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## ABSTRACT

We construct a generalized cluster structure compatible with the Poisson bracket on the Drinfeld double of the standard Poisson–Lie group  $GL_n$  and derive from it a generalized cluster structure in  $GL_n$  compatible with the push-forward of the dual Poisson–Lie bracket.

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## R É S U M É

On construit des structures d'algèbres amassées généralisées compatibles avec le crochet de Poisson sur le double de Drinfeld du group  $GL_n$  muni de sa structure de Poisson–Lie usuelle. On en déduit une structure d'algèbre amassée généralisée sur  $GL_n$  compatible avec l'image directe du crochet de Poisson dual.

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## 1. Introduction

The connection between cluster algebras and Poisson structures is documented in [6]. Among the most important examples in which this connection has been utilized are coordinate rings of double Bruhat cells in semisimple Lie groups equipped with (the restriction of) the standard Poisson–Lie structure. In [6], we applied our technique of constructing a cluster structure compatible with a given Poisson structure in this situation and recovered the cluster structure built in [2]. The standard Poisson–Lie structure is a particular case of Poisson–Lie structures corresponding to quasi-triangular Lie bialgebras. Such structures are associated with solutions to the classical Yang–Baxter equation. Their complete classification was obtained by Belavin and Drinfeld in [1] in terms of certain combinatorial data defined in terms of the corresponding root system. In [7] we conjectured that any such solution gives rise to a compatible cluster structure on the Lie group and provided several examples supporting this conjecture. Recently [8,9], we constructed the cluster structure corresponding to the Cremmer–Gervais Poisson structure in  $GL_n$  for any  $n$ . As we established in [9], the construction of cluster structures

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on a simple Poisson–Lie group  $\mathcal{G}$  relies on properties of the Drinfeld double  $D(\mathcal{G})$ . Moreover, in the Cremmer–Gervais case generalized determinantal identities on which cluster transformations are modeled can be extended to identities valid in the double. It is not too far-fetched then to suspect that there exists a cluster structure on  $D(\mathcal{G})$  compatible with the Poisson–Lie bracket induced by the Poisson–Lie bracket on  $\mathcal{G}$ . However, an interesting phenomenon was observed even in the first nontrivial example of  $D(GL_2)$ : although we were able to construct a log-canonical regular coordinate chart in terms of which all standard coordinate functions are expressed as (subtraction free) Laurent polynomials, it is not possible to define cluster transformations in such a way that all cluster variables that one expects to be mutable transform into regular functions. This problem is resolved, however, if one is allowed to use *generalized cluster transformations* previously considered in [5,6] and, more recently, axiomatized in [4].

In this note, we describe such a generalized cluster structure on the Drinfeld double in the case of the standard Poisson–Lie group  $GL_n$ . Using this structure, one can recover the standard cluster structure on  $GL_n$  and introduce a generalized cluster structure on  $GL_n$  compatible with the Poisson bracket dual to the standard Poisson–Lie bracket. Note that the log-canonical basis suggested in [3] is different from the one constructed here and does not lead to a regular cluster structure.

### 2. Generalized cluster structures of geometric type and compatible Poisson brackets

Let  $\tilde{B} = (b_{ij})$  be an  $n \times (n + m)$  integer matrix whose principal part  $B$  is skew-symmetrizable (recall that the principal part of a rectangular matrix is its maximal leading square submatrix). Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the field of rational functions in  $n + m$  independent variables with rational coefficients. There are  $m$  distinguished variables; we denote them  $x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}$  and call *stable*. Finally, we define  $2n$  *stable  $\tau$ -monomials*  $v_{i;>}$  and  $v_{i;<}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , via  $v_{i;>} = \prod \{x_j^{b_{ij}} : n + 1 \leq j \leq n + m, b_{ij} > 0\}$ ,  $v_{i;<} = \prod \{x_j^{-b_{ij}} : n + 1 \leq j \leq n + m, b_{ij} < 0\}$ ; here, as usual, the product over the empty set is assumed to be equal to 1.

