

# Ramanujan Graphs (Complexes) and Algebraic Geometry

I. The Explicit Construction from Division  
Algebras and Shimura Varieties

II. The general Ramanujan graphs and  
curves and abelian varieties over finite  
fields and rings

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\*\* I) is reflecting years of joint  
work with Ron Livne.

## The Explicit Construction:

$B(g\infty)$  = rational quaternion division algebra ramified at  $\mathfrak{f}, \infty$

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$m = \text{maximal order}$ ,  $\tilde{m} = m[\frac{1}{p}]$

$$T'_0 = \tilde{m}^{\times}/_{\pm 1} \subseteq PGL_2(\mathcal{O}_p)$$

$$\text{Gr}(g) = \frac{\Delta_p}{P_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{regularity } h = p+1 \\ \# \text{vertices} = h(B(g\infty)) \end{array}$$

adjacency matrix  $A(\text{Gr}(g)) = A_g$

Laplacean  $\square_0$  has eigenvalues  $\{p+1-\lambda\}$ ,  $\lambda = \text{eigenvalue of } T_p \text{ on } S_2(P_0)$

$$T'_+ = \{\gamma \in \tilde{m}^{\times} \mid \text{Norm}(\gamma) \text{ has even } p\text{-adic val}\}$$

$$\text{Gr}^+(g) = \frac{\Delta_p}{P_+}$$

↓ étale double cover

$$\text{Gr}(g)$$

$$\text{adjacency matrix of } \text{Gr}^+(g) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_g \\ A_g & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ bipartite}$$

Laplacean  $\square_0$  has (nontrivial) eigenvalues

$$\{p+1-\lambda, p+1+\lambda\}, \lambda = \text{eigenvalue of } T_p \text{ on } S_2(T'_0(g))$$

## Sightings of these constructions

- ① J-Livné analyze the graphs  $\Gamma_+^{\Delta_p}$  and  $\Gamma_+^{/\Delta_p}$  as main tool in determining whether Shimura curves have local points over  $Q_p$ :  $V_{B(\rho g)}(Q_p) \stackrel{?}{=} \emptyset$ .

- ② Ribet studies congruences between newforms and oldforms:

$$f \in S_2(P(g)) \quad f \equiv g \pmod{l}.$$

$$g \in S_2(P(\rho g))^{\text{new}}$$

Result: Such a congruence exists  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$l \mid \prod (p+1-\lambda)(p+1+\lambda), \quad \lambda = \text{eigenvalue of } T_p \text{ on } S_2(P(g))$$

( $l$  not Eisenstein)

Example:  $q=11$ ,  $p=3$

$$\begin{array}{ll} f \in S_2(P_0(11)) & \begin{matrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 5 \\ +1 \end{matrix} \dots \\ g \in S_2(P_0(33)) & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{matrix} \dots \end{array}$$

$T_3$  acts on  $S_2(P_0(11))$  as  $-1 = \lambda$

$$(1+p-\lambda)(1+p+\lambda) = (1+3-(-1))(1+3+(-1)) = 5 \cdot 3$$

5 is Eisenstein for level 11  $\Rightarrow$  There should  
be such a congruence only mod 3.  $\checkmark$

First Appearance of the explicit construction of  
these graphs:

Brandt 1943

If  $h = h(B(g\infty))$ , define matrices

$B(n)$  for  $n \geq 1$  such that

- size  $h \times h$
- symmetric, integral
- rows and columns sum to  $p+1$  for  $n=p$  prime.

$I_1, \dots, I_h$  = representatives of ideal classes

$$B(n)_{i,j} = \left\{ \alpha \in I_j^{-1} I_i \mid \frac{\text{Norm}(\alpha)}{\text{Norm}(I_j^{-1} I_i)} = n \right\}.$$

Equivalently, for  $n=p$  prime

$E_1, \dots, E_h$  = supersingular elliptic curves

in char  $g$

$B(p)_{i,j}$  = # of isogenies of degree  $p$  from  $E_i$  to  $E_j$ .

