

# ON THE DECOMPOSITION OF THE HOCHSCHILD COHOMOLOGY GROUP OF A MONOMIAL ALGEBRA SATISFYING A SEPARABILITY CONDITION

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ABSTRACT. This paper is based on [14]. In this paper, we consider the finite connected quiver  $Q$  having two subquivers  $Q^{(1)}$  and  $Q^{(2)}$  with  $Q = Q^{(1)} \cup Q^{(2)} = (Q_0^{(1)} \cup Q_0^{(2)}, Q_1^{(1)} \cup Q_1^{(2)})$ . Suppose that  $Q^{(i)}$  is not a subquiver of  $Q^{(j)}$  where  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ . For a monomial algebra  $\Lambda = kQ/I$  obtained by the quiver  $Q$ , when the set  $AP(n)$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) of overlaps constructed inductively by linking generators of  $I$  satisfies a certain separability condition, we propose the method so that we easily construct a minimal projective resolution of  $\Lambda$  as a right  $\Lambda^e$ -module and calculate the Hochschild cohomology group of  $\Lambda$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

For a finite-dimensional algebra  $A$  over a field  $k$ , the Hochschild cohomology groups  $\mathrm{HH}^n(A)$  of  $A$  is defined by

$$\mathrm{HH}^n(A) := \mathrm{Ext}_{A^e}^n(A, A) \quad (n \geq 0),$$

where  $A^e := A^{\mathrm{op}} \otimes_k A$  is the enveloping algebra of  $A$ . Note that there is a natural one to one correspondence between the family of  $A$ - $A$ -bimodules and that of right  $A^e$ -modules. Moreover, the Hochschild cohomology rings  $\mathrm{HH}^*(A)$  of  $A$  is the graded algebra defined by

$$\mathrm{HH}^*(A) := \mathrm{Ext}_{A^e}^*(A, A) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathrm{Ext}_{A^e}^i(A, A)$$

with the Yoneda product.

The low-dimensional Hochschild cohomology groups are described as follows:

- $\mathrm{HH}^0(A) = Z(A)$  is the center of  $A$ .
- $\mathrm{HH}^1(A)$  is the space of derivations modulo the inner derivations. A derivation is a  $k$ -linear map  $f : A \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(ab) = af(b) + f(a)b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ . A derivation  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is an inner derivation if there is some  $x \in A$  such that  $f(a) = ax - xa$  for all  $a \in A$ .

One important property of Hochschild cohomology is its invariance under Morita equivalence, stable equivalence of Morita type and derived equivalence.

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Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field and  $Q$  a finite connected quiver. Then  $kQ$  denotes the path algebra of  $Q$  over  $k$  in this paper. Let  $I$  be an admissible ideal of  $kQ$ . If  $I$  is generated by a finite number of paths in  $Q$ , then  $I$  is called a monomial ideal and  $\Lambda := kQ/I$  a monomial algebra. For a finite-dimensional monomial algebra  $\Lambda = kQ/I$ , using a certain set  $AP(n)$  of overlaps constructed inductively by linking generators of  $I$ , Bardzell gave a minimal projective  $\Lambda^e$ -resolution  $(P_\bullet, \phi_\bullet)$  of  $\Lambda$  in [3] (so called Bardzell's resolution). By using Bardzell's resolution, the Hochschild cohomology of monomial algebras are studied in the following papers [11], [12], [9], etc.

In general, it is not easy to calculate the Hochschild cohomology of a finite-dimensional algebra. In order to calculate the Hochschild cohomology groups of a quiver algebra, can we use calculations of the Hochschild cohomology groups of quiver algebras obtained by subquivers of the original quiver?

