

# Moduli space of homogeneous bundles on $\mathbb{P}^2$ with self-dual gradation

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be a semisimple, simply connected complex Lie group and  $P$  its parabolic subgroup. Let  $X = G/P$  be a homogeneous variety. It is known that the category of  $G$ -homogeneous bundles is equivalent to the category of representations of  $P$  (see [BK90]). Since group  $P$  is not reductive, to deal with its representations we consider the Levi decomposition of  $P$ , that is

$$P = R \cdot N,$$

where  $R$  is reductive and  $N$  is nilpotent. Let  $\mathfrak{r} = \text{Lie } R$ ,  $\mathfrak{n} = \text{Lie } N$  be corresponding Lie algebras. We say that  $X$  is a Hermitian symmetric variety if the representation of  $P$ , corresponding to tangent bundle of  $X$ , is trivial on  $N$ . This is equivalent to the condition  $[\mathfrak{n}, \mathfrak{n}] = 0$  (see, for example [OR06, Chapter 2]). By Ottaviani and Rubei [OR06, Theorem 5.9], it turns out that for a Hermitian symmetric variety  $X$  the representations of  $P$  can be described in terms of representations of some (infinite) quiver  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  with relations. Vertices of quiver  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  correspond to irreducible representations of  $R$ , denoted  $v_\lambda$ . To any vertex  $v_\lambda$  associate an unique irreducible  $G$ -homogeneous vector bundle  $E_\lambda$  (obtained by trivial extension of  $R$ -module to  $P$ -module). There is an arrow from  $v_\lambda \rightarrow v_\mu$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  if the  $G$ -equivariant extension  $\text{Ext}_X^1(E_\lambda, E_\mu)^G$  does not vanish. Relations between arrows will be made explicit later, for a particular case of  $X = \mathbb{P}^2$  (see Definition (2.1) and [OR06, Definition 5.7] for general description). For any  $G$ -homogeneous bundle  $E$ , define  $\text{gr } E$  to be an  $R$ -module, obtained by restriction of  $P$ -module given by  $E$  to  $R$ . It turns out that Mumford-Takemoto semistability of a  $G$ -homogeneous bundle can be reduced to  $\theta$ -semistability of corresponding quiver representation (cf. [OR06, Theorem 7.1]). Hence, by King construction [Kin94], it is possible to construct moduli spaces of semistable  $G$ -homogeneous bundles  $E$  on  $X$  with fixed  $\text{gr } E$ . In this chapter we will compute explicitly those moduli spaces for some homogeneous bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with fixed self-dual gradation.

## 2 Basic definitions

From now on, let  $G = \mathrm{SL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  and let

$$P = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(3) \right\},$$

be a parabolic subgroup where  $*$  denotes any complex number. Then

$$R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(3) \right\},$$

$$N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(3) \right\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$  be the quiver with relations associated to  $\mathbb{P}^2 = \mathrm{SL}(3)/P$ , as defined in [OR06, Definition 5.2]. The quiver  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$  has 3 connected components (see [OR06, Theorem 5.12]), slopes of bundles attached to vertices in each component are congruent modulo  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{Q}$  one of the connected components of  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$  containing vertex corresponding to bundle  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}^0$  (resp.  $\mathcal{Q}^1$ ) be the set of vertices (resp. arrows) of  $\mathcal{Q}$ . The set  $\mathcal{Q}^0$  is in one-to-one correspondence with the subset of the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  given by points  $(i, j)$  with  $i \geq j$ . The point  $(i, j)$  represents a homogeneous vector bundle  $E_{i,j}$ , associated to a completely reducible representation of  $P$ . Setting  $Q = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$ , we have  $E_{i,j} \simeq S^{i-j} Q(i+2j) = S^{i-j} Q \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(i+2j)$ , where  $S$  denotes symmetric power. Thus we have

$$c_1(E_{i,j}) = \frac{3}{2} (i+j)(i-j+1). \quad (2.1)$$

There is an arrow  $E_{i,j} \rightarrow E_{h,k}$  if  $\mathrm{Ext}^1(E_{i,j}, E_{h,k})^{\mathrm{SL}(3)}$  does not vanish. This implies that  $\mathcal{Q}^1$  consists of arrows  $(i, j) \rightarrow (i-1, j)$ , denoted  $v_{(i-1,j),(i,j)}$ , for  $i > j$  and  $(i, j) \rightarrow (i, j-1)$ , denoted  $v_{(i,j-1),(i,j)}$ , for  $i \geq j$ .

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{Q}^0}$  be nonzero for a finite number of elements  $(i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{Q}^0$ . We call  $\alpha$  a dimension vector. Define a homogeneous bundle  $F(\alpha) = \bigoplus_{i,j} V_{i,j} \otimes E_{i,j}$ , where  $V_{i,j}$  is a complex vector space of dimension  $\alpha_{i,j}$  and  $E_{i,j}$  is defined above. Accordingly define  $G(\alpha) = \prod_{i,j} \mathrm{GL}(V_{i,j})$ . A character  $\chi_\theta : G(\alpha) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  is defined for any  $g = (g_{i,j}) \in G$  by  $\chi_\theta(g_{i,j}) = \prod_{i,j} \det(g_{i,j})^{\theta_{i,j}}$ , with  $\theta_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Following [Kin94] we choose the function  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathcal{Q}^0}$  as follows:

$$\theta_{i,j} = \mathrm{rk}(F(\alpha)) c_1(E_{i,j}) - c_1(F(\alpha)) \mathrm{rk}(E_{i,j}). \quad (2.2)$$

With this choice,  $\theta$ -semistability of representations according to King is equivalent to slope semistability according to Mumford and Takemoto (see [OR06, Theorem 7.1 and 7.2]). We will always assume  $\theta$  to be of this form.

