

# QUIVER HEISENBERG ALGEBRAS AND THE ALGEBRA $B(Q)$

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ABSTRACT. This is a report on ongoing joint work with Martin Herschend about quiver Heisenberg algebras (QHA) and the algebra  ${}^vB(Q)$ . In this note, we mainly investigate QHA of Dynkin type. The first main result tells that QHA  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  of Dynkin type is finite dimensional if and only if the weight  $v \in \mathbf{k}Q_0$  is regular (see Definition 1), and moreover that if this is the case,  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is a symmetric algebra. In the case  $\text{char } \mathbf{k} = 0$ , the “if” part of the first statement is proved by Etingof and Rains [10], and the second is verified for a generic weight by Etingof, Latour and Rains [11].

Compare to the preprojective algebras  $\Pi(Q)$  which are only Frobenius in general, QHA  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  can be said to be well-behaved, since they are always symmetric. Making use of this, we investigate silting theory of QHA of Dynkin type. We obtain results which are analogous to the results for  $\Pi(Q)$  by Aihara-Mizuno [3].

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this note  $\mathbf{k}$  is an algebraically closed field and  $Q$  is a finite acyclic quiver. For  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -module  $M$ , the dimension vector  $\underline{\dim} M$  is regarded as an element of  $\mathbf{k}Q_0 = \mathbf{k} \times \cdots \times \mathbf{k}$  (not of  $\mathbb{Z}Q_0$ ).

For an element  $v \in \mathbf{k}Q_0$ , which we call *weight*, we define the *weighted dimension* of  $M$  to be

$${}^v\dim M := \sum_{i \in Q_0} v_i \dim e_i M.$$

**Definition 1.** A weight  $v \in \mathbf{k}Q_0$  is called *regular* if

$${}^v\dim M \neq 0 \quad (\forall M \in \text{ind } Q)$$

*Remark 2.* In the case  $Q$  is Dynkin and  $\text{char } \mathbf{k} = 0$ , the vector space  $\mathbf{k}Q_0$  may be identified with the Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of the semi-simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  corresponding to  $Q$ . By Gabriel’s theorem the dimension vectors of indecomposable  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -modules are precisely the roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , so the regularity given here coincides with that are used by Etingof-Rains [10].

**Example 3.** Let  $Q$  be a directed  $A_3$ -quiver.

$$Q : 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta} 3 .$$

The dimension vectors of indecomposable modules are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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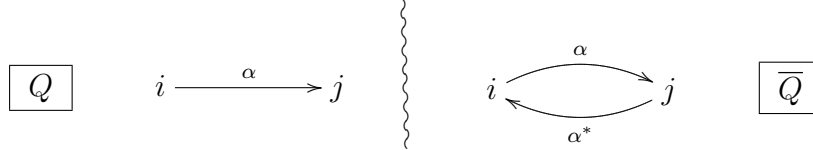
Thus, regularity of a weight  $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3)^t$  is

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 \neq 0, v_2 \neq 0, v_3 \neq 0, \\ v_1 + v_2 \neq 0, v_2 + v_3 \neq 0, v_1 + v_2 + v_3 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Looking the weighted dimension of simple modules  $S_i$  ( $i \in Q_0$ ), we obtain

**Lemma 4.** *A regular weight  $v$  is sincere i.e.,  $v_i \neq 0$  ( $\forall i \in Q_0$ ).*

Let  $\overline{Q}$  be the double of  $Q$ .



For  $i \in Q_0$ ,  $\rho_i$  denotes the mesh relation at  $i$

$$\rho_i := \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1: t(\alpha)=i} \alpha \alpha^* - \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1: h(\alpha)=i} \alpha^* \alpha.$$

**Definition 5.** The quiver Heisenberg algebra  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  with the weight  $v \in \mathbf{k}Q_0$  is defined to be

$${}^v\Lambda(Q) := \frac{\mathbf{k}[z]\overline{Q}}{(\rho_i - v_i z e_i \mid i \in Q_0)}.$$

*Remark 6.* This algebra is a special case of algebras studied in [6, 7, 10].

