

# Cluster-tilted algebras without clusters

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## Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

Cluster-tilted algebras were introduced in [BMR] and also, independently, in [CCS] for type  $\mathbb{A}$ , as a by-product of the theory of cluster algebras of

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Fomin and Zelevinsky [FZ]. They are the endomorphism algebras of the so-called tilting objects in the cluster category of [BMRRT]. Since their introduction, they have been the subject of several investigations, see, for instance, [BMR,CCS,ABS1,KR,BFPPT,BOW]. Part of their interest comes from the fact that the cluster category is a 2-Calabi-Yau category. In particular, the representation theory of cluster-tilted algebras has been shown to be very similar to that of the self-injective algebras, see [ABS1,ABS2,ABS3]. One of the essential tools in the study of self-injective algebras is the notion of reflection of a tilted algebra, introduced by Hughes and Waschbüsch in [HW]. This allowed to prove that, if  $C$  is a tilted algebra, then its trivial extension  $T(C)$  by the minimal injective cogenerator bimodule is representation-finite if and only if  $C$  is of Dynkin type and, in this case,  $T(C) \cong T(B)$  if and only if  $B$  is an iterated reflection of  $C$  (or, equivalently,  $B$  is iterated tilted of the same type as  $C$ ), see also [BLR,AHR,Ho]. Moreover, the proofs of these results developed into algorithms allowing to compute explicitly the module category of  $T(C)$ , starting from that of  $C$ , see [HW,BLR].

We recall from [ABS1] that, if  $C$  is a tilted algebra, then the trivial extension  $\tilde{C}$  of  $C$  by the  $C$ - $C$ -bimodule  $\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  is cluster-tilted, and conversely, every cluster-tilted algebra is of this form. On the other hand, this (surjective) map from tilted algebras to cluster-tilted algebras is certainly not injective and it is an interesting question to find all the tilted algebras  $B$  such that  $\tilde{B} = \tilde{C}$ . This problem has already been considered in [ABS2] and [BOW], see also [BFPPT]. In the present paper, we define notions of reflections (and, dually coreflections) of complete slices and of tilted algebras. Our main result may now be stated as follows.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra having a tree  $\Sigma$  as a complete slice. A tilted algebra  $B$  is such that  $\tilde{B} = \tilde{C}$  if and only if there exists a sequence of reflections and coreflections  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t$  such that  $B = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t C$  has  $\Omega = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t \Sigma$  as a complete slice and  $B = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Omega$ .*

The restriction to tilted algebras of tree type seems to be necessary to ensure the existence of reflections.

As a consequence of this construction and our proof, we obtain, as in [HW], an algorithm allowing to compute explicitly the transjective component of the module category of  $\tilde{C}$ , having as starting data only the knowledge of the tilted algebra  $C$ . In particular, if  $C$  is of Dynkin type, this yields the whole module category of  $\tilde{C}$ . We observe that, since the transjective component of the module category of  $\tilde{C}$  is standard, then it is uniquely determined by combinatorial data.

The paper is organised as follows. After a short preliminary section, in which we fix the notation and recall the needed results, we devote our section 3 to

general properties of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of a cluster-tilted algebra. In section 4, we define reflections of complete slices and of tilted algebras. Section 5 is devoted to the proof of our main results, and section 6 to the algorithm. We end the paper in section 7 by showing how our algorithm may be applied to construct the tubes of cluster-tilted algebras of euclidean type.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Notation

Throughout this paper, algebras are basic and connected, locally finite dimensional over an algebraically closed field  $k$ . For an algebra  $C$ , we denote by  $\text{mod } C$  the category of finitely generated right  $C$ -modules. All subcategories are full and so are identified with their object classes. Given a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , we sometimes write  $M \in \mathcal{C}$  to express that  $M$  is an object in  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a full subcategory of  $\text{mod } C$ , we denote by  $\text{add } \mathcal{C}$  the full subcategory of  $\text{mod } C$  having as objects the finite direct sums of summands of modules in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Following [BG], we sometimes consider equivalently an algebra  $C$  as a locally bounded  $k$ -category, in which the object class  $C_0$  is (in bijection with) a complete set  $\{e_x\}$  of primitive orthogonal idempotents of  $C$ , and the space of morphisms from  $e_x$  to  $e_y$  is  $C(x, y) = e_x C e_y$ . A full subcategory  $B$  of  $C$  is *convex* if, for any path  $x = x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_t = y$  in the quiver  $Q_C$  of  $C$ , with  $x, y \in B$ , we have  $x_i \in B$  for all  $i$ . For a point  $x$  in  $Q_C$ , we denote by  $P_x, I_x, S_x$  respectively the indecomposable projective, injective and simple  $C$ -modules corresponding to  $x$ . We denote by  $\Gamma(\text{mod } C)$  the Auslander-Reiten quiver of  $C$  and by  $\tau_C = DTr, \tau_C^{-1} = TrD$  the Auslander-Reiten translations. Given two points  $M, N$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } C)$ , we denote by  $M \rightsquigarrow N$  or by  $M \leq N$  the existence of a path (of non-zero morphisms between indecomposable modules) from  $M$  to  $N$  in  $\text{mod } C$ . More generally, if  $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$  are two sets of indecomposable modules, we write  $\mathcal{S}_1 \leq \mathcal{S}_2$  if every module in  $\mathcal{S}_1$  has a successor in  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , no module in  $\mathcal{S}_2$  has a successor in  $\mathcal{S}_1$ , and no module in  $\mathcal{S}_1$  has a predecessor in  $\mathcal{S}_2$ . The notation  $\mathcal{S}_1 < \mathcal{S}_2$  stands for  $\mathcal{S}_1 \leq \mathcal{S}_2$  and  $\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{S}_2 = \emptyset$ .

For further definitions and facts, we refer the reader to [ARS,ASS]. For tilting theory, we refer to [ASS,Ri].

## 2.2 Cluster-tilted algebras

Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional hereditary  $k$ -algebra, The *cluster category*  $\mathcal{C}_A$  of  $A$  is defined as follows. Let  $F$  be the automorphism of the bounded derived category  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$  defined as the composition  $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}^{-1}[1]$ , where  $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}^{-1}$  is the Auslander-Reiten translation in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$  and  $[1]$  is the shift (suspension) functor. Then  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is the orbit category  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)/F$ , its objects are the  $F$ -orbits  $\tilde{X} = (F^i X)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of the objects  $X \in \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$  and the space of morphisms from  $\tilde{X} = (F^i X)_i$  to  $\tilde{Y} = (F^i Y)_i$  is

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(X, F^i Y).$$

$\mathcal{C}_A$  is a triangulated Krull-Schmidt category with almost split triangles. The projection  $\pi : \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_A$  is a triangle functor which commutes with the Auslander-Reiten translations [BMRRT, K]. Moreover, for any two objects  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_A$ , we have a functorial isomorphism  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) \cong D\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^1(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{X})$ , in other words, the category  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is 2-Calabi-Yau.

An object  $\tilde{T} \in \mathcal{C}_A$  is *tilting* if  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_A}^1(\tilde{T}, \tilde{T}) = 0$ , and the number of isomorphism classes of indecomposable summands of  $\tilde{T}$  equals the rank of the Grothendieck group  $K_0(A)$  of  $A$ . The endomorphism algebra  $B = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_A} \tilde{T}$  is then called *cluster-tilted*. Moreover, we have an equivalence  $\text{mod } B \cong \mathcal{C}_A / \text{iadd}(\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A} \tilde{T})$ , where  $\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}$  is the Auslander-Reiten translation in  $\mathcal{C}_A$  and  $\text{iadd}(\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A} \tilde{T})$  is the ideal of  $\mathcal{C}_A$  consisting of all morphisms factoring through objects of  $\text{add}(\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A} \tilde{T})$ . Also, this equivalence commutes with the Auslander-Reiten translations in both categories [BMR].

We now describe the Auslander-Reiten quivers of  $\mathcal{C}_A$  and  $B$ . If  $A = kQ$  is representation-finite, the  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C}_A)$  is of the form  $\mathbb{Z}Q / \langle \varphi \rangle$ , where  $\varphi$  is the automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}Q$  induced by  $F$ . If  $A = kQ$  is representation infinite, then  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C}_A)$  has a unique component of the form  $\mathbb{Z}Q$ , called *transjective*, because it is the image (under  $\pi$ ) of the transjective components of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A))$ . Moreover,  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C}_A)$  also has components called *regular*, because they are the image of the regular components of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C}_A)$ . In both cases, we deduce  $\Gamma(\text{mod } B)$  from  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C}_A)$  by simply deleting the  $|Q_0|$  points corresponding to the summands of  $\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A} \tilde{T}$ .

## 2.3 Relation-extensions and slices

If  $B$  is cluster-tilted, then there exists a hereditary algebra  $A$  and a tilting  $A$ -module  $T$  such that  $B = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_A} \tilde{T}$ , see [BMRRT, 3.3]. Moreover, if  $C = \text{End}_A T$  is the corresponding tilted algebra, then the trivial extension  $\tilde{C} = C \rtimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  (the *relation-extension* of  $C$ ) is cluster-tilted and, actually,

isomorphic to  $B$ , see [ABS1]. Now, tilted algebras are characterised by the presence of so-called complete slices in the connecting components of their Auslander-Reiten quivers [ASS,Ri]. The corresponding notion for cluster-tilted algebras is as follows [ABS2]. A full subquiver  $\Sigma$  of  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \tilde{C})$  is a *local slice* if :

- (LS1)  $\Sigma$  is a presection, that is
  - (a) If  $X \in \Sigma$  and  $X \rightarrow Y$  is an arrow, then either  $Y \in \Sigma$  or  $\tau_{\tilde{C}} Y \in \Sigma$ .
  - (b) If  $Y \in \Sigma$  and  $X \rightarrow Y$  is an arrow, then either  $X \in \Sigma$  or  $\tau_{\tilde{C}}^{-1} X \in \Sigma$ .
- (LS2)  $\Sigma$  is sectionally convex, that is, if  $X = X_0 \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_t = Y$  is a sectional path in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \tilde{C})$ , with  $X, Y \in \Sigma$ , then  $X_i \in \Sigma$  for all  $i$ .
- (LS3)  $|\Sigma_0| = \text{rk} K_0(C)$ .

Let  $C$  be tilted, then, under the standard embedding  $\text{mod } C \rightarrow \text{mod } \tilde{C}$  any complete slice in  $\text{mod } C$  embeds as a local slice in  $\text{mod } \tilde{C}$ , and any local slice occurs in this way. If  $B$  is cluster-tilted, then a tilted algebra  $C$  is such that  $B = \tilde{C}$  if and only if there exists a local slice  $\Sigma$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } B)$  such that  $C = B/\text{Ann}_B \Sigma$ , where  $\text{Ann}_B \Sigma = \bigcap_{X \in \Sigma} \text{Ann}_B X$ , see [ABS2].

