

Constructing the Preprojective Components of an Algebra

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Let k be an algebraically closed field. Let A be a finite-dimensional k -algebra. We may assume that $A = kQ/I$, where Q is a finite connected quiver and I is an admissible ideal of the path algebra kQ ; see [5]. The nature of our problem allows us to assume without loss of generality that Q has no oriented cycles.

Consider the category of the finite dimensional left A -modules, mod_A . For each indecomposable non-projective A -module X , the Auslander–Reiten translate $\tau_A X$ is an indecomposable non-injective module. The Auslander–Reiten quiver Γ_A has as vertices representatives of the iso-classes of finite dimensional indecomposable A -modules, and there are as many arrows from X to Y in Γ_A as $\dim_k \text{rad}_A(X, Y) / \text{rad}_A^2(X, Y)$. A connected component \mathcal{P} of Γ_A is said to be *preprojective* if \mathcal{P} has no oriented cycles and each module X in \mathcal{P} has only finitely many predecessors in the path order of \mathcal{P} . Several classes of algebras have preprojective components, such as algebras with the separation condition (in particular, tree algebras) [2] and hereditary algebras [9]. A general criterion for the existence of preprojective components was recently established [4].

Given a preprojective component \mathcal{P} of Γ_A , the modules on \mathcal{P} can be easily determined. Starting with the simple projective modules and using the additivity of the dimension function on Auslander–Reiten sequences, the classes $\mathbf{dim} X$ in the Grothendieck group $K_0(A)$ of modules $X \in \mathcal{P}$ are obtained; the module X is the unique indecomposable with class $\mathbf{dim} X$. This *knitting procedure* has been used since at least 1977 (see [5]).

The purpose of this work is to give an algorithmic procedure to construct all preprojective components in Γ_A . Indeed, we do the following.

(a) We describe an algorithm which decides whether or not a given simple projective module P_i belongs to a preprojective component; in fact, we show that if by starting with P_i it is possible to use the knitting procedure to construct $N(\dim_k A)$ new modules (where $N(\dim_k A)$ is a certain number depending only on $\dim_k A$), then P_i lies in a preprojective component of Γ_A ;

(b) if P_i belongs to a preprojective component \mathcal{P} , by applying the procedure (a), we get two functionals $f, g: K_0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that an indecomposable module X belongs to \mathcal{P} if and only if one of the following holds: (i) $f(\mathbf{dim} X) > 0$ or (ii) $f(\mathbf{dim} X) = 0$ and $g(\mathbf{dim} X) < 0$.

For the proof of the above statements we show some results on the growth of $(\dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t} X, Y))_t$ which are interesting by themselves. Indeed, for a wild connected hereditary algebra $B = k\Delta$ and two indecomposable B -modules X and Y such that X is preprojective and Y is regular or preinjective, we prove that

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t} X, Y) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{t}{d^2} \right\rfloor$$

for $t \geq 3d$, where d is the number of vertices of Δ .

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1. DIMENSION OF MODULES IN PREPROJECTIVE COMPONENTS

1.1 Let $A = kQ/I$ be as in the Introduction. We assume that the set of vertices of Q is $Q_0 = \{1, \dots, n\}$. For each vertex $i \in Q_0$, we have the simple module S_i with $S_i(i) = k$ and $S_i(j) = 0$ for $j \neq i$. The projective cover of S_i is denoted by P_i and its injective envelope by I_i .

Given a module $X \in \text{mod}_A$, its class $\mathbf{dim} X \in K_0(A) = \mathbf{Z}^n$ has i th coordinate $\dim_k \text{Hom}_A(P_i, X)$. Since the global dimension $\text{gldim} A$ is finite, we get a bilinear form

$$\begin{aligned} \langle -, - \rangle_A: K_0(A) \times K_0(A) &\rightarrow \mathbf{Z}, \langle \mathbf{dim} X, \mathbf{dim} Y \rangle \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (-1)^s \dim_k \text{Ext}_A^s(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Let X be a module in a preprojective component \mathcal{P} of Γ_A . Then $\text{Ext}_A^s(X, X) = 0$ for $s \geq 1$ and $\dim_k \text{End}_A(X) = 1$. Also there is a quo-

tient B of A such that X is a faithful B -module. Then $\text{gldim } B \leq 2$ and $p \dim_B X \leq 1$. Hence if Y is an indecomposable A -module with $\mathbf{dim } X = \mathbf{dim } Y$, then Y is a B -module and $1 = \langle \mathbf{dim } X, \mathbf{dim } Y \rangle_B$. Thus $\text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \neq 0$. Similarly, $\text{Hom}_A(Y, X) \neq 0$, which implies that X and Y are isomorphic. See [3, 9].

1.2. Following [6], we say that the module $X \in \text{mod}_A$ is *directing* provided there do not exist indecomposable direct summands X_1, X_2 of X and an indecomposable nonprojective module Y such that $X_1 \leq \tau_A Y$ and $Y \leq X_2$ (we write $Y \leq Z$ for two indecomposable modules Y, Z if there is a chain of non-zero maps $Y = Y_0 \rightarrow Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Y_t = Z$). In particular, an indecomposable module X is directing if and only if there is no chain of non-zero, non-isomorphisms $X \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_t = X$.

For an indecomposable projective module P_i , the radical $\text{rad } P_i$ satisfies $P_i/\text{rad } P_i \simeq S_i$. In [6] (see also [11]), it is shown that the following assertions are equivalent:

- (a) P_i is directing,
- (b) $\text{rad } P_i$ is directing,
- (c) each indecomposable direct summand of $\text{rad } P_i$ is directing.

1.3. Given $i \in Q_0$, consider the quotient A^i of A formed as the full subcategory of A with vertices j such that there is no path from j to i in Q (Note: There is a trivial path from i to i).

