# AUSLANDER-REITEN COMPONENTS DETERMINED BY THEIR COMPOSITION FACTORS

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ABSTRACT. We provide sufficient conditions for a component of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of an artin algebra to be determined by the composition factors of its indecomposable modules.

# 1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Let A be an artin algebra over a commutative artin ring R. We denote by  $\operatorname{mod} A$ the category of finitely generated right A-modules, by  $K_0(A)$  the Grothendieck group of A, and by [M] the image of a module M from mod A in  $K_0(A)$ . Thus, for modules M and N in mod A, [M] = [N] if and only if M and N have the same composition factors including the multiplicities. An interesting open problem is to find handy criteria for two indecomposable modules M and N in mod A with the same composition factors to be isomorphic. It was shown in [16] that it is the case when M does not lie on a short cycle  $M \to X \to M$  of non-zero non-isomorphisms in  $\operatorname{mod} A$  with X an indecomposable module, generalizing earlier results about directing modules proved in [6], [8]. In fact, it follows from [7] and [16] that an indecomposable module M in mod A lies on a short cycle  $M \to X \to M$  in mod A if and only if M is the middle term of a chain  $Y \to M \to D \operatorname{Tr} Y$  of non-zero homomorphisms in  $\operatorname{mod} A$  with Y a non-projective indecomposable module. Hence the above result from [16] gives in fact another interpretation of a result from [3]. An important combinatorial and homological invariant of the module category  $\operatorname{mod} A$ of an artin algebra A is its Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_A$  [4]. Sometimes, we may recover the algebra A and the category mod A from the shape of components  $\mathscr{C}$  of  $\Gamma_A$  and their behaviour in the category mod A. By a component of  $\Gamma_A$  we mean a connected component of the translation quiver  $\Gamma_A$ .

In this article we are concerned with the problem of finding handy criteria for a component  $\mathscr{C}$  of the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_A$  of an artin algebra A to be uniquely determined in  $\Gamma_A$  by the composition factors of its indecomposable modules. We say that two components  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  of  $\Gamma_A$  have the same composition factors if, for any element  $\mathbf{x} \in K_0(A)$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = [M]$  for an indecomposable module Min  $\mathscr{C}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = [N]$  for an indecomposable module N in  $\mathscr{D}$ .

In order to state the main results, we recall some concepts. For an artin algebra A, we denote by  $\operatorname{rad}_A$  the Jacobson radical of  $\operatorname{mod} A$ , generated by all nonisomorphisms between indecomposable modules in  $\operatorname{mod} A$ , and by  $\operatorname{rad}_A^{\infty}$  the infinite

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radical of mod A, which is the intersection of all powers  $\operatorname{rad}_A^i$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , of  $\operatorname{rad}_A$ . Recall that, by a result of M. Auslander [2],  $\operatorname{rad}_A^{\infty} = 0$  if and only if A is of finite representation type, that is, there are in mod A only finitely many indecomposable modules up to isomorphism. Following [24], a component quiver  $\Sigma_A$  of A is the quiver whose vertices are the components  $\mathscr{C}$  of  $\Gamma_A$ , and two components  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$ of  $\Gamma_A$  are linked in  $\Sigma_A$  by an arrow  $\mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D}$  provided  $\operatorname{rad}_A^{\infty}(X,Y) \neq 0$  for some modules  $X \in \mathscr{C}$  and  $Y \in \mathscr{D}$ . We note that a component  $\mathscr{C}$  of  $\Gamma_A$  is generalized standard in the sense of [22] if and only if  $\Sigma_A$  has no loop at  $\mathscr{C}$ . By a short cycle in  $\Sigma_A$  we mean a cycle  $\mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D} \to \mathscr{C}$ , where possibly  $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{D}$ . We also mention that a component  $\mathscr{C}$  of  $\Gamma_A$  lies on a short cycle  $\mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D} \to \mathscr{C}$  in  $\Sigma_A$  with  $\mathscr{C} \neq \mathscr{D}$ if and only if  $\mathscr{C}$  has an external short path  $X \to Y \to Z$  with X and Z in  $\mathscr{C}$  and Y in  $\mathscr{D}$  [15]. Recall also that a translation quiver of the form  $\mathbb{Z}A_{\infty}/(\tau^r), r \geq 1$ , is called a stable tube of rank r. We note that every regular component (without projective modules and injective modules) of the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_A$  of an artin algebra A is either a stable tube or is acyclic (without oriented cycles) of the form  $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$  for an acyclic locally finite connected valued quiver  $\Delta$  (see [13], [27]).

