

Reflection groups for quantum computing

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- ▶ Pauli and Clifford groups
- ▶ (Unitary) Reflection groups
- ▶ Automorphisms of Pauli groups
- ▶ Topology and geometry of Clifford groups
- ▶ Perspectives: Invariant theory


Clifford gates are group operations stabilizing Pauli operations¹

- ▶ Action $g \in \mathcal{P}_n$ on an n -qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ is $g|\psi\rangle$, evolves as $Ug|\psi\rangle$, and can be stabilized by U such that $(UgU^\dagger)U|\psi\rangle = U|\psi\rangle$, with $UgU^\dagger \in \mathcal{P}_n$

$$\mathcal{C}_n = \left\{ U \in U(2^n) \mid U\mathcal{P}_nU^\dagger = \mathcal{P}_n \right\}.$$

In view of $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$, any normal subgroup $\mathcal{Q}_n = \{UgU^{-1}, g \in \mathcal{Q}_n, \forall U \in \mathcal{C}_n\}$ of \mathcal{C}_n may be relevant.

- ▶ A group extension $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_n/\mathcal{Q}_n \rightarrow 1$ carries some information about the structure of the error group \mathcal{P}_n and its normalizer \mathcal{C}_n in $U(2^n)$.

¹Clark S, Jozsa R and Linden N 2008 *Quantum Inf. Comp.* **8** 106. 

Given the *short exact sequence*

$$1 \rightarrow N \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 1,$$

i.e. $N \cong$ normal subgroup² of G , $H \cong G/N$,
in a splitting sequence $G = NH$ and $N \cap H = \{1\}$.

- ▶ non-split extension $G = N.H$
- ▶ split extension: the *semi-direct product* $G = N \rtimes H$
- ▶ *wreath product* $M \wr H$: semidirect product of M^n with the permutation group H acting on n copies of M
- ▶ *direct product* $G = N \times H$
- ▶ *central product* $G = N * H$

²a) The center $Z(G)$. The central quotient is $\tilde{G} = G/Z(G)$.

b) The subgroup G' of commutators $ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$.

- ▶ Given the group operation $*$ of a group G , a *group endomorphism* is a function ϕ from G to itself such that $\phi(g_1 * g_2) = \phi(g_1) * \phi(g_2)$, for all $g_1, g_2 \in G$. If it is bijective it is called an **automorphism**.
- ▶ An automorphism of G that is induced by conjugation of some $g \in G$ is called inner. Otherwise it is called an outer automorphism. Under composition the set of all automorphisms defines a group denoted $\text{Aut}(G)$. The **inner automorphisms** form a *normal subgroup* $\text{Inn}(G)$ of $\text{Aut}(G)$, that is isomorphic to the central quotient of G . The quotient $\text{Out}(G) = \text{Aut}(G)/\text{Inn}(G)$ is called the **outer** automorphism group.

Reflections 1

- ▶ $\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{R}^l$: the l -dimensional (real) Euclidean space
- ▶ $O(\mathbb{E})$: the orthogonal group of linear transformations of \mathbb{E} ³
- ▶ $H_\alpha \subset \mathbb{E}$: *the hyperplane*

$$H_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{E} \mid (x, \alpha) = 0\}, \text{ given } \alpha \in \mathbb{E}.$$

- ▶ then a *reflection* $s_\alpha : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ is defined as

$$s_\alpha(x) = x \text{ if } x \in H_\alpha \text{ and } s_\alpha(\alpha) = -\alpha.$$

³endowed with a product (\cdot, \cdot) such that $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{E}$, we have $(x, y) = (y, x)$ (symmetry), $(ax + by, z) = a(x, z) + b(y, z)$ (linearity), $(x, x) \geq 0$ and $(x, x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ (a positive definite form)

Reflections 2

- ▶ Explicit definition ⁴

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{E} : s_\alpha(x) = x - \langle x, \alpha \rangle \alpha.$$

- ▶ Invariance under $t \in O(\mathbb{E})$

$$t(H_\alpha) = H_{t(\alpha)},$$

- ▶ Invariance under conjugation

$$ts_\alpha t^{-1} = s_{t(\alpha)}.$$

- ▶ The group of reflections

$$W = \{s_\alpha\} \subset O(\mathbb{E}).$$

irreducibility if $W \neq W_1 W_2$.