The following is an inductive criterion for the existence of preprojective components in Γ_A .

THEOREM [4]. *There is a preprojective component in Γ_A if and only if for each vertex $i \in Q_0$ one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (a) *there is a preprojective component \mathcal{P}' of Γ_{A^i} such that no indecomposable direct summand of $\text{rad } P_i$ belongs to \mathcal{P}' ;*
- (b) *$\text{rad } P_i$ is a directing A^i -module and each indecomposable direct summand of $\text{rad } P_i$ has only finitely many predecessors in mod_{A^i} , all of them directing.*

1.4. Let \mathcal{E} be a component of Γ_A . Let \mathcal{S} be a full subquiver in \mathcal{E} . We say that

- (i) \mathcal{S} is a *section* if \mathcal{S} is path-closed in \mathcal{E} ; if $X \in \mathcal{S}$, then $\tau_A X \notin \mathcal{S}$; each $X \in \mathcal{S}$ is directing.
- (ii) \mathcal{S} is a *m -complete section* ($m \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{\infty\}$) if:
 - (a) \mathcal{S} is a section;
 - (b) \mathcal{S} admits only finitely many precursors in Γ_A , all of them directing;

(c) if $X \rightarrow Y$ is an arrow in Γ_A , $X \in \mathcal{S}$, and $Y \notin \mathcal{S}$, then Y is non-projective and $\tau_A Y \in \mathcal{S}$;

(d) if $X \in \mathcal{S}$, $0 \leq l \leq m$, and Y is a predecessor of $\tau_A^{-l} X$ such that $Y = I_j$ or Y is a direct summand of $\text{rad } P_j$, then Y is proper predecessor of \mathcal{S} .

Remarks. (1) Let \mathcal{S} be a m -complete section in \mathcal{E} . Then we get a full subquiver $\tau_A^{-l} \mathcal{S}$ of \mathcal{E} formed by the modules $\{\tau_A^{-l} X : X \in \mathcal{S}\}$ for any $0 \leq l \leq m$. The quiver $\tau_A^{-l} \mathcal{S}$ is a $(m - l)$ -complete section in \mathcal{E} .

Let $k(\mathcal{E})$ be the mesh-category of \mathcal{E} ; see [5, 8]. Consider any two modules X, Y in \mathcal{E} predecessors of $\tau_A^{-m} \mathcal{S}$, then $\text{Hom}_A(X, Y) = k(\mathcal{E})(X, Y)$.

(2) Let \mathcal{P} be an infinite preprojective component of Γ_A . Consider the modules $\tau_A^{-s_i} P_i$ such that $P_i \in \mathcal{P}$, $\tau_A^{-s} P_i$ is non-injective for all $s \geq 0$, and s_i is minimal such that $\tau_A^{-s_i} P_i$ is no predecessor in \mathcal{P} of an injective or a projective module. Then the full subquiver \mathcal{S} of \mathcal{P} formed by all modules $\tau_A^{-s_i} P_i$ is a maximal ∞ -complete section in \mathcal{P} . Almost every module in \mathcal{P} belongs to $\bigcup_{t \geq 0} \tau_A^{-t} \mathcal{S}$.

1.5. The main purpose of this section is to show the following

THEOREM. *Let \mathcal{S} be a connected component of a m -complete section in a component \mathcal{E} of Γ_A . Assume that \mathcal{S} is not of Dynkin type. Then for every $3n \leq t \leq m + 1$ and $X \in \mathcal{S}$, we have*

$$\left\lceil \frac{t}{n^2} \right\rceil \leq \dim_k \tau_A^{-t} X.$$

Let us show the useful consequence.

COROLLARY. *Let \mathcal{S} be a connected component of a m -complete section in a component \mathcal{E} of Γ_A and assume that \mathcal{S} is not of Dynkin type. Let M be the maximal of all $\dim_k Y$, where $Y = I_j$ or Y is a direct summand of a $\text{rad } P_j$, for some $j \in Q_0$. Suppose $m + 1 > Mn^2$. Then \mathcal{S} is ∞ -complete section.*

Proof. Let $X \in \mathcal{S}$. Since \mathcal{S} is a m -complete section, $\tau_A^{-m} X$ is non-injective. Therefore $\tau_A^{-(m+1)} X$ is a well-defined and $\dim_k \tau_A^{-(m+1)} X \geq [(m + 1)/n^2] > M$. Hence $\tau_A^{-(m+1)} X$ is not isomorphic to I_j or to a direct summand of $\text{rad } P_j$ for some $j \in Q_0$. Thus \mathcal{S} is a $(m + 1)$ -complete section.

Since $[(m + 2)/n^2] > M$, we may continue inductively to get that \mathcal{S} is a ∞ -complete section. \blacksquare

1.6. We shall reduce the proof of (1.5) to the case of preprojective components of tilted algebras. We recall that for a given module $X \in \text{mod}_A$, the *support* of X is $\text{supp } X = \{i \in Q_0 : X(i) \neq 0\}$.

LEMMA. *Let \mathcal{E} be a component of Γ_A and \mathcal{S} be a connected component of a m -complete section in \mathcal{E} which is not of Dynkin type. Let X_1, \dots, X_d be the modules in \mathcal{S} and B be the full subcategory of A in the vertices of $\bigcup_{i=1}^d \text{supp } X_i$. Then*

(a) *There is a preprojective component \mathcal{E}' of Γ_B containing \mathcal{S} . Moreover \mathcal{S} is a m -complete section in \mathcal{E}' .*

(b) *The module $\bigoplus_{i=1}^d X_i$ is a B -tilting module.*

(c) *The modules $\tau_A^{-l} X$, for $X \in \mathcal{S}$ and $0 \leq l \leq m + 1$ are B -modules and $\tau_B^{-l} X = \tau_A^{-l} X$.*

(d) *Let ϕ_A (resp. ϕ_B) be the Coxeter matrix of A (resp. B), then for any $X \in \mathcal{S}$, $0 \leq l \leq m + 1$, we have*

$$\dim \tau_A^{-l} X = (\dim X) \phi_B^{-l}$$

Proof. Clearly, \mathcal{S} is formed by B -modules. Since \mathcal{S} is a m -complete section, the modules $\tau_A^{-l} X$ with $X \in \mathcal{S}$ and $0 \leq l \leq m + 1$ are also B -modules and $\tau_B^{-l} X = \tau_A^{-l} X$. This shows (c).

