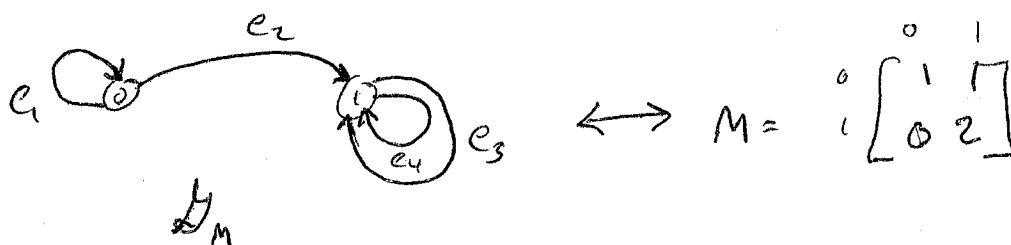


Symbolic Dynamics: SFTs.

Ex 1



Let  $\Sigma_M$  be the set of all bi-infinite sequences of edges allowed in the graph  $\mathcal{G}_M$ . This example is reducible.

$$\begin{aligned} \dots e_1 e_1 e_1 e_1 e_1 \dots &\in \Sigma_M \\ \dots e_1 e_1 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_3 \dots &\in \Sigma_M \end{aligned}$$

Ex 2



Def A square matrix is irreducible if  $\forall i, j \exists n$  s.t.  $M^n(i, j) \neq 0$ . ( $\mathcal{G}_A$  is irr. iff  $M$  is.)

Def [SFT] For each square matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  we give  $\Sigma_A$  a metric  $d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\delta(x_i, y_i)}{2^{|i|}}$ , where

$$\delta(x_i, y_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i = y_i \\ 0 & x_i \neq y_i \end{cases}$$

Then it can be shown that

$\Sigma_A$  is a Cantor set.

Let  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  be the shift map:  $\sigma(\bar{x}) = \bar{y} \Leftrightarrow y_i = x_{i+1}$ . It is a homeo. The pair  $(\Sigma, \sigma)$  is called a shift of finite type or an SFT.

\* Draw picture

Def [Top. Conj.] Given  $(\Sigma, \sigma)$  and  $(\Sigma', \sigma')$ , SFTs, we say they are topologically conjugate if  $\exists$  homeo  $h: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \Sigma \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ \Sigma' & \xrightarrow{\sigma'} & \Sigma' \end{array} \quad \text{commutes,}$$

i.e.  $\sigma' \circ h = h \circ \sigma$ .

Def Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ . A shift move (also called an SSE-move) from  $A$  to  $B$  is a dual decomposition  $A = RS$ ,  $B = SR$ , where  $R$  and  $S$  are over  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ , but need not be square.

Ex: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = [2]$ . Then  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Def  $A$  is Strong Shift Equivalent (SSE) to  $B$  if  $\exists$  a chain of shift moves from  $A$  to  $B$ . (SSE is an equivalence relation.)

Thm [Williams]  $\Sigma_A$  is top conj. to  $\Sigma_B$  iff  $A$  is SSE to  $B$ .

Remark: There is no known algorithm to check this. It may be undecidable.

# Twist-wise Flow Equivalence

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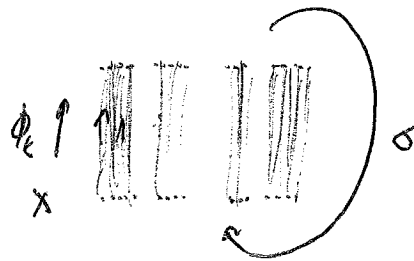
M. Sullivan

Def Let  $A$  be a square nonneg. matrix.  
Let  $(X, \sigma)$  be the SFT for  $A$ .  
Let  $(F, \phi_t)$  be defined as follows

$$F = X \times \mathbb{R} / \{x, t+1\} \sim \{\sigma(x), t\}$$

$$\phi_t([x, s]) = [x, s+t].$$

$(F, \phi_t)$  is called the mapping torus or the suspension flow of  $(X, \sigma)$ . See LM §13.6



Def  $(F_A, \phi_t)$  and  $(F_B, \phi_t)$  are top eq if  $\exists$  homeo from  $F_A$  to  $F_B$  taking flow lines to flow lines and preserving the flow direction. We say matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are flow eq (FE) if their suspensions are top eq.