Eichler's Trace Formula: (1950's)

(non)-trivial eigenvalues of  $B(p) =$   
eigenvalues of  $T_p$  on  $S_2(P_0(g))$

Eichler-Shimura:  $T_p = F + F^t$  on  $X_0(g)$

Riemann hypothesis known for curves  $\Rightarrow$

By end of 1950's we have explicit matrices

$B(g)$  of size  $h \times h$  with

- integral, symmetric, rows + columns add to  $g+1$
- nontrivial eigenvalues  $\leq 2\sqrt{p}$ .

Eichler's mass formula shows

$h \rightarrow \infty$  as  $g \rightarrow \infty$ .

\* There are compelling reasons to put  
Brandt matrices back in the game.

The fundamental context for the division algebra construction =  $p$ -adic uniformization of Shimura varieties

$B(pg)$  = quaternion division algebra ramified at  $p$  and  $g$

$\mathcal{U}_1$

$\bar{m}$  = maximal order

$$T_1 = \bar{m}_1 / \pm_1 \hookrightarrow PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

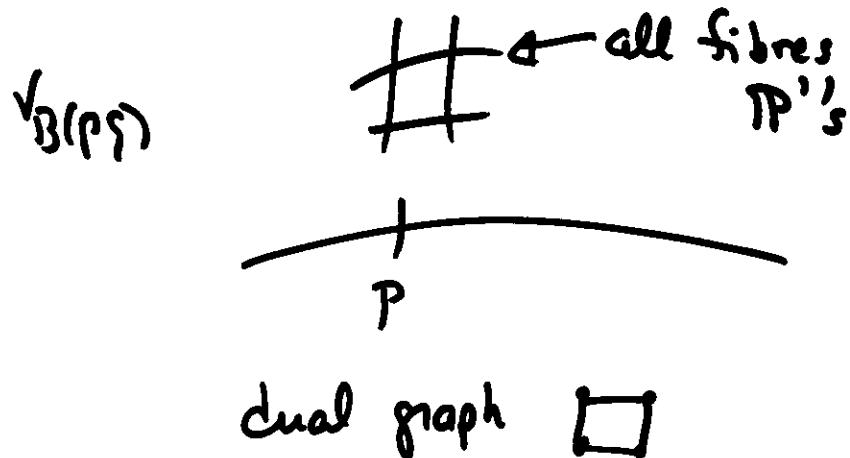
$$T_1 \backslash \mathbb{H} = V_{B(pg)}(\mathbb{C})$$

Shimura: canonical model  $V_{B(pg)} / \mathbb{Q}$



Drinfeld:  $V_{B(pg)} / \mathbb{Z}_p \cong \left( \frac{\mathbb{F}_p}{\mathbb{F}_p} \right)^2 \quad x: \text{Frob}_p \mapsto w_p.$

$$\frac{V_{B(pg)}/W_p}{\mathbb{Z}_p} = \mathbb{F}_p/\mathfrak{f}_{pg}.$$



Mumford uniformization:

dual graph of  $\frac{V_{B(pg)} \times \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}}{W_p} = \mathbb{F}_p/\Delta_p = \text{Gr}(g)$

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Hecke correspondences  $T_\ell$  on  $V_{B(pg)}$  act on special fiber  $\rightsquigarrow$  Hecke action on vertices, edges of  $\text{Gr}^+(g) \cong \text{Gr}$ :

$$\mathbb{Z}^{Ed} = C(\text{Gr}) \xleftarrow[\sim]{\delta} C^\circ(\text{Gr}) = \mathbb{Z}^{\text{Ver}} \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2k(B(pg))}$$

$\uparrow$   
canonical basis  
 $\hat{v}_1, \dots, \hat{v}_{2k}$

$T_\ell$  acts on  $\begin{pmatrix} B(e) & 0 \\ 0 & B(e) \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C^0(Gr) \otimes \mathbb{C} &= S_2(B(g\infty)) \oplus \text{Eisenstein} \\ &\cong M_2(\Gamma_0(g))^2 \end{aligned}$$

