

The Hall algebra of curves and quivers:  
cuspidal functions, perverse sheaves  
and Kac polynomials.

Philip Hall - British mathematician ~ 1950. "The algebra of partitions"  
 expanded, reproved results of Ernst Steinitz 1901.  
 "Zur Theorie der abelschen Gruppen"

finite abelian  $p$  groups:  $G = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_i} =: G_\lambda$

$\lambda = (d_1 \geq \dots \geq d_N)$  partition.

[such groups /  $\sim$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $\mathcal{P}$  = partitions]

$H_p := \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{Z}[G_\lambda]$  can be endowed w/ an algebra structure

$$[G_\lambda] \cdot [G_\mu] = \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{P}} a_{\lambda, \mu}^\nu(p) [G_\nu]$$

$$a_{\lambda, \mu}^\nu(p) = \#\{H \subset G_\nu \mid H \cong G_\mu \text{ \& } G_\nu/H \cong G_\lambda\}$$

Hall numbers

$H_p$ : associative, commutative algebra.

algebra isomorphism.

Thm (Hall) ①  $H_p \cong \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}$  (MacDonald Ring of symmetric functions)

$$\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}[x_i : i \geq 1]^{\mathbb{C}_\infty}$$

②  $a_{d,\mu}^{\nu}(p) \in \mathbb{Z}[p]$  is a polynomial in  $p$ .

"  $H_p =$  "algèbre de Hall classique" [  $p$ -groups abéliens finis  $\leftrightarrow$  représentations finies de l'anneau de entiers  $p$ -adiques ]

Ringel, Green: replace finite abelian  $p$ -groups by representations of a quiver  $Q$  over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Striking result: construction of quantum groups of Drinfeld-Jimbo.



$Q = (\mathbb{I}, \Omega)$  quiver (finite oriented graph)  
 vertices arrows

$\text{Rep}_Q(\mathbb{F}_q)$  rep. of  $Q$  over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$

$Q$  has no loops  
 $\mathfrak{g}_Q$  Kac Moody algebra

$$H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q} := \bigoplus_{[M] \in \text{ob}(\text{Rep}_Q(\mathbb{F}_q)) / \sim} \mathbb{C}[M]$$

+ algebra, coalgebra structures

$$[M] \cdot [N] = \sum_{[R] \in \text{ob}(\text{Rep}_Q(\mathbb{F}_q)) / \sim} a_{M,N}^R [R]$$

$\Delta$  comultiplication dual to the multiplication

- $Q = \bullet \quad \mathfrak{g}_Q = \mathfrak{sl}_2$
- $Q = \bullet \cdots \bullet \quad \mathfrak{g}_Q = \mathfrak{sl}_n$   
 $n$  vertices
- $Q = \bullet \rightleftarrows \bullet \quad \mathfrak{g}_Q = \widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$  affine Lie algebra

$U(\mathfrak{g}_Q)$  enveloping algebra  
 $\downarrow$  1-parameter deformation (Drinfeld, Jimbo)  
 $U_v(\mathfrak{g}_Q)$  quantum group

Thm (Ringel, Green)

$$H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q} \xleftarrow{\phi} U_v(\mathfrak{g}_Q)$$

The image of  $\phi$  is the "spherical" Hall algebra,  
 is generated by  $[s_i]$ ,  $i \in I$

$\phi$  is an isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a semisimple Lie algebra.  
 $\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  is of finite type

Question: What is the structure of the whole Hall algebra  $H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}$ ?

Answer: Serre - Van den Bergh.

$H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{cusp}} := \{f \in H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q} \mid \Delta f = f \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes f\}$  cuspidal functions

$(f_j)_{j \in J}$  homogeneous basis

$\deg f_j \in \mathbb{Z}^I$ ,  $j \in J$ .

$a_{jk} = (\deg f_j, \deg f_k)$

$(-, -)$  symmetrized Euler form of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Thm (S-VdB)  $H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q} \cong \bigcup_{\mathbb{N}^I} (\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{B}}^+)$

$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{B}}^+$  is the positive part of the Borcherds Lie algebra with Cartan matrix  $(a_{jk})_{j, k \in J}$

Question: Can we say more about  $H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{cusp}} = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{cusp}}[d]$ ?