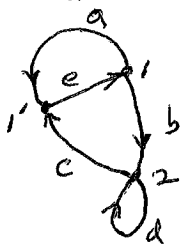
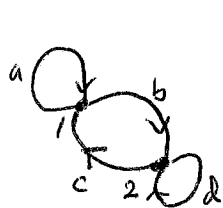
Ex 1  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[1]$  are FE.



For permutation matrices just count closed orbits. This is called the trivial case. Notice these are not SSE.

Ex 2  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[2]$  are FE since they are SSE. Think about this. FE is coarser than SSE.

Ex 3  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are FE.

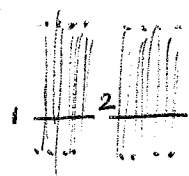


Every path that went through 1 now goes through 1' first.

... aa, aa...  $\leftrightarrow$  ... eaea, eaea... so not SSE.

... aac, dbacddd  $\leftrightarrow$  ... eaeaec, dbaeacddd... FE since

we have an "orbit" map.



$\leftarrow$  new Markov partition element, parallel to old new. Flow is unchanged, but symbolic dynamics is not preserved.

Def PS move:  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ a_{11} & 0 & a_{12} & \dots \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$

Thm [PS] Together SSE and PS generate FE.

Idea of proof: Refine and slide Markov partition.

Invariants:

$PS(A) = \det(I-A)$  (parry-Sullivan number) [PS]

$BF(A) = \mathbb{Z}^n / (I-A)\mathbb{Z}^n$  (Bowen-Franks group) [BF]

→ Zeta at  $t=1$ .

Thm [F] These are complete for nontrivial irreducible square matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ .

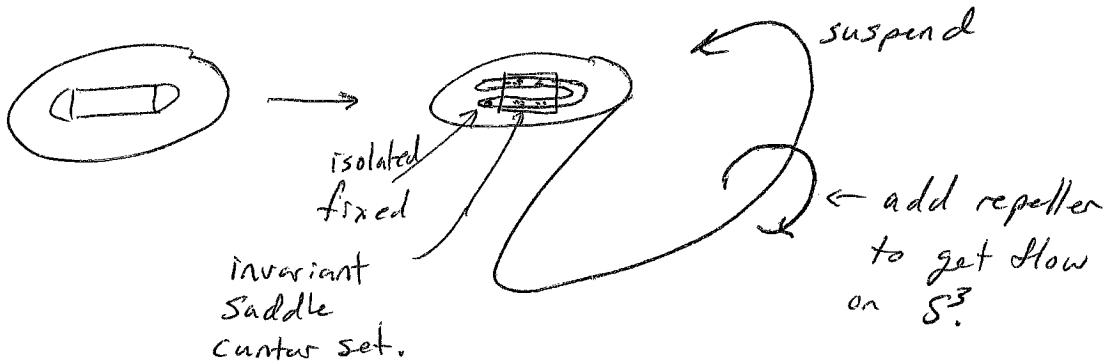
Idea of Proof: Find normal forms.

Rmk  $|BF| = |PS|$  unless  $|PS| = 0$ , then  $|BF| = \infty$ .

