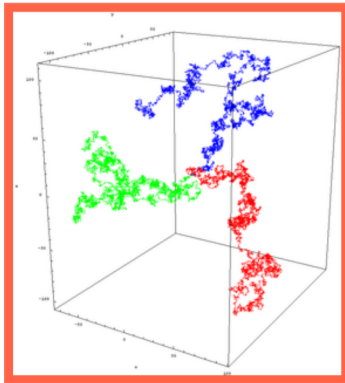


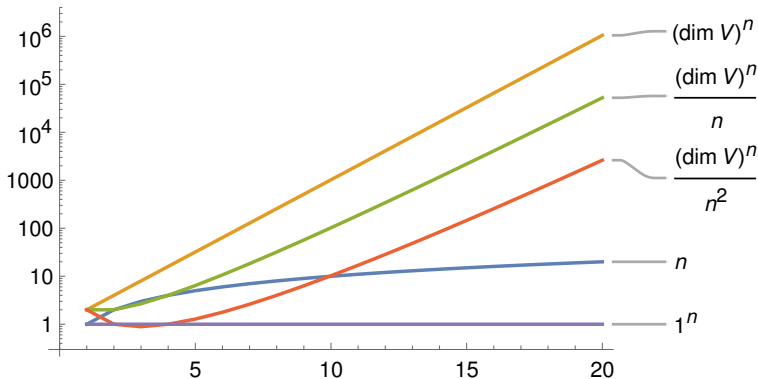
Analytic theory of monoidal categories

Or: Strategies to avoid counting



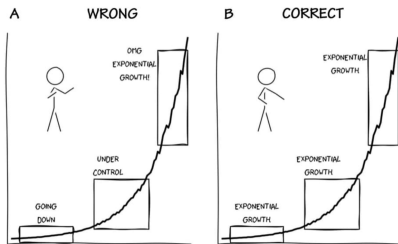
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Avoiding counting in general



- ▶ **Reminder** We analyzed $b_n = \#$ inde. summands of $V^{\otimes n}$ for groups
- ▶ **Question** What about general categories?
- ▶ Additive Krull–Schmidt are **assumed to hold** together with \mathbb{K} -linear

Avoiding counting in general



We have

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

- ▶ **Start** Recall that dominating growth is the dimension
- ▶ **Question** In what generality is that true?
- ▶ **Minimal assumptions** A functor \mathcal{F} to vector spaces to define $\beta = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \mathcal{F}(X)$

Exponential growth is scary

The “beta theorem $\beta = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \mathcal{F}(X)$ ” holds if
 X is an object in a symmetric monoidal cat
with a faithful symmetric functor \mathcal{F} to vector spaces

Sun

$(\dim V)^n$

summands- \rightarrow

Jupiter



Earth

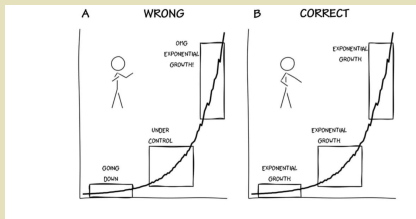
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Examples

The “beta theorem $\beta = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \mathcal{F}(X)$ ” applies to:

Representations of groups, monoids and semigroups

Superversions of these



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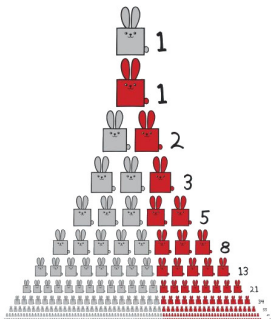
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► Start Recall that dominating growth is the dimension

► Question In what? What about more general categories?

► Minimal assumption For example, the Hecke category define $\beta = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \mathcal{F}(X)$

Avoiding counting in general



- ▶ Rabbit counting à la Fibonacci using the matrices:

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- ▶ Thus, the growth rate of the entries of M^n is $\sim \sqrt{5} \cdot 1 = n^0 \cdot \phi^n$

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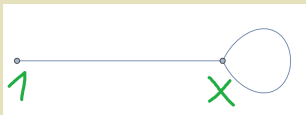
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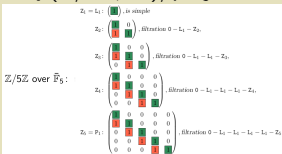
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Example

There is a category with $X^{\otimes 2} \cong X + 1$
and we have seen it:

$\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, \bar{\mathbb{F}}_5) / \text{projectives}$



