

Title: Reducedness of quiver varieties

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Abstract: Nakajima's quiver varieties play important roles in mathematical physics and representation theory. They are defined as symplectic reduction of the space of representations of the doubled quivers, and they are equipped with natural scheme structures. It is not known in general whether this scheme is reduced or not, and the reducedness issue does show up in certain scenario, for example the integration formula of the K-theoretic Nekrasov's partition function. In this talk I will show that the quiver variety is reduced when the moment map is flat, and I will also give some applications of this result. This talk is based on my work arXiv: 2201.09838.

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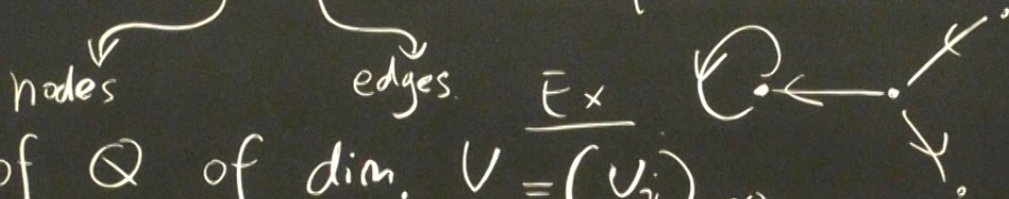
Reducedness of Quiver Varieties

Outline

- ① Review of quiver varieties
- ② Main result and idea of proof
- ③ Application to index computation

§ 1 Quiver Varieties

Definition: $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ be a quiver



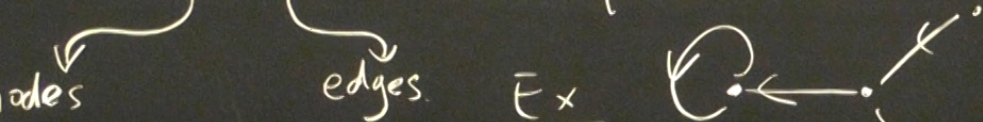
• A rep. of Q of dim. $\underline{V} = (V_i)_{i \in Q_0}$

is $(X_a)_{a \in Q_1}$ $X_a \in \text{Hom}(F^{V_{t(a)}}, F^{V_{h(a)}})$

• An isom. between reps of Q is $(g_i)_{i \in Q_0}$ $g_i \in \text{GL}(V_i)$
 s.t. $X_a^{(2)} = g_{h(a)} \cdot X_a^{(1)} \cdot g_{t(a)}^{-1}$

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$$x_a = g_{h(a)} \cdot x_a^{(1)} \cdot g_{t(a)}^{-1} \quad \left| \quad GL(\underline{V}) = \prod_{i \in Q_0} GL(V_i) \right.$$

$R(Q, \underline{v})$: linear space
of reps
of dim \underline{v}

$\in GL(\underline{v}_i)$

$$= \prod_{i \in \mathbb{I}_0} GL(\underline{v}_i)$$

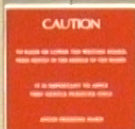
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Natural symplectic form:

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Then $G(\underline{V}) \hookrightarrow T^*R(Q, \underline{V})$ is Hamiltonian with moment map

$$\mu: R(\bar{Q}, \underline{V}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(\underline{V})^* \\ \parallel \\ \{ M_i \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^{V_i}) \}$$

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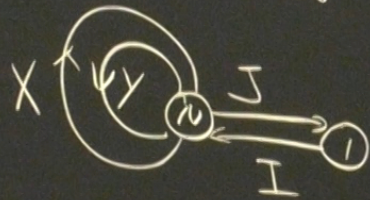
$$\left. \sum_{i \in Q_0} \text{Tr}(M_i) = 0 \right\}$$

$$\mu(X)_i = \sum_{h(a)=i} X_a X_{\bar{a}} - \sum_{t(a)=i} X_{\bar{a}} X_a$$

• Example: $Q = \textcircled{0} \leftarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{matrix} N & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\mu(X, Y, I, J) = \left([X \ Y] + IJ, -JI \right)$$



ADHM quiver

$\textcircled{0}$

$\textcircled{1}$

Stability Condition

Let θ be a character of $G(\underline{v})$

$$\text{i.e. } (g_i) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_0} \det(g_i)^{\theta_i} \quad \theta_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum v_i \theta_i = 0, \quad (\underline{v} \cdot \theta = 0)$$

By geometric invariant theory.

we can talk about θ -(semi)stable reps

• $x \in R(\bar{\alpha}, \underline{v})$ is called θ -stable if \forall subrep y .

we have $\theta \cdot y < 0$

• \dots θ -(semi)stable if

$$\dots \theta \cdot y \leq 0$$

• Observe that θ -(semi)stable

$$\Leftrightarrow R\theta\text{-(semi)stable}$$

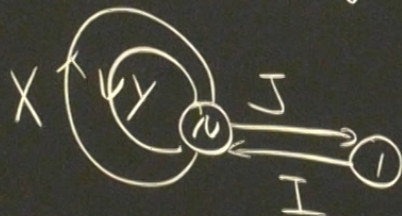
$$\hookrightarrow k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

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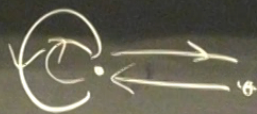
$$\Theta_- : \forall T \subset \mathbb{C}^N \\ X(T) \subset T \\ Y(T) \subset T$$

• Example: $Q = \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{array}{cc} N & 1 \end{array}$$



ADHM quiver



$$\Theta_+ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & -N \\ 0 & -1 & N \end{array}$$

$$T \supset I_m(I) \\ \text{then } T = \mathbb{C}^N$$

Θ_+ -stable: $\forall S \subset \mathbb{C}^N$

$$\text{s.t. } X(S) \subset S \quad J(S) = 0 \\ Y(S) \subset S$$

then $S = 0$.

