

# Sandpiles and Hopf algebras

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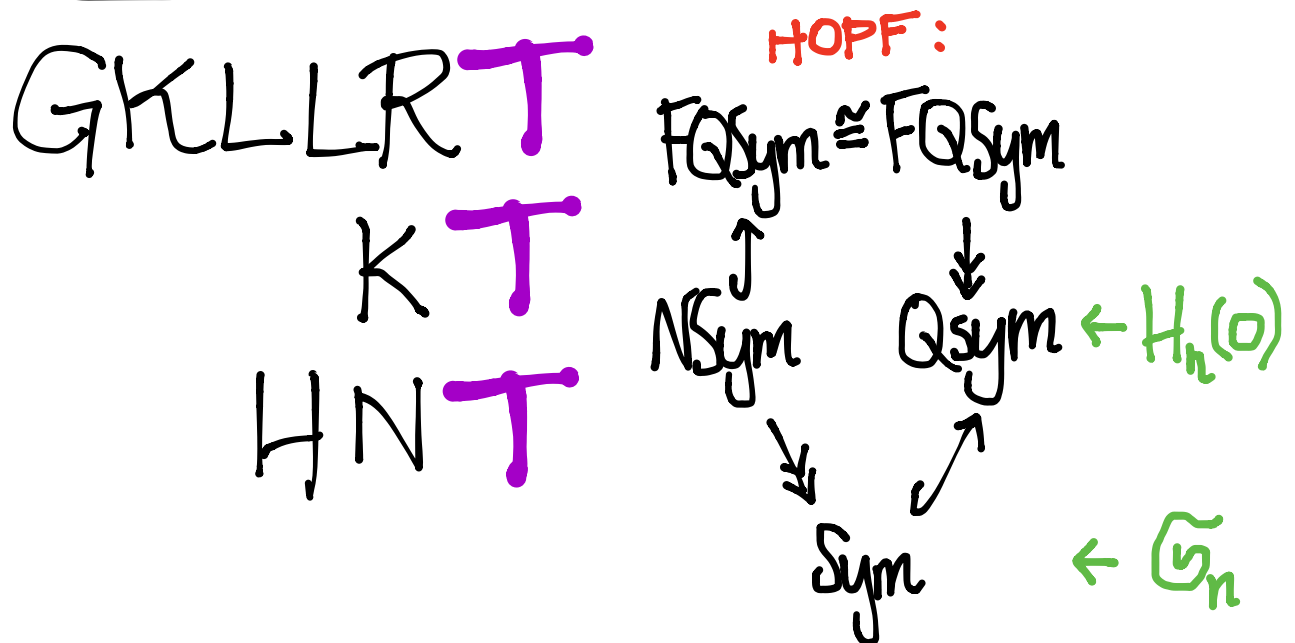
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## OUTLINE

Laplacian &  
sandpile group for a...

- ... graph
- ... group representation
- ... module over a  
Hopf algebra

# Graphs

$\Gamma = (V, E)$  an undirected multigraph  
 $V = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \ell\}$

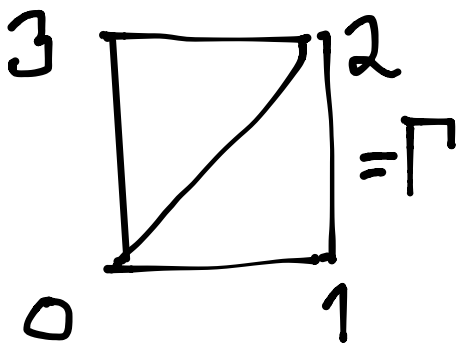
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$$L_{\Gamma} := D_{\Gamma} - A_{\Gamma}$$

graph Laplacian      diagonal matrix of vertex degrees      adjacency matrix

$$(L_{\Gamma})_{ij} = \begin{cases} \deg_{\Gamma}(i) & \text{if } i=j \\ -\#\{\text{edges } i \text{ to } j\} & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

## EXAMPLE



$$L_{\Gamma} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



The graph Laplacian  $L_\Gamma$  is

- symmetric, positive semi-definite

$$(L_\Gamma = \partial\partial^T \text{ where } \mathbb{R}^E \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{R}^V)$$

- has  $\mathbb{R} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \subseteq \ker(L_\Gamma)$