► Rabbit counting

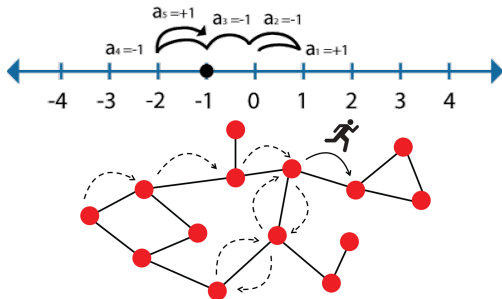
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► Thus, the growth

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Random walks and growth problems



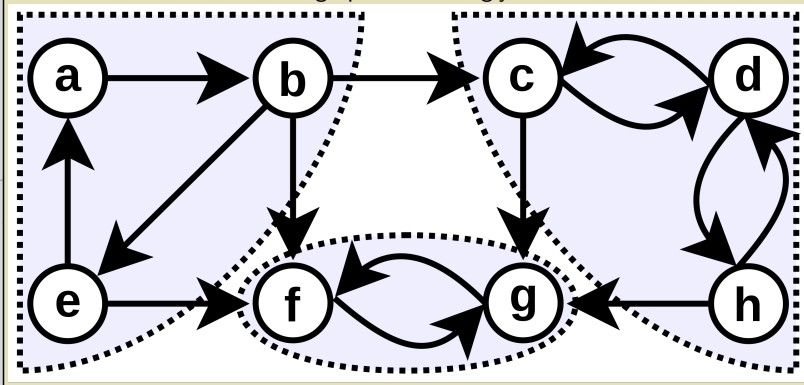
- ▶ We **randomly walk** on some (connected) graph = at each step choose the next step/edge randomly but equally likely “coin flip walk”
- ▶ **Question** How often do we visit a vertex?
- ▶ **Recurrent** := We will hit the start **infinitely often with $P(\text{rob})=1$** \Leftrightarrow one finds home; **transient** := not recurrent \Leftrightarrow one moves out

Random walks and growth problems

Example

Random walks on (strongly connected) finite graphs are recurrent

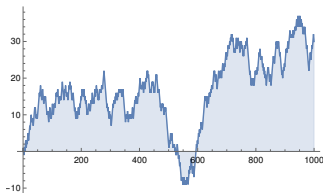
From now: graphs are strongly connected



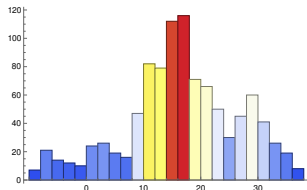
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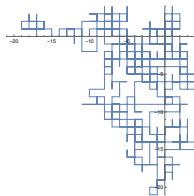
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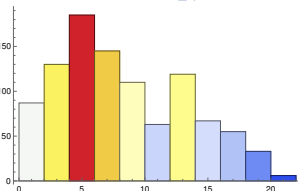
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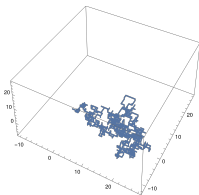
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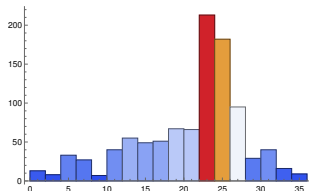
- ▶ 2d random walk = take a step left / right / up / down with probability $1/4$
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- ▶ Plotting this gives a quite ambiguous result

Random walks and growth problems

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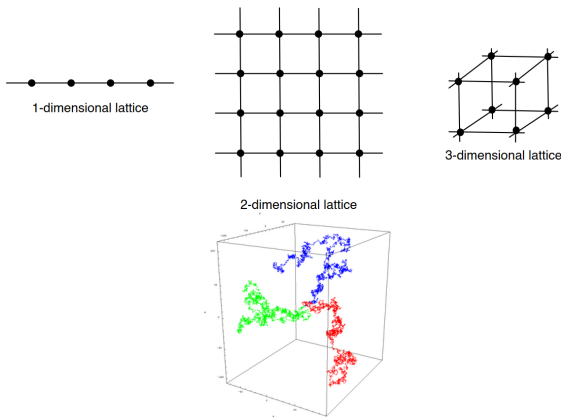


The distribution of
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- ▶ 3d random walk = take a step left / right / up / down / in / out with probability $1/6$
- ▶ Question What is the probability p_{home} of return to the origin (=home)?
- ▶ Plotting this convinces one quickly that $p_{home} < 1$

Random walks and growth problems



- ▶ **Theorem (Pólya ~1921)** \mathbb{Z}^d is recurrent/transient $\Leftrightarrow d \leq 2/d > 2$
- ▶ A drunkard will find their way home, but a drunken bird may get lost forever
- ▶ **Observation** Extending \mathbb{Z}^d by a finite graph does not change the theorem

Pólya ~1921

Über eine Aufgabe der Wahrscheinlichkeitsrechnung betreffend die Irrfahrt im Straßennetz.

