

On the Hadamard-Foulkes-Howe
conjecture and multidimensional
resultants

Abdelmalek Abdesselam
Université Paris 13

- I - Resultants
- II - Feynman diagrams
- III - HFH conjecture

I. Resultants: (base field = \mathbb{C})

$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ variables

$F_1(x), \dots, F_n(x)$ n polynomials

| | | | |
|---|----------|-------------|--------------|
| [| F_1 | homogeneous | degree d_1 |
| | \vdots | | \vdots |
| | F_n | " | " d_n |

$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n)$ polynomial in coefficients of F_1, \dots, F_n

$$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n) = 0 \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{(0, \dots, 0)\} \\ F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Normalization:

$$\text{Res}(x_1^{d_1}, \dots, x_n^{d_n}) = 1$$

$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n)$

homog. in F_i of degree $\prod_{j \neq i} d_j$

Invariant Theory:

$$g \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

$$(gF)(x) = F(g^{-1}x)$$

$$\text{Res}(gF_1, \dots, gF_n) = (\det g)^{-w} \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n)$$

$$w = \text{weight} = \prod_{i=1}^n d_i \quad (\Rightarrow \text{Bezout thm.})$$

Examples:

1) $d_1 = \dots = d_n = 1$: $F_i(x) = a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n$

$$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n) = \det [a_{ij}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$$

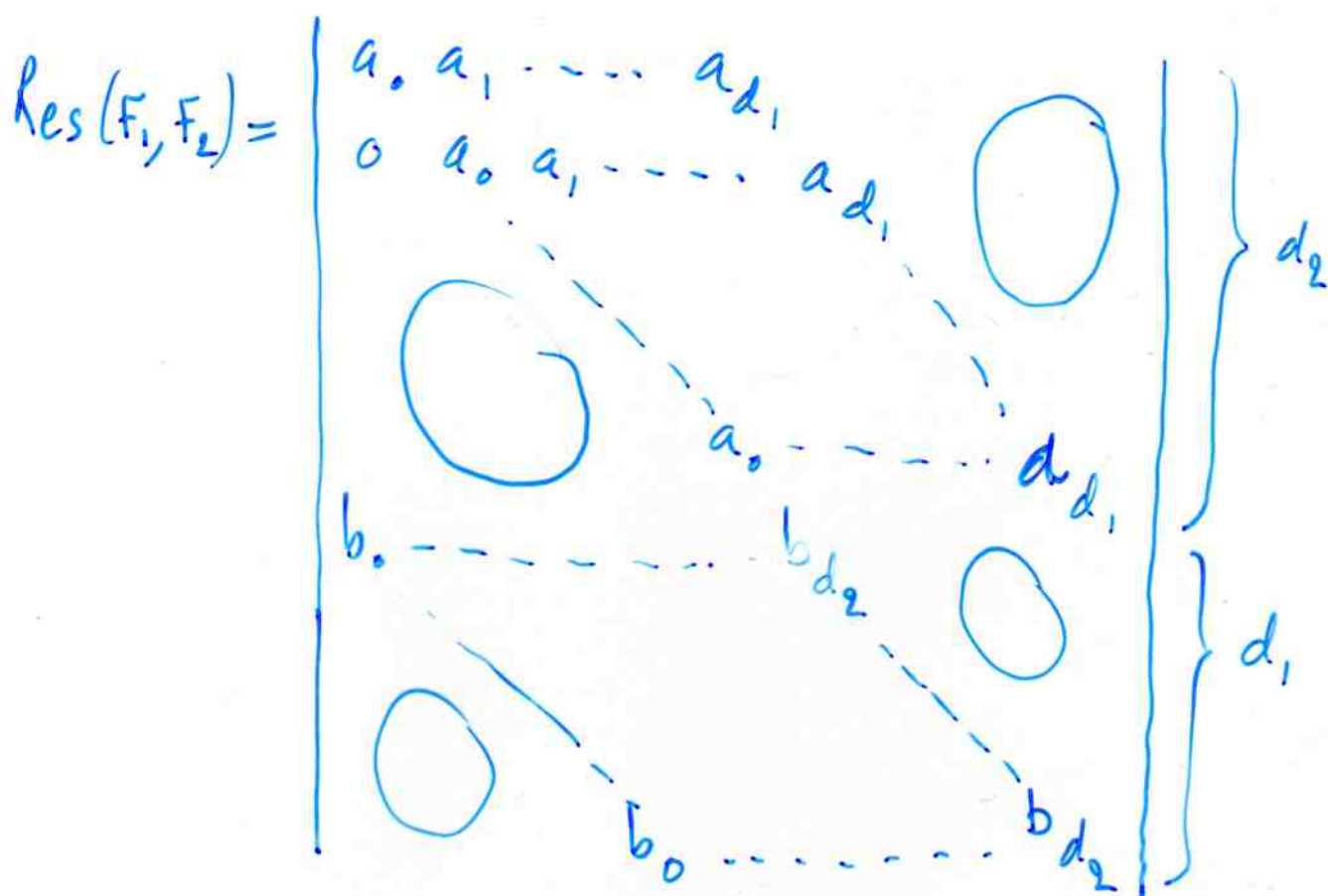
linear case

2) $n=2$: two binary forms

(4)

$$F_1(x_1, x_2) = a_0 x_1^{d_1} + a_1 x_1^{d_1-1} x_2 + \dots + a_{d_1} x_2^{d_1}$$

$$F_2(x_1, x_2) = b_0 x_1^{d_2} + b_1 x_1^{d_2-1} x_2 + \dots + b_{d_2} x_2^{d_2}$$



