


A graph with quantum symmetry and finite quantum automorphism group

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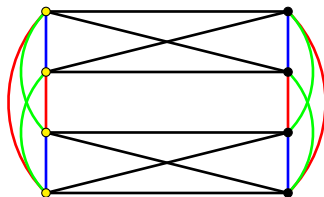
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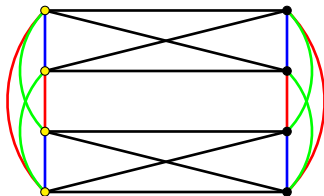
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- A graph automorphism is a bijection $\sigma : V \rightarrow V$ such that $(i, j) \in E_c$ if and only if $(\sigma(i), \sigma(j)) \in E_c$, where additionally $c(i) = c(\sigma(i))$.
- Automorphism group $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\sigma \in S_n \mid \sigma A_{G_c} = A_{G_c} \sigma \text{ and } \sigma_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } c(i) \neq c(j)\}$

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- The C^* -algebra $C(S_n^+)$ is commutative for $n \leq 3$ and non-commutative for $n \geq 4$
- For $n = 4$, the C^* -algebra $C(S_4^+)$ is non-commutative because of the surjective $*$ -homomorphism

$$\varphi : C(S_4^+) \rightarrow C^*(p, q, 1 \mid p = p^* = p^2, q = q^* = q^2),$$
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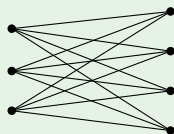
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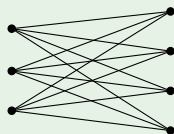
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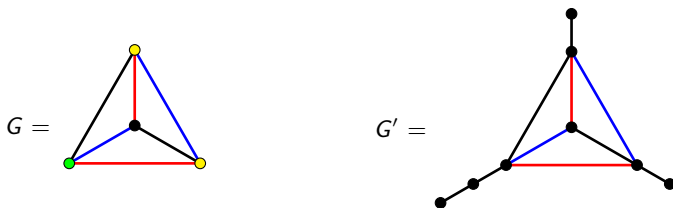
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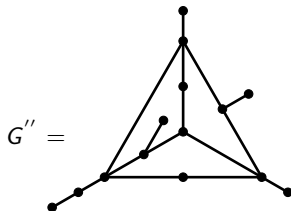
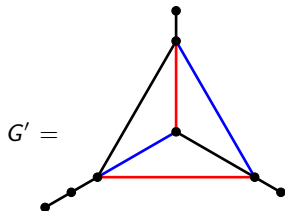
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