

# Quasi-hereditary Algebras which are Twisted Double Incidence Algebras of Posets

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**Abstract.** For each finite poset, we associate it with a family  $M$  of matrices and define the corresponding  $M$ -twisted double incidence algebra which is a generalization of the construction given by Dyer. In the paper we mainly study the quadratic dual and Ringel dual of the  $M$ -twisted double incidence algebra. We prove that if the given poset is a tree then its  $M$ -twisted double incidence algebra is a BGG-algebra and the Ringel dual can be determined in detail (with some natural restriction on matrices). Moreover, we show that in the tree case with all matrices non-zero the processes of forming Ringel duals and quadratic duals of  $M$ -twisted double incidence algebras, respectively, commute with each other.

## Introduction

In his study of Kazhdan-Lusztig-Stanley polynomials with interpretations in the representation theory of finite dimensional quadratic algebras, Dyer introduced in [4] for certain class of posets, including Bruhat intervals or face lattices, families of finite dimensional algebras, and proved that these algebras have many nice properties, and in particular, satisfy the main conjecture mentioned in [4, 1.6]. The algebras constructed from posets satisfying the conditions in [4] are quasi-hereditary algebras with dualities which fix simple modules. Such algebras are called BGG-algebras (see [9], and [3]). It is well-known that each block of the category  $\mathcal{O}$  introduced by Bernstein, Gelfand and Gelfand in [1] is equivalent to the module category of a finite dimensional BGG-algebra such that its quadratic dual algebra is also quasi-hereditary. Quasi-hereditary algebras have been introduced by Cline, Parshall and Scott in order to describe the structure of certain finite dimensional algebras which arise naturally in the representation theory of semisimple complex Lie algebras and of reductive algebraic groups, and then are ring-theoretically investigated by Dlab and Ringel in [5]. Recently, Ringel [11] associated with each quasi-hereditary algebra

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A another quasi-hereditary algebra  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  which we call the Ringel dual of  $A$ . Being the endomorphism algebra of a generalized tilting module, the Ringel dual has many applications in the study of symmetric groups and Schur algebras (see [8]).

The main objective of the present paper is the study of Ringel duals and quadratic duals for a class of quasi-hereditary algebras which are defined to be twisted double incidence algebras of posets as well as of the relation between these two dualities.

First we simplify the construction in [4] and construct for any finite poset a family of finite dimensional algebras, here we do not require any restriction on posets and labellings. Since the labellings in our paper are families of matrices, we call them matrix labellings. Of course, if the given poset and the labelling satisfy all conditions in [4, Sect. 3], then our construction yields the same algebra as in [4] whose quasi-heredity is proved by Dyer. (Note that the algebras in [4] are a special class of a much larger class of algebras studied by Dyer in a big program.) In general, the algebras we constructed are not always quasi-hereditary. However, we prove that if the Hasse diagram of the poset is a tree then the constructed algebra is quasi-hereditary. Since in this case all the matrices are symmetric, the defined algebra is even a BGG-algebra.

Let  $X$  be a finite poset with a matrix labelling  $M$ . We consider the defined algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ , and we call it the  $M$ -twisted double incidence algebra of  $X$ . To describe the quadratic dual of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ , we first give a sufficient and necessary condition for  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  to be a quadratic algebra, and then introduce a new finite dimensional algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  which is again defined by using the labelling poset  $X$ . One of our main results, Theorem 2.9, says that if  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic then the quadratic dual of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is of the form  $\mathcal{B}_{(X^{op}, -M^t)}$ . Usually, the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is not a quasi-hereditary algebra. However, in case  $X$  is a tree (namely, the Hasse diagram of  $X$  is a tree) or  $X$  satisfies the conditions in [4, sect.3], the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  becomes quasi-hereditary. For Ringel duals as well as the relation between Ringel duals and quadratic duals we concentrate mainly on the case when  $X$  is a tree. The main results are 4.6 and 5.8. Namely, in good cases (if  $X$  is a tree and all matrices are invertible), the processes of forming the quadratic dual and the Ringel dual of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  respectively, commute with each other.

We organize the paper as follows. In section 0 we recall some basic definitions and facts. In section 1 we generalize the construction in [4]. Section 2 is devoted to the description of quadratic dual of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ . In order to prove 4.6 and 5.8, we discuss in section 3 the Borel subalgebra and  $\Delta$ -subalgebra in the sense of König. As a byproduct, we have an upper bound for global dimension of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  if it is quasi-hereditary. Using the results in section 3 we prove the main results in the last two sections.

## 0. Preliminaries

**0.1** Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field  $k$ . We will consider finitely generated left  $A$ -modules, maps between  $A$ -modules will be written on the right side of the argument, thus the composition of maps  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  and  $g : M_2 \rightarrow M_3$  will be denoted by  $fg$ . The category of all finitely generated modules will be denoted by  $A\text{-mod}$ . Given a class  $\Theta$  of  $A$ -modules, we denote by  $\mathcal{F}(\Theta)$  the class of all  $A$ -modules which have a  $\Theta$ -filtration, that is, a filtration

$$0 = M_t \subset M_{t-1} \subset \cdots \subset M_1 \subset M_0 = M$$

such that each factor  $M_{i-1}/M_i$  is isomorphic to an object in  $\Theta$  for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ . For a module  $M \in A\text{-mod}$ , we denote by  $\text{add}(M)$  the full additive subcategory of  $A\text{-mod}$  consisting of all finite direct sums of direct summands of  $M$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be a finite poset in bijective correspondence with the isomorphism classes of simple  $A$ -modules. For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , let  $E(\lambda)$  be a simple module in the isomorphism class corresponding to  $\lambda$  and  $P(\lambda)$  (or  $P_A(\lambda)$ ) a projective cover of  $E(\lambda)$  and denote by  $\Delta(\lambda)$  the maximal factor modules of  $P(\lambda)$  with composition factors of the form  $E(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \leq \lambda$ . Dually, let  $Q(\lambda)$  (or  $Q_A(\lambda)$ ) be an injective hull of  $E(\lambda)$  and denote by  $\nabla(\lambda)$  the maximal submodule of  $Q(\lambda)$  with the composition factors of the form  $E(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \leq \lambda$ . Let  $\Delta$  (respectively,  $\nabla$ ) be the full subcategory of all  $\Delta(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  (respectively, all  $\nabla(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ). We call the modules in  $\Delta$  the standard modules and the ones in  $\nabla$  the costandard modules.

The algebra  $A$  is said to be quasi-hereditary with respect to  $(\Lambda, \leq)$  if for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  we have

- (i)  $\text{End}_A(\Delta(\lambda)) \cong k$ ;
- (ii)  $P(\lambda) \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$ , and moreover,  $P(\lambda)$  has a  $\Delta$ -filtration with quotient  $\Delta(\mu)$  for  $\mu \geq \lambda$  in which  $\Delta(\lambda)$  occurs exactly once.

For a quasi-hereditary algebra  $A$  with respect to a poset  $\Lambda$  we call the elements in  $\Lambda$  weights and  $\Lambda$  the weight poset of  $A$ . By  $(A, \Lambda)$  we denote a quasi-hereditary algebra  $A$  with the weight poset  $\Lambda$ .

If a quasi-hereditary algebra has a duality  $\delta$  which fixes simple modules, we call it a BGG-algebra (see [9], [3]).

**0.2** The usual (and equivalent) definition of quasi-hereditary algebras uses the notion of a heredity ideal. A heredity ideal of an algebra  $A$  is an idempotent ideal  $I$ , with  $I(\text{rad}(A))I = 0$ , and such that  ${}_A I$  is a projective module (or, equivalently,  $I_A$  is a projective right module). A chain of ideals

$$A = I_0 \supseteq I_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq I_n = 0$$

is called a heredity chain provided  $I_{t-1}/I_t$  is a heredity ideal of  $A/I_t$ , for  $1 \leq t \leq n$ . A finite dimensional algebra is quasi-hereditary if and only if it has a heredity chain. Note that a heredity chain may always be refined so that for every  $t$ , the indecomposable summands of a fixed module  ${}_A(I_{t-1}/I_t)$  are all isomorphic, say isomorphic to some  $\Delta(t)$ , and then these modules are just the standard modules. Conversely, given an algebra  $A$  which satisfies the conditions (i) and (ii), then for every  $t$  there exists a maximal left ideal  $I_t$  of  $A$  which belongs to  $\mathcal{F}(\{\Delta(t+1), \dots, \Delta(s(A))\})$ , where  $s(A)$  is the number of the isomorphism classes of simple  $A$ -modules, it clearly will be a two-sided ideal, and, in this way, we obtain a heredity chain  $(I_t)_t$  for  $A$ . Note that the  $A/I_t$ -modules are just those  $A$ -modules which only have composition factors of the form  $E(i)$ , with  $i \leq t$ .

**0.3** To check whether an ideal in  $A$  is a heredity ideal one may use the following result due to Dlab and Ringel.

**Lemma** [5]. *Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional  $k$ -algebra and  $I$  an ideal generated by the idempotent  $e$  in  $A$ . If  $e(\text{rad}(A))e = 0$  then  ${}_A I$  is projective if and only if the multiplication map*

$$Ae \otimes_{eAe} eA \longrightarrow AeA$$

is bijective.

**0.4** Now we recall the definition of quadratic algebras and their quadratic duals (see [2]). Consider a  $k$ -algebra  $A_0 \cong k^n$ . Let  $A_1$  be a finite dimensional  $A_0$ -bimodule, and form the tensor algebra  $T_{A_0}(A_1) := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} T^n(A_1)$  over  $A_0$ , where  $T^n(A_1) := A_1 \otimes_{A_0} \cdots \otimes_{A_0} A_1$  denotes the  $n$ -fold tensor product (and  $T^0(A_1) = A_0$ ). An algebra of the form  $A = T_{A_0}(A_1) / \langle R(A) \rangle$ , where  $\langle R(A) \rangle$  is the two-sided ideal of  $T_{A_0}(A_1)$  generated by some  $A_0$ -subbimodule  $R(A)$  of  $T^2(A_1)$ , is called a (basic) quadratic algebra.

Regard the dual space  $A_1^* = \text{Hom}_k(A_1, k)$  as an  $A_0$ -bimodule with the action  $(v)(afb) = (bva)f$ , where  $a, b \in A_0$  and  $f \in A_1^*$ . The quadratic dual of  $A$  is defined by  $A^! := T_{A_0}(A_1^*) / \langle R(A)^\perp \rangle$ , where  $R(A)^\perp$  is the annihilator  $R(A)^\perp := \{f \in A_1^* \otimes_{A_0} A_1^* \mid (R(A))f = 0\}$  of  $R(A)$  (we identify  $(A_1 \otimes_{A_0} A_1)^*$  with  $A_1^* \otimes_{A_0} A_1^*$  by sending  $(f \otimes g)^*$  to  $g^* \otimes f^*$ ).

