

Braided Subfactors, Spectral Measures, Planar algebras and Calabi-Yau algebras associated to $SU(3)$ modular invariants

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Abstract

Braided subfactors of von Neumann algebras provide a framework for studying two dimensional conformal field theories and their modular invariants. We review this in the context of $SU(3)$ conformal field theories through corresponding $SU(3)$ braided subfactors and various subfactor invariants including spectral measures for the nimrep graphs, A_2 -planar algebras and almost Calabi-Yau algebras.

1 Introduction

A statistical mechanical two dimensional lattice model at criticality can give rise to a conformal quantum field theory when the correlation length diverges. The lattice model itself can be described via a configuration space of a distribution of edges of a graph on two dimensional lattice with Boltzmann weights to describe local interactions. Integrable or solvable models can be constructed from $SU(n)$ data with Boltzmann weights satisfying a Yang-Baxter equation coming from the representation theory of Hecke algebras. Corresponding conformal field theories can be described using $SU(n)$ loop group models either in a vertex operator algebra framework or in algebraic quantum field theory. We will illustrate the use of subfactor theory to understand modular invariant partition functions in critical statistical mechanical models and conformal invariant field theories using a detailed exposition of $SU(3)$ models.

1.1 Modular invariant partition functions

Modular invariant partition functions arise as continuum limits in statistical mechanics, i.e. letting the lattice spacing tend to zero whilst simultaneously approaching the critical temperature which can produce conformally invariant field theories. We will focus on the fundamental role of the modular invariants in conformal field theory in the case of loop

group models arising from $SU(3)$ at level k . The case of $SU(2)$ at level 2 is the familiar case of the Ising model.

These modular invariant partition functions have the form:

$$Z(\tau) = \sum_{\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{A}} Z_{\lambda, \mu} \chi_{\lambda}(\tau) \chi_{\mu}(\tau)^*.$$

Here \mathcal{A} denotes the irreducible symmetries in the Verlinde algebra of positive energy representations of the loop group of $SU(n)$, and $\chi_{\lambda} = \text{tr}(q^{L_0 - c/24})$ denote the character of an irreducible representation $\lambda \in \mathcal{A}$, which is the trace in the positive energy representation, where $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$, $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$. Moreover L_0 is the conformal Hamiltonian which is the infinitesimal generator of the rotation group on the circle. The characters are transformed linearly under the action of $SL(2; \mathbb{Z})$, via $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \tau \rightarrow -1/\tau$, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$, or more precisely, $\chi_{\lambda}(-1/\tau) = \sum_{\mu} S_{\lambda, \mu} \chi_{\mu}(\tau)$, $\chi_{\lambda}(\tau + 1) = \sum_{\mu} T_{\lambda, \mu} \chi_{\mu}(\tau)$, where S is a symmetric unitary matrix which remarkably diagonalizes the fusion rules (see (2)), with $S_{\lambda, 0} \geq S_{0, 0} > 0$, and T is a diagonal finite order matrix.

The problem of the classification of modular invariants is to first find all non-negative integer valued matrices Z such that $ZS = SZ$, $ZT = TZ$, subject to the constraint $Z_{0,0} = 1$ (which reflects the physical concept of the uniqueness of the vacuum state). The non-negative integer requirement on the entries of Z comes from the understanding of the entries as multiplicities of the decomposition of the underlying Hilbert space. However we are interested in the structure which glues together the two chiral copies in the quadratic expression for the partition function and the corresponding conformal field theory. This extra structure is well described through the theory of braided subfactors and alpha-induction. The Verlinde algebra \mathcal{A} of the positive energy representations, or the irreducible characters is represented by a system of braided endomorphisms on a factor N . The modular invariant Z subfactor will be represented by an inclusion $N \subset M$, which will carry this gluing information.

The trivial modular invariant, given by $Z_{\lambda, \mu} = \delta_{\lambda, \mu}$ or $Z = \sum_{\lambda} |\chi_{\lambda}|^2$ is always a solution. There may also be permutation invariants $Z = \sum_{\lambda} \chi_{\lambda} \chi_{\omega(\lambda)}^*$, where ω is a permutation of the labels which preserves the fusion rules and $\omega(0) = 0$. For a Rational Conformal Field Theory (RCFT), after extending the chiral algebras maximally, the partition function is at most a permutation matrix $Z_{\tau, \tau'}^{\text{ext}} = \delta_{\tau, \omega(\tau')}$, where τ, τ' label the representations of an extended chiral algebra and ω is now a permutation of these labels (see [80]). The extended characters χ_{τ}^{ext} can be decomposed in terms of the original characters χ_{λ} as $\chi_{\tau}^{\text{ext}} = \sum_{\lambda} b_{\tau, \lambda} \chi_{\lambda}$ for some non-negative coefficients $b_{\tau, \lambda}$, and $Z_{\lambda, \mu} = \sum_{\tau} b_{\tau, \lambda} b_{\omega(\tau), \mu}$. Modular invariants for which ω is trivial are called type I, i.e. $Z^{\text{ext}} = \sum_{\tau} |\chi_{\tau}^{\text{ext}}|^2$, whereas those corresponding to non-trivial ω are called type II, i.e. $Z^{\text{ext}} = \sum_{\tau} \chi_{\tau}^{\text{ext}} (\chi_{\omega(\tau)}^{\text{ext}})^*$. The matrices $Z_{\lambda, \mu}$ for these type I invariants are symmetric, whereas for the type II invariants only “vacuum coupling” is necessarily symmetric: $Z_{0, \lambda} = Z_{\lambda, 0}$ for all λ . There are also modular invariants which do not even have the symmetry $Z_{0, \lambda} = Z_{\lambda, 0}$, see [11]. It can happen that two different chiral extensions $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{A}_{\pm}^{\text{ext}}$ of the original chiral algebra \mathcal{A} are compatible such that a given coupling matrix has to be interpreted as an “automorphism” invariant with respect to the enhanced heterotic algebra $\mathcal{A}_{+}^{\text{ext}} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{-}^{\text{ext}}$. The labels of the left and right sectors are generically different, and thus ω is no longer a permutation but rather a bijection, “isomorphism of fusion rules” is a more precise notion than “automorphism”,

and the distinction between diagonal and permutation invariants no longer makes sense for a maximally extended heterotic symmetry algebra. The notion of classifying type was modified in [35], where type instead referred to an inclusion $N \subset M$ of factors, as will be discussed in the Section 1.3.

In the cases we are interested in, the factor N is obtained as a local factor $N = N(I_\circ)$ of a conformally covariant quantum field theoretical net of factors $\{N(I)\}$ indexed by proper intervals $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ on the real line arising from current algebras defined in terms of local loop group representations, and that the N - N system is obtained as restrictions of Doplicher-Haag-Roberts morphisms (cf. [57]) to N . Taking two copies of such a net and placing the real axes on the light cone, then this defines a local conformal net $\{A(\mathcal{O})\}$, indexed by double cones \mathcal{O} on two-dimensional Minkowski space (cf. [93] for such constructions). A braided subfactor $N \subset M$, determining in turn two subfactors $N \subset M_\pm$ obeying chiral locality, will provide two local nets of subfactors $\{N(I) \subset M_\pm(I)\}$. Arranging $M_+(I)$ and $M_-(J)$ on the two light cone axes defines a local net of subfactors $\{A(\mathcal{O}) \subset A_{\text{ext}}(\mathcal{O})\}$ in Minkowski space. The embedding $M_+ \otimes M_-^{\text{op}} \subset B$ gives rise to another net of subfactors $\{A_{\text{ext}}(\mathcal{O}) \subset B(\mathcal{O})\}$, where the conformal net $\{B(\mathcal{O})\}$ satisfies locality. As shown in [93], there exist a local conformal two-dimensional quantum field theory such that the coupling matrix Z describes its restriction to the tensor products of its chiral building blocks $N(I)$. There are chiral extensions $N(I) \subset M_+(I)$ and $N(I) \subset M_-(I)$ for left and right chiral nets which are indeed maximal and should be regarded as the subfactor version of left- and right maximal extensions of the chiral algebra.

We begin in Section 1.2 by considering subfactors. In Sections 1.3-1.6 we focus on braided subfactors and their relation to modular invariant partition functions. In particular, in Section 1.6 we describe the modular invariants for $SU(3)$ at level k . These are labelled by the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs which appear as nimreps. The finite subgroups of $SU(3)$ are discussed in Section 1.7, including their relation to the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs. In the remainder of the paper we then review a number of other invariants for braided subfactors, focusing mainly on those braided subfactors which realise the $SU(3)$ modular invariants. In Section 2 we review spectral measures for the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs and the McKay graphs of subgroups of $SU(3)$. Then in Section 3 we review various related pictorial descriptions associated to the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs, including a diagrammatic presentation of the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra, the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category, and the A_2 -planar algebras of [36]. Finally in Section 4 we review our work on the almost Calabi-Yau algebra, which is isomorphic to the graded algebra $\Sigma \cong \Pi$ of Section 3.3, associated to a finite $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph which carries a cell system.

1.2 Subfactors

In the last twenty years, a very fruitful circle of ideas has developed linking the theory of subfactors of von Neumann algebras with modular invariants in conformal field theory. Subfactors have been studied through their paragroups, planar algebras and have serious contact with free probability theory. The understanding and classification of modular invariants is significant for conformal field theory and their underlying statistical mechanical models. These areas are linked through the use of braided subfactors and α -induction which in particular for $SU(2)$ subfactors and $SU(2)$ modular invariants invokes ADE classifications on both sides.

A group acting outerly on a factor can be recovered from the inclusion of its fixed point algebra. A general subfactor encodes a more sophisticated symmetry or a way of handling non group like symmetries including but going beyond quantum groups [30]. The classification of subfactors was initiated by Jones [63] who found that the minimal symmetry to understand the inclusion is through the Temperley-Lieb algebra. This arises from the representation theory of $SU(2)$ or dually certain representations of Hecke algebras. There are a number of invariants (encoding the symmetry) one can assign to a subfactor, and under certain circumstances they are complete at least for hyperfinite subfactors. Popa [91] axiomatized the inclusions of relative commutants in the Jones tower, and Jones [64] showed that this was equivalent to his planar algebra description. Here one is naturally forced to work with nonamenable factors through free probabilistic constructions e.g. [56].

Let A and B be type III von Neumann factors. A unital $*$ -homomorphism $\rho : A \rightarrow B$ is called a B - A morphism. The positive number $d_\rho = [B : \rho(A)]^{1/2}$ is called the statistical dimension of ρ ; here $[B : \rho(A)]$ is the Jones-Kosaki index [63, 72] of the subfactor $\rho(A) \subset B$. Some B - A morphism ρ' is called equivalent to ρ if $\rho' = \text{Ad}(u) \circ \rho$ for some unitary $u \in B$. The equivalence class $[\rho]$ of ρ is called the B - A sector of ρ . If ρ and σ are B - A morphisms with finite statistical dimensions, then the vector space of intertwiners

$$\text{Hom}(\rho, \sigma) = \{t \in B : t\rho(a) = \sigma(a)t, a \in A\}$$

is finite-dimensional, and we denote its dimension by $\langle \rho, \sigma \rangle$. A B - A morphism ρ with finite statistical dimension is called irreducible if $\langle \rho, \rho \rangle = 1$, i.e. if $\text{Hom}(\rho, \rho) = \mathbb{C}\mathbf{1}_B$. Then, if $\langle \rho, \tau \rangle \neq 0$ for some (possibly reducible) B - A morphism τ , then $[\rho]$ is called an irreducible subsector of $[\tau]$ with multiplicity $\langle \rho, \tau \rangle$. An irreducible A - B morphism $\bar{\rho}$ is a conjugate morphism of the irreducible ρ if and only if $[\bar{\rho}]$ contains the trivial sector $[\text{id}_A]$ as a subsector, and then $\langle \rho\bar{\rho}, \text{id}_B \rangle = 1 = \langle \bar{\rho}\rho, \text{id}_A \rangle$ automatically [59].

For an M - M endomorphism ρ where the subfactor $N = \rho(M) \subset M$ has finite index, the inclusion $\rho(M) \subset M$ can be extended upwards (called the *Jones tower*) or downwards (called the *Jones tunnel*):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \cdots & \subset & \rho\bar{\rho}(M) & \subset & \rho(M) & \subset & M & \subset & M \otimes_N M & \subset & M \otimes_N M \otimes_N M & \subset & \cdots \\ & & \parallel & & \\ & & M_{-2} & & N = M_{-1} & & M_0 & & M_1 & & M_2 & & \end{array}$$

The tunnel construction is generally used when working with type III factors, whereas the tower construction is generally used when working with type II_1 factors, using the Jones basic construction $N \subset M \subset M_1 = \langle M, e \rangle$ to adjoin an extra projection e arising from the projection of M onto N . In the type III setting the projection e arises from the conditional expectation of M onto N . These Jones projections satisfy the Temperley-Lieb relations of integrable statistical mechanics. They are contained in the tower of relative commutants of any finite index subfactor and are in some sense the minimal symmetries.

For a subfactor with finite index, the relative commutants $M'_k \cap M_i$, for $M_k \subset M_i$, are finite dimensional. We are interested in the case of finite depth subfactors, where the inclusions in the sequence of commuting squares below are all described by finite graphs:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} M' \cap M_k & \subset & M' \cap M_{k+1} & \subset & M' \cap M_{k+2} & \subset & \cdots & \longrightarrow & A \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ N' \cap M_k & \subset & N' \cap M_{k+1} & \subset & N' \cap M_{k+2} & \subset & \cdots & \longrightarrow & B \end{array} \quad (1)$$

The inclusions in the above commuting squares are given by two graphs, the principal graph and dual principal graph. The principal graph for the subfactor $N \subset M$ has vertices for the N - N and N - M bimodules, and an edge between Y and Z for each copy of Z appearing inside $Y \otimes_N N M_M$ or $Y \otimes_M M M_N$ as appropriate. The dual principal graph is defined similarly, but with vertices for the M - N and M - M bimodules. The II_1 factors A, B are given by the GNS-completion of $\bigcup_{k \geq 0} M' \cap M_k, \bigcup_{k \geq 0} N' \cap M_k$ respectively, with respect to the trace on (1). The subfactor $\bar{A} \subset \bar{B}$ has finite depth as it has the same standard invariant as $N \subset M$. It is a hyperfinite type II_1 subfactor, so the best one could expect is that $A \otimes N \subset B \otimes N \cong N \subset M$. Indeed, this is the case by Popa. For a precise formulation see [92] and references therein.

Consider a subfactor $N \subset M$ with principal graph \mathcal{G} . The relative commutants $(\rho\bar{\rho} \cdots \rho M)' \cap M$ in the tunnel, and $\text{End}(\underbrace{M \otimes_N M \otimes_N \cdots \otimes_N M}_k)_M$ in the tower, can be

identified with $\bigoplus_v * \cdot \text{End}((\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_{2k-1}) \cdot v$, where $*$ is the distinguished vertex of \mathcal{G} with lowest Perron-Frobenius weight, the direct sum is over all vertices v of \mathcal{G} , and $(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_n$ denotes the space of all paths of length n on \mathcal{G} . Similarly, the relative commutants $(\rho\bar{\rho} \cdots \bar{\rho} M)' \cap M$ and $\text{End}(\underbrace{M \otimes_N M \otimes_N \cdots \otimes_N M}_k)_N$ can be identified with $\bigoplus_v * \cdot \text{End}((\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_{2k}) \cdot v$. The

path Hilbert space $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$ is a graded algebra where multiplication $(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_i \times (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_j \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_{i+j}$ of two paths $x \in (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_i, y \in (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_j$ is given by concatenation of paths xy , and is defined to be zero if $r(x) \neq s(y)$, where $s(x), r(x)$ denote the source, range vertices of the path x respectively. The endomorphisms $\text{End}((\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_n)$ on $(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_n$ are the matrices with rows and columns labeled by the paths of length n on \mathcal{G} . The $\text{End}((\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_n)$ have an algebra structure given by matrix multiplication. Thus there are two different notions of path algebra of \mathcal{G} . In the theory of operator algebras, the path algebra of \mathcal{G} is usually $\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \text{End}((\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_n)$ [30, Section 2.9]. In this paper however, we work with the graded algebra $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$.

The subfactors with index less than or equal to 4 have been classified for a long time [51, 85, 59]. For index less than 4 they have an *ADE* classification, where the *ADE* graphs, the simply laced Dynkin diagrams illustrated in Figure 1, appear as the principal graph. There are two infinite families, $A_n, n \geq 1$, and $D_n, n \geq 4$, and three exceptional graphs E_6, E_7 and E_8 . The graph D_n may be obtained from A_{2n-3} by a \mathbb{Z}_2 -orbifold procedure, and vice-versa. There is also a separate family of graphs, the tadpole graphs $T_n, n \geq 1$, illustrated in Figure ??, which are obtained by taking a \mathbb{Z}_2 -orbifold of an even A graph A_{2n} , and vice-versa. However the Dynkin diagrams D_{odd} and E_7 cannot appear as the principal graph of a subfactor [85, 59]. For both $\mathcal{G} = E_6$ and $\mathcal{G} = E_8$ there are up to isomorphism two non-isomorphic subfactors with principal graph \mathcal{G} , due to the existence of two inequivalent connections, which are the complex conjugate of each other.

These *ADE* graphs appear in a variety of other contexts. They classify the simply-laced Lie groups, which are the Lie groups such that all the nonzero roots of the corresponding Lie algebra have equal length. They also classify the quotient Kleinian singularities \mathbb{C}^2/Γ for finite subgroups $\Gamma \subset SU(2)$ [94]. Along with the tadpole graphs T_n they classify the symmetric non-negative integer matrices of norm < 2 , that is, any such matrix must be the adjacency matrix of one of the *ADET* graphs. The tadpole graphs may be ruled out if one imposes the condition of bipartiteness or 2-colourability.