*Remark 7.* If  $v$  is sincere, then  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is isomorphic to the algebra which was given in previous talks of QHA, via the isomorphism

$${}^v\Lambda(Q) \cong \frac{\mathbf{k}\overline{Q}}{([a, {}^v\rho] \mid a \in \overline{Q}_1)}, \quad z \mapsto {}^v\rho$$

where  ${}^v\rho := \sum_i v_i^{-1} \rho_i$  the “weighted mesh relation” and  $[a, {}^v\rho] = a {}^v\rho - {}^v\rho a$  is the commutator.

We recall an indecomposable decomposition of  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  as  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -module.

**Theorem 8** ([12]). *If  $v$  is regular, then as  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -modules*

$${}^v\Lambda(Q) \cong \bigoplus_M M^{\dim M}.$$

where  $M$  runs over representatives of isomorphism class of indecomposable preprojective modules.

In particular, in the case  $Q$  is Dynkin, if  $v$  is regular,  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is finite dimensional. One of our main result asserts that the converse holds and moreover, if this is the case,  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is symmetric.

**Theorem 9** ((1) [12], (2) [13]). *Let  $Q$  be a Dynkin quiver. The followings hold.*

- (1) *A weight  $v$  is regular if and only if  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is finite dimensional.*

(2) If a weight  $v$  is regular, then  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is symmetric.

*Remark 10.* In the case  $\text{char } \mathbf{k} = 0$ , Etingof-Latour-Rains [11] showed that  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is symmetric for a generic weight  $v$ .

In the next section, we explain keys of proofs. In the third section, we discuss silting theory of  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$ .

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 9

**2.1. Proof of Theorem 9(1).** We only have to prove “if” direction. We do this by proving the contraposition. Namely, we show that if  $v$  is not regular, then  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is infinite dimensional. In the case  $v$  is not sincere, using an explicit presentation of  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  by a quiver with relations, we can directly check that  $\dim {}^v\Lambda(Q) = \infty$ . Thus we may assume that  $v$  is sincere (and not regular). In that case, we conclude  $\dim {}^v\Lambda(Q) = \infty$  by the following proposition.

To state the proposition, we recall that  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  acquires a grading that counts the number of extra arrows  $\alpha^*$ , which we call the *\*-grading*. Let  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)_n$  denote the  $*$ -degree  $n$ -part of  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$ . It is clear that  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)_0 = \mathbf{k}Q$  and  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)_n$  has a canonical structure of  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -bimodule.

**Proposition 11** ([12]). *Assume that  $v$  is sincere but not regular. Let  $M$  be an indecomposable  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -module such that  ${}^v\dim M = 0$ . Then for any  $n \geq 0$ ,  $M$  is a direct summand of  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)_n \otimes_{\mathbf{k}Q} M$  as  $\mathbf{k}Q$ -module.*

*In particular  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .*

The case  $n = 0$  is clear. For the case  $n = 1$ , we recall that there is a canonical exact triangle which is obtained from analysis of QHA and preprojective algebra

$$M \rightarrow {}^v\tilde{\Lambda}(Q)_1 \otimes_{\mathbf{k}Q}^{\mathbb{L}} M \rightarrow \nu_1^{-1}M \rightarrow,$$

in the derived category  $\text{D}^b(\mathbf{k}Q\text{mod})$  where  ${}^v\tilde{\Lambda}(Q)$  is the derived quiver Heisenberg algebra given in the next section. We can show that  ${}^v\dim M = 0$  if and only if the above exact triangle splits. We note that in the case  ${}^v\dim M \neq 0$ , the exact triangle is an almost split exact triangle.

The case  $n \geq 2$  uses the following exact triangle

$$\tilde{\Pi}_1 \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} {}^v\tilde{\Lambda}_{n-2} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} M \rightarrow {}^v\tilde{\Lambda}_1 \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} {}^v\tilde{\Lambda}_{n-1} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} M \rightarrow {}^v\tilde{\Lambda}_n \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} M$$

Please see [12] for details.

**2.2. Proof of Theorem 9(2).** Main ingredients of our proof is the followings:

(i) A general result about derived preprojective algebra of  $d$ -representation finite algebra.

(ii) The algebra  ${}^vB(Q)$ .

(iii) A direct computation of the cohomology algebra of derived QHA.

