

THE CHARACTERISTIC CYCLES AND SEMI-CANONICAL BASES ON TYPE A QUIVER VARIETY

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ABSTRACT. In this article we study a conjecture of Geiss-Leclerc-Schröer, which is an analogue of a classical conjecture of Lusztig in the Weyl group case. It concerns the relation between canonical basis and semi-canonical basis through the characteristic cycles. We formulate an approach to this conjecture and prove it for type A_2 quiver. In the general type A case, we reduce the conjecture to show that certain nearby cycles have vanishing Euler characteristic.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In [5] Geiss-Leclerc-Schröer studied Lusztig's semi-canonical basis [10] for the enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{n})$. Here \mathfrak{n} is the maximal nilpotent subalgebra of some symmetric Kac-Moody Lie algebra over \mathbb{C} . They raised the question of the relation between the semi-canonical basis, the canonical basis and the singular support (cf. [5], 1.5), referring to a conjecture made by Lusztig for the Weyl group algebra (cf. [9], 4.17).

In this paper, we consider the conjecture of Geiss-Leclerc-Schröer mentioned above for the quiver (I, Q) of type A with orientation $\Omega : i \rightarrow i + 1$. The variety $E_{V, \Omega}$ of quiver representations in an I -graded vector space V admits a stratification by an action of a reductive group G_V . For each orbit S , we can associate a perverse

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sheaf $\mathrm{IC}(\overline{S}, \mathbb{C})$. They give rise to a basis $\{g_S\}$ for $U(\mathfrak{n})$, called the canonical basis. We By considering the union of the conormal bundles over the orbits on $E_{V,\Omega}$

$$\Lambda_V := \bigcup_S T_S^* E_{V,\Omega}$$

Lusztig constructed the semi-canonical basis for $U(\mathfrak{n})$, denoted by ϕ_S , with respect to the irreducible component $\overline{T_S^* E_{V,\Omega}}$. Let $m_{S',S} \in \mathbb{C}$ be the coefficients of the expansion of g_S with respect to the basis $\{\phi_{S'}\}$, i.e.,

$$g_S = \sum_{S'} m_{S',S} \phi_{S'}.$$

On the other hand, Kashiwara and Shapira constructed a characteristic cycle $CC(\mathcal{F})$ for a constructible sheaf \mathcal{F} on a manifold (cf. [6]), which can be written as

$$CC(\mathrm{IC}(\overline{S}, \mathbb{C})) = [T_S^* E_{V,\Omega}] + \sum_{S' \subseteq \overline{S}} n_{S',S} [T_{S'}^* E_{V,\Omega}], \quad n_{S',S} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

Furthermore, they constructed a morphism

$$E_u : L(T^* E_{V,\Omega}) \rightarrow M(E_{V,\Omega})$$

where $L(T^* E_{V,\Omega})$ denotes the group of Lagrangian cycles and $M(E_{V,\Omega})$ the space of constructible functions on $E_{V,\Omega}$, such that

$$E_u(CC(\mathrm{IC}(\overline{S}, \mathbb{C}))) = (-1)^{\dim S} g_S.$$

The above mentioned conjecture of Geiss-Leclerc-Schröer can be made precise as follows.

Conjecture 1.1. $E_u([T_S^* E_{V,\Omega}]) = (-1)^{\dim S} \phi_S$ or equivalently $m_{S',S} = (-1)^{\dim S' - \dim S} n_{S',S}$.

In this paper we develop a strategy to approach this conjecture. First let us formulate the dual statement. Let $M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}$ be the space of G_V -invariant constructible functions on $E_{V,\Omega}$. Then Lusztig [8] showed that there is an algebra isomorphism

$$U(\mathfrak{n}) \cong \overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega := \bigoplus_{V \in \mathcal{V}} M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V},$$

where \mathcal{V} is the set of isomorphism classes of I -graded vector spaces and the product on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega$ is given by convolution. So we can view the canonical and semi-canonical bases as elements in $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega$. Let $M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$ be the space of G_V -invariant constructible functions on Λ_V . The pullback along $E_{V,\Omega} \hookrightarrow \Lambda_V$ defines an algebra homomorphism

$$\Psi : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Pi := \bigoplus_{V \in \mathcal{V}} M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V} \longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega$$

where the product on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Pi$ is also given by convolution. Lusztig [8] showed that this induces an isomorphism Ψ_0 on a subalgebra \mathcal{M}_Π of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Pi$. Let $\mathcal{M}_\Pi(V) := \mathcal{M}_\Pi \cap M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$. We have a diagram

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_\Pi(V) & \hookrightarrow & M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V} \\ & \searrow \cong & \downarrow \Psi \\ & \Psi_0 & M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}. \end{array}$$

Lusztig [10] showed that there exists a basis $\{\tilde{\phi}_S\}$ of $\mathcal{M}_\Pi(V)$ parametrized by the G_V -orbits S in $E_{V,\Omega}$ satisfying

$$\tilde{\phi}_S(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_{S'} \text{ and } S' \neq S \\ 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_S \end{cases}$$

where \mathcal{O}_S is some open dense subset of $T_S^* E_{V,\Omega}$. By definition, $\phi_S = \Psi_0(\tilde{\phi}_S)$. We define the dual semi-canonical basis to be $\rho_S(\phi) := \Psi_0^{-1}(\phi)$. Let $K_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ be the Grothendieck group of G_V -equivariant perverse sheaves on $E_{V,\Omega}$. The local Euler characteristic gives an isomorphism

$$\chi : K_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\cong} M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}, \quad \mathcal{F} \mapsto \phi_{\mathcal{F}}$$

where $\phi_{\mathcal{F}}(x) = \chi(\mathcal{F}_x)$. Define $\chi_S^{\text{mic}}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}}) := m_S(CC(\mathcal{F}))$, the multiplicity of $[T_S^*E_{V,\Omega}]$ in $CC(\mathcal{F})$. Then Conjecture 1.1 is equivalent to the following dual statement.

Conjecture 1.2. $(-1)^{\dim S} \chi_S^{\text{mic}} = \rho_S$.

In order to approach this conjecture, we define a section of Ψ_0

$$(2) \quad \eta_V : M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V} \longrightarrow M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$$

by $(\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}}))(x, y) := \chi(\mathbf{R}\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F})_x)$, where $f_y : E_{V,\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the linear functional defined by $y \in T_{S,x}^*E_{V,\Omega}$. This map has been introduced in [3] in a more general setting. The link with characteristic cycles is as follows.

Proposition 1.3. (cf. Proposition 4.6) *For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ and $(x, y) \in (T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$, we have*

$$\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})(x, y) = (-1)^{\dim \Lambda_V - \dim \widehat{S}} m_S(CC(\mathcal{F})).$$

Here \widehat{S} is the dual orbit of S .

As a consequence, Conjecture 1.2 is equivalent to

$$\Psi_0^{-1}(\phi)|_{\mathcal{O}_S} = (-1)^{\dim \Lambda_V - \dim \widehat{S} - \dim S} \eta_V(\phi)|_{\mathcal{O}_S}$$

for all $\phi \in M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}$. Indeed, it is possible to show that

$$(3) \quad \dim \Lambda_V - \dim \widehat{S} - \dim S \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

from the fact that $IC(\overline{S}, \mathbb{C})^\vee = IC(\widehat{S}, \mathbb{C})$, where $(\cdot)^\vee$ is the Fourier-Sato transform. We will not include the argument here, since it is not our main focus. Now we can state our main result.

Theorem 1.4. *For type A_2 quiver, $\Psi_0^{-1} = \eta_V$.*

Conjecture 1.2 for type A_2 quiver follows from this theorem and (3). We shall point out that Conjecture 1.2 in this case also follows from the known results $(-1)^{\dim S} \chi_S^{\text{mic}} = g_S^*$ [12] and $\rho_S = g_S^*$ [5], where g_S^* is the dual canonical basis. Nevertheless, the purpose of this paper is to develop a strategy for studying Conjecture 1.2 in all cases. We plan to apply our strategy to some special orbits in the future.

The paper is organized as follows. In §2 we review the notion of characteristic cycles. In §3 we review the classical work of Lusztig on the canonical bases and the semi-canonical bases. Both sections contain no new results and we mainly follow Lusztig's notations. In §4.1, we introduce the map η_V and show its image consists of constructible functions. The ideas are from [3]. In §4.2, we prove Proposition 4.6. Our main tool is stratified Morse theory (cf. [14]). Note that in order to apply the results of [14], some Whitney type regularity condition is required. This is verified in the appendix. In §4.3, we show that the equality $\eta_V = \Psi_0^{-1}$ is equivalent to the compatibility of η_V with convolution (cf. Proposition 4.12). In §4.4 and §4.5, we reduce it further to a problem of vanishing cycle calculation.

Conjecture 1.5. (cf. Conjecture 4.25) *We have $\chi(\mathbf{R}\Phi_{h_{y_0}}[-1](\mathbb{1}))_{(1,x_0)} = 1$.*

Finally, in §5, we show that the last conjecture is true for type A_2 quiver. We prove this result by showing that the relevant nearby cycle has Euler characteristic 0. We should remark that even in this case, the singular locus of h_{y_0} can be very complicated, and it could involve singular irreducible components of various dimensions. We show that the relevant nearby cycle has Euler characteristic 0 by constructing a fibration of the Milnor fiber over some compact space and showing the fibers all have Euler characteristic 0. Then the result follows from the Leray spectral sequence.

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2. CHARACTERISTIC CYCLES

In this section we review some generalities on characteristic cycles, our main reference is [6]. Nothing is new in this section.

2.1. Micro-support and characteristic cycles. To introduce the micro-support of a \mathbb{C}^\times -sheaf on a manifold, we follow [6] section 8.6 to give a definition using vanishing cycles.

Consider a complex manifold X with a holomorphic function

$$f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

Moreover, we assume that $Y = f^{-1}(0)$ is non-singular. Also, let $p : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the function $p(z) = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}z)$, considered as the universal covering map of \mathbb{C}^\times . Finally, let $\bar{p} : \bar{X} \rightarrow X$ be the pullback of p along f .

Definition 2.1. Let $\mathcal{F} \in D^b(X)$. Let $i : Y \rightarrow X$ be the natural embedding. The nearby-cycle functor is defined by

$$R\Psi_f(\mathcal{F}) = i^* R\bar{p}_* \bar{p}^*(\mathcal{F}).$$

We also need to consider the vanishing cycles, which is

Definition 2.2. Let $R\Phi_f(\mathcal{F}) \in D^b(\mathcal{F})$ be the unique element such that we have the following distinguished triangles

$$i^*(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow R\Psi_f(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow R\Phi_f(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\pm 1}.$$

Now we can define the micro-support $SS(\mathcal{F})$ of a constructible sheaf \mathcal{F} .

Definition 2.3. Let $D_c^b(X)$ be the subcategory of $D^b(X)$ consisting elements with bounded constructible cohomology sheaves. It is a full subcategory. Let $p \in T^*X$ and $\mathcal{F} \in D_c^b(X)$, then we define a subset $SS(\mathcal{F}) \subseteq T^*(X)$ by the following

(1): $p \notin SS(\mathcal{F})$.

(2): There exists an open neighborhood U of p such that for any $x \in X$ and any holomorphic function $f : W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined in a neighborhood $W \subseteq X$ of x with $f(x) = 0$ and $df(x) \in U$, one gets $R\Phi_f(\mathcal{F})_x = 0$.

Remark: Note that such a definition works well for varieties over other fields. More precisely, Beilinson [2] constructed micro-support for arbitrary base field, and Saito [13] constructed characteristic cycle for sheaves on varieties over a finite field.

Finally, following Kashiwara and Shapira, we can attach a Lagrangian cycle $CC(\mathcal{F})$ to $\mathcal{F} \in D_c^b(X)$ in a functorial way. Its support is $SS(\mathcal{F})$. We call $CC(\mathcal{F})$ the characteristic cycle of \mathcal{F} . We do not give the exact definition but just list some of its properties.

Proposition 2.4. Let X and Y be complex manifolds, and $\mathcal{F} \in D_c^b(X), \mathcal{G} \in D_c^b(Y)$. We have

(1): $CC(\mathcal{F} \boxtimes \mathcal{G}) = CC(\mathcal{F}) \boxtimes CC(\mathcal{G})$.

(2): $CC(D_X(\mathcal{F})) = CC(\mathcal{F})$, where D_X is the Verdier dual.

(3): Let $F' \rightarrow F \rightarrow F'' \xrightarrow{\pm 1}$ be a distinguished triangle in $D_c^b(X)$. Then

$$CC(\mathcal{F}) = CC(\mathcal{F}') + CC(\mathcal{F}'').$$

(4): Assume that \mathcal{F} is a local system. Then we have

$$CC(\mathcal{F}) = (-1)^{\dim(X)} \text{rank}(\mathcal{F}) [T_X^*X].$$

(5): We have $\text{supp}(CC(\mathcal{F})) = SS(\mathcal{F})$.

(6): (Milnor type formula) Let $x \in U \subseteq X$ be an open subset. Suppose $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic. Assume that the section $C_f = (y, df(y))$ of the natural projection $T^*X \rightarrow X$ intersects $SS(\mathcal{F})$ transversally. Then we have

$$-\chi(R\Phi_f(\mathcal{F}|_U)_x) = (CC(\mathcal{F}), C_f)_{T^*U, x}$$

(7): Let \mathcal{F} be perverse. Then

$$CC(\mathcal{F}) \geq 0.$$

Proof. (1) is (9.4.1) in [6], (2) is proved in Proposition 9.4.4 in loc.cit. and (3) is proved in Proposition 9.4.5 in loc.cit. Note that in (2) our formula differs from that of [6] by an antipodal pullback since we are working with complex varieties. For (4), we refer to lemma 4.11 of [13], and for (5) and (6), see Theorem 4.9 and Proposition 4.14 [13]. Again, we note that the characteristic cycle in [6] differs from ours by a sign since we require $CC(\mathcal{F}) \geq 0$ for a perverse sheaf \mathcal{F} , following [13]. Finally, (7) follows from Proposition 5.14 of [13]. \square

2.2. Constructible functions, Lagrangian cycles and characteristic cycles. We introduce the following set of constructible functions on complex varieties.

Definition 2.5. *A function $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is constructible if $f(X)$ is finite and $f^{-1}(c)$ is a constructible subset of X in the Zarisky topology for any $c \in \mathbb{C}$. The set of constructible functions on X is denoted by $M(X)$.*

Remark: Our definition of constructible functions is more restrictive than that of [6].