⁴in the Cartan notation $\langle x, y \rangle = 2 \frac{(x, y)}{(x, x)}$.

The *root system* $\Delta \subset \mathbb{E}$ is obtained by replacing each hyperplane by its two orthogonal vectors of unit length:

- ▶ If $\alpha \in \Delta$, then $\lambda\alpha \in \Delta$ iff $\lambda = \pm 1$.
- ▶ The set Δ is permuted under the action of W : If $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$, then $s_\alpha(\beta) \in \Delta$.

Any element of Δ is a *root*, and Δ is named a *root system*.

- ▶ (*) Crystallographic property: W as a Weyl group.
For any $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$, one has $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle := 2 \frac{(\alpha, \beta)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- ▶ A group W is a **Coxeter group** if it is finitely generated by a subset $S \subset W$ of involutions and pairwise relations

$$W = \langle s \in S \mid (ss')^{m_{ss'}} = 1 \rangle, \quad (1)$$

where $m_{ss} = 1$ and $m_{ss'} \in \{2, 3, \dots\} \cup \{\infty\}$ if $s \neq s'$. The pair (W, S) is a Coxeter system, of rank $|S|$ equal to the number of generators.

Finite reflection groups: the Coxeter presentation 2

- ▶ A (unique) *fundamental system* of $\Sigma \subset \Delta$:
(i) Σ is linearly independent, (ii) every element of Δ is a linear combination of elements of Σ where the coefficients are all non-negative or all non-positive.
- ▶ *Fundamental root* $\alpha \in \Sigma \Rightarrow$ a fundamental reflection s_α .
Given the fundamental system Σ of Δ , then $W(\Delta) = W$ is generated by fundamental reflections s_α .
Define the (positive definite) bilinear form $\mathcal{B} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\mathcal{B}(\alpha_s, \alpha_{s'}) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{m_{ss'}}\right).$$

$\mathcal{B}(\alpha_s, \alpha_s) = 1$ and $\mathcal{B}(\alpha_s, \alpha_{s'}) = 0$ when $m_{ss'} = 2$.

It may be identified with the original inner product in \mathbb{E} .

A dihedral group

- ▶ Symmetries of the hexagon⁵ $Out(\mathcal{P}_1) \cong W(G_2) = Dih_6$

$$Dih_6 = \langle x_1, x_2 \mid (x_1)^2 = (x_2)^2 = (x_1 x_2)^6 = 1 \rangle.$$

- ▶ Coxeter Diagram $x_1 - -6 - x_2$

- ▶ Cartan matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Dynkin Diagram $x_1 = <_3 = x_2$

⁵ \mathcal{P}_1 is the single qubit Pauli group

An entangling group

- ▶ The Coxeter system⁶ of type D_5

$$\langle x_1 \dots x_5 \mid x_1^2 = \dots = x_5^2 = (x_1 x_4)^2 = (x_2 x_4)^2 = (x_1 x_5)^2 = (x_2 x_5)^2 = (x_4 x_5)^2 = (x_2 x_1)^3 = (x_3 x_2)^3 = (x_4 x_3)^3 = (x_5 x_3)^3 = 1 \rangle. \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Coxeter Diagram



- ▶ Cartan matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

⁶The Weyl group $W(D_5)$ is the central quotient of the two-qubit Bell group.

