

# The Connected Components of the Auslander–Reiten Quiver of a Tilted Algebra

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## INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  be an artin algebra and  $T$  a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ , the category of finitely generated left  $A$ -modules. If we let  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$  and denote by  $\text{mod } B$  the category of finitely generated left  $B$ -modules, then  $T$  determines a splitting torsion theory  $(\mathcal{Y}(T), \mathcal{X}(T))$  in  $\text{mod } B$ . We know that all but finitely many connected components of the Auslander–Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_B$  of  $B$  either completely lie in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  or completely lie in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$  [10]. In this paper we show that all connected components of  $\Gamma_B$  lying in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  are preinjective components, quasi-serial components, or isomorphic to valued translation quivers obtained from quasi-serial translation quivers by coray insertions (see Section 1 for definition).

In general we are not able to get a similar result about those components of  $\Gamma_B$  lying in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ . However, if  $A$  is an hereditary algebra of type  $\Delta$ , then we are able to give a complete description of the possible shapes of the connected components of  $\Gamma_B$ . We show that a connected component of  $\Gamma_B$  is a preprojective component, a preinjective component, the connecting component determined by  $T$ , a quasi-serial component, or isomorphic to a valued translation quiver obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by ray insertions or by coray insertions. The connecting component of  $\Gamma_B$  determined by  $T$  can be embedded in  $\mathbf{Z}\Delta^*$ , where  $\Delta^*$  is the opposite quiver of  $\Delta$  [17]. The shapes of preprojective and preinjective components of an arbitrary Auslander–Reiten quiver are well known.

The problem of describing the shapes of the connected components of the Auslander–Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_B$  of a tilted algebra  $B$  of infinite representa-

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tion type goes back to the work of Happel and Ringel [7] where they gave a complete description of the shape of  $\Gamma_B$  when  $B$  is a tilted algebra of tame type. Later Ringel proved in general that any regular component of  $\Gamma_B$  which is not a connecting component is quasi-serial [18]. A description of the shapes of the non-regular components of  $\Gamma_B$  when  $B$  is a tilted algebra of wild type might be concluded from results in [11, 12] which were obtained from a detailed study of the homomorphisms between regular modules of a wild hereditary algebra.

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $A$  denotes a connected artin algebra. We denote by  $\text{mod } A$  the category of finitely generated left  $A$ -modules, by  $\Gamma_A$  the Auslander–Reiten quiver of  $A$ , and by  $\tau$  the Auslander–Reiten translation  $D \text{Tr}$ . We will use freely the standard notion and terminology as well as some basic results of Auslander–Reiten theory, which may be found in [3, 4].

When no possible confusion can occur, we do not distinguish between an indecomposable module  $X$  in  $\text{mod } A$  and the corresponding vertex  $[X]$  in  $\Gamma_A$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be a valued translation quiver and  $x$  a vertex of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s$  be the immediate predecessors of  $x$  in  $\Gamma$  and  $(b_i, b'_i)$  the valuation of the arrow  $x_i \rightarrow x$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ . Then we say that  $x$  has  $b'$  left neighbours where  $b' = \sum_1^s b'_i$ . Let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r$  be the immediate successors of  $x$  in  $\Gamma$  and  $(c_j, c'_j)$  the valuation of the arrow  $x \rightarrow y_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Then we say that  $x$  has  $c$  right neighbours where  $c = \sum_1^r c_j$ . We say that an arrow of  $\Gamma$  has trivial valuation if its valuation is  $(1, 1)$ , and we say that  $\Gamma$  has trivial valuation when each arrow of  $\Gamma$  has trivial valuation.

We recall that  $\Gamma_A$  is a valued translation quiver and the valuation  $(b_{XY}, b'_{XY})$  of an arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  is defined so that  $Y$  occurs  $b_{XY}$  times in the codomain of the source map for  $X$  while  $X$  occurs  $b'_{XY}$  times in the domain of the sink map for  $Y$ . Thus if  $X$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t$  are modules in  $\Gamma_A$ , then  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t$  are the left neighbours of  $X$  in  $\Gamma_A$  if and only if  $\bigoplus_1^t Y_i$  is the domain of the sink map for  $X$ , and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t$  are the right neighbours of  $X$  in  $\Gamma_A$  if and only if  $\bigoplus_1^t Y_i$  is the codomain of the source map for  $X$ .

In order to describe the shapes of translation quivers which we are interested in, we quote from [17] the definition of coray insertions and ray insertions in an appropriate translation quiver.

Let  $\Gamma$  be a translation quiver. A vertex  $x$  of  $\Gamma$  is called a *coray vertex* if there is an infinite sectional path

$$\cdots \rightarrow x_n \rightarrow x_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_1 = x$$

in  $\Gamma$ , which is called a *coray* ending at  $x$ , such that for each integer  $n > 0$ , the path  $x_n \rightarrow x_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_1 = x$  is the only sectional path of length  $n$  in  $\Gamma$  which ends at  $x$ .

Let  $x$  be a coray vertex of  $\Gamma$  with a coray as above. For a positive integer  $n$ , we define a translation quiver  $\Gamma[x, n]$  as follows.

The vertices of  $\Gamma[x, n]$  are those of  $\Gamma$  together with the pairs  $(i, j)$  with  $1 \leq j \leq n, i \geq 1$ .

The arrows of  $\Gamma[x, n]$  are those of  $\Gamma$ , excluding those ending at  $x_i$  other than  $x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_i$  with  $i \geq 1$ , together with the following arrows:  $(i+1, j) \rightarrow (i, j)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n, i \geq 1$ ;  $(i, j+1) \rightarrow (i+1, j)$  for  $1 \leq j < n, i \geq 1$ ;  $(n+i-1, 1) \rightarrow x_i$  for all  $i \geq 1$ ; and  $y \rightarrow (i, n)$  if  $y \rightarrow x_i$  is an arrow of  $\Gamma$  other than  $x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_i$ .

Let  $\rho$  be the translation of  $\Gamma$ . The translation  $\rho'$  of  $\Gamma[x, n]$  is defined so that if  $z$  belongs to  $\Gamma$  but  $z \neq x_i$  for all  $i \geq 1$  and  $\rho z$  is defined, then  $\rho' z = \rho z$ , whereas  $\rho' x_i = (n+i, 1)$  for all  $i \geq 1$ ;  $\rho'(i, j) = (i, j+1)$  for  $1 \leq j < n$ ; and  $\rho'(i, n) = \rho x_i$  if  $\rho x_i$  is defined.

