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We will discuss some tools for studying indecomposable tree modules of small dimension  $d$ , having in mind the quiver  $S_m$  with one vertex and  $m$  loops as our main focus.

Utilizing some computations of Le Bruyn, we show that for  $d \leq 5$  and any  $m$ , the number of dimension  $d$  tree modules for  $S_m$  is equal to  $ai_{m,d}(1)$ , where  $ai_{m,d}(q)$  is the polynomial in  $q$  counting isomorphism classes of (absolutely) indecomposable representations of dimension  $d$  over the field with  $q$  elements. (The number  $ai_{m,d}(1)$  is also the Euler characteristic of the moduli space of indecomposable complex representations of dimension  $d$ .)

The computations quickly become difficult as  $d$  grows, so for  $d > 5$  it is not known if it is still true. We end with some other examples where this phenomenon is exhibited, and speculate on the relation of these observations to a conjecture of Kac. (Received January 24, 2011)