# Tree normal forms for quiver representations 

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## Conjecture [Kac]

Let $\operatorname{Ind}(Q, \alpha)$ be the set of indecomposable representations of dimension $\alpha$ up to isomorphism. We have

$$
\operatorname{Ind}(Q, \alpha) \cong \coprod_{j \in J} \mathbb{A}^{l_{j}}
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where $c_{i}=\left|\left\{j \in J \mid l_{j}=i\right\}\right|$.

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- We can thus choose $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{n} \in H_{M, N}$ such that $\left(d_{M, N}\left(f_{i}\right)\right)_{i}$ is a basis of $\operatorname{Ext}(M, N)$.


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- A dimension vector $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{Q_{0}}$ admits a (unique) tree normal form if there exist tree modules $T_{1}, \ldots, T_{r} \in \operatorname{Rep}(Q, \alpha)$ and strong and separating subspaces $U_{T_{i}} \subset \operatorname{Ext}\left(T_{i}, T_{i}\right)$ such that for every indecomposable representation $M \in \operatorname{Rep}(Q, \alpha)$ there exists a (unique) $i \in\{1, \ldots, r\}$ such that $M \cong T_{i}\left(\mu_{i}\right)$ for some $\mu_{i} \in U_{T_{i}}$.


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## Theorem

Let $S, \hat{T}$ be tree modules with strong and separating subspaces
$U_{S}, U_{\hat{T}}$ such that $\operatorname{End}(S(\mu))=k, \operatorname{Hom}(\hat{T}(\lambda), S(\mu))=$
$\operatorname{Hom}(S(\mu), \hat{T}(\lambda))=0$ for all $\mu \in U_{S}, \lambda \in U_{\hat{T}}$. Let $e \in \operatorname{Ext}(S, \hat{T})$ be universal for $U_{S}$ and $U_{\hat{T}}$. Then $U_{S}+U_{\hat{T}} \subseteq \operatorname{Ext}(T, T)$ is strong and separating where $T$ is the middle term of $e: 0 \rightarrow \hat{T} \rightarrow T \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$.

## Thank you!