We define by induction a translation quiver  $\Gamma[x_0, n_0][x_1, n_1] \cdots [x_s, n_s]$  where the  $n_i$  are positive integers,  $x_0$  is a coray vertex of  $\Gamma$ , while  $x_i$  is a coray vertex of  $\Gamma[x_0, n_0] \cdots [x_{i-1}, n_{i-1}]$ . Where there is no need to emphasize the coray vertices, we say that a translation quiver  $\Gamma'$  is of form  $\Gamma[n_0, n_1, \dots, n_s]$  if  $\Gamma' \cong \Gamma[x_0, n_0][x_1, n_1] \cdots [x_s, n_s]$  with some appropriate coray vertices  $x_i$ , and call  $\Gamma'$  a translation quiver obtained from  $\Gamma$  by *coray insertions*. There is a dual concept of a *ray vertex* and a dual construction of *ray insertions* at ray vertices.

Recall that a *quasi-serial* translation quiver is by definition either a stable tube or is of form  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty$  [18]. We say that a valued translation quiver is *obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by coray insertions* (or by *ray insertions*) if it has trivial valuation, and its underlying translation quiver is obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by coray insertions (or by ray insertions). In particular, a valued translation quiver is said to be a *coray tube* (or *ray tube*) if it is obtained from a stable tube by coray insertions (or by ray insertions) [14].

Let us now quote the following results from [13, 14]. Recall that an indecomposable module  $X$  in  $\text{mod } A$  is said to be *stable* if  $\tau^n X \neq 0$  for all integers  $n$ .

1.1. LEMMA [13]. *Let  $X$  be a stable module in  $\Gamma_A$  which is not  $\tau$ -periodic. If  $X$  has at least three stable left neighbours in  $\Gamma_A$ , then we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l(\tau^{-n} X) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l(\tau^n X) = \infty$ , where  $l(Y)$  is the composition length of  $Y$ .*

1.2. LEMMA [14]. *Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma_A$ . Then we have the following:*

(1) If  $\Gamma$  contains no projective module but does contain an oriented cycle, then  $\Gamma$  is either a stable tube or a coray tube.

(2) If  $\Gamma$  contains no injective module but does contain an oriented cycle, then  $\Gamma$  is either a stable tube or a ray tube.

Finally we collect some basic facts of Auslander–Reiten theory in subcategories which can be found in [4, 17, 5]. In this paper a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  is always full and closed under isomorphisms, direct sums, direct summands, and extensions. Thus a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  is a Krull–Schmidt category itself.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . A non-zero map  $f: Y \rightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible if (i)  $f$  is neither a split epimorphism nor a split monomorphism and (ii) if  $f = gh$  with  $g$  and  $h$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then either  $g$  is a split monomorphism or  $h$  is a split epimorphism.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . A map  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map for  $Z$  if (1)  $g$  is not a split epimorphism; (2) if  $g = hg$ , then  $h$  is an automorphism of  $Y$ ; and (3) if  $h: Y' \rightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is not a split epimorphism, then there exists  $h': Y' \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h = h'g$ . A  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map for  $Z$  is defined dually. If there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map (respectively, a  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map) for  $Z$  then it is unique up to isomorphism, and moreover,  $Z$  is indecomposable. Sink maps and source maps are called minimal right almost split maps and minimal left almost split maps in [4].

1.3. LEMMA [4]. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . If  $0 \neq g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map for  $Z$ , then a morphism  $h: W \rightarrow Z$  with  $W \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible if and only if there is a split monomorphism  $s: W \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h = sg$ . Dually if  $0 \neq f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map for  $X$ , then a morphism  $h: X \rightarrow W$  with  $W \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible if and only if there is a split epimorphism  $r: Y \rightarrow W$  such that  $h = fr$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . If  $X$  is an indecomposable module in  $\text{mod } A$ , then  $k_X = \text{End}(X)/\text{rad}(\text{End}(X))$  is a division ring. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be indecomposable modules in  $\mathcal{C}$ . We define  $\text{Irr}_c(X, Y) = \text{rad}(X, Y)/\text{rad}_c^2(X, Y)$  where  $\text{rad}_c^2(X, Y)$  is the set of maps  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  which are of form  $f = f_1 f_2$  with  $f_1 \in \text{rad}(X, Z)$ ,  $f_2 \in \text{rad}(Z, Y)$  for some module  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Note that  $\text{Irr}_c(X, Y)$  is a left  $k_X$  vector space and a right  $k_Y$  vector space. Define  $d_{XY} = \dim_{k_Y} \text{Irr}_c(X, Y)$  and  $d'_{XY} = \dim_{k_X} \text{Irr}_c(X, Y)$ . Using an argument similar to that used in the proof of the Lemma in [18, Sect. 2.5], we have the following:

1.4. LEMMA. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  and  $X, Y$  indecomposable modules in  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $f: X \rightarrow W$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map for  $X$ , then  $d_{XY}$  is the multiplicity of  $Y$  appearing in  $W$ . If  $g: V \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map for  $Y$ , then  $d'_{XY}$  is the multiplicity of  $X$  appearing in  $V$ .*

A short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} E \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod } A$ , with  $X$  and  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , is said to be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence if  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map for  $X$  and  $g$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map for  $Z$ . In this case both  $X$  and  $Z$  are indecomposable.

It follows from the definition that two  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequences are isomorphic if either the start-terms are isomorphic or the end-terms are isomorphic.

1.5. LEMMA. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . If there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow E \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$ , then  $k_X \cong k_Z$ .*

*Proof.* The lemma follows easily from the definition of a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map and a  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map.

The proof of the following lemma is similar to that of the corresponding result of Auslander–Reiten theory in  $\text{mod } A$ .

1.6. LEMMA. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . If there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow E \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  then, for each indecomposable summand  $Y$  of  $E$ , we have that  $d_{XY} = d'_{YZ}$  and  $d'_{XY} = d_{YZ}$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow E \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence and  $Y$  an indecomposable summand of  $E$ . The equality  $d_{XY} = d'_{YZ}$  follows directly from Lemma 1.3. Let  $C$  be the center of  $A$ . Then  $k = C/\text{rad}(C)$  is a field since  $A$  is connected by assumption. We have  $d'_{XY} \dim_k k_X = \dim_k \text{Irr}_c(X, Y) = d_{XY} \dim_k k_Y = d'_{YZ} \dim_k k_Y = \dim_k \text{Irr}_c(Y, Z) = d_{YZ} \dim_k k_Z$ . Thus we have  $d'_{XY} = d_{YZ}$  since  $\dim_k k_X = \dim_k k_Z$  by Lemma 1.5.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . A module  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective if each short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod } A$  with  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  splits. Dually a module  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective if each short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod } A$  with  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  splits.

A subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\text{mod } A$  is said to have relative almost split sequences if, for each indecomposable module  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , (1) there exist both a  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map and a  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map for  $X$ ; (2) if  $X$  is not  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective, then there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence ending at  $X$ ; and (3) if  $X$  is not  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective, then there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence starting at  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  having relative almost split sequences. The Auslander–Reiten quiver  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is a valued translation quiver defined as follows: Its vertices are the isoclasses  $[X]$  of indecomposable modules  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . There is an arrow  $[X] \rightarrow [Y]$  between two vertices  $[X]$  and  $[Y]$  if there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible map from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Each arrow  $[X] \rightarrow [Y]$  is endowed with a valuation  $(d_{XY}, d'_{XY})$  where  $d_{XY}$  and  $d'_{XY}$  are defined as before. Finally, the translation  $\tau_c$  is defined so that if  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} E \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow 0$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence, then  $[X] = \tau_c[Z]$  and  $[Z] = \tau_c^{-1}[X]$ .

It follows from Lemmas 1.3 and 1.6 and the uniqueness of  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequences that the quiver  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  defined above is a valued translation quiver. By definition, if  $[X]$  and  $[Y_1], [Y_2], \dots, [Y_r]$  are vertices in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ , then  $[Y_1], [Y_2], \dots, [Y_r]$  are the left neighbours of  $[X]$  in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  if and only if the module  $\bigoplus_1^r Y_i$  is the domain of the  $\mathcal{C}$ -sink map for the module  $X$  and  $[Y_1], [Y_2], \dots, [Y_r]$  are the right neighbours of  $[X]$  in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  if and only if the module  $\bigoplus_1^r Y_i$  is the codomain of the  $\mathcal{C}$ -source map for the module  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  having relative almost split sequences. When no confusion can arise, we do not distinguish between an indecomposable module  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  and the corresponding vertex  $[X]$  of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ . From this point of view, the translation  $\tau_c$  of the quiver  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  can be regarded as an operation on the indecomposable modules in  $\mathcal{C}$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective while  $\tau_c^-$  can be regarded as an operation on the indecomposable modules in  $\mathcal{C}$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective. We extend these operations to the whole subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  by defining  $\tau_c X = 0$  for an indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective module  $X$  and  $\tau_c(\bigoplus X_i) = \bigoplus \tau_c X_i$ ; similarly  $\tau_c^- Y = 0$  for an indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module  $Y$  and  $\tau_c^-(\bigoplus Y_i) = \bigoplus \tau_c^- Y_i$ . We call  $\tau_c$  the *relative Auslander-Reiten translation* of the subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$ .

## 2. A SUBCATEGORY $\mathcal{C}$ WITH $\tau_c$ PRESERVING MONOMORPHISMS

In this section we describe the shapes of connected components of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of a subcategory whose relative Auslander-Reiten translation either preserves monomorphisms or preserves epimorphisms.

Throughout the rest of this paper, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  having relative almost split sequences, then we denote by  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  its Auslander-Reiten quiver and by  $\tau_c$  its relative Auslander-Reiten translation.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  having relative almost split sequences and let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ . By saying that  $\tau_c$  *preserves monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$*  we mean that if there is a monomorphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , where all indecomposable summands of  $X$  and  $Y$  are modules in  $\Gamma$ , none of which is  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective, then there is a monomorphism  $f': \tau_c X \rightarrow \tau_c Y$ . Saying that  $\tau_c$  *preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$*  means that if there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  with  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $\Gamma$  and not  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective, then there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphism  $f': \tau_c X \rightarrow \tau_c Y$ . Under the dual conditions we say that  $\tau_c^-$  *preserves epimorphisms or  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$* .

For convenience, we give the following definition.

**2.1. DEFINITION.** A subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\text{mod } A$  having relative almost split sequences is said to be an *Auslander-Smalø subcategory* if  $\mathcal{C}$  is either closed

under submodules or closed under factor modules, and there is only a finite number of isoclasses of indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective modules and a finite number of isoclasses of indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective modules in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

2.2. LEMMA. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . Then each  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible map in  $\mathcal{C}$  is either an epimorphism or a monomorphism.*

*Proof.* It follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{C}$  is either closed under submodules or closed under factor modules.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  and  $\Gamma$  a connected component of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ . It follows from the above lemma that  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$  if and only if  $\tau_c^-$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$ .

We will make frequent use of the following easy lemma.

2.3. LEMMA. *If*

$$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{(f, f')} Y \oplus Y' \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} g \\ g' \end{pmatrix}} Z \rightarrow 0$$

*is a short exact sequence in  $\text{mod } A$ , then  $f$  is a monomorphism if and only if  $g'$  is a monomorphism and  $f$  is an epimorphism if and only if  $g'$  is an epimorphism.*

The following two lemmas are generalisations of similar results in [2].

2.4. LEMMA. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . Assume that*

$$\tau_c X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{f'} X \xrightarrow{g} \tau_c^- Y \xrightarrow{g'} \tau_c^- X$$

*is a chain of  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible maps between indecomposable modules with  $f$  a monomorphism and  $g'$  an epimorphism. Then the module  $X$  has at most two left neighbours in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective and at most two right neighbours in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective.*

*Proof.* It suffices to prove the first part of the statement. Assume that the module  $X$  has at least three left neighbours, say  $Y_1 = Y$ ,  $Y_2$ , and  $Y_3$ , in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective. Then  $\tau_c^- Y_1$ ,  $\tau_c^- Y_2$ , and  $\tau_c^- Y_3$  are right neighbours of  $X$  in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  while  $X$  is a right neighbour of  $Y_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  by Lemma 1.6. Thus we have

$$l(\tau_c X) + l(X) \geq l(Y_1) + l(Y_2) + l(Y_3);$$

$$l(Y_i) + l(\tau_c^- Y_i) \geq l(X), \quad i = 1, 2, 3;$$

$$l(\tau_c^- X) + l(X) \geq l(\tau_c^- Y_1) + l(\tau_c^- Y_2) + l(\tau_c^- Y_3).$$

Hence we have  $l(\tau_c X) + l(\tau_c^{-1} X) \geq l(\tau_c Y) + l(Y)$ . However, we know that  $l(\tau_c X) < l(Y)$  since  $f$  is a proper monomorphism, and  $l(\tau_c^{-1} X) < l(\tau_c^{-1} Y)$  since  $g'$  is a proper epimorphism. This gives rise to a contradiction. The proof is completed.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$ . A module  $X$  in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  is said to be *left  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable* if  $\tau_c^n X \neq 0$  for all positive integers  $n$ , *right  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable* if  $\tau_c^{-n} X \neq 0$  for all negative integers  $n$ , and  *$\mathcal{C}$ -stable* if  $\tau_c^n X \neq 0$  for all integers  $n$ . An arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  is said to be *monic* if there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphism from  $X$  to  $Y$ , and to be *epic* if there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphism from  $X$  to  $Y$ . By Lemma 2.2, each arrow in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$  is either monic or epic.

