

Add a bit of **Color**
to your face...

rings.



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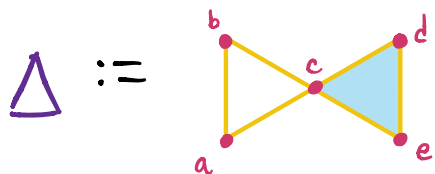
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- ① Review Stanley-Reisner rings,
f-vectors, h-vectors, & Hilbert series
- ② Colorful System of Parameters &
a Colorful Hochster formula
- ③ Universal System of Parameters
- ④ How they relate!

Example



$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \emptyset, \\ a, b, c, d, e, \\ ab, ac, bc, cd, ce, de, \\ cde \end{array} \right\}$$

Stanley-Reisner ring

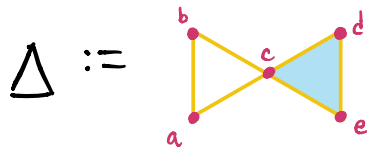
$$S := k[a, b, c, d, e]$$

$$I_{\Delta} := \langle ad, ae, bd, be, abc \rangle$$

$$k[\Delta] := S/I_{\Delta}$$

dimension of a face F : $\dim(F) = \#F - 1$

Ex. $\dim(ac) = \#ac - 1 = 1$



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f-vector : $\underline{f} = (f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, f_2)$

$f_i = \# i\text{-dim faces}$

$$= (1, 5, 6, 1)$$

$\begin{array}{cccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ -1\text{-dim} & 0\text{-dim} & 1\text{-dim} & 2\text{-dim} \\ \text{faces} & \text{faces} & \text{faces} & \text{faces} \end{array}$

h-vector : $\underline{h} = (h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3)$

(*)

$$= (1, 2, -1, -1)$$

Hilbert Series : $\text{Hilb}_{k[\Delta]}(t) := \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} \dim_k(k[\Delta]_d) \cdot t^d$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^d f_{i-1} \left(\frac{t}{1-t} \right)^d \stackrel{(*)}{=} \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{h_i t^i}{(1-t)^d}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2t - 1t^2 - 1t^3}{(1-t)^3}$$

We can also compute the Hilbert series from a finite minimal free resolution of $k[\Delta] = S/I_\Delta$ over S :

syzygies: 0th 1st 2nd 3rd

$$0 \leftarrow k[\Delta] \leftarrow S^1 \leftarrow S(-2)^4 \leftarrow S(-3)^4 \leftarrow S(-4)^1 \leftarrow 0$$

$$\oplus \qquad \oplus \qquad \oplus$$

$$S(-3)^1 \qquad S(-4)^2 \qquad S(-5)^1$$

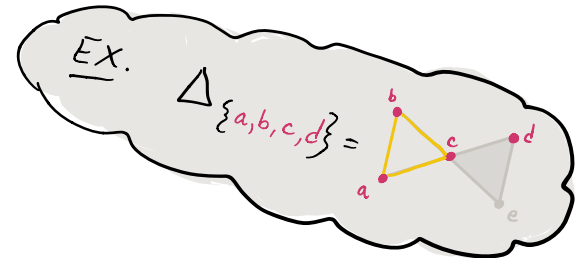
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hilb}_{k[\Delta]}(t) &= \text{Hilb}(S, t) \cdot (1t^0 - (4t^2 + 1t^3) + (4t^3 + 2t^4) - (1t^4 + 1t^5)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-t)^5} (1t^0 - 4t^2 + 3t^3 + 1t^4 - 1t^5) \\ &= \frac{1t^0 + 2t^1 - 1t^2 - 1t^3}{(1-t)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$S(-d)$:= free S -module with 1 basis element in degree d

How can we construct the (minimal) free resolution of $k[\Delta]$ from before?

We first consider the *vertex-selected* subcomplexes of Δ :

$$\Delta_V := \{F \in \Delta : F \subseteq V\}$$



Then the

$$\# S(-\#V) = \dim_k \tilde{H}^{\#V-1-i}(\Delta_V; k)$$

↑ "in" the i -th syzygy

THM Hochster (1977)

Syzgies:

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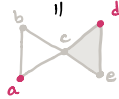
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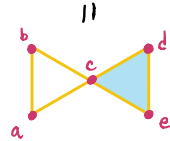
$$\oplus S(-4)^2$$

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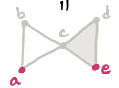
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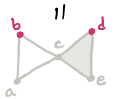
① $\tilde{H}^{5-1-3}(\Delta_{\{a,b,c,d,e\}}) = \mathbb{k}^1$



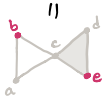
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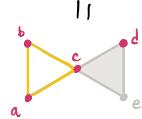
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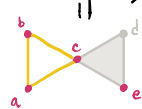
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① $\tilde{H}^{4-1-2}(\Delta_{\{a,b,c,d\}}) = \mathbb{k}^1$