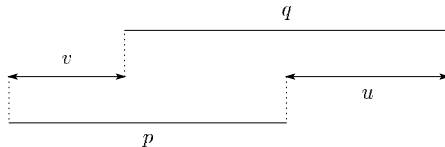
In this paper, for a finite-dimensional monomial algebra  $\Lambda$ , we propose a method so that we easily calculate the Hochschild cohomology groups of  $\Lambda$  under some conditions. Let  $Q$  be a finite connected quiver and  $Q^{(i)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) a subquiver of  $Q$  such that  $Q = Q^{(1)} \cup Q^{(2)} = (Q_0^{(1)} \cup Q_0^{(2)}, Q_1^{(1)} \cup Q_1^{(2)})$ . Let  $I^{(1)} = \langle X \rangle$  (resp.  $I^{(2)} = \langle Y \rangle$ ) be a monomial ideal of  $kQ^{(1)}$  (resp.  $kQ^{(2)}$ ) for  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ ) a set of paths of  $kQ^{(1)}$  (resp.  $kQ^{(2)}$ ) and  $I = \langle X, Y \rangle$  a monomial ideal of  $kQ$ . We assume that  $I$  and  $I^{(i)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are admissible ideals. Then we define  $\Lambda = kQ/I$ ,  $\Lambda_{(1)} = kQ^{(1)}/I^{(1)}$  and  $\Lambda_{(2)} = kQ^{(2)}/I^{(2)}$ . Hence  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda_{(i)}$  are finite-dimensional monomial algebras for  $i = 1, 2$ . For the monomial algebra  $\Lambda$ , under a *separability condition* (i.e.  $Q_1^{(1)} \cap Q_1^{(2)} = \emptyset$ ), we investigate the minimal projective  $\Lambda^e$ -module resolution of  $\Lambda$  given by Bardzell ([3]). Moreover, under an additional condition, we show that, for  $n \geq 2$ , the Hochschild cohomology group  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda)$  of  $\Lambda$  is isomorphic to the direct sum of the Hochschild cohomology groups  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(1)})$  and  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(2)})$ .

Throughout this paper, for all arrows  $a$  of  $Q$ , we denote the origin of  $a$  by  $o(a)$  and the terminus of  $a$  by  $t(a)$ . Also, for simplicity, we denote  $\otimes_k$  by  $\otimes$ .

## 2. THE SET $AP(n)$ OF OVERLAPS AND BARDZELL'S RESOLUTION

**2.1. The set  $AP(n)$  of overlaps.** In this section, following [3] and [11], we will summarize the definition of the set  $AP(n)$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) of overlaps.

**Definition 1.** A path  $q \in kQ$  overlaps a path  $p \in kQ$  with overlap  $pu$  if there exist  $u, v$  such that  $pu = vq$  and  $1 \leq l(u) \leq l(q)$ , where  $l(x)$  denotes the length of a path  $x \in kQ$ . Note that we allow  $l(x) = 0$  here.



A path  $q$  properly overlaps a path  $p$  with overlap  $pu$  if  $q$  overlaps  $p$  and  $l(v) \geq 1$ .

Let  $\Lambda = kQ/I$  be a finite-dimensional monomial algebra where  $I = \langle \rho \rangle$  has a minimal set of generators  $\rho$  of paths of length at least 2.

**Definition 2.** For  $n = 0, 1, 2$ , we set

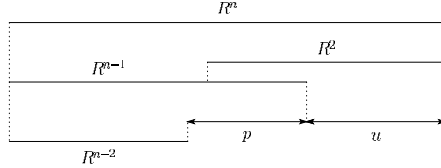
- $AP(0) := Q_0$  (the set of all vertices of  $Q$ );

- $AP(1) := Q_1$  (the set of all arrows of  $Q$ );
- $AP(2) := \rho$ .

For  $n \geq 3$ , we define the set  $AP(n)$  of all overlaps  $R^n$  formed in the following way: We say that  $R^2 \in AP(2)$  maximally overlaps  $R^{n-1} \in AP(n-1)$  with overlap  $R^n = R^{n-1}u$  if

- (1)  $R^{n-1} = R^{n-2}p$  for some path  $p$  and  $R^{n-2} \in AP(n-2)$ ;
- (2)  $R^2$  overlap  $p$  with overlap  $pu$ ;
- (3) there is no element of  $AP(2)$  which overlaps  $p$  with overlap being a proper prefix of  $pu$ .

