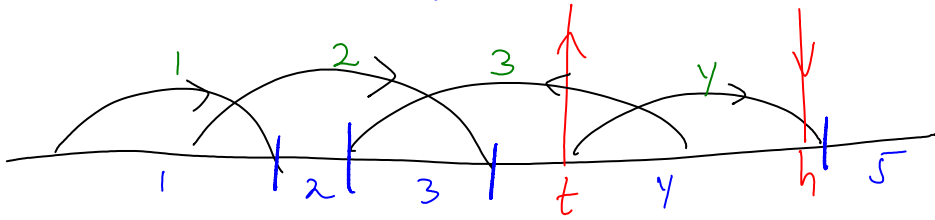


Tail scattering towards the head

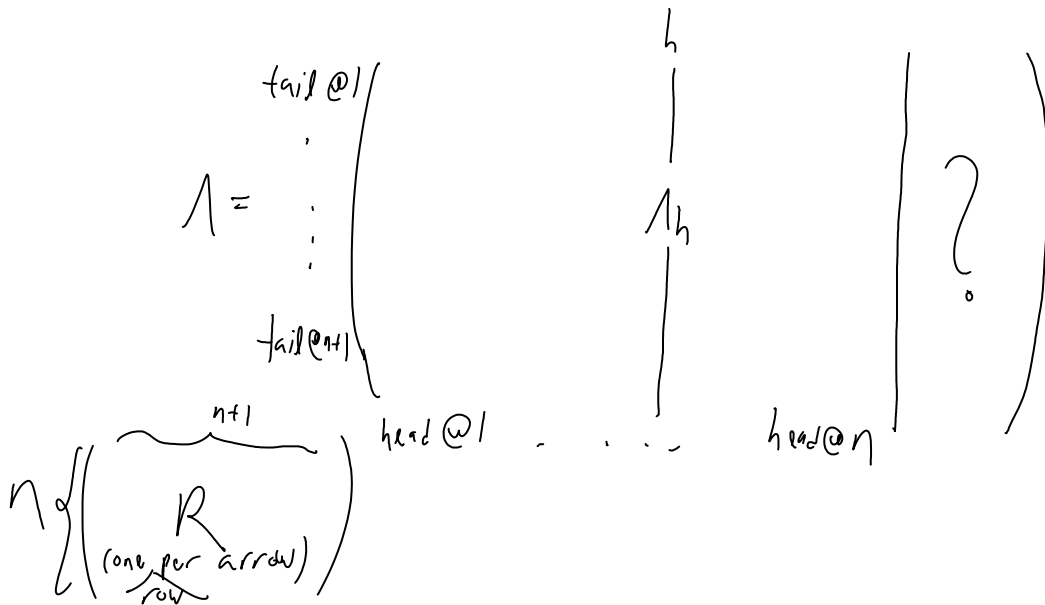
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cut by arrow heads:



There must be a good way of formalizing "moving targets".

$$R\Lambda + M\phi = 0,$$



Q Given an $n_f(R)$

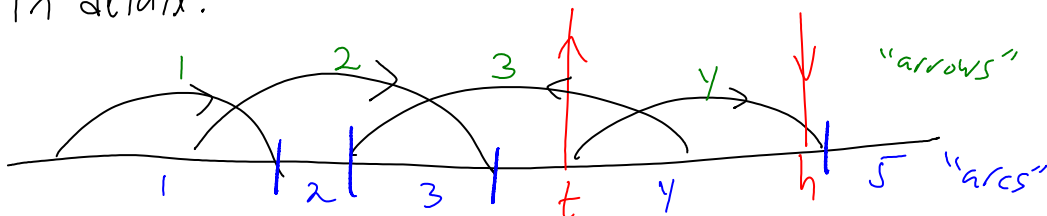
$$R\Lambda_h = a_h$$

$$l_h\Lambda_h = 0$$

$$\sum C_h (R)_{l_h}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a_h \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R \\ l_h \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_h = \begin{pmatrix} a_h \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now in detail.



R was already written: $R = \begin{pmatrix} \text{one row per arrow } i \\ \text{one col } \dots \end{pmatrix}$ rows are relations

one col per arc α

Convention for **red arrows** $a_{\alpha j}$: The tail is in the middle of an arc. The head is just to the left of the head of a black arrow. $\Lambda = (a_{\alpha i})$ is $\left(\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \right)_{n \times (n+1)}$

Global relations: $(R\Lambda)_{ij} = \phi I_{ij}$ so $R\Lambda = \phi I$.

Per-head relations: $\Lambda_{\alpha(h_j), j} = D_R$. $\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \nearrow \\ a \\ \searrow \\ \alpha \end{array} \begin{array}{c} b \\ \nearrow \\ - \\ \searrow \\ \alpha \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c|c|c} a & b & c \\ \hline c & -1 & -x \\ \hline \alpha(h) & \alpha(t) & \alpha(h+t) \end{array}$

So writing $\Lambda = (\Lambda_1 | \Lambda_2 | \dots | \Lambda_n)$, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} R \\ e_{\alpha(h_j)} \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_j = \begin{pmatrix} \phi e_j \\ D_R \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \Lambda_j = \begin{pmatrix} R \\ e_{\alpha(h_j)} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi e_j \\ D_R \end{pmatrix}$$

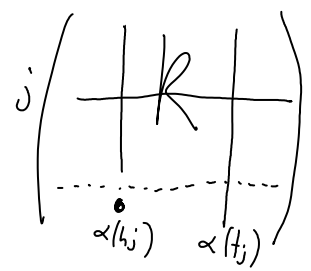
Finally, our invariant is

$$\lambda = \sum_j s_j \Lambda_{\alpha(t_j), j} = \sum_j s_j \left(\begin{pmatrix} R \\ e_{\alpha(h_j)} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi e_j \\ D_R \end{pmatrix} \right)_{\alpha(t_j)}$$

Analysis

Experimentally, in each individual summand the D_R term is just $-s_j D_R$. (actually, this is easy to prove, seeing that $\det \begin{pmatrix} R \\ e_{\alpha(h_j)} \end{pmatrix}$ is $A_{\alpha, \alpha}$, and so is every last-row minor of that matrix).

$$\begin{matrix} R^{h_j} \\ \vdots \\ R^{i_j} \\ \vdots \\ R^{\alpha(h_j)} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ e_{\alpha(h_j)} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}_{\alpha(t_j), j} = |R^{h_j}_{\hat{s}_j, \alpha(t_j)}|$$



Aside $\begin{pmatrix} A & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

So, mod D_R ,

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} R \\ e_{\alpha(h_j)} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi e_j \\ D_R \end{pmatrix} \right)_{\alpha(h_j)} = \phi_{\alpha(h_j)} \quad ?$$

possibly shifted

Aside. $M \in M_{n \times (n+1)}$, M_d is M with a dropped column,
 M_a is M with an added "standard" $(0 \dots 1 \dots 0)$
row. Why is

$$\text{tr} \underset{\text{// above}}{\left(M_d^{-1} \partial M_d \right)} = \text{tr} \underset{\text{// above}}{\left(M_a^{-1} \partial M_a \right)} \quad ?$$

$$\text{tr}(A \partial A) \qquad \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial A & \partial B \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{tr}(A^{-1} \partial A)$$