**2.5. LEMMA.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ , containing no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module. Assume that  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . Then we have the following:*

(1) *If  $X \rightarrow Y$  is an arrow in  $\Gamma$ , then either  $X \rightarrow Y$  or  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} X$  is monic, and furthermore, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are both  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, then one of the arrows  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} X$  is monic and the other is epic.*

(2) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y$  be a monic arrow in  $\Gamma$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, then for all integers  $n \geq 0$ , the arrow  $\tau_c^{-n} X \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n} Y$  is monic.*

(3) *Let  $X$  be a module in  $\Gamma$  which has exactly two right neighbours  $Y$  and  $Y'$  in  $\Gamma$ . If  $Y$ ,  $Y'$ , and  $X$  are all  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, then  $Y \neq Y'$  and one of the arrows  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $X \rightarrow Y'$  is monic and the other is epic.*

(4) *If  $Y \rightarrow Z$  is an epic arrow in  $\Gamma$  with  $Z$  not  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective, then  $\tau_c Z$  has at most two right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* (1) First note that  $\tau_c^{-1}$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$  since  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$  by assumption. Assume that both  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} X$  are epic. Then for an arbitrary integer  $n \geq 0$ , there is a chain of  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} X \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} Y \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n} X \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n} Y,$$

which is impossible. So at least one of  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} X$  is monic. Further assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable and that both  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} X$  are monic then, for an arbitrary integer  $m \geq 0$ , there is a chain of  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms

$$\tau_c^m X \rightarrow \tau_c^m Y \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \tau_c X \rightarrow \tau_c Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y,$$

which is again impossible.



(2) Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules. By (1), the arrow  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c X$  is epic. Thus for any  $n \geq 0$ , the arrow  $\tau_c^{-n} Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n-1} X$  is epic since  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms. Using (1) again, we see that the arrow  $\tau_c^{-n} X \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n} Y$  is monic.

(3) By assumption,  $Y \oplus Y'$  is the middle term of a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence starting at  $X$ . Assume that  $Y, Y'$ , and  $X$  are all  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. If the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  is monic, then so is  $Y' \rightarrow \tau_c X$  by Lemma 2.3. Hence  $X \rightarrow Y'$  is epic by (1). Similarly if  $X \rightarrow Y$  is epic, then  $X \rightarrow Y'$  is monic.

(4) Assume that  $Z$  is not  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective and that  $Y \rightarrow Z$  is an epic arrow in  $\Gamma$ . Then  $\tau_c Z \rightarrow Y$  is monic by (1), and  $\tau_c^{-1} Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-1} Z$  is epic since  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . Thus there is a chain of  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible maps

$$\tau_c Z \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{f'} Z \xrightarrow{g} \tau_c^{-1} Y \xrightarrow{g'} \tau_c^{-1} Z$$

with  $f$  a monomorphism and  $g'$  an epimorphism. Since  $\Gamma$  contains no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module, it follows from Lemma 2.4 that  $Z$  has at most two left neighbours in  $\Gamma$ , that is,  $\tau_c Z$  has at most two right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ .

The basic idea in the proof of the following lemma comes from [16].

**2.6. LEMMA.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander-Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ , containing no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module. Assume that  $\tau_c$  preserves monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . If a  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module  $X$  in  $\Gamma$  has at least three right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ , then it has at least three  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ , and for each  $n > 0$ , there is a monomorphism from  $\tau_c^n X$  to  $\bigoplus_s X$ ,  $s$  copies of  $X$ , where  $s = l(X)$ .*

*Proof.* By assumption  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$  and so  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$ .

Assume that  $X$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module in  $\Gamma$ . Since there is no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module in  $\Gamma$ , there is an arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\Gamma$  with  $Y$  a  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module. Assume that  $X$  has at least three right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ , then so does  $\tau_c^{-n+1} X$  for each  $n > 0$ . Thus by Lemma 2.5(4), each arrow  $W \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n} X$  in  $\Gamma$  is monic. Hence each arrow  $W' \rightarrow \tau_c^{n-1} X$  in  $\Gamma$  is monic. In particular, the arrow  $\tau_c^n Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{n-1} X$  is monic. So  $\tau_c^n X$  has at least two right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ . If  $\tau_c^n X$  has exactly two right neighbours, say  $\tau_c^n Y$  and  $Y'$ , in  $\Gamma$ , then by Lemma 2.3, the arrow  $\tau_c^n X \rightarrow \tau_c^n Y$  is monic since  $Y' \rightarrow \tau_c^{n-1} X$  is monic. Therefore  $\tau_c^n X \rightarrow \tau_c^n Y$  and  $\tau_c^n Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{n-1} X$  are both monic, which contradicts Lemma 2.5(1). Thus  $\tau_c^n X$  has at least three right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ . So  $X$  has at least three  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable right neighbours in  $\Gamma$  since there is no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective modules in  $\Gamma$ .

Now, for each integer  $n > 0$ , let

$$0 \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n+1}X \xrightarrow{(f)} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{s_n} Y_i \xrightarrow{(f'_i)} \tau_c^{-n}X \rightarrow 0$$

be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -almost split sequence. Then each  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible map  $f'_i$  is a monomorphism as we proved above. So there is a monomorphism from  $\tau_c^{-n+1}X$  to  $\bigoplus_{s_n} \tau_c^{-n}X$ , that is, the module  $\tau_c^{-n+1}X$  is cogenerated by  $\tau_c^{-n}X$ . Then, by induction, the module  $X$  is cogenerated by  $\tau_c^{-n}X$ . Hence there is a monomorphism  $h: X \rightarrow \bigoplus_s \tau_c^{-n}X$  with  $s = l(X)$ . So there is a monomorphism  $h': \tau_c^n X \rightarrow \bigoplus_s X$  since  $\tau_c$  preserves monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . The proof is completed.