* First fundamental theorem of invariant theory for SL_n (Cayley - Clebsch)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n) = \sum_G c_G \mathcal{A}_G$$

sum over Feynman diagrams

II - Feynman Diagrams:

*) vector $\alpha = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\alpha_i = x_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

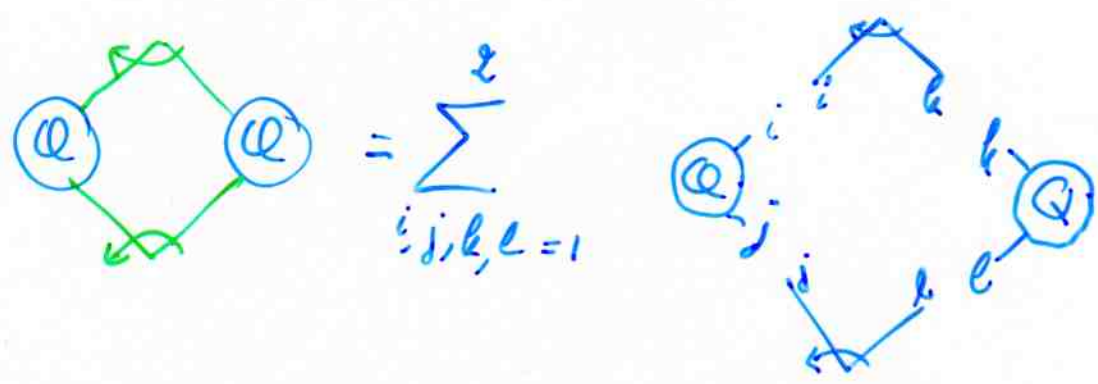
*) F homogeneous polynomial in α of degree d

$$F(x) = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{F} \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \quad \dots \quad \alpha \end{array}}_d = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_d=1}^n F_{i_1, \dots, i_d} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_d}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{F} \\ \swarrow \quad \dots \quad \searrow \\ i_1 \quad i_2 \quad \dots \quad i_d \end{array} = F_{i_1, \dots, i_d} = \frac{1}{d!} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i_d}} F(\alpha)$$

$$*) \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\alpha} \\ \swarrow \quad \dots \quad \searrow \\ i_1 \quad i_2 \quad \dots \quad i_n \end{array} = \varepsilon_{i_1, \dots, i_n} = \begin{cases} \text{signature if } i_1, \dots, i_n \\ \text{permutation of } 1, 2, \dots, n \\ + \text{ } \textcircled{0} \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ex 1: $n=2, d=2, Q$ binary quadratic



$$= \sum_{i, j, k, l=1}^2 Q_{ij} \epsilon_{ik} \epsilon_{jl} Q_{kl}$$

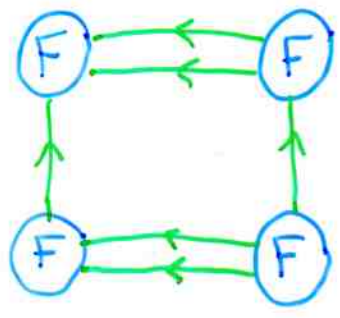
$$= 2 (Q_{11} Q_{22} - Q_{12}^2)$$

$$Q(x) = Q_{11} x_1^2 + 2 Q_{12} x_1 x_2 + Q_{22} x_2^2$$

\mathcal{H}_G amplitude of graph \sim discriminant

ex 2: $m=2, d=3, F$ binary cubic

fundamental invariant



\sim discriminant

Abelianisation for binary forms: $\leftrightarrow = \nabla$

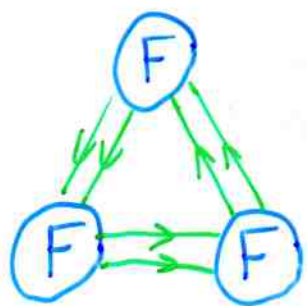
ex 3: $m=2, d=4, F$ binary quartic

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left(F \leftrightarrow F \right)$$

$$= a_0 a_4 - 4 a_1 a_3 + 3 a_2^2$$

$$F(x_1, x_2) = a_0 x_1^4 + 4 a_1 x_1^3 x_2 + 6 a_2 x_1^2 x_2^2 + 4 a_3 x_1 x_2^3 + a_4 x_2^4$$

$$T = \frac{1}{6}$$



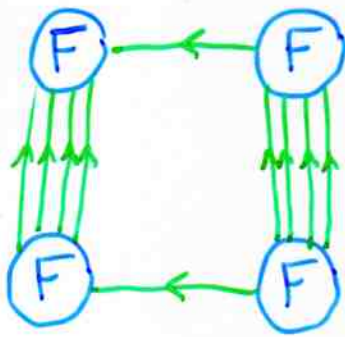
$$= \underbrace{a_0 a_2 a_4}_{\substack{\text{sum indices} \\ \downarrow}} + 2 a_1 a_2 a_3 - a_2^3 - a_0 a_3^2 - a_1^2 a_4$$

