## SEALow Team 2 Presents: More Miles for Your (Sand)Piles

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## Section 1

Definitions and Previous Results

## Definitions

## Definition

Given $\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M$, where $M=\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ is a set of generators, we define the Cayley graph $G\left(F_{2}^{r}, M\right)$ with $V(G)=\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$ and $u, w \in V(G)$ share an edge if $u-w=v_{i}$ for some generator. Multiple edges are allowed.

## Example

- Let $M=\left\{e_{1}, \ldots, e_{n}\right\}$. Then $G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M\right)=Q_{n}$, is called the hypercube graph.
- If $M=\left\{v \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}-\{0\}\right\}$, then $G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M\right)=K_{2^{r}}$ is called the complete graph on $2^{r}$ vertices.
- See board for image of $Q_{2}$ and $K_{4}$ with generators labelled


## Definitions

## Definition

The Laplacian of a nondirected graph $G$, denoted $L(G)$ has entries

$$
L(G)_{i, j}= \begin{cases}\operatorname{deg}\left(v_{i}\right) & i=j \\ -\# \text { edges from } v_{i} \text { to } v_{j} & i \neq j\end{cases}
$$

## Definition

Given a connected graph $G$ with $|V(G)|=w, L(G)$ is an integer $w \times w$ matrix, so we can view it as map of $\mathbb{Z}$-modules $\mathbb{Z}^{w} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{w}$. The kernel is $\operatorname{span}(\mathbf{1})$, so coker $L(G) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus K(G)$ where $K(G)$ is a finite abelian group. We call $K(G)$ the sandpile group of $G$.

## Example

It is well known that $K\left(K_{n}\right) \cong(\mathbb{Z} / n \mathbb{Z})^{n-2}$. So we can determine at least one case of Cayley graphs.

## Previous Results for $\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$

## Lemma

Let $M=\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ be the set of generators. For every $u \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$, let

$$
f_{u}=\sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}}(-1)^{u \cdot v} e_{v} \quad \lambda_{u, M}=n-\sum_{i=1}^{n}(-1)^{u \cdot v_{i}}
$$

Then $\left\{f_{u}\right\}$ is an eigenbasis of $\mathbb{R}^{2^{r}}$ each with eigenvalues $\left\{\lambda_{u, M}\right\}$, which is always even. Moreover, $e_{v}=\frac{1}{2^{r}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}}(-1)^{u \cdot v} f_{v}$.

## Theorem (Ducey-Jalil)

Let $G$ be a Cayley graph of $\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$. For all $p \neq 2$,

$$
\operatorname{Syl}_{p}(K(G)) \cong \operatorname{Syl}_{p}\left(\bigoplus_{k=1}^{2^{r}} \mathbb{Z} / \lambda_{u, M} \mathbb{Z}\right)
$$

## More Previous Results

## Remark

$L(G)$ is diagonalizable over $\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$, and we can describe the Sylow- $p$ structure for all $p \neq 2$ in terms of the eigenvalues.

What about $p=2$ ? Is the Sylow-2 group uniquely determined by the eigenvalues?

## Theorem

There is an isomorphism of abelian groups

$$
\mathbb{Z} \oplus K(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}\right] /\left(x_{1}^{2}-1, \ldots, x_{r}^{2}-1, n-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{j} x_{j}^{\left(v_{i}\right)_{j}}\right)
$$

## Previous results for $p=2$

## Theorem (Bai)

For $G=Q_{n}$, the number of Sylow-2 cyclic factors is $2^{n-1}-1$. Additionally, the number of $(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z})$ 's in $K(G)$ is $2^{n-2}-2^{\lfloor(n-2) / 2\rfloor}$.

## Theorem (Anzis-Prasad)

The size of the largest factor in $\operatorname{Syl}_{2}\left(K\left(Q_{n}\right)\right)$ is $\leq 2^{n+\left\lfloor\log _{2} n\right\rfloor}$.
We will generalize Bai's first result and Anzis-Prasad, but not Bai's second result.

