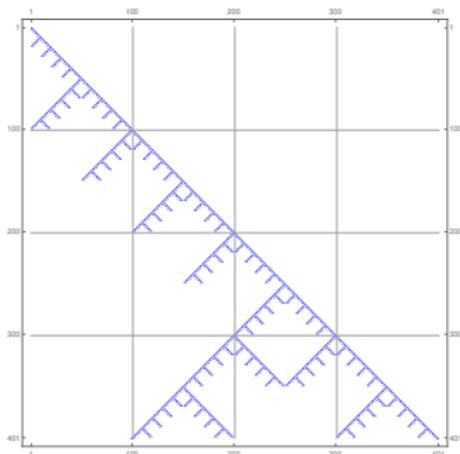


SL_2 and fractals

Or: Modular representation theory in a toy example

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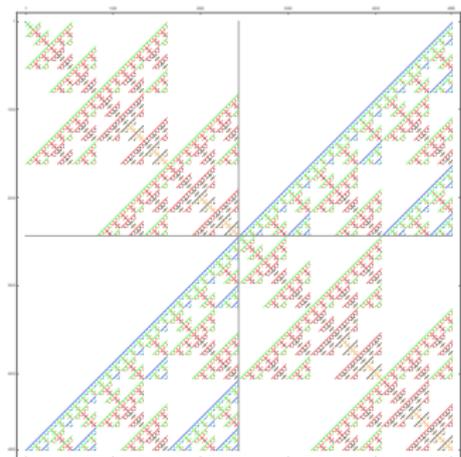
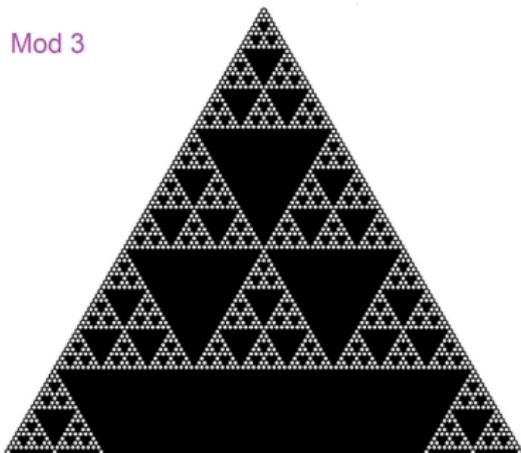
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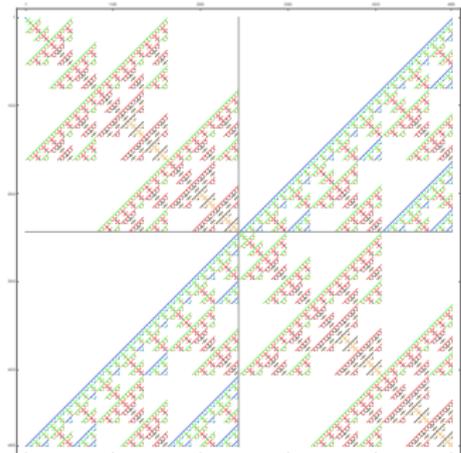
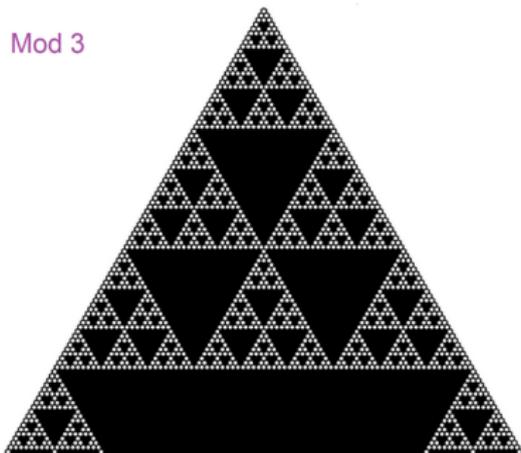
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i.e. tensor products are so much harder than classical one (char ∞ a.k.a. char 0)

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In my toy example SL_2 we can do everything explicitly.

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$$\text{Example } \Delta(7-1) = \mathbb{K}X^6Y^0 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{K}X^0Y^6.$$

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No common eigensystem $\Rightarrow \Delta(7-1)$ simple.