**Definition 2.1.** [Moduli space of homogeneous bundles] Define the space  $K(\mathcal{Q}, V(\alpha)) = \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{Q}^1} \text{Hom}(V_{\mathbf{t}a}, V_{\mathbf{h}a})$  where  $\mathbf{t}a \in \mathcal{Q}^0$  (resp.  $\mathbf{h}a \in \mathcal{Q}^0$ ) denotes the tail (resp. head) of  $a \in \mathcal{Q}^1$ , and consider the closed subset  $V(\alpha) \subset K(\mathcal{Q}, V(\alpha))$  given by the following relations in  $\mathcal{Q}$

$$v_{(i-1, j-1), (i, j-1)} v_{(i, j-1), (i, j)} - v_{(i-1, j-1), (i-1, j)} v_{(i-1, j), (i, j)}, \quad \text{for } j < i,$$

$$v_{(i-1, i-1), (i, i-1)} v_{(i, i-1), (i, i)}, \quad \text{for any } i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(see [OR06, Section 7]). The group  $\mathbf{G}(\alpha)$  acts on  $V(\alpha)$  and we define the space of semi-invariants of degree  $m$  as

$$\begin{aligned} A_m(\alpha) &= \mathbb{C}[V(\alpha)]^{\mathbf{G}(\alpha), \chi_{m\theta}} = \\ &= \{f \in \mathbb{C}[V(\alpha)] \mid f(gx) = \chi_{\theta}(g)^m f(x), \forall x \in V(\alpha)\} \end{aligned}$$

Given a dimension vector  $\alpha$ , define the associated moduli space

$$M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha) := \text{Proj}\left(\bigoplus_m A_m(\alpha)\right)$$

**Remark 2.2.** There are two, equivalent choices of  $\mathbf{G}(\alpha)$ -action on  $V(\alpha)$ . Note that Ottaviani and Rubei in [OR06] use (implicitly) the following convention: if  $a \in \mathcal{Q}^1$ ,  $f \in \text{Hom}(V_{\mathbf{t}a}, V_{\mathbf{h}a})$  and  $g = (g_{i,j}) \in \mathbf{G}(\alpha)$ , then

$$g \cdot f := g_{\mathbf{h}a}^{-1} f g_{\mathbf{t}a}.$$

With this choice, the direction of inequality in definition of King's  $\theta$ -(semi)stability is as follows: a representations  $V$  is  $\theta$ -(semi)stable if, and only if, for every proper subrepresentation  $W$  of  $V$

$$\theta(W) < (\text{resp. } \leq) 0 = \theta(V).$$

Following theorem is a main result of [OR06]:

**Theorem 2.3** (Ottaviani, Rubei, King). For  $\theta$  chosen as above the projective variety  $M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha)$  is a coarse moduli space parameterizing  $S$ -equivalence classes of semistable homogeneous bundles  $F$  over  $\mathbb{P}^2$  such that the completely reducible bundle associated to  $F$  (i.e.  $\text{gr } F$ ) is isomorphic to  $F(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* See [OR06, Section 7] and [Kin94, Proposition 5.2].

We say that two semistable bundles are  $S$ -equivalent if they have the same composition factors in Jordan-Hölder filtration (see [Kin94, §3] and [LP97, p. 76]). Note that Mumford-Takemoto stability is a stronger condition than  $\theta$ -stability (see [OR06, Theorem 7.2]).

**Definition 2.4.** A vector bundle  $F$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is called self-dual if  $F^{\vee} \simeq F$ .

Notice that the support of the representation of  $\mathcal{Q}$  (i.e. those pairs  $(i, j)$ , such that  $\alpha_{i,j}$  does not vanish) corresponding to a homogeneous self-dual bundle is a symmetric set along the direction  $i + j = 0$  (that is  $\alpha_{i,j} = \alpha_{-j,-i}$ ). Since a self-dual bundle  $F$  satisfies  $c_1(F) = 0$ , by formulas (2.1) and (2.2) we deduce the following straightforward lemma.

**Lemma 2.5.** *For a self-dual homogeneous vector bundle  $F$  with dimension vector  $\alpha$ , the character coefficients of  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}^{\mathcal{Q}^0}$  corresponding to slope semistability are (up to a common positive, rational scalar) given by*

$$\theta_{i,j} = (i - j + 1)(i + j). \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* See [OR05, Remark 27.III].

The formula (2.3) says that the coefficient  $\theta_{i,j}$  is  $\text{rk}(E_{i,j}) = i - j + 1$ , times the distance from the diagonal  $i + j = 0$ . If  $c$  is a positive, rational scalar, then stability parameters  $\theta$  and  $c\theta$  give isomorphic moduli spaces (see [Har77, Ex. II.5.13]).

