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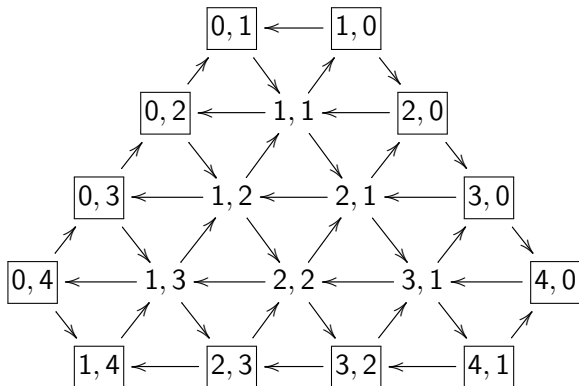
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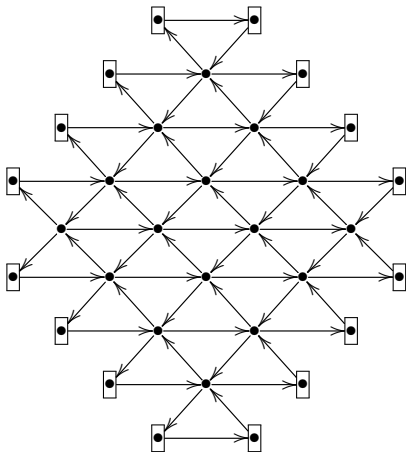
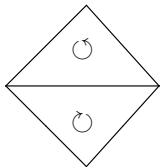
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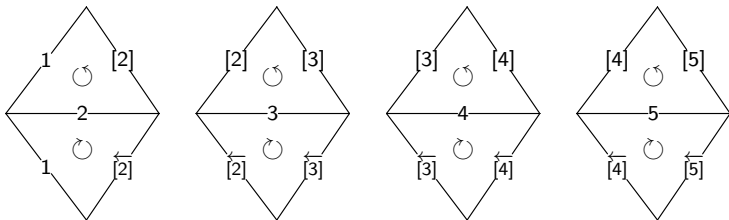


Quivers from Gluing Oriented Triangles



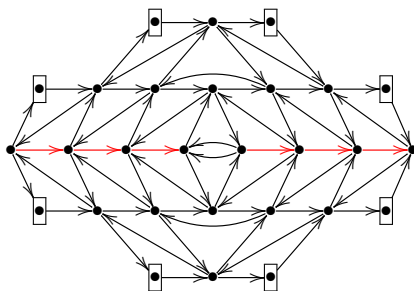
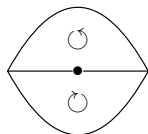
Gluing $m - 1$ Diamond Quivers

Let \diamond_{ℓ}^m be quiver obtained by inconsistently gluing the $m - 1$ diamond quivers along the edges with the same label. Note that the first one has two edges glued together.



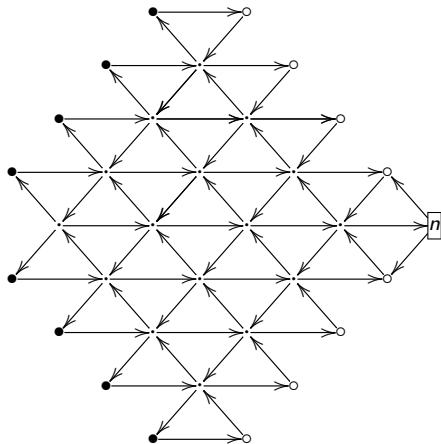
Example: gluing a single diamond quiver

By definition, the quiver of the first diamond after gluing the edge 1 looks like (when $\ell = 5$)



Extending \diamond_ℓ^m

We insert one frozen vertices n and three arrows to each n -th diamond as shown below, and get a quiver denoted by $\overline{\diamond}_\ell^m$.



