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# Torsionless modules over cluster-tilted algebras of type $A_n$

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# 1 cluster categories and cluster-tilted algebras

- $k$ — a field
- $H$ — a finite dimensional hereditary  $k$ -algebra
- $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^b(H)$ — bounded derived category of finitely generated  $H$ -modules
- $[1]$ — shift functor
- $\tau$ — Auslander-Reiten translation in  $\mathcal{D}$



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Buan, Marsh, Reineke, Reiten, Todorov [4] defined a new category:

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}^b(H)/F \text{ with the functor } F = \tau^{-1}[1]$$

Objects: the  $F$ -orbits of objects in  $\mathcal{D}$

Morphisms:  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F^i X, Y)$ . Here  $X, Y$  are the objects in  $\mathcal{D}$ , and  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}$  are the corresponding objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

This category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a **cluster category**.

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Recall: For a hereditary algebra  $H$ , an  $H$ -module  $T$  is said to be a **tilting module** if

(a)  $\text{Ext}_H^1(T, T) = 0$ , that is  $T$  is **exceptional**, and there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow 0$  with  $T_0, T_1 \in \text{add}T$  (see [7]).

some useful equivalent characterizations [1]:

(b)  $T$  is exceptional and has  $n$  non-isomorphic indecomposable direct summands, where  $n$  is the number of simple  $H$ -modules.

(c)  $T$  is exceptional and has a maximal number of non-isomorphic indecomposable direct summands.

A tilting module is said to be **basic** if all of its direct summands are non-isomorphic.

For the case of  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}^b(H)/F$ , we say that  $T$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a **cluster tilting object** if  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(T, T) = 0$  and  $T$  has a maximal number of non-isomorphic direct summands.

**Lemma 1.1** [4] Let  $T$  be an  $H$ -module. Then  $T$  is exceptional if and only if  $T$  is an exceptional object in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Theorem 1.2** [4] (a) Let  $T$  be a basic tilting object in  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}^b(H)/F$ , where  $H$  is a hereditary algebra with  $n$  simple modules.

- (i)  $T$  is induced by a basic tilting module over a hereditary algebra  $H'$ , derived equivalent to  $H$ .
  - (ii)  $T$  has  $n$  indecomposable direct summands.
- (b) Any basic tilting module over a hereditary algebra  $H$  induces a basic tilting object for  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}^b(H)/F$ .



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Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a cluster category and  $T$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}$ , we call  $\Gamma = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(T)^{op}$  the **cluster-tilted algebra**.

Here we consider  $H$  the path algebra of a Dynkin quiver  $Q$ . If the underlying graph of  $Q$  is the Dynkin graph  $\Delta$ , then we say that  $\Gamma$  is **cluster-tilted algebra of type  $\Delta$** .

**Theorem 1.3** [2] Let  $T$  be a tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and

$$G = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T, -) : \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \text{mod}\Gamma.$$

Then there is an induced functor  $\overline{G} : \mathcal{C}/\text{add}(\tau T) \longrightarrow \text{mod}\Gamma$ , which is an equivalence.



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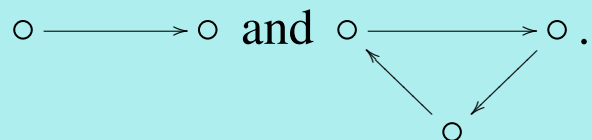
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## 2 Cluster-tilted algebras of type $A_n$

Describe all the cluster-tilted algebras of type  $A_n$  in the following procedure:

Start with two quivers:



- All these vertices are free.
- New quivers can be obtained by identifying two free vertices.
- When we identify the two free ones, the new vertex we get is no longer free.
- Denote  $\mathcal{A}_n$  by all the quivers of  $n$  vertices obtaining from this way.



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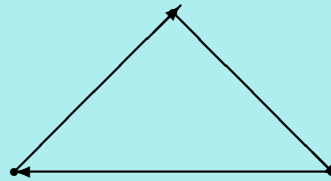
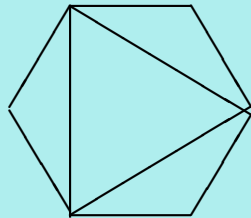


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- $n$ — a positive integer
- $\mathcal{P}_{n+3}$ — a regular polygon with  $n + 3$  vertices

Let  $T$  be a triangulation of  $\mathcal{P}_{n+3}$ , define a quiver  $Q_T$ :

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•  $\mathcal{T}_n$ — the set of all triangulations of  $\mathcal{P}_{n+3}$

Define a function  $\varphi : \mathcal{T}_n \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$

$$\varphi(T) = Q_T .$$

For a triangulation  $T$  of  $\mathcal{P}_{n+3}$ , denote by  $T(i)$  the triangulation obtained from  $T$  by rotating  $T$   $i$  steps in the clockwise direction.