Thm (Bozec-Schiffmann)

$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{cusp}}[d]$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \neq 0 \\ \in \mathbb{Q}[q] \\ \in \mathbb{Z}[q] \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{seulement si} \\ \Rightarrow (d, e_i) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in I \\ d \text{ is connected} \\ \text{if } (d, d) < 0 \text{ (hyperbolic root)} \end{array}$

finite type quivers: [Ringel's thm  $\Rightarrow$ ]  $H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{usp}} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{C}[\delta_i]$

Affine quivers:

Thm (H.) There exists a subalgebra  $H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q, \mathcal{R}}$ , the regular Hall algebra, endowed w/ a coproduct  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}$ , such that for  $r \geq 0$ ,  $\delta$  the imaginary indecomposable root of  $Q$ ,

$$H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{usp}}[r\delta] \subset H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q, \mathcal{R}}[r\delta].$$

codimension 1

and a linear form  $\chi_{r\delta} : H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q, \mathcal{R}}[r\delta] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 (canonical)

whose kernel is  $H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{usp}}[r\delta]$ .

The algebra  $H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q, \mathcal{R}}$  comes from the representation theory of  $Q$

$Q$  (acyclic) quiver.

Auslander-Reiter theory [gives us a partition of]

$$\text{Ind}(Q) = \{ \text{indec. reps. of } Q \} / \sim = \mathcal{P} \sqcup \mathcal{R} \sqcup \mathcal{I}$$

ind preprojective reps
ind preinjective reps
postinjective reps

regular representations of  $Q$ :  $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{R}}^Q(\mathbb{F}_q) \subset \text{Rep}_Q(\mathbb{F}_q)$   
 abelian subcategory.  
 if  $Q$  is affine

$$H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\mathbb{R}} = \text{Hall algebra of } \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

Thm (Ringel)

$$\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{F}_q) \simeq \bigsqcup_{x \in |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^1|} C_x$$

where  $C_x \simeq \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{nil}}(\mathbb{F}_q^{\deg(x)})$  nilpotent representations of some cyclic quivers

*Next goal: at most ... functions we have to ...*

- the algebra  $H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\mathbb{R}}$  is completely known
- the primitive elements  $H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q, \mathbb{R}}^{\text{cusp}}$  are easily computable.
- "fortuitous cancellation theorem" :  $H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{cusp}}[\Gamma] \subset H_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_q, \mathbb{R}}^{\text{cusp}}[\Gamma]$   
résultat technique
- take  $\chi_{\Gamma} =$  integration against the orbifold measure of  $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

Next goal: towards a geometric notion of cuspidality

- Hall algebra = convolution algebra on the space of functions of  $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{F}_q) / \sim \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .
  - Lusztig's idea: consider perverse sheaves on the moduli stack of representation of  $\mathbb{Q}$
- $$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \bigsqcup_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{\times}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Q}, d}$$

$k$  field.

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{qu}, d} = \text{Ed} / G_d \quad \text{quotient stack}$$

$$\text{Ed} = \bigoplus_{\substack{d \in \Omega \\ i \rightarrow j}} \text{Hom}(k^{d_i}, k^{d_j}) \quad ; \quad G_d = \prod_{i \in I} \text{GL}_{d_i}$$

Lusztig defines  $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{D}_c^b(\mathcal{M}_d)$  category of semi-simple complexes,  
such that  $K_{\oplus}(\mathcal{Q}) \simeq \mathcal{U}_q^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Z}}^+)$  [integral form of the positive part of the quantum group.]

$\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{Q}$   
simple perverse sheaves

give the canonical basis of  $\mathcal{U}_q^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Z}}^+)$   
[defined combinatorially by Kazhdan.]

Question: Intrinsic characterization of  $\mathcal{Q}$ ?

Answer: singular support condition

$\Lambda \subset T^*\mathcal{M}_{\text{qu}}$  Lusztig nilpotent stack

Define  $\mathcal{D}_c^b(\mathcal{M}, \Lambda) =$  category of constructible complexes on  $\mathcal{M}$   
 $\Delta^{\dagger} \cdot \text{SS}(\neq) \subset \Lambda$

Conjecture (Lusztig, Webster)

[The fully faithful functor]  $\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_c^b(\mathcal{M}, \Lambda)$   
induces an isomorphism  $K_0(\mathcal{Q}) \simeq K_0(\mathcal{D}_c^b(\mathcal{M}, \Lambda))$ .

Thm (Lusztig) The conjecture holds for finite type quivers.

Thm (H.) \_\_\_\_\_ affine \_\_\_\_\_

Thm (H.) The conjecture holds for  $S_d = \text{Quiver}$  quivers for the appropriate notions of Lusztig sheaves and the appropriate nilpotent stacks.

