

Introduction to Quiver varieties

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§0. Very brief introduction to representations theory of quivers

quiver = oriented graph (we assume finite)

I = set of vertices, Ω = set of oriented edges



Def. a representation of a quiver (over \mathbb{C}) is a pair

(V, B) $V = \bigoplus V_i$: I -graded vector space / \mathbb{C}

$B = \bigoplus_{e \in \Omega} B_e \in \text{End}(V)$: Ω -graded endomorphism of V

$B_e: V_{i(e)} \rightarrow V_{j(e)}$

Given a quiver (I, Ω) , its representation form an abelian category. (In fact, it is a category of representations of the path algebra.)

- $\text{Hom}((V, B), (V', B'))$
 $= \{ \mathbb{Z} = \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}_i \in \text{Hom}(V, V') \mid \mathbb{I}\text{-graded hom's respecting } B \text{ and } B' \}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_{0(a)} & \xrightarrow{B_a} & V_{i(a)} \\ \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ V'_{0(a)} & \xrightarrow{B'_a} & V'_{i(a)} \end{array}$$

- $\dim(V, B) (\text{or } \dim V) := (\dim V_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{\geq 0}^{\mathbb{I}}$

Th. (Kac)

Suppose there is no \odot . We define a Cartan matrix by

$$C_{ij} = 2\delta_{ij} - \# \text{ edges joining } i \text{ and } j, \text{ regardless to the orientation}$$

Then:

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{indecomposable representation with } \dim = v \in \sum_{\alpha \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha$$

$\Leftrightarrow v$ is a root of the Kac-Moody Lie algebra corresponding to C .

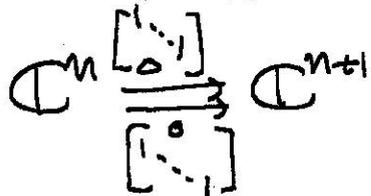
Example



Kronecker
quiver

Fact. $D^b(I, \Omega)\text{-rep.} \cong D^b(\text{coh } \mathbb{P}^1)$

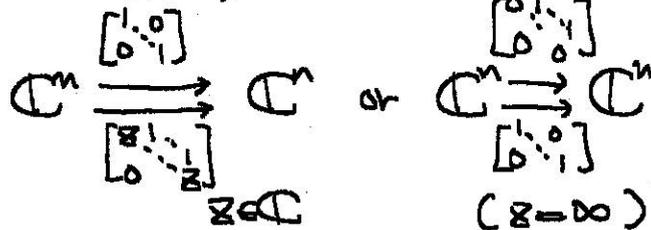
$$V = (n, n+1)$$



$$V = (n+1, n)$$



$$V = (n, n)$$



§1. Definition of quiver variety

quiver variety \doteq cotangent bundle of moduli space of representations of a quiver

$\bar{\Omega}$: opposite oriented arrows

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{\Omega} & \longrightarrow & \Omega \\ \bar{h} & \longmapsto & h \end{array}$$

$$H = \Omega \sqcup \bar{\Omega}$$

$$M(\mathcal{U}) := \bigoplus_{h \in \Omega} \text{Hom}(\mathcal{U}_{o(h)}, \mathcal{U}_{t(h)}) \hookrightarrow G_{\mathcal{U}} := \prod_i \text{GL}(\mathcal{U}_i)$$

$$PG_{\mathcal{U}} := G_{\mathcal{U}} / \mathbb{C}^*$$

$M_{\Omega}(\mathcal{U}) / PG_{\mathcal{U}}$ = isom. classes of representations of given dimension.

$$M(\mathcal{U}) = M_{\Omega}(\mathcal{U}) \oplus M_{\bar{\Omega}}(\mathcal{U}) \cong T^*M_{\Omega}(\mathcal{U})$$

1st approx:

$$\text{quiver variety} \doteq T^*(M_{\Omega}(\mathcal{U}) / PG_{\mathcal{U}})$$

recipe from the symplectic geometry (Marsden-Weinstein quotient)

cotangent space of a quotient \doteq quotient of the moment map = 0 in the cotangent

$$\mu: M(TV) \rightarrow \text{Lie } G_V = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathfrak{gl}(V_i) \quad \text{moment map}$$

$$\bigoplus_{h \in H} B_h \mapsto \left(\sum_{h: i(h)=i} \epsilon(h) B_h B_h^* \right)_{i \in I}$$

