#### Porcupine-quotient, the fourth primary color...

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Classification Conjecture.

#### Composition series

A very general question: given a composition series

$$0 = I_0 \lneq I_1 \lneq \ldots \lneq I_n = R$$

(so  $I_{i+1}/I_i$  is simple).

how to patch the information from its components to recover the information on R?

Let R = your favorite graph (or groupoid) algebra and  $I_i$  their appropriate substructures.

For me,  $R = L_K(E)$  is a **Leavitt path algebra** with its grading and  $I_i = I(H_i, S_i)$  for an admissible pair  $(H_i, S_i)$ . Everything I say also holds for **graph**  $C^*$ -**algebras**.

- $1. \ \ldots \ that$  we know such a composition series exists.
- 2. ... that each composition quotient  $I(H_{i+1}, S_{i+1})/I(H_i, S_i)$  is again a LPA, say of  $E_i$ .
- 3. and that we have a method of proving that

if the **Graded Classification Conjecture (GCC)** holds for each  $E_i$ ,

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then it holds for E.

## And if your thoughts and dreams ...

about 1. to 3. become real, then that plus

4. The GCC holds for cofinal graphs with a **sink** or a **cycle without exits**.

implies that

The Graded Classification Conjecture holds for graphs with disjoint cycles



# Making 2. happen



The quotient graph construction is "old" (2006-2008). **Examples.** Let E be  $\bigcirc \bullet^v \bigoplus \bullet^w$  and  $H = \{w\}$ . Then  $B_H = \{v\}$  and  $E/(H, B_H)$  is  $\bigcirc \bullet^v$  and  $E/(H, \emptyset)$  is  $\bigcirc \bullet^v \longrightarrow \bullet^{v'}$ 

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# Hedgehog graph

 $F_1(H,S) = \{e_1 \dots e_n \text{ is a path of } E \mid r(e_n) \in H, s(e_n) \notin H \cup S\},\$  $F_2(H, S) = \{p \text{ is a path of } E \mid r(p) \in S, |p| > 0\},\$  $\overline{F_i}(H, S)$  is a copy of  $F_i(H, S), i = 1, 2, .$ 

Then

$$\begin{split} E^0_{(H,S)} &= H \cup S \cup F_1(H,S) \cup F_2(H,S), \text{ and} \\ E^1_{(H,S)} &= \{e \in E^1 \,|\, \mathsf{s}(e) \in H\} \cup \{e \in E^1 \,|\, \mathsf{s}(e) \in S, \mathsf{r}(e) \in H\} \cup \\ \overline{F_1}(H,S) \cup \overline{F_2}(H,S) \text{ with} \\ \mathsf{s}(\overline{p}) &= p, \mathsf{r}(\overline{p}) = \mathsf{r}(p) \text{ for } \overline{p} \in \overline{F_1}(H,S) \cup \overline{F_2}(H,S). \end{split}$$

**Examples.** Let *E* be  $e \bigcirc \bullet^v \xrightarrow{g} \bullet^w$  and  $H = \{w\}$ . Then  $F_1 = \{e^n g | n = 0, 1, \ldots\}$  and the hedgehog is ullet



#### Some positives and some negatives

#### Positives

$$L_{\mathcal{K}}($$
quotient graph $) \cong_{gr} L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)/I(H,S)$ 

 $L_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathsf{hedgehog}) \cong I(H,S)$ 

#### Negatives

$$L_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathsf{hedgehog}) \ncong_{\mathsf{gr}} I(H, S)$$

Indeed, if *E* is  $e \bigcirc \bullet^v \xrightarrow{g} \bullet^w$  and  $H = \{w\}$ , the path *eeeg* (of **length 4**) of I(H) corresponds to an edge  $\overline{eeeg}$  so it has **length 1** in the LPA of the hedgehog.

How to fix this? Make the "spines" longer and get...



# Porcupine graph $P_{(H,S)}$ (2021)

Keep the definitions of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ .

For each  $e \in (F_1 \cup F_2) \cap E^1$ , let  $w^e$  be a **new vertex** and  $f^e$  a **new edge** such that  $s(f^e) = w^e$  and  $r(f^e) = r(e)$ .

