

# Cluster Algebra Structures and Semicanonical Bases for Unipotent Groups

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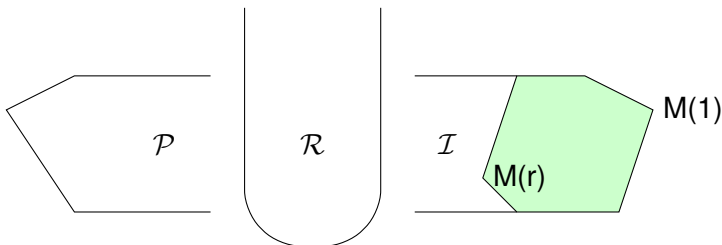
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# Preinjective modules for quivers

- $Q$  Quiver without oriented cycles, vertices  $Q_0 = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r M(i)$  “preinjective” module.



# Preprojective Algebras

## Definition

- $\overline{Q}$  *double* of  $Q$ : extra arrow  $i \xleftarrow{\overline{a}} j$  for each arrow  $i \xrightarrow{a} j$  of  $Q$ .
- $\Lambda := \mathbb{C}\overline{Q}/(\sum_{a \in Q_1} [\overline{a}, a])$  *preprojective algebra* of  $Q$ .

## Note

- $\mathbb{C}Q \hookrightarrow \Lambda$ , so have restriction functor  
 $?|_Q: \Lambda\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}Q\text{-mod}$ .
- $\Lambda$  depends not on orientation of  $Q$
- $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\Lambda, \mathbb{C})|_Q \cong \prod_{J \text{ indec preinj}} J$
- $M \in \mathbb{C}Q\text{-mod}$  can be interpreted as  $\Lambda$ -module via  
 $M(\overline{a}) = 0$  for all  $a \in Q_1$ .

# Kac-Moody Lie Algebras

- $Q$  defines a symmetric (generalized) Cartan matrix  $C = C_{|Q|}$ .
- $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$  triangular decomposition of KM-algebra defined by  $C$ .
- $\mathfrak{n} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \mathfrak{n}_\alpha$  decomposition of  $\mathfrak{n}$  into root spaces.
- $U(\mathfrak{n})$  universal enveloping algebra, a graded cocommutative Hopf algebra. Chevalley generators  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  with  $e_i \in U(\mathfrak{n})_{\alpha_i}$ .
- The graded dual  $U(\mathfrak{n})_{\text{gr}}^*$  is commutative Hopf algebra. Think of it as coordinate ring of a (pro-) unipotent group  $N$ .

## References

This is a report on joint work with **Bernard Leclerc** (Caen) & **Jan Schröer** (Bonn).

Preprint: [arXiv:math/0703039v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0703039v3) 121p.

There is related work by Aslak Buan, Osamu Iyama, Idun Reiten & Jeanne Scott:

*Cluster structures for 2-Calabi-Yau categories and unipotent groups.*

[arXiv:math/0701557v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0701557v3).

# Overview I

## 1. The stably 2-Calabi-Yau category

$$\mathcal{C}_M = \{X \in \Lambda\text{-mod} \mid X|_Q \in \text{Add}(M)\}$$

with canonical maximal rigid object  $T_M$  “built” from  $M$ .  
Combinatorics of mutations in  $\mathcal{C}_M$ .

## 2. Cluster Character $\delta? : \Lambda\text{-mod}_0 \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{n})_{\text{gr}}^*$ restricts to

$$\mathcal{C}_M \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_M := \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{\delta_X \mid X \in \mathcal{C}_M\} \subset U(\mathfrak{n})_{\text{gr}}^*$$

provides  $\mathcal{A}_M$  with a cluster algebra structure and initial seed given by  $T_M$ .

$\mathcal{A}_M$  is a polynomial ring, comes with a semicanonical basis containing the cluster monomials.