For the subfactor $R = \otimes_N M_2 \subset R \otimes M_2$ at index 4, of type II or III depending on how the factor R is completed, we can form the tower $R \subset R \otimes M_2 \subset R \otimes M_2 \otimes M_2 \subset \cdots$,

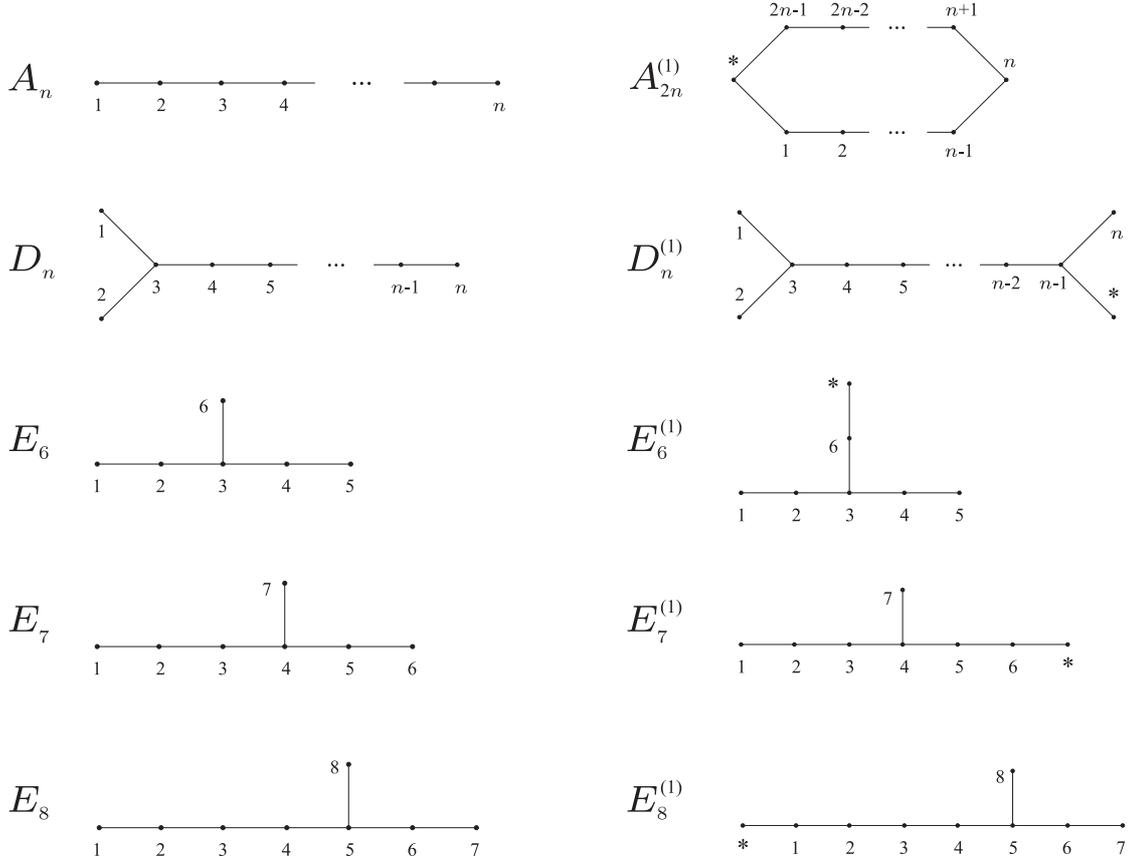


Figure 1: *ADE* and affine *ADE* Dynkin diagrams

and the relative commutants yield the tower $\mathbb{C} \subset M_2 \subset M_2 \otimes M_2 \subset \dots$. Taking the fixed point algebra for the natural action of a subgroup $G \subset SU(2)$ one obtains the subfactor $R^G \subset (R \otimes M_2)^G$. Then we have the tower $R^G \subset (R \otimes M_2)^G \subset (R \otimes M_2 \otimes M_2)^G \subset \dots$, and the relative commutants yield the tower $\mathbb{C} \subset M_2^G \subset (M_2 \otimes M_2)^G \subset \dots$ [100] (see also [51]). The finite subgroups of $SU(2)$, the binary polyhedral groups, have themselves an *ADE* classification, given in Table 1. The McKay graphs of the representation theory of the finite subgroups of $SU(2)$ are the simply laced affine Dynkin diagrams, illustrated in Figure 1, where $*$ denotes the identity representation. For each affine Dynkin diagram, the corresponding *ADE* Dynkin diagram is obtained from the affine diagram by deleting the vertex $*$ and all edges attached to it. The principal graph for the subfactor $R^G \subset (R \otimes M_2)^G$ is the affine Dynkin diagram associated to the finite subgroup $G \subset SU(2)$. This subfactor was constructed in [51]. See [62] for a more general construction. When $G = SU(2)$ itself, the fixed point algebra $(\otimes^p M_2)^G$ is isomorphic to the Temperley-Lieb algebra generated by operators $U_i \in \text{End}(\otimes^p \mathbb{C}^2)$, for $i = 1, \dots, p-1$, and the principal graph of $R^{SU(2)} \subset (R \otimes M_2)^{SU(2)}$ is the infinite Dynkin diagram A_∞ . In the case where $G = \mathbb{T}$ is the infinite subgroup of $SU(2)$ given by the torus, the principal graph of $R^\mathbb{T} \subset (R \otimes M_2)^\mathbb{T}$ is the doubly-infinite Dynkin diagram $A_{\infty, \infty}$. In the case where $G = \mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$, where the \mathbb{Z}_2 action sends $\mathbb{T} \ni t \mapsto \bar{t}$, the principal graph of $R^{\mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2} \subset (R \otimes M_2)^{\mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2}$ is the infinite Dynkin diagram D_∞ .

Dynkin Diagram \mathcal{G}	Type	Subgroup $\Gamma \subset SU(2)$	$ \Gamma $
A_l	I	binary cyclic, \mathbb{Z}_{l+1}	$l + 1$
D_{2k}	I	binary dihedral, $BD_{2k} = Q_{2k-2}$	$8k - 8$
D_{2k+1}	II	binary dihedral, $BD_{2k+1} = Q_{2k-1}$	$8k - 4$
E_6	I	binary tetrahedral, $BT = BA_4$	24
E_7	II	binary octahedral, $BO = BS_4$	48
E_8	I	binary icosahedral, $BI = BA_5$	120

Table 1: The *ADE* classification of the finite subgroups of $SU(2)$

The principal graph of any subfactor at index 4 must be one of these affine Dynkin diagrams, the infinite Dynkin graphs A_∞ , D_∞ , or the doubly infinite Dynkin graph $A_{\infty,\infty}$. The classification of subfactors has now been extended to index up to 5 [58, 6, 1, 2, 5, 84, 83, 61, 90]. In our work we are interested in a related graph, called the nimrep graph (see Section 1.3), where, unlike with the principal graphs, the Dynkin diagrams D_{odd} and E_7 do appear.

1.3 Braided subfactors and modular invariants

As our starting point, the Verlinde algebra is realised by systems of endomorphisms ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ of a hyperfinite type III factor N . That is, ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ denotes a finite system of finite index irreducible endomorphisms of a factor N in the sense that different elements of ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ are not unitary equivalent, for any $\lambda \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ there is a representative $\bar{\lambda} \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ of the conjugate sector $[\bar{\lambda}]$, and ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ is closed under composition and subsequent irreducible decomposition. In the case of Wess-Zumino-Witten (WZW) models associated to $SU(n)$ at level k , the Verlinde algebra is a non-degenerately braided system of endomorphisms ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$, labelled by the positive energy representations of the loop group of $SU(n)_k$ on a type III₁ factor N , with fusion rules $\lambda\mu = \bigoplus_\nu N_{\lambda\nu}^\mu \nu$ which exactly match those of the positive energy representations [101]. The fusion matrices $N_\lambda = [N_{\rho\lambda}^\sigma]_{\rho,\sigma}$ are a family of commuting normal matrices which give a representation themselves of the fusion rules of the positive energy representations of the loop group of $SU(n)_k$, $N_\lambda N_\mu = \sum_\nu N_{\lambda\nu}^\mu N_\nu$. This family $\{N_\lambda\}$ of fusion matrices can be simultaneously diagonalised:

$$N_\lambda = \sum_\sigma \frac{S_{\sigma,\lambda}}{S_{\sigma,0}} S_\sigma S_\sigma^*, \quad (2)$$

where 0 is the trivial representation, and the eigenvalues $S_{\sigma,\lambda}/S_{\sigma,0}$ and eigenvectors $S_\sigma = [S_{\sigma,\mu}]_\mu$ are described by the statistics S matrix. Moreover, there is equality between the statistics S - and T - matrices and the Kac-Peterson modular S - and T - matrices which perform the conformal character transformations [66], thanks to [44, 43, 101].

The key structure in the conformal field theory is the modular invariant partition function Z . In the subfactor setting this is realised by a braided subfactor $N \subset M$ where trivial (or permutation) invariants in the ambient factor M when restricted to N yield Z . This would mean that the dual canonical endomorphism is in $\Sigma({}_N\mathcal{X}_N)$, i.e. decomposes as a finite linear combination of endomorphisms in ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$. Indeed if this is the case for

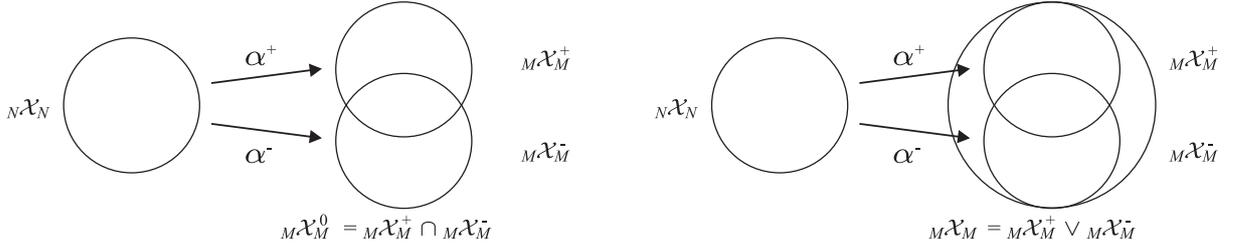


Figure 2: α -induction

the inclusion $N \subset M$, then the process of α -induction allows us to analyse the modular invariant, providing two extensions of λ on N to endomorphisms α_λ^\pm of M , such that the matrix $Z_{\lambda,\mu} = \langle \alpha_\lambda^+, \alpha_\mu^- \rangle$ is a modular invariant [14, 11, 27].

Let ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$, ${}_M\mathcal{X}_M$ denote a system of endomorphisms consisting of a choice of representative endomorphism of each irreducible subsector of sectors of the form $[\lambda\bar{\iota}]$, $[\iota\lambda\bar{\iota}]$ respectively, for each $\lambda \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$, where $\iota : N \hookrightarrow M$ is the inclusion map which we may consider as an M - N morphism, and $\bar{\iota}$ is a representative of its conjugate N - M sector. The action of the system ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ on the N - M sectors ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$ produces a *nimrep* (non-negative matrix integer representation of the fusion rules) $G_\lambda G_\mu = \sum_\nu N_{\lambda\nu}^\mu G_\nu$, whose spectrum reproduces exactly the diagonal part of the modular invariant, i.e.

$$G_\lambda = \sum_\sigma \frac{S_{\sigma,\lambda}}{S_{\sigma,0}} \psi_\sigma \psi_\sigma^*, \quad (3)$$

with the spectrum of G_λ given by [15, Theorem 4.16]

$$G_\lambda = \{S_{\mu,\lambda}/S_{\mu,0} \text{ with multiplicity } Z_{\mu,\mu}\} \quad (4)$$

The labels μ of the non-zero diagonal elements are called the exponents of $\mathcal{G} = G_\rho$, counting multiplicity. A modular invariant for which there exists a nimrep whose spectrum is described by the diagonal part of the invariant is said to be nimble. The zero-column of the modular invariant Z associated with the subfactor $N \subset M$ determines $\langle \alpha_j^+, \alpha_{j'}^+ \rangle$. Then for all modular invariants with the same zero-column, the sectors $[\alpha_0^\pm]$ have the same nimrep graphs. Let v be an isometry which intertwines the identity and the canonical endomorphism $\gamma = \bar{u}$. Proposition 3.2 in [11] states that the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $Z_{\lambda,0} = \langle \theta, \lambda \rangle$ for all $\lambda \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$.
2. $Z_{0,\lambda} = \langle \theta, \lambda \rangle$ for all $\lambda \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$.
3. Chiral locality holds: $\varepsilon^+(\theta, \theta)v^2 = v^2$.

The chiral locality condition, which can be expressed in terms of the single inclusion $N \subset M$ and the braiding, expresses local commutativity (locality) of the extended net, if $N \subset M$ arises from a net of subfactors [75]. Chiral locality holds if and only if the dual canonical endomorphism is visible in the vacuum row, $[\theta] = \bigoplus_\lambda Z_{0,\lambda}[\lambda]$ (and hence in the vacuum column also). An inclusion $N \subset M$ is type I if and only if one of the

above equivalent conditions 1-3 hold, otherwise it is type II [35]. It was shown in [35] that it is possible for a type I modular invariant to be realized by a type II inclusion, and suggests that care needs to be taken with the type I, II labelling of modular invariants. The situation is in fact more subtle, with the possibility of a modular invariant being neither type I nor type II, as explained in Section 1.1. However, such a modular invariant did not appear in our treatment of $SU(3)$ modular invariants in [35].

Behrend, Pearce, Petkova and Zuber [4] (see also [108]) systematically proposed nim-reps as a framework for boundary conformal field theory. The N - M system ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$ corresponds to boundary fields in their language, and the M - M system ${}_M\mathcal{X}_M$ to defect lines.

The systems ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$, ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$, ${}_M\mathcal{X}_M$ are (the irreducible objects of) tensor categories of endomorphisms with the Hom-spaces as their morphisms. Thus ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ gives a braided modular tensor category, and ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$ a module category. The structure of the module category ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$ is the same as a tensor functor F from ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ to the category $\text{Fun}({}_N\mathcal{X}_M, {}_N\mathcal{X}_M)$ of additive functors from ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$ to itself, see [89]. That is, F is essentially the module category ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$. Ostrik [70, 89] took up a categorical description of subfactor α -induction, see [89, Remark 14], and this was taken further by Fjelstad, Fröhlich, Fuchs, Schweigert and Runkel as a categorical framework for conformal field theory. See [45] for a review.

1.4 The generalized Temperley-Lieb algebras

The Jones basic construction $M_{i-1} \subset M_i \subset M_{i+1}$ is through adjoining an extra projection e_i arising from the projection or conditional expectation of M_i onto M_{i-1} . These projections satisfy the Temperley-Lieb relations of integrable statistical mechanics. They are contained in the tower of relative commutants of any finite index subfactor and are in some sense the minimal symmetries. The Temperley-Lieb algebra has a realization from $SU(2)$, from the fixed point algebras of quantum $SU(2)$ on the Pauli algebra and special representations of Hecke algebras of type A . We now review these Hecke algebras.

The subfactor $R^G \subset (R \otimes M_2)^G$ in the $SU(2)$ setting of Section 1.2 can be generalized to $SU(n)$, $n \geq 2$. Let $M_n = \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. By Weyl duality, the fixed point algebra of $\otimes^m M_n$ under the product adjoint action of $SU(n)$ is generated by a representation $\sigma \rightarrow g_\sigma$ on $\otimes^m \mathbb{C}^n$ of the group ring of the symmetric, or permutation, group S_m . This algebra is generated by unitary operators g_j , $j = 1, \dots, m-1$, which represent transpositions $(j, j+1)$, satisfying the relations

$$g_j^2 = 1, \tag{5}$$

$$g_i g_j = g_j g_i, \quad |i - j| > 1, \tag{6}$$

$$g_i g_{i+1} g_i = g_{i+1} g_i g_{i+1}, \tag{7}$$

and the vanishing of the antisymmetrizer

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \text{sgn}(\sigma) g_\sigma = 0. \tag{8}$$

Writing $g_j = 1 - U_j$, these unitary generators and relations are equivalent to the self-adjoint generators $\mathbf{1}, U_j$, $j = 1, \dots, m-1$, and relations

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{H1:} & \quad U_i^2 = \delta U_i, \\
\text{H2:} & \quad U_i U_j = U_j U_i, \quad |i - j| > 1, \\
\text{H3:} & \quad U_i U_{i+1} U_i - U_i = U_{i+1} U_i U_{i+1} - U_{i+1},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\delta = 2$, and the analogue of (8).

There is a q -version of this algebra, which is a representation of a Hecke algebra. This is the centralizer of a representation of the quantum group $SU(n)_q$ (or the universal enveloping algebra), with a deformation of (5) to

$$(q^{-1} - g_j)(q + g_j) = 0. \quad (9)$$

The invertible generators g_j , $j = 1, \dots, m - 1$, satisfy the relations (6), (7), (9) and the vanishing of the q -antisymmetrizer [25]

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_m} (-q)^{|\sigma|} g_\sigma = 0, \quad (10)$$

where $g_\sigma = \prod_{i \in I_\sigma} g_i$ if $\sigma = \prod_{i \in I_\sigma} \tau_{i, i+1}$. Then writing $g_j = q^{-1} - U_j$, we are interested in the generalized Temperley-Lieb algebra generated by self-adjoint operators $\mathbf{1}, U_j$, $j = 1, \dots, m - 1$, satisfying H1-H3 and the analogue of (10), where now $\delta = q + q^{-1}$. For $SU(n)$ at level k , $q = e^{2\pi i / (n+k)}$. In the case $n = 2$, (10) reduces for $SU(2)$ to the Temperley-Lieb condition

$$U_i U_{i\pm 1} U_i - U_i = 0. \quad (11)$$

There are minor errors in a parallel discussion in Section 2 of the published version of [36] which have been corrected in the arXiv version and in [40].

1.5 $SU(2)$ modular invariants

We first turn briefly to the case of $SU(2)$ at level k , where q is a $k + 2^{\text{th}}$ root of unity. The classification of $SU(2)$ modular invariants is due to Cappelli, Itzykson and Zuber [20]. They label the modular invariant with a finite ADE graph \mathcal{G} , such that the diagonal part $Z_{\mu, \mu}$ of the invariant is exactly the multiplicity of the eigenvalue $S_{\mu, \rho} / S_{\mu, 1}$ of \mathcal{G} , where $1, \rho$ denote the trivial, fundamental representations respectively. The second column in Table 1 indicates the type of the associated modular invariant.

In the subfactor theory, this is understood in the following way. Suppose $N \subset M$ is a braided subfactor which realises the modular invariant $Z_{\mathcal{G}}$. Evaluating the nimrep G at the fundamental representation ρ , we obtain for the inclusion $N \subset M$ a matrix G_ρ , which is the adjacency matrix for the ADE graph \mathcal{G} which labels the modular invariant and with spectrum given by (4). Every $SU(2)$ modular invariant is realised by a braided subfactor, and all nimreps are realised by subfactors [87, 88, 104, 9, 10, 14, 15], apart from the tadpole nimreps of the orbifolds of the even A 's (see e.g. [12] for an explanation of the failure of the tadpole nimreps).

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The classification of $SU(3)$ modular invariants was shown to be complete by Gannon [46], and the complete list is reproduced in [35]. The four infinite families are the identity invariants $Z_{\mathcal{A}(m)}$, the orbifold invariants $Z_{\mathcal{D}(m)}$, the conjugate invariants $Z_{\mathcal{A}(m)*}$, and the conjugate orbifold invariants $Z_{\mathcal{D}(m)*}$. There are also six exceptional invariants. We explicitly write out all the modular invariants at level 5 as an example. Let $\mathcal{P}^{(m)} = \{\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \mu_1, \mu_2 \geq 0; \mu_1 + \mu_2 \leq m - 3\}$. These μ are the admissible representations of the Kač-Moody algebra $su(3)^\wedge$ at level $k = m - 3$. We define the automorphism A of order 3 on the weights $\mu \in \mathcal{P}^{(m)}$ by $A(\mu_1, \mu_2) = (m - 3 - \mu_1 - \mu_2, \mu_1)$. The invariants at level 5 are $Z_{\mathcal{A}(8)} = \sum |\chi_\mu|^2$, $Z_{\mathcal{D}(8)} = \sum \chi_\mu \chi_{A^5(\mu)}^*$, $Z_{\mathcal{A}(8)*} = \sum \chi_\mu \chi_{\bar{\mu}}^*$, $Z_{\mathcal{D}(8)*} = \sum \chi_\mu \chi_{A^5(\mu)}^*$, where in each case the sum is over all $\mu \in P_+^{(8)}$, and the two exceptional invariants

$$Z_{\mathcal{E}(8)} = |\chi_{(0,0)} + \chi_{(2,2)}|^2 + |\chi_{(0,2)} + \chi_{(3,2)}|^2 + |\chi_{(2,0)} + \chi_{(2,3)}|^2 + |\chi_{(2,1)} + \chi_{(0,5)}|^2 + |\chi_{(3,0)} + \chi_{(0,3)}|^2 + |\chi_{(1,2)} + \chi_{(5,0)}|^2, \quad (12)$$

$$Z_{\mathcal{E}(8)*} = |\chi_{(0,0)} + \chi_{(2,2)}|^2 + (\chi_{(0,2)} + \chi_{(3,2)})(\chi_{(2,0)}^* + \chi_{(2,3)}^*) + (\chi_{(2,0)} + \chi_{(2,3)})(\chi_{(0,2)}^* + \chi_{(3,2)}^*) + (\chi_{(2,1)} + \chi_{(0,5)})(\chi_{(1,2)}^* + \chi_{(5,0)}^*) + |\chi_{(3,0)} + \chi_{(0,3)}|^2 + (\chi_{(1,2)} + \chi_{(5,0)})(\chi_{(2,1)}^* + \chi_{(0,5)}^*). \quad (13)$$

Ocneanu claimed [87, 88] that all $SU(3)$ modular invariants were realised by subfactors and this was shown in [104, 9, 10, 14, 12, 13, 34, 35]. The modular invariants arising from $SU(3)_k$ conformal embeddings are (see [27]):

- $Z_{\mathcal{D}(6)}$: $SU(3)_3 \subset SO(8)_1$, also realised as an orbifold $SU(3)_3/\mathbb{Z}_3$,
- $Z_{\mathcal{E}(8)}$: $SU(3)_5 \subset SU(6)_1$, plus its conjugate $Z_{\mathcal{E}(8)*}$,
- $Z_{\mathcal{E}_1^{(12)}}$: $SU(3)_9 \subset (E_6)_1$,
- $Z_{\mathcal{E}^{(24)}}$: $SU(3)_{21} \subset (E_7)_1$.