## Strategy of proof for affine quivers:

- Auslander-Reiter theory gives a stratification of  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, d}$
- This stratification allows to describe explicitly
  - ① the simple perverse sheaves of  $\mathcal{F}$  (Lusztig, Li-Lin)
  - ② the irreducible components of  $\mathcal{F}$  (Ringel)
  - ③ Study the perverse sheaves with nilpotent singular support and prove the conjecture for affine quivers (H.)

## Lusztig complexes / perverse sheaves:

$Q = (I, \Omega)$  quiver

$d \in \mathbb{N}^I$  dim. vector

$\underline{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_s) \in (\mathbb{N}^I)^s$  st.  $\sum d_i = d$  ;

$V_i = \mathbb{C}^{d_i}$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded,  $d$  dim  $\mathbb{C}^{i=1, \dots, s}$   
 universal quiver flag-variety:  $\mathcal{F}_{\underline{d}} = \text{stack of pairs } (x, F_\bullet)$ ,

$$0 = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_s = V$$

$$\dim F_i / F_{i-1} = d_i$$

$$x \in F_i \subset F_{i+1}$$

$\mathcal{F}_{\underline{d}}$  is smooth,  $\mathcal{F}_{\underline{d}} \xrightarrow{\pi_{\underline{d}}} \mathcal{M}_{\alpha, d}$  is proper.  
 $(x, F_\bullet) \mapsto x$

Decomposition thm (Beilinson-Bernstein-Deligne-Gabber):

$$\pi_{\underline{d}} \underline{\mathcal{C}} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}^b(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, d}, \mathbb{C})$$

is a semisimple complex.

$\underline{d}$  "discrete" if  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq s$ ,  $d_i$  is concentrated at one vertex

Lusztig categories

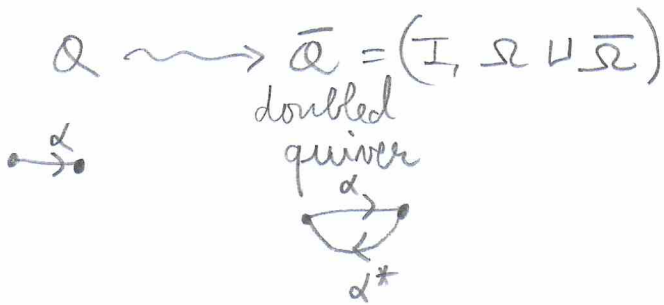
$$\mathcal{P} = \bigsqcup_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} \mathcal{P}_d$$

$\mathcal{P}_d =$  s.s. perverse sheaves on  $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, d}$  whose direct summands appear in some induction  $(\pi_{\underline{d}})_* \underline{\mathcal{C}}$

$$\mathcal{Q} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{P}[i] \subset \mathcal{D}_c^b(\mathcal{M}_\alpha, \mathbb{C})$$

triangulated category.

### Lusztig nilpotent stacks



$\mathbb{C}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$  path algebra of  $\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$

$\rightsquigarrow \pi_{\mathcal{Q}} = \mathbb{C}\bar{\mathcal{Q}} / \mathfrak{m}$  preprojective algebra.

$m = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} [\alpha, \alpha^*]$

$\mathcal{M}_{\pi_{\mathcal{Q}}} =$  stack of reps of  $\pi_{\mathcal{Q}}$

$=$  Hamiltonian reduction  $T^* \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{Q}}$

$\Lambda \subset \mathcal{M}_{\pi_{\mathcal{Q}}}$  [closed, conical, Lagrangian substack]  
 $\parallel$  nilpotent representations of  $\pi_{\mathcal{Q}}$   
 Lusztig nilpotent stack

Fact (Lusztig): If  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $SS(\mathcal{F}) \subset \Lambda$ .



[ Lusztig conjecture: converse ]

Strategy for affine quivers

① Auslander-Reiten theory [ gives a stratification ]

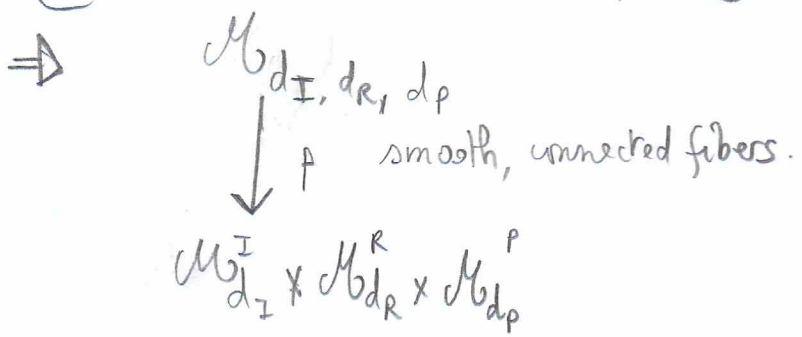
$$\mathcal{M}_{Q,d} = \bigsqcup_{d_I+d_R+d_P} \mathcal{M}_{d_I, d_R, d_P}$$

since each rep  $M$  of  $Q$  has a unimodular filtration

$$0 = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset M_2 \subset M_3 = M$$

