

# REU Problem 3: Questions on Generating Functions via Cluster Algebras

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The set of all such generators are known as **Cluster Variables**, and the initial pattern of exchange relations determines the **Seed**.

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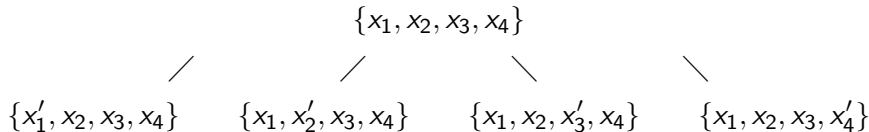
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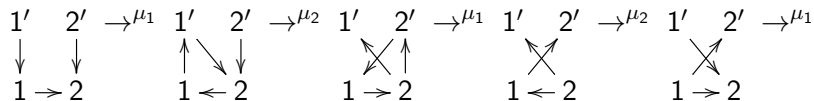
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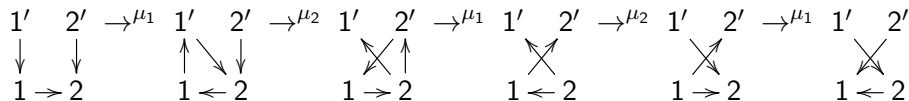
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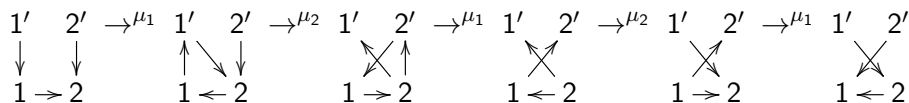
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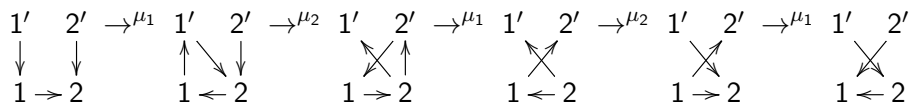






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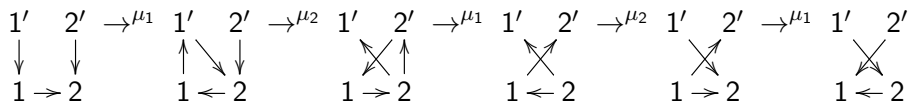
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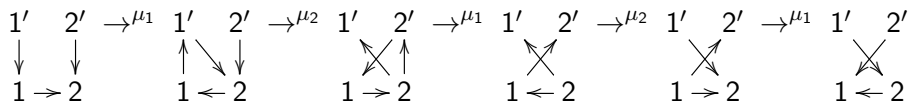


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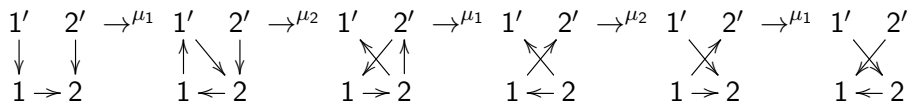


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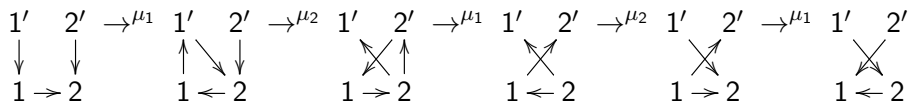
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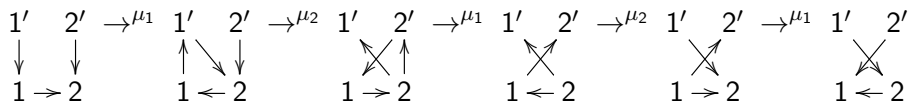


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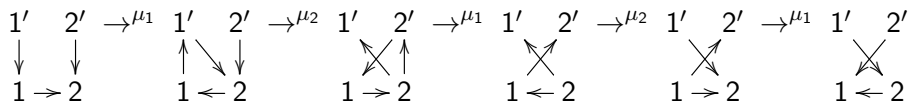
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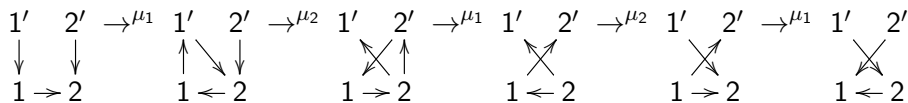
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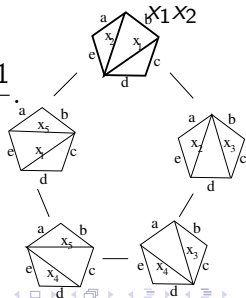
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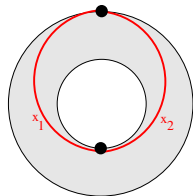