A *seed* (of *geometric type*) in  $\mathcal{F}$  is a triple  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{x}, \tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a transcendence basis of  $\mathcal{F}$  over the field of fractions of  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}} = \mathbb{Z}[x_{n+1}^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_{n+m}^{\pm 1}]$  (here we write  $x^{\pm 1}$  instead of  $x, x^{-1}$ ), and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a set of  $n$  strings. The  $i$ th string is a collection of monomials  $p_{ir} \in \tilde{\mathbb{A}}$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq d_i$ , such that  $d_i$  is a factor of  $\gcd\{b_{ij} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ ,  $p_{i0} = p_{id_i} = 1$ , and  $\hat{p}_{ir} = (p_{ir} v_{i;>}^r v_{i;<}^{d_i-r})^{1/d_i}$  belong to the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{Z}[x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}]$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq d_i$ ; it is called *trivial* if  $d_i = 1$ , and hence both elements of the string are equal to one.

Matrices  $B$  and  $\tilde{B}$  are called the *exchange matrix* and the *extended exchange matrix*, respectively. The  $n$ -tuple  $\mathbf{x}$  is called a *cluster*, and its elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are called *cluster variables*. The monomials  $p_{ir}$  are called *coefficients*. We say that  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+m})$  is an *extended cluster*, and  $\tilde{\Sigma} = (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$  is an *extended seed*.

In certain cases it is convenient to represent the data  $(\tilde{B}, d_1, \dots, d_n)$  by a quiver. Assume that the matrix obtained from  $\tilde{B}$  by replacing each  $b_{ij}$  by  $b_{ij}/d_i$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and retaining it for  $n + 1 \leq j \leq n + m$  has a skew-symmetric principal part. We say that the corresponding quiver  $Q$  represents  $(\tilde{B}, d_1, \dots, d_n)$  and write  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{x}, Q, \mathcal{P})$ . A vertex with  $d_i \neq 1$  is called *special*, and  $d_i$  is said to be its *order*. A stable vertex  $j$  such that  $b_{ij} = 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , is called *isolated*.

Given a seed as above, the *adjacent cluster* in direction  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , is defined by  $\mathbf{x}' = (\mathbf{x} \setminus \{x_k\}) \cup \{x'_k\}$ , where the new cluster variable  $x'_k$  is given by the *generalized exchange relation*

$$x_k x'_k = \sum_{j=0}^{d_k} \hat{p}_{kj} u_{k;>}^j u_{k;<}^{d_k-j}$$

with *cluster  $\tau$ -monomials*  $u_{k;>}$  and  $u_{k;<}$  defined by  $u_{k;>} = \prod \{x_i^{b_{ki}/d_k} : 1 \leq i \leq n, b_{ki} > 0\}$ ,  $u_{k;<} = \prod \{x_i^{-b_{ki}/d_k} : 1 \leq i \leq n, b_{ki} < 0\}$ .

We say that  $\tilde{B}'$  is obtained from  $\tilde{B}$  by a *matrix mutation* in direction  $k$  if  $b'_{ij} = -b_{ij}$  for  $i = k$  or  $j = k$  and  $b'_{ij} = b_{ij} + (|b_{ik}b_{kj} + b_{ik}b_{kj}|)/2$  otherwise. Note that  $\gcd\{b_{ij} : 1 \leq j \leq n\} = \gcd\{b'_{ij} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ , and for its arbitrary factor  $d$ ,  $b_{ij} = b'_{ij} \bmod d$  for  $n + 1 \leq j \leq n + m$ .

The *coefficient mutation* in direction  $k$  is given by  $p'_{ir} = p_{i,d_i-r}$  for  $i = k$  and  $p'_{ir} = p_{ir}$  otherwise.

Given a seed  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{x}, \tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ , we say that a seed  $\Sigma' = (\mathbf{x}', \tilde{B}', \mathcal{P}')$  is *adjacent* to  $\Sigma$  (in direction  $k$ ) if  $\mathbf{x}'$ ,  $\tilde{B}'$  and  $\mathcal{P}'$  are as above. Two seeds are *mutation equivalent* if they can be connected by a sequence of pairwise adjacent seeds. The set of all seeds mutation equivalent to  $\Sigma$  is called the *generalized cluster structure* (of geometric type) in  $\mathcal{F}$  associated with  $\Sigma$  and denoted by  $\mathcal{GC}(\Sigma)$ ; in what follows, we usually write  $\mathcal{GC}(\tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ , or even just  $\mathcal{GC}$  instead. Clearly, by taking  $d_i = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and hence making all strings trivial, we get an ordinary cluster structure.