The Moore-Seiberg invariant $Z_{\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}}$ [80], an automorphism of the orbifold invariant $Z_{\mathcal{D}(12)} = SU(3)_9/\mathbb{Z}_3$, is the $SU(3)$ analogue of the E_7 invariant for $SU(2)$, which is an automorphism of the orbifold invariant $Z_{D_{10}} = SU(2)_{16}/\mathbb{Z}_2$ (see Section 5.3 of [15] for a realisation by a braided subfactor). The conjugate Moore-Seiberg invariant $Z_{\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}}$ is given by a product of the Moore-Seiberg invariant and the conjugate invariant $Z_{\mathcal{A}(12)*}$, which were both realised by subfactors in [35]. Then [31, Theorem 3.6] shows that the conjugate Moore-Seiberg invariant $Z_{\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}}$ is also realised by a subfactor. In Table 2, Type denotes the type of the inclusion found in [35] which yielded the \mathcal{ADE} graph as a nimrep. Caution should be taken regarding the type for the graph $\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}$. Although we have not yet shown that $\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}$ is the nimrep obtained from an inclusion, it was shown in [35] that such an inclusion would be of type II.

Since the \mathcal{ADE} graphs can be matched to the affine Dynkin diagrams, di Francesco and Zuber [25] were guided to find candidates for classifying graphs for $SU(3)$ modular invariants by first considering the McKay graphs of the finite subgroups of $SU(3)$ to produce a candidate list of \mathcal{ADE} graphs whose spectra described the diagonal part of the

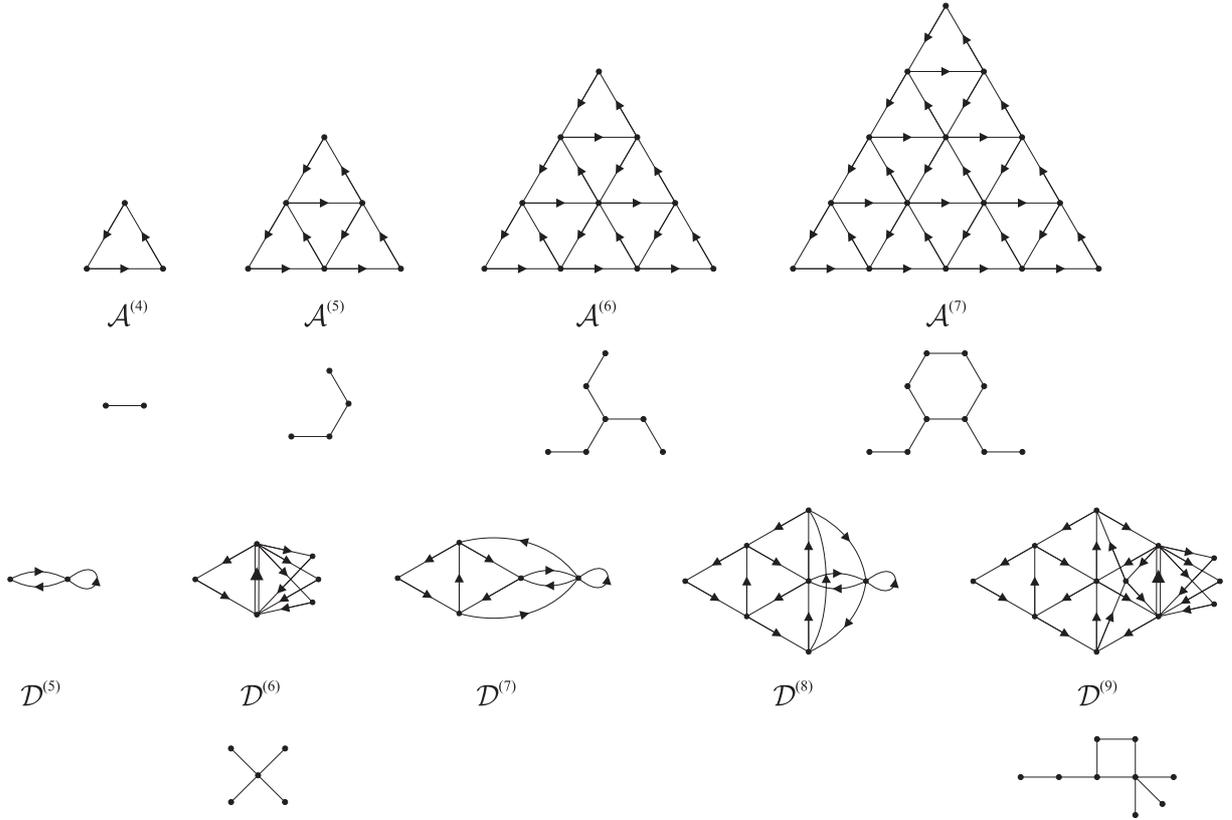


Figure 3: $SU(3)$ graphs: infinite \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{D} families and their 0-1 parts

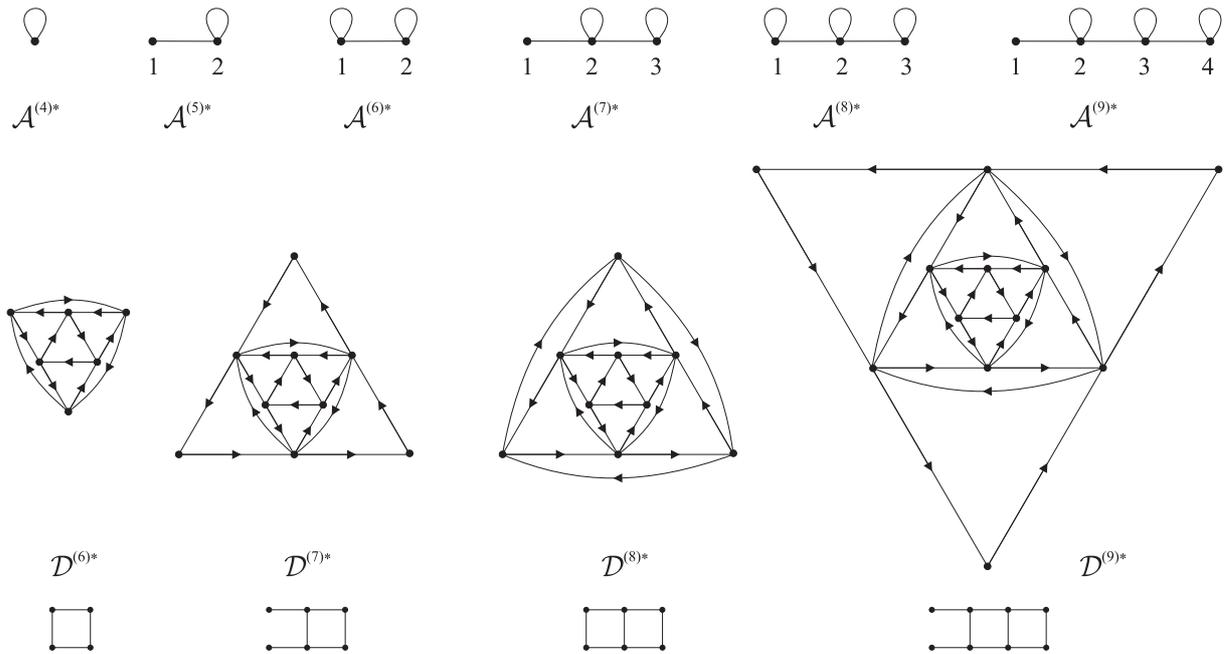


Figure 4: $SU(3)$ graphs: infinite \mathcal{A}^* , \mathcal{D}^* families and their 0-1 parts

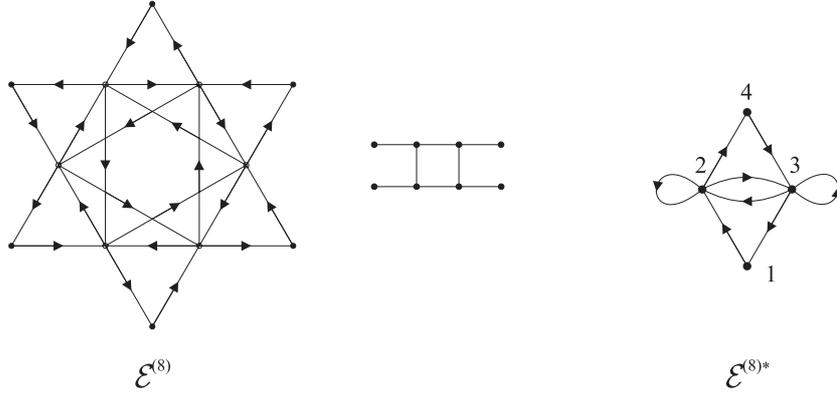


Figure 5: $SU(3)$ graphs: exceptional graphs $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$, and its 0-1 part, and $\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$

modular invariant. They proposed candidates for most of the modular invariants, except for the conjugate invariants \mathcal{A}^* as they restricted themselves to only look for graphs which are three-colourable. Böckenhauer and Evans [7] understood that nimrep graphs for the $SU(3)$ conjugate invariants were not three-colourable. This was also realised simultaneously by Behrend, Pearce, Petkova and Zuber [4] and Ocneanu [88]. The classification of nimreps is incomplete if one relaxes the condition that the nimrep be compatible with a modular invariant [47, 52]. The complete list of the \mathcal{ADE} graphs are illustrated in Figures 3-7. Where the graph is three-colourable, we have also drawn its 0-1 part, that is the subgraph consisting of the vertices of colour 0 and 1 and the edges (now taken to be undirected edges) connecting these vertices, where the colour of the distinguished vertex $*$ with lowest Perron-Frobenius weight is taken to be 0. In the case of the graph $\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}$ there are two choices for the distinguished vertex $*$, which are both of different colours. We have illustrated the 0-1 part for both choices of distinguished vertex in Figure 6.

There are four infinite families of graphs, $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, $m \geq 4$, $\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$, $m \geq 5$, $\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}$, $m \geq 4$, and $\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}$, $m \geq 6$. There are seven exceptional graphs $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$, $\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$, $\mathcal{E}_i^{(12)}$, $i = 1, 2, 4, 5$, and $\mathcal{E}^{(24)}$. Here the graphs $\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$ may be obtained from $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$ by a \mathbb{Z}_3 -orbifold procedure, and vice-versa. For $m \neq 3p$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$, the graphs $\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$ are the $SU(3)$ analogues of the tadpole graphs T_m in the $SU(2)$ situation. However, unlike $SU(2)$, these $\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$ are not discarded as N - M graphs. The graphs $\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}$, $\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$, $\mathcal{E}_2^{(12)}$ may similarly be obtained from $\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}$, $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$, $\mathcal{E}_1^{(12)}$ respectively by a \mathbb{Z}_3 -orbifold procedure, and vice-versa. The graphs $\mathcal{E}_1^{(12)}$ and $\mathcal{E}_2^{(12)}$ are isospectral. A third isospectral graph $\mathcal{E}_3^{(12)}$ was proposed by di Francesco and Zuber in [25], however this graph was discarded by Ocneanu [87, 88] as it does not support a cell system. This claim was proven in [24]. In the case where a graph is not three-colourable, the graph corresponding to its 0-1 part could be thought of as the 0-1 part of the unfolded graph, that is, its \mathbb{Z}_3 -orbifold. There is a conjugation on the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs: the conjugation $\tau : {}_N\mathcal{X}_N \rightarrow {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ on the braided system of endomorphisms of $SU(3)_k$ on a factor N , given by the conjugation on the representations of $SU(3)$, induces a conjugation $\tau : {}_N\mathcal{X}_M \rightarrow {}_N\mathcal{X}_M$ such that $G_{\bar{\lambda}} = \tau G_{\lambda} \tau$, where $G_{\lambda} a = \lambda a$ for $\lambda \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_N$, $a \in {}_N\mathcal{X}_M$. The conjugation interchanges the vertices of colours $1 \leftrightarrow 2$, except in the case of the graph $\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}$ where it interchanges the vertices of colours $0 \leftrightarrow i$, where $i = 1, 2$ depending on the choice of distinguished vertex.

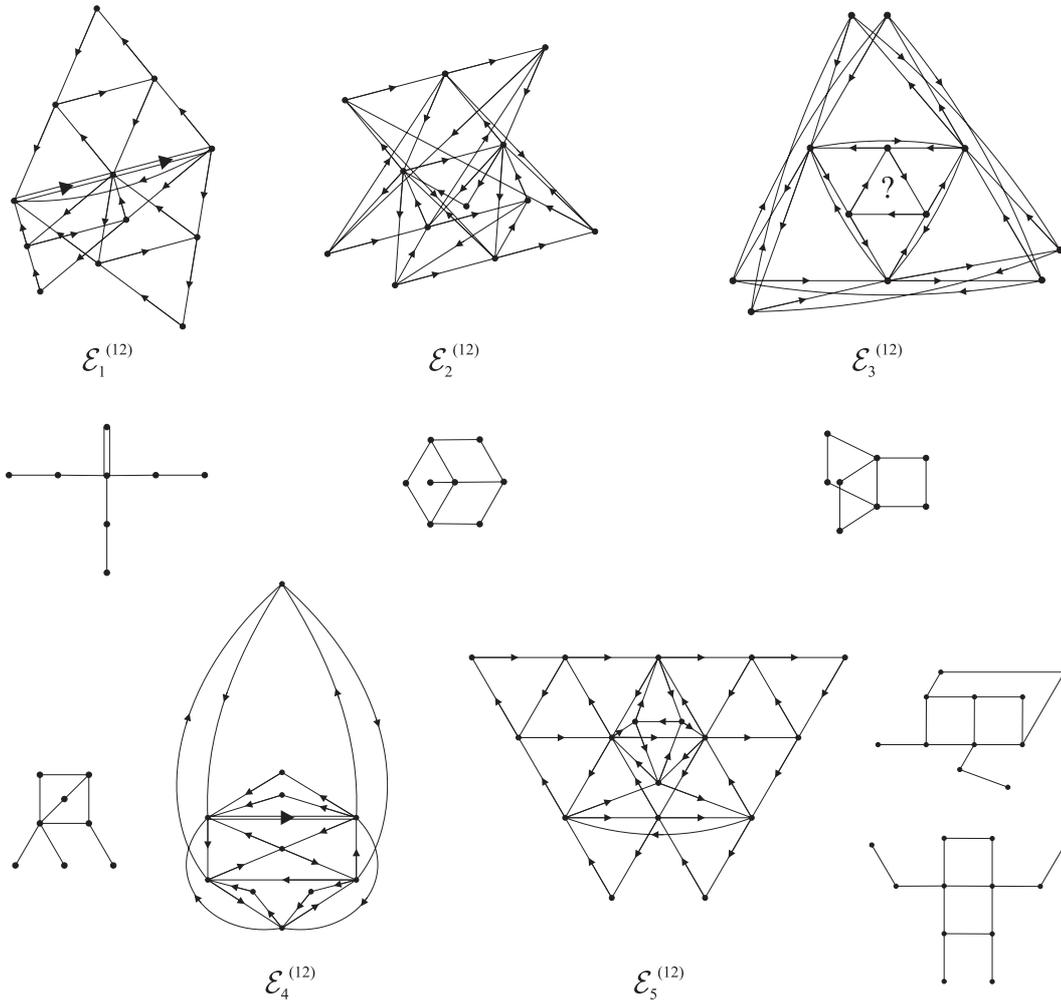


Figure 6: $SU(3)$ graphs: exceptional graphs $\mathcal{E}_i^{(12)}$, $i = 1, \dots, 5$, and their 0-1 parts

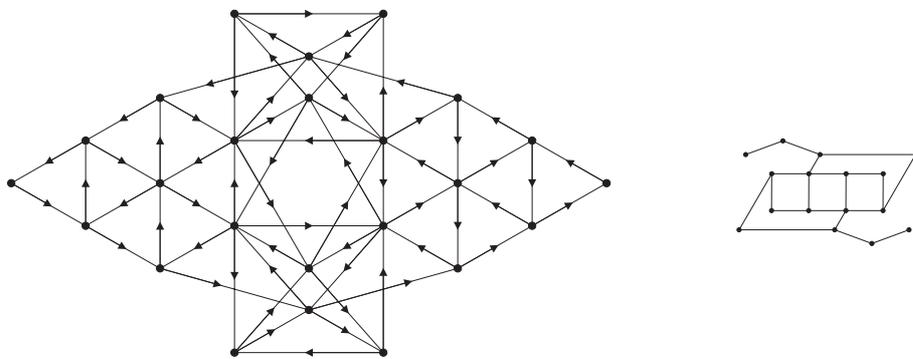


Figure 7: $SU(3)$ graphs: exceptional graph $\mathcal{E}^{(24)}$ and its 0-1 part

1.7 Finite subgroups of $SU(3)$

The classification of finite subgroups of $SU(3)$ is due to [79, 42, 17, 107, 53]. Clearly any finite subgroup of $U(2)$ is a finite subgroup of $SU(3)$, since we can embed $U(2)$ in $SU(3)$ by sending $g \rightarrow g \oplus \det(g)^{-1} \in SU(3)$, for any $g \in U(2)$. These subgroups of $SU(3)$ are called type B. There are three other infinite series of finite groups, called type A, C, D. The groups of type A are the diagonal abelian groups $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$, which correspond to an embedding of the two torus \mathbb{T}^2 in $SU(3)$ given by

$$(\rho|_{\mathbb{T}^2})(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_1^{-1}\omega_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

for $(\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \mathbb{T}^2$. The groups of type C are isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3$, and those of type D are isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n) \rtimes S_3$, where in both cases n is a divisor of m [76, 53]. The infinite family of groups of type C contains the groups $\Delta(3m^2) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3$, whilst the infinite family of groups of type D contains the groups $\Delta(6m^2) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m) \rtimes S_3$. The ternary trihedral groups $\Delta(3m^2)$, $\Delta(6m^2)$ were considered in [17, 77, 26, 76, 53] and generalize the binary dihedral subgroups of $SU(2)$. The group $\Delta(3m^2)$ has a presentation generated by the following matrices in $SU(3)$:

$$S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/m}$. In this presentation, the action of \mathbb{Z}_3 on $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \langle S_1, S_2 \rangle$ is given by conjugation by the matrix T . Here $\langle g_1, g_2, \dots, g_s \rangle$ denotes the group generated by the elements g_1, g_2, \dots, g_s . The group $\Delta(6m^2)$ has a presentation generated by the generators S_1, S_2 and T of $\Delta(3m^2)$, and the matrix $Q \in SU(3)$ given by

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this presentation, the action of S_3 on $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \langle S_1, S_2 \rangle$ is given by conjugation by the matrices T, Q . This corrects the presentation of these ternary trihedral groups

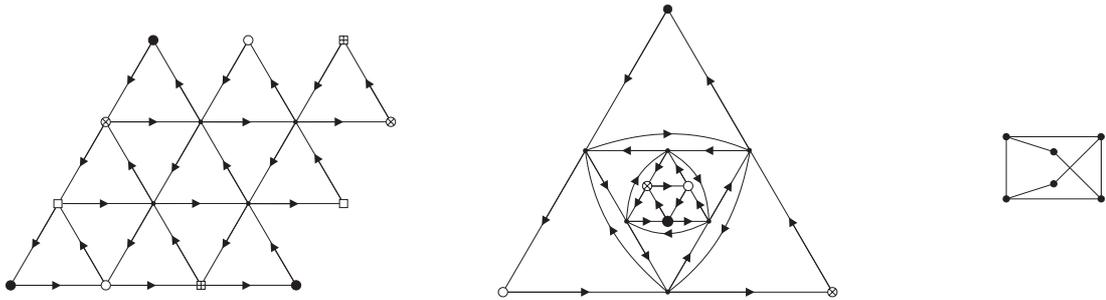


Figure 8: Two representations of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$, and its 0-1 part.

