

Combinatorial Rules for Canonical Decomposition of Quiver Reps

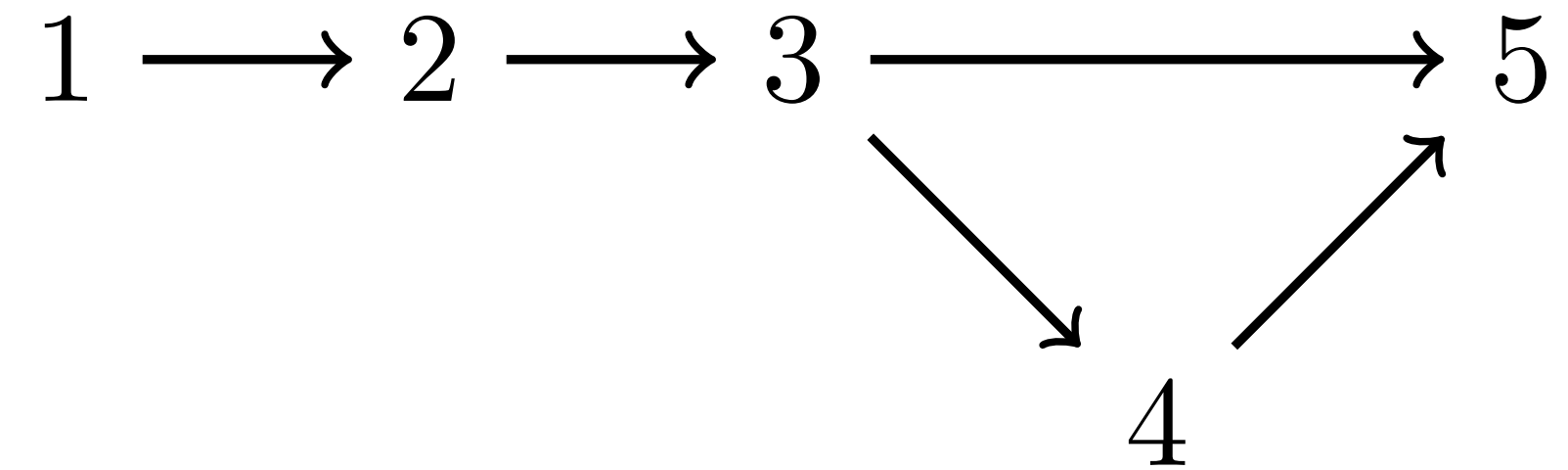
Goal: Define Quivers their representations, canonical decomposition, and present combinatorics for computing the latter in types A_n, D_n