Notation 2.6. *Let $K(X)$ be the Grothendieck group of $D_c^b(X)$, i.e., the full subcategory of $D^b(X)$ consisting of elements with bounded constructible cohomology sheaves with \mathbb{C} -coefficients.*

Definition 2.7. *Let $L(X)$ be the free abelian group generated by the complex Lagrangian subvarieties of X . Here by Lagrangian subvariety we mean middle dimensional algebraic subvariety of T^*X .*

Remark: Naturally we have $CC(\mathcal{F}) \in L(T^*X)$ for any $\mathcal{F} \in K(X)$.

Definition 2.8. *We have group homomorphisms*

$$\chi : K(X) \rightarrow M(X), \quad \mathcal{F} \mapsto \chi(\mathcal{F}), \quad (\chi(\mathcal{F}))(x) = \chi(\mathcal{F}_x)$$

and

$$CC : K(X) \rightarrow L(T^*X), \quad \mathcal{F} \mapsto CC(\mathcal{F}).$$

Theorem 2.9. *The homomorphisms χ and CC are isomorphisms.*

Proof. Cf. [6, Theorem 9.7.1, 9.7.10]. Note that regardless of the modification we made on the relevant objects, the proof is exactly the same. \square

Following [6], we define an Euler morphism Eu from $L(T^*X)$ to $M(X)$ as follows

Definition 2.10. *Let $x \in X$, $U \subseteq X$ a neighborhood of x and $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $\phi(x) = 0, d\phi(x) = 0$ and the Hessian of ϕ at x is positive definite. Let $\lambda \in L(T^*X)$, then we put*

$$Eu(\lambda)(x) = \#([C_\phi] \cap \lambda)_x$$

where $C_\phi = \{(y, d\phi(y)) | y \in U\}$.

Remark: In loc.cit, it is shown to be well defined(cf. (9.7.26)).

We are ready to state the following

Theorem 2.11. [6, Theorem 9.7.11] *The diagram:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & K(X) & \\ \swarrow CC & & \searrow \chi \\ L(T^*X) & \xrightarrow{Eu} & M(X) \end{array}$$

is commutative, and the arrows are isomorphic.

3. CANONICAL BASES AND SEMI-CANONICAL BASES

In this section we recall the classical construction of the canonical basis and the semi-canonical basis, due to Lusztig. We only state the relevant facts in the case of quivers of simply laced type, we refer to [10], [8] for a detailed discussion.

3.1. Representation of quiver algebras and preprojective algebras. Let $Q = (I, H, s, e)$ be a finite quiver without loops. Thus

- (1): I is a finite set of vertices;
- (2): H is a finite set of directed edges called arrows;
- (3): s (resp. e) : $H \rightarrow I$ sends an arrow to its starting point (resp. end points);
- (4): there is an involution $h \rightarrow \bar{h}$ satisfying $e(\bar{h}) = s(h), s(\bar{h}) = e(h)$.

Let $\Omega \subseteq H$ be an orientation, i.e., $\Omega \cup \bar{\Omega} = H, \Omega \cap \bar{\Omega} = \emptyset$. For $i \in I$, set

$$r_i = \sum_{h \in \Omega: s(h)=i} \bar{h}h - \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega: e(h)=i} h\bar{h}$$

Notation 3.1. We denote by (Q, Ω) the sub-quiver generated by Ω .

Definition 3.2. Let $H(Q, \Omega) = \mathbb{C}\Omega$ be the quiver algebra generated by Ω and

$$\Pi(Q) = \mathbb{C}H/J$$

where J is the ideal generated by the elements r_i above. We call $\Pi(Q)$ the preprojective algebra associated to Q .

Notation 3.3. Let $V = \bigoplus_{i \in I} V_i$ be an I -graded vector space. Let

$$|V| := (\dim(V_i))_{i \in I}$$

be its dimension vector.

Definition 3.4. View the variety

$$E_{V, \Omega} = \{(x_h)_{h \in \Omega} : x_h \in \text{Hom}(V_{s(h)}, V_{e(h)})\}$$

as the representation variety of $H(Q, \Omega)$ with underlying space V .

Definition 3.5. A representation of the preprojective algebra $\Pi(Q)$ on V is an element $(x_h)_{h \in H} \in E_{V, \Omega} \times E_{V, \bar{\Omega}}$ satisfying the relation

$$\sum_{\{\alpha \in \Omega: s(h)=i\}} x_{\bar{h}}x_h - \sum_{\{h \in \Omega: e(h)=i\}} x_hx_{\bar{h}} = 0.$$

Let $p = h_1h_2 \cdots h_t$ be a path in H . Set

$$x_p = x_{h_1}x_{h_2} \cdots x_{h_t}$$

We say that the representation is nilpotent if there is an N in \mathbb{N} such that $x_p = 0$ for any path p of length greater than N . Let Λ_V be the set of nilpotent representations on V .

Remark: Note that if V^i is an I -graded vector space with $|V^i| = (\delta_{i,j})_{j \in I}$ (here δ is the Kronecker symbol), then Λ_{V^i} consists of one single point and we denote by Z_i the corresponding representation. We also note that the nilpotency condition is equivalent to requiring that the representation admits a composition series consists of only simple modules isomorphic to Z_i for $i \in I$.

We recall some basic results concerning the algebra $\Pi(Q)$.

Proposition 3.6. [5, Proposition 3.1] *The following are equivalent*

- (a) *The algebra $\Pi(Q)$ is finite dimensional.*
- (b) *Every finite dimensional representation of $\Pi(Q)$ is nilpotent.*
- (c) *(Q, Ω) is a Dynkin quiver.*

3.2. Convolution products and canonical bases. We recall the construction of canonical bases through convolution products.

Definition 3.7. Let X be a complex variety and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a constructible function. We define

$$\int_{x \in X} f(x) = \sum_{c \in \mathbb{C}} c \chi(f^{-1}(c)),$$

where χ is the Euler characteristic with compact support.

Notation 3.8. Let $G_V = \prod_{i \in I} GL(V_i)$ be the automorphism group of V , which acts on $E_{V,\Omega}$ and Λ_V by conjugation.

Definition 3.9. Let $M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}$ be the set of G_V -invariant constructible functions on E_V . Similarly one can define $M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$.

Definition 3.10. Let V, V', V'' be I -graded vector spaces such that

$$|V| = |V'| + |V''|.$$

Then we have a bilinear map

$$* : M(E_{V',\Omega})^{G_{V''}} \times M(E_{V'',\Omega})^{G_{V''}} \rightarrow M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}$$

by

$$(\phi' * \phi'')(x) = \int_{y \subseteq x} \phi'(y) \phi''(x/y), \quad x \in E_V$$

where y runs through all the subrepresentations of x such that the underlying vector space is isomorphic to V' . Similarly, we have a bilinear map

$$* : M(\Lambda_{V'})^{G_V} \times M(\Lambda_{V''})^{G_V} \rightarrow M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}.$$

Definition 3.11. Let

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega = \bigoplus_{V \in \mathcal{V}} M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}, \quad \overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Pi = \bigoplus_{V \in \mathcal{V}} M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V},$$

where \mathcal{V} is the set of isomorphism classes of I -graded vector spaces.

Proposition 3.12. The vector spaces $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega$ and $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Pi$ with the convolution product $*$ are unital associative algebras.

Proof. We refer to [5] section 5.4 and [8] section 10.19. \square

Definition 3.13. Let \mathcal{M}_Ω (resp. \mathcal{M}_Π) be the subalgebra of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega$ (resp. $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Pi$) generated by the function 1_{S_i} (resp. 1_{Z_i}), $i \in I$, where S_i (resp. Z_i) is the dimension 1 irreducible representation which is concentrated in degree i . Also, let

$$\mathcal{M}_\Omega(V) = \mathcal{M}_\Omega \cap M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}, \quad \mathcal{M}_\Pi(V) = \mathcal{M}_\Pi \cap M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$$

Proposition 3.14. [7, Proposition 9.8] If Q is simply-laced, then $\mathcal{M}_\Omega = \overline{\mathcal{M}}_\Omega$.

Notation 3.15. Let \mathfrak{g} be a symmetric Kac-Moody algebra and \mathfrak{n} a maximal nilpotent Lie subalgebra. Let Q be the associated quiver. Also, let $U(\mathfrak{n})$ be the enveloping algebra of \mathfrak{n} .

Theorem 3.16. We have isomorphisms of algebras

$$\Psi : U(\mathfrak{n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\Omega, \quad \Phi : U(\mathfrak{n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\Pi$$

with

$$\Psi(e_i) = 1_{S_i}, \quad \Phi(e_i) = 1_{Z_i},$$

where $e_i, i \in I$ is a set of Chevalley generators for $U(\mathfrak{n})$.

Proof. For Ψ , we refer to [8] Proposition 10.20, and for Φ , we refer to [10]. \square

We give another description of the map Ψ in terms of the quantum enveloping algebra, which is also due to Lusztig. We briefly recall the construction.

Notation 3.17. For each V , Lusztig defined a subset $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(V)$ of perverse sheaves on $E_{V,\Omega}$. Let $\mathcal{K}_v(\Omega, V)$ be the $\mathbb{Z}[v^\pm]$ -module generated by the elements of $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(V)$. Moreover, he defined a convolution product

$$* : \mathcal{K}_v(\Omega, V') \times \mathcal{K}_v(\Omega, V'') \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_v(\Omega, V)$$

for I -graded vector spaces V', V'' such that $|V| = |V'| + |V''|$. Finally, let

$$\mathcal{K}_v(\Omega) = \bigoplus_{V \in \mathcal{V}} \mathcal{K}_v(\Omega, V)$$

be the resulting unital associative algebra.

Theorem 3.18. We have an isomorphism of algebras

$$\Psi_v : U_v(\mathfrak{n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_v(\Omega) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[v^\pm]} \mathbb{Q}(v), \quad \Psi(E_i) = \mathbb{1}_{S_i}$$

where $E_i, i \in I$ is a set of Chevalley generators for the quantized algebras $U_v(\mathfrak{n})$ and $\mathbb{1}_{S_i}$ is the constant sheaf on the variety corresponding to the one dimensional representation S_i .

Proof. Cf. [8], §10.17. □

Remark: By letting $v = 1$, we recover the previous map Ψ by identifying E_i to e_i (cf. [8], §10.20).

Definition 3.19. Let $U_{v,\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{n}) = \Psi_v^{-1}(\mathcal{K}_v(\Omega))$.

Let $\text{Irr}(\Lambda_V)$ be the set of irreducible components of Λ_V .

Definition 3.20. Following Lusztig, we define for each graded vector space V a \mathbb{C} -basis

$$\{\phi_Z | Z \in \text{Irr}(\Lambda_V)\}$$

of \mathcal{M}_Π . The function ϕ_Z is uniquely characterized by the fact that it is equal to 1 on a dense open subset of Z and equal to 0 on a dense open subset of any other irreducible component Z' of Λ_V [10, Lemma 2.5].

4. QUIVER OF TYPE A

Let $Q = (I, H, s, e)$ be a quiver of type A . Let $I = \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ and Ω be the orientation $i \rightarrow i + 1$. Let $V = \bigoplus_{i \in I} V_i$ be an I -graded vector space.

$$E_{V,\Omega} = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i < r} \text{Hom}(V_i, V_{i+1}), \quad G_V = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r} GL(V_i).$$

Let $D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ be the G_V -equivariant derived category of constructible complexes on $E_{V,\Omega}$ and $K_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ the corresponding Grothendieck group. Then the local Euler characteristic gives an isomorphism

$$\chi : K_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\sim} M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}, \quad \mathcal{F} \mapsto \phi_{\mathcal{F}},$$

where $\phi_{\mathcal{F}}(x) = \chi(\mathcal{F}_x)$. Let $\bar{\Omega}$ be the opposite orientation, and

$$E_{V,\bar{\Omega}} = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i < r} \text{Hom}(V_{i+1}, V_i).$$

Let

$$E_V = E_{V,\Omega} \oplus E_{V,\bar{\Omega}} \hookrightarrow \text{End}(V), \quad G_V \hookrightarrow GL(V).$$

We define a $GL(V)$ -invariant nondegenerate bilinear form on $\text{End}(V)$ by the trace

$$\langle , \rangle : \text{End}(V) \times \text{End}(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \langle x, y \rangle = \text{tr}(xy).$$

It defines a G_V -invariant nondegenerate bilinear form on $\mathfrak{g}_V := \text{Lie}(G_V)$, and a G_V -invariant nondegenerate pairing

$$\langle , \rangle : E_{V,\Omega} \times E_{V,\bar{\Omega}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

Under this pairing, we can identify

$$E_{V,\bar{\Omega}} \cong E_{V,\Omega}^* \text{ and } T^*E_{V,\Omega} \cong E_V \cong T^*E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}.$$

On $\text{End}(V)$, we have the Lie bracket $[x, y] := xy - yx$ and

$$\Lambda_V = \{(x, y) \in E_V \mid [x, y] = 0\}.$$

We decompose Λ_V into irreducible components,

$$\Lambda_V \cong \bigcup_S \overline{T_S^*E_{V,\Omega}} \cong \bigcup_C \overline{T_C^*E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}}$$

which are closures of conormal bundles over orbits on $E_{V,\Omega}$ and $E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}$ respectively. For any orbit $S \subseteq E_{V,\Omega}$, we define the dual orbit $\widehat{S} \subseteq E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}$ by the condition that

$$\overline{T_S^*E_{V,\Omega}} \cong \overline{T_{\widehat{S}}^*E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}}.$$

We also define

$$(T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}} := T_S^*E_{V,\Omega} \setminus \bigcup_{S' \neq S} \overline{T_{S'}^*E_{V,\Omega}}.$$

Then it is easy to see that

$$(T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}} \subseteq S \times \widehat{S}.$$

4.1. Constructible functions. We will define a map

$$\eta_V : M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V} \rightarrow M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V},$$

which has been introduced in [3] in a more general setting.

Definition 4.1. For any $(x, y) \in \Lambda_V$, $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})(x, y) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F})_x)$, where $f_y : E_{V,\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by $f_y(z) = \langle z, y \rangle$.

Next we show the image of η_V lies in $M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$.

Proposition 4.2. For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$, $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}}) \in M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$.