Finite Coxeter groups

Type	Group	Order	Rank	Related polytope	Coxeter diagram
A_n	S_{n+1}	$(n+1)!$	n	n -simplex	$x_1 - x_2 \dots x_{n-1} - x_n$
B_n	$\mathbb{Z}_2^n \rtimes S_n$	$2^n n!$	n	n -hypercube	$x_1 - x_2 \dots x_{n-1} - x_n$
D_n	$\mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1} \rtimes S_n$	$2^{n-1} n!$	n	demihypercube	$x_1 - x_2 \dots x_{n-2} - x_{n-1}$
$I_2(p)$	Dih_p	$2p$	2	p -gon	$x_1 - x_2$
H_3	**	120	3	icosahedron/dodecahedron	$x_1 - x_2 - x_3$
F_4	**	1152	4	24-cell	$x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4$
G_4	**	1440	4	120-cell/600-cell	$x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4$
E_6	**	51840	6	E_6 polytope	$x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5 - x_6$
E_7	**	2 903 040	7	E_7 polytope	$x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5 - x_6 - x_7$
E_8	**	696 729 600	8	E_8 polytope	$x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5 - x_6 - x_7 - x_8$

Complex reflection groups 1

- ▶ V a complex vector space over \mathbb{C} .
- ▶ Every reflection $s : V \rightarrow V$ of order n over \mathbb{C} satisfies the reflection property

$$s(x) = x + (\xi - 1) \frac{(\alpha, x)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \alpha,$$

for all $x \in V$, where ξ is a primitive n -th root of unity.

- ▶ The eigenvector α is such that $s(\alpha) = \xi\alpha$ and (x, y) is a positive definite Hermitian form satisfying $(s(x), s(y)) = (x, y)$.


Complex reflection groups: classification⁷

- ▶ Three infinite families $\{\mathbb{Z}_m = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}\}$, $\{S_n\}$, $\{G(m, p, n)\}$, and exceptional cases \mathcal{U}_l , $l = 1..34$.
- ▶ The *imprimitive unitary reflection groups*:
There exists a decomposition $V = V_1 \otimes \dots \otimes V_k$ ($k \geq 2$), where the subspaces V_i are permuted transitively by G .
If $p|m$, we can define the semidirect group

$$G(m, p, n) = A(m, p, n) \rtimes S_n,$$

$$A(m, p, n) = \left\{ \text{Diag}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_{n-1}, \omega_n) \mid \omega_i^m = 1 \text{ and } (\omega_1 \dots \omega_n)^{m/p} = 1 \right\}$$

- ▶ Special cases: $G(1, 1, n) := S_n := W(A_{n-1})$,
 $G(m, m, 2) := \text{Dih}_m = W(G_2(m))$, $G(2, 2, n) := W(D_n)$.

⁷Shephard G C and Todd J A 1954 *Canadian J Math* **6** 274. 

- ▶ $\mathcal{P}_1 = G(4, 2, 2)$, $\mathcal{C}_1 \cong \mathcal{U}_9 = \mathbb{Z}_8.S_4$ of order 192.

$$\mathcal{U}_9 = \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1^2 = x_2^4 = (x_2^{-1}x_1)^3(x_2x_1)^3 = 1 \rangle.$$

- ▶ \mathcal{C}_2 (of order 92160) possesses 3 maximal normal subgroups of order 46080, one of them is $\mathcal{U}_{31} = (\mathbb{Z}_4 * \mathcal{Z}_2^{1+4}).S_6$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x_1 \dots x_5 \mid x_1^2 = \dots = x_5^2 = \\ & (x_1x_4)^2 = (x_2x_4)^2 = (x_2x_5)^2 = (x_4x_3)^3 = (x_5x_4)^3 = (x_3x_2)^3 = \\ & x_5x_1x_3x_1x_5x_3 = x_1x_5x_3x_1x_3x_5 = 1 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- ▶ \mathcal{C}_3 is related to E_7 and E_6 .