Define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathcal{T}_n$ : let  $T \sim T(i)$  for all  $i$ .

Then we get a new function  $\bar{\varphi} : (\mathcal{T}_n / \sim) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$  induced by  $\varphi$ .

**Proposition 2.1** The function  $\bar{\varphi} : (\mathcal{T}_n / \sim) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$  is a bijection.

**Remark** Torkildsen [9] proved there is a bijection between  $(\mathcal{T}_n / \sim)$  and the cluster-tilted algebras of type  $A_n$ .



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### 3 The torsionless modules

In the following we want to describe  $\text{Sub}(A)$  and  $\underline{\text{Sub}}(A)$  of a cluster-tilted algebra  $A$  of type  $A_n$ .

- $\text{Sub}(A) = \{ {}_A X \mid X \text{ is torsionless, i.e., } X \text{ is a submodule of a projective module} \}$
- $\underline{\text{Sub}}(A) = \text{Sub}(A) / \text{Proj}(A)$  where  $\text{Proj}(A)$  denotes all the projective  $A$ -modules.

A particular example is that  $A$  is a self-injective cluster-tilted algebra. Then  $\underline{\text{Sub}}(A) = \text{mod}(A)$ .



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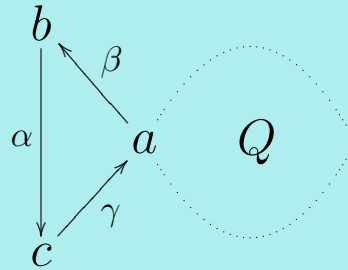
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**Lemma 3.1** Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional  $k$ -algebra.  $B$  is the algebra of the following quiver  $Q'$ :



where  $Q$  is the quiver of the algebra  $A$ . Here the arrow  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are not involved in any relations except  $\alpha\beta = 0$ ,  $\gamma\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta\gamma = 0$ . Then there is a bijection between  $\text{indSub}(A)$  and  $\text{indSub}(B)/\{P(b), P(c), S(b), S(c), \text{rad}P(c)\}$  with  $P(b), P(c)$  are the indecomposable projective  $B$ -modules and  $S(b), S(c)$  the simple  $B$ -modules corresponding to the vertex  $b$  and  $c$ . Hence there is a bijection between  $\text{indSub}(A)$  and  $\text{indSub}(B)/\{S(b), S(c), \text{rad}P(c)\}$ .



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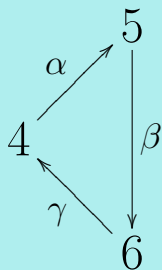
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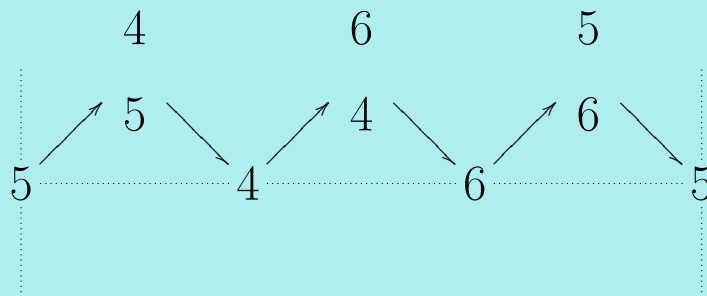
(1)  $A$  is the path algebra of the quiver



with the relations  $\beta\alpha = 0$ ,  $\gamma\beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha\gamma = 0$ .

Note that it is a self-injective algebra. Hence we have

$\text{Sub}(A) = \text{mod}(A)$ .



