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# SKEW GROUP ALGEBRAS OF PATH ALGEBRAS AND PREPROJECTIVE ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We compute explicitly up to Morita-equivalence the skew group algebra of a finite group acting on the path algebra of a quiver and the skew group algebra of a finite group acting on a preprojective algebra. These results generalize previous results of Reiten and Riedtmann [RR] for a cyclic group acting on the path algebra of a quiver and of Reiten and Van den Bergh [RV, proposition 2.13] for a finite subgroup of  $SL(\mathbb{C}X \oplus \mathbb{C}Y)$  acting on  $\mathbb{C}[X,Y]$ .

#### 1. Introduction and main results

Let k be an algebraically closed field and G be a finite group such that the characteristic of k does not divide the cardinality of G. If  $\Lambda$  is a k-algebra and if G acts on the right on  $\Lambda$ , the action being denoted exponentially, the skew group algebra of  $\Lambda$  under the action of G is by definition the k-algebra whose underlying k-vector space is  $\Lambda \otimes_k k[G]$  and whose multiplication is linearly generated by  $(a \otimes g)(a' \otimes g') = aa'^{g^{-1}} \otimes gg'$  for all  $a, a' \in \Lambda$  and  $g, g' \in G$  (see [RR]). It will be denoted by  $\Lambda G$ . Identifying k[G] and  $\Lambda$  with subalgebras of  $\Lambda G$ , an alternative definition is

$$\Lambda G = \langle \Lambda, k[G] | \forall (g, a) \in G \times \Lambda, g^{-1}ag = a^g \rangle_{k-\text{alg}}$$

Let now Q = (I, A) be a quiver where I denotes the set of vertices and A the set of arrows. Consider an action of G on the path algebra kQ permuting the set of primitive idempotents  $\{e_i | i \in I\}$  and stabilizing the vector space spanned by the arrows. Note that this is more general than an action coming from an action of G on Q since an arrow may be sent to a linear combination of arrows. We now define a new quiver  $Q_G$ . We first need some notation.

Let I be a set of representatives of the classes of I under the action of G. For  $i \in I$ , let  $G_i$ denote the subgroup of G stabilizing  $e_i$ , let  $i_{\circ} \in \widetilde{I}$  be the representative of the class of i and let  $\kappa_i \in G$  be such that  $i_{\circ}^{\kappa_i} = i$ .

For  $(i,j) \in \widetilde{I}^2$ , G acts on  $O_i \times O_j$  where  $O_i$  and  $O_j$  are the orbits of i and j under the action of G. A set of representatives of the classes of this action will be denoted by  $F_{ij}$ .

For  $i, j \in I$ , define  $M_{ij} \subset kQ$  to be the vector space spanned by the arrows from i to j. We regard  $M_{ij}$  as a right  $k[\check{G}_i \cap G_j]$ -module by restricting the action of G.

The quiver  $Q_G$  has vertex set

$$I_G = \bigcup_{i \in \widetilde{I}} \{i\} \times \operatorname{irr}(G_i)$$

where  $irr(G_i)$  is a set of representatives of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of  $G_i$ . The set of arrows of  $Q_G$  from  $(i, \rho)$  to  $(j, \sigma)$  is a basis of

$$\bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{mod} k[G_{i'}\cap G_{j'}]} \left( (\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'})|_{G_{i'}\cap G_{j'}}, (\sigma \cdot \kappa_{j'})|_{G_{i'}\cap G_{j'}} \otimes_k M_{i'j'} \right)$$

where the representation  $\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'}$  of  $G_{i'}$  is the same as  $\rho$  as a vector space, and  $(\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'})_g = \rho_{\kappa_{i'}g\kappa_{i'}^{-1}}$ for  $g \in G_{i'} = \kappa_{i'}^{-1} G_i \kappa_{i'}$ . Table 1 gives two examples of quivers  $Q_G$ . A detailed example is also computed in section 2.

