# GORENSTEIN PROJECTIVE SUPPORT $\tau$ -TILTING MODULES OVER GENTLE ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We provide a description of the endomorphism algebra of any Gorenstein projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module over gentle algebras via geometric models. By using it, we show that a gentle algebra A is representation-finite if and only if the endomorphism algebra of any Gorenstein projective support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module is representation-finite.

#### 1. Introduction

Tilting theory plays a central role in the representation theory of algebras, in which tilting modules are fundamental. On the other hand, mutation is an operation for a certain class of objects in a fixed category to construct a new object from a given one by replacing a summand, which is possible only when the given object has two complements. Happel and Unger [15] gave some necessary and sufficient conditions under which mutation of tilting modules is possible; however, mutation of tilting modules is not always possible. As a generalization of tilting theory,  $\tau$ -tilting theory was introduced by Adachi, Iyama and Reiten [1]. In  $\tau$ -tilting modules always exist. Recently, Gorenstein projective support  $\tau$ -tilting modules, introduced by Xie and Zhang [24], were used to study functorially finite Gorenstein torsion pairs over finite dimensional algebras. For a finite dimensional algebra A, there is a bijection between the set of all isomorphism classes of Gorenstein torsion pairs of A-modules; and the Set of all functorially finite Gorenstein torsion pairs of all the set of all functorially finite Gorenstein torsion pairs of 1.2 and 1.3].

Gentle algebras were introduced by Assem and Skowroński [4] as appropriate context in the study of algebras derived equivalent to hereditary algebras of type  $\mathbb{A}$ . Their module categories and derived categories were studied by many authors, see [2,8,9,11,18,22,23] and references therein. The geometric models of gentle algebras first appeared, albeit implicitly, in work of Haiden, Katzerkov and Kontsevich [14]. After that, Baur-Coelho-Simões [7] and Opper-Plamondon-Schroll [20] provided the axiomatic definitions of geometric models of module categories and derived categories for gentle algebras, respectively. To be more precise, all indecomposable objects in module category (respectively, derived categories) are described by special curves in surfaces; all irreducible morphisms between two indecomposable modules in module categories are described by the pivot elementary moves of curves; and all morphisms between two indecomposable complexes in derived categories are described by the intersections of two curves respectively corresponding to the above indecomposable objects. He, Zhou and Zhu [16] investigated the geometric models of module categories over skew-gentle algebras (a generalization of gentle algebras), and they provided another geometric characterization of irreducible morphisms between two indecomposable modules by the intersections of curves respectively corresponding to the above indecomposable modules. Furthermore, they pointed out that any support  $\tau$ -tilting module corresponds to a generalized dissection (see Definition 4.1) of marked ribbon surfaces.

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In the representation theory of algebras, determining whether an algebra is representationfinite is fundamental and important. By using the "brick- $\tau$ -tilting correspondence" [12], Plamondon proved that a gentle algebra is representation-finite if and only if it is  $\tau$ -tilting finite [21, Theorem 1.1]. In this paper, we will study Gorenstein projective support  $\tau$ tilting modules over gentle algebras via geometric models, and then show that a gentle algebra A is representation-finite if and only if the endomorphism algebra of any Gorenstein projective support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module is representation-finite.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some terminology and some preliminary results needed in this paper. In particular, we give the definition of gentle algebras and some related notions related to their geometric models. In Section 3, by using geometric models we provide a description of any subalgebra of a gentle algebra as well as an alternative proof of a result by Butler and Ringel [9] which states that a gentle algebra is representation-finite if and only if its quiver has no band.

Let A be a gentle algebra and  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$  its marked ribbon surface. In Section 4, we prove that the marked ribbon surface of the Cohen-Macaulay-Auslander algebra  $A^{\text{CMA}}$  of A can be given as follows: If any full formal  $\bullet$ -arc system of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$  provides no  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ polygon (see FIGURE 2.1), then the marked ribbon surface of  $A^{\text{CMA}}$  is homotopic to  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$ ; otherwise, for each  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon  $\mathcal{P}_{i}$  with  $\ell_{i}$  vertices  $p_{i1}, p_{i2}, \ldots, p_{i\ell_{i}}$  in clockwise order, we add  $\ell_{i}$  new marked points  $q_{i1}, q_{i2}, \ldots, q_{i\ell_{i}}$  clockwise arranging on the unmarked boundary component  $b_{i}$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{P}_{i}$  and add  $\ell_{i}$  new  $\bullet$ -arcs  $w_{ij}$  whose endpoints are  $p_{ij}$  and  $q_{ij}$   $(1 \leq j \leq \ell_{i})$  (Theorem 4.9).

In Section 5, we prove the main results in this paper.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let A be a finite dimensional basic algebra over an algebraically closed field. If A is gentle, then it holds that

- (1) (Theorem 5.2) The category modA of finitely generated right A-modules contains at least one non-trivial G-projective τ-tilting module if and only if some full relational oriented cycle C = α<sub>1</sub> ··· α<sub>ℓ</sub> (s(α<sub>1</sub>) =: v<sub>1</sub>) of the quiver of A has at least one vertex v<sub>i</sub> (1 ≤ i ≤ ℓ) which is not a target of any arrow except α<sub>i</sub>.
- (2) (Theorem 5.5) The algebra A is representation-finite if and only if the endomorphism algebra  $\operatorname{End}_A T$  is representation-finite for any Gorenstein projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module A-module T.

In Section 6, we give an example to illustrate that the Gorenstein projective condition in Theorem 1.1(2) is necessary (Example 6.1). It is known that any tilting right A-module T over an arbitrary finite dimensional algebra A is a tilting left B-module  $_BT$  with B = $\operatorname{End}(T_A)$  and  $\operatorname{End}(_BT) \cong A$ . We give some examples to show that this property cannot be generalized to G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting modules even over gentle algebras (Examples 6.5 and 6.6).

#### 2. The geometric models of module categories for gentle algebras

In this paper, assume that  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  is a basic finite dimensional k-algebra over an algebraically closed field k, where  $\mathcal{I}$  is an admissible ideal of  $\mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q} = (\mathcal{Q}_0, \mathcal{Q}_1)$  is a finite quiver with  $\mathcal{Q}_0, \mathcal{Q}_1$  the sets of all vertices and arrows, respectively. We use s, t to denote two functions from  $Q_1$  to  $Q_0$  which send each arrow to its source and target, respectively. The multiplication  $\alpha_1\alpha_2$  of two arrows  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  is defined by the concatenation if  $t(\alpha_1) = s(\alpha_2)$  or zero if  $t(\alpha_1) \neq s(\alpha_2)$ . All A-modules considered are basic right A-modules. We use modA to denote the category of finitely generated right A-modules. For a set S, we use  $\sharp S$  to denote the cardinality of S.

**Definition 2.1.** [4] We say  $A \cong \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  is a gentle algebra if it satisfies (G1)–(G4) as follows:

(G1) Any vertex in  $\mathcal{Q}_0$  is the source of at most two arrows and the target of at most two arrows.

- (G2) For any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_1$ , there is at most one arrow  $\beta$  whose source (respectively, target) is  $t(\alpha)$  (respectively,  $s(\alpha)$ ) such that  $\alpha\beta \in \mathcal{I}$  (respectively,  $\beta\alpha \in \mathcal{I}$ ).
- (G3) For each arrow  $\alpha \in Q_1$ , there is at most one arrow  $\beta$  whose source (respectively, target) is  $t(\alpha)$  (respectively,  $s(\alpha)$ ) such that  $\alpha\beta \notin \mathcal{I}$  (respectively,  $\beta\alpha \notin \mathcal{I}$ ).
- (G4)  $\mathcal{I}$  is generated by paths of length 2.

2.1. Marked surfaces. A marked surface is a pair  $(S, \mathcal{M})$  defined by connected oriented Riemann surface with non-empty boundary  $\partial S$  and a finite subset  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\partial S$ , where each element in  $\mathcal{M}$ , denoted by  $\bullet$ , is called a marked point. A curve  $a : [0, 1] \to S$  is a function such that one of the following conditions holds:

- $a(0), a(1) \in \partial S$  and  $a(t)|_{0 < t < 1} \subseteq S \setminus \partial S$ ;
- $a(0) = a(1), a(t)|_{0 \le t \le 1} \subseteq S \setminus \partial S$  and is not homotopic to a point.

All curves are considered up to isotopy. The number of intersections of two curves will be taken as the minimal number of intersections when varying these curves isotopically.

- A •-arc *a* is a curve such that a(0) and a(1) are marked points. Furthermore, a *formal* •-arc system (=•-FAS)  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  of marked surfaces is a collection of •-arcs such that:
  - $a_1 \cap a_2 \cap (S \setminus \partial S) = \emptyset$  holds for any  $a_1, a_2 \in \Delta_{\bullet}$ ; and
  - each elementary •-polygon enclosed by  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  has at least one edge which does not belong to  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ . In particular, an  $\infty$ -elementary •-polygon  $\mathcal{P}$  is an elementary •polygon such that  $\mathcal{P}$  has unique edge  $b \subseteq \partial \mathcal{S}$  which is a boundary component of  $\mathcal{S}$  without marked points (FIGURE 2.1). The boundary component b is called unmarked.

Furthermore,  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  is called a *full formal*  $\bullet$ -arc system (= $\bullet$ -FFAS) if every elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon has a unique edge which does not belong to  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ .

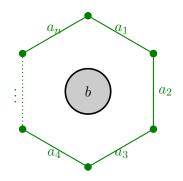


FIGURE 2.1.  $\infty$ -elementary •-polygon.

**Definition 2.2.** [7] A marked ribbon surface is a triple  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \Delta_{\bullet})$ , where  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  is a  $\bullet$ -FFAS.