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$(0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)$ is a common eigenvector, so we found a submodule.

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When is $\Delta(\nu-1)$ simple?

$\Delta(\nu-1)$ is simple

\Leftrightarrow

$\binom{\nu-1}{w-1} \neq 0$ for all $w \leq \nu$

\Leftrightarrow (Lucas's theorem)

$\nu = [a_r, 0, \dots, 0]_p$.

Lucas ~ 1878 .
 "Binomials mod p are the product of binomials of the p -adic digits":
 $\binom{a}{b} = \prod_{i=0}^r \binom{a_i}{b_i} \pmod{p}$,
 where $a = [a_r, \dots, a_0]_p = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i p^i$ etc.

$\Delta(r-1)$

$\nu^4 \nu^0 \quad \nu^3 \nu^1 \quad \nu^2 \nu^2 \quad \nu^1 \nu^3 \quad \nu^0 \nu^4$

General.

Weyl $\Delta(\lambda)$ and dual Weyl $\nabla(\lambda)$
 are easy a.k.a. standard;

are parameterized by dominant integral weights;

are highest weight modules;

are defined over \mathbb{Z} ;

have the classical Weyl characters;

form a basis of the Grothendieck group untriangular w.r.t. simples;

satisfy (a version of) Schur's lemma $\dim_{\mathbb{K}} \text{Ext}^i(\Delta(\lambda), \Delta(\mu)) = \Delta_{i,0} \Delta_{\lambda, \mu}$;

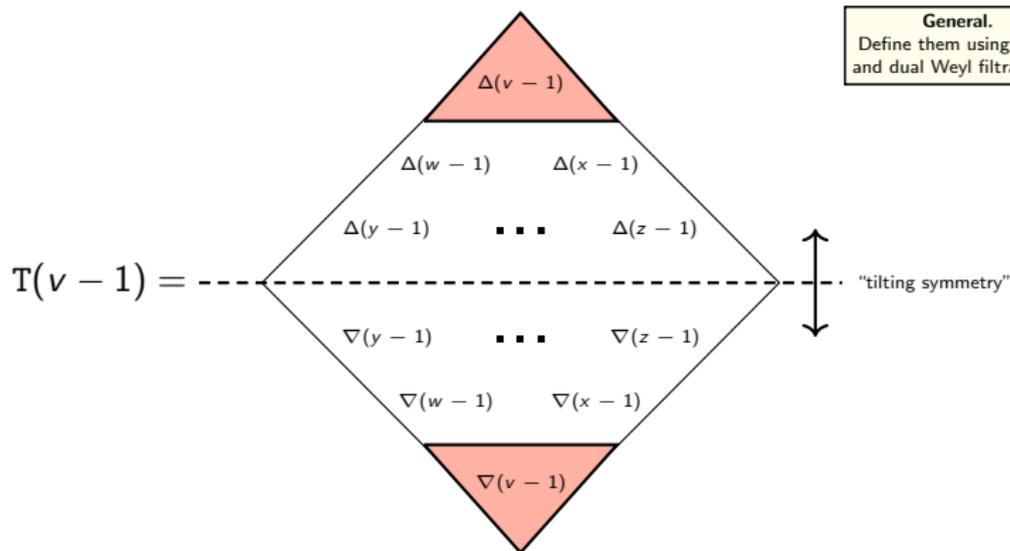
are simple generically;

have a root-binomial-criterion to determine whether they are simple (Jantzen's thesis ~ 1973).