**0.5** We fix some notation and terminology used throughout. For a finite poset  $X$  we denote by  $|X|$  the cardinality of  $X$ , and write  $x < y$  (or  $y > x$ ) to indicate that  $x < y$  and that there is no  $z \in X$  satisfying  $x < z < y$ . For  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \leq y$  the closed subinterval  $[x, y]$  is defined to be the set of all  $z \in X$  with  $x \leq z \leq y$ . A chain from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $n$  is a sequence  $x = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = y$  of elements in  $X$ . A maximal chain of length  $n$  from  $x$  to  $y$  is a sequence  $x = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = y$ . The minimum (resp. maximum) of the lengths of all chains from  $x$  to  $y$  is called the minimal (resp. maximal) length of  $[x, y]$ .

We denote by  $k^{n \times m}$  the set of all  $n \times m$  matrices over  $k$  and by  $M^t$  the transpose of a matrix  $M$ .

## 1. Definition of algebras $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$

In this section we define for any finite poset  $X$  a family of finite dimensional algebras over an algebraically closed field  $k$ . Our construction is a generalization of that given in [4] and includes some special cases in [12]. We prove that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary if the Hasse diagram of  $X$  is a tree.

**1.1** Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field and  $X$  a finite poset. We consider each closed subinterval  $[x, \omega]$  of  $X$  with minimal length 2. Suppose  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are elements in  $[x, \omega]$  such that  $x < y_i < \omega$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , are all maximal chains from  $x$  to  $\omega$  of length 2, i.e. the Hasse diagram of  $[x, \omega]$  has a subdiagram of the following form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & y_1 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ x & & y_i & & \omega \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & y_n & & \end{array}$$

and such a diagram is called a mesh diagram of  $x$  and  $\omega$ . With such a mesh we associate a matrix  $M_n(x, \omega) \in k^{n \times n}$ , say

$$M_n(x, \omega) = (a_{y_i y_j}^{(x, \omega)})_{y_i y_j}.$$

Then we say that  $X$  is labelled by matrices, denoted by  $(X, M)$ , where  $M$  is the set of all the labelling matrices, and call  $M$  a matrix labelling on  $X$ .

**1.2** Let  $X$  be a finite poset. We first define an associative  $k$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  with a  $k$ -basis consisting of all symbols  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0$ , where  $n \geq 0$  and  $x_i \in X$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , satisfy either  $x_{i-1} < x_i$  or  $x_{i-1} > x_i$ . The multiplication is defined on the basis by setting  $(y_m \cdots y_1 y_0)(x_n \cdots x_1 x_0)$  equal to  $y_m \cdots y_1 x_n \cdots x_1 x_0$  if  $y_0 = x_n$  and 0 otherwise, then extended to  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  by linearity. The algebra  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  is already introduced by Dyer in [4]. Obviously, there is a  $k$ -algebra anti-involution  $\varepsilon$  of  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  defined on the basis vectors by  $\varepsilon : x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 \mapsto x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n$ .

**1.3** Suppose that we are in the situation of 1.1. For  $x < y$ ,  $x < z$  in  $X$ , we define

$$r_{yxz} = yxz - \sum_{\omega} a_{yz}^{(x, \omega)} y\omega z,$$

where the sum is over all  $\omega$  satisfying  $y < \omega$  and  $z < \omega$ . Note that we allow in the above definition that  $y = z$  and that if there is no  $\omega$  satisfying  $y < \omega$  and  $z < \omega$  then the summation is zero.

**1.4 Definition.** Let  $I(X, M)$  be the ideal of  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  generated by elements of the following two types

$$(1.4.1) \quad r_{yxz}, \quad x, y, z \in X \text{ with } x < y \text{ and } x < z,$$

$$(1.4.2) \quad u_n \cdots u_1 u_0 - v_m \cdots v_1 v_0, \quad v_m \cdots v_1 v_0 - u_n \cdots u_1 u_0, \quad \text{for } u < v \text{ in } X,$$

where  $u = u_n < \cdots < u_1 < u_0 = v$  and  $u = v_m < \cdots < v_1 < v_0 = v$  are maximal chains from  $u$  to  $v$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  the quotient algebra of  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  by  $I(X, M)$  and call it an  $M$ -twisted double incidence algebra of  $X$  (This name is suggested by S.König).

**1.5 Remarks and examples.** First note that if  $X$  satisfies the conditions in [4, 3.1–3.2], then the above definition yields the same algebra as in [4, 3.8]. Certainly, there are a lot of posets which do not satisfy the conditions in [4]. For example, let  $X$  be a poset with the following Hasse diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & y_1 & \omega_1 \\ x & y_2 & \omega_2 \\ & y_3 & \omega_3 \end{array}$$

Then it is clear that this poset does not fulfill the conditions in [4]. However, we can still get a quadratic algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  by using 1.4. We take

$$M(x, \omega_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M(x, \omega_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M(x, \omega_3) = [0]$$

Then  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is the path algebra of the quiver

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & y_1 & \omega_1 \\ & \vdots & \vdots \\ x & y_2 & \omega_2 \\ & \vdots & \vdots \\ & y_3 & \omega_3 \end{array}$$

modulo the ideal  $I(X, M)$ .

Second, if we take all the matrices to be zero matrices then we get the algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{I}(X))$ , the dual extension of  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ , defined in [12] and discussed in [7], where  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is the incidence algebra of  $X$ . Recall that the algebra  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  by definition is the quotient of  $\mathcal{I}'_X$  by the ideal  $E(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{I}'_X$  denotes the subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  with basis vectors  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0$  satisfying  $x_n < \cdots < x_1 < x_0$ , and where  $E(X)$  is the ideal of  $\mathcal{I}'_X$  generated by the elements of the type  $u_n \cdots u_1 u_0 - v_m \cdots v_1 v_0$  for  $u = u_n < \cdots < u_1 < u_0 = v$  and  $u = v_m < \cdots < v_1 < v_0 = v$  maximal chains from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $X$ .

Finally, if we take all the labelling matrices to be symmetric then the anti-involution  $\varepsilon$  induces a  $k$ -algebra anti-involution of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  which fixes all primitive idempotents  $x$  with  $x \in X$ , and we still denote it by  $\varepsilon$ .

**1.6 Proposition.** *For a finite poset  $X$  with an arbitrary matrix labelling  $M$ , the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is finite dimensional.*

*Proof.* For convenience, we write  $A' = \mathcal{A}'_X$ ,  $A = \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  and  $I = I(X, M)$ , and if there is no confusion in the context, we write sometimes  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0$  for  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 + I$  in  $A$ .

For the proof of this proposition, we show much more, namely the following three properties.

- (1) Let  $x$  be a maximal element in  $X$ . Then  $Ax$  can be spanned by the set

$$\{x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 x + I \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, \ x_n < \cdots < x_0 < x \text{ in } X\}$$

over  $k$ .

To prove (1) it is enough to show the following statement: For  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 \in A'$ , if  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 \notin I$  then  $x_n < \cdots < x_1 < x_0$ . Indeed, if  $n = 0$  or  $1$  then the statement follows directly from the fact that  $x$  is a maximal element and  $xyz \in I$  for  $y < x$  and  $y < z$ . Now suppose that the statement is true for  $n$ . Let us take an element  $x_{n+1} x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 \in A'$  such that  $x_{n+1} x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 \notin I$ . Of course, we have  $x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 \notin I$ . By induction hypothesis, we have  $x_n < \cdots < x_1 < x_0 < x$ . If  $x_{n+1} < x_n$  then we have what we want. Suppose  $x_n < x_{n+1}$ , then

$$x_{n+1} x_n x_{n-1} = \sum_{\omega} a_{x_{n+1} x_{n-1}}^{(x_n, \omega)} x_{n+1} \omega x_{n-1} + r_{x_{n+1} x_n x_{n-1}}$$

in  $A'$ , where  $a_{x_{n+1} x_{n-1}}^{(x_n, \omega)} \in k$  and the sum is over all  $\omega \in X$  satisfying  $x_{n+1} < \omega$ ,  $x_{n-1} < \omega$ . Again by induction hypothesis,  $\omega x_{n-1} \cdots x_1 x_0 \in I$  for all  $\omega$  since  $\omega > x_{n-1}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} x_n x_{n-1} \cdots x_1 x_0 x &= \sum_{\omega} a_{x_{n+1} x_{n-1}}^{(x_n, \omega)} x_{n+1} \omega x_{n-1} \cdots x_1 x_0 x \\ &\quad + r_{x_{n+1} x_n x_{n-1}} x_{n-2} \cdots x_1 x_0 x \end{aligned}$$

lies in  $I$ . This contradiction shows that  $x_n < x_{n+1}$  is impossible, and then finishes the proof of (1).

Dually, we have

(1') Let  $x$  be a maximal element in  $X$ . Then  $xA$  can be spanned by the set

$$\{xy_my_{m-1} \cdots y_0 + I \mid m \in \mathbb{N}, \ x > y_m > y_{m-1} > \cdots > y_0 \text{ in } X\}$$

over  $k$ .

From (1) and (1') we have

(2)  $xAx \cong k$  and  $AxA$  is finite dimensional.

In fact, that  $Ax$  and  $xA$  are finite dimensional implies that  $AxA$  is also finite dimensional. Moreover, we have by (1) that  $Ax$  admits a  $k$ -basis  $\{x, \gamma_1 x, \dots, \gamma_m x\}$  with  $\gamma_j = x_{j1} x_{j2} \cdots x_{jm_j}$  and  $x_{j1} < x_{j2} < \cdots < x_{jm_j} < x$ , where  $m_j \geq 1$  is a natural number for  $j \leq m$ . By (1')  $xA$  has as  $k$ -basis the set  $\{x, x\delta_1, \dots, x\delta_m\}$ , where  $\delta_j = x_{jm_j} \cdots x_{j2} x_{j1}$ . Since  $\gamma_1 x, \dots, \gamma_m x$  are  $k$ -linear independent, we know  $x_{i1} \neq x_{j1}$  if  $i \neq j$ . Note that  $x\gamma_j x = 0$  for all  $j$  according to (1). It is clear that  $AxA = \sum_{j=1}^m Ax\delta_j$ . Since the  $x_{ji}$  are pairwise orthogonal idempotents, we have that  $AxA = Ax \oplus Ax\delta_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Ax\delta_m$ .

(3) Let  $x$  be a maximal element in  $X$ . We set  $X_1 = X \setminus \{x\}$ , equip  $X_1$  with the order relation induced by  $X$  and consider the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X_1, M_1)}$ , where the matrix labelling  $M_1$  of  $X_1$  is the restriction of the given labelling  $M$  of  $X$  on  $X_1$ . Let  $\pi_X$  and  $\pi_1$  denote the canonical projections from  $A' = \mathcal{A}'_X$  to  $A = \mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  and from  $A$  to  $A/AxA$ , respectively. Note that the kernel of the composition of  $\pi_X$  and  $\pi_1$  is  $A'xA' + I$ . Since  $X_1$  is a full convex subposet of  $X$ , the algebra  $\mathcal{A}'_{X_1}$  is canonically embedded into  $A'$ . This embedding is denoted by  $\mu$ .

