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Abstract. In this note, we correct an oversight regarding the modules from Definition 4.2 and proof of Lemma 5.12 in Baur *et al.* (Nagoya Math. J., 2020, 240, 322–354). In particular, we give a correct construction of an indecomposable rank 2 module $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$, with the rank 1 layers I and J tightly 3-interlacing, and we give a correct proof of Lemma 5.12.

§1. Indecomposable rank 2 modules with tightly 3-interlacing layers

In [1], we studied the category $\text{CM}(B_{k,n})$ of Cohen–Macaulay modules over the completion of an algebra $B_{k,n}$, which is a quotient of the preprojective algebra of type A_{n-1} . The category $\text{CM}(B_{k,n})$ is important in a categorification of the cluster algebra structure on the homogeneous coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[\text{Gr}(k, n)]$ of the Grassmannian variety of k -dimensional subspaces in \mathbb{C}^n (see [3]–[5]).

For the notation and background results used in this note, we refer the reader to [1, Sect. 1]. We thank Karin Erdmann and Alastair King for useful conversations about indecomposable modules.

In [1, Def. 4.2], we constructed a Cohen–Macaulay module of an arbitrary rank. In the case of rank 2, in [1, Lem. 5.12], we claimed that the constructed module is indecomposable. In fact, the rank 2 module from this lemma is not indecomposable. The aim of this note is to correct this mistake, that is, for given k -subsets I and J that are tightly 3-interlacing, to construct explicitly an indecomposable rank 2 Cohen–Macaulay module with filtration $L_I \mid L_J$.

We show that this module is indecomposable by proving that its endomorphism ring does not have nontrivial idempotents.

Assume that we are in the case when I and J are tightly 3-interlacing k -subsets ($|I \setminus J| = |J \setminus I| = 3$ and noncommon elements of I and J interlace). Write $I \setminus J$ as $\{i_1, i_2, i_3\}$ and $J \setminus I = \{j_1, j_2, j_3\}$ so that $1 \leq i_1 < j_1 < i_2 < j_2 < i_3 < j_3 \leq n$.

The following construction covers all indecomposable rank 2 modules in case when the category $\text{CM}(B_{k,n})$ is tame and $(k, n) = (3, 9)$.

We want to define a rank 2 module $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ in $\text{CM}(B_{k,n})$ in a similar way as rank 1 modules are defined in [5]. Let $V_i := \mathbb{C}[[t]] \oplus \mathbb{C}[[t]]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. The module $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ has V_i at each vertex $1, 2, \dots, n$ of Γ_n , where Γ_n is the quiver of the boundary algebra, that is, with vertices $1, 2, \dots, n$ on a cycle and arrows $x_i : i - 1 \rightarrow i$, $y_i : i \rightarrow i - 1$. Observe the following

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matrices:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &:= \begin{pmatrix} t & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & B_1 &:= \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & C_1 &:= \begin{pmatrix} t & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & D_1 &:= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 A_2 &:= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}, & B_2 &:= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}, & C_2 &:= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}, & D_2 &:= \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that these are all matrix factorisations of $\begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}$: $A_1A_2 = B_1B_2 = C_1C_2 = D_1D_2 = \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}$.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let I, J be tightly 3-interlacing k -subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. At the vertices of Γ_n , $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ has the spaces V_1, \dots, V_n . We define the maps x_i, y_i as follows:

$$x_i : V_{i-1} \rightarrow V_i \text{ acts as } \begin{cases} A_1, & \text{if } i = i_1, \\ B_2, & \text{if } i = j_1, \\ B_1, & \text{if } i = i_2, \\ C_2, & \text{if } i = j_2, \\ C_1, & \text{if } i = i_3, \\ A_2, & \text{if } i = j_3, \\ D_1, & \text{if } i \in I \cap J, \\ D_2, & \text{if } i \in I^c \cap J^c. \end{cases} \quad y_i : V_i \rightarrow V_{i-1} \text{ acts as } \begin{cases} A_2, & \text{if } i = i_1, \\ B_1, & \text{if } i = j_1, \\ B_2, & \text{if } i = i_2, \\ C_1, & \text{if } i = j_2, \\ C_2, & \text{if } i = i_3, \\ A_1, & \text{if } i = j_3, \\ D_2, & \text{if } i \in I \cap J, \\ D_1, & \text{if } i \in I^c \cap J^c. \end{cases}$$

One easily checks that $xy = yx$ and $x^k = y^{n-k}$ at all vertices and that $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ is free over the center of the boundary algebra. Hence, the following proposition holds.

PROPOSITION 1.2. *The module $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ as constructed in Definition 1.1 is in $CM(B_{k,n})$.*

For the remainder of the paper, if $w = tv$, then $t^{-1}w$ stands for v .

PROPOSITION 1.3. *Let I and J be tightly 3-interlacing, $n \geq 6$ arbitrary, $I \setminus J = \{i_1, i_2, i_3\}$ and $J \setminus I = \{j_1, j_2, j_3\}$ where $1 \leq i_1 < j_1 < i_2 < j_2 < i_3 < j_3 \leq n$. If $\varphi = (\varphi_i)_{i=1}^n \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{L}(I, J), \mathbb{L}(I, J))$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_{i_1} = \varphi_{i_2} = \varphi_{i_3} &= \begin{pmatrix} a & bt \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \\
 \varphi_{j_1} &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ ct & d \end{pmatrix}, \\
 \varphi_{j_2} &= \begin{pmatrix} a+c & b+t^{-1}(d-a-c) \\ ct & d-c \end{pmatrix}, \\
 \varphi_{j_3} &= \begin{pmatrix} a+2c & b+2t^{-1}(d-a-2c) \\ ct & d-2c \end{pmatrix}, \\
 \varphi_i &= \varphi_{i-1}, \text{ for } i \in (I^c \cap J^c) \cup (I \cap J),
 \end{aligned}$$

with $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}[[t]]$. Furthermore, $t \mid c$ and $t \mid (a - d)$.

