

Phase spaces and kernel spaces of transformation semigroups



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Permutation groups

Let Ω be a finite set.

- The **symmetric group** on Ω , written $\text{Sym}(\Omega)$, is the set of all permutations of Ω .
- A **permutation group** on Ω is a subgroup of $\text{Sym}(\Omega)$.



Livingstone and Wagner theorem

Let Ω be a finite set. Let G be a permutation group on Ω .

- $\binom{\Omega}{k} := \{k\text{-element subsets of } \Omega\}$.
- G induces a permutation group G_k on $\binom{\Omega}{k}$.
- G is **k -homogeneous** if G_k is transitive.

Theorem (Livingstone-Wagner, 1965)

If $k \leq \ell$ and $k + \ell \leq |\Omega|$, then

$$\# \text{orbits of } G_k \leq \# \text{orbits of } G_\ell.$$

In particular,

$$\ell\text{-homogeneous} \Rightarrow k\text{-homogeneous}.$$



Transformation semigroup

Let Ω be a finite set.

- The **full transformation monoid** on Ω , written $T(\Omega)$, is the set of all maps from Ω to Ω .
- A **transformation semigroup** on Ω is a sub-semigroup of $T(\Omega)$.



Reachable digraphs

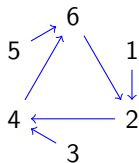
Let S be a transformation semigroup on Ω . Define the **reachable digraph** Γ_S of S to be the digraph with

- vertex set Ω ;
- arc set $\{(x, s(x)) \mid x \in \Omega, s \in S\}$.

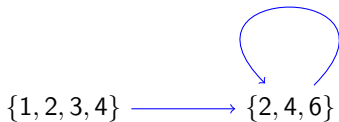
We call S **transitive** if Γ_S is strongly connected.

For a map $s : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{s} : 2^\Omega &\rightarrow 2^\Omega \\ X &\mapsto \{s(x) \mid x \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$



s



\bar{s}



Phase space, I

Let S be a transformation semigroup on Ω .

S induces a transformation semigroup $\overline{S} := \{\overline{s} \mid s \in S\}$ on 2^Ω . We call \overline{S} the **phase space** of S .

We call S **k -homogeneous** if for all $X, Y \in \binom{\Omega}{k}$ there exists $s \in S$ such that $\overline{s}(X) = Y$.



Phase space, II

Let Γ be a digraph and $X \subseteq V_\Gamma$.

- $\Gamma[X] :=$ the induced subgraph of Γ on X .
- $\text{wcc}(\Gamma) := \{\text{weakly connected component of } \Gamma\}$.

Theorem (Wu-Z.,2018+)

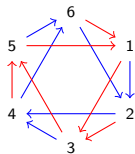
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$$\# \text{wcc}(\Gamma_{\bar{S}}[\binom{\Omega}{k}]) \leq \# \text{wcc}(\Gamma_{\bar{S}}[\binom{\Omega}{\ell}]).$$

Moreover,

ℓ -homogeneous \Rightarrow k -homogeneous.

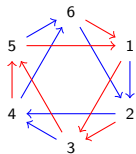
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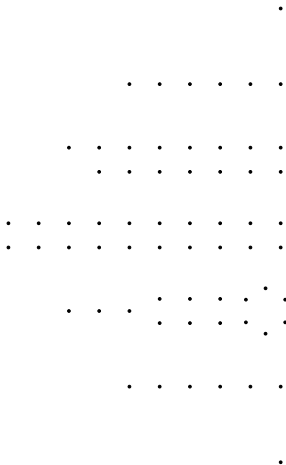
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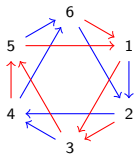


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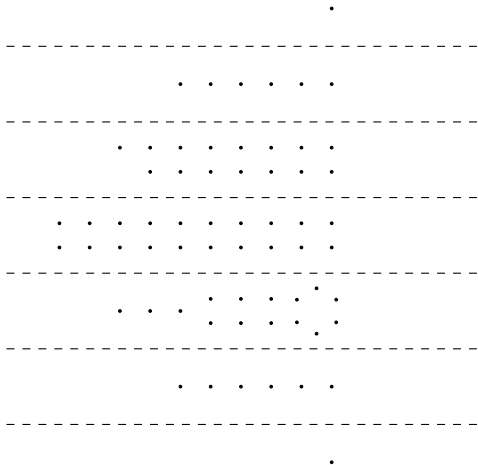