By the definition of B , \mathcal{E}' contains all the indecomposable projective B -modules P'_j , $1 \leq j \leq m$. To show that \mathcal{S} is a *slice* in B (in the sense of [9, 4.2]), it is enough to observe that $\bigoplus_{i=1}^d X_i$ is a sincere B -module. This proves (a) and (b).

Let $X \in \mathcal{S}$ and $0 \leq l \leq m$. Then $\text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-l-1} X, B) = 0$ implies that $i \dim_B \tau_B^{-l} X \leq 1$. Moreover, since $\tau_B^{-l} X$ has no injective predecessors in Γ_B , then $\dim \tau_B^{-l-1} X = (\dim \tau_B^{-l} X) \phi_B^{-1}$; see [9, 2.4]. Therefore (d) follows by induction. ■

1.7. For the proof of (1.5) we need some results on the growth of $\dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-l} X, Y)$ in the case B is a hereditary algebra.

We recall that a connected algebra $B = k\Delta$ is of *tame* representation-infinite type if Δ is a quiver of Euclidean type; B is of *wild type* if either Δ contains a quiver of the form $\begin{smallmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & \cdot & \\ & & \cdot \end{smallmatrix}$ with at least 3 arrows or Δ contains properly a convex subquiver of Euclidean type.

PROPOSITION. *Let $B = k\Delta$ be a representation-infinite, connected hereditary algebra and $\Delta_0 = \{1, \dots, d\}$. Let X and Y be indecomposable B -modules.*

Assume that X is preprojective and Y is preinjective (resp., preinjective or regular) if B is tame (resp., B is wild). Then

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t} X, Y) > \left\lfloor \frac{t}{d^2} \right\rfloor, \quad \text{for } t \geq 3d.$$

Proof. We shall divide the proof in several steps:

(1) For any two vertices $i, j \in \Delta_0$, we show that $\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i(j) \geq 4\lfloor t/d^2 \rfloor$, for $t \geq d$.

(a) We consider first the case where Δ is of Euclidean type. Let $\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_s$ be the non-homogeneous tubular components of Γ_B ; let $X_1^{(i)}, \dots, X_{n_i}^{(i)}$ be the modules in the mouth of the tube \mathcal{T}_i . Then $\sum_{j=1}^s (n_i - 1) = d - 2$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{dim} X_j^{(i)} = z$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$), where z is a sincere vector generating the space $\{v \in \mathbf{Q}^n : \langle \mathbf{dim} X_j^{(i)}, v \rangle_B = 0, 1 \leq i \leq s, i \leq j \leq n_i\}$. Let m be the least common multiple of n_1, \dots, n_s . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{dim} X_j^{(i)}, \mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-m} P_i \rangle_B &= \langle \mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-m} X_j^{(i)}, \mathbf{dim} P_i \rangle_B \\ &= \langle \mathbf{dim} X_j^{(i)}, \mathbf{dim} P_i \rangle_B. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-m} P_i = \mathbf{dim} P_i + az$ for some $a \in \mathbf{Z}$. Therefore for any $t \in \mathbf{N}$, we write $t = mc + e$ with $c \geq 0$ and $0 \leq e \leq m$. We get

$$\mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-t} P_i = (\mathbf{dim} P_i) \phi_B^{-t} = acz + \mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-e} P_i \geq acz.$$

Hence $a > 0$; moreover, we have the following bounds for m :

$$\Delta \text{ of type } \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{d-1}: m \leq \left[\frac{1}{2}(d-1) \right]^2 < \frac{1}{4}d^2;$$

$$\Delta \text{ of type } \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{d-1}: m \leq 2(d-3);$$

$$\Delta \text{ of type } \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_6: m = 3;$$

$$\Delta \text{ of type } \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_7: m = 4;$$

$$\Delta \text{ of type } \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_8: m = 6$$

Therefore $\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i(j) \geq \lfloor t/m \rfloor \geq 4\lfloor t/d^2 \rfloor$.

(b) We consider the case where Δ is of the form $a \cdot b$ with $s \geq 3$ arrows. The inverse of the Coxeter matrix of B is

$$\phi_B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -s \\ s & s^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then for $(a_0, b_0) = \mathbf{dim} P_b$, we write $(a_t, b_t) = \mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-t} P_b$. We get inductively $b_t \geq a_t$; $b_t \geq s^{t+1}$ and $a_t \geq (s - 1)s^t$ for $t \geq 1$. Similarly, for $(c_0, d_0) = \mathbf{dim} P_a$, we write $(c_t, d_t) = \mathbf{dim} \tau_B^{-t} P_a$, and we get $d_t \geq c_t$; $d_t \geq s^t$ and $c_t \geq (s - 1)s^{t-1}$ for $t \geq 1$. Certainly, $s^{t-2} \geq [t/2]$, for $t \geq 2$.