## Section 2

## Results on the Number of Even Invariant Factors

## Invariant factors

## Definition

We define $d(M)$ to be the number of Sylow-2 cyclic factors in $K(G)$.

## Proposition (Parity Invariance)

Let our matrix of generators $M$ have multiplicities $\left(a_{v_{1}}, \ldots a_{v_{2} r_{-1}}\right)$ for each nonzero vector in $\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$. Then $d(M)$ only depends on the parity of the multiplicities of generators.

## Example

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { If } M=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right) \text { and } M^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right) \text { then } \\
& K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{3}, M\right)\right)=(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 8 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 24 \mathbb{Z}) \\
& K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{3}, M^{\prime}\right)\right)=(\mathbb{Z} / 6 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 24 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 120 \mathbb{Z})
\end{aligned}
$$

## Computing $d(M)$

## Definition

A Cayley graph $G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M\right)$ with $M=\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ is called generic if $\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i} \neq \overrightarrow{0}$. For example, $Q_{n}$ is generic for all $n \geq 1$.

## Theorem

If $G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M\right)$ is generic, then $d(M)=2^{r-1}-1$.

## Proof Sketch.

Consider $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus K(G)) \otimes(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) . d(M)$ is equal to the dimension of $K(G) \otimes(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z})$ as a vector space. Theorem's condition gives us a nonzero degree 1 term of the form $u_{i}$ which allows us to construct an explicit $(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z})-\bmod$ isomorphism $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus K(G)) \otimes(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) \cong(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z})^{2^{r-1}}$.

## Conjectures

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For a collection of generators, $M$, yielding a connected Cayley graph on $\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, d(M) \geq 2^{r-1}-1$ with equality occurring iff $M$ is generic.

## Conjecture

$d(M)$ is odd unless all of the eigenvalues have the same power of 2, in which case $d(M)=2^{n}-2$.

## Section 3

## Reducing the Sandpile Group and Results for Small Cases

## Reducing multiplicities in $M$

Given generators for $V=\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$, we can express these generators in terms of their multiplicities $\vec{a}=\left(a_{v_{1}}, \ldots, a_{v_{2} r-1}\right)$, where the multiplicity, $a_{v_{i}}$, denotes the number of times the vector $v_{i}$ occurs. Here, we will use the binary naming convention for vectors, so $v_{3}=(1,1,0)$.

## Lemma

Let $G_{1}=G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M_{1}\right)$ and $G_{2}=G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M_{2}\right)$ such that $\vec{a}_{2}=\lambda \vec{a}_{2}$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $\left\{\alpha_{i}\right\}$ be the invariant factors in the Smith Normal Form of $L\left(G_{1}\right)$.
Then

$$
K\left(G_{1}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{2^{r}} \mathbb{Z} / \alpha_{i} \mathbb{Z} \Longrightarrow K\left(G_{2}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{2^{r}} \mathbb{Z} /\left(\lambda \alpha_{i}\right) \mathbb{Z}
$$

## Proof.

$\overrightarrow{a_{2}}=\lambda \overrightarrow{a_{2}} \Longrightarrow L\left(G_{2}\right)=(\lambda / d) \cdot L\left(G_{1}\right)$. Now consider SNF of $L\left(G_{2}\right)$. (Note: reduces analysis to $\operatorname{gcd}(\vec{a})=1$ case.)

## Example

Consider the two matrices of generators:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M_{1}=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right) \\
& \Longrightarrow K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{2}, M_{1}\right)\right)=(\mathbb{Z} / 1 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z}) \\
& M_{2}=\left(\begin{array}{llllll}
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right) \\
& \Longrightarrow K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{2}, M_{2}\right)\right)=(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 8 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 8 \mathbb{Z})
\end{aligned}
$$

## Invariance Under GL Action

## Theorem

Given a matrix of generators on $\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
\mid & \mid & \ldots & \mid \\
v_{1} & v_{2} & \ldots & v_{n} \\
\mid & \mid & \ldots & \mid
\end{array}\right)
$$

and an element $g \in \mathrm{GL}_{r}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$, define $M^{\prime}:=g \cdot M$, then $G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M\right)$ and $G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}, M^{\prime}\right)$ have the same sandpile group.

