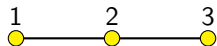


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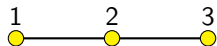
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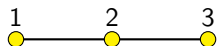
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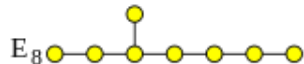
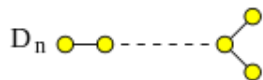
In G_2 , there is an infinite irreducible monomial:

$$\begin{aligned} & x_1x_2x_3x_1x_4x_5x_1x_2x_3x_1x_4x_5 \dots \\ = & x_1x_3x_2x_1x_5x_4x_1x_3x_2x_1x_5x_4 \dots \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem

The nTL algebra on G is finite iff G is a Dynkin diagram.



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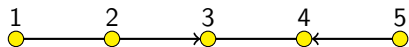
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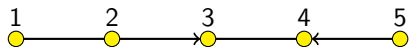
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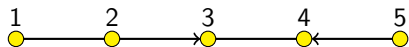
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The example has relations $x_2 x_3 x_2 = 0$ and $x_5 x_4 x_5 = 0$, but not $x_3 x_2 x_3 = 0$ or $x_4 x_5 x_4 = 0$.

Dimensions of Partially Directed nTL algebras

Theorem

The nTL algebra on a partially directed graph G is finite iff G is a path graph with all directed edges going in the same direction.

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Each monomial can be written uniquely as a series of decreasing runs with increasing **valleys**. For example,

$$(x_5 x_4 x_3 x_2 x_1) (x_7 x_6 x_5 x_4 x_3) (x_6 x_5 x_4) (x_7).$$

There are $n + 1$ choices for the run with valley x_1 :

$$1, \quad x_1, \quad x_2 x_1, \quad \dots, \quad x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_2 x_1.$$

Similarly, there are n choices for the run with valley x_2 , $n - 1$ choices for the run with valley x_3 , and so on.

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For example, when there is an undirected edge between 3 and 4 ($i = 3$), $x_5x_4x_3x_2x_1x_3x_2x_4$ is irreducible, but $x_5x_4x_3x_2x_1x_2x_4$ is not.

This theorem completely describes the irreducible monomials in the partially directed nTL algebras.

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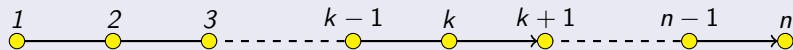
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In the algebra based on the “undirected-directed” graph shown, peaks must strictly increase or remain higher than k .

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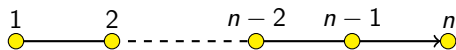


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