The following theorem is the first main result of this article.

**Theorem 1.** Let A be an artin algebra, and  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  two components of  $\Gamma_A$  with the same composition factors. Assume that  $\mathscr{C}$  is not a stable tube of rank one and does not lie on a short cycle in  $\Sigma_A$ . Then  $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{D}$ .

Therefore, the above theorem says that a generalized standard Auslander-Reiten component  $\mathscr{C}$  of an artin algebra A without external short paths, different from a stable tube of rank one, is uniquely determined in  $\Gamma_A$  by the composition factors of its indecomposable modules. We point out that the assumption on  $\mathscr{C}$  not being a stable tube of rank one is essential for the validity of the above theorem. For example, if H is the path algebra  $K\Delta$  of a Euclidean quiver  $\Delta$  over an algebraically closed field K, then the component quiver  $\Sigma_H$  of H is acyclic and the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_H$  of H contains infinitely many pairwise different stable tubes of rank one having the same composition factors (see [17], [20]).

The second main result of the article clarifies the situation in general.

**Theorem 2.** Let A be an artin algebra,  $\mathscr{C}$  a stable tube of rank one in  $\Gamma_A$  which does not lie on a short cycle in  $\Sigma_A$ , and  $\mathscr{D}$  a component of  $\Gamma_A$  different from  $\mathscr{C}$ and having the same composition factors as  $\mathscr{C}$ . Then there is a quotient algebra B of A such that the following statements hold:

- (a) B is a concealed canonical algebra.
- (b)  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  are stable tubes of a separating family of stable tubes of  $\Gamma_B$ .
- (c)  $\mathscr{D}$  is a stable tube of rank one.

Recall that a concealed canonical algebra is an algebra of the form  $B = \operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(T)$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a canonical algebra in the sense of C. M. Ringel [19] (see also [17]) and T is a multiplicity-free tilting module in the additive category  $\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{P}^{\Lambda})$ , for the canonical decomposition  $\Gamma_{\Lambda} = \mathcal{P}^{\Lambda} \vee \mathcal{T}^{\Lambda} \vee \mathcal{Q}^{\Lambda}$  of  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$ , with  $\mathcal{T}^{\Lambda}$  the canonical infinite separating family of stable tubes of  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$ . Then  $\Gamma_B$  admits a decomposition  $\Gamma_B = \mathcal{P}^B \vee \mathcal{T}^B \vee \mathcal{Q}^B$ , where the image  $\mathcal{T}^B = \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(T, \mathcal{T}^{\Lambda})$  of the family  $\mathcal{T}^{\Lambda}$  via the functor  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(T, -) : \operatorname{mod} \Lambda \to \operatorname{mod} B$  is an infinite separating family of stable tubes of  $\Gamma_B$ . Moreover, all but finitely many stable tubes of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  have rank one and the same composition factors. We also mention that, by a result of H. Lenzing and J. A. de la Peña [11], the class of concealed canonical algebras coincides with the class of artin algebras whose Auslander-Reiten quiver admits a separating family of stable tubes.

We exhibit in Section 3 examples of generalized standard stable tubes of arbitrary large rank which are not uniquely determined by the composition factors. It would be interesting to clarify if an acyclic generalized standard regular component of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of an artin algebra is uniquely determined by its composition factors (see Section 3 for related comments).

For basic background on the representation theory applied here we refer to [1], [4], [17], [20], [21].

# 2. Proofs of Theorems 1 and 2

Let A be an artin algebra over a commutative artin ring R. We denote by  $\tau_A$  and  $\tau_A^-$  the Auslander-Reiten translations D Tr and Tr D, respectively. For a module V in mod R, we denote by |V| its length over R. In the proofs a crucial role will be played by the following formulas from [23, Proposition 4.1], being consequences of [3, (1.4)] (see also [4, Corollary IV.4.3]).

