

Critical groups for Hopf algebra modules

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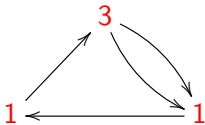
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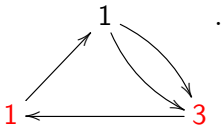


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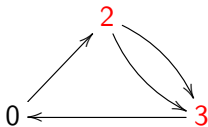


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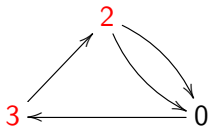
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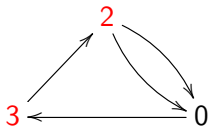
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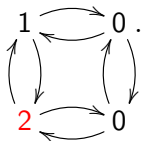
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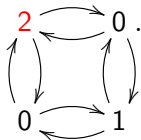
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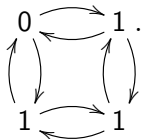
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- We see that the chip-firing game will sometimes terminate after finitely many steps, but sometimes never will. There are some nontrivial results (Björner, Lovasz, Shor and others):
 - Whether it terminates depends only on the starting configuration (not on the choices of vertices to fire).
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 - “Sandpile monoid” and “sandpile group”.
 - Relations to Eulerian walks and to spanning trees.

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- Restating everything in terms of the Laplacian L and forgetting about the digraph allows us to crystallize the important parts of the argument and gain further generality.

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The critical group of a group character

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- Where else can we get nonsingular M-matrices from?

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- We define a further $(\ell + 1) \times (\ell + 1)$ -matrix L_V (our “Laplacian”) by $L_V = nI - M_V$.

Warning: Unlike the digraph case, the matrix L_V neither has row sums 0 nor has column sums 0!

- Example:** The symmetric group \mathfrak{S}_4 has 5 irreps S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5 , corresponding to the partitions $(4), (3, 1), (2, 2), (2, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, 1)$, respectively. We shall just call them $D^4, D^{31}, D^{22}, D^{211}, D^{1111}$ for clarity.

Their characters

$\chi_0 = \chi_{D^4}, \chi_1 = \chi_{D^{31}}, \chi_2 = \chi_{D^{22}}, \chi_3 = \chi_{D^{211}}, \chi_4 = \chi_{D^{1111}}$ are the rows of the following character table:

	e	(ij)	$(ij)(kl)$	(ijk)	$(ijkl)$
χ_{D^4}	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_{D^{31}}$	3	1	0	-1	-1
$\chi_{D^{22}}$	2	0	-1	2	0
$\chi_{D^{211}}$	3	-1	0	-1	1
$\chi_{D^{1111}}$	1	-1	1	1	-1

(these are given by weighted counting of rim hook tableaux, according to the Murnaghan-Nakayama rule).

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- Let \mathbb{F} be any algebraically closed field of any characteristic.
- All \mathbb{F} -vector spaces in the following are finite-dimensional.
dim always means \mathbb{F} -vector space dimension.
 \otimes always means $\otimes_{\mathbb{F}}$.
- Let A be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over \mathbb{F} . This means:
 - First of all, A is an \mathbb{F} -algebra.
 - Also, A is finite-dimensional as an \mathbb{F} -vector space.
 - Also, A is equipped with
 - a comultiplication $\Delta : A \rightarrow A \otimes A$,
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 - an antipode $\alpha : A \rightarrow A$satisfying certain axioms.

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Consider the column vector $\mathbf{s} = (\dim S_1, \dim S_2, \dots, \dim S_{\ell+1})^T$. Then, set $K(V) = \mathbf{s}^\perp / \text{Im}(L_V)$, where $\mathbf{s}^\perp = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^{\ell+1} \mid \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{x} = 0\}$.
- More conceptually:
There is an *augmentation map* on $G_0(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. This is the ring homomorphism sending each $[V]$ to $\dim V$.
Let I be its kernel.
- Set $K(V) = I / G_0(A)(n - [V])$.
Note that multiplication by $n - [V]$ corresponds to the action of M_V , so this makes sense.

- **Theorems (G., Huang, Reiner):**

- $\mathbf{p} = (\dim P_1, \dim P_2, \dots, \dim P_{\ell+1})^T \in \ker(L_V)$,
whereas

$$\mathbf{s} = (\dim S_1, \dim S_2, \dots, \dim S_{\ell+1})^T \in \ker((L_V)^T).$$

These vectors span the respective kernels over \mathbb{Q} if and only if the A -module V is *tensor-rich* (which is our way to say that each simple A -module appears in a composition series of $V^{\otimes k}$ for at least one k).

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 - Fix a *Brauer character* χ_W for each A -module W .
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(Hence, a theory of “chip-firing” exists. We have not studied it. It is complicated by the fact that $K(V)$ is not generally isomorphic to $\text{coker} \left(\overline{(L_V)^T} \right)$ any more.)

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- Actually, the following are equivalent:
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 - (ii) The matrix $\overline{L_V}$ is nonsingular.
 - (iii) L_V has rank ℓ , so nullity 1.
 - (iv) The critical group $K(V)$ is finite.
 - (v) The A -module V is tensor-rich.

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If $A = \mathbb{F}G$ is a group algebra, then this can be rewritten in a more explicit way using Brauer characters as well:

$$\#K(V) = \frac{\gamma}{\#G} \prod_{[g] \neq [e] \text{ is a } p\text{-regular conjugacy class in } G} (n - \chi_V(g)).$$

Also, γ is the size of the p -Sylow subgroups of G if \mathbb{F} has characteristic $p > 0$.

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$$K(A) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/\gamma\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{\ell-1}.$$

Here, $n = \dim A$, $\gamma = \gcd(\dim P_1, \dim P_2, \dots, \dim P_{\ell+1})$
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- Does the theory extend to infinite-dimensional A ? (Think of universal enveloping algebras – the finite-dimensional A -modules can be fairly tame.)

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