### Remark 2.3.

- (1) Let  $S_{\bullet}$  be a marked ribbon surface and let be  $\mathcal{Y}$  the finite subset of  $\partial S$  whose elements are represented by symbols  $\bullet$  and called *dual marked points* such that marked points in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  alternate along every boundary component. Then we can define the notion of *formal*  $\bullet$ -*arc system* (= $\bullet$ -FAS) (respectively, *full formal*  $\bullet$ -*arc system* (= $\bullet$ -FFAS))  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  which is dual of  $\bullet$ -FFAS (respectively,  $\bullet$ -FFAS), i.e.,
  - for any two curves  $c_1, c_2 \in \Delta_{\circ}$ , we have  $c_1 \cap c_2 \cap (S \setminus \partial S) = \emptyset$ ;
  - each elementary o-polygon enclosed by  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  has at least one edge which does not belong to  $\Delta_{\circ}$ .
- (2) For any •-FFAS  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  (respectively, •-FFAS  $\Delta_{\circ}$ ), there is a unique •-FFAS  $\Delta_{\circ}$  (respectively, •-FFAS  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ ) such that
  - for any •-arc a in  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ , there is a unique arc  $a^*$  such that  $a \cap a^* \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sharp(a \cap a^*) = 1$  hold;

- for any o-arc a in  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ , there is a unique  $\bullet$  arc  $a^{\star}$  such that  $a^{\star} \cap a \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sharp(a^{\star} \cap a) = 1$  hold;

We say one of  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  and  $\Delta_{\circ}$  is the *dual* of the other, and denote by  $\Delta_{\bullet} = \Delta_{\circ}^{\star}$  or  $\Delta_{\circ} = \Delta_{\bullet}^{\star}$ .

(3) In [20], any •-FFAS Δ<sub>•</sub> is called a *ribbon graph* of the marked surface, and the o-FFAS Δ<sub>•</sub> = Δ<sup>\*</sup><sub>•</sub> is called the *lamination* corresponding Δ<sub>•</sub>.

## Notation 2.4.

- (1) We use  $EP_{\bullet}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet})$  (respectively,  $EP_{\circ}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet})$ ) to denote the set of elementary  $\bullet$ -polygons (respectively, elementary  $\bullet$ -polygons) of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}$ .
- (2) For any digon in  $\text{EP}_{\bullet}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet})$ , we add a point  $\diamond$  on the side which is the subset of  $\partial S$ , and say it is a *extra marked point*. We use  $\mathcal{E}$  to denote the set of extra marked points and use  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}}$  to denote the marked ribbon surface with extra marked points. For simplicity,  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}}$  is still called a marked ribbon surface in the sequel.

**Remark 2.5.** The set  $\mathcal{E}$  can be seen as a subset of  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

Every marked ribbon surface induces a gentle algebra by the following construction.

**Construction 2.6.** Let  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \Delta_{\bullet})^{\mathcal{E}}$  be a marked ribbon surface. Then  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}$  is the marked ribbon surface of  $A(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}) = \Bbbk \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$ , where

- Step 1: there is a bijection  $\mathfrak{v} : \Delta_{\bullet} \to \mathcal{Q}_0$ , that is, each arc can be viewed as a vertex in  $\mathcal{Q}_0$ ; Step 2: for any two  $\bullet$ -arcs  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  that meet in a common endpoint, there is an arrow  $\alpha : \mathfrak{v}(a_1) \to \mathfrak{v}(a_2)$  if  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$  in the counterclockwise order about p;
- Step 3: the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is generated by such composition  $\alpha\beta$  where  $\mathfrak{v}^{-1}(s(\alpha))$ ,  $\mathfrak{v}^{-1}(s(\beta))$ ,  $\mathfrak{v}^{-1}(t(\beta))$  are edges of the same elementary polygon.

**Remark 2.7.** By [7, Theorem 2.10], we have that the corresponding  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}} \mapsto A(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}})$  given in Construction 2.6 induces a bijection between the set of homotopy classes of marked ribbon surfaces and that of isoclasses of gentle algebras. Therefore, up to homotopy equivalence, for any gentle algebra A, there is a unique marked ribbon surface  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}$  such that  $A \cong A(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}})$ . We say that  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}$  is the marked ribbon surface of A and denote it by  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$ . For simplicity, we use "~" to denote the homotopy equivalence of two marked ribbon surfaces. Thus,  $A \cong B$  if and only if  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A) \sim \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_B}(B)$ .

2.2. **Permissive curves.** The definition of permissive curves is given by Baur and Coelho Simões [7, Definition 3.1], which is used to describe indecomposable modules over gentle algebras. Now we recall some related notions.

For simplicity, we define that a curve on the marked ribbon surface  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \Delta_{\bullet})^{\mathcal{E}}$  is a function  $c : [0,1] \to \mathcal{S}$  such that  $c(t) \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}$  for any 0 < t < 1, one of  $c(0), c(1) \in \mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{E}$ and  $c(0) = c(1) \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}$  holds; and say that c is consecutively crossing  $u, v \in \Delta_{\bullet}$  if the segment of c between the points  $p_1 = c \cap u$  and  $p_2 = c \cap v$  does not cross any other arc in  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ . Let B be an unmarked boundary component of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Note that any curve c is considered up to isotopy. The *intersection number* is the minimal number of intersections with varying the curves isotopically. We always assume that the curve c has minimal intersection number with  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [7, Definition 3.1] Let  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \Delta_{\bullet})^{\mathcal{E}}$  be a marked ribbon surface and let  $c : [0, 1] \to \mathcal{S}$  be a curve.

- (1) The curve c is called *permissible* if it the following conditions are satisfied.
  - (a) The winding number of c around any unmarked boundary component of S is either 0 or 1;
  - (b) If c consecutively crosses two (possibly not distinct) arcs u and v in  $\Gamma$ , then u and v have a common endpoint  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ , and locally we have a triangle with p a vertex.
- (2) A permissible closed curve is a closed curve c satisfying Condition (1)(b).

**Definition 2.9.** [7, Definition 3.5] Two permissible curves  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}$  are called *equivalent*, if one of the following conditions holds:

- (1) There is a sequence of consecutive edges  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k$  of an elementary •-polygon  $\mathcal{P}$  in which none of said edges is as in Case I in FIGURE 2.2, such that
  - $-c_1$  is homotopic to the concatenation of  $c_2$  and  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k$ ; and
  - $c_1$  starts at an endpoint of  $\delta_1$  (respectively,  $\delta_k$ ),  $c_2$  starts at an endpoint of  $\delta_k$  (respectively,  $\delta_1$ ), and their first cross with  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  is the same edge of  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (2) The starting points of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are marked points of an elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon  $\mathcal{P}$  of Case I or II shown in FIGURE 2.2; their first cross with  $\Delta_{\bullet}$ , say  $\delta$ , is with the same edge of  $\mathcal{P}$  and the segments of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  between  $\delta$  and their ending points are isotopic.

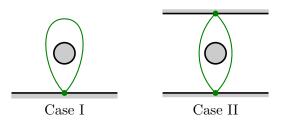


FIGURE 2.2. The elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon  $\mathcal{P}$  is of the form Case I (respectively, Case II); in this case,  $\mathcal{S}$  has an unmarked boundary which is an edge of  $\mathcal{P}$ , thus the number of edges equals 2 (respectively, 3).

We use  $PC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet})$  to denote the set of equivalence classes of permissible curves with endpoints lying in  $\mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{E}$ , and use  $CC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet})$  to denote the set of homotopy classes of permissible curves without endpoints. Then, for any two curves  $c_1, c_2 \in [c]$ , it is easy to see that

$$\{a \in \Delta_{\bullet} \mid a \cap c_1 \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset\} = \{a \in \Delta_{\bullet} \mid a \cap c_2 \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset\}.$$
 (2.1)

For each curve c, we always suppose that it consecutively cross  $a_1^c, a_2^c, \dots, a_{n(c)}^c$   $(n(c) \in \mathbb{N})$ , and denote:

- $c_{i,j}$   $(1 \le i < j \le n(c) 1)$  the segment of c obtained by  $a_i^c$  and  $a_j^c$  cutting c; and
- $c_{0,i}$  (respectively,  $c_{j,n(c)+1}$ ) the segment of c obtained by c(0) and  $a_i^c$  (respectively,  $a_i^c$  and c(1)) cutting c.

Furthermore, by (2.1), we say that  $c_{i,j}$  is elementary if  $[c] \in \text{PC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet})$  and j = i + 1, and say that c is trivial (or zero) if n(c) = 1, that is,  $c = c_{0,1}$  is an elementary segment.

# Theorem 2.10.

- (Butler-Ringel [23, Proposition 2.3] and Wald-Waschbüsch [9, Section 3]) Let A be a gentle algebra and *J* the set of Jordan blocks with non-zero eigenvalue. Then any indecomposable right A-module is either a string module or a band module.
- (2) (Baur-Coelho-Simoes [7, Theorem 3.8, Theorem 3.9]) Furthermore, there exists a bijection

$$\mathfrak{M}: \mathrm{PC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}_{\bullet}(A)) \cup (\mathrm{CC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}_{\bullet}(A)) \times \mathscr{J}) \to \mathsf{ind}(\mathsf{mod}A)$$

**Remark 2.11.** The indecomposable module isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{M}([c])$  is string if  $c \in \mathrm{PC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))$ ; and the indecomposable module isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{M}([b], \mathbf{J})$  is band if  $(b, \mathbf{J}) \in \mathrm{CC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) \times \mathcal{J}$ . The original definitions of string modules and band modules are given by Butler and Ringel in [9, Section 3].

# 3. Representation-finite gentle algebras

From now on, assume that  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  is a gentle algebra.

#### 3.1. Subsurfaces and subquivers.

**Definition 3.1** (Marked ribbon subsurfaces). Given a marked ribbon surface  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \Delta_{\bullet})^{\mathcal{E}}$ . A marked ribbon subsurface (or simply, subsurface) of  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}$  is a quadruple  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet} = (\widehat{\mathcal{S}}, \widehat{\mathcal{M}}, \widehat{\Delta}_{\bullet}, \widehat{\mathcal{E}})$  such that

$$\widehat{\mathcal{S}} \subseteq \mathcal{S}, \ \widehat{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}, \ \widehat{\Delta}_{\bullet} \subseteq \Delta_{\bullet} \text{ and } \widehat{\mathcal{E}} \text{ is induced by } \widehat{\Delta}_{\bullet}$$

In the case that  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}^{\hat{\mathcal{E}}}$  is a subsurface of  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}$ , we write  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}^{\hat{\mathcal{E}}} \preceq \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}$ .

