

# Cayley graphs: Symmetries, quantizations, duality

Quantum group seminar

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[Banica-Bichon-Collins '07]

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## Hamming graph $H(n, m)$

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Twist:

$$C(\check{\Gamma}) = C^*(\chi_i \mid \chi_i \chi_j = -\chi_j \chi_i, \chi_i^2 = 1, \chi_i^* = \chi_i)$$

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THM Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite abelian group,  $\sigma$  a unitary bicharacter on  $\Gamma$  and  $S \subset \Gamma$ . Then the adjacency operator given as above defines a directed quantum graph on  $\check{\Gamma}$ , which is quantum isomorphic to the classical Cayley graph  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$ . Its quantum automorphism group is the 2-cocycle twist of the quantum automorphism group  $\text{Aut}^+ \text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$  of the classical Cayley graph  $\text{Cay}(\Gamma, S)$ .



# Association schemes

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## Distance regular graph

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A graph is called *distance regular* if partitioning pairs of vertices according to their distance forms an association scheme.

## Translation association scheme

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The characters  $\chi_g$  of  $\Gamma$  form a common eigenbasis of  $\mathbf{A}$ . So, we can denote the common eigenspaces by

$$V_j = \text{span}\{\chi_g \mid g \in \tilde{S}_j\}.$$

**Claim.** The sets  $\tilde{S}_j$  define a new translation association scheme called the *dual*.

# Duality for groups vs. schemes

## Abelian groups:

$l^2(\Gamma) = \text{span}\{e_g\}_{g \in \Gamma}$  is equipped with two products:

$$e_g \cdot e_h = \delta_{gh} e_g, \quad e_g * e_h = e_{gh}.$$

Change of basis (Fourier transform) swaps the products:

$$\chi_g \cdot \chi_h = \chi_{gh}, \quad \chi_g * \chi_h = n \delta_{gh} \chi_g.$$

## Group schemes:

**DEF** Let  $\Gamma$  be a group. We associate to it a *group scheme* given by  $\mathbf{A} = \{A^g\}_{g \in \Gamma}$ , where  $A^g$  is the Cayley graph of  $S = \{g\}$ .

Observe: We have  $A^g e_h = e_{gh} = e_g * e_h$ . Moreover,

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**Translation schemes**

In general, taking any  $S$ , we have  $Ae_h = \sum_{k \in S} e_{kh} = (\sum_{k \in S} e_k) * e_h$ .

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[G. '24]

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We define the *dual quantum group* by swapping the two products.

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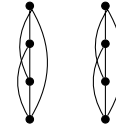
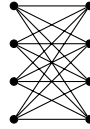
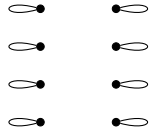
For any  $p \in l^2(\Gamma)$  such that  $p \bullet p = p = p^*$ , the map  $x \mapsto p * x$  defines a quantum graph. We call it the *Cayley quantum graph*.

## Quantum translation association scheme

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A *translation QCAS* over some quantum group  $\Gamma$  means that all  $A_i$  are Cayley.

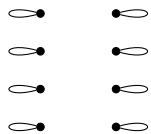
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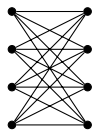


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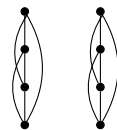
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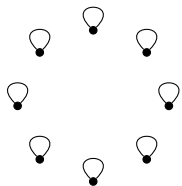
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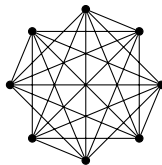
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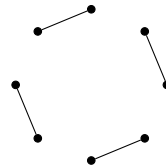
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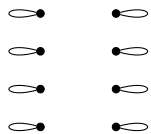


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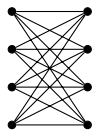
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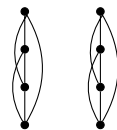
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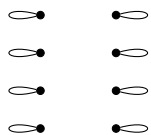
$$\tilde{S}_1 = \{(i, j) \mid i \neq 0\}$$

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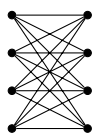
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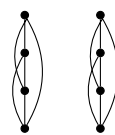
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$$\alpha_0 = e_e$$



$$S_1 = \{sr^k \mid k = 0, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e_{sr^k}$$



$$S_2 = \{r^k \mid k = 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} e_{r^k}$$

Eigenvalues and eigenspaces do not depend on  $\Gamma$ , so the following is a basis of  $\text{span}\{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2\} \subset \mathbb{C}D_4$  by orthogonal projections:

$$\epsilon_0 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = \eta$$

$$\epsilon_1 = (2n-2)\alpha_0 - 2\alpha_2$$

$$\epsilon_2 = \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

Hence, we have the adjacency matrices acting by

$$g \mapsto g \quad \forall g \in D_4$$

$$e \mapsto (2n-2)e$$

$$r^i \mapsto -2r^i$$

$$sr^i \mapsto 0$$

$$e \mapsto e$$

$$r^i \mapsto r^i$$

$$sr^i \mapsto -sr^i$$