ADE graph	Type	Subgroup $\Gamma \subset SU(3)$	$ \Gamma $
(ADE)	-	B: finite subgroups of $SU(2) \subset SU(3)$	-
$\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$	I	A: $\mathbb{Z}_{m-2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m-2}$	$(m-2)^2$
-	-	A: $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ ($m \neq n \neq 3$)	mn
$\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$ ($m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$)	I	C: $\Delta(3(m-3)^2) = (\mathbb{Z}_{m-3} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m-3}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3$	$3(m-3)^2$
$\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$ ($m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$)	II	-	-
-	-	C: $\Delta(3m^2) = (\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3$, ($n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$)	$3m^2$
-	-	C: $(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3$ ($m \neq n$)	$3mn$
-	-	D: $\Delta(6m^2) = (\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m) \rtimes S_3$	$6m^2$
-	-	D: $(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n) \rtimes S_3$ ($m \neq n$)	$6mn$
$\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}$	II	-	-
$\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}$ ($m \geq 7$)	II	A: $\mathbb{Z}_{\lfloor(m+1)/2\rfloor} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	$3\lfloor(m+1)/2\rfloor$
$\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$	I	E = $\Sigma(36 \times 3) = \Delta(3 \cdot 3^2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4$	108
$\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$	II	-	-
$\mathcal{E}_1^{(12)}$	I	F = $\Sigma(72 \times 3)$	216
$\mathcal{E}_2^{(12)}$	II	G = $\Sigma(216 \times 3)$	648
$(\mathcal{E}_3^{(12)})$	-	B $\times \mathbb{Z}_3$: $BD_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	24
$\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}$	(II)	L = $\Sigma(360 \times 3) \cong TA_6$	1080
$\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}$	II	K $\cong TPSL(2, 7)$	504
$\mathcal{E}^{(24)}$	I	-	-
-	-	H = $\Sigma(60) \cong A_5$	60
-	-	I = $\Sigma(168) \cong PSL(2, 7)$	168
-	-	J $\cong TA_5$	180

Table 2: Relationship between ADE graphs and subgroups Γ of $SU(3)$.

$\Delta(3m^2)$, $\Delta(6m^2)$, and the action of \mathbb{Z}_3 , S_3 respectively, given in [39]. There are also eight exceptional groups E-L. The generators and relations for these groups are given in [39]. The complete list of finite subgroups of $SU(3)$ is given in Table 2. The notation $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the integer part of x . The subgroup TA_5 (respectively TA_6 , $TPSL(2, 7)$) is the ternary A_5 group (respectively ternary A_6 group, ternary $PSL(2, 7)$ group), which is the extension of A_5 (respectively A_6 , $PSL(2, 7)$) by a cyclic group of order 3.

Unlike in the case of $SU(2)$, these $SU(3)$ ADE graphs cannot be matched exactly to (the McKay graphs of the representation theory of) the finite subgroups of $SU(3)$. There is however a correspondence between some of the $SU(3)$ ADE graphs and McKay graphs for the finite subgroups of $SU(3)$, as shown in Table 2, but there are $SU(3)$ ADE graphs which do not have a corresponding finite subgroup of $SU(3)$ and vice-versa. The $SU(3)$ ADE graph can be obtained from its corresponding McKay graph \mathcal{G}_Γ by now removing more than one vertex, and all the edges that start or end at those vertices, as well as possibly some other edges, as was noted in [25]. To obtain the graph $\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}$ from the McKay graph for the subgroup K $\cong TPSL(2, 7)$ an extra edge must also be added. The McKay graphs are illustrated in Figures 8-11. In Figure 8 we have illustrated two representations of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$, where vertices with the same symbol are identified: the representation on the

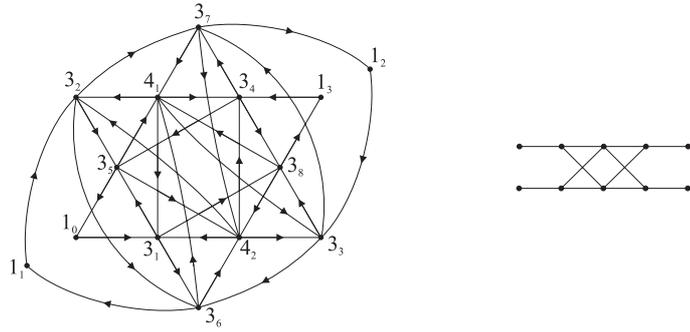


Figure 9: $E = \sum(36 \times 3)$ and its 0-1 part

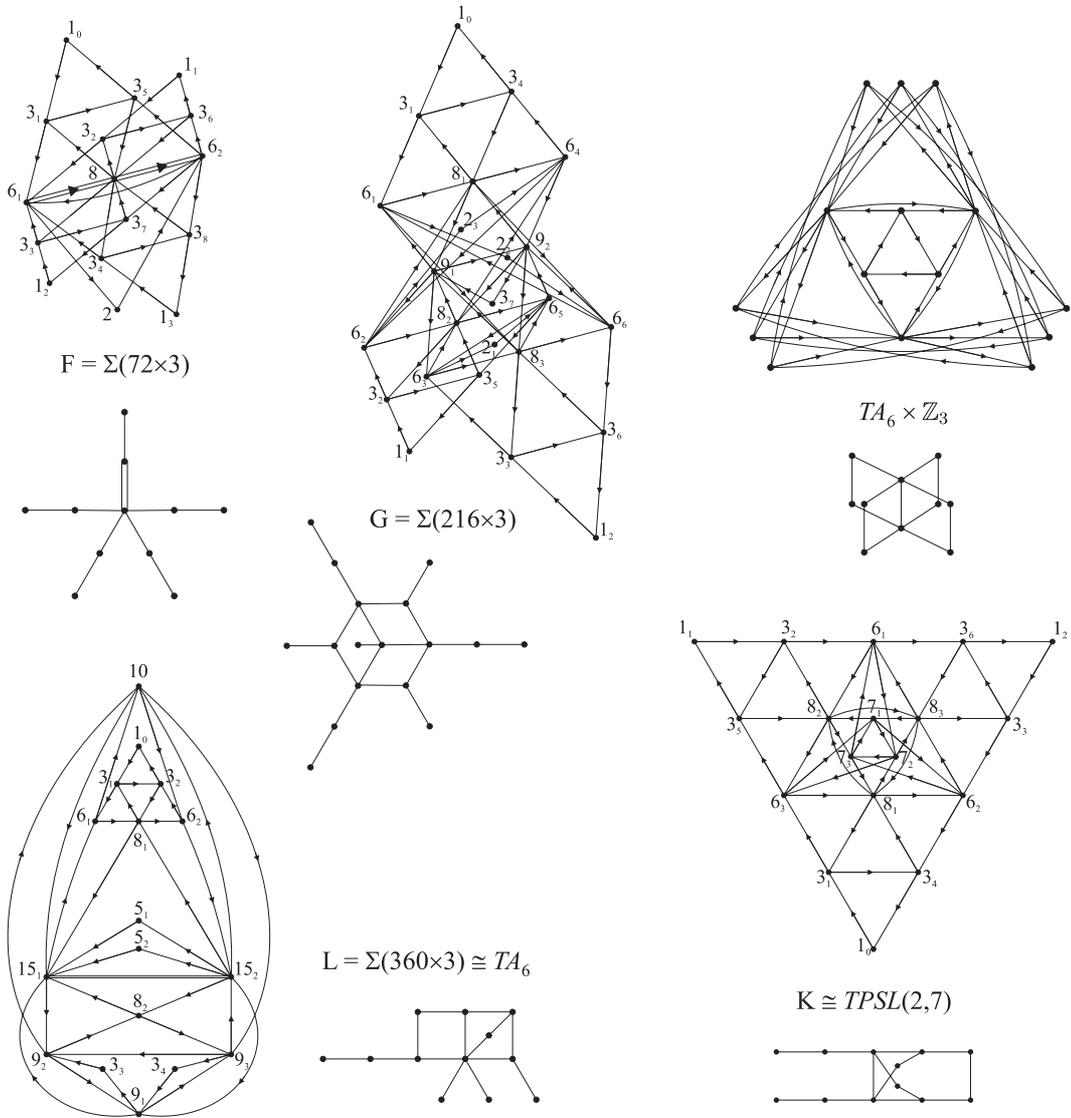


Figure 10: $F = \sum(72 \times 3)$, $G = \sum(216 \times 3)$, $BD_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$, $L = \sum(360 \times 3) \cong TA_6$, $K \cong TPSL(2, 7)$, and their 0-1 parts

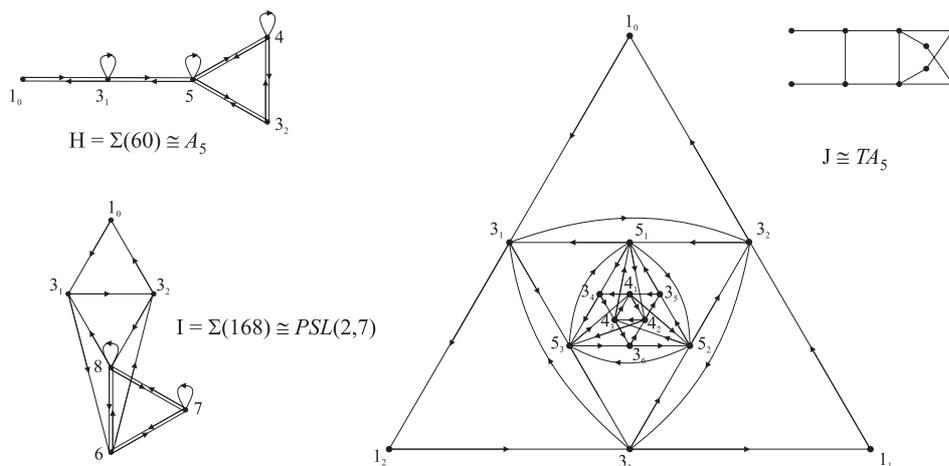


Figure 11: $H = \Sigma(60) \cong A_5$, $I = \Sigma(168) \cong PSL(2, 7)$, and $J \cong TA_5$ and its 0-1 part

left shows the connection between $\mathbb{Z}_{m-2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m-2}$ and the graph $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, whilst the other representation shows the connection between $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ and the graph $\mathcal{D}^{(2p+2)*}$. The 0-1 part of $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ only makes sense when both $m, n \equiv 0 \pmod 3$.

1.8 Spectrum of nimrep index values

Jones defined a notion of supertransitivity for a subfactor, or equivalently, for its principal graph [65, 54]. For $n = 2, 3$, we define the $SU(n)$ -supertransitivity of an $SU(n)$ N - M graph \mathcal{G} to be $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where k is the largest integer such that $\bigoplus_v * \cdot \text{End}((\mathcal{CG})_k) \cdot v = \bigoplus_{v'} * \cdot \text{End}((\mathcal{CA})_k) \cdot v'$, where the direct sum on the left hand side is over all vertices v of \mathcal{G} and the direct sum on the right hand side is over all vertices v' of \mathcal{A} , where \mathcal{A} is the $SU(n)$ A -graph with the same graph norm as \mathcal{G} . Note that $SU(n)$ -supertransitivity reduces to the usual supertransitivity of subfactor theory when $n = 2$, in the case where \mathcal{G} is the principal graph of a subfactor.

In Figure 12 we have plotted the $SU(n)$ -supertransitivity and norm of the $SU(n)$ N - M graphs G_ρ , for $n = 2, 3$. This figure was inspired by the figure of Scott Morrison in [82]. Here a solid, hollow circle respectively denotes that the inclusion $N \subset M$ is of type I, II respectively. Where more than one graph has the same norm and $SU(n)$ -supertransitivity, one graph is stacked vertically on top of the other. The norm of the $SU(2)$ ADE graphs is of the form $[2] = 2 \cos(\pi/m)$, whilst the norm of the $SU(3)$ ADE graphs is of the form $[3] = 1 + 2 \cos(2\pi/m)$.

When \mathcal{G} is one of the $SU(3)$ N - M nimrep graphs $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$ and $\mathcal{D}^{(3k)}$, the principal graph is given by the 0-1 part of \mathcal{G} [29, Theorems 3.3, 5.8 & Corollary 3.4]. It is conjectured [35, Section 5.7] that the same is true for the other $SU(3)$ N - M graphs which are realised by type I inclusions. There are 4 $SU(3)$ N - M graphs which are realised by type I inclusions and which have norm squared less than or equal to 4. These are the graphs $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, $m = 4, 5, 6$, and $\mathcal{D}^{(6)}$. The 0-1 part of $\mathcal{A}^{(4)}$ is the Dynkin diagram A_3 , the 0-1 part of $\mathcal{A}^{(5)}$ is A_4 , the 0-1 part of $\mathcal{A}^{(6)}$ is the affine Dynkin diagram $E_6^{(1)}$, and the 0-1 part of $\mathcal{D}^{(6)}$ is the affine Dynkin diagram $A_1^{(1)}$. It was conjectured in [36, Section 6] that the connection for the conjugate graphs \mathcal{A}^* , \mathcal{D}^* is not flat for any choice of distinguished vertex, and that

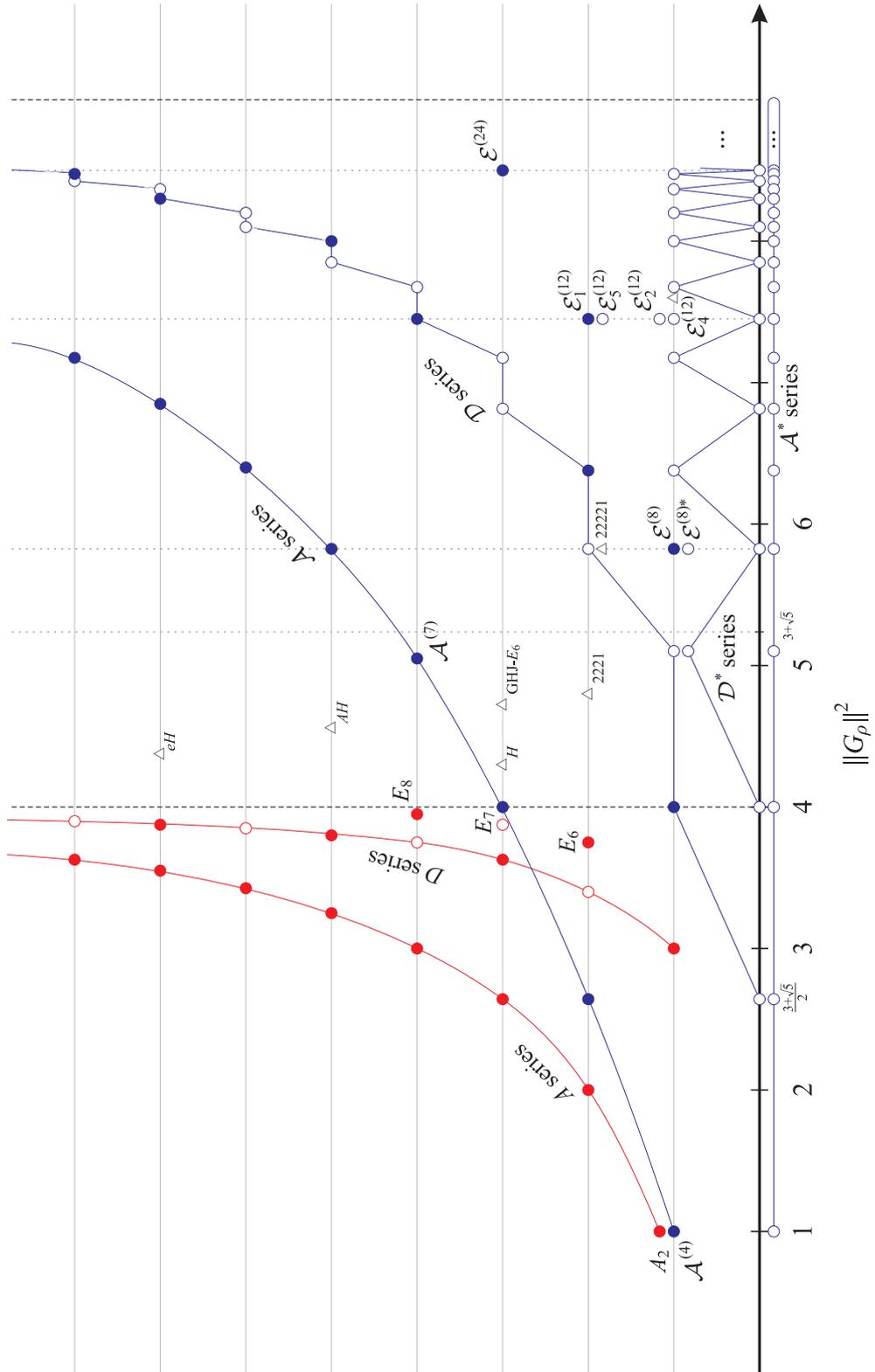


Figure 12: Plotting the $SU(n)$ -supertransitivity and the norm squared of the $SU(n)$ N - M nimrep graphs G_ρ , $n = 2, 3$.

the principal graph of the subfactor $\alpha_\lambda^\pm(M) \subset M$ is given by its flat part, which should be the type I parents given in [35]. It appears that this conjecture is not correct. A counterexample is given by the 0-1 part of the graph $\mathcal{D}^{(7)*}$, which appears as a principal graph of a subfactor with index $1 + 2 \cos(2\pi/7)$, and is related to $SO(3)$ [103].

