

McKay Correspondence II

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Reflection Functors and Coxeter Elements

Briefly, let us recall the tools of reflection functors and Coxeter functors. Let \vec{Q} be a quiver with vertices I , and denote s_r for the simple reflection corresponding to r , for r a simple real root. We have a *Coxeter element* $C = \prod_R s_r$ associated to a choice of ordering of R , our set of simple real roots. We have a *reflection functor* $\Phi_r^\pm : \text{Rep}(\vec{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(s_r^\pm \vec{Q})$, and define the *Coxeter functor* as $\mathbf{C}^\pm = \prod_R \Phi_r^\pm$.

Preprojective and Preinjective Representations

Let V be an indecomposable representation of \vec{Q} . We say V is

1. *preprojective* if $(\mathbf{C}^+)^n V = 0, n \gg 0$
2. *preinjective* if $(\mathbf{C}^-)^n V = 0, n \gg 0$
3. *regular* if $(\mathbf{C}^+)^n V \neq 0, n > 0$

(Note that $\mathbf{C}^\pm V$ is indecomposable when V is, and $\mathbf{C}^\pm V = 0$ iff V is projective, respectively injective.)

Translation Quiver and Slices

Recall that for any quiver Q , we have a quiver $\mathbb{Z}Q$ called the *translation quiver*, defined by $\mathbb{Z}Q := \{(i, n) \mid p(i) + n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\} \subset Q \times \mathbb{Z}$. We will temporarily ignore what $p(i)$ is defined as – when we use our translation quivers, this will be clear.

We say $T \subset \mathbb{Z}Q$ is a *slice* if $\forall i \in I, \exists! q = (i, h_i) \in T$ and when i, j are connected by an edge in Q , $h_i = h_j \pm 1$. We previously detailed that given a slice T , we obtain an orientation of Q , denoted by \vec{Q}_T , where $e : i \rightarrow j$ if $h_i = h_j + 1$ and $e : j \rightarrow i$ if $h_i + 1 = h_j$.

Setup

Let $G \leq \mathrm{SU}(2)$ be a finite subgroup and Q be the corresponding Euclidean graph we introduced last week. For simplicity assume $-I \in G$, so that $\overline{G} := \pi(G)$ gives us $G = \pi^{-1}(\overline{G})$.

Pick some $X \in \mathrm{Rep}(G)$. On X , $-I$ acts as either I or $-I$: if $-I$ acts as I , set $p(X) := 0$, and if $-I$ acts as $-I$, set $p(X) = 1$.

This introduces a $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ grading on $\mathrm{Rep}(G)$: let

$\mathrm{Rep}_0(G) := \{X \in \mathrm{Rep}(G) \mid p(X) = 0\}$ and similar for $\mathrm{Rep}_1(G)$.

Then $\mathrm{Rep}(G) = \mathrm{Rep}_0(G) \oplus \mathrm{Rep}_1(G)$. We call $p(X)$ the *parity* of X .

Equivariant Sheaves

Let X be a scheme. A G -equivariant coherent sheaf on X is the data of a coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on X together with an isomorphism $\phi : \sigma^* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow p_2^* \mathcal{F}$, where σ is the action map $G \times X \rightarrow X$ and p_2 is the projection $G \times X \rightarrow X$ that satisfies the *cocycle condition*:

$$p_{23}^* \phi \circ (1_G \times \sigma)^* \phi = (m \times 1_X)^* \phi$$

where m represents multiplication $G \times G \rightarrow G$ and the $p_{(-)}$ are the projections in $G \times G \times X$.

Equivariant Sheaves II

Let $\text{Coh}_G(\mathbb{P}^1)$ be the category of G -equivariant coherent sheaves on \mathbb{P}^1 . Similarly, $\text{Coh}_{\overline{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ is the category of \overline{G} -equivariant coherent sheaves on \mathbb{P}^1 . We can describe \overline{G} -equivariant sheaves in terms of G -equivariant sheaves:

$$\text{Coh}_{\overline{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1) = \{\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}_G(\mathbb{P}^1) \mid (-I)^*|_{\mathcal{F}} = \text{id}\}$$

Note that for $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}_G(\mathbb{P}^1)$, $H^0(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{F}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{F})$ has the natural structure of a G -representation.

