

# The Terwilliger algebra of the $q$ -Johnson graph

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# Definitions and notations

Let  $\Gamma = (X, R)$  be a finite, simple, undirected, connected graph.

- **Distance**  $\partial(x, y)$ : the length of a shortest path connecting  $x$  and  $y$ .
- **Diameter**  $D := D(\Gamma) = \max\{\partial(x, y) \mid x, y \in X\}$ .
- For each  $0 \leq i \leq D$ , define **the  $i$ th distance matrix  $A_i$**  by

$$(A_i)_{xy} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \partial(x, y) = i, \\ 0 & \text{if } \partial(x, y) \neq i. \end{cases}$$

- $\Gamma_i(x) = \{y \in X \mid \partial(x, y) = i\}$  for a vertex  $x$  ( $0 \leq i \leq D$ ).
- **Regular** with valency  $k$ :  $|\Gamma_1(x)| = k$  for all vertices in  $\Gamma$ .

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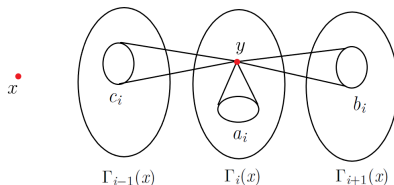
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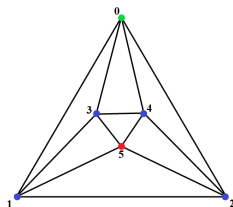
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- For example: Octahedron with  $\{b_0, b_1; c_1, c_2\} = \{4, 1; 1, 4\}$ .



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- $A_i \circ A_j = \delta_{ij}A_i, \sum_{i=0}^D A_i = J$ .
- Bose-Mesner algebra is closed under matrix product and Hadamard product.

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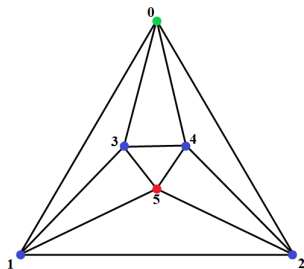


Figure: Octahedron

- $A_0 = I = A^0;$

$$A = A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(A^2 - 2A - I).$$

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- $E_1 \circ E_i = \frac{1}{|X|} (b_{i-1}^* E_{i-1} + a_i^* E_i + c_{i+1}^* E_{i+1})$ .
- that is equivalent to  $Q$ -polynomial property, i.e.  $E_i = q_i(E_1)$  w.r.t. Hadamard product, where  $q_i$  is a polynomial of degree  $i$ .
- **Dual intersection numbers:**  $a_i^*, b_i^*, c_i^*$ . They are non-negative real numbers.
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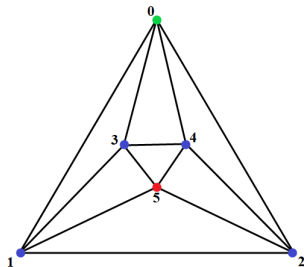


Figure: Octahedron

- $\text{Spec}(\text{Octahedron}) = \{4^1, 0^3, (-2)^2\}$ .
- $E_0 = \frac{1}{6}J$  ( $J$  is all 1's matrix);

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$E_2 = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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This is the same operation as multiplication of diagonal matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & & & & \\ & \frac{1}{2} & & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} & & \\ & & & \frac{1}{2} & \\ & & & & \frac{1}{2} \\ & & & & & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & & & & \\ & 4 & & & \\ & & 4 & & \\ & & & 4 & \\ & & & & 4 \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & & & & \\ & 2 & & & \\ & & 2 & & \\ & & & 2 & \\ & & & & 2 \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, if  $x_0$  indexes the first column, for example, the dual Bose-Mesner algebra encodes this  $\circ$  operation.



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  - $T$  is a semi-simple algebra.
  - $V = \mathbb{C}^X \simeq \bigoplus_{x \in X} \mathbb{C}x$ : the standard module for  $T$ .
  - **$T$ -submodule**  $W \subset V$  s.t.  $TW \subseteq W$ .
  - $T$ -submodule  $W$  is **irreducible**  $\iff W \neq 0$ ,  $W$  does not properly contain a nonzero  $T$ -submodule.
  - $V$  is an orthogonal direct sum of irreducible  $T$ -submodules.
  - $V$  is a faithful  $T$ -module.
- In particular, every irreducible  $T$ -module appears in  $V$ .