The hollow triangles indicate certain other graphs \mathcal{G} which are principal graphs for subfactors with index $\|\mathcal{G}\|^2$, where $SU(2)$ -supertransitivity has been used for the vertical axis. The graphs H , eH , AH , $GHJ-E_6$, 2221 are all the principal graphs for subfactors with index between 4 and 5. The first three subfactors are the Haagerup H with index $(5 + \sqrt{13})/2$ [58], the extended Haagerup eH with index given by the largest root of $x^3 - 8x^2 + 17x - 5$ [5], and the Asaeda-Haagerup AH with index $(5 + \sqrt{17})/2$ [1]. The next is the Goodman-de la Harpe-Jones subfactor for the inclusion of $SU(2)$ in E_6 with index $3 + \sqrt{3}$ [51], and the final subfactor can be constructed from the conformal inclusion $(G_2)_3 \subset (E_6)_1$, with index $(5 + \sqrt{21})/2$ [60]. There are two other hollow triangles, one which indicates the graph 22221, which has the same norm $1 + \sqrt{2}$ as the $SU(3)$ graphs with Coxeter number 8. The other is unlabelled, and indicates the subfactor of [55] with index $4 + \sqrt{13}$, which is a subfactor corresponding to a simple object in the category of Morita equivalences between unitary fusion categories H_1 and H_3 , where H_1 and H_2 are unitary fusion categories coming from the Haagerup subfactor, and H_3 is a unitary fusion category with the Grothendieck ring as H_2 but which is not isomorphic to H_2 as a category. We have marked the value of $3 + \sqrt{5}$, which is twice the golden mean, on the graph. This value is the smallest index value which can be obtained as a non-trivial multiple of other index values, apart from the index value $4 = 2^2$. Note that beyond 4, the square of the norm of all the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs has non-integer value (the norm squared for the graphs with Coxeter number 15 is 7.992 to 3 decimal places). The Haagerup subfactor is the first of a series of subfactors [60, 28] and the modular data of their doubles have been studied in [32, 33, 28]

2 Spectral Measures for nimreps

We wish to compute invariants for the module categories or braided subfactors associated to $SU(3)$ modular invariants. We will now consider spectral measures for the classifying graphs G_ρ and the McKay graphs of subgroups of $SU(3)$. Such measures were computed by Banica and Bisch [3] for the ADE graphs and the McKay graphs of subgroups of $SU(2)$.

Suppose A is a unital C^* -algebra with state φ . If $b \in A$ is a normal operator then there exists a compactly supported probability measure μ_b on the spectrum $\sigma(b) \subset \mathbb{C}$ of b , uniquely determined by its moments $\varphi(b^m b^{*n}) = \int_{\sigma(b)} z^m \bar{z}^n d\mu_b(z)$, for non-negative integers m, n .

We computed in [38, 39] such spectral measures and generating series when b is the normal operator $\Delta = G_\rho$ acting on the Hilbert space of square summable functions on the graph, for the nimreps G described above, i.e. G_ρ is the adjacency matrix of the ADE and $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs, and the McKay graphs of subgroups of $SU(2)$ and $SU(3)$. We computed the spectral measure for the vacuum, i.e. the distinguished vertex of the graph which has lowest Perron-Frobenius weight. However the spectral measures for the other vertices of the graph could also be computed by the same methods. For the

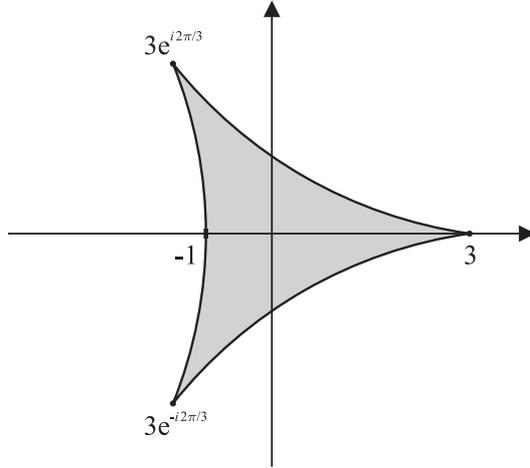


Figure 13: The (3-cusp) discoid \mathfrak{D} , the union of the deltoid and its interior.

$SU(2)$ and $SU(3)$ graphs, the spectral measures distill onto very special subsets of the semicircle/circle ($SU(2)$) and discoid/torus ($SU(3)$), and the theory of nimreps allowed us to compute these measures precisely. Our methods gave an alternative approach to deriving the results of Banica and Bisch [3] for ADE graphs and subgroups of $SU(2)$, and explained the connection between their results for affine ADE graphs and the Kostant polynomials.

In particular, for $SU(2)$, we can understand the spectral measures for the torus T and $SU(2)$ as follows. If w_Z and w_N are the self adjoint operators arising from the McKay graph of the fusion rules of the representation theory of T and $SU(2)$, then the spectral measures in the vacuum state can be describe in terms of semicircular law, on the interval $[-2, 2]$ which is the spectrum of either as the image of the map $z \in T \rightarrow z + z^{-1}$ [38, Sections 2 & 3.1]:

$$\dim \left((\otimes^k M_2)^{\mathbb{T}} \right) = \varphi(w_Z^{2k}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-2}^2 x^{2k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx ,$$

$$\dim \left((\otimes^k M_2)^{SU(2)} \right) = \varphi(w_N^{2k}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-2}^2 x^{2k} \sqrt{4-x^2} dx .$$

The fusion matrix for $SO(3)$ is just $\mathbf{1} + \Delta$, where Δ is the fusion matrix for $SU(2)$, and thus is equal to the infinite $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph $\mathcal{A}^{(\infty)*}$. Thus the spectral measure μ in the vacuum state (over $[-1, 3]$) for $SO(3)$ has semicircle distribution with mean 1 and variance 1, i.e. $d\mu(x) = \sqrt{4 - (x-1)^2} dx$ [38, Section 7.3].

The spectral weight $\sqrt{4 - (x-1)^2}$ for $SU(2)$ arises from the Jacobian of a change of variable between the interval $[-2, 2]$ and the circle. Then for \mathbb{T}^2 and $SU(3)$, the 3-cusp discoid \mathfrak{D} in the complex plane, illustrated in Figure 13, is the image of the two-torus under the map $\Phi : (\omega_1, \omega_2) \mapsto \omega_1 + \omega_2^{-1} + \omega_1^{-1}\omega_2$, which is the spectrum of the corresponding normal operators v_Z and v_N on the Hilbert spaces of the fusion graphs of \mathbb{T}^2 and $SU(3)$ respectively. The corresponding spectral measures are then described by a corresponding

Jacobian or discriminant $\sqrt{27 - 18z\bar{z} + 4z^3 + 4\bar{z}^3 - z^2\bar{z}^2}$ as [38, Theorems 3 & 5]:

$$\dim\left(\left(\otimes^k M_3\right)^{\mathbb{T}^2}\right) = \varphi(|v_Z|^{2k}) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathfrak{D}} |z|^{2k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{27 - 18z\bar{z} + 4z^3 + 4\bar{z}^3 - z^2\bar{z}^2}} dz,$$

$$\dim\left(\left(\otimes^k M_3\right)^{SU(3)}\right) = \varphi(|v_N|^{2k}) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathfrak{D}} |z|^{2k} \sqrt{27 - 18z\bar{z} + 4z^3 + 4\bar{z}^3 - z^2\bar{z}^2} dz,$$

where $dz := d\operatorname{Re}z d\operatorname{Im}z$ denotes the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{C} .

For vertices ν of $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$ (generalized) Chebyshev polynomials $S_\nu(x, y)$ in two variables are defined by $S_{(0,0)}(x, y) = 1$, and $xS_\nu(x, y) = \sum_\mu \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(\nu, \mu) S_\mu(x, y)$ and $yS_\nu(x, y) = \sum_\mu \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}^T(\nu, \mu) S_\mu(x, y)$. For concrete values of the first few $S_\mu(x, y)$ see [30, p. 610]. Koornwinder [71] proved that the measure for v_N above is the measure required to make these polynomials $S_\mu(z, \bar{z})$ orthogonal, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} S_\mu(z, \bar{z}) \overline{S_\nu(z, \bar{z})} \sqrt{27 - 18z\bar{z} + 4z^3 + 4\bar{z}^3 - z^2\bar{z}^2} dz = \delta_{\mu, \nu}.$$

Gepner [49] extended this result to orthogonal measures for the analogues of the Chebyshev polynomials for $SU(n)$, for each $n \geq 2$.

Related constructions of spectral measures and spectra can be found in [21, 22] for averaging operators on triangle buildings, that is, on simplicial complexes consisting of vertices, edges and triangles.

As an example of the spectral measure of one of the finite \mathcal{ADE} graphs, the spectral measure for $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$ over \mathbb{T}^2 is

$$d\varepsilon = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{8} d^{((8))} + \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{8} d^{((8/3))} + \frac{1}{2} d^{(24/5, 1/12)}, \quad (14)$$

where $d^{((n))}$ is the uniform measure on the S_3 -orbit of the points (τ, τ) , $(\bar{\omega}\bar{\tau}, \omega)$, $(\omega, \bar{\omega}\bar{\tau})$, for $n \in \mathbb{Q}$, and $d^{(n,k)}$ is the uniform measure on the S_3 -orbit of the points $(\tau e^{2\pi ik}, \tau)$, $(\tau, \tau e^{2\pi ik})$, $(\bar{\omega}\bar{\tau}, \omega e^{2\pi ik})$, $(\omega e^{2\pi ik}, \bar{\omega}\bar{\tau})$, $(\bar{\omega}\bar{\tau} e^{-2\pi ik}, \omega e^{-2\pi ik})$, $(\omega e^{-2\pi ik}, \bar{\omega}\bar{\tau} e^{-2\pi ik})$, for $n, k \in \mathbb{Q}$, $n > 2$, $0 \leq k \leq 1/n$. It is a discrete measure over $(e^{2\pi i\theta_1}, e^{2\pi i\theta_2}) \in \mathbb{T}^2$ for the points (θ_1, θ_2) illustrated in Figure 14.

The theory of nimreps carries over to the case of finite subgroups of $SU(3)$, since there is an S -matrix which simultaneously diagonalizes the representations of $\Gamma \subset SU(3)$ [68]. The m, n^{th} moment $s_{m,n}$ is given by

$$s_{m,n} = \int_{\mathfrak{D}} z^m \bar{z}^n d\mu(z) = \sum_{j=1}^s \frac{|\Gamma_j|}{|\Gamma|} \chi_\rho(\Gamma_j)^m \overline{\chi_\rho(\Gamma_j)^n}.$$

In order to determine the spectral measure over \mathbb{T}^2 for the McKay graph \mathcal{G}_Γ , we must first determine *right inverse* maps $\Phi^{-1} : \mathfrak{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$ such that $\Phi \circ \Phi^{-1} = \operatorname{id}$, which amounts to finding solutions ω_1 to the cubic equation

$$\omega_1^3 - z\omega_1^2 + \bar{z}\omega_1 - 1 = 0. \quad (15)$$

Solving (15) we obtain solutions $\omega_1 = \omega^{(k)}$, $k = 0, 1, 2$, given by

$$\omega^{(k)} = (z + 2^{-1/3} \epsilon_k P + 2^{1/3} \overline{\epsilon_k} (z^2 - 3\bar{z}) P^{-1}) / 3,$$

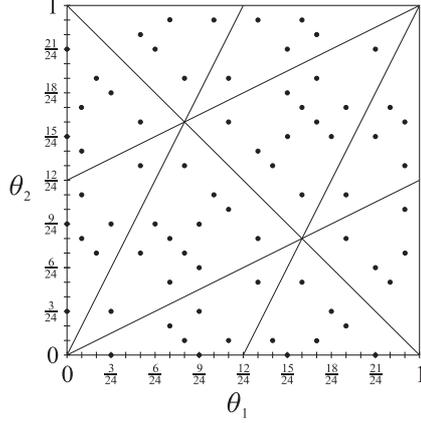


Figure 14: The points (θ_1, θ_2) for $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$.

where $\epsilon_k = e^{2\pi ik/3}$, $2^{1/3}$ takes a real value, and P is the cube root $P = (27 - 9z\bar{z} + 2z^3 + 3\sqrt{3}\sqrt{27 - 18z\bar{z} + 4z^3 + 4\bar{z}^3 - z^2\bar{z}^2})^{1/3}$ such that $P \in \{re^{i\theta} \mid 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi/3\}$. We notice that the Jacobian J appears in the expression for P as the discriminant of the cubic equation (15). Right inverse maps $\Phi_{k,l}^{-1} : \mathfrak{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$ are given by $\Phi_{k,l}^{-1}(z) = (\omega^{(k)}, \overline{\omega^{(l)}})$, for $z \in \mathfrak{D}$, where $k, l \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ such that $k \neq l$. The spectral measure of Γ (over \mathbb{T}^2) is taken as the average over these six $\Phi_{k,l}^{-1}(z)$, which are the S_3 -orbit of $\Phi_{0,1}^{-1}(z)$:

$$S_{m,n} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{\substack{k,l \in \{0,1,2\}: \\ k \neq l}} \frac{|\Gamma_j|}{|\Gamma|} (\omega^{(k,j)} + \overline{\omega^{(l,j)}} + \overline{\omega^{(k,j)}}\omega^{(l,j)})^m (\overline{\omega^{(k,j)}} + \omega^{(l,j)} + \omega^{(k,j)}\overline{\omega^{(l,j)}})^n,$$

where $\omega^{(p,j)}$, $j = 1, \dots, s$, are given by $\Phi_{k,l}^{-1}(\chi_\rho(\Gamma_j)) = (\omega^{(k,j)}, \overline{\omega^{(l,j)}})$.

As an example, consider the subgroup $E = \Sigma(36 \times 3)$, the semidirect product of the ternary trihedral group $\Delta(3.3^2)$ with \mathbb{Z}_4 , which is the subgroup corresponding to the graph $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$. The spectral measure over \mathbb{T}^2 for the group E is

$$d\varepsilon = \frac{1}{48\pi^4} J^2 d^{(4)} + \frac{1}{108\pi^4} J^2 d^{(3)} + \frac{1}{3} d^{(2)} - \frac{1}{18} d^{(1)}, \quad (16)$$

where $d^{(m)}$ is the spectral measure for $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, which is uniform measure over the points in $D_m = \{(e^{2\pi i q_1/3m}, e^{2\pi i q_2/3m}) \in \mathbb{T}^2 \mid q_1, q_2 = 0, 1, \dots, 3m-1; q_1 + q_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$, illustrated in Figure 15 for $m = 6$. Notice that the points in the interior of the fundamental domain C (those enclosed by the dashed line) correspond to the vertices of the graph $\mathcal{A}^{(6)}$.

3 $SU(3)$ module categories and the A_2 -planar algebra

In this section we review some pictorial descriptions associated to the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs. These include a diagrammatic presentation of the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra in Section 3.1, the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category in Section 3.2, and the A_2 -planar algebras of [36] in Section 3.4. In Section 3.3 we review the construction of the path algebra for an \mathcal{ADE} graph \mathcal{G} via a monoidal functor coming from a module category with classifying graph \mathcal{G} .

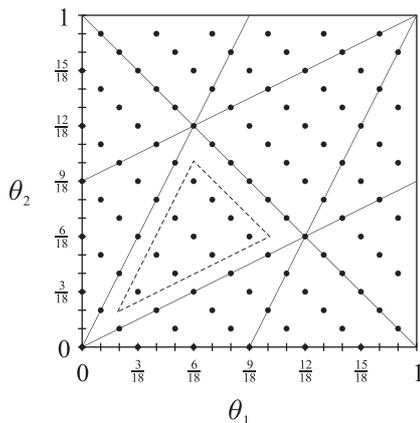


Figure 15: The points (θ_1, θ_2) such that $(e^{2\pi i\theta_1}, e^{2\pi i\theta_2}) \in D_6$.



Figure 16: A_2 webs

This is related to the A_2 -graph planar algebra construction in Section 3.4, and a partial decomposition of the A_2 -graph planar algebras for the \mathcal{ADE} graphs into irreducible A_2 -planar modules is given in Section 3.5.

3.1 The A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra

We begin with a diagrammatic presentation of the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra given in [36] (c.f. also [40]), using the A_2 spider of Kuperberg [74]. For $SU(3)$, the vanishing of the q -antisymmetrizer (10) yields the relation

$$(U_i - U_{i+2}U_{i+1}U_i + U_{i+1})(U_{i+1}U_{i+2}U_{i+1} - U_{i+1}) = 0. \quad (17)$$

The A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra is the algebra generated by a family $\{U_n\}$ of self-adjoint operators which satisfy the Hecke relations H1-H3 and the extra condition (17).

In [74], Kuperberg defined the notion of a spider, which is an axiomatization of the representation theory of groups and other group-like objects. The invariant spaces have bases given by certain planar graphs, called webs. In [74] certain spiders were defined in terms of generators and relations, isomorphic to the representation theories of rank two Lie algebras and the quantum deformations of these representation theories, which generalized a well-known construction for $A_1 = \mathfrak{su}(2)$ by Kauffman [67]. For the $A_2 = \mathfrak{su}(3)$ case, the A_2 webs are illustrated in Figure 16, and the relations are given by K1-K3 below. A complete list of relations for a diagrammatic formalism for A_3 has been conjectured in [69], and for general A_l , $l \geq 2$, in [81].

A string s is a sequence of signs $+$, $-$. For two (possible empty) strings s_1, s_2 , an A_2 - s_1, s_2 -tangle T is a tangle on a rectangle with strings s_1, s_2 along the top, bottom edges respectively, generated by the A_2 webs such that every free end of T is attached to

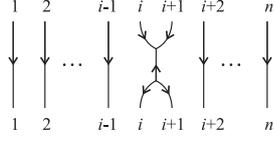


Figure 17: The tangle $W_i \in \mathcal{V}_m^{A_2}$.

about a horizontal line halfway between the top and bottom vertices of the tangle, and reversing the orientations on every string. Then $*$ on $\mathcal{V}_m^{A_2}$ is the conjugate linear extension of $*$ on m -tangles. For $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ (so $q \in \mathbb{R}$ or q a root of unity), the $*$ -operation leaves the Kuperberg ideal invariant due to the symmetry of the relations K1-K3. For $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ we define the algebra $A_2\text{-TL}_m$ to be the quotient space $V_m^{A_2} := V_{(m,0),(m,0)}^{A_2}$. The images of the W_i 's in $V_m^{A_2}$ are clearly self-adjoint, and satisfy the relations H1-H3 and (17) [36, Section 3.3].

3.2 The A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category

We now review the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category, following the construction given in [40] (see also an earlier construction in [23], and the Temperley-Lieb category in [98, 105]).

The A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category is defined by $A_2\text{-TL} = \text{Mat}(C^{A_2})$, where C^{A_2} is the tensor category whose objects are projections in $V_{(m,n)}^{A_2}$, and whose morphisms are $\text{Hom}(p_1, p_2) = p_2 V_{(m_2, n_2), (m_1, n_1)}^{A_2} p_1$, for projections $p_i \in V_{(m_i, n_i)}^{A_2}$, $i = 1, 2$. We write $A_2\text{-TL}_{(m,n)} = V_{(m,n)}^{A_2}$, and $\rho, \bar{\rho}$ for the identity projections in $A_2\text{-TL}_{(1,0)}$, $A_2\text{-TL}_{(0,1)}$ respectively consisting of a single string with orientation downwards, upwards respectively. Then the identity diagram in $A_2\text{-TL}_{(m,n)}$, given by $m+n$ vertical strings where the first m strings have downwards orientation and the next n have upwards orientation, is expressed as $\rho^m \bar{\rho}^n$. It is a linear combination of simple projections $f_{(i,j)}$ for $i, j \geq 0$, $0 \leq i+j < m+n$ such that $i-j \cong m-n \pmod{3}$, and a simple projection $f_{(m,n)}$, where $f_{(1,0)} = \rho$, $f_{(0,1)} = \bar{\rho}$ and $f_{(0,0)}$ is the empty diagram [40].