Example

Example

$\mathcal{O}(n)$ has a natural structure of a G -equivariant sheaf for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $(-I)^*|_{\mathcal{O}(n)} = (-1)^n$, we see $\mathcal{O}(n)$ is \overline{G} -equivariant iff n is even.

When X is a representation of G , $X(n) := X \otimes \mathcal{O}(n)$ is a G -equivariant locally free sheaf, and \overline{G} -equivariant when $p(X) + n$ is even.

Some Homological Facts

Theorem ([Kir16] 8.20)

Let $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}_G(\mathbb{P}^1)$. Then:

1. \mathcal{C} is hereditary: for any $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{C}$, we have $\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = 0$ for $i > 1$.
2. Serre duality: if \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} are locally free, then we have an isomorphism

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(-2)) = \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(\mathcal{F}(2), \mathcal{G}) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F})^*.$$

Some Homological Facts II

3. For any locally free sheaf $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{C}$, we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \rho \otimes \mathcal{F}(1) \rightarrow \Lambda^2 \rho \otimes \mathcal{F}(2) \simeq \mathcal{F}(2) \rightarrow 0,$$

where $\rho = \Gamma(\mathcal{O}(1)) \simeq \mathbb{C}^2$ is the standard two-dimensional representation of G . (Note that $\rho \simeq \rho^*$.)

4. Every G -equivariant coherent sheaf admits a resolution which consists of locally free G -equivariant sheaves. Every locally free G equivariant sheaf is a direct sum of sheaves of the form $X \otimes \mathcal{O}(n)$.

Categories of Representations

Let us assign to every vertex $q = (i, n)$ of $\mathbb{Z}Q$ a locally free \bar{G} -equivariant sheaf on \mathbb{P}^1 by

$$X_q = \rho_i \otimes \mathcal{O}(n), \quad q = (i, n), i \in I, n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where ρ_i is the irreducible representation of G corresponding to $i \in I$. Note that then

$$X_{\tau q} = X_{(i, n-2)} = X_q(-2)$$

Since the edges of Q correspond to morphisms $\rho_i \rightarrow \rho_j \otimes \rho$, we get, for every edge $h : i \rightarrow j$ in Q , a morphism

$$x_h : X_{(i, n)} = \rho_i \otimes \mathcal{O}(n) \rightarrow \rho_j \otimes \rho \otimes \mathcal{O}(n) \rightarrow \rho_j \otimes \mathcal{O}(n+1) = X_{(j, n+1)},$$

where the morphism $\rho \otimes \mathcal{O}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n+1)$ is constructed using the isomorphism $\rho \simeq \Gamma(\mathcal{O}(1))$.

Thus, the collection of sheaves $X_q, q \in \mathbb{Z}Q$, forms a representation of $\mathbb{Z}Q$ (in \mathcal{C}).

Slices

Lemma ([Kir16] 8.21)

Let $T \subset \mathbb{Z}Q$ be a slice. Denote $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ and let $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$ be the corresponding derived category: $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1) = D^b(\mathcal{C})$.

1. Sheaves $X_q, q \in T$, generate $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$ as a triangulated category: the smallest triangulated subcategory in $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$ containing all X_q is $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$.
2. If $q \in T, p \prec T$, then $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_q, X_p) = 0$. Similarly, if $p \succ T$, then $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X_q, X_p) = 0$
3. If $p, q \in T$, then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_q, X_p) = \langle \text{paths in } T \text{ from } q \text{ to } p \rangle,$$

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X_q, X_p) = 0.$$

Slice Functors

Definition (slice functor, [Kir16] 8.22)

Let $T = \{(i, h_i)\} \subset \mathbb{Z}Q$ be a slice. We define the functor

$$\Psi_T : \text{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(\vec{Q}_T)$$

by

$$\Psi_T(\mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_{(i, h_i)}, \mathcal{F})$$

Slice Functors II

and the maps corresponding to edges of \vec{Q}_T are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_{(i,h_i)}, \mathcal{F}) &\rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_{(j,h_j)}, \mathcal{F}), & h_i = h_j + 1, \\ f &\mapsto f \circ x_{\tilde{e}} \end{aligned}$$

where e is an edge between i and j in Q (and thus an edge $i \rightarrow j$ in \vec{Q}_T), $\tilde{e} : (j, h_j) \rightarrow (i, h_j + 1)$ is the corresponding edge in $\mathbb{Z}Q$.