Notation 3.2. We use  $\mathcal{M}|_{\widehat{S}}$  and  $\Delta_{\bullet}|_{\widehat{S}}$  to denote the restrictions of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\Delta_{\bullet}$  on  $\widehat{S}$  respectively.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\widehat{A} = \mathbb{k}\widehat{Q}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}}$  be a subalgebra of the gentle algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$ , where  $\widehat{Q}$  is a subquiver of Q and  $\widehat{\mathcal{I}} = \{\alpha\beta \in \mathcal{I} \mid \alpha \in \widehat{Q}, \beta \in \widehat{Q}\}$ . Then there is a unique subsurface  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{A}}(A)$ , such that the marked ribbon surface  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{A}}(\widehat{A})$  of  $\widehat{A}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}$ and the following diagram

commutes.

*Proof.* The uniqueness is clear. In the following, we will prove the existence.

Consider the o-FFAS  $\Delta_{o} = \Delta_{\bullet}^{\star}$ , which divides  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$  to some elementary o-polygons  $\mathcal{P}_{1}, \mathcal{P}_{2}, \dots, \mathcal{P}_{n}$  and any elementary o-polygons  $\mathcal{P}_{i}$  is homotopic to the marked surface of  $\overline{\mathbb{A}}_{m_{i}}$ , which is of the form as shown in Figure 3.1. The  $\bullet$ -marked point p corresponds to

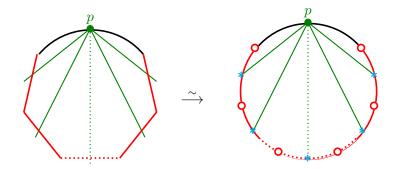


FIGURE 3.1. The marked ribbon surface of a gentle algebra which is type  $\overrightarrow{A}$ .

the path  $\wp = \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_{m_i}$  over  $\mathcal{Q}$  such that the following conditions hold:

- $\alpha_j \alpha_{j+1} \notin \mathcal{I}$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq m_i 1$ ;
- $\beta \alpha_1 \in \mathcal{I}$  holds for any arrow  $\beta$  satisfying  $t(\beta) = s(\alpha_1)$ ; and
- $\alpha_{m_i} \gamma \in \mathcal{I}$  holds for any arrow  $\gamma$  satisfying  $t(\alpha_{m_i}) = s(\gamma)$ .

Indeed,  $\wp$  is the path  $\alpha_1^i \cdots \alpha_{t-1}^i$  on the subquiver

$$\overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}}_{m_i} = v_{(i,1)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_1^i} v_{(i,2)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_2^i} \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_{t-1}^i} v_{(i,m_i)}$$

and  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(A)$  is the union of all elementary  $\mathbf{o}$ -polygons. Here  $\wp$  is called a *non-trivial permitted* thread in [6] or a maximal path in [20].

On the other hand, it is easy to see that the quiver  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$  of A satisfies the following unions

$$\mathcal{Q}_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}}_{m_i})_0, \ \mathcal{Q}_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}}_{m_i})_1,$$

and for any arrows  $\alpha : v_{(i,j-1)} \to v_{(i,j)}$  and  $\beta : v_{(i',j')} \to v_{(i',j'+1)}$  satisfying  $v_{(i,j)} = v_{(i',j')}$ , we have that  $\alpha\beta \in \mathcal{I}$  if and only if

$$v_{(i,j-1)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{j-1}^i} (v_{(i,j)} = v_{(i',j')}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_{j'}^{i'}} v_{(i',j'+1)}$$

$$v_{(i,i_k)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{(i,i_k)}} v_{(i,i_k+1)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{(i,i_k+1)}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_{(i,j_k-2)}} v_{(i,j_k-1)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{(i,j_k-1)}} v_{(i,j_k)}$$

corresponding to the subsurface which is of the form as shown in FIGURE 3.2.

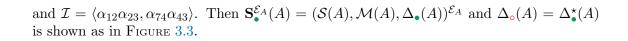


Thus, the marked ribbon surface of  $\widehat{A}$  is a union of some subsurfaces of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$ :

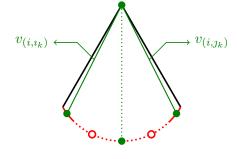
$$\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \bigcup_{k=1}^{h_{i}} \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}(A(i,\imath_{k},\jmath_{k}))}(A(i,\imath_{k},\jmath_{k})) \sim \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}_{\widehat{A}}}(\widehat{A}),$$

where the second union is a disjoint union. Which is as desired.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$ , where  $\mathcal{Q} =$ 



 $1 \underbrace{\overset{\alpha_{12}'}{\underset{\alpha_{12}'}{\longrightarrow}}}_{\alpha_{12}'} 2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_{23}} 3 \underbrace{\overset{\alpha_{43}}{\longleftarrow}}_{\alpha_{54}} 4 \underbrace{\overset{\alpha_{74}}{\underset{\alpha_{54}}{\longrightarrow}}}_{\alpha_{65}} 6$ 



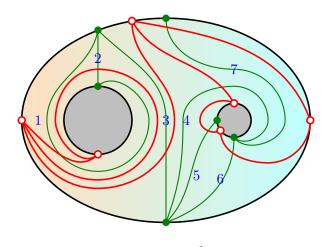
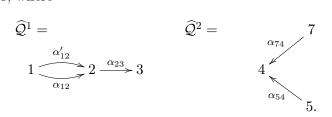


FIGURE 3.3.  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$ 

Consider the subquiver  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}} = \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}^1 \times \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}^2$  which is obtained by removing arrows  $\alpha_{43}$ ,  $\alpha_{65}$ ,  $\alpha_{67}$  and the vertex 6, where



Then  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}})$  is of the form as shown in Figure 3.4, and  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}})$  contains two parts: the marked ribbon surface of  $\mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}^1/\langle \alpha_{12}\alpha_{23}\rangle$  and that of  $\mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}^2$ .

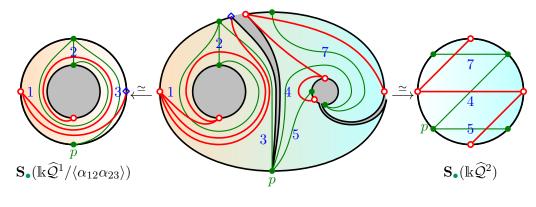


FIGURE 3.4.  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}^1/\langle \alpha_{12}\alpha_{23}\rangle) \cup \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}^2) \sim \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(\widehat{A}) \subseteq \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(A).$ 

3.2. Representation-finite gentle algebras. Recall that a finite dimensional k-algebra  $\Lambda$  is representation-finite if  $ind(mod\Lambda)$ , the set of isoclasses of indecomposable  $\Lambda$ -modules, is a finite set; otherwise  $\Lambda$  is representation-infinite.

#### Notation 3.5.

(1) We say that the bound quiver  $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{I})$  of a gentle algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  has a cycle  $\mathscr{C}$ (of length n), if there is a path  $\wp$  of length n on the underlying graph of  $\mathcal{Q}$  such that its starting point equals to its ending point. Moreover, the cycle  $\mathscr{C}$  is called basic if it is type of  $\widetilde{\mathbb{A}}_n$ , and  $\mathscr{C}$  is called a cycle without relation if any path in  $\mathscr{C}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{I}$ . Furthermore, a cycle  $\mathscr{C}$  without relation is called a band if it is not a power  $\mathscr{C}^t$  ( $t \geq 2$ ) of some cycle  $\mathscr{C}$ . (2) We define  $\Lambda(\mathscr{C}) = \mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}}$  induced by a cycle  $\mathscr{C}$  is the algebra whose quiver  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}$  is the subquiver of  $\mathcal{Q}$  such that all vertices and arrows are given by  $\mathscr{C}$  and the admissible ideal  $\widehat{\mathcal{I}}$  is generated by all paths of length two in  $\mathscr{C}$ .

In the following, we provide a description of the following result by geometric models.

**Proposition 3.6.** [9] A gentle algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$  is representation-finite if and only if  $(Q, \mathcal{I})$  has no band.

By Proposition 3.6, it is easy to see that any gentle algebra A is representation-infinite if and only if  $CC(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) \neq \emptyset$ . Note that any band on the quiver of A corresponds to some permissible curve without endpoints in  $CC(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))$  by Theorem 2.10(2). We may give another proof of Proposition 3.6 by using the marked surfaces  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$ .

Since  $CC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathscr{J}$  is an infinite set, we have that A is representationinfinite. Thus, we only need to prove the following assertion:

If  $(Q, \mathcal{I})$  has no band, then A is representation-finite.

For this, it suffices to consider the following two cases:

- (1) A is a gentle tree, that is,  $\mathcal{Q}$  contains no cycle.
- (2) For any subquiver  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $\mathcal{Q}$  induced by a cycle  $\mathscr{C}$ , there exists a path  $\wp = \alpha\beta$  on  $\mathcal{Q}$  which is a relation.

In the case (1), the surface  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$  is a disc and  $\#\mathcal{M} = \#\mathcal{Q}_0 + 2$  (see [20, Corollary 1.23]). Thus  $\mathrm{CC}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) = \emptyset$  and

$$\# \operatorname{ind}(\operatorname{mod} A) = \# \operatorname{PC}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) \le \sum_{r=0}^{\# \mathcal{Q}_0 + 2} {\# \mathcal{Q}_0 + 2 \choose r} = 2^{\# \mathcal{Q}_0 + 2} < \infty.$$

In the case (2), we have  $\widehat{A} = \mathbb{k}\widehat{Q}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}}$  such that  $\widehat{\mathcal{I}} \neq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{k}\widehat{Q}) \sim \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(\Lambda(\mathscr{C}))$  (the length of  $\mathscr{C}$  is  $n \geq 2$ ), where  $\Lambda(\mathscr{C})$  is the algebra whose quiver is the subquiver of  $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{I})$  induced by  $\mathscr{C}$ . Then every curve *b* without endpoint encircles some boundary component(s) of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{k}\widehat{Q}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}})$ . Moreover, there is no permissible curve  $c \in \mathrm{PC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A))$  such that *c* contains a segment consecutively cross  $a_{i}^{c}, a_{i+1}^{c}, \cdots, a_{j}^{c} = a_{i}^{c}$  (j > i). Otherwise, without loss of generality, assume  $a_{i}^{c} \neq a_{j}^{c}$  (for any  $i \leq i \neq j < j$ ), and consider the curve  $\hat{c}$  without endpoints such that the following conditions hold:

- $a_1^{\hat{c}} = a_{n(\hat{c})+1}^{\hat{c}} = a_1^{\hat{c}}$ ; and
- for any  $1 \leq k \leq n(\hat{c})$ ,  $\hat{c}_{k,k+1}$  and  $c_{i+k-1,i+k}$  are segments corresponding to the same arrow (note:  $i + n(\hat{c}) = j$ ) (for example, see the cyan curve  $\hat{c}$  as shown in Figure 3.5).