- equality here  $\iff \Gamma$  connected

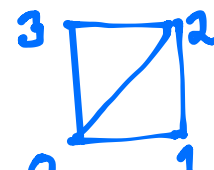
- and then its eigenvalues  
 $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_\ell$

let one count the spanning trees in  $\Gamma$

$$\tau(\Gamma) = \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_\ell}{\ell + 1}$$

Alternatively,

$$\tau(\Gamma) \stackrel{\text{Kirchhoff's Matrix-Tree Theorem}}{=} \det \left( \underbrace{L_\Gamma - \begin{Bmatrix} 0^{\text{th}} \text{ row,} \\ 0^{\text{th}} \text{ column} \end{Bmatrix}}_{\text{reduced Laplacian } \bar{L}_\Gamma} \right)$$

EXAMPLE  $\Gamma =$   has

$$\tau(\Gamma) = 8 = \# \{ \square, \sqcup, \sqsupset, \sqcap, \bowtie, \nearrow, \searrow \}$$

$$L_\Gamma = \begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with eigenvalues}$$
$$0 \leq 2 \leq 4 \leq 4$$
$$\lambda_0 \quad \lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \quad \lambda_3$$

$$\tau(\Gamma) = \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3}{4} = \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{4} = 8 \checkmark$$

$$\tau(\Gamma) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2(3 \cdot 2 - 1) + (-1 \cdot 2 - 0)$$
$$\bar{L}_\Gamma \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 10 - 2 = 8 \checkmark$$

## REMARK:

Eigenvalues of  $L_{\Gamma}$  are known  
for many families of graphs,  
letting one compute  $\tau(\Gamma)$ :

graphs with large symmetry

- complete graphs,  
complete multipartite graphs
- distance-regular graphs

graphs with inductive structure

- threshold graphs, co-graphs
- cubes, Cartesian products

What about  $L_\Gamma$  as a **integral** map

$$\mathbb{Z}^V \xrightarrow{L_\Gamma} \mathbb{Z}^V \quad ?$$

e.g. its **rank** when **reduced mod  $p$** ?

This can be encoded by

$$\text{coker}(\mathbb{Z}^V \xrightarrow{L_\Gamma} \mathbb{Z}^V) := \mathbb{Z}^V / \text{im}(L_\Gamma)$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus K(\Gamma)$$

or **critical group**  
**sandpile group**

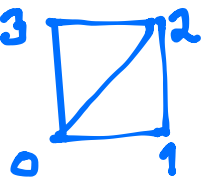
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Alternatively,

$$K(\Gamma) = \text{coker}(\mathbb{Z}^l \xrightarrow{\bar{L}_\Gamma} \mathbb{Z}^l)$$

and  $K(\Gamma)$  is finite  $\iff \Gamma$  connected

$$\# K(\Gamma) = \tau(\Gamma) = \# \text{spanning trees in } \Gamma$$

EXAMPLE  $\Gamma =$   has

$$L_\Gamma = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \text{ with } \text{coker} \left( \mathbb{Z}^4 \xrightarrow{L_\Gamma} \mathbb{Z}^4 \right) \\ \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}_{K(\Gamma)}$$

because  $L_\Gamma$  has Smith normal form

$$PL_\Gamma Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad P, Q \in GL_4(\mathbb{Z})$$

Alternatively, using reduced Laplacian  $\bar{L}_\Gamma$

$$K(\Gamma) = \text{coker} \left( \mathbb{Z}^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{Z}^3 \right) \\ \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$$

via an equivalent Smith calculation.

So, e.g.,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(L_\Gamma) = 1$  (not 0 or 2)

Why sandpile or critical group?  
The reduced Laplacian  $\bar{L}_\Gamma$  is an  
avalanche-finite matrix:

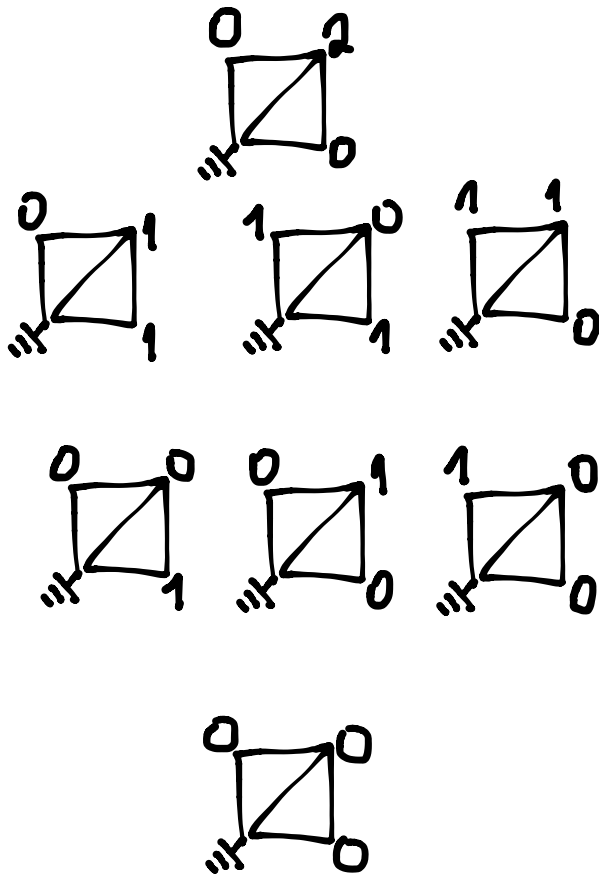
- entries in  $\mathbb{Z}$
- off-diagonal entries  $\leq 0$
- invertible, with inverse entries  $\geq 0$

$\implies \exists$  two interesting classes  
of coset representatives for

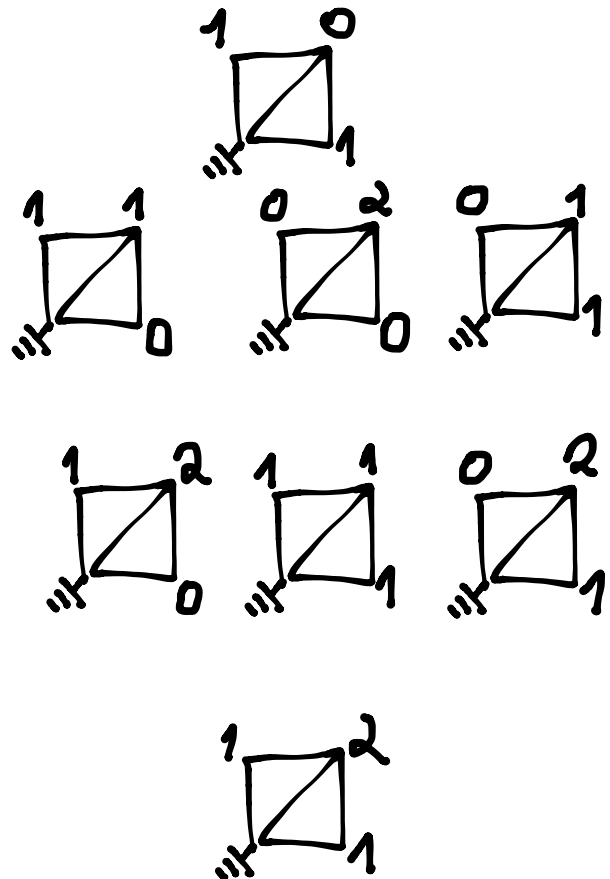
$$K(\Gamma) = \mathbb{Z}^l / \text{im } \bar{L}_\Gamma$$

(lying in  $\mathbb{N}^l$ , namely the

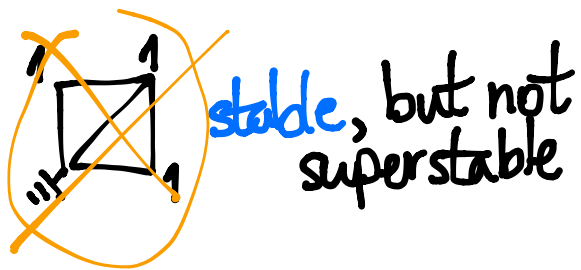
- critical (= stable, recurrent) configurations
- superstable configurations



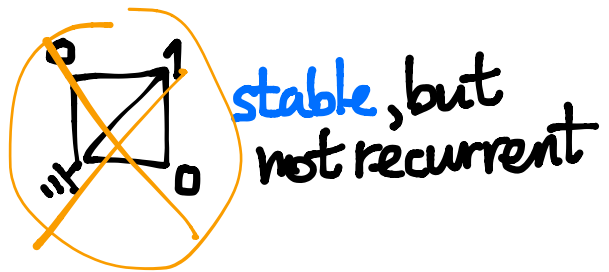
superstable configurations



critical configurations



stable, but not superstable



stable, but not recurrent

Now for (ordinary)