## Proof.

An element of $\mathrm{GL}_{r}$ permutes the nonzero vertices of the graphs and the edges in a consistent manner. This induces a graph isomorphism, and thus a sandpile group isomorphism.

## Example

Assume $a_{v_{1}}=a_{v_{2}}=a_{v_{4}}=a_{v_{8}}=2$. Let $\left\{i_{1}, \ldots, i_{k}\right\}$ denote $a_{v_{i_{1}}}=\cdots=a_{v_{i_{k}}}=2$ and $a_{v_{j}}=1$ for all $j \notin\{1,2,4,8\} \cup\left\{i_{1}, \ldots, i_{k}\right\}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\{6,10,12\},\{5,9,12\},\{3,5,6\},\{3,9,10\},\{10,12,14\}, \\
\{9,12,13\},\{5,6,7\},\{3,10,11\},\{6,12,14\},\{5,9,13\},\{5,12,13\}, \\
\{3,6,7\},\{3,9,11\},\{6,10,14\},\{3,5,7\},\{9,10,11\}
\end{gathered}
$$

All of the 16 previous cases yield

$$
\begin{aligned}
K(G) & =(\mathbb{Z} / 3 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 6 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 48 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 48 \mathbb{Z}) \\
& \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 528 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 6864 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 6864 \mathbb{Z})
\end{aligned}
$$

## Size of 2-Sylow component

By Kirchoff's Matrix Tree Theorem

$$
|K(G)|=\operatorname{det} \overline{L(G)}^{i, i}=\frac{\lambda_{2} \cdots \lambda_{m}}{m}
$$

where $\lambda_{1}=0$ is only 0 eigenvalue by convention. Here, $m=2^{r}$, so

$$
\left|S y l_{2}(K(G))\right|=\frac{1}{2^{r}} \operatorname{Pow}_{2}\left(\prod_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}-\{0\}} \lambda_{u, M}\right)
$$

where for $n=2^{k} \cdot b$ with $k$-maximal, we define $\operatorname{Pow}_{2}(n):=2^{k}$ and $v_{2}(n):=k$.

## Application: Determining Sandpile Group for $r=2$

In the generic case for $r=2$ with multiplicities $\vec{a}=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right)$, we have $\operatorname{Syl}_{2}(K(G)) \cong \mathbb{Z} / 2^{e} \mathbb{Z}$ with

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \lambda_{2}=2\left(a_{1}+a_{3}\right), \quad \lambda_{3}=2\left(a_{2}+a_{3}\right), \quad \lambda_{4}=2\left(a_{1}+a_{2}\right) \\
& \vec{a} \equiv(1,0,0) \Longrightarrow e=v_{2}\left(\lambda_{2} \lambda_{3} \lambda_{4}\right)-2=v_{2}\left(a_{2}+a_{3}\right)+1 \\
& \vec{a} \equiv(1,1,0) \Longrightarrow e=v_{2}\left(a_{2}+a_{3}\right)+1
\end{aligned}
$$

by GL equivalence of generators, these handle all generic cases. Note the symmetry of the 2 Sylow w.r.t. the eigenvalues

## Non-generic case for $r=2$

Only case left is all odd. By parity invariance, suffices to check $\vec{a} \equiv(1,1,1)$ to find $d(M) . d(M)=2$, so we need only determine largest 2-factor. WLOG $a_{1}+a_{2} \equiv 2 \bmod 4$. Through algebraic manipulation we get that

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{Sy}_{2}(K(G)) \cong \mathbb{Z} / 2^{e} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 2^{f} \mathbb{Z} \\
e=v_{2}\left(a_{2}+a_{3}\right)+1, \quad f=v_{2}\left(a_{1}+a_{3}\right)+1
\end{gathered}
$$

## Results for $r=3$

## Proposition

For $r=3$, let $d_{1} \leq d_{2} \leq \cdots \leq d_{7}$ be all the powers of 2 in the nonzero eigenvalues of $L(G)$ for $M$ reduced. Let $c_{\text {top }}$ be the top Sylow-2 cyclic factor. Then

$$
c_{\text {top }}= \begin{cases}2^{d_{7}+1} & \text { not all } d_{i} \text { equal } \\ 2^{d_{7}} & d_{i}=d_{j} \text { for all } i, j \in\{1, \ldots, 7\}\end{cases}
$$

