

Orbit closures of quiver representations

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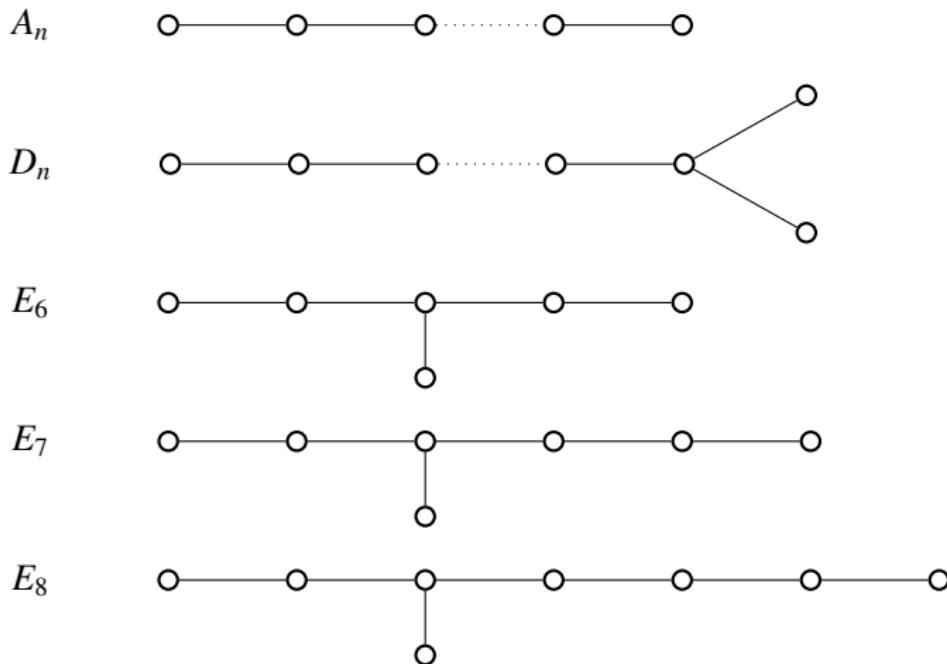
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- Quiver $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ is a directed graph with set of vertices Q_0 and set of arrows Q_1 . (Notation: $ta \xrightarrow{a} ha$)
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- A **representation of \mathcal{Q}** is a pair $V = ((V_i)_{i \in \mathcal{Q}_0}, (V(a))_{a \in \mathcal{Q}_1})$, where V_i are finite-dimensional vector spaces over algebraically closed field k and $V_{ta} \xrightarrow{V(a)} V_{ha}$.
- Dimension vector $\underline{d} = (\dim V_i)_{i \in \mathcal{Q}_0}$.
- The **representation space** of dimension type $\underline{d} = (d_i)_{i \in \mathcal{Q}_0} \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{Q}_0}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Rep}(\mathcal{Q}, \underline{d}) &= \{V = ((V_i)_{i \in \mathcal{Q}_0}, (V(a))_{a \in \mathcal{Q}_1}) \mid \dim(V_i) = d_i\} \\ &= \prod_{a \in \mathcal{Q}_1} \text{Hom}(V_{ta}, V_{ha}) \cong \mathbb{A}^N.\end{aligned}$$

- $\mathrm{GL}(\underline{d}) = \prod_{i \in Q_0} \mathrm{GL}(d_i)$
- $\mathrm{GL}(\underline{d})$ acts on $\mathrm{Rep}(Q, \underline{d})$ by simultaneous change of basis at each vertex

$$((g_i)_{i \in Q_0}, (V(a))_{a \in Q_1}) = (g_{ha} V(a) g_{ta}^{-1})_{a \in Q_1}$$

$\{\mathrm{GL}(\underline{d}) - \text{orbits}\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{isomorphism classes of representations of } Q\}$

$$O_V \longleftrightarrow [V]$$

Orbit closure \overline{O}_V is a subvariety of the affine space $\mathrm{Rep}(Q, \underline{d})$.