# Finite group representations

- $G$  a finite group
- irreducible/simple complex  $G$ -representations /  $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules

trivial  $\mathbb{1}_G = S_0, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_l$   
 $G$ -rep

- characters  $\chi_0, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_l$

## EXAMPLE

$G = C_4 =$  rotational symmetries of 

	$e$	$(123)$	$(132)$	$(12)(34)$
$\mathbb{1}_G = \chi_0$	1	1	1	1
$\chi_1$	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	1
$\chi_2$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega$	1
$\chi_3$	3	0	0	-1

$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$$



DEFINITION: Given a representation

$$G \xrightarrow{\rho} GL_n(\mathbb{C}), \text{ define...}$$

- McKay matrix  $M_\rho = (m_{ij})$

$$\left( \chi_{\mathbb{S}_i \otimes \rho} \right) \chi_i \chi_\rho = \sum_{j=0}^{l+1} m_{ij} \chi_j$$

- $L_\rho := nI_{l+1} - M_\rho$

- $\overline{L}_\rho := L_\rho - \begin{Bmatrix} \chi_0 \text{ row} \\ \chi_0 \text{ column} \end{Bmatrix}$

- $K(\rho) := \text{coker}(\mathbb{Z}^l \xrightarrow{\overline{L}_\rho} \mathbb{Z}^l)$   
sandpile group  
or  
 $\mathbb{Z} \oplus K(\rho) = \text{coker}(\mathbb{Z}^{l+1} \xrightarrow{L_\rho} \mathbb{Z}^{l+1})$

# EXAMPLE

$$G = \mathcal{O}_4 \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{SO}_3(\mathbb{R}) \cong \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{C})$$

via rotational symmetries of 

	e	(123)	(132)	(12)(34)
$\chi_0 = \mathbb{1}_G$	1	1	1	1
$\chi_1$	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	1
$\chi_2$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega$	1
$\chi_3$	3	0	0	-1

$$\chi_0 \chi_\rho = \chi_1 \chi_\rho = \chi_2 \chi_\rho = \chi_\rho = 1 \chi_3$$

$$\chi_3 \chi_\rho = 1 \chi_0 + 1 \chi_1 + 1 \chi_2 + 2 \chi_3$$



$$M_\rho =$$

$$\begin{matrix} \chi_0 & \chi_1 & \chi_2 & \chi_3 \\ \chi_0 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \chi_1 & \\ \chi_2 & \\ \chi_3 & \end{matrix}$$

$$M_p = \begin{matrix} & \chi_0 & \chi_1 & \chi_2 & \chi_3 \\ \chi_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \chi_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \chi_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \chi_3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix}$$

McKay matrix

$$L_p = 3I_4 - M_p = \begin{matrix} & \chi_0 & \chi_1 & \chi_2 & \chi_3 \\ \chi_0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ \chi_1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ \chi_2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ \chi_3 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\bar{L}_p = \begin{matrix} & \chi_1 & \chi_2 & \chi_3 \\ \chi_1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ \chi_2 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ \chi_3 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Smith normal form}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K(p) = \text{coker } \bar{L}_p \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$$

Sandpile group

Why is  $\text{coker } L_\rho = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \underbrace{\text{coker } \bar{L}_\rho}_{K(\rho)}$ ?

Because  $L_\rho$  has

$$\bar{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_0(e) \\ \chi_1(e) \\ \vdots \\ \chi_\rho(e) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_\rho \end{bmatrix}$$

as both **right** and **left**-nullvector.

EXAMPLE

$$L_\rho \bar{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

THEOREM

The inclusion  $\mathbb{R}\bar{s} \subseteq \ker L_\rho$  is an **equality**

$\Leftrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is **faithful**!

More generally, the columns of the character table

$$\bar{s}(g) := \begin{bmatrix} \chi_0(g) \\ \chi_1(g) \\ \vdots \\ \chi_l(g) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and re-ordered columns}$$
$$\bar{s}^*(g) := \begin{bmatrix} \chi_0^*(g) \\ \chi_1^*(g) \\ \vdots \\ \chi_l^*(g) \end{bmatrix}$$

give right and left eigenbases for  $M_\rho, L_\rho$ :

$$\sum_{j=0}^l m_{ij} \chi_j(g) = \chi_i(g) \chi_\rho(g)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\rho \bar{s}(g) = \chi_\rho(g) \bar{s}(g)$$

$$L_\rho \bar{s}(g) = \underbrace{(n - \chi_\rho(g))}_{\text{eigenvalues of } L_\rho} \bar{s}(g)$$

# THEOREMS & EXAMPLES

THEOREM (Benkart-Klivans-R.)