(c) In the general case, we may assume that $B = B'[R]$ is a one-point extension of the representation-infinite hereditary algebra B' . By induction hypothesis $\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i(j) \geq 4[t/(d - 1)^2]$ for any two vertices of the quiver Δ' of B' and for $t \geq d - 1$. Let ω the extension vertex of B , that is, $\text{rad } P_\omega = R$. Consider the preprojective component \mathcal{P} (resp. \mathcal{P}') of B (resp., B'). Then \mathcal{P} (resp., \mathcal{P}') is a standard component of the form $\mathbf{N}\Delta^{\text{op}}$ (resp., $\mathbf{N}\Delta'^{\text{op}}$). For any set S of vertices of \mathcal{P} , we denote by $k(\mathcal{P})/S$ the quotient category of the mesh category $k(\mathcal{P})$ by the ideal generated by all paths factorizing through some vertex in S .

Let i, j be any two vertices in Δ'_0 . Let S_1 be the τ -orbit $\{\tau_B^{-t} P_\omega : t \geq 0\}$, then $k(\mathcal{P})/S_1 = k(\mathcal{P}')$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i(j) &= \dim_k \text{Hom}_B(P_j, \tau_B^{-t} P_i) \geq \dim_k \text{Hom}_{B'}(P_j, \tau_B^{-t} P_i) \\ &\geq 4 \left\lceil \frac{t}{(d - 1)^2} \right\rceil \geq 4 \left\lfloor \frac{t}{d^2} \right\rfloor, \end{aligned}$$

for $t \geq d$. Let i be in Δ'_0 . Let S_2 be the set of vertices $\{\tau_B^{-t} P_\omega : t \geq 1\}$, then $k(\mathcal{P})/S_2(X, Y) = k(\mathcal{P}')(X, Y)$ for $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}'$ and $k(\mathcal{P})/S_2(P_\omega, Y) = k(\mathcal{P}')(R, Y)$, for $Y \in \mathcal{P}'$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i(\omega) &\geq \dim_k \text{Hom}_{B'}(\tau_B^{-1} R, \tau_B^{-1} P_i) \\ &= \dim_k \text{Hom}_{B'}(R, \tau_B^{-t+1} P_i) \geq 4 \left\lceil \frac{t - 1}{(d - 1)^2} \right\rceil \geq 4 \left\lfloor \frac{t}{d^2} \right\rfloor, \end{aligned}$$

for $t \geq d$.

Similarly, we get $\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_\omega(i) \geq 4[t/d^2]$, for any $i \in \Delta_0$. This finishes the proof of our first claim.

(2) Let X be a preprojective B -module and Y be a preinjective B -module. Let $t \geq d$ and assume $X = \tau_B^{-m} P_i$ and $Y = \tau_B^q I_j$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t} X, Y) &= \dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-(t+m+q)} P_i, I_j) \geq 4 \left\lceil \frac{t + m + q}{d^2} \right\rceil \\ &\geq 4 \left\lfloor \frac{t}{d^2} \right\rfloor, \end{aligned}$$

applying (1).

(3) For the rest of the proof we may assume that B is wild.

Let Y be an indecomposable regular B -module. We show that there is an integer $1 \leq s \leq 2d$ and an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Y' \rightarrow \tau_B^s Y \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

of B -modules where Y' (resp., C) is a direct sum of regular (resp., preinjective) B -modules. Indeed, assume first that Y is a simple regular module. As in [1, (1.1)] we obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \tau_B^s Y \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

where $1 \leq s \leq 2d$ and C is a direct sum of preinjective modules. Assume now that $0 \rightarrow Y' \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Y'' \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence with Y' and Y'' regular B -modules. By induction hypothesis, there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow \tau_B^s Y'' \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

for some $1 \leq s \leq 2d$, where R (resp., C) is a direct sum of regular (resp., preinjective) modules. We complete the exact and commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \tau_B^s Y' & \rightarrow & E & \rightarrow & R \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \tau_B^s Y' & \rightarrow & \tau_B^s Y & \rightarrow & \tau_B^s Y'' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & C & = & C \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

where E is a regular module. This shows claim (3).

(4) Let X be a preprojective and Y be a regular B -module. By (3), we may construct a sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Y' \longrightarrow \tau_B^s Y \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

where $1 \leq s \leq 2d$ and Y' (resp., C) is a direct sum of regular (resp., preinjective) modules. Let $t \geq 3d$. For $t' = t - s \geq d$, we get an exact sequence

$$\mathrm{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t'} X, \tau_B^s Y) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t'} X, C) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_B^1(\tau_B^{-t'} X, Y') = 0.$$

From (2), we get that

$$\dim_k \mathrm{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t} X, Y) = \dim_k \mathrm{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t+s} X, \tau_B^s Y) \geq 4 \left[\frac{t-s}{d^2} \right] > \left[\frac{t}{d^2} \right].$$

This completes the proof of the proposition. \blacksquare

1.8. Proof of the Theorem 1.5. Clearly, by (1.6) we may assume that A is a tilted algebra and \mathcal{S} is a m -complete section not of Dynkin type in the preprojective component \mathcal{C} of Γ_A . Moreover, if X_1, \dots, X_n are the modules in \mathcal{S} , then $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a tilting module.

Let $B = k\Delta$ be a hereditary algebra and ${}_B T$ be a tilting module with $A = \text{End}_B(T)$. The functor $\Sigma = \text{Hom}_B(T, -)$ (resp., $\Sigma' = \text{Ext}_B^1(T, -)$) induces an equivalence between the full subcategories $\mathcal{E}(T) = \{X: \text{Ext}_B^1(T, X) = 0\}$ of mod_B and $\mathcal{Z}(T) = \{M: \text{Tor}_1^A(T, M) = 0\}$ of mod_A (resp., $\mathcal{F}(T) = \{X: \text{Hom}_B(T, X) = 0\}$ and $\mathcal{X}(T) = \{M: T \otimes_A M = 0\}$). We may choose ${}_B T$ such that \mathcal{S} is formed by the modules ΣQ_x , $x \in \Delta_0$, where Q_x (resp., P_x) is the indecomposable injective (resp., projective) B -module associated with x . Observe that $\tau_A^{-1} \Sigma Q_x = \Sigma' P_x$ and $\tau_A^{-t} \Sigma Q_x = \Sigma' \tau_B^{-t+1} P_x$, for $1 \leq t \leq m$. See [9, 4.1].

