

Combinatorics of the Coincidental Reflection Groups

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- Reflection groups
and their sources
- Who are the coincidentals?
 - They are hereditary.
 - They are product-oriented.
 - They have root posets,
that are doppelgängers!
 - They are dynamic.

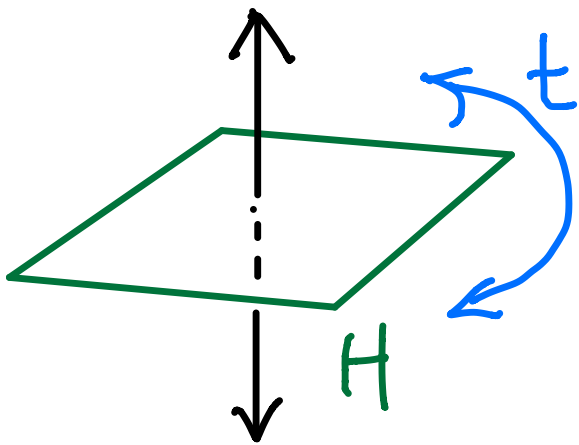
● Reflection groups

What's a reflection?

A real reflection $t \in GL(V)$
 $V = \mathbb{R}^n$

has $H = V^t := \{v \in V : t(v) = v\}$

of dimension $n-1$,
and t negates the line V^{\perp} .



t diagonalizes to

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A complex reflection $t \in GL(V)$,
(unitary, pseudo)
 $V = \mathbb{C}^n$

has finite order, and again

$H = V^t$ of dimension $n-1$.

So t diagonalizes to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi & | & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & | & 1 & & \\ \vdots & | & & \circlearrowleft & \\ 0 & | & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ξ any root-of-unity

H is called the reflecting hyperplane for t .

A (complex) reflection group is a finite subgroup $W \subset GL(V)$, $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ generated by reflections.

Say that W is reducible if $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ with

$$W \subset GL(V_1) \times GL(V_2)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} * & 0 \\ \hline 0 & * \end{array} \right] \right\}$$

and irreducible otherwise.

The **irreducible** reflection groups were classified by **Shephard-Todd**:
(1955)

- One infinite family $G(d, e, n)$
= $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \times n \text{ monomial matrices,} \\ \text{non zero entries } (de)^{\text{th}} \text{ roots of } -1 \\ \text{with product a } d^{\text{th}} \text{ root of } -1 \end{array} \right\}$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \zeta^3 \\ \zeta^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta^5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
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- 34 exceptional groups!
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(Very **deceptive!**)

Why did Shephard-Todd classify?
For the backward implication here:

THEOREM (Shephard-Todd 1955,
Chevalley 1955)

When a finite subgroup $W \subset GL(V)$
acts on $S := \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ via linear
substitutions of variables, the

W -invariant subalgebra

$$S^W := \{f(x) \in S : f(wx) = f(x)\}$$

is itself polynomial $S^W = \mathbb{C}[f_1, \dots, f_n]$



W is a reflection group

The f_1, \dots, f_n in $S^W = \mathbb{C}[f_1, \dots, f_n]$ are not unique, but when chosen **homogeneous**, their multiset of degrees $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$ is unique.

This leads to much **numerology**, e.g.

THEOREM (Shephard-Todd 1955)
Solomon 1963

$$\#W = \prod_{i=1}^n d_i$$

and more generally

$$\sum_{w \in W} q^{\dim(V^w)} = \prod_{i=1}^n (q + e_i)$$

\uparrow
 $q=1$

where $(e_1, \dots, e_n) := (d_1 - 1, \dots, d_n - 1)$ are called the **exponents** of W .

There is similar numerology involving the co-exponents (e_1^*, \dots, e_n^*) , which are the roots of the characteristic polynomial

$$\chi(A_w, q) := \sum_{X \in \mathcal{L}(A_w)} \overset{\text{Möbius function}}{\mu(V, X)} q^{\dim(X)}$$

where $\mathcal{L}(A_w)$ is the poset of all intersections $X = H_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap H_{i_r}$ of reflecting hyperplanes.