Example



$$Q = (Q_0, Q_1); Q_0 = \{1, 2, 3\}, Q_1 = \{a, b\}$$

$$\bullet \xrightarrow{V_1} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_a} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_2} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_b} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_3} \bullet$$

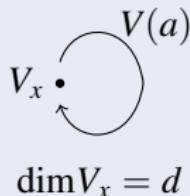
$$\begin{aligned} Rep(Q, \underline{d}) &= \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2) \times \text{Hom}(V_2, V_3) \\ \underline{d} &= (\dim V_1, \dim V_2, \dim V_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \xrightarrow{k^3} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_a} \bullet \xrightarrow{k^4} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_b} \bullet \xrightarrow{k^3} \bullet \quad Rep(Q, (3, 4, 3)) = \text{Hom}(k^3, k^4) \times \text{Hom}(k^4, k^3) \cong \mathbb{A}^{24}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet \xrightarrow{k^3} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_a} \bullet \xrightarrow{k^4} \bullet \xrightarrow{V_b} \bullet \xrightarrow{k^3} \bullet & GL(\underline{d}) = GL(3) \times GL(4) \times GL(3) \\ \text{Gl}(3, k) & \text{Gl}(4, k) & \text{Gl}(3, k) \\ \text{G}l(3, k) & \text{G}l(4, k) & \text{G}l(3, k) \end{array} \quad (g_1, g_2, g_3) \cdot (V_a, V_b) := (g_2 V_a g_1^{-1}, \ g_3 V_b g_2^{-1})$$

\overline{O}_V is an affine variety in \mathbb{A}^{24} .

Example



- $\text{Rep}(Q, d) = \mathbb{M}_{d \times d}(k)$
- Group action: conjugation
- Orbits: conjugacy classes of matrices in $\mathbb{M}(d, k)$
- Geometry: normal, Cohen-Macaulay varieties with rational singularities.
- For nilpotent $V(a)$,
 - if $\text{char } k > 0$ then $\overline{O}_{V(a)}$ is a Frobenius split variety.
 - if $\text{char } k = 0$ then $\overline{O}_{V(a)}$ is Gorenstein; defining ideal generated by minors of various sizes.

Example

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \xrightarrow{V(a)} & \bullet \\ V_1 & & V_2 \\ \underline{d} = (d_1, d_2) & & \end{array}$$

- $\text{Rep}(Q, d) = \mathbb{M}_{d_2 \times d_1}(k)$
- Group action: $(g_1, g_2) * V(a) = g_1 V(a) g_2^{-1}$
- Orbit: $O_r = \text{matrices of rank } r,$
 $0 \leq r \leq m = \min(d_1, d_2)$
- $\overline{O}_r = \bigcup_{j \leq r} O_j$ (determinantal varieties)
 $= \{W \in \text{Rep}(Q, d) \mid \text{rank } W(a) \leq r\}$
- Geometry: normal, Cohen-Macaulay varieties with rational singularities;
Gorenstein if $r = 0, r = m$ or $d_1 = d_2$;
regular if $r = 0$ or $r = m$;
- Resolution of defining ideal (Lascoux);
defining ideal generated by $(r+1) \times (r+1)$ minors.

Why study orbit closures?

- types of singularities
- degenerations
- desingularization
- normality, C-M, unibranchness
- tangent spaces
- defining equations
- etc.

Some results

(1981) Abeasis, Del Fra, Kraft

Equi-oriented quiver of type A_n : orbit closures are normal, Cohen-Macaulay with rational singularities.

(1998) Laxmibai, Magyar

Extended the above result to arbitrary characteristic.

(2001,2002) Bobinski, Zwara

Proved the above result for A_n with arbitrary orientation and for D_n .

- Defining ideals?
- What about quivers of type E ?

