

# Zeta Function of Graphs

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## Basic definitions

First we start with some basic definitions and facts about graphs.

Let  $X = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $VX$  as the set of vertices and  $EX$  as the set edges.

Assume that  $|VX| = r_0 < \infty$ ,  $|EX| = 2r_1 < \infty$  and that the graph  $X$  is directed in the sense that if  $e \in EX$  then the inverse edge also is in  $EX$ .

### Definition (Adjacency Matrix)

The adjacency matrix of the graph  $X$  is the matrix  $A$  indexed by the pairs of vertices  $x, y \in V$ , such that  $A = (a_{xy})$ , where

$$a_{xy} = \text{number of edges joining } x \text{ to } y.$$

## Regular and simple graphs

A graph is called **simple** if there is at most one edge joining (adjacent) vertices and if there are no loops; hence,  $X$  is simple if and only if  $a_{xy} \in \{0, 1\}$  for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $a_{xx} = 0$  for all  $x \in V$ .

If every vertex  $x$  of  $X$  possesses exactly  $k$  edges departing (or arriving) from  $x$  then  $X$  is called  **$k$ -regular**.

In this talk all graphs will be simple and regular.

## Spectrum of a graph

For a finite graph  $X$  on  $r_0$  vertices, the adjacency matrix  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, hence it has  $r_0$  real eigenvalues. Counting multiplicities we may list the eigenvalues in decreasing order:

$$\lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{r_0-1}.$$

The **spectrum** of  $X$  is the set of eigenvalues of  $A$ . If  $X$  is  $k$ -regular we have:

- $\lambda_0 = k$ ;
- $\lambda_0$  has multiplicity 1  $\iff X$  is connected;
- $-k \leq \lambda_i \leq k$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, r_0 - 1$ .

Set  $\lambda(X) := \max_{\lambda_i \neq \pm k} \{|\lambda_i|\}$ .

## Ramanujan graphs

For families of  $k$ -regular graphs with increasing number of vertices we have the following result:

### Theorem (Alon - Boppana (1986))

Let  $\{X_m\}_{m \geq 1}$  be a family of connected,  $k$ -regular, finite graphs, with  $|V_m| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(X_m) \geq 2\sqrt{k-1}.$$

This bound gives us a motivation for the following definition:

### Definition

A finite, connected,  $k$ -regular graph  $X$  is a **Ramanujan graph** if, for every nontrivial eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $X$ , one has  $|\lambda| \leq 2\sqrt{k-1}$ .

## Some operators

For any field  $K$  we can associate to our graph  $X$  the  $K$ -vectorspaces:

- $C_0(X)$ :  $K$ -vectorspace with base  $VX$  ( $\dim = r_0$ ).
- $C_1(X)$ :  $K$ -vectorspace with base  $EX$  ( $\dim = 2 * r_1$ ).

Now we can define the following operators:

Vertex-Adjacency:

$$A : C_0(X) \longrightarrow C_0(X)$$

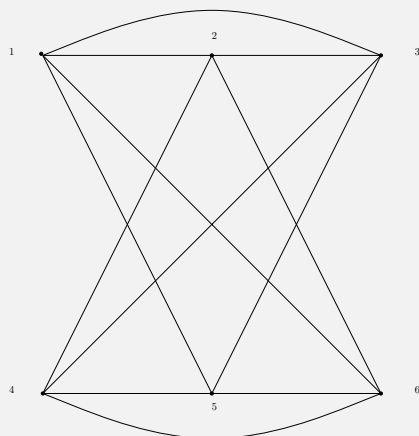
$$x \longmapsto \sum_{\partial_0(e)=x} \partial_1(e)$$

Edge-Adjacency:

$$T : C_1(X) \longrightarrow C_1(X)$$

$$e \longmapsto \sum_{(e, e_1)_{red}} e_1$$

4-regular finite upper half plane graph  $X_3(1, -1)$  with 6 Vertices.