Since \mathcal{S} has only finitely many predecessors in Γ_A , there is at least one preinjective summand T_j of T . Then $N = \tau_B T_j \in \mathcal{F}(T)$ and $I_j = \Sigma' N$ is an indecomposable injective A -module.

Taking $X = \Sigma Q_x$ in \mathcal{S} and $3n \leq t \leq m + 1$, we get using (1.7) $\dim_k \tau_A^{-t} X \geq \dim_k \text{Hom}_A(\tau_A^{-t} X, I_j) = \dim_k \text{Hom}_B(\tau_B^{-t+1} P_x, N) > [(t - 1)/n^2]$. The result follows. ■

1.9. Remark. In some cases the lower bounds given in (1.5) may be improved. Namely, let $B = k\Delta$ be a wild hereditary connected algebra with $d = |\Delta_0|$. Then there are constants $0 < a, 1 < \mu$ such that for any projective P and $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P \geq a \mu^m.$$

Moreover, the constant μ may be chosen independent of Δ .

Proof. Consider $\phi = \phi_B$, the Coxeter matrix of B . Since B is wild, the spectral radius $\rho = \rho(\phi) > 1$ [10]. There is a vector y^+ with positive coordinates such that $y^+ \phi = \rho y^+$ [7, 12]. Hence

$$(\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i) |y^+| > \langle (\mathbf{dim} P_i) \phi^{-t}, y^+ \rangle_B = \rho^t \langle \mathbf{dim} P_i, y^+ \rangle_B = \rho^t y^+(i) > 0.$$

Therefore, $\dim_k \tau_B^{-t} P_i \geq \rho^t y^+(i) / |y^+|$, where $|y^+| = \sum_{j \in \Delta_0} y^+(j)$.

As in [7, 4.3], we have that for any $j \in \Delta_0$,

$$\rho^{-d} \leq y^+(i) / y^+(j) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{d \rho^d} \leq y^+(i) / |y^+|.$$

Finally, we recall that since B is wild, $\rho \geq \mu$, where μ is the largest root of the polynomial $x^{10} + x^9 - x^7 - x^6 - x^5 - x^4 - x^3 + x + 1$; approximately $\mu \approx 1.1762$; see [13]. ■

2. WHEN DOES A MODULE BELONG TO A GIVEN PREPROJECTIVE COMPONENT?

2.1. Let \mathcal{P} be an infinite preprojective component of the Auslander–Reiten quiver Γ_A of the algebra $A = kQ/I$. The purpose of this section is to prove the following:

PROPOSITION. *There are functionals $f, g: K_0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that an indecomposable module X belongs to \mathcal{P} if and only if one of the following two conditions holds*

- (i) $f(\mathbf{dim} X) > 0$
- (ii) $f(\mathbf{dim} X) = 0$ and $g(\mathbf{dim} X) < 0$.

In fact, we will explicitly construct f and g .

2.2. For the proof of the proposition, we consider a section \mathcal{S} of \mathcal{P} as in (1.4, (2)), that is, \mathcal{S} a maximal ∞ -complete section in \mathcal{P} . Let $\mathcal{S}_1, \dots, \mathcal{S}_r$ be the connected components of \mathcal{S} . As in Lemma 1.6, we consider the full subcategory B of A in the vertices of $\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \text{supp } X$.

LEMMA. *The algebra $B = \amalg_{i=1}^r B_i$ is a coproduct of tilded algebras B_1, \dots, B_r , such that for $1 \leq i \leq r$, \mathcal{S}_i is a slice in a preprojective component \mathcal{P}_i of Γ_{B_i} . Moreover, $B_i = k\Delta_i/J_i$ for a path-closed subquiver Δ_i of Q , $1 \leq i \leq r$.*

Proof. For each $1 \leq i \leq r$, let $s(i) = \text{supp } \mathcal{S}_i = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S}_i} \text{supp } X$. Observe that $B_i = \text{End}_A(\bigoplus_{j \in s(i)} P_j)^{\text{op}}$ is a tilted algebra having slice \mathcal{S}_i in a preprojective component. For $1 \leq i, j \leq r$, $i \neq j$, the algebra $B_{ij} = \text{End}_A(\bigoplus_{t \in s(i) \cup s(j)} P_t)^{\text{op}}$ is also a tilted algebra with slice $\mathcal{S}_i \amalg \mathcal{S}_j$. Let $H = k\Delta$ be a hereditary algebra with a tilting module ${}_H T$ such that $B_{ij} = \text{End}_A(T)$. Then $\Delta^{\text{op}} = \mathcal{S}_i \amalg \mathcal{S}_j$ and $H = H_1 \amalg H_2$ with $H_i = k\Delta_i$ a connected hereditary algebra such that $\Delta_i^{\text{op}} = \mathcal{S}_i$, $i = 1, 2$. Hence $B_{ij} = B_i \amalg B_j$ and $B = \amalg_{i=1}^r B_i$.

