

# Critical groups for Hopf algebra modules

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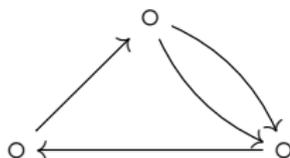
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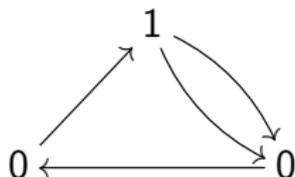
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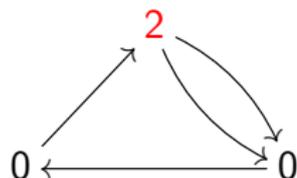
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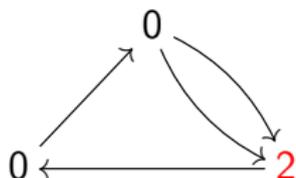
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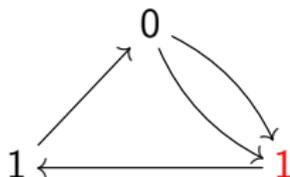
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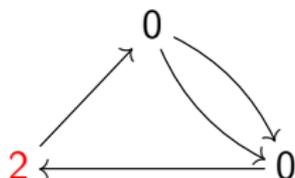
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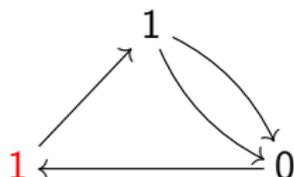
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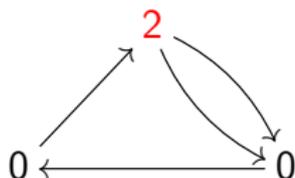
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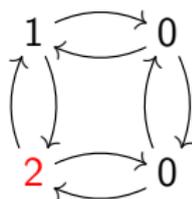
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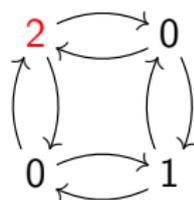
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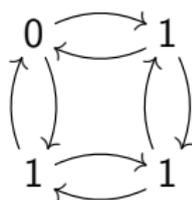
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Given a  $Z$ -matrix  $C \in \mathbb{Z}^{\ell \times \ell}$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- 1  $C$  is avalanche-finite.
- 2  $C^t$  is avalanche-finite.
- 3  $C$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix.
- 4 There exists a column vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell}$  with  $x > 0$  and  $Cx > 0$ .
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There are dozens of other statements equivalent to the above ones.

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## Theorem (Burciu)

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# Thank you!