Goal

To study orbit closures by calculating resolutions

Strategy

Use geometric technique

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Z & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & X \times \mathcal{V} & \xrightarrow{\quad p \quad} & \mathcal{V} \\ \downarrow q & & \downarrow q & & \\ Y & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & X & & \end{array}$$

- X : affine space
- Y : subvariety
- \mathcal{V} : a projective variety

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Z \subset X \times \mathcal{V} & & \\
 q' \downarrow \quad q \downarrow \quad p \searrow & & \\
 Y \subset X & \mathcal{V} & \text{(projective variety)} \\
 & (\text{affine space}) &
 \end{array}$$

- Let $Z = \text{tot}(\eta)$ and $X \times \mathcal{V} = \text{tot}(\mathcal{E})$.
- Exact sequence of vector bundles over \mathcal{V} :

$$0 \rightarrow \eta \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow 0$$

- Define $\xi = \tau^*$

$$K(\xi)_\bullet : 0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^t \xi \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigwedge^2(p^* \xi) \rightarrow p^* \xi \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X \times \mathcal{V}}$$

resolves \mathcal{O}_Z as $\mathcal{O}_{X \times \mathcal{V}}$ -module.

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Main theorem [Weyman]

- $F_i = \bigoplus_{j \geq 0}^{i+j} H^j(\mathcal{V}, \bigwedge \xi) \otimes_K A(-i-j)$ where $A = K[X]$.
- $F_i = 0$ for $i < 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}_\bullet$ is a finite free resolution of the normalization of $K[Y]$.
- If $F_i = 0$ for $i < 0$ and $F_0 = A \Rightarrow Y$ is normal, Cohen-Macaulay and has rational singularities.

(Reineke desingularization)

$$Z \subset Rep(Q, \underline{d}) \times \prod_{x \in Q_0} Flag(d_s(x), \dots, K^{d(x)})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ q' \downarrow & q \downarrow & p \searrow \\ \overline{O}_V \subset Rep(Q, \underline{d}) & & \prod_{x \in Q_0} Flag(d_s(x), \dots, K^{d(x)}) \end{array}$$

- $F_i = \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} H^j(\mathcal{V}, \bigwedge^{i+j} \xi) \otimes_K A(-i-j)$ where $A = K[Rep(Q, \underline{d})]$.
- If $F_i = 0$ for $i < 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}_\bullet$ is a finite free resolution of the normalization of $K[\overline{O}_V]$.
- If $F_i = 0$ for $i < 0$ and $F_0 = A \Rightarrow \overline{O}_V$ is normal and has rational singularities.

Steps in the construction

- Construct the Auslander-Reiten quiver of Q .
- Find a directed partition of the AR quiver (with s parts).
- Define a subset of $Z_{\mathcal{I}_*, V}$ of $\text{Rep}(Q, \underline{d}) \times \prod_{x \in Q_0} \text{Flag}(\underline{\beta}, V_x)$

$$Z_{\mathcal{I}_*, V} = \{(V, (R_s(x) \subset \cdots \subset R_2(x) \subset V_x)_{x \in Q_0}) \\ | \forall a \in Q_1, \forall t, \quad V(a)(R_t(ta)) \subset R_t(ha)\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_{\mathcal{I}_*, V} & \longrightarrow & \text{Rep}(Q, \underline{d}) \times \prod_{x \in Q_0} \text{Flag}(\underline{\beta}, V_x) \\ \downarrow q & & \downarrow q \\ \overline{O}_V & \longrightarrow & \text{Rep}(Q, \underline{d}) \end{array}$$

Theorem [Reineke]

- $q(Z_{\mathcal{I}_*, V}) = \overline{O}_V$.
- q is a proper birational isomorphism of $Z_{\mathcal{I}_*, V}$ and \overline{O}_V .