2nd approx: $\text{quotient variety} \doteq \mu^{-1}(0) / \text{IG}_V$ or $\mu^{-1}(S_C) / \text{IG}_V$ more generally

$$S_C = \bigoplus_i S_C^i \text{ id}_{V_i} \in (\text{Lie } P G_V)^* \text{ s.t. } \sum S_C^i \dim V_i = 0$$

↑ twisted cotangent

Remark. $\mu_C(B) = S_C$ is the defining relation of the deformed preprojective algebra of Crawley-Boevey + Holland

But the set theoretical quotient behaves badly in algebraic geometry.

Recipe 2 : quotient in algebraic geometry = geometric invariant theory

We consider two types of quotients:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \mu^*(S_c) // \mathbb{P}G_V &= \text{Spec} \left(\mathbb{C}[\mu^*(S_c)]^{\mathbb{P}G_V} \right) \\ &= \text{the set of closed } \mathbb{P}G_V\text{-orbits in } \mu^*(S_c) \\ &= \text{the set of semisimple representations} \\ &\quad \text{of the deformed preprojective algebra} \\ &=: \mathcal{M}_{0, S_c}(V) \end{aligned}$$

This is an affine algebraic variety.
(possibly not irreducible)

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{s}_R = (s_R^i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{R}^I \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum s_R^i \dim V_i = 0 \quad (\text{parameter})$$

$B \in \mu^*(S_0)$ is \vec{s}_R -semistable

\iff $\forall (S = \bigoplus_{i \in I} S_i, B|_S)$: subrepresentation of (V, B) , we must have

$$\frac{s_R \cdot \dim S := \sum s_R^i \dim S_i}{\sum \dim S_i} \leq 0 = \frac{s_R \cdot \dim V}{\sum \dim V_i}$$

$<$ unless $S = 0$ or V

\vec{s}_R -semistable representations form an abelian subcategory closed under extensions

Def. $S = (s_R, s_0) \in (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{C})^I$

$$\mathcal{M}_S^s(V) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \{ B \in \mu^*(S_0) \mid \vec{s}_R\text{-stable} \} / \text{PGV}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_S(V) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \{ B \in \mu^*(S_0) \mid \vec{s}_R\text{-semistable} \} / S\text{-equiv.}$$

semisimplification
is isomorphic

These are quasiprojective varieties.

If $\zeta_R = 0$, we get the quotient in \textcircled{D} .
Practically we only consider $\zeta_R = 0$ or generic ζ_R .

\exists projective morphism $\pi: \mathcal{M}_{\zeta_R, \zeta_C}^s(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{0, \zeta_C}(V)$
(resolution of singularities in many cases)

$$\mathcal{M}_{\zeta_R, \zeta_C}^s \subset \mathcal{M}_{\zeta_R, \zeta_C} \text{ open}$$

(= in many cases)

§2. Examples

① cotangent bundle of Grassmann manifold

$$W = \mathbb{C}^r : \text{fix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \infty & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} r \text{ arrows}$$

We think $\begin{matrix} \mathbb{C}^R \\ \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right) \\ \mathbb{C} \end{matrix}$ as

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{C}^R \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C}^r = W \end{matrix} \leftarrow PGV \cong GL(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\mu = \zeta_C \Leftrightarrow ab = \zeta_C^1$$

$$\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-stable} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b: \text{injective} & \text{if } \zeta_{\mathbb{R}}^1 > 0 \\ a: \text{surjective} & \text{if } \zeta_{\mathbb{R}}^1 < 0 \end{cases}$$

If $\zeta_C = 0$, then $\zeta_{\mathbb{R}} > 0$

$$(\text{Inb}CW, ba: W/\text{Inb} \rightarrow \text{Inb})$$

gives a point in $T^*Gr(\mathbb{R}, r)$.

