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On Gorenstein algebras of finite Cohen-Macaulay type: Dimer tree algebras and their skew group algebras



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ABSTRACT

Dimer tree algebras are a class of non-commutative Gorenstein algebras of Gorenstein dimension 1. In previous work we showed that the stable category of Cohen-Macaulay modules of a dimer tree algebra A is a 2-cluster category of Dynkin type \mathbb{A} . Here we show that, if A has an admissible action by the group G with two elements, then the stable Cohen-Macaulay category of the skew group algebra AG is a 2-cluster category of Dynkin type \mathbb{D} . This result is reminiscent of and inspired by a result by Reiten and Riedmann, who showed that for an admissible G -action on the path algebra of type \mathbb{A} the resulting skew group algebra is of type \mathbb{D} . Moreover, we provide a geometric model of the syzygy category of AG in terms of a punctured polygon \mathcal{P} with a checkerboard pattern in its interior, such that the 2-arcs in \mathcal{P} correspond to indecomposable syzygies in AG and 2-pivots correspond to morphisms. In particular, the dimer tree algebras and their skew group algebras are Gorenstein algebras of finite

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Cohen-Macaulay type \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{D} respectively. We also provide examples of types \mathbb{E}_6 , \mathbb{E}_7 , and \mathbb{E}_8 .

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1. Introduction

We introduced the class of dimer tree algebras in [32]. A *dimer tree algebra* A is the Jacobian algebra $\text{Jac}(Q, W)$ of a quiver Q without loops and 2-cycles together with a canonical potential W satisfying the following two conditions. Every arrow of Q lies in at least one oriented cycle, and the dual graph of Q is a tree. The latter condition explains half of the terminology “dimer tree”. The other half stems from the fact that every dimer tree algebra induces a dimer model on the disk, also known as Postnikov diagram. These dimer models appear in cluster structures on Grassmannians as well as in mathematical physics. For example, the Jacobian algebras arising from the coordinate rings of the Grassmannians $\text{Gr}(3, n)$ are dimer tree algebras. Dimer models and their

algebras have been studied extensively, see [21,26,23,8,27] and the references therein; for their connection to homological mirror symmetry, see [12].

Dimer tree algebras are non-commutative Gorenstein algebras of Gorenstein dimension 1 [24]. Therefore the category of (maximal) Cohen-Macaulay modules CMPA of a dimer tree algebra A is equivalent to the category of syzygies over A . Furthermore, the stable category $\underline{\text{CMPA}}$ is a triangulated 3-Calabi-Yau category [24] that is equivalent to the singularity category of A [14].

In our previous work [32,33], we introduce a derived invariant, the *total weight* of a dimer tree algebra A . We show that the total weight is an even integer $2N$. We then construct a regular $(2N)$ -gon \mathcal{S} equipped with a certain checkerboard pattern and show that there are equivalences of triangulated 3-Calabi-Yau categories

$$\underline{\text{CMPA}} \cong \text{Diag } \mathcal{S} \cong \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2 \quad (1.1)$$

between the stable Cohen-Macaulay category $\underline{\text{CMPA}}$ of A , the combinatorial category of 2-diagonals $\text{Diag } \mathcal{S}$ in \mathcal{S} and the 2-cluster category $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2 = \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } kQ)/\tau^{-1}[2]$ of Dynkin type \mathbb{A}_{N-2} . The latter equivalence was shown earlier in [9]. Let us point out that we use the notation of Thomas [34] for the higher cluster categories which is different from that of Iyama [3]. In our notation the original cluster category of [13] is the 1-cluster category.

In particular the number of indecomposable Cohen-Macaulay modules is finite, and equal to $N(N - 2)$.

In the commutative case, the problem of classifying commutative Gorenstein rings R of finite Cohen-Macaulay type has been studied in the 80s by several authors [5,7,15,17,25]. In the case where R has Krull dimension 2, the classification is in terms of Dynkin diagrams of type $\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{D}, \mathbb{E}$. In fact, the stable Cohen-Macaulay category is equivalent to the 0-cluster category $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } kQ)/\tau^{-1}[0]$, where Q is a Dynkin quiver of type $\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{D}, \mathbb{E}$. Much more recently, in [3], it was shown that the stable Cohen-Macaulay category over a Gorenstein isolated singularity is equivalent to some higher cluster category, generally not of finite type. It is interesting to note that their result also applies to the centers of the Jacobian algebras arising from consistent dimer models on a torus; the Cohen-Macaulay category of the center is shown to be equivalent to the 1-cluster category of an algebra obtained by cutting arrows of a perfect matching from the quiver and removing a source vertex of the resulting quiver.

For non-commutative Gorenstein rings, the question of finite Cohen-Macaulay type is wide open. For the subclass of Jacobian algebras of a quiver with potential, we know from [24] that the stable Cohen-Macaulay category is a triangulated 3-Calabi-Yau category. On the other hand, it is shown in [1] that the finite triangulated 3-Calabi-Yau categories are exactly the 2-cluster categories of Dynkin types $\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{D}, \mathbb{E}$. There is thus a strong analogy to the case of commutative Gorenstein rings of dimension 2.

We say that a Jacobian algebra is of *Cohen-Macaulay type* $\mathbb{A}_n, \mathbb{D}_n$ or \mathbb{E}_n , if its stable Cohen-Macaulay category is a 2-cluster category of this type. Our result explained above shows that the class of dimer tree algebras is of finite Cohen-Macaulay type \mathbb{A} .

In this paper, we construct a class of Jacobian algebras of Cohen-Macaulay type \mathbb{D} and give examples for types $\mathbb{E}_6, \mathbb{E}_7, \mathbb{E}_8$ as well. These results provide further evidence for the analogy to the commutative case.

Let us now explain the construction of our class of algebras that have Cohen-Macaulay type \mathbb{D} . We obtain these algebras as skew group algebras AG of a dimer tree algebra A with respect to the action of a group G of order 2. This construction is inspired by the work of Reiten and Riedmann in 1985 [28], which in particular provided a way to realize path algebras of certain Dynkin quivers of type \mathbb{D} as skew group algebras of path algebras of Dynkin quivers of type \mathbb{A} . In our situation, the skew group algebra is again a Jacobian algebra of a quiver with potential, thanks to a result of [4].

Our construction is very general. Indeed, *every* dimer tree algebra gives rise to several of these skew group algebras — one for each boundary arrow of the quiver of the dimer tree algebra, see Proposition 4.9. We show that the G -action on the dimer tree algebra A induces a G -action on the Cohen-Macaulay category $\text{CMP}A$ as well as on the associated checkerboard polygon \mathcal{S} in Proposition 4.11. We then prove in Theorems 5.1 and 5.2 that our equivalences (1.1) carry over to equivalences of triangulated 3-Calabi-Yau categories

$$\underline{\text{CMP}}AG \cong \text{Arc } \mathcal{P} \cong \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2 \quad (1.2)$$

between the stable Cohen-Macaulay category of the skew group algebra AG , the combinatorial category of 2-arcs on the punctured N -gon and the 2-cluster category of Dynkin type $\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}$. In particular, the number of indecomposable non-projective Cohen-Macaulay modules is equal to $N(N+1)/2$.

Furthermore, our checkerboard pattern on the $2N$ -gon \mathcal{S} induces a checkerboard pattern on the punctured N -gon \mathcal{P} . As in the case of dimer tree algebras, the checkerboard pattern allows us to construct the complete Auslander-Reiten quiver of the Cohen-Macaulay category of the skew group algebra, see Theorem 6.5. Indeed, for every 2-arc γ in $\text{Arc } \mathcal{P}$, the crossing points of γ with the checkerboard pattern determines a projective presentation of the corresponding Cohen-Macaulay module M_γ . The syzygy functor Ω , which is also the inverse shift in the triangulated category $\underline{\text{CMP}}AG$, is given geometrically as a rotation by $2\pi/N$ of \mathcal{P} . Therefore the complete projective resolution of M_γ is determined by the rotation orbit of the 2-arc γ . In particular, the projective resolution is periodic of period N or $2N$. In Definition 6.6, we give a simple method to compute the total weight N directly from the quiver of the (basic version of the) skew group algebra.

As applications, we obtain in Corollary 6.7 that the indecomposable Cohen-Macaulay modules are rigid and extensions between two indecomposables correspond to crossing points between the associated 2-arcs in the punctured disk. We further show in Proposition 6.8, that the A -module $M \oplus \sigma M$ is τ -rigid if and only if the induced AG -module

$M \otimes_A AG$ is τ -rigid, where σ is the nontrivial element of G of order 2. We conjecture that every indecomposable Cohen-Macaulay module over A and AG is τ -rigid.

Several examples of the construction are given in section 7. We point out that not every Jacobian algebra of Cohen-Macaulay type \mathbb{D} can be realized as the skew group algebra of a dimer tree algebra; an example is given in section 7.3. This should not be surprising, because it is also the case that not every path algebra of type \mathbb{D} can be realized as a skew group algebra of an algebra of type \mathbb{A} . In section 7.4, we illustrate the relation to dimer models in an example. Finally, we provide examples of Jacobian algebras of Cohen-Macaulay types \mathbb{E} in section 7.5.

2. Recollections

Let \mathbb{k} be an algebraically closed field. If Λ is a finite-dimensional \mathbb{k} -algebra, we denote by $\text{mod } \Lambda$ the category of finitely generated right Λ -modules. Let D denote the standard duality $D = \text{Hom}(-, \mathbb{k})$. If Q_Λ is the ordinary quiver of the algebra Λ , and i is a vertex of Q_Λ , we denote by $P(i), I(i), S(i)$ the corresponding indecomposable projective, injective, simple Λ -module, respectively.

Let $\text{rad } \Lambda$ denote the Jacobson radical of Λ . If $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$, its radical is defined as $\text{rad } M = M(\text{rad } \Lambda)$ and its top as $\text{top } M = M/\text{rad } M$. Thus in particular $\text{top } P(i) = S(i)$. Given a module M , we denote by $\text{add } M$ the full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ whose objects are direct sums of summands of M . For further information about representation theory and quivers we refer to [6,31].

2.1. Basic algebras

For every finite dimensional algebra Λ over \mathbb{k} there exists a complete set of primitive orthogonal idempotents e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n such that the Λ -module Λ decomposes into a sum on indecomposable projective modules $\Lambda = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n e_i \Lambda$. The algebra Λ is said to be *basic* if the $e_i \Lambda$ are pairwise non-isomorphic. In that case, one can define the quiver of the algebra, whose vertex set is in bijection with the set of idempotents e_1, \dots, e_n .

If Λ is not basic, we can choose a subset e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_m} of idempotents such that the $e_{j_k} \Lambda$ are pairwise non-isomorphic and such that every $e_i \Lambda$ is isomorphic to one of the $e_{j_k} \Lambda$. Let $e = \sum_{k=1}^m e_{j_k}$. Then the algebra $\Lambda^b = e \Lambda e$ is a basic algebra that is Morita equivalent to Λ , which means that there is an equivalence of categories

$$\text{mod } \Lambda \cong \text{mod } \Lambda^b,$$

see for example [6, Corollary 6.10].

2.2. Cohen-Macaulay modules over 2-Calabi-Yau tilted algebras

Now let Λ be a 2-Calabi-Yau tilted algebra. Thus Λ is the endomorphism algebra of a cluster-tilting object in a 2-Calabi-Yau category. A Λ -module M is said to be *projectively*

Cohen-Macaulay if $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(M, \Lambda) = 0$ for all $i > 0$. In other words, M has no extensions with projective modules.

We denote by $\text{CMP } \Lambda$ the full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ whose objects are the projectively Cohen-Macaulay modules. This is a Frobenius category. The projective-injective objects in $\text{CMP } \Lambda$ are precisely the projective Λ -modules. The corresponding stable category $\underline{\text{CMP }} \Lambda$ is triangulated, and its inverse shift is given by the syzygy operator Ω in $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

Moreover, by Buchweitz's theorem [14, Theorem 4.4.1], there exists a triangle equivalence between $\underline{\text{CMP }} \Lambda$ and the singularity category $\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)/\mathcal{D}^b_{\text{perf}}(\Lambda)$ of Λ . Keller and Reiten showed in [24] that the category $\underline{\text{CMP }} \Lambda$ is 3-Calabi-Yau.

It was shown in [20] that if $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is indecomposable then the following are equivalent.

- (a) M is a non-projective syzygy;
- (b) $M \in \text{ind } \underline{\text{CMP }} \Lambda$;
- (c) $\Omega_\Lambda^2 \tau_\Lambda M \cong M$.

We may therefore use the terminology “syzygy” and “Cohen-Macaulay module” interchangeably.

Two algebras are said to be *derived equivalent* if there exists a triangle equivalence between their bounded derived categories. Two algebras are said to be *singular equivalent* if there exists a triangle equivalence between their singularity categories.

2.3. Quivers with potentials

A quiver $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$ consists of a finite set of vertices Q_0 , a finite set of arrows Q_1 and two maps $s, t: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0$, where s is the source and t is the target of the arrow. Thus if $\alpha \in Q_1$ then $\alpha: s(\alpha) \rightarrow t(\alpha)$.

A *potential* W on a quiver Q is a linear combination of non-constant cyclic paths. For every arrow $\alpha \in Q_1$, the cyclic derivative ∂_α is defined on a cyclic path $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_t$ as

$$\partial_\alpha(\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_t) = \sum_{p: \alpha_p = \alpha} \alpha_{p+1} \dots \alpha_t \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{p-1}$$

and extended linearly to the potential W .

The *Jacobian algebra* $\text{Jac}(Q, W)$ of the quiver with potential is the quotient of the (completed) path algebra $\mathbb{k}Q$ by (the closure of) the 2-sided ideal generated by all partial derivatives $\partial_\alpha W$, with $\alpha \in Q_1$. Two parallel paths in the quiver are called *equivalent* if they are equal in $\text{Jac}(Q, W)$.

If Q has no oriented 2-cycles then $\text{Jac}(Q, W)$ is 2-Calabi-Yau tilted by [2].

2.4. Translation quivers and mesh categories

We review here the notions of translation quiver and mesh category from [29,22]. These notions are often used in order to define a category from combinatorial data.

A *translation quiver* (Γ, τ) is a quiver $\Gamma = (\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1)$ without loops together with an injective map $\tau: \Gamma'_0 \rightarrow \Gamma_0$ (the *translation*) from a subset Γ'_0 of Γ_0 to Γ_0 such that, for all vertices $x \in \Gamma'_0$, $y \in \Gamma_0$, the number of arrows from $y \rightarrow x$ is equal to the number of arrows from $\tau x \rightarrow y$. Given a translation quiver (Γ, τ) , a *polarization* of Γ is an injective map $\sigma: \Gamma'_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_1$, where Γ'_1 is the set of all arrows $\alpha: y \rightarrow x$ with $x \in \Gamma'_0$, such that $\sigma(\alpha): \tau x \rightarrow y$ for every arrow $\alpha: y \rightarrow x \in \Gamma_1$. From now on we assume that Γ has no multiple arrows. In that case, there is a unique polarization of Γ .

The *path category* of a translation quiver (Γ, τ) is the category whose objects are the vertices Γ_0 of Γ , and, given $x, y \in \Gamma_0$, the \mathbb{k} -vector space of morphisms from x to y is given by the \mathbb{k} -vector space with basis the set of all paths from x to y . The composition of morphisms is induced from the usual composition of paths. The *mesh ideal* in the path category of Γ is the ideal generated by the *mesh relations*

$$m_x = \sum_{\alpha: y \rightarrow x} \sigma(\alpha)\alpha$$

for all $x \in \Gamma'_0$.

The *mesh category* of the translation quiver (Γ, τ) is the quotient of its path category by the mesh ideal.

2.5. 2-cluster categories

We recall the definition of 2-cluster categories and their geometric models in Dynkin types \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{D} given by Baur and Marsh [9,10].