Example - determinantal variety



$$V = a(0K) \oplus b(KK) \oplus c(K0)$$

$$\beta_i = \dim R_i$$

$$Z: V_1 \longrightarrow V_2$$

$$\bigcup \qquad \bigcup$$

$$R_1 \longrightarrow R_2$$

$$Z \in \text{Rep}_{\text{Hom}(Q_V^d, V_2^\times)} \prod_{i=1}^2 \text{Flag}_{(\beta_2, V_2)_i}$$

Example - determinantal variety

$$V_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} V_2$$

$$\dim V_1 = 2$$

$$\dim V_2 = 3$$

$$r = \text{rank } \phi = 2$$

$$X = \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2) = V_1^* \otimes V_2$$

$$\text{Orbit closure } \overline{O}_V = \{ \phi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2 \mid \text{rk } \phi \leq 2 \}$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \text{Gr}(2, V_2)$$

$$Z = \text{tot}(V_1^* \otimes \mathcal{R}) = \{ (\phi, R) \mid \text{im}(\phi) \subseteq R \}$$

$$A = K[X] = \text{Sym}(V_1 \otimes V_2^*)$$

Lascoux resolution

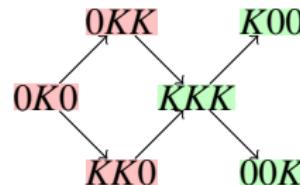
$$0 \longrightarrow S_{21}V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_2^* \otimes A(-3) \xrightarrow{d_2} \wedge^2 V_1 \otimes \wedge^2 V_2^* \otimes A(-2) \xrightarrow{d_1} A \longrightarrow 0$$

$$d_1 = (x_{11}x_{22} - x_{12}x_{21}, x_{11}x_{32} - x_{12}x_{31}, x_{21}x_{32} - x_{22}x_{31})$$

$$d_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_{31} & -x_{32} \\ -x_{21} & -x_{22} \\ x_{11} & x_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

Non-equioriented A_3

$$1 \longrightarrow 2 \longleftarrow 3$$



$$V = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in R^+} m_\alpha X_\alpha$$

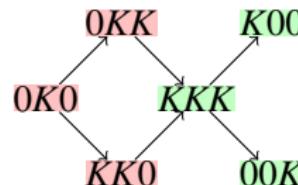
$$\beta_i = \dim R_i$$

$$Z: \begin{array}{ccccc} V_1 & \longrightarrow & V_2 & \longleftarrow & V_3 \\ \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ R_1 & \longrightarrow & R_2 & \longleftarrow & R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbf{Rep}(Q, \underline{d}) \times \prod_{i=1}^3 \mathrm{Flag}_{(i\beta_i V_i) i}$$

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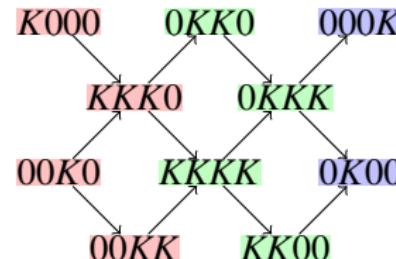
$$\underline{d} = (3, 4, 3)$$

$$\underline{\beta} = (2, 1, 2)$$

$$Z: \begin{array}{ccccc} V_1 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & V_2 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & V_3 \\ \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ R_1 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & R_2 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\xi = \mathcal{R}_1 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_2^* \oplus \mathcal{R}_3 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_2^*$$

A_4 (source-sink)

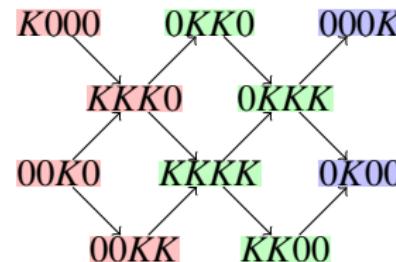


$$V = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in R^+} m_\alpha X_\alpha$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} Z: & V_1 & \longleftarrow & V_2 & \longrightarrow & V_3 & \longleftarrow V_4 \\ & \bigcup & & \bigcup & & \bigcup & \\ & R_1 & \longleftarrow & R_2 & \longrightarrow & R_3 & \longleftarrow R_4 \\ & \bigcup & & \bigcup & & \bigcup & \\ & S_1 & \longleftarrow & S_2 & \longrightarrow & S_3 & \longleftarrow S_4 \end{array}$$

$$Z \subset \text{Rep}(Q, \underline{d}) \times \prod_{i=1}^4 \text{Flag}(\beta_i^2, \beta_i^1, V_i)$$