We can now state the two main results of this paper and two corollaries:

**Theorem 1.** There is an equivalence of categories

$$\operatorname{mod} k\left(Q_{G}\right) \simeq \operatorname{mod}\left(kQ\right)G.$$

Theorem 1 was proved by Reiten and Riedtmann in [RR, §2] for cyclic groups.

The following theorem deals with the case of preprojective algebras. The definition of the preprojective algebra  $\Lambda_Q$  of a quiver Q is recalled in section 3.2.

**Theorem 2.** If G acts on  $k\overline{Q}$ , where  $\overline{Q}$  is the double quiver of Q, by permuting the primitive idempotents  $e_i$  and stabilizing the linear subspace of  $k\overline{Q}$  spanned by the arrows, and if, for all  $g \in G$ ,  $r^g = r$  where r is the preprojective relation of this quiver, then  $(\overline{Q})_G$  is of the form  $\overline{Q}'$  for some quiver Q' and  $(\Lambda_Q)G$  is Morita equivalent to  $\Lambda_{Q'}$ .

One can always extend an action on kQ to an action on  $k\overline{Q}$  and this yields:

**Corollary 3.** The action of G on a path algebra kQ permuting the primitive idempotents and stabilizing the linear subspace of  $k\overline{Q}$  spanned by the arrows induces naturally an action of G on  $k\overline{Q}$  and  $(\overline{Q})_G$  is isomorphic to the double quiver of  $Q_G$ . Moreover, there is an equivalence of categories

$$\operatorname{mod} \Lambda_{Q_G} \simeq \operatorname{mod} \Lambda_Q G.$$

Theorem 2 and corollary 3 will be used in [Dem] for constructing 2-Calabi-Yau categorifications of skew-symmetrizable cluster algebras. Another corollary, which is an easy consequence of the definition of the McKay graph, is:

Corollary 4. Let Q be the quiver



and G a finite subgroup of  $SL(\mathbb{C}\alpha \oplus \mathbb{C}\alpha^*)$ . Then

- (1) There is an identification of  $Q_G$  with a double quiver  $\overline{Q}'$  such that the non oriented underlying graph of Q' is isomorphic to the affine Dynkin diagram corresponding to G through the McKay correspondence.
- (2) We have  $kQ/(\alpha\alpha^* \alpha^*\alpha) \simeq k[\alpha, \alpha^*]$  and there is an equivalence of categories

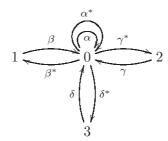
$$\operatorname{mod}(k[\alpha, \alpha^*]G) \simeq \operatorname{mod}\Lambda_{O'}.$$

Corollary 4 was proved by a geometrical method in [RV, proof of proposition 2.13] (see also [CBH, theorem 0.1]).

Table 1. Examples of computations of  $Q_G$ 

Q	G	$Q_G$
$1 \longrightarrow 2 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow n-1$ $1' \longrightarrow 2' \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow (n-1)'$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$1 \longrightarrow 2 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow n-1$ $n_{-}$
$\bigcap_{1 \atop \beta}$	$G \subset \operatorname{SL} (\mathbb{C}\alpha \oplus \mathbb{C}\beta)$ type $A_n$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ \dots \\ n-1 \end{array} $

Suppose that  $k = \mathbb{C}$  and that Q is the following quiver



Let also

$$G = \langle a, b \, | \, a^3 = b^2, b^4 = 1, aba = b \rangle$$

be the binary dihedral group of order 12. One lets G act on kQ by :

		$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$\alpha$	$\alpha^*$	β	$\beta^*$	$\gamma$	$\gamma^*$	δ	$\delta^*$
	a	$e_0$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_1$	$\zeta^{-1}\alpha$	$\zeta \alpha^*$	$\gamma$	$\gamma^*$	δ	$\delta^*$	β	$\beta^*$
Ī	b	$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_3$	$e_2$	$\alpha^*$	$-\alpha$	$-\beta$	$-\beta^*$	$-\delta$	$-\delta^*$	$-\gamma$	$-\gamma^*$

where  $\zeta$  is a primitive sixth root of unity.