To prove this, we will give another description of η_V following [3]. Let $S \subseteq E_{V,\Omega}$ be any orbit and $\widehat{S} \subseteq E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}$ be its dual. We would like to define $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})$ on each $T_{\widehat{S}}^*E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}$ as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S} & \longrightarrow & E_{V,\Omega} \times E_{V,\bar{\Omega}} \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \\ E_{V,\Omega} & & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

Note

$$(4) \quad T_{\widehat{S}}^*E_{V,\bar{\Omega}} \subseteq \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{-1}(0).$$

Denote the restriction of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ to $E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S}$ by f_S .

Lemma 4.3. For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ and $(x, y) \in T_{\widehat{S}}^*E_{V,\bar{\Omega}}$,

$$(5) \quad (R\Phi_{f_S}[-1](\pi^*\mathcal{F}))_{(x,y)} \cong (R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F}))_x.$$

Proof. Let $Z_{G_V}(y)$ be the stabilizer of y in G_V . We have an isomorphism

$$G_V \times_{Z_{G_V}(y)} E_{V,\Omega} \cong E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S}, \quad (g, z) \mapsto (gz, gy).$$

The inclusion

$$(6) \quad E_{V,\Omega} \rightarrow G_V \times_{Z_{G_V}(y)} E_{V,\Omega}, \quad z \mapsto (1, z)$$

gives a section of π

$$i : E_{V,\Omega} \rightarrow E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S}, \quad z \mapsto (z, y).$$

The pullback along the inclusion induces an equivalence of categories

$$D_{G_V}(G_V \times_{Z_{G_V}(y)} E_{V,\Omega}) \cong D_{Z_{G_V}(y)}(E_{V,\Omega}).$$

Since \langle , \rangle is G_V -invariant, for any $\mathcal{G} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S}) \cong D_{G_V}(G_V \times_{Z_{G_V}(y)} E_{V,\Omega})$, we get

$$R\Phi_{f_y}(i^*\mathcal{G}) \cong i^*R\Phi_{\langle , \rangle}(\mathcal{G}).$$

Let $\mathcal{G} = \pi^*\mathcal{F}$, then $i^*\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}$. So

$$R\Phi_{f_y}(\mathcal{F}) \cong i^*R\Phi_{f_S}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}).$$

In particular,

$$R\Phi_{f_y}(\mathcal{F})_x \cong i^*(R\Phi_{f_S}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}))_x \cong R\Phi_{f_S}(\pi^*\mathcal{F})_{(x,y)}.$$

□

Remark 4.4. *In the lemma, we have used the following general fact. Suppose H is a closed subgroup of G and X is an H -space. Then the inclusion*

$$i : X \hookrightarrow G \times_H X, \quad x \mapsto (1, x)$$

induces an equivalence of categories

$$D_G(G \times_H X) \cong D_H(X), \quad \mathcal{G} \mapsto i^*\mathcal{G}$$

Let $f : G \times_H X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a G -invariant continuous function. Then we have base change

$$R\Phi_{f \circ i}(i^*\mathcal{G}) \cong i^*R\Phi_f(\mathcal{G}),$$

for any $\mathcal{G} \in D_G(G \times_H X)$.

Corollary 4.5. $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})|_{T_S^*E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}}} = \chi(R\Phi_{f_S}[-1](\pi^*\mathcal{F}))|_{T_S^*E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}}}$.

In particular, $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})$ is constructible on $T_S^*E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}}$. Since

$$\Lambda_V = \bigsqcup_S T_S^*E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}},$$

we see $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}}) \in M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$.

4.2. Characteristic cycles. For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$, let $m_S(CC(\mathcal{F}))$ be the multiplicity of $[T_S^*E_{V,\Omega}]$ in $CC(\mathcal{F})$.

Let f be the restriction of \langle , \rangle to $S \times \widehat{S}$. The goal of this subsection is to prove the following proposition.

Proposition 4.6. *For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ and $(x, y) \in (T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$,*

$$\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})(x, y) = (-1)^{\dim \Lambda_V - \dim \widehat{S}} m_S(CC(\mathcal{F})).$$

The proof will occupy the whole section. Recall $\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}})(x, y) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F})_x)$. By [14, Lemma 1.3.2],

$$(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F}))_x \cong (R\Gamma_{re(f_y) \geq 0}(\mathcal{F}))_x$$

In terms of stratified Morse theory, the right hand side is called the local Morse data, denoted by $\text{LMD}(L, re(f_y), x)$. We have the following splitting formula for the local Morse data.

Theorem 4.7. *For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ and $(x, y) \in (T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$,*

$$\text{LMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x) \cong \text{TMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}}^L \text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x)$$

with

$$\text{TMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x) := (R\Gamma_{re(f_y) \geq 0}(\mathbb{1}_S))_x$$

the tangential Morse data, and

$$\text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x) := (R\Gamma_{re(f_y) \geq 0}(\mathcal{F}|_{N_S}))_x$$

the normal Morse data with respect to a normal slice $N_S \subseteq E_{V,\Omega}$ to S at x .

Proof. It follows from [14, Theorem 5.3.3], which has some regularity condition on the stratification. We will verify this condition for our case in the appendix. □

As a direct consequence, we have

Corollary 4.8. $\chi(\text{LMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x)) = \chi(\text{TMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x)) \cdot \chi(\text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x))$.

It is the normal Morse data that relates to the characteristic cycle, namely

$$(-1)^{\dim S} \chi(\text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x)) = m_S(CC(\mathcal{F})).$$

This differs from [14, (5.21)] by a sign $(-1)^{\dim S}$, which makes $m_S(CC(\mathcal{F}))$ positive whenever \mathcal{F} is perverse. By [14, Lemma 1.3.2],

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x) &\cong R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathbb{1}_S)_x \\ \text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x) &\cong R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F}|_{N_S})_x. \end{aligned}$$

So it remains to determine $\chi(\text{TMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x))$. Instead of computing it directly, we shall apply the splitting formula to the other vanishing cycle $R\Phi_{f_S}[-1](\pi^*\mathcal{F})_{(x,y)}$ in (5). By [14, Lemma 1.3.2] again

$$(R\Phi_{f_S}[-1](\pi^*\mathcal{F}))_{(x,y)} \cong (R\Gamma_{re(f_S) \geq 0}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}))_{(x,y)} = \text{LMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)).$$

The stratification of $E_{V,\Omega}$ by G_V -orbits induces a stratification of $E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S}$, which satisfies the same condition on regularity. Note $(x, y) \in S \times \widehat{S}$.

Lemma 4.9. $d(f_S)|_{(x,y)} = (\pi^*df_y)|_{(x,y)}$.

Proof. For $(v, w) \in T_x(E_{V,\Omega}) \oplus T_y(\widehat{S})$, let us choose curves $x(t), y(t)$ on $E_{V,\Omega}$ and \widehat{S} respectively such that

$$x(0) = x, x'(0) = v \text{ and } y(0) = y, y'(0) = w$$

We compute the image of $(v, 0)$ and $(0, w)$ separately under $d(f_S)_{(x,y)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (v, 0) &\mapsto \left. \frac{d\langle x(t), y \rangle}{t} \right|_{t=0} = \langle v, y \rangle \\ (0, w) &\mapsto \left. \frac{d\langle x, y(t) \rangle}{t} \right|_{t=0} = \langle x, w \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from (4). This finishes the proof. \square

Since $(x, y) \in (T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$, then $d(f_S)|_{(x,y)} \in T_{S \times \widehat{S}}^*(E_{V,\Omega} \times \widehat{S})_{\text{reg}}$. So we can apply the splitting formula again.

Theorem 4.10. For $\mathcal{F} \in D_{G_V}(E_{V,\Omega})$ and $(x, y) \in (T_S^*E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$,

$$(7) \quad \text{LMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) \cong \text{TMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}}^L \text{NMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)).$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) &:= (R\Gamma_{re(f) \geq 0}(\mathbb{1}_{S \times \widehat{S}}))_{(x,y)} \\ \text{NMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) &:= (R\Gamma_{re(f_S|_{N_S \times \{y\}}) \geq 0}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}|_{N_S \times \{y\}}))_{(x,y)} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It follows from [14, Theorem 5.3.3]. \square

By [14, Lemma 1.3.2] again,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) &\cong R\Phi_f[-1](\mathbb{1}_{S \times \widehat{S}})_{(x,y)} \\ \text{NMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) &\cong R\Phi_{f_S|_{N_S \times \{y\}}}[-1](\pi^*\mathcal{F}|_{N_S \times \{y\}})_{(x,y)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the natural isomorphism $N_S \cong N_S \times \{y\}$, we have

$$R\Phi_{f_S|_{N_S \times \{y\}}}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}|_{N_S \times \{y\}})_{(x,y)} \cong R\Phi_{f_y|_{N_S}}(\mathcal{F}|_{N_S})_x.$$

Hence,

$$\text{NMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y)) \cong \text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, re(f_y), x).$$

So it suffices to compute $\text{TMD}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, re(f_S), (x, y))$, equivalently $R\Phi_f[-1](\mathbb{1}_{S \times \widehat{S}})_{(x,y)}$.

Proposition 4.11. $R\Phi_f[-1](\mathbb{1}_{S \times \widehat{S}})_{(x,y)} = \mathbb{C}[\dim \Lambda_V - \dim \widehat{S} - \dim S]$.

This proposition is a special case of [3, Theorem 6.7.5]. For the convenience of the reader, we will reproduce its proof in the appendix.

4.3. Compatibility with convolutions. In the introduction, we have considered the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_\Pi(V) & \hookrightarrow & M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V} \\ & \searrow \cong & \downarrow \Psi \\ & \Psi_0 & M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V} \end{array}$$

Starting from this subsection, we will investigate when $\eta_V = \Psi_0^{-1}$.

Proposition 4.12. *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) $\eta_V = \Psi_0^{-1}$;
 - (2) $\text{Im } \eta_V \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\Pi$;
 - (3) For any decomposition of I -graded vector spaces $V = V^1 \oplus V^2$,
- (8)
$$\eta_{V^1}(\phi_1) * \eta_{V^2}(\phi_2) = \eta_V(\phi_1 * \phi_2)$$

for any $\phi_1 \in M(E_{V^1,\Omega})^{G_{V^1}}$ and $\phi_2 \in M(E_{V^2,\Omega})^{G_{V^2}}$.

Proof. Since Ψ_0 is an algebra isomorphism, then (1) implies (2) and (3). By the definition of η_V , we have $\Psi \circ \eta_V = \text{id}$. So (2) implies (1). It follows from (3) that

$$\eta_V(1_1 * \cdots * 1_d) = \eta_{V^1}(1_1) * \cdots * \eta_{V^d}(1_d) = 1_{\Lambda_{V^1}} * \cdots * 1_{\Lambda_{V^d}} \in \mathcal{M}_\Pi(V).$$

(cf. (15)). By [8, Proposition 7.3], that $M(E_{V,\Omega})^{G_V}$ is spanned by $1_1 * \cdots * 1_d$ for all $a \in S_{|V|}$ and associated decomposition of I -graded vector space $V = V^1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V^d$. So (3) implies (2). \square

We begin by recalling the definitions of the two convolutions in (8). Consider the following diagram

$$(9) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E'_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} & \xrightarrow{p_2} & E''_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} \\ p_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p_3 \\ E_{V^1,\Omega} \times E_{V^2,\Omega} & & E_{V,\Omega} \end{array}$$

where

$$E''_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} := \left\{ (x, \text{Fil}) \mid x \in E_{V,\Omega}, \text{Fil} : 0 = W^0 \subsetneq W^1 \subsetneq W^2 = V \text{ } x\text{-stable with } |W^k/W^{k-1}| = |V^k| \text{ for } k = 1, 2 \right\},$$

$$E'_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} := \left\{ (x, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mid (x, \text{Fil}) \in E''_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} \text{ and } \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} \text{ for } k = 1, 2 \right\},$$

and

$$p_3 : E''_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} \rightarrow E_{V,\Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}) \mapsto x$$

is proper;

$$p_2 : E'_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} \rightarrow E''_{V^1,V^2,\Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mapsto (x, \text{Fil})$$

is a principal $G_{V^1} \times G_{V^2}$ -bundle;

$$p_1 : E'_{V^1,V^2,\Omega} \rightarrow E_{V^1,\Omega} \times E_{V^2,\Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mapsto (\varphi_1^{-1}x\varphi_1, \varphi_2^{-1}x\varphi_2)$$

is smooth, where we denote the induced morphisms on W^k/W^{k-1} still by x . To see the properties of p_1, p_2, p_3 more easily, we will give another description of the diagram.

We fix a filtration $\overline{\text{Fil}} : 0 = \overline{W}^0 \subsetneq \overline{W}^1 \subsetneq \overline{W}^2 = V$, where $\overline{W}^1 = V^1$. Let $\overline{\varphi}_1 : V^1 \rightarrow \overline{W}^1/\overline{W}^0$ be the identity and $\overline{\varphi}_2 : V^2 \rightarrow \overline{W}^2/\overline{W}^1$ be the composition of $V^2 \rightarrow V \rightarrow V/V^1$. Let

$$E_{V^1,V^2,\Omega}^{\geq 0} := \{x \in E_{V,\Omega} \mid x \text{ stabilizes } \overline{\text{Fil}}\} \hookrightarrow E'_{V^1,V^2,\Omega}, \quad x \mapsto (x, \overline{\text{Fil}}, \overline{\varphi}_1, \overline{\varphi}_2)$$

It admits an action by

$$G_{V^1, V^2}^{\geq 0} := \{g \in G_V | g \text{ stabilizes } \overline{\text{Fil}}\}$$

a parabolic subgroup of G_V . It has a Levi component $G_{V^1} \times G_{V^2}$ and the unipotent radical is

$$G_{V^1, V^2}^+ := \{g \in G_{V^1, V^2}^{\geq 0} | \bar{\varphi}_k^{-1} g \bar{\varphi}_k = id \text{ for } k = 1, 2\}.$$

The following lemma is immediate.