Ref:

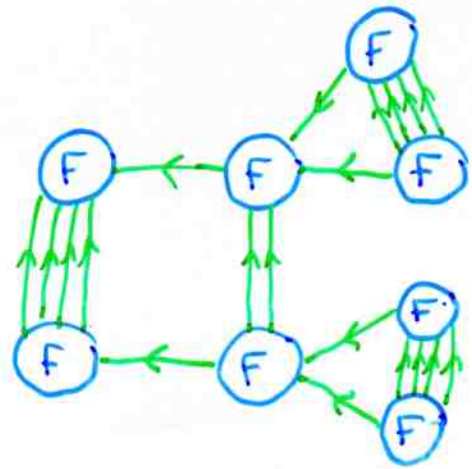
sum indices = # \rightarrow = weight w

ex 4: $n=2, d=5, F$ binary quintic

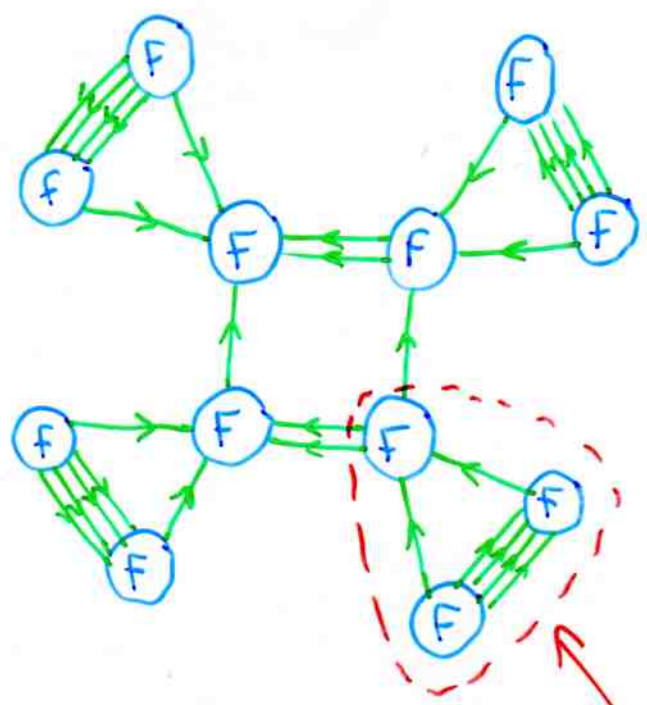
$$J = -\frac{1}{2}$$



$$K = \frac{1}{8}$$



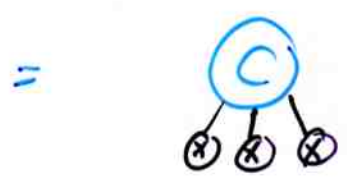
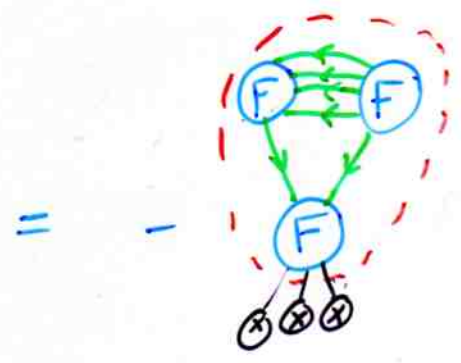
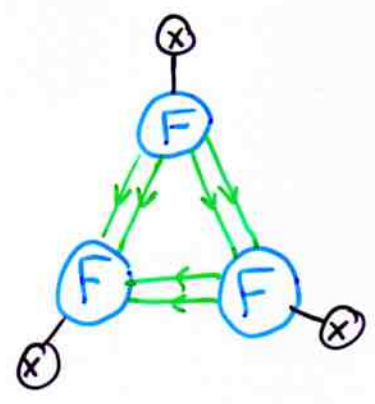
$$L = \frac{1}{96}$$