Using the notation of the introduction, one can choose  $\widetilde{I} = \{0,1\}$ ,  $\kappa_0 = \kappa_1 = 1$ ,  $\kappa_2 = a$ ,  $\kappa_3 = a^2$ . One has  $G_0 = G$ ,  $G_1 = \langle b \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $G_2 = \langle ba \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $G_3 = \langle ab \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ . One can also choose  $F_{0,0} = \{(0,0)\}$ ,  $F_{0,1} = \{(0,1)\}$ ,  $F_{1,0} = \{(1,0)\}$  and  $F_{1,1} = \{(1,1),(1,2),(2,1)\}$ .

The irreducible representations of  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  will be denoted by  $\theta_{\alpha}$  where  $\alpha \in \{i, -1, -i, 1\}$  is the scalar action of a specified generator  $(b, ba \text{ or } ab \text{ when } \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \text{ is realized as } G_1, G_2 \text{ or } G_3)$ . The group G has six irreducible representations: four of degree 1 of the form  $a \mapsto \alpha^2$ ,  $b \mapsto \alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \{i, -1, -i, 1\}$ , which will be denoted by  $\lambda_{\alpha}$ , and two of degree 2:

$$\rho: a \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta \end{pmatrix} \quad b \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\sigma: a \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{-2} & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad b \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

One checks easily that  $\lambda_i \otimes \rho \simeq \sigma$ ,  $\rho \otimes \rho \simeq \sigma \oplus \lambda_1 \oplus \lambda_{-1}$ ,  $\rho \otimes \sigma \simeq \rho \oplus \lambda_i \oplus \lambda_{-i}$ ,  $\sigma \otimes \sigma \simeq \sigma \oplus \lambda_1 \oplus \lambda_{-1}$ . The other product formulas are deduced from these. One computes  $M_{0,0} = \rho$ ,  $M_{0,1} = M_{(1,0)} = \lambda_{-1}$  and  $M_{(1,1)} = M_{(1,2)} = M_{(2,1)} = 0$ . The vertices of  $Q_G$  are then  $0_i$ ,  $0_{-1}$ ,  $0_{-i}$ ,  $0_{-i}$ ,  $0_{\sigma}$ ,  $0_{\sigma}$ ,  $0_{-1}$  and  $0_{\sigma}$  are then  $0_{\sigma}$  and  $0_{\sigma}$  and  $0_{\sigma}$  are then  $0_{\sigma}$  one has

$$\operatorname{Hom}_G(\rho, \sigma \otimes \rho) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_G(\rho, \rho \oplus \lambda_i \oplus \lambda_{-i}) \simeq \mathbb{C}$$

and therefore there is one arrow from  $0_{\rho}$  to  $0_{\sigma}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Hom}_G(\lambda_1, \sigma \otimes \rho) \simeq 0$$

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$$\operatorname{Hom}_G(\lambda_i, \sigma \otimes \rho) \simeq \mathbb{C}$$

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$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\theta_i, \sigma|_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \theta_{-1}) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\theta_i, \theta_{-1} \oplus \theta_1) \simeq 0$$

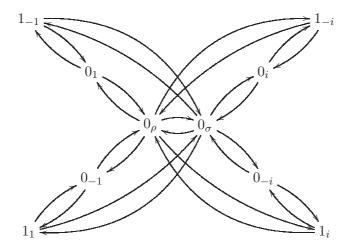
and therefore there is no arrow from  $1_i$  to  $0_{\sigma}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\theta_1, \sigma|_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \theta_{-1}) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\theta_1, \theta_{-1} \oplus \theta_1) \simeq \mathbb{C}$$

and therefore there is one arrow from  $1_1$  to  $0_{\sigma}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\theta_1, \lambda_{-1}|_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \theta_{-1}) \simeq \mathbb{C}$$

and therefore there is one arrow from  $1_1$  to  $0_{-1}$ . All the other computations can be done in the same way. Finally,  $Q_G$  is the following quiver:



where one can remark that the full subgraph having vertices  $\{0_i, 0_{-1}, 0_{-i}, 0_1, 0_\rho, 0_\sigma\}$  is the affine Dynkin diagram corresponding to G in the McKay correspondence, as expected. Hence  $\operatorname{mod}(\mathbb{C}Q)G \simeq \operatorname{mod}\mathbb{C}Q_G$ . Moreover, it is easy to check that the preprojective relation  $\alpha\alpha^* - \alpha^*\alpha + \beta\beta^* - \beta^*\beta + \gamma\gamma^* - \gamma^*\gamma + \delta\delta^* - \delta^*\delta$  is stable under the action of G and therefore there is an equivalence of Morita between  $\Lambda_{Q_1}G$  and  $\Lambda_{Q_2}$  where  $\overline{Q}_1 = Q$ ,  $\overline{Q}_2 = Q_G$ , and  $\Lambda_{Q_1}$ ,  $\Lambda_{Q_2}$  are the preprojective algebras of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ .

#### 3. Proofs of the main propositions

3.1. **Proof of theorem 1.** We retain the notation of section 1. Thus Q is a quiver, G acts on kQ by stabilizing the set of primitive idempotents corresponding to vertices and the vector space spanned by the arrows,  $\widetilde{I}$  is a fixed set of representatives of the G-orbits of I, etc.. Let R be the subalgebra of kQ generated by the primitive idempotents and  $M \subset kQ$  be the linear subspace spanned by the arrows, seen as an R-bimodule. Define  $T_0 = R$  and for every positive integer n,  $T_n = T_{n-1} \otimes_R M$ . Then, recall that the tensor algebra T(R, M) is  $\bigoplus_{i \geqslant 0} T_i$  endowed with the canonical product. It is clear that kQ is canonically isomorphic to T(R, M) on which the action of G is graded.

As G stabilizes R and M, one can define the skew-group algebra RG which is a subalgebra of (kQ)G. Thus,  $MG = M \otimes_k k[G]$  is a sub-RG-bimodule of (kQ)G and one gets easily a canonical isomorphism  $(kQ)G \simeq T(R,M)G \simeq T(RG,MG)$  which maps  $(m_1 \otimes m_2 \otimes \ldots \otimes m_n) \otimes g$  to  $(m_1 \otimes 1) \otimes (m_2 \otimes 1) \otimes \ldots \otimes (m_{n-1} \otimes 1) \otimes (m_n \otimes g) = (m_1 \otimes 1) \otimes (m_2 \otimes 1) \otimes \ldots \otimes (m_{n-1} \otimes g) \otimes (m_n^g \otimes 1) = \cdots = (m_1 \otimes 1) \otimes (m_2 \otimes g) \otimes \ldots \otimes (m_{n-1}^g \otimes 1) \otimes (m_n^g \otimes 1) = (m_1 \otimes g) \otimes (m_2^g \otimes 1) \otimes \ldots \otimes (m_n^g \otimes 1) \otimes (m_n^g \otimes 1).$ 

 $\ldots \otimes (m_{n-1}^g \otimes 1) \otimes (m_n^g \otimes 1).$ Let now  $e = \sum_{i \in \widetilde{I}} e_i \in R \subset RG$  which is an idempotent. Then, according to [RR, proposition 1.6] and its proof,

$$\operatorname{mod} RG \simeq \operatorname{mod} e(RG)e$$

$$N \mapsto eN$$

$$(RG)e \otimes_{e(RG)e} N' \leftarrow N'$$

is a Morita equivalence between RG and e(RG)e. Hence, it is a classical and easy fact that there is an equivalence of categories

$$\operatorname{mod}(kQ)G \simeq \operatorname{mod} T(RG, MG) \simeq \operatorname{mod} T(e(RG)e, e(MG)e)$$

