

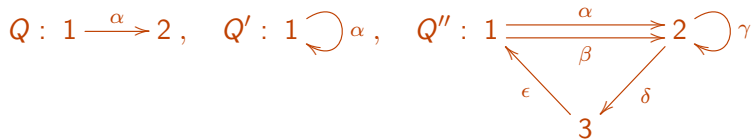
# Quivers and Path Algebras

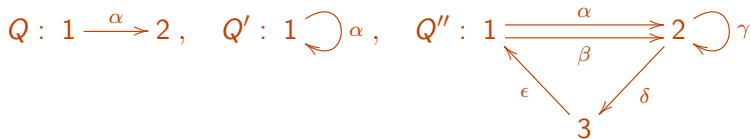
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**Krull-Remak-Schmidt-theorem:**

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- (b) Any decomposition into indecomposables is essentially unique.



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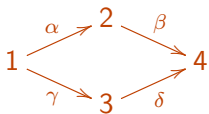
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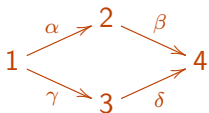
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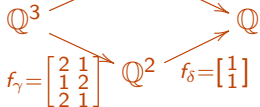
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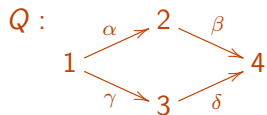
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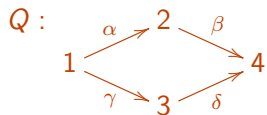
Representation:  $f_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightarrow$   $\mathbb{Q}$   $f_\beta = [1]$  with  $3f_\alpha f_\beta - f_\gamma f_\delta = 0$ .





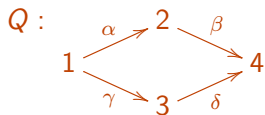


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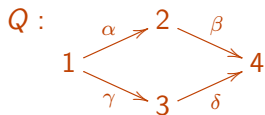
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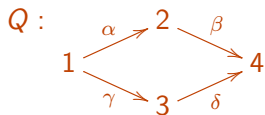
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