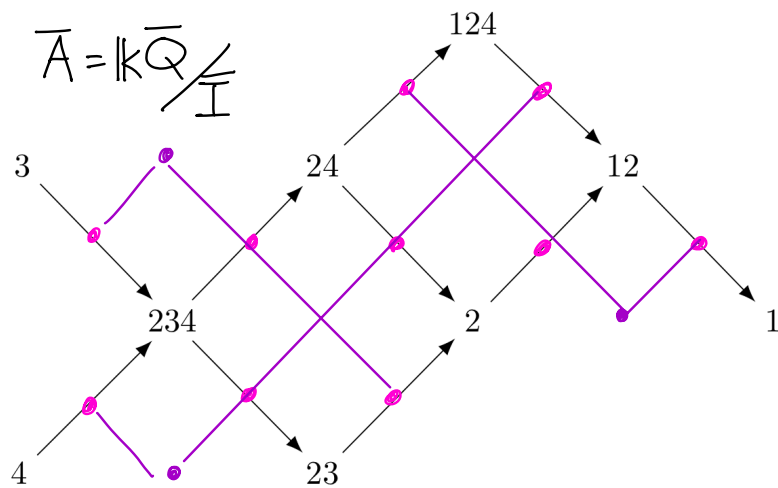
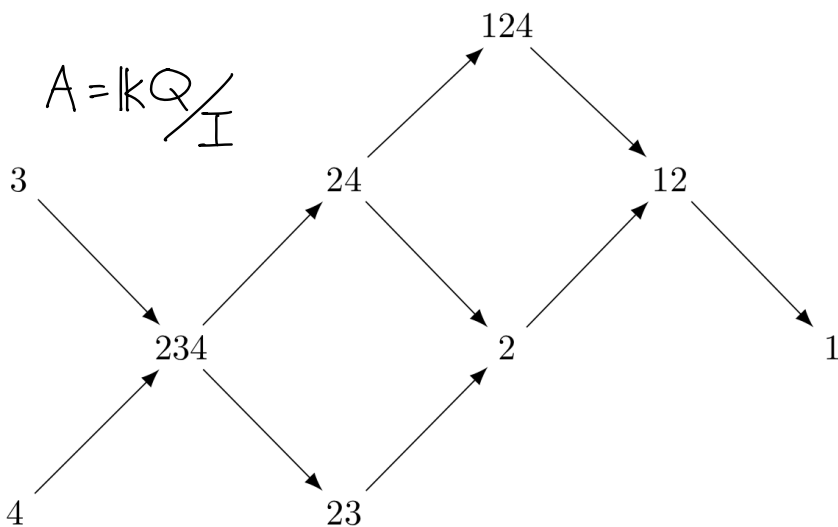
where  $\bar{T}$  is tilting in  $\text{mod}(\bar{A})$ .

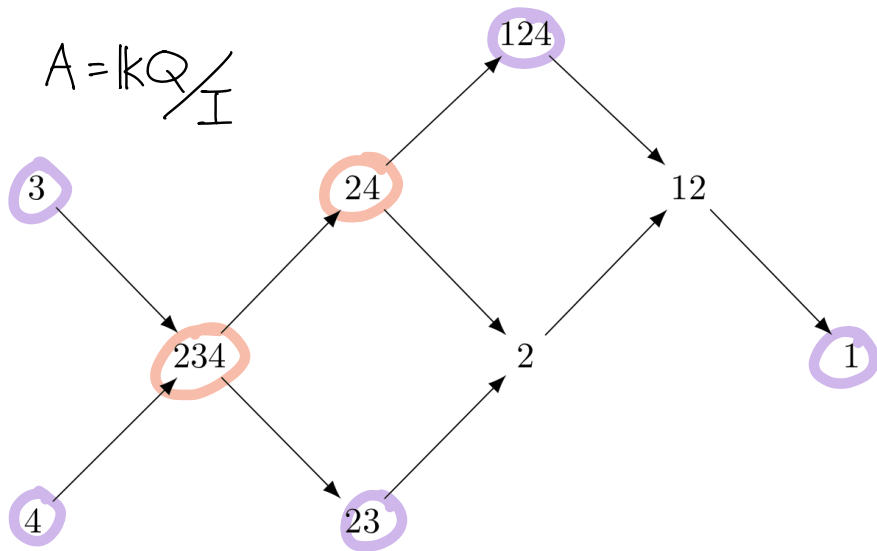
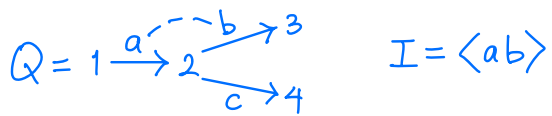