We use the notation of Thomas [34]. Thus the 2-cluster category \mathcal{C}^2 is defined as

$$\mathcal{C}_H^2 = \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } H)/\tau^{-1}[2],$$

where H is a hereditary algebra, τ is the Auslander-Reiten translation in the bounded derived category $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } H)$ and $[2]$ denotes the second shift.

Remark 2.1. We point out that this terminology is different from Iyama's, who would rather call this category a 3-cluster category in order to reflect the fact that it is 3-Calabi-Yau. Here we follow Thomas and call it a 2-cluster category, because the definition involves the second shift.

Baur and Marsh gave geometric models for the \mathcal{C}_H^2 in the case where the algebra H is of Dynkin type \mathbb{A} [9] or \mathbb{D} [10]. In type \mathbb{A} the 2-cluster category is equivalent to the

category $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ of 2-diagonals in a regular polygon \mathcal{S} , and in type \mathbb{D} the 2-cluster category is equivalent to the category $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ of 2-arcs in a punctured polygon \mathcal{P} .

We point out that the results by Baur-Marsh are more general than what we present here. Indeed they obtain geometric models for m -cluster categories for all $m \geq 2$. The case $m = 1$ had been done in [16,30]. In this paper, we shall only need the case $m = 2$, and we adapt the presentation and notation accordingly.

2.5.1. Dynkin type \mathbb{A}

Let H be a path algebra of type \mathbb{A}_{N-2} and $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$ the 2-cluster category. Let $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{2N}$ be a regular polygon with $2N$ vertices and label the vertices $1, 2, \dots, 2N$ in clockwise order around the boundary. For $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2N\}$, $i \neq j$, we denote by (i, j) the straight line connecting i and j . We say (i, j) is a *boundary segment* of \mathcal{S} if i and j are neighbors on the boundary of \mathcal{S} , and otherwise, we call (i, j) a *diagonal* in \mathcal{S} .

A diagonal (i, j) is called a *2-diagonal* if cutting \mathcal{S} along (i, j) will produce two polygons that have an even number of vertices. In other words, (i, j) is a 2-diagonal if and only if $|j - i|$ is odd.

The 2-diagonals are the indecomposable objects in the category $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$. The irreducible morphisms are given by the 2-pivots defined below.

A 2-diagonal (i, j) admits the following *2-pivots*,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (i, j+2) & \\ (i, j) & \nearrow & \searrow \\ & (i+2, j) & \end{array}$$

unless the target of the pivot is not a 2-diagonal but a boundary segment. The addition in the coordinates is modulo $2N$. Thus a 2-pivot fixes one endpoint of the diagonal and moves the other endpoint two positions further along the boundary in clockwise direction.

The Auslander-Reiten translation τ of a 2-diagonal (i, j) is given by $\tau(i, j) = (i - 2, j - 2)$. Hence τ is given geometrically as a rotation by $2\pi/N$.

This data defines a translation quiver $\Gamma_{\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})}$ with 2-diagonals as vertices, 2-pivots as arrows and translation τ , see the top picture in Fig. 1 for the case $N = 7$. The category $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ is defined as the mesh category of Γ .

Theorem 2.2. [9] *There is an equivalence of categories*

$$\Theta_{\mathbb{A}}: \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}_{2N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2.$$

This equivalence induces an isomorphism from the quiver $\Gamma_{\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})}$ to the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the 2-cluster category.

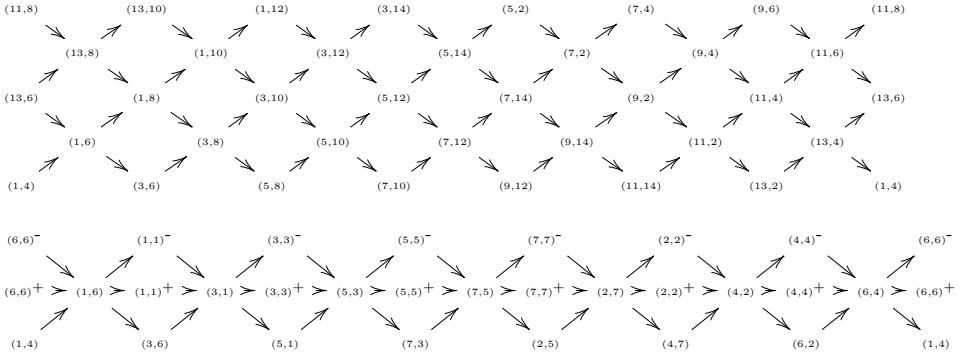


Fig. 1. Both pictures illustrate the geometric realizations of 2-cluster categories. The top picture shows the AR-quiver of the 2-cluster category of A_5 , where the labels are the 2-diagonals in the 14-gon in accordance with Theorem 2.2. The bottom picture shows the AR-quiver in type D_4 , where the vertices are labeled by the 2-arcs in the punctured 7-gon as in Theorem 2.3. Vertices with the same label have to be identified.

2.5.2. Dynkin type D

Now let $N \geq 7$ be an odd integer and H be a path algebra of type $D_{(N+1)/2}$. Let $\mathcal{C}_{D_{(N+1)/2}}^2$ be the 2-cluster category. Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_N$ denote a regular polygon with N vertices and one puncture in the center. Label the vertices $1, 2, \dots, N$ in clockwise order around the boundary. For $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, $i \neq j$, we denote by (i, j) (the homotopy class of) a curve without selfcrossings from i to j that goes clockwise around the puncture. In other words, the puncture lies on the right of the curve when traveling along from i to j . Note that $(i, j) \neq (j, i)$. Furthermore, we denote by (i, i) (the homotopy class of) the curve that starts at i goes clockwise around the puncture once and ends at i . We call the curves (i, i) *loops* and in our figures we often draw them as a straight line from i to the puncture. See Fig. 2 for an illustration.

We say (i, j) , with $i \neq j$, is a *boundary segment* of \mathcal{P} if i and j are neighbors on the boundary of \mathcal{S} , and otherwise, we call (i, j) an *arc* in \mathcal{S} . Furthermore, for each loop (i, i) , we define two arcs which we denote by $(i, i)^+$ and $(i, i)^-$.

Every arc cuts the punctured polygon \mathcal{P} into two pieces, one of which is a polygon and the other a punctured polygon. An arc (i, j) is called a *2-arc* if the polygon piece obtained by cutting along (i, j) has an even number of vertices.³ Here we agree that the arcs $(i, i)^{\pm}$ are 2-arcs because the resulting polygon has $N + 1$ vertices since the vertex i splits into two vertices. Examples of 2-arcs are given in Fig. 2.

For $i \neq j$, we can reformulate the condition by saying that an arc (i, j) is a 2-arc if and only if the residue class of $j - i \pmod{N}$ is odd. For example the arc $(6, 2)$ in Fig. 2 is a 2-arc since $2 - 6 = -4 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ is odd. On the other hand, the curve $(2, 6)$ is not a 2-arc.

³ Note that since N is odd, the punctured polygon piece will then have an odd number of vertices.

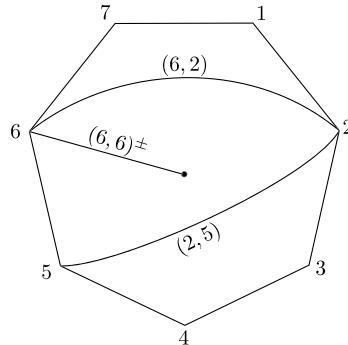


Fig. 2. Examples of 2-arcs in a punctured polygon \mathcal{P} .

The 2-arcs are the indecomposable objects in the category $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$. The irreducible morphisms are given by the 2-pivots defined below.

A 2-arc (i, j) admits the following 2-pivots.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \begin{array}{c} (i, j+2) \\ (i, j) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (i, i+5) \\ (i, i+3) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (i, i)^+ \\ (i, i-2) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (i, i)^{\pm} \Rightarrow (i+2, i) \\ (i+2, i-2) \end{array} \\
 \nearrow & \nearrow & \nearrow & \nearrow \\
 \text{if } j \neq i-2, i, i+3 & \text{if } j = i+3 & \text{if } j = i-2 & \text{if } j = i
 \end{array}$$

The addition in the coordinates is modulo N . Thus a 2-pivot fixes one endpoint of the 2-arc and moves the other endpoint two positions further along the boundary in clockwise direction.

The Auslander-Reiten translation τ of a 2-arc (i, j) is given by $\tau(i, j) = (i-2, j-2)$ if $i \neq j$, and $\tau(i, i)^+ = (i-2, i-2)^+$, $\tau(i, i)^- = (i-2, i-2)^-$. Hence τ is given geometrically as a rotation by $4\pi/N$. In particular, τ has period N , because N is odd.

Similarly to type A, this data defines a translation quiver $\Gamma_{\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})}$ and the category $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ is defined as its mesh category, see the bottom picture in Fig. 1 for the case $N = 7$.

Theorem 2.3. [10] *There is an equivalence of categories*

$$\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}: \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}_N) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2.$$

This equivalence induces an isomorphism from the quiver $\Gamma_{\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})}$ to the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the 2-cluster category.

2.6. Skew group algebras

In this section, we recall results on skew group algebras from [28]. Here we shall focus on the case where the group has order 2. For further results on the order 2 case see [4]. All modules will be finitely generated.

Let A be a finite dimensional basic algebra over an algebraically closed field \mathbb{k} of characteristic different from 2. Let Q be the ordinary quiver of A and I an admissible ideal such that $A \cong \mathbb{k}Q/I$.

Let $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ be the group of order 2 and assume that A admits a G -action such that σ acts as an automorphism of A .

Definition 2.4. We say the G -action on A is *admissible* if

- (1) σ maps vertices to vertices and arrows to arrows, and
- (2) σ fixes at least one vertex.

In this paper we will be only interested in admissible G -actions. For group actions that do not require this condition, we refer to [28].

Let AG be the skew group algebra, thus

$$AG = A \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \mathbb{k}G$$

as \mathbb{k} -vector spaces, and the multiplication is given on simple tensors by the formula

$$(a \otimes g)(a' \otimes g') = ag(a') \otimes gg'$$

for all $a, a' \in A$, $g, g' \in G$, and extended to all of AG by distributivity. For example

$$\begin{aligned} (a \otimes (g_1 + g_2))(a' \otimes g') &= (a \otimes g_1)(a' \otimes g') + (a \otimes g_2)(a' \otimes g') \\ &= ag_1(a') \otimes g_1g' + ag_2(a') \otimes g_2g' \end{aligned}$$

By definition, the dimension of AG is twice the dimension of A .

Remark 2.5. In general AG is not a basic algebra.

2.6.1. G -action as automorphisms of $\text{mod } A$ and of $\Omega(\text{mod } A)$

If M is an A -module, define the module σM to be the same vector space as M but with twisted σ -action given by $m \cdot_{\sigma} a = m \cdot (\sigma a)$, for $m \in M, a \in A$, where the right hand side is the action of σa on M . If $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a morphism in $\text{mod } A$, define $\sigma f: \sigma M \rightarrow \sigma N$ by $(\sigma f)(m) = f(m)$. The following computation shows that σf is a morphism in $\text{mod } A$.

$$(\sigma f)(m \cdot_{\sigma} a) = (\sigma f)(m \cdot (\sigma a)) = f(m \cdot (\sigma a)) = f(m) \cdot (\sigma a) = (\sigma f)(m) \cdot_{\sigma} a$$

This defines a functor $\sigma: \text{mod } A \rightarrow \text{mod } A$.

A *syzygy* is a submodule of a projective module. If $M \in \text{mod } A$, its syzygy ΩM is defined to be the kernel of a projective cover of M . We thus have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega M \longrightarrow P \xrightarrow{\pi} M \longrightarrow 0 \quad (2.1)$$

where π is a projective cover. Every non-projective syzygy is of the form ΩM for some $M \in \text{mod } A$.

Lemma 2.6. (a) *The functor σ is an automorphism of $\text{mod } A$ of order 2. In particular σ is an exact functor.*

(b) $\sigma P(i) = P(\sigma i)$, $\sigma I(i) = I(\sigma i)$, and $\sigma S(i) = S(\sigma i)$.

(c) *The restriction of σ to the syzygy category and to the stable syzygy category are automorphisms.*

(d) $\sigma \text{rad } P(i) = \text{rad } P(\sigma i)$.

Proof. Clearly σ^2 is the identity. So σ is an automorphism of order 2. Every equivalence between abelian categories is exact. This proves (a).

(b) For a path w in A , we have $e_i \cdot_{\sigma} w = e_i \sigma(w)$. The last expression is nonzero if and only if $\sigma(w)$ starts at vertex i which holds if and only if w starts at $\sigma(i)$. Thus $\sigma P(i) = P(\sigma i)$. The equation for the injective modules is the dual statement. To show the equation for the simple modules let, $m \in \sigma S(i)$ and consider the action of a constant path e_j on m . We have $m \cdot_{\sigma} e_j = m \cdot e_{\sigma j}$ which is nonzero if and only if $\sigma j = i$ which holds if and only if $j = \sigma i$. Thus $\sigma S(i) = S(\sigma i)$.

(c) From (b) we know that σ maps projective syzygies to projective syzygies. Now let M be a non-projective syzygy and let P be a projective module containing M as a submodule. By part (a), σM is a submodule of σP , and by part (b), σP is projective. Thus σM is a syzygy. Moreover σM is non-projective, because otherwise $M = \sigma \sigma M$ would be projective as well.

(d) Because of (a) and (b), the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{rad } P(i) \longrightarrow P(i) \longrightarrow S(i) \longrightarrow 0$$

is mapped by σ to the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \sigma \text{rad } P(i) \longrightarrow P(\sigma i) \longrightarrow S(\sigma i) \longrightarrow 0 .$$

Thus $\sigma \text{rad } P(i) = \text{rad } P(\sigma i)$. \square

2.6.2. Induction and restriction functors

Let $F: \text{mod } A \rightarrow \text{mod } AG$ denote the induction functor, thus $F = - \otimes_A AG$, and let $H: \text{mod } AG \rightarrow \text{mod } A$ denote the restriction functor. Thus if N is an AG -module

then $H(N) = N$ as \mathbb{k} -vector spaces, but we restrict the scalars from AG to A . If f is a morphism in $\text{mod } AG$ then $H(f) = f$. Both F and H are exact functors and map projective modules to projective modules.

The following is shown in [28, Proposition 1.8] in a more general setting.

Proposition 2.7. *Let X, Y be indecomposable A -modules.*

- (a) $HF(X) \cong X \oplus \sigma X$.
- (b) $F(X) \cong F(Y)$ if and only if $X \cong Y$ or $X \cong \sigma Y$.
- (c) If $X \cong \sigma X$ then $F(X)$ has exactly two indecomposable summands.
- (d) If $X \not\cong \sigma X$ then $F(X)$ is indecomposable.

We also need the next result.

Proposition 2.8. [28, Theorem 3.8] (a) *The functor F maps an almost split sequence in $\text{mod } A$ to a direct sum of almost split sequences in $\text{mod } AG$.*

(b) *The functor H maps an almost split sequence in $\text{mod } AG$ to a direct sum of almost split sequences in $\text{mod } A$.*

The action of the functors F and H on syzygies is described in the following result.

Proposition 2.9. (a) *The functors F, H map syzygies to syzygies.*

(b) *Let Ω_A and Ω_{AG} denote the syzygy functors over A and AG respectively. Then*

$$\Omega_{AG}F = F\Omega_A \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega_AH = H\Omega_{AG}.$$

Proof. (a) Let M be a syzygy in $\text{mod } A$. Then there exists a projective A -module P that contains M as a submodule. Since the functor F is exact it follows that $F(M)$ is a submodule of $F(P)$. Moreover, since $F(P)$ is projective, $F(M)$ is a syzygy. The proof for H is analogous.