Adjacency matrix and spectrum of  $X_3(1, -1)$

Adjacency matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Spectrum:

$$\text{Eig} := [-2, -2, 0, 0, 0, 4];$$

We have  $2 \leq 2\sqrt{3} \implies$  Ramanujan graph.

## Matrix T of $X_3(1, -1)$

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[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]
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## Magma code I

```
//Construction of edge adjacency out of vertex adjacency
//First: Construct a list of the orientated edges
function ad2T(A)
    n := NumberOfRows(A);
    L := [];
    for i:=1 to n do
        for j:= 1 to n do
            if i ne j then
                if A[i,j] ne 0 then
                    Append(~L,[i,j]);
                    L1 :=[IntegerRing()];
                    for k:=1 to n do
                        if k eq i then
                            continue;
                        end if;
                        if A[j,k] ne 0 then
                            Append(~L1,k);
                        end if;
                    end for;
                    Append(~L,L1);
                end if;
            end if;
        end for;
    end for;
    return L;
end function;
```

## Magma code II

```
//Second: Construct the edge adjacency matrix out of the above list.
function L2T(L)
    n := Round(#L/2);
    print n;
    A := ZeroMatrix(IntegerRing(),n,n);
    for t:=1 to n do
        for s:=1 to #L[2*t] do
            A[Round((Index(L,[L[2*t-1][2],L[2*t][s]])+1)/2),t]:=1;
        end for;
    end for;
    return A;
end function;
```

## Explicit construction of families of Ramanujan graphs

All known explicit constructions are using arithmetical number theory. These constructions exist only if  $k$  is of the form  $k = p^n + 1$ , where  $p$  is a prime number and  $n \geq 1$ .

### Open question

Do exist an explicit construction of a family of Ramanujan graphs for all  $k \geq 3$  ?

The first interesting case will be a family of 7-regular Ramanujan graphs.

We are considering here the following families of Ramanujan graphs:

- LPS graphs.
- Finite upper half plane graphs.

## Cayley graphs

Let  $G$  be a group (finite or infinite) and let  $S$  be a nonempty, finite subset of  $G$ . We assume that  $S$  is symmetric; that is,  $S = S^{-1}$ .

### Definition

The Cayley graph  $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  is the graph with vertex set  $V = G$  and edge set

$$E := \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in G; \exists s \in S \text{ s.t. } y = xs\}$$

We define  $k := |S|$ .

## Properties of Cayley graphs

Let  $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  be a Cayley graph.

- $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  is a simple,  $k$ -regular, vertex-transitive graph.
- $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  has no loop if and only if  $1 \notin S$ .
- $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  is connected if and only if  $S$  generates  $G$ .
- If there exists a homomorphism  $\psi$  from  $G$  to the multiplicative group  $\{-1, 1\}$ , such that  $\psi(S) = -1$ , then  $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  is bipartite. The converse holds provided  $\mathcal{C}(G, S)$  is connected.

## LPS family of Ramanujan graphs I

Let  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  be a prime number. Jacobi's theorem implies that the set of integer solutions

$$S := \{(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = p \\ \text{and } x_0 \geq 0, x_0 \text{ is odd} \\ \text{and } x_i \text{ is even for } i = 1, 2, 3\}$$

has exactly  $p + 1$  elements.

Let  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  be another prime number. We associate to  $S$  a set of generators in the groups  $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and  $\text{PGL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$  respectively. Let  $i \in \mathbb{F}_q$  be an element s.t.  $i^2 = -1$ .

## LPS family of Ramanujan graphs II

- $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = 1$  i.e., the equation  $x^2 = p$  has a solution  $\delta$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

$$\tilde{S} := \left\{ \frac{1}{\delta} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + ix_1 & x_2 + ix_3 \\ -x_2 + ix_3 & x_0 - ix_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S \right\} \\ \subseteq \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

- $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1$  i.e., the equation  $x^2 = p$  has no solution in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

$$\tilde{S} := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + ix_1 & x_2 + ix_3 \\ -x_2 + ix_3 & x_0 - ix_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S \right\} \\ \subseteq \text{PGL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

## The graph $X^{(p,q)}$

We define the Cayley graph  $X^{(p,q)}$  as follows:

$$X^{(p,q)} := \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}(\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q), \tilde{S}) & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = 1, \\ \mathcal{C}(\mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q), \tilde{S}) & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -1. \end{cases}$$

The latter will be bipartit.