## Theorem

Let $G=G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{3}, M\right)$ be generic, and with $d_{i}$ as above. Then

$$
\operatorname{Syl}_{2}(K(G))= \begin{cases}\mathbb{Z} / 2^{d_{5}-1} \mathbb{Z} \times\left(\mathbb{Z} / 2^{d_{7}+1} \mathbb{Z}\right)^{2} & d_{6}=d_{7} \\ \mathbb{Z} / 2^{d_{5}} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / 2^{d_{6}} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / 2^{d_{7}+1} \mathbb{Z} & d_{6}<d_{7}\end{cases}
$$

## Section 4

## Investigating Largest Cyclic Factors of the Sandpile Group

## Background Theory

- In quotient ring of the hypercube sandpile group, Anzis and Prasad showed that $x_{j}-1$ has maximal, finite, additive order for any $j \in\{1, \ldots, r\}$
- We adapted proof to show that for any generating set $\left(v_{1}, \ldots, v_{m}\right)$, the maximal order element of the form $x_{v_{k}}-1$ has maximal finite order. By changing variables, we can assume that $x_{1}-1$ has maximal finite order.
- From definition of cokernel, $\operatorname{ord}\left(x_{1}-1\right)$ is smallest $C$ s.t.

$$
\exists v \in \mathbb{Z}^{2^{r}} \text { s.t. } L(G) v=C(1,-1,0, \ldots, 0)=C w
$$

here we use the isomorphism:

$$
\mathbb{Z}^{2^{r}} \cong \mathbb{Z}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}\right] /\left(x_{1}^{2}-1, \ldots, x_{r}^{2}-1\right)
$$

## Top Cyclic Factor

## Theorem

Let $d$ be the size of the largest cyclic factor in $K(G)$. Then $d \mid 2^{r-2} / \mathrm{cm}\left(\lambda_{i}: i \geq 2\right)$.

## Proof.

An adaptation of the argument from Anzis and Prasad.

## Corollary

The largest 2 -cyclic factor, $\mathbb{Z} / 2^{e} \mathbb{Z}$ has bound

$$
e \leq\left\lfloor\log _{2}(n)\right\rfloor+r-1
$$

which is sharp when $G=Q_{2^{k}}, Q_{2^{k}+1}$.

## Proof of Corollary.

Apply theorem while noting that the largest eigenvalue is bounded by $2 n$, so that

$$
\begin{aligned}
v_{2}(d) & \leq v_{2}\left[2^{r-2} \operatorname{Icm}\left(\lambda_{i}: i \geq 2\right)\right] \\
& \leq r-2+\left\lfloor\log _{2}(2 n)\right\rfloor=\left\lfloor\log _{2}(n)\right\rfloor+r-1
\end{aligned}
$$

when $G=Q_{2^{k}}$, we use the fact that each eigenvalue is distinct with largest value being $2^{k+1}$ and that $\left\lfloor\log _{2}\left(2^{k+1}\right)\right\rfloor=k+1$.

## Main Result of Interest

We can actually improve the previous result:

## Corollary

The order of $x_{r}-1$ in $K(G)$ is equal to minimum integer $C$, such that for any $S \subseteq[n],|S| \geq 2, d \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{|S|} \backslash\{\mathbf{0}\}$,

$$
\frac{C}{2^{r-|S|}} \sum_{u_{S}=d} \frac{1}{\lambda_{u}} \in \mathbb{Z}
$$

## Specialization to $G=Q_{n}$

When $G=Q_{n}$ we know the eigenvalues and their multiplicities explicitly from Bai's paper, so searching for $v \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{n}$ and $C$ minimal such that $L\left(Q_{n}\right) v=C w$ can be solved explicitly.