#### 2.4 Cluster-repetitive algebras

Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra. Its *cluster-repetitive algebra*  $\check{C}$  is the locally finite dimensional algebra given by

$$\check{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & & & 0 \\ & C_{-1} & & & \\ & E_0 & C_0 & & \\ & & E_1 & C_1 & \\ 0 & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

where matrices have only finitely many non-zero coefficients,  $C_i = C$  and  $E_i = \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , all the remaining coefficients are zero, and the multiplication is induced from that of  $C$ , the  $C$ - $C$ -bimodule structure of  $\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  and the zero map  $\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C) \otimes_C \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C) \rightarrow 0$ . The identity maps  $C_i \rightarrow C_{i-1}$ ,  $E_i \rightarrow E_{i-1}$  induce an automorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\check{C}$ . The orbit category  $C/\langle \varphi \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\tilde{C} = C \ltimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$ . The projection  $G : \check{C} \rightarrow \tilde{C}$  is thus a Galois covering with infinite cyclic group generated by  $\varphi$ . It is shown in [ABS3] that the corresponding pushdown functor  $\text{mod } \check{C} \rightarrow \text{mod } \tilde{C}$  is always dense, so it induces an isomorphism  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \tilde{C}) \cong \Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})/\mathbb{Z}$ . Also, if  $C = \text{End}_A T$ , where  $T$  is a tilting module over the hered-

itary algebra  $A$ , then  $\text{mod } \check{C} \cong \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)/\text{iadd}(\tau_{\mathcal{D}}F^iT)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , where  $\tau_{\mathcal{D}}$  is the Auslander-Reiten translation in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$  and  $\text{iadd}(\tau_{\mathcal{D}}F^iT)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is the ideal of  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$  consisting of all morphisms which factor through  $\text{add}(\tau_{\mathcal{D}}F^iT)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Finally, every local slice in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  is the image under  $G_\lambda$  of (several) local slices in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  (that is, full subquiver of  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  satisfying the axioms (LS1),(LS2),(LS3) of (2.4) above). Throughout this paper, we identify  $C_0$  with  $C$ , and thus any complete slice of  $\text{mod } C$  can be considered as a local slice in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ .

### 3 Properties of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of a cluster-tilted algebra

#### 3.1

In this section, we let  $C$  be a tilted algebra, having  $\Sigma$  as a complete slice, and  $\tilde{C} = C \rtimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  be its relation extension. The following lemma is borrowed from [ADLS]; we include the proof for the convenience of the reader.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra,  $\Sigma$  a complete slice in  $\text{mod } C$  and  $M \in \Sigma$ , then we have:*

- (a)  $M \otimes_C \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C) = 0$ , and
- (b)  $\text{Hom}_C(\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C), \tau_C M) = 0$ .

**PROOF.** (a) Let  $A = \text{End}(\bigoplus_{X \in \Sigma} X)$  and  $T_A$  be a tilting module such that  $C = \text{End } T_A$ . Since  $M \in \Sigma$ , there exists an injective  $A$ -module  $I$  such that  $M_C \cong \text{Hom}_A(T, I)$ . Using standard functorial isomorphisms, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
D(M \otimes_C \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)) &\cong \text{Hom}_C(M, D\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_C(\text{Hom}_A(T, I), D\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(T, FT)) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_C(\text{Hom}_A(T, I), D\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(T, \tau^{-1}T[1])) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_C(\text{Hom}_A(T, I), D\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(\tau T, T[1])) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_C(\text{Hom}_A(T, I), D\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}^1(\tau T, T)) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_C(\text{Hom}_A(T, I), \text{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T)) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_A(I, t(\tau^2 T)),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $t(\tau^2 T) \cong \text{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T) \otimes_C T$  is the torsion part of the  $A$ -module  $\tau^2 T$  in the torsion pair induced by  $T$  in  $\text{mod } A$ . Since  $\tau^2 T$  is not an injective

$A$ -module, neither is its submodule  $t(\tau^2 T)$ . Since  $A$  is hereditary, and  $I$  is injective, we get  $\text{Hom}_A(I, \tau^2 T) = 0$ .

(b) Since  $\tau_C M$  precedes the complete slice  $\Sigma$  in  $\text{mod } C$ , it suffices to prove that  $\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  succeeds it. Note first that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C) &\cong \text{Ext}_C^1(DC, \Omega^{-1}C) \\ &\cong D\underline{\text{Hom}}_C(\tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C, DC), \end{aligned}$$

using the first cosyzygy  $\Omega^{-1}C$  of  $C$  and the Auslander-Reiten formula. Now notice that for every indecomposable summand  $X$  of  $\Omega^{-1}C$ , there exists an injective  $C$ -module  $J$  such that  $\text{Hom}_C(J, X) \neq 0$ . But all injectives are successors of  $\Sigma$ , so there exists  $L \in \Sigma$  such that we have a path  $L \rightarrow J \rightarrow X \rightarrow * \rightarrow \tau^{-1}X$ . This shows that every indecomposable summand of  $\tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C$  succeeds (properly) the slice  $\Sigma$ . Since no indecomposable projective module is a successor of  $\Sigma$ , we get

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}_C(\tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C, DC) = \text{Hom}_C(\tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C, DC).$$

Hence

$$\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)_C \cong D\underline{\text{Hom}}_C(\tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C, DC) \cong \tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C_C.$$

But as we have already shown, every indecomposable summand of  $\tau^{-1}\Omega^{-1}C_C$  is a (proper) successor of  $\Sigma$ . The required statement follows at once.  $\square$

### 3.2

**Proposition 3** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra,  $\Sigma$  be a complete slice in  $\text{mod } C$  and  $M \in \Sigma$ . Then:*

- (a)  $\tau_C M \cong \tau_{\tilde{C}} M$ , and
- (b)  $\tau_C^{-1} M \cong \tau_{\tilde{C}}^{-1} M$ .

**PROOF.** Part (a) follows directly from Lemma 2 and the main result of [AZ]. Part (b) follows by duality.  $\square$

### 3.3

We need to apply Proposition 3 also to the cluster repetitive algebra  $\check{C}$  of  $C$ .

**Corollary 4** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra,  $\Sigma$  be a complete slice in  $\text{mod } C$  and  $M \in \Sigma$ . Then:*

- (a)  $\tau_C M \cong \tau_{\check{C}} M$ ,  
(b)  $\tau_C^{-1} M \cong \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1} M$ .  $\square$

### 3.4

For the next lemma, we need some notations: let  $A$  be a hereditary algebra,  $T$  be a tilting  $A$ -module such that  $\text{End}_A T = C$  and  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_A} T = \check{C}$  (where  $\mathcal{C}_A$  denotes the cluster category associated to  $A$ ). Let also  $\tilde{P}_x, \tilde{I}_x$  and  $T_x$  be the indecomposable projective  $\check{C}$ -module, the indecomposable injective  $\check{C}$ -module and the indecomposable summand of  $T$  corresponding to an object  $x$  in  $\check{C}$ .

**Lemma 5** *With the above notation:*

- (a) *For every object  $x$  in  $\check{C}$ , we have  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T, \tau^2 T_x) \cong \tilde{I}_x$ .*  
(b) *For every pair of objects  $x, y$  in  $\check{C}$ , we have an isomorphism of the spaces of irreducible morphisms  $\text{Irr}_{\check{C}}(\tilde{P}_x, \tilde{P}_y) \cong \text{Irr}_{\check{C}}(\tilde{I}_x, \tilde{I}_y)$ .*

**PROOF.** Using standard functorial isomorphisms we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(a)} \quad \tilde{I}_x &\cong D\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T_x, T) \\
&\cong D\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(T_x, T) \oplus D\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(T_x, \tau^{-1}T[1]) \\
&\cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}^1(T, \tau T_x) \oplus D\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}^1(T_x, \tau^{-1}T) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(T, \tau T[1]) \oplus \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(T, \tau^2 T_x) \\
&\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T, \tau^2 T_x).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(b)} \quad \text{Irr}_{\check{C}}(\tilde{P}_x, \tilde{P}_y) &\cong \text{Irr}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T_x, T_y) \\
&\cong \text{Irr}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(\tau^2 T_x, \tau^2 T_y) \\
&\cong \text{Irr}_{\check{C}}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T, \tau^2 T_x), \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T, \tau^2 T_y)) \\
&\cong \text{Irr}_{\check{C}}(\tilde{I}_x, \tilde{I}_y),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the category equivalence  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_A}(T, -) : \mathcal{C}_A/\text{iadd}(\tau T) \rightarrow \text{mod } \check{C}$  of [BMR], and part (a) above.  $\square$

**Remark 6** *Statement (b) above does not hold true in general, even for tilted algebras. Let indeed  $C$  be given by the quiver*

$$1 \xleftarrow{\gamma} 2 \xleftarrow{\beta} 3 \xleftarrow{\alpha} 4$$

*bound by  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Note that  $\text{Irr}_C(I_1, I_2) = 0$  while  $\text{Irr}_C(P_1, P_2) = k$ .*



## 4 Reflections

### 4.1

The objective of this section is to define a notion of reflection on a local slice in a cluster-tilted algebra. This will in turn induce a notion of reflection on a tilted subalgebra of the given cluster-tilted algebra.

Let, as before,  $C$  be a tilted algebra,  $\tilde{C} = C \ltimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  its relation-extension algebra and  $\check{C}$  its cluster repetitive algebra. We still identify  $C$  with the full convex subcategory  $C_0$  of  $\check{C}$ . We assume throughout that  $C$  is of tree type.

Let  $\Gamma$  be a connecting component of  $\text{mod } C$ , and  $\Sigma$  be a complete slice in  $\Gamma$ .

Assume first that  $M \in \Sigma$  is a source in  $\Sigma$  which is not injective, then  $(\Sigma \setminus \{M\}) \cup \{\tau_C^{-1}M\}$  is also a complete slice in  $\Gamma$ . In the language of [BOW], these two slices are *homotopic*. Homotopy is clearly an equivalence relation on slices, and there are either one or two equivalence classes in  $\text{mod } C$  (two if and only if  $C$  is concealed). We need distinguished representatives of these classes. If there exists a complete slice in which all sources are injective  $C$ -modules, then such a slice is unique and is called the *rightmost slice* of  $\text{mod } C$ . We denote it as  $\Sigma^+$ . Dually, we define the *leftmost slice*  $\Sigma^-$  of  $\text{mod } C$ . Note that, if  $C$  is representation-finite, then rightmost and leftmost slices exist.

We recall from [HW] that a point  $x \in C_0$  is a *strong sink* if the injective module  $I_x$  has no injective module as a proper predecessor in  $\text{mod } C$ . Clearly, strong sinks are sinks. The following Lemma is obvious.

**Lemma 7** *A point  $x \in C_0$  is a strong sink if and only if  $I_x$  is an injective source of the rightmost slice  $\Sigma^+$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume first that  $I_x$  is an injective source of  $\Sigma^+$ . If  $x$  is not a strong sink, then there exists  $y \neq x$  in  $C$  such that we have a path  $I_y \rightsquigarrow I_x$ . Since  $\Sigma^+$  is sincere, there exists  $M \in \Sigma^+$  and a morphism  $M \rightarrow I_y$  yielding a path  $M \rightarrow I_y \rightarrow I_x$ . Since  $\Sigma^+$  is convex in  $\text{ind } C$ , we get  $I_y \in \Sigma^+$  which contradicts the hypothesis that  $I_x$  is a source in  $\Sigma^+$ .