## The Theorem of Lubotzky-Philips-Sarnak

For all primes  $p, q$  as above we have the following theorem:

**Theorem (Lubotzky-Philips-Sarnak (1988))**

$X^{p,q}$  is a  $(p+1)$ -regular Ramanujan graph.

## Sketch of the proof I

- The Bruhat-Tits tree  $\mathcal{T}_p$  of  $\mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is a universal covering of the  $(p+1)$  regular graph  $X^{p,q}$  and

$$X^{p,q} \cong \Gamma(q) \backslash \mathcal{T}_p$$

where

$$\Gamma(q) := \ker\left(\mathrm{PSL}_2\left(\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{p}\right]\right) \longrightarrow \mathrm{PSL}_2\left(\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{p}\right]/q\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{p}\right]\right)\right)$$

is a congruence subgroup of  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

## Sketch of the proof II

- Interpretation of the adjacency matrix of  $X^{p,q}$  as a Hecke operator defined over cusp forms of weight 2 of the congruence subgroup  $\Gamma(q)$ .
- Now the proof will be complete from Deligne's theorem about Ramanujan-Petersson conjecture:  
All eigenvalues of the Hecke operator defined over the cusp forms of weight  $k$  of the congruence subgroup  $\Gamma(q)$  satisfies:  
 $|\lambda| \leq 2p^{\frac{k-1}{2}}$ , set  $k = 2$ .

In fact the Ramanujan-Petersson conjecture is a result of Weil's conjecture which was proved by Deligne in 1973. Deligne's proof uses a pure algebraic geometric method, up to date there is no other proof.

## The family of finite upper half plane graphs (Terras family)

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field of order  $q$  and  $\delta \in \mathbb{F}_q$  a nonsquare. The finite upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}_q$  is by definition:

$$\mathbb{H}_q := \{z = x + \sqrt{\delta}y \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q, y \neq 0\}$$

Let be  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q$  with  $a \neq 0, 4\delta$ . Define a graph  $X_q(a, \delta)$  in the following way:

The set of vertices  $V$  are the points of the upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}_q$ .

Two points  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{H}_q$  are adjacent if  $d(z_1, z_2) = a$  where

$$d(z_1, z_2) := \frac{N(z_1 - z_2)}{\Im(z_1)\Im(z_2)}, \quad N(x + \sqrt{\delta}y) := x^2 - \delta y^2, \quad \Im(x + \sqrt{\delta}y) := y.$$

## The upper half plane graph $X_q(a, \delta)$ is Ramanujan

The graph  $X_q(a, \delta)$  is  $(q + 1)$ -regular. In fact it is a Cayley graph:

$$X_q(a, \delta) = \mathcal{C}(\text{Aff}_2(q), S_q(a, \delta))$$

where

$$\text{Aff}_2(q) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} y & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q, y \neq 0 \right\}$$

and

$$S_q(a, \delta) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} y & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Aff}_2(q) : x^2 = ay + \delta(y - 1)^2 \right\}$$

For  $a \neq 0, 4\delta$  the equation  $x^2 = ay + \delta(y - 1)^2$  has exactly  $q + 1$  solution in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . A. Terras conjectured that they are Ramanujan graphs, and this was proved by N. Katz:

*Estimates for Soto-Andrade sums, J. reine angew. Math. 438. (1993).*

## Our main goal I

### Theorem (A. Sarveniazi)

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{X_p\}_{p \in \mathcal{P}}$  be a certain family Ramanujan where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the set of all prime numbers. For a complex number  $s$  with  $\Re(s) > 2$ , the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies:

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (1 + p^{1-s})^{\frac{2}{p-1}} \exp \left( \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{-\chi_p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{p,m}^{\mathcal{F}}(s)}{m} p^{-\frac{ms}{2}} \right) \quad (1)$$

where

$$B_{p,m}^{\mathcal{F}}(s) := C_m(X_p) - \frac{\text{tr}(A_{X_p}^m)}{(1 + p^{1-s})^m}.$$

$C_m(X_p)$  is the number of closed and tail-less paths without backtracking in  $X_p$  and  $\chi_p := r_{0,p} - r_{1,p}$ .