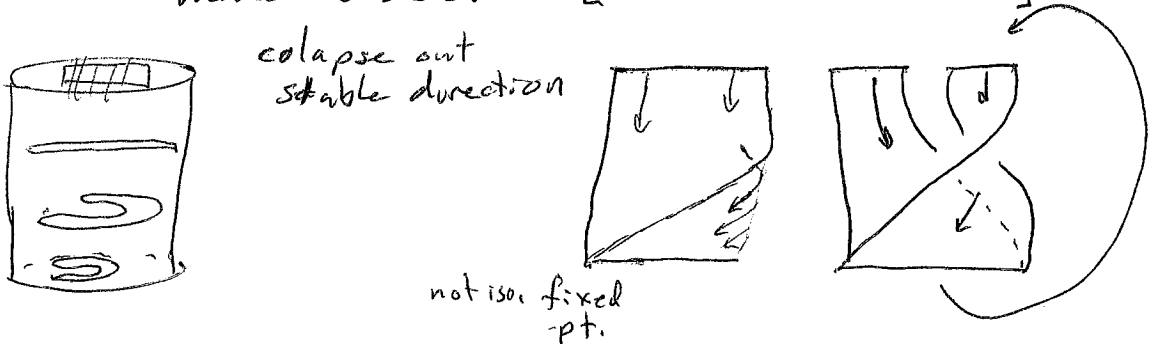
Rmk D. Huang has found a complete computible set of invariants for the reducible case.

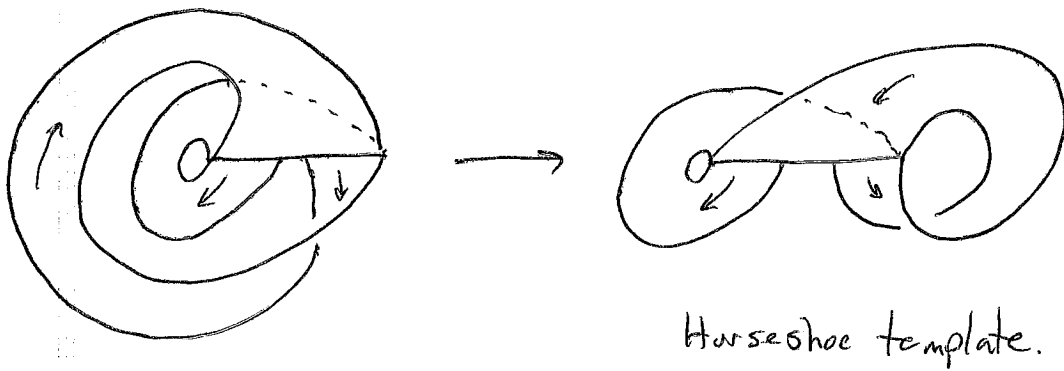
Application: Smale flows and templates.

Smale horseshoe:

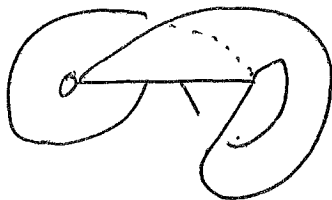


Template for Smale horseshoe [Birman & Williams]

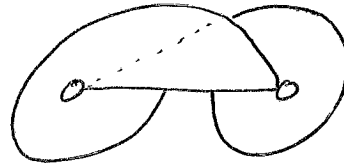




But there are many templates:



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Lorenz

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

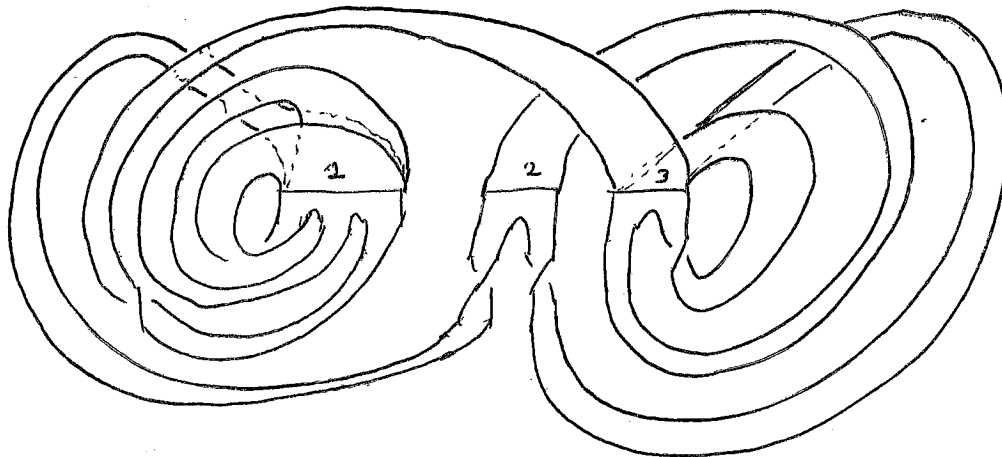
Some look different, but have same symbolic dynamics.