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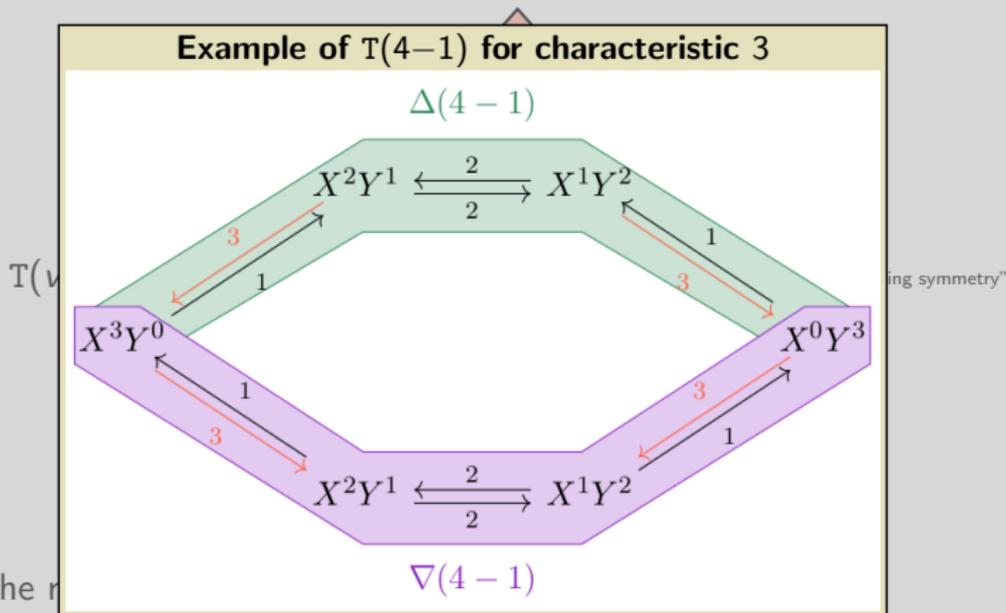
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How many Weyl factors does $T(v-1)$ have?

Weyl factors of $T(v-1)$ is 2^k where

$$k = \max\{\nu_p\left(\binom{v-1}{w-1}\right), w \leq v\}. \text{ (Order of vanishing of } \binom{v-1}{w-1}\text{.)}$$

determined by (Lucas's theorem)

non-zero non-leading digits of $v = [a_r, a_{r-1}, \dots, a_0]_p$.

Example $T(220540-1)$ for $p = 11$?

$$v = 220540 = [1, 4, 0, 7, 7, 1]_{11};$$

Maximal vanishing for $w = 75594 = [0, 5, 1, 8, 8, 2]_{11};$

$$\binom{v-1}{w-1} = (\text{HUGE}) = [\dots, \neq 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]_{11}.$$

$\Rightarrow T(220540-1)$ has 2^4 Weyl factors.

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$\Delta([a_r, \pm a_{r-1}, \dots, \pm a_0]_p - 1)$ where $v = [a_r, \dots, a_0]_p$ (appearing exactly once).

$\nabla(y-1) \quad \dots \quad \nabla(z-1)$

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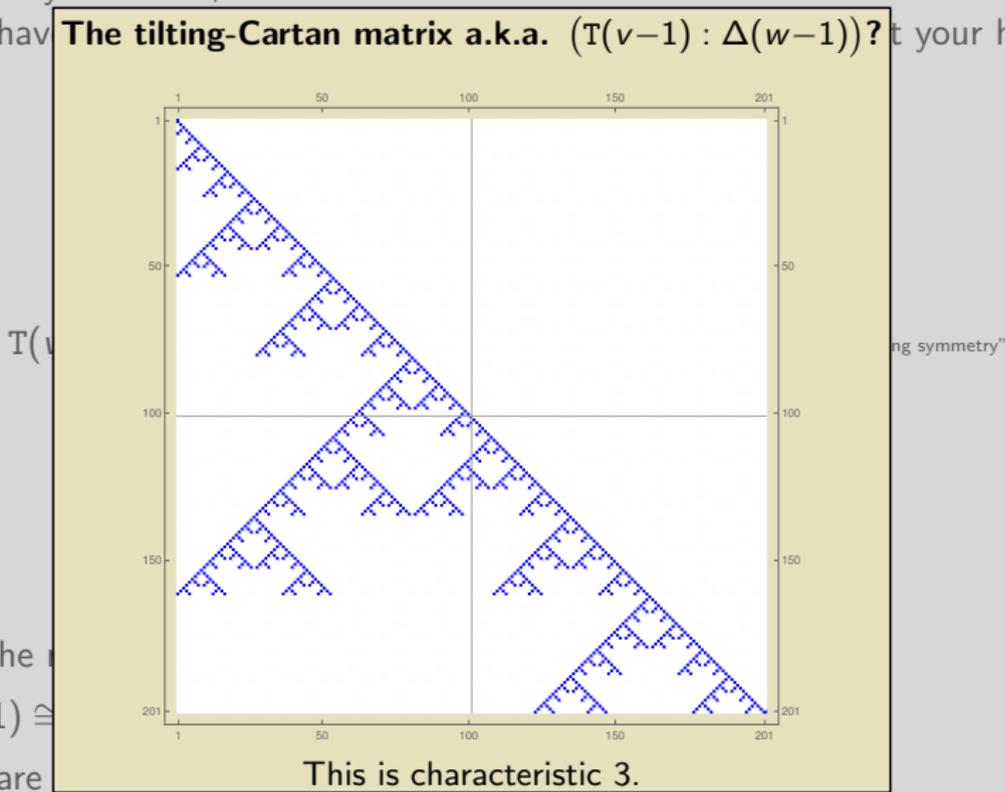
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e.g. $\Delta(218690 = [1, 4, 0, -7, -7, -1]_{11} - 1)$ appears.