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$$\begin{matrix} Z: & V_1 & \leftarrow & V_2 & \longrightarrow & V_3 & \leftarrow & V_4 \\ & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ & R_1 & \leftarrow & R_2 & \longrightarrow & R_3 & \leftarrow & R_4 \\ & \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ & S_1 & \leftarrow & S_2 & \longrightarrow & S_3 & \leftarrow & S_4 \end{matrix}$$

$$\xi = (\mathcal{R}_2^1 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_1^{1*} + \mathcal{R}_2^2 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_1^{2*}) \oplus (\mathcal{R}_2^1 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_3^{1*} + \mathcal{R}_2^2 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_3^{2*}) \oplus (\mathcal{R}_4^1 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_3^{1*} + \mathcal{R}_4^2 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_3^{2*})$$

- $\xi = \bigoplus_{a \in Q_1} \left(\sum_{t=1}^s \mathcal{R}_t^{ta} \otimes \mathcal{Q}_t^{ha*} \right) \xi = \bigoplus_{a \in Q_1} (\mathcal{R}_t^{ta} \otimes \mathcal{Q}_t^{ha*})$
- $\bigwedge^t \xi = \bigoplus_{\sum_{a \in Q_1} |\lambda(a)| = t} S_{\lambda(a)} \mathcal{R}_t^{ta} \otimes S_{\lambda(a)'} \mathcal{Q}_t^{ha*}$
- Assign weights to each summand.
- Apply Bott's theorem to these weights to calculate

$$F_i = \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} H^j(\mathcal{V}, \bigwedge^{i+j} \xi) \otimes_K A(-i-j), \quad j = \#\text{exchanges}$$

- $D(\underline{\lambda}) := \sum_{a \in Q_1} |\lambda(a)| - j = (i + j) - j = i.$

- Rewrite

$$F_{D(\underline{\lambda})} = \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} H^j(\mathcal{V}, \bigwedge^{i+j} \xi) \otimes_K A(-i-j)$$

Non-equioriented A_3

$$V_1 \longrightarrow V_3 \longleftarrow V_2$$

$$F_{D(\underline{\lambda})} = \bigoplus_{|\lambda|+|\mu|=t} c_{\lambda,\mu}^{\nu} (S_{\lambda}V_1 \otimes S_{\mu}V_2 \otimes S_{\nu}V_3^*)$$

Theorem (-)

- $D(\underline{\lambda}) \geq E_Q$
- $F_0 = A$ and $F_i = 0$ for $i < 0$. Thus \overline{O}_V is normal and has rational singularities.

$$V_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} V_3 \xleftarrow{\psi} V_2$$

Theorem(-)

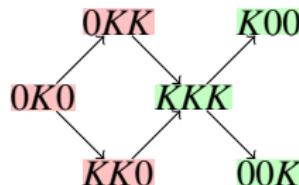
- Minimal generators of the defining ideal:

Let $p = \text{rank}(\phi)$, $q = \text{rank}(\psi)$, $r = \text{rank}(\phi + \psi)$, the minimal generators of \overline{O}_V are

- $(p+1) \times (p+1)$ minors of ϕ ,
- $(q+1) \times (q+1)$ minors of ψ ,
- $(r+1) \times (r+1)$ minors of $\phi + \psi$, taken by choosing $b+k+1$ columns of ϕ and $c+l+1$ columns of ψ such that $k+l=d-1$. (b, c, d are multiplicities of some indecomposable representations)

- Characterization of Gorenstein orbits.