Von

Georg Pólya in Zürich.

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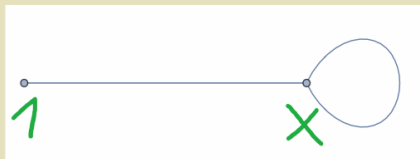
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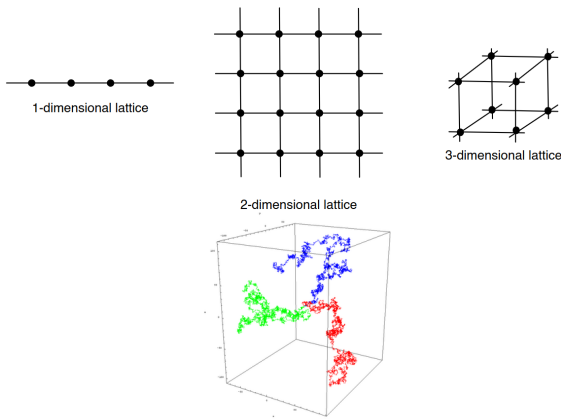


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Random walks and growth problems



- ▶ **Theorem (Pólya ~1921)** $b_n(V)$ for V a completely reducible faithful group rep in char zero is recurrent $\Leftrightarrow \Gamma$ is virtually \mathbb{Z}^d for $d \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

- ▶ **Virtually** means we allow extensions by finite groups

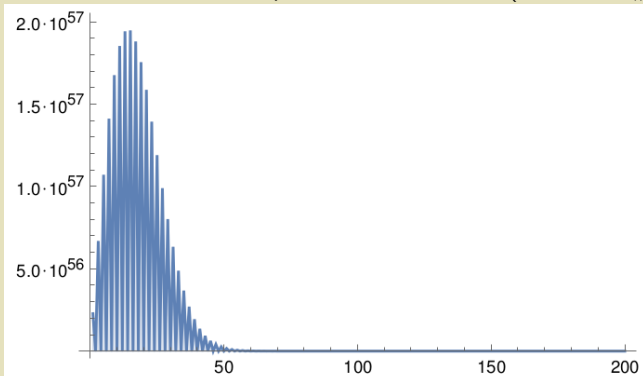
Example

The fusion graph of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ and $V = \mathbb{C}^2$ is \mathbb{N}

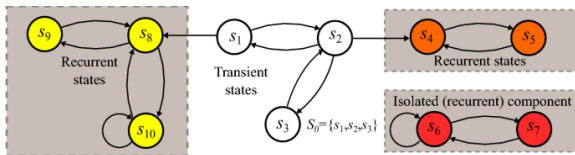
$$\Gamma(SL_2) = \bullet \longleftrightarrow \bullet \longleftrightarrow \bullet \longleftrightarrow \bullet \longleftrightarrow \bullet \longleftrightarrow \bullet \longleftrightarrow \dots,$$

$$M(SL_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is transient: the number of paths moves out; here (end vertex, #paths)



Random walks and growth problems



For what Γ and V is b_n recurrent/transient?

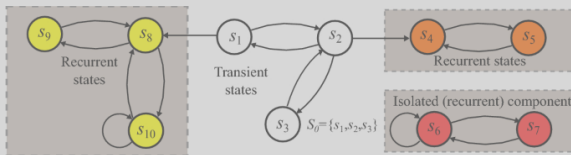
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Random walks and growth problems



For what Γ and V is A

Conjecture

“Everything” not on this list is transient

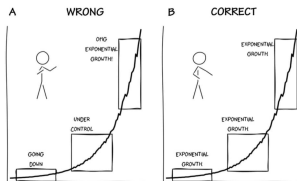
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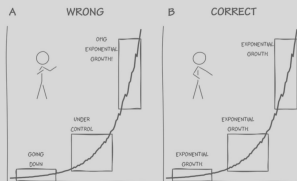
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where $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (0, 1]$ is periodic of finite period (we do this in a second)