The morphisms $f_{(p,l)} = \text{id}_{f_{(p,l)}}$ are generalized Jones-Wenzl projections which satisfy the recursion relations [96, (2.1.0)-(2.1.2)]:

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m+1,0)}} \\ \downarrow \\ m \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m,0)}} \\ \downarrow \\ m-1 \end{array} - \frac{[m]_q}{[m+1]_q} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m,0)}} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ m-2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m,0)}} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ m-2 \end{array} \quad (19)$$

and [96, (2.1.7)]:

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m+1,n)}} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ n \quad m+1 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m,n)}} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ n \quad m \end{array} - \frac{[m]_q}{[m+1]_q} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m,n)}} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ n \quad m-2 \end{array} - \frac{[n]_q}{[m]_q [m+n+1]_q} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \boxed{f_{(m,n)}} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ n-1 \quad m-1 \end{array} \quad (20)$$

$$W\left(\begin{array}{c} b \nearrow \triangleleft c \\ \leftarrow a \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{c} b \nearrow \triangleleft c \\ \leftarrow a \end{array} \quad \overline{W\left(\begin{array}{c} b \nearrow \triangleleft c \\ \leftarrow a \end{array}\right)} = W\left(\begin{array}{c} c \nearrow \triangleleft b \\ \leftarrow a \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{c} c \nearrow \triangleleft b \\ \leftarrow a \end{array}$$

Figure 18: Cells associated to trivalent vertices

The morphisms $\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}$ also satisfy the properties [96]:

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \dots = \begin{array}{c} \dots | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = 0 = \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \dots = \begin{array}{c} \dots | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} | \dots | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \\ \\ \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow^l \downarrow^{p-1} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow^l \downarrow^{p-1} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \end{array} = \frac{[p+l+2]_q [p+1]_q}{[p+l+1]_q [p]_q} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow^l \downarrow^{p-1} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \mathbf{f}_{(p-1,l)} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow^l \downarrow^{p-1} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \end{array} \\ \\ \text{tr}(\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}) = \frac{[p+1]_q [l+1]_q [p+l+2]_q}{[2]_q}, \end{array}$$

where $\text{tr}(\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)})$ is given by connecting the i^{th} string from the left along the top to the i^{th} string from the left along the bottom for each $i = 1, \dots, p+l$. For $p \geq p'$ and $l \geq l'$, these generalized Jones-Wenzl projections also satisfy the property $\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}(\text{id}_{\rho^i \bar{\rho}^j} \otimes \mathbf{f}_{(p',l')}) \otimes \text{id}_{\rho^{p-p'-i} \bar{\rho}^{l-l'-j}} = \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} = (\text{id}_{\rho^i \bar{\rho}^j} \otimes \mathbf{f}_{(p',l')}) \otimes \text{id}_{\rho^{p-p'-i} \bar{\rho}^{l-l'-j}} \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}$, for any $0 \leq i \leq p-p'$, $0 \leq j \leq l-l'$. This property also holds if we conjugate either $\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}$ or $\text{id}_{\rho^i \bar{\rho}^j} \otimes \mathbf{f}_{(p',l')}) \otimes \text{id}_{\rho^{p-p'-i} \bar{\rho}^{l-l'-j}}$ by any braiding.

The $f_{(p,l)}$ satisfy the fusion rules for $SU(3)$ [40]:

$$f_{(p,l)} \otimes \rho \cong f_{(p,l-1)} \oplus f_{(p-1,l+1)} \oplus f_{(p+1,l)}, \quad f_{(p,l)} \otimes \bar{\rho} \cong f_{(p-1,l)} \oplus f_{(p+1,l-1)} \oplus f_{(p,l+1)}. \quad (21)$$

In the generic case, $\delta \geq 2$, the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category $A_2\text{-TL}$ is semisimple and for any pair of non-isomorphic simple projections p_1, p_2 we have $\langle p_1, p_2 \rangle = 0$. We recover the infinite graph $\mathcal{A}^{(\infty)}$, where the vertices are labeled by the projections $f_{(p,l)}$ and the edges represent tensoring by ρ .

In the non-generic case where q is an $k+3^{\text{th}}$ root of unity, we have $\text{tr}(\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}) = 0$ for $p+l = k+1$. By (20), $\mathbf{f}_{(p',l')} = 0$ for all $p', l' \geq k+2$ if $\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} = 0$ for $p+l = k+1$. Thus the negligible morphisms are the ideal $\langle \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} | p+l = k+1 \rangle$ generated by $\mathbf{f}_{(p,l)}$ such that $p+l = k+1$. The quotient $A_2\text{-TL}^{(k)} := A_2\text{-TL} / \langle \mathbf{f}_{(p,l)} | p+l = k+1 \rangle$ is semisimple with simple objects $f_{(p,l)}$, $p, l \geq 0$ such that $p+l \leq k$ which satisfy the fusion rules (21) where $f_{(p',l')}$ is understood to be zero if $p' < 0$, $l' < 0$ or $p'+l' \geq k+1$. Thus we recover the graph $\mathcal{A}^{(k+3)}$, where the vertices are labeled by the projections $f_{(p,l)}$ and the edges represent tensoring by ρ .

3.3 Ocneanu cells and $SU(3)$ module categories

In this section we recall the definition of a cell system W on a finite \mathcal{ADE} graph \mathcal{G} . Such a pair (\mathcal{G}, W) yields braided subfactor $N \subset M$ and a module category ${}_N \mathcal{X}_M$. We will describe the construction of the path algebra of \mathcal{G} via a monoidal functor, which is essentially the module category ${}_N \mathcal{X}_M$, from the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category to $\text{Fun}({}_N \mathcal{X}_M, {}_N \mathcal{X}_M)$.

Ocneanu [87] defined a cell system W on \mathcal{G} , associating a complex number $W\left(\Delta_{i,j,k}^{(a,b,c)}\right)$, now called an Ocneanu cell, to each closed loop of length three $\Delta_{i,j,k}^{(a,b,c)}$ in \mathcal{G} as in Figure 18, where a, b, c are edges on \mathcal{G} , and i, j, k are the vertices on \mathcal{G} given by $i = s(a) = r(c)$, $j = s(b) = r(a)$, $k = s(c) = r(b)$. These cells satisfy two properties, called Ocneanu's type I, II equations respectively, which are obtained by evaluating the Kuperberg relations K2, K3 respectively, using the identification in Figure 18:

(i) for any type I frame $i \xleftrightarrow{a'} j$ in \mathcal{G} we have

$$\sum_{k,b_1,b_2} W\left(\Delta_{i,j,k}^{(a,b_1,b_2)}\right) \overline{W\left(\Delta_{i,j,k}^{(a',b_1,b_2)}\right)} = \delta_{a,a'} [2]_q \phi_i \phi_j \quad (22)$$

(ii) for any type II frame $i_4 \xleftrightarrow{a_1, a_2} i_1 \xleftrightarrow{a_3} i_2$ in \mathcal{G} we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,b_j} \phi_k^{-1} W\left(\Delta_{i_2,i_1,k}^{(a_2,b_1,b_2)}\right) \overline{W\left(\Delta_{i_2,i_3,k}^{(a_3,b_3,b_2)}\right)} W\left(\Delta_{i_4,i_3,k}^{(a_4,b_3,b_4)}\right) \overline{W\left(\Delta_{i_4,i_1,k}^{(a_1,b_4,b_1)}\right)} \\ = \delta_{a_1,a_4} \delta_{a_2,a_3} \phi_{i_4} \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} + \delta_{a_1,a_2} \delta_{a_3,a_4} \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \phi_{i_3} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Here $(\phi_v)_v$ is the Perron-Frobenius eigenvector for the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue $\alpha = [3]_q$ of \mathcal{G} . The existence of these cells for the finite \mathcal{ADE} graphs was claimed by Ocneanu [87], and shown in [34] with the exception of the graph $\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}$. These cells define a unitary connection on the graph \mathcal{G} which satisfy the Yang-Baxter equation [34, Lemma 3.2]. There is up to equivalence precisely one connection on the graphs $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, $\mathcal{A}^{(2m+1)*}$, $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$, $\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$, $\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}$ and $\mathcal{E}^{(24)}$. For the graphs $\mathcal{A}^{(2m)*}$ and $\mathcal{E}_2^{(12)}$ there are precisely two inequivalent connections, which are obtained from each other by a \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry of the graph. This \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry is the conjugation of the graph in the case of $\mathcal{E}_2^{(12)}$. There is at least one connection for each graph $\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$, $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, and at least two inequivalent connections for each graph $\mathcal{D}^{(3p)}$, which are the complex conjugates of each other. There is at least one connection for each graph $\mathcal{D}^{(2m+1)*}$, and at least two inequivalent connections for each graph $\mathcal{D}^{(2m)*}$, which are obtained from each other by a \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry of the graph. There are also at least two inequivalent connections for the graph $\mathcal{E}_1^{(12)}$, which are obtained from each other by conjugation of the graph.

Let ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N = \{\lambda_{(p,l)} \mid 0 \leq p, l, p+l \leq k < \infty\}$ be braided system of endomorphisms of $SU(3)_k$ on a factor N , and $N \subset M$ will be a braided inclusion with classifying graph $\mathcal{G} = G_\rho$, of \mathcal{ADE} type, arising from the nimrep G of ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ acting on ${}_N\mathcal{X}_M$. Then the module category gives rise to a monoidal functor F from the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category $A_2\text{-TL}^{(k)}$ to $\text{Fun}({}_N\mathcal{X}_M, {}_N\mathcal{X}_M)$, where F is given by

$$F(f_{(p,l)}) = \bigoplus_{i,j \in \mathcal{G}_0} G_{\lambda_{(p,l)}}(i, j) \mathbb{C}_{i,j}, \quad (24)$$

where $\lambda_{(p,l)}$ is an irreducible endomorphism in ${}_N\mathcal{X}_N$ identified with the generalized Jones-Wenzl projections $f_{(p,l)}$. The $\mathbb{C}_{i,j}$ are 1-dimensional R - R bimodules, where $R = (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_0$. The category of R - R bimodules has a natural monoidal structure given by \otimes_R .

We denote by \mathcal{G}^{op} the opposite graph of \mathcal{G} obtained by reversing the orientation of every edge of \mathcal{G} . Then we have that $F(\rho^m \bar{\rho}^n)$ is the R - R bimodule with basis given by



Figure 19: left and right cups; left and right caps

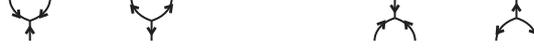


Figure 20: incoming and outgoing Y-forks; incoming and outgoing inverted Y-forks

all paths of length $m + n$ on \mathcal{G} , \mathcal{G}^{op} , where the first m edges are on \mathcal{G} and the last n edges are on \mathcal{G}^{op} . In particular $F(\rho^m) = (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_m$, so that we have the graded algebra $\bigoplus_m F(\rho^m) = (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})$, the path algebra of \mathcal{G} . The endomorphisms ρ^m are not irreducible however, but decompose into direct sums of the generalized Jones-Wenzl projections $f_{(p,0)}$. The natural algebra to consider is thus the graded algebra $\Sigma = \bigoplus_j F(f_{(j,0)})$, where the p^{th} graded part is $\Sigma_p = F(f_{(p,0)}) = F(\lambda_{(p,0)})$. The multiplication μ is defined by $\mu_{p,l} = F(\mathfrak{f}_{(p+l,0)}) : \Sigma_p \otimes_R \Sigma_l \rightarrow \Sigma_{p+l}$, where $\mathfrak{f}_{(p,l)} = \text{id}_{f_{(p,l)}}$.

To define the functor F it is sufficient to define it on the morphisms in the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category. If $a \in \mathcal{G}_1$ is an edge on \mathcal{G} , we denote by $\tilde{a} \in \mathcal{G}_1^{\text{op}}$ the corresponding edge with opposite orientation on \mathcal{G}^{op} . We define annihilation operators c_l, c_r by:

$$c_l(\tilde{a}\tilde{b}) = \delta_{s(a),s(b)} \frac{\sqrt{\phi_{r(a)}}}{\sqrt{\phi_{s(a)}}} s(a), \quad c_r(\tilde{b}\tilde{a}) = \delta_{r(a),r(b)} \frac{\sqrt{\phi_{s(a)}}}{\sqrt{\phi_{r(a)}}} r(a), \quad (25)$$

and creation operators c_l^*, c_r^* as their adjoints, where a is an edge on \mathcal{G} and \tilde{b} an edge on \mathcal{G}^{op} . Define the following fork operators $\Upsilon, \bar{\Upsilon}$ by:

$$\Upsilon(\tilde{a}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi_{s(a)}\phi_{r(a)}}} \sum_{b_1, b_2} W(\Delta_{s(a),r(a),r(b_1)}^{(a,b_1,b_2)}) b_1 b_2, \quad (26)$$

$$\bar{\Upsilon}(a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi_{s(a)}\phi_{r(a)}}} \sum_{b_1, b_2} \overline{W(\Delta_{s(a),r(a),r(b_1)}^{(a,b_1,b_2)})} \tilde{b}_1 \tilde{b}_2, \quad (27)$$

where $\Delta_{s(a),r(a),r(b_1)}^{(a,b_1,b_2)}$ denotes the closed loop of length 3 on \mathcal{G} along the edge a, b_1 and b_2 , and W is a cell system on \mathcal{G} constructed in [34]. We also define $\lambda = \bar{\Upsilon}^*$ and $\bar{\lambda} = \Upsilon^*$. Then the functor F is defined on the morphisms of A_2 -TL by assigning to the left, right caps the annihilation operators c_l, c_r respectively, given by (25), to the left, right cups the creation operators c_l^*, c_r^* respectively, to the incoming, outgoing Y-forks the operators $\Upsilon, \bar{\Upsilon}$ respectively given in (26), (27), and to the incoming, outgoing inverted Y-forks the operators $\lambda, \bar{\lambda}$ respectively.

Another graded algebra Π can be defined by $\Pi = \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/\langle \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{Y})) \rangle$, which is the quotient of $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$ by the two-sided ideal generated by the image of the operators \mathfrak{Y} in $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$. Its p^{th} graded part is $\Pi_p = (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_p / \langle \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{Y})) \rangle_p$, where $\langle \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{Y})) \rangle_p$ is the restriction of $\langle \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{Y})) \rangle$ to $(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_p$, which is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{U}_i))$, the union of the images on $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}_p$ of the morphisms $\mathfrak{U}_i = \text{id}_{\delta_{-1}W_i}$. This algebra is isomorphic to the graded algebra Σ defined above [23, Prop. 7.4.18] (see also [40]). The graded algebra Π is the almost

Calabi-Yau algebra of [40], which we will return to in Section 4. These almost Calabi-Yau algebras are the $SU(3)$ analogue of the preprojective algebras [48] for an ADE Dynkin diagram \mathcal{G} , which is the graded algebra defined by $\Pi' = \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/\langle \text{Im}(F(\cup)) \rangle$, where $\langle \text{Im}(F(\cup)) \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$ is the two-sided ideal generated by the image of the creation operators \cup in $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$. The preprojective algebra Π' appears in the subfactor literature: the p^{th} graded part Π'_p of the preprojective algebra Π' is isomorphic to the space of essential paths $\text{EssPath}_p = \ker(F(\epsilon_1) \vee \cdots \vee F(\epsilon_{p-1}))$ of Ocneanu [86].

Let Λ be the graded coalgebra $\Lambda = F(f_{(0,0)}) \oplus F(f_{(1,0)}) \oplus F(f_{(0,1)}) \oplus F(f_{(0,0)}) = (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_0 \oplus (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_1 \oplus (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}^{\text{op}})_1 \oplus (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_0$. The comultiplication is Δ is given by $\Delta_{1,1} = F(\swarrow \nwarrow) : \Lambda_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_1 \otimes_R \Lambda_1$, $\Delta_{1,2} = F(\swarrow) : \Lambda_3 \rightarrow \Lambda_1 \otimes_R \Lambda_2$, $\Delta_{2,1} = F(\nwarrow) : \Lambda_3 \rightarrow \Lambda_2 \otimes_R \Lambda_1$, and the other comultiplications are trivial. The pair (Π, Λ) is almost Koszul, in the sense of [18], where the algebra Π is a $(k, 3)$ -Koszul algebra [23, Corollary 7.4.19] (see also [40]).

The monoidal functor F is closely related to the $SU(3)$ Goodman-de la Harpe-Jones construction of [35] and its manifestation in the $SU(3)$ -graph planar algebra construction [37], which we will review in the next section.

3.4 A_2 -planar algebras

We will now review the basics of A_2 -planar algebras from [36]. These A_2 -planar algebras were useful to understand the double complexes of finite dimensional algebras which arise in the context of $SU(3)$ subfactors and modular invariants. They are a direct generalization of the planar algebras of Jones [64], which have been extensively studied since their introduction ten years ago. Jones' planar algebras naturally contain the Temperley-Lieb algebra which encodes the representation theory of quantum $SU(2)$. Our A_2 -planar algebras naturally encode the representation theory of quantum $SU(3)$, or in the dual Hecke picture, the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra.

Let $\sigma = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_m$ be a sign string, $\sigma_j \in \{\pm\}$, such that the difference between the number of '+' and '-' is 0 mod 3. An A_2 -planar σ -tangle will be the unit disc $D = D_0$ in \mathbb{C} together with a finite (possibly empty) set of disjoint sub-discs D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n in the interior of D . Each disc D_k , $k \geq 0$, will have $m_k \geq 0$ vertices on its boundary ∂D_k , whose orientations are determined by sign strings $\sigma^{(k)} = \sigma_1^{(k)} \cdots \sigma_{m_k}^{(k)}$ where '+' denotes a sink and '-' a source. The disc D_k will be said to have pattern $\sigma^{(k)}$. Inside D we have an A_2 -tangle where the endpoint of any string is either a trivalent vertex (see Figure 16) or one of the vertices on the boundary of a disc D_k , $k = 0, \dots, n$, or else the string forms a closed loop. Each vertex on the boundaries of the D_k is the endpoint of exactly one string, which meets ∂D_k transversally. An example of an A_2 -planar σ -tangle is illustrated in Figure 21 for $\sigma = - + - + - + - +$.

The regions inside D have as boundaries segments of the ∂D_k or the strings. These regions are labelled $\bar{0}$, $\bar{1}$ or $\bar{2}$, called the colouring, such that if we pass from a region R of colour \bar{a} to an adjacent region R' by passing to the right over a vertical string with downwards orientation, then R' has colour $\bar{a} + \bar{1} \pmod{3}$. We mark the segment of each ∂D_k between the last and first vertices with $*_{b_k}, \bar{b}_k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, so that the region inside D which meets ∂D_k at this segment is of colour \bar{b}_k , and the choice of these $*_{b_k}$ must give a consistent colouring of the regions. For each σ we have three types of tangle, depending on the colour \bar{b} of the marked segment, or of the marked region near ∂D for $\sigma = \emptyset$.