Lemma 4.13. *We have G_V -equivariant isomorphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\cong E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}'' & (g, x) &\mapsto (gx, g\overline{\text{Fil}}) \\ G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^+} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\cong E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}' & (g, x) &\mapsto (gx, g\overline{\text{Fil}}, g\bar{\varphi}_1, g\bar{\varphi}_2) \end{aligned}$$

By this lemma, we can rewrite diagram (9) as

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^+} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \xrightarrow{p_2'} & G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \\ p_1' \downarrow & & \downarrow p_3' \\ E_{V^1, \Omega} \times E_{V^2, \Omega} & & E_{V, \Omega} \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p_3' : G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\rightarrow E_{V, \Omega}, & (g, x) &\mapsto gx \\ p_2' : G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^+} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\rightarrow G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0}, & (g, x) &\mapsto (g, x) \\ p_1' : G_V \times_{G_{V^1, V^2}^+} E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\rightarrow E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \hookrightarrow E_{V^1, V^2, \Omega}' \xrightarrow{p_1} E_{V^1, \Omega} \times E_{V^2, \Omega} \end{aligned}$$

For $\mathcal{F}_1 \in D_{G_{V^1}}(E_{V^1, \Omega}), \mathcal{F}_2 \in D_{G_{V^2}}(E_{V^2, \Omega})$, we define

$$\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2 := p_{3!} \mathcal{F}''$$

where

$$p_2^* \mathcal{F}'' \cong p_1^*(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2).$$

For $\phi_1 \in M(E_{V^1, \Omega})^{G_{V^1}}, \phi_2 \in M(E_{V^2, \Omega})^{G_{V^2}}$, we define $\phi_1 * \phi_2 \in M(E_{V, \Omega})^{G_V}$ by

$$(\phi_1 * \phi_2)(x) = \int_{p_3^{-1}(x)} \phi''(x, \text{Fil})$$

where

$$\phi''(x, \text{Fil}) = \phi_1(x_1) \phi_2(x_2)$$

with

$$x_1 = \varphi_1^{-1} x \varphi_1, x_2 = \varphi_2^{-1} x \varphi_2$$

for any choice of isomorphisms $\varphi_k : V^k \rightarrow W^k / W^{k-1}$.

Proposition 4.14. *For $\mathcal{F}_1 \in D_{G_{V^1}}(E_{V^1, \Omega}), \mathcal{F}_2 \in D_{G_{V^2}}(E_{V^2, \Omega})$,*

$$\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1} * \phi_{\mathcal{F}_2} = \phi_{\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2}.$$

Proof. We have

$$\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2}(x) = \chi(H^*(p_3^{-1}(x), \mathcal{F}'')) = \int_{p_3^{-1}(x)} \chi(\mathcal{F}''),$$

where for the second equality we refer to [1] Proposition 24.16. It is easy to see that $\chi(\mathcal{F}'') = \phi''$. \square

Next consider the following diagram

$$(11) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda'_{V^1, V^2} & \xrightarrow{q_2} & \Lambda''_{V^1, V^2} \\ q_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow q_3 \\ \Lambda_{V^1} \times \Lambda_{V^2} & & \Lambda_V \end{array}$$

where

$$\Lambda''_{V^1, V^2} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mid (x, y) \in \Lambda_V, \text{Fil} : 0 = W^0 \subsetneq W^1 \subsetneq W^2 = V \text{ } (x, y)\text{-stable with } |W^k/W^{k-1}| = |V^k| \text{ for } k = 1, 2 \right\}$$

$$\Lambda'_{V^1, V^2} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mid (x, y, \text{Fil}) \in \Lambda''_{V^1, V^2} \text{ and } \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} \text{ for } k = 1, 2 \right\},$$

and

$$q_3 : \Lambda''_{V^1, V^2} \rightarrow \Lambda_V, \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mapsto (x, y)$$

is proper;

$$q_2 : \Lambda'_{V^1, V^2} \rightarrow \Lambda''_{V^1, V^2}, \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mapsto (x, y, \text{Fil})$$

is a principal $G_{V^1} \times G_{V^2}$ -bundle;

$$q_1 : \Lambda'_{V^1, V^2} \rightarrow \Lambda_{V^1} \times \Lambda_{V^2}, \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mapsto ((\varphi_1^{-1}x\varphi_1, \varphi_1^{-1}y\varphi_1), (\varphi_2^{-1}x\varphi_2, \varphi_2^{-1}y\varphi_2))$$

where we denote the induced morphisms on W^k/W^{k-1} still by x, y .

For $\phi_1 \in M(\Lambda_{V^1})^{G_{V^1}}, \phi_2 \in M(\Lambda_{V^2})^{G_{V^2}}$, we define $\phi_1 * \phi_2 \in M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$ by

$$(\phi_1 * \phi_2)(x, y) = \int_{q_3^{-1}(x, y)} \phi''(x, y, \text{Fil})$$

where

$$\phi''(x, y, \text{Fil}) = \phi_1((x_1, y_1))\phi_2((x_2, y_2))$$

with

$$x_1 = \varphi_1^{-1}x\varphi_1, y_1 = \varphi_1^{-1}y\varphi_1; \quad x_2 = \varphi_2^{-1}x\varphi_2, y_2 = \varphi_2^{-1}y\varphi_2$$

for any choice of isomorphisms $\varphi_k : V^k \rightarrow W^k/W^{k-1}$.

One can easily extend this convolution to constructible functions on E_{V^1}, E_{V^2} by considering the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & E'_{V^1, V^2} & \xrightarrow{q'_2} & E''_{V^1, V^2} \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow q_2 & & \downarrow q'_3 \\ \Lambda'_{V^1, V^2} & \xrightarrow{q'_1} & \Lambda''_{V^1, V^2} & & \\ \downarrow q_1 & & \downarrow q_3 & & \downarrow q'_3 \\ \Lambda_{V^1} \times \Lambda_{V^2} & \nearrow & E_{V^1} \times E_{V^2} & & E_V \end{array}$$

where

$$E''_{V^1, V^2} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mid (x, y) \in E_V, \text{Fil} : 0 = W^0 \subsetneq W^1 \subsetneq W^2 = V \text{ } (x, y)\text{-stable with } |W^k/W^{k-1}| = |V^k| \text{ for } k = 1, 2 \right\},$$

$$E'_{V^1, V^2} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mid (x, y, \text{Fil}) \in E''_{V^1, V^2} \text{ and } \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} \text{ for } k = 1, 2 \right\}.$$

Note both the top and right squares are Cartesian, but the left one is not. The following lemma is immediate from the definition.

Lemma 4.15. For $\phi_1 \in M(E_{V^1})^{G_{V^1}}$, $\phi_2 \in M(E_{V^2})^{G_{V^2}}$,

$$(\phi_1 * \phi_2)|_{\Lambda_V} = \phi_1|_{\Lambda_{V^1}} * \phi_2|_{\Lambda_{V^2}}.$$

For $\mathcal{F}_1 \in D_{G_{V^1}}(E_{V^1})$, $\mathcal{F}_2 \in D_{G_{V^2}}(E_{V^2})$, we can also define convolution

$$\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2 := q_3'! \mathcal{F}''$$

where

$$q_2'^* \mathcal{F}'' \cong q_1'^*(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2).$$

One can also show easily that

$$\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1} * \phi_{\mathcal{F}_2} = \phi_{\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2}.$$

Now we attempt to establish (8) directly. It suffices to show that for any $\mathcal{F}_1 \in D_{G_{V^1}}(E_{V^1}, \Omega)$, $\mathcal{F}_2 \in D_{G_{V^2}}(E_{V^2}, \Omega)$,

$$\eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1}) * \eta_{V^2}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_2}) = \eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2}).$$

We first expand the right hand side. For $(x, y) \in \Lambda_V$,

$$\eta_V(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2})(x, y) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathcal{F}_1 * \mathcal{F}_2)_x) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](p_3! \mathcal{F}'')_x).$$

By proper base change,

$$R\Phi_{f_y}(p_3! \mathcal{F}'') \cong p_3!(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'').$$

Hence,

$$\chi(R\Phi_{f_y}(p_3! \mathcal{F}'')_x) = \chi(H^*(p_3^{-1}(x), R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'')) = \int_{p_3^{-1}(x)} \chi(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'')$$

where for the second equality we refer to [1] Proposition 24.16. By smooth base change,

$$p_2^*(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'') \cong R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}(p_2^* \mathcal{F}'').$$

We can also express the left hand side as an integration.

$$(\eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1}) * \eta_{V^2}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_2}))(x, y) = \int_{q_3^{-1}(x, y)} \eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1})(x_1, y_1) \cdot \eta_{V^2}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_2})(x_2, y_2)$$

Comparing the two integrals, we see

$$q_3^{-1}(x, y) \hookrightarrow p_3^{-1}(x), \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mapsto (x, \text{Fil}).$$

Then both integrals are equal if

- (1) $\chi(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'') = 0$ over $p_3^{-1}(x) \setminus q_3^{-1}(x, y)$.
- (2) $\chi(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3}[-1] \mathcal{F}'')(x, \text{Fil}) = \eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1})(x_1, y_1) \cdot \eta_{V^2}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_2})(x_2, y_2)$ for $(x, y, \text{Fil}) \in q_3^{-1}(x, y)$.

In (2), we can rewrite the right hand side as

$$\eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1})(x_1, y_1) \cdot \eta_{V^2}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_2})(x_2, y_2) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_{y_1}}[-1](\mathcal{F}_1)_{x_1}) \chi(R\Phi_{f_{y_2}}[-1](\mathcal{F}_2)_{x_2}).$$

Theorem 4.16 (Sebastiani-Thom).

$$R\Phi_{f_{y_1}}[-1](\mathcal{F}_1)_{x_1} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}}^L R\Phi_{f_{y_2}}[-1](\mathcal{F}_2)_{x_2} \cong R\Phi_{f_{y_1} \oplus f_{y_2}}[-1](\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2)_{(x_1, x_2)},$$

where

$$f_{y_1} \oplus f_{y_2} : E_{V^1, \Omega} \times E_{V^2, \Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (x'_1, x'_2) \mapsto f_{y_1}(x'_1) + f_{y_2}(x'_2).$$

By smooth base change,

$$p_1^* R\Phi_{f_{y_1} \oplus f_{y_2}}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2) \cong R\Phi_{(f_{y_1} \oplus f_{y_2}) \circ p_1}(p_1^*(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2)).$$

So (2) is equivalent to

$$\chi(R\Phi_{(f_{y_1} \oplus f_{y_2}) \circ p_1}(p_1^*(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2))_{(x, y, \text{Fil})}) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}(p_2^* \mathcal{F}'')_{(x, y, \text{Fil})}).$$

Note $p_1^*(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2) \cong p_2^* \mathcal{F}''$, but

$$(f_{y_1} \oplus f_{y_2}) \circ p_1 \neq f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2.$$

So we can not conclude the equality directly. This is the main reason that we have to approach (8) in a roundabout way.

4.4. **Inductions.** We fix an I -graded isomorphism $V = V^1 \oplus V^2 \oplus \cdots \oplus V^n$ and a filtration

$$\overline{\text{Fil}} : 0 = \bar{W}^0 \subsetneq \bar{W}^1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \bar{W}^n = V$$

where

$$\bar{W}^k := V^1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V^k$$

Let $\bar{\varphi}_k : V^k \hookrightarrow \bar{W}^k \hookrightarrow \bar{W}^k/\bar{W}^{k-1}$. The goal is to calculate

$$\phi_1 * \cdots * \phi_n$$

for $\phi_k \in M(E_{V^k, \Omega})^{G_{V^k}}$. We will define

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n} : \otimes_{k=1}^n M(E_{V^k, \Omega})^{G_{V^k}} \rightarrow M(E_{V, \Omega})^{G_V}$$

as follows. Consider the diagram

$$(12) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} & \xrightarrow{p_2} & E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \\ p_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p_3 \\ E_{V^1, \Omega} \times \cdots \times E_{V^n, \Omega} & & E_{V, \Omega} \end{array}$$

where

$$E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} := \left\{ (x, \text{Fil}) \mid x \in E_{V, \Omega}, \text{Fil} : 0 = W^0 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq W^n = V \text{ } x\text{-stable with } |W^k/W^{k-1}| = |V^k| \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

$$E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} := \left\{ (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mid (x, \text{Fil}) \in E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \text{ and } \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

and

$$p_3 : E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \rightarrow E_{V, \Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}) \mapsto x$$

is proper;

$$p_2 : E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \rightarrow E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mapsto (x, \text{Fil})$$

is a principal $G_{V^1} \times \cdots \times G_{V^n}$ -bundle;

$$p_1 : E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \rightarrow E_{V^1, \Omega} \times \cdots \times E_{V^n, \Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mapsto \{\varphi_k^{-1} x \varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n$$

is smooth, where we denote the induced morphisms on W^k/W^{k-1} still by x . To see the properties of p_1, p_2, p_3 more easily, we will give another description of the diagram. Let

$$E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} := \{x \in E_{V, \Omega} \mid x \text{ stabilizes } \overline{\text{Fil}}\} \hookrightarrow E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}, \quad x \mapsto (x, \overline{\text{Fil}}, \{\bar{\varphi}_k\}_{k=1}^n)$$

It admits an action by

$$G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^{\geq 0} := \{g \in G_V \mid g \text{ stabilizes } \overline{\text{Fil}}\}$$

a parabolic subgroup of G_V . It has a Levi component $G_{V^1} \times \cdots \times G_{V^n}$ and the unipotent radical is

$$G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^+ := \{g \in G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^{\geq 0} \mid \bar{\varphi}_k^{-1} g \bar{\varphi}_k = id \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Lemma 4.17.

$$\begin{aligned} G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\cong E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}, & (g, x) &\mapsto (gx, g\overline{\text{Fil}}) \\ G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^+} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} &\cong E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}, & (g, x) &\mapsto (gx, g\overline{\text{Fil}}, \{g\bar{\varphi}_k\}_{k=1}^n) \end{aligned}$$

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^+} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \xrightarrow{p'_2} & G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \\ p'_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p'_3 \\ E_{V^1, \Omega} \times \cdots \times E_{V^n, \Omega} & & E_{V, \Omega} \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p'_3 &: G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow E_{V, \Omega}, \quad (g, x) \mapsto gx, \\ p'_2 &: G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^+} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0}, \quad (g, x) \mapsto (g, x), \\ p'_1 &: G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^n}^+} E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow E_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \hookrightarrow E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \xrightarrow{p_1} E_{V^1, \Omega} \times \cdots \times E_{V^n, \Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

For $\phi_k \in M(E_{V^k, \Omega})^{G_{V^k}}$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$), we define

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n)(x) = \int_{p_3^{-1}(x)} \phi''(x, \text{Fil})$$

where

$$\phi''(x, \text{Fil}) = \phi_1(x_1) \cdots \phi_n(x_n)$$

with

$$x_k = \varphi_k^{-1} x \varphi_k$$

for any choice of isomorphisms $\varphi_k : V^k \rightarrow W^k/W^{k-1}$. For $\mathcal{F}_k \in D_{G_{V^k}}(E_{V^k, \Omega})$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$), we define