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Asymptotics for recurrent categories



Example

All recurrent problems we have seen so far are **certain**

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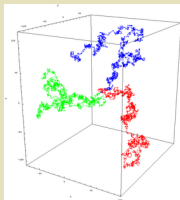
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On the next slide there is a formula of the form

$$\underbrace{b_n}_{b(n)} \sim \underbrace{c(n) \cdot (\dim_{\mathbb{K}} V)^n}_{a(n)}$$



We will explore the formula by examples
so no need to memorize it

The take away messages are:

The formula is completely explicit and works in quite some generality specified later

It only depends on eigenvalues and eigenvectors associated to a matrix

The assumptions on the next slide are not necessary
but make the formula look nicer

Asymptotics for recurrent categories

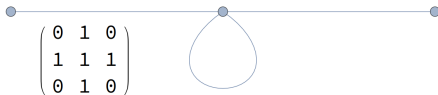
- ▶ Take a finite based $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ -algebra R with basis $C = \{c_0, \dots, c_{r-1}, \dots\}$
- ▶ Assume that R is the Grothendieck ring of our starting category
- ▶ For $a_i \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, the action matrix M of $c = a_0 \cdot c_0 + \dots + a_{r-1} \cdot c_{r-1} \in R$ is the matrix 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 $\exp(k2\pi i/h)\lambda$ for some h
- ▶ Denote the right and left eigenvectors of M for λ 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 ($\zeta = \exp(2\pi i/h)$)

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

- ▶ The variance is $|b_n - a_n| \leq (\lambda_{\text{sec}})^n + n^d$

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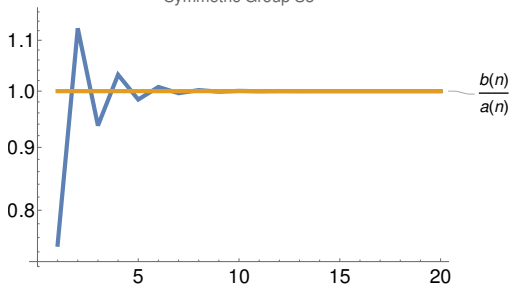
Symmetric group S_3 , $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, V =standard rep



Example $\lambda = 2$, others=0, -1 , $v = w = 1/\sqrt{6}(1, 2, 1)$, $vw^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1/6 & 1/3 & 1/6 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/6 & 1/3 & 1/6 \end{pmatrix}$ and

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Symmetric Group S3



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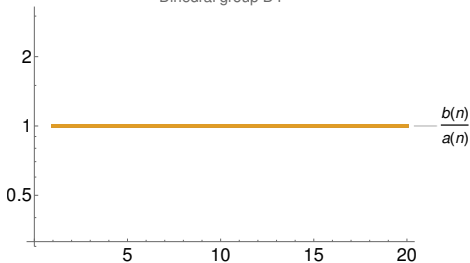
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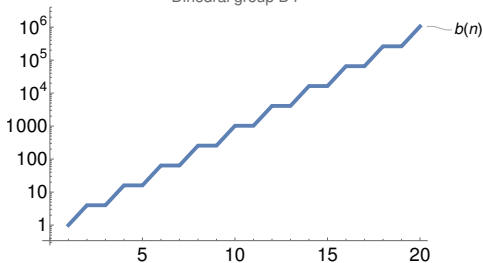
Example $\lambda = 2$, others $= -2, 0, 0, 0$, $v_\lambda = w_\lambda = 1/\sqrt{8}(1, 1, 1, 1, 2)$
 $v_{-2} = w_{-2} = 1/\sqrt{8}(-1, -1, -1, -1, 2)$ and

$$a(n) = \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}(-1)^n\right) \cdot 2^n$$

Dihedral group D4



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Asymptotics for recurrent categories

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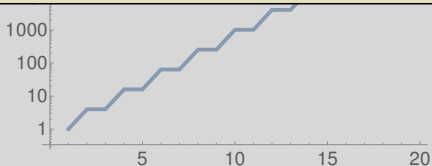
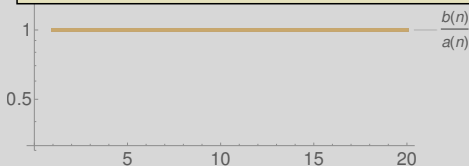


