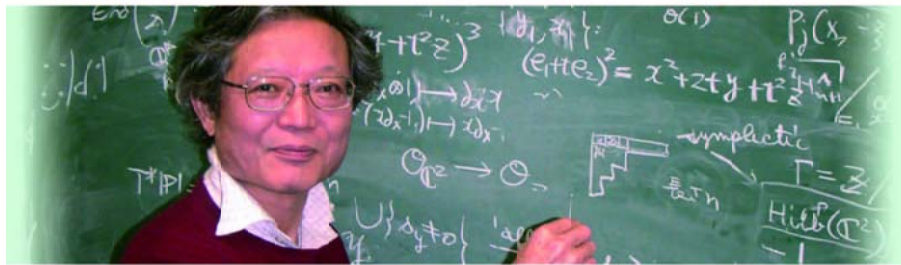


Sheaves on ALE spaces and quiver varieties

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Kronheimer - N

A description of Yang-Mills instantons on an ALE space
(generalization of Atiyah-Drinfeld-Hitchin-Manin)

In particular,

their moduli space = moduli space of representations
of a quiver



I didn't have contact with Professor Kasaiwara
at this moment.

1992~93

I defined quiver varieties as
generalization of the moduli spaces.

I've got a letter from Kashiwara:

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この度は面白い話を有難うございました。

これについていくつか気になった事を書きます。

But the stability conditions (parameter used
to define the "quotient") are different
for instanton moduli spaces and quiver varieties.

Today

I want to

① study the change of quiver varieties
under move of the stability conditions
(stratified Mukai flop, "Jordan" flop),
?

② give the stability condition for torsion-free sheaves.

Today I also want to
③ explain an application to the representation theory
of affine Lie alg. (my student Nagao)

But I am sure that I will not have time.

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④ explain a relation to the representation theory of
the rational DAHA, suggested by I. Gordon.

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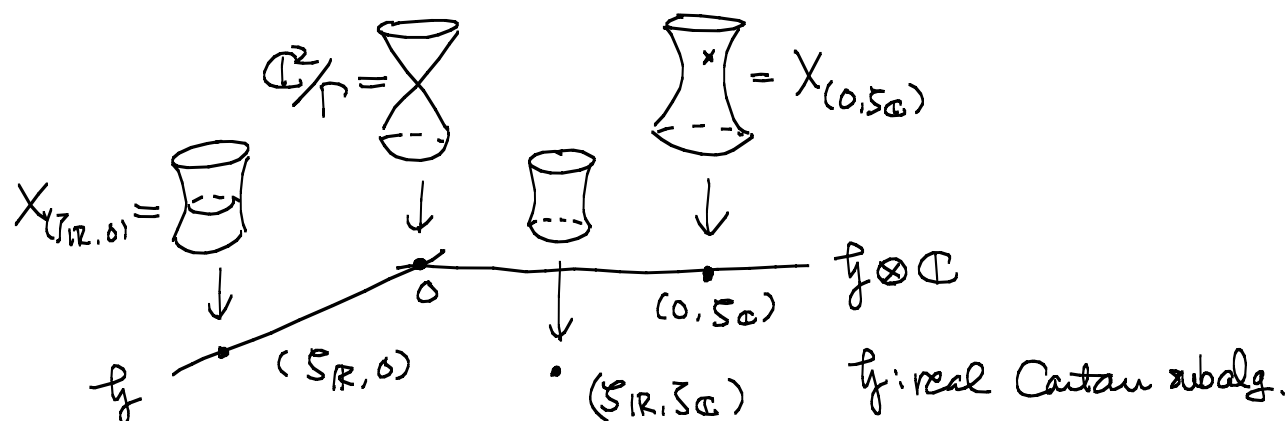
§1. ALE space (constructed by Kronheimer)

$\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ finite subgroup

- \rightarrow ADE classification
- \rightarrow simple Lie algebra

$0 \in \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ simple singularity

\Rightarrow Kronheimer constructed
 semiuniversal deformation
 and its simultaneous resolution
 as moduli spaces of representations of affine quivers,
 together with hyperkähler metrics