## Overview II

3. Preinjective Module  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r M(i)$  defines *adaptable* element  $w = w_M$  of length  $r$  in the Coxeter group associated to  $C_{|Q|}$ . This is also the Weyl group of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and of the Kac-Moody group  $G_{\min}$ .  
 $N = N(w) \circ N'(w)$  and  $N(w) = N/N'(w)$  as homogeneous spaces

$$\mathcal{A}_M = \mathbb{C}[N]^{N'(w)} = \mathbb{C}[N(w)]$$

$$(\mathcal{A}_M)_{\delta(\text{proj.-inj})} = \mathbb{C}[N^w]$$

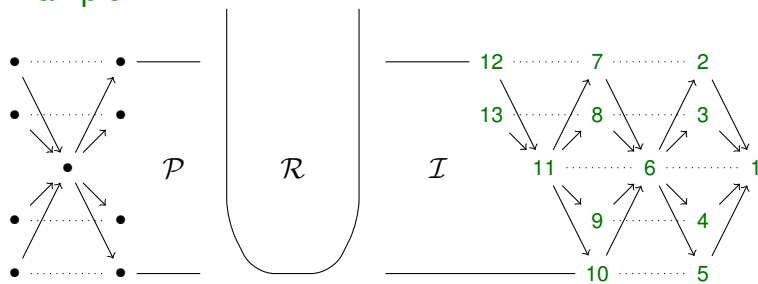
$$N^w := N \cap B_- w B_- \text{ unipotent cell}$$



## The “preinjective” module $M$

$M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r M(i)$  direct sum of a family of indecomposable pairwise non-isomorphic preinjective  $\mathbb{C}Q$ -modules. Family is closed under successors and we assume  $\text{Hom}_Q(M(i), M(j)) = 0$  if  $i < j$ .

### Example



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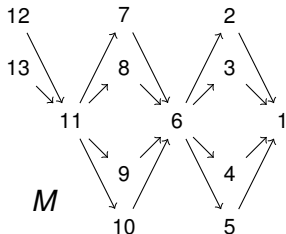
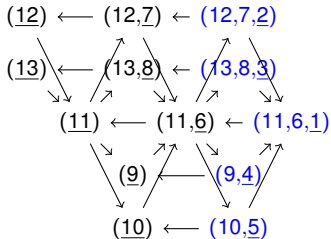
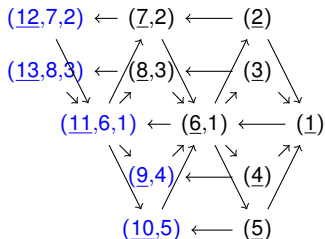
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# $T_M$ and $T_M^\vee$ - an Example

 $T_M$ 

 $T_M^\vee = \Omega_{C_M} T_N$ 


$(11, \underline{6})$  means  
 $T_M(6)|_Q = M(11) \oplus M(6)$

## Remarks

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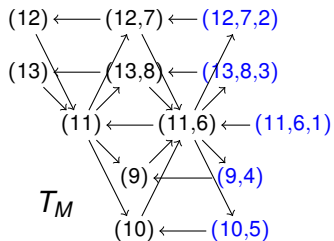
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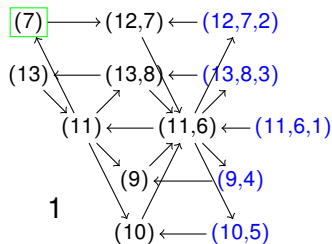
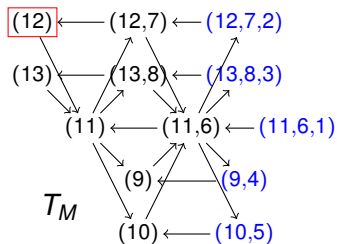
*There exists an explicit sequence of mutations connecting  $T_M$  to  $T_M^\vee$ .*

*On this “path” each  $M(i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ) appears as a direct summand of a cluster tilting object.*

