

## INJECTIVE AND PROJECTIVE PROPERTIES OF REPRESENTATIONS OF QUIVERS WITH $n$ EDGES

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ABSTRACT. We define injective and projective representations of quivers with two vertices with  $n$  arrows. In the representation of quivers we denote  $n$  edges between two vertices as  $\Rightarrow$  and  $n$  maps as  $f_1 \sim f_n$ , and  $E \oplus E \oplus \cdots \oplus E$  ( $n$  times) as  $\oplus_n E$ . We show that if  $E$  is an injective left  $R$ -module, then

$$\oplus_n E \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} E$$

is an injective representation of  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  where  $p_i(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = a_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Dually we show that if  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is an injective representation of a quiver  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are injective left  $R$ -modules. We also show that if  $P$  is a projective left  $R$ -module, then

$$P \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} \oplus_n P$$

is a projective representation of  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  where  $i_k$  is the  $k$ th injection. And if  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is a projective representation of a quiver  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are projective left  $R$ -modules.

### 1. Introduction

A quiver is just a directed graph with vertices and edges (arrows) ([1]). We may consider many different types of quivers. We allow multiple edges and multiple arrows, and edges going from a vertex back to the same vertex. Originally a representation of quiver assigned a vector space to each vertex - and a linear map to each edge (or arrow) - with the linear map going from the vector space assigned to the initial vertex

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to the one assigned to the terminal vertex. For example, a representation of the quiver  $Q = \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$  is  $V_1 \xrightarrow{f} V_2$ ,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are vector spaces and  $f$  is a linear map (morphism). Then we can define a morphism of two representations of the same quiver i.e., given a quiver  $Q = \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$ , we can define two representations  $V_1 \xrightarrow{f} V_2$  and  $W_1 \xrightarrow{g} W_2$ .

Now we can define a morphism between these two representations. A morphism of  $V_1 \xrightarrow{f} V_2$  to  $W_1 \xrightarrow{g} W_2$  is given by a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & V_2 \\ s_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow s_2 \\ W_1 & \xrightarrow{g} & W_2 \end{array}$$

with  $s_1, s_2$  linear maps.

In ([3]) a homotopy of quiver was developed and in ([2]) cyclic quiver ring was studied. Recently, the theory of projective representations was developed in ([4]) and the theory of injective representation was studied in ([5]).

DEFINITION 1.1. ([7]) A left  $R$ -module  $E$  is said to be injective if given any injective linear map  $\sigma : M' \rightarrow M$  and any linear map  $h : M' \rightarrow E$ , there is a linear map  $g : M \rightarrow E$  such that  $g \circ \sigma = h$ . That is

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & M \\ & & \downarrow h & \swarrow g & \\ & & E & & \end{array}$$

can always be completed to a commutative diagram.

DEFINITION 1.2. ([7]) A left  $R$ -module  $P$  is said to be projective if given any surjective linear map  $\sigma : M' \rightarrow M$  and any linear map  $h : P \rightarrow M$ , there is a linear map  $g : P \rightarrow M'$  such that  $\sigma \circ g = h$ . That is

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & P & & \\ & & \downarrow h & & \\ & g \swarrow & & \searrow \sigma & \\ M' & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

can always be completed to a commutative diagram.

Let  $G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_i \times \dots \times G_n$  be a direct product of groups. The projection map  $\pi_i : G \rightarrow G_i$  where  $\pi_i(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_i, \dots, g_n) = g_i$  is a homomorphism for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . This follows immediately from the fact that the binary operation of  $G$  coincides in the  $i$ th component with the binary operation in  $G_i$ . Let  $\phi_i : G_i \rightarrow G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_i \times \dots \times G_n$  be given by  $\phi_i(g_i) = (e_1, e_2, \dots, g_i, \dots, e_n)$  where  $g_i \in G_i$  and  $e_j$  is the identity of  $G_j$ . This is an injection map. Let  $F = \{X_i | i \in I\}$  be an indexed family of left  $R$ -modules  $X_i$  and denote  $P = \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  the cartesian product of  $F$ . Define an element of  $P$  as a function  $f : I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$  such that  $f(i) \in X_i$  for every  $i \in I$ . Define  $(P, +)$  by  $(f + g)(i) = f(i) + g(i) \in X_i$  for every  $i \in I$ , and  $0(i) = 0 \in X_i$  and  $(-f)(i) = -[f(i)]$ . Then easily  $(P, +)$  is an abelian group. Define  $\mu : R \times P \rightarrow P$  by  $(rf)(i) = r[f(i)]$  for every  $i \in I$ . Then easily  $P$  is a left  $R$ -module. We say  $P$  as the direct product of  $F$  over  $R$ . Consider  $S$  the subset of  $P$  such that  $f(i) = 0$  except only finite  $i \in I$ . Then easily  $S$  is a submodule of  $P$ . We say  $S$  as direct sum of  $F$  and is denoted by  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i$ .