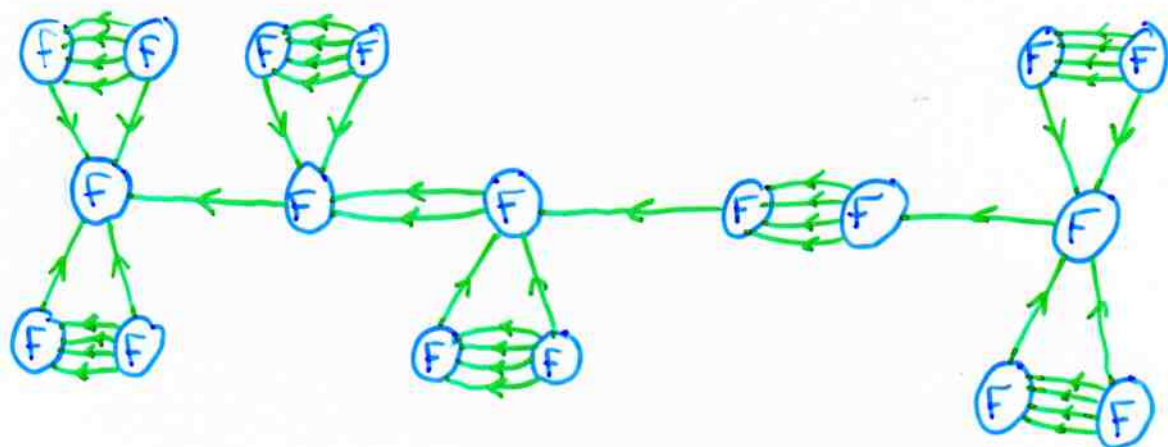
Grafting:

$$L \sim \text{Disc}(\underbrace{\text{Car}(F)}_{\text{cubic } C})$$

$$C(x) =$$



$$H = -\frac{1}{384} x$$



Rk: If $F(x) = ux_1^5 + vx_2^5 - w(x_1 + x_2)^5$

$$J(F) = (uv + uw + vw)^2 - 4uvw(u + v + w)$$

$$K(F) = u^2 v^2 w^2 (uv + uw + vw)$$

$$L(F) = u^4 v^4 w^4$$

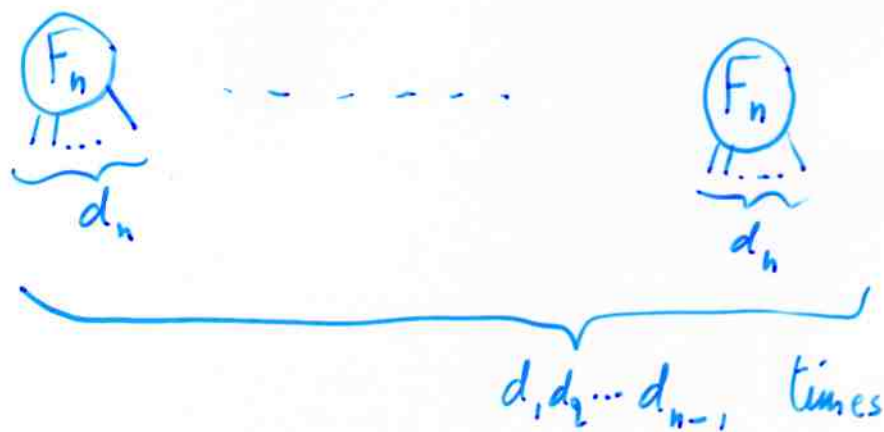
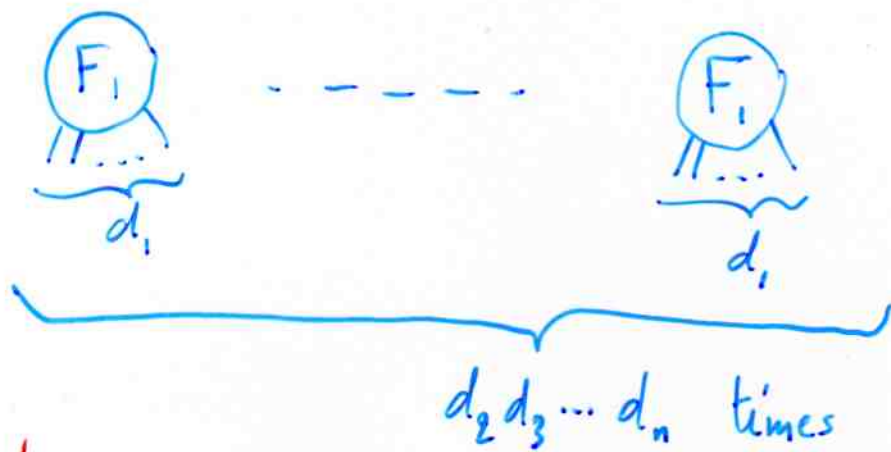
$$H(F) = u^5 v^5 w^5 (u - v)(u - w)(v - w)$$

Resultants : for format $(m; d_1, \dots, d_n)$

$$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n) = \sum_{\text{graph } G} c_G A_G$$