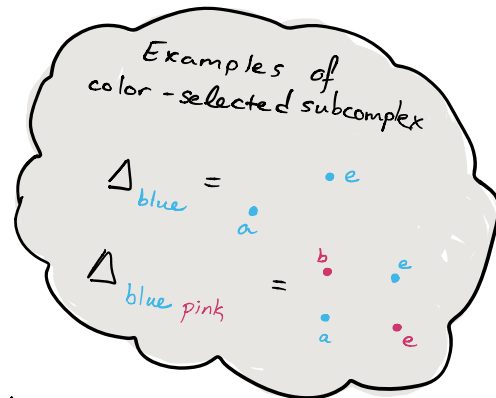
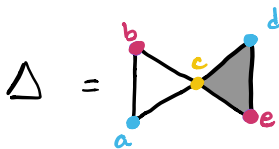


② $\tilde{H}^{4-1-2}(\Delta_{\{a,b,c,e\}}) = \mathbb{k}^1$



What if we consider a subcomplex defined by a proper d -coloring of the 1-skeleton of Δ instead? $\dim(\Delta)+1$

Step 1: Give Δ a proper d -coloring.



Step 2: Compute a colorful system of parameters

$$\theta_c := \sum_{\substack{\text{vertices } i \\ \text{of color } c}} x_i, \rightsquigarrow \begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= a+d \\ \theta_2 &= b+e \\ \theta_3 &= c \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Write the resolution of $\mathbb{k}[\Delta]$ over the polynomial ring

$$A := \mathbb{k}[z_1, \dots, z_{\# \text{colors}}] \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{k}[z_1, z_2, z_3]$$

where $z_i \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{k}[\Delta]$ by multiplication by θ_i .

Step 3:

$$\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$$

// // //
a+d b+e c

syzygy: 0th 1st

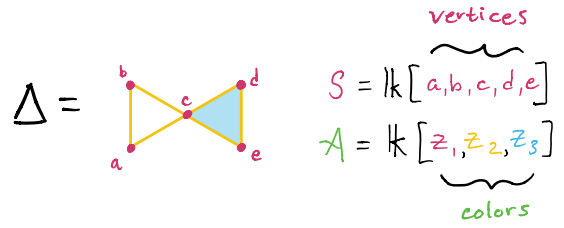
$$0 \leftarrow k[\Delta] \leftarrow A^1 \leftarrow A(-2)^2 \leftarrow 0$$

\oplus \oplus

$A(-2)^2$ $A(-3)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hilb}_{k[\Delta]}(t) &= \text{Hilb}_A(t) \cdot (t^0 + (t^2 + t^2) - (t^2 + t^3)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-t^3)} \cdot (1+2-t^2-t^3) \end{aligned}$$

But why is this minimal free-resolution shorter?



$$\begin{aligned} \text{depth}(S) - \text{depth}(k[\Delta]) &= 5 - 2 = 3 \\ \text{depth}(A) - \text{depth}(k[\Delta]) &= 3 - 2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Auslander - Buchsbaum (1959)

$S := k[\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_n}_{\text{vertices}}],$
 $\# \text{vertices}$
 \parallel
 $\text{depth}(S) - \text{depth}(k[\Delta]) =$ length of the resolution of $k[\Delta]$ as an S -module
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 $\# \text{colors}$

Punchline: We can produce a "shorter"
minimal free-resolution for $k[\Delta]$.

("Colorful Hochster formula")

If we first consider the *color-selected* subcomplexes of Δ :

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{c}} := \{ F \in \Delta : \text{colors of } F \subseteq \mathbf{c} \}$$

Then the

$$\# S(-\#\mathbf{c}) = \dim_{\mathbb{k}} \tilde{H}^{\#v-1-i}(\Delta_{\mathbf{c}}; \mathbb{k})$$

\uparrow "in" the i -th syzygy

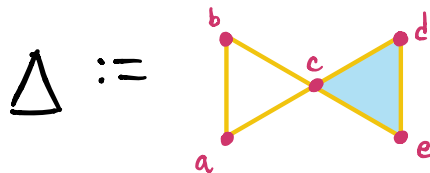
THM A., Reiner

But what if we consider an even "more" canonical system of parameters?

DEF

The universal system of parameters is a sequence $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d$ in $k[\Delta]$

$$\theta_i = \sum_{\text{faces } F \in \Delta} \chi_F, \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \#F = i$$



$$\theta_0 = a + b + c + d + e \quad \left. \vphantom{\theta_0} \right\} \text{vertices}$$

$$\theta_2 = ab + ac + bc + cd + ce + de \quad \left. \vphantom{\theta_2} \right\} \text{edges}$$

$$\theta_3 = abc \quad \left. \vphantom{\theta_3} \right\} \text{2-dim face}$$

★ The universal system of parameters are invariant under symmetries

Universal* System of Parameters

Found in work by:

1. De Concini, Eisenbud, + Procesi 1972
(on algebras with straightening laws)
2. Garsia + Stanton 1984
(invariant theory of permutation groups)
3. D.E. Smith 1990
(sheaves of posets)
4. Herzog + Moradi* 2020

DEF

Krull dim of $k[\Delta]$

VI

* depth($k[\Delta]$) *

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max length
of a regular
sequence
in $k[\Delta]$

* D.E. Smith proved
this for any pure simplicial complex *

For any finite regular cell complex
(in our case, any simplicial complex Δ)

depth($k[\Delta]$)

||

max $\{s : (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_s) \text{ forms a regular sequence on } k[\Delta]\}$

where $\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$

is the universal system of parameters

for $k[\Delta]$ with $s \leq d$.