$$I = \langle ab \rangle$$

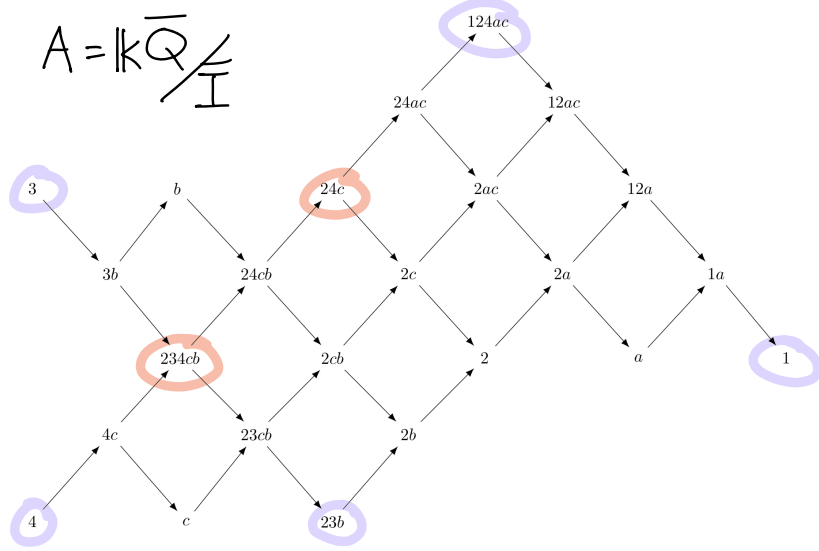
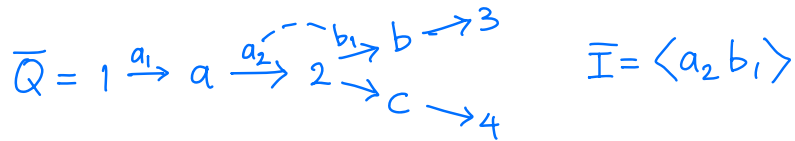