The ideal  $I(X_1, M_1)$  of  $\mathcal{A}'_{X_1}$  is mapped to zero under the morphism  $\mu\pi_X\pi_1$ . In fact, if  $\rho \in \mathcal{A}'_{X_1}$  is an element of type (1.4.1), then there exists an element  $\rho' \in A'$  of the same type such that  $\rho' = \rho + a$  with  $a \in A'xA'$ . In this case we have  $(\rho)\mu\pi_X\pi_1 = (\rho' - a)\pi_X\pi_1 = 0 - ((a)\pi_X)\pi_1 = 0$ . If  $\rho \in A'$  is of type (1.4.2), then  $\rho \in I = I(X, M)$ , thus  $(\rho)\mu\pi_X\pi_1 = 0$ . Hence we deduce that  $(I(X_1, M_1))\mu\pi_X\pi_1 = 0$ . Therefore,  $\mu\pi_X\pi_1$  induces an algebra homomorphism  $\nu : \mathcal{A}_{(X_1, M_1)} \longrightarrow A/AxA$ , that is, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}'_{X_1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & A' \\ & & \downarrow \pi_X \\ & & A \\ \pi_{X_1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_1 \\ \mathcal{A}_{(X_1, M_1)} & \xrightarrow{\nu} & A/AxA \end{array}$$

We shall prove that  $\nu$  is an isomorphism of algebras. It is clear that  $\nu$  is surjective. It remains to show that  $\nu$  is injective. In order to do this, we prove first that for any  $a \in I$  with  $a = r + b$ , where  $r \in \mathcal{A}'_{X_1}$  and  $b \in A'xA'$ , there holds  $r \in I(X_1, M_1)$ . Since  $I$  is generated by the elements of types (1.4.1) and (1.4.2), it is enough to prove the statement for such generators. For the generators this becomes obvious.

With the above statement we can show that  $\nu$  is injective. Taking an  $a + I(X_1, M_1) \in \mathcal{A}_{(X_1, M_1)}$  with  $(a + I(X_1, M_1))\nu = 0$ , we have  $0 = (a + I(X_1, M_1))\nu = (a)\mu\pi_X\pi_1$ . that is,  $a \in I + A'xA'$ . Thus there are elements  $r' \in I$  and  $b' \in A'xA'$  such that  $a = r' + b' \in \mathcal{A}'_{X_1}$ . If we write  $r'$  as a sum of  $r \in \mathcal{A}'_{X_1}$  and  $b \in A'xA'$ , then  $r \in I(X_1, M_1)$ . Hence  $a = r + (b + b')$  implies that  $a = r \in I(X_1, M_1)$ . Therefore,  $\nu$  is injective.

Using induction on the number of elements of  $X$ , one can easily see that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is finite dimensional.  $\square$

**1.7** In general, the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  associated with a matrix labelling poset  $(X, M)$  may not be quasi-hereditary (see 1.8). However, Dyer proved that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is quasi-hereditary if  $(X, M)$  satisfies the conditions in [4, Sect. 3]. In the following we prove that if  $X$  is a tree, the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is also quasi-hereditary. A further study of quasi-heredity of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  will be given in a subsequent paper.

**Theorem.** *If  $X$  is a tree then for any matrix labelling  $M$ , the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is quasi-hereditary.*

*Proof.* From the proof of 1.6 it suffices to prove that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}x\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is a heredity ideal in  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  for each maximal element  $x$  in  $X$ . To this goal we first prove the following fact.

(1) The elements of the form  $yxz := y_0y_1 \cdots y_mxz_0z_1 \cdots z_n$  with  $y = y_0 < y_1 < \cdots < y_m < x > z_0 > z_1 > \cdots > z_n = z$  in  $X$  form a basis of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  over  $k$ .

Indeed, to each  $x \in X$  we attach a symbol  $\alpha_x$  and denote by  $V_x$  the vector space over  $k$  with the basis set  $\{\alpha_y \mid x \leq y, y \in X\}$ . For  $x < y$  in  $X$ , by  $i_x^y : V_y \rightarrow V_x$  we denote the inclusion and by  $p_y^x : V_x \rightarrow V_y$  the  $k$ -linear map such that

$$p_y^x(\alpha_z) = \begin{cases} \alpha_y, & \text{if } z = x, \\ \sum_{z < z'} a_{zz'} \alpha_{z'}, & \text{if } y \leq z, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where  $a_{zz'} = a_{y_0y_0}^{(x, y_1)} a_{y_1y_1}^{(y_0, y_2)} \cdots a_{y_ny_n}^{(y_{n-1}, z)} a_{zz}^{(y_n, z')}$  and  $y = y_0 < y_1 < \cdots < y_n < z$  is the unique maximal chain from  $y$  to  $z$ .

For  $x < y$  in  $X$ , one then has

$$(1.7.1) \quad i_x^y p_y^x = \sum_{y < w} a_{yy}^{(x, w)} p_w^y i_x^w,$$

that is,  $V = \bigoplus_{x \in X} V_x$  becomes a module over  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$ .

Further, for each  $x \in X$ , by  $j_x : V_x \rightarrow V$  and  $\pi_x : V \rightarrow V_x$  we denote the canonical inclusion and projection respectively. Then by (1.7.1) there is a unique algebra homomorphism  $\phi : \mathcal{A}_{(X, M)} \rightarrow \text{End}_k(V)$  such that  $\phi(x) = \pi_x j_x$  for  $x \in X$  and

$$\phi(xy) = \pi_x p_y^x j_y, \quad \phi(yx) = \pi_y i_x^y j_x$$

if  $x < y$  in  $X$ . It is easy to see that for  $y \leq x \geq z$  and for  $\alpha_y \in V_y$ , one has  $(\alpha_y)(\phi(yxz)) = \alpha_x \in V_z \subset V$ . Hence the elements  $\phi(yxz)$  with  $y \leq x \geq z$  are linearly independent over  $k$ ,



that is, the elements  $yxz \in \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  are linearly independent over  $k$ . On the other hand, by the definition of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  the elements  $yxz$  with  $y \leq x \geq z$  span  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  over  $k$ . Therefore, the elements  $yxz$  form a basis of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  over  $k$ .

(2) If  $x$  is a maximal element in  $X$ , the multiplication map

$$\mu : \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x \otimes_k x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$$

is bijective. This is equivalent to that for every  $y, z \in X$ , the induced map

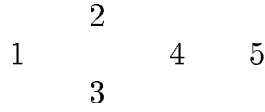
$$\mu_{yz} : y\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x \otimes_k x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}z \longrightarrow y\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}z$$

is bijective.

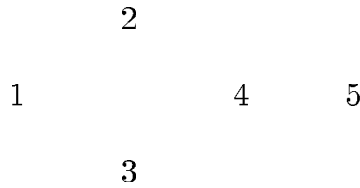
Indeed, the dimensions of  $y\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x$  and  $x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}z$  over  $k$  are at most 1, and that  $y\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x \neq 0$  (resp.  $x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}z \neq 0$ ) implies  $y \leq x$  (resp.  $x \geq z$ ). If  $y\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x = 0$  or  $x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}z = 0$ , it is obvious that  $\mu_{yz}$  is bijective. If  $y\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x \neq 0$  and  $x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}z \neq 0$ , then one has  $0 \neq yxz \in \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ , and thus  $\mu_{yz}$  is bijective. Hence  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is a heredity ideal of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ .

This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**1.8 Remark.** If the poset  $X$  is not a tree, then the statement (1) in the proof of Theorem 1.7 may not be true. Hence in general the defined algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is not quasi-hereditary. For example, let  $X$  be the poset with the following Hasse diagram:



and with the labelling matrices  $M(1,4) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M(2,5) = [1]$ ,  $M(3,5) = [1]$ . Then the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is given by the following quiver



with the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\alpha' &= \gamma'\gamma, \quad \alpha\beta' = \beta\alpha' = 0, \quad \beta\beta' = \delta'\delta, \quad \gamma\gamma' = \eta'\eta, \quad \delta\delta' = \eta'\eta, \\ \eta\eta' &= 0, \quad \gamma\alpha = \delta\beta, \quad \alpha'\gamma' = \beta'\delta'. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is not quasi-hereditary.

## 2. The quadratic dual of $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  be the algebra associated with a finite poset  $X$  labelled by  $M$ , a family of matrices (see section 1). In this section we describe the quadratic dual algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^!$  when  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic. The first question is when  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic, and we have the following

**2.1 Lemma.** *The algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic if and only if the incidence algebra  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is quadratic.*

This follows directly from the definition of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ .

**2.2** For  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ , recall that by a maximal chain from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $n$  we mean a sequence  $x = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = y$ . We say that another chain  $x = x'_0 < x'_1 < \cdots < x'_{n'} = y$  is adjacent to the first one if  $n = n'$  and there is a unique  $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$  such that  $x_j \neq x'_j$ . The poset  $X$  is called adjacent if for every  $x \leq y$  in  $X$  and for every two maximal chains  $C, D$  from  $x$  to  $y$ , there exists a sequence  $C = C_0, C_1, \dots, C_m = D$  of maximal chains from  $x$  to  $y$  such that  $C_i$  is adjacent to  $C_{i+1}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m - 1$ .

**Lemma.** *The incidence algebra  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is quadratic if and only if  $X$  is adjacent.*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that the condition is sufficient. We now prove the necessity of the condition.

Assume that  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is quadratic, then the ideal  $E(X)$  is generated by the elements of the form

$$xy_1z - xy_2z \quad \text{for } x, y_1, y_2, z \in X \text{ with } x < y_1 < z, \ x < y_2 < z.$$

Suppose  $x \leq y$ . Let  $C : x = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = y$  and  $D : x = x'_0 < x'_1 < \cdots < x'_{n'} = y$  be maximal chains from  $x$  to  $y$ . We shall prove that  $C$  and  $D$  are pre-adjacent, that is, there is a sequence  $C = C_0, C_1, \dots, C_p = D$  of maximal chains from  $x$  to  $y$  such that  $C_i$  is adjacent to  $C_{i+1}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq p - 1$ .