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# Related Results

## Hamming graph

- Let  $q \geq 2$ ,  $D \geq 1$  be integers.
- $\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q - 1\}$ .
- **Hamming graph**  $H(D, q)$  has vertex set  $X = \Omega^D$ .
- $x \sim y$  if they differ in exactly one position.
- $H(D, 2)$  is  $D$ -cube.
- An underlying space for coding theory.
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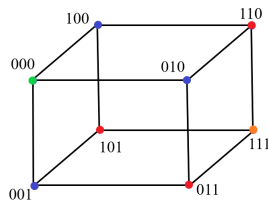


Figure:  $H(3, 2)$

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- Let  $1 \leq D \leq N$  be integers.
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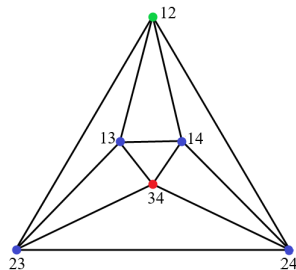


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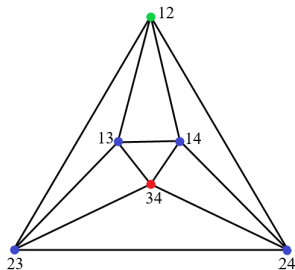


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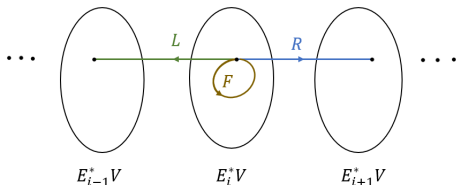
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- $x \sim y$  if  $\dim(x \cap y) = D - 1$ .
- $J_q(N, D) \simeq J_q(N, N - D)$ .
- Usually, assume  $N \geq 2D$ . Diameter =  $D$ .
- $J_q(N, D)$  is a  $q$ -analog of  $J(N, D)$ .
- $T \subset S$  holds.

# Decomposition of $A$

Let  $\Gamma = (X, R)$  be a  $Q$ -polynomial DRG. Let  $V = \mathbb{C}^X$ .

- $T = T(x_0) = \langle A, E_i^* \mid 0 \leq i \leq D \rangle$ : the Terwilliger algebra w.r.t  $x_0$ .
- **Lowering map**  $L = L(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^D E_{i-1}^* A E_i^*$  and  $LE_i^* V \subseteq E_{i-1}^* V$ ;
- **Flat map**  $F = F(x_0) = \sum_{i=0}^D E_i^* A E_i^*$  and  $FE_i^* V \subseteq E_i^* V$ ;
- **Raising map**  $R = R(x_0) = \sum_{i=0}^{D-1} E_{i+1}^* A E_i^*$  and  $RE_i^* V \subseteq E_{i+1}^* V$ .
- $A = L + F + R$ .



# Parameters of an irreducible $T$ -module

Let  $W$  be an irreducible  $T$ -submodule of  $V$  for  $\Gamma$ .

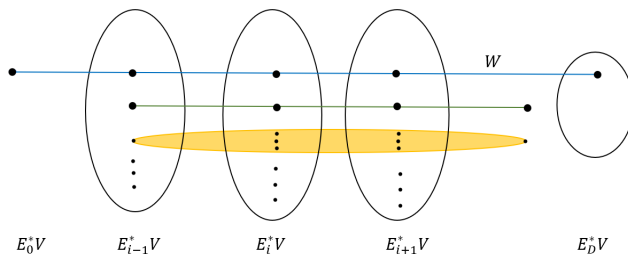
- **endpoint** of  $W$ :  $\nu := \min\{i \mid 0 \leq i \leq D, E_i^*W \neq 0\}$ .
- **dual-endpoint** of  $W$ :  $\mu := \min\{i \mid 0 \leq i \leq D, E_iW \neq 0\}$ .
- **diameter** of  $W$ :  $d = \#\{i \mid E_i^*W \neq 0\} - 1 = \#\{i \mid E_iW \neq 0\} - 1$ .
- $W$  is **thin**  $\Leftrightarrow \dim E_i^*W \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \dim E_iW \leq 1$  for all  $i$ .