For each path p = eq where  $q \in F_1 \cup F_2$  and  $|q| \ge 1$ , add a **new vertex**  $w^p$  and a **new edge**  $f^p$  such that  $s(f^p) = w^p$  and  $r(f^p) = w^q$ . Then let

$$P^{0}_{(H,S)} = H \cup S \cup \{w^{p} \mid p \in F_{1}(H,S) \cup F_{2}(H,S)\} \text{ and}$$
$$P^{1}_{(H,S)} = \{e \in E^{1} \mid s(e) \in H\} \cup \{e \in E^{1} \mid s(e) \in S, r(e) \in H\} \cup \{f^{p} \mid p \in F_{1}(H,S) \cup F_{2}(H,S)\}$$

We get a graded iso by

$$w^{p} \iff pp^{*}, p \in F_{1}, \quad w^{p} \iff pr(p)^{H}p^{*}, p \in F_{2},$$
  
 $f^{ep} \iff epp^{*}, p \in F_{1}, \quad f^{ep} \iff epr(p)^{H}p^{*}, p \in F_{2},$ 

#### Example

Let *E* be 
$$e \bigoplus \bullet^v \xrightarrow{g} \bullet^w$$
 and  $H = \{w\}$ . Then  
 $F_1(H) = \{g, eg, eeg, eeeg, \ldots\}$ 

and the porcupine is

$$\longrightarrow \bullet^{W^{e^2g}} \xrightarrow{f^{e^2g}} \bullet^{W^{eg}} \xrightarrow{f^{eg}} \bullet^{W^g} \xrightarrow{f^g} \bullet^W$$

We unroll the loop and make it into a single spine.

The graded iso is

eeeg 
$$\iff f^{e^3g}f^{e^2g}f^{eg}f^g$$
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#### Another example

$$\stackrel{e}{\underset{g}{\longrightarrow}} \bullet \text{ and } H = \{w\}. \text{ Then}$$

$$\stackrel{g}{\underset{g}{\longrightarrow}} F_1(H) = \{h, eh, gh, eeh, egh, geh, ggh, eeeh, \ldots\}$$

and the **hedgehog** graph is the **same** as in the previous example. The, **porcupine**, on the other hand, is



# Porcupine-quotient (2023)

#### Given $(H, S) \leq (G, T)$ (this means $H \subseteq G$ and $S \subseteq G \cup T$ )

we want to do the **quotient** construction with (H, S) but **relative** to the **porcupine** graph of (G, T).



and we want to get

 $L_{\mathcal{K}}((G,T)/(H,S)) \cong_{gr} I(G,T)/I(H,S).$ 

# The definition of (G, T)/(H, S)

$$B_{H}^{G} = \{ v \in E^{0} - H \text{ inf. emitter s.t. } 0 < |s^{-1}(v) \cap r^{-1}(G - H)| < \infty \}.$$

$$F_{1}(G - H, T - S) = \{ e_{1}e_{2} \dots e_{n} \text{ is a path of } E \mid r(e_{n}) \in G - H,$$

$$s(e_{n}) \notin (G - H) \cup (T - S) \}$$

$$F_{2}(G - H, T - S) = \{ p \text{ is a path of } E \mid r(p) \in T - S, |p| > 0 \}$$
The set of **vertices** is

$$(G-H)\cup(T-S)\cup\{w^{p} \mid p \in F_{1}(G-H, T-S)\cup F_{2}(G-H, T-S)\}\cup \{v' \mid v \in ((G \cup T) - S) \cap B_{H}^{G}\}.$$

The set of edges is

$$\{e \in E^1 \mid \mathsf{r}(e) \in G - H \text{ and either } \mathsf{s}(e) \in G - H \text{ or } \mathsf{s}(e) \in T - S\} \cup$$
$$\{f^p \mid p \in F_1(G - H, T - S) \cup F_2(G - H, T - S)\} \cup$$
$$\{e' \mid \mathsf{r}(e) \in ((G \cup T) - S) \cap B^G_H\}.$$

## Example 1



#### Example 2

Let *E* be 
$$e \bigcirc \bullet_v \bigcirc \bullet_w$$
 If  $H = \{w\}$ , then  $B_H = \{v\}$  and

we have

$$(\emptyset, \emptyset) \leq (H, \emptyset) \leq (H, \{v\}) \leq (E^0, \emptyset)$$