From  $x_0x_1 \cdots x_n - x'_0x'_1 \cdots x'_{n'} \in E(X)$  it follows that

$$(2.2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & x_0x_1 \cdots x_n - x'_0x'_1 \cdots x'_{n'} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m a_i x_{i0} \cdots x_{is_i} (u_i v_i^- w_i - u_i v_i^+ w_i) x_{i,s_i+1} \cdots x_{it_i} \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathcal{I}'_X$ , where  $a_i \in k$  and  $C_i^\sigma : x_{i0} < \cdots < x_{is_i} < u_i < v_i^\sigma < w_i < x_{i,s_i+1} < \cdots < x_{it_i}$  are maximal chains in  $X$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $\sigma \in \{-, +\}$ . It is easy to see that  $C_i^-$  is adjacent to  $C_i^+$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . By  $c, d$  and  $c_i^\sigma$  we then denote the elements  $x_0x_1 \cdots x_n$ ,  $x'_0x'_1 \cdots x'_{n'}$ , and  $x_{i0} \cdots x_{is_i} u_i v_i^\sigma w_i x_{i,s_i+1} \cdots x_{it_i}$  in  $\mathcal{I}'_X$ , respectively, where  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\sigma = -, +$ .

Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $x_{i0} = x$ ,  $x_{it_i} = y$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , i.e.  $C_i^\sigma$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $\sigma = -, +$ , are maximal chains from  $x$  to  $y$ .

Suppose that  $C_1^-, C_1^+, \dots, C_t^-, C_t^+$  are pre-adjacent to  $C$  and that  $C_{t+1}^-, C_{t+1}^+, \dots, C_m^-, C_m^+$  are not pre-adjacent to  $C$ . We claim that  $D$  is pre-adjacent to  $C$ . Otherwise, each element in  $\{c\} \cup \{c_j^\sigma \mid 1 \leq j \leq t, \sigma = -, +\}$  is not a  $k$ -linear combination of the elements in  $\{d\} \cup \{c_j^\sigma \mid t+1 \leq j \leq m, \sigma = -, +\}$  in  $\mathcal{I}'_X$ . According to (2.2.1) we have in  $\mathcal{I}'_X$  that

$$c - \sum_{j=1}^t a_j(c_j^- - c_j^+) = d + \sum_{j=t+1}^m a_j(c_j^- - c_j^+).$$

By linear independence, we get  $c - \sum_{j=1}^t a_j(c_j^- - c_j^+) = 0$ , that is,

$$x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n = c = \sum_{j=1}^t a_j(c_j^- - c_j^+) \in E(X).$$

On the other hand, we know from the definition of an incidence algebra that for any maximal chain  $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \cdots \leq x_n$ , there holds  $x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n \notin E(X)$ . Thus we have a contradiction. This shows  $D$  is adjacent to  $C$  and finishes the proof.  $\square$

**2.3** In order to describe  $\mathcal{A}'_{(X,M)}$ , we define an algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  associated with each matrix labelling poset  $(X, M)$ . The algebra  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  is defined as in section 1.

**Definition.** The algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is the quotient of  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  by the two-sided ideal  $J(X, M)$  generated by the elements of the following two types:

$$(2.3.1) \quad r_{y x z} = y x z - \sum_{\omega} a_{y z}^{(x \omega)} y \omega z \quad \text{for } x \leq y, x \leq z,$$

where the sum is over all  $\omega \in X$  satisfying  $y \leq \omega, z \leq \omega$ , and

$$(2.3.2) \quad q_{x y} = \sum_i x x_{i1} \cdots x_{i m_i} y, \quad q'_{x y} = \sum_i y x_{i m_i} \cdots x_{i1} x, \quad \text{for } x < y \text{ in } X,$$

where the both sums are over all maximal chains  $x \leq x_{i1} \leq \cdots \leq x_{i m_i} \leq y$  from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $\geq 2$ . Note that if there is no maximal chain from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $\geq 2$  in  $X$ , then  $q_{x y} = 0$ .

**2.4 Proposition.** For an arbitrary matrix labelling poset  $(X, M)$ , the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic.

*Proof.* Suppose  $x < y$  in  $X$ . We denote by  $q_{[x,y]}$  the sum of all length 2 maximal chains from  $x$  to  $y$  in  $X$ . If there is no such chain then  $q_{[x,y]} = 0$ . It is easy to see that

$$(2.4.1) \quad q_{x y} = q_{[x,y]} + \sum_{x \leq u < y} x u \cdot q_{u y}.$$

Further, we denote by  $J'(X, M)$  the ideal of  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  generated by the elements of type (2.3.1) and of types  $q_{[x,y]}$ ,  $q'_{[x,y]}$  for  $x < y$  in  $X$ , where  $q'_{[x,y]}$  is the image of  $q_{[x,y]}$  under  $\varepsilon$  given in 1.2. We shall prove that  $J(X, M) = J'(X, M)$ .

(1) To prove  $J(X, M) \subseteq J'(X, M)$  it is enough to show that the elements of type (2.3.2) lie in  $J'(X, M)$ .

Suppose  $x < y$  in  $X$ . By  $l(x, y)$  we denote the maximum of lengths of maximal chains from  $x$  to  $y$ . We use induction on  $l(x, y)$  to prove  $q_{xy} \in J'(X, M)$ . If  $l(x, y) = 1$ , then  $q_{xy} = 0 \in J'(X, M)$ . Now suppose that for every  $x < y$  in  $X$  with  $1 \leq l(x, y) < n$ , the element  $q_{xy}$  lies in  $J'(X, M)$ . Choose  $x < y$  in  $X$  with  $l(x, y) = n$ . Then for all  $x < u < y$ , there holds  $l(u, y) < n = l(x, y)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $q_{uy} \in J'(X, M)$  for all  $u$ . Then by (2.4.1) one has

$$q_{xy} = q_{[x,y]} + \sum_{x < u < y} xu \cdot q_{uy} \in J'(X, M).$$

Similarly,  $q'_{xy} \in J'(X, M)$ . Therefore,  $J(X, M) \subseteq J'(X, M)$ .

(2) The inverse inclusion  $J'(X, M) \subseteq J(X, M)$  follows from

$$q_{[x,y]} = q_{xy} - \sum_{x < u < y} xu \cdot q_{uy} \in J(X, M).$$

By (1) and (2) we have that  $J(X, M) = J'(X, M)$  is generated by quadratic relations, i.e.  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic.  $\square$

**2.5** Let  $x \in X$  be maximal. We set  $X_1 = X \setminus \{x\}$  and equip  $X_1$  with the order relation induced by  $X$ . By  $M_1$  we denote the labelling of the restriction of  $M$  on  $X_1$ . Then we have the following

**Proposition.** *There is a canonical algebra isomorphism from the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X_1, M_1)}$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}/\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  denotes the ideal of  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  generated by the idempotent  $x$ .*

The proof of this proposition is similar to that of (4) in Proposition 1.6.

**2.6 Corollary.** *For each  $(X, M)$ , the dimension of  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  over  $k$  is finite.*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be a maximal element in  $X$ . Using a similar argument in the proof of (1) in Proposition 1.6, one can see that  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}x$  is spanned by  $\{x_n \cdots x_1 x_0 x + J(X, M) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n < \cdots < x_1 < x_0 < x \text{ in } X\}$  over  $k$  and that  $x\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is spanned by  $\{xy_m \cdots y_1 y_0 + J(X, M) \mid m \in \mathbb{N}, x > y_m > \cdots > y_1 > y_0 \text{ in } X\}$  over  $k$ . Thus  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}x$  and  $x\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  are finite dimensional  $k$ -space. Therefore,  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is a finite dimensional  $k$ -space. Using Proposition 2.5 and induction on the number of the elements in  $X$ , one can obtain that  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is finite dimensional.  $\square$

**2.7** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quadratic. Following Manin ( see [7] ), we write the quadratic algebra in the following form:

$$\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} \longleftrightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_1, R(\mathcal{A}_1) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1\},$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is the vector space spanned by  $x \in X$  and  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is spanned by  $xy$  and  $yx$  for  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ , and where  $R(\mathcal{A}_1)$  is the vector space spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} & \{uv_1w - uv_2w \mid u, v_1, v_2, w \in X \text{ with } u \leq v_1 \leq w, u \leq v_2 \leq w\} \\ & \cup \{r_{yxz} \mid x, y, z \in X \text{ with } x \leq y, x \leq z\}. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, one can also see that  $\mathcal{A}_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1$  is the vector space spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} S = \{xy \otimes yz = xyz \mid x, y, z \in X \text{ with } x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq z, \text{ or } x \leq y \text{ and } y \geq z \\ \text{or } x \geq y \text{ and } y \leq z, \text{ or } x \geq y \text{ and } y \geq z\}. \end{aligned}$$

By definition, the quadratic dual algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^!$  is given by

$$\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^! \longleftrightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_1^*, R(\mathcal{A}_1)^\perp \subseteq (\mathcal{A}_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1)^* = \mathcal{A}_1^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1^*\},$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_1^* = \text{Hom}_k(\mathcal{A}_1, k)$ , where  $R(\mathcal{A}_1)^\perp = \{f \in \mathcal{A}_1^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1^* \mid (R(\mathcal{A}_1))f = 0\}$  and where the bimodule structure of  $\mathcal{A}_1^*$  over  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is defined in an obvious way. Here we identify  $(\mathcal{A}_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1)^*$  with  $\mathcal{A}_1^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1^*$  by sending  $(a \otimes b)^*$  to  $b^* \otimes a^*$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_1^* \otimes_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1^*$  is the vector space spanned by

$$S^* = \{(yz)^* \otimes (xy)^* = (xy \otimes yz)^* = (xyz)^* \mid x, y, z \in X, xyz \in S\}.$$

**Lemma.** *As a vector space,  $R(\mathcal{A})^\perp$  is spanned by the elements of the following two types*

$$(2.7.1) \quad q_{[u,w]}^* = \sum_v (uvw)^*, \quad q'_{[u,w]}^* = \sum_v (wvu)^*, \quad u, v, w \in X,$$

where the both sums are over all  $v$  such that  $u \leq v \leq w$ , and

$$(2.7.2) \quad r_{y\omega z}^* = (y\omega z)^* + \sum_x a_{yz}^{(x,\omega)}(yxz)^* \text{ for } y \leq \omega, z \leq \omega \text{ in } X,$$

where the sum is over all  $x$  satisfying  $x \leq y, x \leq z$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to check that the elements of the types (2.7.1) and (2.7.2) lie in  $R(\mathcal{A})^\perp$ . Conversely, let  $\Phi \in R(\mathcal{A})^\perp$ , and we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \sum_{x \leq y \leq z} a_{xyz}(xyz)^* + \sum_{x \geq y \geq z} b_{xyz}(xyz)^* + \sum_{\substack{x \leq y \\ z \leq y}} c_{xyz}(xyz)^* \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{x \geq y \\ z \geq y}} d_{xyz}(xyz)^* =: \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \Phi_4, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_{xyz}, b_{xyz}, c_{xyz}, d_{xyz} \in k$  and  $\Phi_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th term in the sum of the above equality.