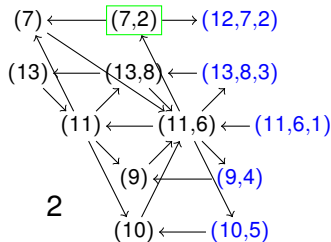
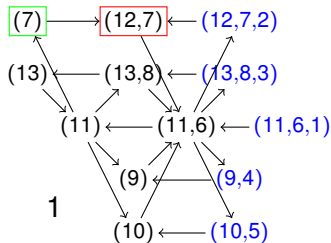
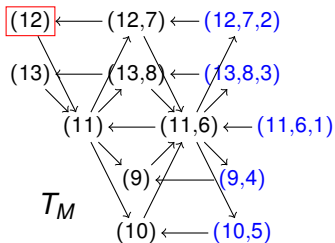
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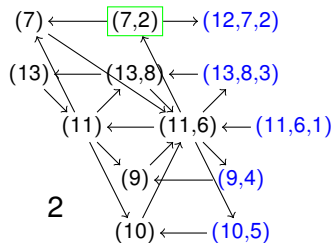
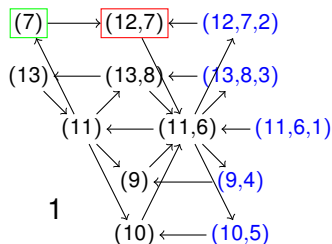
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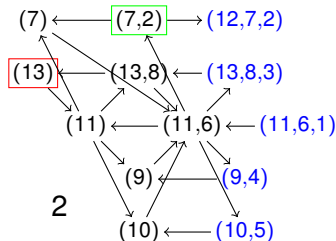
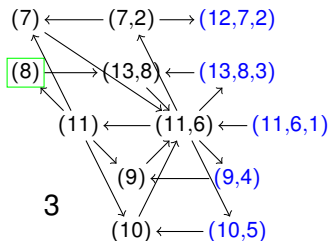
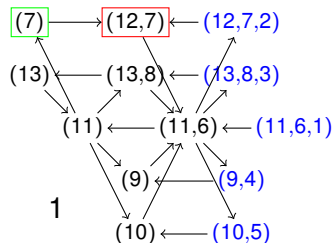
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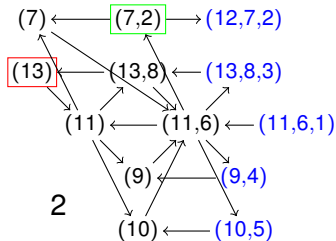
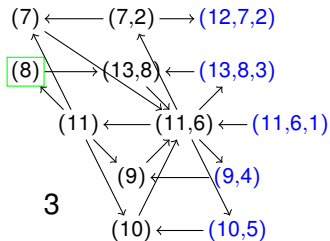
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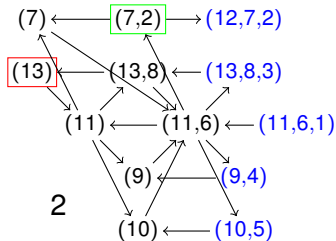
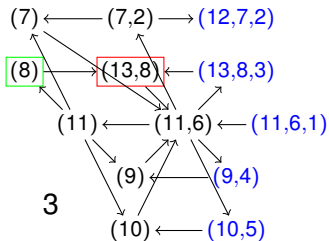
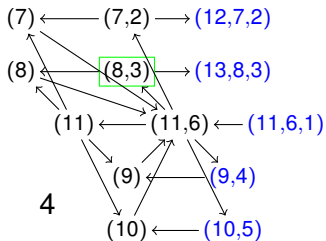
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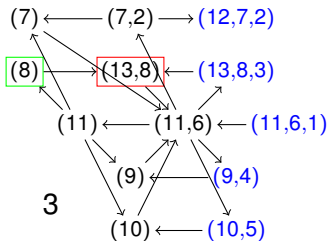
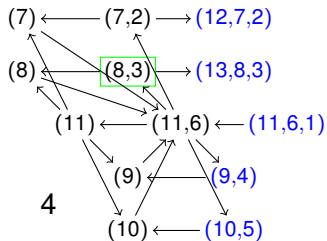


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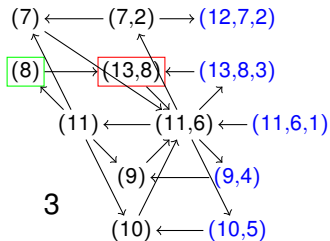
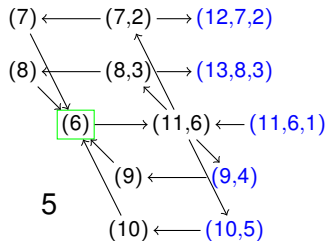
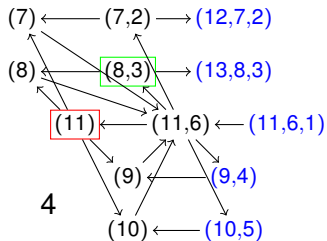