(b) Let P be a projective module, then we have the first identity $\Omega_{AG}F(P) = 0 = F\Omega_A(P)$. Now, let M be an indecomposable, non-projective syzygy in $\text{mod } A$. Applying the exact functor F to the short exact sequence (2.1) yields the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow F(\Omega_AM) \longrightarrow F(P) \xrightarrow{F(\pi)} F(M) \longrightarrow 0.$$

If $F(\pi)$ is not a projective cover then there exists a direct summand P' of $F(P)$ such that the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow P' \rightarrow P' \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$ is a summand of the short exact sequence above. Then Proposition 2.7 implies that the sequence (2.1) also decomposes nontrivially, which is a contradiction to π being a projective cover. It follows that $F(\pi)$ is a projective cover and hence $F(\Omega_AM) = \Omega_{AG}F(M)$. This proves the first identity. The identity that involves H is proved analogously. \square

2.7. The basic algebra

In [4], Amiot and Plamondon specify a complete set of primitive orthogonal idempotents in AG and explicitly construct an idempotent \bar{e} such that $B = \bar{e}AG\bar{e}$ is a basic algebra. Furthermore, they provide a description of the quiver Q_G of B and an action of G on B .

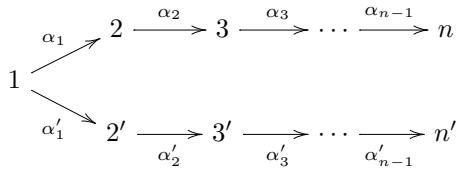
If $A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$ is the Jacobian algebra of a quiver Q with potential W , they define a potential W_G on Q_G and prove the following.

Proposition 2.10. [4, Corollary 2.7] *The algebra B is the Jacobian algebra of the quiver Q_G with potential W_G .*

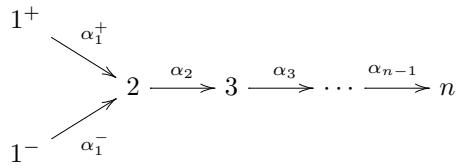
3. G -action on 2-cluster categories of type \mathbb{A}

Let $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ be the group with two elements. In this subsection, we describe a G -action on the 2-cluster category $\mathcal{C}^2 = \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } \Lambda)/\tau^{-1}[2]$, with Λ a path algebra of type \mathbb{A}_r , with r odd. The G -action is inspired by an example in [28]. We will show later that this action is compatible with our G -action on dimer tree algebras.

In order to describe the G -action on \mathcal{C}^2 , we choose Λ to be the path algebra of the following quiver



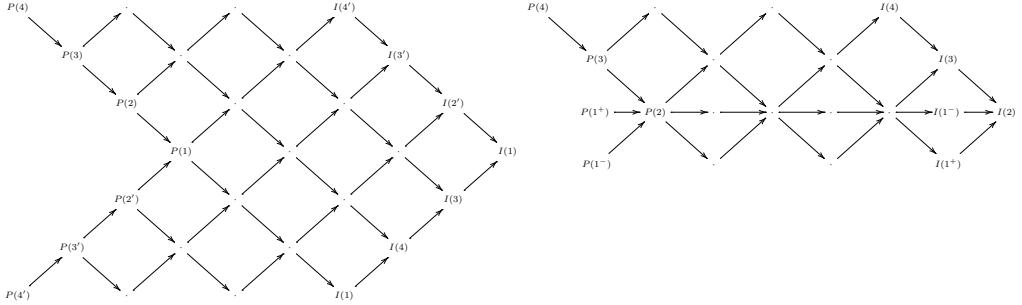
with G -action given by $\sigma(1) = 1$, $\sigma(i) = i'$, for $i > 1$ and $\sigma(\alpha_i) = \alpha'_i$. This is Example 2.1 in [28]. The corresponding skew group algebra ΛG is Morita equivalent to the path algebra of the following quiver.



Note that Λ is of Dynkin type \mathbb{A}_{2n-1} and ΛG is of Dynkin type \mathbb{D}_{n+1} .

The Auslander-Reiten quivers of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $\text{mod } \Lambda G$ are illustrated in Fig. 3 in the case $n = 4$.

The action of σ on $\text{mod } \Lambda$ is given by the reflection along the horizontal line through the τ -orbit of $P(1)$. This action induces a G -action on the derived category and on the 2-cluster category that are also given by the reflection at the horizontal line through

Fig. 3. The Auslander-Reiten quivers of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $\text{mod } \Lambda G$.

the central τ -orbit. Note that the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the 2-cluster category has the shape of a cylinder and therefore has $2n - 1$ different τ -orbits, unlike the 1-cluster category, which has the shape of a Moebius strip and therefore has only n different τ -orbits.

The two 2-cluster categories $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{A}_{2n-1}}^2$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{D}_{n+1}}^2$ are illustrated in Fig. 1 in the case $n = 3$. In type \mathbb{A} , the vertices of the AR quiver in that figure are labeled by the corresponding 2-diagonals of the 14-gon as explained in section 2.5. Each 2-diagonal is denoted by the pair (i, j) of its endpoints on the boundary of the 14-gon. In this example, we see that the action of σ maps the 2-diagonal (i, j) to the 2-diagonal $(i + 7, j + 7)$. For example the first element in the bottom τ -orbit is $(1, 4)$ and it is mapped to the first element in the top τ -orbit, thus $\sigma((1, 4)) = (1 + 7, 4 + 7) = (8, 11)$. The elements in the center τ -orbit are fixed by σ . For example $\sigma((1, 8)) = (1 + 7, 8 + 7) = (8, 1)$.

For general n , and setting $N = 2n + 1$, the 2-cluster category $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$ corresponds to the category of 2-diagonals in a regular $2N$ -gon, and the action of σ sends a 2-diagonal (i, j) to the 2-diagonal $(i + N, j + N)$. In other words σ acts on the polygon by a rotation by angle π .

Denote by $F_2: \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2$ the functor induced by the induction functor F and denote by $H_2: \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$ the one induced by the restriction functor H . The following results follow from Propositions 2.7 and 2.8.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $N \geq 7$ be an odd integer and $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$ be indecomposable objects. Then*

- (a) $H_2 F_2(X) \cong X \oplus \sigma X$.
- (b) $F_2(X) \cong F_2(Y)$ if and only if $X \cong Y$ or $X \cong \sigma Y$.
- (c) If $X \cong \sigma X$ then $F_2(X)$ has exactly two indecomposable summands.
- (d) If $X \not\cong \sigma X$ then $F_2(X)$ is indecomposable.

Proposition 3.2. (a) *The functor F_2 maps an Auslander-Reiten triangle in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$ to a direct sum of Auslander-Reiten triangles in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2$*

(b) *The functor H_2 maps Auslander-Reiten triangle in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2$ to a direct sum of Auslander-Reiten triangles in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$.*

4. G -actions on dimer tree algebras

The class of dimer tree algebras was introduced in [32]. The terminology stems from the fact that the dual graph of the quiver of the algebra is a tree, and the algebra can be extended to a dimer model on a disk.

4.1. Dimer tree algebras

We recall the definition of dimer tree algebras following [32,33]. A *chordless cycle* in a quiver Q is a cyclic path $C = x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow x_t \rightarrow x_0$ such that $x_i \neq x_j$ if $i \neq j$ and the full subquiver on vertices x_0, x_1, \dots, x_t is equal to C . The arrows that lie in exactly one chordless cycle will be called *boundary arrows* and those that lie in two or more chordless cycles *interior arrows* of Q .

Definition 4.1. The *dual graph* G of Q is defined as follows. The set of vertices G_0 is the union of the set of chordless cycles of Q and the set of boundary arrows of Q . The set of edges G_1 is the union of two sets called the set of *trunk edges* and the set of *leaf branches*. A trunk edge $C \xrightarrow{\alpha} C'$ is drawn between any pair of chordless cycles (C, C') that share an arrow α . A leaf branch $C \xrightarrow{\alpha} \alpha$ is drawn between any pair (C, α) where C is a chordless cycle and α is a boundary arrow such that α is contained in C .

Definition 4.2. A finite connected quiver Q without loops and 2-cycles is called a *dimer tree quiver* if it satisfies the following conditions.

- (Q1) Every arrow of Q lies in at least one chordless cycle.
- (Q2) The dual graph of Q is a tree.

The following properties follow easily from the definition.

Proposition 4.3. [32, Proposition 3.4] *Let Q be a dimer tree quiver. Then*

- (1) Q has no parallel arrows.
- (2) Q is planar.
- (3) For all arrows α of Q ,
 - (a) either α lies in exactly one chordless cycle,
 - (b) or α lies in exactly two chordless cycles.
- (4) Any two chordless cycles in Q share at most one arrow.

Since the dual graph G of Q is a tree, the quiver contains a chordless cycle C_0 that contains exactly one interior arrow. If C is any chordless cycle in Q , we define the distance $d(C)$ of C from C_0 to be the length of the unique path from C_0 to C in G . We define the *potential* W of the dimer tree quiver Q as

$$W = \sum_C (-1)^{d(C)} C,$$

where the sum is taken over all chordless cycles of Q .

Remark 4.4. Since the dual graph is a tree we can embed the quiver Q into the plane. Then, up to sign, the potential is the sum of the clockwise chordless cycles minus the sum of the counterclockwise chordless cycles.

Definition 4.5. Let Q be a dimer tree quiver and W its potential. The Jacobian algebra

$$A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$$

is called a *dimer tree algebra*.

4.2. A geometric model for the syzygy category of a dimer tree algebra

Let $A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$ be a dimer tree algebra. By definition, every dimer tree algebra is 2-Calabi-Yau tilted and (hence) Gorenstein of Gorenstein dimension 1. As usual for these algebras, we denote by $\text{CMP}A$ the syzygy category of A and by $\underline{\text{CMP}}A$ its stable category.

Definition 4.6. (a) For every boundary arrow α in Q , we define its unique *cycle path* (or *zigzag path*) to be $\mathbf{c}(\alpha) = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_{\ell(\alpha)}$, where

- (i) $\alpha_1 = \alpha$ and $\alpha_{\ell(\alpha)}$ are boundary arrows, and $\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{\ell(\alpha)-1}$ are interior arrows,
- (ii) every subpath of length two $\alpha_i \alpha_{i+1}$ is a subpath of a chordless cycle C_i , and $C_i \neq C_j$ if $i \neq j$.

(b) The *weight* $w(\alpha)$ of the boundary arrow α is defined as

$$w(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the length of } \mathbf{c}(\alpha) \text{ is odd;} \\ 2 & \text{if the length of } \mathbf{c}(\alpha) \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

(c) The *total weight* of A is defined as $\sum_{\alpha} w(\alpha)$, where the sum is over all boundary arrows of Q .

We showed in [32] that the total weight of a dimer tree algebra is always an even number. We then associate to every dimer tree algebra of weight $2N$ a polygon \mathcal{S} with $2N$ vertices. Moreover \mathcal{S} carries the additional structure of a checkerboard pattern which is defined by a set of radical lines $\rho(i)$ associated to the vertices i of Q . In particular, each radical line is a 2-diagonal. The checkerboard pattern is constructed as the medial graph of the twisted completed dual graph of Q . We refer to [32] for the details of this construction and to section 7 for examples.

By definition, a 2-diagonal (i, j) connects two boundary points of \mathcal{S} of opposite parity. We orient each 2-diagonal from its odd endpoint towards its even endpoint. This allows us to talk about the direction of a crossing between 2-diagonals. Then, for each 2-diagonal γ in \mathcal{S} , we define projective modules $P_0(\gamma) = \bigoplus_i P(i)$ and $P_1(\gamma) = \bigoplus_j P(j)$, where the first sum is over all i such that $\rho(i)$ crosses γ from right to left and the second sum is over all j such that $\rho(j)$ crosses γ from left to right.

Let $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ be the category of 2-diagonals of \mathcal{S} introduced in section 2.5.1 and CMP A the stable syzygy category of A . The main result of [33] is the following.

Theorem 4.7. [33, Theorem 1.1] *Let A be a dimer tree algebra and \mathcal{S} the associated checkerboard polygon. For each 2-diagonal γ in \mathcal{S} there exists a morphism $f_\gamma: P_1(\gamma) \rightarrow P_0(\gamma)$ such that the mapping $\gamma \mapsto \text{coker } f_\gamma$ induces an equivalence of categories*

$$\Phi: \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{CMP}} A.$$

Under this equivalence, the radical line $\rho(i)$ corresponds to the radical of the indecomposable projective $P(i)$ for all $i \in Q_0$. The clockwise rotation R of \mathcal{S} corresponds to the shift Ω in CMP A and R^2 corresponds to the inverse Auslander-Reiten translation $\tau^{-1} = \Omega^2$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\rho(i)) &= \text{rad } P(i) \\ \Phi \circ R &= \Omega \circ \Phi \\ \Phi \circ R^2 &= \tau^{-1} \circ \Phi \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, Φ maps the 2-pivots in $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ to the irreducible morphisms in CMP A, and the meshes in $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ to the Auslander-Reiten triangles in CMP A.

This result has the following consequences.

Corollary 4.8. [32, section 1] (a) *The category CMP A is equivalent to the 2-cluster category of type \mathbb{A}_{N-2} . In particular, the number of indecomposable syzygies is $N(N-2)$.*

(b) *The total weight of A is a derived invariant.*

(c) *The projective resolution of any syzygy is periodic of period N or $2N$. An indecomposable syzygy M_γ has period N if and only if the corresponding 2-diagonal γ is a diameter in \mathcal{S} .*

(d) *The indecomposable syzygies over A are rigid A -modules.*

(e) *Let L, M be indecomposable syzygies over A . Then the dimension of $\text{Ext}_A^1(L, M) \oplus \text{Ext}_A^1(M, L)$ is equal to the number of crossing points between the corresponding 2-diagonals. In particular, the dimension is either 1 or 0.*

(f) *Let τ denote the Auslander-Reiten translation in $\text{mod } A$ and ν the Nakayama functor. We denote the stable cosyzygy category by CMI A. Then the following diagram commutes.*

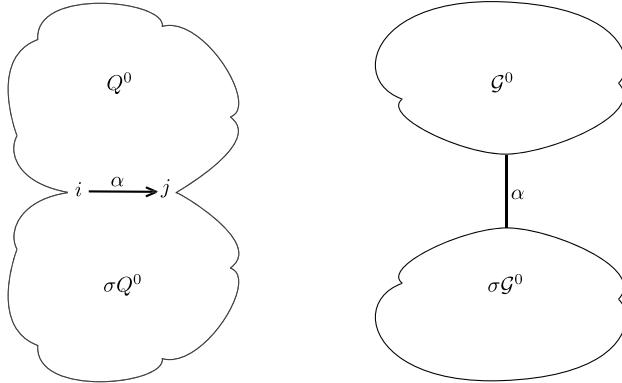


Fig. 4. Gluing two copies of a dimer tree algebra along a boundary arrow. The left picture shows the quiver and the right picture shows the dual graph.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{\text{CMP}} A & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \underline{\text{CMI}} A \\
 \text{cok } f_\gamma \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{ker } \nu f_\gamma \\
 \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow{1} & \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})
 \end{array}$$

4.3. Dimer tree algebras with G -action

Let $A^0 = \text{Jac}(Q^0, W^0)$ be a dimer tree algebra and $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ a boundary arrow in Q^0 . Define a new quiver Q by taking two copies of Q^0 and gluing them together by identifying the two copies of the arrow α , see the left picture in Fig. 4. Thus every vertex x of Q^0 , except for i and j , produces two vertices $x, \sigma x$ in Q and every arrow β of Q^0 , except for the arrow α , produces two arrows $\beta, \sigma \beta$ in Q . By setting $\sigma i = i, \sigma j = j$, and $\sigma \alpha = \alpha$, we obtain an admissible $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ -action on Q .

We define a potential W on Q by $W = W^0 - \sigma W^0$, and let $A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$ be the associated Jacobian algebra. We call A the *fibered product of A^0 with itself along α* .