Notation

$$Z = \{ \lambda_i \text{Id}_{V_i} \mid \sum \lambda_i v_i = 0 \}$$
$$\subset \mathfrak{g}(V)^*$$

Definition Quiver variety

$$\mathcal{M}_\lambda^\theta(Q, V) = \mu^{-1}(\lambda)^{\theta\text{-ss}} / G(V)$$

$$\theta \in \Theta, \lambda \in Z$$

(categorical quotient)

$$\mathcal{M}_Z^\theta(Q, V) = \mu^{-1}(Z)^{\theta\text{-ss}} / G(V)$$

Lemma, $\mathcal{M}_\lambda^\theta(Q, V)$

$$\simeq \text{Proj} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{C}[\mu^{-1}(\lambda)]_{n \cdot \theta}$$

weight $n \cdot \theta$
under $G(V)$

$$[\mathcal{M}_\lambda^\theta(Q, V)] = \mathbb{C}[\mu^{-1}(\lambda)]^{G(V)}$$

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 $\hookrightarrow k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

In particular, \exists projective map

$$\mathcal{M}_\lambda^\theta(Q, \underline{v}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\lambda^0(Q, \underline{v})$$

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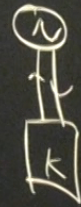
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Remark: ① Points in $M_{\lambda}^{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \underline{v}) \xleftrightarrow{1:1}$ closed $G(\underline{v})$ -orbits
in $\mu(\lambda)^{\theta\text{-ss}}$ $\xleftrightarrow{1:1}$ θ -polystable reps

$$X = X^{(1)} \oplus \dots \oplus X^{(r)}$$

② Framed quivers $(\mathcal{Q}, \underline{v}, \underline{d})$ $X^{(i)}$ are θ -stable.



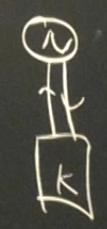
Remark: ① Points in $\mathcal{M}_n(\lambda)$ \rightarrow closed $G(\lambda)$ -orbits

in $\mu(\lambda)^{\theta\text{-ss}}$ \leftrightarrow θ -polystable reps

$$X = \chi^{(1)} \oplus \dots \oplus \chi^{(r)}$$

$\chi^{(i)}$ are θ -stable.

② Framed quivers $(Q, \underline{v}, \underline{d})$
 \leftrightarrow Unframed quiver (Q^d, \underline{v}^d)
 (Crawley-Bovey trick)



$$\chi_a \chi_{\bar{a}} = \sum \chi - \chi \quad \theta\text{-HTCPV}$$

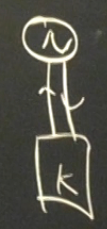
Remark: (1) Points in $M_\lambda(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow$ closed $G(\mathbb{C})$ -orbits

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(2) Framed quivers $(Q, \underline{v}, \underline{d})$
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$$Q_0^d = Q_0 \cup \infty$$

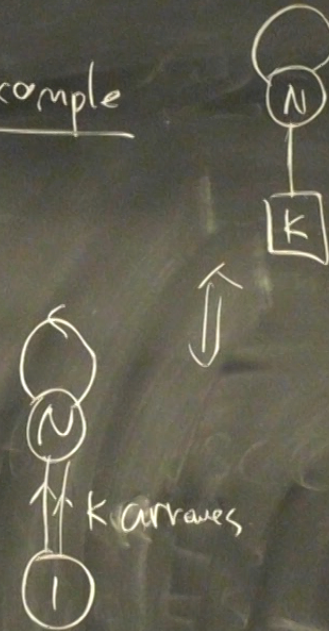
$$Q_i^d = Q_i \cup \left\{ \infty \xrightarrow{\# = w_i} i \right\}$$

$$V_i^d = V_i \quad V_\infty^d = 1$$

$$\theta \mapsto \theta^d \quad \theta_i^d = \theta_i \quad \theta_\infty = -\theta \cdot v$$

$$\lambda \mapsto \dots \quad = -\sum \theta_i \cdot v_i$$

Example



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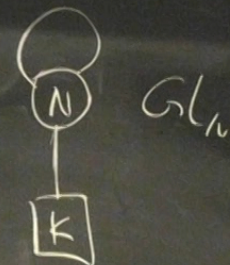
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$$i \in Q_0 \quad \underline{d} = (d_i)_{i \in Q_0}$$

$$Q \mapsto Q^d \quad Q_i^d = Q_i \quad Q_\infty = -Q \cdot \underline{v}$$

$$\lambda \mapsto \dots \quad = -\sum Q \cdot V_i$$

Example



$G_N \times G_I / G_I$
 $\cong G_N$

• $M_\lambda^0(Q, \underline{v})$ are highly singular,

• but $M_\lambda^0(Q, \underline{v})_{\text{red}}$ has symplectic singularities.