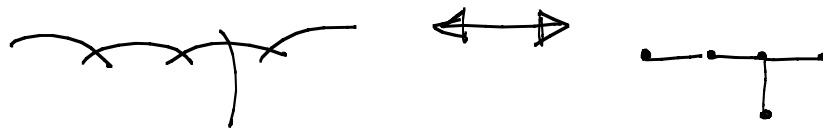
If $\zeta_0 = 0$ and S_R : "generic" (explained later)

$\Rightarrow \pi : X_S = \widehat{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma} \rightarrow X_0 = \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$
 minimal resolution of singularities

$$\pi^{-1}(0) = \bigcup C_i$$

$$C_i \cong \mathbb{P}^1$$

Dynkin diagram



framed moduli space of instantons / torsion-free sheaves
 \equiv isomorphism classes of

- A : anti-self-dual connection on E (C^∞ vector bundle with hermitian inner product)
- E : torsion-free sheaf

on the compactification

- $\hat{X}_S = X_S \cup \text{point} / \Gamma$
- $\bar{X}_S = X_S \cup \text{line} / \Gamma$

together with trivialization (framing)

- $E|_{\text{pt}} \cong E_0$
- $E|_{\text{line}} \cong E_0$

- $E_0 = W / \Gamma$: orbifold bundle over pt / Γ
 - $E_0 = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \otimes W) / \Gamma$: orbifold sheaf over line / Γ
- where W is a Γ -module

§2. Quiver varieties

(I, E) : affine Dynkin diagram

$I = \{\text{vertexes}\}$, $E = \{\text{edges}\}$

$H = E \amalg E = \{\text{oriented edges}\}$

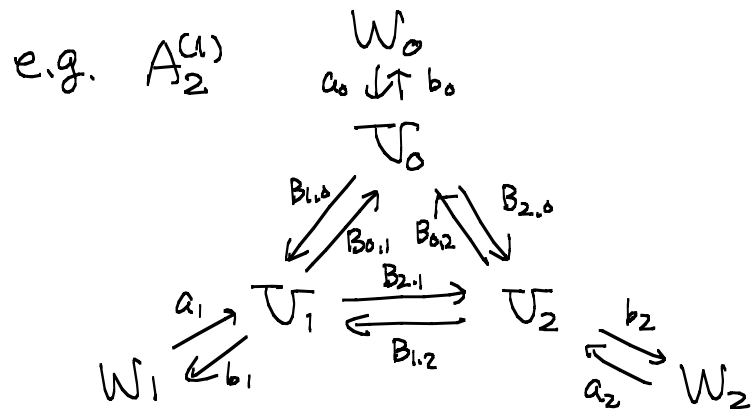
V, W : I -graded vector spaces

We identify them with $(\dim V_i), (\dim W_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^I$.

$$M(V, W) = \bigoplus_{h \in H} \text{Hom}(V_{o(h)}, V_{i(h)}) \ni B_h$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{i \in I} \text{Hom}(W_i, V_i) \oplus \text{Hom}(V_i, W_i)$$

\downarrow \downarrow
 a_i b_i



group action

$$M(\mathcal{T}, W) \hookrightarrow G_V = \prod_{i \in I} GL(\mathcal{T}_i)$$

moment map

$$\mu : M(\mathcal{T}, W) \rightarrow \text{Lie } G_V$$

$$(B_{\vec{e}}, a_i, b_i) \mapsto \sum_{i(\vec{e})=i} \varepsilon(\vec{e}) B_{\vec{e}} \overline{B_{\vec{e}}} + a_i b_i$$

where $\varepsilon(\vec{e}) = \pm 1$

$$H = E \sqcup E$$

ε

$\begin{matrix} 1 & -1 \end{matrix}$

- complex parameter

$$S_{\mathbb{C}} = (S_{\mathbb{C}}^{(i)})_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{C}^I$$

