# Decomposing Tensor Networks 

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## What is a Tensor Network?

A closed tensor network can be described as combinatorial object, $\left(G,\left\{T_{j}\right\},\left\{W_{i}\right\}\right)$ where

- $G=(V, E)=\left(\left\{V_{j}\right\},\left\{E_{i}\right\}\right)$ is a graph.
- For each edge $E_{i}$, there is an associated vector space $W_{i}$.
- For each vertex $V_{j}$, there is an associated tensor

$$
T_{j} \in \bigotimes_{i \in \mathcal{N}\left(V_{j}\right)} W_{i}
$$

where $\mathcal{N}\left(V_{j}\right)=\left\{i: E_{i}\right.$ is incident to $\left.V_{j}\right\}$.


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T_{1}=w_{1} \otimes w_{2} \otimes w_{3} \otimes w_{4} \in W_{1} \otimes W_{2} \otimes W_{3} \otimes W_{4}
$$

and

$$
T_{2}=u_{3} \otimes u_{4} \otimes u_{5} \otimes u_{6} \in W_{3} \otimes W_{4} \otimes W_{5} \otimes W_{6}
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So this implies that every closed tensor network can be contracted to a scalar.

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## Complexity Theory

- Finding the scalar a closed tensor network represents is a \#P-hard problem.
- Certain families of tensor networks are efficiently computable. Decompositions give a way of deciding if certain tensor networks lie in these families.


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& =\operatorname{Tr}(X Y X) \in \mathbb{C}\left[\operatorname{End}\left(\mathbb{C}^{2}\right)^{\oplus 2}\right]^{G L_{2}}
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As Tensor Networks:


## Lattice Tensor Networks




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## Local Conjugation

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What are the generators of $\mathbb{C}\left[\operatorname{End}(V)^{\oplus m}\right]^{G}$ ?

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Then define

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\operatorname{Tr}_{\sigma}^{M}=\prod_{i=1}^{d} T_{\sigma_{i}}^{M}
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## Theorem (T.)

Let $r$ be the generic rank of $\operatorname{End}(V)$ as a $4 \times \cdots \times 4=4^{n}$ tensor. Let $\mathfrak{m}$ be the smallest number greater than or equal to $2\left\lfloor\frac{r m}{2}\right\rfloor+1$ that is divisible by 6. Then $K\left[\operatorname{End}(V)^{\oplus m}\right]^{G}$ is generated by $\operatorname{Tr}_{\sigma}^{M}$ of degree at most $\mathfrak{m}\left(\binom{r m}{3} / 3+r m\right)+2\left\lfloor\frac{r m}{2}\right\rfloor+1, \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{M}^{n, \leq 3}$.

## THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