We associate with  $\mathcal{GC}(\tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$  two algebras of rank  $n$  over the ground ring  $\mathbb{A}$ : the *generalized cluster algebra*  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{GC}) = \mathcal{A}(\tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ , which is the  $\mathbb{A}$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by all cluster variables in all seeds in  $\mathcal{GC}(\tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ , and the *generalized upper cluster algebra*  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \bar{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{GC}) = \bar{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ , which is the intersection of the rings of Laurent polynomials over  $\mathbb{A}$  in cluster variables taken over all seeds in  $\mathcal{GC}(\tilde{B}, \mathcal{P})$ . The *generalized Laurent phenomenon* [4] claims the inclusion  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{GC}) \subseteq \bar{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{GC})$ .

Let  $V$  be a quasi-affine variety over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}(V)$  be the field of rational functions on  $V$ , and  $\mathcal{O}(V)$  be the ring of regular functions on  $V$ . Let  $\mathcal{GC}$  be a generalized cluster structure in  $\mathcal{F}$  as above. Assume that  $\{f_1, \dots, f_{n+m}\}$  is a transcendence basis of  $\mathbb{C}(V)$ . Then the map  $\theta : x_i \mapsto f_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n + m$ , can be extended to a field isomorphism  $\theta : \mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(V)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbb{C}$  is obtained from  $\mathcal{F}$  by extension of scalars. The pair  $(\mathcal{GC}, \theta)$  is called a *generalized cluster structure in  $\mathbb{C}(V)$* ,

$\{f_1, \dots, f_{n+m}\}$  is called an extended cluster in  $(\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}, \theta)$ . Sometimes we omit direct indication of  $\theta$  and say that  $\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$  is a generalized cluster structure on  $V$ . A generalized cluster structure  $(\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}, \theta)$  is called *regular* if  $\theta(x)$  is a regular function for any cluster variable  $x$ . The two algebras defined above have their counterparts in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{C}}$  obtained by extension of scalars; they are denoted  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . If, moreover, the field isomorphism  $\theta$  can be restricted to an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$  (or  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ) and  $\mathcal{O}(V)$ , we say that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$  (or  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ) is *naturally isomorphic* to  $\mathcal{O}(V)$ .

Let  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$  be a Poisson bracket on the ambient field  $\mathcal{F}$ , and  $\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$  be a generalized cluster structure in  $\mathcal{F}$ . We say that the bracket and the generalized cluster structure are *compatible* if any extended cluster  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+m})$  is *log-canonical* with respect to  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ , that is,  $\{x_i, x_j\} = \omega_{ij}x_i x_j$ , where  $\omega_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$  are constants for all  $i, j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n+m$ ; it follows that all monomials  $p_{i_r}$  are Casimirs of the bracket. The notion of compatibility extends to Poisson brackets on  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{C}}$  without any changes.

### 3. Standard Poisson–Lie group $\mathcal{G}$ and its Drinfeld double

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a reductive complex Lie group equipped with a Poisson bracket  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ .  $\mathcal{G}$  is called a *Poisson–Lie group* if the multiplication map  $\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \ni (x, y) \mapsto xy \in \mathcal{G}$  is Poisson. Denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  an invariant nondegenerate form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and by  $\nabla^R, \nabla^L$  the right and left gradients of functions on  $\mathcal{G}$  with respect to this form. Let  $\pi_{>0}, \pi_{<0}$  be projections of  $\mathfrak{g}$  onto subalgebras spanned by positive and negative roots and let  $R = \pi_{>0} - \pi_{<0}$ . The *standard Poisson–Lie bracket*  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_r$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  can be written as

$$\{f_1, f_2\}_r = \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle R(\nabla^L f_1), \nabla^L f_2 \rangle - \langle R(\nabla^R f_1), \nabla^R f_2 \rangle \right). \tag{1}$$