- s.t.  $M_1$  is preprojective
- $M_2/M_1$  is regular
- $M_3/M_2$  is post-injective.

[ which (non-canonically) splits ]



$\mathcal{M}_{d_I}^I \subset \mathcal{M}_{d_I}$   
 [ loc. closed substack  
 classifying  $d_I$ -dim  
 post-injective reps of  $Q$  ]

② reduce to p.sheaves on  $\mathcal{M}_{d_I}^I, \mathcal{M}_{d_R}^R, \mathcal{M}_{d_P}^P$ .

③ case of  $\mathcal{M}_{d_I}^I, \mathcal{M}_{d_P}^P$ : [ use that there are ] finitely many orbits.

④ case of  $\mathcal{M}_{d_R}^R$ : [ stratify this stack which ] locally looks like  $o/n / \tilde{o}n$  except at finitely many points where it looks like  $\mathcal{M}_{C_p, \tilde{\alpha}}$   $C_p$  cyclic quiver of length  $p$ .

⑤ [ Reduce to the ] cyclic quiver  $C_p$  & Springer theory for  $o/n$ .

Situation of curves:  $X$  smooth projective curve

The relation  $\mathcal{P} \leftrightarrow \Lambda$  has an analogue for curves

$\mathcal{Q}$  is replaced by "spherical Eisenstein complexes"

$\Lambda$  is replaced by the global nilpotent cone

Using similar methods, we can prove that the characteristic cycle map

$$\alpha: \widehat{K_0(\mathcal{Q})} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma_\Lambda]}$$

between  $\widehat{K_0(\mathcal{Q})}$  and  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma_\Lambda]}$  is an isomorphism. (H2001) when  $X$  is an elliptic curve,  
(appropriate completions)

and give an explicit description of <sup>(simple)</sup> perverse sheaves on  $\text{Gr}(X)$  whose singular support is contained in  $\Lambda$ .

• Non-trivial local systems on the curve prevent us from having a "microlocalisation" as for quivers.

In a slightly different direction: the study of Kac polynomials.

Kac (1980s) [defined three families of polynomials]:

$$M_{Q,d}(q) = \# \sum \text{reps of } Q \text{ over } \mathbb{F}_q \int / N$$

$$I_{Q,d}(q) = \# \sum \text{indecomposable reps of } Q \text{ over } \mathbb{F}_q \int / N$$

$$A_{Q,d}(q) = \# \sum \text{abs. indec reps of } Q \text{ over } \mathbb{F}_q \int / N$$

[+ series of conjectures for the A-family]

•  $A_{Q,d}(q) \in \mathbb{N}[q]$  (Hausel - Letellier - Rodriguez-Vellegas) 2013

•  $A_{Q,d}(0) = \dim g_Q[d]$ . (Hausel) 2008?

They give the character of the Hall algebra: à part.

$$\text{ch } H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q} := \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} \dim H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}[d] z^d \in \mathbb{Q}[[z_i : i \in I]]$$

$$= \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} M_{Q,d}(q) \cdot z^d$$

$$= \text{Exp}_{\mathbb{Z}} \left( \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} I_{Q,d}(q) z^d \right)$$

plethystic exponentials.

$$= \text{Exp}_{\mathbb{Z}, q} \left( \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} A_{Q,d}(q) z^d \right)$$

and cuspidal polynomials  $C_{Q,d}(q) = \dim H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}[d]$  are built recursively from them.

Setup:  $Q = (I, \Omega)$  quiver

for  $\underline{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{\Omega}$   $\rightarrow$  [new quiver]  $A_{\underline{n}}$  [obtained from  $Q$  by replacing each arrow  $\alpha \in \Omega$  by  $n_{\alpha}$  arrows.]

sequence of polynomials  $(A_{\underline{n}, d}(q))_{\underline{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{\Omega}}$

Thm: As  $\underline{n} \rightarrow \underline{m} \in (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\})^{\Omega}$ , the sequence  $(A_{\underline{n}, d}(q))$  converges to a power series in  $\mathbb{N}[[q]]$  which is the power series expansion at  $q=0$  of a rational fraction.