$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(\oplus S_{\mathbb{C}}^{(i)} \text{Id}_{V_i}) : \text{level set} \hookrightarrow G_V$$

- real parameter (stability condition)

$$S_{\mathbb{R}} = (S_{\mathbb{R}}^{(i)}) \in \mathbb{R}^I$$

Def: $x = (B_n, a_i, b_i)$ is $S_{\mathbb{R}}$ -semi **stable**

$$\Leftrightarrow (1) \forall S = \oplus S_i \quad I\text{-graded subspace of } V$$

$$\text{s.t. } B_n(S_0(a)) \subset S_i(a), S_i \subset \text{Ker } b_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i S_{\mathbb{R}}^{(i)} \dim S_i \leq 0$$

< unless $S = 0$

$$\text{and (2)} \forall T = \oplus T_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } B_n(T_0(a)) \subset T_i(a), \text{Im } a_i \subset T_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i S_{\mathbb{R}}^{(i)} \dim T_i \leq \sum_i S_{\mathbb{R}}^{(i)} \dim V_i$$

< unless $T = V$

Write

$$\zeta = (\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}, \zeta_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{R}^I \oplus \mathbb{C}^I = (\operatorname{Im} \mathbb{H})^I$$

We define **quiver varieties** as quotients:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\zeta}(V, W) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \mu^{-1}(\zeta_{\mathbb{C}})^{\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-semistable}} // G_V$$

∪ open

$$\mathcal{M}_{\zeta}^s(V, W) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \mu^{-1}(\zeta_{\mathbb{C}})^{\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}\text{-stable}} / G_V$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\zeta}^s(V, W) : \text{nonsingular \& dim.} = \sum_i 2 \dim V_i \dim W_i - \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} \dim V_i \dim V_j$$

$\mathcal{M}_{\zeta}(V, W) \setminus \mathcal{M}_{\zeta}^s(V, W)$: singularities

Thus it is natural to ask when $\mathcal{M}_{\zeta} \setminus \mathcal{M}_{\zeta}^s \neq \emptyset$, i.e.,
when \exists $\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}$ -semistable, non $\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}$ -stable point?

Prop. If $\zeta \notin (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{C}) \otimes D_{\theta}$
for any root hyperplane $D_{\theta} \subset \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{R}}$
with $\theta = \sum \theta_i \alpha_i$ $\theta_i \leq \dim V_i$

then $\mathcal{M}_{\zeta}(V, W) = \mathcal{M}_{\zeta}^s(V, W)$.

§3. Wall-crossing

Fix Σ_C , and move Σ_R .

$R(\Sigma_C, V)$ (possibly empty)

$$\stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \{ \theta = \sum \theta_i \alpha_i : \text{positive root} \mid \theta_i \leq \dim V_i, \langle \theta, \Sigma_C \rangle = 0 \}$$

Then \mathbb{R}^I has the **chamber** structure as

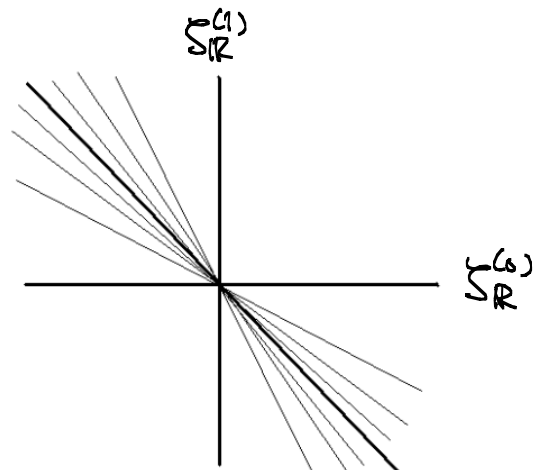
$$\mathbb{R}^I \setminus \bigcup_{\theta \in R(\Sigma_C, V)} D_\theta$$

If Σ_R stays in the connected component,
then M_S is unchanged.