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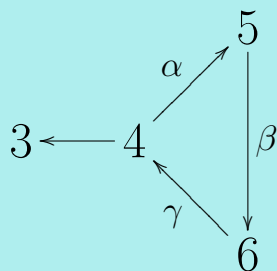
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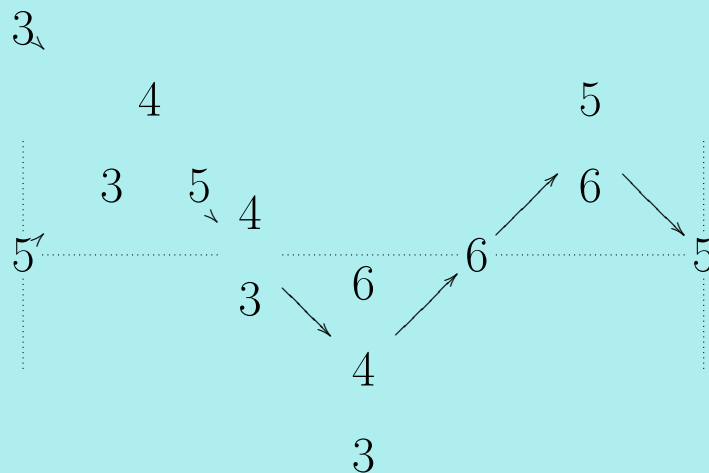
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(2)  $A$  is the algebra of the quiver



with the relations  $\beta\alpha = 0$ ,  $\gamma\beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha\gamma = 0$ .

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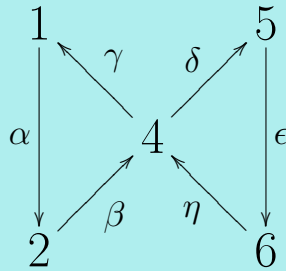
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(3)  $A$  is the algebra of the quiver



with the relations  $\beta\alpha = 0$ ,  $\gamma\beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha\gamma = 0$ ,  $\epsilon\delta = 0$ ,  $\eta\epsilon = 0$ ,  $\delta\eta = 0$ .

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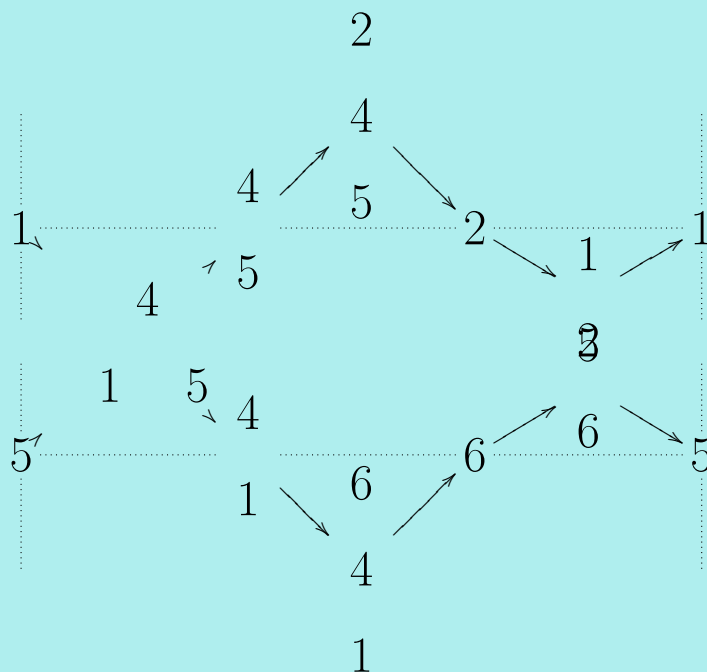
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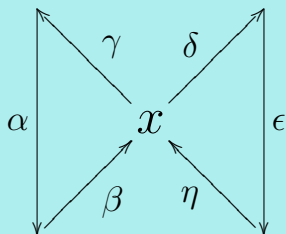
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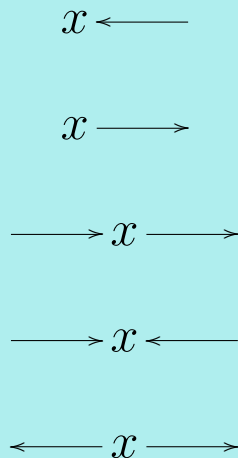


We call a vertex  $x$  a connecting vertex if two arrows end in  $x$  and two arrows start in  $x$ , i.e.,



with the relation  $\gamma\beta = 0$  and  $\delta\eta = 0$ .

We say a vertex  $x$  is normal if it is one of the following cases:



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**Proposition 3.2** If  $A$  is a cluster-tilted algebra of type  $A_n$ , then  $l(A) = 6c - d + e$ , where  $c$  is the number of the 3-cycles in the quiver of  $A$ ,  $d$  is the number of connecting vertices and  $e$  is the number of normal vertices.