Example

Example ([Kir16] 8.23)

Let $\mathcal{F} = X_p, p = (i, h_i) \in T$. Then it follows from the previous lemma that

$$\Psi_T(X_p) = P(i)$$

is the standard projective representation of \vec{Q}_T we have discussed.

Important Theorem

Theorem ([Kir16] 8.24)

Let $G \subset \mathrm{SU}(2)$ be a finite subgroup containing $-I$. Let Q be the corresponding Euclidean graph, and let $T \subset \mathbb{Z}Q$ be a slice.

1. The functor $\Psi_T : \mathrm{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow \mathrm{Rep}(\vec{Q}_T)$ is left exact.
2. The derived functor

$$R\Psi_T : D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow D^b(\vec{Q}_T)$$

is an equivalence of triangulated categories.

Important Theorem II

3. Let T, T' be obtained from each by an elementary sink to source transformation: $T' = s_i^+(T)$. Then the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & D^b(\text{Rep}(\vec{Q}_{T'})) \\
 & \nearrow^{R\Psi_{T'}} & \uparrow \\
 \text{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1) & & R\Phi_i^+ \\
 & \searrow_{R\Psi_T} & \uparrow \\
 & & D^b(\text{Rep}(\vec{Q}_T))
 \end{array}$$

where $R\Phi_i^+$ is the derived reflection functor.

4. $R\Psi_T$ identifies the derived Coxeter functor $RC^+ : D^b(\vec{Q}_T) \rightarrow D^b(\vec{Q}_T)$ with the twist functor

$$\mathcal{F} \mapsto \mathcal{F}(-2)$$

on $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$.

Corollary

I'm not a massive fan of triangulated categories and I personally think the proof of this theorem is not enlightening on the representation theory side, so I have chosen to omit it.

Corollary ([Kir16] 8.26)

Let $K_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ be the K -group of the category $\text{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ or, equivalently, of the category $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$. Then a choice of a slice $T \in \mathbb{Z}Q$ gives an isomorphism $\psi_T : K_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1) \rightarrow L$, where L is the root lattice of Q . This isomorphism has the following properties:

1. $\psi_T(\mathcal{F}(-2)) = C\psi_T(\mathcal{F})$, where C is the Coxeter element in W , adapted to the orientation \vec{Q}_T .
2. If $q = (i, h_i) \in T$, then $\psi_T(X_q) = [P(i)]$.
3. We have $\langle \delta, \psi(\mathcal{F}) \rangle = \text{rk} \mathcal{F}$, where rk is the rank of sheaf \mathcal{F} .

Geometric Construction of Representations

Recall that when Q is a tree, every orientation of Q can be obtained from a slice T . Thus, we now have a tool to geometrically construct representations of any Euclidean quiver that is a tree. We can immediately use this tool to find all indecomposable representations if we can classify all indecomposable equivariant sheaves on \mathbb{P}^1 .

Classifying Indecomposable Sheaves

Recall that a coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on a variety X is called a torsion sheaf if its stalk at a generic point is zero. For example, if X is defined over \mathbb{C} , then for any $x \in X$ we have the skyscraper sheaf \mathbb{C}_x whose stalk at x is \mathbb{C} and at all other points is zero. As a module over the structure sheaf \mathcal{O} , it can be defined as $\mathbb{C}_x = \mathcal{O}_X/m_x$, where m_x is the ideal sheaf consisting of functions vanishing at x . More generally, for any $x \in X, n \geq 1$, we can define the sheaf

$$\mathbb{C}_{x,n} = \mathcal{O}_X/m_x^n$$

If x is a nonsingular point on a curve and t is a local coordinate at x , then the stalk of $\mathbb{C}_{x,n}$ at x is isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}[t]/t^n$.