Note that if  $\mathcal{C}$  is not closed under submodules, there may be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphism with codomain an indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective module, and if  $\mathcal{C}$  is not closed under factor modules, there may be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphism with domain an indecomposable  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module.

**2.7. THEOREM.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ , containing neither  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective modules nor oriented cycles. Assume that  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma$  contains  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules, and each  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module in  $\Gamma$  has at most two right neighbours in  $\Gamma$ , then either  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty$  or  $\Gamma$  is obtained from  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty$  by ray insertions.*

*Proof.* Since  $\tau_c$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible monomorphisms in  $\Gamma$  by assumption,  $\tau_c^-$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . Assume now that each  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module in  $\Gamma$  has at most two right neighbours. We divide the proof into several steps.

(1) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y$  be an arrow in  $\Gamma$  between  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  has trivial valuation.*

Since  $X$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, it has at most two right neighbours in  $\Gamma$  by assumption. If  $Y$  appears more than once as a right neighbour of  $X$ , then  $X$  has exactly two right neighbours  $Y, Y$ . This contradicts Lemma 2.5(3) since  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. So  $Y$  appears just once as a right neighbour of  $X$ . It follows similarly that  $\tau_c^- X$  appears just once as a right neighbour of  $Y$ . Thus the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  has trivial valuation.

(2) *Let  $X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s$  be a sectional path in  $\Gamma$  with a monic arrow  $X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s$  between  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules  $X_{s-1}$  and  $X_s$ . For each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s-1$ , the following hold:*

(a) *The arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  is monic while the arrow  $X_{i+1} \rightarrow \tau_c^- X_i$  is epic;*

- (b) *The module  $X_i$  has at most two right neighbours;*
- (c) *The arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  has trivial valuation.*

We use induction to prove (2). Since  $X_{s-1}$  and  $X_s$  are both  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable,  $X_{s-1}$  has at most two right neighbours by assumption and the arrow  $X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s$  has trivial valuation by (1). Since  $X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s$  is monic, the arrow  $X_s \rightarrow \tau_c X_{s-1}$  is epic by Lemma 2.5(1). So the statements (a), (b), and (c) hold for  $i = s - 1$ . Assume that they are true for  $i$ ,  $1 < i \leq s - 1$ . Then the module  $X_i$  has exactly two right neighbours  $X_{i+1}$  and  $\tau_c^- X_{i-1}$  in  $\Gamma$  by (b). Since  $X_{i+1} \rightarrow \tau_c^- X_i$  is epic, so is the arrow  $X_i \rightarrow \tau_c^- X_{i-1}$  by Lemma 2.3. Hence the arrow  $X_{i-1} \rightarrow X_i$  is monic by Lemma 2.5(1) and  $X_{i-1}$  has at most two right neighbours in  $\Gamma$  by Lemma 2.5(4). Thus it follows that  $X_i$  appears just once as a right neighbour of  $X_{i-1}$ . Moreover, we have shown that  $\tau_c^- X_{i-1}$  appears just once as a right neighbour of  $X_i$ . So the arrow  $X_{i-1} \rightarrow X_i$  has trivial valuation.

(3) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y$  be a monic arrow in  $\Gamma$  between  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then there is a sectional path  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  in  $\Gamma$ .*

By (1), the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  has trivial valuation. Since the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  is monic, the module  $Y$  has at least two left neighbours, say  $X$  and  $Y'$ , which are different since  $X \rightarrow Y$  has trivial valuation. So  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \tau_c^- Y'$  is a sectional path in  $\Gamma$  since  $\Gamma$  contains no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module.

(4) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$  be a sectional path in  $\Gamma$  with a monic arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  between  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then  $Z$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable and the arrow  $Y \rightarrow Z$  is monic.*

Since  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, it has exactly two right neighbours  $\tau_c^- X$  and  $Z$  in  $\Gamma$ . For each integer  $n \geq 0$ , the arrow  $\tau_c^n X \rightarrow \tau_c^n Y$  is monic since  $X \rightarrow Y$  is monic. Therefore, there is a sectional path  $\tau_c^n X \rightarrow \tau_c^n Y \rightarrow X_n$  in  $\Gamma$  by (3). So  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \tau_c^{-n} X_n$  is also a sectional path in  $\Gamma$ . Thus  $\tau_c^{-n} X_n = Z$ . This implies that  $Z$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. By Lemma 2.5(1) the arrow  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c^- X$  is epic, and so is the arrow  $Z \rightarrow \tau_c^- Y$ . Hence the arrow  $Y \rightarrow Z$  is monic by Lemma 2.5(1) again.

(5) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y$  be a monic arrow in  $\Gamma$  between  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  is contained in a unique infinite sectional path*

$$\sigma_0: X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

*in  $\Gamma$  which satisfies the following conditions:*

- (a) *The module  $X_1$  has no immediate predecessor other than  $\tau_c X_2$  in  $\Gamma$ , and has at most two immediate successors in  $\Gamma$ ;*
- (b) *For all integers  $i > 1$ , the module  $X_i$  has exactly two immediate successors  $X_{i+1}$  and  $\tau_c^- X_{i-1}$ ;*
- (c) *For all integers  $i \geq 1$ , the arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  is monic and has trivial valuation;*

- (d) The modules  $X_i$  belong to pairwise different  $\tau_c$ -orbits;
- (e) There is some integer  $m_0 \geq 0$  such that  $X_i$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable if and only if  $i > m_0$ ;
- (f) If  $p$  is the number of  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective modules in  $\Gamma$ , then  $0 \leq m_0 \leq p$ . If  $m_0 > 0$  and  $X_i = \tau^{-m_0} P_i$  where  $P_i$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective, then  $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_{m_0}$ .

From (2) there is a bound on the lengths of the sectional paths in  $\Gamma$  ending with the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$ . Let

$$X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s$$

be a sectional path in  $\Gamma$  of maximal length with  $X_{s-1} = X$  and  $X_s = Y$ . Then  $X_1$  has no immediate predecessor other than  $\tau_c X_2$  in  $\Gamma$ . Moreover, by (2), the module  $X_1$  has at most two immediate successors in  $\Gamma$  while for  $1 < i < s$ , the module  $X_i$  has exactly two immediate successors  $X_{i+1}$  and  $\tau_c X_{i-1}$ , and for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i < s$ , the arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  is monic and has trivial valuation.