Let  $[u, w]$  be a closed subinterval of minimal length 2 in  $X$  with the mesh diagram of  $u$  and  $w$  of the following form ( $s \geq 1$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & v_1 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ u & & v_i & & w \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & v_s & & \end{array}$$

then  $uv_iw - uv_jw \in R(\mathcal{A})$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq s$ . Thus  $0 = (uv_iw - uv_jw)\Phi = (uv_iw)\Phi - (uv_jw)\Phi = a_{uv_iw} - a_{uv_jw}$ , i.e.  $a_{uv_iw} = a_{uv_jw}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq s$ . Therefore,  $\Phi_1 = \sum_{x \leq y \leq z} a_{xyz}(xyz)^* = \sum_{u, w} a_{uw}q_{[u, w]}^*$ , where the sum is over all mesh diagrams of  $u$  and  $w$  for  $u, w$  in  $X$ , and where  $a_{uw} = a_{uv_iw}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

Similarly,  $\Phi_2 = \sum_{x \geq y \geq z} b_{xyz}(xyz)^* = \sum_{u, w} b_{uw}q'_{[u, w]}^*$ .

Now consider a full subposet of  $X$  with the following Hasse diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & e & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ (1) \quad & g_1 & g_2 & \cdots & g_s & & h_1 & h_2 & \cdots & h_t \\ & & & & \downarrow & & & & & \\ & & & & f & & & & & \end{array}$$

such that  $g_1, \dots, g_s$  (resp.  $h_1, \dots, h_t$ ) are all the elements  $v$  in  $X$  satisfying  $v \leq e$ ,  $v \leq f$  (resp.  $e \leq v$ ,  $f \leq v$ ) with  $s + t \geq 1$ .

By definition,  $r_{eg_i f} = eg_i f - \sum_{j=1}^t a_{ef}^{(g_i, h_j)} eh_j f \in R(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Then

$$0 = (r_{eg_i f})\Phi = (eg_i f)\Phi - \sum_{j=1}^t a_{ef}^{(g_i, h_j)}(eh_j f)\Phi = c_{eg_i f} - \sum_{j=1}^t a_{ef}^{(g_i, h_j)} d_{eh_j f}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_3 + \Phi_4 &= \sum_{\substack{x \leq y \\ z \leq y}} c_{xyz}(xyz)^* + \sum_{\substack{x \geq y \\ z \geq y}} d_{xyz}(xyz)^* \\ &= \sum_{e, f} \sum_j d_{eh_j f}((eh_j f)^* + \sum_i a_{ef}^{(g_i, h_j)}(eg_i f)_i^*) \\ &= \sum_{e, f} \sum_j a_{eh_j f} r_{(eh_j f)}^*, \end{aligned}$$

where the first sum is over all pairs  $(e, f)$  such that  $X$  contains a full subposet of the form (1).

From the argument above we conclude that  $\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \Phi_4$  is a  $k$ -linear combination of the elements of the types (2.7.1) and (2.7.2). This finishes the proof.  $\square$

With the help of the lemma, we now can describe the quadratic dual algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^!$ .

**2.8** Let  $X$  be a finite poset. By  $X^{op}$  we denote the opposite poset of  $X$ . With each matrix labelling  $M$  on  $X$  we associate a matrix labelling  $-M^t$  on  $X^{op}$  as follows: Let  $[x, z]$  be a closed subinterval of minimal length 2 in  $X$  with the following mesh diagram of  $x$  and  $z$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & y_1 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ x & & y_i & & z \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & y_n & & \end{array}$$

and denote by  $M(x, z) \in k^{n \times n}$  the labelling matrix to the mesh diagram of  $x$  and  $z$ . Then  $[z, x]$  is a closed subinterval of minimal length 2 in  $X^{op}$  with the mesh diagram of  $z$  and  $x$  of the form:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & y_1 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ z & & y_i & & x \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & y_n & & \end{array}$$

Now we label the mesh diagram of  $z$  and  $x$  in  $X^{op}$  by the matrix  $-M(x, z)^t$ , where  $M(x, z)^t$  denotes the transpose of  $M(x, z)$ . In such a way,  $X^{op}$  becomes a matrix labelling poset, denoted by  $(X^{op}, -M^t)$ .

As a consequence of Lemma 2.7, Proposition 2.4 and the construction of the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X^{op}, -M^t)}$ , we have the following

**Theorem.** *For any matrix labelling poset  $(X, M)$ , if the poset  $X$  is adjacent, then*

$$\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^! \cong \mathcal{B}_{(X^{op}, -M^t)}.$$

**2.9 Remark.** The description of the quadratic dual  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^!$  in Theorem 2.8 is a generalization of that given in [4]. Namely, if the poset and the labelling  $M$  satisfy the conditions in [4], then 2.8 is just [4, 3.6(a)].

**2.10** One interesting question is when the quadratic dual  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^!$  is quasi-hereditary, i.e. when  $\mathcal{B}_{(X^{op}, -M^t)}$  is quasi-hereditary. The following propositions give a partial answer to this question.

**Proposition 1.** *If the Hasse diagram of  $X$  is a tree then  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}^!$  is quasi-hereditary.*

*Proof.* We shall prove that  $\mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary for any tree  $X$  with arbitrary matrix labelling  $M$ . Set  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_{(X,M)}$ . As in the proof of Proposition 1.6 we can show that for each

maximal element  $x$  in  $X$  there holds  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{B}x) \cong k$ . Now we prove that the multiplication map  $\mathcal{B}x \otimes_k x\mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}x\mathcal{B}$  is injective. It is equivalent to showing that for each pair  $y, z$  in  $X$  the induced map

$$\mu : y\mathcal{B}x \otimes_k x\mathcal{B}z \longrightarrow y\mathcal{B}x\mathcal{B}z$$

is injective. If  $y = x$  or  $y = z$  then  $\mu$  is clearly bijective. Suppose both  $y \neq x$  and  $z \neq x$ . Since  $X$  is a tree, we have that  $x_1x_2x_3, x_3x_2x_1 \in J(X, M)$  for all  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$  in  $X$ . Then the space  $y\mathcal{B}x$  is at most of dimension 1. Similarly, the space  $x\mathcal{B}z$  is at most of dimension 1. If  $y\mathcal{B}x = 0$  or  $x\mathcal{B}z = 0$ , then  $\mu$  is injective. Suppose that  $y\mathcal{B}x \neq 0$  and  $x\mathcal{B}z \neq 0$ . Then  $y\mathcal{B}x = kyx$  with  $y < x$  and  $x\mathcal{B}z = kxz$  with  $z < x$ . In this case,  $yxz \notin J(X, M)$  according to the definition of  $\mathcal{B}_{(X, M)}$ . Thus  $\mu$  is injective. Hence if  $x$  is maximal in  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{B}x\mathcal{B}$  is a heredity ideal in  $\mathcal{B}_{(X, M)}$ .

Now applying induction on the number of elements of  $X$  and 2.5, we can see immediately that  $\mathcal{B}_{(X, M)}$  is quasi-hereditary for any poset  $X$  whose Hasse diagram is a tree.  $\square$

Let us remark that if  $X = \{1 < 2 < \cdots < n\}$  and if all matrices in the labelling  $M$  are [1], then the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X, M)}$  is just a finite type block of some q-Schur algebra (see [13]).

**Proposition 2.** *If  $X$  is a poset with the following Hasse diagram ( $n \geq 1$ ):*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & y_1 & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ x & & y_i & & z \\ & & \vdots & & \\ & & y_n & & \end{array}$$

*Then for an arbitrary labelling matrix  $M \in k^{n \times n}$ , the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_{(X, M)}$  is quasi-hereditary.*

*Proof.* For simplicity, we write  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_{(X, M)}$  and  $J = J(X, M)$ . By Proposition 2.5, it is enough to prove that the following map

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi \quad \mathcal{B}z \otimes_{z\mathcal{B}z} z\mathcal{B} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{B}z\mathcal{B} \\ a \otimes b &\longmapsto ab \end{aligned}$$

is bijective. It is obvious that  $\Psi$  is surjective. To see the injectivity we compare the dimensions of both sides over  $k$ . Since  $z\mathcal{B}z \cong k$ ,  $\dim_k \mathcal{B}z \otimes_{z\mathcal{B}z} z\mathcal{B} = \dim_k \mathcal{B}z \times \dim_k z\mathcal{B}$ . One can easily see, as  $k$ -spaces, that  $\mathcal{B}z$  has a basis  $S_1 = \{z, y_1z, \cdots, y_nz, xy_1z, \cdots, xy_{n-2}z\}$ , that  $z\mathcal{B}$  has a basis  $S_2 = \{z, zy_1, \cdots, zy_n, zy_1x, \cdots, zy_{n-2}x\}$  and that  $\mathcal{B}z\mathcal{B}$  has a basis  $\{ab : a \in S_1, b \in S_2\}$ , i.e.  $\dim_k \mathcal{B}z\mathcal{B} = \dim_k \mathcal{B}z \times \dim_k z\mathcal{B} = 4n^2$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

### 3. $\Delta$ -subalgebras and global dimensions

In the paper [10] S.König defines  $\Delta$ -subalgebras and Borel subalgebras for quasi-hereditary algebras which might serve as finite-dimensional associative substitutes of Lie theoretic Borel subalgebras. In this section we prove that if the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is quasi-hereditary,



it always has a  $\Delta$ -subalgebra and a Borel subalgebra. The results of this section will be used in the next two sections to calculate the dimensions of Ext-groups.

Let us recall from [10] some definitions.

**3.1 Definition.** Let  $(A, \wedge)$  be a quasi-hereditary algebra with the weight poset  $\wedge$  and standard modules  $\Delta(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \wedge$ . Let  $B$  be a subalgebra of  $A$  (both algebras have the same unit element). Then  $B$  is called an exact Borel subalgebra of  $(A, \wedge)$  if and only if there exists a bijection between the set of weights of  $B$  and the set of weights of  $A$  such that the following conditions are satisfied:

(D) The algebra  $(B, \wedge)$  is directed (i.e. quasi-hereditary with simple standard modules and injective costandard modules) with respect to the partial order induced from the partial order of the set of weights of  $A$ ;

(T) Tensor induction  $A \otimes_B -$  is an exact functor, thus  $A_B$  is projective as a right  $B$ -module;

(W) For each  $\lambda \in \wedge$ , the following holds:

$$A \otimes_B E_B(\lambda) \cong \Delta_A(\lambda),$$

where  $E_B(\lambda)$  denotes the simple  $B$ -module corresponding to the weight  $\lambda$ .

The algebra  $B$  is called a strong exact Borel subalgebra of  $(A, \wedge)$  if and only if both the following condition (S) and the above conditions (T) and (W) are satisfied.

(S) There is a maximal semisimple subalgebra  $S(A)$  of  $A$  which is also a maximal semisimple subalgebra of  $B$ , thus simple  $A$ -modules and simple  $B$ -modules coincide.