REMARK 1.  $p_j|_s : \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_j$  is called the natural projection of  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i$ .

So we have morphisms

$$X_j \xrightarrow{d_j} \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i \xrightarrow{i} \prod_{i \in I} X_i \xrightarrow{p_k} X_k$$

$p_k \circ i \circ d_j : X_j \rightarrow X_k$  is trivial if  $j \neq k$ , and is identity if  $j = k$ .

REMARK 2. The natural injection  $d_j : X_j \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i$  is a monomorphism and the natural projection  $p_j : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_j$  is an epimorphism.

Notation : In the representation of quivers we denote  $n$  arrows between two vertices as  $\Rightarrow$  and  $n$  maps as  $f_1 \sim f_n$  and  $E \oplus E \oplus \dots \oplus E$  ( $n$  times) as  $\oplus_n E$ .

## 2. Injective representation of a quiver $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$ with $n$ edges

We define injective representation of a quiver with two vertices and multiple arrows. And consider their various injective representations as left  $R$ -modules.

DEFINITION 2.1. A representation  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  of a quiver  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  is called an injective representation if for any representation  $N_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} N_2$  with a subrepresentation

$$S_1 \xrightarrow{S_2 | g_1 |_{S_1} \sim S_2 | g_n |_{S_1}} S_2$$

and morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S_2 \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow k \\ M_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} & M_2 \end{array}$$

there exist  $H \in \text{Hom}_R(N_1, M_1)$  and  $K \in \text{Hom}_R(N_2, M_2)$  such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} & N_2 \\ H \downarrow & & \downarrow K \\ M_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} & M_2 \end{array}$$

commutes and  $H|_{S_1} = h$   $K|_{S_2} = k$ .

In other words, every diagram of representations

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (0 \xrightarrow{\quad} 0) & \longrightarrow & (S_1 \xrightarrow{\quad} S_2) & \longrightarrow & (N_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} N_2) \\ & & h \downarrow & & \downarrow k \\ & & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & & \end{array}$$

can be completed to a commutative diagram as follows :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (0 \xrightarrow{\quad} 0) & \longrightarrow & (S_1 \xrightarrow{\quad} S_2) & \longrightarrow & (N_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} N_2) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow H \\ & & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & & \end{array}$$

$\swarrow K$

THEOREM 2.2. If  $E$  is an injective left  $R$ -module, then

$$E \xrightarrow{\quad} 0$$

is an injective representation of  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M_1, M_2$  be left  $R$ -modules,  $S_1$  be a submodule of  $M_1$ ,  $S_2$  be a submodule of  $M_2$  and  $g : S_1 \rightarrow E$  be an  $R$ -linear map. Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (0 \implies 0) & \longrightarrow & (S_1 \implies S_2) & \longrightarrow & (M_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} M_2) \\ & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\ & & (E \implies 0) & & \end{array}$$

Then since  $E$  is an injective left  $R$ -module, we can complete the following commutative diagram by  $h$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & S_1 & \longrightarrow & M_1 \\ & & \downarrow g & \nearrow h & \\ & & E & & \end{array}$$

Then  $0(h(m)) = 0 = 0(g_1(m))$ ,  $0(h(m)) = 0 = 0(g_2(m))$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $0(h(m)) = 0 = 0(g_n(m))$ . Thus, we can complete the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} & M_2 \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow 0 \\ (E \implies 0) & & \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram by  $0 : M_2 \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, we can complete the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (0 \implies 0) & \longrightarrow & (S_1 \implies S_2) & \longrightarrow & (M_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} M_2) \\ & & \downarrow & \searrow h & \downarrow 0 \\ & & (E \implies 0) & \longleftarrow & \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Hence,  $E \implies 0$  is an injective representation. □