Following [10], the *Drinfeld double* of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is  $D(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$  equipped with an invariant nondegenerate bilinear form  $\langle\langle (\xi, \eta), (\xi', \eta') \rangle\rangle = \langle \xi, \xi' \rangle - \langle \eta, \eta' \rangle$ . Define subalgebras  $\mathfrak{d}_{\pm}$  of  $D(\mathfrak{g})$  by  $\mathfrak{d}_+ = \{(\xi, \xi) : \xi \in \mathfrak{g}\}$  and  $\mathfrak{d}_- = \{(R_+(\xi), R_-(\xi)) : \xi \in \mathfrak{g}\}$ , where  $R_{\pm} \in \text{End } \mathfrak{g}$  is given by  $R_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(R \pm \text{Id})$ . The operator  $R_D = \pi_{\mathfrak{d}_+} - \pi_{\mathfrak{d}_-}$  can be used to define a Poisson–Lie structure on  $D(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G}$ , the double of the group  $\mathcal{G}$ , via

$$\{f_1, f_2\}_D = \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle\langle R_D(\nabla^L f_1), \nabla^L f_2 \rangle\rangle - \langle\langle R_D(\nabla^R f_1), \nabla^R f_2 \rangle\rangle \right), \tag{2}$$

where  $\nabla^R$  and  $\nabla^L$  are right and left gradients with respect to  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$ . Restriction of this bracket to  $\mathcal{G}$  identified with the diagonal subgroup  $\{(X, X) : X \in \mathcal{G}\}$  of  $D(\mathcal{G})$  (whose Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{d}_+$ ) coincides with the Poisson–Lie bracket (1) on  $\mathcal{G}$ .

A group  $\mathcal{G}_r$  whose Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{d}_-$  is a Poisson–Lie subgroup of  $D(\mathcal{G})$  called *the dual Poisson–Lie group of  $\mathcal{G}$* . The map  $\mathcal{G}_r \ni (X, Y) \mapsto U = X^{-1}Y$  induces another Poisson bracket on  $\mathcal{G}$ . We denote this bracket  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_*$  and refer to the Poisson manifold  $(\mathcal{G}, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_*)$  as  $\mathcal{G}^*$ .

### 4. Initial seed

#### 4.1. Log-canonical basis

In this note we only deal with the case of  $\mathcal{G} = GL_n$ . Let  $(X, Y)$  be a point in the double  $D(GL_n)$ . For  $k, l \geq 1, k+l \leq n-1$  define a  $(k+l) \times (k+l)$  matrix

$$F_{kl} = F_{kl}(X, Y) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} X^{[n-k+1, n]} \quad Y^{[n-l+1, n]} \\ \hline \phantom{X^{[n-k+1, n]} \quad Y^{[n-l+1, n]}} \end{array} \right]_{[n-k-l+1, n]}.$$

For  $1 \leq j \leq i \leq n$  define an  $(n-i+1) \times (n-i+1)$  matrix  $G_{ij} = G_{ij}(X) = X_{[i, n]}^{[j, j+n-i]}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$  define an  $(n-j+1) \times (n-j+1)$  matrix  $H_{ij} = H_{ij}(Y) = Y_{[i, i+n-j]}^{[j, n]}$ . For  $k, l \geq 1, k+l \leq n$  define an  $n \times n$  matrix

$$\Phi_{kl} = \Phi_{kl}(U) = \left[ (U^0)^{[n-k+1, n]} \quad U^{[n-l+1, n]} \quad (U^2)^{[n]} \quad \dots \quad (U^{n-k-l+1})^{[n]} \right],$$

where  $U = X^{-1}Y$ . Note that the definition of  $F_{kl}$  can be extended to the case  $k+l = n$  yielding  $F_{n-l, l} = X\Phi_{n-l, l}$ .