For indecomposable modules M, N and X in mod A with [M] = [N] the following equalities hold:

- (i)  $|\operatorname{Hom}_A(X, M)| |\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, \tau_A X)| = |\operatorname{Hom}_A(X, N)| |\operatorname{Hom}_A(N, \tau_A X)|,$
- (ii)  $|\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, X)| |\operatorname{Hom}_A(\tau_A^- X, M)| = |\operatorname{Hom}_A(N, X)| |\operatorname{Hom}_A(\tau_A^- X, N)|.$

Let  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  be components of  $\Gamma_A$  with the same composition factors and  $\mathscr{C}$  does not lie on a short cycle in  $\Sigma_A$ . We assume that  $\mathscr{C} \neq \mathscr{D}$  and show in several steps that  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  are stable tubes of rank one of a separating family of stable tubes in the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_B$  of a concealed canonical algebra B.

(1)  $\mathscr{C}$  is a semi-regular component of  $\Gamma_A$  ( $\mathscr{C}$  does not contain both a projective module and an injective module). Assume  $\mathscr{C}$  contains a projective module P and an injective module I. Since  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  have the same composition factors, there exist modules M and N in  $\mathscr{D}$  such that [P] = [M] and [I] = [N]. Then we have  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(P, M) \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(N, I) \neq 0$ , because the top of P is a composition factor of M, and the socle of I is a composition factor of N. Hence, we have in  $\Sigma_A$  the short cycle  $\mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D} \to \mathscr{C}$ , because  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(P, M) = \operatorname{rad}_A^{\infty}(P, M)$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(N, I) = \operatorname{rad}_A^{\infty}(N, I)$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $\mathscr{C}$  is a semi-regular component of  $\Gamma_A$ .

(2)  $\mathscr{C}$  is a cyclic component of  $\Gamma_A$  (every module in  $\mathscr{C}$  lies on an oriented cycle in  $\mathscr{C}$ ). Take a module X in  $\mathscr{C}$ . It follows from our assumption that [X] = [Y]for some module Y in  $\mathscr{D}$ , and so X is not uniquely determined by [X], because  $\mathscr{C} \neq \mathscr{D}$ . Applying [16, Corollary 2.2], we conclude that we have in mod A a short cycle  $X \to Z \to X$ . Observe that then Z belongs to  $\mathscr{C}$ , because  $\mathscr{C}$  does not lie on a short cycle in  $\Sigma_A$ . Moreover, since there is no loop at  $\mathscr{C}$  in  $\Sigma_A$ ,  $\mathscr{C}$  is a generalized standard component of  $\Gamma_A$ , and hence  $\operatorname{rad}^{\infty}_A(X,Z) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{rad}^{\infty}_A(Z,X) = 0$ . Then  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(X,Z) \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(Z,X) \neq 0$  imply that there exist paths of irreducible homomorphisms in mod A from X to Z and from Z to X (see [4, Proposition V.7.5]), and consequently an oriented cycle in  $\mathscr{C}$  passing through X and Z. Hence,  $\mathscr{C}$  is a cyclic component. (3)  $\mathscr{C}$  is a ray tube (obtained from a stable tube by a finite number (possibly empty) of ray insertions) or a coray tube (obtained from a stable tube by a finite number (possibly empty) of coray insertions) in the sense of [17, (4.5)] (see also [21, XV.2]). This is a direct consequence of [14, (2.6)], since by (1) and (2)  $\mathscr{C}$  is semi-regular with oriented cycles.