Conversely, assume  $x$  to be a strong sink in  $C$ , and suppose that  $I_x$  is not an injective source of  $\Sigma^+$ . Because  $\Sigma^+$  is sincere, then there exist  $N \in \Sigma^+$  and a morphism  $N \rightarrow I_x$ . Now there exists a source (necessarily injective)  $I_z$  in  $\Sigma^+$  and a path  $I_z \rightsquigarrow N$  in  $\Sigma^+$ . This yields a path  $I_z \rightsquigarrow N \rightarrow I_x$ , contrary to the hypothesis.  $\square$

## 4.2 The completion $G_x$

Let  $x$  be a strong sink in  $C$ . We define the *completion*  $G_x$  of  $x$  in  $\Sigma^+$  to be a non-empty full connected subquiver of  $\Sigma^+$  such that

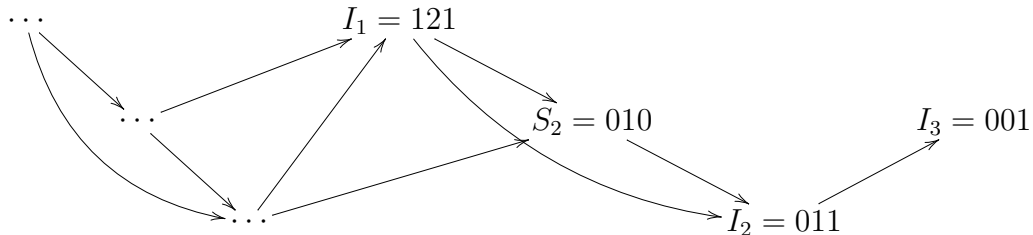
- (a)  $I_x \in G_x$ ,
- (b)  $G_x$  is closed under predecessors in  $\Sigma^+$ ,
- (c) If  $I \rightarrow M$  is an arrow in  $\Sigma^+$ , with  $I \in G_x$  injective, then  $M \in G_x$ ,
- (d) If  $N \rightarrow I$  is an arrow in  $\Sigma^+$ , with  $I \in G_x$  injective, then  $N$  is injective (and in  $G_x$ ).

Completions do not always exist.

**Example 8** *The tilted algebra  $C$  given by the quiver*

$$1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\beta} \\ \xrightarrow{\gamma} \end{array} 2 \xleftarrow{\alpha} 3$$

bound by  $\alpha\beta = 0$  admits the complete rightmost slice consisting of the modules  $I_1, S_2$  and  $I_2$ , and  $I_1$  is the only source. A part of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of  $\text{mod } C$  containing this slice is shown below, where modules are represented by their dimension vectors.



In this example  $G_1$  does not exist, because by condition (c) it would contain both  $S_2$  and  $I_2$ , and this contradicts condition (d).

The tilted algebra  $C$  in the example above is of euclidean type  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}_2$ , so it is not of tree type. The following Lemma guarantees the existence of some completion in a rightmost slice, if the tilted algebra is of tree type.

**Lemma 9** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra of tree type having a rightmost slice  $\Sigma^+$ . Then there exists a strong sink  $x$  in  $C$  such that the completion  $G_x$  exists.*

**PROOF.** Let  $I_{x_1}$  be a source in  $\Sigma^+$  and  $G'_1$  its closure under condition (c) above, then let  $G_1$  be the closure of  $G'_1$  under condition (b).

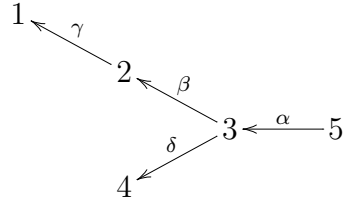
If  $G_1$  satisfies condition (d), then we are done. Otherwise there exist an injective  $I \in G_1$  and an arrow  $N \rightarrow I$  in  $\Sigma^+$  with  $N$  not injective. Then there

exists a sectional path in  $\Sigma^+$  ending at  $N$ . Let  $I_{x_2}$  be the source of such a path.

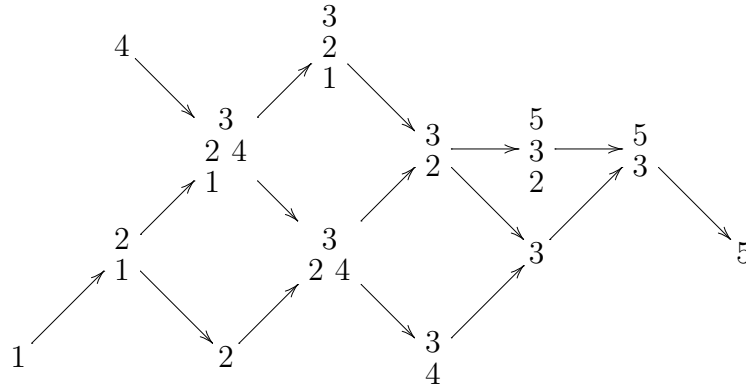
Let  $G'_2$  be the closure of  $I_{x_2}$  under condition (c), and then let  $G_2$  be the closure of  $G'_2$  under condition (b). Clearly,  $G'_2$  does not contain the injective  $I$ , since there is an arrow  $N \rightarrow I$  in the sectional path, with  $N$  non-injective. Using that  $\Sigma^+$  is a tree, we see that  $I_{x_1} \notin G_2$ .

If  $G_2$  satisfies condition (d), then we are done. Otherwise we repeat the procedure. Since  $\Sigma^+$  is a tree, this procedure must ultimately stop.  $\square$

**Example 10** Let  $C$  be the tilted algebra of tree type  $\mathbb{D}_5$  given by the quiver



bound by  $\alpha\beta\gamma = 0$  and  $\alpha\delta = 0$ . Its Auslander-Reiten quiver is shown below.



(here, modules are represented by their composition factors). The rightmost slice

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

in this example has the two injective sources:  $I_1$  and  $I_4$ . We have

$$G_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad G_4 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 3 \end{array} \right\}.$$

### 4.3 The reflection of a slice

Let now  $x$  be a sink in  $C$  such that the completion  $G_x$  exists. We then say that  $x$  is an *admissible sink*. We are now able to define the reflection  $\Sigma' = \sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+$  of the complete slice  $\Sigma^+$ . The set of objects in  $G_x$  is of the form  $\mathcal{J} \sqcup \mathcal{M}$ , where  $\mathcal{J}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  consist respectively of the injective, and the non-injectives in  $G_x$ . Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_x \in \text{mod } C_1 \mid I_x \in \mathcal{J}\}$ , where we recall that  $C_1$  is the copy of  $C$  next to  $C_0$  on the diagonal blocks of  $\check{C}$ . We then set

$$\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+ = (\Sigma^+ \setminus G_x) \cup \mathcal{P} \cup \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1} \mathcal{M}.$$

Recall that, by Corollary 4,  $\tau_{\check{C}}^{-1} M \cong \tau_C^{-1} M$  for every  $M \in \Sigma^+$ .

**Lemma 11**  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+$  is a local slice in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ .

**PROOF.** We first consider in the cluster category  $\mathcal{C}_A$  the full subquiver defined by:

$$\Sigma'' = (\Sigma^+ \setminus G_x) \cup \tau_C^{-1} \mathcal{M} \cup \tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{-1} \mathcal{I}.$$

Thus  $\Sigma''$  is a local slice in  $\mathcal{C}_A$  because  $G_x$  is closed under predecessors and we have  $\Sigma' = (\Sigma'' \setminus \tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{-1} \mathcal{I}) \sqcup \mathcal{P}$ .

We claim that  $\Sigma'$  is connected. The objects lying in  $\Sigma'$  and  $\Sigma''$  are in one-to-one correspondence, since any object of  $\Sigma'$  is either an object of  $\Sigma''$  or the Auslander-Reiten translate of an object in  $\Sigma''$ . Hence it is enough to show that whenever there is an arrow between  $M'', N''$  in  $\Sigma''$ , then there is an arrow between the two corresponding objects  $M', N'$  in  $\Sigma'$ .

Because of Lemma 5(b), we only need to consider the case where  $M'' \in (\Sigma^+ \setminus G_x) \cup \tau_C^{-1} \mathcal{M}$  and  $N'' \in \tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{-1} \mathcal{I}$ . Thus  $M' = M''$  and  $N' = \tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{-1} N'' = \tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{-2} I$  for some  $I \in \mathcal{I} \subset G_x$ .

Either we have  $M'' \rightarrow N''$  or  $N'' \rightarrow M''$  in  $\Sigma''$ . In the latter case, there is an arrow from  $(M' = M'')$  to  $(N' = \tau_{\mathcal{C}_A}^{-1} N'')$  in  $\Sigma'$ , and we are done. On the other hand, if  $M'' \rightarrow N''$ , then there is an arrow  $\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A} N'' \rightarrow M''$  with  $\tau_{\mathcal{C}_A} N'' = I \in G_x$  injective, and thus  $M' \in G_x$ , by condition (c) of the completion  $G_x$ . This establishes our claim.

Consequently,  $\Sigma'$  may be identified to a local slice in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)$ . Since, furthermore,  $\Sigma'$  consists of  $\check{C}$ -modules then, by [ABS3],  $\sigma'$  is a local slice in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ .  $\square$

#### 4.4 A hereditary subcategory

We deduce from our definition of reflection of  $\Sigma^+$  a definition of reflection of the tilted algebra  $C$ , which we denote by  $\sigma_x^+ C$ .

Define  $\mathcal{S}_x$  to be the full subcategory of  $C$  consisting of the objects  $y$  such that  $I_y \in G_x$ .

**Lemma 12** *With the above notation*

- (a)  $\mathcal{S}_x$  is hereditary,
- (b)  $\mathcal{S}_x$  is closed under successors in  $C$ ,
- (c)  $C$  may be written in the form

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} H & 0 \\ M & C' \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $H$  hereditary,  $C'$  tilted and  $M$  a  $C'$ - $H$ -bimodule.

**PROOF.** (a) We let  $H = \text{End}(\bigoplus_{y \in \mathcal{S}_x} I_y)$ . Then  $H$  is a full subcategory of the hereditary algebra  $A = \text{End}(\bigoplus_{X \in \Sigma^+} X)$ . Therefore  $H$  is also hereditary, that is,  $\mathcal{S}_x$  is hereditary.

(b) Let  $y \in \mathcal{S}_x$  and  $y \rightarrow z$  be an arrow in  $C$ . Then there exists a morphism  $I_z \rightarrow I_y$ . Since  $I_z$  is an injective  $C$ -module and  $\Sigma^+$  is sincere, there exist  $N \in \Sigma^+$  and a morphism  $N \rightarrow I_z$ . Thus we have  $N \rightarrow I_z \rightarrow I_y$ . Since  $N, I_y \in \Sigma^+$  and  $\Sigma^+$  is convex in  $\text{mod } C$ , then  $I_z \in \Sigma^+$  and so  $z \in \mathcal{S}_x$ .