**Definition 2.6.** *For  $n \geq 1$  and for any sequence of natural numbers  $k_0, \dots, k_{n+1}$  with  $k_0 \geq 1$ ,  $k_{n+1} \geq 1$ , and  $k_i \geq 2$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ , define the dimension vector  $\alpha_n$  as*

$$(\alpha_n)_{i,j} = \begin{cases} k_i & i = -j \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq n + 1, \\ 1 & i = -j + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n + 1, \\ 1 & i = -j - 1, 0 \leq i \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

according to the diagram, drawn as a plane with coordinates  $(i, j)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathbb{C}^{k_0} & \xleftarrow{c_0} & \mathbb{C} & & \\ & & \downarrow d_0 & & \downarrow a_1 & & \\ & \mathbb{C} & \xleftarrow{b_1} & \mathbb{C}^{k_1} & \xleftarrow{c_1} & \mathbb{C} & \\ & & & \downarrow d_1 & & \downarrow a_2 & \\ & & & \mathbb{C} & \xleftarrow{b_2} & \mathbb{C}^{k_2} & \xleftarrow{c_2} \dots \\ & & & \downarrow d_2 & & & \\ & & & \vdots & & & \\ & & & & & \vdots & \\ & & & & & \downarrow a_n & \\ \dots & \xleftarrow{b_n} & \mathbb{C}^{k_n} & \xleftarrow{c_n} & \mathbb{C} & & \\ & & \downarrow d_n & & \downarrow a_{n+1} & & \\ & & \mathbb{C} & \xleftarrow{b_{n+1}} & \mathbb{C}^{k_{n+1}} & & \end{array} \quad (2.4)$$

where the main diagonal sits on the line  $i = -j$ . We call the vertex  $(0, 0)$ , corresponding to  $k_0$  (i.e. the upper left corner) the origin of  $\alpha_n$ . Matrix representing arrow  $v_{(i,-i)(i,-i+1)}$  (resp.  $v_{((i-1,-i)(i,-i), v_{(i,-i)(i+1,-i)}, v_{(i,-i-1)(i,-i)})$  is denoted by  $a_i$  (resp.  $b_i, c_i, d_i$ ).

We choose an interesting, however special, dimension vector  $\alpha_n$  of a particular self-dual bundle. Note that a general element in  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n)$  will not correspond to a self-dual bundle as we do not impose additional relation on matrices representing arrows in  $\mathcal{Q}$ . It will turn out that the moduli space depends on  $n$  but not on  $k_0, \dots, k_{n+1}$ .

**Notation 2.7.** *By*

$$\alpha_n = (k_0, 1, 1, k_1, 1, 1, k_2, 1, \dots, 1, k_n, 1, 1, k_{n+1}),$$

*we mean dimension vector  $\alpha_n$  as defined above. That is, we order coefficients first in rows, then in columns, i.e.*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n = & (\alpha_{0,0}, \alpha_{1,0}, \alpha_{0,-1}, \alpha_{1,-1}, \alpha_{2,-1}, \alpha_{1,-2}, \alpha_{2,-2}, \dots, \\ & \dots, \alpha_{n,-n}, \alpha_{n+1,-n}, \alpha_{n,-n-1}, \alpha_{n+1,-n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

*Accordingly, for fixed  $n$ , we will write in analogous way the corresponding stability parameter  $\theta$ , that is*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta = & (\theta_{0,0}, \theta_{1,0}, \theta_{0,-1}, \theta_{1,-1}, \theta_{2,-1}, \theta_{1,-2}, \theta_{2,-2}, \dots, \\ & \dots, \theta_{n,-n}, \theta_{n+1,-n}, \theta_{n,-n-1}, \theta_{n+1,-n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.8.** *The moduli space  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_1)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n)$  is isomorphic to a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle over  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_{n-1})$  (see Lemma (3.7) for explicit definition of the bundle structure). Moreover,  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n)$  is an irreducible smooth projective toric variety of dimension  $n$  (see Lemma (3.6) for precise description of the corresponding fan) and does not depend on  $k_0, \dots, k_{n+1}$ .*

The rest of the chapter is devoted to the proof of the above result.

Moving the origin of dimension vector  $\alpha_n$  along the line  $i = -j$  leaves the moduli space invariant but changes natural polarization (see Remark (3.9)). It is expected that any moduli space of homogeneous bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with fixed  $\text{gr } F$  (for not necessarily self-dual  $F$ ) is a (possibly non-normal) toric variety.

### 3 Semi-invariants via toric picture

For  $n \geq 1$  consider  $\alpha_n$  as above and fix a complex vector space  $W = V_{j,-j}$  for some  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , such that  $\dim(W) = k_j > 0$ . By Lemma (2.5), we can write the value of  $\theta$  at the vector spaces  $V_{i,j}$  associated to the dimension vector  $\alpha_n$

$$\theta = (0, 1, -1, 0, 2, -2, \dots, 0, n+1, -n-1, 0) \quad (3.1)$$

Chosen stability parameter  $\theta$  takes value 0 at the point corresponding to  $W$ , therefore we look for semi-invariants of weight zero at  $W$  i.e. for

invariants under the  $\mathrm{GL}(W) \subset \mathrm{GL}(\alpha)$  action. For convenience rename  $a_j, b_j, c_j$  and  $d_j$  of diagram (2.4) as  $a, b, c, d$  in order to draw the following picture

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & V_{\mathfrak{t}a} & & \\ & & \downarrow a & & \\ V_{\mathfrak{h}b} & \xleftarrow{b} & W & \xleftarrow{c} & V_{\mathfrak{t}c} \\ & & \downarrow d & & \\ & & V_{\mathfrak{h}d} & & \end{array}$$

Following theorem is a particular case of a classical result known already by Herman Weyl (see [Wey39], [dCP76] or [Has05] for alternative proofs).