Since  $X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s$  is monic and  $X_{s-1}$  and  $X_s$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, it follows from (3) and (4) that there is a sectional path  $X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s \rightarrow X_{s+1}$  in  $\Gamma$  such that the module  $X_{s+1}$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable and the arrow  $X_s \rightarrow X_{s+1}$  is monic. Hence, by induction, we obtain an infinite sectional path

$$X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s \rightarrow X_{s+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

in  $\Gamma$  such that for all  $i \geq s-1$ , the module  $X_i$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable and the arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  is monic. Moreover, for all  $i \geq s-1$ , the arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  has trivial valuation by (1), and the module  $X_i$  has exactly two immediate successors  $X_{i+1}$  and  $\tau_c X_{i-1}$  from the assumption. So the infinite sectional path

$$\sigma_0: X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_{s-1} \rightarrow X_s \rightarrow X_{s+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

satisfies the conditions (a), (b), and (c). So  $\sigma_0$  is the unique maximal infinite sectional path in  $\Gamma$  which contains the arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  and, for all  $i \geq 1$ ,

$$X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_{i+j} \rightarrow \dots$$

is the unique infinite sectional path in  $\Gamma$  which starts with the arrow  $X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$ .

Since  $X_{s-1}$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, there is an integer  $m_0$ ,  $0 \leq m_0 < s-1$ , such that  $X_{m_0+1}$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable and  $X_i$  is not  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable if  $i \leq m_0$ . Since  $\Gamma$  contains no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module, there is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module  $X'$  such that  $X_{m_0+1} \rightarrow X'$  is an arrow in  $\Gamma$ . Assume that  $X' \neq X_{m_0+2}$ . Then either  $m_0 > 0$  and  $\tau_c X_{m_0} = X'$ , which contradicts the assumption on  $m_0$ , or  $m_0 = 0$  and  $X_1$

has an immediate predecessor  $\tau_c X' \neq \tau_c X_2$ , which is a contradiction to the condition (a). So  $X_{m_0+2} = X'$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. Thus by (4), all modules  $X_i$  with  $i > m_0$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. Hence the sectional path  $\sigma_0$  satisfies the condition (e).

We show now that the modules  $X_i$  in  $\sigma_0$  belong to pairwise different  $\tau_c$ -orbits. We first prove that  $X_1$  and  $X_j$  belong to different  $\tau_c$ -orbits if  $j > 1$ . Suppose that  $X_1$  and  $X_j$  belong to the same  $\tau_c$ -orbit for some  $j > 1$ . If  $X_1$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable, then  $X_1$  has two immediate predecessors in  $\Gamma$  since  $X_j$  has two  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable predecessors in  $\Gamma$ . This contradicts the condition (a). So  $X_1$  is not  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. Hence  $j \leq m_0$ . Now we may suppose that the modules  $X_u$  and  $X_v$ ,  $1 \leq u < v \leq m_0$ , lie in the same  $\tau_c$ -orbit and such that  $(v - u)$  is minimal for this condition to hold. Let  $X_v = \tau_c^{-r} X_u$  for some integer  $r$ . If  $r \leq 0$ , then there is an oriented cycle in  $\Gamma$ , contrary to assumption. So  $r > 0$ . Therefore it is easy to see that we obtain an infinite sectional path

$$X_u \rightarrow X_{u+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_{v-1} \rightarrow \tau_c^{-r} X_u \rightarrow \tau_c^{-r} X_{u+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

in  $\Gamma$  containing no  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module. This contradicts the uniqueness of the infinite sectional path starting with the arrow  $X_u \rightarrow X_{u+1}$ . So  $X_1$  and  $X_j$  belong to different  $\tau_c$ -orbits if  $j > 1$ .

Assume now that, for some  $n > 1$  and for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , the modules  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  belong to different  $\tau_c$ -orbits if  $j > i$ . Suppose that  $X_n$  and  $X_j$  belong to the same  $\tau_c$ -orbit for some  $j > n$ . Then  $X_j = \tau_c^{-r} X_n$  for some  $r > 0$  since there is no oriented cycle in  $\Gamma$ . So  $\tau_c^{-r-1} X_{n-1}$  is an immediate successor of  $X_j$ . Therefore either  $\tau_c^{-r-1} X_{n-1} = \tau_c X_{j-1}$  or  $\tau_c^{-r-1} X_{n-1} = X_{j+1}$ , which contradicts the inductive assumption. Thus  $\sigma_0$  satisfies the condition (d).

As we can see, the number  $m_0$  is just the number of modules in  $\sigma_0$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. These modules belong to pairwise different  $\tau_c$ -orbits by (d). So  $m_0$  is less than or equal to the number  $p$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective modules in  $\Gamma$ . Now assume that  $m_0 > 0$  and  $X_i = \tau_c^{-n_i} P_i$  where  $P_i$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective,  $i = 1, \dots, m_0$ . Assume that there is some  $j$ ,  $1 < j \leq m_0$ , such that  $n_{j-1} > n_j$ . Then  $\tau_c^{n_j} X_{j-1}$  has at least one immediate predecessor, say  $X'$ , in  $\Gamma$  since  $\tau_c^{n_j+1} X_{j-1} \neq 0$ . Clearly  $X' \neq \tau_c^{n_j+1} X_j$  since  $\tau_c^{n_j} X_j$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective. So  $\tau_c^{-n_j} X'$  is an immediate predecessor of  $X_{j-1}$  other than  $\tau_c X_j$ . So  $j - 1 > 1$  by (a). Hence it follows that  $\tau_c^{-n_j} X' = X_{j-2}$ . Thus the arrow  $X' \rightarrow \tau_c^{n_j} X_{j-1}$  is monic and has trivial valuation. Therefore  $\tau_c^{n_j} X_{j-1}$  has at least two immediate predecessors each of which is different from  $\tau_c^{n_j+1} X_j$ . Thus  $\tau_c^{n_j} X_{j-1}$  has at least three immediate successors, so does  $X_{j-1}$ , which is a contradiction to (b). So  $\sigma_0$  satisfies the condition (f).

We now complete the proof of the theorem. Let  $X$  be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module in  $\Gamma$ . Since there is no  $\mathcal{C}$ -injective module in  $\Gamma$ , there exists an arrow  $X \rightarrow Y$  with a  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module  $Y$ . By Lemma 2.5(1), either  $X \rightarrow Y$  or  $Y \rightarrow \tau_c X$  is monic. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $X \rightarrow Y$  is monic.