\uparrow numerical coefficient \uparrow amplitude

G made of :-



$d_1 d_2 \dots d_n$ times

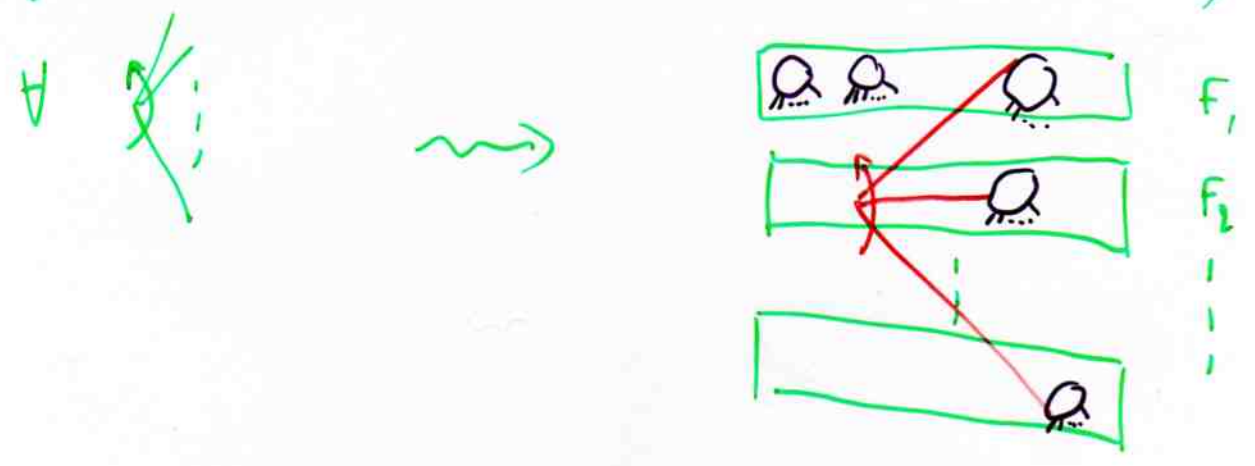
Ex: F_1, F_2 binary quadratics

$\text{Res}(F_1, F_2) = 2$



Hadamard Form:

if $\forall G$ in formula for $\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n)$

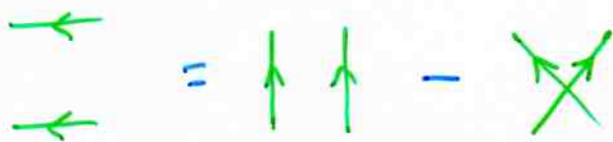


Pb: For which formats \exists
Hadamard form for Resultant

???

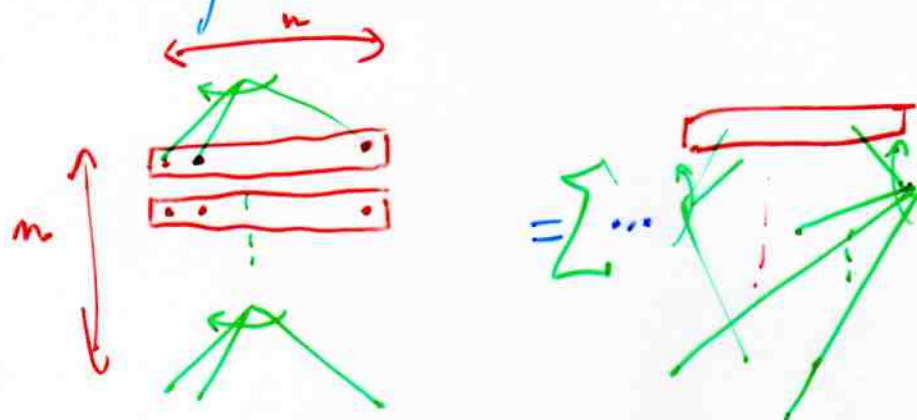
*) For $n=2$: Yes $\forall d_1, d_2$

Proof:



*) Same argument for $n > 2$

→ Toy pb



\rightsquigarrow Alon-Tarsi c_j
 &
 Rota basis y_j

Conjectural construction of Res (Hadamard 1896)

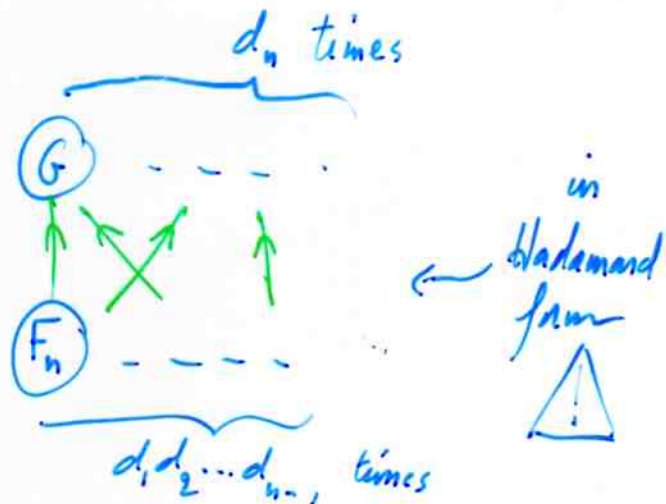
F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}, F_n

$$\text{Res}_{d_1, \dots, d_{n-1}} = \sum_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}} c_\rho$$

$$=$$

d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n-1}

$$\text{Res}_{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n-1}, d_n} = \sum_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}_\Omega$$



$$\text{Res}_{d_1, \dots, d_n} \stackrel{???}{=} \sum_{\Omega, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_d} \mathcal{L}_\Omega c_{\rho_1} \dots c_{\rho_d} \langle \rho_1, \dots, \rho_d \rightarrow \Omega \rangle$$

inserted inside the G's of Ω .