Example $A_1^{(1)}$, $S_G = 0$

real roots = $\{ n\alpha_0 + (n+1)\alpha_1, (n+1)\alpha_0 + n\alpha_1 \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

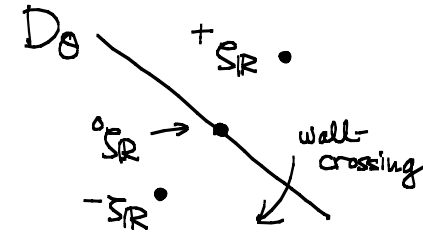
imaginary roots = $\{ n\delta \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus 0 \}$



$D_\delta = \{ S_R^{(0)} + S_R^{(1)} = 0 \}$
(level 0 hyperplane)

Fix $V \rightsquigarrow$ we choose finitely many positive roots
 $R(S_G, V)$

Suppose Σ_R cross the wall D_0 .



• $(B, a, b) : \pm \Sigma$ -stable $\Rightarrow {}^0 \Sigma$ -semistable.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ Jordan-Hölder type filtration by ${}^0 \Sigma_R$ -stable representations

i.e. $\exists V = V^0 \supset V^1 \supset \dots \supset V^N = 0$

filtration invariants under (B, a, b) & $\text{gr} V^i / V^{i+1} (B, a, b) : {}^0 \Sigma_R$ -stable

\Rightarrow Taking direct sum of $\text{gr} V^i / V^{i+1}$,

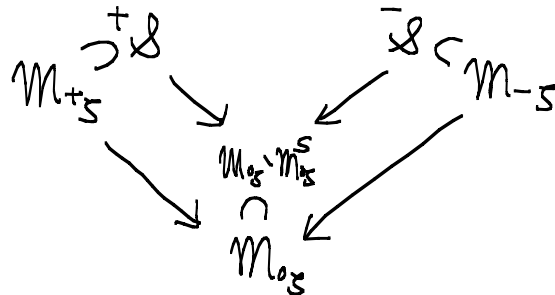
we have morphisms $M_{+\Sigma}, M_{-\Sigma} \rightarrow M_{0\Sigma}$.

typical picture
in GIT quotients

• Let $+\mathcal{S} : +\Sigma_R$ -stable, but not $-\Sigma_R$ -stable,

$-\mathcal{S} : -\Sigma_R$ -stable, but not $+\Sigma_R$ -stable.

\Rightarrow the images of $+\mathcal{S}, -\mathcal{S}$ are in $M_{0\Sigma} \setminus M_{0\Sigma}^S$



Next we need to understand ${}^0\tilde{S}R$ -stable representations
 \rightarrow The picture is different for a real root
 and an imaginary root

Case 1 $^\circ$. real root $\Theta = \sum \Theta_i \alpha_i$

a ${}^0\tilde{S}R$ -stable representation is either
 or a) $\mathcal{M}_{\Theta}^S(V', W)$ $W \neq 0$

b) the unique point B_Θ in $\mathcal{M}_{\Theta}(\Theta, 0)$ (i.e. $\dim V_i = \Theta_i$)

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. } A_1^{(1)} \quad \Theta = n\alpha_0 + (n+1)\alpha_1 \\ \mathbb{C}^n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}]} \\ \xrightarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}]} \end{array} \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{C}^n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}]} \\ \xrightarrow{[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}]} \end{array} \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{M}_{\Theta}(V, W) \setminus \mathcal{M}_{\Theta}^S(V, W) = \bigcup_{\substack{m > 0 \\ V' + m\Theta = V}} \mathcal{M}_{\Theta}^S(V', W) \times \{[B_{\Theta}^{\oplus m}]\}$$

(stratification)

Moreover the latter has no self-extension.

\Rightarrow

- $(B, a, b) \in \mathcal{S}$ is an extension of the form:

$$0 \rightarrow (B', a', b') \rightarrow (B, a, b) \rightarrow B_0^{\oplus m} \rightarrow 0$$

$\in \mathcal{M}_{0, S_R}^S(V', w)$

- $(B, a, b) \in \mathcal{S}^-$ is an extension of the form:

$$0 \rightarrow B_0^{\oplus m} \rightarrow (B, a, b) \rightarrow (B', a', b') \rightarrow 0$$

\Rightarrow Over each stratum (i.e. fixed $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$),
we have a Grassmann bundle.