# Everything agrees

If 
$$(H, S) = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$$
,



porcupine-quotient is

porcupine

If 
$$G = E^0$$
 (so  $T = \emptyset$ ),

# The best part

For graph monoids and pre-ordered monoid maps:

$$M_{(G,T)/(H,S)} \cong J(G,T)/J(H,S)$$

For talented monoids and pre-ordered  $\Gamma$ -monoid maps:

$$M^{\Gamma}_{(G,T)/(H,S)} \cong J^{\Gamma}(G,T)/J^{\Gamma}(H,S).$$

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So, the requirements that a **composition series** of any of these exists are equivalent:

- ▶ admissible pairs of *E*,
- graded ideals of  $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$ ,
- order-ideals of  $M_E$ ,
- **Γ**-order-ideals of  $M_E^{\Gamma}$ .

## Graded simple LPAs

 $L_{\kappa}(E)$  is graded simple iff no nontrivial and proper admissible pairs

i.e. composition series for E (equiv.  $L_{\kappa}(E)$ ) have **length 1**. Three basic examples  $\longleftrightarrow$  three primary colors.



## Three types of "terminal" vertices

- 1. A **sink** connects to no other vertex in the graph except, trivially, to itself.
- 2. The vertices on a **cycle without exits** do not connect to any vertices outside of the cycle.
- 3. An **extreme cycle** is a cycle such that the range of every exit from the cycle connects back to a vertex in the cycle. The vertices in such a cycle *c* connect only to the vertices on cycles in the same "cluster" as *c*.



# The fourth type





is graded simple but *E* has no sinks, no-exit nor extreme c-s. T(V) =**tree** of *V*, vertices to which  $v \in V$  emits paths, R(V) =**root** of *V*, vertices from which  $v \in V$  receives paths. An infinite path  $\alpha$  of *E* is **terminal** if

- no element of T(α<sup>0</sup>) is an infinite emitter
- or on a cycle and
- for every infinite path  $\beta$  with  $s(\beta) \in \alpha^0$ ,  $T(\beta^0) \subseteq R(\beta^0)$ .



Everything that originates in  $\alpha$  comes back to  $\alpha$ .

# Examples



None of the infinite paths is terminal:



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## Four color characterization of graded simplicity

 $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$  is **graded simple** (*E* is cofinal) iff exactly one of the following holds.

- 1.  $E^0 = \overline{\{v\}}$  for v a sink. If so, E is row-finite and acyclic.
- 2.  $E^0 = \overline{c^0}$  for a cycle *c* without exits. If so, *E* is row-finite and *c* is the only cycle.
- 3.  $E^0 = \overline{c^0}$  for an extreme cycle *c*. If so, every cycle is extreme and every inf. emitter is on a cycle.
- 4.  $E^0 = \overline{\alpha^0}$  for a terminal path  $\alpha$ . If so, E is row-finite and acyclic.



**Corollaries.**  $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$  is simple iff 1, 3, or 4 hold.  $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$  is (graded) purely infinite simple iff 3 holds.

# Comparison with Trichotomy Principle

**Trichotomy Principle.**  $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$  is graded simple iff exactly one of the following holds.

- 1.  $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$  is locally matricial.
- 2.  $L_{\kappa}(E) \cong \mathbb{M}_{\kappa}(K[x, x^{-1}])$  for a cardinal  $\kappa$ .
- 3.  $L_{\kappa}(E)$  is purely-infinite simple.

The four-color characterization does not contradicts this. It

- refines 1 and
- gives a graph, not algebra, characterization.



Necessary cond. for having a composition series

Let

$$\operatorname{Ter}(E) = \overline{\operatorname{terminal vertices}} =$$

 $\overline{sinks} \cup \overline{no-exits} \cup \overline{extremes} \cup \overline{terminal paths}.$ 

If  $E^0$  is finite, I(Ter(E)) has been known as  $I_{lce}$ .

If a graph E has a composition series, the following hold.

- (a) Ter(E) is **nonempty**.
- (b) The set of terminal vertices of *E* contains **finitely many** clusters.
- (c) The set of breaking vertices of Ter(E) is **finite**.

# 3 types of graphs not having a composition series



Infinitely many breaking vertices of Ter(E):



### Characterization of having a composition series



Define the **composition quotients**  $F_n$  of E. Let  $F_0 = E$ . If  $\text{Ter}(F_n) \subsetneq F_n^0$ , let

$$F_{n+1} = F_n / (\operatorname{Ter}(F_n), B_{\operatorname{Ter}(F_n)}).$$

If 
$$\operatorname{Ter}(F_n) = F_n^0$$
, let  $F_{n+1} = F_{n+2} = \ldots = \emptyset$ .

