

# Casimir elements and Yangians

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The **universal enveloping algebra**  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  is the associative algebra with generators  $E_{ij}$  and the defining relations

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are Casimir elements for  $\mathfrak{gl}_2$  and

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This is equivalent to the Perelomov–Popov formulas

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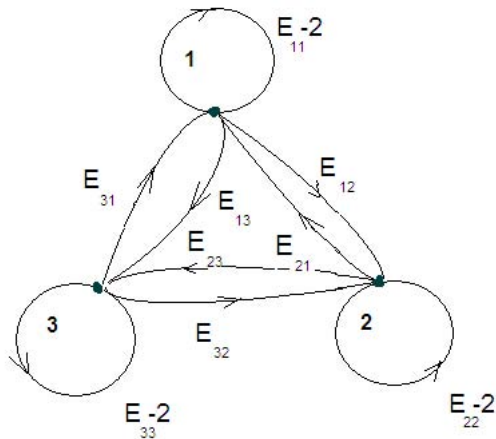
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Given a path in the graph, take the ordered product of the labels of the arrows to get an element of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  which we call the **label** of the path.

Example. The complete oriented graph for  $m = 3$ :



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For any  $n$ -tuple of complex numbers  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  the corresponding irreducible highest weight representation  $V(\lambda)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_N$  is generated by a nonzero vector  $\xi$  such that

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In the  $D$  case  $\chi(z)$  is the sum of a symmetric polynomial in  $l_1^2, \dots, l_n^2$  and  $l_1 \dots l_n$  times a symmetric polynomial in  $l_1^2, \dots, l_n^2$ .

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is the second degree Casimir element. Its Harish-Chandra image is

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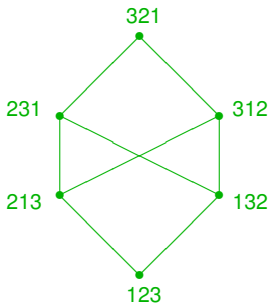
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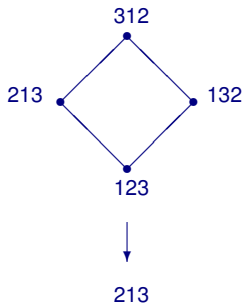
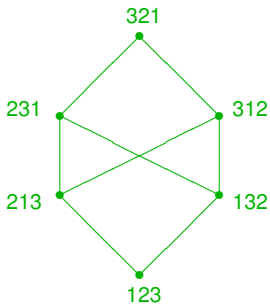


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For any  $m \geq 2$  introduce the rational function  $R(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  with values in the tensor product algebra  $(\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes m}$  by

$$R(u_1, \dots, u_m) = (R_{m-1,m})(R_{m-2,m}R_{m-2,m-1}) \dots (R_{1m} \dots R_{12}),$$

where  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  are independent complex variables and

$$R_{ij} = R_{ij}(u_i - u_j) = 1 - P_{ij}(u_i - u_j)^{-1}.$$

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the image of the anti-symmetrizer  $\sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_m} \text{sgn } p \cdot p \in \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{S}_m]$   
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The **quantum determinant** of the matrix  $T(u)$  with the coefficients in  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  is the formal series

$$\text{qdet } T(u) = 1 + d_1 u^{-1} + d_2 u^{-2} + \dots$$

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