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General.
These facts hold in general, and
tilting modules form the "nicest possible" monoidal subcategory.

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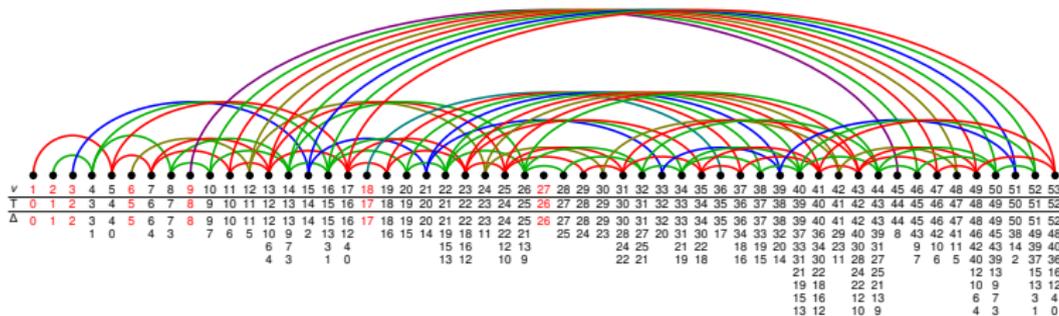
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Example, generation 0, i.e. up to p .

In this case the quiver has no edges.

Continuing this periodically gives a quiver for \mathcal{Tilt} for char $p = \infty$.

(This is the semisimple case: the quiver has to be boring.)

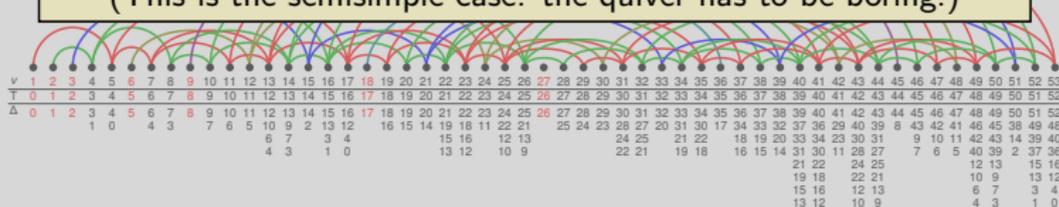


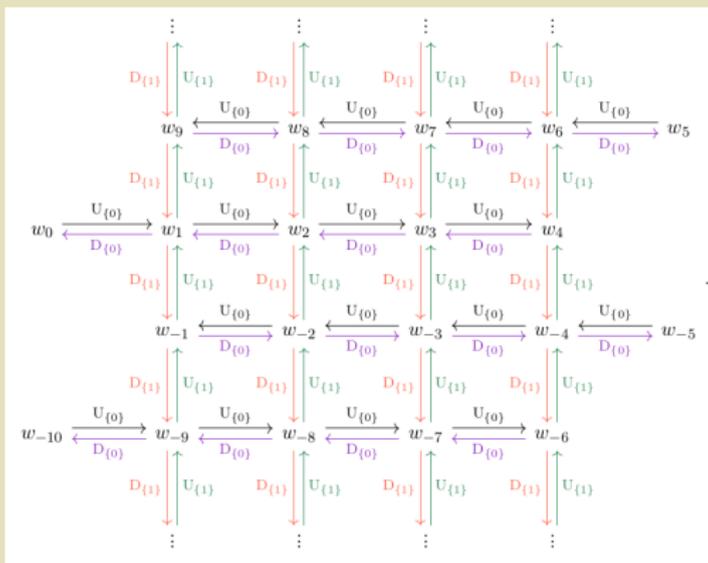
Figure: My favorite rainbow: The full subquiver containing the first 53 vertices of the quiver underlying Z_3 .