Rk: If  $Q$  has loops, we need to take some renormalization to avoid the limit being 0.

[This theorem is obtained as a corollary to the following structural result]

Theorem: 
$$A_{\underline{n}, d}(q) = \frac{\sum_i q^{l_i(\underline{n})} P_i(q)}{Q(q)}$$

- \*  $P_i(q), Q(q) \in \mathbb{Z}[q]$
- \* the roots of  $Q$  are roots of unity
- \*  $l_i: \mathbb{Z}^I \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  are affine functions with linear parts pairwise distinct
- + ... ensuring unicity of the decomposition.

[This theorem combined with computational techniques provides an efficient method to determine kac polynomials]

For example, if  $Q = 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta}$

$$A_{Q, d, 0} := \frac{A_{Q, d}}{q^{1+d_2(n_2-1)}}$$

$$A_{Q_n, (1,2), 0} = \frac{1+q - q^{n_\alpha}(1+q) - q^{2n_\beta} + q^{2(n_\alpha+n_\beta)}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)}$$

Proof of the theorem: Carefully inspect Hux's formula expressing

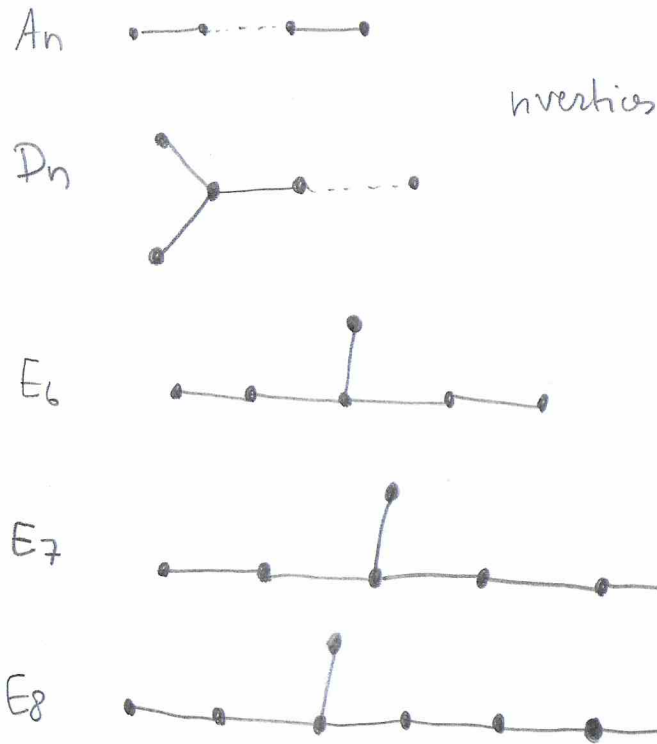
$$\sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} A_{Q,d}(q) z^d \text{ and the plethystic exponential.}$$

The unicity of the writing of Kac polynomials gives new invariants associated with the quiver  $d$ :

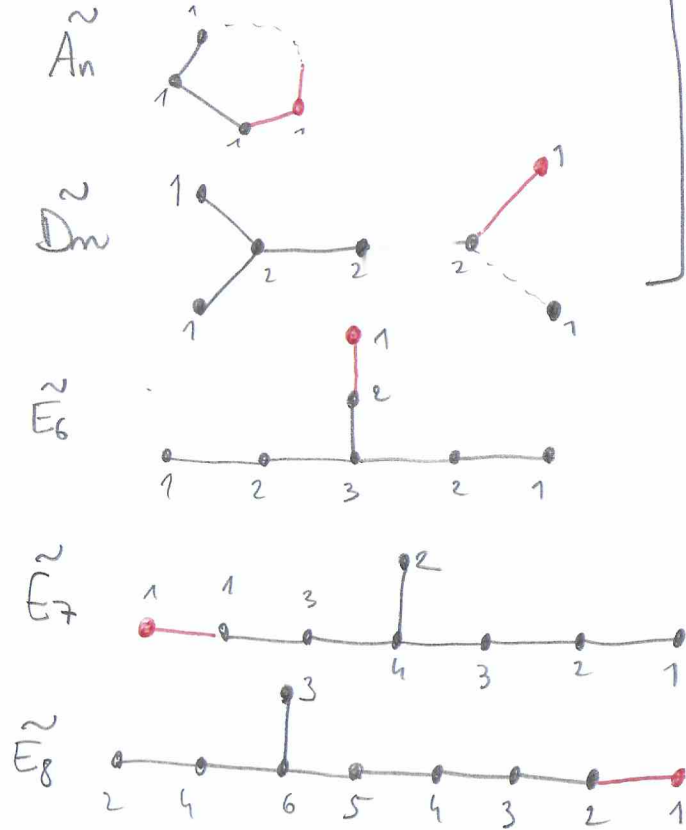
- the affine functions  $l_i$
- the polynomials  $P_i(q)$ .

of which I know nothing yet.