Lemma

Lemma ([Kir16] 8.27)

Let $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ and let $\bar{G}_x \subset \bar{G}$ be the stabilizer of x . Let Y be a finite-dimensional representation of \bar{G}_x . Then for any $n \geq 1$, there is a unique \bar{G} -equivariant sheaf $Y_{\bar{G}_x, n}$ with the following properties:

1. The support of $Y_{\bar{G}_x, n}$ is the \bar{G} -orbit of x .
2. The stalk of $Y_{\bar{G}_x, n}$ at x is $Y \otimes \mathcal{O}/m_x^n$ (as a representation of \bar{G}_x). For $n = 1$, we will use the shorter notation $Y_{\bar{G}_x, 1} = Y_{\bar{G}_x}$.

We also see that if $n = 1$, $\Gamma(Y_{\bar{G}_x})$ considered as a representation of \bar{G} is the induced representation $\text{Ind}_{\bar{G}_x}^{\bar{G}}(Y)$. In particular, if $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ has a trivial stabilizer, then $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}_{\bar{G}_x})$ is the regular representation of \bar{G} .

Classification of Indecomposable Sheaves

Theorem ([Kir16] 8.29)

- The following is a full list of nonzero indecomposable objects in $\text{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$:*
 - Locally free sheaves $\rho_i \otimes \mathcal{O}(n)$, $i \in \text{Irr}(G)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $p(i) + n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$.*
 - Torsion sheaves $\mathbb{C}_{\bar{G}_x, n}$, where $n > 0$, $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ is generic (i.e. has trivial stabilizer in \bar{G}).*
 - Torsion sheaves $Y_{\bar{G}_x, n}$, where $n > 0$, $x \in \mathbb{P}^1$ has nontrivial stabilizer \bar{G}_x in \bar{G} , and Y is an irreducible representation of \bar{G}_x . (The pair (x, Y) is considered up to the action of \bar{G} .)*
- Indecomposable objects of $D_{\bar{G}}^b(\mathbb{P}^1)$ are of the form $X[k]$, where X is an indecomposable object of $\text{Coh}_{\bar{G}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

Classification of Indecomposable Representations

Combining this with the Important Theorem (8.24), we see that indecomposable objects in $\text{Rep } \vec{Q}$ must be of the form $R\Psi_T(X)[n]$, where X is an indecomposable object in \mathcal{C} and n is chosen so that $R\Psi_T(X)[n] \in \text{Rep } \vec{Q}$. By Lemma 8.21, for $p \succcurlyeq T$, we have $R^1\Psi_T(X_p) = 0$, so $R\Psi_T(X_p) = \Psi(X_p) \in \text{Rep } \vec{Q}$. Similarly, if $p \prec T$, then $\Psi_T(X_p) = 0$, and $R\Psi_T(X_p) = R^1\Psi_T(X_p)[-1] \in \text{Rep } \vec{Q}[-1]$, so $R\Psi_T(X_p)[1] \in \text{Rep } \vec{Q}$. For an indecomposable torsion sheaf X , it is easy to check using Serre duality that $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}, X) = 0$ for any locally free sheaf \mathcal{F} , so $R^1\Psi_T(X) = 0$. Thus, $R\Psi_T(\mathcal{F}) = \Psi(\mathcal{F}) \in \text{Rep } \vec{Q}$.

Classification of Indecomposable Representations II

So, we arrive at the following result:

Theorem ([Kir16] 8.30)

In the assumptions of the Important Theorem (8.24), the following is a full list of indecomposable objects in $\text{Rep } \vec{Q}_T$:

1. $\Psi_T(\rho_i \otimes \mathcal{O}(n)), (i, n) \not\asymp T$. These objects are preprojective.
2. $R^1\Psi_T(\rho_i \otimes \mathcal{O}(n)) = R\Psi_T(\rho_i \otimes \mathcal{O}(n))[1], (i, n) \prec T$. These objects are preinjective.
3. $\Psi_T(X)$, where X is an indecomposable \bar{G} -equivariant torsion sheaf on \mathbb{P}^1 described in Theorem 8.29. These objects are regular.

Example

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Let $G = \{\pm I\}$, $\bar{G} = \{1\}$. Then the Important Theorem shows that we have an equivalence of derived categories

$$D^b(\text{Coh } \mathbb{P}^1) \simeq D^b(\text{Rep } K),$$

where K is the Kronecker quiver.

Conclusion

Thank you!

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