(4) We may assume (without loss of generality) that  $\mathscr{C}$  is a ray tube, hence without injective modules. Let  $\operatorname{ann}_A(\mathscr{C})$  be the annihilator of  $\mathscr{C}$  in A, that is, the intersection of the annihilators  $\operatorname{ann}_A(X) = \{a \in A \mid Xa = 0\}$  of all modules X in  $\mathscr{C}$ , and  $B = A/\operatorname{ann}_A(\mathscr{C})$ . Then  $\mathscr{C}$  is a faithful component of  $\Gamma_B$ . Since  $\mathscr{C}$  does not lie on a short cycle in  $\Sigma_A$ , we conclude that  $\mathscr{C}$  is without external short paths [15], that is, there are no paths  $U \to V \to W$  in mod A with U and W in  $\mathscr{C}$  but V not in  $\mathscr{C}$ . Then it follows from [9, Theorem 2] that B is an almost concealed canonical algebra and  $\mathscr{C}$  is a faithful ray tube of a separating family  $\mathcal{T}^B$  of ray tubes of  $\Gamma_B$ . Recall that then there exists a canonical algebra  $\Lambda$  (in the sense of C. M. Ringel [17], [19]) such that  $B = \operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(T)$  for a tilting module T in the additive category  $\operatorname{add}(\mathcal{P}^{\Lambda} \cup \mathcal{T}^{\Lambda})$  of  $\mathcal{P}^{\Lambda} \cup \mathcal{T}^{\Lambda}$ , for the canonical decomposition  $\Gamma_{\Lambda} = \mathcal{P}^{\Lambda} \vee \mathcal{T}^{\Lambda} \vee \mathcal{Q}^{\Lambda}$ of  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$  with  $\mathcal{T}^{\Lambda}$  the canonical separating family of stable tubes. By general theory (see [11], [12], [17], [19], [25]),  $\Gamma_B$  admits a decomposition

$$\Gamma_B = \mathcal{P}^B \vee \mathcal{T}^B \vee \mathcal{Q}^B,$$

where  $\mathcal{T}^B$  is a family of ray tubes separating  $\mathcal{P}^B$  from  $\mathcal{Q}^B$  (in the sense of [19]). In particular,  $\mathcal{T}^B$  is an infinite family of pairwise orthogonal generalized standard ray tubes,  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathcal{T}^B, \mathcal{P}^B) = 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathcal{Q}^B, \mathcal{T}^B) = 0$ , and  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathcal{Q}^B, \mathcal{P}^B) = 0$ . In fact, since  $\mathscr{C}$  is a faithful ray tube of  $\mathcal{T}^B$ , all ray tubes of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  except  $\mathscr{C}$  are stable tubes. Moreover, the separation property of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  implies that  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathscr{X}, \mathscr{C}) \neq 0$ for any component  $\mathscr{X}$  from  $\mathcal{P}^B$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{Y}) \neq 0$  for any component  $\mathscr{Y}$  from  $\mathcal{Q}^B$ . Moreover, we note that  $\mathcal{Q}^B$  contains all indecomposable injective *B*-modules.

(5)  $\mathscr{D}$  is a component of  $\Gamma_B$ . Write  $A = P' \oplus P''$  where the simple summands of  $P'/\operatorname{rad} P'$  are exactly the simple composition factors of modules in  $\mathscr{C}$ . Denote by  $t_{P''}(A)$  the ideal of A generated by the images of all homomorphisms in mod Afrom P'' to A. Since  $\mathscr{C}$  is a semi-regular component of  $\Gamma_A$  without external short paths, it follows from arguments in [15, Section 1] that  $\operatorname{End}_A(P') \cong A/t_{P''}(A)$  and  $t_{P''}(A) = \operatorname{ann}_A(\mathscr{C})$ . Observe that  $1_A = e + f$  for orthogonal idempotents e and fin A with P' = eA and P'' = fA, and consequently  $\operatorname{End}_A(P') \cong eAe$  and  $t_{P''}(A) =$ AfA. Clearly, then  $B = A/\operatorname{ann}_A(\mathscr{C}) \cong eAe$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathscr{D}$  has the same composition factors as  $\mathscr{C}$ , we have  $Nf = \operatorname{Hom}_A(fA, N) = \operatorname{Hom}_A(P'', N) = 0$ , and consequently  $N \operatorname{ann}_A(\mathscr{C}) = N(AfA) = (Nf)A = 0$ , for any module N in  $\mathscr{D}$ . This shows that  $\mathscr{D}$  is a component of  $\Gamma_B$ .