**THEOREM 2.3.** If  $E$  is an injective left  $R$ -module, then

$$\oplus_n E \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} E$$

is an injective representation of  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  where  $p_i(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = a_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M_1, M_2$  be a left  $R$ -module,  $S_1$  be a submodule of  $M_1$ ,  $S_2$  be a submodule of  $M_2$  and  $g : S_2 \rightarrow E$  be an  $R$ -linear map. Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (0 \implies 0) & \longrightarrow & (S_1 \implies S_2) & \longrightarrow & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\
 & & (\oplus_n E \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} E) & & 
 \end{array}$$

Then since  $E$  is an injective left  $R$ -module, we can consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & S_2 & \longrightarrow & M_2 \\
 & & \downarrow g & \swarrow h & \\
 & & E & & 
 \end{array}$$

by  $h$ . Define  $H : M_1 \rightarrow \oplus_n E$  by  $H(m) = (h(f_1(m)), h(f_2(m)), \dots, h(f_n(m)))$ . Then  $p_i(H(m)) = h(f_i(m))$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and we can complete the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} & M_2 \\
 H \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\
 (\oplus_n E \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} E) & & 
 \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Hence, we can complete the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (0 \implies 0) & \longrightarrow & (S_1 \implies S_2) & \longrightarrow & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow H \\
 & & (\oplus_n E \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} E) & & \swarrow h
 \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Therefore  $\oplus_n E \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} E$  is an injective representation. □

**THEOREM 2.4.** If  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is an injective representation of a quiver  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are injective left  $R$ -modules.

*Proof.* First we show that  $M_2$  is an injective left  $R$ -module. Let  $S$  be a submodule of  $N$  and  $g : S \rightarrow M_2$  be an  $R$ -linear map and we consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & N \\ & & \downarrow g & & \\ & & M_2 & & \end{array}$$

Then since  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is an injective representation, there exist  $h : N \rightarrow M_2$  which completes the following

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (0 \implies 0) & \longrightarrow & (0 \implies S) & \longrightarrow & (0 \implies N) \\ & & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ & & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & \xleftarrow{h} & \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Thus,  $h : N \rightarrow M_2$  completes the above diagram as a commutative diagram. Therefore,  $M_2$  is an injective left  $R$ -module.

Let  $g : S \rightarrow M_1$  be an  $R$ -linear map and we consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & N \\ & & \downarrow g & & \\ & & M_1 & & \end{array}$$

Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (0 \implies 0) & \longrightarrow & (S \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} \oplus_n S) & \longrightarrow & (N \xrightarrow{j_1 \sim j_n} \oplus_n N) \\ & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow G \\ & & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & & \end{array}$$

where  $G((s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)) = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(g(s_k))$ , and  $i_k(s)$  is the  $k$ th injection.

Then since  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is an injective representation, there exist  $h : N \rightarrow M_1$  and  $\alpha : \oplus_n E \rightarrow M_2$  such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{j_1 \sim j_n} & \oplus_n N \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow \alpha \\ (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & & \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram.

Thus,  $h : N \rightarrow M_1$  completes the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & N \\ & & \downarrow g & \swarrow h & \\ & & M_1 & & \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Therefore,  $M_1$  is an injective left  $R$ -module. □

### 3. Projective representation of a quiver $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$ with $n$ edges

DEFINITION 3.1. A representation  $P_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} P_2$  of a quiver  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  is called a projective representation if every diagram of representations

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (P_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} P_2) & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (M_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} M_2) & \longrightarrow & (N_1 \xrightarrow{h_1 \sim h_n} N_2) & \longrightarrow & (0 \Longrightarrow 0) \end{array}$$

can be completed to a commutative diagram as follows :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (P_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} P_2) & & \\ & & \downarrow K & & \downarrow \\ (M_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} M_2) & \xrightarrow{H} & (N_1 \xrightarrow{h_1 \sim h_n} N_2) & \longrightarrow & (0 \Longrightarrow 0) \end{array}$$



THEOREM 3.2. If  $P$  is a projective left  $R$ -module, then

$$0 \Longrightarrow P$$

is a projective representation of  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M_1, M_2, N_1, N_2$  be left  $R$ -modules, and  $k : P \rightarrow N_2$  be an  $R$ -linear map. Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (0 \Longrightarrow P) & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow k \\ (M_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} M_2) & \longrightarrow & (N_1 \xrightarrow{h_1 \sim h_n} N_2) & \longrightarrow & (0 \Longrightarrow 0) \end{array}$$