Denote  $f_{kl} = \det F_{kl}$ ,  $g_{ij} = \det G_{ij}$ ,  $h_{ij} = \det H_{ij}$  and  $\varphi_{kl} = s_{kl}(\det X)^{n-k-l+1} \det \Phi_{kl}$ ,  $2n^2 - n + 1$  functions in total. Here  $s_{kl}$  is a sign defined as follows: it is periodic in  $k+l$  with period 4 for  $n$  odd and period 2 for  $n$  even;  $s_{n-l, l} = 1$ ;  $s_{n-l-1, l} = (-1)^l$  for  $n$  odd and  $s_{n-l-1, l} = (-1)^{l+1}$  for  $n$  even;  $s_{n-l-2, l} = -1$  for  $n$  odd;  $s_{n-l-3, l} = (-1)^{l+1}$  for  $n$  odd. Note that the pre-factor in the definition of  $\varphi_{kl}$  is needed to obtain an irreducible polynomial function in matrix entries of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Consider the polynomial  $\det(X + \lambda Y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda^i s_i c_i(X, Y)$ , where  $s_i = (-1)^i$  if  $n$  is even and  $s_i = 1$  if  $n$  is odd. It is well-known that functions  $c_i(X, Y)$  are Casimirs for the Poisson–Lie bracket (2) on  $D(GL_n)$ . Note also that  $c_0(X, Y) = \det X = g_{11}$  and  $c_n(X, Y) = \det Y = h_{11}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *The family of functions  $F_n = \{g_{ij}, h_{ij}, f_{kl}, \varphi_{kl}, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}\}$  forms a log-canonical coordinate system with respect to the Poisson–Lie bracket (2) on  $D(GL_n)$ .*

The proof exploits various invariance properties of functions in  $F_n$ .

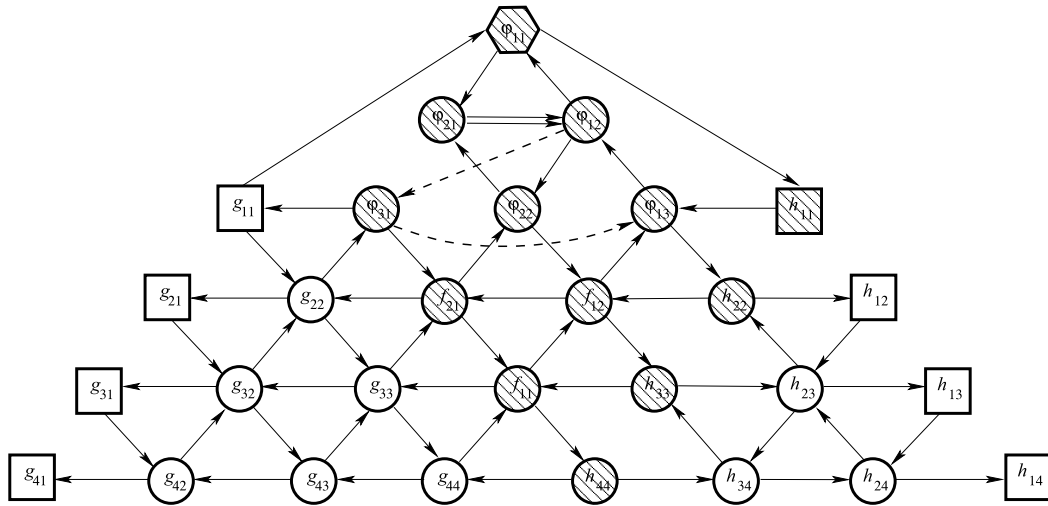


Fig. 1. Quiver  $Q_4$ .

4.2. Initial quiver

The quiver  $Q_n$  contains  $2n^2 - n + 1$  vertices labeled by the functions  $g_{ij}, h_{ij}, f_{kl}, \varphi_{kl}$  in the log-canonical basis  $F_n$ . The Casimir functions  $c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}$  correspond to isolated vertices. The vertex  $\varphi_{11}$  is special, and its order equals  $n$ . The vertices  $g_{i1}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , and  $h_{1j}, 1 \leq j \leq n$ , are stable.