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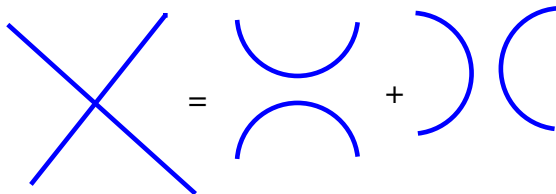
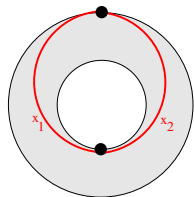
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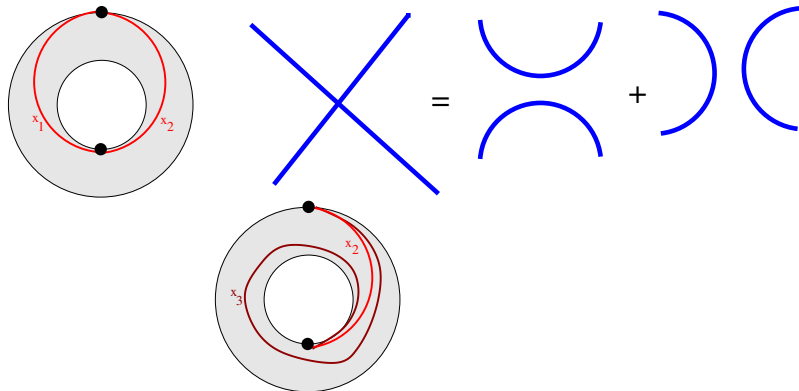
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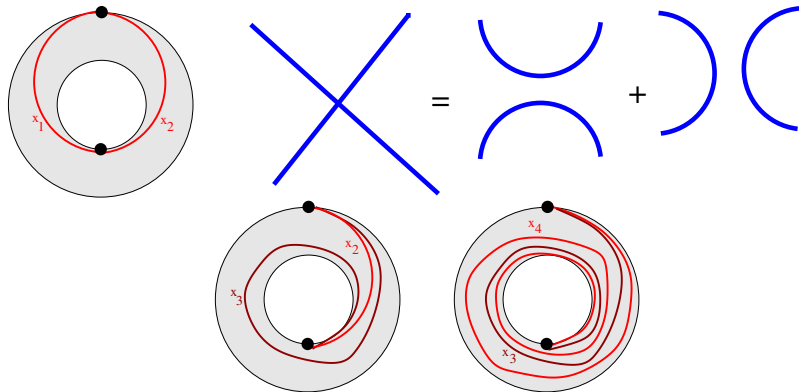
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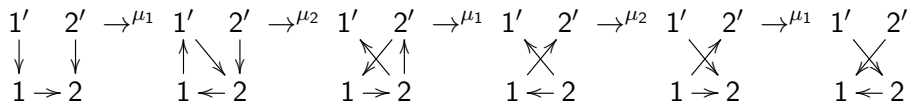
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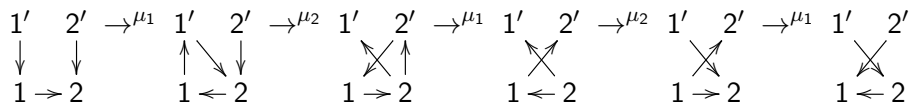
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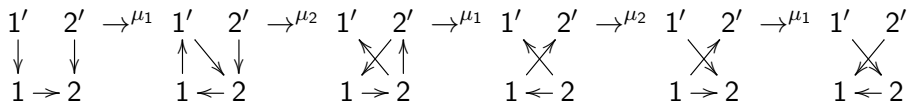