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}^+ \cong \bigcup_{\substack{m > 0 \\ V = V' \oplus m\Theta}} \bigcup_{\substack{(B', a', b') \\ \in \mathcal{M}_{0, S_R}^S(V', w)}} \text{Gr}(m, \text{Ext}^1(B_0, (B', a', b'))))$$

$$\mathcal{S}^- \cong \bigcup_m \bigcup_{(B', a', b')} \text{Gr}(m, \text{Ext}^1((B', a', b'), B_0))$$

Thus \mathcal{M}_{+S} and \mathcal{M}_{-S} are related by
a stratified Mukai flop.

Case 2° : $\Theta = \delta \rightsquigarrow$ discussed later

§4. Torsion-free sheaves on an ALE space

The **usual stability parameter**, which I have been used to construct the Kac-Moody affine Lie algebra action on homology groups, is

$$\sum_{\mathbb{R}} c_i > 0 \quad \forall_i$$

The ALE space X_5 is an example of quiver varieties with

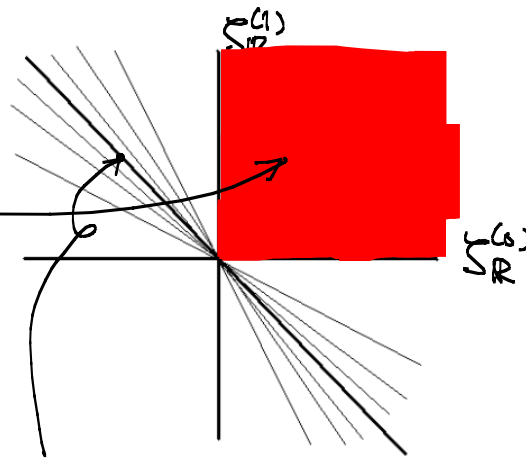
$$\begin{cases} V = \delta \text{ (imaginary root)} \\ W = 0 \end{cases}$$

ζ : in the level 0 hyperplane

If $\zeta \notin (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{C}) \otimes D_0$ for \forall real root θ , X_ζ : nonsingular

Rem. When $W=0$, $\mathbb{C}^* \subset G_V = \prod \mathrm{GL}(V_i)$ acts trivially on $\mathcal{M}(V, W)$. So we should consider G_V / \mathbb{C}^* instead of G_V .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In particular, } \dim. &= 2 - \sum C_{ij} \dim V_i \dim V_j \\ &= 2 \quad \text{if } V = \delta \end{aligned}$$



Th (Kronheimer + N.)

ζ : as above

$M_{\zeta}^S(V, W) =$ framed moduli space of Yang-Mills instantons
on the ALE space $X_{-\zeta}$.

Later I found that if $\zeta_{\mathbb{C}} = 0$ and $\zeta_{\mathbb{R}}^{(i)} < 0 \quad \forall i$

$\Rightarrow M_{\zeta}(V, W) \cong$ framed moduli space of Γ -equivariant
torsion-free sheaves on \mathbb{C}^2 .