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n) := p_{3!} \mathcal{F}''$$

where

$$p_2^* \mathcal{F}'' \cong p_1^*(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n).$$

Proposition 4.18. For $\mathcal{F}_k \in D_{G_{V^k}}(E_{V^k, \Omega})$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$),

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{\mathcal{F}_n}) = \phi_{\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n)}.$$

Proof. We have

$$\phi_{\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n)}(x) = \chi(H^*(p_3^{-1}(x), \mathcal{F}'')) = \int_{p_3^{-1}(x)} \chi(\mathcal{F}'')$$

where for the second equality we refer to [1] Proposition 24.16. It is easy to see that $\chi(\mathcal{F}'') = \phi''$. \square

Proposition 4.19. For $\phi_k \in M(E_{V^k, \Omega})^{G_{V^k}}$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$),

$$\phi_1 * \cdots * \phi_n = \text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n)$$

Proof. We will prove it by induction on n . When $n = 2$, there is nothing to show. Suppose $n > 2$. By induction assumption,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 * \cdots * \phi_n &= (\phi_1 * \phi_2) * \cdots * \phi_n = \text{Ind}_{V^1, V^2}(\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2) * \cdots * \phi_n \\ &= \text{Ind}_{\tilde{W}^2, \dots, V^n}(\text{Ind}_{V^1, V^2}(\phi_1 \otimes \phi_2) \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & & E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \\
 & & & & \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 & & & & \tilde{E}'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \longrightarrow E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \\
 & & \tilde{E}'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} & \longrightarrow & \tilde{E}'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \longrightarrow E''_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \\
 & & \swarrow \quad \searrow & & \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 & & & & E'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \longrightarrow E''_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \\
 & & & & \downarrow \\
 E'_{V^1, V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega} & \longrightarrow & E''_{V^1, V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega} & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 E_{V^1, \Omega} \times E_{V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega} & & E_{\bar{W}^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega} & & E_{V, \Omega}
 \end{array}$$

where

$$\tilde{E}'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} = \left\{ (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=3}^n, \psi_2) \mid (x, \text{Fil}) \in E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}, \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} (k \geq 3), \psi_2 : \bar{W}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} W^2 \right\}$$

and

$$\tilde{E}'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} = \left\{ (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n, \psi_2) \mid (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \in E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}, \psi_2 : \bar{W}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} W^2 \right\}$$

$$\tilde{E}'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \rightarrow E'_{V^1, V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega}, \quad (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n, \psi_2) \mapsto ((x', \text{Fil}', \varphi'_1, \varphi'_2), \{\varphi_k^{-1} x \varphi_k\}_{k=3}^n)$$

where

$$x' = \psi_2^{-1} x \psi_2, \quad \text{Fil}' : 0 = \psi_2^{-1}(W^1) \subsetneq \psi_2^{-1}(W^2) = \bar{W}^2$$

and

$$\varphi'_1 = \psi_2^{-1} \varphi_1, \quad \varphi'_2 = \psi_2^{-1} \varphi_2$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{E}'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} &\cong (E''_{V^1, V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega}) \times_{(E_{\bar{W}^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega})} E'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \\
 &\cong E'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \times_{E''_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega}} E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{E}'_{V^1, \dots, V^n, \Omega} \cong (E'_{V^1, V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega}) \times_{(E''_{V^1, V^2, \Omega} \times \prod_{k=3}^n E_{V^k, \Omega})} \tilde{E}'_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n, \Omega}$$

Let $\phi_k = \phi_{\mathcal{F}_k}$. It suffices to show

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n) = \text{Ind}_{\bar{W}^2, \dots, V^n}(\text{Ind}_{V^1, V^2}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_2) \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n).$$

This can be seen easily by tracing the diagram. □

We will also define

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n} : \otimes_{k=1}^n M(\Lambda_{V^k})^{G_{V^k}} \rightarrow M(\Lambda_V)^{G_V}$$

as follows. Consider the diagram

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} & \xrightarrow{q_2} & \Lambda''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \\ q_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow q_3 \\ \Lambda_{V^1} \times \dots \times \Lambda_{V^n} & & \Lambda_V \end{array}$$

where

$$\Lambda''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mid (x, y) \in \Lambda_V, \text{Fil} : 0 = W^0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq W^n = V \text{ (} x, y \text{)-stable } |W^k/W^{k-1}| = |V^k| (1 \leq k \leq n) \right\}$$

$$\Lambda'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mid (x, y, \text{Fil}) \in \Lambda''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \text{ and } \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} (1 \leq k \leq n) \right\}$$

and

$$q_3 : \Lambda''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \rightarrow \Lambda_V, \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mapsto (x, y)$$

is proper;

$$q_2 : \Lambda'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \rightarrow \Lambda''_{V^1, \dots, V^n}, \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mapsto (x, y, \text{Fil})$$

is a principal $G_{V^1} \times \dots \times G_{V^n}$ -bundle;

$$q_1 : \Lambda'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \rightarrow \Lambda_{V^1} \times \dots \times \Lambda_{V^n}, \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mapsto \{(\varphi_k^{-1} x \varphi_k, \varphi_k^{-1} y \varphi_k)\}_{k=1}^n$$

where we denote the induced morphisms on W^k/W^{k-1} still by x, y .

For $\phi_k \in M(\Lambda_{V^k})^{G_{V^k}}$, we define

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n)(x, y) = \int_{q_3^{-1}(x, y)} \phi''(x, y, \text{Fil})$$

where

$$\phi''(x, y, \text{Fil}) = \phi_1((x_1, y_1)) \cdots \phi_n((x_n, y_n))$$

with

$$x_k = \varphi_k^{-1} x \varphi_k, \quad y_k = \varphi_k^{-1} y \varphi_k$$

for any choice of isomorphisms $\varphi_k : V^k \rightarrow W^k/W^{k-1}$.

One can easily extend this induction constructible functions on E_{V^k} by considering the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} & \xrightarrow{q'_2} & E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow q_2 & & \nearrow & \downarrow q'_3 \\ \Lambda'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} & \xrightarrow{q'_1} & \Lambda''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} & & \\ \downarrow q_1 & & \downarrow q_3 & & \downarrow q_3 \\ \Lambda_{V^1} \times \dots \times \Lambda_{V^n} & \nearrow & E_{V^1} \times \dots \times E_{V^n} & & \nearrow & E_V \end{array}$$

where

$$E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mid (x, y) \in E_{V, \Omega}, \text{Fil} : 0 = W^0 \subsetneq W^1 \subsetneq W^2 = V \text{ (} x, y \text{)-stable } |W^k/W^{k-1}| = |V^k| (1 \leq k \leq n) \right\}$$

$$E'_{V^1, \dots, V^n} := \left\{ (x, y, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n) \mid (x, y, \text{Fil}) \in E''_{V^1, \dots, V^n} \text{ and } \varphi_k : V^k \xrightarrow{\sim} W^k/W^{k-1} (1 \leq k \leq n) \right\},$$

Note both the top and right squares are Cartesian, but the left one is not. The following lemma follows immediately from the definition.

Lemma 4.20. For $\phi_k \in M(E_{V^k, \Omega})^{G_{V^k}}$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$),

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n)|_{\Lambda_V} = \text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1|_{\Lambda_{V^1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n|_{\Lambda_{V^n}}).$$

For $\mathcal{F}_k \in D_{G_{V^k}}(E_{V^k})$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$), we can also define induction

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n) := q_3' \mathcal{F}''$$

where

$$q_2' \mathcal{F}'' \cong q_1'(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n).$$

One can also show easily that

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_{\mathcal{F}_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{\mathcal{F}_n}) = \phi_{\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\mathcal{F}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathcal{F}_n)}$$

Proposition 4.21. For $\phi_k \in M(\Lambda_{V^k})^{G_{V^k}}$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$),

$$\phi_1 * \cdots * \phi_n = \text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n).$$

Proof. It suffices to show for $\phi_k \in M(E_{V^k})^{G_{V^k}}$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$),

$$\phi_1 * \cdots * \phi_n = \text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^n}(\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n).$$

The proof is similar to that of Proposition 4.19. □

4.5. Further reduction of (8). Let $|V| = (d_i)_{i \in I}$ and $d = \sum_{i \in I} d_i$. Let

$$S_{|V|} := \{a \in I^{\{1, \dots, d\}} \mid |a^{-1}(i)| = d_i\}$$

For any $a \in S_{|V|}$, we fix an I -graded isomorphism $V = V^1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V^d$ such that

$$|V^k| = (\delta_{a(k), i})_{i \in I}$$

Note $E_{V^k, \Omega} = \Lambda_{V^k} = E_{V^k} = \{0\}$. The following statement is a special case of (8).

Conjecture 4.22.

$$(15) \quad \eta_{V^1}(1_1) * \cdots * \eta_{V^d}(1_d) = \eta_V(1_1 * \cdots * 1_d).$$

Remark 4.23. $\eta_{V^k}(1_k) = 1_{\Lambda_{V^k}}$.

Indeed, we have

Lemma 4.24. Conjecture 4.22 is equivalent to (8).

Proof. We only need to show that (8) follows from Conjecture 4.22. By [8, Proposition 7.3], it suffices to show (8) for

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_I &= 1_{I,1} * \cdots * 1_{I,d_I} \in M(E_{V^I, \Omega})^{G_{V^I}} \\ \phi_{II} &= 1_{II,1} * \cdots * 1_{II,d_{II}} \in M(E_{V^{II}, \Omega})^{G_{V^{II}}} \end{aligned}$$

associated with $a_I \in S_{|V^I|}$ and $a_{II} \in S_{|V^{II}|}$ respectively. By Conjecture 4.22,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{V^I}(\phi_I) * \eta_{V^{II}}(\phi_{II}) &= (\eta_{V^I,1}(1_{I,1}) * \cdots * \eta_{V^I,d_I}(1_{I,1})) * (\eta_{V^{II},1}(1_{II,1}) * \cdots * \eta_{V^{II},d_{II}}(1_{II,1})) \\ &= \eta_V(1_{I,1} * \cdots * 1_{I,d_I} * 1_{II,1} * \cdots * 1_{II,d_{II}}) \\ &= \eta_V(\phi_I * \phi_{II}) \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we will describe our approach to Conjecture 4.22. By Proposition 4.19 and Proposition 4.21, it suffices to show

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^d}(\eta_{V^1}(1_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \eta_{V^d}(1_d)) = \eta_V(\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^d}(1_1 * \cdots * 1_d)).$$

Note $1_k = \phi_{\mathbb{1}_k}$, where $\mathbb{1}_k \in D_{G_{V^k}}(E_{V^k, \Omega})$. So it is the same as

$$\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^d}(\eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathbb{1}_1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \eta_{V^d}(\phi_{\mathbb{1}_d})) = \eta_V(f_{\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^d}(\mathbb{1}_1 \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \mathbb{1}_d)}).$$

We first expand the right hand side. For $(x, y) \in \Lambda_V$,

$$\eta_V(f_{\text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^d}(\mathbb{1}_1 \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes \mathbb{1}_d)})(x, y) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](\mathbb{1}_1 \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes \mathbb{1}_d)_x) = \chi(R\Phi_{f_y}[-1](p_3! \mathcal{F}'')_x)$$

By proper base change,

$$R\Phi_{f_y}(p_3! \mathcal{F}'') \cong p_3!(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'')$$

Hence,

$$\chi(R\Phi_{f_y}(p_3! \mathcal{F}'')_x) = \chi(H^*(p_3^{-1}(x), R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'')) = \int_{p_3^{-1}(x)} \chi(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'').$$

By smooth base change,

$$p_2^*(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3} \mathcal{F}'') \cong R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}(p_2^* \mathcal{F}'') \cong R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}(\mathbb{1}).$$

We can also express the left hand side as an integration,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ind}_{V^1, \dots, V^d}(\eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathbb{1}_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes \eta_{V^d}(\phi_{\mathbb{1}_d}))(x, y) &= \int_{q_3^{-1}(x, y)} \eta_{V^1}(\phi_{\mathbb{1}_1})(x_1, y_1) \cdots \eta_{V^d}(\phi_{\mathbb{1}_d})(x_d, y_d) \\ &= \int_{q_3^{-1}(x, y)} 1, \end{aligned}$$

due to the fact that $(x_k, y_k) = 0$ for $1 \leq k \leq d$. Comparing the two integrals, we see

$$q_3^{-1}(x, y) \hookrightarrow p_3^{-1}(x), \quad (x, y, \text{Fil}) \mapsto (x, \text{Fil}).$$

If we want to prove that the two integrals are equal, it suffices to show

$$(16) \quad R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}(\mathbb{1})_{(x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^d)} = 0 \quad \text{for } (x, \text{Fil}) \in p_3^{-1}(x) \setminus q_3^{-1}(x, y),$$

$$(17) \quad \chi(R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}[-1](\mathbb{1}))_{(x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^d)} = 1 \quad \text{for } (x, \text{Fil}) \in q_3^{-1}(x, y).$$

To show these, we adopt the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & & \\ p'_0 \downarrow & & \\ G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^+} E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \xrightarrow{p'_2} & G_V \times_{G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^{\geq 0}} E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \\ p'_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p'_3 \\ E_{V^1, \Omega} \times \cdots \times E_{V^d, \Omega} & & E_{V, \Omega} \end{array}$$

Let

$$G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \ni (g_0, x_0) \mapsto (x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^d)$$

and

$$h_y : G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (g, x') \mapsto \langle gx', y \rangle$$

be the pullback of $f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2$ along p'_0 . Then by smooth base change,

$$R\Phi_{f_y \circ p_3 \circ p_2}(\mathbb{1})_{(x, \text{Fil}, \{\varphi_k\}_{k=1}^d)} \cong R\Phi_{h_y}(\mathbb{1})_{(g_0, x_0)}.$$

If $R\Phi_{h_y}(\mathbb{1})_{(g_0, x_0)} \neq 0$, then h is singular at (g_0, x_0) . So we compute

$$dh|_{(g_0, x_0)} : T_{(g_0, x_0)}(G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}) \cong \mathfrak{g}_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (u, v) \mapsto \langle [u, x], y \rangle + \langle g_0 v, y \rangle.$$

Since $(x, y) \in \Lambda_V$, $\langle [u, x], y \rangle = 0$. So $dh|_{(g_0, x_0)} = 0$ if and only if $\langle g_0 v, y \rangle = 0$ for all $v \in E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}$. Since

$$\langle g_0 v, y \rangle = \langle v, g_0^{-1} y \rangle,$$

this is also equivalent to require that $g_0^{-1} y$ stabilizes $\overline{\text{Fil}}$, which is the same to say y stabilizes $g_0 \overline{\text{Fil}} = \text{Fil}$, i.e., $(x, \text{Fil}) \in q_3^{-1}(x, y)$. So we have shown (16).