- ▶ Pauli group $\mathcal{P}_1 = \langle \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z \rangle \cong (\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$
- ▶ $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{P}_1) = \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \rtimes S_3 = W(B_3) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times S_4 = W(A_1 A_3)$

$$x_1 \quad - \quad -4 \quad - \quad x_2 \quad - \quad - \quad - \quad x_3$$

- ▶ $\text{Out}(\mathcal{P}_1) = \text{Dih}_6 = W(G_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{Dih}_3 = W(A_1 I_2(3))$

$$x_1 \quad - \quad -6 \quad - \quad x_2$$

Two qubits

- ▶ $\mathcal{P}_2 = \langle \sigma_0 \otimes \sigma_x, \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x, \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z, \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_z, \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_x \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times ((\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$
- ▶ $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{P}_2) = U_6 \cdot \mathbb{Z}_2^2$ with $U_6 = \text{Aut}(\mathcal{P}_2)' = \mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes A_6$
The group U_6 is a maximal subgroup of the Mathieu group M_{22} . It appears in a subgeometry of M_{22} known as a *hexad*. The group M_{22} stabilizes the Steiner system $S(3, 6, 22)$ ⁸.
- ▶ $\text{Out}(\mathcal{P}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times S_6 = W(A_1 A_5)$.

⁸A Steiner system $S(a, b, c)$ with parameters a, b, c , is a c -element set together with a set of b -element subsets of S (called *blocks*) with the property that each a -element subset of S is contained in exactly one block.

- ▶ The automorphism group of the central quotient $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^{2n}$.
 $\text{Aut}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_1) = \mathbb{Z}_6$.
 $\text{Aut}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_2) = A_8 \cong PSL(4, 2)$ (of order 20160).
 $\text{Aut}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_3) = PSL(6, 2)$ (of order 20 158 709 760).

$$\text{Aut}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_n) = PSL(2n, 2) = A_{2n-1}(2).$$

- ▶ $PSL(2n, 2)$ is the group of Lie type A_{2n-1} over the field \mathbb{F}_2 . The Weyl group is defined by the Coxeter system of type A_{2n-1} , i.e., the symmetry group S_{2n} .
- ▶ Also the automorphism group of the $(n - 1)$ -qubit CSS (Calderbank-Schor-Steane) *additive* quantum code .

Mutually unbiased bases of multiple qubits

g_1	g_2	g_3	g_4	g_5	g_6
G	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	$(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Q}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times ((\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Q}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2)$	g_6
$\text{Aut}(G)$	Dih_4	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times S_4$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \wr A_5$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2 \wr A_5$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^3 \wr A_5$
$ \text{Aut}(G) $	8	48	1920	61440	1966080
$\text{Out}(G)$	\mathbb{Z}_2	Dih_6	S_5	$(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes M_{20}$	$(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4) \rtimes M_{20}^{(2)}$

Two-qubits

Let m_i ($i = 1, \dots, 5$), the elements of maximal sets of MUBs,

$$g_2 = \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle, \dots, g_4 = \langle m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4 \rangle,$$

More qubits

$$\text{Aut}(g_i) = \mathbb{Z}_2^l \wr A_5 = G(2^l, 2, 5) \text{ with } l = i - 3 \text{ (} i > 3 \text{),}$$

$$\text{Out}(g_i) = G(2^{l-1}, 2, 5).$$

$$M_{20}^{(l-1)} = G'(2^l, l, 5) \text{ such that } M' \neq K(M)^9.$$

$${}^9 M_{20} = G'(2, 2, 5) = \mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes A_5, |M_{20}| = 960.$$

$$M_{20}^{(2)} = G(4, 2, 5) = \mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes M_{20}, |M_{20}^{(2)}| = 15360.$$

Two-qubit Clifford and Bell groups

- ▶ **Clifford groups** $\mathcal{C}_1 = \langle H, P \rangle$, $\mathcal{C}_2 = \langle \mathcal{C}_1 \otimes \mathcal{C}_1, CZ \rangle$
 H : the Hadamard gate, P the $\pi/4$ phase gate,
 $CZ := \text{Diag}(1, 1, 1, -1)$.

$$1 \rightarrow U_6 \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1, \quad U_6 = \mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes A_6$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2/\mathcal{P}_2 \cong \text{Out}(\mathcal{P}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times S_6$$