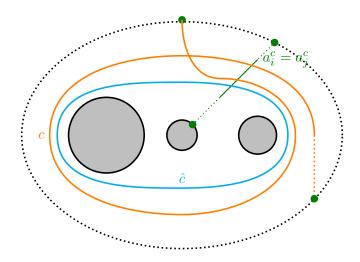


FIGURE 3.5.  $\hat{c}$  is a permissible curve without endpoint induced by c.

Then  $\hat{c}$  is a permissible curve in  $CC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{\bullet}}_{\bullet}(A))$ , and so mod A contains a band module corresponding to  $\mathfrak{M}(\hat{c}, \boldsymbol{J}_n(\lambda))$  ( $\lambda \neq 0$ ). By Construction 2.6,  $\mathcal{Q}$  has a band which is of the form

$$\mathfrak{v}(a_i^c) - \mathfrak{v}(a_{i+1}^c) - \mathfrak{v}(a_{j-1}^c)$$

which contradicts assumption.

Immediately,  $\operatorname{CC}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) = \emptyset$ , and so  $\sup_{c \in \operatorname{PC}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))} n(c) < \infty$ . Then  $\sharp \operatorname{ind}(\operatorname{mod} A) =$ 

 $\sharp PC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) < \infty$  because the number of marked points of  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$  is finite.

## 4. Gorenstein projective support $\tau$ -tilting modules

4.1. Generalized dissections. He, Zhou and Zhu [16] provided a description of support  $\tau$ -tilting modules over gentle algebras by marked ribbon surfaces.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \Delta_{\bullet})^{\mathcal{E}}$  be a marked ribbon surface, and let  $D_{\bullet}$  be a set of some permissible curves.

- We say that  $D_{\bullet}$  is a *partial generalized dissection* (=PGD) if the following conditions are satisfied.
  - every curve in  $D_{\bullet}$  can not be homotopic to any boundary segment;
  - $-(c_1 \cap c_2) \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) = \emptyset$  for any curves  $c_1, c_2 \in D_{\bullet}$ ; and
  - $-D_{\bullet}$  contains no closed curve.
- We say that  $D_{\bullet}$  is a generalized dissection (=GD) if  $D_{\bullet}$  is a maximal PGD, that is, for any permissible curve  $c' \notin D_{\bullet}$ , we have  $(c \cap c') \cap (S \setminus \partial S) \notin \emptyset$  for some  $c \in D_{\bullet}$ .

We use  $\text{PGD}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}})$  (respectively,  $\text{GD}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}})$ ) to denote the set of partial dissections (respectively, maximal partial dissections) of the marked ribbon surface  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** [16, Theorem B] There is a bijection

$$\begin{array}{rcl}\mathfrak{M}: & \mathrm{GD}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)) & \to & \mathrm{s}\tau\mathrm{-tilt}(A) \\ & D_{\bullet} & \mapsto & \mathfrak{M}(D_{\bullet}) := \bigoplus_{c \in D_{\bullet}} \mathfrak{M}([c]) \end{array}$$

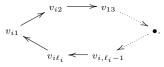
from the collection of all generalized dissections of  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}_{\bullet}(A)$  to that of all isomorphism classes of support  $\tau$ -tilting modules.

4.2. Gorenstein projective  $\tau$ -tilting modules. A module  $G \in \text{mod}A$  is called *Gorenstein projective* (=*G*-projective) if there is an exact sequence of projective modules

$$\cdots \longrightarrow P^{-2} \xrightarrow{d^{-2}} P^{-1} \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} P^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} P^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} P^2 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

in mod A which remains exact after applying the functor  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(-, A)$ , such that  $G \cong \operatorname{Im} d^{-1}$  [5, 13]. Obviously, every projective module is G-projective. We use G-proj A to denote the subcategory of mod A consisting of all G-projective modules.

Let  $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{I})$  be the bound quiver of some gentle algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  having at least one cycle  $C_i = \alpha_{i1} \cdots \alpha_{i\ell_i} \ (1 \le i \le r)$  with  $s(\alpha_{i\overline{j}}) = v_{i\overline{j}} = t(\alpha_{i\overline{j-1}})$ , where  $\overline{j} = (j \mod \ell_j) + 1$ . For example,



We call  $\mathscr{C}_i$  an oriented cycle of A. Furthermore, it is called *full relational* if any path of length two on it lies in  $\mathcal{I}$ . We use  $\operatorname{froc}(A)$  to denote the set of all full relational oriented cycles of A.

Let  $M \in \text{mod}A$ . We use |M| to denote the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable direct summands of M. Recall from [1] that M is called  $\tau$ -tilting if  $\text{Hom}_A(M, \tau M) = 0$ and |M| = |A|, where  $\tau$  is the Auslander-Reiten translation functor. Moreover, M is called support  $\tau$ -tilting if M is  $\tau$ -tilting over A/(e) with e an idempotent of A. **Definition 4.3.** [19] An A-module T is called G-projective (support)  $\tau$ -tilting if T is G-projective and (support)  $\tau$ -tilting; in particular, we say it is non-trivial if  $T \notin \operatorname{proj} A$ .

We use  $\text{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A) to denote the subcategory of modA consisting of all G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting A-modules.

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$  be a marked ribbon surface. A *G*-projective curve *c* is a permissible curve in  $PC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))$  such that one of following conditions is satisfied.

- (a) c is a projective curve corresponding to  $a_i^c$ , say  $\wp(a_i^c)$ , that is, there is a unique integer  $1 \le i \le n(c)$  such that
  - (i)  $a_1^c, a_2^c, \dots, a_i^c$  have a common endpoint p which is right to c, and there is no arc  $a \in \Delta_{\bullet}$  with endpoint p such that a is left to  $a_1^c$  at the point p;
  - (ii)  $a_i^c, a_{i+1}^c, \dots, a_{n(c)}^c$  have common endpoint q which is left to c, and there is no  $\operatorname{arc} \hat{a} \in \Delta_{\bullet}$  with endpoint q such that  $\hat{a}$  is left to  $a_1^c$  at the point q.

(See Figure 4.1, the permissible curve c is projective, the point  $\circ$  is an element in  $\mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{E}$ .)

(b) c is the permissible curve such that:  $a_1^c, a_2^c, \dots, a_{n(c)}^c$  satisfies condition (a)(i);  $a_1^c$  is an edge of an  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon  $\mathcal{P}$ ; and  $c_{0,1}$  lies in the inner of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

(We provide an example in FIGURE 4.2, the permissible curve set  $PC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}})$  of the marked ribbon surface  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}$  contains three G-projective curves).

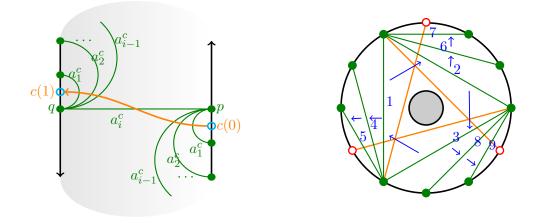


FIGURE 4.1. Projective curve.

FIGURE 4.2. G-Projective curve.

Kalck proved in [17, Theorem 2.5] that any indecomposable module G is G-projective if and only if G is isomorphic to either eA (e is a primitive idempotent of A) or  $\alpha A$  ( $\alpha$ is an arbitrary arrow on any full relational oriented cycle). Thus, we immediately obtain the following proposition to describe all indecomposable G-projective modules over gentle algebras by marked ribbon surfaces by Construction 2.6.

**Proposition 4.5.** For any  $c \in PC(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))$ , the module  $\mathfrak{M}([c])$  is indecomposable projective (respectively, *G*-projective) if and only if *c* is a projective (respectively, *G*-projective) curve.

Let  $\operatorname{froc}(A) = \{C_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}$ . We use  $\mathcal{P}_i$  to denote the  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon corresponding to  $C_i$ , and use  $\operatorname{EP}^{\infty}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))$  to denote the set of all  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ polygons. As shown in FIGURE 4.3, in clockwise direction, we denote by  $p_{i1}, \dots, p_{i\ell_i}$  the vertices of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  ( $\ell_i$  is the length of  $C_i$ ). The arc with endpoints  $p_{i\overline{j}}$  and  $p_{i\overline{j+1}}$  is denoted by  $a_{i\overline{j}}$ , where  $1 \leq j \leq \ell_i$  and  $\overline{j} = j \mod \ell_i + 1$ . Moreover, the non-projective G-projective curve with endpoint  $p_{i\overline{j}}$  is denoted by  $g_{i\overline{j}}$ .

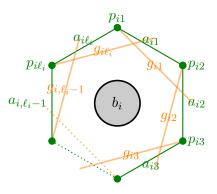


FIGURE 4.3. Non-projective G-projective curves and  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon.

**Notation 4.6.** We say that a GD is a *Gorenstein-projective generalized dissection* (=GPGD) if all elements of GD are G-projective curves.

By Theorem 4.2, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.7.** Let  $D_{\bullet}$  be a set of some permissible curves in  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{M}(D_{\bullet}) \in$  $GPs\tau$ -tilt(A) if and only if  $D_{\bullet}$  is a GPGD.

4.3. Endomorphism algebras of G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting modules. Set  $\mathfrak{S}(A) := \bigoplus_{M \in \mathsf{G-proj}(A)} M$ . The Cohen-Macaulay-Auslander (= CM-Auslander) algebra  $A^{\text{CMA}}$  of A is defined by  $A^{\text{CMA}} := \text{End}_A \mathfrak{S}(A)$ . Now we recall the descriptions of CM-Auslander algebras of gentle algebras introduced by Chen and Lu [10]. We use the following notations:

- \$\mathcal{Q}\_1^{\text{froc}}\$: the set of all arrows on full relational oriented cycles of \$A\$;
  \$\mathcal{Q}^{\text{CMA}}\$: the quiver \$(\mathcal{Q}\_0^{\text{CMA}}, \mathcal{Q}\_1^{\text{CMA}}, s, t)\$, where
- - $-\mathcal{Q}_{0}^{\text{CMA}} = \mathcal{Q}_{0} \cup \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{0} \text{ where } \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{0} \text{ is a set for which we have a bijection } \omega : \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc}} \to \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{0};$   $-\mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{CMA}} = (\mathcal{Q}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc}}) \cup \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{1} \text{ where } \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{1} := \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc},-} \cup \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc},+} \text{ is the disjoint union of }$   $\mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc},-} := \{\alpha^{-} \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc}}\} \text{ and } \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc},+} := \{\alpha^{+} \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc}}\};$   $-s(\alpha^{-}) = s(\alpha), t(\alpha^{+}) = t(\alpha) \text{ and } t(\alpha^{-}) = \omega(\alpha) = s(\alpha^{+}) \text{ hold for any } \alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{\text{froc}}.$

•  $\mathcal{I}^{\text{CMA}}$ : the ideal of  $\mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}^{\text{CMA}}$  generated by the following paths of length two:

$$-\alpha\beta$$
 with  $\alpha,\beta\in\mathcal{Q}_1\backslash\mathcal{Q}_1^{\text{froc}};$ 

$$-\alpha^+\beta^-$$
 with  $t(\alpha) = s(\beta)$ .