THEOREM (Orlik-Solomon 1980)

For any reflection group W ,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\Lambda_w, q) &= \sum_{w \in W} \det(w) q^{\dim(V^w)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n (q - e_i^*) \end{aligned}$$

where the w -exponents e_1^*, \dots, e_n^* give the degrees appearing in any choice of homogeneous S^W -basis $\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n$ for the (free) S^W -module $(S \otimes V)^W$,

i.e. $\Theta_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{\Theta^{(j)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{\text{homogeneous of degree } e_i^*} \otimes y_j$

where $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ has \mathbb{C} -basis y_1, \dots, y_n .

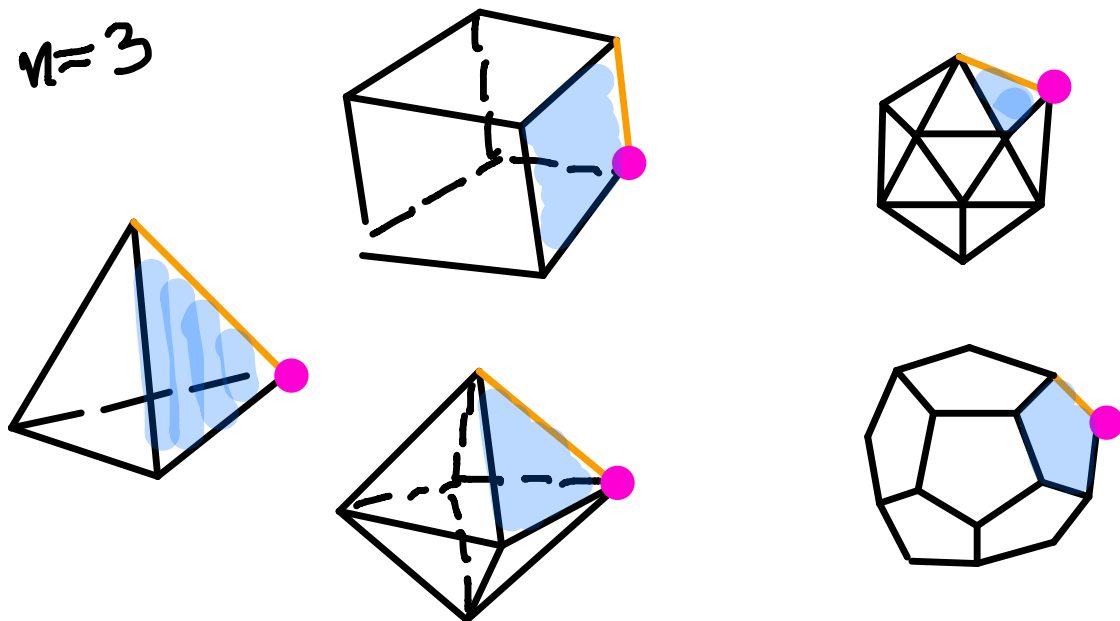
SOURCES of reflection groups

- Regular polytopes :=
convex polytopes $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n = V$
with linear symmetry group $W \subset GL(V)$
transitive on maximal flags of faces