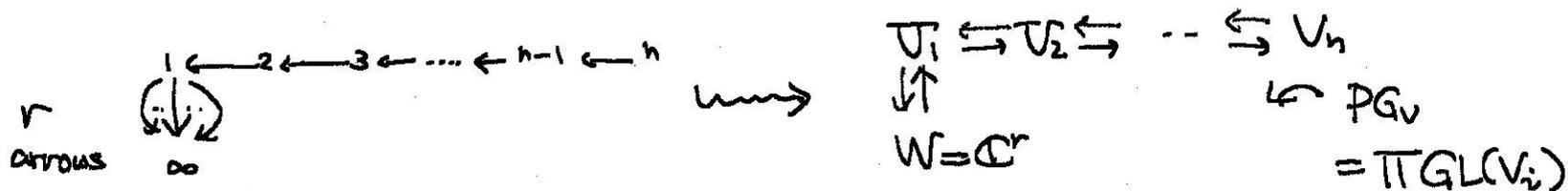
$$\therefore \mathcal{M}_{\zeta}(U) \cong T^*Gr(\mathbb{R}, r)$$

On the other hand

$$\mathcal{M}_{0, \zeta_C}(U) \cong \left\{ X = ba \mid \begin{matrix} X^2 = \zeta_C X \\ \text{rank } X \leq r \end{matrix} \right\}$$

X has eigenvalues 0 or ζ_C .

② More generally, partial flag variety and closures of conjugacy class can be realised as quiver varieties.



Suppose $S_{SR}^i > 0$ ($i \neq \infty$) for simplicity.

(\Leftarrow) all \leftarrow are injective

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M}_{0, SR}(V) &\cong \{ (\mathbb{C}^r \supset U_0 \supset U_1 \supset \dots \supset U_n, X) \mid X(U_i) \subset U_{i+1} \} \\
 &\cong T^*(n\text{-step partial flag variety})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{S_{SR}, 0}(V) \cong \{ X \in \text{End}(W) \mid X(X - S_{SR}^1) \dots (X - S_{SR}^n) = 0 \}$$

+ rank condition

③ star-shaped quiver \rightsquigarrow additive version of the Deligne-Simpson problem, explained in the mult. version.

§3. Properties of quiver varieties

Th. Suppose V is primitive. (not a multiple $V \stackrel{\exists \exists}{=} mV'$ $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$)

\Rightarrow For generic $\zeta = (SR, SC)$ (complement of $\bigcup_{\emptyset} (R \oplus \mathbb{C}) \otimes D_{\zeta}$)
finite union hyperplane

(1) $M_{\zeta}(V)$ is nonsingular of
 dimension $= 2 - (V, CV)$ $C =$ Cartan matrix
 if it is non-empty.

(2) $M_{\zeta}(V) \cong M_{\zeta'}(V)$ diffeomorphic, has the same Hodge numbers.

(3) $H_{*}(M_{\zeta}(V), \mathbb{Z})$: torsion free, odd deg. $= 0$, only (p,p) classes

(4) $H_{2k}(M_{\zeta}(V), \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ if $k > \dim_{\mathbb{C}} M_{\zeta}(V) = \frac{1}{2} \dim_{\mathbb{R}} M_{\zeta}(V)$.

(5) [Crawley-Boevey] $M_{\zeta}(V)$ is connected.

Suppose $\zeta_C = 0$. (Most complicated, most interesting case)

$$\mathbb{C}^* \curvearrowright \mathcal{M}_S(V) \text{ by } B_{\mathbb{R}} \text{ mod } \text{PGV} \mapsto t \cdot B_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{cases} t B_{\mathbb{R}} & t \in \Omega \\ B_{\mathbb{R}} & t \in \overline{\Omega} \end{cases} \text{ mod } \text{PGV}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S(V) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [B] \in \mathcal{M}_S(V) \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [t \cdot B_{\mathbb{R}}] \text{ exists} \}$$

Th. (Lusztig, N)

Suppose V : primitive and $S = (S_{\mathbb{R}}, 0)$ is generic (hence $\mathcal{M}_S(V)$ smooth)