We are now left with (17). Assume $(x, \text{Fil}) \in q_3^{-1}(x, y)$, i.e., $y_0 := g_0^{-1}y \in E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \bar{\Omega}}^{\geq 0}$. By applying g_0 , we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (g, x') & G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \searrow^{h_{y_0}} \\
 (g_0g, x') & G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \mathbb{C} \\
 & & \nearrow^{h_y}
 \end{array}$$

where $R\Phi_{h_y}(\mathbb{1})_{(g_0, x_0)} \cong R\Phi_{h_{y_0}}(\mathbb{1})_{(1, x_0)}$. So we have reduced it to the following statement.

Conjecture 4.25. $\chi(R\Phi_{h_{y_0}}[-1](\mathbb{1}))_{(1, x_0)} = 1$.

In the next section, we will prove this for type A_2 quiver.

5. QUIVER OF TYPE A_2

Let $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ be a graded vector space and Ω be the orientation $1 \rightarrow 2$. Let $d_i = \dim V_i$ and $d_1 + d_2 = d$.

$$E_{V, \Omega} = \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2), \quad E_{V, \bar{\Omega}} = \text{Hom}(V_2, V_1), \quad G_V = GL(V_1) \times GL(V_2).$$

For $(x, y) \in E_{V, \Omega} \times E_{V, \bar{\Omega}}$ and $g = (g_1, g_2) \in G_V$, we have the group action

$$g \cdot x = g_2 x g_1^{-1}, \quad g \cdot y = g_1 y g_2^{-1}$$

We also have the Lie bracket

$$[x, y] = (-yx, xy) \in \text{End}(V_1) \times \text{End}(V_2)$$

and G_V -invariant nondegenerate pairing

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \text{tr}(xy).$$

We fix an I -graded isomorphism $V = V^1 \oplus V^2 \oplus \dots \oplus V^d$ such that $\dim V^k = 1$. Then

$$V_1 = V^{t_1} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{t_{d_1}}, \quad V_2 = V^{s_1} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{s_{d_2}},$$

where $t_1 < \dots < t_{d_1}$ and $s_1 < \dots < s_{d_2}$. Select all indexes

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 = \mu_1 < \mu_2 < \dots < \mu_e = d_1 + 1, \\
 1 = \nu_1 < \nu_2 < \dots < \nu_f = d_2 + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{\mu_i-1} + 1 < t_{\mu_i} = t_{\mu_i+1} - 1, & \quad \text{for } i < e; \\
 s_{\nu_i-1} + 1 < s_{\nu_i} = s_{\nu_i+1} - 1, & \quad \text{for } i < f.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the list $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ would correspond to either of these cases below:

(1)

$$s_{\nu_1}, \dots, s_{\nu_2-1}; t_{\mu_1}, \dots, t_{\mu_2-1}; s_{\nu_2} \cdots \cdots; s_{\nu_{f-1}}, \dots, s_{\nu_f-1}; t_{\mu_{e-1}} \cdots t_{\mu_e-1}, \quad e = f,$$

(2)

$$s_{\nu_1}, \dots, s_{\nu_2-1}; t_{\mu_1}, \dots, t_{\mu_2-1}; s_{\nu_2} \cdots \cdots; t_{\mu_{e-1}} \cdots t_{\mu_e-1}; s_{\nu_{f-1}}, \dots, s_{\nu_f-1}, \quad e = f - 1,$$

(3)

$$t_{\mu_1}, \dots, t_{\mu_2-1}; s_{\nu_1}, \dots, s_{\nu_2-1}; t_{\mu_2} \cdots \cdots; t_{\mu_{e-1}} \cdots t_{\mu_e-1}; s_{\nu_{f-1}}, \dots, s_{\nu_f-1}, \quad e = f,$$

(4)

$$t_{\mu_1}, \dots, t_{\mu_2-1}; s_{\nu_1}, \dots, s_{\nu_2-1}; t_{\mu_2} \cdots \cdots; s_{\nu_{f-1}}, \dots, s_{\nu_f-1}; t_{\mu_{e-1}} \cdots t_{\mu_e-1}, \quad e = f + 1.$$

We fix a filtration

$$\overline{\text{Fil}} : 0 = \bar{W}^0 \subsetneq \bar{W}^1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \bar{W}^d = V$$

where

$$\bar{W}^k := V^1 \oplus \dots \oplus V^k.$$

Let

$$E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} := \{x \in E_{V, \Omega} \mid x \text{ stabilizes } \overline{\text{Fil}}\}.$$

It admits an action by

$$G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^{\geq 0} := \{g \in G_V \mid g \text{ stabilizes } \overline{\text{Fil}}\}$$

a Borel subgroup of G_V . It has a Levi component $G_{V^1} \times \dots \times G_{V^d}$, which is a maximal torus, and the unipotent radical is

$$G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^+ := \{g \in G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^{\geq 0} \mid \bar{\varphi}_k^{-1} g \bar{\varphi}_k = id \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, d\},$$

where $\bar{\varphi}_k : V^k \hookrightarrow W^k \hookrightarrow W^k/W^{k-1}$. Similarly we can define $E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \bar{\Omega}}^{\geq 0}$.

We also fix basis vectors v_k for V^k , then they give a basis for each V_i . Under these basis, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{V, \Omega} &= \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2) \cong \text{Mat}_{d_2 \times d_1}(\mathbb{C}), \\ E_{V, \bar{\Omega}} &= \text{Hom}(V_2, V_1) \cong \text{Mat}_{d_1 \times d_2}(\mathbb{C}), \\ G_V &= GL(V_1) \times GL(V_2) \cong GL(d_1, \mathbb{C}) \times GL(d_2, \mathbb{C}). \end{aligned}$$

Let B_i be the Borel subgroup of $GL(d_i, \mathbb{C})$, consisting of upper triangular matrices with unipotent radical U_i , then

$$G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^{\geq 0} \cong B_1 \times B_2, \quad G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^+ \cong U_1 \times U_2.$$

To describe the elements of $E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}$ in terms of matrices, we should turn a $d_2 \times d_1$ matrix into a block matrix by requiring the first row in k -th row block is row ν_k and the first column in k -th column block is column μ_k . There are $f - 1$ row blocks and $e - 1$ column blocks. Depending on the previous four cases, we will get the following shape of elements $x = \{X_{i,j}\} \in E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}$. We will use $*$ and 0 to indicate the blocks. In case (1),

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & \cdots & * & * \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

In case (2),

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In these two cases, if $X_{i,j} \neq 0$, then

$$\nu_k \leq i < \nu_{k+1} \text{ for } k < f \Rightarrow j \geq \mu_k.$$

In case (3),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In case (4),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & \cdots & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

In these two cases, if $X_{i,j} \neq 0$, then

$$\nu_k \leq i < \nu_{k+1} \text{ for } k < f \Rightarrow j \geq \mu_{k+1}.$$

Similarly, for $y = \{Y_{i,j}\} \in E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \bar{\Omega}}^{\geq 0}$. In case (1) and (2), if $Y_{i,j} \neq 0$, then

$$\mu_k \leq i < \mu_{k+1} \text{ for } k < e \Rightarrow j \geq \nu_{k+1}.$$

In case (3) and (4), if $Y_{i,j} \neq 0$, then

$$\mu_k \leq i < \mu_{k+1} \text{ for } k < e \Rightarrow j \geq \nu_k.$$

5.1. Vanishing cycle. For $y_0 \in E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \bar{\Omega}}^{\geq 0}$, we want to compute the vanishing cycle of

$$h_{y_0} : G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, (g, x) \mapsto \langle gx, y_0 \rangle$$

at $(1, x_0)$, where $(x_0, y_0) \in \Lambda_V$. First we would like to show that it suffices to consider those y_0 in nice shape. Suppose $y'_0 = g' \cdot y_0$ for $g' \in G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^{\geq 0}$, then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (g, x) & & G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (g'gg'^{-1}, g' \cdot x) & & G_V \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow h_{y_0} \\ \nearrow h_{y'_0} \end{array} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Let $x'_0 = g' \cdot x_0$, then it is the same to consider the vanishing cycle of $h_{y'_0}$ at $(1, x'_0)$. So we can change y_0 by the action of $G_{V^1, \dots, V^d}^{\geq 0} \cong B_1 \times B_2$. Note the action of B_1 on y_0 is by row operations and the action of B_2 on y_0 is by column operations. For each nonzero column s of y_0 , let α_s be the first nonzero entry from the bottom. By the action of B_1 , we can make all entries above α_s be zero. Then by the action of B_2 , we can make all entries on the right of α_s be zero. If we do this process from the first column to the last column, then we can make **each row and column of y_0 contain at most one nonzero entry, which can be further normalized to be one**. From now on, we will assume y_0 satisfies this property. Let us index the nonzero entries in y_0 by a set A and $\alpha \in A$ corresponds to the entry (i_α, j_α) . Let $I = \{i_\alpha | \alpha \in A\}, J = \{j_\alpha | \alpha \in A\}$. Our choice of y_0 has the following consequence on x_0 .

Lemma 5.1. $X_{ij} = 0$ for $j \in I$ or $i \in J$ at x_0

Proof. Since $[x_0, y_0] = 0$, then $x_0 y_0 = y_0 x_0 = 0$. The result follows immediately from our assumption on y_0 . \square

Let \bar{U}_i the unipotent radical of the opposite Borel subgroup \bar{B}_i . Then the map

$$(\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times (B_1 \times B_2) \rightarrow GL(d_1, \mathbb{C}) \times GL(d_2, \mathbb{C}), (u, b) \mapsto ub$$

is smooth. By smooth base change, it suffices to consider the vanishing cycle of the pullback

$$\tilde{h}_{y_0} : (\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times (B_1 \times B_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

One can also consider the composition of the projection

$$\text{pr} : (\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times (B_1 \times B_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow (\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}$$

with the restriction of h_{y_0} to $(\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}$, and we denote it by \bar{h}_{y_0} . Then we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(u, b, x) & (\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times (B_1 \times B_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \\
\downarrow & \downarrow & \searrow \bar{h}_{y_0} \\
(u, b, b \cdot x) & (\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times (B_1 \times B_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0} & \mathbb{C} \\
& & \nearrow \bar{h}_{y_0}
\end{array}$$

So it is the same to consider \bar{h}_{y_0} . Finally, since \bar{h}_{y_0} factors through pr, by smooth base change it suffices to consider the restriction of h_{y_0} to $(\bar{U}_1 \times \bar{U}_2) \times E_{V^1, \dots, V^d, \Omega}^{\geq 0}$, and we denote it still by \bar{h}_{y_0} . So we have shown

Lemma 5.2. $R\Phi_{h_{y_0}}(\mathbb{1})_{(1, x_0)} \cong R\Phi_{\bar{h}_{y_0}}(\mathbb{1})_{(1, x_0)}$.

Let us denote the entries of g_1^{-1} by M_{ij} and that of g_2 by N_{ij} . We want to calculate \bar{h}_{y_0} explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{h}_{y_0}((g_1, g_2), x) &= \text{tr}(xg_1^{-1}y_0g_2) \\
&= \sum_{i,j} \sum_{s>i} X_{ij}Y_{js}N_{si} + \sum_{i,j} \sum_{r<j} X_{ij}M_{jr}Y_{rs} + \sum_{i,j} \sum_{\substack{r<j \\ s>i}} X_{ij}M_{jr}Y_{rs}N_{si} \\
&= \sum_{\alpha \in A, i} X_{ii_\alpha}N_{j_\alpha i} + \sum_{\alpha' \in A, j} X_{j_\alpha' j}M_{j i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{\alpha'' \in A, i, j} X_{ij}M_{j i_{\alpha''}}N_{j_\alpha'' i}.
\end{aligned}$$

There are three terms in the summation. We first consider X_{ij} appearing in both of the first two terms. They are necessarily of the form $X_{j_\alpha' i_\alpha}$. Let us define

$$T = \{(\alpha', \alpha) \in A^2 \mid X_{j_\alpha' i_\alpha} \neq 0\}.$$

We have an inclusion

$$\pi : T \rightarrow J \times I, \quad (\alpha', \alpha) \mapsto (j_{\alpha'}, i_\alpha).$$

Lemma 5.3. For any $(\alpha', \alpha) \in T$, $X_{j_\alpha' i_\alpha}$ appears in both of the first two terms.