How to distinguish them? Idea: use  $t$  for "twist".

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ t & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2 = \{1, t\}$  with  $t^2 = 1$ . Consider square matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_+ G$ . Example:



, gives 
$$\begin{bmatrix} t+1 & 0 & t \\ t & 0 & t \\ 0 & 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

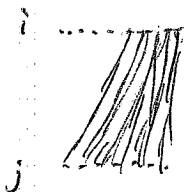
as its "twist matrix".

For more on templates see [GHS].

Def Given a matrix  $A(t)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_+[\mathbb{Z}/2]$  (a twist matrix) we define the ribbon set  $R$  of  $A(t)$  to be a certain fiber bundle over the suspension flow of  $A(t)$ . Let  $(F, \phi)$  be the susp. flow. The fiber will be  $I = (-1, 1)$ .

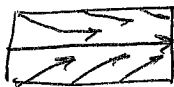
First suppose  $A(t)$  has only 1's t's and 0's, as entries. Then place an oriented Markov partition on  $F$  which induces  $A(t)$ .  $\rightarrow \{d_1, \dots, d_k\}$ .

Let  $F_{ij} = \{x \in F \mid x \in \phi_t^{-1}(y) \text{ } y \in d_i \text{ } \phi_t(y) \in d_j, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$   
first time



$\leftarrow F_{ij}$  Let  $R_{ij} = F_{ij} \times I$  (some  $R_{ij} = \emptyset$ )

Attach these so that the core is  $F$  and the gluing of the fibers are  $\text{id}$  if  $A_{ij} = 1$  and mult. by  $-1$  if  $A_{ij} = t$ . Call this set  $R$ . We can place a flow on  $R$  that agrees with  $F$  and each  $R_{ij}$  looks like:



Claim: For more general  $A(t)$  one can still find a "good" Markov partition to use [Franks] (elementary)

Claim: The  $R$  is independent of the choice of Markov partition. Pf: Given  $M_1, M_2, M_3$  can be transformed to  $M_2$  by splittings, amalgamations and isotopies. Sp. and am. do not effect  $R$ ; iso. induce iso.

Def Two twist matrices are TWFE if they have top. eg. Ribbon sets.

Rmk For a basic saddle set  $F$  of a Smale flow on  $M$   
 $\bigcup_{x \in F} E^s(x) \subset TM$  is a ribbon set for a twist matrix induced by a fine enough Markov partition. Think of it as the infinitesimal stable manifold of  $F$ .

Def\* Given  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_+G$  get a  $G$ -labeled graph  $\mathcal{G}_A$ .  
 Let  $\tilde{f}_A: \text{Edges} \rightarrow G$  be determined by the labeling.  
 Let  $f_A(\bar{x}) = \tilde{f}_A(x_0)$  define  $f_A: X_A \rightarrow G$ .

Def\* Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_+G$  are  $G$ -conjugate if

$$\begin{aligned} \exists h: X_A &\rightarrow X_B \quad \text{s.t.} \quad h \circ \sigma_A = \sigma_B \circ h \quad \text{and} \\ \exists c: X_A &\rightarrow G \quad \text{s.t.} \quad f_A = \underbrace{f_B \circ h}_{\text{arrow}} + c - c \circ \sigma_A. \end{aligned}$$

Thm\* [Parry via Boyle]  $G$ -conj.  $\Leftrightarrow$  SSE over  $\mathbb{Z}_+G$ .