Terwilliger, 1993

For the known Q-polynomial DRG, **thin** irreducible  $T$ -modules are determined by parameters  $(\nu, \mu, d, e)$ , where  $e$  is a auxiliary parameter.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>P. Terwilliger. "The subconstituent algebra of an association scheme III". In: *J. Algebraic Combin.* 2 (1993), pp. 177–210.

# Parameters of an irreducible $T$ -module





# Irreducible $T$ -modules for the Johnson graph<sup>2</sup>

Let  $\Gamma = J(N, D)$ . Let  $W$  be an irreducible  $T$ -module with  $d \geq 1$ .

- $W$  is thin.
- $W$  is determined by  $(\nu, \mu, d)$  (up to isomorphism) that satisfy

$$(\Delta_1) \begin{cases} 0 \leq \frac{D-d}{2} \leq \nu \leq \mu \leq D-d \leq D \\ d \in \{D-2\nu, \min\{D-\mu, N-D-2\nu\}\} \end{cases}$$

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<sup>2</sup>P. Terwilliger. "The subconstituent algebra of an association scheme III". In: *J. Algebraic Combin.* 2 (1993), pp. 177–210.

# Irreducible $T$ -modules for the $q$ -Johnson graph<sup>3</sup>

Let  $\Gamma = J_q(N, D)$ . Let  $W$  be an irreducible  $T$ -module with  $d \geq 1$ .

- $W$  is thin.
- $W$  is determined by  $(\nu, \mu, d, e)$  (up to isomorphism) that satisfy

$$(\Delta_2) \begin{cases} 0 \leq \frac{D-d}{2} \leq \nu \leq \mu \leq D-d \leq D \\ e+d+D \text{ is even, } |e| \leq 2\nu - D + d \\ d \in \{e + D - 2\nu, \min\{D - \mu, e + D - 2\nu + 2(N - 2D)\}\} \end{cases}$$

<sup>3</sup>P. Terwilliger. "The subconstituent algebra of an association scheme III". In: *J. Algebraic Combin.* 2 (1993), pp. 177–210.

## Remark

- No proof is given in Terwilliger's paper, 1993.
- It is not clear whether all  $(\nu, \mu, d)$  in  $(\Delta_1)$  for Johnson graph (all  $(\nu, \mu, d, e)$  in  $(\Delta_2)$  for  $q$ -Johnson graph) appear from irreducible  $T$ -modules with  $d \geq 1$ .

### Our work

We showed that all  $(\nu, \mu, d)$  with  $(\Delta_1)$  for Johnson graph<sup>a</sup> (all  $(\nu, \mu, d, e)$  with  $(\Delta_2)$  for  $q$ -Johnson graph<sup>b</sup>) appear from irreducible  $T$ -modules, **including  $d = 0$ !**

<sup>a</sup>Y.-Y. Tan et al. "The Terwilliger algebra of the Johnson scheme  $J(N, D)$  revisited from the viewpoint of group representations". In: *European J. Combin.* 80 (2019), pp. 157–171.

<sup>b</sup>X. Liang, T. Ito, and Y. Watanabe. "The Terwilliger algebra of the Grassmann scheme  $J_q(N, D)$  revisited from the viewpoint of the quantum affine algebra  $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2)$ ". In: *Linear Algebra Appl.* 596 (2020), pp. 117–144.

