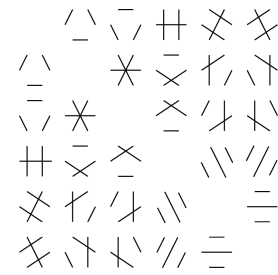


# Mathematics Seminar



## Rocky Mountain Algebraic Combinatorics Seminar

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### Representations Arising from an Action on $D$ -neighborhoods of Cayley Graphs

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Given  $G$  a finite group and a generating set, one can construct the Cayley Graph. With a set  $D$  comprised of nonnegative integers one can construct a  $D$ -neighborhood complex from the Cayley Graph. This neighborhood complex is a simplicial complex and thus it is natural to form an associated chain complex. The group  $G$  acts naturally on the chain complex and this leads to an action on the homology of the chain complex. These group actions give rise to several representations of  $G$ . This work uses tools from group theory, representation theory and homological algebra to further our understanding of the interplay between generated groups (i.e. a group together with a set of generators), corresponding representations on their associated  $D$ -neighborhood complexes, and the homology of the  $D$ -neighborhood complexes.

### Longer Nilpotent Series for Classical Unipotent Groups

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We compute the adjoint series for the unipotent subgroup,  $U$ , of the Chevalley group  $A_d(Z_p)$ . The adjoint series of  $U$  has length  $d^2/4 + d/2 + \Theta(1)$ , whereas the length of the lower central series (LCS) of  $U$  has length  $d + 1$ . However, the factors of the adjoint series of  $U$  have order  $p$  or  $p^2$  while the factors of the LCS of  $U$  have order  $p^{O(d)}$ . We illustrate the implications of using the adjoint series in isomorphism testing.

Weber 223  
4–6 pm  
Friday, November 22, 2013  
(Refreshments in Weber 117, 3:30–4 pm)  
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Anyone interested is welcome to join us at a local restaurant for dinner after the talks.



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