Let $B_i = k\Delta_i/J_i$ and $a = a_0 \rightarrow a_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_t \rightarrow a_{t+1} = b$ and a, b vertices in Δ_i (that is, $a, b \in s(i)$). Assume that $c = a_t \notin s(i)$. Then P_c is a predecessor of some $X_1 \in \mathcal{S}_i$ with $X_1(a) \neq 0$ and I_c is a successor of some $X_2 \in \mathcal{S}_i$ with $X_2(b) \neq 0$. Since $\text{Hom}_A(P_c, I_c) \neq 0$ and \mathcal{S} is a maximal ∞ -complete section, there is some $Z \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $Z(c) \neq 0$. Assume $Z \in \mathcal{S}_j$. Since $c \notin s(i)$, then $j \neq i$. But then $c \in \text{supp } I_b \cap \text{supp } Z \subset s(i) \cap s(j)$, which contradicts that $B_{ij} = B_i \amalg B_j$. ■

2.3. Keep the notation as in (2.1) and (2.2) above. Let $T_1^{(i)}, \dots, T_{m_i}^{(i)}$ be the vertices of \mathcal{S}_i and $T^{(i)} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m_i} T_j^{(i)}$. Then $H_i = \text{End}_A(T^{(i)})$ is a repre-

santation-infinite connected hereditary algebra; write $H_i = k\Delta_i$ where $\Delta_i = \mathcal{S}_i^{\text{op}}$ is a quiver not of Dynkin type. Consider the isometry

$$\sigma_i: K_0(B_i) \rightarrow K_0(H_i), \dim X \rightarrow \left(\dim_k \text{Hom}_{B_i}(T_j^{(i)}, X) - \dim_k \text{Ext}_{B_i}^1(T_j^{(i)}, X) \right)_j.$$

Moreover, let $1 \leq \rho_i$ be the spectral radius of the Coxeter matrix ϕ_{B_i} . Let y_i^- be a vector with positive coordinates such that $y_i^- \phi_{B_i} = \rho_i^{-1} y_i^-$. The following is a slight modification of [7, (2.2)].

LEMMA. *Let X be an indecomposable B_i -module. Then X belongs to \mathcal{P}_i if and only if $\langle y_i^-, \sigma_i(\mathbf{dim} X) \rangle_{H_i} < 0$.*

Proof. The tilting module $T^{(i)}$ defines a torsion theory $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{S})$ in mod_{B_i} . Observe that the indecomposable torsion-free modules (thus in \mathcal{S}) belong to the preprojective component \mathcal{P}_i of Γ_{B_i} . Moreover, the modules of the form $\text{Hom}_{B_i}(T^{(i)}, X)$ with $X \in \mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{P}_i$ are the vertices of the preprojective component \mathcal{E}_i of Γ_{H_i} .

If $X \in \mathcal{P}_i$, we distinguish two possibilities. If $X \in \mathcal{S}$, then $\sigma_i(\mathbf{dim} X) = \mathbf{dim} \text{Hom}_{B_i}(T^{(i)}, X)$ and $\text{Hom}_{B_i}(T^{(i)}, X) \in \mathcal{E}_i$. Hence [7, (2.2)] implies that $\langle y_i^-, \sigma_i(\mathbf{dim} X) \rangle_{H_i} < 0$. If $X \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\sigma_i(\mathbf{dim} X) = -\mathbf{dim} \text{Ext}_{B_i}^1(T^{(i)}, X)$ and $\text{Ext}_{B_i}^1(T^{(i)}, X) \notin \mathcal{E}_i$. In this case, $\langle y_i^-, \sigma_i(\mathbf{dim} X) \rangle_{H_i} = -\langle y_i^-, \mathbf{dim} \text{Ext}_{B_i}^1(T^{(i)}, X) \rangle_{H_i} < 0$. For the converse assume that $\langle y_i^-, \sigma_i(\mathbf{dim} X) \rangle_{H_i} < 0$. If $X \in \mathcal{F}$, trivially $X \in \mathcal{P}_i$. Otherwise $X \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\text{Hom}_{B_i}(T^{(i)}, X) \in \mathcal{E}_i$, applying [7, (2.2)]. Therefore $X \in \mathcal{P}_i$. ■

2.4. Proof of (2.1). Let J be a direct sum of all injective modules $I_i \in \mathcal{P}$. We define $f: K_0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{dim} X \mapsto \langle \mathbf{dim} X, \mathbf{dim} J \rangle_A$.

Consider B_1, \dots, B_r as in (2.2) and let $\varepsilon_i: K_0(B_i) \rightarrow K_0(A)$ be the canonical inclusion, $i = 1, \dots, r$. We define

$$g: K_0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{dim} X \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^r \langle \varepsilon_i \sigma_i^{-1}(y_i^-), \mathbf{dim} X \rangle_A.$$

First assume that X is an indecomposable in \mathcal{P} . If $X(j) \neq 0$ for some $I_j \in \mathcal{P}$, then

$$f(\mathbf{dim} X) = \sum_{I_i \in \mathcal{P}} \dim_k \text{Hom}_A(X, I_i) \geq \dim_k \text{Hom}_A(X, I_j) > 0.$$

Otherwise, $f(\mathbf{dim} X) = 0$ and X is a B -module. Assume that X is a B_i -module. Then X lies in the preprojective component \mathcal{P}_i of Γ_{B_i} . By (2.2) and (2.3), $\langle \varepsilon_i \sigma_i^{-1}(y_i^-), \mathbf{dim} X \rangle_A = \langle \sigma_i^{-1}(y_i^-), \mathbf{dim} X \rangle_{B_i} < 0$. Thus $g(\mathbf{dim} X) < 0$.

For the converse, if $f(\mathbf{dim} X) > 0$, clearly X is a predecessor of some $I_i \in \mathcal{P}$ and $X \in \mathcal{P}$. If $f(\mathbf{dim} X) = 0$ and $g(\mathbf{dim} X) < 0$, as above, X is a B -module and we apply (2.3). ■

3. THE ALGORITHM

3.1. Let $A = kQ/I$ be a finite dimensional k -algebra and $Q_0 = \{1, \dots, n\}$ be the set of vertices of Q .

For each writex $i \in Q_0$, we consider the indecomposable decomposition $\text{rad } P_i = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{t_i} R_j^{(i)}$. Let \sim be the minimal equivalence relation on $\{1, \dots, t_i\}$ such that $j \sim j'$ if $\text{succ}(\text{supp } R_j^{(i)}) \cap \text{succ}(\text{supp } R_{j'}^{(i)}) \neq \emptyset$, where $\text{succ}(L)$ denotes the set of vertices $x \in Q_0$ such that there is an oriented path from some $l \in L$ to x . We may assume that $1, \dots, s_i$ ($\leq t_i$) are representatives of the equivalence classes $\{1, \dots, t_i\}/\sim$.

