

Combinatorics of faithfully balanced modules

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Faithfully balanced modules, also called modules with the double centralizer properties, appear in various places in the literature on ring theory, such as Schur-Weyl duality and Thrall's notion of a QF-1 algebra. The main known examples of faithfully balanced modules are faithful modules for a self-injective algebra, and more generally generators and tilting modules for any algebra. However, in general the behavior of faithfully balanced modules is rather mysterious.

In this talk I will illustrate this by discussing the combinatorics of faithfully balanced modules for the algebra of upper triangular n by n matrices. The theory extends known results about tilting modules, which are classified by binary trees, and counted with the Catalan numbers. The number of faithfully balanced modules is a 2-factorial number. Amongst them are $n!$ modules with exactly n indecomposable summands, which can be classified by interleaved binary trees or by increasing binary trees. This is part of joint work with William Crawley-Boevey, Biao Ma, and Julia Sauter in which we classify the faithfully balanced modules for Nakayama algebras.