Rem. categorical McKay correspondence

Gonzalez-Springer + Verdier, Kapranov-Vasserot

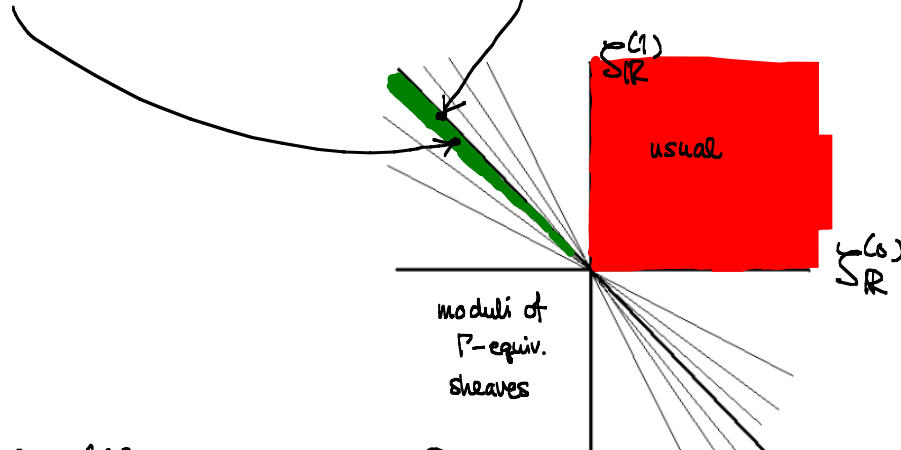
$$D^b(\Gamma\text{-Coh } \mathbb{C}^2) \cong D^b(\text{Coh } \widetilde{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})$$

Main Theorem

$^\circ S$: parameter for ALE space as above, i.e.

level 0 hyperplane $\pi: S \in (R \oplus \mathbb{C}) \otimes D_\theta$ for \forall real root θ

S : from the adjacent chamber



$\Rightarrow M_S(v, w) =$ framed moduli space of torsion-free sheaves on X_S

NB. $S_\mathbb{C} = 0$, $W = \mathbb{C}$ at vertex 0, $V = n\delta$

$\Rightarrow M_S(v, w)$ Hilbert scheme of n points on $\widehat{\mathbb{C}^2}/\Gamma$

This special case was proved by Kuznetsov.

About proof:

straightforward combination of two techniques

a) Kronheimer + N

b) special case $\Gamma = \{e\}$ torsion-free sheaf on \mathbb{C}^2
(Barth, reproduced in my lecture notes.)

More words on the proof:

We need

- 1) a resolution of the diagonal $\Delta \subset X_S \times X_S$.
- 2) vanishing then $H^i(X_S, \mathcal{R}^* \otimes \mathcal{R})$.

Both were proved in Kronheimer + N.

§5. Wall-crossing revisited

Yoshioka, in private communication, tells me that other $M_5(V, w)$'s are also framed moduli spaces of sheaves on X -s, not necessarily torsion-free, if $S_R \cdot \delta < 0$.

Then the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (B', a', b') \rightarrow (B, a, b) \rightarrow B_\delta^{\oplus m} \rightarrow 0$$

can be identified with the exact sequence in $\text{Coh} X$ -s.

$B_\delta \leftrightarrow$ a torsion sheaf supported on curves

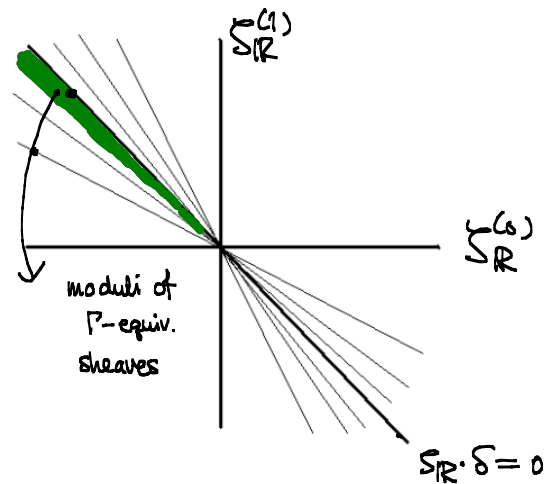
After the wall-crossing,

$$0 \rightarrow B_\delta^{\oplus m} \rightarrow (B, a, b) \rightarrow (B', a', b') \rightarrow 0$$