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be a regular function on  $V(\alpha_n)$  satisfying  $f(gx) = f(x)$  for all  $g \in \mathrm{GL}(W)$ . Then  $f$  is a linear combination of forms of the type  $f'h$  where  $h$  is a function independent of  $a, b, c, d$  and  $f'$  lies in the ring  $\mathbb{C}[ba, da, bc, dc]$ .*

*Proof.* Write  $K(\mathcal{Q}, V(\alpha_n)) = K^W(\alpha_n) \oplus K'(\alpha_n)$ , where no arrow in  $K'(\alpha_n)$  has tail or head in  $W$  and

$$K^W(\alpha_n) = \mathrm{Hom}(V_{\mathfrak{t}a}, W) \oplus \mathrm{Hom}(V_{\mathfrak{t}c}, W) \oplus \mathrm{Hom}(W, V_{\mathfrak{h}b}) \oplus \mathrm{Hom}(W, V_{\mathfrak{h}d})$$

A regular function  $f$  is represented by an element of the polynomial algebra  $\mathrm{Sym}(K(\mathcal{Q}, V(\alpha_n))) \simeq \mathrm{Sym}(K^W(\alpha_n)) \otimes \mathrm{Sym}(K'(\alpha_n))$ . Clearly any element in  $\mathrm{Sym}(K'(\alpha_n))$  is independent of  $a, b, c, d$ . Put  $S(W) := \mathrm{Sym}(K^W(\alpha_n))$ . We need to identify the  $\mathrm{GL}(W)$ -invariant elements in  $S(W)$ .

Decomposing  $S(W)$  with respect to  $\mathrm{GL}(W)$ -action we find

$$S(W) \simeq \bigoplus_{\eta, \xi} S^\eta W \otimes S^\xi W^\vee \otimes (S^\eta(V_{\mathfrak{t}a}^\vee \oplus V_{\mathfrak{t}c}^\vee) \otimes S^\xi(V_{\mathfrak{h}b} \oplus V_{\mathfrak{h}d}))$$

where  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  run through Young tableaux with at most  $\dim(W)$  rows and  $S^\eta, S^\xi$  are the associated Schur functors.

Let  $\mathfrak{T}_{a,c} := V_{\mathfrak{t}a}^\vee \oplus V_{\mathfrak{t}c}^\vee$  and  $\mathfrak{H}_{b,d} := V_{\mathfrak{h}b} \oplus V_{\mathfrak{h}d}$ . The spaces  $\mathfrak{T}_{a,c}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}_{b,d}$  are 2-dimensional, so  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  run through Young tableaux with at most 2 rows, respectively of length  $p+q$  and  $p$ . Since we look for  $\mathrm{GL}(W)$ -invariant elements, Schur Lemma gives  $\eta = \xi$  and we get

$$S(W)^{\mathrm{GL}(W)} \simeq \bigoplus_{p,q} \wedge^2(\mathfrak{T}_{a,c})^{\otimes p} \otimes \wedge^2(\mathfrak{H}_{b,d})^{\otimes p} \otimes S^q(\mathfrak{T}_{a,c}) \otimes S^q(\mathfrak{H}_{b,d})$$

Now the unique element in  $\wedge^2(\mathfrak{T}_{a,c})^{\otimes p} \otimes \wedge^2(\mathfrak{H}_{b,d})^{\otimes p}$  represents the  $p$ -th power of the determinant  $D$  of the matrix

$$\mathfrak{T}_{a,c} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} ba & bc \\ da & dc \end{pmatrix}} \mathfrak{H}_{b,d}$$

On other hand  $\bigoplus_q S^q(\mathbb{T}_{a,c}) \otimes S^q(\mathbb{H}_{b,d})$  can be identified with the subspace of degree 0 elements in the subring  $\text{Sym}(\mathbb{T}_{a,c}) \otimes \text{Sym}(\mathbb{H}_{b,d})$ , with gradation given by  $\deg(a) = \deg(c) = -1$ ,  $\deg(b) = \deg(d) = 1$ .

It is immediate to check that  $ba, da, bc, dc$  have degree zero and that they generate this subring. Finally, we observe that  $D = ba \cdot dc - bc \cdot da$ , so the generator  $D$  is actually redundant.