It is noted by S.König that if a quasi-hereditary algebra has a strong exact Borel subalgebra  $B$  then  $\text{gl.dim.} B \leq \text{gl.dim.} A$  (see 3.5 below). There is a dual notion of  $\Delta$ -subalgebra (see [10]).

**3.2 Definition.** Let  $(A, \wedge)$  be a quasi-hereditary algebra and  $C$  a subalgebra of  $A$ , having the same number of weights. Suppose the weights of  $C$  are identified (via certain bijection) with the weights of  $A$ , and the set of weights of  $C$  in this way is made into a poset. Assume that the algebra  $(C^{op}, \wedge)$  is directed (i.e.  $(C, \wedge)$  is quasi-hereditary with projective standard modules). Assume that for each weight  $i$  the projective  $A$ -module  $A \otimes_C P_C(i)$  (where  $P_C(i)$  is the indecomposable projective  $C$ -module corresponding to the weight  $i$ ) decomposes into a direct sum of exactly one copy  $P_A(i)$  (which is the indecomposable projective  $A$ -module corresponding to the weight  $i$ ) and some indecomposable projective  $A$ -modules having weights different from  $i$ . Fix for each weight  $i$  an epimorphism  $\kappa(i) : A \otimes_C P_C(i) \rightarrow \Delta_A(i)$ .

Then  $C$  is called a  $\Delta$ -subalgebra of  $(A, \wedge)$  if and only if for each weight  $i$  the restriction of  $\kappa(i)$  to  $P_C(i) \subset A \otimes_C P_C(i)$  is an isomorphism of  $C$ -modules:

$$\kappa(i) |_{P_C(i)} : P_C(i) \cong \Delta_A(i).$$

If, in addition,  $C$  contains a maximal semisimple subalgebra of  $A$ , then  $C$  is called a strong  $\Delta$ -subalgebra of  $(A, \wedge)$ .

**3.3 Remark.** A special case in the definition is that one takes  $C$  to be a subalgebra of  $A$  with the same complete set of orthogonal primitive idempotents, that is,  $1 = e_1 + \cdots + e_n$  with  $e_i \in C$ . In this case  $A \otimes_C P_C(i) = A \otimes_C C e_i \cong A e_i$  and  $\kappa(i)$  can be chosen to be the canonical surjective map  $A e_i \rightarrow \Delta_A(i)$ .

As pointed out in [10] the relation between a Borel subalgebra and a  $\Delta$ -subalgebra is as follows.

**3.4 Theorem [10].** *Let  $(A, \wedge)$  be a quasi-hereditary algebra and  $B$  a subalgebra of  $A$ . Then  $B$  is an exact Borel subalgebra of  $(A, \wedge)$  if and only if  $B^{op}$  is a  $\Delta$ -subalgebra of  $(A^{op}, \wedge)$ .*

**3.5 Lemma.** *Let  $A$  be a quasi-hereditary algebra which has a strong exact Borel subalgebra  $B$ . Then for each natural number  $l$ , for each  $B$ -module  $M$ , and for each  $A$ -module  $N$  there is an isomorphism of vector spaces:*

$$\text{Ext}_A^l(A \otimes_B M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_B^l(M, N|_B),$$

where  $N|_B$  denotes the restriction of the  $A$ -module  $N$  to  $B$ .

*Proof.* The lemma is called Eckmann–Shapiro lemma. For the convenience of readers, we include a proof here. It is enough to show the above isomorphism of Ext-groups. If  $l = 0$ , this is just the adjunction formula. If  $M$  is a projective  $B$ -module, there is nothing to be shown. If  $M$  is not projective, then we choose an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

with  $P$  a projective  $B$ -module. This yields an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A \otimes_B K \longrightarrow A \otimes_B P \longrightarrow A \otimes_B M \longrightarrow 0.$$

Thus we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \longrightarrow & (A \otimes_B M, {}_A N) & \longrightarrow & (A \otimes_B P, {}_A N) & \longrightarrow & (A \otimes_B K, {}_A N) & \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(A \otimes_B M, {}_A N) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & (M, N|_B) & \longrightarrow & (P, N|_B) & \longrightarrow & (K, N|_B) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_B^1(M, N|_B) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where all vertical maps are adjunctions and where  $(-, -)$  denotes the homomorphism group. This shows that for  $l = 1$ , the lemma is true. For large  $l$ , the isomorphism follows by dimension shift.  $\square$

**3.6** Now we consider the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  constructed in section 1. Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$  is quasi-hereditary with respect to  $X$ . From the proof of 1.6, the standard  $\mathcal{A}_{(X, M)}$ -modules are just the indecomposable projective  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ -modules, where  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is the incidence algebra of the poset  $X$ . Hence we have by definition the following

**Theorem.** *Let  $X$  be a finite poset with a matrix labelling  $M$  such that the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary. Then the incidence algebra  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  of  $X$  is a strong  $\Delta$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ .*

If the labelling is symmetric, that is, all matrices are symmetric, then we have an anti-involution  $\varepsilon$  of the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  which fixes the complete set of primitive idempotents. This together with 3.4 yields the following

**3.7 Corollary.** *Let  $X$  be a finite poset with a symmetric matrix labelling such that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary. Then  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  has a strong exact Borel subalgebra.*

Now we shall prove that 3.7 holds more generally. Suppose  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary.

Let  $B$  be the subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  generated by all elements  $x \in X$  and  $zy$  with  $y < z$  in  $X$ . Then  $B$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  have the same maximal semisimple subalgebra  $\sum_{x \in X} kx$ . If  $x$  is a maximal element, then  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is a heredity ideal by our assumption and  $x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  can be spanned as a vector space by all elements of the form  $x_0x_1 \cdots x_n$  with  $x_n < \cdots < x_1 < x_0 = x$ . Hence the costandard module  $\nabla_{\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}}(x)$  is just the injective  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ -module  $D(x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)})$ , where  $D = \text{Hom}_k(-, k)$ . Note that the element  $x_0x_1 \cdots x_n$  with  $x_n < \cdots < x_1 < x_0 = x$  belongs to  $B$ . Therefore  $xB = x\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ . Hence the induction procedure of the proof of 1.6 shows that  $\nabla_{\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}}(x) \cong D(xB)$  as  $B$ -modules for every element  $x \in X$ . It follows then from [10, Theorem A] that  $B$  is an exact Borel subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ .

**3.8 Theorem.** *Let  $X$  be a finite poset with a matrix labelling  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary. Then  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  has a strong exact Borel subalgebra.*

As a first application of the above results we get an estimate of global dimension of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ .

Let  $I^+$  be the ideal of  $A := \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  generated by all elements  $xy$  with  $x, y \in X$  and  $y < x$ . Then  $A/I^+ \cong \mathcal{I}(X)$ . Similarly, let  $I^-$  be the ideal of  $A$  generated by all elements  $xy$  with  $x, y \in X$  and  $x < y$ . Then  $B \cong A/I^-$ . Hence every  $B$ -module can be regarded as an  $A$ -module.

Note that the anti-involution  $\varepsilon$  of  $\mathcal{A}'_X$  induces an anti-isomorphism from  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  to  $B$ . This implies that  $\dim_k \Delta(x) = \dim_k \nabla(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**3.9 Theorem.** *Suppose  $X$  is a finite poset with a matrix labelling  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary. If the incidence algebra  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  of  $X$  has global dimension  $m$ , then  $m \leq \text{gl.dim.} \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} \leq 2m$ .*

*Proof.* For every simple  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ -module  $E(x)$ , we have a minimal projective resolution in  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ -mod

$$0 \longrightarrow P_{l_x} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow E(x) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $l_x$  is a natural number and  $l_x \leq m$ . Since  $P_i$  is projective  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ -module and every indecomposable projective  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ -module can be considered as a standard  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ -module,

it follows from  $P_{\mathcal{I}(X)}(x) \cong \Delta_{\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}}(x) = \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} \otimes_B E(x)$  and  $\text{proj.dim.}_B E(x) \leq m$  that the projective dimension of  $P_i$  as  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ -module is bounded by  $m$ . Using the fact that if  $0 \rightarrow M_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is a long exact sequence and  $\text{proj.dim.} M_i \leq k$  for all  $i$ , then  $\text{proj.dim.} M \leq n + k$ , one obtains that  $\text{gl.dim.} \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} \leq 2m$ . The inequality  $\text{gl.dim.} \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} \geq m$  follows from 3.5.  $\square$

As a second application we point out the  $k$ -dimension of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ .

**3.10 Theorem.** *Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a finite poset with  $n$  elements. Suppose  $M$  is an arbitrary matrix labelling of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary, then*

$$\dim_k \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\dim_k P_{\mathcal{I}(X)}(x_i))^2,$$

where  $P_{\mathcal{I}(X)}(x_i)$  is the indecomposable projective  $\mathcal{I}(X)$ -module corresponding to the weight  $x_i$ .

*Proof.* Let  $C = (c_{ij})$  be the Cartan-matrix of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ . Then  $C = (\mathbf{dim} \Delta)^t (\mathbf{dim} \nabla)$  by [6], where  $\mathbf{dim} \Delta$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with the  $i$ -th row the dimension vector  $\underline{\dim} \Delta(x_i)$ , and where  $\mathbf{dim} \nabla$  is defined in a similar way. Since  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is a basic algebra and  $\dim_k \Delta(x_i) = \dim_k \nabla(x_i)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} c_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \dim_k \Delta(x_i) \cdot \dim_k \nabla(x_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\dim_k \Delta(x_i))^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\dim_k P_{\mathcal{I}(X)}(x_i))^2. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

To end this section let us mention the following conjecture.

**3.11 Conjecture.** *Let  $X$  be a finite poset with an arbitrary matrix labelling  $M$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  is quasi-hereditary, then  $\text{gl.dim.} \mathcal{A}_{(X,M)} = 2 \text{ gl.dim.} \mathcal{I}(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is the incidence algebra of  $X$ .*

#### 4. Ringel duality of $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$

For each quasi-hereditary algebra  $A$ , C.M. Ringel has defined in [11] another quasi-hereditary algebra  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  which is the endomorphism algebra of the characteristic module for  $A$ . His construction  $\mathcal{R}$  behaves like a duality on the category of basic quasi-hereditary algebras, namely  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{R}(A)) \cong A$ . Now we call the algebra  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  the Ringel dual of  $A$ . In this section we study the Ringel dual of  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  in case the Hasse diagram of  $X$  is a tree and  $M$  is a symmetric, invertible matrix labelling. In this case we show that  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)})$  is again of the form  $\mathcal{A}_{(Y,N)}$  for some matrix labelling poset  $(Y, N)$ .