$$F_0 \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_{n-1}$$

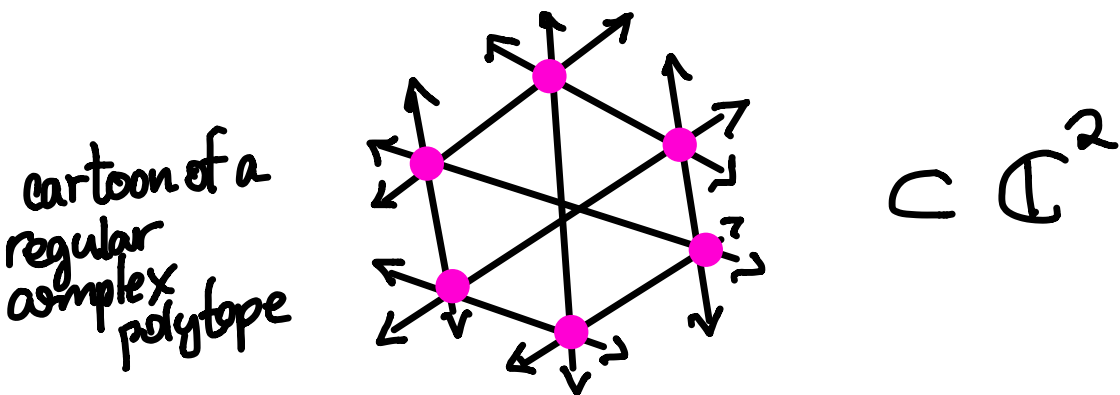
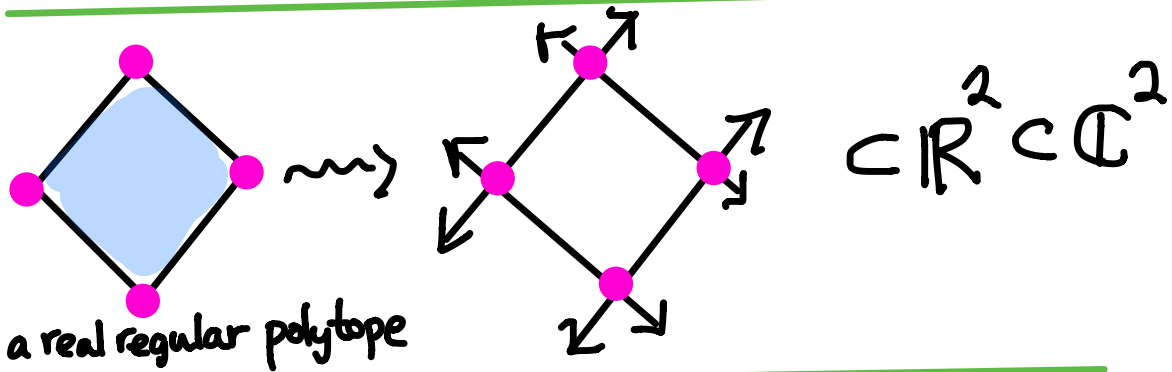
|| || || ||
vertex edge polygon facet

$n=3$



• Regular complex polytopes (!)
 (Shephard 1952)

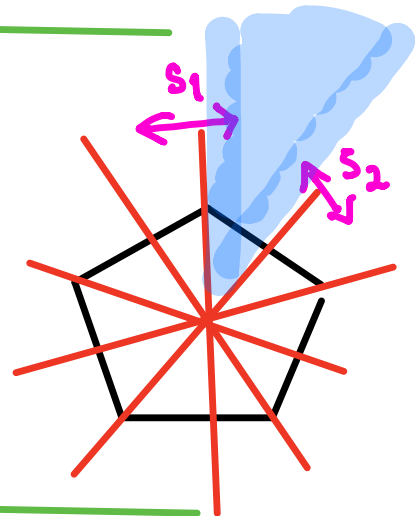
:= arrangements of affine subspaces
 in $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ with linear symmetry
 group $W \subset GL(V)$ transitive on
 maximal flags $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_{n-1}$, and
 maximal flags connected along ridges:
 $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_{i-1} \subset F_i \subset F_{i+1} \subset \dots \subset F_{n-1}$



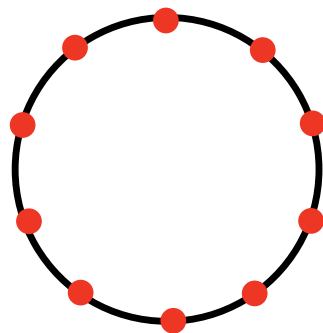
● Finite Coxeter groups (= real reflection groups)

$$W = \left\langle \underbrace{S}_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}} \mid \begin{array}{l} s_i^2 = 1 \quad \forall i \\ \underbrace{s_i s_j s_i \dots}_{m_{ij} \text{ factors}} = \underbrace{s_j s_i s_j \dots}_{m_{ij} \text{ factors}} \end{array} \right\rangle \text{ with } m_{ij} \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