The following result was proved by Chen and Lu [10, Theorem 3.5]. It should be pointed out that it can be easily deduced by the descriptions of G-projective modules (Proposition (4.5) and irreducible morphisms (see [7, Proposition 3.21]).

**Theorem 4.8.** [10, Theorem 3.5] For the algebra  $A = \mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$ , we have  $A^{\rm CMA} = \Bbbk \mathcal{Q}^{\rm CMA} / \mathcal{I}^{\rm CMA}.$ 

Now we give a description of the CM-Auslander algebra of A by the marked ribbon surfaces  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A) = (\mathcal{S}(A), \mathcal{M}(A), \Delta_{\bullet}(A))^{\mathcal{E}_A}$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$  has  $r \propto$ -elementary polygons  $\mathcal{P}_1, \dots, \mathcal{P}_r$ . For any  $\mathcal{P}_i$ , let  $\alpha_{i\bar{i}}$  be the arrow corresponding to the angle of  $\mathcal{P}_i$ whose edges are  $p_{i\overline{j-1}}$  and  $p_{i\overline{j}}$  (see FIGURE 4.4 I). Let

- $\mathcal{S}^{\text{CMA}}(A) = \mathcal{S}(A);$
- $\mathcal{M}^{\text{CMA}}(A) = \mathcal{M}(A) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{t} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{i}$ , where  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{1}, \cdots, \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{t}$  are sets of new marked points such that
  - there is a bijection between  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{t} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_i$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_0$ ; and
  - all marked points in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_i = \{q_{ij} \mid 1 \leq j \leq \ell_i\}$  clockwise arrange on  $b_i$ , where  $\ell_i$  is the number of edges of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  which belong to  $\Delta_{\bullet}(A)$ ;
- $\Delta^{\text{CMA}}_{\bullet}(A) = \Delta_{\bullet}(A) \cup \widetilde{\Delta_{\bullet}}$ , where  $\widetilde{\Delta_{\bullet}}$  is the set of all new curves with endpoints  $p_{ij}$ and  $q_{ij}$ ;

•  $\mathcal{E}_A^{\text{CMA}}$  is induced by  $\Delta_{\bullet}^{\text{CMA}}(A)$ .

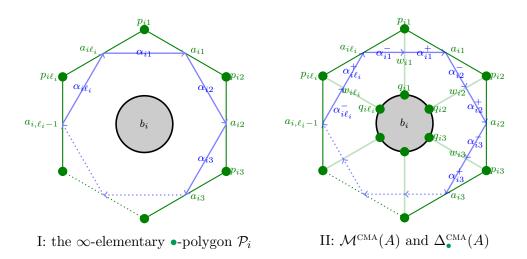


FIGURE 4.4. The marked ribbon surface of the CM-Auslander algebra of a gentle algebra: the change of  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon  $\mathcal{P}_i$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** There is a homotopy equivalence

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{CMA}}}}_{\bullet}(A^{\mathrm{CMA}}) \sim \left(\mathcal{S}^{\mathrm{CMA}}(A), \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{CMA}}(A), \Delta^{\mathrm{CMA}}_{\bullet}(A)\right)^{\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{CMA}}_{A}}$$

Proof. We index the elements of froc(A) as  $\{C_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}$ . Let  $(\mathcal{S}^{\text{CMA}}(A), \mathcal{M}^{\text{CMA}}(A), \Delta^{\text{CMA}}_{\bullet}(A))^{\mathcal{E}_A^{\text{CMA}}} = \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}$  and  $A(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}) = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}'/\mathcal{I}'$ . It suffices to prove  $A(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}) = A^{\text{CMA}}$ .

Note that there is a bijection between  $\operatorname{froc}(A)$  and  $\operatorname{EP}_{\bullet}^{\infty}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}})$ . As shown in the FIGURE 4.4 I, any angle (whose vertex is  $p_{ij}$  where  $1 \leq j \leq \ell_i$ ) of the  $\infty$ -elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon  $\mathcal{P}_i$ corresponds to an arrow  $\alpha_{ij} \in \mathcal{Q}_1$ , it is changed to two arrows  $\alpha_{ij}^-$  and  $\alpha_{ij}^+$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_1^{\operatorname{CMA}}$  by adding the arc  $w_{ij}$  (whose endpoints are  $p_{ij}$  and  $q_{ij}$ ) in  $\bullet$ -FFAS  $\Delta_{\bullet}(A)$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{Q}'_0 = \mathcal{Q}_0^{\operatorname{CMA}}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}'_1 = \mathcal{Q}_1^{\operatorname{CMA}}$  by Construction 2.6 and Theorem 4.8. On the other hand, we have  $\alpha_{ij}^+ \alpha_{ij+1}^- \in \mathcal{I}'$  and  $\alpha_{ij}^- \alpha_{ij}^+ \notin \mathcal{I}'$  by Construction 2.6 and

On the other hand, we have  $\alpha_{ij}^+ \alpha_{ij+1}^- \in \mathcal{I}'$  and  $\alpha_{ij}^- \alpha_{ij}^+ \notin \mathcal{I}'$  by Construction 2.6 and Theorem 4.8, because  $s(\alpha_{ij}^-), t(\alpha_{ij}^-) = \omega(\alpha_{ij}) = w_{ij} = s(\alpha_{ij}^+)$  and  $t(\alpha_{ij}^+)$  are sides of same elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon in EP<sub> $\bullet$ </sub>( $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}$ ) (see FIGURE 4.4 II). Thus  $\mathcal{I}^{\text{CMA}} = \mathcal{I}'$ .

From the proof of Theorem 4.9 we immediately deduce the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.10.** [10, Theorem 4.4] A gentle algebra A is representation-finite if and only if  $A^{\text{CMA}}$  is representation-finite.

*Proof.* Indeed, there is a bijection between  $CC(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A))$  and  $CC(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A^{CMA}}}(A^{CMA}))$ . By Proposition 3.6, the proof is complete.

**Remark 4.11.** The vertices of the quiver  $Q^{CMA}$  correspond to the indecomposable G-projective A-modules as follows:

$$\mathcal{Q}_0 \xrightarrow{1-1} \operatorname{proj} A, v \mapsto P(v) \text{ and } \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_0 \xrightarrow{1-1} \operatorname{proj} A \setminus \operatorname{\mathsf{G-proj}} A, \omega(\alpha_{ij}) \mapsto \mathfrak{M}([g_{ij}]),$$

where  $\alpha_{ij}$  is the arrow on the cycle  $C_i \in \text{froc}(A)$  such that  $s(\alpha_{ij}) = v_{ij}$  and  $g_{ij}$  the nonprojective G-projective curve with endpoint  $p_{ij}$   $(1 \leq j \leq \ell_i)$ . Thus,  $\omega(\alpha_{ij})$  corresponds to the arc  $w_{ij}$  in the  $\bullet$ -FFAS  $\Delta_{\bullet}(A^{\text{CMA}})$  of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A^{\text{CMA}}}}(A^{\text{CMA}})$ .

The following result provide a description of the endomorphism algebra of a G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module by marked ribbon surfaces.

**Proposition 4.12.** Let  $T \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A) and  $B = \operatorname{End}_A T$ . Then  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_B}(B)$  is homotopic to a subsurface of  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A \operatorname{CMA}}(A^{\operatorname{CMA}})$  which is induced by removing some arc in  $\Delta_{\bullet}(A^{\operatorname{CMA}})$ .

Proof. Let  $\operatorname{End}_A T = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}'/\mathcal{I}'$ . Since T is a direct summand of  $\mathfrak{S}(A)$ , we have  $\mathcal{Q}'_0 \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_0^{\operatorname{CMA}}$ . Then  $\Delta_{\bullet}(B) \subseteq \Delta_{\bullet}(A^{\operatorname{CMA}})$  by the bijection between the  $\bullet$ -FFAS of the marked ribbon surfaces and the vertices of the quiver of A. Now, removing all arcs in  $\Delta_{\bullet}(A^{\operatorname{CMA}}) \setminus \Delta_{\bullet}(B)$ and then removing all marked points in  $\mathcal{M}(A^{\operatorname{CMA}})$  which are not endpoints of arcs in  $\Delta_{\bullet}(B)$ , we obtain a subsurface of  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{A^{\operatorname{CMA}}}}(A^{\operatorname{CMA}})$ , which is homotopic to  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_B}(B)$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 5. Main results

5.1. The existence of non-trivial G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting modules. Recall that a torsion pair ( $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F}$ ) a (trivial) Gorenstein torsion pair if  $\mathcal{T}$  is a (trivial) G-projective torsion class, that is, the basic Ext-projective generator in  $\mathcal{T}$  is (trivial) G-projective. In [24], Xie and Zhang used G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting modules to describe all Gorenstein torsion pairs over finite dimensional algebras. Furthermore, Li and Zhang provided a construction of non-trivial G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting modules over tensor algebras and lower triangular matrix algebras [19, Corollary 3.11 and Proposition 3.14]. In this subsection, we provide another construction of non-trivial G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting modules over gentle algebras.

**Lemma 5.1.** Let A be a gentle algebra with at least one full relational oriented cycle  $C_i$  and  $T \in \text{GPs}\tau\text{-tilt}(A)$ . Then at most one of the indecomposable G-projective module  $G(v_{i\bar{j}}) := \alpha_{i\bar{j}}A$  and the indecomposable projective module  $P(v_i | \overline{j-1})$  is a direct summand of T.