▶ Proof? ▶ Time's up

Example, generation 2, i.e. up to p^3 .

In this case every connected component of the quiver is a bunch of type A graphs glued together in a matrix-grid. Each row and column is a zigzag algebra, with arrows acting on the 0th digit or 1digit, and there are “squares commute” relations.

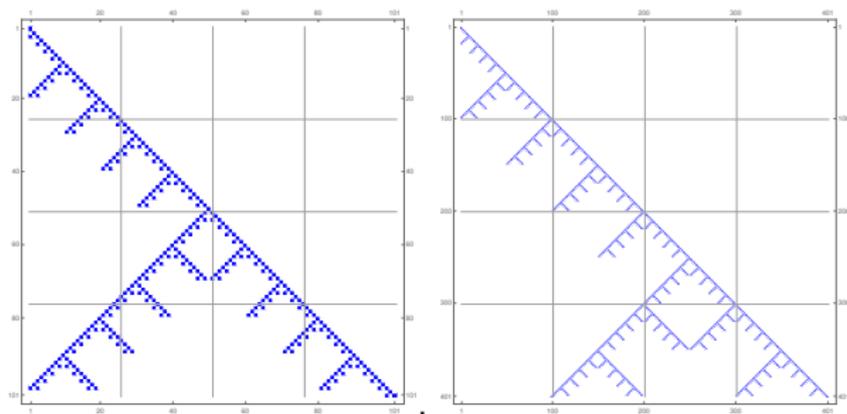
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The whole story generalizes to Lusztig's quantum group over \mathbb{K} with $q \in \mathbb{K}$ via:

- We need p , the characteristic of \mathbb{K} , and l , the order of q^2 .
- The p - l -adic expansion of $v = [a_r, \dots, a_0]_{p,l}$ is $v = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i p^{(i)}$ with $p^{(0)} = 1$ and $p^{(k)} = p^{k-1}l$. Here $0 \leq a_0 < l - 1$ and $0 \leq a_i < p - 1$.
 - ▷ Example. For $\mathbb{K} = \overline{\mathbb{F}_7}$ and $q = 2 \in \mathbb{F}_7$, we have $p = 7$ and $l = 3$.
 - ▷ Example. $68 = [68]_{p,\infty} = [66, 2]_{\infty,3} = [1, 2, 5]_{7,7} = [3, 1, 2]_{7,3}$
- Repeat everything I told you for these expansions.

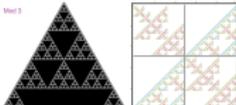
Here is the tilting-Cartan matrix in mixed characteristic $p = 5$ and $l = 2$:



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The most amazing things happen if the characteristic of the underlying field $K = \mathbb{C}$ of $SL_2 = SL_2(K)$ is finite, and we will see fractals, e.g.



Basic Tiling Module: Fractal and module representation of SL_2 . Week 001, 8/18

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Which Weyl factors does $\mathbb{T}(v-1)$ have a.k.a. the negative digit game?

Weyl factors of $\mathbb{T}(v-1)$ are

$\Delta([a, a(b-1), \dots, a(b-1)])$ where $v = [a, \dots, a(b-1)]$

$(v-1) = \Delta([a, a(b-1), \dots, a(b-1)])$

form a base b Example $(220540-1)$ for $p=117$ applies.

satisfy $(a + \sum_{i=1}^{b-1} i) \mid v$ $v = 220540 = [1, 4, 0, 7, 7, 1]$; $(-1) =$

are simple has Weyl factors $[1, 4, 0, 4, 7, 4, 3]!$;

have a root e.g. $\Delta(21000) = [1, 4, 0, -7, -7, -3] = (-1)$ appears simple.

Slogan. Indecomposable tilting modules are akin to indecomposable projectives. Warning: SL_2 has finite-dimensional projectives if and only if $\text{char}(K) = 0$.

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⊙-ideals of $\mathbb{T}(b)$ are indexed by prime powers.

See the following proposition in the next lecture. It is due to the author of this course.