2.2.1. Let  $A$  be a  $d$ -representation finite algebra. Iyama-Oppermann [15] showed that the  $d + 1$ -preprojective algebra  $\Pi := \Pi_{d+1}(A)$  is Frobenius. Let  $\nu$  be the Nakayama automorphism of  $\Pi$ , i.e.,  $\Pi \cong {}_\nu D(\Pi)$  as  $\Pi$ -bimodules.

**Theorem 12** ([13]). *Let  $\tilde{\Pi}$  be the  $d + 1$ -derived preprojective algebra of  $A$ . Then, the cohomology algebra  $H(\tilde{\Pi})$  of the derived  $d + 1$ -preprojective algebra  $\tilde{\Pi}$  is isomorphic to the skew polynomial algebra  $\Pi[u; \nu]$*

$$H(\tilde{\Pi}) \cong \Pi[u; \nu]$$

as cohomologically graded algebras, where  $u$  is a formal variable of cohomological degree  $-d$  and

$$au = u\nu(a) \quad (\forall a \in \Pi).$$

This theorem connects the Nakayama automorphism  $\nu$  to the algebra structure of  $H(\tilde{\Pi})$ .

2.2.2. We introduce a finite dimensional algebra  ${}^v B(Q)$ .

**Definition 13.** For a quiver  $Q$  and a regular weight  $v$ , we define

$${}^v B(Q) := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{k}Q & {}^v \Lambda(Q)_1 \\ 0 & \mathbf{k}Q \end{pmatrix}$$

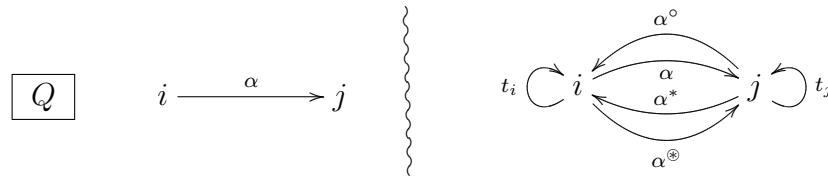
the bypath algebra (a.k.a., 2-path algebra) of  $Q$ .

The algebra  ${}^v B(Q)$  has various properties that are 1-dimension higher version of that of the path algebra  $\mathbf{k}Q$ . Among other things, we have a 1-dimension higher version of Gabriel's dichotomy of representation types.

**Theorem 14** ([13]). *The followings hold.*

- (1)  ${}^v B(Q)$  is 2-representation finite if and only if  $Q$  is Dynkin.
- (2)  ${}^v B(Q)$  is 2-representation infinite if and only if  $Q$  is non-Dynkin.

Recall that the derived QHA  ${}^v \tilde{\Lambda}(Q)$  is a DGA explicitly defined by the quiver



the differential is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d(\alpha) &:= 0, d(\alpha^*) := 0, d(\alpha^\circ) := -[\alpha^*, {}^v \rho], d(\alpha^\circledR) := [\alpha, {}^v \rho], \\ d(t_i) &:= \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} e_i[\alpha, \alpha^\circ]e_i + \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} e_i[\alpha^*, \alpha^\circledR]e_i. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\text{char } \mathbf{k} \neq 2$ ,  ${}^v \tilde{\Lambda}(Q)$  is the Ginzburg dg-algebra  $\mathcal{G}(\overline{Q}, W)$  where

$$W := -\frac{1}{2} {}^v \rho \rho = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in Q_0} v_i^{-1} \rho_i^2.$$

**Lemma 15** ([13]). *The 3-derived preprojective algebra of  ${}^vB(Q)$  and the 2-ed quasi-Veronese algebra of  ${}^v\tilde{\Lambda}(Q)$  are isomorphic*

$$\tilde{\Pi}_3({}^vB(Q)) \cong {}^v\tilde{\Lambda}(Q)^{[2]}.$$

2.2.3. By (more or less) direct computation we have

**Theorem 16** ([12]). *Assume that  $Q$  is Dynkin and  $v$  is regular. Then,*

$$H({}^v\tilde{\Lambda}(Q)) \cong {}^v\Lambda(Q)[u]$$

where  $u$  is a formal variable of cohomological degree  $-2$ .

Comparing the right hand sides of the isomorphisms given in Theorem 12 for  ${}^vB(Q)$  and Theorem 16 via Lemma 15, we conclude that  $\nu_\Lambda = \text{id}_\Lambda$  up to inner automorphisms.