Thm [S] TWFE is generated by SSE over  $\mathbb{Z}_+[\mathbb{Z}/2]$  and PS.

Rmk For more general  $G$ ,  $G$ -weight FE is defined by SSE over  $\mathbb{Z}_+G$  and PS.

\*  $G$  is any group.



## Invariants of TWFE

$$\det(I - A(t)) = a + bt$$

$$PS^{\pm}(A) = PS(A(\pm 1))$$

$$PS^{\pm}(A) = PS(A(-1))$$

$$BF^{\pm} = BF(A(\pm 1))$$

$$BF^{\pm} = BF(A(-1))$$

$$BF^{\pm} = BF(A(T)) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A(t) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3+t & 2+2t \\ 2 & 4t \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} A(T) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

↳ BF of boundary flow.

Are they complete?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$PS^{\pm} = -1$$

→ all BF groups trivial

$$I - \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-t & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$PS^{\pm} = -1$$

⇒ BF's trivial.

Invariants not complete.

But orientability is a computable invariant.

Are  $PS^{\pm}$ ,  $BF^{\pm, \partial}$  and or complete? UNKNOWN.

Question: Are  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & t \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  TWFE? [1997]

Lmd → Boyle to Wagoner

Enter k-theory: See Boyle, BW (?) and books by Silvester and Rosenberg.

(Back to  $G = \{1\}$ ). Embed  $A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \end{pmatrix} = A_{\infty} \quad N \times N.$

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be in  $SL(N, \mathbb{Z})$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ N \times N \end{array} \right.$  integer-entries.

Define  $(U, V)(A) = I - U(I - A)V = B$  (so,  $U(I - A) = I - B$ ; sometimes we write  $(U, V)(I - A) = I - B$ .) These are just row and column operations.

Define, for  $i \neq j$ ,  $E_{ij} = I + 1_{ij} \in SL$ . (For  $G = \{1\}$   $E_{ij}$  and inverses generate  $SL$ .)

Def If  $A_{ij} > 0$  then  $(E_{ij}, I)$ ,  $(I, E_{ij})$  and their inverses are basic pos eqs. A finite chain of bpe's is a pos eq.

Lemma: [Boyle/Franks] If  $A \xrightarrow{+} B$  then  $A$  is FE to  $B$ .

"Proof"

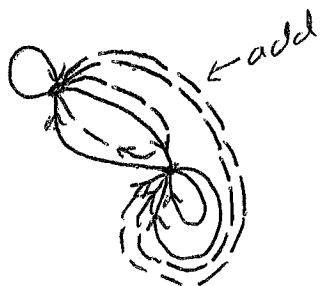
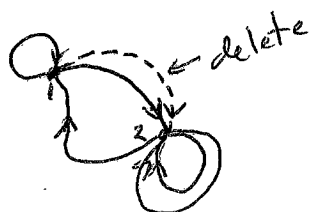


# Examples

1)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$      $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$      $(E, I)(A) = B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

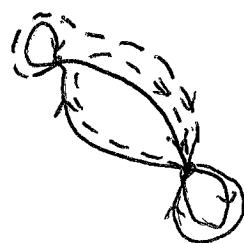
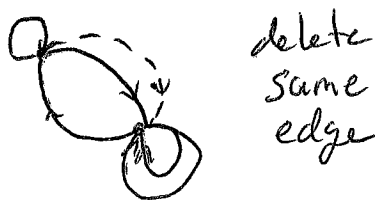
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  key



One edge from 1 to 2 is deleted.  
But we add an edge for each 2 edge path, that started with the removed edge.

2)  $(I, E)(A) = B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$



add an edge for each 2 edge path that ended with the deleted edge.