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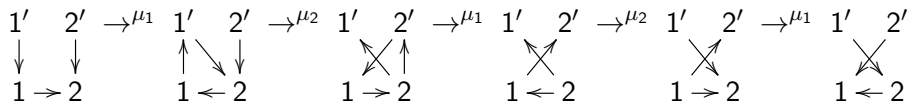
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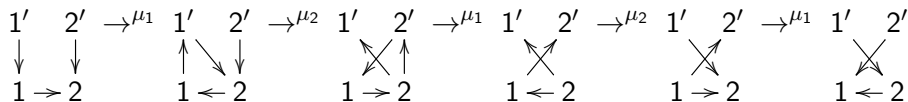
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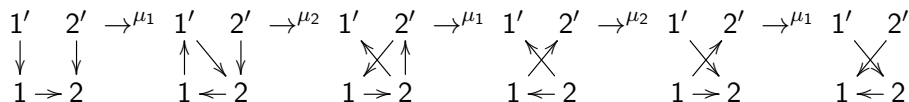
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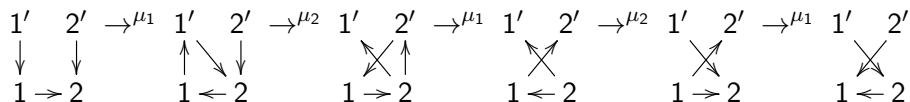
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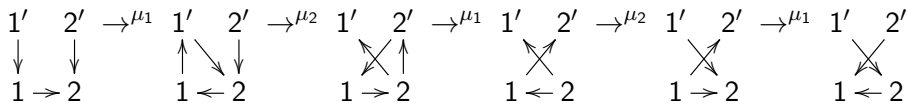
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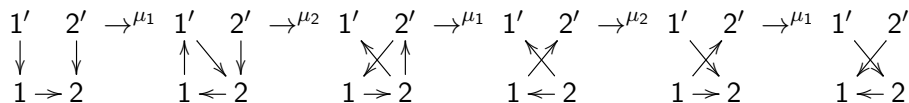
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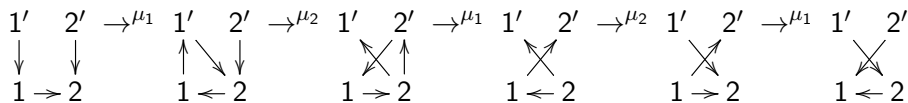
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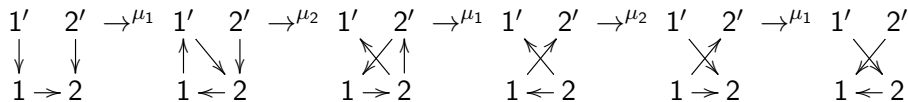
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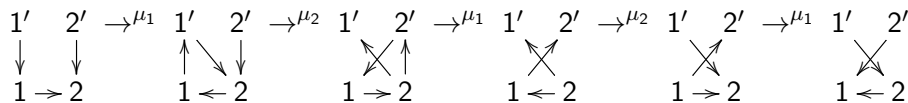


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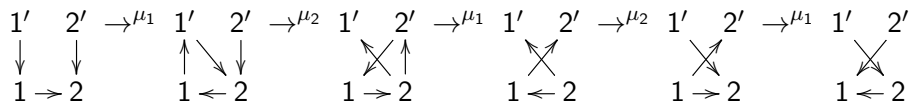


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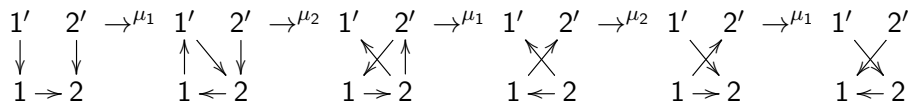


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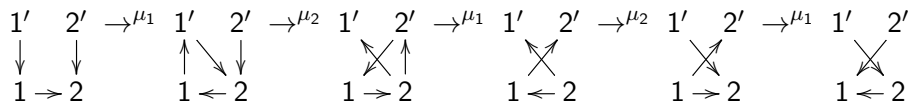
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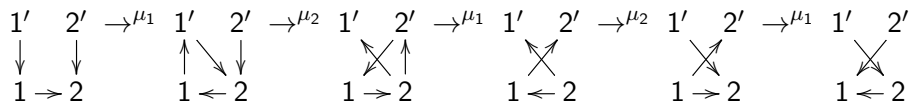
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Let  $L_1 = 1 + z_1$  and  $L_k = 1 + z_k L_1^{\mathbf{c}_1 \cdot B_Q | \mathbf{c}_k|} L_2^{\mathbf{c}_2 \cdot B_Q | \mathbf{c}_k|} \dots L_{k-1}^{\mathbf{c}_{k-1} \cdot B_Q | \mathbf{c}_k|}$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

Suppose  $B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1$ . Then

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_Q | \mathbf{c}_2 | = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q | \mathbf{c}_3 | = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q | \mathbf{c}_4 | = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q | \mathbf{c}_5 | = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$L_4 = 1 + z_4 L_1^0 L_2^1 L_3^1 = 1 + z_4 \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2} =$$

## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

Let  $L_1 = 1 + z_1$  and  $L_k = 1 + z_k L_1^{c_1 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} L_2^{c_2 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} \dots L_{k-1}^{c_{k-1} \cdot B_Q |c_k|}$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