(6)  $\mathscr{D}$  is a component of  $\mathcal{T}^B$ . Assume  $\mathscr{D} \notin \mathcal{T}^B$ . Fix a stable tube  $\mathcal{T}^*$  of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  of rank one, which is different from  $\mathscr{C}$ . By general theory ([11], [12], [19]) B is a tubular (branch) extension of a concealed canonical algebra C such that  $\Gamma_C = \mathcal{P}^C \vee \mathcal{T}^C \vee \mathcal{Q}^C$ , where  $\mathcal{T}^C$  is a separating family of stable tubes,  $\mathcal{P}^B = \mathcal{P}^C$ ,  $\mathscr{C}$  is obtained from a stable tube  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\mathcal{T}^C$  by a finite number (possibly empty) of ray insertions and the remaining tubes of  $\mathcal{T}^C$  and  $\mathcal{T}^B$  coincide ( $\mathcal{T}^C \setminus \mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}^B \setminus \mathscr{C}$ ). Clearly, C is a quotient algebra of B. Let M be a module in  $\mathscr{C}$  which lies in  $\mathcal{T}$ . In particular, the composition factors of M are C-modules. Take a module  $N \in \mathscr{D}$  such that [M] = [N]. Assume  $\mathscr{D} \in \mathcal{Q}^B$ . Since [M] = [N] there exists a projective module  $P \in \mathcal{P}^B = \mathcal{P}^C$  such that  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(P, N) \neq 0$ . By the separation property of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  we have  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(X, N) \neq 0$ for some module  $X \in \mathcal{T}^*$ . Then, applying the formula (i), we obtain

$$0 = |\operatorname{Hom}_A(X, M)| - |\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, \tau_A X)| = |\operatorname{Hom}_A(X, N)| - |\operatorname{Hom}_A(N, \tau_A X)|$$

$$= |\operatorname{Hom}_A(X, N)| > 0,$$

since M and X belong to orthogonal tubes of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathcal{Q}^B, \mathcal{T}^B) = 0$ . Dually, if  $\mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{P}^B$ , then there exists an injective module I in  $\mathcal{Q}^B$  such that  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(N, I) \neq 0$ . By the separation property of  $\mathcal{T}^B$ , we have  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(N, Y) \neq 0$  for some module  $Y \in \mathcal{T}^*$ . Then, by the formula (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= |\mathrm{Hom}_A(M,Y)| - |\mathrm{Hom}_A(\tau_A^-Y,M)| = |\mathrm{Hom}_A(N,Y)| - |\mathrm{Hom}_A(\tau_A^-Y,N)| \\ &= |\mathrm{Hom}_A(N,Y)| > 0, \end{aligned}$$

since M and Y belong to orthogonal tubes of  $\mathcal{T}^B$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathcal{T}^B, \mathcal{P}^B) = 0$ . The above contradictions show that  $\mathscr{D} \in \mathcal{T}^B$ .

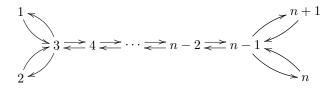
(7)  $\mathcal{T}^B$  is a family of stable tubes. Assume  $\mathscr{C}$  contains a projective module P. Take an indecomposable module Y in  $\mathscr{D}$  with [P] = [Y]. Then the top of P is a composition factor of Y and hence  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(P, Y) \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $\operatorname{Hom}_B(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{D}) \neq 0$ which contradicts the fact that  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  are orthogonal. We conclude that  $\mathscr{C}$  is a stable tube of  $\mathcal{T}^B$ . Clearly, then  $\mathcal{T}^B$  is a separating family of stable tubes of  $\Gamma_B$ , and consequently B is a concealed canonical algebra, by [11].

(8)  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  are stable tubes of rank one. Since  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  belong to the separating family  $\mathcal{T}^B$  of stable tubes of  $\Gamma_B$ , we know that  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  are orthogonal, generalized standard, and without external short paths. In particular,  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  do not lie on short cycles in  $\Sigma_B$ . Then, applying [23, Lemmas 3.1 and 3.3], we conclude that  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  consist of modules which do not lie on infinite short cycles in mod B. Assume  $\mathscr{C}$  is of rank  $r \geq 2$ . Take a module X lying on the mouth of  $\mathscr{C}$  (X has one immediate predecessor and one immediate successor in  $\mathscr{C}$ ). Then, by [23, Corollary 4.4], X is uniquely determined by [X], which contradicts the fact that [X] = [Y] for some module Y in  $\mathscr{D}$  and  $\mathscr{C} \neq \mathscr{D}$ . Therefore,  $\mathscr{C}$  is of rank one. Applying the same arguments, we conclude that  $\mathscr{D}$  is also of rank one.