The construction of the paths in  $AP(n)$  may be illustrated with the following picture of  $R^n$ :



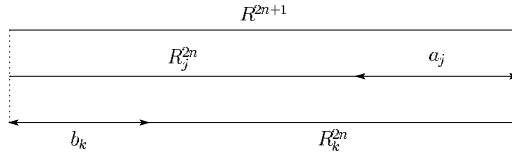
In short, overlaps are constructed by linking generators of an admissible monomial ideal  $I$ . A sequence of those generators of  $I$  is called the associated sequence of paths ([10]).

**2.2. Bardzell's resolution.** For a monomial algebra  $\Lambda = kQ/I$ , by using the set  $AP(n)$ , Bardzell determined a minimal projective  $\Lambda^e$ -resolution  $(P_\bullet, \phi_\bullet)$  of  $\Lambda$  in [3].

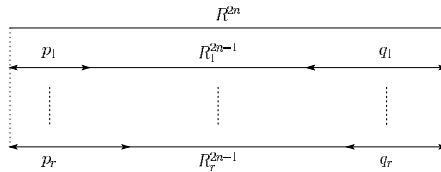
**Definition 3.** Let  $(P_\bullet, \phi_\bullet)$  be the minimal projective  $\Lambda^e$ -resolution of  $\Lambda$  in [3]. Then, for  $n \geq 0$ , we set

$$P_n = \coprod_{R^n \in AP(n)} \Lambda o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n) \Lambda.$$

From [3], if  $R^{2n+1} \in AP(2n+1)$ , then there uniquely exist  $R_j^{2n}, R_k^{2n} \in AP(2n)$  and some paths  $a_j, b_k$  such that  $R^{2n+1} = R_j^{2n}a_j = b_k R_k^{2n}$ .



For even degree elements  $R^{2n} \in AP(2n)$ , there exist  $r \geq 1, R_l^{2n-1} \in AP(2n-1)$  and paths  $p_l, q_l$  for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, r$  such that  $R^{2n} = p_1 R_1^{2n-1} q_1 = \dots = p_r R_r^{2n-1} q_r$ .



*Remark 4.* Note that  $o(R_j^{2n}) \otimes a_j \in \Lambda o(R_j^{2n}) \otimes t(R_j^{2n}) \Lambda$  and  $b_k \otimes t(R_k^{2n}) \in \Lambda o(R_k^{2n}) \otimes t(R_k^{2n}) \Lambda$ . Also, note that  $p_l \otimes q_l \in \Lambda o(R_l^{2n-1}) \otimes t(R_l^{2n-1}) \Lambda$ .

**Definition 5.** The map  $\phi_{2n+1} : P_{2n+1} \longrightarrow P_{2n}$  is given as follows. If  $R^{2n+1} = R_j^{2n} a_j = b_k R_k^{2n} \in AP(2n+1)$ , then

$$o(R^{2n+1}) \otimes t(R^{2n+1}) \longmapsto o(R_j^{2n}) \otimes a_j - b_k \otimes t(R_k^{2n}).$$

The map  $\phi_{2n} : P_{2n} \longrightarrow P_{2n-1}$  is given as follows. If  $R^{2n} = p_1 R_1^{2n-1} q_1 = \cdots = p_r R_r^{2n-1} q_r$ , then

$$o(R^{2n}) \otimes t(R^{2n}) \longmapsto \sum_{l=1}^r p_l \otimes q_l.$$

The following result is the main theorem in [3].

**Bardzell's Theorem** ([3, Theorem 4.1]) Let  $Q$  be a finite quiver, and suppose that  $\Lambda = kQ/I$  is a monomial algebra with an admissible ideal  $I$ . Then the sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\phi_{n+1}} P_n \xrightarrow{\phi_n} \cdots \xrightarrow{\phi_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\pi} \Lambda \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal projective resolution of  $\Lambda$  as a right  $\Lambda^e$ -module, where  $\pi$  is the multiplication map.

### 3. THE DECOMPOSITION OF HOCHSCHILD COHOMOLOGY GROUPS

We recall our setting.