- ▶ **Bell group** $\mathcal{B}_2 = \langle \mathcal{C}_1 \otimes \mathcal{C}_1, R \rangle \subset \mathcal{C}_2$, $R := 1/\sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0 & i\sigma_y \\ i\sigma_y & \sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$1 \rightarrow M_{20} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1, \quad M_{20} = \mathbb{Z}_2^4 \rtimes A_5 \quad \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 = W(D_5)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_2/\mathcal{P}_2 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times S_5$$

Bell matrix and the Yang-Baxter equation


- ▶ One uses pairs $|v, v^{-1}\rangle$ of magnetic fluxes for the qubits exchanged within a group G

$$|v_1, v_2\rangle \rightarrow |v_2, v_2^{-1} v_1 v_2\rangle,$$

a form of Aharonov-Bohm interactions, which is nontrivial in a nonabelian group. This process can be shown to produce universal quantum computation.

- ▶ It is intimately related to topological entanglement, the braid group and unitary solutions of the Yang-Baxter equation¹⁰

$$(R \otimes I)(I \otimes R)(R \otimes I) = (I \otimes R)(R \otimes I)(I \otimes R)$$

¹⁰Kauffman L H and Lomonaco S J 2004 *New J Phys* **6**, 134. 

Three-qubit Clifford and Bell groups

- ▶ $\mathcal{C}_3 = \langle H \otimes H \otimes P, H \otimes CZ, CZ \otimes H \rangle$ of order 743 178 240

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3 = \mathbb{Z}_2^6 \rtimes W'(E_7), \quad \text{with } W'(E_7) = \text{Sp}(6, 2)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_3/\mathcal{P}_3 \cong \text{Out}(\mathcal{P}_3) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{Sp}(6, 2)$$

- ▶ $\mathcal{B}_3 = \langle H \otimes H \otimes P, H \otimes R, R \otimes H \rangle$ of order 13 271 040

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_3 = \mathbb{Z}_2^6 \rtimes W'(E_6), \quad \text{with } W'(E_6) = \text{SU}(4, 2) \cong \text{PSp}(4, 3)$$

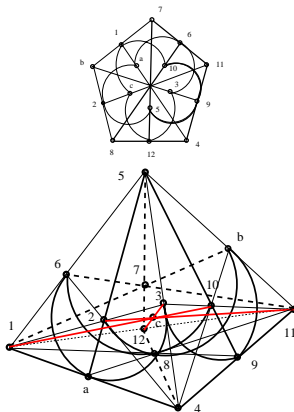
Geometry of Bell groups: D_5 , E_6 and a cubic surface

- ▶ Among maximal subgroups¹¹ of $W(E_6)$
 - * $W'(E_6)$ (order 25920 and index 1),
 - * $W(D_5)$ (order 1920 and index 27),
 - * $W(F_4)$ (order 1152 and index 45)
 - * $A_6 \cdot \mathcal{Z}_2^2$ (order 1440, index 36)
- ▶ Smooth cubic surface K_3 : A. Cayley, L Cremona... in 19th century
 - * $W(E_6)$: group of permutations of the 27 lines of K_3
 - * $W(D_5)$: the stabilizing group of a line, $W(E_6)/W(D_5) = 27$
 - * 45 tritangent planes stabilized by $W(F_4)$
 - * 36 double-sixes with stabilizing group $A_6 \cdot \mathcal{Z}_2^2$

¹¹Maximal subgroup H of G : $H \neq G$ and no subgroup K of G such that $H < K < G$.



Geometry of the two-qubit system



- ▶ Embedding of $GQ(2)$ into the projective space $PG(3, 2)$ [Planat M and Saniga M 2008 *Quant Inf Comp* **8** 127].

Geometry of the three-qubit system: $A_2(2)$, $G_2(2)$?

▶ instead of $GQ(2)$ the generalized hexagon $G_2(2)^{12}$?