The semi-invariant rings are upper cluster algebras

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For any $\ell, m \geq 2$, the semi-invariant ring $\text{SI}_{\beta_\ell}(K_{\ell,\ell}^m)$ is isomorphic to the graded upper cluster algebra $\overline{\mathcal{C}}(\overline{\diamond}_\ell^m, \overline{\mathbf{s}}_\ell^m; \overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_\ell^m)$. Here, each cluster variable in $\overline{\mathbf{s}}_\ell^m$ is a Schofield's semi-invariant.

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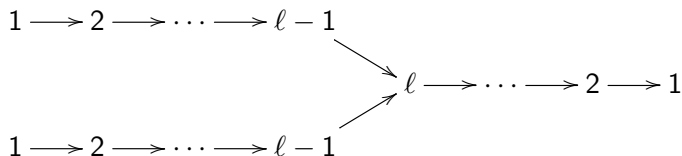
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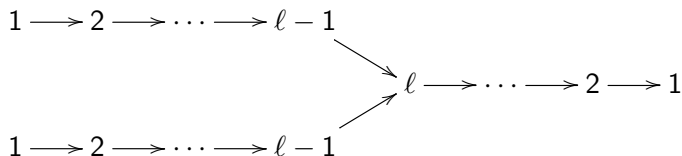
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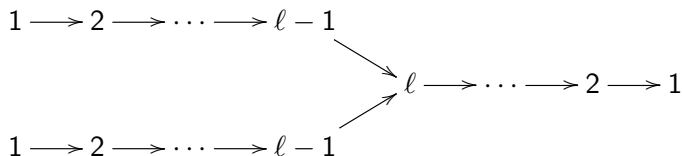
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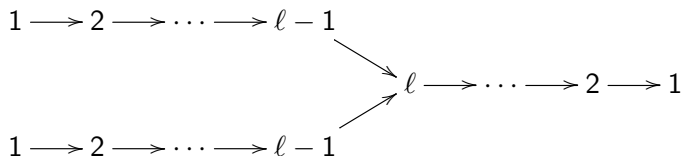
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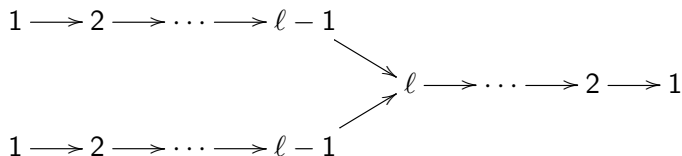
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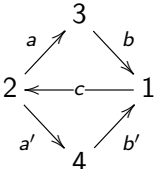
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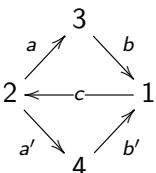
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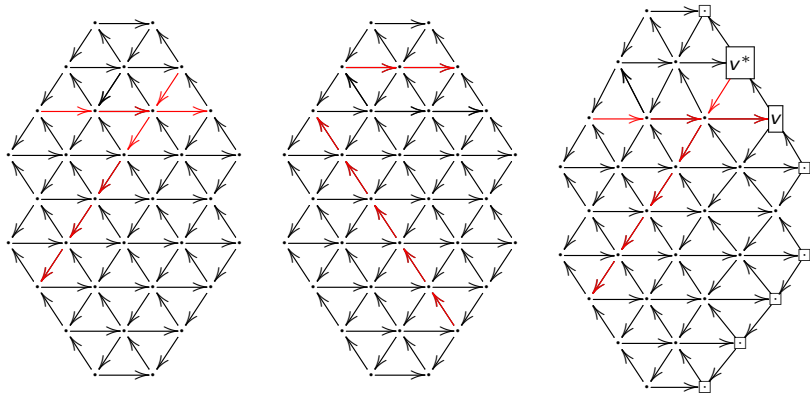
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How a typical p_v looks like?

Here is a picture for such a path p_v (when $\ell = 5$ and $m = 4$).



The explicit H -matrix for $(\ell = m = 3, 4, 5)$ can be downloaded from my web page:

<https://sites.google.com/a/umich.edu/jiarui/research/tensor-product-multiplicities/symmetric-groups>

I hope that the full implementation can be available on SAGE soon.

Thank you!

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