Pl: Makes sense also for

$$\text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_{\alpha_1})$$

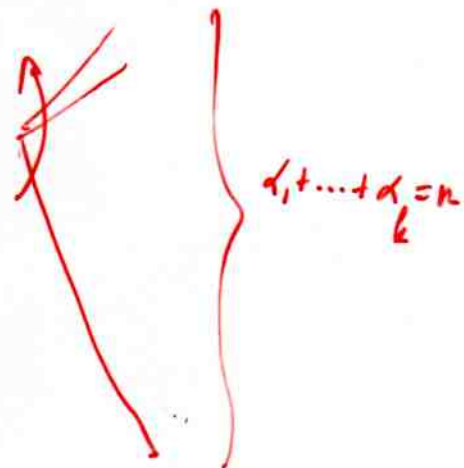
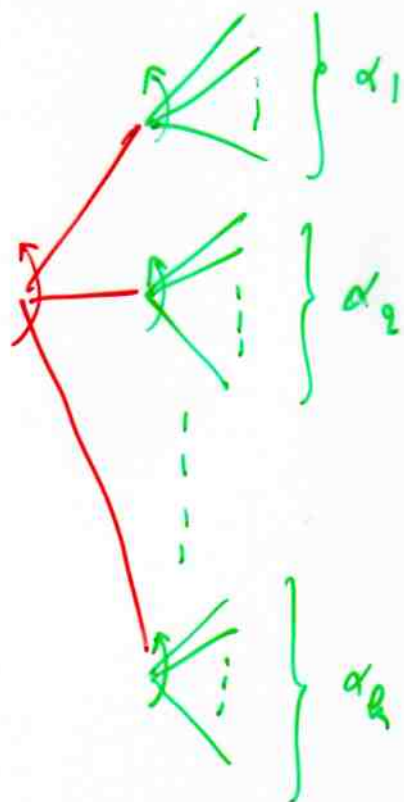
$$\text{Res}(d_{\alpha_1+1}, \dots, d_{\alpha_1+\alpha_2})$$

⋮

$$\text{Res}(d_{\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \alpha_i + 1}, \dots, d_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k})$$

$$\& \text{Res}(d_1, \dots, d_{\alpha_1}, \dots, d_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} + 1}, \dots, d_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k})$$

if known in Hadamard form



Hadamard's construction \rightarrow HFH conj.

III The Hadamard-Foulkes-Howe conjecture:

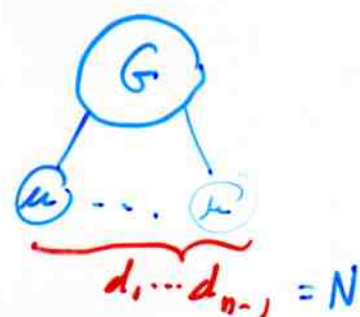
16

Why? Poisson product formula

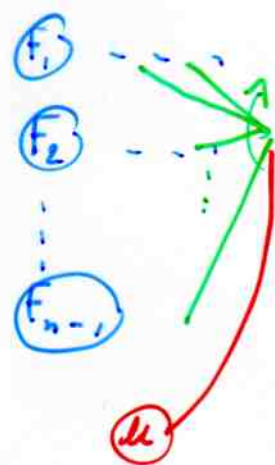
F_1, \dots, F_n (d_1, \dots, d_n) in n variables

μ linear form, $\mu(x) = \mu_1 x_1 + \dots + \mu_n x_n$

$$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}, \mu) = G(\mu) =$$



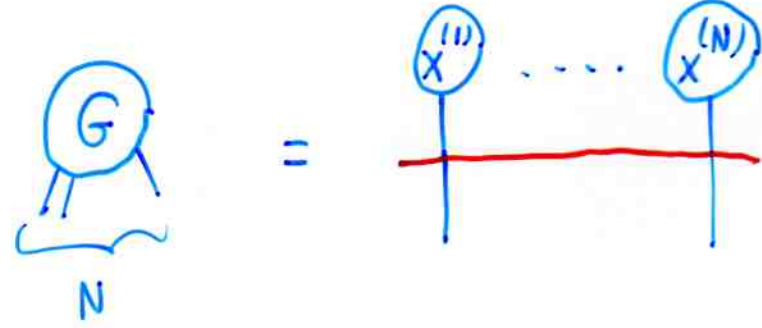
$$= \sum_{\substack{G \text{ format} \\ (d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})}} \zeta_G$$



$$= \prod_{i=1}^N \mu(x^{(i)})$$

$$x^{(i)} = (x_1^{(i)}, \dots, x_n^{(i)}) \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

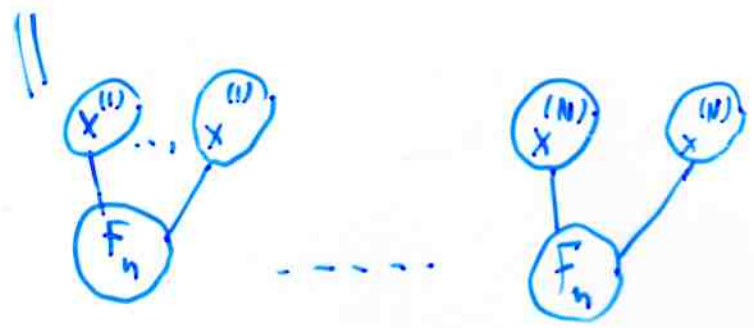
hom. coords. N intersection pts of $F_1=0, \dots, F_{n-1}=0$
in \mathbb{P}^{n-1}