For a quiver representation as in diagram (2.4) with dimension vector  $\alpha_n$ , we set

$$x_i = b_i c_i \cdot d_i a_i \quad \text{for } i = 1 \dots n, \quad (3.2)$$

$$y_i = b_i a_i = d_{i-1} c_{i-1} \quad \text{for } i = 1 \dots n+1, \quad (3.3)$$

where  $x_i, y_i$  are seen as regular functions on  $V(\alpha_n)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\alpha_n$  be as in Definition (2.6) and let  $\theta$  denote stability condition as in expression (3.1). Then, there exists a  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of the vector space  $A_m(\alpha_n)$ , independent of  $k_0, \dots, k_{n+1}$ , given by the elements*

$$x_1^{e_1} \cdot x_2^{e_2} \cdots x_n^{e_n} \cdot y_1^{m-e_1} \cdot y_2^{2m-e_1-e_2} \cdots y_{n+1}^{(n+1)m-e_n} \quad (3.4)$$

with the conditions

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq e_1 & \leq m, \\ 0 \leq e_1 + e_2 & \leq 2m, \\ \vdots & \\ 0 \leq e_{n-1} + e_n & \leq nm, \\ 0 \leq e_i & \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be an element of  $A_m(\alpha_n)$ . By the choice of stability parameter  $\theta$  (see equation (3.1)),  $f$  is an invariant element for the  $\text{GL}(V_{i,-i})$ -action for every  $i$  (as  $\theta_{i,-i} = 0$ ). By Lemma (3.1) and simple induction, any  $f$  as above is a linear combinations of functions being products of  $d_0 c_0, b_i a_i, d_i a_i, b_i c_i, d_i c_i$  and  $b_{n+1} a_{n+1}$  where  $i$  goes through  $1, \dots, n$ . Fix some monomial  $u \in A_m(\alpha_n)$  of this form, that is

$$u = (b_{n+1} a_{n+1})^{p_{n+1}} \prod_{i=1}^n (b_i a_i)^{p_i} \cdot (b_i c_i)^{q_i} \cdot (d_i a_i)^{t_i} \quad (3.6)$$

where, by the commutativity relations in  $V(\alpha_n)$  (see Definition (2.1)), any occurrence of  $d_i c_i$  was replaced by  $b_{i+1} a_{i+1}$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n$  and  $p_i, q_i, t_i$  are some non-negative integers. This will allow to express relations between  $p_i, q_i, t_i$  equivalent to the fact that  $u$  is a semi-invariant of degree  $m$  (i.e.  $u \in A_m(\alpha_n)$ ).

By Remark (2.2), an element  $g$  of the group  $\mathbf{G}(\alpha)$  acts on  $b_i a_i, d_i a_i, b_i c_i$  as follows:

$$g \cdot (b_i a_i) = g_{hb_i}^{-1} g_{ta_i} (b_i a_i), \quad (3.7)$$

$$g \cdot (d_i a_i) = g_{\mathbf{hd}_i}^{-1} g_{\mathbf{ta}_i} (d_i a_i), \quad (3.8)$$

$$g \cdot (b_i c_i) = g_{\mathbf{hb}_i}^{-1} g_{\mathbf{tc}_i} (b_i c_i), \quad (3.9)$$

where  $g_{i,j} \in \mathbb{C}^*$  for  $(i, j) = \mathbf{hb}_i, \mathbf{hd}_i, \mathbf{ta}_i, \mathbf{td}_i$ . Therefore, function  $u$  belongs to  $A_m(\alpha_n)$  if and only if the following system of linear equations is satisfied:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} p_1 & +t_1 & = m, \\ p_i & +q_{i-1} +t_i & = mi, \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, n, \\ p_{n+1} & +q_n & = m(n+1), \\ -p_1 & -q_1 & = -m, \\ -p_i & -q_i -t_{i-1} & = -mi, \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, n, \\ -p_{n+1} & -t_n & = -m(n+1), \end{array} \right. \quad (3.10)$$

where the first three equations count weights in vertices  $\mathbf{ta}_i = \mathbf{tc}_{i-1} = (i, -i+1)$  and the three last in vertices  $\mathbf{hb}_i = \mathbf{hd}_{i-1} = (i-1, -i)$  of quiver  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

First and fourth equations imply that  $q_1 = t_1$ . By second and fifth equations we got  $q_i - q_{i-1} = t_i - t_{i-1}$ , for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . This implies that  $q_i = t_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$  (with third and sixth equations). Setting  $e_i = q_i = t_i$  the system of linear equations reduces to the form:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} p_1 & = & m - e_1, \\ p_i & = & mi - e_{i-1} - e_i, \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, n, \\ p_{n+1} & = & m(n+1) - e_n, \end{array} \right. \quad (3.11)$$

We need to restrict to non-negative  $p_i$  and  $e_i$ , therefore we can write function  $u$  in the form  $x_1^{e_1} \cdot x_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot x_n^{e_n} \cdot y_1^{m-e_1} \cdot y_2^{2m-e_1-e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot y_{n+1}^{(n+1)m-e_n}$ , where  $e_i$  satisfy conditions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} 0 & \leq e_1 & \leq m, \\ 0 & \leq e_{i-1} + e_i & \leq mi, \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \leq e_i & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n. \end{array} \right. \quad (3.12)$$

Note that inequality  $e_n \leq m(n+1)$  is redundant and functions  $u$  of the form (3.6), satisfying conditions (3.12),(3.11), are a  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $A_m(\alpha_n)$  for any  $m \geq 1$ .