Example (general finite group, $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, V =any faithful G -rep)

In this case we have a general formula:

$$a(n) = \left(\frac{1}{\#G} \sum_{g \in Z_V(G)} \left(\sum_{L \in S(G)} \omega_L(g) \dim_{\mathbb{C}} L \right) \cdot \omega_V(g)^n \right) \cdot (\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V)^n$$

$Z_V(G)$ =elements g acting by a scalar $w_V(g)$; $S(G)$ =set of simples

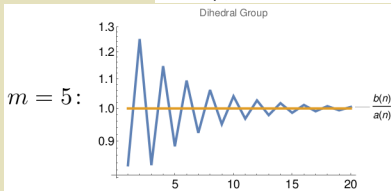


Example (continued)

Symmetric group S_m $a(n) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m/2} 1/((m-2k)!k!2^k) \right) \cdot (\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V)^n$

Dihedral group D_m of order $2m$

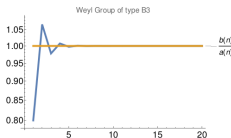
$$a(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{m+1}{2m} \cdot 2^n & \text{if } m \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{m+2}{2m} \cdot 2^n & \text{if } m \text{ is even and } m' \text{ is odd,} \\ \left(\frac{m+2}{2m} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{m} \cdot (-1)^n \right) \cdot 2^n & \text{if } m \text{ is even and } m' \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$



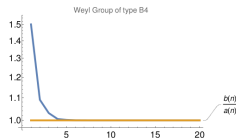
Complex reflection group $G(d, 1, m)$

$$\begin{cases} d=1, \\ m=3 \end{cases} : a(n) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 3^n, \quad \begin{cases} d=2, \\ m=3 \end{cases} : a(n) = \frac{5}{12} \cdot 3^n, \quad \begin{cases} d=2, \\ m=4 \end{cases} : a(n) = \left(\frac{19}{96} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{32} \cdot (-1)^n \right) \cdot 4^n$$

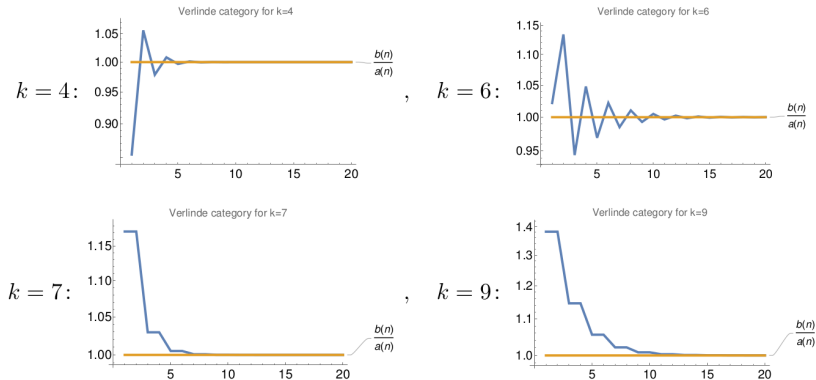
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Example For the SL_2 Verlinde category over \mathbb{C} at level k and $V = \text{gen. object}$:

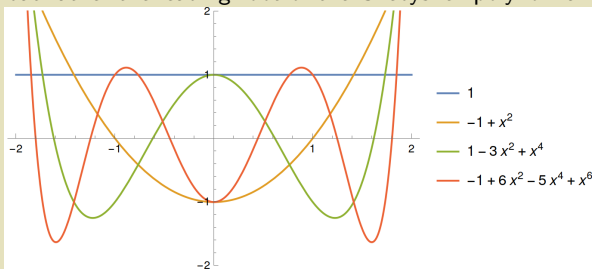
$$a(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{[1]_q + \dots + [k]_q}{[1]_q^2 + \dots + [k]_q^2} \cdot (2 \cos(\pi/(k+1)))^n & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ \left(\frac{[1]_q + \dots + [k]_q}{[1]_q^2 + \dots + [k]_q^2} \cdot 1 + \frac{[1]_q - [2]_q + \dots - [k-1]_q + [k]_q}{[1]_q^2 + \dots + [k]_q^2} \cdot (-1)^n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

Example (continued)

The growth rate in this case is **not in \mathbb{N}**
 but rather the leading root of the Chebyshev polynomial:

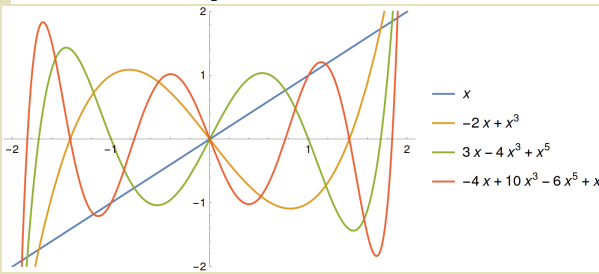
$k = 4$:

1.05
1.00
0.95
0.90



$k = 7$:

1.15
1.10
1.05
1.00



Example For

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$\frac{b(n)}{a(n)}$

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n. object:

if k is even,

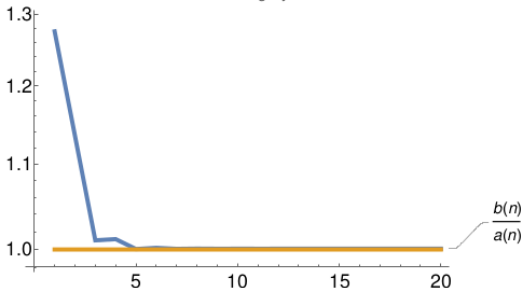
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Example (continued)

Here is the SL_3 Verlinde category over \mathbb{C} at level $k = 4$ and $V = \text{gen. object}$:

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SL3 Verlinde category for k=4



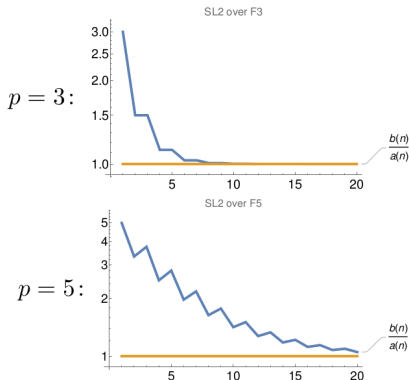
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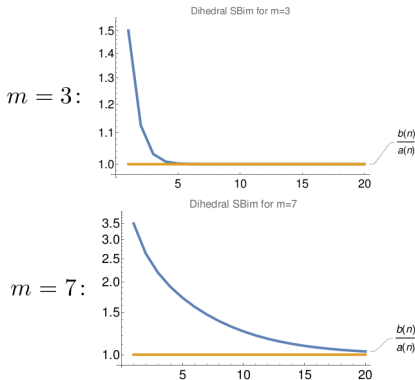
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Example For $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$, $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}_p$ and $V = \mathbb{F}_p^2$ we get:

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

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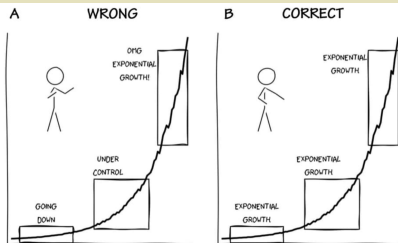


Example For dihedral Soergel bimodules of D_m , $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ and $V = B_{st}$ we get:

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Observe that the growth of $b(n)$ is always exponential



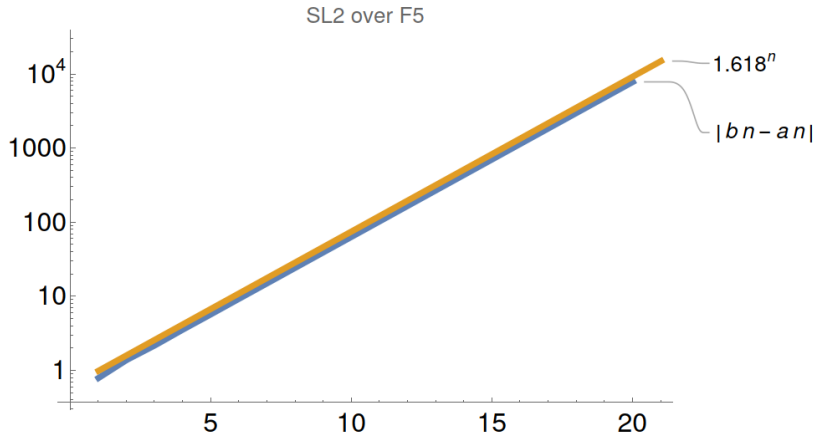
We have

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

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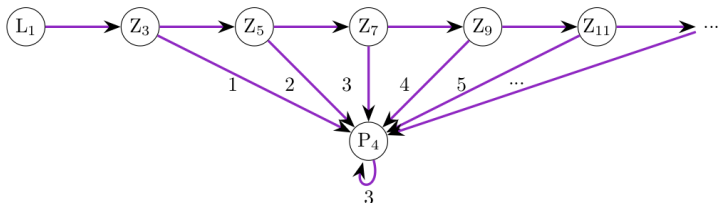