⇒ Coxeter diagram



⇒ Coxeter complex = reflecting hyperplanes intersecting the unit sphere S^{n-1}



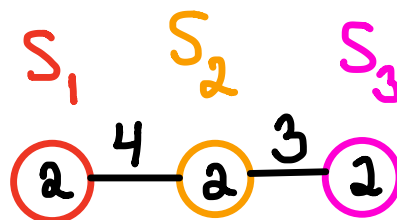
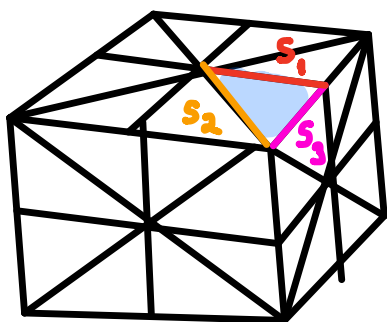
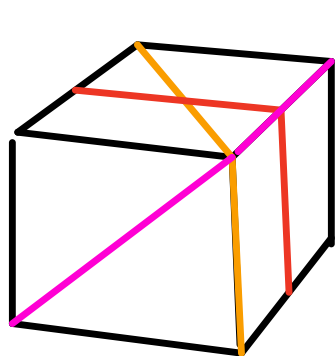
(Real W have $e_i^* = e_i$ Co-exponents = exponents)

For regular polytopes,

Coxeter complex

= barycentric subdivision of the boundary

= order complex of the poset of boundary faces of the polytope

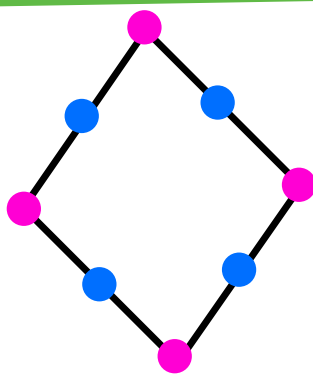
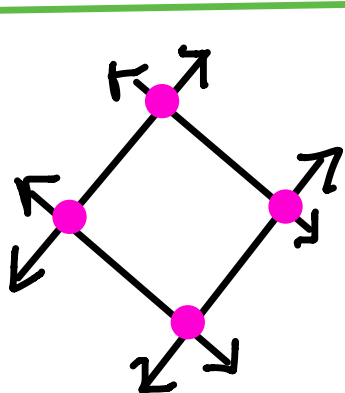


$$S_1 S_2 S_1 S_2 = S_2 S_1 S_2 S_1$$

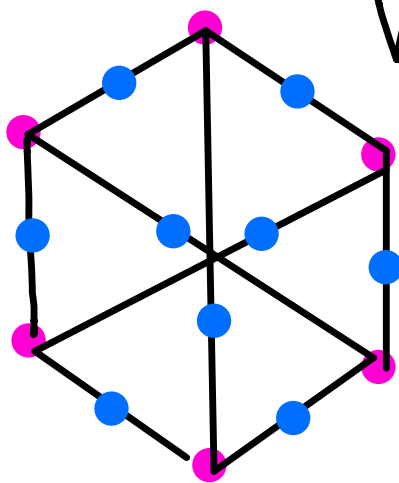
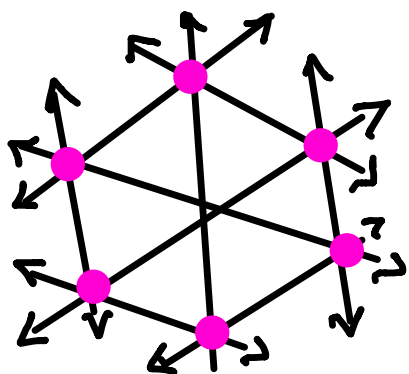
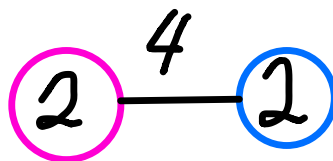
$$S_2 S_3 S_2 = S_3 S_2 S_3$$

$$S_1 S_3 = S_3 S_1$$

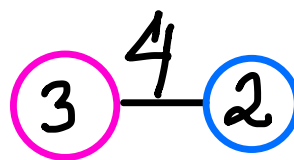
Regular complex polytopes still have a
 Coxeter-Shephard-Milnor Fiber complex
 \cong order complex of their poset of faces
 and a diagram presentation



$$W = B_2/C_2 = G(2,1,2)$$



$$W = G(3,1,2)$$



THEOREM (Koster 1975)