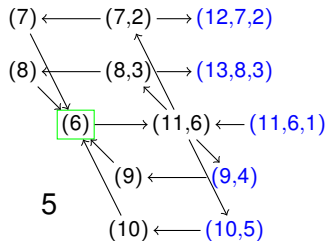
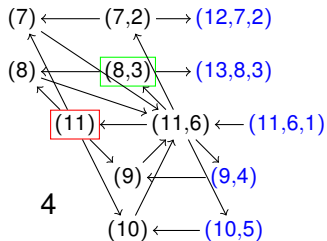
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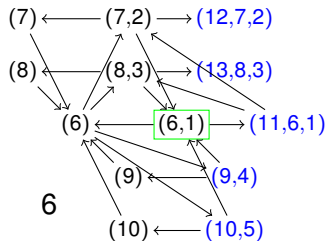
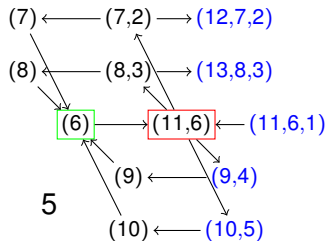
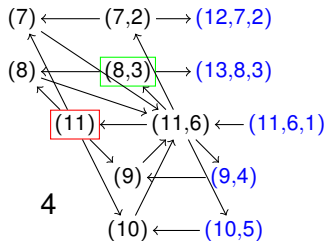
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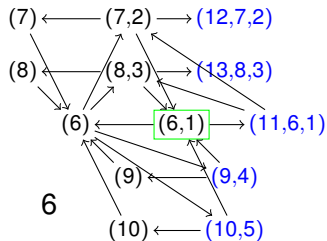
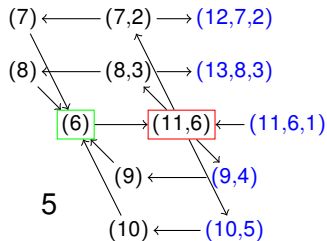
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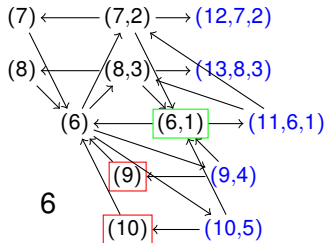
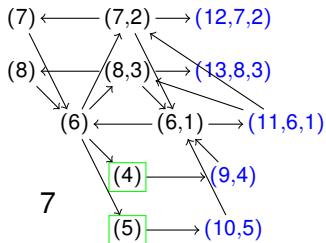
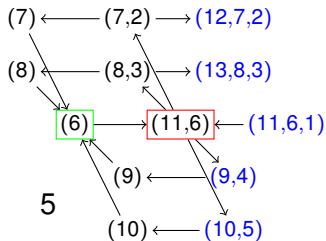


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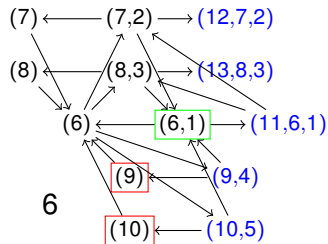
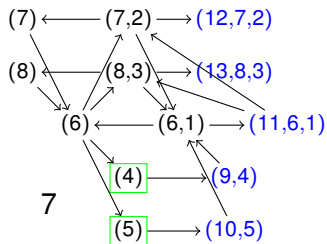