**4.1** Let  $A$  be a quasi-hereditary algebra with the weight poset  $\Lambda$ . Then we have the following

(1) The intersection  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta_A) \cap \mathcal{F}(\nabla_A)$  contains exactly  $s(A)$  indecomposable modules, where  $s(A)$  is the cardinality of  $\Lambda$ . They may be parametrized as  $T(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  such that the following holds. There are exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & 0 \longrightarrow \Delta(\lambda) \longrightarrow T(\lambda) \longrightarrow X(\lambda) \longrightarrow 0 \\ (b) \quad & 0 \longrightarrow Y(\lambda) \longrightarrow T(\lambda) \longrightarrow \nabla(\lambda) \longrightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $X(\lambda)$  is filtered by  $\Delta(\mu)$ 's for certain  $\mu < \lambda$  and  $Y(\lambda)$  by  $\nabla(\mu)$ 's for certain  $\mu < \lambda$ . In particular,  $T(\lambda)$  has a unique composition factor isomorphic to  $E(\lambda)$  and all other composition factors are of the form  $E(\mu)$  with  $\mu < \lambda$ , where  $E(x)$  denotes the simple  $A$ -module corresponding to the weight  $x \in \Lambda$ . The modules  $T(\lambda)$  are called canonical modules.

(2) The module  $T := \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} T(\lambda)$  which is a tilting-cotilting module is called the characteristic module for  $(A, \Lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \text{End}_A(T)$  is called the Ringel dual of  $A$ , it is also quasi-hereditary, with standard modules  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}(A)}(\lambda) = \text{Hom}_A(T, \nabla(\lambda))$ , where the weight poset of  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  is  $\Lambda^{op}$ .

(3)

$$\text{Ext}_A^n(\Delta(\lambda), \nabla(\mu)) = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } n = 0 \text{ and } \lambda = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For the proofs of the above facts one may see [11].

**4.2** Now we consider the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$ . From now on, we suppose that  $X$  is a tree. In this case any matrix labelling of  $X$  is symmetric. It follows from the definition of the relations of type (1.4.1) that if all the matrices are invertible, that is, they are non-zero elements from  $k$ , then we can take all these non-zero elements to be 1, since such two labellings yield two isomorphic algebras. Hence in the following we always assume that all labelling matrices are  $[1] \in k^{1 \times 1}$  and simply write  $\mathcal{A}_X$  for  $\mathcal{A}_{(X,M)}$  and  $I(X)$  for  $I(X, M)$ .

**Proposition.** *Let  $X$  be a tree. Then there is an exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta(\lambda) \longrightarrow T(\lambda) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\mu < \lambda} T(\mu) \longrightarrow 0$$

*in  $\mathcal{A}_X$ -mod for all  $\lambda \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Use induction on the number  $|X|$  of elements in  $X$ . If  $|X| = 1$  there is nothing to prove. Suppose the statement is true for all trees  $X$  with  $|X| \leq n - 1$ . Let  $X$  be a tree with  $|X| = n$  and  $\lambda \in X$ . If  $\lambda$  is not a maximal element in  $X$  then we pick up a maximal element  $s \in X$  such that  $\lambda < s$ . Set  $X_1 = X \setminus \{s\}$ , then there is an exact sequence in  $\mathcal{A}_{X_1}$ -mod

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta_{\mathcal{A}_{X_1}}(\lambda) \longrightarrow T_{\mathcal{A}_{X_1}}(\lambda) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\mu < \lambda} T_{\mathcal{A}_{X_1}}(\mu) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_{X_1}$  denotes the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{(X_1, M_1)}$  with the matrix labelling  $M_1$  of  $M$  restricting on  $X_1 = X \setminus \{s\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A}_{X_1}$  is isomorphic to the factor algebra of  $\mathcal{A}_X$  by the ideal  $\mathcal{A}_X s \mathcal{A}_X$ .

Since  $T(\lambda) \in \mathcal{F}(\{\Delta_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\gamma) | \gamma \neq s\}) = \mathcal{F}(\Delta_{\mathcal{A}_{X_1}})$ , the above exact sequence yields a desired one in  $\mathcal{A}_X$ -mod. Hence we may assume that  $\lambda$  is a maximal element in  $X$ . Moreover, with a similar argument as above, we may assume that  $\lambda$  is the largest element in  $X$  and that the proposition holds for each  $x < \lambda$ .

Let  $\gamma \in X$  with  $\gamma < \lambda$ . Then  $\dim_k \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\gamma), \Delta(\lambda)) = 1$  by Lemma 3.5. Let  $\mu$  be an element in  $X$  with  $\mu < \lambda$ . Then we have a non-split exact sequence

$$\eta_{\lambda\mu} \quad 0 \longrightarrow \Delta(\lambda) \longrightarrow T_{\lambda\mu} \longrightarrow \Delta(\mu) \longrightarrow 0$$

with  $T_{\lambda\mu}$  obviously being indecomposable.

For each  $\nu$  with  $\nu < \mu$ , using the canonical inclusion map  $\Delta(\nu) \longrightarrow \Delta(\mu)$ , we can form the following pullback diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \eta_{\lambda\nu} & 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & T_{\lambda\nu} & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\nu) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \eta_{\lambda\mu} & 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & T_{\lambda\mu} & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\mu) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

We shall prove that the upper exact sequence does not split.

Since  $\lambda$  is the largest element in  $X$  and  $\mu < \lambda$ , we see from the definition of  $\Delta(\mu)$  that  $T_{\lambda\mu}$  is isomorphic to  $P(\mu)$ , the projective  $\mathcal{A}_X$ -module corresponding to the weight  $\mu$ , and that  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(P(\nu), P(\mu)) = 2$ . In order to show that the exact sequence does not split, it suffices to prove that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), P(\mu)) \cong k$ .

On one hand, there holds

$$1 \leq \dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), P(\mu)) \leq \dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(P(\nu), P(\mu)) = 2.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 3.5, there holds

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), P(\mu)) = \dim_k \text{Hom}_B(E(\nu), P(\mu)|_B),$$

where  $B$  denotes the Borel subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}_X$  (see section 3), where  $E(\nu)$  is the simple module corresponding to the weight  $\nu$ , and where  $P(\mu)|_B$  denotes the restriction of  $P(\mu)$  to  $B$ . By the construction of  $\mathcal{A}_X$ , we have that  $\nu P(\mu) = \nu \mathcal{A}_X \mu = k(\nu x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mu + I(X)) \oplus k(\nu x_1 \cdots x_n \mu \lambda \mu + I(X))$ , where  $\nu < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n < \mu$  is the unique maximal chain from  $\nu$  to  $\mu$ . For  $x_1 \nu \in B$ , one has

$$x_1 \nu \cdot (\nu x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mu + I(X)) = x_1 \nu x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mu + I(X).$$

Since  $\lambda$  is the largest element in  $X$  and all labelling matrices of  $X$  are [1], one has by definition that  $r_{x_1 \nu x_1} = x_1 \nu x_1 - x_1 x_2 x_1 \in I(X)$ . Then

$$x_1 \nu x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mu + I(X) = x_1 x_2 x_1 x_2 x_3 \cdots x_n \mu + I(X).$$

Analogously, one has that  $r_{x_2x_1x_2} = x_2x_1x_2 - x_2x_3x_2 \in I(X)$ , then

$$x_1x_2x_1x_2x_3 \cdots x_n\mu + I(X) = x_1x_2x_3x_2x_3 \cdots x_n\mu + I(X).$$

Repeating the above argument, one finally gets

$$\begin{aligned} x_1\nu \cdot (\nu x_1x_2 \cdots x_n\mu + I(X)) &= x_1\nu x_1x_2 \cdots x_n\mu + I(X) \\ &= x_1x_2x_1x_2x_3 \cdots x_n\mu + I(X) = \cdots \cdots \\ &= x_1x_2 \cdots x_{n-1}x_n\mu x_n\mu + I(X) = x_1x_2 \cdots x_n\mu\lambda\mu + I(X) \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\nu x_1x_2 \cdots x_n\mu + I(X)$  does not lie in  $\text{soc}(P(\mu)|_B)$  since  $x_1\nu \in \text{rad}(B)$ . From the simplicity of  $E(\nu)$  it follows that  $\sum_f \text{Im}(f) \subseteq \text{soc}(P(\mu)|_B)$ , where the sum is over all  $f \in \text{Hom}_B(E(\nu), P(\mu)|_B)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_B(E(\nu), (P(\mu)|_B)) &\subseteq \text{Hom}_B(E(\nu), \text{soc}(P(\mu)|_B)) \cong \nu \cdot \text{soc}(P(\mu)|_B) \\ &\subseteq k(\nu x_1x_2 \cdots x_n\mu\lambda\mu + I(X)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_B(E(\nu), (P(\mu)|_B)) \leq 1$ . As a result,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), P(\mu)) \cong k$ . We then conclude that the exact sequence  $\eta_{\lambda\mu}$  does not split.

Further, let  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_s$  be all the elements in  $X$  satisfying  $\mu_i \leq \lambda$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Applying  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(-, \Delta(\lambda))$  to the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta(\mu_i) \longrightarrow T(\mu_i) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\gamma \leq \mu_i} T(\gamma) \longrightarrow 0,$$

one obtains a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\bigoplus_{\gamma \leq \mu_i} T(\gamma), \Delta(\lambda)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(\mu_i), \Delta(\lambda)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\mu_i), \Delta(\lambda)) \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\bigoplus_{\gamma \leq \mu_i} T(\gamma), \Delta(\lambda)) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(T(\mu_i), \Delta(\lambda)) \xrightarrow{\phi_i} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\mu_i), \Delta(\lambda)) \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^2(\bigoplus_{\gamma \leq \mu_i} T(\gamma), \Delta(\lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\text{proj.dim.} T(\gamma) \leq 1$ , we have that  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^2(\bigoplus_{\gamma \leq \mu_i} T(\gamma), \Delta(\lambda)) = 0$ , i.e.  $\phi_i$  is surjective.

Thus we obtain the following commutative diagram with  $\xi_{\lambda\mu_i}$  a non-split exact sequence.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \eta_{\lambda\mu_i} & 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & T_{\lambda\mu_i} & \longrightarrow \Delta(\mu_i) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & \parallel & & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \xi_{\lambda\mu_i} & 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & T'_{\lambda\mu_i} & \longrightarrow T(\mu_i) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Now we take the sum of all  $\xi_{\lambda\mu_i}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , and then get the following exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \bigoplus_i \xi_{\lambda\mu_i} & 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_i \Delta(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_i T'_{\lambda\mu_i} & \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i T(\mu_i) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & \downarrow \sigma & & \downarrow & \parallel \\ \xi_\lambda & 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & T_\lambda & \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i T(\mu_i) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Let  $\sigma : \bigoplus_i \Delta(\lambda) \longrightarrow \Delta(\lambda)$  be the map sending  $(a_1, \dots, a_s)$  to  $\sum_i a_i$ . By constructing the pushout diagram, one obtains an exact sequence  $\xi_\lambda$  ( see the above diagram ).

