

# Description of the derived categories of tubular algebras in terms of dimension vectors

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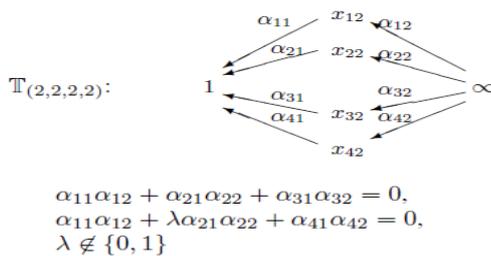
**Abstract** In this paper, we give a description of the derived category of a tubular algebra by calculating the dimension vectors of the objects in it.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\Lambda$  be a basic connected algebra over an algebraically closed field  $k$ . We denote by  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  the category of all finitely generated right  $\Lambda$ -modules and by  $\text{ind } \Lambda$  a full subcategory of  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  containing exactly one representative of each isomorphism class of indecomposable  $\Lambda$ -modules. For a  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$ , we denote the dimension vector by  $\dim M$ . The bounded derived category of  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  is denoted by  $D^b(\Lambda)$ . We denote the Grothendieck group of  $\Lambda$  by  $K_0(\Lambda)$ , Auslander-Reiten translation by  $\tau$ , the Cartan matrix by  $C_\Lambda$ . Let  $\widehat{\Lambda}$  be the repetitive algebra of  $\Lambda$ ,  $\text{mod } \widehat{\Lambda}$  the stable module category. When the global dimension of  $\Lambda$  is finite,  $C_\Lambda$  is invertible by [1], and  $D^b(\Lambda)$  is equivalent to  $\text{mod } \widehat{\Lambda}$  as triangulated categories by [2].

By [1], a tubular extension  $A$  of a tame-concealed algebra of extension type  $T = (2, 2, 2, 2), (3, 3, 3), (4, 4, 2)$  or  $(6, 3, 2)$  is called a tubular algebra. For example, the canonical tubular algebras of  $T = (2, 2, 2, 2)$  is determined by the following quiver with relations.



By [1], global dimension of a tubular algebra  $A$  is 2, then  $D^b(A)$  is equivalent to  $\text{mod } \widehat{A}$ . And tubular algebras of the same extension type are tilt-cotilt equivalent, see [3]. Then we only consider the derived categories of canonical tubular algebras, whose structures are given in [4].

$$D^b(A) = \bigvee_{r \in Q} T_r$$

where (1) for any  $r \in Q$ ,  $T_r$  is the standard stable  $P_i(k)$ -tubular family of type  $T$ ;

(2) for any  $r \in Q$ ,  $T_r$  is separating  $\bigvee_{s < r} T_s$  from  $\bigvee_{r < u} T_u$ .

Based on the results above, we give a description of the derived category of a canonical tubular algebra by calculating the dimension vectors of the objects in it.

## 2. Description of The Derived Categories of Tubular Algebras In Terms Of Dimension Vectors

In this section, let  $A$  be a canonical tubular algebra of type  $T$ .

**Definition 1.1.** ([1]) Let  $n$  be the rank of Grothendieck group  $K_0(A)$ ,  $C_A$  the Cartan matrix of  $A$ . Then

(1) The Coxeter matrix  $\Phi_A$  is defined by  $-C_A^{-T}C_A$ ;

(2) The quadratic form  $\chi_A$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is defined by

$$\chi_A(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha(-C_A^{-T} + C_A^{-1})\alpha^T$$

for any  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

(3) Let  $h_0, h_\infty$  be the positive generators of  $\text{rad } \chi_A$ . For an  $A$ -module  $M$ , define

$$\text{index}(M) = -\frac{l_0(\dim M)}{l_\infty(\dim M)}$$

where

$$l_0(\dim M) = h_0 C_A^{-T}(\dim M)^T,$$

$$l_\infty(\dim M) = h_\infty C_A^{-T}(\dim M)^T.$$

In particular, for any  $\alpha \in \text{rad } \chi_A$ ,  $\alpha = r_0 h_0 + r_\infty h_\infty$ , where

$$r_0, r_\infty \in \mathbb{Z}. \text{ Then, } \text{index}(\alpha) = \frac{r_\infty}{r_0}.$$

(4)  $\alpha \in \text{rad } \chi_A$  is called a real (respectively, imaginary) root,

if  $\chi_A(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(-C_A^{-T} + C_A^{-1})\alpha^T = 1$  (respectively,  $= 0$ ).