Summing up, the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 are provided.

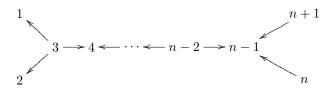
### 3. Examples

Let K be an algebraically closed field and Q be a finite quiver. For any arrow  $\alpha \in Q$ , by  $s(\alpha)$  and  $t(\alpha)$  we mean the source and the target of  $\alpha$ , respectively. By KQ we denote the path algebra of Q. Recall that, if the quiver Q is acyclic, then KQ is a hereditary algebra [1]. For a finite dimensional algebra H over K, we denote by T(H) the trivial extension algebra of H by its duality H-H-bimodule  $D(H) = \text{Hom}_K(H, K)$ . Recall that  $T(H) = H \oplus D(H)$  as K-vector space and the multiplication in T(H) is given by (a, f)(b, g) = (ab, ag + fb) for  $a, b \in H$  and  $f, g \in D(H)$ . Then T(H) is a symmetric algebra and H is the quotient algebra of T(H) by the ideal D(H). For a natural number  $n \ge 4$ ,  $Q_n$  will be the quiver of the following form:

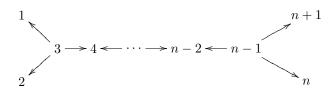


Each arrow in  $Q_n$  will be named either by  $\alpha$  or by  $\beta$  in such a way that an arrow which starts in the vertex 3 and terminates in the vertex 1 is  $\alpha$ , and  $s(\alpha) = t(\beta)$ ,  $t(\alpha) = s(\beta)$ , for all arrows  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Let  $I_n$  be the admissible ideal in the path algebra  $KQ_n$  generated by all paths  $\alpha\beta, \beta\alpha$  such that  $s(\alpha\beta) \neq t(\alpha\beta), s(\beta\alpha) \neq t(\beta\alpha)$ , and all commutativity relations  $\omega_1 - \omega_2$ , where  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are all paths of length 2 in  $Q_n$ such that their source and target coincide with the vertex *i*, for all  $i \in \{3, \ldots, n-1\}$ . Then by  $\Lambda_n$  we denote the quotient algebra  $KQ_n/I_n$ .

We consider now the quiver  $\Delta_n$  of Euclidean type  $\widetilde{\mathbb{D}}_n$ , for any  $n \geq 4$ , defined in the following way. If n is an odd number, then  $\Delta_n$  is of the form:



and similarly, for an even number n, the quiver  $\Delta_n$  is of the form:



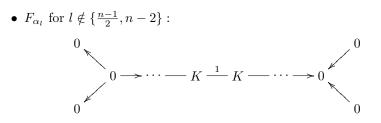
(in particular, all maximal subquivers of type  $\mathbb{A}_{n-1}$  of  $Q_n$  have alternate orientation of arrows).

Let  $H_n$  be the path algebra  $K\Delta_n$  and  $H_n^*$  the path algebra  $K\Delta_n^*$ , where  $\Delta_n^*$  is the opposite quiver of  $\Delta_n$ . Note that  $\Delta_n$  is a subquiver of  $Q_n$  given by the arrows  $\alpha$  and  $\Delta_n^*$  is a subquiver of  $Q_n$  given by the arrows  $\beta$ . Moreover, observe that  $\Lambda_n$  is the trivial extension algebra  $T(H_n)$  of  $H_n$  and the trivial extension algebra  $T(H_n^*)$ of  $H_n^*$ . In particular,  $H_n$  and  $H_n^*$  are quotient algebras of  $\Lambda_n$ .