Finite type quivers



Affine quivers



$n+1$  vertices

exemple de polynôme de Kac

$Q = 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta} 1$

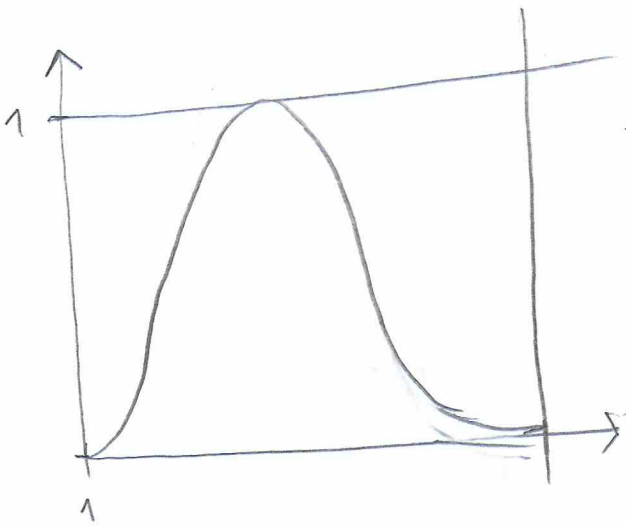
$A_{Q,n,d,0} = \frac{A_{Q,n,d}}{1+d_2(n_3-1)}$

$A_{Q_n, (1,2), 0} = \frac{1+q - q^{n\alpha(1+q)} - q^{2n\beta} + q^{2(n\alpha+n\beta)}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)}$

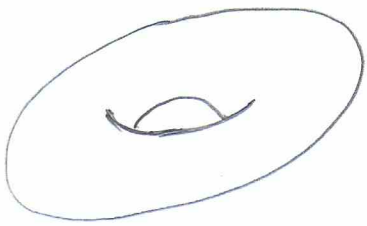
Hua's formula

$\sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} A_{Q,d}(q) z^d = (q-1) \text{Log}_{z,1,q}$

$\left( \sum_{\pi = (\pi^i)_{i \in I} \in \mathcal{P}^I} \frac{\prod_{d: i \rightarrow j \in \mathcal{Q}} q^{\langle \pi^i, \pi^j \rangle}}{\prod_{i \in I} q^{\langle \pi^i, \pi^i \rangle} \prod_k \prod_{j=1}^{m_k(\pi^i)} (1-q^{-j})} \right)_{|\pi|}$



Airy distribution



Carquois sauvages (examples)

$\mathbb{R}$  of loops



Auslander-Reiten translates

$(\tau, \tau)$  Adjunction  
Serre

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}^1(M, N)^* &\simeq \text{Hom}(N, \tau M) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}(\tau^{-1}N, M) \end{aligned}$$

$kQ$  hereditary:

$$\tau M = \text{Ext}_{kQ}^1(M, kQ)$$

$$\tau^{-1}M =$$

$$H_{\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{nil}} \underset{q=p}{\simeq} H_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \Lambda_{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$[\mathbb{G}_\lambda] \longmapsto q^{-n(\lambda)} P_\lambda(x; q^{-1})$$

Hall - Littlewood symmetric function

$$n(\lambda) = \sum_i (i-1)\lambda_i$$

$$p_r \in \Lambda_{\mathbb{C}} \quad p_r = \sum_i x_i^r$$

$$\tilde{p}_r = \sum_{|\lambda|=r} \phi_{\ell(\lambda)-1}(q) [\mathbb{G}_\lambda]$$

$$\phi_m(q) = \prod_{i=1}^m (1 - q^i)$$

cuspidaux <sup>(nilpotents)</sup> carquois cycliques



n sommets

$$A_k^n = \left\{ [M] : M \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^{\text{nil}}(\mathbb{G}) \text{ with exactly } k+1 \text{ vanishing arrows} \right\}$$

$$f_{\delta, m} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} (1-q)^k \sum_{[M] \in A_k^n} [M]$$