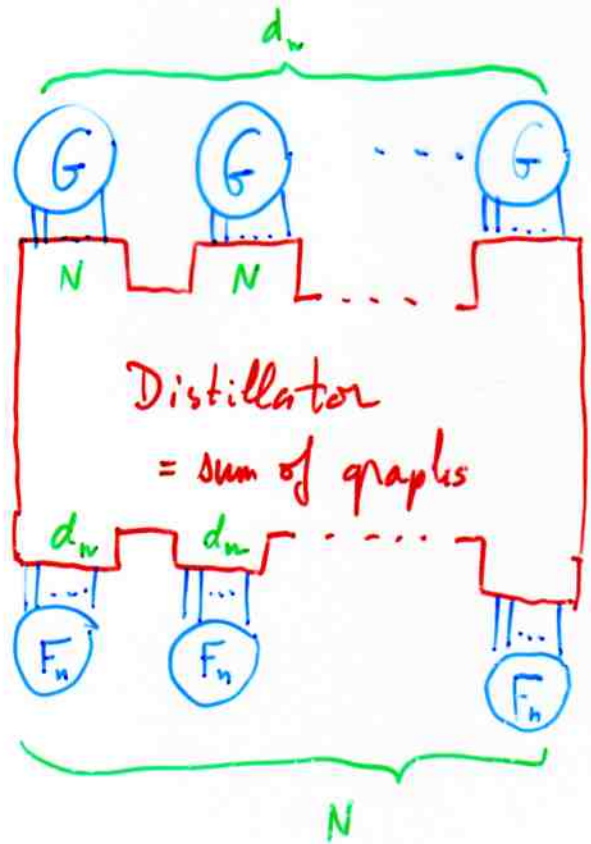
← Symmetrizer

$$\frac{1}{N!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} X_{\sigma(1)} \dots X_{\sigma(N)}$$