The conditions (3.5) of Lemma (3.2) cut a rational convex polyhedron in  $M_n \otimes \mathbb{R}$ , where  $M_n := \mathbb{Z}^n$  is a lattice. For  $m = 1$ , denote this polyhedron by  $\Delta(n)$ . Note that by the above lemma we can identify  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis of  $A_m(\alpha)$  with elements of  $m\Delta(n) \cap M_n$ . Moreover, polyhedron  $\Delta(n)$  is compact (coordinates of points in  $\Delta(n)$  are non-negative and not greater than  $n$ ), which implies that  $A_0(\alpha_n) = \mathbb{C}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *The ring  $\bigoplus_m A_m(\alpha_n)$  is generated by  $A_1(\alpha_n)$ .*

*Proof.* To proof the statement of lemma it is enough to show that any  $n$ -tuple  $(e_1, \dots, e_n) \in m\Delta(n) \cap M_n$  for any  $m$  is a sum of  $m$   $n$ -tuples  $(e_1^i, \dots, e_n^i) \in \Delta(n) \cap M_n$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

The proof of this fact goes by induction on  $n$ . Fix  $n = 2$  and a 2-tuple  $(e_1, e_2)$  satisfying (3.5), for any  $m > 1$ . Any number, not greater than  $2m - e_1$ , can be written in the form  $2k + l$ , where  $0 \leq k \leq m - e_1$  and  $0 \leq l \leq e_1$ . Therefore

$$(e_1, e_2) = (m - e_1 - k)(0, 0) + k(0, 2) + (e_1 - l)(1, 0) + l(1, 1).$$

Fix  $n > 2$  and let  $n$ -tuple  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  satisfy (3.5) for fixed  $m$ . By inductive step there are  $m$   $(n - 1)$ -tuples  $(e_1^i, \dots, e_{n-1}^i) \in \Delta(n - 1)$ , such that

$$(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^m (e_1^i, \dots, e_{n-1}^i).$$

It is trivial that any number not greater than  $mn - e_{n-1}$  can be expressed as a sum of  $m$  non-negative numbers  $e_n^1, \dots, e_n^m$  such that

$$e_n^i \leq n - e_{n-1}^i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^m e_{n-1}^i = e_{n-1}.$$

Note that  $e_n \leq mn - e_{n-1}$ , which finishes the proof.

**Remark 3.4.** We say that polyhedron  $\Delta$  in lattice  $M$  is normal if

$$m\Delta = \Delta + \dots + \Delta \quad (m \text{ times})$$

for any natural  $m$ , where  $+$  denotes Minkowski sum. A result from [BGT97] says that polyhedron  $\Delta$ , which has an unimodular covering (i.e. covering by simplices with vertices in lattice  $M$ , having normalized volume equal to 1) is normal. Using this fact we could give an alternate proof that polyhedron  $\Delta(n) \cap M_n$  is normal (that is  $A_1(\alpha_n)$  generates  $A_m(\alpha_m)$ , cf. Lemma (3.3)).

Let  $F(n)$  be the inner normal fan of polyhedron  $\Delta(n)$  (cf. [Ful93, page 26]) in  $N_n \otimes \mathbb{R}$ , where  $N_n := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M_n, \mathbb{Z}^n) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n$  is a dual lattice to  $M_n$ . We identify  $N_n$  with a sublattice of  $N_{n+1}$  via function

$$\iota_n : N_n \longrightarrow N_{n+1},$$

given by natural inclusion  $\mathbb{Z}^n \subset \mathbb{Z}^n \times \{0\}$ . Let  $\widehat{\iota}_n$  denote dual function to  $\iota_n$ , that is projection onto first  $n$  coordinates

$$\widehat{\iota}_n : M_{n+1} \rightarrow M_n.$$

Function  $\widehat{\iota}_n$  allows to identify  $M_n$  as a sublattice of  $M_{n+1}$  via  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear function  $\eta_n$

$$\eta_n : M_n \longrightarrow M_{n+1},$$

such that

$$M_{n+1} = \eta_n(M_n) \oplus \ker \widehat{\iota}_n.$$

We will omit  $\iota_n, \widehat{\iota}_n$  and  $\eta_n$  where no confusion is possible.

**Lemma 3.5.** *The primitive vectors along rays of fan  $F(n)$  (in the lattice  $N_n$ ) are as follows:*

$$\begin{cases} r_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0), & s_1 = (-1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0), \\ r_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0), & s_2 = (-1, -1, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0), \\ r_3 = (0, 0, 1, \dots, 0, 0), & s_2 = (0, -1, -1, \dots, 0, 0, 0), \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ r_n = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1), & s_n = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, -1, -1). \end{cases} \quad (3.13)$$

The  $n$ -dimensional cones in fan  $F(n)$  are generated by cones of  $\iota_{n-1}(F(n-1))$  and ray  $r_n$  (resp.  $s_n$ ). Moreover, fan  $F(n)$  describes smooth toric variety.

*Proof.* The rays of the fan  $F(n)$  correspond to inner normal vectors to facets of  $\Delta(n)$ . Therefore, up to the sign, they correspond to coefficients of inequalities describing  $\Delta(n)$ . This proves the first part of the theorem. The proof of second part goes by induction. Fan  $F(2)$  consists of rays  $r_1 = (1, 0), r_2 = (0, 1), s_1 = (-1, 0), s_2 = (-1, -1)$  and describes a blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , which is a smooth variety. The description of  $\Delta(n)$  by the set of inequalities (3.5) implies that facets of  $\Delta(n)$  are as follows:

- (1) facet  $\eta_{n-1}(\Delta(n-1))$ , with inner normal vector equal to  $r_n$ ,
- (2) facet corresponding to inequality  $-e_{n-1} - e_n \geq -n$ , with inner normal vector equal to  $s_n$ ,
- (3) facets whose supporting functions are equal to images of supporting functions of facets of  $\Delta(n-1)$  via  $\iota_{n-1}$ .