(1) $\mathcal{L}_S(V)$ is of pure dimension of $\frac{1}{2} \dim \mathcal{M}_S(V)$

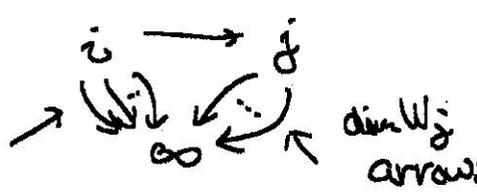
(2) $\mathcal{L}_S(V) \simeq \mathcal{M}_S(V)$ deformation retract.

hence $H_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{L}_S(V)) \cong H_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{M}_S(V))$

§4. Representations of Kac-Moody Lie algebra

(I, Ω) : quiver

$W = \bigoplus_{i \in I} W_i$: another I -graded vector space / \mathbb{C}

\rightsquigarrow a new quiver $\hat{I} = I \sqcup \infty$
 $\hat{\Omega}$


\hat{V} : \hat{I} -graded vector space with $\hat{V}_\infty = \mathbb{C}$ (1-dim.)
 $\bigoplus_{i \in I} V_i \oplus \mathbb{C}_{at \infty}$

We denote $\mathcal{M}_g(\hat{V})$ by $\mathcal{M}_g(V, W)$. (Original definition in [N, 1994])

Suppose (I, Ω) has no \oplus . We have the corresponding Kac-Moody Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} .

TR [N. 1994, 1998]

\bigoplus_{ν} $H_{\text{mid}}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(V, W))$ has a structure of the integrable highest weight representation of \mathfrak{g} with highest weight $= \sum_{i \in I} \dim W_i \Lambda_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mid} &= \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(V) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(V) \end{aligned}$$

such that (1) $H_{\text{mid}}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(V, W))$ is the weight space with weight $= \sum \dim W_i \Lambda_i - \dim V_i \alpha_i$

(2) $[\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(0, W) = \text{point}]$ is the highest weight vector.

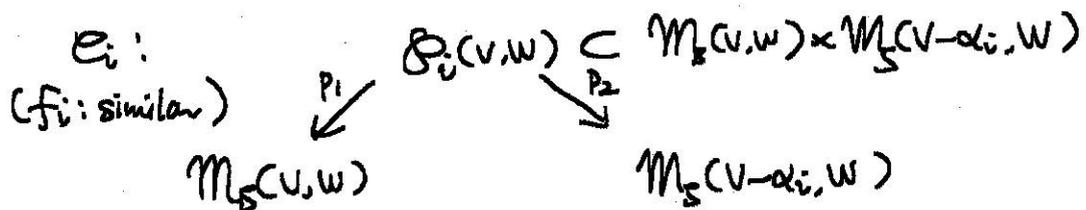
(Rem. We work with $\xi = (\xi_{\mathbb{R}}, 0)$ s.t. $\xi_{\mathbb{R}}^i > 0 \quad \forall i \in I = \hat{I}, \infty$)
and $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}(V, W)$ (not $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(V, W)$)

Therefore $\dim H_{\text{mid}}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{S}}(V, W))$ is given by the Weyl-Kac character formula.

(About the proof)

Define $\tilde{h} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ by $\tilde{h} = \langle h, \sum \dim V_i \lambda_i - \dim V_i \alpha_i \rangle$ on $H_{\text{mid}}(\mathcal{L}(v, w))$.

Define operators e_i, f_i by correspondences and check the defining relations of \mathcal{F} . $[e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij} \tilde{h}_i$ etc