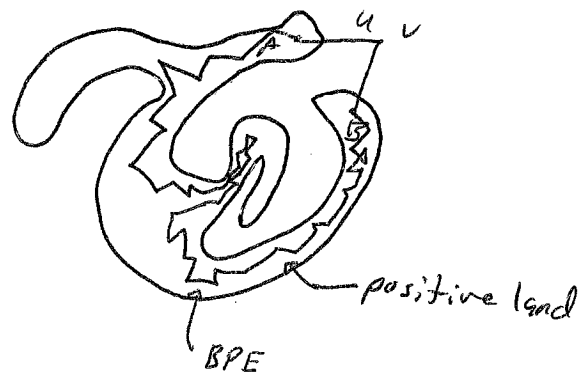
3)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $(E, I)(A)$  and  $(I, E)(A)$  are undefined.

Thm [Boyle] BPE generate FE.

Outline of proof SSE can be broken down into basic splittings and their inverses (amalgamations). One factors basic splittings into BPE. PS can also be so factored.

Thm [Boyle] Let  $u, v \in SL$   $(u, v)(A) = B$  with both  $A$  and  $B$  nonneg. Then  $(u, v)$  can be factored into B.P.E.s.

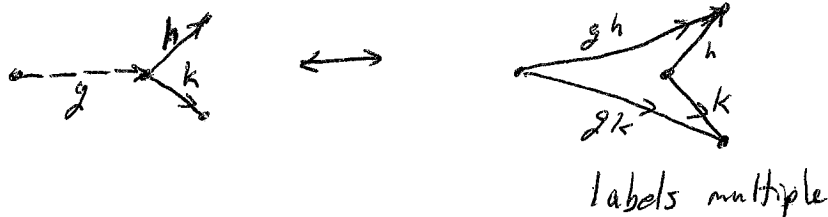
Pf. Hard. Messy. First make  $A$  and  $B$  "very positive."



Cor: Completeness of PS + BF follows.

Now back to  $\mathbb{Z}G$ .

The idea of BPE still works:



And [B+S] Boyles theorems generalize. I should point out, for  $G = \{1\}$  Boyle does not assume matrices are irreducible. For  $G$  finite group we do assume and use irreducibility.

I should point something else out. In order to prove a  $G$ -weighted version of the "positive factorization theorem," we need to assume that the subset of  $G$  realized as labels of closed orbits is the same for both matrices. (The definition is a little more complicated than this when  $G$  is nonabelian.)

Def Let  $A$  be a square matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}G$ ,  $G$  a finite abelian group. Let  $L(A) = \{g \in G \mid g \text{ appears as a summand in trace } A^n \text{ for some } n\}$ . The definition of  $L(A)$  for  $G$  finite but not abelian is messier.

Thm [Boyle-S.] Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $A$  and  $B$  be nontrivial irreducible square matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_+G$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $G$ -flow eq. iff  $L(A) = L(B)$  and  $\exists$  an  $\mathbb{R}^E(\mathbb{Z}G)$  equivalence from  $(I-A)_\infty$  to  $(I-B)_\infty$ .

Rmk For  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2$ ,  $L(A)$  is the orientation invariant.

$$G = \mathbb{Z}/2$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} + & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then  $(E, I)(A) = E \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -+ \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -+ \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = B$   
(abuse of notation)

Thus  $A$  is TWFE to  $B$ .

Here is a <sup>basic</sup> positive factorization. Let  $Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $Q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & + \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$(I, Q_2), (I, Q_1) (E, I) (I, Q_2^{-1}) (I, Q_1^{-1})$$

is a seq of BPE's from  $A$  to  $B$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} + & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} + & 1 \\ 1 & 1++ \end{bmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 1++ & 1++ \\ 1 & 1++ \end{bmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 1++ & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & + \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{"} & & & & & & & & & & \text{"} \\ A & & & & & & & & & & B \end{array}$$

Final Rmk We still need to find a normal form for matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}/2]$ , but this ring is not a PID.

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