# Smith Normal Forms of Strongly Regular graphs 

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Origins and early work on $K(\Gamma)$ include: Sandpile model (Dhar), Chip-firing game (Biggs), Cycle Matroids (Vince).

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All quotients $\bar{M}_{a} / \bar{M}_{a+1}$ are FG-modules, so the number of nonzero $e_{i}$ is at most the composition length of $\bar{M}$ as a FG-module.

## Lemma

Let $M$, and $\alpha$ be as above. Let $d$ be the $\ell$-adic valuation of the product of the nonzero elementary divisors of $\alpha$, counted with multiplicities. Suppose that we have an increasing sequence of indices $0<a_{1}<a_{2}<\cdots<a_{h}$ and a corresponding sequence of lower bounds $b_{1}>b_{2}>\cdots>b_{h}$ satisfying the following conditions.
(a) $\operatorname{dim}_{F} \bar{M}_{a_{j}} \geq b_{j}$ for $j=1, \ldots, h$.
(b) $\sum_{j=1}^{h}\left(b_{j}-b_{j+1}\right) a_{j}=d$, where we set $b_{h+1}=\operatorname{dim}_{F} \overline{\operatorname{ker}(\phi)}$.

Then the following hold.
(i) $e_{\mathrm{a}_{j}}(\phi)=b_{j}-b_{j+1}$ for $j=1, \ldots, h$.
(ii) $e_{0}(\phi)=\operatorname{dim}_{F} \bar{M}-b_{1}$.
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Uses: DFT ( $\mathbb{F}_{q}$-action) to get the $p^{\prime}$-part, $\mathbb{F}_{q}^{*}$-action Jacobi sums and Transfer matrix method for $p$-part. The following gives the p-part of $K(\Gamma)$.
Theorem
Let $q=p^{t}$ be a prime power congruent to 1 modulo 4. Then the number of $p$-adic elementary divisors of $L(\operatorname{Paley}(q))$ which are equal to $p^{\lambda}, 0 \leq \lambda<t$, is

$$
f(t, \lambda)=\sum_{i=0}^{\min \{\lambda, t-\lambda\}} \frac{t}{t-i}\binom{t-i}{i}\binom{t-2 i}{\lambda-i}(-p)^{i}\left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right)^{t-2 i} .
$$

The number of $p$-adic elementary divisors of $L(\operatorname{Paley}(q))$ which are equal to $p^{t}$ is $\left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right)^{t}-2$.

## Examples

$K\left(\operatorname{Paley}\left(5^{3}\right)\right) \cong(\mathbb{Z} / 31 \mathbb{Z})^{62} \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 5 \mathbb{Z})^{36} \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 25 \mathbb{Z})^{36} \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 125 \mathbb{Z})^{25}$.

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| $\ell \backslash\left\lfloor\frac{n-1}{2}\right\rfloor$ | $\begin{array}{r} S_{2}=D_{2}+D_{1}+\mathbb{F}_{\ell} \\ D_{1} \\ \mathbb{F}_{\ell} \\ \bar{M}=\mathbb{F}_{\ell} \oplus D_{2} \\ \mathbb{F}_{\ell} \\ D_{1} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |

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Note $A(\Gamma) \equiv-L(\Gamma) \bmod \left(p^{4 t}\right)$, so just consider $A(\Gamma)$.


## Example: Skew lines in PG $(3,9)$

| Elem. Div. | 1 | 3 | $3^{2}$ | $3^{4}$ | $3^{5}$ | $3^{6}$ | $3^{8}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Multiplicity | 361 | 256 | 6025 | 202 | 256 | 361 | 1 |

## Polar graphs

(Pantangi-S 2017) Uses: eigenvalue methods, structure of cross characteristric permutation modules (S-Tiep, 2005 ). The $p$-part is cyclic.

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- $|S|=|\operatorname{det}(A)|=\left|k r^{f} s^{g}\right|$ and $|K|=t^{f} u^{g} / v$ (by Kirchhoff's matrix-tree theorem.)


## Description of $S(\Gamma)$ for Symplectic polar graph

Theorem
Let $\ell||S|$. Then
(1) If $\ell$ is odd prime with $v_{\ell}\left(1+q^{m-1}\right)=a>0$, then $e_{a}(\ell)=g+1, e_{0}(\ell)=f$ and $e_{i}(\ell)=0$ otherwise.
(2) If $\ell$ is an odd prime with $v_{\ell}\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}m-1 \\ 1\end{array}\right]_{q}\right)=a$ and $v_{\ell}(q-1)=b$, we have
(i) If $a>0, b>0, e_{a+b}(\ell)=f, e_{a}(\ell)=1, e_{0}(\ell)=g$ and $e_{i}(\ell)=0$ for $i \neq 0, a+b, a$
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(Theorem Cont'd)
(3) If $\ell \mid q, e_{v_{\ell}(q)}(\ell)=1, e_{0}(q)=f+g$ and $e_{i}(\ell)=0$ for $i \neq v_{\ell}(q)$.
(4) If $\ell=2$ and $q$ is odd,
(i) If $m$ is even, $e_{a}(2)=f-g-1, e_{a+b}(2)=g+1$, $e_{0}(2)=g+1$ and $e_{i}(2)=0$ for all other $i \prime s$, where $a=v_{2}(q-1)$ and $b=v_{2}\left(q^{m-1}+1\right)$.
(ii) If $m$ is odd, $e_{a+b+1}(2)=g+1, e_{a+b}(2)=f-g-1$, $e_{a}(2)=1, e_{0}(2)=g$ and $e_{i}(2)=0$ for all other $i$ 's. Here, $v_{2}\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}m-1 \\ 1\end{array}\right]_{q}\right)=a, v_{2}(q-1)=b$.

## Example: $q=9, m=3$

$\Gamma$ is an $\operatorname{SRG}(66430,7380,818,820)$. Eigenvalues (7380, 80, -82) with multiplicities (1, 33579, 32850).

$$
\begin{aligned}
S=\mathbb{Z} / 9 \mathbb{Z} \times(\mathbb{Z} / 41 \mathbb{Z})^{32581} \times(\mathbb{Z} / 5 \mathbb{Z})^{33580} & \times(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) \times(\mathbb{Z} / 16 \mathbb{Z})^{728} \\
& \times(\mathbb{Z} / 32 \mathbb{Z})^{32851}
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
K=(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) & \times(\mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z})^{728} \times(\mathbb{Z} / 8 \mathbb{Z})^{32851} \times(\mathbb{Z} / 41 \mathbb{Z}) \times(\mathbb{Z} / 91 \mathbb{Z})^{32580} \\
& \times(\mathbb{Z} / 25 \mathbb{Z})^{33578} \times(\mathbb{Z} / 5 \mathbb{Z}) \times(\mathbb{Z} / 73 \mathbb{Z})^{33579}
\end{aligned}
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Thank you for your attention!