We fix $M = \max\{\dim_k I_i, \dim_k R_j^{(i)} : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq t_i\}$.

3.2. Let $x \in Q_0$ be a sink. We describe an *inductive procedure* to decide whether or not the simple projective module P_x belongs to a preprojective component. Namely, starting with $\mathcal{P}_0 = \{\mathbf{dim} P_x\}$, we will define inductively a procedure for constructing a new set $\mathcal{P}_{s+1} \subset K_0(A)$ from $\mathcal{P}_s \subset K_0(A)$. The procedure may fail; in that case, \mathcal{P}_{s+1} is not defined and the procedure stops indicating that P_x does not belong to a preprojective component. Otherwise, the procedure continues.

More precisely, assume $\mathcal{P}_s \subset K_0(A)$ is a well-defined finite set satisfying

- (a) for each $y \in \mathcal{P}_s$ there is a unique indecomposable \hat{y} with $\mathbf{dim} \hat{y} = y$;
- (b) the set $\{\hat{y} : y \in \mathcal{P}_s\}$ is closed under predecessors in Γ_A and $\mathcal{P}_{s-1} \subset \mathcal{P}_s$;
- (c) each module \hat{y} (for $y \in \mathcal{P}_s$) is directing.

Let $\mathcal{A}^{(s)}$ be the full subquiver of Γ_A formed by those \hat{y} with $y \in \mathcal{P}_s$ such that \hat{y} is not injective and $\mathbf{dim} \tau_A^{-1} \hat{y} \notin \mathcal{P}_s$. Then $\mathcal{A}^{(s)}$ is a section; see (1.4). Consider the full subquiver $\mathcal{A}_1^{(s)}$ of Γ_A formed by $\tau_A^{-1} \hat{y}$ with $\hat{y} \in \mathcal{A}^{(s)}$. We distinguish several situations:

(1) if none of the modules $Y \in \mathcal{A}_1^{(s)}$ has $\mathbf{dim} Y = \mathbf{dim} X$ for X a direct summand of $\text{rad } P_i$, $i \in Q_0$, then we define

$$\mathcal{P}_{s+1} := \mathcal{P}_s \cup \{\mathbf{dim} Y : Y \in \mathcal{A}_1^{(s)}\};$$

(2) assume $Y \in \mathcal{A}_1^{(s)}$ has $\mathbf{dim} Y = \mathbf{dim} R_j^{(i)}$ for some $i \in Q_0$, $1 \leq j \leq t_i$. Then consider the algebra A^i as defined in (1.3). All $R_j^{(i)}$ are A^i -modules.

Let $S^{(i)}$ be the set of all vertices $y \in \bigcup_{l=1}^{s_i} \text{succ}(\text{supp } R_l^{(i)})$ such that P_y is simple projective, that is, a sink of the quiver Q^i of A^i . Since Q^i has less than n vertices, then our algorithm decides whether or not $P_x, x \in S^{(i)}$, lies in a preprojective component of Γ_{A^i} . We may encounter the following situations:

(2.i) there is a $P_y, y \in S^{(i)}$, which does not lie in a preprojective component of Γ_{A^i} . Then we say that the *procedure fails* and \mathcal{P}_{s+1} is not defined.

Otherwise, all $P_y, y \in S^{(i)}$, lie in preprojective components $\mathcal{E}_1, \dots, \mathcal{E}_s$ of Γ_{A^i} . Using the functionals defined in Section 2, we may decide whether or not $R_l^{(i)}, 1 \leq l \leq t_i$, lies in some \mathcal{E}_l .

(2.ii) There is some $R_l^{(i)}$ not lying in $\bigcup_{t=1}^s \mathcal{E}_t$, then the *procedure fails*. Otherwise, all $R_l^{(i)}, 1 \leq l \leq t_i$, lie in $\bigcup_{t=1}^s \mathcal{E}_t$. Then,

(2.iii) If $\bigoplus_{l=1}^{t_i} R_l^{(i)} = \text{rad } P_i$ is not directing, then the *procedure fails*.

(2.iv) Assume that $\text{rad } P_i$ is directing in $\text{mod } A^i$. Then we may construct a set $\mathcal{P}^{(i)} \subset K_0(A^i)$ satisfying conditions (a)–(c) above such that $\dim R_l^{(i)} \in \mathcal{P}^{(i)}, 1 \leq l \leq t_i$. Let

$$R^{(s)} = \{i \in Q_0 : \text{there is some } Y \in \mathcal{F}_1^{(s)}, \dim Y = \dim R_j^{(i)} \text{ for some } j\}$$

and assume we have constructed $\mathcal{P}^{(i)}$ for all $i \in R^{(s)}$, then

$$\mathcal{P}_{s+1} = \mathcal{P}_s \cup \left(\bigcup_{i \in R^{(s)}} \mathcal{P}^{(i)} \right) \cup \{\dim P_i : i \in R^{(s)}\}.$$

If \mathcal{P}_{s+1} is defined we say that the *procedure is successful* at the step s . Using (1.1) and (1.2), it is clear that \mathcal{P}_{s+1} satisfies the conditions (a)–(c).