**Proposition 3.3** If  $M$  is a torsionless module, then  $M$  is local.

**Proposition 3.4** If  $M$  is a torsionless but not projective module, then  $M$  is serial.



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**Theorem 3.5** If  $M$  is serial, then  $M$  is torsionless if and only if

- (1)  $\text{Hom}(T, M) = 0$  for all non torsionless simple modules  $T = S(x)$  and for all  $T = S(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is an arrow not in any 3-cycle and  $S(\alpha)$  not torsionless but  $S(t(\alpha))$  torsionless;
- (2)  $M \neq L(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha$  not in any 3-cycle.

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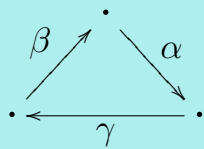
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Next we consider a special case: the cluster-tilted algebras of type  $A_n$  generated by



with relations  $\alpha\beta = 0, \beta\gamma = 0, \gamma\alpha = 0$ .

Recall the dominant dimension of an algebra  $A$ :

$\text{dom.dim } A \geq n \Leftrightarrow$  if  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \dots$  is a minimal injective resolution, then  $I_0, I_1, \dots, I_{n-1}$  are projective.

**Proposition 3.6** If  $A$  is a cluster-tilted algebra as above. Then

$$\text{dom.dim } A \geq 1.$$



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## 4 The Auslander-Reiten structure

First we introduce the notion of  $L(\alpha)$  and  $Q(\beta)$ . Actually this is the notion in the paper by Butler and Ringel [5]. For each arrow  $\alpha : x \rightarrow y$ , we have the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow Q(\alpha) \rightarrow M(\alpha) \rightarrow L(\alpha) \rightarrow 0$  where  $0 \rightarrow Q(\alpha) \rightarrow I(y) \xrightarrow{I(\alpha)} I(x)$  and  $P(y) \xrightarrow{P(\alpha)} P(x) \rightarrow L(\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Theorem 4.1** All the indecomposable torsionless modules of a cluster-tilted algebra  $A$  are the indecomposable projective modules and all the  $L(\alpha)$ 's where  $\alpha$  is a cyclic arrow.



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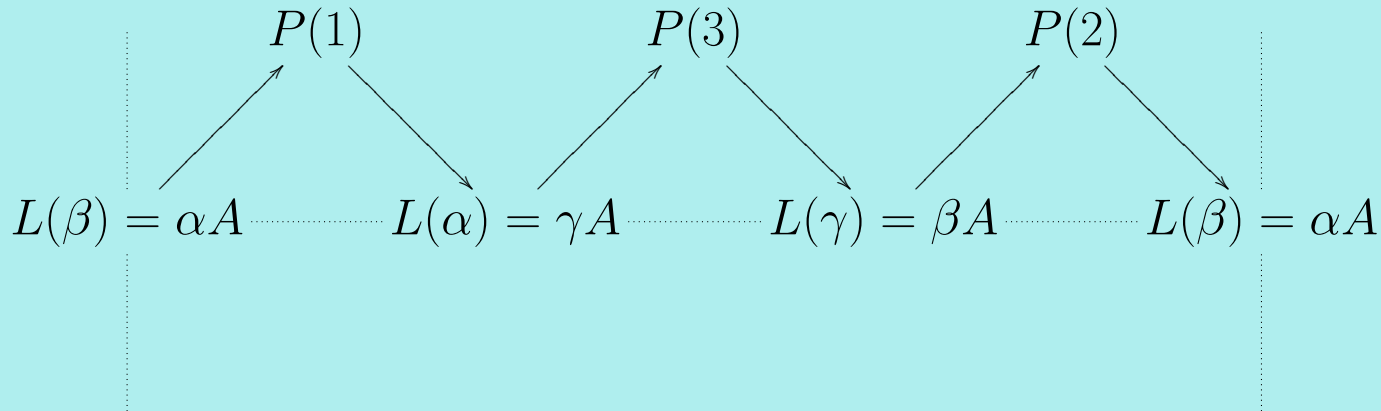
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**Theorem 4.2**  $A$  is a cluster-tilted algebra of type  $A_n$ , and the corresponding quiver is  $Q$ . If  $1 \rightarrow 2$  is a full subquiver of  $Q$ , then the Auslander-Reiten structure of all the indecomposable torsionless modules related to this part is  $P(2) \rightarrow P(1)$ . If  $3 \begin{matrix} \swarrow \beta \\ \xrightarrow{\gamma} \\ \searrow \alpha \end{matrix} 1$  with the relations  $\beta\alpha = 0, \gamma\beta = 0, \alpha\gamma = 0$  is a full subquiver of  $Q$ , then the Auslander-Reiten structure of all the indecomposable torsionless modules related to this part is



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