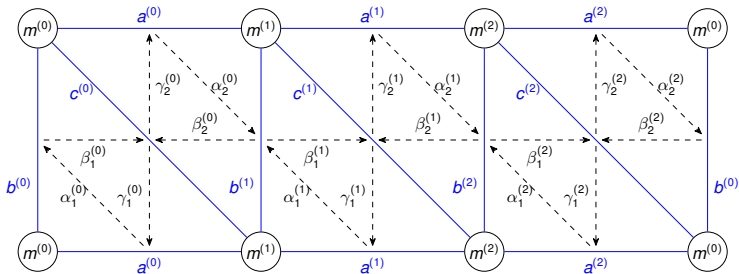


# Stability scattering diagrams and quiver coverings

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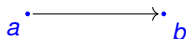
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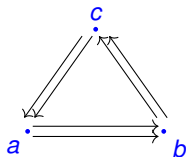
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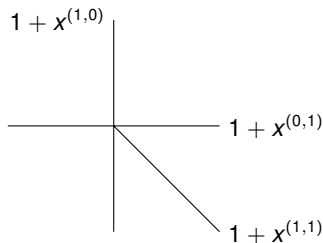
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- ▶ We define

$$f_{\theta} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \chi_{kn, \theta} x^{kn}.$$

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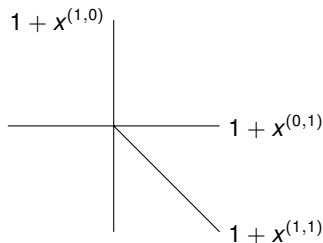


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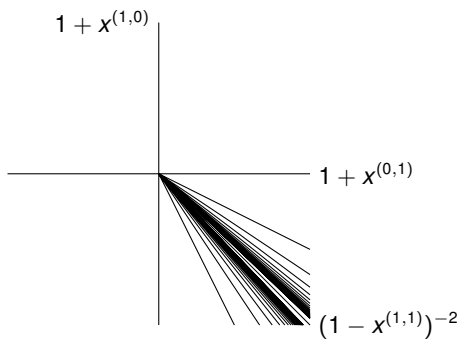


Figure: The scattering diagram for the Kronecker Quiver  $K_2 : \bullet \implies \bullet$



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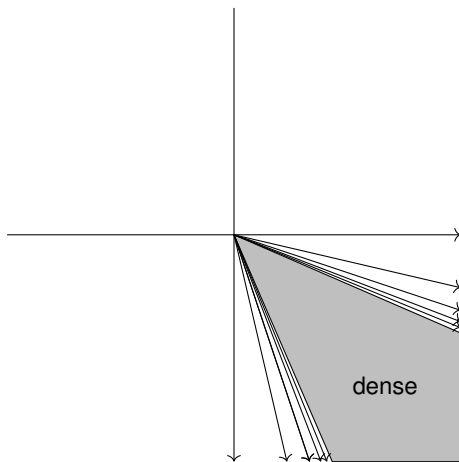
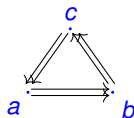


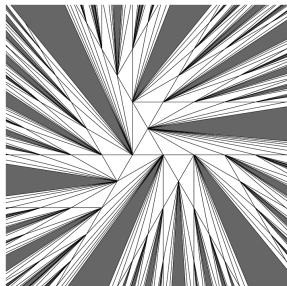
Figure: Sketch of the scattering diagram for the  $n$ -Kronecker quiver  $K_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ .

# The Markov Quiver

- ▶ Recall the Markov Quiver:



- ▶ This scattering diagram lives in three dimensions. A slice is shown below.
- ▶ (Image from Fock and Goncharov, Cluster Poisson varieties at infinity (Selecta Math). arXiv:1104.0407)



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  - ▶ In different contexts, due to Reineke, Gross-Pandharipande, Kontsevich-Soibelman, Bridgeland.

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- ▶ Given a closed path  $w = a_1 \cdots a_k \in \mathbb{C}Q$  and an arrow  $\alpha \in Q^1$ , define

$$\partial_\alpha(w) = \sum_{i:a_i=\alpha} a_{i+1} \cdots a_k a_1 \cdots a_{i-1}.$$

- ▶ Let  $\langle \partial W \rangle$  be the two sided ideal of  $\mathbb{C}Q$  generated by  $\partial_\alpha(W)$  for  $\alpha \in Q^1$ .
- ▶ Define the Jacobian algebra

$$J = \mathbb{C}Q / \langle \partial W \rangle$$

- ▶ Let  $\text{Rep}(Q, W)$  be the category of  $J$ -modules.

## More stability scattering diagrams

- ▶ Fact: All the constructions we saw for  $\text{Rep}(Q)$  also work with  $\text{Rep}(Q, W)$ .
- ▶ In many non-acyclic cases now,  $\mathfrak{D}(Q, W) = \mathfrak{D}^{\text{cl}}(Q)$  as long as  $W$  is “non-degenerate.”
- ▶ For the Markov quiver with certain non-degenerate potentials,  $\mathfrak{D}(Q, W)$  has one more wall than  $\mathfrak{D}(Q)$  [Chen-M-Qin].

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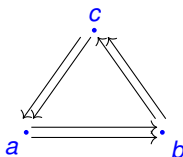
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## Theorem (Chen-M-Qin)

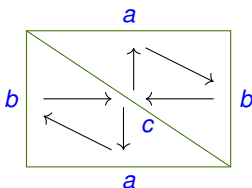
*If  $(Q, W)$  admits “nice gradings” and  $J$  is finite-dimensional, then we can identify  $\mathfrak{D}(\bar{Q}, \bar{W})$  with a “slice” of  $\mathfrak{D}(Q, W)$ .*

# The Markov quiver

- ▶ We were especially interested in the Markov quiver.



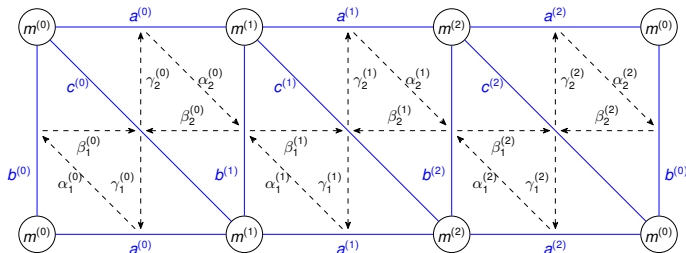
- ▶ When studying cluster algebras from surfaces, this quiver is associated to the 1-punctured torus:



- ▶ There's also a certain potential  $W$  associated to this  $Q$  [Labardini-Fragoso].

# The 1-punctured torus from the 3-punctured torus

- ▶ The 3-punctured torus gives a covering of the 1-punctured torus.



- ▶ Our result applies to this covering.
- ▶ In other work with Qin, we showed that the “bracelets basis” equals the “theta basis” *except* for the 1-punctured torus.
- ▶ Our result here implies that the result holds for the 1-punctured torus as well if we use the stability scattering diagram instead of the cluster scattering diagram.