Then since  $P$  is a projective left  $R$ -module, we can complete the following commutative diagram by  $h$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ & \swarrow h & \downarrow \\ M_2 & \longrightarrow & N_2 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Then  $0 : 0 \rightarrow M_1$  completes the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (0 \Longrightarrow P) & & \\ & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow \\ (M_1 \xrightarrow{g_1 \sim g_n} M_2) & \xrightarrow{0} & (N_1 \xrightarrow{h_1 \sim h_n} N_2) & \longrightarrow & (0 \Longrightarrow 0) \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Hence,  $0 \Longrightarrow P$  is a projective representation.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.3. If  $P$  is a projective left  $R$ -module, then

$$P \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} \oplus_n P$$

is a projective representation of  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  where  $i_k$  is the  $k$ th injection.

*Proof.* Let  $M_1, M_2, N_1, N_2$  be left  $R$ -modules and  $g : P \rightarrow N_1$  be a  $R$ -linear map. Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & (P \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} \oplus_n P) & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & \longrightarrow & (N_1 \implies N_2) & \longrightarrow & (0 \implies 0)
 \end{array}$$

Since  $P$  is a projective left  $R$ -module we can complete the following diagram by  $h$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & P & \\
 & \swarrow h & \downarrow g \\
 M_1 & \longrightarrow & N_1 \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Define  $H((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = f_1(h(a_1)) + f_2(h(a_2)) + \dots + f_n(h(a_n))$ . Then  $f_1(h(a)) = H(i_1(a))$ ,  $f_2(h(a)) = H(i_2(a))$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $f_n(h(a)) = H(i_n(a))$ . Thus we can complete the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & (P \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} \oplus_n P) & & \\
 & & \downarrow H & & \downarrow \\
 (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & \xleftarrow{h} & (N_1 \implies N_2) & \longrightarrow & (0 \implies 0)
 \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Hence,  $P \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} \oplus_n P$  is a projective representation. □

**THEOREM 3.4.** If  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is an projective representation of a quiver  $Q = \bullet \Rightarrow \bullet$  then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are projective left  $R$ -modules.

*Proof.* First we show that  $M_1$  is a projective left  $R$ -module. Let  $S$  and  $N$  be left  $R$ -modules and  $g : M_1 \rightarrow S$  be an  $R$ -linear map and we consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M_1 & & \\
 \downarrow g & & \\
 N \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Then since  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is a projective representation, there exist  $h : M_1 \rightarrow N$  which completes the following

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & & \\
 & \swarrow h & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 (N \xrightarrow{\quad} 0) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (S \xrightarrow{\quad} 0) & \longrightarrow & (0 \xrightarrow{\quad} 0)
 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $M_1$  is a projective left  $R$ -module. Let  $g : M_2 \rightarrow S$  be an  $R$ -linear map and we consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & M_2 & & \\
 & & \downarrow g & & \\
 N & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

Define  $G : M_1 \rightarrow \oplus_{i=1}^n S_i$  where  $p_k(G(m)) = g(f_k(m))$ , for  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and  $G(m) = (g(f_1(m)), g(f_2(m)), \dots, g(f_n(m)))$ , and  $p_k((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = a_k$ , and consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & (M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2) & & \\
 & \swarrow G & \downarrow & \searrow g & \\
 (\oplus_{i=1}^n N_i \xrightarrow{q_1 \sim q_n} N) & \longrightarrow & (\oplus_n S \xrightarrow{p_1 \sim p_n} S) & \longrightarrow & (0 \xrightarrow{\quad} 0)
 \end{array}$$

Then since  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} M_2$  is a projective representation, there exist  $h : M_1 \rightarrow \oplus_n N$  and  $\alpha : M_2 \rightarrow N$  such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1 \sim f_n} & M_2 \\
 h \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\
 (\oplus_n N \xrightarrow{i_1 \sim i_n} N) & & 
 \end{array}$$

as a commutative diagram. Thus,  $\alpha : M_2 \rightarrow N$  completes the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & M_2 & & \\
 & \swarrow \alpha & \downarrow g & & \\
 N & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $M_2$  is a projective left  $R$ -module.  $\square$

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