$$1 \longrightarrow 2 \longleftarrow 3$$



$$V = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in R^+} X_\alpha$$

$$\underline{d} = (3, 4, 3)$$

$$Z: \begin{array}{ccccc} V_1 & \longrightarrow & V_2 & \longleftarrow & V_3 \\ \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ R_1 & \longrightarrow & R_2 & \longleftarrow & R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\xi = \mathcal{R}_1 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_2^* \oplus \mathcal{R}_3 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_2^*$$

$$A = \text{Sym}(V_1 \otimes V_3^*) \otimes \text{Sym}(V_2 \otimes V_3^*)$$

A \uparrow

$$(\wedge^3 V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_3^* \otimes A(-3)) \oplus (\wedge^3 V_2 \otimes \wedge^3 V_3^* \otimes A(-3)) \oplus \\ (\wedge^2 V_1 \otimes \wedge^2 V_2 \otimes \wedge^4 V_3^* \otimes A(-4))$$

 \uparrow

$$(S_{211} V_1 \otimes \wedge^4 V_3^* \otimes A(-4)) \oplus (S_{211} V_2 \otimes \wedge^4 V_3^* \otimes A(-4)) \oplus \\ (\wedge^3 V_1 \otimes \wedge^2 V_2^* \otimes S_{2111} V_3^* \otimes A(-5)) \oplus (\wedge^2 V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_2 \otimes S_{2111} V_3^* \otimes A(-5)) \oplus \\ \wedge^3 V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_2 \otimes S_{222} V_3^* \otimes A(-6)$$

 \uparrow

$$(S_{211} V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_2 \otimes S_{2221} V_3^* \otimes A(-7)) \oplus (\wedge^3 V_1 \otimes S_{211} V_2 \otimes S_{2221} V_3^* \otimes A(-7)) \oplus \\ (\wedge^2 V_1 \otimes S_{222} V_2^* \otimes S_{2222} V_3^* \otimes A(-8)) \oplus (S_{222} V_1 \otimes \wedge^2 V_2 \otimes S_{2222} V_3^* \otimes A(-8)) \oplus \\ \wedge^3 V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_2 \otimes S_{3111} V_3^* \otimes A(-6)$$

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$$(S_{211} V_1 \otimes S_{211} V_2 \otimes S_{2222} V_3^* \otimes A(-8)) \oplus (S_{222} V_1 \otimes \wedge^3 V_2 \otimes S_{3222} V_3^* \otimes A(-9)) \oplus \\ (\wedge^3 V_1 \otimes S_{222} V_2 \otimes S_{3222} V_3^* \otimes A(-9))$$

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$$(S_{222} V_1 \otimes S_{222} V_2 \otimes S_{3333} V_3^* \otimes A(-12))$$

Source-sink quivers

Theorem(-)

Q be a source-sink quiver and V be a representation of Q such that the orbit closure \overline{O}_V admits a 1-step desingularization Z . Then

$$D(\underline{\lambda}) \geq E_Q$$

Corollary

If Q is Dynkin then \overline{O}_V is normal and has rational singularities.

Orbit closures of type E_6 , E_7 and E_8 admitting a 1-step desingularization are normal!

Corollary

If Q is extended Dynkin then \mathbf{F}_\bullet is a minimal free resolution of the normalization of \overline{O}_V .

Equioriented A_n

Theorem(-)

Let Q be an equioriented quiver of type A_n and β, γ be two dimension vectors. Let $\alpha = \beta + \gamma$ and $V \in \text{Rep}(Q, \alpha)$. Then

- $D(\underline{\lambda}) \geq E_Q$
- $F(\beta, \gamma)_i = 0$ for $i < 0$.
- $F(\beta, \gamma)_0 = A$.
- The summands of $F(\beta, \gamma)_1$ are of the form $\bigwedge^{\gamma_i + \beta_j + 1} V_i \otimes \bigwedge^{\gamma_i + \beta_j + 1} V_j^*$ where $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.

Thank you!