Singularity categories, Leavitt path algebras and shift spaces

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- This gives rise to the A_Q -module category, denoted by A_Q -mod.

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