Assume now that  $n \ge 4$  is an odd number. For each arrow  $\alpha$  in  $\Delta_n$  such that  $s(\alpha) = i$  and  $t(\alpha) \in \{i - 1, i + 1\}$ , for some  $i \in \{3, \ldots, n\}$ , we put  $\alpha_l$  instead of  $\alpha$ , where l is given by the formula:

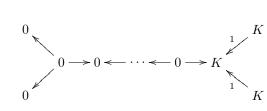
$$l = \begin{cases} \frac{i-1}{2}; & \alpha: i \to i+1\\ n - \frac{i+1}{2}; & \alpha: i \to i-1. \end{cases}$$

Observe that  $l \in \{1, ..., n-2\}$ . We define the family of indecomposable representations  $F_{\alpha_1}, \ldots, F_{\alpha_{n-2}}$  of  $H_n$  over K:



•  $F_{\alpha_{\frac{n-1}{2}}}$  :

where K stands in the vertices  $s(\alpha_l), t(\alpha_l)$ , zero space elsewhere (here by — we mean  $\rightarrow$  or  $\leftarrow$ );



where K stands in the vertices n-1,n,n+1, zero space elsewhere;  $\bullet \ F_{\alpha_{n-2}}$  :



where K stands in the vertices 1, 2, 3, zero space elsewhere.

Let  $E_l = F_{\alpha_l}$  for  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ . Obviously  $E_1, \ldots, E_{n-2}$  are pairwise orthogonal bricks. Direct calculation shows that  $\tau_{H_n} E_{l+1} = E_l$  if  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-3\}$ and  $\tau_{H_n} E_1 = E_{n-2}$ . Moreover,  $\operatorname{Ext}^2_{H_n}(E_r, E_p) = 0$  for any  $r, p \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ , because  $H_n$  is a hereditary algebra. It allows us to state that  $E_1, \ldots, E_{n-2}$  form the mouth of a standard stable tube  $\mathcal{T}$  of rank n-2 in  $\Gamma_{H_n}$  (see [17],[20]). Since  $\operatorname{pd}_{H_n} X \leq 1$  for any  $H_n$ -module X in  $\mathcal{T}$ , it follows from [26, Proposition 1.1] that  $\mathcal{T}$  is also a component of the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_{\Lambda_n}$ .

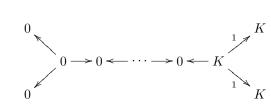
Analogously, let  $E_1^*, E_2^*, \ldots, E_{n-2}^*$  be the indecomposable  $H_n^*$ -modules, where the indices l are given in such a way that, for any  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ ,  $E_l$  and  $E_l^*$ have the same composition factors in mod  $\Lambda_n$  including the multiplicities. It is easy to see that these modules form the mouth of a stable tube  $\mathcal{T}^*$  of rank n-2 in  $\Gamma_{H_n^*}$ such that  $\tau_{H_n^*}E_l^* = E_{l+1}^*$  for  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-3\}$  and  $\tau_{H_n^*}E_{n-2}^* = E_1^*$ . Using once more [26, Proposition 1.1] we get that  $\mathcal{T}^*$  is also a component of the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_{\Lambda_n}$ . Note that  $\operatorname{top}(E_l^*) = \operatorname{soc}(E_l)$  and  $\operatorname{top}(E_l) = \operatorname{soc}(E_l^*)$  in mod  $\Lambda_n$ , for any  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{T}$  has an external short path  $E_l \to E_l^* \to E_l$  in mod  $\Lambda_n$ , which implies existence of a short cycle  $\mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{T}^* \to \mathcal{T}$  in  $\Sigma_{\Lambda_n}$ . Observe also that  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}^*$  have the same composition factors since  $[E_l] = [E_l^*]$  for all  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}^*$  are generalized standard stable tubes in  $\Gamma_{\Lambda_n}$  since they are generalized standard in  $\Gamma_{H_n}$  and  $\Gamma_{H_n^*}^*$ , respectively (see for example [20, Chapter X]).

Assume  $n \ge 4$  is an even number. For each arrow  $\alpha$  in  $H_n$  such that  $s(\alpha) = i$  and  $t(\alpha) \in \{i-1, i+1\}$ , for some  $i \in \{3, \ldots, n-1\}$ , we define the index l in the previous

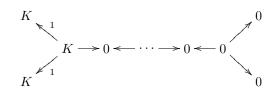
way. Similarly, we define the indecomposable representations  $F_{\alpha_1}, \ldots, F_{\alpha_{n-2}}$  of  $H_n$  over K:

•  $F_{\alpha_l}$  for  $l \notin \{\frac{n-2}{2}, n-2\}$ :  $0 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow K \xrightarrow{1} K \longrightarrow 0$  0 0 0

where K stands in the vertices  $s(\alpha_l), t(\alpha_l)$ , zero space elsewhere (here by — we mean  $\longrightarrow$  or  $\leftarrow$ ); •  $F_{\alpha_{\frac{n-2}{2}}}$ :



where K stands in the vertices n - 1, n, n + 1, zero space elsewhere; •  $F_{\alpha_{n-2}}$ :



where K stands in the vertices 1, 2, 3, zero space elsewhere.