The finite groups W with diagram presentations

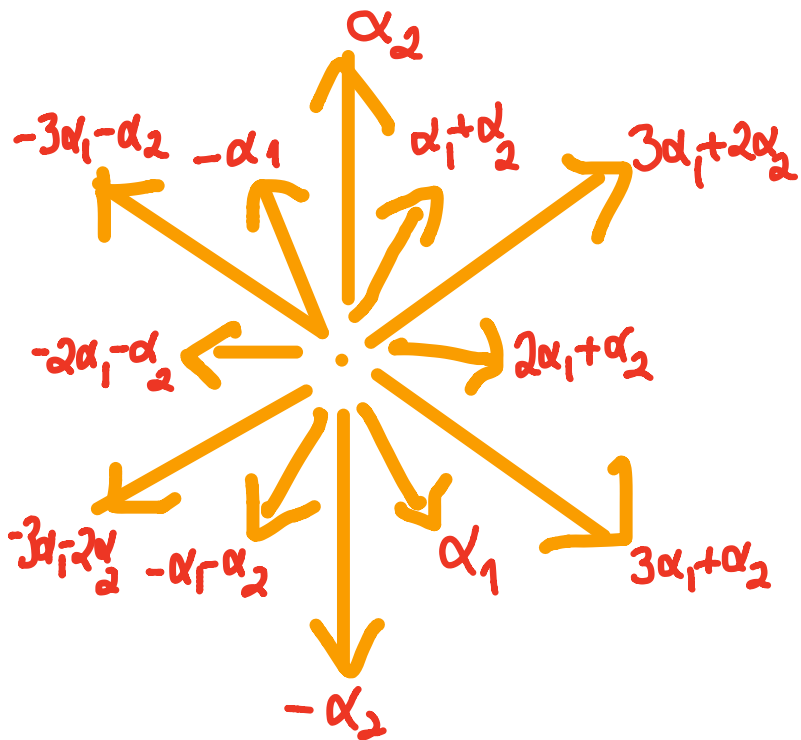


$$W \cong \left\langle \begin{array}{c} S \\ \parallel \\ \{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{c} s_i^{p_i} = 1 \\ \underbrace{s_i s_j s_i \dots}_{\uparrow m_{ij} \text{ factors}} = \underbrace{s_j s_i s_j \dots}_{\uparrow m_{ij} \text{ factors}} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

are exactly the

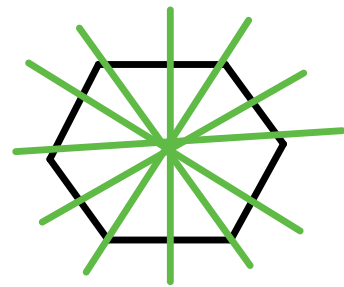
- real reflection groups, and
- symmetries of regular complex polytopes (= Shephard groups)

- Lie groups & algebras have root systems that give rise to Weyl groups W
 - \equiv crystallographic, real reflection groups
 - preserving a full rank lattice $\mathbb{Z}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n = V$

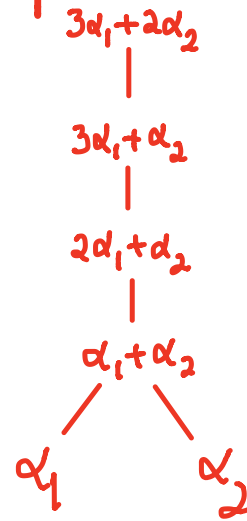
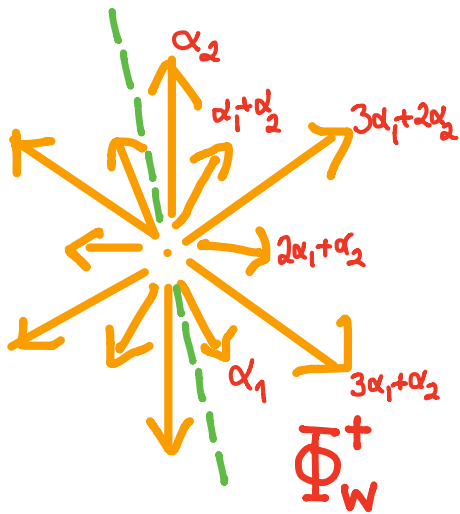