$$\bar{I} = \langle a_2 b_1 \rangle$$



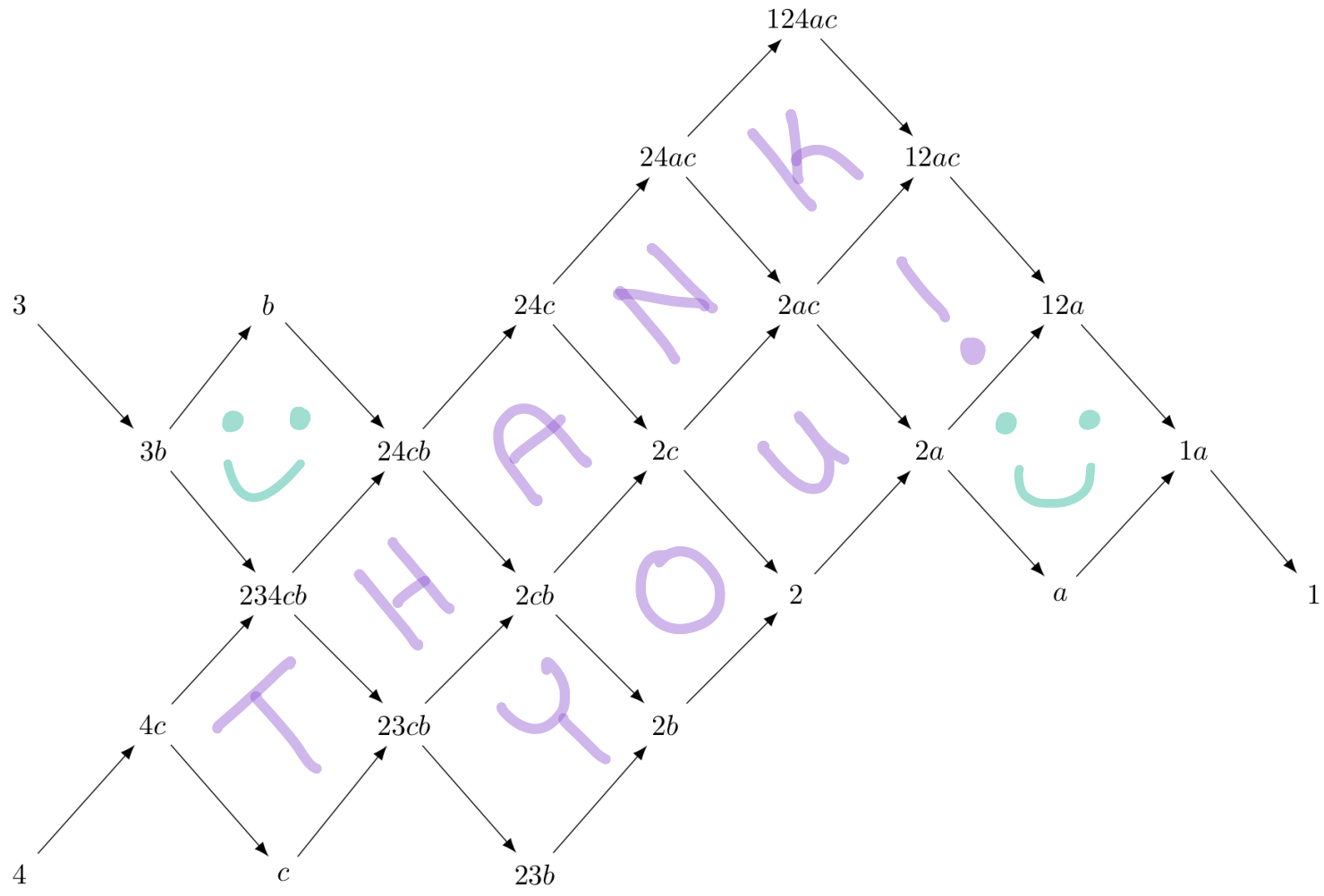


$T \in \text{mar}(A)$

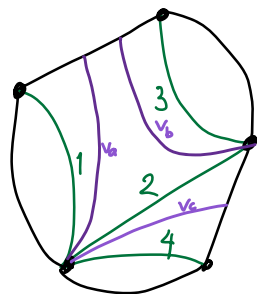
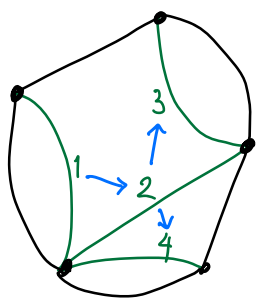


$\bar{T}$  is a tilting module over  $\bar{A}$

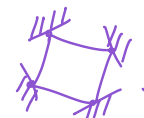
$\text{mar over } A$   
 $\downarrow$   
Thm 2  $\text{End}_A(T) \cong \text{End}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{T})$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{tilting over } \bar{A}$



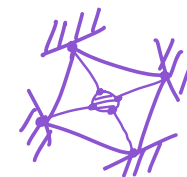
# Dissection of $\bar{A}$ (Extra)