$v - \alpha_i$: $\dim V_i$ is decreased by 1
other $\dim V_j$ are unchanged.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_*(\mathcal{L}_S(v, w)) & \xrightarrow{\text{Par}(\pi_1^* \cdot)_n[\mathcal{P}_i(v, w)]} & H_*(\mathcal{L}_S(v - \alpha_i, w)) \\ \cup & & \cup \\ H_{\text{mid}}(\mathcal{L}_S(v, w)) & \longrightarrow & H_{\text{mid}}(\mathcal{L}_S(v - \alpha_i, w)) \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_i(v, w) &= \text{Hecke correspondence} \\ &\stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \{ (B^1, B^2) \in \mathcal{M}_2(v, w) \times \mathcal{M}_2(v', w) \mid B^2 \text{ is a subrepresentation of } B^1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Rem. A representation of the quantum loop algebra $U_q(\mathbb{L}\mathfrak{g}_{KM})$
can be constructed as $\bigoplus_v \mathbb{C}^{*v} G_w(\mathcal{L}(v, w))$

$$G_w = \prod_i GL(W_i)$$

\Rightarrow Applications to the representation theory of $U_q(\mathbb{L}\mathfrak{g}_{KM})$,
e.g. character formula for irreducible representations

so far proved only by this method.

Lower degree homology groups have representation theoretic meanings.

§5. Lower degree homology groups

For a fixed $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

$H_{\text{mid-}s}(M_s(v, w))$ is also an integrable representation of \mathfrak{g} ,
not irreducible in general.

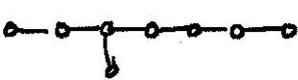
\equiv representation theoretic meaning of its irreducible decomposition
via quantum loop algebra

But so far purely representation theoretic approach is
not known.

So we reverse the logic: understand $H_{\text{mid-}s}$ by geometry
 \Rightarrow application to rep. theory.

TR. \equiv combinatorial algorithm to compute Betti numbers
of $M_S(v, w)$, in fact more generally each component
of $M_S(v, w) \mathbb{C}^*$ (fixed point set).

— \equiv computer program <http://www.math.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~nakajima/Qchar/Qchar.html>

For E_8 , fund. rep. corr. to  (most complicated)
fund. rep.
weight = 0

$$1357104 + 2232771 t^2 + 2002423 t^4 + 1317308 t^6 + 716312 t^8 + 342421 t^{10} + 148512 t^{12} + 59490 t^{14} + 22162 t^{16} + 7687 t^{18} + 2463 t^{20} + 726 t^{22} + 192 t^{24} + 44 t^{26} + 8 t^{28} + t^{30}$$

computation in the
super-computer. (120 G byte of memory
300 hours)

Rem ① \equiv conjectural algorithm in the representation theory
(Kirillov - Reshetikhin)

\Rightarrow conjectural algorithm for Betti numbers (Lusztig)
(drastically simpler than the above)

② Hausel has also an algorithm. math.AG/0511163

- It produces an algorithm which looks like ① (Mozgovoy), but in fact very different by a different definition of the q -binomial coefficients
- It is not clear how Hausel's algorithm is related to mine.

§6. Multiplicative quiver variety after Yamakawa

$$M(\mathcal{V}) = M_{\Omega}(\mathcal{V}) \oplus M_{\bar{\Omega}}(\mathcal{V}) \quad \text{as before.}$$

Define $\Delta: M(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\prod_{a \in H} \det(1 + B_a \bar{B}_a)$

$$M(\mathcal{V})^{\circ} = \{ \Delta \neq 0 \} \subset M(\mathcal{V}) \quad \text{open}$$

$\bar{\Phi}$: multiplicative moment map

$$\bar{\Phi}(B) = \left(\prod_{i(\bar{a})=i} (1 + B_a \bar{B}_a)^{z(\bar{a})} \right)_i$$

fix a total ordering on H

$$f = (f_i) \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^I \text{ s.t. } \prod f_i^{\dim V_i} = 1$$

Def. $\mathcal{M}_{f, \Sigma_{\mathbb{R}}}^s(V) = \Phi^{-1}(f) \text{ } \Sigma_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-stable} / \text{PGV}$

$$\mathcal{M}_{f, \Sigma_{\mathbb{R}}}^{\cap \text{open}}(V) = \Phi^{-1}(f) \text{ } \Sigma_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-semi-stable} / \text{S-equiv.}$$

Rem (1) $\Sigma_{\mathbb{R}}$ is the same as the additive case.

(2) $\Sigma_{\mathbb{R}} = 0$ case $\mathcal{M}_{f, 0}(V)$: affine variety
appears in the work of Crawley-Boevey (and Shaw).