Theorem (A., Reiner)

PUNCHLINE
(Prop. A. Reiner)

We can write the resolution of $k[\Delta]$ over the polynomial ring

$$A := k[z_1, \dots, z_d] \rightsquigarrow k[z_1, z_2, z_3]$$

because $k[\Delta]$ is finitely generated as an A -module.

where $z_i \rightsquigarrow k[\Delta]$ by multiplication by θ_i ,

PUNCHLINE #1

$k[\Delta]$ can be finitely
generated as a
 $k[\underline{z}]$ -module
 \uparrow
 \mathcal{O}_i colorful

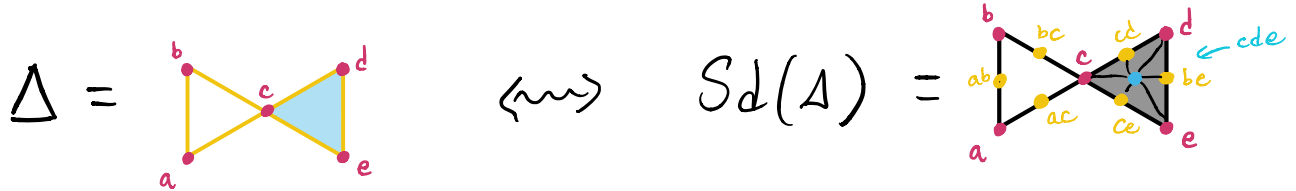
PUNCHLINE #2

$k[sd\Delta]$ can be finitely
generated as a
 $k[\underline{z}]$ -module
 \uparrow
 \mathcal{O}_i universal

\Rightarrow We can write down a (finite) minimal
free resolution for $\underline{\mathcal{O}}$ -colorful

- $k[\Delta]$ over $k[\underline{z}]$
 \nwarrow $\underline{\mathcal{O}}$ -colorful
 \nearrow $\underline{\mathcal{O}}$ -universal

The Universal SOP and the Colorful SOP relate!



$$\Theta_1 = a + b + c + d + e$$

$$\Theta_2 = ab + ac + bc + d + ce + de$$

$$\Theta_3 = abc$$

$$A = [z_1, z_2, z_3]$$

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 A(-3)^5 \qquad A(-6)^1 \\
 \oplus \qquad \qquad \oplus \\
 A(-4)^2 \qquad \qquad \oplus
 \end{array}$$

Conjecture (A., Reiner, 2020)

When we take the resolution of

$k[\Delta]$ over the **universal** SOP

and we take the resolution of

$k[\Delta]$ over the **colorful** SOP,

the two resolutions have *the same* shape!

If true, then we know the shape by the colorful Hochster formula!

Evidence

The conjecture is true when ...

COROLLARY (A., Reiner)

① $k[\Delta]$ is Cohen-Macaulay

PROPOSITION (A., Reiner)

② Δ is a 1-dimensional complex
(i.e., a graph with multiple edges
but no self-loops).

PROPOSITION (A., Reiner)

③ $\dim_k \text{Tor}_i^{k[\mathbb{Z}]}(k[\Delta], k)_b \leq \dim_k \text{Tor}_i^{k[\mathbb{Z}]}(k[S\Delta], k)_b$

(i.e. the conjecture gives a correct upper bound)



The story gets even better!

$\Delta :=$
simplicial complex
with $\dim(\Delta) = d-1$

For $k[\Delta]$ with
universal parameters
 $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$

For $k[S_d \Delta]$ with
colorful parameters
 $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$

$k[z_1, \dots, z_d]$

QUESTION (S. Murai)

Is $k[\Delta] \cong k[S_d \Delta]$ as \mathcal{A} -modules?

Evidence

- ① We haven't found a counterexample.



Everything we've done for a simplicial complex can be generalized for a simplicial poset \mathcal{P} and its corresponding face ring $k[\mathcal{P}]$.

- In this case, \mathcal{P} is a regular cell complex \mathbb{T}^n , and $Sd\mathbb{T}^n$ is a simplicial complex so that the colorful SOP exist.

Thank You!



arxiv : 2007.13021

Macaulay2 package : ResolutionsOfStanleyReisnerRings

These slides can be found on
ashleigh-adams.com