To show that A is again a dimer tree algebra, we need to check the two conditions in Definition 4.2. The condition (Q1) that every arrow lies in at least one chordless cycle follows directly from the construction and the fact that it holds for Q^0 . Condition (Q2) is that the dual graph \mathcal{G} of Q is a tree. By construction, \mathcal{G} is given by taking two copies of the dual graph \mathcal{G}^0 of Q^0 and gluing them together by identifying the two copies of the leaf edge corresponding to α , see the right picture Fig. 4. We have shown the following.

Proposition 4.9. *For every dimer tree algebra A^0 and every boundary arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ in A^0 , the fibered product of A^0 with itself along α is a dimer tree algebra A with an admissible G -action. The element σ acts on the quiver Q of A by reflection at the line along the arrow α and σ acts on the dual graph \mathcal{G} by reflection at the line through the midpoint of the edge α and perpendicular to the edge α . Moreover, the fixed vertex set of σ is $\{i, j\}$ and the fixed arrow set is $\{\alpha\}$. \square*

Conversely, suppose that A is a dimer tree algebra with a nontrivial admissible G -action. Suppose first that there is chordless cycle C that is fixed by σ , meaning that σ fixes every arrow and every vertex of C . Let C' be another chordless cycle that shares an arrow β with C . Then $\sigma C'$ must be a chordless cycle that contains $\sigma\beta = \beta$. But β lies in at most two chordless cycles, and since $\sigma C' \neq \sigma C = C$, we must have $\sigma C' = C'$. So σ fixes every chordless cycle adjacent to C . Now using the fact that the dual graph is connected, we see that σ fixes every chordless cycle and thus the action of G is trivial, a contradiction. Thus σ cannot fix a chordless cycle.

Next suppose σ fixes an arrow α . Then α must lie in two chordless cycles C_α, C'_α ; otherwise σ would fix the unique chordless cycle containing α . Thus we have $\sigma C_\alpha = C'_\alpha$. Assume now there exists another arrow β that is fixed by σ , and denote the two chordless cycles at β by C_β, C'_β . Since the dual graph \mathcal{G} is connected, there exists a path $C_\alpha = C_1 — C_2 — \cdots — C_t = C_\beta$ in \mathcal{G} . Applying σ , we obtain the following cycle in \mathcal{G}

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} C_\alpha & — & C_2 & — & \cdots & — & C_\beta \\ \alpha \downarrow & & & & & & \downarrow \beta \\ C'_\alpha & — & \sigma C_2 & — & \cdots & — & C'_\beta \end{array}$$

which is impossible, because \mathcal{G} is a tree. We have shown that σ fixes at most one arrow.

Finally assume σ fixes no arrows at all. Since our G -action is admissible, there exists a vertex i that is fixed by σ . Since every arrow lies in a chordless cycle, there must be at least one incoming arrow α and one outgoing arrow β at i that both lie in the same chordless cycle C . Applying σ , we obtain a second chordless cycle σC at i that contains the arrows $\sigma\alpha$ and $\sigma\beta$. Since \mathcal{G} is connected, there exists a path in \mathcal{G} from C to σC which we denote by w : $C \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} C_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_t} \sigma C$. Applying σ , we obtain a path σw : $\sigma C \xrightarrow{\sigma\alpha_0} \sigma C_1 \xrightarrow{\sigma\alpha_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{\sigma\alpha_t} C$. Since \mathcal{G} is a tree, the path σw must be the reverse of the path w . Furthermore, since σ does not fix any arrows, the number of edges in w must be even, otherwise the central edge would be fixed. However, since σ does not fix any chordless cycles, the number of edges in w must be odd, otherwise the central chordless cycle would be fixed. This clearly is a contradiction.

We have shown that σ fixes exactly one arrow α , that α is contained in two chordless cycles C_α, C'_α and that $\sigma C_\alpha = C'_\alpha$. Removing the edge α from the dual graph \mathcal{G} produces two connected components

$$\mathcal{G} \setminus \{\alpha\} = \mathcal{G}^0 \sqcup \mathcal{G}^{0'}$$

one containing the point C_α and the other containing C'_α . Since $\sigma \mathcal{G}^0$ is a connected subgraph of \mathcal{G} that contains σC_α and does not contain α , we get $\sigma \mathcal{G}^0 = \mathcal{G}^{0'}$.

Considering this information on the level of the quiver Q , we obtain two subquivers $Q^0, \sigma Q^0$ of Q that share the arrow α but no other arrows, and whose dual graphs are

$\mathcal{G}^0 \cup \{\alpha\}$ and $\sigma\mathcal{G}^0 \cup \{\alpha\}$. The quivers Q^0 and σQ^0 are isomorphic and the arrow α is a boundary arrow in both. Also both quivers satisfy the conditions (Q1) and (Q2) of Definition 4.2. The restriction W^0 of the potential W to Q^0 is a potential and the Jacobian algebra $A^0 = \text{Jac}(Q^0, W^0)$ is a dimer tree algebra. We have shown the following.

Proposition 4.10. *Let $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ be the group with two elements. If $A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$ is a dimer tree algebra with a nontrivial admissible G -action then the following holds.*

- (a) σ fixes exactly one arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$.
- (b) There exists a subquiver Q^0 that is a dimer tree quiver such that $Q = Q^0 \cup \sigma Q^0$ and $Q^0 \cap \sigma Q^0 = \{\alpha\}$.
- (c) Let $e^0 = \sum_i e_i$, where the sum is over all vertices in Q^0 , and let $A^0 = A/A(1 - e^0)A$. Then A is the fibered product A^0 with itself along α .
- (d) There is a planar embedding of Q and \mathcal{G} such that σ acts on Q by reflection at the line through the arrow α , and on \mathcal{G} by reflection at the line through the midpoint of the edge α and perpendicular to α . \square

4.4. G -action on the checkerboard polygon

Let $A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$ be a dimer tree algebra of total weight $2N$ with an admissible G -action. Let \mathcal{G} be the dual graph of Q .

The checkerboard polygon \mathcal{S} is constructed by taking the medial graph of the twisted (completed) dual graph $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$, see [32] for details. Recall that the twisted dual graph is obtained from the dual graph \mathcal{G} by twisting along every edge of \mathcal{G} . Since the edges in $\mathcal{G} \setminus \{\alpha\}$ come in pairs $(e, \sigma e) \in \mathcal{G}^0 \times \sigma\mathcal{G}^0$, we see that after performing the twist at all edges except α , we still have a graph whose σ -action is given by the reflection at the line through the midpoint of the edge α and perpendicular to α . This situation is illustrated in the left picture in Fig. 5. The twisted dual graph is now obtained by twisting along the edge α ; the result is illustrated in the right picture in Fig. 5. Therefore the induced action of σ on the twisted dual graph is given by a rotation by angle π with center the midpoint of the edge α .

On the medial graph \mathcal{S} , the action of σ is also given by the rotation by π with center the crossing point of the two radical lines $\rho(i)$ and $\rho(j)$, where $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$.

Thus when we draw \mathcal{S} as a regular $2N$ -gon with checkerboard pattern determined by the radical lines $\rho(x)$ of the medial graph, the action of σ on Q induces an action on \mathcal{S} given by the rotation by π at the center point of the polygon \mathcal{S} . This is made precise in the following result.

Proposition 4.11. *With the above notation, label the vertices of the polygon \mathcal{S} by $1, 2, \dots, 2N$ in clockwise order around the boundary. The G -action on the dimer tree algebra A induces a G -action on the category of 2-diagonals $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ of the checkerboard $2N$ -gon \mathcal{S} , where the action of σ is given by the rotation by angle π . If $\gamma \in \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ is a 2-diagonal with endpoints k, l , and $1 \leq k < l \leq 2N$ then*

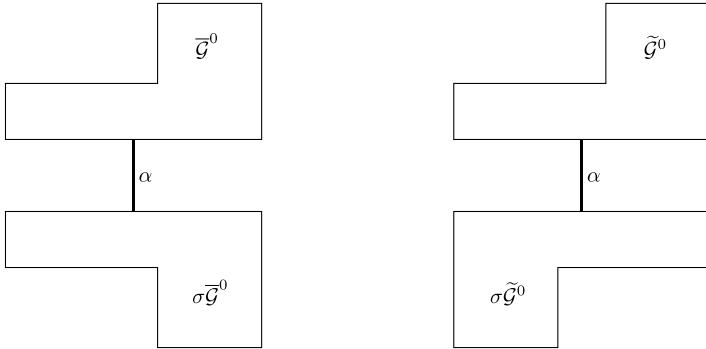


Fig. 5. The left picture illustrates the dual graph after twisting at every edge except at α , and the right picture illustrates the resulting graph after twisting at α (this is the twisted dual graph). The action of σ on the left is by reflection, while the action on the right is by rotation.

- (a) $\sigma\gamma$ has endpoints $k + N, l + N \pmod{2N}$.
- (b) $\sigma\gamma = \gamma$ if and only if γ is a diameter, that is $l = k + N$.
- (c) For the radical line $\rho(x)$, we have $\sigma\rho(x) = \rho(\sigma x)$.
- (d) Let $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ be the unique arrow in the quiver of A that is fixed by σ . Then the radical lines $\rho(i)$ and $\rho(j)$ are fixed by σ .
- (e) N is odd.
- (f) Let $\Phi: \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \text{CMP } A$ be the equivalence of Theorem 4.7. Then

$$\Phi(\sigma\gamma) = \sigma\Phi(\gamma),$$

where the σ action on the right hand side is the one defined in section 2.6.1.

Proof. (a) and (b) follow directly from the discussion above. (c) follows from Lemma 2.6(b) and the fact that the G -action on \mathcal{S} is induced by the G -action on A . (d) is a direct consequence of (c).

(b) and (d) together imply that $\rho(i)$ and $\rho(j)$ are diameters in the $2N$ -gon \mathcal{S} . So their endpoints are of the form $h, h + N$ for some h . But these diameters are also 2-diagonals, so the two endpoints must have opposite parity. Thus their difference N must be odd. This shows (e).

It remains to prove (f). The functor Φ sends a 2-diagonal γ to a syzygy M_γ that is uniquely determined by the crossing pattern of γ with the radical lines in \mathcal{S} . Indeed, let $P_0(\gamma) = \bigoplus_i P(i)$ and $P_1(\gamma) = \bigoplus_j P(j)$, where the first sum is over all i such that $\rho(i)$ crosses γ from right to left and the second sum is over all j such that $\rho(j)$ crosses γ from left to right. Then M_γ is the cokernel of a morphism $f_\gamma: P_1(\gamma) \rightarrow P_0(\gamma)$.

Since γ acts on \mathcal{S} by rotation, the radical line $\rho(x)$ crossed γ if and only if $\sigma\rho(x)$ crosses $\sigma\gamma$, and both crossings are in the same direction. Hence

$$P_0(\sigma\gamma) = \bigoplus_i P(\sigma i) = \sigma P_0(\gamma) \quad P_1(\sigma\gamma) = \bigoplus_j P(\sigma j) = \sigma P_1(\gamma),$$

and therefore $\Phi(\sigma\gamma) = M_{\sigma\gamma} = \sigma M_\gamma = \sigma\Phi(\gamma)$. \square

5. A geometric model for the syzygy category of the skew group algebra

Throughout this section, we use the following setting. Let $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ denote the group of order 2, and let A be a dimer tree algebra of total weight $2N$ with an admissible G -action. The corresponding checkerboard polygon \mathcal{S} has $2N$ vertices. Under the Baur-Marsh equivalence the category of 2-diagonals $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ is equivalent to the 2-cluster category $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2$. In this section, we give a geometric model for the syzygy category of the skew group algebra AG .

5.1. An equivalence of categories

We have shown in section 3 that the σ -action on the 2-cluster category corresponds under the Baur-Marsh equivalence $\Theta_{\mathbb{A}}$ to the rotation of the polygon by angle π . On the other hand, Proposition 4.11 states that this σ -action on the polygon also corresponds to the σ -action on the syzygy category of the dimer tree algebra under the equivalence Φ . Thus there is a commutative diagram as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2 & \xleftarrow[\cong]{\Theta_{\mathbb{A}}} & \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Phi} & \underline{\text{CMP}} A \\
 \sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma & & \downarrow \sigma \\
 \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{A}_{N-2}}^2 & \xleftarrow[\cong]{\Theta_{\mathbb{A}}} & \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Phi} & \underline{\text{CMP}} A
 \end{array}$$

On each level of this diagram, we can consider the induction functor F to the skew group category following Reiten and Riedmann [28]. Starting from the 2-cluster category of type \mathbb{A}_{N-2} , we obtain the 2-cluster category of type $\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}$ as seen in Proposition 3.2. On the level of $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$, we obtain the category $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ of 2-arcs in a punctured N -gon described in section 2.5.2. And by Proposition 2.9, from the syzygy category of the dimer tree algebra A , we obtain the syzygy category of the skew group algebra AG . All these categories are equivalent, because of the commutativity of the diagram above. We thus have the following result.

Theorem 5.1. *Let A be a dimer tree algebra with admissible G -action, and let $2N$ denote the total weight of A . Then there are equivalences of categories*

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2 \xleftarrow[\cong]{\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}} \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}_N) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Psi} \underline{\text{CMP}} AG .$$

The first equivalence is described in Theorem 2.3. We shall now give a description of the second equivalence.

We define a functor $\Psi: \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{CMP}} AG$ as follows. If $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, j)$ is a 2-arc in the punctured N -gon \mathcal{P} , then define $\gamma \in \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ to be the diameter $\gamma = (i, i+N)$ if the 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$ is a loop, and otherwise define γ to be the 2-diagonal

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} (i, j) & \text{if } i < j; \\ (i, j + N) & \text{if } i > j. \end{cases}$$

Consider the image $\Phi(\gamma) \in \underline{\text{CMP}} A$. According to Proposition 4.11 (f), we have $\sigma\Phi(\gamma) = \Phi(\sigma\gamma)$. Thus if $\gamma = (i, i + N)$ is a diameter then $\Phi(\gamma)$ is fixed by σ , and if $\gamma = (i, j)$ is not a diameter then $\Phi(\gamma)$ is not fixed by σ . Applying the induction functor $F = - \otimes_A AG$ and using Proposition 2.7, we have

- (1) If $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$, then $F\Phi(\gamma)$ is the direct sum of two indecomposable syzygies which we denote by $\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^+$ and $\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^-$.
- (2) If $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, j)$ with $i \neq j$, then $F\Phi(\gamma)$ is the direct sum of two copies of the same indecomposable syzygy which we denote by $\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}$.

In case (2) above, we define $\Psi(\tilde{\gamma}) = \tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}$. In case (1), we need to make a choice that is consistent with the Auslander-Reiten translations. To achieve this, we label all modules in the τ -orbit of $\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^+$ in $\underline{\text{CMP}} AG$ by a + sign. Thus $\tau^t(\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^+) = (\tau^t \tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}})^+$, for all t . Similarly, we label the modules in the τ -orbit of $\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^-$ such that $\tau^t(\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}}^-) = (\tau^t \tilde{M}_{\tilde{\gamma}})^-$, for all t . Since the AR translation in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ also preserves the sign, we obtain

$$\Psi \circ \tau_{\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})} = \tau_{\underline{\text{CMP}} AG} \circ \Psi.$$

Next we define Ψ on irreducible morphisms. Let $\tilde{g}: \tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{\delta}$ be a 2-pivot in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$. We distinguish three cases depending on whether or not $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ are loops.