(c) This follows at once from (a) and (b).  $\square$

#### 4.5 The structure of the cluster duplicated algebra

We recall from [ABS3] that the cluster duplicated algebra  $\overline{C}$  of  $C$  is the (finite dimensional) matrix algebra

$$\overline{C} = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \\ \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C) & C \end{bmatrix}$$

with the ordinary matrix addition and the multiplication induced from that of  $C$  and from the  $C$ - $C$ -bimodule structure of  $\text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$ . Clearly,  $\overline{C}$  is useful as a “building block” for the cluster repetitive algebra  $\check{C}$ .

**Corollary 13** *The cluster duplicated algebra of  $C$  is of the form*

$$\overline{C} = \begin{bmatrix} H & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ M & C' & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F_0 & H & 0 \\ 0 & F_1 & M & C' \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $F_0 = \text{Ext}_C^2(DC', H)$  and  $F_1 = \text{Ext}_C^2(DC', C')$ .

**PROOF.** We start by writing  $C$  in the matrix form of Lemma 12 (c). Since, by definition,  $H$  consists of the objects  $y$  in  $C$  such that  $I_y \in G_x \subset \Sigma^+$ , then the projective dimension  $\text{pd}_C DH$  is at most 1, hence  $\text{Ext}_C^2(DH, -) = 0$ . The result follows upon multiplying by idempotents.  $\square$

#### 4.6 The reflection of a tilted algebra

We can now define the *reflection*  $\sigma_x^+ C$  of  $C$  to be the matrix algebra

$$\sigma_x^+ C = \begin{bmatrix} C' & 0 \\ F_0 & H \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $F_0 = \text{Ext}_C^2(DC', H)$ . Note that  $\sigma_x^+ C$  is a quotient algebra of  $\check{C}$ .

We now prove that this definition is compatible with the definition of reflection of local slices. We recall that the *support*  $\text{Supp } \mathcal{X}$  of a subclass  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\check{C}$  is the full subcategory of  $\check{C}$  having as objects the  $x$  in  $\check{C}$  such that there exists a module  $M \in \mathcal{X}$  satisfying  $M(x) \neq 0$ .

**Proposition 14** *The reflection  $\sigma_x^+ C$  is a tilted algebra having  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+$  as a complete slice. Moreover, the cluster-tilted algebras of  $C$  and  $\sigma_x^+ C$  and the cluster repetitive algebras of  $C$  and  $\sigma_x^+ C$  are isomorphic.*

**PROOF.** It follows directly from the definition of  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+$  that  $\text{Supp } (\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+) \subset \sigma_x^+ C$ . Indeed, in the notation of Lemma 11, we have  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+ = (\Sigma^+ \setminus G_x) \cup \mathcal{P} \cup \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1} \mathcal{M}$ . Since, as observed before,  $\tau_{\check{C}}^{-1} \mathcal{M} \cong \tau_C^{-1} \mathcal{M}$  by Corollary 4, and the injectives in  $\mathcal{I}$  are replaced by the projectives in  $\mathcal{P}$ , then we get the wanted inclusion.

Now, as shown in Lemma 11,  $\sigma_x^+\Sigma^+$  is a local slice in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ . Denoting by  $G_\lambda : \text{mod } \check{C} \rightarrow \text{mod } \tilde{C}$  the pushdown functor associated to the Galois covering  $G : \check{C} \rightarrow \tilde{C}$ , we get that  $G_\lambda(\sigma_x^+\Sigma^+)$  is a local slice in  $\text{mod } \tilde{C}$ . By [ABS2],  $C^* = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann}(G_\lambda(\sigma_x^+\Sigma^+))$  is a tilted algebra of the same type as  $C$ . Moreover we have  $\tilde{C} = C \rtimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C) \cong C^* \rtimes \text{Ext}_{C^*}^2(DC^*, C^*)$  so that we also have  $\check{C} = \check{C}^*$ .

On the other hand,  $\sigma_x^+\Sigma^+$  is a complete slice in  $\text{mod } C^*$  so, in particular, it is sincere over  $C^*$ . Therefore,  $\text{Supp } \sigma_x^+\Sigma^+ = C^*$ . Using that  $\check{C} = \check{C}^*$ , we thus have  $C^* \subset \sigma_x^+C$ . Finally, since the Grothendieck groups of  $C^*$ ,  $\sigma_x^+C$  and  $C$  are all of the same rank, it follows that the full subcategories  $C^*$  and  $\sigma_x^+C$  of  $\tilde{C}$  are equal. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Dually, one defines coreflections  $\sigma_x^-$  with respect to admissible sources  $x$ . We leave the straightforward statements to the reader.

## 5 Main result

### 5.1 The distance between two local slices

We introduce the following notation. Let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  be two local slices in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ , considered as embedded in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)$ . We define  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$  to be the number of  $\tau F^j T_i$  (where  $1 \leq i \leq \text{rk} K_0(C)$  and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)$  such that either  $\Sigma_1 < \tau F^j T_i < \Sigma_2$ , or  $\Sigma_2 < \tau F^j T_i < \Sigma_1$ .

Note that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$  is always a non-negative integer but it can be arbitrarily large. Also, if  $\check{C}$  is locally representation-finite (that is,  $\tilde{C}$  is representation-finite), then  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) = 0$  if and only if the local slices  $G_\lambda \Sigma_1$  and  $G_\lambda \Sigma_2$  in  $\text{mod } \tilde{C}$  are homotopic in the sense of [BOW] (see section (4.1) above).

**Lemma 15** *Let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3$  be local slices in  $\text{mod } \tilde{C}$ , then:*

- (a)  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) = \check{d}(\Sigma_2, \Sigma_1)$ ,
- (b)  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_3) \leq \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) + \check{d}(\Sigma_2, \Sigma_3)$ .

**PROOF.** (a) is obvious and (b) follows from a straightforward counting argument.  $\square$

## 5.2 The metric space of fibre quotients of a cluster repetitive algebra

Clearly,  $\check{d}$  is not yet a distance function. Our objective is to use it in order to define a distance function. We say that an algebra  $C'$  is a *fibre quotient* of  $\check{C}$  if  $C'$  is tilted and such that  $\check{C}' \cong \check{C}$ . This terminology is motivated by the observation that such an algebra  $C'$  lies in the fibre of  $\check{C}$  under the mapping  $C \mapsto \check{C}$  from the class of tilted algebras to the class of cluster repetitive algebras.

Let now  $C_1, C_2$  be two fibre quotients of  $\check{C}$ , and  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  be complete slices in  $\text{mod } C_1, \text{mod } C_2$  respectively, considered as local slices in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ . Then we set

$$\check{d}(C_1, C_2) = \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2).$$

This does not depend on the choice of the complete slices  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ . Indeed, let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma'_1$  be two complete slices in  $\text{mod } C_1$ , then it is clear that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma'_1) = 0$ . Hence Lemma 15 (b) yields  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) \leq \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma'_1) + \check{d}(\Sigma'_1, \Sigma_2) = \check{d}(\Sigma'_1, \Sigma_2)$ . Similarly,  $\check{d}(\Sigma'_1, \Sigma_2) \leq \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$ , so  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) = \check{d}(\Sigma'_1, \Sigma_2)$ , and our notion is well-defined.

**Proposition 16** *Let  $C_1, C_2$  be two fibre quotients of  $\check{C}$ , then  $\check{d}(C_1, C_2) = 0$  if and only if  $C_1 = C_2$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume indeed that  $\check{d}(C_1, C_2) = 0$ . Let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  be complete slices in  $\text{mod } C_1, \text{mod } C_2$ , respectively, considered as local slices in  $\text{mod } \check{C}$ . By [ABS2], we have  $C_1 = \check{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma_1$  and  $C_2 = \check{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma_2$ .

Let  $T$  be a tilting module over the hereditary algebra  $A$  such that  $\text{End}_A T \cong C$ , and  $\text{End}_{c_A} T \cong \check{C}$ , (so that  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} F^i T) = \check{C}$ ). By [ABS2], the annihilator  $\text{Ann } \Sigma_1$  is generated by the arrows  $\alpha : (x_0, i) \rightarrow (y_0, j)$  of  $\check{C}$  (here  $x_0, y_0$  are points of  $C_1$ , while  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) such that the corresponding morphism  $f_\alpha : F^j T_{y_0} \rightarrow F^i T_{x_0}$  in the derived category lies in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)}(F^j T, F^{j+1} T)$  and  $\Sigma_1 = F^j DA$ . Now, this is the case if and only if

$$F^j T_{y_0} \leq \Sigma_1 \leq \tau^2 F^{j+1} T_{x_0}$$

in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Indeed, notice first that the existence of the arrow  $\alpha$  means that  $i \in \{j, j+1\}$ . Moreover  $\tau^2 F^j T_{x_0} = \tau T_{x_0}[1] \geq DA$  implies  $\tau^2 F^{j+1} T_{x_0} \geq F^j DA = \Sigma_1$ . On the other hand,  $T_{y_0} \leq DA$  gives clearly  $F^j T_{y_0} \leq F^j DA = \Sigma_1$ .



We next claim that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) = 0$  implies

$$F^j T_{y_0} \leq \Sigma_2 \leq \tau^2 F^{j+1} T_{x_0}.$$

Indeed, if  $F^j T_{y_0} \not\leq \Sigma_2$ , then  $\Sigma_2 < F^j T_{y_0}$ , so that  $\Sigma_2 < \tau F^j T_{y_0}$  because  $\tau F^j T_{y_0} \notin \Sigma_2$ . This implies that  $\Sigma_2 < \tau F^j T_{y_0} < \Sigma_1$  and we have a contradiction to  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) = \check{d}(C_1, C_2) = 0$ . On the other hand, if  $\Sigma_2 \not\leq \tau^2 F^{j+1} T_{x_0}$ , then  $\tau^2 F^{j+1} T_{x_0} < \Sigma_2$  and so  $\tau F^{j+1} T_{x_0} < \Sigma_2$  because  $\tau F^{j+1} T_{x_0} \notin \Sigma_2$ . This implies that  $\Sigma_1 < \tau F^{j+1} T_{x_0} < \Sigma_2$ , another contradiction to  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) = \check{d}(C_1, C_2) = 0$ . This establishes our claim.