- ▶ The **variance** is given by $(\lambda_{\text{sec}})^n$ (second largest EV)
- ▶ **Example** Above for $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_5)$, $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}_5$ and $V = \mathbb{F}_5^2$, $\lambda_{\text{sec}} = \text{golden ratio}$

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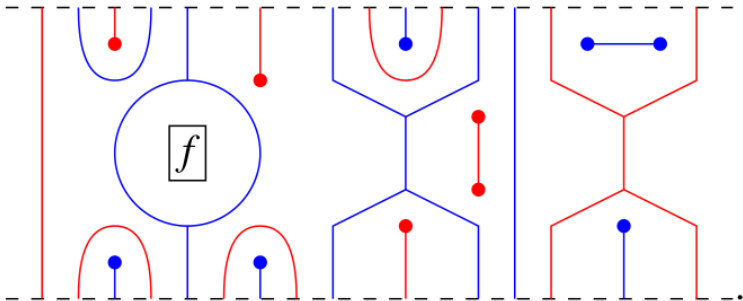
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Example For the Klein four group $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{K} = \overline{\mathbb{F}_2}$ and $V = Z_3 = 3d$ inde. we get:

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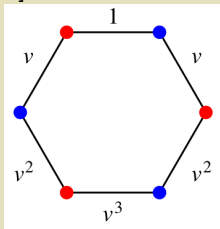
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Example

If V is inde., then the m_s are the Kazhdan–Lusztig polynomials eval. at 1
 e.g. for S_3 and $V = B_{sts}$
 we get $[V] = 1 + s + t + st + ts + sts$



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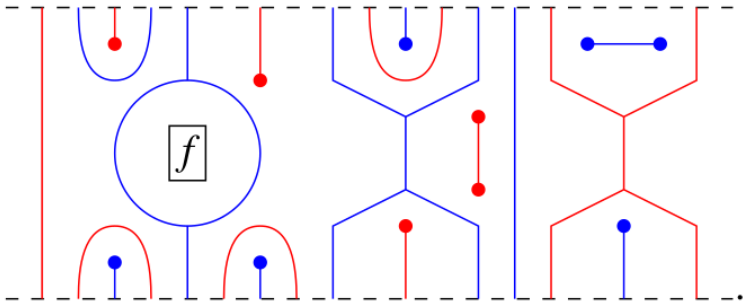
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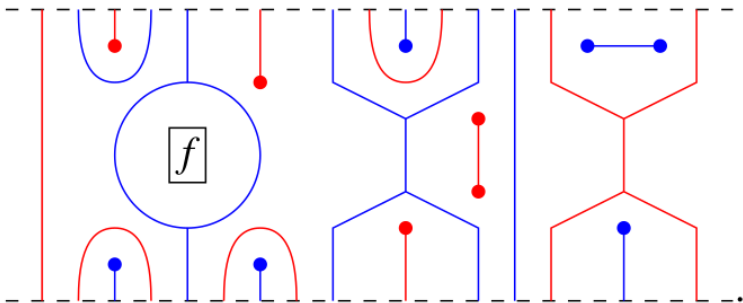
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Avoiding counting in general



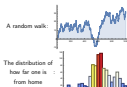
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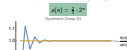
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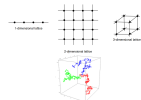
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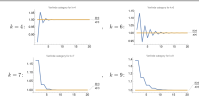
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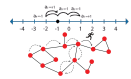


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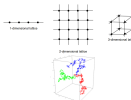
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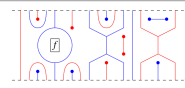
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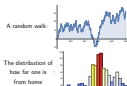


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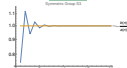
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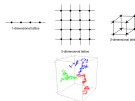
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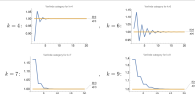
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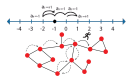
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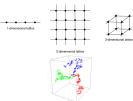
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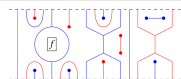
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