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Covered topics:

Polymatroids and subspace arrangements

Geometry and wonderful models

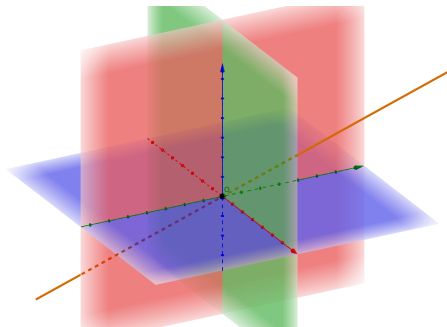
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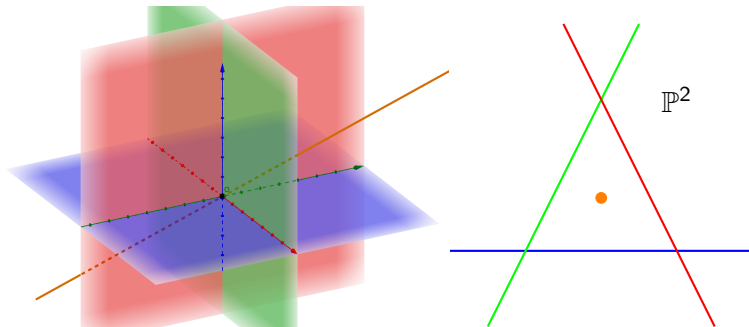
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In $\mathbb{C}^5$ consider S_a, S_b two subspaces of dimension three and a line S_c in general position. We have $\text{cd}(a) = 2, \text{cd}(c) = 4$ and $\text{cd}(ac) = \text{cd}(bc) = \text{cd}(abc) = 5$. Observe that $S_a \cap S_c = S_b \cap S_c$.

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These objects codify the combinatorics of:

1. subspace arrangements,
2. cycles in an hypergraph,
3. generalized permutohedra.

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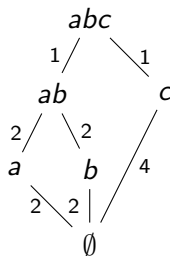
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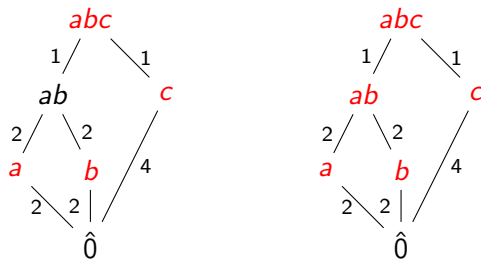
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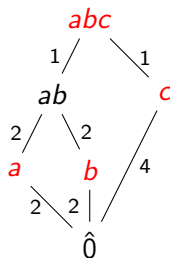
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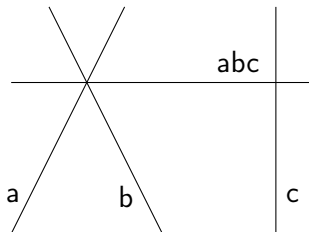
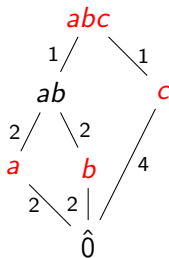
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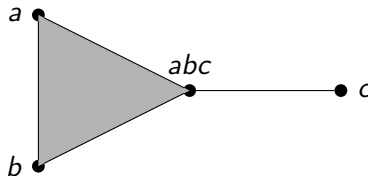
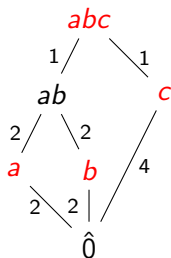
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Nested set complex

Let $n(\mathcal{G})$ be the collection of all $\mathcal{G}$ -nested sets. It is an *abstract simplicial complex*.

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- ▶ Yuzvinsky '02, '99 simplified the model of De Concini Procesi and relates it to the Goresky-MacPherson formula.
- ▶ Bibby, Denham, Feichtner '21 studied the Leray model $B(\mathcal{G})$ for geometric lattices and partial building sets.

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In the realizable case $x_W = [D_W]$ is the fundamental class of the (exceptional) divisor associated to W .

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Goresky MacPherson formula

Consider a subspace arrangement with complement M and poset of flats L .

