

Rank 1 Character Varieties-Part III Relations

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- Note: $\mathfrak{J}/\mathbb{C}[t_1, \dots, t_{N_r}]^+\mathfrak{J}$ is a vector space. A basis is a generating set for \mathfrak{J} .

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Here is the description:

Let $\mathbf{Z}_i = \mathbf{X}_i - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}_i) \mathbf{I}$ (generic traceless matrix) and let $s_3(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_3) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} \text{sign}(\sigma) \mathbf{A}_{\sigma(1)} \mathbf{A}_{\sigma(2)} \mathbf{A}_{\sigma(3)}$.

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- Note: this relation shows up only at the rank 4 case.

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Rewriting those invariants in terms of traces then gives the result.

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Theorem

Let $\Gamma = \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \mid R_i, i \in I \rangle$, and denote $\gamma_0 = 1$. Then $\mathfrak{X}_\Gamma(\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}))$ is given by

$$\{[\rho] \in \mathfrak{X}_r(\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})) \mid \mathrm{tr}(\rho(R_i \gamma_j)) - \mathrm{tr}(\rho(\gamma_j)) = 0, \forall i, j\}.$$

Notice that the relations for the free group case are defined over $\mathbb{Z}[1/2]$, we could clear denominators if we really wanted to get relations over \mathbb{Z} . Thus, we can make sense of \mathfrak{X}_Γ over any commutative ring with identity; in particular over finite fields.

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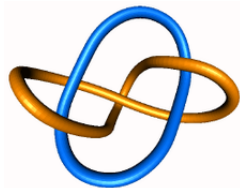
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- Experimentally, the solution sets have all orders (coming in pairs), and so we conjecture that all dimension 0 varieties arise this way (up to isomorphism).

Whitehead Link



- Recall, $\mathfrak{X}_2(\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})) = \mathbb{C}^3$ and so for all $w \in F_2 = \langle a, b \rangle$, there is a unique $P_w \in \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ so

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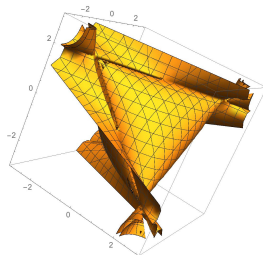
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- So this is the moduli space of (polystable) flat $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ -bundles over the 5-holed sphere.

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Here are the formulas for the ideal of relations (f_1 through f_4 are all of one type, f_5 through f_8 are the rank 3 relation for each set of 3, and f_9 through f_{14} are a generalized relation of the same type as f_5 through f_8).

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1 = & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\
& 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD}) - \\
& 12\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\
& 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_2 = & -3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 - \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) + \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) + \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) + \\
& 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD}) + \\
& 12\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \\
& 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 = & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 - \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 + \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \\ & 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) - 12\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD}) + \\ & 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \\ & 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_4 = & -3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 + \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\ & 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 3\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 12\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) + \\ & 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD}) - \\ & 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - \\ & 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 6\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_5 = & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})^2 + \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 144 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_6 = & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AC})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{A})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AD})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})^2 + \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{A})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{A})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 144 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_7 = & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BC})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BD})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})^2 + \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\ & 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 36\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{C})\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 144 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_8 = & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})^2 + \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\ & 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 144 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_9 = & 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) - \\
& 72\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\dots - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\
&18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\
&18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \\
&18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\
&18\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\
&18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + \\
&18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{10} = & -18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})^2 + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) + \\
& 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + 72\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{11} = & -18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})^2 + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2 + 72\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) + \\
& 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{12} = & -18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})^2 + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 + \\
& 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) + 72\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) + 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD}) + \\
& 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ACD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{13} = & 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BCD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BD}) + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{CD})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2 + 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 + \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - \\
& 18\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{C})\text{tr}(\mathbf{D})^2 - 72\text{tr}(\mathbf{AC}) - 36\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB})\text{tr}(\mathbf{BC}) - \\
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- All of these statements generalize to arbitrary free groups explicitly.

Exercises

- 1 For simple classes of Γ , work out $\mathfrak{X}_\Gamma(\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}))$ using the above algorithm.
- 2 Once general formulas are known, determine the counting polynomials for interesting finite rings R and Γ 's (example: torus knots and links and finite fields).
- 3 Fix a curve C in \mathbb{C}^2 . Is there a Γ that makes $\mathfrak{X}_\Gamma(\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})) \cong C$? Try two generator groups.
- 4 For the 1-holed torus and the 4-holed sphere, what are the counting polynomials for the relative character varieties over interesting finite rings R ?
- 5 $\mathrm{Out}(F_r)$ acts on the \mathbb{F}_q -points of \mathfrak{X}_r . For a fixed $\alpha \in \mathrm{Out}(F_r)$ what is the growth of the length of the maximal orbit? Can the growth rates be used to determine if α is pseudo-anosov?