## Our main goal II

- Find the most efficient way to calculate Riemann zeta function and its zero's from the formula (1) using a certain family of Ramanujan graphs.
  - Find the most efficient algorithm to calculate  $C_n(X_p)$  for possibly large numbers  $n$  and prime numbers  $p$ .
  - Find the best family of Ramanujan graphs with the most efficient algorithm in order to calculate  $C_n(X_p)$ .
  - Determine the distribution of  $C_n$ 's for each family.
  - Compare the growth of  $C_n$ 's between different families.

## Paths and cycles I

- A path from  $x$  to  $y$ : Tuple of edges  $\gamma = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$  s.t.  
 $\partial_0(e_1) = x$ ,  $\partial_1(e_n) = y$  and  $\partial_1(e_{i-1}) = \partial_0(e_i)$  for  $1 < i \leq n$ .  
 Length of a path  $l(\gamma) = n$ .
- Backtrack:  $\overline{e_{i+1}} = e_i$ .
- Tail:  $\overline{e_n} = e_1$ .
- Cycle:  $\partial_0(e_1) = \partial_1(e_n)$ .

## Paths and cycles II

- $R_n^x := \#\{\text{Cycles around } x \text{ without backtrack (reduced) of length } n\}$ .
- $C_n^x := \#\{\text{Cycles around } x \text{ without backtrack and tail of length } n\}$ .
- Primitive cycle: Not of the shape  $(e_1, \dots, e_k, e_1, \dots, e_k, \dots, e_1, \dots, e_k)$ .
- Cycles are equivalent iff:  
 $(e_1, \dots, e_n) \sim (e_j, \dots, e_n, e_1, \dots, e_{j-1})$ .
- $\mathcal{P}$ : Equivalence classes of primitive cycles.

## Zeta function of graphs (Ihara 1966)

### Definition (Zeta function)

$$Z(X, u) := \prod_{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{1 - u^{l(\gamma)}}$$

If we define  $q := k - 1$  and  $u := q^{-s}$ :

$$Z(X, s) = \prod_{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{1 - q^{-s l(\gamma)}}$$

## Identities for the Zeta function

### Lemma

$$Z(X, u) = \exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \frac{u^n}{n} \right)$$

$$Z(X, u) = \frac{1}{\det(I_{n_0} - uT)}$$

where  $\text{Tr}(T^n) = C_n$  for  $n > 0$ .

### Corollary

The Zeta function is a rational function without zeros. The poles are the eigenvalues of  $T$ .

## Calculation-Algorithm of $C_n$ I

- 1 Calculate the adjacency matrix  $A$
- 2 Calculate from the matrix  $A$  the edge adjacency matrix  $T$
- 3 Calculate the eigenvalues of  $T$  using *matlab* or *octave*
- 4 Calculate the values of  $C_n$  as a sum of powers of these eigenvalues.

## Matrix $T$ associated to $X_3(1, -1)$

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[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]
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## Cycles (around $x$ ) for $X_3(1, -1)$ - calculation using the trace of $T^n$

$$C_n/6 = C_n^x \text{ for } n = 1, \dots, 40$$

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0, 0, 8, 20, 40, 112, 336, 1188, 3344, 9440, 29656,
89524, 264888, 795984, 2391968, 7177028, 21529888,
64549312, 193692840, 581227860, 1743368264,
5229933104, 15690734320, 47071910884, 141214574640,
423643727520, 1270931460728, 3812803380980,
11438400876760, 34315165468432, 102945569829696,
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8338590914608456, 25015772682195604, 75047317963623528,
225141951917163504, 675425857623271568,
2026277582020942628
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## Calculation-Algorithm of $C_n$ II