\*\*\* The graph gives a canonical  $\mathbb{Z}$ -structure to spaces of modular forms for the definite algebra  $B(g\infty)$ . The graph gives a canonical basis. Hecke operators act via Brandt matrices.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle , \rangle_1 & & \langle , \rangle_0 \\ C^0(Gr) & \xleftarrow{\quad d \quad} & C^0(Gr) \\ \square_1 = d \delta & & \square_0 = \delta d \\ \text{Ker } \square_1 = \mathbb{H}' & & \text{Ker } \square_0 = \mathbb{H}^0 \end{array}$$

Over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} C^0(Gr) &= \mathbb{H}^0 \oplus (\mathbb{H}^0)^\perp = \mathbb{H}^0 \oplus \delta C^1(Gr) = \mathbb{H}^0 \oplus \square_1 C^1(Gr) \\ C^1(Gr) &= \mathbb{H}' \oplus (\mathbb{H}')^\perp = \mathbb{H}' \oplus d C^0(Gr) = \mathbb{H}' \oplus \square_0 C^0(Gr) \end{aligned}$$

But not true over  $\mathbb{Z}$ !

$$\overline{\square}_0 = \frac{(\mathbb{H}^0)^\perp}{\square_0 C^0(Gr)}, \quad \overline{\square}_1 = \frac{H'(Gr, \mathbb{Z})}{\mathbb{H}'}$$

$$\bar{\jmath}: \bar{\Phi}_1 \rightarrow \bar{\Phi}_0$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_0 = \frac{(\mathbb{Z}^{\text{ver}})_0}{\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} p+1 & D(p) \\ -D(p) & p+1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]} \mathbb{Z}^{\text{ver}}.$$

"  $\bar{\square}_0$

essentially order of  $\bar{\Phi}_0 = \prod (p+1-\lambda)(p+1+\lambda)$

$\lambda$  eigenvalue of  
 $\bar{\tau}_p$  on  $S_2(T_0(18))$

\*\*  $\bar{\Phi} := \bar{\Phi}_1 \tilde{\oplus} \bar{\Phi}_0$  detects congruences between  
 newforms and old forms.

## II. Relations with Algebraic Varieties: Experimental and Speculative

$g \geq 1$  be an integer

$g$ -Weil number: algebraic integer  $\alpha$  s.t.  $\|\alpha\|_\infty = g^{1/2}$   $\forall \alpha$

$g$ -Ramanujan number: totally real algebraic integer  $\beta$   
s.t.  $|\beta| \leq 2\sqrt{g}$

Roots of  $x^2 - \beta x + g$  are  $g$ -Weil numbers  $\Leftrightarrow$   
 $\beta$  is a  $g$ -Ramanujan number

$g$ -Weil polynomial  $P_W(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ; roots are all  
 $g$ -Weil numbers s.t.  $w$  is a root  $\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{w}$  is a distinct  
root

$g$ -Ramanujan polynomial  $P_R(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ; roots are all  
 $g$ -Ramanujan numbers

\*  $P_R(x)$  is  $g$ -Ramanujan of degree  $g$

\*  $P_W(x) = x^g P_R\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$  is  $g$ -Weil  
of degree  $2g$

$C_{g,g}$  = curves of genus  $g$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $q=p^r$

$A_{g,g}$  = abelian varieties of dimension  $g$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $q=p^r$