# New parameters of an irreducible $T$ -module for $J(N, D)$

Let  $\Lambda_1$  be the set of ordered pairs  $(\alpha, \beta)$  of non-negative integers  $\alpha, \beta$  such that

$$(\Lambda_1) \begin{cases} 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{D}{2}, \\ 0 \leq \beta \leq \min\{D, \frac{N-D}{2}\}, \\ 0 \leq \alpha + \beta \leq D. \end{cases}$$

Define a mapping  $\varphi_1 : \Lambda_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, (\alpha, \beta) \mapsto (\nu, \mu, d)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= \max(\alpha, \beta), \\ \mu &= \alpha + \beta, \end{aligned}$$

$$d = \begin{cases} D - 2\alpha & \text{if } \beta - \alpha \leq 0, \\ D - \alpha - \beta & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta - \alpha \leq N - 2D, \\ N - D - 2\beta & \text{if } N - 2D \leq \beta - \alpha. \end{cases}$$

# New parameters of an irreducible $T$ -module for $J(N, D)$

Theorem (Liang, T.Ito, Y-Y.Tan, 2017)

- (1) The mapping  $\varphi_1 : \Lambda_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1$  is a bijection if  $N \neq 2D$ .
- (2) Let  $\bar{\Lambda}_1$  be the subset of  $\Lambda_1$  consisting of  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda_1$  that satisfy  $\beta - \alpha \leq 0$ . Then the mapping  $\varphi|_{\bar{\Lambda}_1} : \bar{\Lambda}_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1$  is a bijection if  $N = 2D$ .

# The meaning of $\Lambda_1$ from the viewpoint of group representations

Let  $\Gamma = J(N, D)$ .

- Let  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$ , where  $|\Omega_1| = D$ ,  $|\Omega_2| = N - D$ .
- $H = \text{Sym}(\Omega_1) \times \text{Sym}(\Omega_2)$ .
- $\text{Sym}(\Omega_1)$  acts on  $\binom{\Omega_1}{D-i}$ ,  $\text{Sym}(\Omega_2)$  acts on  $\binom{\Omega_2}{i}$ .
- Let  $\pi_i^{(1)}$  be the permutation character of  $\text{Sym}(\Omega_1)$  on  $\binom{\Omega_1}{D-i} \simeq \binom{\Omega_1}{i}$ ;
- Let  $\pi_i^{(2)}$  be the permutation character of  $\text{Sym}(\Omega_2)$  on  $\binom{\Omega_2}{i}$ .
- $\pi_i^{(1)} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^i \chi_{\alpha}^{(1)}$ , where  $\chi_{\alpha}^{(1)}$  is an irreducible character of  $\text{Sym}(\Omega_1)$ .
- $\pi_i^{(2)} = \sum_{\beta=0}^i \chi_{\beta}^{(2)}$ , where  $\chi_{\beta}^{(2)}$  is an irreducible character of  $\text{Sym}(\Omega_2)$ .
- $\chi_{\alpha}^{(1)} \chi_{\beta}^{(2)}$ : irreducible character of  $H$ , where  
 $0 \leq \alpha \leq \min\{i, D-i\}$ ,  $0 \leq \beta \leq \min\{i, N-D-i\}$ .

# The meaning of $\Lambda_1$ from the viewpoint of group representations

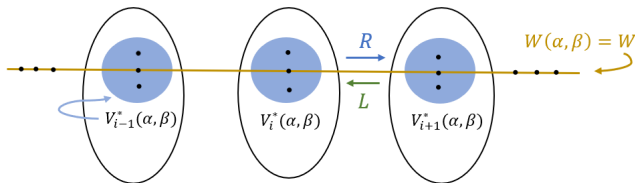
$$V = \mathbb{C}^X.$$

- $V_i^* = E_i^* V$  is a permutation  $H$ -module.  $H$  is multiplicity free on  $V_i^*$ .
- $V_i^* = \bigoplus_{\alpha, \beta} V_i^*(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $V_i^*(\alpha, \beta)$  be the irreducible  $H$ -submodule with character  $\chi_\alpha^{(1)} \chi_\beta^{(2)}$ .
- $V = \bigoplus_i V_i^* = \bigoplus_i \bigoplus_{\alpha, \beta} V_i^*(\alpha, \beta) = \bigoplus_{\alpha, \beta} \bigoplus_i V_i^*(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- $V^*(\alpha, \beta) = \bigoplus_i V_i^*(\alpha, \beta)$ : the sum of irreducible  $H$ -submodules of  $V$  that afford the irreducible character  $\chi_\alpha^{(1)} \chi_\beta^{(2)}$  of  $H$ , i.e., the homogeneous component of  $V$  that belongs to the isomorphism class  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda$ .
- $V = \bigoplus_{\alpha, \beta} V^*(\alpha, \beta)$ .