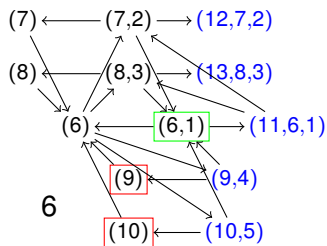
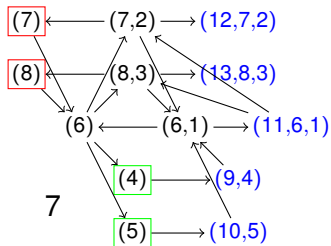
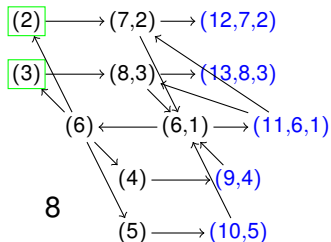
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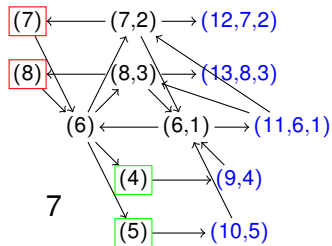
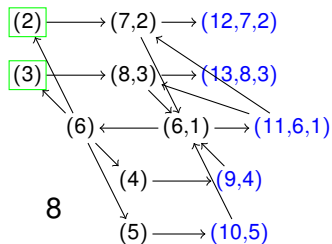


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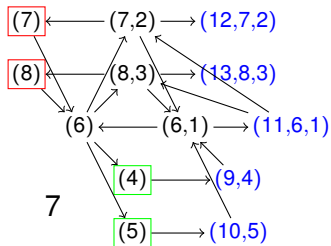
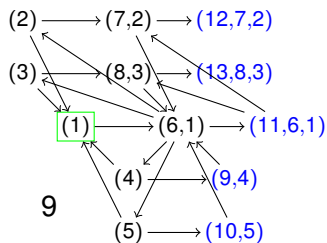
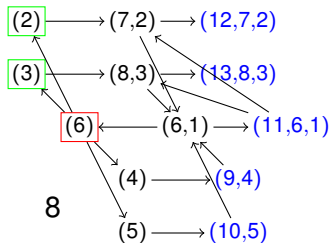




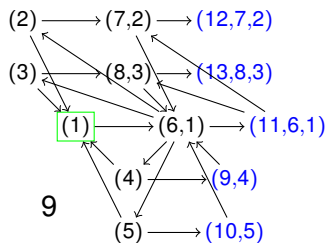
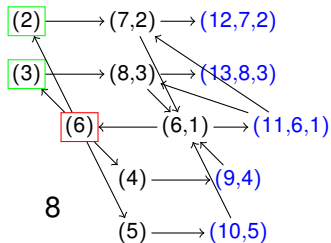
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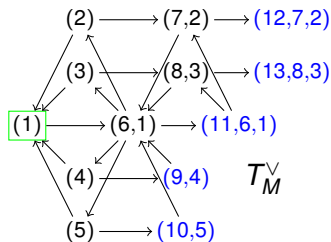
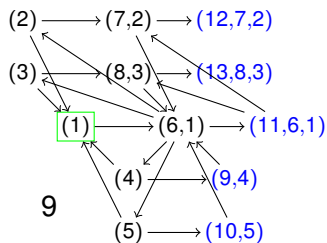
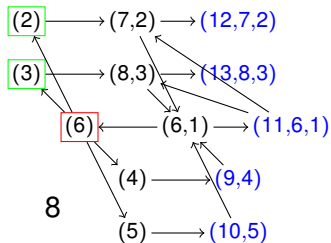
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## Basic Notations

- $\alpha$  dimension vector
- $\Lambda(\alpha)$  (affine) Variety of nilpotent representations of  $\Lambda$  with dimension vector  $\alpha$ .
- $\text{Rep}_Q(\alpha)$  affine *space* of representations of  $Q$  with dimension vector  $\alpha$ .
- In both cases  $\text{GL}(\alpha)$  orbits are isoclasses of the corresponding representations.
- Note that  $\text{Rep}_Q(\alpha)$  is naturally an irreducible component of  $\Lambda(\alpha)$ .

# Algebra of Constructible Functions

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## Two Bases

### Theorem (Lusztig)

Each  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  has a basis  $\mathcal{S}(\alpha) := (s_Z)_{Z \in \text{Irr}(\Lambda(\alpha))}$  such that

$$s_Z |_{Z'} = \delta_{Z,Z'} \mathbb{1}_{Z'} \quad \text{generically.}$$

The union  $\mathcal{S} = \cup_{\alpha} \mathcal{S}(\alpha)$  is the *Semicanonical Basis* of  $U(\mathfrak{n})$ .