- (1) Suppose first that none of the two 2-arcs is a loop. Let $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, j)$, then $\tilde{\delta} = (i, j + 2)$ or $\tilde{\delta} = (i + 2, j)$. In this situation \tilde{g} corresponds to two 2-pivots $g: \gamma \rightarrow \delta$ and $\sigma g: \sigma\gamma \rightarrow \sigma\delta$ in $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$. Thus $F\Phi(g) = F\Phi(\sigma g)$ is an irreducible morphism in $\underline{\text{CMP}} AG$ and we let $\Psi(\tilde{g}) = F\Phi(g)$.
- (2) Let $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$. Then $\tilde{\delta} = (i + 2, i)$. Thus $\tilde{\gamma}$ corresponds to the diameter $(i, i + N)$ in $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$ and \tilde{g} corresponds to two 2-pivots, one is $g: \gamma \rightarrow \delta$ with $\delta = (i, i + N + 2)$ and the other is $\sigma g: \gamma \rightarrow \sigma\delta$ with $\sigma\delta = (i + 2, i + N)$.

Since γ is fixed by σ in \mathcal{S} , we obtain that $F\Phi(g)$ is a sum of two morphisms

$$F\Phi(g): \Psi((i, i)^+) \oplus \Psi((i, i)^-) \rightarrow \Psi((i + 2, i)).$$

We define $\Psi(\tilde{g})$ to be the first component if $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$ and the second component if $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$.

- (3) Let $\tilde{\delta} = (i, i)^\pm$. Then $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i - 2)$. This case is dual to the previous one. Again $\tilde{g}: \tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{\delta}$ corresponds to two 2-pivots $g: \gamma \rightarrow \delta$ and $\sigma g: \sigma\gamma \rightarrow \delta$ in $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$. Since δ is fixed by σ , we have that $F\Phi(g)$ is a sum of two morphisms

$$F\Phi(g): \Psi(i, i - 2) \rightarrow \Psi((i, i)^+) \oplus \Psi((i, i)^-).$$

We define $\Psi(\tilde{g})$ to be the first component if $\tilde{\delta} = (i, i)^+$ and the second component if $\tilde{\delta} = (i, i)^-$.

Theorem 5.2. *The functor Ψ is an equivalence of categories which makes the following diagram commute.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow{F} & \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) \\
 \Phi \downarrow \cong & & \cong \downarrow \Psi \\
 \underline{\text{CMP}} A & \xrightarrow{F} & \underline{\text{CMP}} AG
 \end{array}$$

Proof. The commutativity of the diagram follows from our construction of Ψ .

Let $\tilde{\zeta} : 0 \rightarrow \tau\tilde{\gamma} \xrightarrow{\tilde{u}} \tilde{E} \xrightarrow{\tilde{v}} \tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow 0$ be a mesh in the Auslander-Reiten quiver of $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$. From the definition of Ψ together with Propositions 2.8 and 3.2, we see that $\Psi(\tilde{\zeta})$ is an Auslander-Reiten triangle in $\underline{\text{CMP}} AG$. Thus Ψ is well-defined.

Conversely, the same propositions show that every Auslander-Reiten triangle of $\underline{\text{CMP}} AG$ is the image under Ψ of a mesh in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$. Since the morphisms in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ are generated by the 2-pivots modulo the mesh relations, this implies that Ψ is faithful. To show that Ψ is full and dense, let $\tilde{f} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$ be a morphism in $\underline{\text{CMP}} AG$. The restriction functor maps \tilde{f} to a sum of morphism in $\underline{\text{CMP}} A$ which we can lift along Φ to $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$. Applying F , we obtain a sum of morphisms in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ and, by definition, Ψ maps one of these morphisms to \tilde{f} . Thus Ψ is full and dense. \square

6. Checkerboard pattern for the punctured polygon \mathcal{P}

In section 5, we have constructed an equivalence of categories $\Psi : \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{CMP}} AG$. In this section, we give a combinatorial construction of Ψ by introducing a checkerboard pattern on the punctured polygon \mathcal{P} . The input data for our construction is the quiver of the skew group algebra AG . Here we will work in the basic algebra and we start by recalling its definition from [4].

6.1. The basic algebra $B = \overline{e}AG\overline{e}$

The skew group algebra AG in Theorem 5.1 is not basic. Indeed, for every vertex i in the quiver Q of A that is not fixed by σ , we have $(e_i \otimes 1)AG \cong (e_{\sigma i} \otimes 1)AG$. In [4], Amiot and Plamondon construct in great detail a complete set of primitive orthogonal idempotents $\{e_i^\pm \mid i \in Q_0\}$ for AG . They then specify an idempotent \overline{e} such that $B = \overline{e}AG\overline{e}$ is basic.

In order to define \overline{e} , they decompose the set of vertices of Q as $Q_0 = Q_0^G \sqcup I \sqcup \sigma I$, where Q_0^G is the set of vertices that are fixed by σ and I is a complete set of representatives of the nontrivial σ -orbits. Then $\overline{e} = \sum_{i \in Q_0^G} e_i^+ + e_i^- + \sum_{i \in I} e_i^+$.

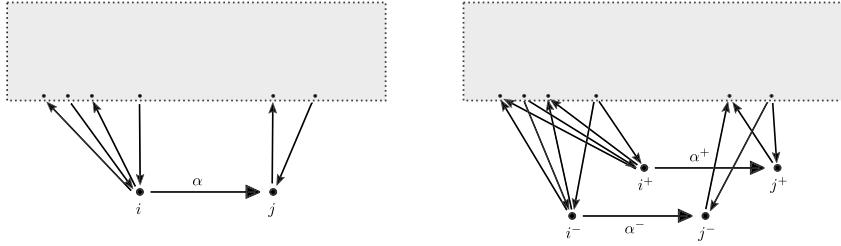


Fig. 6. The picture on the left illustrates the quiver Q^0 and the picture on the right the quiver Q_B .

Consequently the quiver Q_B of B can be described as follows. The vertices of Q_B are

- (i) two vertices i^+ and i^- for each $i \in Q_0^G$;
- (ii) one vertex i for each $i \in I$.

The arrows of Q_B are

- (i) two arrows $\alpha^+: i^+ \rightarrow j^+$ and $\alpha^-: i^- \rightarrow j^-$ for every arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ such that $\sigma\alpha = \alpha$;
- (ii) two arrows $\alpha^+: i^+ \rightarrow j$, and $\alpha^-: i^- \rightarrow j$ for every arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ with $i \in Q_0^G$, $j \notin Q_0^G$;
- (iii) two arrows $\alpha^+: i \rightarrow j^+$, and $\alpha^-: i \rightarrow j^-$ for every arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ with $i \notin Q_0^G$, $j \in Q_0^G$;
- (iv) one arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ for each arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ with $i, j \notin Q_0^G$.

Now let $A = \text{Jac}(Q, W)$ be a dimer tree algebra with admissible G -action. Let $A^0 = \text{Jac}(Q^0, W^0)$ be the dimer tree algebra with boundary arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ such that A is the fibered product of A^0 with itself along α as in Proposition 4.10. Then Q_B is the quiver obtained from Q^0 by replacing the vertices i and j by the vertices i^+, i^- and j^+, j^- , the arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ by two arrows $\alpha^+: i^+ \rightarrow j^+$ and $\alpha^-: i^- \rightarrow j^-$, and each other arrow β starting or ending at i or j by two arrows β^+ and β^- starting or ending at i^+, i^- or j^+, j^- , see Fig. 6.

6.2. Orientation and crossing of 2-arcs

Recall that in the $2N$ -gon \mathcal{S} the 2-diagonals (i, j) are oriented from the odd endpoint towards the even endpoint. According to Corollary 4.8(e), the 2-diagonals γ, δ cross in \mathcal{S} if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\text{CMP } A}^1(\Phi(\gamma), \Phi(\delta)) \oplus \text{Ext}_{\text{CMP } A}^1(\Phi(\delta), \Phi(\gamma)) \neq 0$. More precisely

- γ crosses δ from left to right if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\text{CMP } A}^1(\Phi(\gamma), \Phi(\delta)) \neq 0$ and
- γ crosses δ from right to left if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\text{CMP } A}^1(\Phi(\delta), \Phi(\gamma)) \neq 0$.

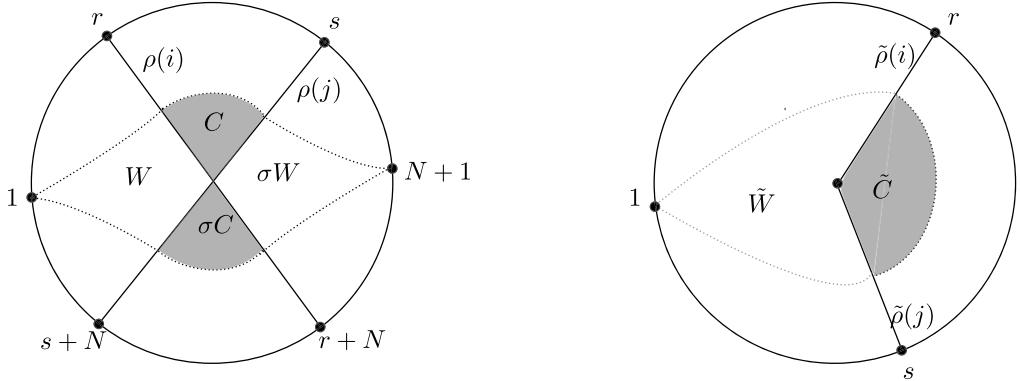


Fig. 7. Construction of the fundamental domain.

Given 2-diagonals γ, δ that cross in \mathcal{S} , we define the directed crossing number $e(\gamma, \delta)$ to be 1 if γ crosses δ from left to right and 0 otherwise. Similarly, we define $e(\delta, \gamma)$ to be 1 if γ crosses δ from right to left and 0 otherwise. Note that $e(\gamma, \delta) = \dim_{\text{CMP} A} \text{Ext}^1(\Phi(\gamma), \Phi(\delta))$.

The corresponding notions of orientation and crossing is somewhat more complicated in the punctured polygon \mathcal{P} . Also the crossing notion in \mathcal{P} is different form the one used in the theory of cluster algebras in [18], because we are working here in the 2-cluster category and not in the ordinary cluster category.

6.2.1. Orientation

The $2N$ -gon \mathcal{S} is a 2-fold branched cover of the punctured N -gon \mathcal{P} , which is given by the rotation action of σ by angle π .⁴ The fixed point of σ is the center of \mathcal{S} and it corresponds to the puncture in \mathcal{P} . We will now carefully choose a fundamental domain for the action of σ in \mathcal{S} .

As seen in Proposition 4.9, in the checkerboard pattern, the center of the polygon \mathcal{S} is given by the crossing point of the radical lines $\rho(i)$ and $\rho(j)$, that is to say, by the arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ that is fixed by σ . There are exactly two shaded regions C and σC incident to this point which correspond to the two chordless cycles that contain α . Consequently, there are also exactly two white regions $W, \sigma W$ incident to the point, see Fig. 7 and the examples in section 7. Like any white region in a checkerboard polygon, W contains either exactly one boundary point of \mathcal{S} or a boundary segment together with its two endpoints. In the former case, we label the sole boundary point in W by 1 and in the latter case, we label the two boundary points in W by $2N, 1$ in clockwise order. Then label the remaining boundary points in clockwise order.

Then there exists $1 < r, s < N + 1$ such that the two radical lines are $\rho(i) = (r, r + N)$ and $\rho(j) = (s, s + N)$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $r < s$ and the

⁴ Strictly speaking we would need to replace the puncture by an orbifold point of order 2. But in our combinatorial approach this will make no difference.

checkerboard regions at the center point α are $W, C, \sigma W, \sigma C$ in clockwise order. The diameter $(1, N+1)$ is not a radical line because it runs through the white region W . This diameter cuts the polygon into two pieces. We use the piece with boundary points $1, 2, \dots, N+1$ as our fundamental domain for the σ -action.

This choice induces a labeling of the boundary vertices of the punctured N -gon by $1 \cong N+1, 2, \dots, N$ in clockwise order. The radical lines $\tilde{\rho}(i) = (r, r)^+$ and $\tilde{\rho}(j) = (s, s)^+$ are both loops in \mathcal{P} and as usual we draw them as straight lines from their boundary point to the puncture. If the boundary point has an odd label, we orient the line towards the puncture, and otherwise, we orient the line towards the boundary point.

There is exactly one shaded region \tilde{C} and one white region \tilde{W} incident to the puncture. Every other radical line $\tilde{\rho}(h)$ in \mathcal{P} , lifts to a unique radical line $\rho(h)$ in our fundamental domain in \mathcal{S} , because no radical line can cross the white region W . We orient these radical lines in the same way as in the fundamental domain, that is, from the odd labeled endpoint towards the even labeled endpoint. Note that one vertex in \mathcal{P} carries two labels $1 = N+1$. If $\rho(h)$ ends at the vertex $N+1$ in \mathcal{S} then $\rho(h)$ is oriented towards $N+1$ in \mathcal{S} , because $N+1$ is even. Consequently its image $\tilde{\rho}(h) \in \mathcal{P}$ is oriented towards the vertex $1 = N+1$ as well. This defines an orientation on all radical arcs in \mathcal{P} .

Now let $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, j)$ be an arbitrary 2-arc in \mathcal{P} . Suppose first that $\tilde{\gamma}$ is not a loop. Let ℓ denote the straight line segment from the boundary point 1 to the puncture. If $\tilde{\gamma}$ does not cross ℓ , then $i < j$ and we orient $\tilde{\gamma}$ from its odd labeled endpoint towards its even labeled endpoint. If $\tilde{\gamma}$ crosses the line ℓ , we label the crossing point by x , and we orient the two subcurves (i, x) and (x, j) of $\tilde{\gamma}$ as follows. Note that in this case we have $i > j$ and both i, j have the same parity since N is odd. We orient the ends $(i, x), (x, j)$ towards the point x if i and j are odd, and towards i and j if i and j are even, see Example 7.1.

Now suppose that $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$ is a loop. Then we orient $\tilde{\gamma}$ towards the puncture if i is odd and towards the boundary if i is even. The case where $\tilde{\gamma} = (1, 1)^\pm$ is slightly different. If we choose a representative of $\tilde{\gamma}$ that lies to the left of the line segment ℓ then we orient it towards the puncture. This is consistent with the boundary point being labeled by the odd integer 1 . If on the other hand, we choose a representative of $\tilde{\gamma}$ that lies to the right of ℓ then we orient it towards the boundary. Here we think of the endpoint being labeled by the even integer $N+1$.

6.2.2. Crossing

Now that we have orientated 2-arcs, we can define their directed crossings. Throughout this section we use the notation $\underline{\gamma} \in \tilde{\gamma}$ to express that the curve $\underline{\gamma}$ is a representative of the 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$. Thus $\tilde{\gamma}$ is the homotopy class of $\underline{\gamma}$.

Let $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ be two 2-arcs in \mathcal{P} and suppose first that at least one of them is not a loop. Define the directed crossing number $e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta})$ to be the minimum of the number of crossing points between $\underline{\gamma} \in \tilde{\gamma}$ and $\underline{\delta} \in \tilde{\delta}$ such that $\underline{\gamma}$ crosses $\underline{\delta}$ from left to right. Similarly, define $e(\tilde{\delta}, \tilde{\gamma})$ to be the minimum of the number of crossing points between $\underline{\delta} \in \tilde{\delta}$ and $\underline{\gamma} \in \tilde{\gamma}$ such that $\underline{\gamma}$ crosses $\underline{\delta}$ from right to left.

We give several examples in Fig. 8.

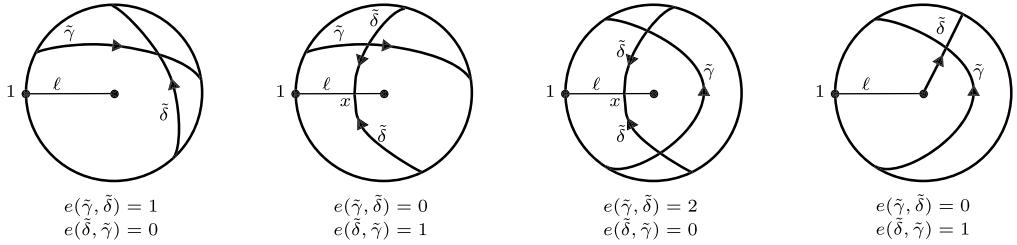


Fig. 8. Examples of crossing numbers between 2-arcs in the punctured polygon.