(Bergman - Schedler) \hookrightarrow reduced
Scheme
Structure. ω on $T^*R(Q, \underline{v})$

$\exists \hat{M}_\lambda^0 \xrightarrow{f} M_\lambda^0(Q, \underline{v})_{\text{red}}$, resolution. \rightsquigarrow Poisson str on M_λ^0

s.t. $f^*(\omega_{\text{reg}})$ extends to global 2-form on \hat{M}_λ^0

• [BS] Conjectures that M_λ^0 is actually reduced

§ 2: Main result

Thm: $M_\lambda^{\mathcal{Q}}$ is reduced if $M: R(\bar{\mathcal{Q}}, \underline{v}) \rightarrow g(\underline{v})^*$
is flat

proved by induction on $|\underline{v}| = \sum v_i$ using
reduction to Codim 1 argument.

Reduction ① Lemma $\forall x \in M_\lambda^0(Q, \underline{v})$.

\exists a new quiver Q', \underline{v}' s.t

$$M_\lambda^0(Q, \underline{v})_x^\wedge \triangleq M_0^0(Q', \underline{v}')_0^\wedge$$

Moreover, M' is flat if M is flat.

Consider $M_\lambda^\theta(0, \underline{v})$ s.t. θ is generic.

then, it's not hard to prove the thm in this case

Rmk. If θ is generic and $\underline{v} \neq k \cdot \underline{w}$ $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$

$\Rightarrow M_\lambda^\theta$ is smooth.

Consider $P: M_Z^\theta \rightarrow M_Z^\theta$

Can show that birational, when θ is generic.

M_Z^θ is normal.

Lemma. If M_Z^θ is normal, then M_0^θ is reduced.

then $R_P^* \mathcal{O}_{M_Z^\theta} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{M_Z^\theta} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{M_0^\theta} = P(M_0^\theta, \mathcal{O})$
reduced

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• Normality \Leftrightarrow Regular at codim 1 \hookrightarrow
Serre's (S2)

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§3 Index Computation

$P_0: M_0^0 \rightarrow M_0^0$ is a birational map

$$\mathbb{C}[M_0^0] = \Gamma(M_0^0, \mathcal{O})$$

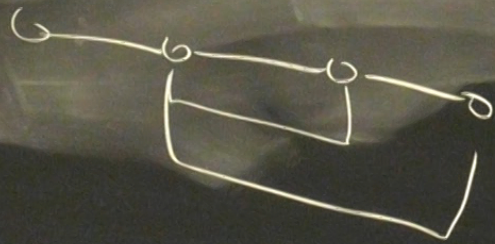
$\downarrow \mu_0 = \mu^*(0)/g(u) \rightarrow$ Computable by localization

$$\left(\mathbb{C}[R(\bar{Q}, u)] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[g(u)^*]} \mathbb{C}[g(u)^*] \right)^{G(u)}$$

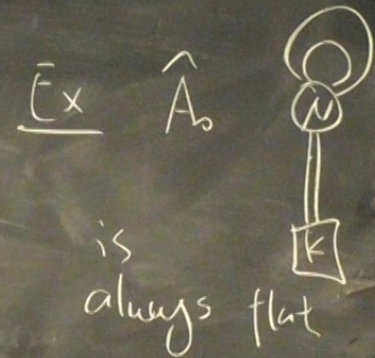
← Koszul resolve \mathbb{C}
 + Molien Weyl integration

Q is (affine) type A. $(Q, \underline{v}, \underline{d})$ s.t. $U_i > 0$
 $\underline{d} \neq 0$.
 then flatness of $\mu \iff$

$e_I \cdot (\underline{d} - C_Q \underline{v}) \geq -1$
 for all $I \subset Q_0$ connected by edges

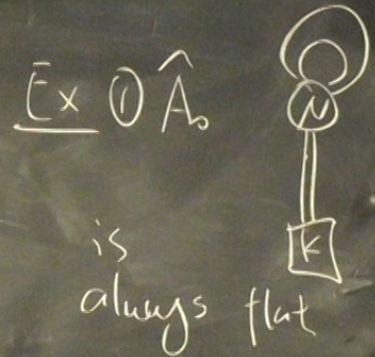
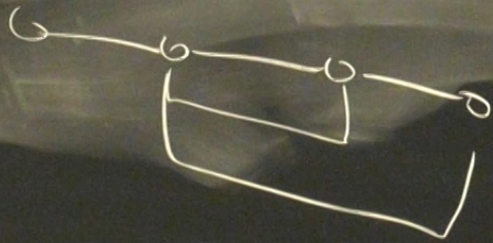


$$e_I = \sum_{i \in I} e_i$$



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is always flat

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 $K - 2N \geq -1$