$$N \mapsto eN$$

$$(RG)e \otimes_{e(RG)e} N' \longleftrightarrow N'$$

using the isomorphism  $MG \simeq (RG)e \otimes_{e(RG)e} e(MG)e \otimes_{e(RG)e} e(RG)$ . One has  $e(RG)e \simeq \prod_{i \in \widetilde{I}} k[G_i]$  where, for each  $i \in \widetilde{I}$ ,  $G_i$  is the stabilizer of  $e_i$ . As  $G_i$  is semi-simple, one can fix, for each  $i \in \widetilde{I}$  and  $\rho \in \operatorname{irr}(G_i)$ ,  $\widetilde{e}_{i\rho}$  to be a primitive idempotent of  $k[G_i]$  corresponding to  $\rho$ . Let  $\widetilde{e} = \sum_{i \in \widetilde{I}} \sum_{\rho \in \operatorname{irr}(G_i)} \widetilde{e}_{i\rho}$  which satisfies  $e\widetilde{e}e = \widetilde{e}$ . Then we have a Morita equivalence between e(RG)e and  $\widetilde{e}e(RG)e\widetilde{e} = \widetilde{e}(RG)\widetilde{e}$ , and, as before, between T(e(RG)e, e(MG)e) and  $T(\widetilde{e}(RG)\widetilde{e}, \widetilde{e}(MG)\widetilde{e})$ . Moreover, using the notation  $I_G$  of the introduction,  $\widetilde{e}(RG)\widetilde{e} \simeq \prod_{(i,\rho)\in I_G} k\widetilde{e}_{i\rho}$  and therefore, it is enough to compute  $\widetilde{e}_{j\sigma}(MG)\widetilde{e}_{i\rho} = \widetilde{e}_{j\sigma}e_{j}(MG)e_i\widetilde{e}_{i\rho}$  for each  $(i,\rho)$  and  $(j,\sigma)$  in  $I_G$  to finish the proof of theorem 1. Remark now that

$$e_{j}(MG)e_{i} = \sum_{(i',j') \in O_{i} \times O_{j}} G_{j}\kappa_{j'}M_{i'j'}\kappa_{i'}^{-1}G_{i} = \bigoplus_{(i',j') \in F_{ij}} G_{j}\kappa_{j'}M_{i'j'}\kappa_{i'}^{-1}G_{i}$$

and therefore, if one denotes  $G_{i'j'} = G_{i'} \cap G_{j'}$  for every  $i', j' \in I$ ,

$$\widetilde{e}_{j\sigma}e_{j}(MG)e_{i}\widetilde{e}_{i\rho} \simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k}\left(k,\widetilde{e}_{j\sigma}G_{j}\kappa_{j'}M_{i'j'}\kappa_{i'}^{-1}G_{i}\widetilde{e}_{i\rho}\right) 
\simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k[G_{i}]}\left(\rho,\sigma\otimes_{k[G_{j}]}G_{j}\kappa_{j'}M_{i'j'}\kappa_{i'}^{-1}G_{i}\right) 
\simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k[G_{i'}]}\left(\rho\cdot\kappa_{i'},(\sigma\cdot\kappa_{j'})\otimes_{k[G_{j'}]}G_{j'}M_{i'j'}G_{i'}\right) 
\simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k[G_{i'}]}\left(\rho\cdot\kappa_{i'},(\sigma\cdot\kappa_{j'})\otimes_{k[G_{j'}]}k[G_{j'}]\right) 
\otimes_{k[G_{i'j'}]}G_{i'j'}M_{i'j'}G_{i'j'}\otimes_{k[G_{i'j'}]}k[G_{i'}]\right)$$

and, because of the relations defining (kQ)G, the multiplication in (kQ)G induces an isomorphism of  $(G_{i'j'}, G_{i'j'})$ -bimodules  $k[G_{i'j'}] \otimes_k M_{i'j'} \simeq G_{i'j'} M_{i'j'} G_{i'j'}$ . Note that the action of  $(G_{i'j'}, G_{i'j'})$  on  $k[G_{i'j'}] \otimes_k M_{i'j'}$  is defined here by  $g(v \otimes m)h = gvh \otimes h^{-1}mh = gvh \otimes m^h$  (recall that we use the multiplication notation for the product in (kQ)G and the exponential notation for the action of G on kQ fixed at the beginning). Therefore