- Every ⊙-ideal is thick, and any non-zero thick ⊙-ideal is of the form $\mathcal{I}_p = \mathbb{T}(p-1) \oplus \mathcal{I}_p^2$.
- There is a chain of ⊙-ideals $\mathbb{T}(b) \supset \mathcal{I}_2 \supset \mathcal{I}_3 \supset \mathcal{I}_5 \supset \dots$. The cells, i.e. $\mathcal{I}_p/\mathcal{I}_{p^2}$, are the strongly connected components of \mathbb{T}_1 .

Example ($p=3$).



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- are those
- are paraxial
- are higher
- $\in \mathbb{T}(v-1)$
- form a base
- satisfy $(a + \sum_{i=1}^{b-1} i) \mid v$
- are simple
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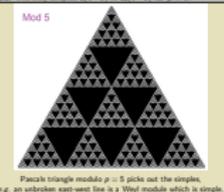
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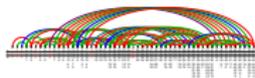


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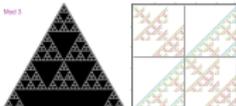
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There is still much to do...

Question. What can we say about finite-dimensional modules of SL_2 ?

- ...in the context of the representation theory of classical groups? → The module and its structure.
- ...in the context of the representation theory of Hopf algebras? → Fusion rules, i.e. tensor products rules.
- ...in the context of categorification? → Morphisms of representations and their structures.

The most amazing things happen if the characteristic of the underlying field $K = \mathbb{C}$ of $SL_2 = SL_2(K)$ is finite, and we will see fractals, e.g.



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$$\Delta([a, a(b-1), \dots, a(b-1)] \text{ where } v = [a, \dots, a(b-1)])$$

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Example $\mathbb{T}(20540-1)$ for $p=117$

$v = 220540 = [1, 4, 0, 7, 7, 1];$

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e.g. $\Delta(218900) = [1, 4, 0, -7, -7, -3];$ appears simple.

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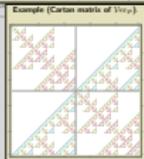
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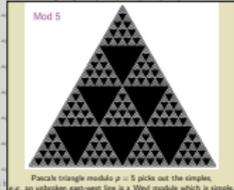
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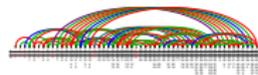