Theorem (Goresky MacPherson '88)

There is an additive isomorphism

$$\tilde{H}^k(M; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \bigoplus_{W \in L \setminus \hat{0}} \tilde{H}_{2 \operatorname{cd}(W) - 2 - k}(\Delta((\hat{0}, W)); \mathbb{Z}),$$

where $\Delta((\hat{0}, W))$ is the order complex of the interval $(\hat{0}, W)$.

We used the convention that $\tilde{H}_{-1}(\emptyset, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$.

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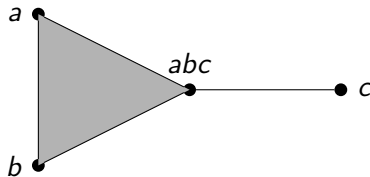
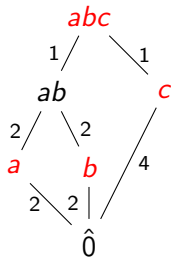
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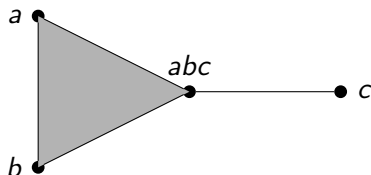
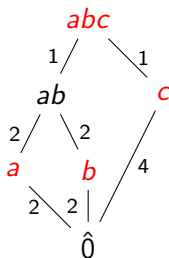
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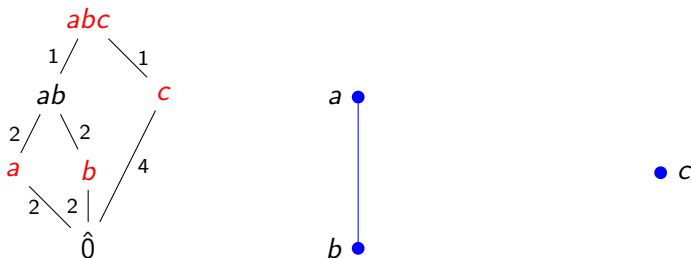


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The Hodge Riemann relations prove a conjecture by Read, Hoggar, Rota, Heron, Welsh '60s-'70s:

Corollary (Adiprasito, Huh, Katz '18)

The coefficients of the characteristic polynomial for a log-concave sequence.

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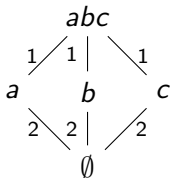
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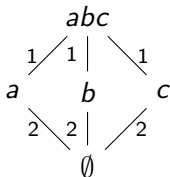
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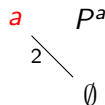
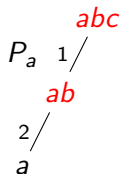
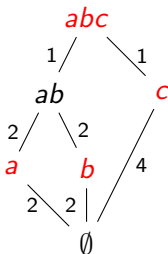
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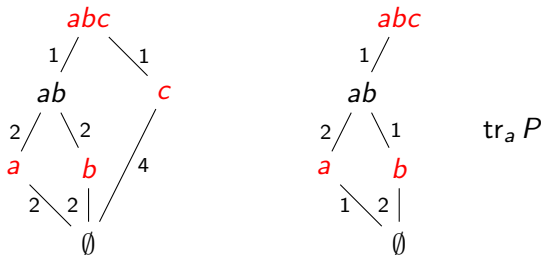
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Idea: truncation at a consists in cutting the subspace arrangement with a generic hyperplane containing the flat a .



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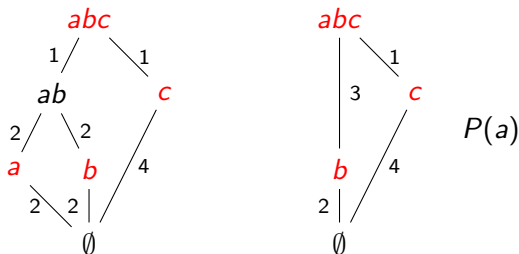
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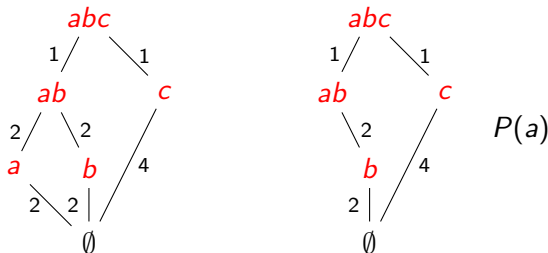
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