The edges of  $Q_n$  are comprised of  $(n-1)(n-2)/2$  edge-disjoint triangles  $h_{ij} \rightarrow h_{i+1,j+1} \rightarrow h_{i+1,j} \rightarrow h_{ij}, 1 \leq i < j \leq n-1$ ;  $n(n-1)/2$  disjoint triangles  $g_{ij} \rightarrow g_{i+1,j+1} \rightarrow g_{i,j+1} \rightarrow g_{ij}, 1 \leq j \leq i \leq n-1$ ;  $(n-2)(n-3)/2$  edge-disjoint triangles  $f_{kl} \rightarrow f_{k-1,l+1} \rightarrow f_{kl}, k+l \leq n-1, k \geq 2, l \geq 1$ ;  $(n-2)(n-3)/2$  edge-disjoint triangles  $\varphi_{kl} \rightarrow \varphi_{k-1,l+1} \rightarrow \varphi_{kl}, k+l \leq n-1, k \geq 2, l \geq 1$ ; the path  $g_{11} \rightarrow \varphi_{11} \rightarrow \varphi_{21} \rightarrow \varphi_{12} \rightarrow \varphi_{31} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \varphi_{1,l-1} \rightarrow \varphi_{1l} \rightarrow \varphi_{1l} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \varphi_{1,n-1}$  of length  $2n-3$  for  $n > 2$ ; the path  $\varphi_{1,n-1} \rightarrow \varphi_{1,n-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \varphi_{11} \rightarrow h_{11}$  of length  $n-1$  for  $n > 2$ ; the path  $\varphi_{n-1,1} \rightarrow f_{n-2,1} \rightarrow \varphi_{n-2,2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \varphi_{kl} \rightarrow f_{k-1,l} \rightarrow \varphi_{k-1,l+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \varphi_{1,n-1}$  of length  $2(n-2)$ ; the path  $h_{11} \rightarrow \varphi_{1,n-1} \rightarrow h_{22} \rightarrow f_{1,n-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow f_{1l} \rightarrow h_{n-l+1,n-l+1} \rightarrow f_{1,l-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow h_{nn}$  of length  $2(n-1)$ ; the path  $h_{nn} \rightarrow h_{n-1,n} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow h_{1n}$  of length  $n-1$ ; the path  $h_{nn} \rightarrow g_{nn} \rightarrow g_{n,n-1} \rightarrow g_{n,n-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow g_{n1}$  of length  $n$ . Above we identify  $g_{i,i+1}$  with  $f_{i-1,i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $f_{k,n-k}$  with  $\varphi_{k,n-k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ . Note that the triangle  $\varphi_{21} \rightarrow \varphi_{12} \rightarrow \varphi_{22} \rightarrow \varphi_{21}$  and the first path above have a common edge; this means that for any  $n > 3$  there are two edges pointing from  $\varphi_{21}$  to  $\varphi_{12}$ .

The quiver  $Q_4$  is shown in Fig. 1. The stable vertices are shown as squares, the special vertex is shown as a hexagon, isolated vertices are not shown. It is easy to see that  $Q_4$ , as well as  $Q_n$  for any  $n$ , can be embedded into a torus. This makes possible to distinguish “special” mutations that preserve the embedding. Such mutations play an essential role in the proofs of our main results.

**Remark 4.1.** On the diagonal subgroup  $\{(X, X) : X \in GL_n\}$  of  $D(GL_n)$ ,  $g_{ii} = h_{ii}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , and functions  $f_{kl}$  and  $\varphi_{kl}$  vanish identically. Accordingly, vertices in  $Q_n$  that correspond to  $f_{kl}$  and  $\varphi_{kl}$  are erased and vertices corresponding to  $g_{ii}$  and  $h_{ii}$  are identified. As a result, one recovers a seed of the cluster structure compatible with the standard Poisson–Lie structure on  $GL_n$ , see [6, Chap. 4.3].

4.3. Generalized exchange relation

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $A$  be a complex  $n \times n$  matrix. For  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , define matrices

$$\Gamma(u) = [u \ Au \ A^2u \ \dots \ A^{n-1}u], \quad \Gamma_1(u, v) = [v \ u \ Au \ \dots \ A^{n-2}u], \quad \Gamma_2(u, v) = [Av \ u \ Au \ \dots \ A^{n-2}u].$$

In addition, let  $w$  be the last row of the classical adjoint of  $\Gamma_1(u, v)$ , i.e.  $w\Gamma_1(u, v) = (\det \Gamma_1(u, v))e_n^T$ . Define  $\Gamma^*(u, v)$  to be the matrix with rows  $w, wA, \dots, wA^{n-1}$ . Then

$$\det \left( \det \Gamma_1(u, v)A - \det \Gamma_2(u, v)\mathbf{1} \right) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det \Gamma(u) \det \Gamma^*(u, v).$$