- $Q = Q^{(1)} \cup Q^{(2)}$ ,
- $I^{(1)} = \langle X \rangle$  be a monomial ideal generated by  $X$  a set of paths of  $kQ^{(1)}$ ,
- $I^{(2)} = \langle Y \rangle$  a monomial ideal generated by  $Y$  a set of paths of  $kQ^{(2)}$ ,
- $I = \langle X, Y \rangle$  a monomial ideal of  $kQ$ ,
- $\Lambda = kQ/I$ ,  $\Lambda_{(1)} = kQ^{(1)}/I^{(1)}$ ,  $\Lambda_{(2)} = kQ^{(2)}/I^{(2)}$ : finite-dimensional algebras,
- $AP(2) := X \cup Y$ ,  $AP^{(1)}(2) := X$ ,  $AP^{(2)}(2) := Y$ .

Then, as in the definition of  $AP(n)$  of overlaps, we define  $AP^{(1)}(n)$ ,  $AP^{(2)}(n)$ . Moreover, we define projective  $\Lambda^e$ -modules as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n^{(1)} &= \coprod_{R^n \in AP^{(1)}(n)} \Lambda o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n) \Lambda, \\ P_n^{(2)} &= \coprod_{R^n \in AP^{(2)}(n)} \Lambda o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n) \Lambda, \\ P_n &= \coprod_{R^n \in AP(n)} \Lambda o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n) \Lambda. \end{aligned}$$

To prove our main result, we need the following lemma. As mentioned in Introduction, we consider the *separability condition*  $AP^{(1)}(1) \cap AP^{(2)}(1) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . If we assume  $AP^{(1)}(1) \cap AP^{(2)}(1) = \emptyset$ , then we have the following:*

- (a) For all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $AP(n) = AP^{(1)}(n) \cup AP^{(2)}(n)$ .
- (b) For all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $AP^{(1)}(n) \cap AP^{(2)}(n) = \emptyset$ .

(c) Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $p^n \in AP(n)$ . Then  $R^n$  is a path of  $kQ^{(i)}$  if and only if  $R^n \in AP^{(i)}(n)$ .

By Bardzell's Theorem and Lemma 6, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.** ([14, Proposition 3.2]) *If the condition  $Q_1^{(1)} \cap Q_1^{(2)} = \emptyset$  holds, then, in the following minimal projective resolution of  $\Lambda$ :*

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\phi_{n+1}} P_n \xrightarrow{\phi_n} P_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{\phi_3} P_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\pi} \Lambda \rightarrow 0,$$

for any  $n \geq 1$ ,  $P_n$  is isomorphic to  $P_n^{(1)} \oplus P_n^{(2)}$  as right  $\Lambda^e$ -modules and  $\phi_{n+1} = \phi_{n+1}^{(1)} \oplus \phi_{n+1}^{(2)}$ , where  $\phi_{n+1}^{(i)} : P_{n+1}^{(i)} \rightarrow P_n^{(i)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is the restriction of  $\phi_{n+1}$ .

*Remark 8.* For  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $b_k \in \Lambda_{(i)}o(R_k^{2n})$ ,  $a_j \in t(R_j^{2n})\Lambda_{(i)}$ ,  $p_l \in \Lambda_{(i)}o(R_j^{2n+1})$  and  $q_l \in t(R_l^{2n+1})\Lambda_{(i)}$  actually hold. So, for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\phi_{n+1}^{(i)}$  sends  $\coprod_{R^{n+1} \in AP^{(i)}(n+1)} \Lambda_{(i)}o(R^{n+1}) \otimes t(R^{n+1})\Lambda_{(i)}$  to  $\coprod_{R^n \in AP^{(i)}(n)} \Lambda_{(i)}o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n)\Lambda_{(i)}$  (not just to  $\coprod_{R^n \in AP(n)} \Lambda o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n)\Lambda$ ). Therefore,  $(\coprod_{R^n \in AP^{(i)}(n)} \Lambda_{(i)}o(R^n) \otimes t(R^n)\Lambda_{(i)}; \phi_{n+1}^{(i)})_{n \geq 1}$  is exactly a part of degree  $n \geq 1$  for the minimal projective resolution of  $\Lambda_{(i)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

The following theorem is our main result.