We shall prove that  $T_\lambda \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \cap (\mathcal{F}(\nabla))$ . Obviously,  $T_\lambda \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$ . It remains to show  $T_\lambda \in \mathcal{F}(\nabla)$ , and by [11], it suffices to prove

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), T_\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \nu \leq \lambda$$

since  $\text{proj.dim.}_{\mathcal{A}_X} \Delta(\nu) = \text{proj.dim.}_B E(\nu) \leq 1$  for all  $\nu \leq \lambda$ .

If  $\nu = \lambda$ , then  $\Delta(\nu) = P(\lambda)$  is projective, thus  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), T_\lambda) = 0$ . Now we assume that  $\nu < \lambda$ . Apply  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), -)$  to  $\xi_\lambda$ , we get the long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), \Delta(\lambda)) &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), T_\lambda) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\nu), \bigoplus_i T(\mu_i)) \\ &\xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), \Delta(\lambda)) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), T_\lambda) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), \bigoplus_i T(\mu_i)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T(\mu_i) \in \mathcal{F}(\nabla)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , one has  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), \bigoplus_i T(\mu_i)) = 0$  by 4.2 (3). Note that  $\dim_k \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), \Delta(\lambda)) = 1$ . To prove  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), T_\lambda) = 0$ , it is enough to prove that the connecting map  $\delta$  is non-zero. Since  $X$  is a tree, there is a unique  $1 \leq j \leq s$  such that  $\nu \leq \mu_j$ . We denote by  $f_j$  the composition of the canonical inclusion  $\Delta(\nu) \longrightarrow T(\mu_j)$  and the canonical embedding  $T(\mu_j) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i T(\mu_i)$ . It is easy to see that  $(f_j)\delta = \eta_\lambda \nu \neq 0$ , i.e.  $\delta$  is non-zero. Therefore,

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_X}^1(\Delta(\nu), T_\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \nu \leq \lambda.$$

Thus

$$T_\lambda \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \cap \mathcal{F}(\nabla).$$

It remains to prove  $T_\lambda = T(\lambda)$ , or equivalently, to prove that  $T_\lambda$  is indecomposable. This follows from the fact  $T_\lambda \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$  and the fact that all sequences  $\xi_{\lambda\mu_i}$  do not split. This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**4.3** The anti-isomorphism  $\varepsilon : \mathcal{A}_X \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$  induces a duality  $\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{A}_X - \text{mod} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_X - \text{mod}$  which fixes all  $E(\lambda)$ ,  $T(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in X$ . Dually, by Proposition 4.2, one has an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\mu < \lambda} T(\mu) \longrightarrow T(\lambda) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\Delta(\lambda)) = \nabla(\lambda) \longrightarrow 0$$

for each  $\lambda \in X$ .

**Corollary.** *For every  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ , there holds*

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(y)) = 1 = \dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(y), \nabla(x)).$$

*Proof.* Let  $x = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = y$  be the unique maximal chain from  $x$  to  $y$ . We shall use induction on  $n$  to prove

$$(4.3.1) \quad \dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(y)) = 1.$$



If  $n = 0$ , i.e.  $x = y$ , this follows from 4.1(1). Suppose that for all  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ , if the maximal chain from  $x$  to  $y$  is of length  $< n$  then (4.3.1) holds. Now assume that  $x < y$  and that  $x = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = y$  is the maximal chain from  $x$  to  $y$ . Now apply  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), -)$  to the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{z < y} T(z) \longrightarrow T(y) \longrightarrow \nabla(y) \longrightarrow 0,$$

we obtain the following exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), \bigoplus_{z < y} T(z)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(y)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), \nabla(y)).$$

Since  $x < y$ , there holds  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), \nabla(y)) = 0$ . Thus

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(y)) = \dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), \bigoplus_{z < y} T(z)).$$

Because  $X$  is a tree, we have  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(z), T(x)) = 0$  for  $z < y$ ,  $z \neq x_{n-1}$ . Thus

$$\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(y)) = \dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(x_{n-1})).$$

The maximal chain from  $x$  to  $x_{n-1}$  is then of the length  $n - 1 < n$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(x_{n-1})) = 1$ . Hence  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(x), T(y)) = 1$ . Dually,  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(y), \nabla(x)) = 1$ .  $\square$

**4.4** For all  $\mu < \lambda$ , by  $i_{\mu\lambda}$  and  $\pi_{\lambda\mu}$  we denote the canonical immersion from  $T(\mu)$  to  $T(\lambda)$  and the canonical projection from  $T(\lambda)$  to  $T(\mu)$ , respectively (see 4.2 and its dual). Further, if  $x = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = y$  is the unique maximal chain from  $x$  to  $y$ , then we set  $i_{xy} = i_{x_0x_1}i_{x_1x_2} \cdots i_{x_{n-1}x_n}$  and  $\pi_{yx} = \pi_{x_nx_{n-1}} \cdots \pi_{x_2x_1}\pi_{x_1x_0}$ .

Consider a full additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $A\text{-mod}$  and the objects  $N_1, N_2 \in \mathcal{C}$ , and let  $\text{Irr}_{\mathcal{C}}(N_1, N_2) := \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}(N_1, N_2) / \text{rad}_{\mathcal{C}}^2(N_1, N_2)$  be the bimodule of irreducible maps from  $N_1$  to  $N_2$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Proposition.** *The two morphisms  $i_{\mu\lambda}$  and  $\pi_{\lambda\mu}$  for  $\mu < \lambda$  in  $X$  are irreducible in  $\mathcal{T} := \text{add}(\bigoplus_{x \in X} T(x))$ . Moreover,*

$$\dim_k \text{Irr}_{\mathcal{T}}(T(x), T(y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < y \text{ or } y < x, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof* (a) If we have  $x < y$  in  $X$ , then each  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(x), T(y))$  factors through the canonical inclusion  $i_{xy} : T(x) \longrightarrow T(y)$ . Indeed, this follows from the fact that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(u), \nabla(v)) = 0$  for all  $u < v$  in  $X$ .

(b) For  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ , if  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(x), T(y))$  is not injective, then  $f$  factors through the inclusion  $(i_{zy})_z^t : \bigoplus_{z < x} T(z) \longrightarrow T(y)$ , where  $(i_{zy})_z^t$  denotes the transpose of  $(i_{zy})_z \in$

$k^{1 \times n(x)}$  and where  $n(x)$  is the number of  $z \in X$  satisfying  $z \leq x$ . Indeed, in case  $x = y$ , we have the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{z \leq x} T(z) \xrightarrow{(i_{zx})_z^t} T(x) \xrightarrow{p_x} \nabla(x) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(T(x), \nabla(x)) = 1$  and  $f$  is not injective, we get  $fp_x = 0$ , i.e.  $f$  factors through  $(i_{zx})_z^t : \bigoplus_{z \leq x} T(z) \longrightarrow T(x)$ . Now suppose  $x < y$ . By (a), there is an  $f' : T(x) \longrightarrow T(x)$  such that  $f = f' i_{xy}$ . Since  $f$  is not injective, neither is  $f'$ . By the above argument,  $f'$  factors through  $(i_{zx})_z^t : \bigoplus_{z \leq x} T(z) \longrightarrow T(x)$ . Therefore,  $f$  factors through  $(i_{zx})_z^t i_{xy} = (i_{zy})_z^t : \bigoplus_{z \leq x} T(z) \longrightarrow T(y)$ .

(c) Now suppose that  $\mu < \lambda$  and that  $i_{\mu\lambda}$  admits a decomposition  $i_{\mu\lambda} = fg$  with  $f = (f_{\mu\delta_i})_i : T(\mu) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^m T(\delta_i)$  and  $g = (g_{\delta_i\lambda})_i^t : \bigoplus_{i=1}^m T(\delta_i) \longrightarrow T(\lambda)$  for some  $\delta_i \in X$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , that is,  $i_{\mu\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^m f_{\mu\delta_i} g_{\delta_i\lambda}$ . We shall prove that  $f$  is a split monomorphism or that  $g$  is a split epimorphism.

From  $i_{\mu\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^m f_{\mu\delta_i} g_{\delta_i\lambda}$  and (a), we have

$$T(\lambda) \supset T(\mu) = \text{Im}(i_{\mu\lambda}) \subseteq \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Im}(f_{\mu\delta_i} g_{\delta_i\lambda}) \subseteq T(\mu).$$

Thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \text{Im}(f_{\mu\delta_i} g_{\delta_i\lambda}) = T(\mu) \subset T(\lambda).$$

We claim that there is a  $\delta_j$  such that  $f_{\mu\delta_j} g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  is injective. Otherwise, by (b),  $\text{Im}(f_{\mu\delta_i} g_{\delta_i\lambda}) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\gamma < \mu} T(\gamma)$  for all  $\delta_i$ . Hence  $\sum_{i=1}^m \text{Im}(f_{\mu\delta_i} g_{\delta_i\lambda}) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\gamma < \mu} T(\gamma) \subset T(\mu)$ , a contradiction. Thus with  $f_{\mu\delta_j} g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  also  $f_{\mu\delta_j}$  is injective. This implies  $\mu \leq \delta_j$  by 4.1(1). If  $\mu = \delta_j$ , then  $f_{\mu\delta_j}$  is invertible, i.e.  $f$  is a split monomorphism. In case  $\mu < \delta_j$ , we shall show that  $\delta_j = \lambda$ . To this purpose, it is enough to prove that  $g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  is injective. Suppose that  $g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  is not injective. Using the dual argument of (b) and 4.1(1) we have that  $T(\delta_j) \supset \Delta(\delta_j) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g_{\delta_j\lambda})$ . Thus  $(\Delta(\mu))f_{\mu\delta_j} \subseteq \Delta(\delta_j) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g_{\delta_j\lambda})$  since  $\dim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_X}(\Delta(\mu), T(\delta_j)) = 1$  by Corollary 4.3. Hence  $\Delta(\mu) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f_{\mu\delta_j} g_{\delta_j\lambda})$  and  $f_{\mu\delta_j} g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  is not injective, which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  is injective. This implies  $\delta_j \leq \lambda$ . Since  $\mu < \lambda$  and  $\mu < \delta_j$ , we must have  $\delta_j = \lambda$ . Then  $g_{\delta_j\lambda}$  is invertible, that is,  $g$  is a split epimorphism. Hence  $i_{\mu\lambda}$  is irreducible. Dually,  $\pi_{\lambda\mu}$  is irreducible for  $\mu < \lambda$  in  $X$ . The rest of the proposition becomes now obvious.  $\square$

**4.5 Proposition.** (1) If  $\mu \leq \lambda$  and  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s$  are all the elements in  $X$  satisfying  $\gamma_i \leq \mu$ ,  $s \geq 1$ , then

$$i_{\mu\lambda} \pi_{\lambda\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^s \pi_{\mu\gamma_i} i_{\gamma_i\mu},$$