▶ Lie groups

$$G_2(2), \quad G_2(2)' \cong SU(3, 3), \quad \text{and} \quad A_2(2) = PSL(2, 7) \subset C_3$$

$$|G_2(2)| = 12096, \quad |PSL(2, 7)| = 168$$

▶ Presentation of $PSL(2, 7)$ is

$$x_1^2 = x_2^4 = (x_1 x_2^{-1})^7 = (x_2^{-2} x_1)^2 x_2^2 x_1 = 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0 & -\sigma_z & i\sigma_z & -i\sigma_0 \\ -\sigma_z & \sigma_0 & i\sigma_0 & -i\sigma_z \\ -i\sigma_z & -i\sigma_0 & \sigma_0 & \sigma_z \\ i\sigma_0 & i\sigma_z & \sigma_z & \sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0 & \sigma_y & i\sigma_y & -i\sigma_0 \\ \sigma_y & \sigma_0 & -i\sigma_0 & i\sigma_y \\ -i\sigma_y & i\sigma_0 & \sigma_0 & \sigma_y \\ i\sigma_0 & -i\sigma_y & \sigma_y & \sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let M a *graded connected* \mathbb{F} vector space of *finite type*¹³,
the Poincaré series is

$$P_t(M) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\dim_{\mathbb{F}} M_i) t^i.$$

► Let $M = \mathbb{F}[x]/(x^{n+1})$, where $\deg(x) = d$. Then

$$P_t(M) = 1 + t^d + t^{2d} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - t^d}.$$

¹³ $M = \bigotimes_{i \in \mathbb{N}} M_i$. It is of finite type if $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} M_i < \infty$ for all i .

Let V an n -dimensional \mathbb{F} vector space and $G \subset GL(V)$ a finite nonmodular subgroup¹⁴.

- ▶ Polynomial algebra

$$S(V) = \mathbb{F}[t_1, \dots, t_n],$$

- ▶ Ring of invariants

$$S(V)^G = \{s \in S(V) \mid g.s = s \text{ for all } g \in G\},$$

- ▶ Molien's theorem

$$P_t(S(V)^G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \frac{1}{\det(1 - gt)}.$$

¹⁴Char \mathbb{F} does not divide $|G|$.

- ▶ Let $V = \mathbb{C}x + \mathbb{C}y$ and $G = \langle \sigma_x \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \subset GL(V)$. So σ_x flips “the qubits” x and y .

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 g & \det(1 - gt) \\
 \sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & (1 - t)^2 \\
 \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & 1 - t^2
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ $P_t(S(V)^G) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(1-t)^2} + \frac{1}{1-t^2} \right] = \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-t^2)}$.
- ▶ Invariants $s_1 = x + y$ and $s_2 = xy$ and $S(V)^G = \mathbb{C}[s_1, s_2]$.

Molien's theorem for single qubit Pauli's and Clifford's

Let $V = \mathbb{C}x + \mathbb{C}y$,

- ▶ $G = \mathcal{P}_1 = G(4, 2, 2) = \langle \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z \rangle \subset GL(V)$.

$$P_t(S(V)^G) = \frac{1}{(1-t^4)^2}$$

Invariants $s_1 = x^4 + y^4$ and $s_2 = x^4y^4$ and $S(V)^G = \mathbb{C}[s_1, s_2]$.

- ▶ $G = \mathcal{C}_1 = \mathcal{U}_9 \subset GL(V)^{15}$.

$$P_t(S(V)^G) = \frac{1}{(1-t^8)(1-t^{24})}$$

Invariants $s_1 = x^8 + 14x^4y^4 + y^8$

and $s_2 = x^{24} + 759x^{16}y^8 + 2576x^{12}y^{12} + 759x^8y^{16} + y^{24}$,

$s_3 = x^4y^4(x^4 - y^4)^4$,

$S(V)^G = \mathbb{C}[s_1, s_2]$ or $\mathbb{C}[s_1, s_3]$.

¹⁵Invariants s_1 and s_2 are the weight enumerators of the $[8, 4, 4]$ -Hamming code e_8 and $[24, 12, 8]$ -Golay code G_{24} respectively. By Gleason's theorem any even self-dual code possesses a weight enumerator of the form $\mathbb{C}[s_1, s_3]$ [Mac Williams and Sloane *The theory of error-correcting codes* 1977 North-Holland (Amsterdam)].