If  $P$  has an internal  $n$ -gon tile



replace with annulus



$(S, M, P)$

$\downarrow$   
 $A$

Add an extra arc in  $P$  for each arrow in  $Q_1$

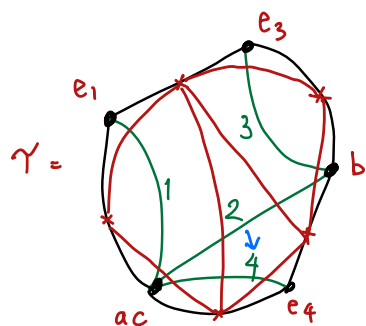
$(\bar{S}, \bar{M}, \bar{P})$

$\updownarrow$   
 $\bar{A}$

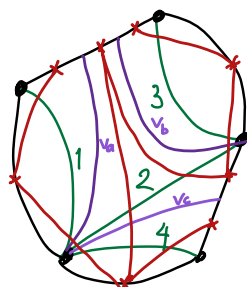
mod  $A$

$\xrightarrow{G}$

mod  $\bar{A}$



$\gamma =$



$= G(\gamma)$

$T =$

$C \oplus e_2$

$\in \text{mod } A$

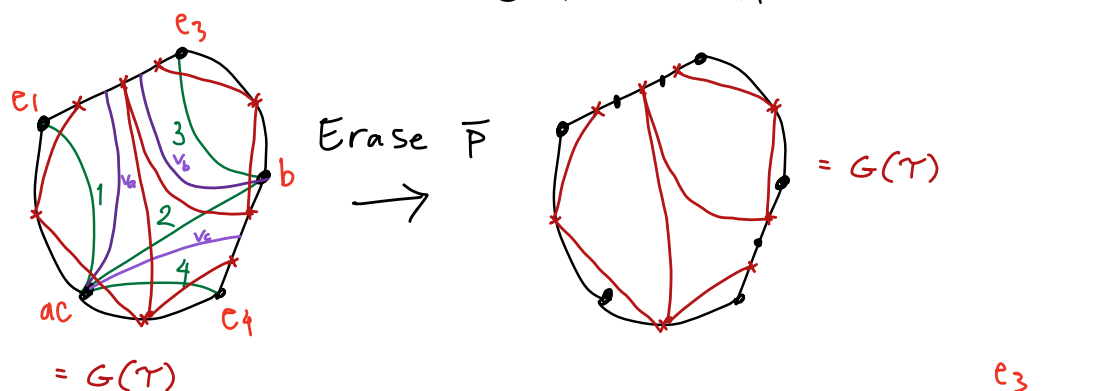
$e_1 \oplus e_3 \oplus b \oplus e_4 \oplus ac$

Required summands

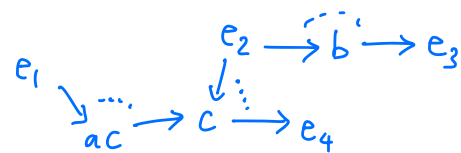
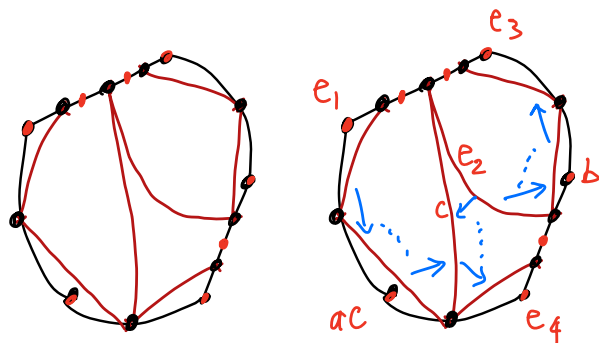
# Dissection of $\text{End}_A(T)$ (Extra)

Q: What is the partial triangulation  $G(\tau)$  ?

Ans/Thm 3: We can construct tiling for  $\text{End}_A(T)$  as follows



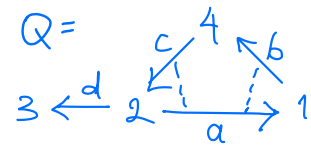
swap  $M$  &  $M^*$   
in  $\partial S$   
→  
Note: No  
puncture  
by construction  
of tiling  
of  $\bar{A}$



is the endomorphism algebra

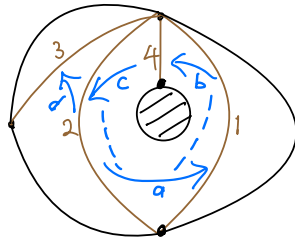
$$\text{End}_A(T) \cong \text{End}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{T})$$

# Example (extra)

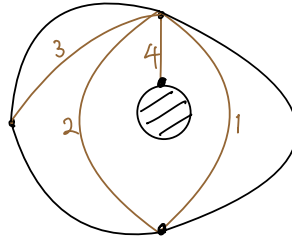


$I = \langle ab, ca \rangle$

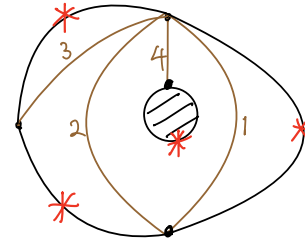
$(S, M, P)$



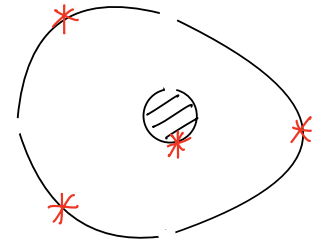
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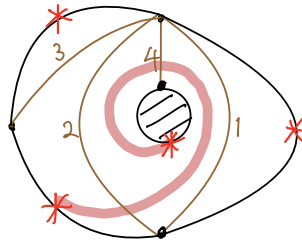
$(S, M, P, M^*)$



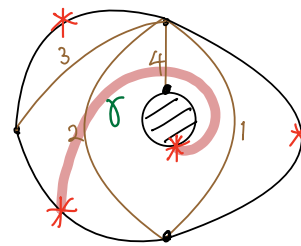
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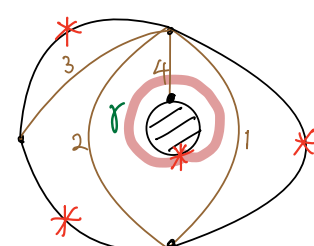
An annulus with  
3 points on one bdy  
& 1 point on the other



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  $e_4$