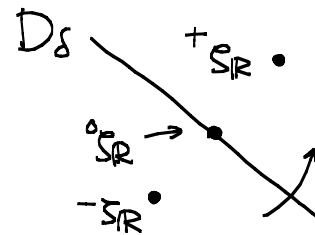
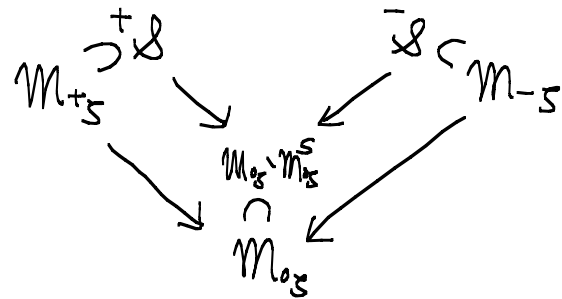
Thus the sheaf corresponding to (B, a, b) contains
torsion.

Example $B_\Theta \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-n)$

for $nS_R^{(0)} + (n+1)S_R^{(1)} = 0$



Case 2°. $\Theta = \delta$ (level 0 hyperplane)



- a S_R -stable representation is either
 or a) $M_{05}^S(V, W)$ $W \neq 0$
 b) a point B in $M_{05}(\delta, 0) \cong X_{05}$

stratification of $\mathcal{M}_{0,5}(V, w)$

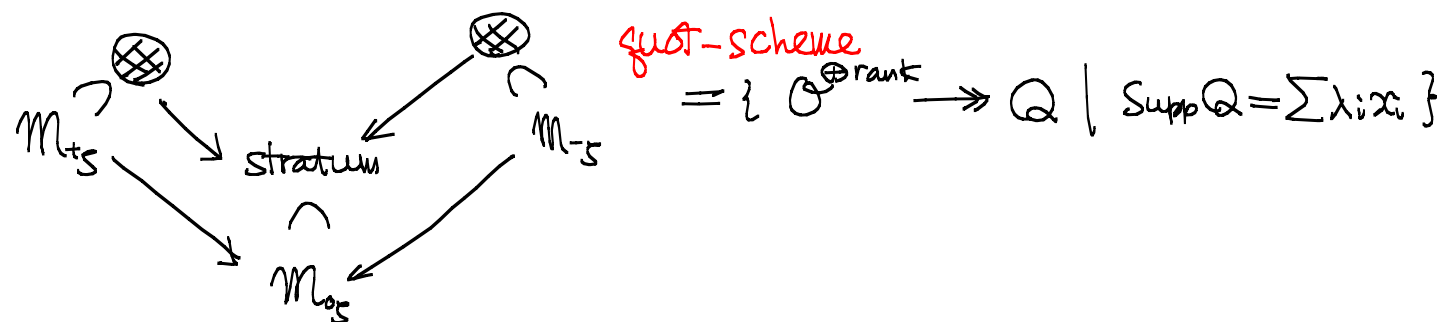
$$\mathcal{M}_{0,5}(V, w) \cong \bigsqcup_{\substack{n=|\lambda| \\ V=V'+n\delta}} \mathcal{M}_{0,5}^s(V', w) \times S_{\lambda}^n X_{0,5}$$

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots) \quad S_{\lambda}^n X_{0,5} = \left\{ \sum \lambda_i x_i \mid x_i : \begin{array}{l} \text{distinct} \\ \text{points in } X_{0,5} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\mathcal{M}_{0,5} \setminus \mathcal{M}_{0,5}^s$: union of stratum with $|\lambda| \neq 0$.

- different points have no extensions.
- But $\text{Ext}^1(x_i, x_i) \cong T_{x_i} X_{0,5}$: 2-dimensional
 \Rightarrow difference from real root case.

Over each stratum, fibers of the projection $M_{-5} \rightarrow M_5$ are



Opposite fibers are hard to describe ("dual quot scheme")
 But isomorphic to the quot scheme as in

$$\text{Gr}(m, N) \cong \text{Gr}(N-m, N) \quad \text{non-canonically.}$$

"Jordan" flop.

If we consider more general quiver varieties, and cross the wall defined by a root θ with

$$(\theta, \theta) = 2 - 2g \quad (g \geq 0),$$

we have "(g+1)-Jordan" flop.