*Proof.* First of all, we have  $EP^{\infty}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) \neq \emptyset$  by assumption. Let  $\mathcal{P}_i \in EP^{\infty}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}})$  be the elementary  $\bullet$ -polygon corresponding to  $C_i$ . Then

$$G(v_{i\overline{i}}) \cong \mathfrak{M}([g_{i\overline{i}}])$$
 and  $P(v_{i\overline{i-1}}) \cong \mathfrak{M}([\wp(a_{i\overline{i-1}})])$ .

It is easy to see that  $g_{i\overline{j}} \cap \wp(a_{i\overline{j-1}}) \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq \ell_i$ . Thus, if both  $G(v_{i\overline{j}})$  and  $P(v_{i\overline{j-1}})$  are direct summands of T, then

$$\mathfrak{M}^{-1}(T) := \{ c \in \mathrm{PC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)) \mid \mathfrak{M}([c]) \text{ is a direct summand of } T \}$$

is not a GPGD, which contradicts Corollary 4.7.

Now we are in a position to state the first main result.

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  be a gentle algebra. Then A has a non-trivial G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting module if and only if there is a cycle  $C_i \in \operatorname{froc}(A)$  such that  $C_i$  has a vertex  $v_{i\overline{j}}$   $(\overline{j} = (j \mod \ell_i) + 1)$  which is not a target of any arrow except  $\alpha_{i\overline{j-1}}$ .

*Proof.* If every vertex  $v_{ij}$  of any full relational oriented cycle  $C_i$  is a target of some arrow  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha \neq \alpha_{i\overline{j-1}}$ , then there exists an arc a in the  $\bullet$ -FFAS  $\Delta_{\bullet}(A)$  of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$  such that  $s(\alpha) = \mathfrak{v}(a)$  (in this case, we have  $t(\alpha) = s(\alpha_{i\overline{j-1}})$  (=  $\mathfrak{v}(a_{i\overline{j}}) = v_{i\overline{j}}$ )). Thus,

$$g_{i\overline{j}} \cap \wp(a) \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) \neq \varnothing \text{ and } g_{i\overline{j}} \cap \wp(a_{i\overline{j-1}}) \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) \neq \varnothing \text{ (see Figure 5.1)}$$
(5.1)

by Theorem 4.2. Assume that  $T \in \text{GPs}\tau\text{-tilt}(A)$  is non-trivial G-projective  $\tau\text{-tilting}$ ,  $d_1(T)$  is the number of projective direct summands of T and  $d_2(T)$  is the number of non-projective direct summands of T. Then  $|T| = d_1(T) + d_2(T)$  and  $d_2(T) > 0$ .

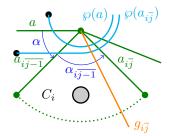


FIGURE 5.1. In this figure, the point "•" is an element in  $\mathcal{E}_A$ .

Thus, if  $G(v_{i\overline{j}}) \cong \mathfrak{M}([g_{i\overline{j}}]) \leq_{\oplus} T$ , then, by (5.1), we have that  $P(\mathfrak{v}(a)) \cong \mathfrak{M}(\wp(a))$  and  $P(\mathfrak{v}(a_{i\overline{j}})) \cong \mathfrak{M}(\wp(a_{i\overline{j-1}}))$  and neither of them is a direct summand of T; that is, if  $d_2(T) = 1$ , then  $d_1(T) \leq \sharp \mathcal{Q}_0 - 2$ . Furthermore, by using induction, we have  $d_1(T) \leq \sharp \mathcal{Q}_0 - 2d_2(T)$ . It follows that

$$\sharp \mathcal{Q}_0 = |T| \le d_2(T) + \sharp \mathcal{Q}_0 - 2d_2(T) = \sharp \mathcal{Q}_0 - d_2(T) < \sharp \mathcal{Q}_0,$$

which is a contradiction.

If there is a vertex  $v_{i\overline{j}}$  of  $C_i \in \text{froc}(A)$  such that  $v_{i\overline{j}}$  is not a target of any arrow except  $\alpha_{i\overline{j-1}}$ , then there is a unique  $a_{i\overline{j-1}}$  such that  $\wp(a_{i\overline{j-1}}) \cap g_{i\overline{j}} \cap (S \setminus \partial S) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,

$$\mathfrak{M}(g_{i\overline{j-1}}) \oplus \bigoplus_{v_{i\overline{j-1}} \neq v \in \mathcal{Q}_0} e_v A \in \mathrm{GPs}\tau\text{-tilt}(A)$$

is non-trivial.

**Corollary 5.3.** Assume that  $\operatorname{froc}(A) = \{C_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq t\}$ . Then for any  $T \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A), we have

$$T = \bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i \oplus \bigoplus_{j \in J} P_j \text{ and } \sharp I \le \sum_{1 \le i \le t} \lfloor \ell_i / 2 \rfloor,$$

where  $G_i \in ind(G\operatorname{-proj} A) \setminus proj A$  and  $P_i \in proj A$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see that

$$g_{i\overline{j}}\cap a_{i\overline{j}}=p_{i\overline{j}}, \ g_{i\overline{j}}\cap a_{i\overline{j+1}}\cap (\mathcal{S}\backslash\partial\mathcal{S})\neq \varnothing \ \text{and} \ g_{i\overline{j}}\cap g_{i\overline{j+2}}\cap (\mathcal{S}\backslash\partial\mathcal{S})=\varnothing.$$

Thus any GPGD contains at most  $\lfloor \ell_i/2 \rfloor$  G-projective curves which belong to  $\{g_{i\overline{j}} \mid 1 \leq \overline{j} \leq \ell_i\}$ . Therefore,  $\sharp I \leq \sum_{i=1}^t \lfloor \ell_i/2 \rfloor$  by Corollary 4.7.

# 5.2. Representation-types of gentle algebras and endomorphism algebras of G-projective support $\tau$ -tilting modules.

**Lemma 5.4.** Let  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}} \preceq \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}}$ . If  $A(\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}})$  is representation-infinite, then so is  $A(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A(\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}})$  is representation-infinite, the quiver of  $A(\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}})$  has a band  $\mathscr{C}$  (of length n) by Proposition 3.6. Then, up to homotopy, we have  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\Lambda}(\mathscr{C})}(\Lambda(\mathscr{C})) \preceq \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}} \preceq \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}}$ , Thus

$$\varnothing \neq \mathrm{CC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{\Lambda}(\mathscr{C})}_{\bullet}(\Lambda(\mathscr{C}))) \subseteq \mathrm{CC}(\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}) \subseteq \mathrm{CC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet}).$$

Then  $A(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}}_{\bullet})$  is representation-infinite by Theorem 2.10.

The following theorem is the second main result.

**Theorem 5.5.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}Q/\mathcal{I}$  be a gentle algebra. Then A is representation-finite if and only if  $B = \operatorname{End}_A T$  is representation-finite for any  $T \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A).

*Proof.* If B is representation-finite for any G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module T, then  $A \cong \operatorname{End}_A A$  is representation-finite because A is a trivial G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting.

In the following, we will prove the necessity. If  $gl.dim A < \infty$ , then all G-projective modules are projective. Thus any  $T \in \text{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A) is a direct summand of A. We have  $B := \text{End}_A T \leq_{\oplus} \text{End}_A \widehat{T} \cong A$ . Therefore, B is representation-finite.

If gl.dim $A = \infty$ , assume that there is a module  $T \in \text{GPs}\tau\text{-tilt}(A)$  such that  $B = \text{End}_A T = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}^B/\mathcal{I}^B$  is representation-infinite, then, up to homotopy, we have

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{\Lambda(\mathscr{C})}}_{\bullet}(\Lambda(\mathscr{C})) \precsim \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{B}}_{\bullet}(B) \stackrel{\text{Theorem 4.9}}{\precsim} \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{\Lambda^{\text{CMA}}}}_{\bullet}(A^{\text{CMA}})$$
(5.2)

by Proposition 4.12, where  $\mathscr{C}$  is the subquiver induced by some band of  $\mathcal{Q}^B$  (the existence of  $\mathscr{C}$  is given by Proposition 3.6). Thus,  $A^{\text{CMA}}$  is representation-infinite by (5.2) and Lemma 5.4. It follows from Corollary 4.10 that A is representation-infinite.

#### 6. Examples

In this section, we provide some examples for G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting modules. First of all, we give the following example shows that the G-projective condition in Theorem 5.5 is necessary.

**Example 6.1.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  be a gentle algebra where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is as shown in the left figure in Figure 6.1 and  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \alpha\beta, \gamma\delta, \zeta\eta, \eta\zeta \rangle$ .

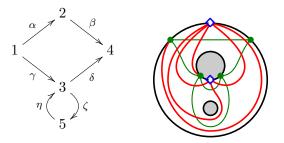


FIGURE 6.1. The gentle algebra in Example 6.1 and its marked ribbon surface.

We get a GD of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$  as shown in the right figure in FIGURE 6.1, as shown in the red dissection, which corresponds to the support  $\tau$ -tilting module

$$T = 2 \oplus {}^2_4 \oplus {}^2_{3_5} \oplus {}^2_{4_5} \oplus {}^2_{4_5} \oplus {}^2_{1_3} \oplus {}^2_{1_3} ^5,$$

which is not G-projective. Then one uses the Auslander–Reiten quiver of A to compute that  $A' = \operatorname{End}_A T = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}'/\mathcal{I}'$ , where

$$\mathcal{Q}' = \begin{array}{c} 2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_{23}} 3 \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_{14}} 4 \xrightarrow{\alpha_{45}} 5 \end{array} \text{ and } \mathcal{I}' = \langle \alpha_{12}\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{21}\alpha_{12}, \alpha_{14}\alpha_{45} \rangle.$$

The bound quiver  $(\mathcal{Q}', \mathcal{I}')$  has bands, for example,  $a_{12}a_{23}a_{34}a_{14}^{-1}$  is a band. Thus, by Proposition 3.6, we have that A' is representation-infinite.

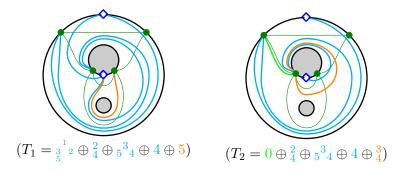


FIGURE 6.2. The GPGDs corresponding to  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , respectively.

