

Moonshine beyond the Monster

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Let χ_i, χ_j be irreducible characters of G and $g, h \in G$. We have the following **Schur orthogonality relations**

$$\frac{1}{\#G} \sum_{[g] \in \text{Conj}(G)} \frac{\chi_i(g) \overline{\chi_j(g)}}{\#C_G(g)} = \delta_{i,j}, \quad \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \chi(g) \overline{\chi(h)} = \delta_{[g], [h]} \#C_G(g).$$

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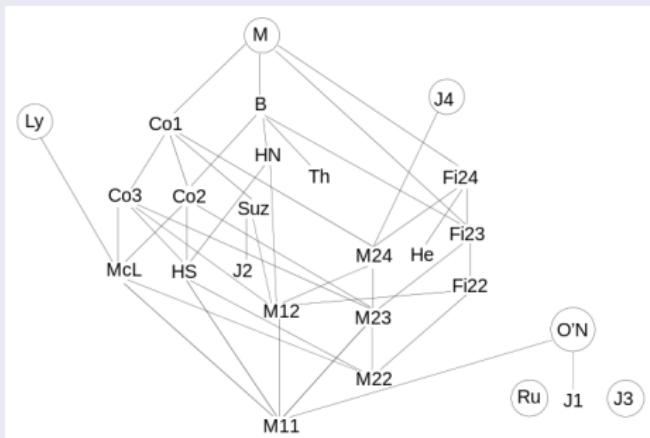
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By the Jordan–Hölder Theorem, finite simple groups form the building blocks of all finite groups.

Classification of finite simple groups

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A finite simple group G either belongs to one of 8 infinite families or is one of 26 **sporadic simple groups**,



Source: wikipedia

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Let Γ be as above such that $X(\Gamma)$ has genus 0 (+ mild extra conditions). A suitably normalized generator for the field of modular functions for Γ is called the **Hauptmodul** for Γ .

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Question: Why is this so?

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the **McKay-Thompson series** of g with respect to V .

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Theorem (Duncan–Griffin–Ono, 2015)

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Thompson Moonshine Conjecture

Conjecture (J. A. Harvey & B. C. Rayhaun, 2015)

There is an infinite-dimensional graded Th -supermodule

$W = \bigoplus_{m \equiv 0,1 \pmod{4}} W_m$, where $W_m = W_m^+ \oplus W_m^-$ has vanishing odd part if m is even and vice versa, whose McKay-Thompson series

$$\mathcal{T}_{[g]}(\tau) = 2q^{-3} + \sum_{\substack{m=0 \\ m \equiv 0,1 \pmod{4}}} \text{str}(g|W_m) q^m$$

are specific weakly holomorphic weight $\frac{1}{2}$ modular forms.

Main result

Theorem 1 (M. J. Griffin & M., 2016)

The Thompson Moonshine Conjecture is true. Moreover, for each $g \in Th$ there is a multiplier $\psi_{[g]}$ on $\Gamma_0(4|g|)$, s.t. $\mathcal{T}_{[g]}(\tau)$ is the unique form $\mathcal{F}_{[g]} \in M_{\frac{1}{2}}^{!,+}(\Gamma_0(4|g|), \psi_{[g]})$ with

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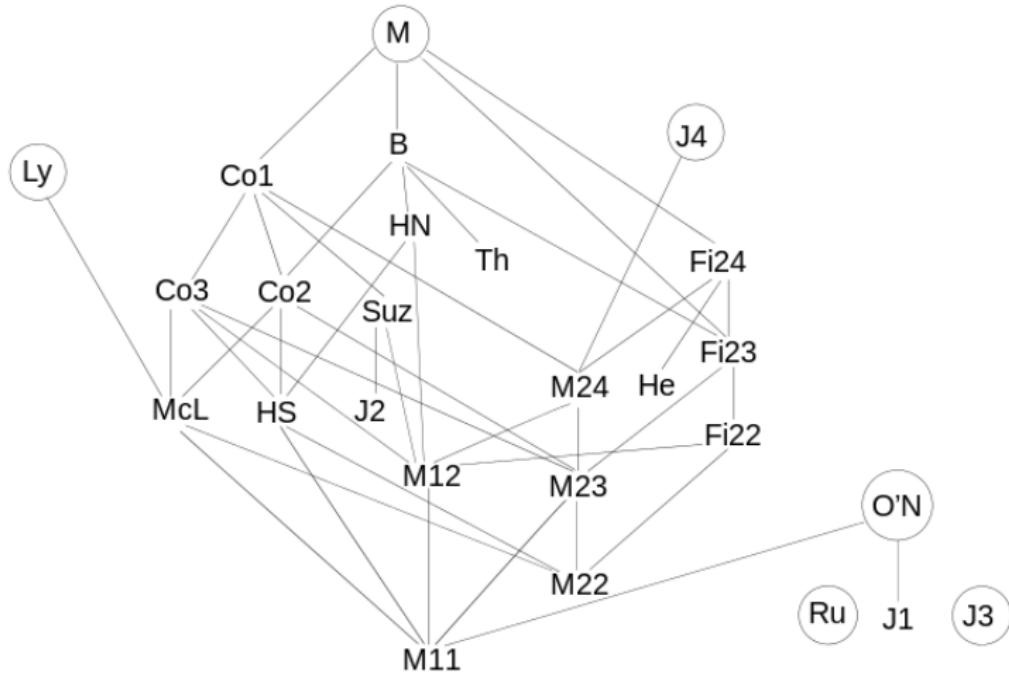
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Some dimensions of irreducible representations of ON:

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