Now suppose that both $\tilde{\gamma} = (x, x)^\pm$ and $\tilde{\delta} = (y, y)^\pm$ are loops in \mathcal{S} . Then we define the crossing numbers as follows.

$$e((x, x)^+, \tilde{\delta})$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \in \{(x-2, x-2)^+, (x-4, x-4)^-, (x-6, x-6)^+, (x-8, x-8)^-, \\ & \dots, (x+1, x+1)^\pm\}; \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \text{ is any other loop.} \end{cases}$$

$$e((x, x)^-, \tilde{\delta})$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \in \{(x-2, x-2)^-, (x-4, x-4)^+, (x-6, x-6)^-, (x-8, x-8)^+, \\ & \dots, (x+1, x+1)^\mp\}; \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \text{ is any other loop.} \end{cases}$$

$$e(\tilde{\delta}, (x, x)^+)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \in \{(x+2, x+2)^+, (x+4, x+4)^-, (x+6, x+6)^+, (x+8, x+8)^-, \\ & \dots, (x-1, x-1)^\pm\}; \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \text{ is any other loop.} \end{cases}$$

$$e(\tilde{\delta}, (x, x)^-)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \in \{(x+2, x+2)^-, (x+4, x+4)^+, (x+6, x+6)^-, (x+8, x+8)^+, \\ & \dots, (x-1, x-1)^\mp\}; \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{\delta} \text{ is any other loop.} \end{cases}$$

Example 6.1. In Example 7.1, the radical line $\tilde{\rho}(1^+)$ is given by the loop $(3, 3)^+$. If γ is a loop, then we have

$$e((3, 3)^+, \gamma) = 1 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \gamma = (4, 4)^+, (6, 6)^-, (1, 1)^+;$$

$$e(\gamma, (3, 3)^+) = 1 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \gamma = (5, 5)^+, (7, 7)^-, (2, 2)^+.$$

Proposition 6.2. *Let $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ be two 2-arcs $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ and $\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}: \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2$ the equivalence of Theorem 2.3. Then*

$$\dim \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2}^1(\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\gamma}), \Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\delta})) = e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}).$$

Proof. This follows by direct inspection of the support of Ext^1 in the AR-quiver of the 2-cluster category using the labels by the 2-arcs as in Fig. 1. \square

The group G acts on the set of 2-arcs in \mathcal{P} by the formula $\sigma\tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{\gamma}$ if $\tilde{\gamma}$ is not a loop, and $\sigma(i, i)^\pm = (i, i)^\mp$ if $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$ is a loop. If α is a 2-arc in \mathcal{P} or a 2-diagonal in \mathcal{S} we let $G\alpha = \{\alpha, \sigma\alpha\}$ denote the G -orbit of α . The following result describes the relation between the intersection numbers in \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{S} .

Proposition 6.3. *Let $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ be two 2-arcs in \mathcal{P} with lifts γ, δ in \mathcal{S} . Then*

$$\sum_{\tilde{\gamma}' \in G\tilde{\gamma}} e(\tilde{\gamma}', \tilde{\delta}) = \sum_{\delta' \in G\delta} e(\gamma, \delta'). \quad (6.1)$$

That is

- (a) $e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) = e(\gamma, \delta) + e(\gamma, \sigma\delta)$ if $\tilde{\gamma}$ is not a loop and $\tilde{\delta}$ is not a loop.
- (b) $e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) = e(\gamma, \delta)$ if $\tilde{\gamma}$ is not a loop and $\tilde{\delta}$ is a loop.
- (c) $e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) + e(\sigma\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) = e(\gamma, \delta) + e(\gamma, \sigma\delta)$ if $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a loop and $\tilde{\delta}$ is not a loop.
- (d) $e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) + e(\sigma\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) = e(\gamma, \delta)$ if $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a loop and $\tilde{\delta}$ is a loop.

Proof. First note that if $\tilde{\delta}$ is a loop in \mathcal{P} then its lift δ is a diameter in \mathcal{S} and hence $G\delta = \{\delta\}$. Therefore, equation (6.1) is equivalent to the four statements (a)-(d). Parts (a) and (b) follow directly from the fact that the $2N$ -gon \mathcal{S} is a 2-fold branched cover of the punctured N -gon \mathcal{P} under the action of the rotation σ by angle π .

To show (c), suppose that $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a loop in \mathcal{P} . Thus γ is a diameter in \mathcal{S} . If $\tilde{\delta}$ is not a loop, then $\tilde{\gamma}$ crosses $\tilde{\delta}$ if and only if γ crosses δ . Moreover, in that case, γ also crosses $\sigma\delta$. Thus $e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) = e(\gamma, \delta) = e(\gamma, \sigma\delta)$. Since $\sigma\tilde{\gamma}$ is the same loop as $\tilde{\gamma}$ but with the opposite sign, the same equation holds when replacing $\tilde{\gamma}$ with $\sigma\tilde{\gamma}$. The two equations together prove part (c).

Finally, assume both $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ are loops. Then the lifts γ, δ are both diameters. Thus γ and δ cross unless they are equal. The crossing number of $\tilde{\gamma}$ and $\tilde{\delta}$ depends on the signs of the loops. As we see from Example 6.1, $\tilde{\gamma}$ will cross exactly one of $\tilde{\delta}, \sigma\tilde{\delta}$, unless $\gamma = \delta$, and $\sigma\tilde{\gamma}$ will cross exactly the other. This shows part (d). \square

We also obtain a dual statement of Proposition 6.3.

Proposition 6.4. *Let $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ be two 2-arcs in \mathcal{P} with lifts γ, δ in \mathcal{S} . Then*

$$\sum_{\tilde{\delta}' \in G\tilde{\delta}} e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}') = \sum_{\gamma' \in G\gamma} e(\gamma', \delta). \quad (6.2)$$

Proof. Consider the following sequence of equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
 e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) &= \dim \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2}^1(\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\gamma}), \Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\delta})) \\
 &= \dim \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2}^2(\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\delta}), \Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\gamma})) \\
 &= \dim \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2}^1(\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(R\tilde{\delta}), \Theta_{\mathbb{D}}(\tilde{\gamma})) \\
 &= e(R\tilde{\delta}, \tilde{\gamma})
 \end{aligned}$$

The first and the last equality follow from Lemma 6.2, while the second equality follows from the 3-Calabi-Yau property of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2$. Finally, the third equality holds since $\Theta_{\mathbb{D}}$ is an equivalence of categories where the rotation R in \mathcal{P} corresponds to an inverse shift in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}}^2$. Now the result follows from equation (6.1) by replacing $R\tilde{\delta}, \tilde{\gamma}$ with $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}$ respectively. \square

6.3. Combinatorial interpretation of the equivalence Ψ

We are now ready for our main result.

First, we define the rotation operation R on the category $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ where the punctured polygon \mathcal{P} has size N , which is the analog of the clockwise rotation R on $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{S})$. Let $\tilde{\gamma}$ be a 2-arc in \mathcal{P} . If $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, j)$ is not a loop then define $R\tilde{\gamma} = (i + 1, j + 1)$. If $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$ is a loop then define $R\tilde{\gamma} = (i + 1, i + 1)^\pm$ whenever $(N + 1)/2$ is even and otherwise let $R\tilde{\gamma} = (i + 1, i + 1)^\mp$. Moreover, we can extend the definition of R to 2-pivots $\tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{\delta}$ by setting $R(\tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{\delta}) = R\tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow R\tilde{\delta}$.

Let $\tilde{\rho}(i) \in \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ denote the radical line of vertex i . For every 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$ in \mathcal{P} we define projective modules

$$\tilde{P}_1(\tilde{\gamma}) = \bigoplus_j e(\tilde{\rho}(j), \tilde{\gamma}) \tilde{P}(j) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{P}_0(\tilde{\gamma}) = \bigoplus_i e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\rho}(i)) \tilde{P}(i).$$

Theorem 6.5. *Let $B = \overline{e}AGE$ be the basic algebra of the skew group algebra of a dimer tree algebra A with respect to the action of a group G of order 2. Let \mathcal{P} be the associated punctured polygon with checkerboard pattern. For each 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$ in \mathcal{P} there exists a morphism $\tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}: \tilde{P}_1(\tilde{\gamma}) \rightarrow \tilde{P}_0(\tilde{\gamma})$ such that the mapping $\tilde{\gamma} \mapsto \text{coker } \tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ induces an equivalence of categories*

$$\Psi: \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{CMP}} B.$$

Under this equivalence, the radical line $\tilde{\rho}(i)$ corresponds to the radical of the indecomposable projective $\tilde{P}(i)$ for all vertices $i \in Q_B$. The clockwise rotation R of \mathcal{P} corresponds to the shift Ω in $\underline{\text{CMP}} B$ and R^2 corresponds to the inverse Auslander-Reiten translation $\tau^{-1} = \Omega^2$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(\tilde{\rho}(i)) &= \text{rad } \tilde{P}(i) \\
 \Psi \circ R &= \Omega \circ \Psi \\
 \Psi \circ R^2 &= \tau^{-1} \circ \Psi
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, Ψ maps the 2-pivots in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ to the irreducible morphisms in CMP B , and the meshes in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ to the Auslander-Reiten triangles in CMP B .

Proof. This result follows from Theorem 4.7 and properties of the induction functor F . The main part of the proof below is to check that our definition of the intersection numbers is correct.

Let $\tilde{\gamma}$ be a 2-arc in \mathcal{P} and let γ be a lift in \mathcal{S} . Theorem 4.7 shows the existence of a morphism $f_\gamma: P_1(\gamma) \rightarrow P_0(\gamma)$ that defines a functor $\Phi: \text{Diag}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \text{CMP} A$, $\Phi(\gamma) = \text{coker } M_\gamma$. The projective modules above are defined as

$$P_0(\gamma) = \bigoplus_i e(\gamma, \rho(i)) P(i) \quad \text{and} \quad P_1(\gamma) = \bigoplus_j e(\rho(j), \gamma) P(j),$$

where both sums run over all vertices of the quiver of A . We can rewrite $P_0(\gamma)$ by grouping its summands according to the G -orbits on the vertex set of Q_A as follows. Let I be a set of representatives of the G -orbits in the vertex set of Q_A , and let us write $I = I_1 \sqcup I_2$, where I_1 contains the vertices that are fixed by σ and I_2 contains the vertices that are not fixed by σ . In the polygon \mathcal{S} , the set I_1 corresponds to the diameters and I_2 to the non-diameters. Then

$$P_0(\gamma) = \bigoplus_{i \in I_1} e(\gamma, \rho(i)) P(i) \oplus \bigoplus_{i \in I_2} (e(\gamma, \rho(i)) P(i) \oplus e(\gamma, \rho(\sigma i)) P(\sigma i)).$$

We now apply the induction functor F . Proposition 2.7 yields $F(P(i)) = \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^+) \oplus \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^-)$ if $i \in I_1$ and $F(P(i)) = F(P(\sigma i)) = \tilde{P}(\tilde{i})$ if $i \in I_2$, where \tilde{i}^\pm are the two vertices of Q_B that correspond to the two copies $\tilde{\rho}(i^\pm)$ of a loop in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$. Thus we obtain

$$F(P_0(\gamma)) = \bigoplus_{i \in I_1} e(\gamma, \rho(i)) (\tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^+) \oplus \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^-)) \oplus \bigoplus_{i \in I_2} (e(\gamma, \rho(i)) + e(\gamma, \rho(\sigma i))) \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}).$$

Note that the coefficient $e(\gamma, \rho(i))$ in the first direct sum is equal to $\sum_{i' \in G_i} e(\gamma, \rho(i'))$, since $\sigma i = i$ in this case, and the coefficient $e(\gamma, \rho(i)) + e(\gamma, \rho(\sigma i))$ in the second direct sum is equal to $\sum_{i' \in G_i} e(\gamma, \rho(i'))$. Therefore equation (6.1) implies

$$F(P_0(\gamma)) = \bigoplus_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{I}_1} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma}' \in G\tilde{\gamma}} e(\tilde{\gamma}', \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) (\tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^+) \oplus \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^-)) \oplus \bigoplus_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{I}_2} \sum_{\tilde{\gamma}' \in G\tilde{\gamma}} e(\tilde{\gamma}', \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}), \quad (6.3)$$

where $\tilde{I}_1 \sqcup \tilde{I}_2$ is a complete set of representatives of the G orbits in the vertex set of Q_B such that \tilde{I}_1 contains the vertices that are not fixed by σ and \tilde{I}_2 contains the vertices that are fixed by σ .

Suppose first that $\tilde{\gamma}$ is not a loop. Then its orbit $G\tilde{\gamma}$ only contains $\tilde{\gamma}$ and thus equation (6.3) becomes

$$F(P_0(\gamma)) = \bigoplus_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{I}_1} e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) (\tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^+) \oplus \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^-)) \oplus \bigoplus_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{I}_2} e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}),$$

which can be written as

$$F(P_0(\gamma)) = \bigoplus_i e(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}) = \tilde{P}_0(\tilde{\gamma}), \quad (6.4)$$

where the sum is over all vertices of the quiver of B .

On the other hand, if $\tilde{\gamma} = (h, h)$ is a loop, then $G\tilde{\gamma}$ contains two arcs $(h, h)^+$ and $(h, h)^-$. Then equation (6.3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} F(P_0(\gamma)) &= \bigoplus_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{I}_1} \left(e((h, h)^+, \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) + e((h, h)^-, \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) \right) \left(\tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^+) \oplus \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}^-) \right) \\ &\oplus \bigoplus_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{I}_2} 2e((h, h), \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{i})) \tilde{P}(\tilde{i}), \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$F(P_0(\gamma)) = \tilde{P}_0((h, h)^+) \oplus \tilde{P}_0((h, h)^-). \quad (6.5)$$

The analogous computation for $P_1(\gamma)$ together with equation (6.2) yields

$$F(P_1(\gamma)) = \begin{cases} \tilde{P}_1(\tilde{\gamma}) & \text{if } \tilde{\gamma} \text{ is not a loop;} \\ \tilde{P}_1((h, h)^+) \oplus \tilde{P}_1((h, h)^-) & \text{if } \tilde{\gamma} = (h, h) \text{ is a loop.} \end{cases} \quad (6.6)$$

To complete the proof of the theorem, we define $\tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}} = F(f_{\gamma})$. Then $\text{coker } \tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}} = F(\text{coker } f_{\gamma})$, since F is an exact functor. In particular, $\text{coker } \tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ is a non-projective syzygy, by Proposition 2.9 (a), and the projective presentation in Theorem 4.7 is mapped under F to a projective presentation of $\text{coker } \tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}$. Therefore the functor Ψ is well-defined. The statement that Ψ is an equivalence of categories follows from Theorem 5.2, using the fact that the algebras AG and B are Morita equivalent.

It remains to prove the three equations in the statement of the theorem. The first equation follows from the corresponding equation in Theorem 4.7, because the exact functor F maps the radical of the projective $P(i)$ to the radical of the projective $F(P(i))$. The last two equations follow from the corresponding equations in Theorem 4.7 together with Proposition 2.9, which says that the induction functor F commutes with the syzygy operator Ω . \square

6.4. Applications

We immediately obtain the following consequences of our results. The statements appearing below are analogous to the ones shown for dimer tree algebras in Corollary 4.8.

We begin by defining the weight of the algebra B . Recall that the quiver Q_B of B is obtained from a quiver Q^0 of a dimer tree algebra by replacing a boundary arrow $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ in Q^0 with two arrows $\alpha^-: i^- \rightarrow j^-$ and $\alpha^+: i^+ \rightarrow j^+$ and each arrow β in Q^0 starting or ending at i or j by two arrows β^+ and β^- starting or ending at i^+, i^- or j^+, j^- .