### 3. SILTING THEORY OF QHA OF DYNKIN TYPE

Compare to the preprojective algebras  $\Pi(Q)$  which are only Frobenius in general, QHA  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  can be said to be well-behaved, since they are always symmetric. Making use of this, we investigate silting theory of QHA of Dynkin type. Before doing this, first we introduce a general construction of a tilting complex.

**3.1.** In this subsection,  $Q$  denote a quiver which is not necessarily Dynkin.

Let  $i \in Q_0$ . We define a complex  $T^{(i)}$  over  ${}^v\Lambda$  to be

$$T^{(i)} := {}^v\Lambda(1 - e_i) \oplus \left[ {}^v\Lambda e_i \xrightarrow{(\pm a^*)_{a \in h^{-1}(i)}} \bigoplus_{a \in h^{-1}(i)} {}^v\Lambda e_{t(a)} \right]$$

where the right factor is a complex placed in  $-1, 0$ -th cohomological degree.

This complex is a “family version” of the tilting complex of Crawley-Boevey-Kimura [8]. The reduction  $\Pi \otimes_{{}^v\Lambda} T^{(i)}$  is the tilting complex introduced by Baumann-Kamniter [4] and Buan-Iyama-Reiten-Scott [5].

Let  $r : W_Q \curvearrowright \mathbf{k}Q_0$  be the dual action. Let  $r_i$  be the action of the Coxeter generator  $s_i$ .

**Theorem 17** ([13]). *The complex  $T^{(i)}$  is a tilting complex and*

$$\text{End}_{{}^v\Lambda}(T^{(i)})^{\text{op}} \cong {}^{r_i(v)}\Lambda.$$

**3.2.** From now we assume that  $Q$  is Dynkin. We note  $\text{silt}{}^v\Lambda = \text{tilt}{}^v\Lambda$  by Theorem 5.

Then, it is straightforward to check that  $T^{(i)}$  is the left silting mutation of  ${}^v\Lambda$ :

$$T^{(i)} = \mu_i^-({}^v\Lambda).$$

Thus, taking iterated mutations

$${}^{w(v)}\Lambda \cong \text{End}_{{}^v\Lambda}(\mu_{i_n}^- \cdots \mu_{i_1}^-({}^v\Lambda))^{\text{op}}$$

where  $w = s_{i_n} \cdots s_{i_1}$ .

There are following bijections,

$$W_Q \xrightarrow{1:1} \text{sttilt}\Pi(Q) \xrightarrow{1:1} 2\text{silt}\Pi(Q).$$

the first is established by Mizuno [14], the second is a consequence of a general result due to Adachi-Iyama-Reiten [1]

The weighted mesh relation  ${}^v\rho$  is central in  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  and we have a canonical isomorphism  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)/({}^v\rho) \cong \Pi(Q)$ . Applying a general result by Eisele-Janssens-Raedschelders [9], we obtain bijections

$$W_Q \xrightarrow{1:1} \text{stilt}{}^v\Lambda(Q) \xrightarrow{1:1} 2\text{silt}{}^v\Lambda(Q)$$

which is given by

$$w = s_{i_n} \cdots s_{i_1} \mapsto \mu_{i_n}^+ \cdots \mu_{i_1}^+({}^v\Lambda)$$

By general criteria due to Aihara-Mizuno [3], we conclude that  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is silting discrete.

As a consequence of the preceding consideration, we obtain the following results which are analogous to the results for  $\Pi(Q)$  by Aihara-Mizuno [3].

**Theorem 18** ([13]). *Assume that  $Q$  is Dynkin and  $v$  is regular.*

- (1) *The algebra  ${}^v\Lambda(Q)$  is silting discrete.*
- (2) *A silting complex  $T$  is a tilting complex and*

$$\text{End}_{{}^v\Lambda(Q)}(T)^{\text{op}} \cong {}^{w(v)}\Lambda(Q)$$

for some  $w \in W_Q$ .

**Theorem 19** ([13]). *Let  $B_Q$  be the braid group of  $Q$ . There is a bijection*

$$B_Q \xrightarrow{1:1} \text{silt}{}^v\Lambda(Q), \quad b \mapsto \mu_b({}^v\Lambda(Q)).$$

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