Facets from point (3) have the same inner normal vectors as facets of  $\Delta(n-1)$  (seen via  $\iota_{n-1}$ ). Therefore, the  $n$ -dimensional cones of fan  $F(n)$ , corresponding to vertices of  $\Delta(n)$ , are spanned by images of  $(n-1)$ -dimensional cones of  $F(n-1)$  via  $\iota_{n-1}$  and by rays  $\mathbb{R}_+ r_n$  or  $\mathbb{R}_+ s_n$ . Moreover, any  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\iota_{n-1}(N_{n-1})$  is completed to a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $N_n$  by adding vector  $r_n$  (resp.  $s_n$ ). Therefore variety described by fan  $F(n)$  in lattice  $N_n$  is smooth.

Using previous lemma we can give even more concrete description of fan  $F(n)$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *The  $n$ -dimensional cones  $\sigma$  of fan  $F(n)$  are precise of the form:*

$$\sigma = \mathbb{R}_+ t_1 + \mathbb{R}_+ t_2 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_+ t_n,$$

where  $t_i = r_i$  or  $t_i = s_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . In particular, there are  $2^n$  of them.

*Proof.* The cones in  $F(2)$  are  $\mathbb{R}_+ r_1 + \mathbb{R}_2 r_2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+ r_1 + \mathbb{R}_2 s_2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+ s_1 + \mathbb{R}_2 r_2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+ s_1 + \mathbb{R}_2 s_2$ . By Lemma (3.5)  $n$ -dimensional cones in  $F(n)$  are generated by  $(n-1)$ -dimensional cones of  $F(n-1)$  and either  $\mathbb{R}_+ r_n$  or  $\mathbb{R}_+ s_n$ . The proof follows by induction.

The total space of a projective bundle over a toric variety is again a toric variety. The following description of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundles over toric varieties can be found in general form in [Oda88, p. 58–59]. Let  $L, L'$  be two line bundles on toric variety given by fan  $F$  in  $N \otimes \mathbb{R}$ , where  $N$  is a lattice. Denote by  $h$  and  $h'$  piecewise linear functions on support of  $F$  corresponding to  $L$  and  $L'$ , respectively. Denote by  $N_{\mathbb{P}}$  lattice  $N_{\mathbb{P}} := \mathbb{Z}e \oplus N$  and define an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear function  $g : N \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow N_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \mathbb{R}$  by setting  $g(v) := ((-h(v) + h'(v))e, v) \in N_{\mathbb{P}}$  for any  $v \in N \otimes \mathbb{R}$ . Then fan of the total space of the bundle  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}(L) \oplus \mathcal{O}(L'))$  is given in  $N_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \mathbb{R}$  by sums of the images of cones in fan  $F$  via  $g$  and rays  $\mathbb{R}_+ e$  or  $\mathbb{R}_+ (-e)$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** *The fan  $F(n)$ , corresponding to  $\Delta(n)$  (as defined in Lemma (3.5)), is associated to the toric variety  $P_n$  recursively defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}}(S_1)) \rightarrow P_{n-1} \\ P_0 &= \{\text{pt}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_1$  is a closure of codimension 1 orbit corresponding to ray  $\mathbb{R}_+ s_1$ . The variety  $P_n$  is naturally equipped with the very ample divisor

$$L_n = \sum_{i=1}^n i S_i,$$

where  $S_i$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  is defined as  $S_1$  above (see Lemma (3.5)).

*Proof.* The coefficients of the very ample divisor follow easily from the inequalities describing the polyhedron  $\Delta(n)$  (see [Ful93, p. 66]).

Set  $N_{n, \mathbb{P}} := \mathbb{Z}e \oplus N_{n-1}$ . We will construct fan of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}}(S_1))$  in  $N_{n, \mathbb{P}} \otimes \mathbb{R}$  and show that it is isomorphic to the fan  $F(n)$  in  $N_n \otimes \mathbb{R}$ . Linear function corresponding to trivial line bundle on  $P_{n-1}$  vanishes on fan  $F(n-1)$  and the linear function corresponding to line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(S_1)$  admits value  $-1$  on point  $s_1$  and vanishes on all other primitive points along rays of  $F(n-1)$ . Define isomorphism  $j : N_{n, \mathbb{P}} \rightarrow N_n$  of lattices  $N_{n, \mathbb{P}}$  and  $N_n$  by setting  $j(e, 0) = r_1$  and  $j(0, r_i) = r_{i+1}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ . Following construction of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundles given above we see that

$$(j_{\mathbb{R}} \circ g)(r_i) = j_{\mathbb{R}}(0, r_i) = r_{i+1},$$

$$(j_{\mathbb{R}} \circ g)(s_i) = j_{\mathbb{R}}(-e, s_1) = s_2,$$

$$(j_{\mathbb{R}} \circ g)(s_i) = j_{\mathbb{R}}(0, s_i) = s_{i+1}, \quad \text{for } i > 1,$$

where  $j_{\mathbb{R}} = j \otimes \mathbb{R}$  and the vectors  $r_i, s_i$  are defined in Lemma (3.5).