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{e}_{j\sigma}e_{j}(MG)e_{i}\widetilde{e}_{i\rho} &\simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k[G_{i'}]}\left(\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'}, (\sigma \cdot \kappa_{j'})\right) \\ &\otimes_{k[G_{i'j'}]}\left(k[G_{i'j'}]\otimes_{k}M_{i'j'}\right) \otimes_{k[G_{i'j'}]}k[G_{i'}]\right) \\ &\simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k[G_{i'}]}\left(\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'}, \left((\sigma \cdot \kappa_{j'})|_{G_{i'j'}}\otimes_{k}M_{i'j'}\right) \otimes_{k[G_{i'j'}]}k[G_{i'}]\right) \\ &\simeq \bigoplus_{(i',j')\in F_{ij}} \operatorname{Hom}_{k[G_{i'j'}]}\left((\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'})|_{G_{i'j'}}, (\sigma \cdot \kappa_{j'})|_{G_{i'j'}}\otimes_{k}M_{i'j'}\right) \end{split}$$

where the representation  $\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'}$  of  $G_{i'}$  is the same as  $\rho$  as a vector space and, if  $g \in G_{i'} = \kappa_{i'}^{-1} G_i \kappa_{i'}$ ,  $(\rho \cdot \kappa_{i'})_g = \rho_{\kappa_{i'} g \kappa_{i'}^{-1}}$ . It concludes the proof of theorem 1. Note that we go from the penultimate line to the last one by the classical adjunction between induction and restriction of representations.

3.2. **Proof of theorem 2.** We retain the notation of section 3.1. Define the R-bimodule  $\overline{M} = M \oplus M^*$  (the R-bimodule structure on  $M^*$  is the natural one : (afb)(m) = f(bma) for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $f \in M^*$  and  $m \in M$ ). The tensor algebra  $T(R, \overline{M})$  is the path algebra of the double quiver  $\overline{Q}$  of Q. The non-degenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form defined on  $\overline{M}$  by  $\langle m+f,m'+f'\rangle=f'(m)-f(m')$  where  $m,m'\in M$  and  $f,f'\in M^*$  satisfies, for every  $a,b\in R$  and  $m,n\in \overline{M}$ ,  $\langle amb,n\rangle=\langle m,bna\rangle$ . If  $\{x_i\}_{i\in S}$  is a k-basis of  $\overline{M}$ , then denote by  $\{x_i^*\}_{i\in S}$  its (left) dual basis for the bilinear form  $\langle -,-\rangle$  (that is the one satisfying  $\langle x_i^*,x_j\rangle=\delta_{ij}$  for every

 $i, j \in S$ ). Then the element  $r = \sum_{i \in S} x_i \otimes x_i^* \in \overline{M} \otimes_R \overline{M}$  is independent of the choice of the basis. By definition, r is the preprojective relation corresponding to Q and the preprojective algebra  $\Lambda_Q$  of Q is  $T(R, \overline{M})/(r)$ . For more details about preprojective algebras, see for example [DR] or [Rin].

Suppose now that the group G acts on  $k\overline{Q}$  by stabilizing the set of primitive idempotents corresponding to vertices and the k-subspace spanned by the arrows. Then it stabilizes r if and only if it stabilizes the bilinear form  $\langle -, - \rangle$  (indeed, for  $g \in G$ ,  $r^g = r$  implies that  $\{x_i^{*g}\}_{i \in S}$  is the left dual basis of  $\{x_i^g\}_{i \in S}$  since for every  $i \in S$ ,  $(\operatorname{Id}_{\overline{M}} \otimes \langle -, - \rangle)(r^g \otimes x_i^g) = (\operatorname{Id}_{\overline{M}} \otimes \langle -, - \rangle)(r \otimes x_i^g) = x_i^g$ ). Extend now  $\langle -, - \rangle$  to a bilinear form on  $\overline{M}G$  by setting

$$\langle m \otimes g, n \otimes h \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle m, n^h \rangle & \text{if } gh = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