Definition 6.6. Let B be a skew group algebra of a dimer tree algebra.

(a) For every boundary arrow $\beta \neq \alpha$ in Q^0 , we define its unique *skew cycle path* to be $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\beta) = \beta_1\beta_2 \cdots \beta_{\ell(\beta)}$ in Q^0 , where

- (i) $\beta_1 = \beta$ and $\beta_{\ell(\beta)}$ are boundary arrows in Q^0 different from α , and each of $\beta_2, \dots, \beta_{\ell(\beta)-1}$ is an interior arrow or the arrow α ,
- (ii) every subpath of length two $\beta_i\beta_{i+1}$ is a subpath of a chordless cycle C_i in Q^0 , and $C_i = C_j$ if and only if $j = i + 1$ and $\beta_{i+1} = \alpha$.

(b) The *weight* $\tilde{w}(\beta)$ of the boundary arrow β is defined as

$$\tilde{w}(\beta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the length of } \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\beta) \text{ is odd;} \\ 2 & \text{if the length of } \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\beta) \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

(c) The *total weight* of B is defined as $\sum_{\beta} \tilde{w}(\beta)$, where the sum is over all boundary arrows of Q^0 different from α .

Note that the skew cycle path $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\beta)$ coincides with the cycle path $\mathbf{c}(\beta)$ unless $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\beta)$ ends in the arrow α in which case $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\beta) = \mathbf{c}(\beta)\mathbf{c}(\alpha)$. Recall that cycle paths for dimer tree algebras correspond to moving clockwise around the unshaded regions of the checkerboard polygon. Similarly, the skew cycle paths correspond to moving clockwise around the unshaded regions in the punctured polygon. Moreover, the weight $\tilde{w}(\beta)$ equals the weight of the corresponding arrow in the quiver Q_A . This implies that the total weight of the algebra B is half the total weight of A .

Corollary 6.7. (a) The category $\underline{\text{CMP}} B$ is equivalent to the 2-cluster category of type $\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}$. In particular, the number of indecomposable syzygies is $N(N+1)/2$.

(b) The total weight of B is a derived invariant.

(c) The projective resolution of any syzygy is periodic of period N or $2N$. An indecomposable syzygy $M_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ has period $2N$ if and only if the corresponding 2-diagonal $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a loop in \mathcal{P} and $(N+1)/2$ is odd.

(d) The indecomposable syzygies over B are rigid B -modules.

(e) Let L, M be indecomposable syzygies over B . Then the dimension of $\text{Ext}_B^1(L, M) \oplus \text{Ext}_B^1(M, L)$ is equal to the sum of the two crossing numbers between the corresponding 2-arcs. In particular, the dimension is either 0, 1, or 2.

(f) Let τ denote the Auslander-Reiten translation in $\text{mod } B$ and ν the Nakayama functor. We denote the stable cosyzygy category by $\underline{\text{CMI}} B$. The following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\text{CMP}} B & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \underline{\text{CMI}} B \\ \text{cok } \tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{ker } \nu \tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}} \\ \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) & \xrightarrow{1} & \text{Arc}(\mathcal{P}) \end{array}$$

Proof. (a) Since B is the basic algebra of AG then the two categories are equivalent by Theorem 5.1. The Auslander-Reiten quiver of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{D}_{(N+1)/2}}^2$ has $(N+1)/2$ τ -orbits each of cardinality N . Thus there are $N(N+1)/2$ indecomposable objects.

(b) The weight of B equals N , the size of the punctured polygon. By part (a), the integer N determines the syzygy category of B up to equivalence. Now the statement follows because derived equivalent algebras have equivalent singularity categories.

(c) By definition of R if a 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$ is not a loop then $R^N \tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{\gamma}$. Moreover, if $\tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\pm$ is a loop then $R^N \tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{\gamma}$ whenever $(N+1)/2$ even, and since N is odd then $R^N \tilde{\gamma} = (i, i)^\mp$ whenever $(N+1)/2$ is odd. Hence, only in the latter case the period of $\tilde{\gamma}$ is $2N$ under R , while in all other cases it is N . By Theorem 6.5 the rotation R on the 2-arcs corresponds to the syzygy functor Ω on $\underline{\text{CMP}} B$, which shows (c).

(d) Let M be an indecomposable syzygy over B . Under the equivalence of categories in Theorem 5.1, M corresponds to a 2-arc in $\text{Arc}(\mathcal{P})$ which, because of Proposition 6.2, is a rigid object in $\underline{\text{CMP}} B$. Thus M is rigid in $\text{mod } B$, as $\underline{\text{CMP}} B$ is an extension closed subcategory of $\text{mod } B$ by [32, Proposition 2.3].

(e) This follows from the equivalences in Theorem 5.1 and Proposition 6.2, together with the fact that $\underline{\text{CMP}} B$ is an extension closed subcategory of $\text{mod } B$ as above.

(f) The proof here is analogous to the one for Corollary 4.8(f) given in [32]. \square

A module $M \in \text{mod } A$ is said to be τ -rigid if $\text{Hom}_A(M, \tau M) = 0$. Note that a τ -rigid module is rigid, and we know that indecomposable syzygies over algebras of finite Cohen-Macaulay type are rigid. Moreover, in [32] we conjecture that indecomposable syzygies over dimer tree algebras are τ -rigid and reachable. In particular, this would imply that they correspond to cluster variables in the cluster algebra of Q . It is natural to ask how this property behaves by passing to the skew group algebra of a dimer tree algebra, thus we make the following observation.

Proposition 6.8. *The module $M \oplus \sigma M$ is τ -rigid in $\text{mod } A$ if and only if the induced module FM is τ -rigid in $\text{mod } AG$.*

Proof. Consider the following

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{AG}(FM, \tau FM) &\cong \text{Hom}_{AG}(FM, F(\tau M)) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, HF(\tau M)) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(M, \tau M \oplus \sigma \tau M) \end{aligned}$$

where the first isomorphism follows from Proposition 2.8, the second isomorphism from the adjointness of H and F , and the third from Proposition 2.7. Since σ is an automorphism of A of order 2, we also get that the right hand side is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_A(\sigma M, \sigma \tau M \oplus \tau M)$. This shows the proposition. \square

Note that for an indecomposable syzygy M , we know from the geometric model that $M \oplus \sigma M$ is rigid, so again it is natural to make the following conjecture.

Conjecture 6.9. *If M is an indecomposable syzygy then $M \oplus \sigma M$ is τ -rigid.*

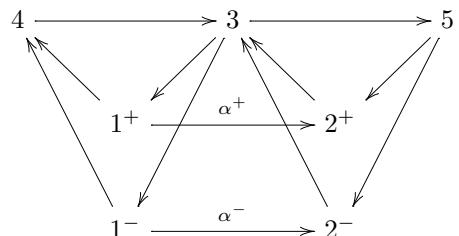
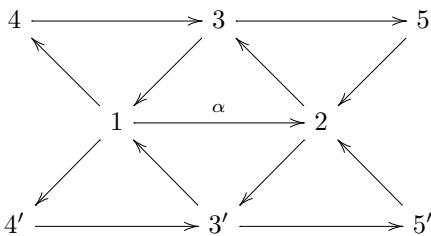
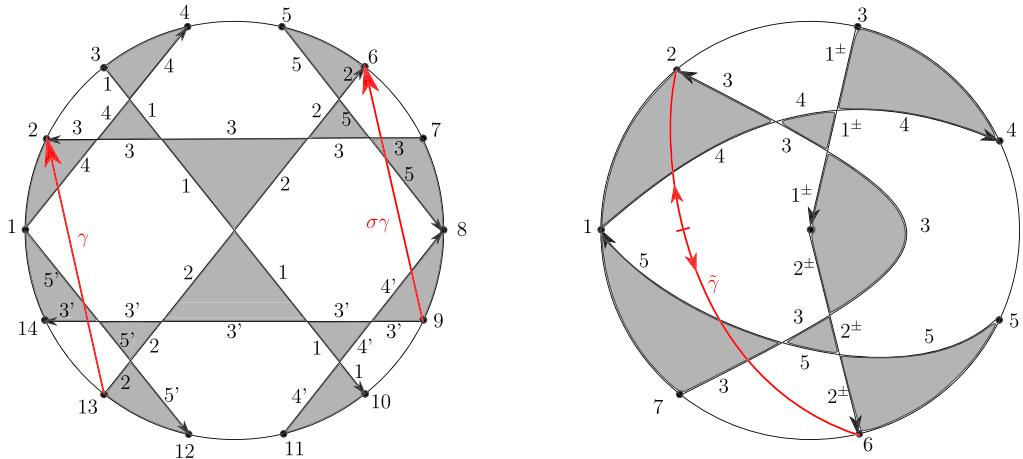
7. Examples

7.1. Example with detailed computations

The left picture below shows the checkerboard polygon \mathcal{S} as well as the quiver of the corresponding dimer tree algebra A . The right picture shows the checkerboard punctured polygon \mathcal{P} and the quiver of the skew group algebra $B = \overline{e} A G \overline{e}$. The orientations of the radical lines are indicated by arrows in both pictures.

In the left picture there are two red⁵ 2-diagonals labeled γ and $\sigma\gamma$. The 2-diagonal γ crosses the radical lines $\rho(4)$ and $\rho(5')$ from right to left and γ crosses $\rho(3')$ from left to right. Thus the corresponding syzygy $\Phi(\gamma) \in \underline{\text{CMP}} A$ is the cokernel of a map $P(4) \oplus P(5') \rightarrow P(3')$. Hence $\Phi(\gamma) = \begin{smallmatrix} 3' \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}$.

On the right hand side, the 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$ crosses the radical lines $\tilde{\rho}(4)$ and $\tilde{\rho}(5)$ from right to left and $\tilde{\gamma}$ crosses $\tilde{\rho}(3)$ from left to right. Thus the corresponding syzygy $\Psi(\tilde{\gamma}) \in \underline{\text{CMP}} B$ is the cokernel of a map $\tilde{P}(4) \oplus \tilde{P}(5) \rightarrow \tilde{P}(3)$. Hence $\Psi(\tilde{\gamma}) = \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 1^+ 1^- \end{smallmatrix}$.



⁵ For interpretation of the colors, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.

To illustrate the correspondence between the projective resolutions over A and B we specify them below. Each morphism in these resolutions is of the form f_γ or $\tilde{f}_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ for some 2-diagonal γ in \mathcal{S} or a 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$ in \mathcal{P} . The label on top of the arrows below indicate these γ and $\tilde{\gamma}$. The projective resolutions are periodic and we illustrate one period.

7.1.1. Projective resolution of the radical of $P(5)$

Over the algebra A , the radical of $P(5)$ corresponds to the 2-diagonal $(5, 8)$ in the 14-gon \mathcal{S} . Over the algebra B , the radical of $P(5)$ corresponds to the 2-arc $(5, 1)$ in the punctured 7-gon \mathcal{P} . The projective resolutions are given by the rotation orbit of $(5, 8)$ in \mathcal{S} and of $(5, 1)$ in \mathcal{P} . In particular the period of the resolution is 14 over A and 7 over B . Thus over A we have $\Omega_A^{14}(\text{rad } P(5)) = \text{rad } P(5)$, and over B we have $\Omega_B^7(\text{rad } P(5)) = \text{rad } P(5)$. We point out that $\Omega_A^7(\text{rad } P(5)) = \text{rad } P(\sigma 5)$. The top two rows below together form the resolution over A . The second row is the image of the first row under σ . The third row is the corresponding resolution over B . It is obtained from the first row by replacing $P(i')$ by $P(i)$, for $i = 3, 4, 5$, replacing $P(i)$ by $P(i^+) \oplus P(i^-)$ for $i = 1, 2$, and reducing the arrow labels modulo 7. In order to keep it short we use the notation $P(i^\pm) = P(i^+) \oplus P(i^-)$, for $i = 1, 2$.

$$P(5') \xrightarrow{(10,13)} P(4') \xrightarrow{(9,12)} P(1) \xrightarrow{(8,11)} P(3') \xrightarrow{(7,10)} P(4') \oplus P(5) \xrightarrow{(6,9)} P(3) \xrightarrow{(5,8)} P(2) \xrightarrow{(4,7)} \text{rad } P(5) \rightarrow 0$$

$$P(5) \xrightarrow{(3,6)} P(4) \xrightarrow{(2,5)} P(1) \xrightarrow{(1,4)} P(3) \xrightarrow{(14,3)} P(4) \oplus P(5') \xrightarrow{(13,2)} P(3') \xrightarrow{(12,1)} P(2) \xrightarrow{(11,14)} P(5')$$

$$P(5) \xrightarrow{(3,6)} P(4) \xrightarrow{(2,5)} P(1^\pm) \xrightarrow{(1,4)} P(3) \xrightarrow{(7,3)} P(4) \oplus P(5) \xrightarrow{(6,2)} P(3) \xrightarrow{(5,1)} P(2^\pm) \xrightarrow{(4,7)} \text{rad } P(5) \rightarrow 0$$

7.1.2. Projective resolution of the radical of $P(3)$

The radical of $P(3)$ corresponds to the 2-diagonal $(2, 7)$ in the 14-gon \mathcal{S} over the algebra A and to the 2-arc $(2, 7)$ in the punctured 7-gon \mathcal{P} over the algebra B . The projective resolutions are given by the rotation orbits of these curves in \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{P} . Again, the period of the resolution is 14 over A and 7 over B . The top two rows below is the resolution over A and the bottom row is the corresponding resolution over B . Note that the correspondence between the resolutions is exactly as in 7.1.1.

$$P(3') \xrightarrow{(7,12)} P(1) \oplus P(5) \xrightarrow{(6,11)} P(3) \oplus P(3') \xrightarrow{(5,10)} P(4') \oplus P(2) \xrightarrow{(4,9)} P(3) \xrightarrow{(3,8)} P(4) \oplus P(2) \xrightarrow{(2,7)} P(1) \oplus P(5) \xrightarrow{(1,6)} \text{rad } P(3) \rightarrow 0$$

$$P(3) \xrightarrow{(14,5)} P(1) \oplus P(5') \xrightarrow{(13,4)} P(3') \oplus P(3) \xrightarrow{(12,3)} P(4) \oplus P(2) \xrightarrow{(11,2)} P(3') \xrightarrow{(10,1)} P(4') \oplus P(2) \xrightarrow{(9,14)} P(1) \oplus P(5') \xrightarrow{(8,13)} P(3')$$

$$P(3) \xrightarrow{(7,5)} P(1^\pm) \oplus P(5) \xrightarrow{(6,4)} P(3) \oplus P(3) \xrightarrow{(5,3)} P(4) \oplus P(2^\pm) \xrightarrow{(4,2)} P(3) \xrightarrow{(3,1)} P(4) \oplus P(2^\pm) \xrightarrow{(2,7)} P(1^\pm) \oplus P(5) \xrightarrow{(1,6)} \text{rad } P(3) \rightarrow 0$$