The graph E has a composition series iff

- 1. Conditions (a), (b), and (c) hold for  $F_n$  for each n for which  $F_n \neq \emptyset$ .
- 2. There is  $n \ge 0$  such that  $F_{n+1} = \emptyset$  and  $F_n \ne \emptyset$ .

#### The proof is constructive. A corollary.

If 
$$C_1, \ldots, C_n$$
 are clusters in  $\operatorname{Ter}(E)$ , start by  
 $(\emptyset, \emptyset) \leq (\overline{C_1}, \emptyset) \leq (\overline{C_1} \cup \overline{C_2}, \emptyset) \leq \ldots (\operatorname{Ter}(E), \emptyset)$ .  
If  $v_1, \ldots, v_m$  are breaking vertices of  $\operatorname{Ter}(E)$ , continue with  
 $(\operatorname{Ter}(E), \emptyset) \leq (\operatorname{Ter}(E), \{v_1\}) \leq (\operatorname{Ter}(E), \{v_1, v_2\}) \leq \ldots$   
 $(\operatorname{Ter}(E), B_{\operatorname{Ter}(E)})$ .  
"Extend" a series for  $F_1$  by  $(\operatorname{Ter}(E), B_{\operatorname{Ter}(E)})$  and append it to  
this.

#### Corollary.

Every **unital**  $L_{\mathcal{K}}(E)$  has a graded composition series.

**Surprising?** Yes – LPAs appear to be "wilder" than this. No – there are fin many vertices and we are cutting nonzero many in each step.

#### We have 4.

GCC holds for cofinal graphs with sinks and no-exit cycles.

Moreover, TFAE for a cofinal graph E with a sink or a no-exit cycle and any graph F.

- 1. The talented monoid are "pointed" isomorphic.
- 2. *F* is cofinal with the same type of the terminal cluster is the same (m = 0 if sink m > 0 if cycle of length m) and the number and the lengths of paths ending in a terminal vertex are the same modulo m.

Say  $E \approx F$  in this case.

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3. The algebras are graded isomorphic.

# Graph condition for GCC for disjoint cycles

If E has a finite composition series and disjoint cycles, and F is any graph.

- 1. The talented monoid are "pointed" isomorphic.
- 2.  $E \approx F$
- 3. The algebras are graded isomorphic.

If  $n = 2, \ \emptyset \le H \le E^0$  and  $\emptyset \le G \le F^0$ , then  $E \approx F$  if

- The **porcupine** parts match  $P_H \approx P_G$
- The **quotient** parts match  $E/H \approx F/G$ , and
- The numbers and lengths of paths from the terminal cluster of *E*/*H* to the terminal cluster of *P<sub>H</sub>* match the corresponding numbers and lengths for *F*/*G* and *P<sub>G</sub>*.

### Canonical form and deflated graphs



So, before you count the paths for the last requirement, you have to ensure your graph is the "smallest" in the same sense as E is the smaller than the graphs above.

A graph is **deflated** if it no out-amalgamations making it "smaller" are possible.

For an infinite emitter v emitting paths to a terminal cluster, you want to count only the paths such that there is infinitely many of those of the same length.



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The last graph is the **neat** form of the first.

You also want to comb out all the loose "hair" sticking out.



The second graph is the combed-out form of the first.

When you have your graph in a **canonical form** (deflated, neat, and combed-out), then you can start counting the paths.

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#### Example with four deflated graphs

Let  $E_1, E_2, E_3$ , and  $E_4$  be the four graphs below.



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Row and column permutations leave all these different.

#### You also have to count the in-between vertices



These two show that you do not want to consider the lengths modulo the length of the terminal cycle.



This graph and the second above show that the number of in-between vertices matters.

# A hope for settling GCC for all graphs

Show the GCC for cofinal graphs with extreme cycles.

The methods of the "step 3" would work to show that GCC holds for all E with a composition series.

And more:

- Define  $\approx$  so that TFAE
  - 1. The talented monoid are pointed isomorphic.
  - 2.  $E \approx F$
  - 3. The algebras are graded isomorphic.



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