Now, that claim implies that the annihilators of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  have the same generators. Therefore  $C_1 = C_2$ . Since the converse is obvious, the proof of the proposition is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 17** *The set  $\check{\mathcal{F}}$  of all fibre quotients of  $\check{C}$  is a discrete metric space with the distance  $\check{d}$ .*

**PROOF.** It follows from Lemma 15 and Proposition 16 that  $\check{d}$  is a distance in  $\check{\mathcal{F}}$ . It is clear that the resulting metric space is discrete.  $\square$

### 5.3 The metric space of fibre quotients of a cluster-tilted algebra

We now bring down this information to  $\tilde{C}$ . We say that an algebra  $C'$  is a *fibre quotient* of  $\tilde{C}$  if  $C'$  is tilted and such that  $\tilde{C}' \cong \tilde{C}$ . Let  $C_1, C_2$  be two fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$ , then we set

$$d(C_1, C_2) = \min_{C_1^*, C_2^* \in \check{\mathcal{F}}} \{ \check{d}(C_1^*, C_2^*) \mid GC_1^* = C_1, GC_2^* = C_2 \}.$$

**Corollary 18** *Let  $C_1, C_2$  be two fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$ , then  $d(C_1, C_2) = 0$  if and only if  $C_1 = C_2$ .*

**PROOF.** This follows immediately from Proposition 16.  $\square$

**Remark 19** *This gives another interpretation and proof of [BOW, Theorem 4.13].*

Notice that while our definition implies that the set  $\check{\mathcal{F}}$  of fibre quotients of  $\check{C}$  is infinite, clearly the set  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  of fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$  is finite. Moreover, it is easily seen that  $\check{\mathcal{F}}$  is (trivially) a topological covering of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ .

**Corollary 20** *The set  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  of all fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$  is a discrete metric space with the distance  $d$ .*

**PROOF.** This follows from Corollary 17.  $\square$

5.4

The following lemma and its proof, which relate fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$  and  $\check{C}$ , are valid without assuming that  $C$  is of tree type.

**Lemma 21** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra. If  $C'$  is a fibre quotient of  $\tilde{C}$ , then  $G^{-1}(C')$  is the  $\varphi$ -orbit of a fibre quotient of  $\check{C}$ . Conversely, if  $C^*$  is a fibre quotient of  $\check{C}$ , then  $G(C^*)$  is a fibre quotient of  $\tilde{C}$ .*

**Remark 22** *By abuse of language, we quote from now on this lemma by saying that  $C'$  is a fibre quotient of  $\tilde{C}$  if and only if  $C'$  is a fibre quotient of  $\check{C}$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $\check{C} = \check{C}^*$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a complete slice in  $\text{mod } C$  considered as a local slice in  $\check{C} = \check{C}^*$ . By [ABS2],  $\Sigma$  lifts isomorphically as a section both in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)$  and in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C^*)$ . This implies that we have equivalences of triangulated categories  $\phi : \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } k\Sigma)$  and  $\phi^* : \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C^*) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } k\Sigma)$ . Let  $T = \phi C$  and  $T^* = \phi^* C^*$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } k\Sigma)}(\oplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} F^j T) &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)}(\oplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} F^j C) \\ &\cong \check{C} \\ &\cong \check{C}^* \\ &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C^*)}(\oplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} F^j C^*) \\ &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } k\Sigma)}(\oplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} F^j T^*). \end{aligned}$$

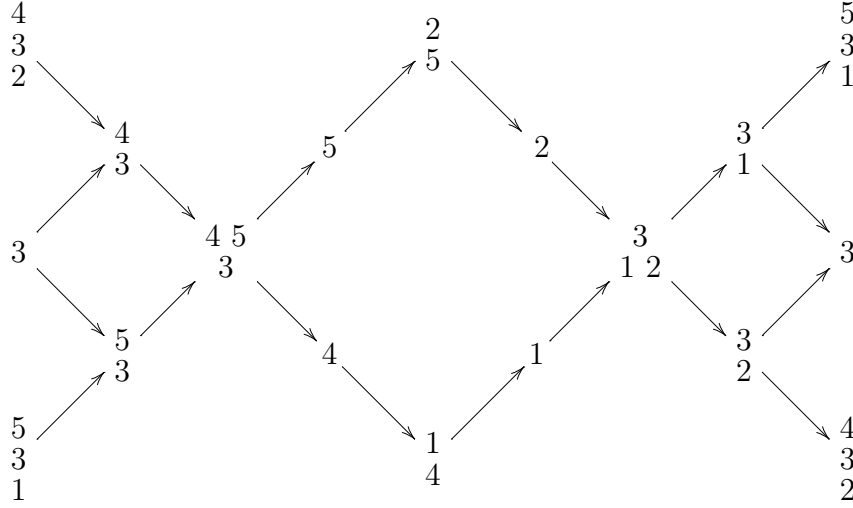


Fig. 1. Auslander-Reiten quiver of Example 5.5

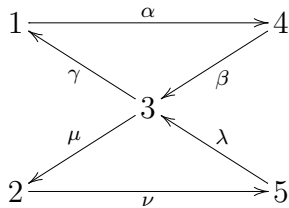
Define  $C' = G(C^*)$ , then, passing to the cluster category, we have  $\mathcal{C}_C \cong \mathcal{C}_{k\Sigma} \cong \mathcal{C}_{C'}$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{C} &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_C} C \\
 &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{k\Sigma}} T \\
 &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{k\Sigma}} T^* \\
 &\cong \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{C'}} C' \\
 &\cong \tilde{C}'.
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves the sufficiency. The necessity is obvious.  $\square$

### 5.5 Example

Let  $\tilde{C}$  be the cluster-tilted algebra of type  $\mathbb{A}_5$  given by the quiver



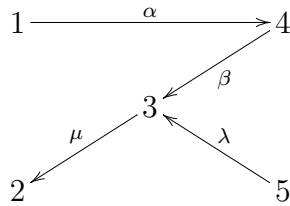
bound by  $\alpha\beta = 0$ ,  $\beta\gamma = 0$ ,  $\gamma\alpha = 0$ ,  $\lambda\mu = 0$ ,  $\mu\nu = 0$  and  $\nu\lambda = 0$ . Its Auslander-Reiten quiver is shown in Figure 1, where modules are represented by their Loewy series and we identify the vertices that have the same label, thus creating a Moebius strip. Let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3$  be respectively given by

$$\Sigma_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array} \right\}$$

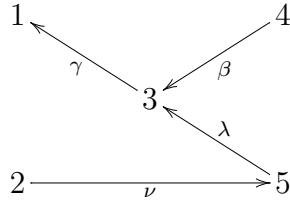
$$\Sigma_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 5 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Sigma_3 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array} \right\}.$$

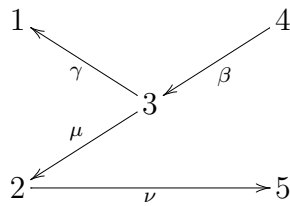
Then  $C_1 = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma_1$  is given by the quiver



while  $C_2 = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma_2$  is given by the quiver



and  $C_3 = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma_3$  is given by the quiver



with the inherited relations in each case. Then we have  $d(C_1, C_2) = d(C_1, C_3) = d(C_2, C_3) = 2$ . Notice that if  $\tilde{C}$  has  $n$  points, then clearly, for any two fibre quotients  $C_1, C_2$  of  $\tilde{C}$ , we have  $d(C_1, C_2) \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

## 5.6

We are now able to state and prove the key lemma.

**Lemma 23** *Let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  be two local slices in the same transjective component of  $\text{mod } \check{C}$  such that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) \neq 0$ . Then either:*

- (a) *there exists a rightmost slice  $\Sigma_1^+$  such that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_1^+) = 0$  and a reflection  $\sigma_x^+$  such that  $\check{d}(\sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+, \Sigma_2) < \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$ , or*
- (b) *there exists a leftmost slice  $\Sigma_1^-$  such that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_1^-) = 0$  and a coreflection  $\sigma_y^-$  such that  $\check{d}(\sigma_y^- \Sigma_1^-, \Sigma_2) < \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) Assume first that  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = \emptyset$ , then we can assume without loss of generality that  $\Sigma_1 < \Sigma_2$ . Let  $\Sigma_1^+$  be the rightmost slice such that  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_1^+) = 0$ . Such a rightmost slice exists since  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) \neq 0$  and the two slices lie in the same transjective component. Let  $x = (x_0, j)$  be an admissible sink in  $\Sigma_1^+$ . We claim that  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+$  gives the result. Indeed,  $T_{x_0}$  is such that

$$\Sigma_1 < \tau F^j T_{x_0} < \Sigma_2$$

in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)$ , but  $\tau F^j T_{x_0} < \sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+$ . Also, if  $T_{y_0}$  is such that  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+ < \tau F^i T_{y_0} < \Sigma_2$  in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } C)$ , then  $\Sigma_1 \leq \Sigma_1^+ < \tau F^i T_{y_0} < \Sigma_2$ . Moreover,  $\Sigma_2 < \tau F^i T_{y_0} < \sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+$  is impossible, because  $\sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+ \leq \Sigma_2$ . We deduce that  $\check{d}(\sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+, \Sigma_2) < \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$ . This proves (a). Similarly, assuming  $\Sigma_2 < \Sigma_1$  yields (b).

(2) Suppose now that  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2) \neq 0$ , there exists  $z = (z_0, j)$  such that either  $\Sigma_1 < \tau F^j T_{z_0} < \Sigma_2$  or  $\Sigma_2 < \tau F^j T_{z_0} < \Sigma_1$ . Assume  $\Sigma_1 < \tau F^j T_{z_0} < \Sigma_2$  and let  $x = (x_0, i)$  be an admissible sink in  $\Sigma_1^+$  such that

$$\Sigma_1^+ < \tau F^i T_{x_0} < \Sigma_2.$$

We claim that  $\check{d}(\sigma_x^+ \Sigma_1^+, \Sigma_2) < \check{d}(\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)$ .

We first prove that  $G_x < \Sigma_2$  (see section 4.2 for the notation  $G_x$ ). By definition,  $G_x$  is constructed by taking closures under socle factors of injectives (lying on the slice) and predecessors. Taking predecessors (of predecessors) of  $\Sigma_2$  cannot create elements of  $\Sigma_2$  or successors of  $\Sigma_2$ . Therefore, it suffices to show that, if  $I$  is an injective predecessor of  $\Sigma_2$  and  $I \rightarrow M$ , then  $M < \Sigma_2$ . Suppose that this is not the case, then  $M \in \Sigma_2$  and, since  $\Sigma_2$  is a local slice and  $I$  is injective, then  $I$  must belong to  $\Sigma_2$ , a contradiction.

Now the same argument as in case (1) above completes the proof of (a). Similarly, in case  $\Sigma_2 < \tau F^j T_{z_0} < \Sigma_1$ , we get (b).  $\square$

## 5.7 The main result

We may now state and prove our main theorem.

**Theorem 24** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra having a tree  $\Sigma$  as complete slice. The following conditions are equivalent:*

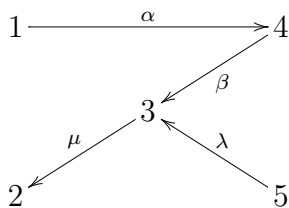
- (a)  $C'$  is a fibre quotient of  $\tilde{C}$ .
- (b)  $C'$  is a fibre quotient of  $\check{\tilde{C}}$ .
- (c) *There exists a sequence of reflections and coreflections  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t$  such that  $C' = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t C$  has  $\Sigma' = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t \Sigma$  as complete slice and  $C' = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma'$ .*

**PROOF.** Since the equivalence of (a) and (b) follows from Lemma 21, and since Proposition 14 yields easily that (c) implies (a), it suffices to prove that (a) implies (c).