- 1 Calculate the adjacency matrix  $A$
- 2 Calculate from the matrix  $A$  the matrix  $A_n$  defined as follows:  
For  $x, y \in X$  we define

$$A_n(x, y) := \# \text{ Paths without backtracks from } x \text{ to } y \text{ of length.}$$

It is an exercise to proof:

$$A_1 = A$$

$$A_2 = A_1^2 - kE_{r_0}$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_1 A_n - (k-1)A_{n-1} \text{ if } n > 2.$$



## Calculation of $C_n$ at $x$ using the matrices $A_n$

Let  $y$  be a vertex connected with  $x$ .

- $R_n^{xy} := \#\{\text{Red. paths from } x \text{ to } y \text{ of length } n\} = (A_n)_{xy}$ .
- $K_n^y := \#\{\text{Red. cycles around } y \text{ of length } n \text{ s.t. } e_1 \neq e_{yx} \text{ and } e_n \neq e_{xy}\}$ .
- $L_n^{xy} := \#\{\text{Red. paths from } x \text{ to } y \text{ of length } n \text{ s.t. } e_1 \neq e_{xy}\}$ .

## Calculation of $C_n$ around $x$ using the matrices $A_n$

We can prove:

- 1  $C_n^x = R_n^x - kK_{n-2}^y$ .
- 2  $K_n^y = R_n^y - 2L_{n-1}^{xy} + K_{n-2}^x$ .
- 3  $L_n^{xy} = R_n^{xy} - R_{n-1}^x + L_{n-2}^{xy}$ .

Initial values:

- 1  $L_1^{xy} = 0, L_2^{xy} = R_2^{xy}$ .
- 2  $K_1^y = 0, K_2^y = 0$ .
- 3  $C_1^x = 0, C_2^x = 0$ .

Works well with Terras family:  $p = 3, n = 1, \dots, 100$  and for  $p = 3, 5, 7, 11, n = 1, \dots, 10$ .

## Ihara-Bass formula

### Theorem

Let be  $\chi := r_0 - r_1, q := k - 1$  and let  $I_{r_0}$  be the identity matrix.

Then:

$$Z(X, u) = \frac{(1 - u^2)^\chi}{\det(I_{r_0} - uA + u^2qI_{r_0})}.$$

From the lemma above we conclude:

### Corollary

$$Z(X, u) = \frac{1}{\det(I_{r_1} - uT)} = \frac{(1 - u^2)^\chi}{\det((1 + u^2q)I_{r_0} - uA)}$$

## Calculation-Algorithm for $C_n$ using Ihara-Bass formula

- 1 Calculate the adjacency matrix  $A$ .
- 2 Calculate the eigenvalues of  $A$  using *Matlab* or *Octave*.
- 3 From Ihara Bass formula, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eig}(T) = & [1/2(\lambda + i\sqrt{4p - \lambda^2} \mid \lambda \in \text{Eig}(A))] \\ & \cup [1/2(\lambda - i\sqrt{4p - \lambda^2} \mid \lambda \in \text{Eig}(A))] \\ & \cup \underbrace{[1, \dots, 1]}_{-\chi \text{ pieces}} \\ & \cup \underbrace{[-1, \dots, -1]}_{-\chi \text{ pieces}}. \end{aligned}$$

- 4 Calculate the values of  $C_n$  as a sum of powers of these eigenvalues.