Suppose  $B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1$ . Then

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_Q |c_2| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_3| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_4| = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_5| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$L_4 = 1 + z_4 L_1^0 L_2^1 L_3^1 = 1 + z_4 \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2} = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1}$$

## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

Let  $L_1 = 1 + z_1$  and  $L_k = 1 + z_k L_1^{c_1 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} L_2^{c_2 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} \dots L_{k-1}^{c_{k-1} \cdot B_Q |c_k|}$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

Suppose  $B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1$ . Then

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_Q |c_2| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_3| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_4| = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_5| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$L_4 = 1 + z_4 L_1^0 L_2^1 L_3^1 = 1 + z_4 \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2} = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1}$$

$$L_5 = 1 + z_5 L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} L_3^0 L_4^1 =$$



## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

Let  $L_1 = 1 + z_1$  and  $L_k = 1 + z_k L_1^{c_1 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} L_2^{c_2 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} \dots L_{k-1}^{c_{k-1} \cdot B_Q |c_k|}$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

Suppose  $B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1$ . Then

$$c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, c_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, c_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, c_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_Q |c_2| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_3| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_4| = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_5| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$L_4 = 1 + z_4 L_1^0 L_2^1 L_3^1 = 1 + z_4 \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2} = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1}$$

$$L_5 = 1 + z_5 L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} L_3^0 L_4^1 = 1 + \frac{z_5}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1}{1 + z_1 + z_2} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1}$$

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## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

Let  $L_1 = 1 + z_1$  and  $L_k = 1 + z_k L_1^{c_1 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} L_2^{c_2 \cdot B_Q |c_k|} \dots L_{k-1}^{c_{k-1} \cdot B_Q |c_k|}$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

Suppose  $B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1$ . Then

$$c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, c_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, c_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, c_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_Q |c_2| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_3| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_4| = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, B_Q |c_5| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$L_4 = 1 + z_4 L_1^0 L_2^1 L_3^1 = 1 + z_4 \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2} = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_5 &= 1 + z_5 L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} L_3^0 L_4^1 = 1 + \frac{z_5}{1 + z_1} \frac{1 + z_1}{1 + z_1 + z_2} \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1} \\ &= \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5 (1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)} \end{aligned}$$

## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1,$$

## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad F_2 = L_1 L_2$$

## Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad F_2 = L_1 L_2 = 1 + z_1 + z_2,$$

# Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad F_2 = L_1 L_2 = 1 + z_1 + z_2,$$

$$F_3 = L_2 L_3 =$$

# Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad F_2 = L_1 L_2 = 1 + z_1 + z_2,$$

$$F_3 = L_2 L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1},$$



# Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad F_2 = L_1 L_2 = 1 + z_1 + z_2,$$

$$F_3 = L_2 L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1},$$

$$F_4 = L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} L_4 =$$

# Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

$$L_5 = \frac{(1 + z_1)(1 + z_1 + z_2) + z_5 + z_1 z_5 + z_4 z_5(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_1 = L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad F_2 = L_1 L_2 = 1 + z_1 + z_2,$$

$$F_3 = L_2 L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1},$$

$$F_4 = L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{(1 + z_1 + z_2)(1 + z_1)},$$

# Type $A_2$ Quiver Example (continued)

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_1. \quad F_{i_\ell; t_\ell} = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j^{\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{g}_\ell} \Big|_{z_1=y^{|\mathbf{c}_1|}, \dots, z_\ell=y^{|\mathbf{c}_\ell|}}$$

$$L_1 = 1 + z_1, \quad L_2 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2}{1 + z_1}, \quad L_3 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{1 + z_1 + z_2}, \quad L_4 = \frac{1 + z_1 + z_4(1 + z_1 + z_2 + z_3)}{1 + z_1},$$

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Letting  $z_1 = y_1$ ,  $z_2 = y_1 y_2$ ,  $z_3 = y_2$ ,  $z_4 = y_1$ ,  $z_5 = y_2$ , we get **polynomials**

$$F_1 = y_1 + 1, \quad F_2 = y_1 y_2 + y_1 + 1, \quad F_3 = y_2 + 1, \quad F_4 = 1, \quad F_5 = 1.$$

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# Five Minute Coffee Break

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**REU Exercise # 3.2:** Use the **Generalized Binomial Theorem** and the above **product expansion** for  $F_{i_\ell; t_\ell}$  to derive the following **power series expansion** (which appears in a slightly different form in Gupta '18):

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# Kronecker Quiver Example (via Power Series Expansion)

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Consequently, we simplify the formula in the Kronecker case to

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See Hoggatt-Lind, "Fibonacci and Binomial Properties of Weighted Compositions" from Journal of Combinatorial Theory (1968), or

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