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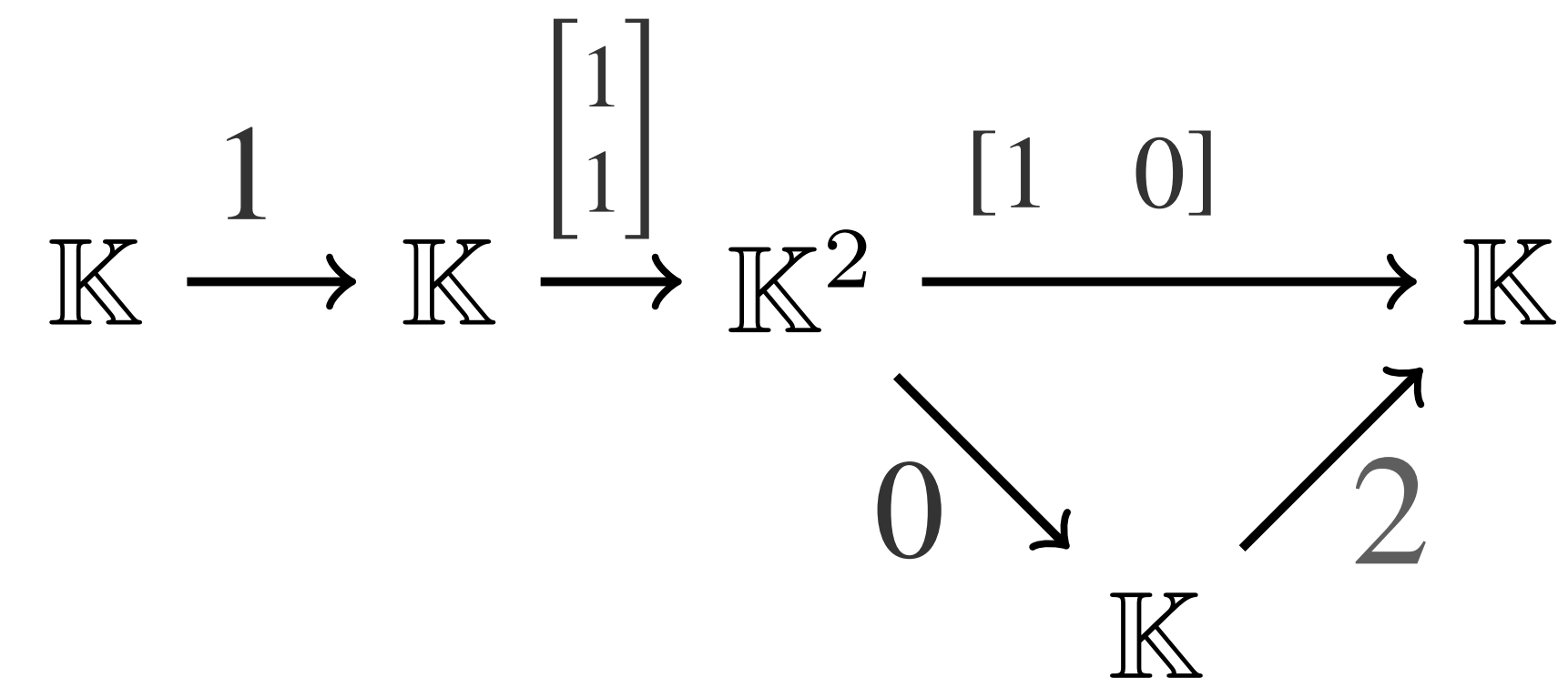
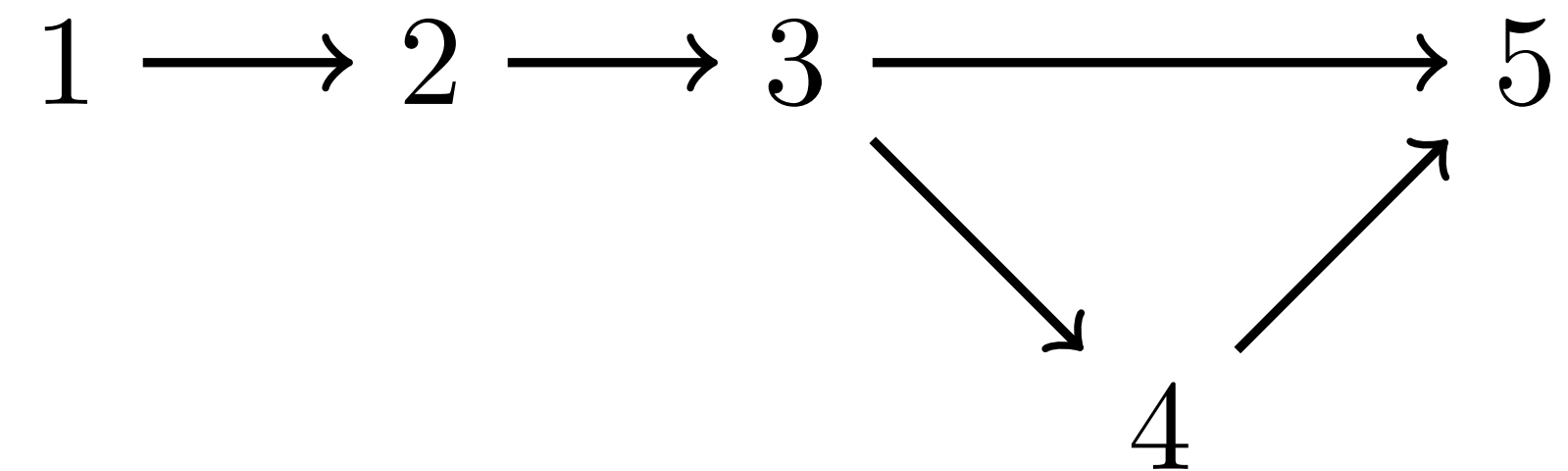
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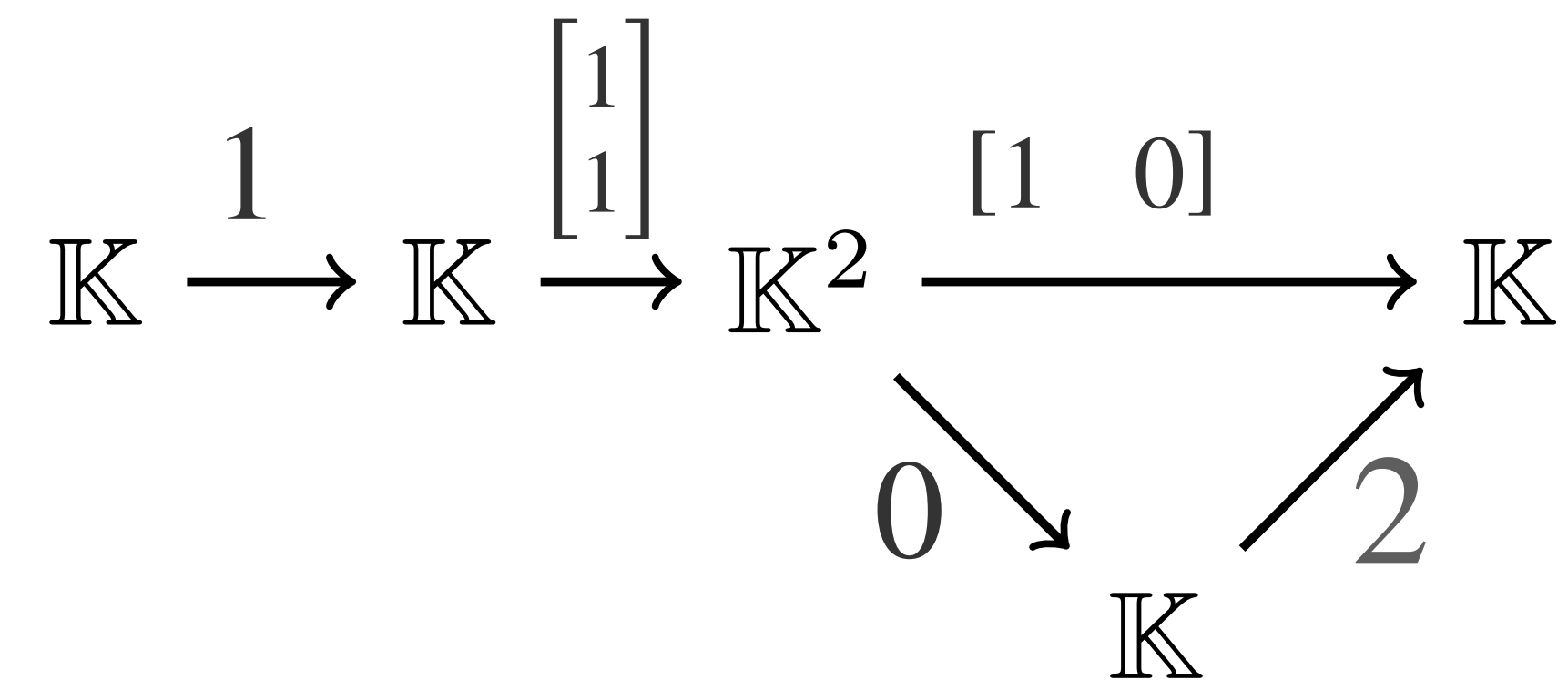
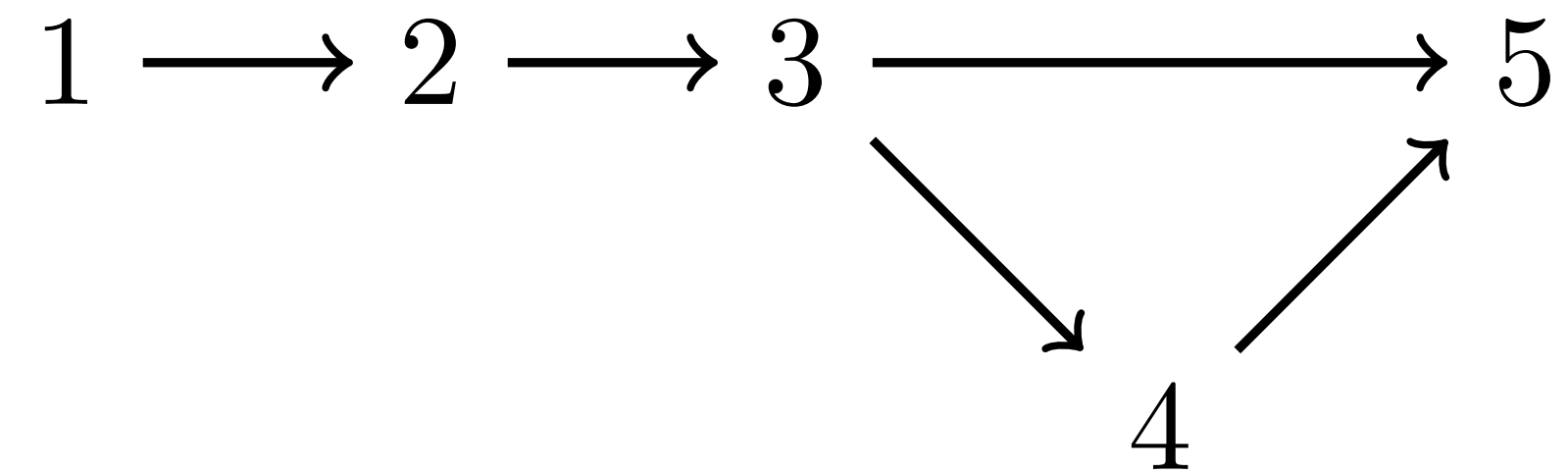
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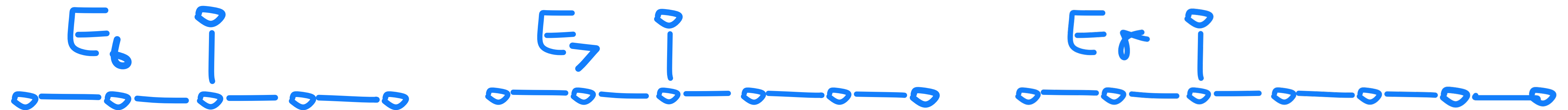