Moreover  $j_{\mathbb{R}}(e, 0) = r_1$  and  $j_{\mathbb{R}}(-e, 0) = s_1$ . By Lemma (3.6)  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear function  $j_{\mathbb{R}}$  induces isomorphism of fan of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}}(S_1))$  with the fan  $F(n)$ . Namely, denote by  $t^1, \dots, t^{n-1}$  sequence of  $n-1$  symbols, where  $t^i = r$  or  $t^i = s$ . Then  $n$ -dimensional cone  $\mathbb{R}_+e + \mathbb{R}_+t_1^1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_+t_{n-1}^{n-1}$  in fan of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{P_{n-1}}(S_1))$  is isomorphic via  $j_{\mathbb{R}}$  to the  $n$ -dimensional cone  $\mathbb{R}_+r_1 + \mathbb{R}_+t_2^1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_+t_n^{n-1}$  in  $F(n)$ . Respectively, cone  $\mathbb{R}_+(-e) + \mathbb{R}_+t_1^1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_+t_{n-1}^{n-1}$  is isomorphic via  $j_{\mathbb{R}}$  to the cone  $\mathbb{R}_+s_1 + \mathbb{R}_+t_2^1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_+t_n^{n-1}$ .

Note that by [Har77, Ex. II.7.10.(d)] projective bundles correspond to locally free sheaves up to twist by a line bundle, that is

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(S_1)) \simeq \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O} \oplus (-S_1)).$$

**Proof of the main result.** By Lemmas (3.2),(3.3),(3.5),(3.7) the graded ring  $\bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} H^0(P_n, \mathcal{O}(mL_n))$  is isomorphic to graded ring  $\bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m(\alpha_n)$ , therefore the moduli space  $M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n)$  is isomorphic to the variety  $P_n$  i.e. it is identified with a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle over  $M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_{n-1})$ . Hence it is clearly an irreducible smooth  $n$ -dimensional variety. This concludes the proof of Theorem (2.8).

**Remark 3.8.** *The natural projection  $P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$  interpreted in terms of moduli spaces of representations of quiver  $\mathcal{Q}$  "forgets" matrices denoted by  $a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}, c_n, d_n$  in representation of  $\mathcal{Q}$  (cf. Definition (2.6)).*

It known by works of Dolgachev, Hu and Thaddeus [DH98], [Tha96] that varying the stability parameter  $\theta$  induces birational change in the corresponding moduli. Following two remarks give examples of such behavior.

**Remark 3.9.** *Denote by  $\alpha_n^p$  the dimension vector  $\alpha_n$  as in Definition (2.6) but with the origin at point  $(p, -p)$  for some  $p > 0$  (that is let  $\alpha_n^p$  be a composition of translation by vector  $(p, -p)$  and a function given by  $\alpha_n$  on vertices of quiver  $\mathcal{Q}$ ). From the point of view of representation theory, going from  $\alpha_n$  to  $\alpha_n^p$  changes the stability parameter. Repeating the proofs of Lemmas (3.2),(3.3),(3.5),(3.7), one can show that  $M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n^p)$  is isomorphic to  $M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n)$  but comes with different polarization, namely*

$$L_n^p = \sum_{i=1}^n (i+p)S_i.$$

*For example, let  $\alpha_1^p = (1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1)$  have origin at  $(p, -p)$ . Then, the coordinate ring of the space  $M_{\theta}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_1^p)$  is isomorphic to*

$$\mathbb{C}[y_p^p y_{p+1}^{p+1}, x_p y_p^{p-1} y_{p+1}^p, \dots, x_p^p y_{p+1}^p],$$

that is  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_1^p)$  is a rational normal curve of degree  $p$ . Recall that  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_1) \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ .

**Remark 3.10.** Let  $\alpha_n$  be a dimension vector as in Definition (2.6). Let  $\bar{\theta}$  be the  $\mathbb{G}(\alpha_n)$ -character defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\theta}_{i,-i+1} &= 1, \\ \bar{\theta}_{i,-i-1} &= -1.\end{aligned}$$

Then, again reading through the proofs of Lemmas (3.2), (3.3), (3.5), (3.7) one can show that the coordinate ring of  $M_{\bar{\theta}}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_n)$  is isomorphic to

$$\mathbb{C}[x^{e_1} x^{e_2} \dots x^{e_n} \cdot y_1^{1-e_1} y_2^{1-(e_1+e_2)} \cdot y_n^{1-(e_{n-1}+e_n)} y_{n+1}^{1-e_n}],$$

where  $0 \leq e_1, e_n \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq e_i + e_{i+1} \leq 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ .

For example, if  $\alpha_3 = (1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1)$ , then the space  $M_{\bar{\theta}}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_3)$  is isomorphic to the cone in  $\mathbb{P}^4$  cut by equations  $z_0 z_4 = z_1 z_3$ , where  $z_0 = y_1 y_2 y_3 y_4$ ,  $z_1 = x_3 y_1 y_2$ ,  $z_2 = x_2 y_1 y_4$ ,  $z_3 = x_1 y_3 y_4$ ,  $z_4 = x_1 x_3$ . In particular,  $M_{\bar{\theta}}(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_3)$  is singular in this case, though birational to  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_3)$ .

**Remark 3.11.** For an explicit discussion of moduli space  $M_\theta(\mathcal{Q}, \alpha_1)$ , for  $\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1)$  see [OR06, Example 7.3].

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