Proof. First we prove the statement for $n = 6$, $I = \{1, 3, 5\}$, $J = \{2, 4, 6\}$, and $\varphi \in \text{End}(\mathbb{L}(I, J))$. Then $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_6)$, where each φ_i is an element of $M_2(\mathbb{C}[[t]])$ (matrices over the center).

We check the relations which arise when we go from a peak of the rim of $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ to a valley of the rim:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad x_2\varphi_1 &= \varphi_2x_2, & (ii) \quad x_3\varphi_2 &= \varphi_3x_3, \\ (iii) \quad x_4\varphi_3 &= \varphi_4x_4, & (iv) \quad x_5\varphi_4 &= \varphi_5x_5, \\ (v) \quad x_6\varphi_5 &= \varphi_6x_6, & (vi) \quad x_1\varphi_6 &= \varphi_1x_1. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\varphi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$. The equalities $\varphi_1 = \varphi_3 = \varphi_5$ follow immediately from $t\varphi_3 = \varphi_3B_1B_2 = B_1B_2\varphi_1 = t\varphi_1$ and $t\varphi_5 = \varphi_5C_1C_2 = C_1C_2\varphi_3 = t\varphi_3$.

If we consider matrices x_i and y_i as elements of the ring $M_2(\mathbb{C}((t)))$, where all of them are units, then from $x_2\varphi_1 = \varphi_2x_2$ follows that

$$\varphi_2 = x_2\varphi_1x_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & t^{-1}b \\ ct & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, $t \mid b$, so if we replace b by bt , this yields

$$\varphi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & bt \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ ct & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarly, from $x_4\varphi_3 = \varphi_4x_4$, we have

$$\varphi_4 = x_4\varphi_3x_4^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & bt \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t^{-1} \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+c & b+t^{-1}(d-a-c) \\ ct & d-c \end{pmatrix},$$

and from $x_6\varphi_5 = \varphi_6x_6$, we have

$$\varphi_6 = x_6\varphi_5x_6^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & bt \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2t^{-1} \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+2c & b+2t^{-1}(d-a-2c) \\ ct & d-2c \end{pmatrix}.$$

The statement about the divisibility follows since we have the two properties $t \mid (d-c-a)$ and $t \mid (d-a-2c)$. Combined, they imply $t \mid c$ and $t \mid d-a$ as claimed.

In the general case, the proof is almost the same as in the case $n = 6$. The only thing left to note is that if $i \in (I^c \cap J^c) \cup (I \cap J)$, then x_i is a scalar matrix (either identity or t times identity), so the equality $x_i\varphi_{i-1} = \varphi_i x_i$ yields $\varphi_{i-1} = \varphi_i$. \square

PROPOSITION 1.4. *Let I, J be tightly 3-interlacing, $n \geq 6$ arbitrary. Then the module $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ is indecomposable.*

Proof. We first consider $n = 6$. In this case, we can assume $I = \{1, 3, 5\}$ and $J = \{2, 4, 6\}$. Take $\varphi = (\varphi_i)_i \in \text{End}(\mathbb{L}(I, J))$ as in the previous proposition.

To show the indecomposability, we assume that φ is an idempotent endomorphism of $\mathbb{L}(I, J)$ and show that φ is trivial (the identity or the zero endomorphism).

Assume that $\varphi_2^2 = \varphi_2$, that is

$$\varphi_2^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bct & (a+d)b \\ (a+d)ct & d^2 + bct \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ ct & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

The equations $a^2 + bct = a$ and $d^2 + bct = d$ on the diagonal entries give $a - a^2 = d - d^2$, that is, $a - d = a^2 - d^2 = (a-d)(a+d)$ and hence $a = d$ or $a + d = 1$. The equations also show that $t \mid a(1-a)$ and that $t \mid d(1-d)$.

Assume first $a = d$. If $b \neq 0$, we get $a = \frac{1}{2}$, which contradicts to $t \mid a - a^2$. Analogously for $c \neq 0$. Thus $b = c = 0$ and $a = d = 0$ or $a = d = 1$, the two trivial cases (note that if φ_2 is trivial, then $x_i \varphi_{i-1} = \varphi_i x_i$ yields $\varphi_2 = \varphi_i$, for all i).

So assume that $a \neq d$ and $d = 1 - a$. Combining $t \mid a(1 - a)$ with the fact that t divides $a - d = 2a - 1$ implies that $t \mid 1$, which is a contradiction.

For a general n , since $\varphi_i = \varphi_{i+1}$ for $i + 1 \in (I^c \cap J^c) \cup (I \cap J)$, the proof follows as for $n = 6$. \square

The question of uniqueness of such a rank 2 indecomposable module is studied in [2]. For given tightly 3-interlacing I and J , there is a unique indecomposable rank 2 module with filtration $L_I \mid L_J$. This statement is clear in case when the category $\text{CM}(B_{k,n})$ is of finite representation type and in case when $\text{CM}(B_{k,n})$ is tame, with $(k, n) \in \{(3, 9), (4, 8)\}$. Consequently, we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.5 [2, Th. 1.2]. *Let $M \in \overline{\text{CM}}(B_{k,n})$ be an indecomposable module with profile $I \mid J$. Then, up to isomorphism, M is the unique indecomposable rank 2 module with filtration $I \mid J$ if and only if its poset is $1^3 \mid 2$ and I and J are almost tightly 3-interlacing.*

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