## Test of Ihara-Bass formula for $X_3(1, -1)$

```
Determinant(1-uT) =
729*u^24 - 3888*u^22 - 432*u^21 + 7938*u^20 + 2160*u^19
- 6912*u^18 - 4032*u^17 + 639*u^16 + 3008*u^15 + 2976*u^14
+ 96*u^13 - 1412*u^12 - 1248*u^11 - 384*u^10 + 320*u^9
+ 327*u^8 + 192*u^7 + 16*u^6 - 48*u^5 - 30*u^4 - 16*u^3 + 1
```

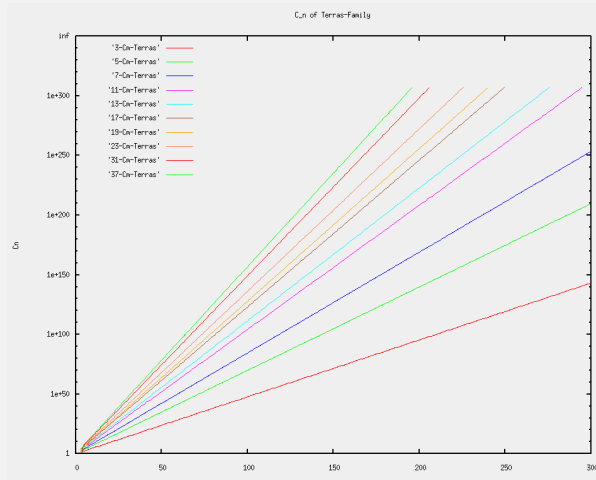
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Determinant(1-u*A+3*u^2)*(1-u^2)^6 =
729*u^24 - 3888*u^22 - 432*u^21 + 7938*u^20 + 2160*u^19
- 6912*u^18 - 4032*u^17 + 639*u^16 + 3008*u^15 + 2976*u^14
+ 96*u^13 - 1412*u^12 - 1248*u^11 - 384*u^10 + 320*u^9 +
327*u^8 + 192*u^7 + 16*u^6 - 48*u^5 - 30*u^4 - 16*u^3 + 1
```

## Factorisation of $\det(1 - uT)$ and of $\det(1 - uA + pu^2)$

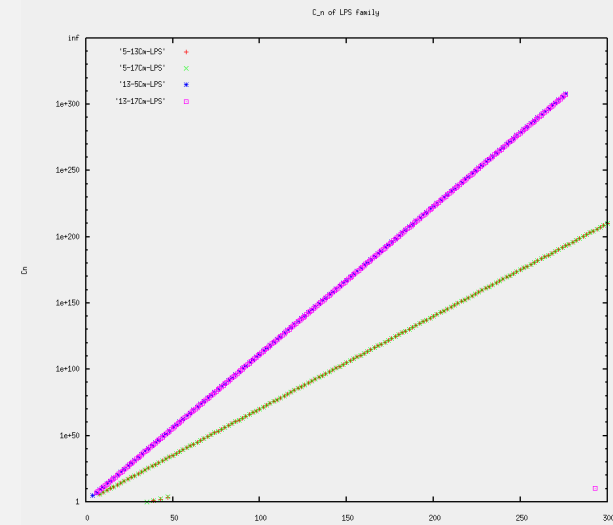
```
> f:=Determinant(1 - uT);
> f;
729*u^24 - 3888*u^22 - 432*u^21 + 7938*u^20 + 2160*u^19 - 6912*u^18 - 4032*u^17
+ 639*u^16 + 3008*u^15 + 2976*u^14 + 96*u^13 - 1412*u^12 -
1248*u^11 - 384*u^10 + 320*u^9 + 327*u^8 + 192*u^7 + 16*u^6 - 48*u^5 - 30*u
^4 - 16*u^3 + 1
> Factorisation(f);
[
<u - 1, 7>,
<u + 1, 6>,
<3*u - 1, 1>,
<3*u^2 + 1, 3>,
<3*u^2 + 2*u + 1, 2>
]
```

```
> f:=Determinant(1 - u*A+3 *u^2);
> f;
729*u^12 + 486*u^10 - 432*u^9 - 81*u^8 - 432*u^7 - 108*u^6 - 144*u^5 - 9*u^4 -
16*u^3 + 6*u^2 + 1
> Factorisation(f);
[
<u - 1, 1>,
<3*u - 1, 1>,
<3*u^2 + 1, 3>,
<3*u^2 + 2*u + 1, 2>
]
```

## $C_n$ 's distribution of Terras family



## $C_n$ 's distribution of LPS family



Thanks to Tim Oliver Kaiser we present some images of the Terras family.