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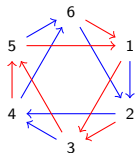
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An example of a phase space

Vertex set



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$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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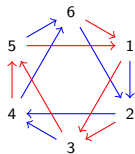
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$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



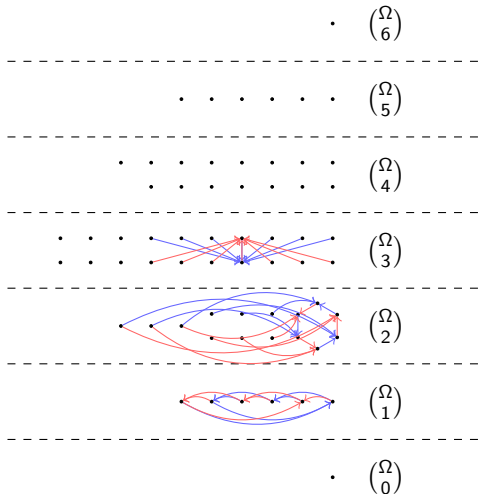
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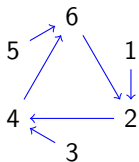
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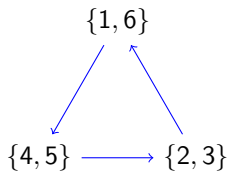


For a map $s : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$, define

$$\begin{aligned} s^{-1} : 2^{\Omega} &\rightarrow 2^{\Omega} \\ X &\mapsto \{y \mid s(y) \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$



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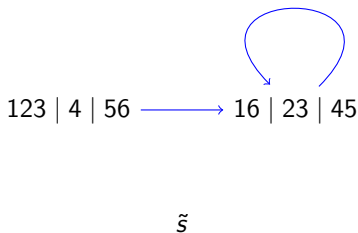
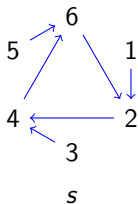


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Kernel space, I

- $P(\Omega) := \{\text{partitions of } \Omega\}$.
- $P_k(\Omega) := \{k\text{-part partitions of } \Omega\}$.
- For a map $s : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{s} : P(\Omega) &\rightarrow P(\Omega) \\ \Pi &\mapsto \{s^{-1}(\pi) \mid \pi \in \Pi\} \setminus \{\emptyset\}. \end{aligned}$$



Kernel space, II

Let S be a transformation semigroup on Ω .

- S induces a transformation semigroup $\tilde{S} := \{\tilde{s} \mid s \in S\}$ on $P(\Omega)$.
We call \tilde{S} the **kernel space** of S .
- S is **k -kernel homogeneous** if for all $\Pi, \Pi' \in P_k(\Omega)$ there exists $s \in S$ such that $\tilde{s}(\Pi) = \Pi'$.

Theorem (Wu-Z.,2018+)

If $k \leq \ell \leq \frac{|\Omega|}{2}$, then

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Moreover,

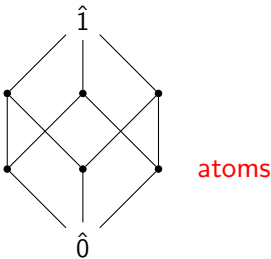
ℓ -kernel homogeneous \Rightarrow k -kernel homogeneous.

Lattice

A **lattice** is a partially ordered set such that for every two elements x, y

- (join) $x \vee y := \text{unique } \min\{z \mid x \leq z, y \leq z\}$ and
- (meet) $x \wedge y := \text{unique } \max\{z \mid z \leq x, z \leq y\}$ exists.

We say that x is **covered** by y if there is no z such that $x < z < y$ and $x < y$, denoted by $x \triangleleft y$.