Proof. By the shape of x and y_0 , we know if $X_{j_\alpha' i_\alpha} \neq 0$, then $j_\alpha > j_{\alpha'}$ and $i_\alpha > i_{\alpha'}$. The rest is clear. \square

Combining the terms with $X_{j_\alpha' i_\alpha}$ for $(\alpha', \alpha) \in T$, we get

$$(18) \quad \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T} X_{j_\alpha' i_\alpha} \left(N_{j_\alpha j_{\alpha'}} + M_{i_\alpha i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{\alpha'' \in A: \substack{i_{\alpha''} < i_\alpha \\ j_{\alpha''} > j_{\alpha'}}} M_{i_\alpha i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} j_{\alpha'}} \right).$$

The remaining terms are

$$(19) \quad \sum_{\alpha \in A, i \notin J} X_{ii_\alpha} N_{j_\alpha i}$$

$$(20) \quad \sum_{\alpha' \in A, j \notin I} X_{j_\alpha' j} M_{j i_{\alpha'}}$$

$$(21) \quad \sum_{\alpha'' \in A, i \notin J, j \notin I} X_{ij} M_{j i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_\alpha'' i}$$

$$(22) \quad \sum_{\alpha'' \in A, i \in J, j \notin I} X_{ij} M_{j i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_\alpha'' i}$$

$$(23) \quad \sum_{\alpha'' \in A, i \notin J, j \in I} X_{ij} M_{j i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i}.$$

The goal is to separate the variables so that the function can be viewed as a quadratic form in some variables (called **quadratic variables**) with coefficients in different variables (called **coefficient variables**). First we set M_{ji} ($j \notin I, i \in I$), N_{ji} ($j \in J, i \notin J$) and X_{ij} ($i \in J, j \notin I$) or ($i \notin J, j \in I$) quadratic variables; set N_{ji} ($j \in J, i \in J$), X_{ij} ($i \notin J, j \notin I$) coefficient variables. Note the variables M_{ji} ($i \notin I$), N_{ji} ($j \notin J$) will never appear, so we can set them arbitrary. (We will set them as coefficient variables if not specified.) It remains to deal with

$$M_{ji} \quad (j \in I, i \in I)$$

which only appear in (18) and (23), and

$$X_{ij} \quad (i \in J, j \in I)$$

which only appear in (18). Note in the latter case, $X_{ij} \neq 0$ only when $(i, j) \in \pi(T)$. To achieve our goal, we need to make some change of variables. For any $(\alpha', \alpha) \in T$,

$$\begin{aligned} M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} &= N_{j_{\alpha} j_{\alpha'}} + M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{\alpha'' \in A: \substack{i_{\alpha''} < i_{\alpha} \\ j_{\alpha''} > j_{\alpha'}}} M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} j_{\alpha'}} \\ &= M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} + \left(N_{j_{\alpha} j_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{\alpha'' \in A: \substack{i_{\alpha''} < i_{\alpha} \\ j_{\alpha''} > j_{\alpha'}}} M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} j_{\alpha'}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

To see this is well-defined, we impose a partial order on T such that

$$(\alpha', \alpha) >_T (\alpha'', \alpha) \quad \text{if } j_{\alpha'} < j_{\alpha''}$$

Then

$$(24) \quad M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} = M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{\substack{(\alpha'', \alpha) \in T \\ (\alpha'', \alpha) <_T (\alpha', \alpha)}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}, j_{\alpha''}}^{i_{\alpha}} M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha''}} + \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}}$$

where $\mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}, j_{\alpha''}}^{i_{\alpha}}$ are polynomials in N_{ij} ($i, j \in J$), and $\mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}}$ are polynomials in N_{ij} ($i, j \in J$) and $M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha''}}$ for any $(\alpha'', \alpha) \notin T$. Set $\mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}, j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} = 1$. After this change of variables, (18) becomes

$$(25) \quad \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T} X_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}} M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}}.$$

We can also split (23) into two parts:

$$(23)a : \sum_{(\alpha'', \alpha') \notin T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha'}} M_{i_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i}$$

and

$$(23)b : \sum_{(\alpha'', \alpha') \in T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha'}} M_{i_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i}$$

Substitute (24) into (23)b, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha}} M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} N_{j_{\alpha'} i} \\ &= \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \left(M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{\substack{(\alpha'', \alpha) \in T \\ (\alpha'', \alpha) <_T (\alpha', \alpha)}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}, j_{\alpha''}}^{i_{\alpha}} M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha''}} + \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} \right) N_{j_{\alpha'} i} \\ &= \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T} \left(\sum_{\substack{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T \\ (\alpha', \alpha) \geq_T (\alpha'', \alpha), i \notin J}} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}, j_{\alpha''}}^{i_{\alpha}} N_{j_{\alpha'} i} \right) M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha''}} + \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} N_{j_{\alpha'} i} \end{aligned}$$

Combined with (25), we get

$$\sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T} \left(X_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}} + \sum_{\substack{(\alpha'', \alpha) \in T \\ (\alpha'', \alpha) \geq_T (\alpha', \alpha), i \notin J}} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha''}, j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i} \right) M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} N_{j_{\alpha'} i}.$$

For $(\alpha', \alpha) \in T$, let

$$(26) \quad X'_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}} = X_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}} + \sum_{\substack{(\alpha'', \alpha) \in T \\ (\alpha'', \alpha) \geq_T (\alpha', \alpha), i \notin J}} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha''}, j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i}.$$

Substitute $X'_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}}$ into the previous expression, we get

$$(27) \quad \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T} X'_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}} M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}} + \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T, i \notin J} X_{ii_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha'}}^{i_{\alpha}} N_{j_{\alpha'} i}.$$

In sum, after the substitutions by $M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}}$ and $X'_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}}$ for all $(\alpha', \alpha) \in T$, we see

$$(18) + (23)b = (27),$$

Combined with (23)a, we rewrite them as

$$(18)' : \sum_{(\alpha', \alpha) \in T} X'_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}} M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}}$$

and

$$(23)' : \sum_{i \notin J, (\alpha'', \alpha') \notin T} X_{ii_{\alpha'}} M_{i_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha''}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i} + \sum_{i \notin J, (\alpha'', \alpha') \in T} X_{ii_{\alpha'}} \mathcal{U}_{j_{\alpha''}}^{i_{\alpha'}} N_{j_{\alpha''} i}$$

so

$$\text{tr}(xg_1^{-1}y_0g_2) = (18)' + (19) + (20) + (21) + (22) + (23)'$$

We will set $M'_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}}$ and $X'_{j_{\alpha'} i_{\alpha}}$ for $(\alpha', \alpha) \in T$ as quadratic variables. We will also set the variables $M_{i_{\alpha} i_{\alpha'}}$ for $(\alpha', \alpha) \notin T$ as coefficient variables.

5.2. Euler characteristic of Milnor fiber. We want to compute

$$\chi(R\Phi_{\bar{h}_{y_0}}[-1](\mathbb{1})_{(1, x_0)}) = 1 - \chi(R\Psi_{\bar{h}_{y_0}}(\mathbb{1})_{(1, x_0)}).$$

The idea is to relate $\chi(R\Psi_{\bar{h}_{y_0}}(\mathbb{1})_{(1, x_0)})$ with the Euler characteristic of the Milnor fiber for \bar{h}_{y_0} at $(1, x_0)$. We will recall the definition of the Milnor fiber below.

Let f be an analytic function germ at the origin of \mathbb{C}^{n+1} with $f(0) = 0$. Let

$$B_{\epsilon} := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid |z_0|^2 + \cdots + |z_n|^2 < \epsilon\}$$

and $S_{\epsilon}^{2n+1} = \partial \bar{B}_{\epsilon}$.

Theorem 5.4 (Milnor [11]).

$$\varphi_{\epsilon} : S_{\epsilon}^{2n+1} \setminus f^{-1}(0) \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1, \quad z \mapsto f(z)/|f(z)|$$

is a smooth locally trivial fibration for ϵ sufficiently small.

Definition 5.5. For any $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$ and ϵ sufficiently small as in the above theorem, $\varphi_{\epsilon}^{-1}(\theta)$ is called the Milnor fiber of f at the origin.

To compare with the nearby cycle, we consider another description of the Milnor fiber. For $0 < \delta \ll \epsilon$, let

$$D_{\delta}^* = \{t \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < |t| < \delta\}.$$

Theorem 5.6 (Lê [15]).

$$\psi : B_{\epsilon} \cap f^{-1}(D_{\delta}^*) \longrightarrow D_{\delta}^*$$

is a smooth locally trivial fibration for $0 < \delta \ll \epsilon$ both sufficiently small.

Proposition 5.7. *For sufficiently small δ, ϵ as in the above theorem and any $a \in D_\delta^*$, $\psi^{-1}(a)$ is diffeomorphic to the Milnor fiber of f at the origin.*

Proof. Cf. [4, Proposition 1.4]. □

As a consequence, we can also define the Milnor fiber to be $\psi^{-1}(a)$. By [14, Lemma 1.1.1],

$$(28) \quad \chi(R\Psi_f(\mathbb{1})_0) \cong \chi(\psi^{-1}(a)).$$

Now let us assume $f(z)$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree N . Following [4], we call $f^{-1}(1)$ the global Milnor fiber of f at the origin.

Proposition 5.8. *$f^{-1}(1)$ is diffeomorphic to the Milnor fiber of f at the origin.*

Proof. We can construct a homeomorphism g such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_\epsilon^{2n+1} \setminus f^{-1}(0) & \xrightarrow{g} & f^{-1}(\mathbb{S}^1) \\ & \searrow \varphi & \swarrow f \\ & \mathbb{S}^1 & \end{array}$$

Here

$$g : z \mapsto |f(z)|^{-\frac{1}{N}} \cdot z.$$

Note for any $z \in f^{-1}(\mathbb{S}^1)$, there exists unique $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $t^{\frac{1}{N}} \cdot z \in S_\epsilon^{2n+1}$. One can check that this gives the inverse. □

Remark 5.9. *Since the above diagram holds for all ϵ , then in the case of homogeneous polynomials the Milnor fiber at the origin is homeomorphic to $\varphi_\epsilon^{-1}(\theta)$ for any ϵ .*

5.3. Application. Let $f = \bar{h}_{y_0}((g_1, g_2), x)$, whose variables are denoted by (X_{ij}, M_{ij}, N_{ij}) . After change of variables in Section 5.1, we denote the set of new variables by $z = (X'_{ij}, M'_{ij}, N'_{ij})$. Then we want to compute the Euler characteristic of the Milnor fiber of $f(z)$ at the point $z^0 = (x'_{ij}, 0, 0)$. We choose a small ball around this point

$$B_\epsilon := \left\{ (X'_{ij}, M'_{ij}, N'_{ij}) \mid \sum_{ij} |X'_{ij} - x'_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{ij} |M'_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{ij} |N'_{ij}|^2 \leq \epsilon \right\}$$

such that

$$\varphi_\epsilon = f/|f| : S_\epsilon \setminus f^{-1}(0) \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$$

is a smooth fibration as in Theorem 5.4. Let V be the subset of coefficient variables and W be the subset of quadratic variables. Let

$$\bar{B}_\epsilon^V := \left\{ (X'_{ij}, M'_{ij}, N'_{ij})_V \mid \sum_{ij} |X'_{ij} - x'_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{ij} |M'_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{ij} |N'_{ij}|^2 \leq \epsilon \right\}$$

which is the projection of \bar{B}_ϵ onto the coefficient variables. It is a ball around the projection z_V^0 of z^0 . For any $z_V \in \bar{B}_\epsilon^V$, we have

$$|z_V - z_V^0|^2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Let

$$f_{z_V}(z_W) = f(z_V, z_W) \text{ for } z_W = (X'_{ij}, M'_{ij}, N'_{ij})_W.$$

It is a quadratic form. Let z_W^0 be the projection of z^0 to the quadratic variables. Note $X'_{ij} \in W$ if and only if $i \in J$ or $j \in I$. By Lemma 5.1 and the formula 26, we have $z_W^0 = 0$. Let

$$\varphi_{z_V, \epsilon - |z_V - z_V^0|^2} = f_{z_V}/|f_{z_V}| : S_{\epsilon - |z_V - z_V^0|^2}^{2|W|-1} \setminus f_{z_V}^{-1}(0) \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$$

So we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S_{\epsilon^{-|z_V - z_V^0|^2}}^{2|W|-1} \setminus f_{z_V}^{-1}(0) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{S}^1 \\
\downarrow & & \parallel \\
S_\epsilon \setminus f^{-1}(0) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{S}^1 \\
\downarrow \pi_V & & \\
\bar{B}_\epsilon^V & &
\end{array}$$

which gives a fibration of the Milnor fiber $\varphi_\epsilon^{-1}(\theta)$ for some $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$ over a closed subset C_ϵ^V of \bar{B}_ϵ^V . In view of Remark 5.9, the fiber $\varphi_{z_V, \epsilon^{-|z_V - z_V^0|^2}}^{-1}(\theta)$ is homeomorphic to the Milnor fiber of f_{z_V} at the origin. By (28),

$$(29) \quad \chi(\varphi_{z_V, \epsilon^{-|z_V - z_V^0|^2}}^{-1}(\theta)) = \chi(R\Psi_{f_{z_V}}(\mathbb{1})_0).$$

Next we would like to compute the Euler characteristic of $\varphi_{z_V, \epsilon^{-|z_V - z_V^0|^2}}^{-1}(\theta)$ through the nearby cycle. To do so, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 5.10. *rank Hessian(f_{z_V})₀ is even.*

Proof. We can divide the set W of variables into two classes:

$$W_1 = \{M'_{i_\alpha i_\alpha'} \mid (\alpha', \alpha) \in T\} \cup \{M'_{ji} \mid j \notin I, i \in I\} \cup \{X'_{ij} \mid i \notin J, j \in I\}$$

and

$$W_2 = \{X'_{j_\alpha i_\alpha} \mid (\alpha', \alpha) \in T\} \cup \{N'_{ji} \mid j \in J, i \notin J\} \cup \{X'_{ij} \mid i \in J, j \notin I\}$$

such that the Hessians of the restrictions of f_{z_V} to variables in W_1 (resp. W_2) are both zero at 0. Then the Hessian must be in the form

$$\text{Hessian}(f_{z_V}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So its rank is even. □

Corollary 5.11. $\chi(R\Psi_{f_{z_V}}(\mathbb{1})_0) = 0$.

Proof. Since f_{z_V} is a quadratic form, we can change the coordinates such that

$$f_{z_V}(u) = \sum_{i=1}^r u_i^2$$

where $r = \text{rank Hessian}(f_{z_V})$ is even by the previous lemma. By Sebastiani-Thom theorem,

$$R\Phi_{f_{z_V}}[-1](\mathbb{1})_0 = \mathbb{C}[-r].$$

Hence $\chi(R\Phi_{f_{z_V}}[-1](\mathbb{1})_0) = (-1)^r = 1$. It follows $\chi(R\Psi_{f_{z_V}}(\mathbb{1})_0) = 0$. □

Proposition 5.12. $\chi(R\Psi_f(\mathbb{1})_{z^0}) = 0$.

Proof. We have $\chi(R\Psi_f(\mathbb{1})_{z^0}) = \chi(\varphi_\epsilon^{-1}(\theta))$, where $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$. The latter admits a fibration over $C_\epsilon^V \subseteq \bar{B}_\epsilon^V$ with fibers $\varphi_{z_V, \epsilon^{-|z_V - z_V^0|^2}}^{-1}(\theta)$. By the Leray spectral sequence

$$H^p(C_\epsilon^V, (R^q \pi_V)_* \mathbb{1}) \Rightarrow H^n(\varphi_\epsilon^{-1}(\theta)),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi(\varphi_\epsilon^{-1}(\theta)) &= \sum_{p,q} (-1)^{p+q} \dim H^p(C_\epsilon^V, (R^q \pi_V)_* \mathbb{1}) = \sum_q (-1)^q \chi(H^*(C_\epsilon^V, (R^q \pi_V)_* \mathbb{1})) \\
&= \sum_q (-1)^q \int_{C_\epsilon^V} \chi((R^q \pi_V)_* \mathbb{1}) = \int_{C_\epsilon^V} \chi((R\pi_V)_* \mathbb{1}).
\end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 5.11 and (29),

$$\chi((R\pi_V)_* \mathbb{1})_{z_V} = \chi(\pi_V^{-1}(z_V)) = \chi(\varphi_{z_V, \epsilon - |z_V - z_V^0|^2}^{-1}(\theta)) = 0.$$

Hence, $\chi(\varphi_\epsilon^{-1}(\theta)) = 0$.