Specializing Proposition 4.1 to the case  $A = X^{-1}Y, u = e_n, v = e_{n-1}$ , one obtains

**Corollary 4.2.** For any  $n > 2$ ,

$$\det(s_{12}\varphi_{12}X + s_{21}\varphi_{21}Y) = \varphi_{11}P_n^*, \quad (3)$$

where  $P_n^*$  is a polynomial in the entries of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Relation (3) will serve as a generalized exchange relation in our definition of a generalized cluster structure on  $D(GL_n)$ . More exactly, the set  $\mathcal{P}_n$  contains only one nontrivial string  $\{p_{ir}\}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n-1$ . It corresponds to the vertex  $\varphi_{11}$ , and  $p_{ir} = c_r^n g_{11}^{r-n} h_{11}^{-r}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n-1$ . The strings corresponding to all other vertices are trivial.

## 5. Main results

**Theorem 5.1.** (i) The extended seed  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n = (F_n, Q_n, \mathcal{P}_n)$  defines a generalized cluster structure in the ring of regular functions on  $D(GL_n)$  compatible with the standard Poisson–Lie structure on  $D(GL_n)$ .

(ii) The corresponding generalized upper cluster algebra is naturally isomorphic to the ring of regular functions on  $\text{Mat}_n \times \text{Mat}_n$ .

The strategy of the proof is similar to that employed, e.g., in [6, Ch. 4] or [9], although adjustments allowing for the presence of a generalized cluster transformation have to be made. The difficult part is to show that all generators of the ring of regular functions are contained in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Using Theorem 5.1, we can construct a generalized cluster structure on  $GL_n^*$ . For  $U \in GL_n^*$ , denote  $\psi_{kl}(U) = s_{kl} \det \Phi_{kl}$ , where  $s_{kl}$  are the signs defined in Section 4. The initial extended cluster  $F_n^*$  for  $GL_n^*$  consists of functions  $\psi_{kl}(U)$ ,  $k, l \geq 1$ ,  $k+l \leq n$ ,  $h_{ij}(U)$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ , and  $c_i(\mathbf{1}, U)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . To obtain the initial seed for  $GL_n^*$ , we apply a certain sequence  $\mathcal{T}$  of cluster transformations to the initial seed for  $D(GL_n)$ . This sequence does not involve vertices associated with functions  $\varphi_{kl}$ . The resulting cluster  $\mathcal{T}(F_n)$  contains a subset  $\{(\det X)^{\nu(f)} f : f \in F_n^*\}$  with  $\nu(f) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  (in particular,  $\nu(\psi_{kl}) = n - k - l + 1$ ). These functions are attached to a subquiver  $Q_n^*$  in the resulting quiver  $\mathcal{T}(Q_n)$ ; it is isomorphic to the subquiver of  $Q_n$  formed by vertices associated with functions  $\varphi_{kl}$ ,  $f_{ij}$ ,  $h_{ii}$ , see Fig. 1, where the vertices of the corresponding subquiver are shaded. Functions  $h_{ij}(U)$  are declared stable variables,  $c_i(\mathbf{1}, U)$  remain isolated. All exchange relations defined by mutable vertices of  $Q_n^*$  are homogeneous in  $\det X$ . This allows us to use  $(F_n^*, Q_n^*, \mathcal{P}_n)$  as an initial seed for  $GL_n^*$ . The generalized exchanged relation associated with the cluster variable  $\psi_{11}$  now takes form  $\det(s_{12}\psi_{12}\mathbf{1} + s_{21}\psi_{21}U) = \psi_{11}\Pi_n^*$ , where  $\Pi_n^*$  is a polynomial in the entries of  $U$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** (i) The generalized cluster structure on  $GL_n^*$  with the initial seed described above is compatible with  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_*$  and regular.

(ii) The corresponding generalized upper cluster algebra is naturally isomorphic to the ring of regular functions on  $\text{Mat}_n$ .

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