Faithful **abelian** group reps  $G \xrightarrow{\rho} GL_n(\mathbb{C})$

$$\text{have } K(\rho) = \underbrace{K(\Gamma)}_{\substack{\text{(di-)graph} \\ \text{sandpile group}}}$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the **Cayley digraph** for the group of  $G$ -characters

$G = \{\chi_0, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_\ell\}$  with respect to the

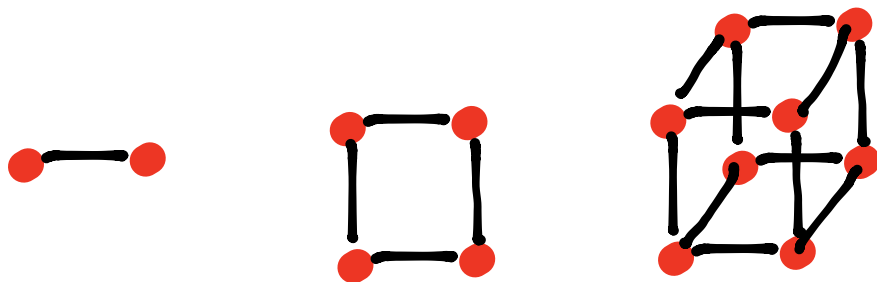
generating multiset  $\{\chi_{i_1}, \dots, \chi_{i_n}\}$ ,

where  $\chi_\rho = \chi_{i_1} + \dots + \chi_{i_n}$ .

# EXAMPLE

$$G = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^{\epsilon_1} & & & \\ & (-1)^{\epsilon_2} & & \\ & & \bigcirc & \\ & & \vdots & \\ \bigcirc & & & (-1)^{\epsilon_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

has  $K(\mathcal{Y}) = K(\text{n-cube})$



**THEOREM** (Gaetz) For any faithful representation  $\rho$  of  $G$ ,

$$\#K(\rho) = \frac{1}{\#G} \cdot \prod_{\substack{G\text{-conj. classes} \\ [g] \neq \{e\}}} (n - \chi_{\rho}(g))$$


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**EXAMPLE**  $G = U_4 \xrightarrow{\rho} SO_3(\mathbb{R}) \subset GL_3(\mathbb{C})$

had  $K(\rho) = 74/372$

	e	(123)	(132)	(12)(34)
$\chi_{\rho}$	3	0	0	-1

$$\#K(\rho) = \frac{1}{12} (3-0)(3-0)(3-(-1)) = 3$$



# EXAMPLE (Guetz)

The regular representation of  $G$

$$G \xrightarrow{\text{reg}_G} \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

where  $n = \#G$ , has

$\#(G\text{-conjugacy classes}) - 2$

$$K(\text{reg}_G) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$$

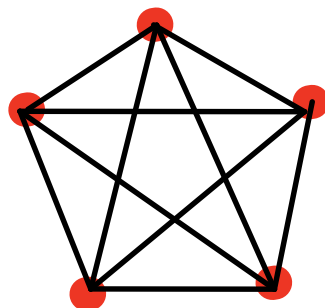
$\Downarrow$  G abelian

$$K(\text{reg}_G) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{n-2}$$

$\Downarrow$   $G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

$$K(K_n) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{n-2}$$

complete graph



$K_5$

## THEOREM (Benkart-Kivans-R)

For faithful  $G$ -reps  $\rho$ ,  
 $\bar{L}_\rho$  is an **avalanche-finite** matrix,  
so one can compute in  
 $K(\rho) = \text{coker}(\bar{L}_\rho)$  via topping  
with **superstable** or **critical**  
coset representatives in  $\mathbb{N}^3$

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## EXAMPLE (continued)

$$\bar{L}_\rho = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{with } K(\rho) = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ [0 & 0 & 0] \\ [1 & 0 & 0] \\ [0 & 1 & 0] \end{matrix}$$