$\exists \pi: \mathcal{M}_{f, \Sigma_{\mathbb{R}}}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{f, 0}(V)$ projective morphism, which is
resolution of singularities
in many cases.

Example 1 Type A

$$1 \leftarrow 2 \leftarrow 3 \leftarrow \dots$$

∞ arrows

as in the additive case.

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{f, S_R}(V) \cong \mathcal{M}_{S_C, S_R}(V) \cong \begin{cases} T^* \text{ partial flag variety} \\ \text{closure of conjugacy class} \end{cases}$$

where $S_C^{(i)} = f_1 \dots f_{i-1} (1 - f_i)$

key point

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & C \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} & V_i & \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{B} & & \xleftarrow{D} \end{array}$$

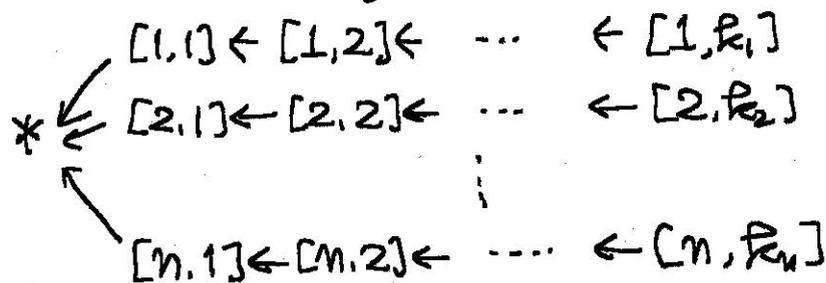
$$(1 + AB)(1 + DC)^{-1} = f_i$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + AB = f_i(1 + DC)$$

essentially additive equation

$$AB' - DC' = S_C$$

② star-shaped quiver (comet-shaped quiver?)



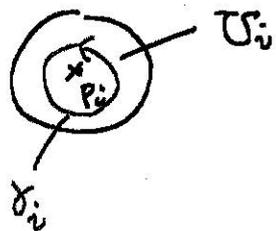
$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{g, \mathbb{S}\mathbb{R}}(V)$: moduli space of $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{R}$ -semistable filtered local system on $X = \mathbb{D}^1 \setminus \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$

e.g. $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{R} = 0$

- each tail gives $A_i \in$ the closure of a conjugacy class
- the equation at $*$: $\prod_{i=1}^n A_i = 1$ as representation of $\pi_1(X)$

This is due to Crawley-Boevey. (additive case : also by Hausel.)

But a general $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{R}$ -case is new.



$E|_{U_i}$ has a filtration

$$E|_{U_i} = E_{i0} > E_{i1} > \dots > E_{iR_i}$$

The monodromy of $\delta_i \sim$ upper triangular and the eigenvalues gives ρ .

More precisely, if λ_{ij} ($0 \leq j \leq R_i$) are eigenvalues,

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \lambda_{ij} / \lambda_{i,j-1}, \quad \rho_i \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \prod_j \lambda_{i0}$$

And Σ_{IR} defines the stability condition of the filtered loc. system.

Some results for additive quiver varieties seem to have analogs for multiplicative ones, but many are still conjectural.

OK — the theory of reflection functors (CB for $S_{\mathbb{R}}=0$
Yamagata for general $S_{\mathbb{R}}$)

? — The Hodge number independent of the choice of generic $(S_{\mathbb{R}}, g)$?
 $\mathcal{M}_{g, S_{\mathbb{R}}}$ is noncompact, so the deformation invariance is not clear.

In the additive case, the hyper-Kähler structure is used.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{OK} - M_{1,SR}(V) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M_{1,0}(V) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 L_{SR}(V) & \longrightarrow & [B=0]
 \end{array}$$

$V: V_i = \mathbb{C}$ for some i

i.e., corresponding to my original ver.

$\#$ Irr $L_S(V)$ is the same as the additive case.

? — This seems to be compatible with Hausel + Letellier + Rodriguez-Villegas
 pure part of $H_*(M_{1,SR}(V))$ is the same as the additive one.

$L_{SR}(V)$ isomorphic to the additive one?