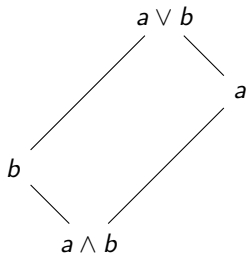




Geometric lattice

A **geometric lattice** is an atomistic semimodular lattice.

- **atomistic**: $\hat{1} = \bigvee \{\text{atoms}\}$
- **semimodular**: $a \wedge b \leq b \Rightarrow a \leq a \vee b$.



Example

- Boolean lattice of Ω : 2^Ω with set-inclusion.
- Partition lattice of Ω : $P(\Omega)$ with refinement.
- Projective geometry on \mathbb{F}_q^n : the set of all subspaces of \mathbb{F}_q^n with set-inclusion.



Inclusion operator, I

Let L be a geometric lattice.

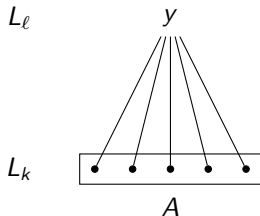
- The **rank** $r_L(x)$ of an element x in L is defined to be the common length of saturated chains from $\hat{0}$ to x .

Given k and ℓ such that $k \leq \ell \leq r_L(\hat{1})$,

- $L_k := \{x \in L \mid r_L(x) = k\}$.
- **Inclusion operator** $\zeta_L^{k,\ell} : \mathbb{C}^{L_k} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{L_\ell}$ is a linear map such that

$$(\zeta_L^{k,\ell}(f))(y) = \sum_{x \in A} f(x)$$

for all $f \in \mathbb{C}^{L_k}$ and $y \in L_\ell$.





Inclusion operator, II

Let Ω be a finite set. Let k and ℓ be two positive integers with $k \leq \ell$.

Theorem

If $k + \ell \leq |\Omega|$, then $\zeta_{2\Omega}^{k,\ell}$ is injective.

Theorem (Kung, 1993)

If $\ell \leq \frac{|\Omega|}{2}$, then $\zeta_{P(\Omega)}^{k,\ell}$ is injective.

Theorem (Kantor, 1974)

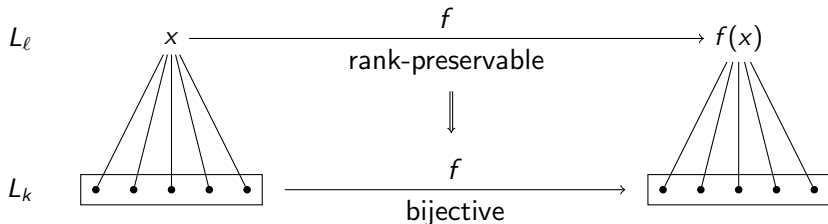
Let L be the projective geometry on \mathbb{F}_q^n . If $k + \ell \leq n$, then $\zeta_L^{k,\ell}$ is injective.

Conjecture (Kung, 1993)

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Hereditary endomorphism

Let L be a finite geometric lattice. We call $f \in \text{End}(L)$ an **(ℓ, k) -hereditary endomorphism** if $r_L(x) = r_L(f(x))$ ensures that f induces a bijection from $\{y \mid y \in L_k, y \leq x\}$ to $\{z \mid z \in L_k, z \leq f(x)\}$.



- every element in \overline{S} is (ℓ, k) -hereditary on 2^Ω ;
- every element in \tilde{S} is (ℓ, k) -hereditary on $P(\Omega)$.



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Two similar results

Let S be a transformation semigroup on Ω . Let A be a subset of Ω . The **stabiliser permutation group** of (S, A) is the permutation group $S_A := \{g|_A \mid g \in S, A\bar{g} = A\}$ on A .

Theorem (Wu-Z., 2018+)

Let $A \in \binom{\Omega}{k}$ and $B \in \binom{\Omega}{\ell}$. If $k + \ell \leq |\Omega| - 1$ and $k \leq \ell$ and S is $(\ell + 1)$ -homogeneous, then

$$\# \text{orbits of } S_A \leq \# \text{orbits of } S_B.$$

Theorem (Wu-Z., 2018+)

Let L be the projective geometry on \mathbb{F}_q^n and $S \subseteq \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$. If $k + \ell \leq n$ and $k \leq \ell$, then

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Thank you