Moreover, we can check that any non-trivial G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module is a direct summand of  $T_1$  or  $T_2$ , where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  correspond to GPGD as shown in FIGURE 6.2. We have  $\operatorname{End}_A T_1 = \mathbb{k} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{I}} / \mathcal{I}_{\mathrm{I}}$  and  $\operatorname{End}_A T_2 = \mathbb{k} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{II}} / \mathcal{I}_{\mathrm{II}}$ , where

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{I}} = \begin{array}{c} & \overset{\alpha_{12}'}{2} & \overset{\alpha_{24}'}{2} \\ & 1 & \overset{\alpha_{45}'}{3} & 5, \end{array} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{I}_{\mathrm{I}} = \langle \alpha_{12}' \alpha_{24}', \alpha_{13}' \alpha_{24}' \rangle; \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & &$$

and

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\mathrm{II}} = \qquad 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_{12}'} 2 \xleftarrow{\alpha_{32}'} 3 \xleftarrow{\alpha_{43}'} 4, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{I}_{\mathrm{II}} = 0.$$

It is easy to see that  $\operatorname{End}_A T_1$  and  $\operatorname{End}_A T_2$  are representation-finite. It follows that  $\operatorname{End}_A T$  is representation-finite for any non-trivial G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module T.

In the following, we provide a general method to construct a non-trivial G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module T over a representation-infinite gentle algebra A with infinite global dimension such that  $\operatorname{End}_A T$  is representation-infinite. We need the following lemma to show that this construction is always feasible.

**Lemma 6.2.** Assume that  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  is a gentle algebra with at least one full relational oriented cycle. Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}$  be a subquiver of  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{I}} = \langle \alpha \beta \in \mathcal{I} \mid \alpha \in \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_1, \beta \in \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_1 \rangle$  such that  $\widehat{A} := \mathbb{k}\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}}$  is a gentle algebra with a unique full relational oriented cycle. Then for any  $\widehat{A}$ -module  $\widehat{T} \in \operatorname{GPs\tau-tilt}(\widehat{A})$ , there is an A-module  $T \in \operatorname{GPs\tau-tilt}(A)$  such that if  $\operatorname{End}_{\widehat{A}}\widehat{T}$  is representation-infinite, then so is  $\operatorname{End}_A T$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g = g_{ij} \in PC(\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}})$  be a non-projective G-projective curve consecutively cross arcs  $\widehat{a}_1^g, \dots, \widehat{a}_{n(g)}^g$  in  $\Delta_{\bullet}(\widehat{A})$  (see Figure 6.3 (1)), where

$$\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}} := \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\widehat{A}}}(\widehat{A}) = (\mathcal{S}(\widehat{A}), \mathcal{M}(\widehat{A}), \Delta_{\bullet}(\widehat{A}))^{\mathcal{E}_{\widehat{A}}}$$

is the marked ribbon surface of  $\widehat{A}$ . Since  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}$  is a subquiver of  $\mathcal{Q}$ , we have, up to homotopy,

$$\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet} \precsim \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}_{\bullet}(A) \tag{6.1}$$

by Lemma 3.3. Furthermore, consider the set

$$X = \{a \in \Delta_{\bullet}(A) \mid a \text{ is left to the } a_{i,j-1} \text{ at the marked point } p_{ij}\}$$
  
$$\overset{\text{denoted by}}{=} \{a_k \in \Delta_{\bullet}(A) \mid 1 \leq k \leq N\}.$$

We have  $\{\hat{a}_j^g \mid 1 \leq j \leq n(g)\} \subseteq X$ . Let  $g' \in PC(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A))$  be the curve consecutively cross  $a_1, \dots, a_N$ . Then g' is a non-projective G-projective curve by Proposition 4.5 (see Figure 6.3 (2)).

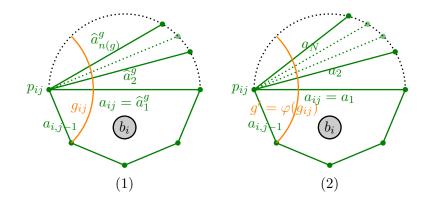


FIGURE 6.3.

Similarly, for any projective curve  $\wp$  in  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet}$ , we can get a projective curve  $\wp'$  in  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}_{\bullet}(A)$ . It induces an injection  $\varphi$  between the set of all G-projective curves in  $\mathrm{PC}(\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet})$  and that of all G-projective curves in  $\mathrm{PC}(\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_A}_{\bullet}(A))$  by  $g \mapsto g'$ .

Suppose  $\widehat{T} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{r} \mathfrak{M}([c_j])$ . Then there is a GPGD D of  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\bullet}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}$  such that  $c_j \in D$  is G-projective for any  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , and  $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{r} \mathfrak{M}([\varphi(c_j)])$  is a support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module by the definition of support  $\tau$ -tilting modules. Thus, for any  $c \neq c'$ ,  $\varphi(D) = \{\varphi(c) \mid c \in D\}$  satisfies  $\varphi(c) \cap \varphi(c') \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) = \emptyset$ , that is,  $\varphi(D)$  is a PGD of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$ . Then, by [7, Theorem 3.15], we have

$$\operatorname{End}_{\widehat{A}}\widehat{T} \cong \operatorname{End}_A\Big(\bigoplus_{c\in D}\mathfrak{M}([\varphi(c)])\Big) (= \operatorname{End}_A\mathfrak{M}([\varphi(D)])).$$

(Indeed, all irreducible morphisms can be corresponded by the pivot elementary moves of permissible curves. Thus, all arrows of the quivers of  $\operatorname{End}_{\widehat{A}}\widehat{T}$  and  $\operatorname{End}_{A}\mathfrak{M}([\varphi(D)])$  can be given by the angles of elementary  $\bullet$ -polygons obtained by GPGD cutting  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}^{\widehat{\mathcal{E}}}_{\bullet}$  and  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}_{\bullet}(A)$ , respectively).

For any arc  $a \in \Delta_{\bullet}(A) \setminus \Delta_{\bullet}(\widehat{A})$ , define  $\mathfrak{c}(a)$  to be:

- a, if  $a \cap \eta \cap (S \setminus \partial S) = \emptyset$  for all  $\eta \in \varphi(D)$ ;
- $\wp(a)$ , otherwise.

Then  $D' = \varphi(D) \cup \{\mathfrak{c}(a) \mid a \in \Delta_{\bullet}(A) \setminus \Delta_{\bullet}(\widehat{A})\}$  is a GPGD of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_A}(A)$ , and so  $T := \mathfrak{M}(D') \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau\operatorname{-tilt}(A)$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{M}([\varphi(D)])$  is a direct summand of T, we have that  $\operatorname{End}_A \mathfrak{M}([\varphi(D)])$  is a direct summand of  $\operatorname{End}_A T$ . Furthermore, if  $\operatorname{End}_{\widehat{A}} \widehat{T}$  is representation-infinite, then so is  $\operatorname{End}_A T$ .

All gentle algebras with infinite global dimension to the following three classes:

- (I) The quiver of A contains the subquiver  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}}$  which is an oriented cycle  $C_i$  connected to a band  $\mathscr{C}$  such that  $C_i$  and  $\mathscr{C}$  have no common arrow (cf. FIGURE 6.4). In this case, write  $e_{\mathbf{I}} := \sum_{v \in (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_0} \varepsilon_v$ , where  $\varepsilon_v$  is the path of length zero corresponding to the vertex  $v \in (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_0$  (naturally,  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{I}} = \langle \alpha \beta \in \mathcal{I} \mid \alpha, \beta \in (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_1 \rangle$ ).
- (II) The quiver of A contains the subquiver  $\mathcal{Q}_{II}$  which is an oriented cycle  $C_i$  with a band  $\mathscr{C}$  such that  $C_i$  and  $\mathscr{C}$  have at least one common arrow (cf. FIGURE 6.5). In this case, write  $e_{II} := \sum_{v \in (\mathcal{Q}_{II})_0} \varepsilon_v$  (naturally,  $\mathcal{I}_{II} = \langle \alpha \beta \in \mathcal{I} \mid \alpha, \beta \in (\mathcal{Q}_{II})_1 \rangle$ ).
- (III) The quiver of A has no band. In this case, A is representation-finite, and its quiver has at least one full relational oriented cycle.

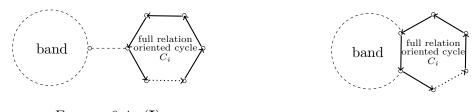


FIGURE 6.4.  $(\mathbf{I})$ 

FIGURE 6.5. (II)

Set  $A_{\mathbf{I}} := \mathbb{k} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}} / \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{I}}$  and  $A_{\mathbf{II}} := \mathbb{k} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{II}} / \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{II}}$ . Assume that A is a representation-infinite. Then the quiver  $\mathcal{Q}$  has at least one band  $\mathscr{C}_n$  and has at least one full relational oriented cycle  $C_i$ .

Now we provide a method to construct a non-trivial G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module T such that  $B = \text{End}_A T$  is representation-infinite. Note that there are the following two cases:

Case 1. Q has a subquiver which is of the form  $Q_I$ ;

Case 2. Q has a subquiver which is of the form  $Q_{II}$ .

We only give the construction in Case 1, the construction in Case 2 is similar.

# Construction 6.3.

Step 1. Select the subsurface  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{I}}(A_{\mathbf{I}})}$  of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$  (cf. the left picture in FIGURE 6.6). The existence of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{I}}(A_{\mathbf{I}})}$  is given by Lemma 3.3, and the number of projective curves crossed by  $g_{i1}$  is at least one.

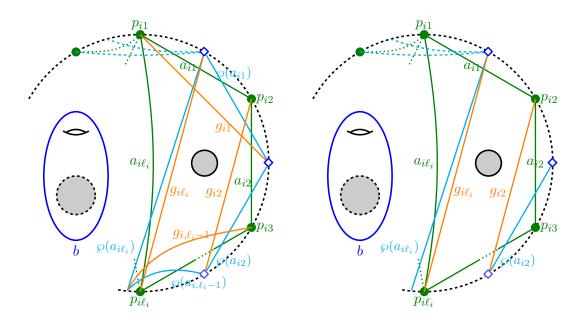


FIGURE 6.6. There exists a permissible curve b without endpoint in Case I or II.