3.3. THEOREM. *The simple projective P_x belongs to a preprojective component of Γ_A if and only if the procedure is successful for every step $s \geq 0$. Moreover,*

(a) *if the procedure fails, then \mathcal{P}_s is not defined for some $s \leq s_0 := 2n \cdot \max\{Mn^2, 16\}$.*

(b) *If the procedure has been successful for all $s \leq s_0$, then for any $s \geq s_0$ we have $\mathcal{P}_s = \mathcal{P}_{s_0} \cup \{\dim \tau_A^{-l} X : X \in \mathcal{F}^{(s_0)}, 0 \leq l \leq s - s_0\}$ where $\mathcal{F}^{(s_0)}$ is the section defined in (3.2).*

Proof. If P_x belongs to a preprojective component \mathcal{P} , then clearly $\mathcal{P}_s \subset \{\dim X : X \in \mathcal{P}\}$ is well-defined for all $s \geq 0$.

Conversely, if all \mathcal{P}_s are well-defined, then the set of modules $\mathcal{P} = \{\hat{y} : y \in \bigcup_{s \geq 0} \mathcal{P}_s\}$ yields a connected component of Γ_A . This component is

directing and each module has only finitely many predecessors, thus it is preprojective.

(a) Assume that \mathcal{P}_s is defined and considered the section $\mathcal{S}^{(s)}$. We claim the following:

If $\mathcal{P}_{s+t} = \mathcal{P}_s \cup \{\mathbf{dim} \tau_A^{-l}X: X \in \mathcal{S}^{(s)}, 0 \leq l \leq t\}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \max\{Mn^2, 16\}$, then $\mathcal{P}_{s+t} = \mathcal{P}_s \cup \{\mathbf{dim} \tau_A^{-l}X: X \in \mathcal{S}^{(s)}, 0 \leq l \leq t\}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and P_x belongs to a preprojective component.

Indeed, under this hypothesis the section $\mathcal{S}^{(s)}$ is a m -complete section with $m = \max\{Mn, 16\}$. Let $\mathcal{S}_1, \dots, \mathcal{S}_i$ be the connected components of $\mathcal{S}^{(s)}$. First we show that no \mathcal{S}_i is of Dynkin type. Assume that \mathcal{S}_i is of Dynkin type, then the full subquiver determined by $\{\tau_A^{-l}X: X \in \mathcal{S}_i, 0 \leq l \leq m\}$ is contained in $\mathbf{N}\mathcal{S}_i$ (the translation quiver with vertices (x, r) for $x \in \mathcal{S}_i, r \in \mathbf{N}$, arrows $(x, r) \rightarrow (y, r) \rightarrow (x, r + 1)$ for each arrow $x \rightarrow y$ in \mathcal{S}_i , and translation $\tau(x, r) = (x, r - 1)$). For $X_1, X_2 \in \mathcal{S}_i, Y = \tau_A^{-l}X_2, 0 \leq l \leq m$, we have

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_A(X_1, Y) = \dim_k k(\mathbf{N}\mathcal{S}_i)((X_1, 0), (X_2, l)).$$

By [5], this dimension is zero for

$$l \geq \begin{cases} n - 1, & \text{if } \mathcal{S}_i \text{ is of type } \mathbf{A}_s \text{ or } \mathbf{D}_s, \text{ with } s \leq n \\ 15, & \text{if } \mathcal{S}_i \text{ is of type } \mathbf{E}_p, 6 \leq p \leq 8. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, for any $X \in \mathcal{S}_i, \tau_A^{-l}X$ is injective for some $l < m$. A contradiction showing \mathcal{S}_i is not of Dynkin type.

Now, since $m + 1 > Mn^2$, then each of \mathcal{S}_i is a ∞ -complete section by Corollary 1.5. Thus $\mathcal{P}_{s+t} = \mathcal{P}_s \cup \{\mathbf{dim} \tau_A^{-l}X: 0 \leq l \leq t\}$ for all $t \geq 0$. Hence the set of modules $\{\hat{y}: y \in \bigcup_{t \geq 0} \mathcal{P}_t\}$ yields a preprojective component of Γ_A . This shows the claim.

Now, assume that \mathcal{P}_s is defined for $0 \leq s \leq b$ and there is no $0 \leq a \leq b$ such that $\mathcal{P}_{a+t} = \mathcal{P}_a \cup \{\mathbf{dim} \tau_A^{-l}X: X \in \mathcal{S}^{(a)}, 0 \leq l \leq t\}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \max\{Mn^2, 16\}$. Then there are numbers $0 = a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_r < a_{r+1} = b$ such that $a_{i+1} - a_i < \max\{Mn^2, 16\}$ and $\mathcal{S}^{(a_i)}$ and $\mathcal{S}^{(a_{i+1})}$ are not isomorphic, $i = 0, \dots, r$. We may assume that $\mathcal{S}^{(a_{i+1})}$ already coincides with $\mathcal{S}^{(a_{i+1})}$ ($0 \leq i \leq r$). Therefore, there is a module Y in $\mathcal{S}^{(a_i)}$ which is either injective or a direct summand of the radical of a projective module; that is, either $I_j \in \mathcal{S}^{(a_i)}$ or $P_j \in \mathcal{S}^{(a_{i+1})}$ for some $j \in Q_0$. Since this may only happen $2n$ times, we get that $r \leq 2n$. Therefore $b < 2n \cdot \max\{Mn^2, 16\}$. This proves (a).

(b) follows also from the proof of (a). ■

3.4. Remarks. (1) Suppose we apply the procedure (3.2) starting with the simple projective P_x and we get \mathcal{P}_s for $0 \leq s \leq s_0 = 2n \cdot \max\{Mn^2, 16\}$.

Then P_x belongs to a preprojective component \mathcal{P} of Γ_A . The section $\mathcal{S}^{(s_0)}$ is a maximal ∞ -complete section (3.3, b). At that moment we have gotten all information needed to construct the functionals $f, g: K_0(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ deciding which modules belong to \mathcal{P} (2.1).

(2) The remark above also shows that the step (2.ii) in the algorithm (3.2) can be carried out by means of the same procedure (inductively).

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