7.1.3. Projective resolution of the radicals of $P(1)$ and $P(1^+)$

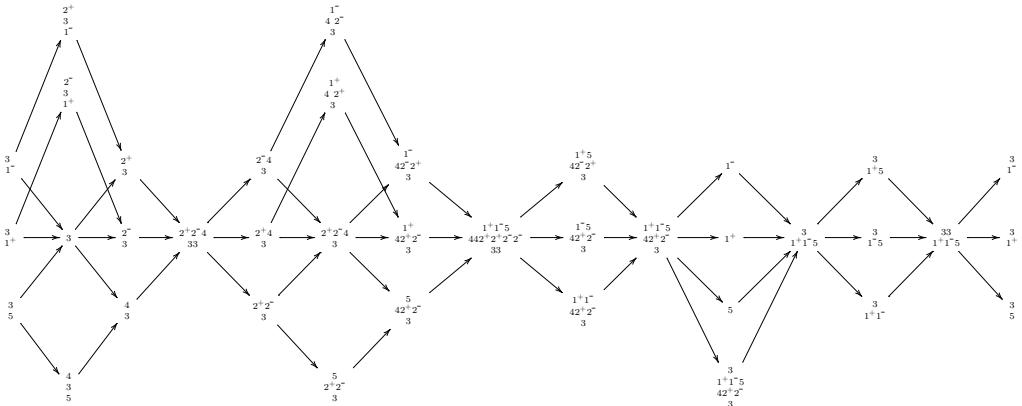
The radical of $P(1)$ over the algebra A corresponds to the 2-diagonal $(3, 10)$ in the 14-gon \mathcal{S} . This is different from the previous cases because $(3, 10)$ is a diameter in \mathcal{S} and therefore it is fixed under $\sigma = \Omega^7$. Therefore the projective resolution of $\text{rad } P(1)$ has period 7. Over the algebra B , there are two corresponding vertices $1^+, 1^-$ and the projective resolutions of the radicals of $P(1^+)$ and $P(1^-)$ are symmetric. The radical of $P(1^+)$ corresponds to the loop $(3, 3)^+$ in the punctured 7-gon \mathcal{P} . The syzygy functor Ω acts on loops by moving the boundary endpoint to its clockwise neighbor (note that it doesn't change the sign since $(N + 1)/2 = 4$ is even). Therefore the period of the projective resolution is 7 over B . The top row below is the resolution over A and the bottom two rows are the corresponding resolution over B . The bottom row is obtained from the top row by removing $P(i')$ for $i = 3, 4, 5$ and replacing $P(i)$ by $P(i^+)$ or $P(i^-)$, for $i = 1, 2$.

$$P(1) \xrightarrow{(8,1)} P(2) \xrightarrow{(7,14)} P(5) \oplus P(5') \xrightarrow{P(1) \oplus} P(3) \oplus P(3') \xrightarrow{(5,12)} P(1) \oplus P(2) \xrightarrow{(4,11)} P(3) \oplus P(3') \xrightarrow{(3,10)} P(2) \oplus P(4) \xrightarrow{(2,9)} \text{rad } P(1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$P(1^+) \xrightarrow{(1,1)^+} P(2^-) \xrightarrow{(7,7)^+} P(1^+ \oplus P(5)) \xrightarrow{(6,6)^+} P(3) \xrightarrow{(5,5)^+} P(1^+) \oplus P(2^-) \xrightarrow{(4,4)^+} P(3) \xrightarrow{(3,3)^+} P(2^+ \oplus P(4)) \xrightarrow{(2,2)^+} \text{rad } P(1^+) \rightarrow 0$$

7.1.4. Auslander-Reiten quiver of CMP B

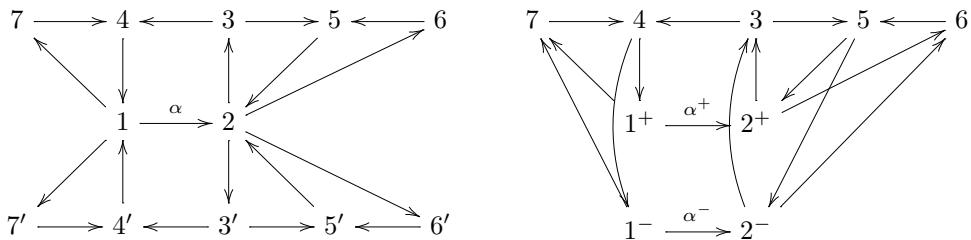
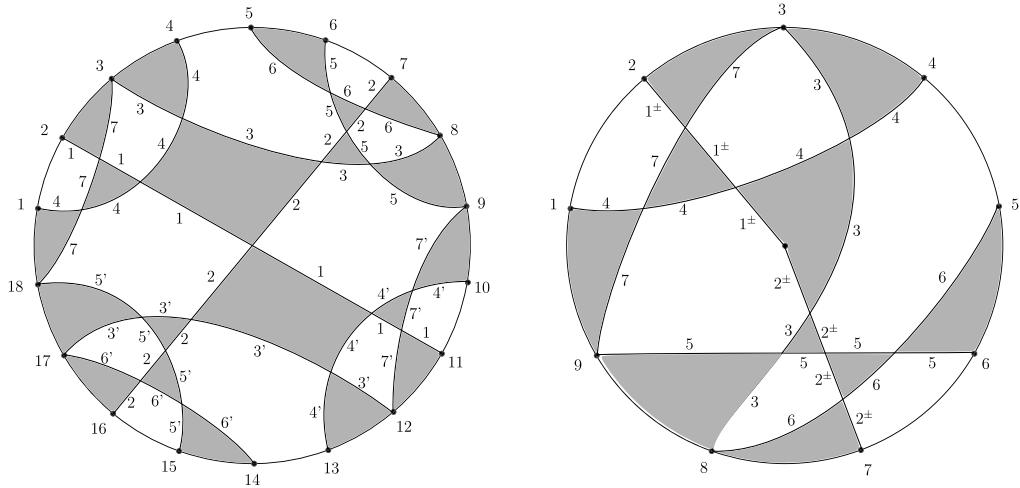
To complete our study of Example 7.1, we give the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the syzygy category $\text{CMP } B$.



7.2. Example

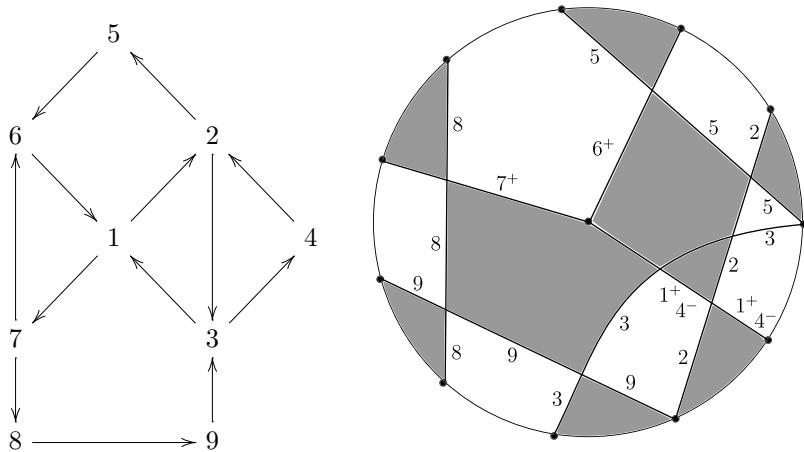
This example is less symmetric than the previous one. The left picture below shows the checkerboard polygon \mathcal{S} as well as the quiver of a dimer tree algebra A . The right

picture shows the checkerboard punctured polygon \mathcal{P} and the quiver of the skew group algebra $B = \overline{e} A G \overline{e}$.



7.3. Algebra of syzygy type \mathbb{D} that is not a skew group algebra

Let B be the Jacobian algebra of the following quiver where the potential is given by the sum of all chordless cycles. Note that B is not a skew group algebra of a dimer tree algebra. Nevertheless, by directly computing the syzygy category of B we obtain that it is a 2-cluster category of type \mathbb{D}_6 , so it can be modeled by punctured polygon of size 11. In the polygon we can place arcs corresponding to radicals of projective modules and obtain a checkerboard pattern shown below, where shaded regions together with the arcs attached to the puncture with the same sign give chordless cycles in the quiver. Moreover, as in the previous examples, the projective presentation of an indecomposable syzygy $M_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ is given by intersection patterns of the 2-arc $\tilde{\gamma}$ with the arcs of the checkerboard polygon.



7.4. Application to dimer models

In [33, Figure 2], we explained in an example how to associate a consistent dimer model to every dimer tree algebra. This is done by embedding the checkerboard polygon into a unique alternating strand diagram on a slightly larger disk. The mutable part of the quiver of the alternating strand diagram is equal to the twist of the quiver of the dimer tree algebra in the sense of Bocklandt [12]. It is natural to ask what happens to the dimer model under the action of G . A similar situation was studied recently by Baur, Pasquali and Velasco in [11], who construct orbifold diagrams using a rotation action on an alternating strand diagram on a polygon. The situation here is similar but not the same. The reason is that our rotation σ does not preserve the orientation of the diameters.

In the example in Fig. 9, we show how this correspondence behaves under the G -action. Let A denote the dimer tree algebra from the example in section 7.2. Then the top right picture in Fig. 9 shows the alternating strand diagram that contains the checkerboard polygon of A . The top left picture shows the quiver \tilde{Q} of the corresponding dimer model; its vertices correspond to the white regions in the polygon, two vertices are connected by an arrow if the corresponding regions share a vertex, and the direction of the arrow is determined by the orientation of the strands in the polygon. The vertices corresponding to the boundary regions are called frozen vertices and the remaining vertices $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7', 4', 5', 6', 7'$ are called mutable vertices. The full subquiver of \tilde{Q} on the mutable vertices is called the twist of the quiver Q of the dimer tree algebra A .

Note that in this polygon the action of σ is given by a rotation by angle π as indicated by the labels of the white regions and the vertices. This symmetry induces a symmetry on the twisted quiver as well, but it reverses the direction of the arrows.

The bottom right picture in Fig. 9 shows the resulting strand diagram on the punctured polygon obtained by the rotational symmetry. In order to reconcile the problem that σ does not preserve the orientations, we add the so-called rift in the punctured

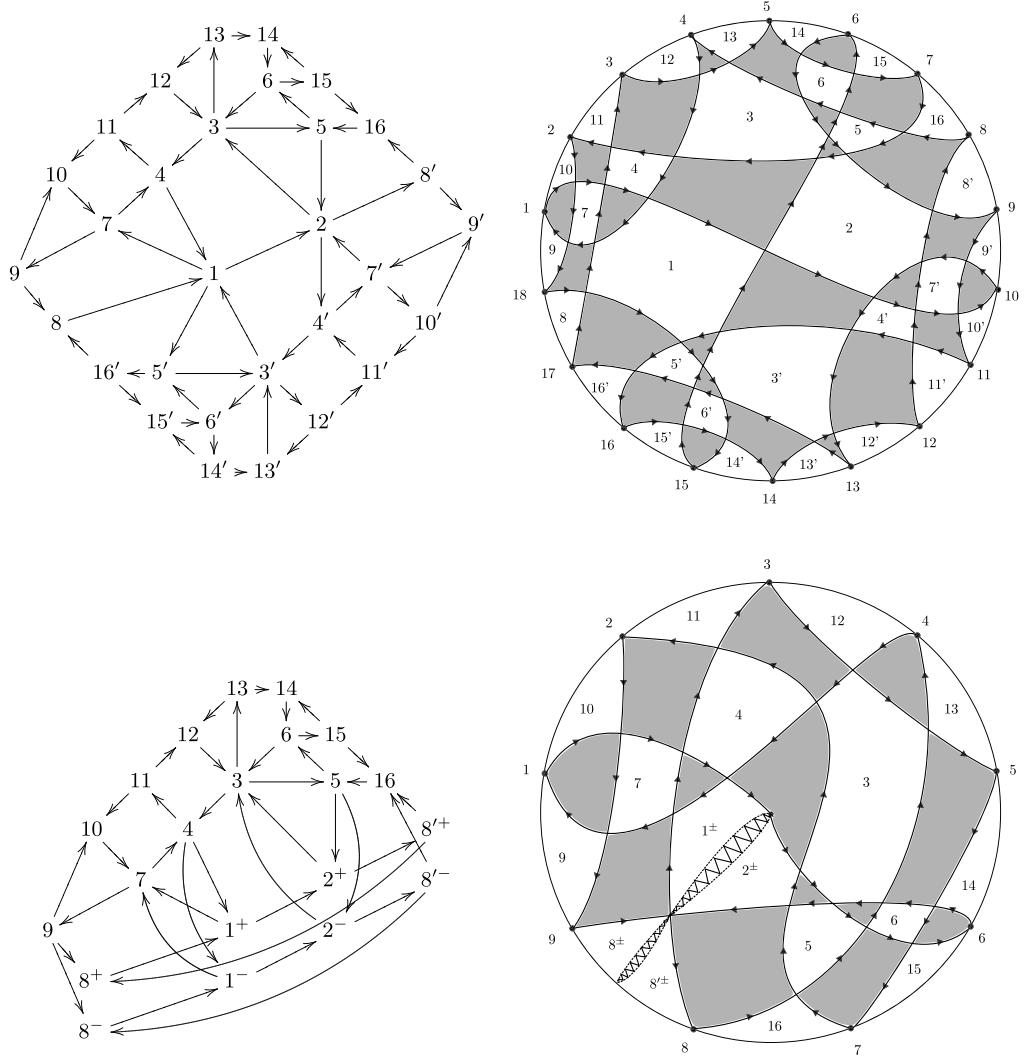


Fig. 9. The dimer models of the example in section 7.2.

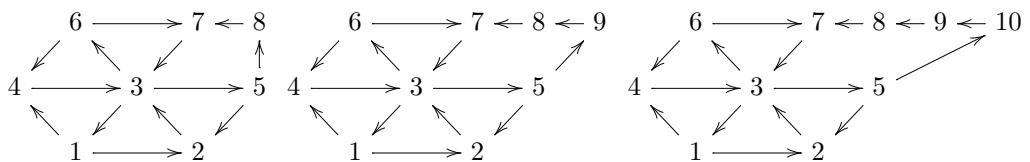
polygon that goes from the puncture to the boundary segment between vertices 8 and 9. Thus, the white regions with labels 1,2,8, 8' in the polygon give white regions with labels $1^\pm, 2^\pm, 8^\pm, 8'^\pm$ in the punctured polygon with rift. The rift allows us to orient strands such that each strand that passes through the rift changes orientation, which ensures that the boundary of white regions is alternating and the boundary of shaded regions is oriented.

One may want to associate a quiver to this dimer model which is shown on the bottom left, where the rift behaves in a similar way as the boundary. Note that this quiver is almost the one corresponding to the G -action on the quiver \tilde{Q} , except that we also have arrows $8^\pm \rightarrow 8'^\pm$.

Remark 7.1. There are strong connections between dimer models on a disk and Cohen-Macaulay categories, see [8,27]. In particular, a consistent dimer model on a disk yields a quiver Q and the associated Jacobian algebra A_Q , with frozen vertices coming from the boundary regions of the dimer model. Let e be the sum of the primitive idempotents associated to the frozen vertices, then eA_Qe is called the boundary algebra of A_Q . It is known that the Cohen-Macaulay category of the boundary algebra is 2-Calabi-Yau. Moreover, it is a 1-cluster category that provides an additive categorification of cluster algebras coming from coordinate rings of (open) positroid varieties. On the other hand we are studying something different here, because for certain dimer models we are considering the Cohen-Macaulay category of the dimer tree algebra $A_Q/\langle e \rangle$ obtained by removing the frozen vertices, and show that it is a 2-cluster category of type \mathbb{A}_r . The rank r of the category is related to $2(r+2)$ marked points on the boundary of the disk of the dimer model.

7.5. Algebras of syzygy type \mathbb{E}

It is natural to ask if there are 2-Calabi-Yau tilted algebras that are of syzygy type \mathbb{E}_n , with $n = 6, 7, 8$. We give here three examples. The Jacobian algebras of the following quivers with the potential given by the sum of the chordless cycles have syzygy categories of types $\mathbb{E}_6, \mathbb{E}_7, \mathbb{E}_8$ respectively. Observe that moving from left to right we increase the length of the chordless cycle at the top right by adding a vertex. Moreover, if this chordless where to have length three, that is the quiver would be a collection of six 3-cycles joined together at an interior vertex, then it would be the same quiver as shown in Example 7.1 on the right whose corresponding syzygy category is of type \mathbb{D}_4 . These examples were checked by computer using the QPA package in [19].



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No data was used for the research described in the article.

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