As before the modules  $E_l = F_{\alpha_l}$ ,  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ , form the mouth of a stable tube  $\mathcal{T}$  of rank n-2 in  $\Gamma_{H_n}$ , in such a way that  $\tau_{H_n} E_{l+1} = E_l$  for  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-3\}$  and  $\tau_{H_n} E_1 = E_{n-2}$ . Similarly, let  $\mathcal{T}^*$  be the stable tube of rank n-2 in  $\Gamma_{H_n^*}$  whose mouth consists of the modules  $E_1^*, E_2^*, \ldots, E_{n-2}^*$ , where the indices l are given in such a way that, for any  $l \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ ,  $E_l$  and  $E_l^*$  have the same composition factors and  $\operatorname{top}(E_l^*) = \operatorname{soc}(E_l)$ ,  $\operatorname{top}(E_l) = \operatorname{soc}(E_l^*)$  in  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda_n$ . Therefore, there is a short cycle  $\mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{T}^* \to \mathcal{T}$  in  $\Sigma_{\Lambda_n}$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}^*$  are generalized standard components in  $\Gamma_{\Lambda_n}$ .

Summing up, we have proved that, for an arbitrary  $m \ge 2$ , the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_{\Lambda_{m+2}}$  of  $\Lambda_{m+2}$  contains a generalized standard stable tube of rank m which is not uniquely determined by its composition factors.

We end this section with comments concerning acyclic generalized standard Auslander-Reiten components. It has been proved in [22, Corollaries 2.4 and 3.3] that every acyclic generalized standard component  $\mathscr{C}$  of the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_A$  of an artin algebra A is of the form  $\mathbb{Z}\Delta$  for a finite acyclic connected valued quiver  $\Delta$  with at least three vertices,  $B = A/\operatorname{ann}_A(\mathscr{C})$  is a tilted algebra of the form  $\operatorname{End}_H(T)$ , for some wild hereditary artin algebra H and a regular tilting H-module, and  $\mathscr{C}$  is the connecting component  $\mathscr{C}_T$  of  $\Gamma_B$  determined by T. Moreover, C. M. Ringel proved in [18] that, for any connected wild hereditary artin algebra H whose ordinary valued quiver has at least three vertices, there exists a multiplicity-free regular tilting module T in mod H, and consequently the connecting component  $\mathscr{C}_T$  of the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_B$  of the associated tilted algebra  $B = \operatorname{End}_H(T)$  is an acyclic generalized standard faithful regular component of  $\Gamma_B$ . We refer also to [10] for constructions of tilted algebras having regular connecting components with arbitrary large composition factors.

Let K be an algebraically closed field, Q an arbitrary connected acyclic wild quiver with at least three vertices, and H = KQ. Then it follows from [10, Corollary 4] that, there are infinitely many pairwise non-isomorphic tilted algebras B = $\operatorname{End}_H(T)$ , for multiplicity-free regular tilting modules T in mod H, such that the connecting component  $\mathscr{C}_T$  determined by T is regular and without simple modules. Take such a tilted algebra  $B = \operatorname{End}_H(T)$  and consider the trivial extension algebra  $\Lambda = T(B)$  of B by the B-B-bimodule  $D(B) = \operatorname{Hom}_K(B, K)$ . Then it follows from [5, Section 5] that the Auslander-Reiten quiver  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$  of  $\Lambda$  consists of two acyclic generalized standard regular sincere components  $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{C}_T$  and  $\mathscr{D}$ , having sections of type  $\Delta = Q^{\operatorname{op}}$ , and infinitely many components whose stable parts are of the form  $\mathbb{Z}A_{\infty}$ . However, it is not clear if  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  may have the same composition factors. It would be interesting to know if such a situation may occur.

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