Then by Lemma 2.5(2), for each integer  $r \geq 0$ , the arrow  $\tau_c^{-r} X \rightarrow \tau_c^{-r} Y$  is monic. So the arrow  $\tau_c^{-r} X \rightarrow \tau_c^{-r} Y$  is contained in a unique maximal infinite sectional path  $\sigma_r$  in  $\Gamma$  which satisfies the conditions stated in (5). Let  $m_r$  be the number of the modules in  $\sigma_r$  which are not  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable. Then  $m_r \leq p$ , the number of  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective modules in  $\Gamma$ . Let  $m_{r_0}$  be the largest of the  $m_r$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $r_0 = 0$ . This implies that for each integer  $n \geq 0$ , the module  $\tau_c^{-n} X_1$  has only one immediate successor  $\tau_c^{-n} X_2$ . So  $\sigma_0$  meets each  $\tau_c$ -orbit in  $\Gamma$  exactly once. Therefore  $\Gamma$  has trivial valuation. If  $m_0 = 0$ , then  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty$ . If  $m_0 > 0$ , then  $X_i = \tau_c^{-n_i} P_i$  where  $P_i$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective with  $n_1 \leq \dots \leq n_{m_0}$ . Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_s$  be positive integers such that  $n_1 = \dots = n_{r_1} < n_{r_1+1} = \dots = n_{r_2} < \dots < n_{r_{s-1}+1} = \dots = n_{r_s} = n_{m_0}$ . Then it follows now that  $\Gamma$ , as a translation quiver, is of form  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty(r_1, r_2 - r_1, \dots, r_s - r_{s-1})$ . The proof is completed.

We have the following dual result:

2.8. THEOREM. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an Auslander–Smalø subcategory of  $\text{mod } A$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ , containing neither  $\mathcal{C}$ -projective modules nor oriented cycles. Assume that  $\tau_c^{-1}$  preserves  $\mathcal{C}$ -irreducible epimorphisms in  $\Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma$  contains  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable modules, and each  $\mathcal{C}$ -stable module has at most two left neighbours, then either  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty$  or  $\Gamma$  is obtained from  $\mathbf{ZA}_\infty$  by coray insertions.*

### 3. SPLITTING TILTING THEORY

If  $X$  is a module in  $\text{mod } A$ , then we denote by  $\text{p.d.} X$  the projective dimension, and  $\text{i.d.} X$  the injective dimension of  $X$ . A module  $T$  in  $\text{mod } A$  is called a tilting module if (1)  $\text{p.d.} T \leq 1$ ; (2)  $\text{Ext}_A^1(T, T) = 0$ ; and (3) There is an short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow T' \rightarrow T'' \rightarrow 0$  with  $T', T''$  direct sums of direct summands of  $T$  [8].

Let  $T$  be a tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ , and let  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ . Denote by  $\text{mod } B$  the category of finitely generated left  $B$ -modules, by  $\Gamma_B$  the Auslander–Reiten quiver of  $B$ , and by  $\tau_B$  the Auslander–Reiten translation of  $\Gamma_B$ . Then  $T$  is a  $A$ - $B$ -bimodule in a natural way. Hence  $F = \text{Hom}_A(T, -)$  and  $F' = \text{Ext}_A^1(T, -)$  are functors from  $\text{mod } A$  to  $\text{mod } B$  while  $G = T \otimes_B -$  and  $G' = \text{Tor}_1^B(T, -)$  are functors from  $\text{mod } B$  to  $\text{mod } A$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}(T) = \{X \mid F'(X) = 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{F}(T) = \{X \mid F(X) = 0\}$ , and let  $\mathcal{X}(T) = \{X \mid G(X) = 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}(T) = \{X \mid G'(X) = 0\}$ . It is shown in [8] that  $(\mathcal{F}(T), \mathcal{F}(T))$  is a torsion theory in  $\text{mod } A$  with the torsion class  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  containing all injective modules in  $\text{mod } A$  while  $(\mathcal{Y}(T), \mathcal{X}(T))$  is a torsion theory in  $\text{mod } B$  with torsion-free class  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$  containing all projective modules in  $\text{mod } B$ .

The torsion theory  $(\mathcal{F}(T), \mathcal{T}(T))$  induces an *idempotent radical*  $\mathbf{t}$ . That is,  $\mathbf{t}$  is an idempotent subfunctor of the identity functor of  $\text{mod } A$  which assigns to a module  $X$  in  $\text{mod } A$ , the submodule  $\mathbf{t}(X)$  of  $X$  such that  $\mathbf{t}(X)$  is in  $\mathcal{T}(T)$  while  $X/\mathbf{t}(X)$  is in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . We fix the notation above in the rest of this section.

3.1. **BRENNER–BUTLER THEOREM [6].** *Let  $T$  be a tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$  and  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ . The functor  $F$  induces a left exact equivalence between  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$  while the functor  $F'$  induces a right exact equivalence between  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{X}(T)$ .*

A tilting module  $T$  in  $\text{mod } A$  is said to be *splitting* if each indecomposable module in  $\text{mod } B$  is either in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  or in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ .

3.2. **LEMMA [8, 10].** *Let  $T$  be a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$  and  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ .*

(1) *Both  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(T)$  are Auslander–Smalø subcategories in  $\text{mod } A$ .*

(2) *If  $Q$  is an indecomposable injective  $B$ -module in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ , then  $Q = F(I)$  with  $I$  an indecomposable injective  $A$ -module in  $\mathcal{T}(T)$ .*

(3) *An almost split sequence in  $\text{mod } B$  is either completely contained in one of  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ , or is of the form*

$$0 \rightarrow F(I) \rightarrow F(I/S) \oplus F'(\text{rad } P) \rightarrow F'(P) \rightarrow 0,$$

*where  $I$  is an indecomposable injective module in  $\text{mod } A$  with socle  $S$ , while  $P$  is an indecomposable projective module in  $\text{mod } A$  with top  $S$ .*

3.3. **LEMMA [8].** *Let  $T$  be a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ , and let  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ . Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a connected component of  $\Gamma_B$ . Then*

(1) *If  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ , then there is a connected component  $\Gamma'$  of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}(T))$  such that the functor  $F$  induces a valued translation quiver isomorphism from  $\Gamma'$  to  $\Gamma$ .*

(2) *If  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$ , then there is a connected component  $\Gamma'$  of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}(T))$  such that the functor  $F'$  induces a valued translation quiver isomorphism from  $\Gamma'$  to  $\Gamma$ .*

If  $T$  is a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ , then we denote by  $\tau_t$  the relative Auslander–Reiten translation of the subcategory  $\mathcal{T}(T)$  and by  $\tau_f$  the relative Auslander–Reiten translation of the subcategory  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . We fix this notation for a splitting tilting module  $T$  in the sequel.

3.4. HOSHINO'S LEMMA [10]. Let  $T$  be a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  the idempotent radical determined by  $T$ .

