# Asymptotics and tensor products

#### Or: I love matrices



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## **Examples** of what $\Gamma$ could be Any finite group, monoid, semigroup Symmetric groups, alternating groups, cyclic groups, the monster, $GL_N(\mathbb{F}_{n^k})$ , ... Actually any group, monoid, semigroup $GL_N(\mathbb{C})$ , $GL_N(\mathbb{R})$ , $GL_N(\overline{\mathbb{F}_{p^k}})$ , symplectic, orthogonal, braid groups, Thompson groups, ... Super versions $GL_{M|N}$ , $OSP_{M|2N}$ , periplectic, queer, ... 100 **Examples** (that we will touch later) Up to some slight change of setting we could also include: Fusion categories or even finite additive Krull-Schmidt monoidal categories **Proj** $(G, \mathbb{K})$ , **Inj** $(G, \mathbb{K})$ , semisimpl. of quantum group reps, Soergel bimodules of finite type, ... General additive Krull-Schmidt monoidal categories up to one condition (given later) $\operatorname{Rep}(GL_n)$ and friends, quantum group reps, Soergel bimodules of affine type, ... Most importantly, your favorite example might be included on this list Asymptotics and tensor products August 2023 Or: I love matrices 2 / 6





► Counting primes is difficult but...

▶ Prime number theorem (many people ~1793) # primes =  $\pi(n) \sim n/\ln n$ 



#### Seriously, counting is difficult!



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## We have

$$\beta = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{b_n} = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} V$$

Exponential growth is scary

In other words, compared to the size of the exponential growth of  $(\dim_{\mathbb{K}} V)^n$ all indecomposable summands are 'essentially one-dimensional'





summands->

Pluto



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- ▶ Take a finite based  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ -algebra *R* with basis  $C = \{c_0, ..., c_{r-1}\}$
- $\blacktriangleright$  Assume that *R* is the Grothendieck ring of our starting category
- For a<sub>i</sub> ∈ ℝ<sub>≥0</sub>, the action matrix M of c = a<sub>0</sub> · c<sub>0</sub> + ... + a<sub>r-1</sub> · c<sub>r-1</sub> ∈ R is the matrix of left multiplication of c on C
- ► Assume that *M* has a leading eigenvalue *λ* of multiplicity one; all other eigenvalues of the same absolute value are exp(k2πi/h)*λ* for some *h*
- ► Denote the right and left eigenvectors of M for  $\lambda$  and  $\exp(k2\pi i/h)\lambda$  by  $v_i$  and  $w_i$ , normalized such that  $w_i^T v_i = 1$
- ▶ Let  $v_i w_i^T [1]$  denote taking the sum of the first column of the matrix  $v_i w_i^T$
- The formula  $b(n) \sim a(n)$  we are looking for is

 $b(n) \sim \left(v_0 w_0^T [1] \cdot 1 + v_1 w_1^T [1] \cdot \zeta^n + v_2 w_2^T [1] \cdot (\zeta^2)^n + ... + v_{h-1} w_{h-1}^T [1] \cdot (\zeta^{h-1})^n \right) \cdot \lambda^n$ 

 $\blacktriangleright$  The convergence is geometric with ratio  $|\lambda^{sec}/\lambda|$ 













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**Example** For the SL<sub>2</sub> Verlinde category over  $\mathbb{C}$  at level k and V=gen. object:

$$a(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{[1]_q + \dots + [k]_q}{[1]_q^2 + \dots + [k]_q^2} \cdot \left(2\cos(\pi/(k+1))\right)^n & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ \left(\frac{[1]_q + \dots + [k]_q}{[1]_q^2 + \dots + [k]_q^2} \cdot 1 + \frac{[1]_q - [2]_q + \dots - [k-1]_q + [k]_q}{[1]_q^2 + \dots + [k]_q^2} \cdot (-1)^n \right) \cdot \left(2\cos(\pi/(k+1))\right)^n & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$







**Example** For  $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}_p$  and  $V = \mathbb{F}_p^2$  we get:

$$a(n) = \left(\frac{1}{2p-2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2p^2 - 2p} \cdot (-1)^n\right) \cdot 2^n$$

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**Example** For dihedral Soergel bimodules of  $D_m$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  and  $V = B_{st}$  we get:

$$a(n) = \frac{1}{2m} \cdot 4^n$$



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► One can and I will identify matrices and graphs

► Strongly connected = connected in the oriented sense

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What on earth is going on? Strange patterns with the eigenvalues and vectors:





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## Theorem (Perron–Frobenius ~1907, Rothblum ~1981) for $M \in \operatorname{Mat}_m(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$

- M has a leading eigenvalue λ; all other eigenvalues with |μ| = λ are precisely the vertices of a h<sub>i</sub>-regular polygon of radius λ
- ▶ There is one such  $h_i$ -polygon for *i* from one to the multiplicity of  $\lambda$
- ▶ Take  $h = lcd(h_i)$ . Then there exist (explicit) polynomials  $S^i(n)$  such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} |(M/\lambda)^{hn+i} - S^i(n)| \to 0 \quad \forall i \in \{0, ..., h-1\}$$

and the convergence is geometric with ratio  $|\lambda^{sec}/\lambda|^h$ 





**Theorem (Vere-Jones+others**  $\sim$ **1967)** for  $M \in Mat_{\mathbb{N}}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$ 

- ▶ *M* has a leading eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$
- ▶ If  $\lambda < \infty$ , then the polygon part is the same as before
- $(M^k)_{ij}$  growth  $\leq$  exponentially  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda < \infty$
- ▶ If  $\lambda < \infty$  then  $(M^k)_{ij} \cong a_n \lambda^n$  with non-exponential  $a_n$
- If M is positively recurrent, then the approximation formula is as before
- ► The eigenvectors and eigenvalues can be approximated using cut-offs of *M* Asymptotics and tensor products Or: 1 love matrices August 2023 4 / 6





**Example**  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \overline{\mathbb{F}_2}$  and V=3 dim. indecomposable we get:

- $\blacktriangleright$  Everything works: i.e. we have a finite  $\lambda=3$  and eigenvectors
- ► The growth rate is

$$a(n) = 3^n \Rightarrow \beta = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{b_n} = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} V$$



**Example**  $\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  and  $V = \mathbb{C}^2$ :

- We have  $\lambda = 2$  but the eigenvectors are messed-up
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The infinite d Example The  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  and  $SL_3(\mathbb{C})$  examples generalize...

...to include arbitrary (faithful) fdim reps

...to other connected reductive algebraic groups

Example A bit more work recovers the Coulembier-Etingof-Ostrik formula ~2023:

$$s(n) = s_V(n) n^{-\# \text{pos. roots}/2} \cdot (\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V)^n$$

for an explicit  $s_V(n)$ 





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There is still much to do ...



Thanks for your attention!