Critical Groups of Rank 3 graphs

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Origins and early work on $K(\Gamma)$ include: Sandpile model (Dhar 1990), Chip-firing game (Biggs), Cycle Matroids (Vince 1991), arithmetic graphs (Lorenzini, 1991).

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Perhaps graphs with lots of automorphisms can be approached using group theory, representation theory.

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Primitive rank 3 permutation groups are known as consequence of CFSG: Bannai (1971), Cameron (1981), Kantor-Liebler (1982), Liebeck-Saxl (1986), Liebeck (1987). (G, X) rank 3 group of even order, orbits Δ , Φ , Ψ on $X \times X$. The graphs (X, Φ) and (X, Ψ) are the associated rank 3 graphs.

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- SRGs in general.

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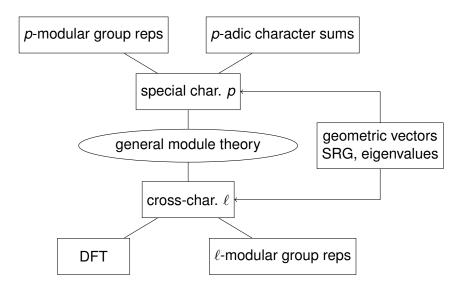
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- Often there is natural characteristic prime p that has to be treated differently.



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Uses: DFT (\mathbb{F}_q -action) to get the p'-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(Paley(q)) which are equal to p^{λ} , $0 \le \lambda < t$, is

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

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

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

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{K}(\operatorname{Paley}(5^4)) &\cong (\mathbb{Z}/156\mathbb{Z})^{312} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^{144} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z})^{176} \\ &\oplus (\mathbb{Z}/125\mathbb{Z})^{144} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/625\mathbb{Z})^{79}. \end{split}$$

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Example: $K(\Gamma)$ for Skew lines in PG(3,9)

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(Pantangi-S 2017) Uses structure of cross characteristic permutation modules (S-Tiep, 2005). The *p*-part of $K(\Gamma)$ is trivial.

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$K(\Gamma)$ for polar graph on 2*m*-dimensional symplectic space

$(f,g):=\left(egin{array}{c} rac{q(q^m-1)(q^{m-1}+1)}{2(q-1)}, \ rac{q(q^m+1)(q^{m-1}-1)}{2(q-1)} ight)$				
$(a,b,c,d):=\left(v_\ell(\begin{bmatrix}m-1\\1\end{bmatrix}_q),\ v_\ell(\begin{bmatrix}m\\1\end{bmatrix}_q),\ v_\ell(q^m+1),\ v_\ell(q^{m-1}+1)\right)$				
Prime	conditions	multiplicities		
$\ell = 2$	<i>m</i> even, <i>q</i> odd	$e_0 = g + 1, e_1 = f - g - 1, e_{d+1} = 1, and e_{d+b+1} =$		
		g-1.		
	<i>m</i> odd, <i>q</i> odd	$e_0 = g, e_a = 1, e_{a+c} = f - g - 1, \text{ and } e_{a+c+1} = g.$		
$\ell \neq 2$	b = d = 0	$e_0 = g + \delta_{a,0}, e_a = \delta_{c,0}(f-1) + 1 + \delta_{a,0}(g)$, and		
		$\boldsymbol{e}_{a+c} = \boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{1} + \delta_{c,0}.$		
	a = c = 0	$e_0 = f + \delta_{d,0}, e_d = \delta_{b,0}(g) + 1 + \delta_{d,0}(f), \text{ and } e_{b+d} = 0$		
		$g-1+\delta_{b,0}$		

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Γ is an SRG(66430, 7380, 818, 820). Eigenvalues (7380, 80, -82) with multiplicities (1, 33579, 32850).

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{K}(\Gamma) &\cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^{728} \times (\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^{32851} \times (\mathbb{Z}/41\mathbb{Z}) \\ &\times (\mathbb{Z}/91\mathbb{Z})^{32580} \times (\mathbb{Z}/25\mathbb{Z})^{33578} \times (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/73\mathbb{Z})^{33579} \end{split}$$

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