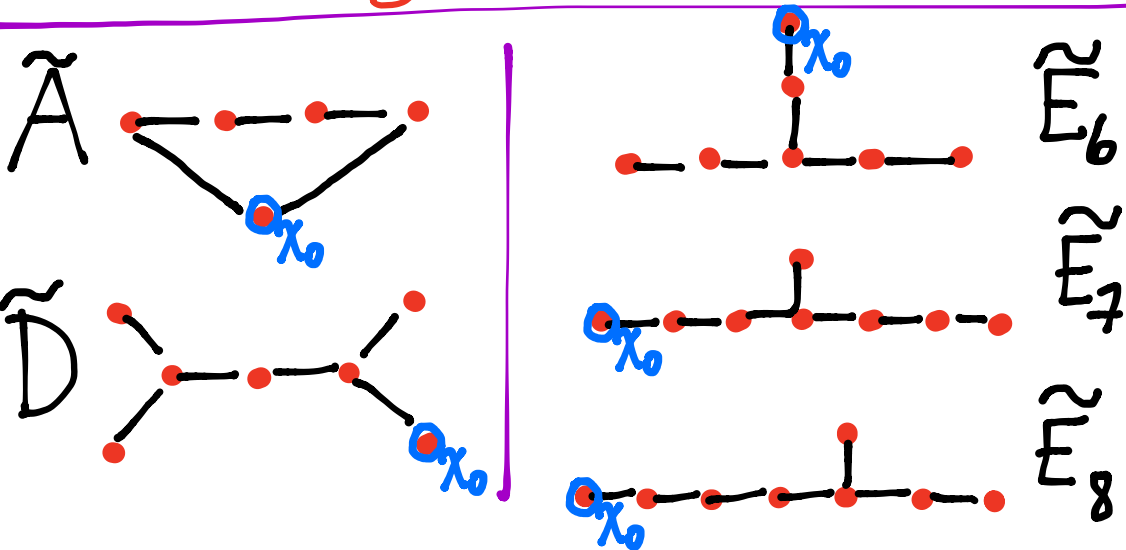
superstables

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ [2 & 2 & 0] \\ [1 & 2 & 0] \\ [2 & 1 & 0] \end{matrix}$$

criticals

# McKay's original setting:

**THEOREM** (McKay 1980) If  $G_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  then  $\bar{L}_\rho, L_\rho$  are the **Cartan** and **extended Cartan** matrices for  $\Phi$  a simply-laced finite **root system**, and the McKay digraph is the (bidirected) **affine Dynkin diagram** for  $\Phi$ .



**THEOREM** (Benkart-Klivans-R)

In McKay's original setting of

$$G \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C}), \quad \text{one has}$$

$$K(\mathcal{P}) \cong G^{ab} = G/[G, G]$$

abelianization  
of  $G$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \cong \text{weight lattice } (\Phi) \\ \hline \text{root lattice } (\Phi) \\ \text{fundamental group of } \underline{\mathfrak{g}} \\ \cong \pi_1 \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{adjoint} \\ \text{compact Lie} \\ \text{group for } \Phi \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right]$$

# Hopf algebras

Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{F}$

$$\Rightarrow A \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^l P_i \oplus \dim S_i$$

left-regular  
A-module

where  $S_0, S_1, \dots, S_l$  are the simple A-modules

$P_0, P_1, \dots, P_l$  the indecomposable projective A-modules

Now assume  $A$  is also a Hopf algebra:

• coproduct  $A \xrightarrow{\Delta} A \otimes A$  defines  $A$ -mod  $V \otimes W$

• counit  $A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{F}$  Trivial  $A$ -mod  $S_0$  on  $\mathbb{F}$

• antipode  $A \xrightarrow{\alpha} A$  Left and right duals  ${}^*V, V^*$

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EXAMPLE  $A = \mathbb{F}G$  = group algebra for a finite group  $G$ , with

• coproduct  $g \mapsto g \otimes g$

• counit  $g \mapsto 1$

• antipode  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$

Instead of working with characters  $\chi_V$ ,  
work in Grothendieck group  $G_0(A)$ ,

where  $A$ -module sequences

$$0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow V \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0$$

give relations  $[V] = [U] + [W]$ .