## Theorem

For $n \geq 2$, let $c_{n}$ be the size of the largest cyclic factor in $K\left(Q_{n}\right)$. Then,

$$
v_{2}\left(c_{n}\right)=\max \left\{\max _{x<n}\left\{v_{2}(x)+x\right\}, v_{2}(n)+n-1\right\}
$$

## Theorem

For $n \geq 3$, the $2^{\text {nd }}$ to the $(n-1)^{\text {th }}$ largest cyclic factor in $K\left(Q_{n}\right)$ all have the same size $d_{n}$. Moreover,

$$
v_{2}\left(d_{n}\right)=\max _{x<n}\left\{v_{2}(x)+x\right\}
$$

## Remaining Conjectures

## Conjecture

For $n \geq 3$, let $e_{n}$ be the size of the $n^{\text {th }}$ largest cyclic factor in $K\left(Q_{n}\right)$. Then,

$$
v_{2}\left(e_{n}\right)=\max \left\{\max _{x<n-1}\left\{v_{2}(x)+x\right\}, v_{2}(n-1)+n-3\right\} .
$$

Similarly, for $n \geq 4$, let $f_{n}$ be the size of the $(n+1)^{\text {th }}$ largest cyclic factor in $K\left(Q_{n}\right)$. Then,

$$
v_{2}\left(f_{n}\right)=\max _{x<n-1}\left\{v_{2}(x)+x\right\}
$$

## Section 5

## Future Areas of Research

## Groebner Bases

- Very difficult! Groebner bases must be redefined over $\mathbb{Z}$, or in general PIDs vs. fields
- Recall we can order monomials $x_{I}=\prod_{i \in I} x_{i}$ by the multi-indices they are indexed by
- For $f=\sum_{l} a_{l} x_{l}=a_{l_{0}} x_{l_{0}}+\sum_{l \neq l_{0}} a_{l} x_{l}$ with $x_{l_{0}}$ largest present, $L T(f)=a_{l_{0}} x_{l_{0}}, \operatorname{Im}(f):=x_{l_{0}}$, and $\operatorname{Ic}(f)=a_{l_{0}}$
- Assuming a novel (unstated) definition of groebner basis, we have...


## Groebner Isomorphism

## Theorem

For $A$ a PID, and ideal $s \subseteq A\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right]$. Let $G=\left\{g_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{t}$ be a groebner basis for s. Let

$$
J_{x_{\alpha}}:=\left\{i: \operatorname{Im}\left(g_{i}\right) \mid x_{\alpha}, g_{i} \in G\right\}, \quad I_{x_{x_{\alpha}}}:=\left\langle\left\{\operatorname{lc}\left(g_{i}\right): i \in J_{x_{\alpha}}\right\}\right\rangle
$$

Call $I_{J_{x_{\alpha}}}$ the leading coefficient ideal. Under a few other conditions (which hold for $A=\mathbb{Z}$ ), there exists an isomorphism

$$
\phi: A\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right] /\langle G\rangle \rightarrow A / I_{J_{x_{\alpha, 1}}} \oplus \cdots \oplus A / I_{J_{x_{\alpha, m}}}
$$

## Example

Consider

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

$$
\left\{L T\left(g_{i}\right) \mid g_{i} \in G\right\}=\left\{x_{1}^{2}, x_{1} x_{2}, x_{2}^{2}\right.
$$

$$
\left.x_{1} x_{3}, x_{3}^{2}, 2 x_{1} x_{4}, x_{4}^{2}, 6 x_{1}, 24 x_{2}, 24 x_{3}, 480 x_{4}\right\}
$$

$$
K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{4}, M\right)\right) \cong(\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 6 \mathbb{Z}) \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 24 \mathbb{Z})^{4} \oplus(\mathbb{Z} / 480 \mathbb{Z})
$$

Note

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
J_{x_{2} x_{3}}=\{9,10\}, & I_{x_{x_{2} \times 3}}=24 \\
J_{x_{3} x_{4}}=\{10,11\}, & I_{J_{x_{3} x_{4}}}=24
\end{array}
$$

## Flaws with Groebner Basis Method

Sage's implemented version of groebner basis is not general enough for this isomorphism to always hold.