Let  $C'$  be a fibre quotient of  $\tilde{C}$ . Then there exist two local slices  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma''$  in  $\text{mod } \tilde{C}$  such that  $C = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma$  and  $C' = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma''$  (because of [ABS2]). Lifting this information to  $\check{\tilde{C}}$ , there exist two local slices  $\check{\Sigma}$  and  $\check{\Sigma}''$  lying in the same transjective component of  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{\tilde{C}})$  such that  $G_\lambda \check{\Sigma} = \Sigma$  and  $G_\lambda \check{\Sigma}'' = \Sigma''$ . Applying Lemma 23 and an obvious induction, the finiteness of the distance function yields a sequence of reflections and coreflections  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t$  such that  $\check{d}(\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t \check{\Sigma}, \check{\Sigma}'') = 0$ . This implies that  $d(\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t \Sigma, \Sigma'') = 0$ . Let  $\Sigma' = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t \Sigma$ . By Proposition 14,  $C' = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t C$  is tilted and has  $\Sigma'$  as a complete slice. Let  $C^* = \tilde{C}/\text{Ann } \Sigma'$ , then  $d(\Sigma', \Sigma'') = 0$  implies  $d(C^*, C') = 0$ . Because of Corollary 18, we get indeed  $C' = C^*$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 5.8 Example

Let again  $\tilde{C}$  be the cluster-tilted algebra of Example 5.5. We assume that  $C$  is the tilted algebra given by the quiver



bound by  $\alpha\beta = 0, \lambda\mu = 0$ . A rightmost complete slice  $\Sigma$  of  $\text{mod } C$  is given by

$$\Sigma = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, 4, \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array} \right\}$$

Reflecting successively at all admissible sinks yields successively the local slices

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_2\Sigma &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, 5, 4, \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array} \right\}, \\ \sigma_3\sigma_2\Sigma &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array}, 2, 1, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \ 2 \end{array} \right\}, \\ \sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_2\Sigma &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array}, 2, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array} \right\}, \\ \sigma_5\sigma_3\sigma_2\Sigma &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array}, 1, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}. \\ \sigma_5\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_2\Sigma &= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $\Sigma' = \sigma_5\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_2\Sigma = \sigma_4\sigma_5\sigma_3\sigma_2\Sigma$ . The rightmost slice corresponding to  $\Sigma'$  is

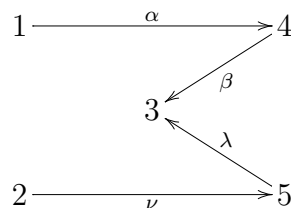
$$\Sigma'^+ = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \end{array} \right\},$$

therefore

$$\sigma_2\Sigma'^+ = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \end{array}, 5, \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array} \right\},$$

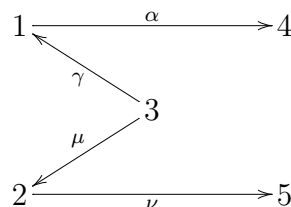
while  $\sigma_1\Sigma'^+ = \Sigma$ . Therefore the fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$  are the algebras

(1)  $\sigma_2C$  given by the quiver



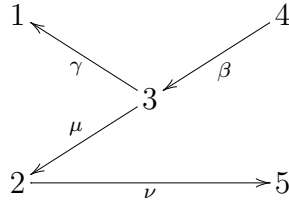
bound by  $\alpha\beta = 0$  and  $\nu\lambda = 0$ .

(2)  $\sigma_3\sigma_2C$  given by the quiver



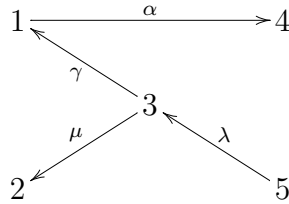
bound by  $\gamma \alpha = 0$  and  $\mu \nu = 0$ .

(3)  $\sigma_4 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 C$  given by the quiver



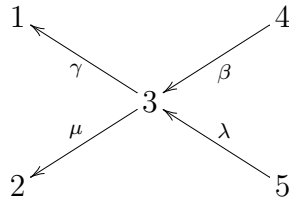
bound by  $\beta \gamma = 0$  and  $\mu \nu = 0$ .

(4)  $\sigma_5 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 C$  given by the quiver



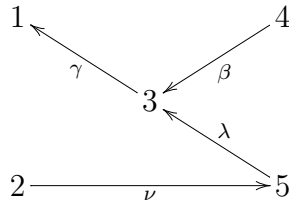
bound by  $\gamma \alpha = 0$  and  $\lambda \mu = 0$ .

(5)  $\sigma_5 \sigma_4 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 C = \sigma_4 \sigma_5 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 C$  given by the quiver



bound by  $\beta \gamma = 0$  and  $\lambda \mu = 0$ .

(6)  $\sigma_2 \sigma_5 \sigma_4 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 C$  given by the quiver

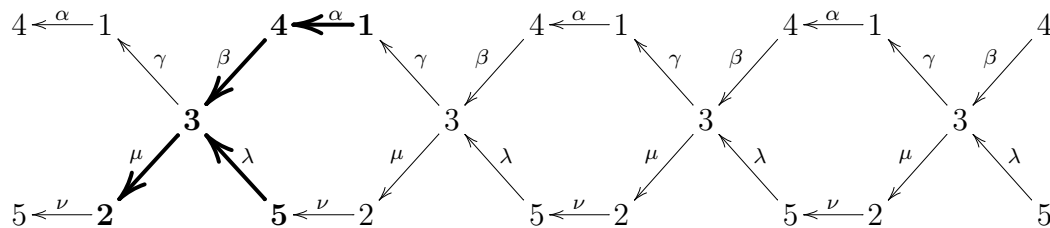


bound by  $\beta \gamma = 0$  and  $\nu \lambda = 0$ .

Finally  $\sigma_1 \sigma_5 \sigma_4 \sigma_3 \sigma_2 C = C$ . It is easily seen that we so obtain all fibre quotients of  $\tilde{C}$ .



The reader can easily locate these reflections (fibre quotients) of  $C$  in the quiver of  $\check{C}$ :



bound by the lifted relations  $\alpha\beta = 0$ ,  $\beta\gamma = 0$ ,  $\gamma\alpha = 0$ ,  $\lambda\mu = 0$ ,  $\mu\nu = 0$  and  $\nu\lambda = 0$ . We have illustrated one copy of  $C$  in bold face.

## 6 Algorithm

### 6.1

Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra of tree type, and  $\Gamma$  a connecting component of  $\text{mod } C$ . We recall that a tilted algebra has a unique connecting component, except if it is concealed, in which case it has two. We denote by  $\Sigma^+$  and  $\Sigma^-$ , respectively, the rightmost and leftmost slice in  $\Gamma$ . We assume both  $\Sigma^+$  and  $\Sigma^-$  exist. Let  $\Gamma_1$  be the full subquiver of  $\Gamma$  having as points

$$\Gamma_1 = \{M \in \text{ind } C \mid \tau\Sigma^- \leq M \leq \tau^{-1}\Sigma^+\}.$$

**Lemma 25** *With the above notation,*

- (a)  $\Gamma_1$  embeds as a full subquiver of  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ .
- (b) Let  $M$  be a  $\check{C}$ -module such that  $\tau\Sigma^- \leq M \leq \tau^{-1}\Sigma^+$  then  $M$  is a  $C$ -module lying in  $\Gamma_1$ .

**PROOF.** (a) follows from Proposition 3.

(b) Let  $M$  be such a  $\check{C}$ -module. It follows from the structure of  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  that  $M$  lies in a transjective component and furthermore there exists  $t \geq 0$  such that  $\tau_{\check{C}}^{-t}M \in \Sigma^+$ , that is, there exists a  $C$ -module  $N \in \Sigma^+$  such that  $\tau_{\check{C}}^{-t}M = N$ . Applying Proposition 3, we get  $M = \tau_{\check{C}}^t \tau_{\check{C}}^{-t}M = \tau_{\check{C}}^t N \cong \tau_C^t N$ , hence the statement.  $\square$

**Remark 26** *Note that if, for instance,  $\Sigma^-$  does not exist, but  $\Sigma^+$  does, then the statement of the Lemma applies to the full subquiver of  $\Gamma$  with points*

$$\{M \in \text{ind } C \mid M \leq \tau^{-1}\Sigma^+\}.$$

6.2

Let now  $x$  be an admissible sink in  $C$  such that  $G_x$  is contained in the rightmost slice  $\Sigma^+$  of  $\text{mod } C$ . Let  $I_y$  be a source in  $G_x$  and define a  $\check{C}$ -module  $\overline{P}_y$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{top } \overline{P}_y &= S_y \\ \text{rad } \overline{P}_y &= \tau_C^{-1}(I_y/S_y) = \bigoplus_{I_y \rightarrow M} (\tau_C^{-1}M). \end{aligned}$$

Note that, since  $I_y$  is a source, then all indecomposable modules  $M$  such that there exists an arrow  $I_y \rightarrow M$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } C)$  lie in  $G_x$  (see Section 4.2). Also, as morphisms from  $\text{top } \overline{P}_y$  to  $\text{rad } \overline{P}_y$ , we take, for every arrow  $\alpha : y \rightarrow z$ , the linear map  $f_\alpha : \overline{P}_y(y) \rightarrow \overline{P}_y(z)$  defined by the right multiplication by the residual class of the arrow  $\alpha$  in  $\check{C} = k\check{Q}/\check{I}$ .

Recursively, for every  $I_z$  in  $G_x$  with the property that for each predecessor  $I_w$  of  $I_z$  in  $G_x$ , we have already introduced a corresponding projective module  $\overline{P}_w$ , we define  $\overline{P}_z$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{top } \overline{P}_z &= S_z \\ \text{rad } \overline{P}_z &= \tau_C^{-1}(I_z/S_z) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{I_w \rightarrow I_z} \overline{P}_w \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the second direct sum is taken over all arrows  $I_w \rightarrow I_z$  in  $G_x$ .

Again, for morphisms from  $\text{top } \overline{P}_z$  to  $\text{rad } \overline{P}_z$ , we take, for every arrow  $\alpha : z \rightarrow v$ , the linear map  $f_\alpha : \overline{P}_z(z) \rightarrow \overline{P}_z(v)$  defined by the right multiplication by the residual class of the arrow  $\alpha$  in  $\check{C} = k\check{Q}/\check{I}$ . The module  $\overline{P}_z$  is thus located at the position  $\tau^{-2}I_z$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ .

**Lemma 27** *For each injective module  $I_y$  in  $G_x$ , the  $\check{C}$ -module  $\overline{P}_y$  thus constructed is isomorphic to the indecomposable projective  $\check{C}$ -module  $\check{P}_y$  at  $y$ .*

**PROOF.** Clearly, it suffices to show that  $\text{rad } \check{P}_y = \text{rad } \overline{P}_y$ . We have that  $\text{rad } \check{P}_y$  is the direct sum of all  $N \in \text{ind } \check{C}$  such that there exists an arrow  $N \rightarrow \check{P}_y$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ . There are two possibilities for such a radical summand  $N$ :

Either  $N$  is not projective, and then there exists an arrow  $I_y \rightarrow M$  with  $M \cong \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1}N$  because  $\check{P}_y$  is also situated at the position  $\tau^{-2}I_y$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  (see Lemma 5 (a)), or  $N = \check{P}_w$  is projective, and then there exists an arrow  $\check{P}_w \rightarrow \check{P}_z$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ .

Thus

$$\text{rad } \check{P}_y = \left( \bigoplus_{I_y \rightarrow M} \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1}M \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{\check{P}_w \rightarrow \check{P}_z} \check{P}_w \right),$$

where the two direct sums are taken over arrows in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ .

Now, if  $I_y = \check{I}_y$  is a source in  $G_x$ , then there is no arrow  $I_z \rightarrow I_y$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } C)$  and, because of Lemma 25, there is no arrow  $\check{I}_z \rightarrow \check{I}_y$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ . By Lemma 5 (b), there is no arrow  $\check{P}_z \rightarrow \check{P}_x$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$ . Therefore, using Proposition 3,

$$\text{rad } \check{P}_y = \bigoplus_{\check{I}_y \rightarrow M} \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1}M = \bigoplus_{I_y \rightarrow M} \tau_C^{-1}M = \text{rad } \check{P}_y,$$

where the first direct sum is taken over arrows in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  and the second over arrows in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } C)$ .

Now assume that  $I_z$  is not a source in  $G_x$ . By induction, we may suppose that  $\check{P}_w = \overline{P}_w$  for all  $w$  such that  $I_w$  precedes  $I_z$  in  $G_x$ . Thus

$$\bigoplus_{\check{P}_w \rightarrow \check{P}_z} \check{P}_w \cong \bigoplus_{\check{I}_w \rightarrow \check{I}_z} \check{P}_w \cong \bigoplus_{I_w \rightarrow I_z} \check{P}_w \cong \bigoplus_{I_w \rightarrow I_z} \overline{P}_w,$$

where the last equality holds by induction. Since we have, as before,

$$\bigoplus_{\check{I}_z \rightarrow M} \tau_{\check{C}}^{-1}M = \bigoplus_{I_z \rightarrow M} \tau_C^{-1}M,$$

the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 6.3

**Corollary 28** *With the above notation, we have*

$$\sigma_x^+ \Sigma^+ = \{\Sigma \setminus G_x\} \cup \{\overline{P}_y \mid I_y \in G_x \text{ injective}\} \cup \{\tau_C^{-1}M \mid M \in G_x \text{ not injective}\}.$$

**PROOF.** This follows directly from Lemma 27 and the construction in Section 4.3.

**Remark 29** *Clearly, the dual construction, starting from an admissible source  $y$  in  $C$  and constructing the local slice  $\sigma_y \Sigma^-$  in  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})$  holds as well. We leave its statement to the reader.*

## 6.4

We now describe an algorithm allowing to construct the transjective component of a cluster-tilted algebra  $\tilde{C}$  knowing only a complete slice of a tilted algebra  $C$ . Since the pushdown functor  $G_\lambda : \text{mod } \check{C} \rightarrow \text{mod } \tilde{C}$  is dense and thus induces an isomorphism of quivers  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \tilde{C}) \cong \Gamma(\text{mod } \check{C})/\mathbb{Z}$  (see [ABS3]), it suffices to construct a transjective component of  $\check{C}$ .

Let  $\Sigma$  be a complete slice in  $\text{mod } C$ , then  $\Sigma$  embeds as a local slice in a transjective component  $\Gamma$  of the cluster repetitive algebra  $\check{C}$ . For clarity, we treat separately the representation-finite and the representation-infinite case.

(a) Assume  $\tilde{C}$  is representation-finite, that is,  $\check{C}$  is locally representation-finite. In this case,  $\Sigma$  is a Dynkin quiver. We carry out the following steps.

(1) If there exists a source  $M$  of  $\Sigma$  which is not injective, then we replace  $\Sigma$  by

$$\Sigma' = \{\Sigma \setminus \{M\}\} \cup \{\tau^{-1}M\}$$

(here, the Auslander-Reiten translation  $\tau$  is computed with respect to the support of  $\Sigma$  which, at the start, is equal to  $C$ ). If not go to 2. Repeat until every source is injective.

(2) If all sources of  $\Sigma$  are injective then there exists a source  $I_x$  in  $\Sigma$  such that  $G_x$  exists (because of Lemma 9). Then we replace  $\Sigma$  by

$$\Sigma' = \sigma_x^+ \Sigma.$$

Go to 1.

Since  $\check{C}$  is locally representation-finite, we eventually construct a slice  $\Sigma$  such that for every module  $M$  in  $\Sigma$ , the module  $\varphi^{-1}M$  has already been constructed before, where  $\varphi$  is the automorphism of  $\check{C}$  inducing the covering  $\check{C} \rightarrow \tilde{C}$  (see Section 3.3). At this point the algorithm stops. After identification under  $\varphi$ , we have thus obtained the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the cluster-tilted algebra  $\tilde{C}$ .

(b) Assume  $\tilde{C}$  is representation-infinite, that is,  $\check{C}$  is locally representation-infinite. We carry out the following steps.

(1) If there exists a source  $M$  of  $\Sigma$  which is not injective, then we replace  $\Sigma$  by

$$\Sigma' = \{\Sigma \setminus \{M\}\} \cup \{\tau^{-1}M\}$$

(where, again,  $\tau^{-1}$  is computed with respect to the support of  $\Sigma$ ). Repeat. If this procedure produces a  $\Sigma$  in which every source is injective, then go to 2. If not, then this procedure produces the right stable part of  $\Gamma$ . Then go to 3.

- (2) If all sources of  $\Sigma$  are injective then there exists a source  $I_x$  in  $\Sigma$  such that  $G_x$  exists. Then we replace  $\Sigma$  by

$$\Sigma' = \sigma_x \Sigma.$$

Go to 1. Since there are finitely many injectives in  $\Gamma$  then, at some point, we get to 3.

- (3) Return to the initial slice  $\Sigma$ .  
 (4) If there exists a sink  $N$  of  $\Sigma$  which is not projective, then we replace  $\Sigma$  by

$$\Sigma' = \{\Sigma \setminus \{N\}\} \cup \{\tau N\}$$

(where, again,  $\tau$  is computed with respect to the support of  $\Sigma$ ). Repeat. If this procedure produces a  $\Sigma$  in which every sink is projective, then go to 5. If not, then this procedure produces the left stable part of  $\Gamma$ . Then the algorithm stops.

- (5) If all sinks of  $\Sigma$  are projective then there exists a sink  $P_y$  in  $\Sigma$  such that  $G_y$  exists. Then we replace  $\Sigma$  by

$$\Sigma' = \sigma_y \Sigma.$$

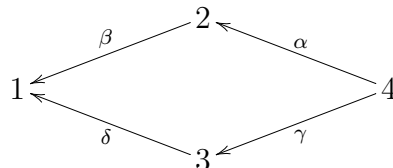
Go to 4. Since there are finitely many projectives in  $\Gamma$  then, at some point, the algorithm stops.

**Theorem 30** *Let  $C$  be a tilted algebra of tree type. Then the transjective component of  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \tilde{C})$  is constructed by the preceding algorithm. Moreover, if  $C$  is of Dynkin type, then the algorithm yields  $\Gamma(\text{mod } \tilde{C})$ .*

**PROOF.** This follows from Corollary 28 and the density of the pushdown functor  $G_\lambda : \text{mod } \check{C} \rightarrow \text{mod } \tilde{C}$ .  $\square$

### 6.5 A representation-finite example

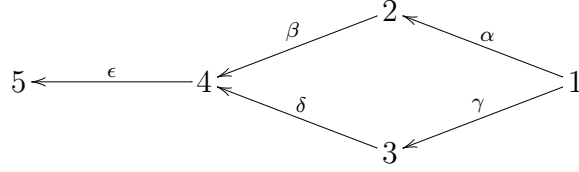
Let  $C$  be the tilted algebra of type  $\mathbb{D}_4$  given by the quiver



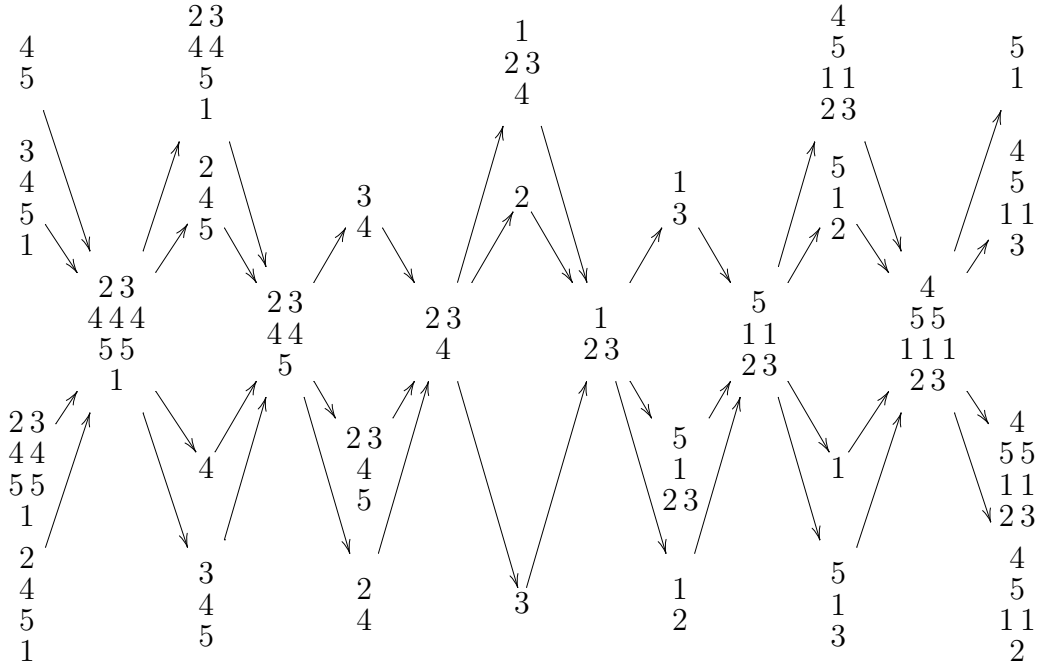


6.6 A representation-infinite example

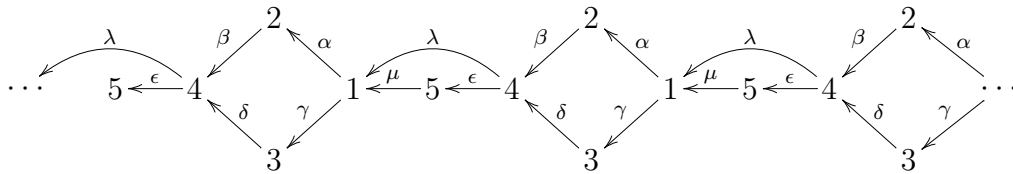
Let  $C$  be the tilted algebra of type  $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_4$  given by the quiver



bound by  $\alpha\beta = \gamma\delta$  and  $\alpha\beta\epsilon = 0$ . Here,  $\tilde{C}$  is representation-infinite. We show part of its transjective component.