### Definition

Let  $(\rho_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{n}$  consisting of *root vectors* and

$$\rho_i \in \mathfrak{n}_{\underline{\dim} M(i)} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, r \text{ (real roots)}$$

$$\text{then the } \mathbf{p}^{(\mathbf{m})} := \frac{1}{m_s! \cdots m_1!} \rho_s^{m_s} * \cdots * \rho_1^{m_1} \text{ for } \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}_0^{(\mathbb{N})}$$

form an appropriate (scaled) PBW-basis of  $U(\mathfrak{n})$ .



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form an appropriate (scaled) PBW-basis of  $U(\mathfrak{n})$ .

# Comultiplication

## Theorem

Can define a *comultiplication*  $\Delta: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{M}$  such that for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  with

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*Coincides with usual comultiplication of  $U(\mathfrak{n})$ .*

Despite the tautological appearance this is quite non-trivial, proof uses several fibre bundle constructions.

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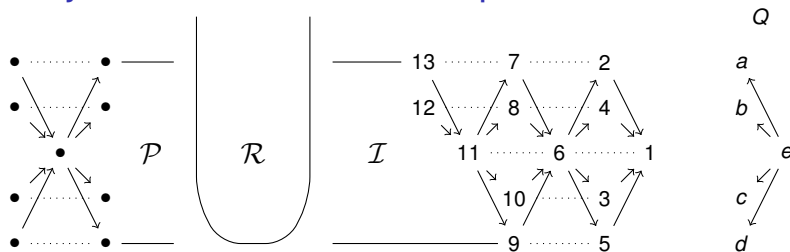
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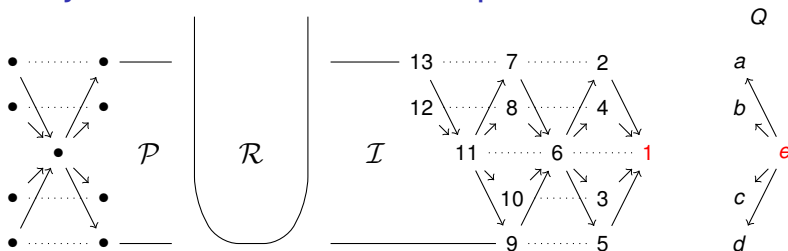
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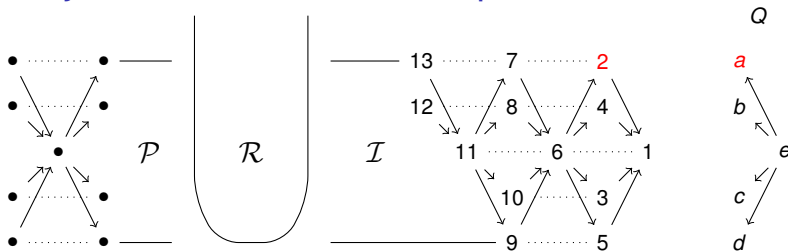
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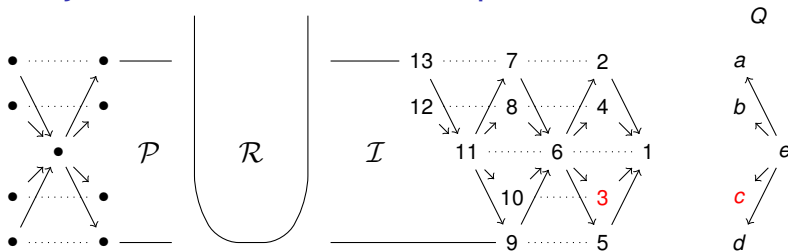
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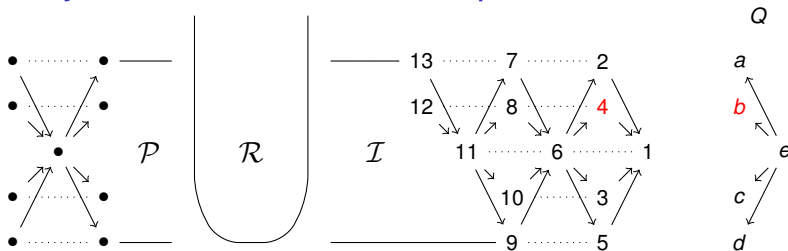
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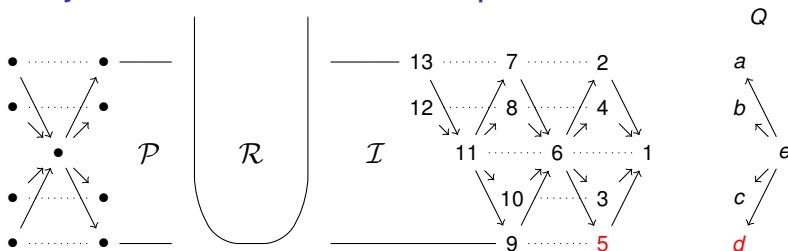
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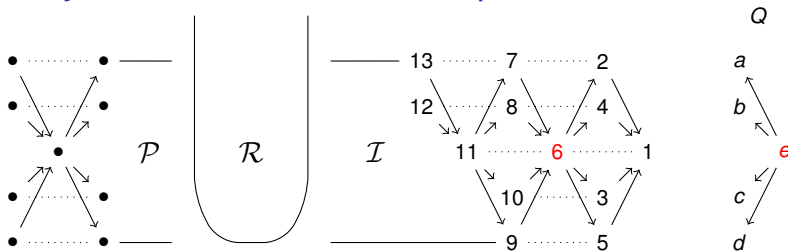
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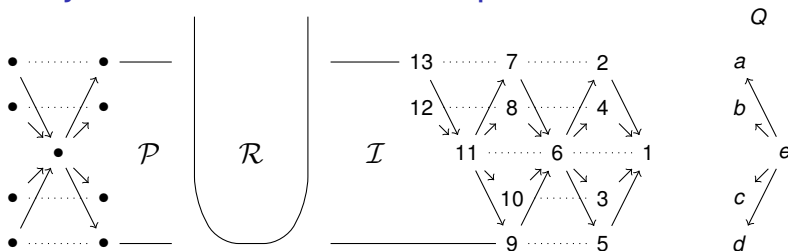
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Get a pro-unipotent group:

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This is the positive part of the maximal Kac-Moody group  $G_{\text{max}}$  associated to  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

## Coordinate Ring of $N(w)$

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Yields a decomposition

$$N = N(w) \circledast N'(w)$$

$$N \rightarrow N/N'(w) = N(w) \quad (\text{right lateral classes})$$

From this it is elementary to derive for  $w = w_M$

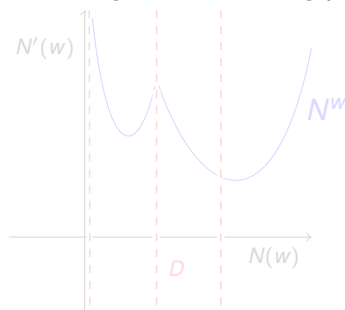
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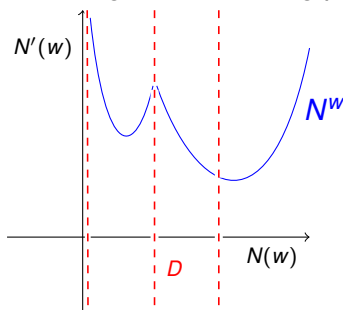
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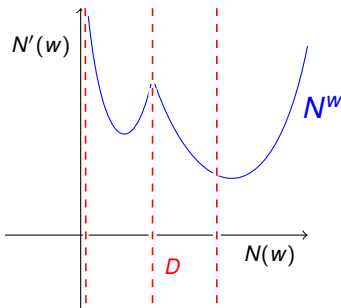


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- In the general case this proves the conjecture from [BIRS] on the cluster algebra structure of  $\mathbb{C}[N^w]$  for  $w$  adaptable.