roots
= normals
to reflecting
hyperplanes

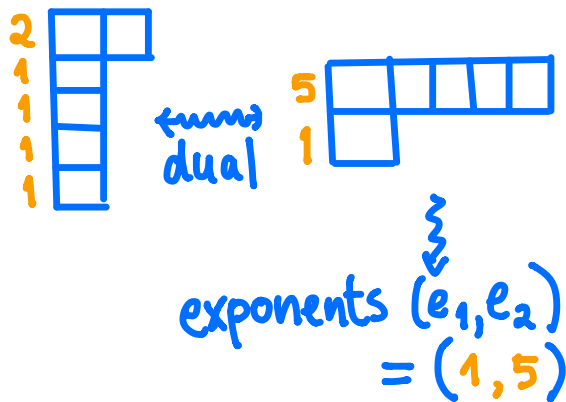
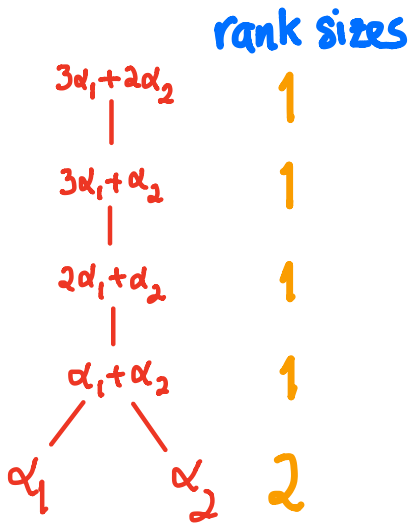
$$W = G_2 = I_2(6)$$



Weyl groups have a (positive) root poset Φ_W^+



... whose rank sizes re-express the exponents as their dual partition



• Who are the coincidentals?

DEFINITION

$W \subset GL(V)$, $V = \mathbb{C}^n$
an irreducible reflection group
is **coincidental** if

- it can be generated by n reflections
(W is **well-generated**; equivalently $e_i^* + e_{n+1-i} = d_n$)
- its degrees $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$ form an
arithmetic sequence:
 $(d_1, d_1+a, d_1+2a, \dots, d_1+(n-1)a)$

Alex Miller (2015) gave 11 equivalent conditions!

So who are they really?

The Shephard groups except F_4, H_4 .

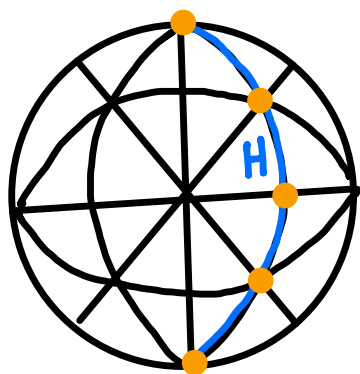
	REAL	COMPLEX
A_n	$(2) - (2) - \dots - (2)$	$(3) - (3) - (3)$ $(3) - (3) - (3) - (3)$
B_n/C_n	$(2) \overset{4}{-} (2) - \dots - (2)$	$(d) \overset{4}{-} (2) - \dots - (2) \quad G(d,1,n)$ $(2) \overset{4}{-} (3) - (3)$
H_3	$(2) \overset{5}{-} (2) - (2)$	
$I_2(m)$	$(2) \overset{m}{-} (2)$	$(p) \overset{m}{-} (q) \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{2}{m} > 1$ (with $p=q$ if m even) \hookrightarrow 12 of these

(Excluded: $G(d,e,n)$, F_4, H_4 , 13 more exceptionals)
 $e, n \geq 2$

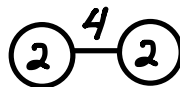
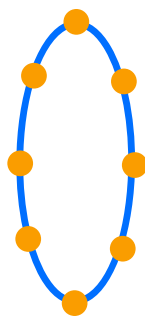
What's so good about them?

They are hereditary.

For a finite real or Shephard group W with Milnor fiber complex Δ_W and any reflecting hyperplane H , call $\Delta_W \cap H$ a wall.



Δ_W



$\Delta_W \cap H$

THEOREM (Abramenko 1994)

A real reflection group W has every wall $\Delta_W \cap H \cong \Delta_{W'}$ \Leftrightarrow W is coincidental

THEOREM (A. Miller 2017)

A Shephard group W has every wall $\Delta_W \cap H$ containing some $\Delta_{W'}$ as a full-dim'l subcomplex \Leftrightarrow W is coincidental

More generally, for any intersection
 $X = H_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap H_{i_k}$ of reflecting hyperplanes
 consider the restriction arrangement in X
 $A_W^X := \{X \cap H : H \text{ a reflecting hyperplane for } W, X \not\subseteq H\}$

Restriction arrangements share many properties
 with the original reflection arrangement A_W ,
 including integer factorizations

$$\chi(A_W, q) = \prod_{i=1}^{\dim X} (q - e_i^X)$$

where $\{e_1^X, e_2^X, \dots, e_{\dim X}^X\}$ are called the
 Orlik-Solomon ^(co-)exponents of X .