**Theorem 9.** ([14, Theorem 3.3]) *If the condition  $Q_1^{(1)} \cap Q_1^{(2)} = \emptyset$  holds and, for each  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $o(R^n)\Lambda t(R^n) = o(R^n)\Lambda_{(i)}t(R^n)$  holds for any  $n \geq 1$  and any  $R^n \in AP^{(i)}(n)$ , then we have the direct sum decomposition of Hochschild cohomology groups*

$$\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda) \cong \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(1)}) \oplus \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(2)})$$

for any  $n \geq 2$ .

*Remark 10.* For  $n = 0, 1$ , the above equation fails in general (see Example 14 for the case  $n = 1$ ).

If  $Q_0^{(1)} \cap Q_0^{(2)} = \{v_0\}$  and  $v_0\Lambda v_0 = kv_0$ , then we have  $Q_1^{(1)} \cap Q_1^{(2)} = \emptyset$ . Also, by Lemma 6 and Theorem 9, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 11.** ([14, Corollary 3.4]) *In the case  $Q_0^{(1)} \cap Q_0^{(2)} = \{v_0\}$  and  $v_0\Lambda v_0 = kv_0$ , we have the direct sum decomposition of the Hochschild cohomology groups*

$$\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda) \cong \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(1)}) \oplus \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(2)})$$

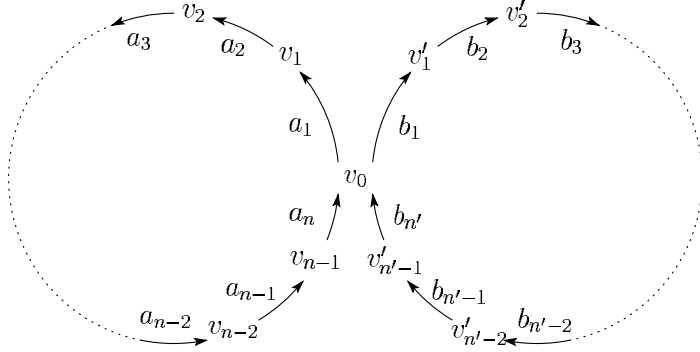
for any  $n \geq 2$ .

*Remark 12.* Hence, for a finite dimensional monomial algebra obtained by linking some quivers bound by monomial relations successively, we can also decompose the Hochschild cohomology groups as in Corollary 11.

#### 4. EXAMPLES

In this section, we give two examples of monomial algebras satisfying the condition  $AP^{(1)}(1) \cap AP^{(2)}(1) = \emptyset$ .

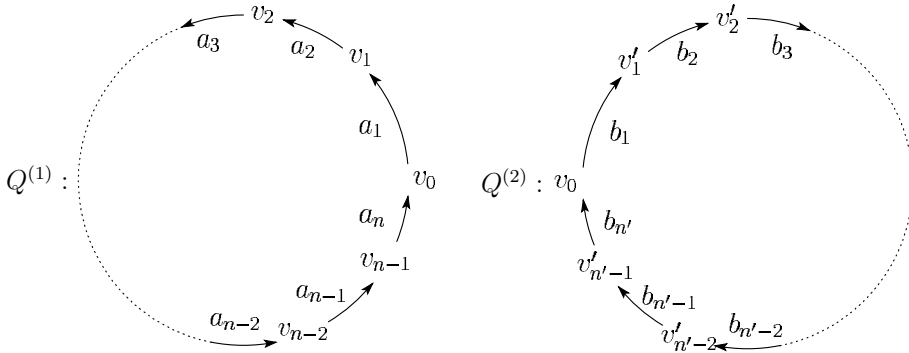
**Example 13.** Let  $Q$  be a quiver



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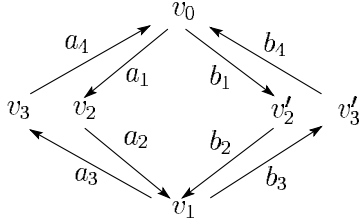
$$I = \langle a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m, a_2 a_3 \cdots a_{m+1}, \dots, a_n a_1 \cdots a_{-n+m+1}, \\ b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{m'}, b_2 b_3 \cdots b_{m'+1}, \dots, b_{n'} b_1 \cdots b_{-n'+m'+1} \rangle$$