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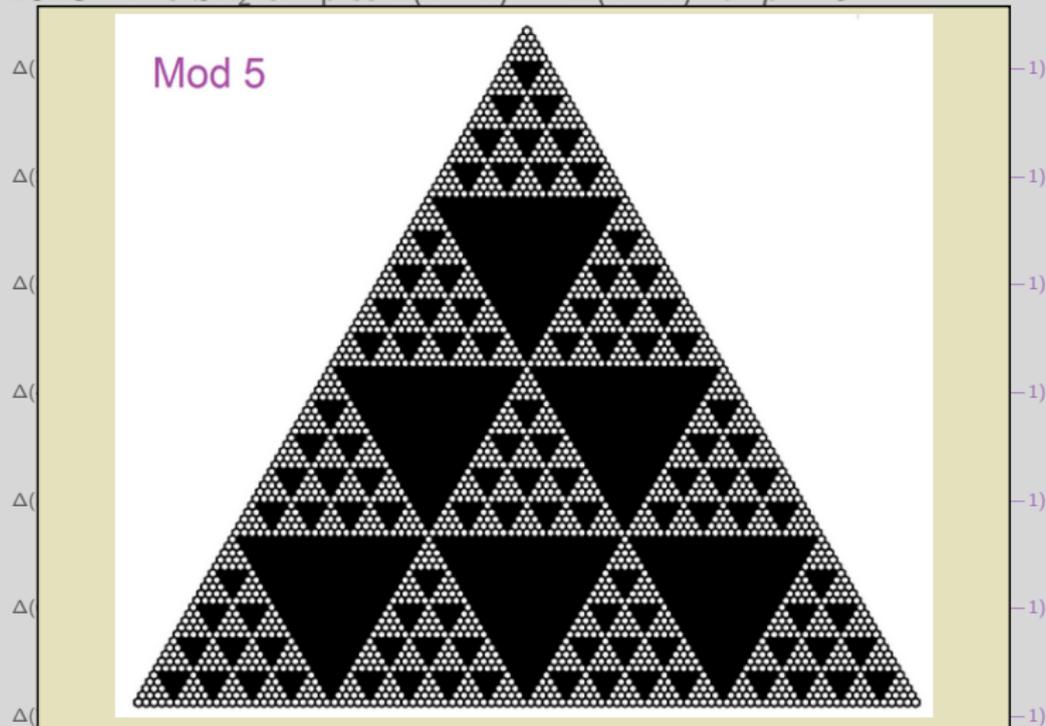
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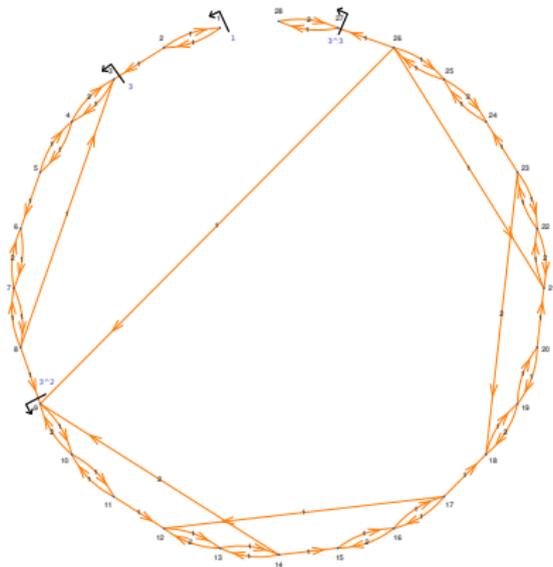
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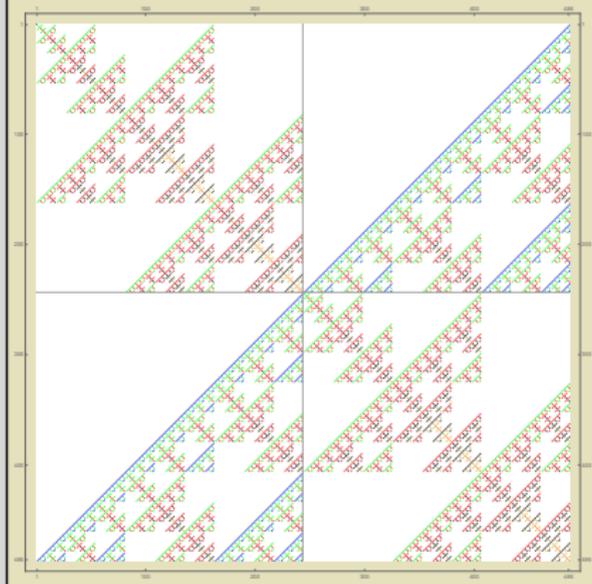
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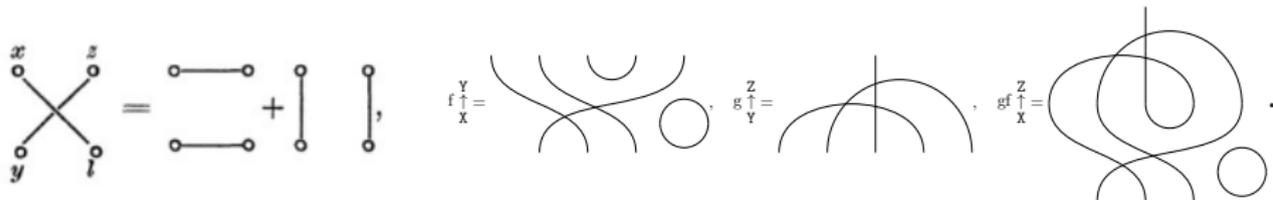


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General-diagrammatics for \mathcal{Tilt} .

For type A we have webs

à la Kuperberg ~ 1997 , Cautis–Kamnitzer–Morrison ~ 2012 .

For types BCD there are some partial results,

e.g. Brauer ~ 1937 , Kuperberg ~ 1997 ,

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Theorem (folklore).

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By $\mathcal{TL} \rightarrow \mathcal{Tilt}$, there are diagrammatic projectors

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and the algebra we are looking for is

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The generating morphisms are basically

$$D_i = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \boxed{} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ p^i \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \\ \hline \boxed{v-1} \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad U_i = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \boxed{} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ p^i \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \\ \hline \boxed{v-1} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Then calculate relations.