Then  $G_0(A) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{l+1}$  with

$\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $[S_0], [S_1], \dots, [S_l]$

$$\text{and } [V] = \sum_{i=0}^l [v : s_i] [S_i].$$

composition  
multiplicity of  
 $s_i$  in  $V$

One has multiplication from

$$[V][W] := [V \otimes W].$$

DEFINITION: For an  $A$ -module  $V$ , let

- $M_V \in \mathbb{Z}^{(l+1) \times (l+1)}$  express the map  
McKay matrix

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_0(A) & \xrightarrow{(-) \cdot [V]} & G_0(A) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{Z}^{l+1} & & \mathbb{Z}^{l+1} \end{array}$$

that is,  $(M_V)_{ij} := [S_j \otimes V : S_i]$

- $L_V = \underset{l+1}{n} \mathbb{T} - M_V$  where  $n := \dim V$

- $\mathbb{Z} \oplus K(V) := \text{coker} \left( \mathbb{Z}^{(l+1)} \xrightarrow{L_V} \mathbb{Z}^{(l+1)} \right)$   
sandpile group



When is  $K(V)$  finite?  
 Need to generalize  $G \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$   
 being faithful:

THEOREM (Grinberg-Huang-R)

$K(V)$  is finite

$\iff V$  is tensor-rich

every  $A$ -simple  $S_i$  occurs  
 in at least one  $V^{\otimes k} = \underbrace{V \otimes \dots \otimes V}_{k\text{-fold}}$

$\iff L_V := L_V - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{row, column} \\ \text{indexed by} \\ S_0 = \epsilon \end{array} \right\}$   
 is avalanche-finite

REMARK: For  $G$ -modules  $V$

$V$  tensor-rich  $\iff V$  faithful  
 Burnside

REMARK: In general,  
 $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \underbrace{K(V)} = \text{coker}(L_V)$   
 ~~$\cong$~~   
 $\text{coker}(\bar{L}_V)$

unless  $A$  is **semisimple** as an algebra  
(e.g.  $A = \mathbb{F}G$  with  $\mathbb{F}G \in \mathbb{F}^x$ ).

But in the **semisimple** case, one can  
again compute in  $K(V) = \text{coker}(\bar{L}_V)$  via  
**sandpiles** in  $\mathbb{N}^l$  and  $\bar{L}_V$ .

# Nullvectors & eigenvectors

## PROPOSITION

Let  $\bar{s} := [s_0, s_1, \dots, s_l]^t$  where  $s_i = \dim S_i$   
 $\bar{p} := [p_0, p_1, \dots, p_l]^t$   $p_i = \dim P_i$

Then  $\bar{p}, \bar{s}$  are left, right **nullvectors** for  $L_V$ .

PROPOSITION For  $A = \mathbb{F}G$ , the Brauer character table columns

$\bar{s}(g) := [\chi_{S_0}(g), \dots, \chi_{S_l}(g)]^t$  for **regular**  $g \in G$

and (permuted) indecomposable **projective**

Brauer character table columns

$\bar{p}(g) := [\chi_{*P_0}(g), \dots, \chi_{*P_l}(g)]^t$

give left and right **eigenbases** for  $L_V$ .

For tensor-rich  $A$ -modules  $V$ ,  
what is  $\#K(V)$ ?

A lemma of Lorenzini implies this:

PROPOSITION If  $L_V$  has eigenvalues

$0 = \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l$  then

$$\#K(V) = \frac{\gamma(A)}{\dim A} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_l$$

where  $\gamma(A) := \gcd\{\dim P_i\}_{i=0,1,\dots,l}$

QUESTION:

Does  $\gamma(A)$  have more meaning  
in terms of structure of  $A$ ?

PROPOSITION: For  $A = \mathbb{F}G$ , with  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p$   
 $\chi(A)$  = the size of any  $p$ -Sylow subgroup  
 $= p^a$  where  $\#G = p^a q$   
 with  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$

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COROLLARY: For  $A = \mathbb{F}G$ ,  
 and an  $A$ -module  $V$  of dimension  $n$ ,

$$\#K(V) = \frac{p^a}{\#G} \prod_{\substack{\text{p-regular} \\ G\text{-conj. classes} \\ [g] \neq \{e\}}} (n - \chi_V(g))$$

Brauer character

The left regular  $A$ -module  $A$  itself is always tensor-rich.

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**THEOREM** (Ginzberg-Huang-R)

For any finite dim'l Hopf algebra  $A$ ,

$$K(A) \cong \mathbb{Z}/\gamma\mathbb{Z} \oplus \left( \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z} \right)^{\ell-1}$$

where  $\gamma := \gamma(A)$

$d := \dim A$

$\ell := \# \{ \text{non-trivial simple } A\text{-modules } S_1, \dots, S_\ell \}$

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Various questions on finite-dimensional Hopf algebras arise...

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