An A_2 -planar σ -tangle T with an internal disc D_l with pattern $\sigma_l = \sigma'$ can be composed

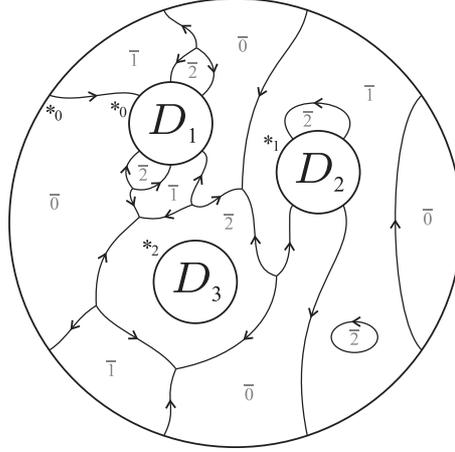


Figure 21: A_2 -planar σ -tangle for $\sigma = - + - + - + - +$

with an A_2 -planar σ' -tangle S with external disc D' and $*_{D'} = *_{D_l}$, giving a new σ -tangle $T \circ_l S$, by inserting the A_2 -tangle S inside the inner disc D_l of T such that the vertices on the outer disc of S coincide with those on the disc D_l and the regions marked by $*$ also coincide. The boundary of the disc D_l is removed, and the strings smoothed if necessary. Let $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ be the collection of all diffeomorphism classes of such A_2 -planar tangles, with composition defined as above. The A_2 -planar operad \mathcal{P} is the quotient of $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ by the Kuperberg relations K1-K3.

An A_2 -planar algebra is then defined to be an algebra over this operad, i.e. a family $P = (P_\sigma^{\bar{a}} | \text{sign strings } \sigma, a \in \{0, 1, 2\})$ of vector spaces with the following property: for every σ -tangle $T \in \mathcal{P}_\sigma$ with outer disc marked by $*_b$, and with n internal discs D_j pattern σ_k , outer disc marked by $*_{b_k}$ and labelled by elements $x_j \in P_{k_j}$, $j = 1, \dots, n$, there is associated a linear map $Z(T) : \otimes_{k=1}^n P_{\sigma_k}^{\bar{b}_k} \longrightarrow P_\sigma^{\bar{b}}$ which is compatible with the composition of tangles in the following way. If S is a σ_k -tangle with internal discs D_{n+1}, \dots, D_{n+m} , where D_k has pattern σ_k , then the composite tangle $T \circ_l S$ is a σ -tangle with $n + m - 1$ internal discs D_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, l - 1, l + 1, l + 2, \dots, n + m$. From the definition of an operad, associativity means that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \left(\otimes_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq l}}^n P_{\sigma_k}^{\bar{b}_k} \right) \otimes \left(\otimes_{k=n+1}^{n+m} P_{\sigma_k}^{\bar{b}_k} \right) & & (28) \\
 \text{id} \otimes Z(S) \downarrow & \searrow Z(T \circ_l S) & \\
 \otimes_{k=1}^n P_{\sigma_k}^{\bar{b}_k} & \xrightarrow{Z(T)} & P_\sigma^{\bar{b}}
 \end{array}$$

so that $Z(T \circ_l S) = Z(T')$, where T' is the tangle T with $Z(S)$ used as the label for disc D_l . We also require $Z(T)$ to be independent of the ordering of the internal discs, that is, independent of the order in which we insert the labels into the discs. When $\sigma = \emptyset$, we will often write $P_\sigma^{\bar{a}}$ as $P_{\bar{a}}$, and we adopt the convention that the empty tensor product is the complex numbers \mathbb{C} .

Let σ^* be the sign string obtained by reversing the string σ and flipping all its signs. When each $P_{\sigma\sigma^*}$ is a $*$ -algebra, the adjoint $T^* \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma^*}$ of a tangle $T \in \mathcal{P}_\sigma$ is defined by

reflecting the whole tangle about the horizontal line that passes through its centre and reversing all orientations. The labels $x_k \in P_{\sigma_k}$ of T are replaced by labels x_k^* in T^* , where x_k^* is the unique element in $P_{\sigma_k^*}$ such that $m(x_k, y)^* = m(y^*, x_k^*)$ for some tangle $y \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma_k}$ with no internal discs, and where $m(\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma_k \sigma_k^*}$ is the tangle defined in [36, Section 4.4]. For any linear combination of tangles in \mathcal{P}_σ the involution is the conjugate linear extension. Then P is an A_2 -planar $*$ -algebra if each $P_{\sigma\sigma^*}$ is a $*$ -algebra, and for a σ -tangle T with internal discs D_k with patterns σ_k , labelled by $x_k \in P_{\sigma_k}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, we have $Z(T)^* = Z(T^*)$, where the labels of the discs in T^* are x_k^* , and where the definition of $Z(T)^*$ is extended to linear combinations of σ -tangles by conjugate linearity. Note a typographical error in the definition of an A_2 -planar $*$ -algebra in [36, Section 4.4], with $P_{\sigma\sigma^*}$ above incorrectly given as P_σ .

In [37] we introduced an A_2 -graph planar algebra construction for an $SU(3)$ ADE graph \mathcal{G} . The A_2 -graph planar algebra $P^\mathcal{G}$ of an $SU(3)$ ADE graph \mathcal{G} is the path algebra (in the operator algebraic sense) on \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{G}^{op} . The presenting map $Z : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow P^\mathcal{G}$ is defined uniquely [37, Theorem 5.1], up to isotopy, by first isotoping the strings of T in such a way that the diagram T may be divided into horizontal strips so that each horizontal strip only contains the following elements: a (left or right) cup, a (left or right) cap, an (incoming or outgoing) Y-fork, or an (incoming or outgoing) inverted Y-fork, see Figures 19 and 20. Then Z assigns to the left, right caps the annihilation operators c_l, c_r respectively, given by (25), to the left, right cups the creation operators c_l^*, c_r^* respectively, to the incoming, outgoing Y-forks the operators $\Upsilon, \bar{\Upsilon}$ respectively given in (26), (27), and to the incoming, outgoing inverted Y-forks the operators $\lambda, \bar{\lambda}$ respectively.

Then we have a tower of algebras $P_{0,0}^\mathcal{G} \subset P_{0,1}^\mathcal{G} \subset P_{0,2}^\mathcal{G} \subset \dots$, where the inclusion $P_m^\mathcal{G} \subset P_{m+1}^\mathcal{G}$ is given by the m - $m+1$ part of the graph \mathcal{G} . There is a positive definite inner product defined from the trace on $P^\mathcal{G}$. We have the inclusion $A_2\text{-}PTL_{0,m} := Z(\mathcal{V}_m^{A_2}) \subset P_{0,m}^\mathcal{G}$ for each m , and we have a double sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A_2\text{-}PTL_{0,0} & \subset & A_2\text{-}PTL_{0,1} & \subset & A_2\text{-}PTL_{0,2} & \subset & \dots \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & \\ P_{0,0}^\mathcal{G} & \subset & P_{0,1}^\mathcal{G} & \subset & P_{0,2}^\mathcal{G} & \subset & \dots \end{array}$$

Then $A_2\text{-}PTL = Z(\mathcal{V}^{A_2})$ is the embedding of the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb algebra into the path algebra of \mathcal{G} , which is used to construct the A_2 -Goodman-de la Harpe-Jones subfactors [35]. Let $\overline{P^\mathcal{G}}$ denote the GNS-completion of $P^\mathcal{G}$ with respect to the trace. Then for $q = Z(*_g)$ the minimal projection in $P_0^\mathcal{G}$ corresponding to the vertex $*_g$ of \mathcal{G} , we have an inclusion $q\overline{A_2\text{-}PTL} \subset q\overline{P^\mathcal{G}}q$ which gives the A_2 -Goodman-de la Harpe-Jones subfactor $N_A \subset N_\mathcal{G}$, where $N'_A \cap N_\mathcal{G} = qP_{0,0}^\mathcal{G}q = \mathbb{C}$ and the sequence $\{qA_2\text{-}PTL_{0,m} \subset P_{0,m}^\mathcal{G}\}_m$ is a periodic sequence of commuting squares of period 3, in the sense of Wenzl in [102]. Thus we obtain a commuting square of inclusions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_A & \subset & N_\mathcal{G} \\ \cap & & \cap \\ M_A & \subset & M_\mathcal{G} \end{array} \quad (29)$$

which allows us to compute the dual canonical endomorphism θ of the A_2 -Goodman-de la Harpe-Jones subfactor, from which we constructed the nimrep graph $\mathcal{G} = G_\rho$ [35], see Section 1.6.

Since the functor F in Section 3.3 is defined by the annihilation and creation operators given by (25), and the incoming, outgoing (inverted) Y-fork operators given in (26), (27), we see that F is equivalent to the presenting map Z above. The embedding $P^A \subset P^G$ is given by the image under F of the morphisms in the A_2 -Temperley-Lieb category.

3.5 A_2 -planar modules

We now review modules over A_2 -planar algebras, which were defined in [37], including a partial decomposition of the A_2 -graph planar algebras of Section 3.4 into irreducible Hilbert A_2 - PTL -modules. This is the analogue of the notion of Hilbert TL -modules over a planar algebra [65] and the decomposition of bipartite graph planar algebras for the ADE graphs into irreducible Hilbert TL -modules [95].

A module over an A_2 -planar algebra P , called a P -module, is a graded vector space $V = (V_{\sigma, \bar{a}} | \text{sign strings } \sigma, a \in \{0, 1, 2\})$ with an action of P . An A_2 -annular (σ, σ') -tangle is an A_2 - σ -tangle with a choice of distinguished internal disc which has pattern σ' . Then given an A_2 -annular (σ, σ') -tangle T in \mathcal{P} with outer disc marked by $*_a$, with a distinguished (V input) internal disc D_1 marked by $*_{a'}$ and with pattern σ' , and with other (P input) internal discs D_p , $p = 2, \dots, n$, marked by $*_{a_p}$, with patterns $\sigma^{(p)}$, there is a linear map $Z(T) : V_{\sigma', \bar{a}'} \otimes \left(\otimes_{p=2}^n P_{\sigma^{(p)}}^{\bar{a}_p} \right) \rightarrow V_{\sigma, \bar{a}}$. The map $Z(T)$ satisfies the same compatibility condition (28) for the composition of tangles as P itself.

For an A_2 - C^* -planar algebra P , that is, P is a non-degenerate finite-dimensional A_2 -planar $*$ -algebra with positive definite partition function, a P -module H is called a Hilbert P -module if each H_σ is a finite dimensional Hilbert space with an invariant inner-product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. All irreducible Hilbert A_2 - PTL -modules of lowest weight zero were determined in [37]. We now review these modules. For any irreducible Hilbert A_2 - PTL -module H of weight zero, the dimension of $H_{\emptyset, \bar{a}}$ is either 0 or 1.

The A_2 - PTL -module V^β where $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\beta| \leq \alpha = [3]_q$, is the A_2 - PTL -module of weight zero in which $\sigma_{(k_1, k_2)}^{(a)} = \beta^{k_1} \bar{\beta}^{k_2}$ for $a = 0, 1, 2$, where

$$\sigma_{(k_1, k_2)}^{(i, \varepsilon)} = (\sigma_{i, i\varepsilon 1} \sigma_{i\varepsilon 1, i\varepsilon 2} \cdots \sigma_{i\varepsilon k_1 - \varepsilon 1, i\varepsilon k_1}) (\sigma_{i\varepsilon k_1, i\varepsilon k_1 - \varepsilon 1} \sigma_{i\varepsilon k_1 - \varepsilon 1, i\varepsilon k_1 - \varepsilon 2} \cdots \sigma_{i\varepsilon k_1 - \varepsilon k_2 \varepsilon 1, i\varepsilon k_1 - \varepsilon k_2})$$

for $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, $\varepsilon \in \{\pm\}$, and non-negative integers $k_1 \equiv k_2 \pmod{3}$, where the 0-tangles $\sigma_{j, j\pm 1}$ are illustrated in Figure 22, $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

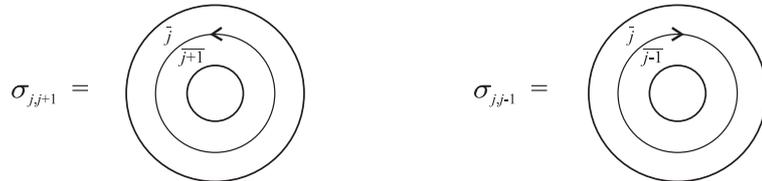


Figure 22: $\sigma_{j, j+1}$ and $\sigma_{j, j-1}$

When $\beta = \alpha$, $V_\sigma^\alpha = A_2$ - PTL_σ . For $\alpha > 3$ (which corresponds to $\delta > 2$), the inner product is positive definite and $H_\sigma^\alpha = V_\sigma^\alpha$ is a Hilbert A_2 - PTL -module. When $0 < |\beta| < \alpha$, V^β is the module such that V_σ^β has as basis the set of all $(\sigma, \bar{0})$ -tangles with

no contractible circles and at most two non-contractible circles. The action of $A_2\text{-PTL}$ on V^β , $0 < |\beta| < \alpha$, is given as follows. Let $T \in A_2\text{-PTL}(\sigma', \sigma)$ and $R \in A_2\text{-PTL}_\sigma$. We form the tangle TR and reduce it using K1-K3, so that $TR = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} (TR)_j$, for some basis A_2 -annular $(\sigma', \bar{0})$ -tangles $(TR)_j$, where b_j, c_j are non-negative integers. Let \sharp_j^a, \sharp_j^c denote the number of non-contractible circles in the tangle $(TR)_j$ which have anti-clockwise, clockwise orientation respectively. We define integers d_j, f_j and g_j as follows: $d_j = \min(\sharp_j^a, \sharp_j^c)$, $f_j = \sharp_j^a - \sharp_j^c - \gamma_{f_j}$ if $\sharp_j^a \geq \sharp_j^c$ and $f_j = 0$ otherwise, and $g_j = \sharp_j^c - \sharp_j^a - \gamma_{g_j}$ if $\sharp_j^a \leq \sharp_j^c$ and $g_j = 0$ otherwise, where $\gamma_{f_j}, \gamma_{g_j} \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ such that $f_j, g_j \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Then we set $T(R) = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} \beta^{d_j + f_j} \bar{\beta}^{d_j + g_j} (\widehat{TR})_j$, where $(\widehat{TR})_j$ is the tangle $(TR)_j$ with $d_j + f_j$ anti-clockwise non-contractible circles removed, and $d_j + g_j$ clockwise ones removed. Given two tangles $S, T \in V_\sigma^\beta$, we reduce T^*S using K1-K3 so that $T^*S = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} (T^*S)_j$, where $(T^*S)_j$ are basis tangles in $A_2\text{-PTL}_\emptyset$. Then the inner-product on V^β is defined by $\langle S, T \rangle = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} \beta^{d_j + f_j} \bar{\beta}^{d_j + g_j}$, where d_j, f_j and g_j are defined for each $(T^*S)_j$ as above.

When $\beta = 0$, $V^{0, \bar{a}}$ is the module such that $V_\sigma^{0, \bar{a}}$ has as basis the set of all (σ, \bar{a}) -tangles with no contractible or non-contractible circles at all, and is equipped with an $A_2\text{-PTL}$ -module structure of lowest weight zero as follows. Let $T \in A_2\text{-PTL}(\sigma', \sigma)$ and $R \in V_\sigma^{0, \bar{a}}$. We form TR and reduce it using K1-K3, so that $TR = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} (TR)_j$ as in the case $0 < |\beta| < \alpha$. We define $(\widehat{TR})_j$ to be zero if there are any non-contractible circles in $(TR)_j$, and $(TR)_j$ otherwise. Then $T(R) = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} (\widehat{TR})_j$. Given two tangles $S, T \in V_\sigma^{0, \bar{a}}$, we reduce T^*S using K1-K3 so that $T^*S = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} (T^*S)_j$ for basis $(\bar{a} : \bar{a})$ -tangles $(T^*S)_j$. Then the inner-product on $V^{0, \bar{a}}$ is defined by $\langle S, T \rangle = \sum_j \delta^{b_j} \alpha^{c_j} \langle S, T \rangle_j$, where $\langle S, T \rangle_j$ is defined to be 0 if there are any non-contractible circles in $(T^*S)_j$, and 1 otherwise.

For $0 < \alpha \leq 3$, if the inner product is positive semi-definite on the $A_2\text{-PTL}$ -module V of weight zero, then the Hilbert module H is the quotient of V by the subspace of vectors of length zero; otherwise H does not exist.

All zero-weight submodules of the A_2 -graph planar algebra $P^\mathcal{G}$ for an $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph \mathcal{G} were determined in [37, Proposition 5.3], analogously to the result of Reznikoff [95, Prop. 13] for bipartite graph planar algebras. For the graphs $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$,

$$P^{\mathcal{A}^{(m)}} \supset \bigoplus_{(l_1, l_2)} H^{\beta_{(l_1, l_2)}},$$

for $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, whilst for $m = 3p$, $p \geq 2$,

$$P^{\mathcal{A}^{(3p)}} \supset \bigoplus_{(l_1, l_2)} H^{\beta_{(l_1, l_2)}} \oplus H^{0, \bar{0}},$$

where in both cases the summation is over all $(l_1, l_2) \in \{(m_1, m_2) \mid 3m_2 \leq m - 3, 3m_1 + 3m_2 < 2m - 6\}$, i.e. each $\beta_{(l_1, l_2)}$ is a cubic root of an eigenvalue of $\Delta_{01} \Delta_{12} \Delta_{20}$. For the \mathcal{D} graphs, we have

$$P^{\mathcal{D}^{(3p)}} \supset \bigoplus_{(l_1, l_2)} H^{\beta_{(l_1, l_2)}} \oplus 3H^{0, \bar{0}},$$

for $p \geq 2$, where the summation is over all $(l_1, l_2) \in \{(m_1, m_2) \mid m_2 \leq p - 1, m_1 + m_2 < 2p - 2, m_1 - m_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$, whilst for $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$,

$$P^{\mathcal{D}^{(m)}} \supset \bigoplus_{(l_1, l_2)} H^{\beta_{(l_1, l_2)}},$$

where the summation is over all $(l_1, l_2) \in \{(m_1, m_2) | 3m_2 \leq m - 3, 3m_1 + 3m_2 < 2m - 6\}$. The path algebras for $\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}$ and $\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}$ are identified under the map which sends the vertices i_l, j_l and k_l of $\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}$ to the vertex l of $\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}$, $l = 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor l/2 \rfloor$. We have

$$P^{\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}} = P^{\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}} \supset \bigoplus_{(l_1, l_2)} H^{\beta(l_1, l_2)},$$

where the summation is over all $(l_1, l_2) \in \{(p, p) | p = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor (m-3)/2 \rfloor\}$. Similarly, the path algebras for $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$ and $\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$ are identified, and

$$P^{\mathcal{E}^{(8)}} = P^{\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}} \supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(3,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(0,3)} \oplus H^{\beta(2,2)}.$$

For the graphs $\mathcal{E}_i^{(12)}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$P^{\mathcal{E}_i^{(12)}} \supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus 2H^{\beta(2,2)} \oplus H^{\beta(4,4)}.$$

For the remaining exceptional graphs we have

$$\begin{aligned} P^{\mathcal{E}_4^{(12)}} &\supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(2,2)} \oplus H^{\beta(4,4)} \oplus 2H^{0, \bar{0}}, \\ P^{\mathcal{E}_5^{(12)}} &\supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(3,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(0,3)} \oplus H^{\beta(2,2)} \oplus H^{\beta(4,4)} \oplus H^{0, \bar{1}} \oplus H^{0, \bar{2}}, \\ P^{\mathcal{E}^{(24)}} &\supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(6,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(0,6)} \oplus H^{\beta(4,4)} \oplus H^{\beta(7,4)} \oplus H^{\beta(4,7)} \oplus H^{\beta(6,6)} \oplus H^{\beta(10,10)}. \end{aligned}$$

The following irreducible modules of non-zero weight were also constructed in [37]. For $m, n \neq 0$, let $V_{+^m -^n}^{(m,n), \gamma} = \text{span}(\varphi_{(m,n)}^l | l = 0, 1, \dots, m+n-1)$, where the $+^m -^n$ -tangle $\varphi_{(m,n)}$ is illustrated in Figure 23 and $\gamma \in \mathbb{T}$. Then $V^{(m,n), \gamma} = A_2\text{-}PTL(V_{+^m -^n}^{(m,n), \gamma})$ is an $A_2\text{-}PTL$ -module in which $\varphi_{(m,n)}^{m+n} = \gamma^{(m+2n)/3} \mathbf{1}_{+^m -^n}$. For all $m, n \neq 0$, we can choose a faithful trace tr' on $A^{(m,n)} := A_2\text{-}PTL_{+^m -^n} / A_2\text{-}PTL_{+^m -^n}^{(m,n)}$, where $A_2\text{-}PTL_{\sigma}^{(t_1, t_2)}$ the ideal in $A_2\text{-}PTL_{\sigma}$ of all labelled A_2 -annular σ -tangles with rank $(t'_1, t'_2) < (t_1, t_2)$, which we extend to a trace tr on $A_2\text{-}ATL_{+^m -^n}$ by $\text{tr} = \text{tr}' \circ \pi$, where π is the quotient map $\pi : A_2\text{-}ATL_{+^m -^n} \rightarrow A^{(m,n)}$. The inner product on $A_2\text{-}ATL(\sigma : +^m -^n)$ is defined by $\langle S, T \rangle = \text{tr}(T^*S)$ for any $S, T \in A_2\text{-}PTL(\sigma : +^m -^n)$. If $\gamma^{(m+2n)k/3} \neq 1$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $V^{(m,n), \gamma}$ is irreducible.

