

Geometry of tensor network varieties

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Algebraic varieties of tensors with rich representation theoretic structure

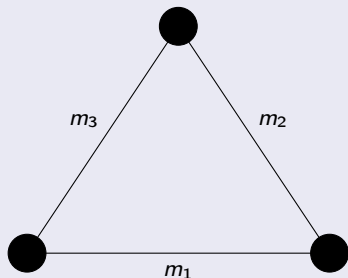
Plan for today

- Define tensor network varieties
- Basic geometric properties
- Dimension
- Equations

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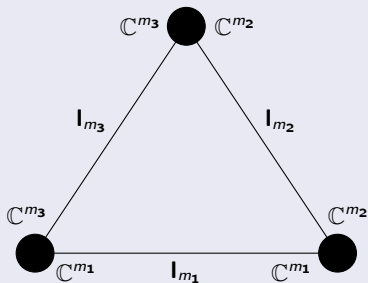
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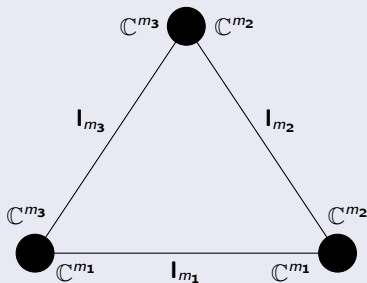
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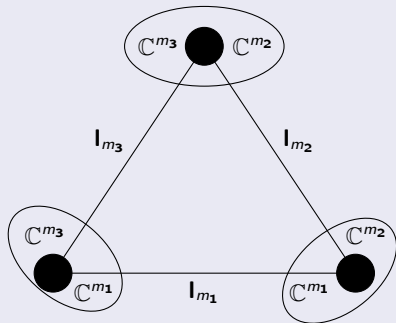
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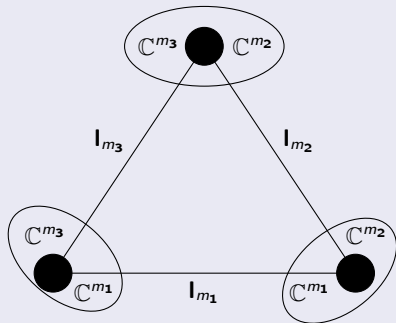
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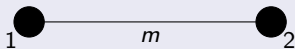
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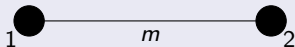
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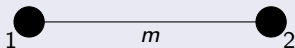


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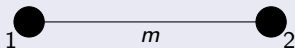
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We can think of (the projectivization of) $\mathcal{TNS}_\Gamma(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n})$ as a projective irreducible variety in $\mathbb{P}(V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d)$.

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In [CGSW'20], we determine a new ansatz class with two properties:

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In [BDG'21]:

- We provide an upper bound for $\dim \mathcal{NS}_\Gamma(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n})$.
- The upper bound is *easy to compute* in most cases.
- It is sharp in a certain range.
- It is not sharp in few small cases and we explain why.

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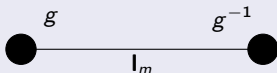
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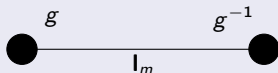
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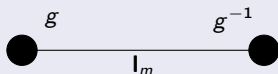
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