It is well known that there exists a "minimal" imaginary root  $\delta$  such that  $\text{rad } \chi_A = \mathbb{Z}\delta$ .

Now we recall some results in [4]. Let  $\Lambda$  be a finite dimensional  $k$ -algebra and  $\widehat{\Lambda}$  the repetitive algebra. Denote by  $P(\widehat{\Lambda})$  the subgroup of  $K_0(\widehat{\Lambda})$  generated by the dimension vectors of indecomposable projective  $\widehat{\Lambda}$ -modules.

**Lemma 1.2.**  $K_0(\widehat{\Lambda}) = K_0(\Lambda) + P(\widehat{\Lambda})$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $\pi_\Lambda : K_0(\widehat{\Lambda}) \rightarrow K_0(\Lambda)$  be the projective morphism. Define  $\underline{\dim}^\wedge : \text{mod } \widehat{\Lambda} \rightarrow K_0(\Lambda)$  where for any  $\widehat{\Lambda}$ -module  $X$ ,  $\underline{\dim}^\wedge X = \pi_\Lambda(\underline{\dim} X)$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $\Phi_\Lambda$  be the Coxeter matrix of  $\Lambda$ ,  $\hat{\tau}$  the Auslander-Reiten translation of  $\widehat{\Lambda}$ . Then

$$\underline{\dim}^\wedge \hat{\tau} X = (\underline{\dim} X)\Phi_\Lambda.$$

Note that if  $\Lambda$  has finite global dimension, we have a triangulated equivalence:  $\eta : D^b(\Lambda) \rightarrow \text{mod } \widehat{\Lambda}$ . For an object  $X^* \in D^b(\Lambda)$ , define  $\underline{\dim} X^* = \sum_i (-1)^i \underline{\dim} X^i$ .

Then we have

**Lemma 1.5.**  $\underline{\dim} X^* = \underline{\dim}^\wedge \eta(X^*)$ .

By representation theory of Auslander-Reiten quivers in [5] and the results above, we have a method to describing the derived category of a canonical tubular algebra in terms of dimension vectors.

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $A$  be a canonical tubular algebra of type

$T$ , the rank of  $K_0(A)$  be  $n$ . Then

(1) Let  $\hat{\delta}$  be the minimal imaginary root in  $K_0(\widehat{A})$  corresponding the  $P_1(k)$ -tubular family  $T_r$ , and let  $\delta = \underline{\dim}^A(\hat{\delta})$ . Then  $\delta$  is determined by  $\chi_A(\delta) = 0$ .

(2) Let  $X$  be an object in the bottom of a tube of rank  $r$  in  $T_r$ . Then  $\underline{\dim}^A X$  is determined by the following:

$$(*) \begin{cases} \chi_A(\underline{\dim}^A X) = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\dim}^A X (-C_A^{-T} + C_A^{-1}) (\underline{\dim}^A X)^T = 1 \\ \underline{\dim}^A X + (\underline{\dim}^A X)\Phi_A + \dots + (\underline{\dim}^A X)\Phi_A^{r-1} = \delta. \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** (1) By [4],  $\delta = r_0 h_0 + r_\infty h_\infty \in \text{rad } \chi_A$ , and thus

$\chi_A(\delta) = 0$ . Since  $\text{index}(\delta) = \frac{r_\infty}{r_0} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , where

$r_0, r_\infty \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $(r_0, r_\infty) = 1$ , it suffices to calculating  $r_0$  and  $r_\infty$ .

(2) Directly from Lemma 1.4 and 1.5.

**Example 1.7.** Now let  $A$  be a canonical tubular algebra of type  $T(2, 2, 2, 2)$ . The Cartan matrix and Coxeter matrix are as following:

$$C_A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Phi_A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For each object  $X \in \text{mod } \widehat{A}$ , denote

$$\underline{\dim}^A X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6),$$

$$\text{Then } \chi_A(\underline{\dim}^A X) = \sum_{i=2}^5 \left(x_i - \frac{x_1 + x_6}{2}\right)^2.$$

(1) Description of the minimal imaginary root  $\delta$ .