which is clearly skew-symmetric and non-degenerate. Moreover, for  $a,b \in RG$  and  $m,n \in \overline{M}G$ , one has easily  $\langle amb,n \rangle = \langle m,bna \rangle$ . If  $\{x_i\}_{i\in S}$  is a basis of  $\overline{M}$  and  $\{x_i^*\}_{i\in S}$  is its left dual basis, then  $\{x_i^{*g} \otimes g^{-1}\}_{(i,g)\in S\times G}$  is the left dual basis of the basis  $\{x_i\otimes g\}_{(i,g)\in S\times G}$  of  $\overline{M}G$ . Hence, the preprojective relation  $r_G$  corresponding to  $\langle -, - \rangle$  in  $\overline{M}G\otimes_{RG}\overline{M}G$  is

$$r_{G} = \sum_{(i,g)\in S\times G} (x_{i}\otimes g)\otimes (x_{i}^{*g}\otimes g^{-1}) = \sum_{(i,g)\in S\times G} (x_{i}\otimes 1)(1\otimes g)\otimes (x_{i}^{*g}\otimes g^{-1})$$
$$= \sum_{(i,g)\in S\times G} (x_{i}\otimes 1)\otimes (1\otimes g)(x_{i}^{*g}\otimes g^{-1}) = \sum_{(i,g)\in S\times G} (x_{i}\otimes 1)\otimes (x_{i}^{*}\otimes 1) = \#G\times r$$

where the preprojective relation r of  $T(R, \overline{M})$  is mapped by the canonical inclusion from  $\overline{M} \otimes_R \overline{M}$  to  $\overline{M}G \otimes_{RG} \overline{M}G$ . As #G is invertible in k, one gets

$$(T(R, \overline{M})/(r)) G \simeq T(RG, \overline{M}G)/(r) = T(RG, \overline{M}G)/(r_G).$$

Moreover, for  $\langle -, - \rangle$ ,  $\widetilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\widetilde{e}$  and  $(1-\widetilde{e})(\overline{M}G)+(\overline{M}G)(1-\widetilde{e})$  are orthogonal supplementary subspaces. Thus,  $\langle -, - \rangle$  restricts to a skew-symmetric non-degenerate bilinear form on  $\widetilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\widetilde{e}$  which satisfies, for every  $a,b\in \widetilde{e}(RG)\widetilde{e}$  and  $m,n\in \widetilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\widetilde{e}$ ,  $\langle amb,n\rangle=\langle m,bna\rangle$ . By taking a basis of  $\overline{M}G$  which is the union of a basis of  $\widetilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\widetilde{e}$  and a basis of  $(1-\widetilde{e})(\overline{M}G)+(\overline{M}G)(1-\widetilde{e})$ , it is clear that the equivalence of categories of section 3.1 restricts to an equivalence

$$\operatorname{mod}((kQ)G/(r_G)) \simeq \operatorname{mod}\left(T(RG, \overline{M}G)/(r_G)\right) \simeq \operatorname{mod}\left(T(\widetilde{e}(RG)\widetilde{e}, \widetilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\widetilde{e})/(r_{\widetilde{e}})\right)$$

$$N \mapsto \widetilde{e}N$$

$$(RG)\widetilde{e} \otimes_{\widetilde{e}(RG)\widetilde{e}} N' \leftrightarrow N'$$

where  $r_{\tilde{e}}$  is the preprojective relation in  $T(\tilde{e}(RG)\tilde{e},\tilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\tilde{e}) \simeq k(\overline{Q})_G \simeq k\overline{Q}'$ . It completes the proof of theorem 2 (it is enough to take a maximal isotropic subspace of  $\tilde{e}(\overline{M}G)\tilde{e}$  to find arrows of Q' which is of course non unique).

3.3. Proof of corollary 3. We retain the previous notation. If G acts on kQ by stabilizing the set of primitive idempotents and M, then its action can be extended to an action on  $\overline{M} = M \oplus M^*$  using the contragredient representation on  $M^*$ . Then  $\overline{M}G = MG \oplus M^*G$  as RG-bimodules. Moreover, MG is clearly maximal isotropic for the bilinear form  $\langle -, - \rangle$  extended on  $\overline{M}G$  as before. Hence  $(\overline{Q})_G = \overline{Q}_G$  and it proves corollary 3.

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