$$
M^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

should yield same sandpile, but

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\{L T\left(g_{i}\right) \mid g_{i} \in G\right\}= & \left\{x_{1}^{2}, x_{1} x_{2}, x_{2}^{2}, x_{1} x_{3}, x_{3}^{2}, x_{1} x_{4},\right. \\
& \left.x_{2} x_{4}, 2 x_{3} x_{4}, x_{4}^{2}, 24 x_{1}, 24 x_{2}, 48 x_{3}, 60 x_{4}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

which does not match the sandpile group (no order 480 term!). Sage is not to be trusted, but groebner bases could be useful in the future.

## Matroid Contraction

For

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & \ldots & \mid \\
v_{1} & \ldots & v_{n} \\
\mid & \ldots & \mid
\end{array}\right)
$$

where each $v_{i} \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{r}$, consider

$$
\begin{array}{r}
M^{\prime}=\pi_{r-1}(M)=\quad\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & \ldots & \mid \\
\pi_{r-1}\left(v_{1}\right) & \ldots & \pi_{r-1}\left(v_{n}\right) \\
\mid & \ldots & \mid
\end{array}\right) \\
=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & \ldots & \mid \\
v_{1}^{\prime} & \ldots & v_{n}^{\prime} \\
\mid & \ldots & \mid
\end{array}\right)
\end{array}
$$

## Continued

Gives rise to surjection

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{Z}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}\right] /\left(x_{1}^{2}-1, \ldots, x_{r}^{2}-1, n-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{j=1}^{r} x_{j}^{\left.\left(v_{i}\right)_{j}\right)}\right. \\
& \stackrel{\text { "xre1" }}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{Z}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r-1}\right] /\left(x_{1}^{2}-1, \ldots, x_{r-1}^{2}-1, n^{\prime}-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{j=1}^{r-1} x_{j}^{\left(v_{i}\right)_{j}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Comparing torsion components: the cyclic factors in image can be viewed as subgroups of a larger cyclic factor in the domain sandpile group.
- Process of evaluating at $x_{r}=1$ is matroid contraction.


## Example

Consider

$$
\begin{gathered}
M=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right) \mapsto M^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{llllll}
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right) \\
{\left[K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{3}, M\right)\right)=\mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 48 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 240 \mathbb{Z}\right] \mapsto\left[K\left(G\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{2}, M^{\prime}\right)\right)=\mathbb{Z} / 24 \mathbb{Z}\right]}
\end{gathered}
$$

From Groebner basis approach, we can think of each invariant factor being generated by a monomial $\overline{x_{l}}$. In fact...

## Continued

|  | M | $\mathrm{M}^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{1}$ | 0 | 0 |
| $\overline{x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}}$ | 1 | NA |
| $\overline{\overline{x_{1} x_{3}}}$ | 1 | NA |
| $\overline{x_{1} x_{2}}$ | 1 | NA |
| $\overline{x_{1}}$ | 12 | 3 |
| $\overline{x_{3}}$ | 240 | NA |
| $\overline{x_{2}}$ | 16 | 8 |
| $\overline{x_{2} x_{3}}$ | 1 | NA |

- Notice that $\operatorname{ord}\left(\bar{x}_{I}\right)_{M^{\prime}} \mid \operatorname{ord}\left(\bar{x}_{I}\right)_{M}$. Consistent with map of quotients
- Indicates "growth" of sandpile group


## Future Work

Our data and preliminary results raise other questions:

- Can we find a bound from below the top cyclic factor of the sandpile group in terms of $r, n$ ? We have one for the cube, but not in general.
- Can we implement the novel definition of groebner bases for PIDs as described by Franz Pauer in his work "Groebner basis with coefficients in rings"?
- Can we show the sandpile group of a Cayley graph only depends on the set of eigenvalues, and not by their indexing set?
- Is there a larger pattern to the number of even invariant factors?
- Can we describe $r=3$ in full generality? We have conjecture for all the cases except all odd parities
- Maybe $r=4$ as well?

Unfortunately our funding has run out, so the world may never know...

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## The End!



## Questions?