**Case 1.** If  $r_0 + r_\infty \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

$$\delta_1 = (2r_0, r_0 + r_\infty, r_0 + r_\infty, r_0 + r_\infty, r_0 + r_\infty, 2r_\infty).$$

**Case 2.** If  $r_0 + r_\infty \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$\delta_2 = \left(r_0, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{2}, r_\infty\right).$$

(2) Description of  $\underline{\dim}^A X$  where  $X$  is an object in the bottom of a tube of rank 2.

If  $\delta = \delta_1$ , that is  $r_0 + r_\infty \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , (\*) in Theorem 1.6 should be as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^6 x_i^2 - \sum_{i=2}^5 x_1 x_i - \sum_{i=2}^5 x_6 x_i + 2x_1 x_6 = 1 \\ \sum_{i=2}^5 x_i - 2x_6 = 2r_0 \\ \sum_{i=2}^5 x_i - x_1 - x_6 = r_0 + r_\infty \\ \sum_{i=2}^5 x_i - 2x_1 = 2r_\infty \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then, } \sum_{i=2}^5 \left(x_i - \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{2}\right)^2 = 1.$$

**case 1.** We have four different tubes of rank 2.

(i)

$$\underline{\mathbf{d m}}^A X = \left( \mathfrak{h}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, r_\infty \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{d m}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( r_0, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, r_\infty \right)$$

(ii)

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A X = \left( r_0, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, r_\infty \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( r_0, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, r_\infty \right)$$

(iii)

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A X = \left( r_0, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, r_\infty \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( r_0, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, r_\infty \right)$$

(iv)

$$\underline{\mathbf{d m}}^A X = \left( \mathfrak{h}+1, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+1}{2}, r_\infty+1 \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{d m}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( r_0-1, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-1}{2}, r_\infty-1 \right)$$

If  $\delta = \delta_2$ , (\*) in Theorem 1.6 should be as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^6 x_i^2 - \sum_{i=2}^5 x_1 x_i - \sum_{i=2}^5 x_6 x_i + 2x_1 x_6 = 1 \\ \sum_{i=2}^5 x_i - 2x_6 = r_0 \\ \sum_{i=2}^5 x_i - x_1 - x_6 = \frac{r_0+r_\infty}{2} \\ \sum_{i=2}^5 x_i - 2x_1 = r_\infty \end{array} \right.$$

Then,  $\sum_{i=2}^5 \left(x_i - \frac{r_0+r_\infty}{4}\right)^2 = 1$ .

**case 2.** When  $r_0+r_1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , we have four different tubes of rank 2.

(i)

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A X = \left( \frac{r_0-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty-1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( \frac{r_0+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty+1}{2} \right)$$

(ii)

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A X = \left( \frac{r_0-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty-1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{dim}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( \frac{r_0+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty+1}{2} \right)$$

(iii)

$$\underline{\mathbf{d m}}^A X = \left( \frac{r_0-1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty-1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{d m}}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( \frac{r_0+1}{2}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty+2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_0+r_\infty-2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty+1}{2} \right)$$

(iv)

$$\underline{\dim}^A X = \left( \frac{r_0 - 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 2}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 2}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 2}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty - 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\dim}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( \frac{r_0 + 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 2}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 2}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 2}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 2}{4}, \frac{r_\infty + 1}{2} \right)$$

**case 3.** When  $r_0 + r_i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , we have four different tubes of rank 2.

(i)

$$\underline{\dim}^A X \doteq \left( \frac{r_0 + 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 4}{4}, \frac{r_\infty + 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\dim}^A \hat{\tau} X_i = \left( \frac{r_0 - 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 4}{4}, \frac{r_\infty - 1}{2} \right)$$

(ii)

$$\underline{\dim}^A X \doteq \left( \frac{r_0 + 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 4}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_\infty + 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\dim}^A \hat{\tau} X_i = \left( \frac{r_0 - 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 4}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_\infty - 1}{2} \right)$$

(iii)

$$\underline{\dim}^A X = \left( \frac{r_0 + 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 4}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_\infty + 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\dim}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( \frac{r_0 - 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 4}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_\infty - 1}{2} \right)$$

(iv)

$$\underline{\dim}^A X = \left( \frac{r_0 + 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty + 4}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_\infty + 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{\dim}^A \hat{\tau} X = \left( \frac{r_0 - 1}{2}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty - 4}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_0 + r_\infty}{4}, \frac{r_\infty - 1}{2} \right)$$

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