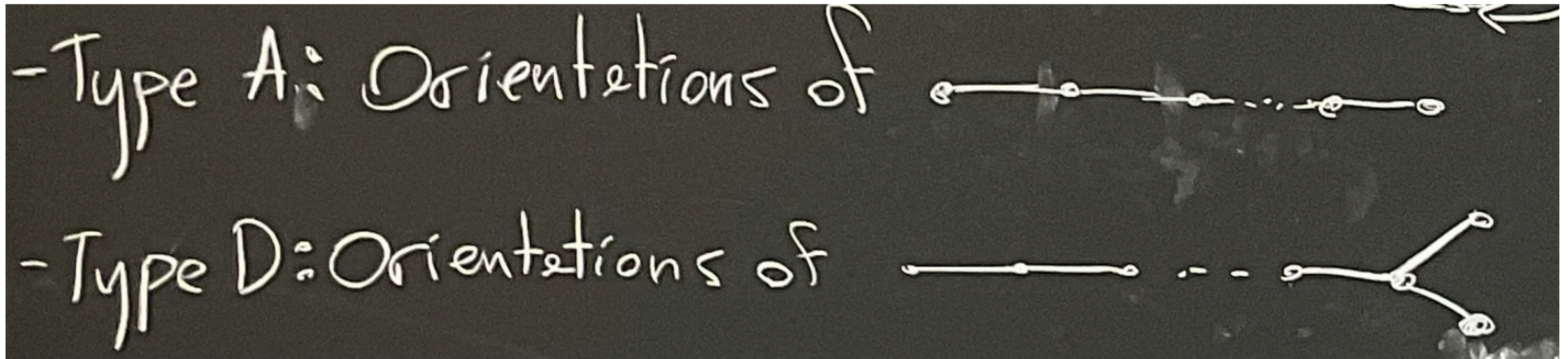
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Dynkin Quivers & Diagrams

2 infinite families, A_n & D_n , + 3 exceptions, E_6, E_7, E_8



n denotes the total # of vertices in each case

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- To figure out which pieces correspond to which indecomposables, we can just apply the rule to indecomposable dimension vectors, and see what the resulting piece/diagram looks like

Let's jump into the details of the rules!

(Diagram Construction and dissection)

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- Type D_n : <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/uyyq6kztqy>