# The meaning of $\Lambda_1$ from the viewpoint of group representations

$S = \text{Hom}_H(V, V)$ .

- $V^*(\alpha, \beta)$  is invariant under  $S$ .
- Let  $W \subseteq V$  be an irreducible  $S$ -submodule, then  $\exists ! (\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda_1$  s.t.  $W \subseteq V^*(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- Let  $W, W' \subseteq V^*(\alpha, \beta)$  be any irreducible  $S$ -submodules. Then  $W \simeq W'$  as an  $S$ -submodule.
- This means that irreducible  $S$ -submodules  $W$  of  $V$  are parameterized by  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda_1$ , up to isomorphism.
- Let  $W(\alpha, \beta)$  be an irreducible  $S$ -module.
- $R, L, F \in S$ .





# The meaning of $\Lambda_1$ from the viewpoint of group representations

Case  $N \neq 2D$

- Irreducible  $T$ -submodules  $W$  of  $V$  with  $d \geq 1$  are parameterized by  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda_1$ , up to isomorphism.
- For  $W, W' \subseteq V$  with  $d = d' \geq 1$ ,

$$W \simeq W' \text{ as } S\text{-modules} \Leftrightarrow W \simeq W' \text{ as } T\text{-modules.}$$

- In the case of  $d = 0$ , isomorphism classes of  $W$  is parameterized by  $(\nu, \mu)$ .
- And  $(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow (\nu, \mu)$  is 1:1.
- $T = S$ .

Case  $N = 2D$

- $(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow (\nu, \mu, d)$  is 2:1.
- $T \subset S$ .

# New parameters of an irreducible $T$ -module for $J_q(N, D)$

Let  $\Lambda_2$  be the set of ordered pairs  $(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$  of non-negative integers  $\alpha, \beta, \rho$  such that

$$(\Lambda_2) \begin{cases} 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{D-\rho}{2}, \\ 0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{N-D-\rho}{2}, \\ 0 \leq \alpha + \beta \leq D - \rho. \end{cases}$$

Define a mapping  $\varphi_2 : \Lambda_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, (\alpha, \beta, \rho) \mapsto (\nu, \mu, d, e)$  by

$$\nu = \rho + \max\{\alpha, \beta\},$$

$$\mu = \rho + \alpha + \beta,$$

$$d = \begin{cases} D - \rho - 2\alpha & \text{if } \beta - \alpha \leq 0, \\ D - \rho - \alpha - \beta & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta - \alpha \leq N - 2D, \\ N - D - \rho - 2\beta & \text{if } N - 2D \leq \beta - \alpha. \end{cases}$$

$$e = \begin{cases} \rho & \text{if } \beta - \alpha \leq 0, \\ \rho + \alpha - \beta & \text{if } 0 \leq \beta - \alpha \leq N - 2D, \\ \rho - N + 2D & \text{if } N - 2D \leq \beta - \alpha. \end{cases}$$

# New parameters of an irreducible $T$ -module for $J_q(N, D)$

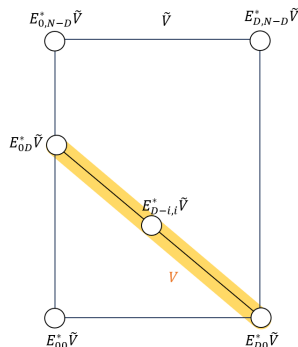
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# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of quantum affine algebras

Let  $\Gamma = J_q(N, D)$ .

- Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{F}_q^N = \Omega_1 \oplus \Omega_2$ ,  
where  $\Omega_1 = \mathbb{F}_q^D$ ,  $\Omega_2 = \mathbb{F}_q^{N-D}$ .
- $\tilde{X} = \bigcup_{k=0}^N \binom{\Omega}{k}_q$ : the set of all subspaces of  $\Omega$ .
- Fix  $x_0 = \Omega_1 \in \binom{\Omega}{D}_q$ .
- For  $0 \leq i \leq D, 0 \leq j \leq N - D$ , let  
 $\tilde{X}_{ij} = \{x \in \tilde{X} \mid \dim(x \cap x_0) = i, \dim x = i + j\}$ .
- Define  $E_{ij}^* = E_{ij}^*(x_0)$  by  
 $(E_{ij}^*)_{xx} = 1$  if  $x \in \tilde{X}_{ij}$ , 0 otherwise.
- $\tilde{V} = \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{X}} = \bigoplus_{i,j} E_{i,j}^* \tilde{V}$ .
- $V = \mathbb{C}^X = \bigoplus_i E_{D-i,i}^* \tilde{V} \subset \tilde{V}$ .



# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of quantum affine algebras

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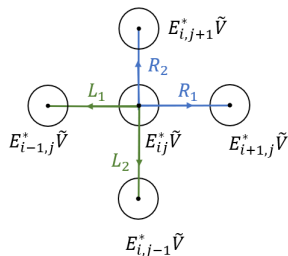
- Define  $L_1, L_2, R_1, R_2 \in \text{Hom}(\tilde{V}, \tilde{V})$  by

$$L_1 x = \sum_{\substack{y \in \tilde{X}_{i-1,j} \\ x \text{ covers } y}} y, \quad L_2 x = \sum_{\substack{y \in \tilde{X}_{i,j-1} \\ x \text{ covers } y}} y,$$

$$R_1 x = \sum_{\substack{y \in \tilde{X}_{i+1,j} \\ y \text{ covers } x}} y, \quad R_2 x = \sum_{\substack{y \in \tilde{X}_{i,j+1} \\ y \text{ covers } x}} y,$$

where for  $x, y \in \tilde{X}$ ,  $x$  **covers**  $y$  iff  $x \supset y$  and  $\dim x = \dim y + 1$ .

- $\mathcal{H} = \langle L_1, L_2, R_1, R_2, E_{ij}^* \mid \forall i, j \rangle \subseteq \text{Mat}_{\tilde{X}}(\mathbb{C})$ .



# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of quantum affine algebras

## Theorem (Y. Watanabe, 2017)

There is an algebra homomorphism from the quantum affine algebra  $U_{\sqrt{q}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2)$  to algebra  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}$  is generated by its image together with the center.<sup>a</sup>

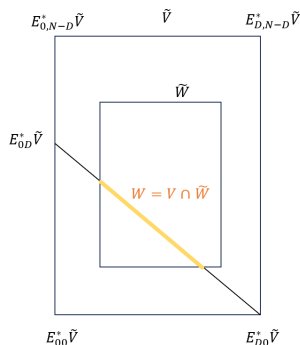
<sup>a</sup>Y. Watanabe. "An algebra associated with a subspace lattice over a finite field and its relation to the quantum affine algebra  $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2)$ ". In: *J. Alg.* 489 (2017), pp. 475–505.

## Theorem (Y. Watanabe 2017, X. Liang -T. Ito -Y. Watanabe 2020)

Irreducible  $\mathcal{H}$ -submodules  $\widetilde{W}$  of  $\widetilde{V}$  with are parameterized by  $(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \widetilde{\Lambda}_2$ , up to isomorphism, where  $\widetilde{\Lambda}_2 = \{(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \mid 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{D-\rho}{2}, 0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{N-D-\rho}{2}\}$

# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of quantum affine algebras

- Recall  $\Lambda_2 = \{(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \tilde{\Lambda}_2 \mid 0 \leq \alpha + \beta \leq D - \rho\}$ .
- If  $\tilde{W} \subseteq \tilde{V}$  is an irreducible  $\mathcal{H}$ -module of type  $\lambda = (\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2$ , then  $W = \tilde{W} \cap V$  is an irreducible  $T$ -module of type  $\varphi_2(\lambda) \in \Delta_2$ ;
- If  $\varphi_2(\lambda) = (\nu, \mu, 0, e) \in \Delta_2$ , then  $W = \tilde{W} \cap V$  has diameter 0 and type  $(\nu, \mu)$ .
- Conversely, if  $W \subseteq V$  is an irreducible  $T$ -module with  $d \geq 1$ , then  $\tilde{W} = \mathcal{H}W \subseteq \tilde{V}$  is an irreducible  $\mathcal{H}$ -module when  $N \neq 2D$ .



# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of group representations

Let  $\Gamma = J_q(N, D)$ .

- Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{F}_q^N = \Omega_1 \oplus \Omega_2$ , where  $\Omega_1 = \mathbb{F}_q^D$ ,  $\Omega_2 = \mathbb{F}_q^{N-D}$ .
- Let  $G = GL(N, q)$ .  $G$  acts on  $\binom{\Omega}{k}_q$  as automorphisms.
- **Remark:** If  $N \neq 2D$ ,  $\text{Aut}(\Gamma) = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_q)PGL(N, q) = P\Gamma L(N, q)$ ;  
If  $N = 2D$ ,  $\text{Aut}(\Gamma) = P\Gamma L(N, q)$ .2.
- Choose  $x_0 = \Omega_1 \in \binom{\Omega}{D}_q$
- $H = G_{x_0} = (GL(D, q) \times GL(N - D, q)) \ltimes \text{Mat}_{D \times (N-D)}(q)$ .

Dunkl-Watanabe's duality (X. Liang, T. Ito, in preparation)

$$\text{Hom}_H(\tilde{V}, \tilde{V}) = \mathcal{H}.$$

- Irreducible  $H$ -modules of  $\tilde{V}$  are parameterized by  $(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$  in  $\tilde{\Lambda}_2$ .
- Irreducible  $H$ -modules of  $V$  are parameterized by  $(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$  in  $\Lambda_2$ .



# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of group representations

Let  $\Gamma = J_q(N, D)$ .

- $V_i^* = E_{D-i,i}^* V$ :  $H$ -submodule of  $V$ .
- $V_i^* = \bigoplus_{(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2} V_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$ , where  $V_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$ : irreducible  $H$ -submodule.
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$$\begin{aligned} V &= \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq D} V_i^* = \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq D} \bigoplus_{(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2} V_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \\ &= \bigoplus_{(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2} \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq D} V_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho). \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $V^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho) = \bigoplus_i V_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$ .
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$$V = \bigoplus_{(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2} V^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$$

the homogeneous component decomposition of  $V$  as a  $H$ -module.

- = the homogeneous component decomposition of  $V$  as an  $S$ -module.

# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of group representations

Let  $\Gamma = J_q(N, D)$ .

- Let  $W \subseteq V$  be an irreducible  $S$ -submodule, then  $\exists ! (\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2$  s.t.  $W \subseteq V^*(\alpha, \beta, \rho)$ .
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- This means that irreducible  $S$ -submodules  $W$  of  $V$  are parameterized by  $(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \in \Lambda_2$ , up to isomorphism.

# The meaning of $\Lambda_2$ from the viewpoint of group representations

Case  $N \neq 2D$ .

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- In the case of  $d = 0$ , isomorphism classes of  $W$  is parameterized by  $(\nu, \mu)$ .
- But  $(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \rightarrow (\nu, \mu)$  is not 1:1, because the parameter  $e$  is dropped.
- $T \subset S$ .

Case  $N = 2D$ .

- $(\alpha, \beta, \rho) \rightarrow (\nu, \mu, d, e)$  is 2:1.
- $T \subset S$ .

# Further problems

- For Johnson graphs,  $T \circ T = S$  when  $N = 2D$ ?
- For  $q$ -Johnson graphs,  $T \circ T = S$ ?
- What are the relations between  $T$  and  $S$  for dual polar graphs, bilinear form graphs, ....

# Thank you!