for any integers  $m, m' \geq 2$  with  $m \leq n$  and  $m' \leq n'$ . We set the algebra  $\Lambda = kQ/I$ . Let  $Q^{(1)}$  be the subquiver of  $Q$  bound by  $I^{(1)} = \langle a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m, a_2 a_3 \cdots a_{m+1}, \dots, a_n a_1 \cdots a_{-n+m+1} \rangle$  and  $Q^{(2)}$  be the subquiver of  $Q$  bound by  $I^{(2)} = \langle b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{m'}, b_2 b_3 \cdots b_{m'+1}, \dots, b_{n'} b_1 \cdots b_{-n'+m'+1} \rangle$ , where  $Q_0^{(1)} \cap Q_0^{(2)} = \{v_0\}$  and  $Q_1^{(1)} \cap Q_1^{(2)} = \emptyset$ . We set  $\Lambda_{(i)} = kQ^{(i)}/I^{(i)}$



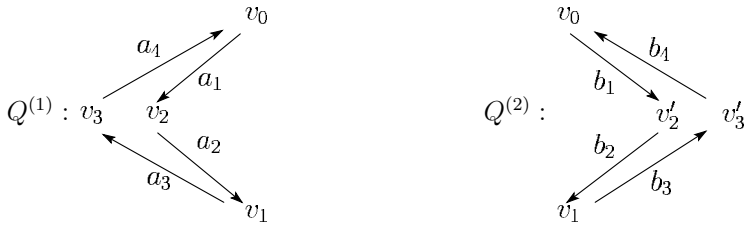
for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then the condition of Corollary 11 is satisfied. Applying Corollary 11, we obtain the direct sum decomposition of the Hochschild cohomology groups  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda) \cong \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(1)}) \oplus \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(2)})$  for any  $n \geq 2$ . Also, since  $\Lambda_{(i)}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is a self-injective Nakayama algebra, we know the dimension of  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(i)})$  from [5, Propositions 4.4, 5.3] for  $i = 1, 2$ , and so we have the dimension of  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda)$  by the decomposition above.

**Example 14.** Let  $Q$  be a quiver



bound by  $I = \langle a_1a_2, a_2a_3, a_3a_4, a_4a_1, b_1b_2, b_2b_3, b_3b_4, b_4b_1 \rangle$ . We set the algebra  $\Lambda = kQ/I$ . Let  $Q^{(1)}$  be the subquiver of  $Q$  bound by  $I^{(1)} = \langle a_1a_2, a_2a_3, a_3a_4, a_4a_1 \rangle$  and  $Q^{(2)}$  be the subquiver of  $Q$  bound by  $I^{(2)} = \langle b_1b_2, b_2b_3, b_3b_4, b_4b_1 \rangle$ , where  $Q_0^{(1)} \cap Q_0^{(2)} = \{v_0, v_1\}$  and  $Q_1^{(1)} \cap Q_1^{(2)} = \emptyset$ .

We set  $\Lambda_{(i)} = kQ^{(i)}/I^{(i)}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $AP^{(1)}(1) \cap AP^{(2)}(1) = \emptyset$  holds and for each  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $o(R^n)\Lambda t(R^n) = o(R^n)\Lambda_{(i)}t(R^n)$  holds for any  $n \geq 1$  and any  $R^n \in AP^{(i)}(n)$ . Applying Theorem 9, we obtain the direct sum decomposition of the Hochschild cohomology groups  $\mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda) \cong \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(1)}) \oplus \mathrm{HH}^n(\Lambda_{(2)})$  for any  $n \geq 2$ .



On the other hand, by direct computations, we have  $\dim_k \mathrm{HH}^1(\Lambda) = 3$  and  $\dim_k \mathrm{HH}^1(\Lambda_{(i)}) = 1$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Hence the above decomposition does not hold for  $n = 1$ .

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