For $m = 0$, one can obtain an irreducible $A_2\text{-}PTL$ -module $V^{(3,0), \gamma}$ is the module in which $\varphi_{(3,0)} = \gamma \mathbf{1}_{+^3}$, where $\varphi_{(3,0)}$ is illustrated in Figure 23. One can obtain an irreducible $A_2\text{-}PTL$ -module $V^{(0,3), \gamma}$ similarly.

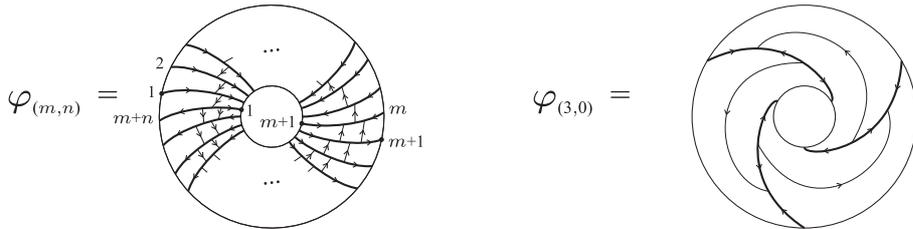


Figure 23: $+^m -^n$ -tangle $\varphi_{(m,n)}$ and $+^3$ -tangle $\varphi_{(3,0)}$

The following inclusion was conjectured in [37] for the graph $\mathcal{D}^{(6)}$:

$$P^{\mathcal{D}^{(6)}} \supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus H^{0,\bar{0}} \oplus H^{(2,2),\gamma_1,\varepsilon_1} \oplus H^{(2,2),\gamma_2,\varepsilon_2},$$

where $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in \{\pm 1\}$, and either $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ or else $\gamma_1 = \bar{\gamma}_2$. Turning again to the graph $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$, the following inclusion was conjectured in [37]:

$$P^{\mathcal{E}^{(8)}} \supset H^{\beta(0,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(3,0)} \oplus H^{\beta(0,3)} \oplus H^{\beta(2,2)} \oplus H^{(3,0),\varepsilon_1} \oplus H^{(0,3),\varepsilon_1} \oplus H^{(2,2),\gamma_1,\varepsilon_2^i} \oplus H^{(2,2),\gamma_2,\varepsilon_3^i},$$

where $\varepsilon_i \in \{\pm 1\}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, and either $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ or else $\gamma_1 = \bar{\gamma}_2$.

4 Almost Calabi-Yau algebras

In this section we review the almost Calabi-Yau algebra $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ associated to a finite $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph \mathcal{G} which carries a cell system W , including its matrix Hilbert series of dimensions. These almost Calabi-Yau algebras are essentially the algebras $\Sigma \cong \Pi$ of Section 3.3. Then in Section 4.1 we describe the Nakayama automorphism for A and the computation of a finite resolution of A as an A - A bimodule.

For a finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset SU(2)$, the study of quotient Kleinian singularities \mathbb{C}^2/Γ and their resolution has been assisted with the study of the structure of certain noncommutative algebras. Minimal resolutions of Kleinian singularities can be described via the moduli space of representations of the preprojective algebra associated to the action of Γ . This leads to general programme to understand singularities via a noncommutative algebra A , often called a noncommutative resolution, whose centre corresponds to the coordinate ring of the singularity [99]. The algebra should be finitely generated over its centre, and the desired favourable resolution is the moduli space of representations of A , whose category of finitely generated modules is derived equivalent to the category of coherent sheaves of the resolution. In the case of a quotient singularity \mathbb{C}^3/Γ for a finite subgroup Γ of $SU(3)$, the corresponding noncommutative algebra A is a Calabi-Yau algebra of dimension 3.

Calabi-Yau algebras arise naturally in the study of Calabi-Yau manifolds, providing a noncommutative version of conventional Calabi-Yau geometry. An algebra A is Calabi-Yau of dimension n if the bounded derived category of the abelian category of finite dimensional A -modules is a Calabi-Yau category of dimension n . In this case the global dimension of A is n [16]. The derived category of coherent sheaves over an n -dimensional Calabi-Yau manifold is a Calabi-Yau category of dimension n and they appear naturally in the study of boundary conditions of the B -model in superstring theory over the manifold. For more on Calabi-Yau algebras, see e.g. [16, 50].

In [50, Remark 4.5.7] Ginzburg introduced, in his terminology, q -deformed Calabi-Yau algebras. In the case where q is not a root of unity, these algebras are Calabi-Yau algebras of dimension 3. We study these algebras in the case where q is a root of unity.

Bocklandt [16] showed that any graded Calabi-Yau algebra of dimension 3 is isomorphic to the path algebra of a directed graph with relations derived from a potential. We will review the construction of such a path algebra for any finite directed graph \mathcal{G} . Let $[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}]$ denote the subspace of $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$ spanned by all commutators of the form $xy - yx$, for $x, y \in \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$. If x, y are paths in $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$ such that $r(x) = s(y)$ but $r(y) \neq s(x)$, then

$xy - yx = xy$, so in the quotient $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}]$ the path xy will be zero. Then any non-cyclic path, i.e. any path x such that $r(x) \neq s(x)$, will be zero in $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}]$. If $x = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p$ is a cyclic path in $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$, then $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p - a_p a_1 \cdots a_{p-1} = 0$ in $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}]$, so x is identified with every cyclic permutation of the edges a_j , $j = 1, \dots, p$. Then the commutator quotient $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}]$ may be identified, up to cyclic permutation of the arrows, with the vector space spanned by cyclic paths in \mathcal{G} . One defines a derivation $\partial_a : \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$, and a potential $\Phi \in \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}]$, which is some linear combination of cyclic paths in \mathcal{G} . Then the graded algebra

$$A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi) = \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/\langle \rho_a \rangle,$$

is the quotient of the path algebra by the two-sided ideal generated by the relations $\rho_a = \partial_a \Phi \in \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$, for all edges a of \mathcal{G} . When Φ is homogeneous, the Hilbert series H_A for $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$ is $H_A(t) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} H_{ji}^p t^p$, where the H_{ji}^p are matrices which count the dimension of the subspace $\{ixj \mid x \in A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)_p\}$, where $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)_p$ is the subspace of $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$ of all paths of length p , and $i, j \in A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)_0$.

In the case where \mathcal{G} is one of the *ADE* Dynkin diagrams or affine Dynkin diagrams, an orientation is chosen for each edge of \mathcal{G} . The double $\overline{\mathcal{G}}$ of \mathcal{G} has the same vertices as \mathcal{G} , but its edges are the union of the edges of \mathcal{G} and its opposite \mathcal{G}^{op} . For any closed loop $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_p$ of length p , $p > 1$, we define derivatives $\partial_i : \mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}/[\mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}, \mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}$ for each vertex $i \in \mathfrak{V}_{\mathcal{G}}$ of \mathcal{G} by $\partial_i(\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_p) = \sum_j \gamma_j \gamma_{j+1} \cdots \gamma_p \gamma_1 \cdots \gamma_{j-1}$, where the summation is over all $1 \leq j \leq p$ such that $s(\gamma_j) = i$. Then on paths $\gamma \tilde{\gamma} \in \mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}/[\mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}, \mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}]$, we have

$$\partial_i(\gamma \tilde{\gamma}) = \begin{cases} \gamma \tilde{\gamma} & \text{if } s(\gamma) = i, \\ \tilde{\gamma} \gamma & \text{if } r(\gamma) = i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We define a potential Φ by $\Phi = \sum_{\gamma} \gamma \tilde{\gamma}$, where the summation is over all edges of $\overline{\mathcal{G}}$. Then $\Pi = \mathbb{C}\overline{\mathcal{G}}/(\partial_i \Phi : i \in \mathfrak{V}_{\mathcal{G}})$ is the preprojective algebra of \mathcal{G} [48]. For an affine Dynkin diagram \mathcal{G} , the preprojective algebra $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$ is a Koszul algebra, or Calabi-Yau algebra of dimension 2 [16, Theorem 3.2], and it has Hilbert series given by [78, Theorem 2.3a]

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \Delta t + t^2}.$$

When \mathcal{G} is one of the Dynkin diagrams or the tadpole graph T_n , the preprojective algebra $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$ is a $(k, 2)$ -Koszul algebra, or almost Koszul algebra, [18, Corollary 4.3]. There is a ‘correction’ term in the numerator of the Hilbert series, so that [78, Theorem 2.3b]

$$H(t) = \frac{1 + Pt^h}{1 - \Delta t + t^2},$$

where P is a permutation corresponding to some involution of the vertices of the graph, and $h = k + 2$ is the Coxeter number of the graph, where k is the level of $SU(2)$.

Note that there is an insignificant difference in the definition above of the preprojective algebra $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$, which appears in the algebraic literature, and the appearance of the preprojective algebra $\Pi' \cong \text{EssPath}$ in the theory of subfactors, as mentioned in Section 3.3. The Perron-Frobenius weights appear in the definition of $\Pi' = \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/\langle \text{Im}(F(\cup)) \rangle$,

as in (25), whereas the usual definition in the algebraic literature could be written as $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi) = \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/\langle \text{Im}(F(\cup)) \rangle$, where the corresponding annihilation operators are given by $c_l(\widetilde{ab}) = \delta_{s(a),s(b)} s(a)$, $c_r(\widetilde{ba}) = \delta_{r(a),r(b)} r(a)$, without the Perron-Frobenius weights, where a is an edge on \mathcal{G} and \widetilde{b} an edge on \mathcal{G}^{op} . However, both these definitions give isomorphic preprojective algebras $\Pi \cong \Pi'$, as in [40, Section 5].

We now consider \mathcal{G} an $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph or the McKay graph of a finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset SU(3)$. One defines a derivation ∂_a by $\partial_a(a_1 \cdots a_n) = \sum_j a_{j+1} \cdots a_n a_1 \cdots a_{j-1}$, where the summation is over all indices j such that $a_j = a$. A homogeneous potential Φ is defined by [50, Remark 4.5.7]:

$$\Phi = \sum_{a,b,c \in \mathcal{G}_1} W(\Delta_{s(a),s(b),s(c)}^{(a,b,c)}) \cdot \Delta_{s(a),s(b),s(c)}^{(a,b,c)} \in \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}/[\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}], \quad (30)$$

for a cell system W , and we denote the algebra $A(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$ by $A(\mathcal{G}, W)$. In the case of a finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset SU(3)$ the cell system W is given in [50, Section 4.4]. When \mathcal{G} is the McKay graph of a subgroup of $SU(3)$, $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ is a Calabi-Yau algebra of dimension 3 [50, Theorem 4.4.6], and by [16, Theorem 4.6] its Hilbert series is given by:

$$H_A(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \Delta_{\mathcal{G}} t + \Delta_{\mathcal{G}}^T t^2 - t^3}. \quad (31)$$

When \mathcal{G} is a finite $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph which carries a cell system W , and thus yields a braided subfactor, we call $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ an almost Calabi-Yau algebra. Applying the functor F to the morphisms \mathfrak{U}_p in $A_2\text{-TL}$ we obtain a representation of the Hecke algebra on $\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G}$. If $\langle \rho_a \rangle_p$ denotes the restriction of the ideal $\langle \rho_a \rangle$ in $(\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_p$, which is isomorphic to $\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{U}_i))$, then $A(\mathcal{G}, W)_p \cong (\mathbb{C}\mathcal{G})_p / \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \text{Im}(F(\mathfrak{U}_i)) = \Pi_p \cong \Sigma_p$, where Π, Σ are the graded algebras defined in Section 3.3.

The algebra $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ has Hilbert series given by [40, Theorem 1]

$$H_A(t) = \frac{1 - Pt^h}{1 - \Delta_{\mathcal{G}} t + \Delta_{\mathcal{G}}^T t^2 - t^3}, \quad (32)$$

where P is a permutation matrix corresponding to a \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry of the graph, and $h = k + 3$ is the Coxeter number of \mathcal{G} , where k is the level of $SU(3)$. The permutation matrix P on the vertices of \mathcal{G} is defined by the unique permutation ν on the graph \mathcal{G} given by the image under F of the generalized Jones-Wenzl projection $f_{(h-3,0)}$, which is described as follows. If the permutation matrix P in (32) is the identity matrix, then the permutation ν on the graph \mathcal{G} is just the identity. For the other graphs, the permutation ν is given on the vertices of \mathcal{G} by the permutation matrix P , and on \mathcal{G}_1 by the unique permutation on the edges of \mathcal{G} such that $s(\nu(a)) = \nu(s(a))$ and $r(\nu(a)) = \nu(r(a))$ (note that there are no double edges on the graphs \mathcal{G} for which P is non-trivial). The permutation matrix P is the identity for $\mathcal{D}^{(m)}$, $\mathcal{A}^{(m)*}$, $m \geq 5$, $\mathcal{E}^{(8)*}$, $\mathcal{E}_l^{(12)}$, $l = 1, 2, 4, 5$, and $\mathcal{E}^{(24)}$. For the remaining graphs $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$, $\mathcal{D}^{(m)*}$ and $\mathcal{E}^{(8)}$, let P_0 be the permutation matrix corresponding to the clockwise rotation of the graph by $2\pi/3$. Then

$$P = \begin{cases} P_0^2 & \text{for } \mathcal{A}^{(m)}, m \geq 4, \\ P_0 & \text{for } \mathcal{E}^{(8)}, \\ P_0^{2m} & \text{for } \mathcal{D}^{(m)*}, m \geq 5. \end{cases}$$

4.1 A finite resolution of $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ as an A - A bimodule

The algebra $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ is a Frobenius algebra, that is, there is a linear function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $(x, y) := f(xy)$ is a non-degenerate bilinear form (this is equivalent to the statement that A is isomorphic to its dual $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{C})$ as left (or right) A -modules). There is an automorphism β of A , called the Nakayama automorphism of A (associated to f), such that $(x, y) = (y, \beta(x))$. Then there is an A - A bimodule isomorphism $A^* \rightarrow {}_1A_\beta$ [106]. We define a non-degenerate form A by setting f to be the function which is 0 on every element of A of length $< h-3$, and 1 on $u_{i\nu(i)}$ for some $i \in \mathcal{G}_1$, where \mathcal{G}_1 denotes the edges of \mathcal{G} and $u_{j\nu(j)}$ denotes a generator of the one-dimensional top-degree space $j \cdot A_{h-3} \cdot \nu(j)$, where ν is the permutation of the vertices of \mathcal{G} given by the permutation matrix P in (32). Then using the relation $(x, y) = (y, \beta(x))$ this determines the value of f on $u_{j\nu(j)}$, for all other $j \in \mathcal{G}_1$. We normalize the $u_{j\nu(j)}$ such that $f(u_{j\nu(j)}) = 1$ for all $j \in \mathcal{G}_1$. Then following similar methods to [18] we showed that the Nakayama automorphism β of A is defined on \mathcal{G} by $\beta = \nu$ [40, Theorem 2].

It was shown in [40, Theorem 3] that A has the following finite resolution as an A - A bimodule:

$$0 \rightarrow {}_1A_{\beta^{-1}} \xrightarrow{\mu_4} A \otimes_R A \xrightarrow{\mu_3} A \otimes_R V^* \otimes_R A \xrightarrow{\mu_2} A \otimes_R V \otimes_R A \xrightarrow{\mu_1} A \otimes_R A \xrightarrow{\mu_0} A \rightarrow 0 \quad (33)$$

where R, V are the A - A bimodules generated by the vertices, edges of \mathcal{G} respectively, the A - A bimodule V^* is the dual space of V , with the connecting A - A bimodule maps given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0(1 \otimes 1) &= 1, \\ \mu_1(1 \otimes a \otimes 1) &= a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a, \\ \mu_2(1 \otimes \tilde{a} \otimes 1) &= \sum_{b, b' \in \mathcal{G}_1} W_{abb'}(b \otimes b' \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b \otimes b'), \\ \mu_3(1 \otimes 1) &= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{G}_1} a \otimes \tilde{a} \otimes 1 - \sum_{a \in \mathcal{G}_1} 1 \otimes \tilde{a} \otimes a, \\ \mu_4(1) &= \sum_j w_j \otimes w_j^*, \end{aligned}$$

where $a \in \mathcal{G}_1$, the w_j are a homogeneous basis for A , w_j^* is its dual basis under the non-degenerate form on A , and we denote by $W_{abb'}$ the cell $W(\Delta_{s(a), s(b), s(b')}^{(a, b, b')})$. This *almost Calabi-Yau* condition should be compared with the Calabi-Yau condition [16, Theorem 4.3], which says that A is a Calabi-Yau algebra of dimension 3 if and only if it has the following resolution as an A - A bimodule:

$$0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R A \rightarrow A \otimes_R V^* \otimes_R A \rightarrow A \otimes_R V \otimes_R A \rightarrow A \otimes_R A \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

In particular, this is the case for $A = A(\mathcal{G}_\Gamma, W)$, for the McKay graph of a finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset SU(3)$ [50, Theorem 4.4.6].

The resolution (33) of the almost Calabi-Yau algebra $A = A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ will yield a projective resolution of A as an A - A bimodule. The objective in deriving this resolution is to provide a basis for the computation of the Hochschild (co)homology and cyclic homology of the algebras $A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ for the $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graphs. Beginning with a pair (\mathcal{G}, W) given

by a cell system W on an $SU(3)$ \mathcal{ADE} graph \mathcal{G} , we construct a subfactor $N \subset M$ which yields a nimrep which recovers the graph \mathcal{G} as described in Section 1.3. Then we can construct the algebra $A(\mathcal{G}, W)$ whose Hochschild (co)homology and cyclic homology only depends on the original pair (\mathcal{G}, W) , or equivalently, on the subfactor $N \subset M$. Thus the Hochschild (co)homology and cyclic homology of A should be regarded as invariants for the subfactor $N \subset M$. This is work in progress.

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