□

This completes the proof of Conjecture 4.25 for type A_2 quiver.

6. APPENDIX

6.1. Regularity of stratification. Let X be a closed subset of a smooth real manifold M of dimension m . A smooth stratification of X is a filtration

$$X_0 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq X_n \subseteq X$$

by closed subsets such that $X^i := X_i \setminus X_{i-1}$ is a smooth i -dim submanifold of M . For $j > i$, we say X^j is w -regular over X^i at $x \in X^i \cap \overline{X^j}$ if there exists a neighborhood U of x in M and constant C such that in suitable local coordinates

$$d(T_{x'} X^i, T_{x''} X^j) < C \|x'' - x'\|$$

for all $x' \in U \cap X^i, x'' \in U \cap X^j$. Here we have chosen a norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^m and identify $T_{x'} X^i, T_{x''} X^j$ with subspaces of \mathbb{R}^m . We define the distance between any two subspaces V, W of \mathbb{R}^m to be

$$d(V, W) := \sup_{v \in V, \|v\|=1} d(v, W)$$

In our setting, we will take M to be a complex variety and X_i to be semialgebraic subsets of M . By [14, Remark 4.1.9], we have

$$w\text{-regular} \Rightarrow \text{Whitney } a\text{-regular, } b\text{-regular and } d\text{-regular}$$

So in order to apply [14, Theorem 5.3.3], it suffices to show w -regularity.

Proposition 6.1. *The stratification of $E_{V,\Omega}$ by G_V -orbits is w -regular.*

Proof. Let S_i, S_j be G_V -orbits such that $\bar{S}_j \supseteq S_i$. For $x \in S_i$, we choose a small neighborhood U of x in $E_{V,\Omega}$ such that $\overline{U \cap S_i} \subseteq S_i$ is compact. For any $x' \in U \cap S_i, x'' \in U \cap S_j$, $T_{x'} S_i = [\mathfrak{g}_V, x']$. We fix a norm on $E_{V,\Omega}$. Let $N(x')$ be the subspace of \mathfrak{g}_V orthogonal to the kernel of

$$\mathfrak{g}_V \rightarrow E_{V,\Omega}, \quad h \mapsto [h, x'].$$

Let

$$C(x') := \sup\{\|h\| \mid h \in N(x') \text{ and } \|[h, x']\| = 1\}$$

It is bounded by some positive constant C on $\overline{U \cap S_i}$. For $x'' \in U \cap S_j, x' \in U \cap S_i$, we can find $h \in \mathfrak{g}_V$ with $\|h\| \leq C$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(T_{x'} S_i, T_{x''} S_j) &= d([h, x'], T_{x''} S_j) \leq d([h, x'], [h, x'']) \\ &= \|[h, x' - x'']\| \leq C' \cdot \|h\| \cdot \|x' - x''\| \leq C' C \cdot \|x' - x''\| \end{aligned}$$

for some positive constant C' independent of h, x', x'' .

□

6.2. A vanishing cycle calculation. We will prove Proposition 4.11 following that of [3, Theorem 6.7.5]. Let us recall the statement.

Proposition 6.2. $R\Phi_f[-1](\mathbb{1}_{S \times \widehat{S}})_{(x,y)} = \mathbb{C}[\dim \Lambda_V - \dim \widehat{S} - \dim S]$, where f is the restriction of \langle, \rangle to $S \times \widehat{S}$.

First we need to make some preparations.

Lemma 6.3. *The function f is singular over $T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$, i.e., $df|_{T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}} = 0$.*

Proof. For any $(x, y) \in T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{\text{reg}}$ and $u \in T_x S$, we have $df_{(x,y)}(u) = \langle u, y \rangle = 0$. Similarly, we have $df_{(x,y)}(v) = \langle x, v \rangle = 0$ for any $v \in T_y \widehat{S}$. This finishes the proof. □

Fix $(x, y) \in T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg}$ and let $N \subseteq S \times \widehat{S}$ be a normal slice to $T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg}$ at (x, y) . In particular, we require $N \cap T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg} = (x, y)$. The key step is to show

Proposition 6.4. *The Hessian of f at (x, y) has rank $\dim S + \dim \widehat{S} - n = \dim N$. Moreover, the Hessian of $f|_N$ at (x, y) is non-degenerate.*

We can pull back f to the Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}_V \times \mathfrak{g}_V$ of $G_V \times G_V$ near a neighborhood of (x, y) as follows

$$F(h_1, h_2) = \langle \exp(h_1)x, \exp(h_2)y \rangle : \mathfrak{g}_V \times \mathfrak{g}_V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

It is easy to see that the rank of Hessian of f at (x, y) is the same as that of F at $(0, 0)$.

Lemma 6.5. *In a small neighborhood of 0 in \mathfrak{g}_V , one can express*

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(h)x &= x + [h, x] + \frac{1}{2}[h, [h, x]] + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}[h, [h, \dots, [h, x] \cdots]] + \cdots \\ \exp(h)y &= y + [h, y] + \frac{1}{2}[h, [h, y]] + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}[h, [h, \dots, [h, y] \cdots]] + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For any $h \in \mathfrak{g}_V$ we can find real number $\delta > 0$, which only depends on the norm of h , such that the vector-valued function

$$G(t) := \exp(th)x : [-\delta, \delta] \rightarrow V,$$

can be expressed as

$$G(t) = G(0) + G'(0)t + \frac{1}{2}G''(0)t^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}G^{(n)}(0)t^n + \cdots$$

Since

$$G^{(n)}(t) = \exp(th)[h, [h, \dots, [h, x] \cdots]]$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(th)x &= x + [h, x]t + \frac{1}{2}[h, [h, x]]t^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}[h, [h, \dots, [h, x] \cdots]]t^n + \cdots \\ &= x + [th, x] + \frac{1}{2}[th, [th, x]] + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}[th, [th, \dots, [th, x] \cdots]] + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

This proves the first equality. The second equality can be proved in the same way. \square

Let us write $Z_1(h) = \exp(h)x - (x + [h, x])$ and $Z_2(h) = \exp(h)y - (y + [h, y])$. Then

$$F(h_1, h_2) = \langle x + [h_1, x], y + [h_2, y] \rangle + \langle x + [h_1, x], Z_2(h_2) \rangle + \langle Z_1(h_1), y + [h_2, y] \rangle + \langle Z_1(h_1), Z_2(h_2) \rangle$$

The degree 2 terms in the above expression can only come from $\langle [h_1, x], [h_2, y] \rangle$, $\langle x, Z_2(h_2) \rangle$ and $\langle Z_1(h_1), y \rangle$. Therefore,

$$\text{Hessian}(F)_{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Hessian}(\langle Z_1(h_1), y \rangle)_{(0,0)} & B \\ B^T & \text{Hessian}(\langle x, Z_2(h_2) \rangle)_{(0,0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$B = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial h_1 \partial h_2} \langle [h_1, x], [h_2, y] \rangle \right)_{(0,0)}$$

It is not hard to see that B corresponds to the bilinear form

$$\langle [h_1, x], [h_2, y] \rangle : \mathfrak{g}_V \times \mathfrak{g}_V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

after we identify $T_{(0,0)}(\mathfrak{g}_V \times \mathfrak{g}_V)$ with $\mathfrak{g}_V \times \mathfrak{g}_V$. Since

$$\langle [h_1, x], [h_2, y] \rangle = \langle [y, [h_1, x]], h_2 \rangle,$$

then the rank of the above bilinear form is $\dim [y, [\mathfrak{g}_V, x]]$. So we have shown

Lemma 6.6. $\text{rank Hessian}(F)_{(0,0)} \geq \dim [y, [\mathfrak{g}_V, x]]$.

Next, we would like to show

Lemma 6.7. $\dim [y, [\mathfrak{g}_V, x]] = \dim S + \dim \widehat{S} - \dim \Lambda_V$.

Proof. It is easy to see that $[\mathfrak{g}_V, x] = T_x S$ and $\text{Ker}[y, \cdot]|_{E_{V,\Omega}} = T_{\widehat{S},y}^* E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}}$. Since (x, y) is regular, $T_{\widehat{S},y}^* E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}} \cap S \times \{y\}$ contains an open neighborhood of (x, y) in $T_{\widehat{S},y}^* E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}}$. Hence $T_{\widehat{S},y}^* E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}} \subseteq T_x S$. So $\dim[y, [\mathfrak{g}_V, x]] = \dim T_x S - \dim T_{\widehat{S},y}^* E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}} = \dim T_x S - (\dim \Lambda_V - \dim T_y \widehat{S}) = \dim S + \dim \widehat{S} - \dim \Lambda_V$. \square

Corollary 6.8. $T_{(x,y)}(T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})) = \{(u, v) \in T_x S \times T_y \widehat{S} \mid [u, y] + [x, v] = 0\}$.

Proof. For any $(u, v) \in T_{(x,y)}(\Lambda_V)$, one can choose smooth $\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow V, \beta : [0, 1] \rightarrow E_{V,\widehat{\Omega}}$ such that

$$\alpha(0) = x, \beta(0) = y, d\alpha(1) = u, d\beta(1) = v$$

and $(\alpha(t), \beta(t)) \in \Lambda_V$. Then $[\alpha(t), \beta(t)] = 0$. Differentiate it at $t = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left([\alpha(t), \beta(t)] - [x, y] \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left([\alpha(t) - x, \beta(t)] + [x, \beta(t) - y] \right) \\ &= \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha(t) - x}{t}, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \beta(t) \right] + \left[x, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\beta(t) - y}{t} \right] = [u, y] + [x, v] \end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$T_{(x,y)}(\Lambda_V) \subseteq \{(u, v) \in T^* E_{V,\Omega} \mid [u, y] + [x, v] = 0\}.$$

Since (x, y) is regular, $T_{(x,y)}(\Lambda_V) = T_{(x,y)}(T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})) \subseteq T_x S \times T_y \widehat{S}$. So

$$T_{(x,y)}(\Lambda_V) \subseteq \{(u, v) \in T_x S \times T_y \widehat{S} \mid [u, y] + [x, v] = 0\}$$

and it is enough to show the dimension of the right hand side is equal to $\dim \Lambda_V$. Now let us consider

$$\varphi(u, v) = [u, y] + [x, v] : T_x S \times T_y \widehat{S} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_V$$

Note $\text{Ker } \varphi = \{(u, v) \in T_x S \times T_y \widehat{S} \mid [u, y] + [x, v] = 0\}$. The image of φ is $[[\mathfrak{g}_V, x], y] + [x, [\mathfrak{g}_V, y]] = [[\mathfrak{g}_V, x], y]$. By the previous lemma, $\dim \text{Im } \varphi = \dim S + \dim \widehat{S} - \dim \Lambda_V$. Hence $\dim \text{Ker } \varphi = \dim \Lambda_V$. This finishes the proof. \square

Next we would like to compute the Hessian of f at (x, y) in a different way. Let us choose local coordinates for a neighborhood U of (x, y) in $S \times \widehat{S}$ such that

$$U \cap T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg} = \{\xi = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^m \in U \mid \xi_{n+1} = \cdots = \xi_m = 0\}$$

and

$$U \cap N = \{\xi = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^m \in U \mid \xi_1 = \cdots = \xi_n = 0\}.$$

By taking U sufficiently small, we can assume $f|_U$ has analytic expansion

$$f = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_l} c_{i_1, \dots, i_l} \xi_{i_1}^{m_{i_1}} \cdots \xi_{i_l}^{m_{i_l}}.$$

Since f is singular over $T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg}$, the above expression can not have terms $\xi_i \xi_j$ with $i \leq n, j > n$. Note $f|_{T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg}} = 0$. So

$$\text{Hessian}(f|_U)_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{Hessian}(f|_N)_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows $\text{rank Hessian}(f|_U)_0 = \text{rank Hessian}(f|_N)_0 \leq \dim N$. Combining Lemma 6.6 and Lemma 6.7, we have proved Proposition 6.4. Now we can prove Proposition 6.2.

Proof. Let us choose local coordinates for a neighborhood U of (x, y) in $S \times \widehat{S}$ such that

$$U \cap T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg} = \{\xi = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^m \in U \mid \xi_{n+1} = \cdots = \xi_m = 0\}.$$

Let

$$N = \{\xi = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^m \in U \mid \xi_1 = \cdots = \xi_n = 0\},$$

which is a normal slice to $U \cap T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})$ at (x, y) . Since f vanishes and is singular on $T_S^*(E_{V,\Omega})_{reg}$, we can assume

$$f(\xi) = \sum_{i,j > n} \alpha_{i,j}(\xi) \xi_i \xi_j$$

By Proposition 6.4, the Hessian of $f|_N$ is non-degenerate. So we can make a change of coordinates

$$\xi'_k = \sum_{k,l} b_{kl}(\xi) \xi_l$$

following the Gram-Schmidt process such that

$$\left(b_{k,l}(\xi) \right)_{k,l} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & B(\xi) \end{pmatrix}$$

where $B(\xi)$ is upper-triangular with constant function 1 on the diagonal, and

$$f(\xi') = \sum_{i>n} \beta_i(\xi') \xi_i'^2.$$

for $\beta_i(\xi')$ nonzero on a small neighborhood $W \subseteq U$. By choosing a branch of square roots, we can make a further change of coordinates by

$$\xi''_i = \begin{cases} \xi'_i & \text{if } i \leq n \\ \sqrt{\beta_i(\xi')} \xi'_i & \text{if } i > n \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f(\xi'') = \sum_{i>n} \xi_i''^2$$

It follows from Sebastiani-Thom theorem that

$$(R\Phi_f[-1](\mathbb{1}_U))_{(x,y)} = \mathbb{C}[-\dim N].$$

This finishes the proof. □

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