Step 2. Set

$$X := \{ g_{ij} \in \operatorname{PC}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{I}}}(A_{\mathbf{I}})) \mid 2 \le j \le \ell_i \text{ is even} \}; Y := \{ \wp \in \operatorname{PC}(\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{I}}}(A_{\mathbf{I}})) \mid \wp \text{ is projective} \}.$$

Then  $\sharp Y = \sharp(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_0$ . By Lemma 5.1, we have  $\wp(a_{i,j-1}) \cap g_{ij} \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset$ . Step 3. Removing all the above projective curves  $\wp(a_{i,j-1})$  from Y, we obtain a subset Y' of Y such that  $\sharp Y' = \sharp(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_0 - \sharp X$ . Then

$$g_{i\overline{i}} \cap \wp(a) \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) = \varnothing$$
 for any  $a \in Y'$ , and  $g_{i\overline{i}} \cap g_{i\overline{i+2}} \cap (\mathcal{S} \setminus \partial \mathcal{S}) = \varnothing$ ,

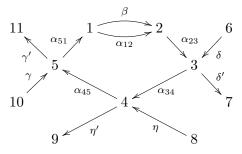
Step 4. Let  $D_{\bullet} := X \cup Y'$  be a GPGD. Then  $\mathfrak{M}(D_{\bullet}) \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A) is non-trivial and its endomorphism algebra  $\operatorname{End}_A \mathfrak{M}(D_{\bullet})$  is representation-infinite. Indeed,  $D_{\bullet}$  is a GPD satisfying

$$\sharp D_{\bullet} = \sharp X + \sharp Y' = \sharp X + (\sharp (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_0 - \sharp X) = \sharp (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathbf{I}})_0.$$

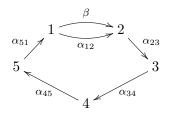
It follows from [16, Corollary 5.8], Proposition 4.5 and Corollary 4.7 that  $\mathfrak{M}(D_{\bullet}) \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau$ -tilt( $A_{\mathbf{I}}$ ). Note that for each vertex v in band, the projective module  $P(v)_{A_{\mathbf{I}}}$  corresponding to  $\wp(\mathfrak{v}^{-1}(v)) \in \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{I}}}(A_{\mathbf{I}})$  is a direct summand of  $\widehat{T}$ . Thus,  $\operatorname{End}_{\widehat{A}}\widehat{T}$  is representation-infinite. By Lemma 6.2,  $\operatorname{End}_{A}T$  is representation-infinite, where  $T = \mathfrak{M}(D_{\bullet}) \in \operatorname{GPs}\tau$ -tilt(A) is non-trivial.

We also give another example to illustrate our results.

**Example 6.4.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{I}$  be a gentle algebra where  $\mathcal{Q} =$ 



and  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \alpha_{12}\alpha_{23}, \alpha_{23}\alpha_{34}, \alpha_{34}\alpha_{45}, \alpha_{45}\alpha_{51}, \alpha_{51}\alpha_{12}, \gamma\gamma', \delta\delta', \eta\eta' \rangle$ . Consider the gentle algebra  $\widehat{A} = \mathbb{k}\widehat{Q}/\widehat{\mathcal{I}}$  given by  $\widehat{Q} =$ 



and  $\widehat{\mathcal{I}} = \langle \alpha_{12}\alpha_{23}, \alpha_{23}\alpha_{34}, \alpha_{34}\alpha_{45}, \alpha_{45}\alpha_{51}, \alpha_{51}\alpha_{12} \rangle$ . Then  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\widehat{A}}}(\widehat{A}) \preceq \mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$  and the GPDG  $\widehat{D} = \{g_{i2}, g_{i4}, \wp(a_{i2}), \wp(a_{i4}), \wp(a_{i5})\}$  of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{\widehat{A}}}(\widehat{A})$  can be seen as a PGD D of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$ , see FIGURE 6.7. In this case,  $\widehat{D}$  corresponds to the G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting  $\widehat{A}$ -module

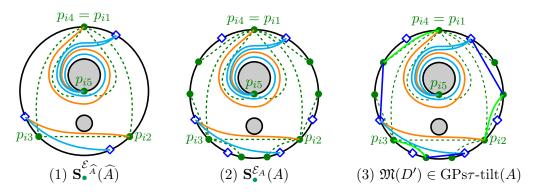


FIGURE 6.7. Constructing  $T = \mathfrak{M}(D')$  such that  $\operatorname{End}_A T$  is representation-infinite.

$$\widehat{T} = 2 \oplus 5 \oplus 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus 3^{\frac{2}{3}} \oplus \frac{4}{5},$$

and  $\varphi(\widehat{D})$  corresponds to the support  $\tau$ -tilting A-module

$$2\oplus {}_{10}^{\phantom{1}5} \oplus {}_{2}{}_{\frac{2}{3}}^{\phantom{1}2} \oplus {}_{\frac{2}{3}}^{\phantom{2}2} \oplus {}_{7}^{\phantom{2}4} \oplus {}_{11}^{\phantom{4}5},$$

where  $\varphi$  is the injection defined in the proof of Lemma 6.2. Thus,  $\varphi(\widehat{D})$  can be embedded into a GPGD  $D' = \varphi(\widehat{D}) \cup \{\mathfrak{c}(a) \mid a \in \Delta_{\bullet}(A) \setminus \Delta_{\bullet}(\widehat{A})\}$  of  $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{E}_{A}}(A)$  which corresponds to the G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting A-module

$$T := \mathfrak{M}(D') = 2 \oplus \frac{5}{10} \oplus \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{2}{3} \oplus \frac{2}{3} \oplus \frac{9}{5} \oplus \frac{4}{5} \oplus 7 \oplus 9 \oplus 11. \text{ (see Figure 6.7 (3))}.$$

Then  $\operatorname{End}_A T$  is representation-infinite by Proposition 3.6.

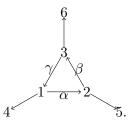
It is known that any tilting right A-module T over an arbitrary finite dimensional kalgebra A is a tilting left B-module  ${}_{B}T$  with  $B = \operatorname{End}(T_{A})$  and  $\operatorname{End}({}_{B}T) \cong A$ . However, we will give some examples to show that the following statements might be false when  $T_{A}$ is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module over a gentle algebra A. That is, the following properties (a) and (b) do not hold in general.

- (a)  $_BT$  is G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting, where  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$ .
- (b)  $\operatorname{End}_{B}T \cong A$ .

See Examples 6.5 and 6.6.

The following example shows that there is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module T over a gentle algebra A such that neither (a) nor (b) holds.

**Example 6.5.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\langle \alpha\beta, \beta\gamma, \gamma\alpha \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is



We write

$$T_1 = 4,$$
  $T_2 = 4^{1}_{\frac{2}{5}},$   $T_3 = \frac{1}{4},$   $T_4 = 6^{3}_{\frac{1}{4}},$   $T_5 = 6,$   $T_6 = 5.$ 

Then we may verify that  $T_A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^6 T_i$  is a G-projective support  $\tau$ -tilting module, and  $B = \operatorname{End}(T_A)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}'/\langle a_{32}a_{21}\rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}'$  is

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 1 \stackrel{a_{21}}{\longleftarrow} 2 \stackrel{a_{32}}{\longleftarrow} 3 \stackrel{a_{43}}{\longleftarrow} 4 \stackrel{a_{45}}{\longrightarrow} 5\\ a_{26} \\ \downarrow \\ 6. \end{array}$$

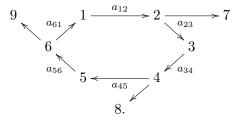
We have

is neither G-projective nor G-injective because the simple module 2 is neither projective nor injective. Furthermore, we have  $\operatorname{End}_{BT} = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}''/\langle \alpha_{53}\alpha_{32}\rangle$  which is not isomorphic to A, where  $\mathcal{Q}''$  is

$$1 \stackrel{\alpha_{21}}{\longleftarrow} 2 \qquad 6$$
$$\alpha_{32} \stackrel{\wedge}{\mid} \alpha_{56} \stackrel{\wedge}{\mid}$$
$$4 \stackrel{\alpha_{34}}{\longleftarrow} 3 \stackrel{\alpha_{56}}{\longleftarrow} 5.$$

The following example shows that there is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module T over a gentle algebra A such that (a) holds but (b) does not.

**Example 6.6.** Let  $A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\langle a_{12}a_{23}, a_{23}a_{34}, a_{34}a_{45}, a_{45}a_{56}, a_{56}a_{61} \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is



Then

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{2}{7} \oplus 7 \oplus \frac{3}{4} \oplus \frac{4}{8} \oplus 8 \oplus \frac{5}{9} \oplus \frac{6}{9} \oplus 9$$

is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module. We have  $B := \operatorname{End}(T_A) \cong (\Bbbk A_3^1) \oplus (\Bbbk A_3^2) \oplus$  $(\mathbb{k}A_3^3)$ , where

$$A_3^i = (i,1) \longrightarrow (i,2) \longrightarrow (i,3)$$

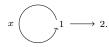
for any  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Furthermore, we have that  $_{B}T$  is isomorphic to

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^{3} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{(i,1)}_{(i,2)} \oplus {}^{(i,1)}_{(i,2)} \oplus (i,1) \\ {}^{(i,3)}_{(i,3)} \oplus {}^{(i,1)}_{(i,2)} \oplus (i,1) \end{pmatrix},$$

which is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting left B-module (Note that the indecomposable projective left B-module corresponding to the vertex i in the quiver of B is induced by paths with the ending point i, this is the opposite of the case of the indecomposable projective right A-module).

The following example shows that there is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module T over a gentle algebra A with infinite global dimension such that both (a) and (b) hold.

**Example 6.7.** Let 
$$A = \mathbb{k}\mathcal{Q}/\langle x^2 \rangle$$
, where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is



 $x \longrightarrow 1 \longrightarrow 2.$ Then  $T_A = 2^{1}_{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus 2$  is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module and  $B := \operatorname{End}(T_A) \cong A.$ Furthermore,

$${}_{B}T \cong \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right] \bigoplus \Bbbk^{4} \xrightarrow{[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]} \Bbbk \cong \overset{1}{}_{1} \oplus \overset{1}{}_{2}^{1}.$$

It is easy to check that T is a G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting left B-module.

We have not found any example of a non-trivial G-projective  $\tau$ -tilting right A-module T over a gentle algebra A such that (b) holds but (a) does not.

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