$G_{k,n}$  = (connected)  $k$ -regular graphs on  $n$  vertices

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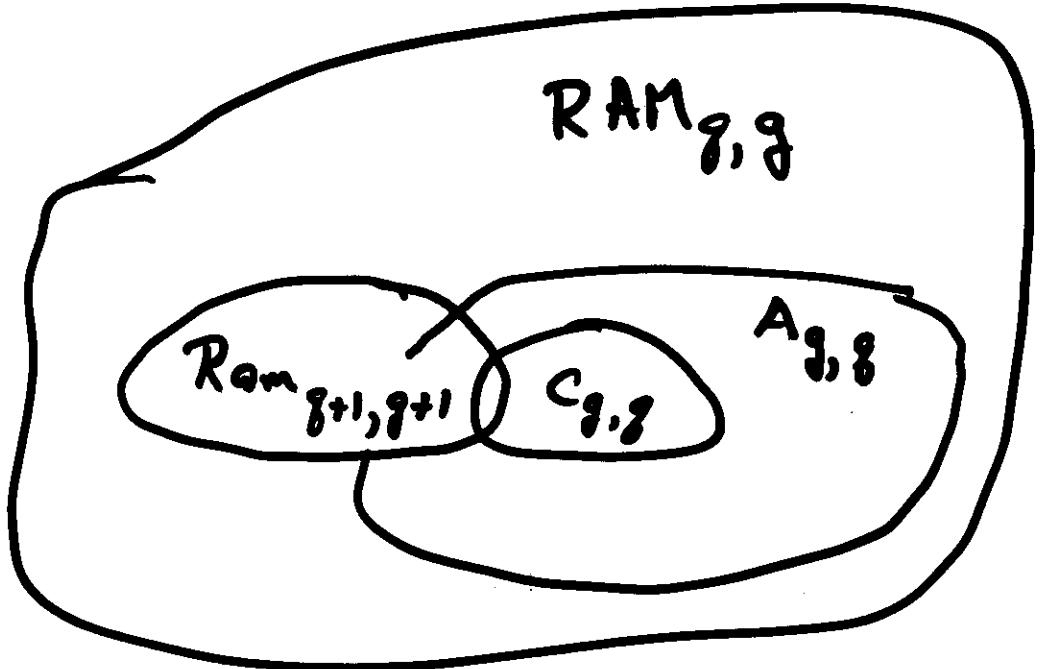
$Ram_{k,n}$  = (connected)  $k$ -regular graphs on  $n$  vertices  
which are Ramanujan

$RAM_{g,g}$  =  $g$ -Ramanujan polynomials of degree  $g$

$Ram_{k,n} \rightsquigarrow RAM_{k-1, n-1}$  non bipartite  
 $n-2$  bipartite

$C_{g,g} \rightsquigarrow RAM_{g,g}$

$A_{g,g} \rightsquigarrow RAM_{g,g}$



Recall:  $\overline{I}_\ell$  for  $X_0(p)$  given by  $B(\ell)$  on  $B(\rho\omega) \Rightarrow$

\*  $X_0(p)/_{\overline{F}_\ell}$  of genus  $g \rightsquigarrow \text{Ran}_{g+1, g+1}$ .

What is  $C_{g,g} \cap \text{Ran}_{g+1, g+1}$ ?

$A_{g,g} \cap \text{Ran}_{g+1, g+1}$ ?

Example:  $P_p(x) = x - 1 \in \text{RAM}_{2,1}$

corresponds to the 2-Weil polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} P_w(x) &= x \left[ \left( x + \frac{2}{x} \right) - 1 \right] \\ &= x^2 + 2 - x = x^2 - x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Trace of  $\text{Frob}_2 = +1 \leftrightarrow E/\mathbb{F}_2$  with 4 points

$$y^2 + y = x + \frac{1}{x}.$$



Adjacency matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Char poly} \quad & \begin{vmatrix} x-2 & -1 \\ -1 & x-2 \end{vmatrix} = (x-2)^2 - 1 \\ &= x^2 - 4x + 3 \\ &= (x-3)(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

So in  $\text{RAM}_{3,2}$  but associated to  
a curve in  $C_{1,2}$ .

One Final Point:

$g$ -Ramanujan polynomials for  $g \neq p^r$   
can be related to curves:

X-1    6-Ramanujan polynomial

$$P_6(x) = x((x + \frac{6}{x}) - 1) = x^2 + 6 - x = x^2 - x + 6$$

should correspond to  $E/\mathbb{F}_6$  ??

roots:  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-23}}{2}$

$$\begin{matrix} E/ \\ \text{Hilb}_K \\ 1^3 \\ Q(\Gamma_{-23}) = K \end{matrix}$$

ordinary at 2, 3 :

2, 3 split in  $Q(\Gamma_{-23})$

$$(2) = \varrho \bar{\varrho} \quad (3) = \wp \bar{\wp}$$

$$R = E/\mathcal{O}_{\text{Hilb}_K} \bmod pg$$

$$\begin{matrix} E/ \\ R \\ 1 \\ 0/62 \end{matrix}$$

$[\wp]$  order 3

$[\varrho]$  order 3

$$\text{Frob}_2, \text{Frob}_3 : E \rightarrow E.$$