- (1) If  $X$  is a module in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ , then  $\tau_! X = \mathbf{t}(\tau X)$ .
- (2) If  $X$  is a module in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ , then  $\text{i.d. } X \leq 1$  and  $\tau_f X = \tau^- X / \mathbf{t}(\tau^- X)$ .

COROLLARY. Let  $T$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  be as above.

(1) Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are modules in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . If there is a monomorphism from  $\tau X$  to  $\tau Y$ , then there is a monomorphism from  $\tau_! X$  to  $\tau_! Y$ .

(2) Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are modules in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . If there is an epimorphism from  $\tau^- X$  to  $\tau^- Y$ , then there is an epimorphism from  $\tau_f X$  to  $\tau_f Y$ .

3.5. PROPOSITION. Let  $T$  be a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ . Then  $\tau_f^-$  preserves epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  is closed under submodules. Assume that  $X$  is a module in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . Since  $\text{i.d. } X \leq 1$  by Hoshino's lemma (3.4), we have  $\tau^- X = \text{Tr } DX = \text{Ext}_A^1(DX, A)$ . (See, for example, [17, (2.4)]).

Now suppose that  $f: Y \rightarrow Z$  is an epimorphism in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . Then there is a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \xrightarrow{f} Z \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod } A$  with  $X$  in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ . Hence there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow DZ \xrightarrow{Df} DY \rightarrow DX \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{mod } A^{\text{op}}$ . Note that  $\text{p.d. } DX \leq 1$ , since  $\text{i.d. } X \leq 1$ . Therefore the sequence

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(DX, A) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(DY, A) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(DZ, A) \rightarrow 0$$

induced by  $Df$  is exact, which implies that  $f$  induces an epimorphism from  $\tau^- Y$  to  $\tau^- Z$  in  $\text{mod } A$ . Hence by the corollary to Hoshino's lemma (3.4),  $f$  induces an epimorphism from  $\tau_f^- Y$  to  $\tau_f^- Z$  in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ .

3.6. THEOREM. Let  $T$  be a splitting tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$  and  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ . Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a connected component of  $\Gamma_B$  which lies completely in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$ . If  $\Gamma$  is not a preinjective component, then either  $\Gamma$  is quasi-serial or  $\Gamma$  is obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by coray insertions.

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$ , then by Lemma 3.3(2) there is a connected component  $\Gamma'$  of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}(T))$  such that the functor  $F'$  induces a valued translation quiver isomorphism from  $\Gamma'$  to  $\Gamma$ . Since  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  does not contain projective modules in  $\text{mod } B$ , neither does  $\Gamma$ . We prove the theorem by considering separately the following three cases:



(a) There is an oriented cycle in  $\Gamma$ . In this case by Lemma 1.2, either  $\Gamma$  is a stable tube or a coray tube.

(b) There is neither an oriented cycle nor a stable module in  $\Gamma$ . In this case each module in  $\Gamma$  belongs to the  $\tau_B$ -orbit of an injective module in  $\Gamma_B$ . So  $\Gamma$  is a preinjective component.

(c)  $\Gamma$  contains stable modules but no oriented cycle. In this case  $\Gamma'$  contains neither  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ -projective modules nor oriented cycles. However, it does contain  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ -stable modules. In addition, by Proposition 3.5,  $\tau_{\Gamma'}^-$  preserves epimorphisms in  $\Gamma'$ . Assume that there is a  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ -stable module  $X$  in  $\Gamma'$  which has at least three left neighbours in  $\Gamma'$ . Then by the dual of Lemma 2.6, the module  $X$  has at least three  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ -stable left neighbours in  $\Gamma'$ , and for each  $n > 0$ , there is an epimorphism from  $\bigoplus_s X$  to  $\tau_{\Gamma'}^{-n} X$ , where  $s = l(X)$ . Since  $F'$  induces a valued translation quiver from  $\Gamma'$  to  $\Gamma$ , the module  $M = F'X$  is a stable  $B$ -module in  $\Gamma$  which has at least three stable left neighbours in  $\Gamma$ . Furthermore since  $F'$  is a right exact functor, for each  $n > 0$ , there is an epimorphism from  $\bigoplus_s M$  to  $\tau_B^{-n} M$ , which contradicts Lemma 1.1.

So each  $\mathcal{F}(T)$ -stable module  $X$  in  $\Gamma'$  has at most two left neighbours. Hence, by Theorem 2.8, we conclude that either  $\Gamma'$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{ZA}_x$ , or  $\Gamma'$  is obtained from  $\mathbf{ZA}_x$  by coray insertions. Therefore either  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{ZA}_x$ , or  $\Gamma$  is obtained from  $\mathbf{ZA}_x$  by coray insertions. This completes the proof.

Now we assume that  $A$  is an hereditary algebra,  $T$  is a tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ , and  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ . It is well known that  $T$  is a splitting tilting module [8]. Further all modules in  $\Gamma_B$  of form  $F(I)$ , with  $I$  an indecomposable injective module in  $\text{mod } A$ , lie in a single connected component of  $\Gamma_B$ , called the *connecting component* determined by  $T$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected component of  $\Gamma_B$  other than the connecting component. Then either  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$  and contains no injective  $B$ -module or  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  and contains no projective  $B$ -module. Note that in this case  $\tau_{\Gamma}$  preserves monomorphisms in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  [16] while  $\tau_{\Gamma}^-$  preserves epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  (3.5).

**3.7. THEOREM.** *Let  $A$  be an hereditary connected artin algebra. Let  $T$  be a tilting module in  $\text{mod } A$ , and let  $B = \text{End}_A(T)$ . Assume that  $\Gamma$  is a connected component of  $\Gamma_B$  other than the connecting component determined by  $T$ . If  $\Gamma$  is neither a preprojective component nor a preinjective component, then either  $\Gamma$  is quasi-serial or  $\Gamma$  is obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by ray insertions or by coray insertions.*

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma$  is not the connecting component of  $\Gamma_B$ , either  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$  or  $\Gamma$  is completely contained in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ . If  $\Gamma$  lies

in  $\mathcal{X}(T)$ , then Theorem 3.6 shows that  $\Gamma$  is preinjective, quasi-serial, or obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by coray insertions. If  $\Gamma$  lies in  $\mathcal{Y}(T)$ , since  $\Gamma$  contains no injective module in  $\text{mod } B$  and  $\tau_r$  preserves monomorphisms in  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  then, dualising the argument used to prove Theorem 3.6, we find that  $\Gamma$  is preprojective, quasi-serial, or obtained from a quasi-serial translation quiver by ray insertions.

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