The rest of the transjective component is constructed by the “knitting” procedure, constructing successively the Auslander-Reiten translates of the modules thus obtained. The remaining projectives lie in the tubes. The cluster repetitive algebra  $\check{C}$  is given by the quiver



bound by  $\alpha\beta = \gamma\delta$ ,  $\alpha\beta\epsilon = 0$ ,  $\beta\lambda = \beta\epsilon\mu$ ,  $\lambda\alpha = \epsilon\mu\alpha$ ,  $\delta\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda\gamma = 0$ .

## 7 Tubes

The same algorithm seems to work for the tubes of the cluster-tilted algebras of Euclidean type. We have no proof of this fact but we give partial results and an example here.

Let  $A$  be a hereditary algebra of Euclidean type and  $T$  be a tilting  $A$ -module without preinjective summands. Assume that  $T_i$  is a summand of  $T$  that lies in a tube and such that  $i$  is a source of  $C = \text{End}_A T$ . Denote by  $r$  the quasi length of  $T_i$  and let  $M$  be the quasi simple module that lies on the same ray as  $T_i$  on the mouth of the tube.

**Lemma 31** *The immediate predecessor of  $T_i$  on the semi-ray ending at  $T_i$  is a summand of  $T$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $r = 1$ , then  $M = T_i$  and the result holds since there is no such predecessor. If  $r > 1$ , it follows from the assumption that  $i$  is a source in  $C$ .  $\square$

We denote this predecessor by  $T_j$ . Thus there is a sectional path  $M \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow T_j \rightarrow T_i$  of length  $r - 1$ , and  $M$  lies on the mouth of the tube.

**Lemma 32** *In the above situation, we have*

$$\text{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T_i) \cong \text{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 M).$$

**PROOF.** Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(T, -)$  to the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \tau^2 M \rightarrow \tau^2 T_i \rightarrow \tau T_j \rightarrow 0,$$

the result follows from  $\text{Hom}_A(T, \tau T_j) = D\text{Ext}_A(T_j, T) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 33** *In the above situation, let  $\tilde{I}_i$  denote the indecomposable injective and  $\tilde{S}_i$  the indecomposable simple module of the cluster-tilted algebra  $C \rtimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  corresponding to the point  $i$ . Then*

$$\tilde{I}_i / \tilde{S}_i = \text{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T_i).$$



**PROOF.** A straightforward computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{I}_i &= \mathrm{Hom}_C(T, \tau^2 T_i) \\ &= \mathrm{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T_i) \oplus \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\mathrm{mod} A)}(\tau T[-1], \tau^2 T_i) \\ &= \mathrm{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T_i) \oplus \mathrm{DHom}_A(\tau^2 T_i, \tau^2 T).\end{aligned}$$

The simple socle of  $\tilde{I}_i$  corresponds in this description to the direct summand  $\mathrm{DHom}_A(\tau^2 T_i, \tau^2 T_i)$  of the second term. Thus

$$\tilde{I}_i / \tilde{S}_i = \mathrm{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T_i) \oplus \mathrm{DHom}_A(\tau^2 T_i, \tau^2 \bar{T}),$$

where  $\bar{T} \oplus T_i = T$ . The statement now follows, because  $\mathrm{Hom}_A(\tau^2 T_i, \tau^2 \bar{T}) = \mathrm{Hom}_A(T_i, \bar{T}) = 0$ , because  $i$  is a source in  $C$ .  $\square$

Now consider the image of the tube in the module category of the tilted algebra  $C = \mathrm{End}_A T$ . The  $A$ -modules  $T_j$  and  $T_i$  correspond to the indecomposable projective  $C$ -modules  $P_j$  and  $P_i$  respectively. Moreover  $P_j$  is a direct summand of the radical of  $P_i$ . Since  $P_i$  lies in a tube its radical  $\mathrm{rad} P_i = P_j \oplus N$ , for some indecomposable  $C$ -module  $N$ . Since  $i$  is a source, it follows from the construction of the tube in  $\mathrm{mod} C$  from the tube in  $\mathrm{mod} A$  that  $\tau_C N = \mathrm{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 M)$ .

**Lemma 34** *With the notation above,*

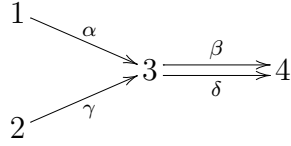
$$\tilde{I}_i / \tilde{S}_i = \tau_C N.$$

**PROOF.**  $\tau_C N = \mathrm{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 M) = \mathrm{Hom}_A(T, \tau^2 T_i) = \tilde{I}_i / \tilde{S}_i$ , where the second equality follows from Lemma 32 and the last from Lemma 33.  $\square$

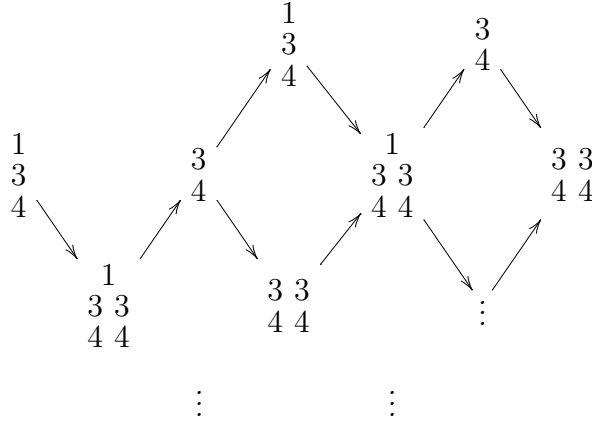
This shows that at least in certain cases, a similar algorithm as for the transjective component can be used to construct the tubes of the cluster-tilted algebra. Starting from the tube of the tilted algebra, we use knitting to the left until we reach an indecomposable projective  $C$ -module  $P_i$ . We insert a new injective at the position  $\tau^2 P_i$  by requiring that its socle quotient is equal to  $\tau_C$  of the unique non-projective indecomposable summand of the radical of  $P_i$  in  $\mathrm{mod} C$ . Lemma 34 shows that this module is actually the indecomposable injective module  $\tilde{I}_i$  of the cluster-tilted algebra.

The arguments above will stop functioning if we come to another projective  $P_\ell$  inside the same tube for which there is no sectional path from  $P_\ell$  to  $P_i$ . The algorithm still seems to work in all the examples we have computed, but we do not know how to prove it.

**Example 35** We conclude with an example of a tube. Let  $C$  be given by the quiver

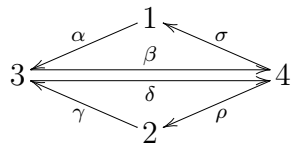


bound by the relations  $\alpha\beta = 0$  and  $\gamma\delta = 0$ . One of the two exceptional tubes in  $\text{mod } C$  is given as



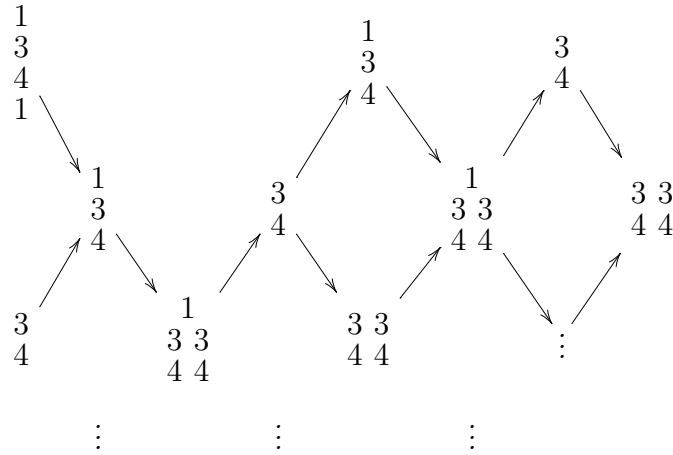
where modules with identical labels must be identified. The module  $P_1 = \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$  is projective and each module in the tube lies in the  $\tau$ -orbit of  $P_1$ .

We use our algorithm to construct the tube of the corresponding cluster-tilted algebra  $\tilde{C} = C \ltimes \text{Ext}_C^2(DC, C)$  which is given by the quiver

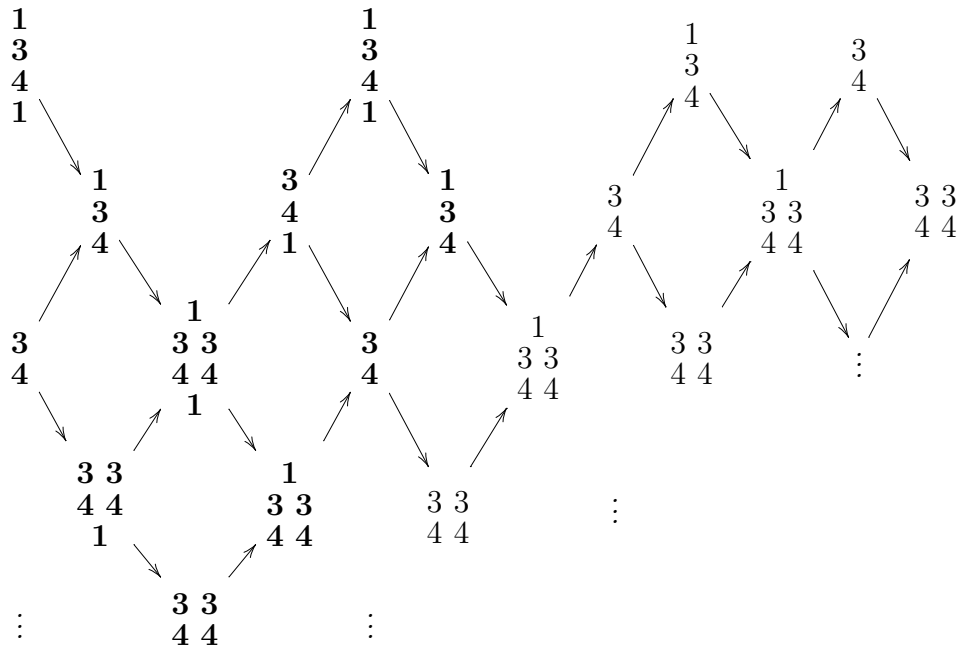


bound by the relations  $\alpha\beta = \beta\sigma = \sigma\alpha = \gamma\delta = \delta\rho = \rho\gamma = 0$ . First we construct

*the new injective module*



*and then we continue knitting to the left until the modules start repeating.*



*The tube in the cluster-tilted algebra consists of the modules in bold face. Modules (in bold face) with identical labels must be identified. Note that the tube of the cluster-tilted algebra in this example is obtained by inserting a coray into the tilted tube.*

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