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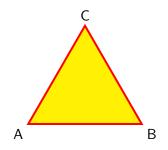
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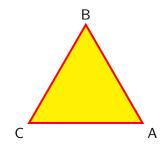
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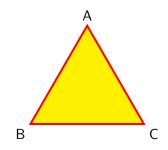
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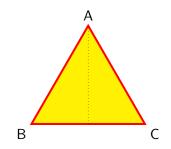
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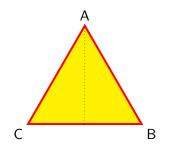
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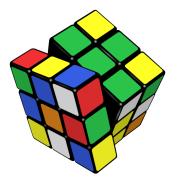
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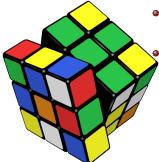
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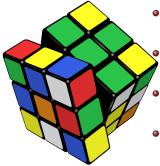
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Rokicki-Kociemba-Davidson-Dethridge (2010)

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Generators = elementary moves

God's number = diameter of the group in terms generators

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- solutions:  $S = \{x_1, \ldots, x_k\}$
- Galois group: permutations of S such that any alg. eq. satisfied by  $x_1, \ldots, x_k$  is still satisfied after they have been permuted.
- solvability by radicals

#### $\Leftrightarrow$

Galois group is "solvable"



EVARISTE GALOIS (1811 - 1832)

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 $\sim$  Picard-Vessiot theory (a-k-a differential Galois theory)  $\square$ - $\square$ :

solvability by quadrature

# $\Leftrightarrow \\ \text{Lie group connected and solvable}$

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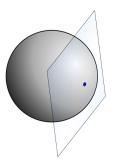
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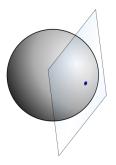
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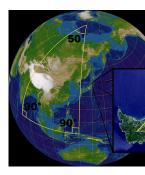
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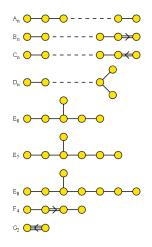
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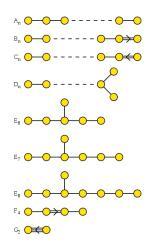
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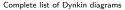
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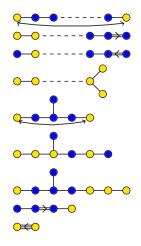


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Dynkin diagrams  $\longrightarrow$  Satake diagrams



A few Satake diagrams

# Loci (Algebraic Geometry)

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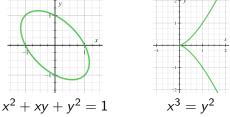
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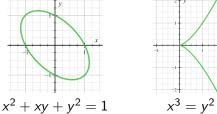
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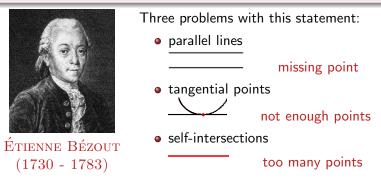
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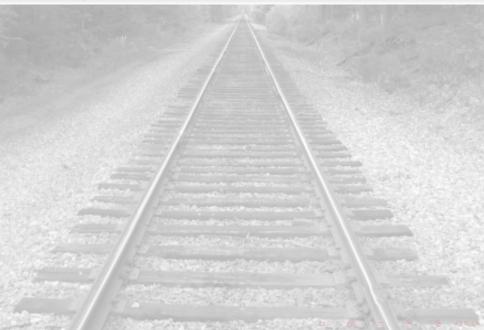


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#### Lie Theory and Algebraic Geometry

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$$\mathcal{N} imes \mathcal{T} imes (\mathcal{L}_1 imes \cdots imes \mathcal{L}_k)$$

with  $\mathcal{N}$  Calabi-Yau (CY),  $\mathcal{T}$  a torus and  $\mathcal{L}_i$  irreducible holomorphic symplectic (IHS).

This is analogous to Lévi-Mal'tsev decomposition theorem CY are difficult to list while we know a very few examples of IHS (2 families, and 2 isolated examples due to KIERAN O'GRADY)

### We would like to understand this analogy in more rigourous terms

# **THANK YOU**