$$\text{Res}(F_1, \dots, F_n) = F_n(x^{(1)}) \dots F_n(x^{(N)})$$

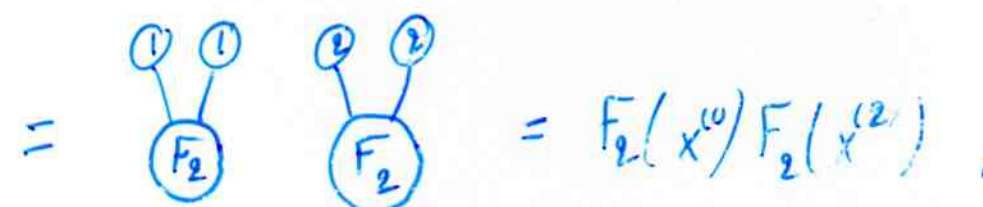
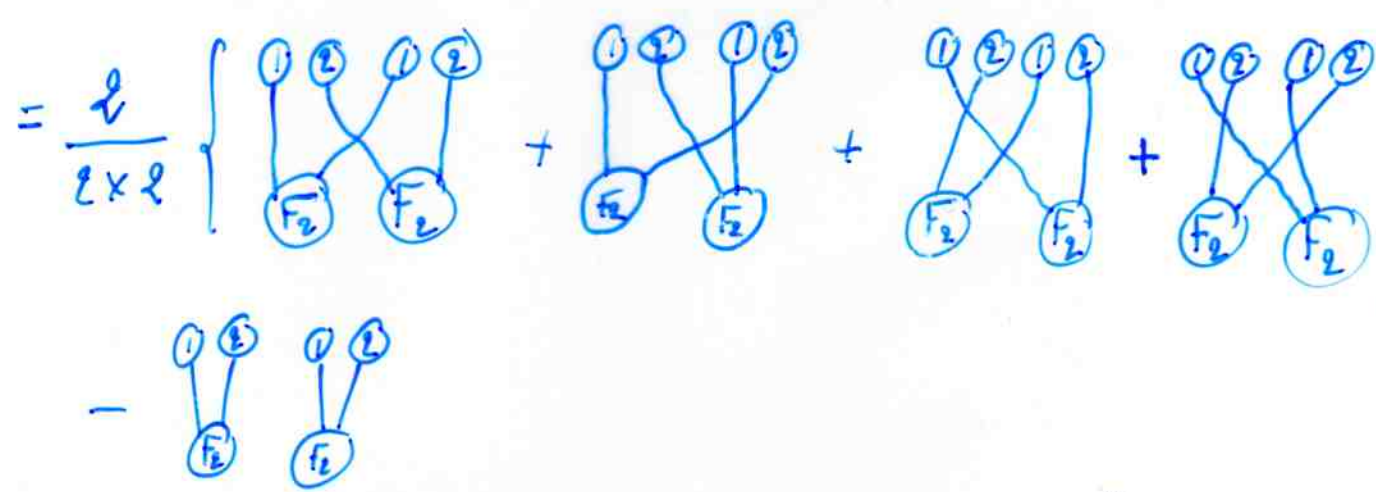
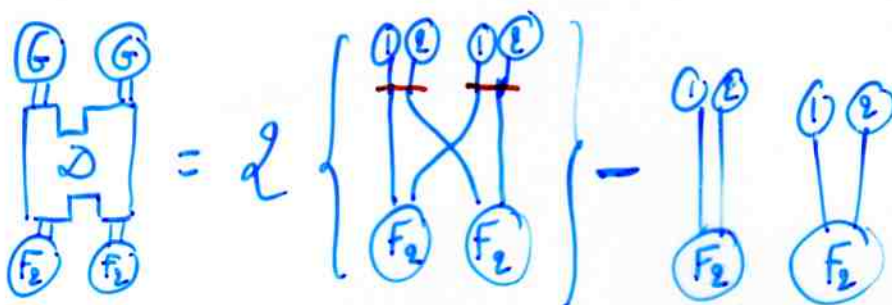
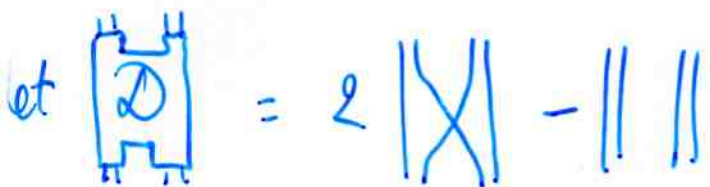
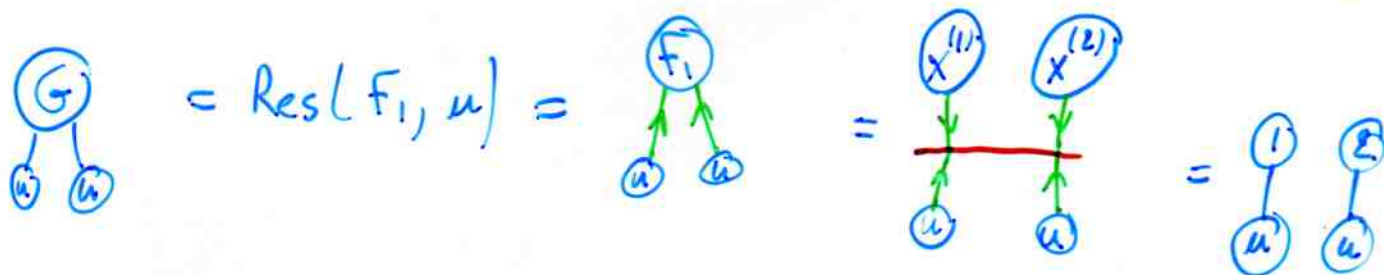


||



ex: $n=2, d_1=d_2=2$.

(18)



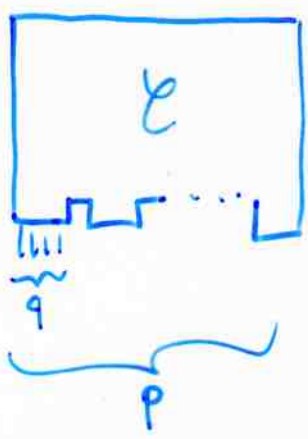
$$\exists \mathcal{D} \Leftrightarrow S_{d_n}(S_N(\mathbb{C}^n)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_{d_n, N, n}} S_N(S_{d_n}(\mathbb{C}^n))$$

is surjective

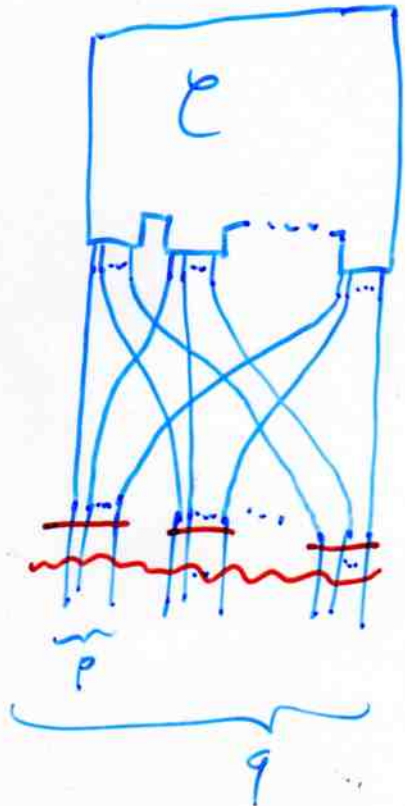
In general :

GL_n -equivariant

$$\mathcal{H}_{p, q, n} : S_p(S_q(\mathbb{C}^n)) \rightarrow S_q(S_p(\mathbb{C}^n))$$



→



HFH conj :

| | | | |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| $p \geq q$ | \Rightarrow | $\mathcal{H}_{p, q, n}$ | surjective |
| $p \leq q$ | \Rightarrow | $\mathcal{H}_{p, q, n}$ | injective |