FACT (A. Miller 2015)

For real and Shephard groups W ,
the Orlik-Solomon exponents of X

$\{e_1^X, e_2^X, \dots, e_{\dim X}^X\}$ depend only on $\dim X$

$\Leftrightarrow W$ is coincidental.

In fact, among well-generated groups W ,
one has that the Orlik-Solomon exponents

$$\{e_1^X, e_2^X, \dots, e_{\dim X}^X\} = \{e_1^*, e_2^*, \dots, e_{\dim X}^*\} \quad \forall X$$

the $\dim X$ smallest
coexponents of W

$\Leftrightarrow W$ is coincidental.

The Coincidentals are product-oriented.

REFLECTION FACTORIZATIONS

In real reflection groups (W, S)
a Coxeter element is $c := s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n$
having order $h := d_n$ the Coxeter number

Recall a formula of Chapoton (2004) says

$$\# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{factorizations} \\ c = t_1 t_2 \cdots t_n \\ \text{with } t_i \text{ reflections} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{n! h^n}{|W|}$$

Deligne (1974) gave a recursion on the Coxeter diagram for (W, S) to compute the more general quantity

$$\# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{factorizations } c = at_1 t_2 \dots t_k b \\ t_i \text{ reflections, } \text{codim}(V^a) + k + \text{codim}(V^b) = n \end{array} \right\}$$

and Reading 2007 noted

THEOREM: This quantity almost has product formula

$$n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) \cdot \frac{h^k}{|W|} \cdot \prod_{i=k+1}^n (h+d_i)$$

which is correct \iff W is coincidental.

Explained by work of Duvropoulos (2017, 2019) why this follows from Orlik-Solomon exponents

$$\{e_1^X, e_2^X, \dots, e_{\dim X}^X\} \text{ depending only on } \dim X.$$

f-VECTORS AND h-VECTORS

Recall this product formula for real reflection groups W

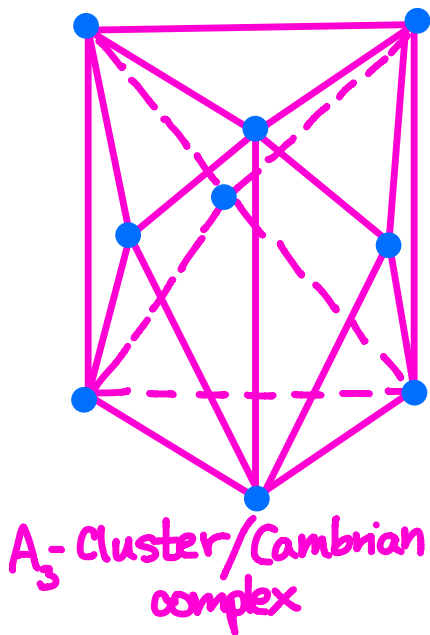
$$\text{Cat}(W) := \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+d_i}{d_i}$$

W-Catalan number

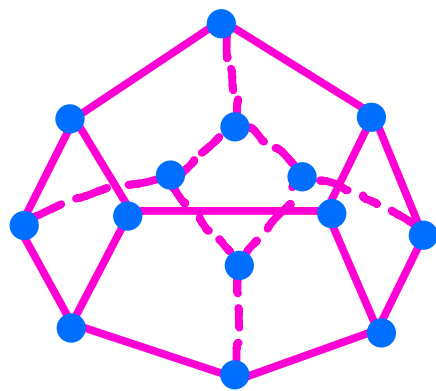
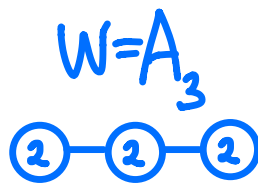
$$W=A_{n-1} \rightarrow \frac{(n+2)(n+3)\dots(2n)}{2 \cdot 3 \dots n} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

counts maximal faces in the

W -cluster/ W -Cambrian complexes
 (Fomin-Zelevinsky 2001) (Reading 2004)



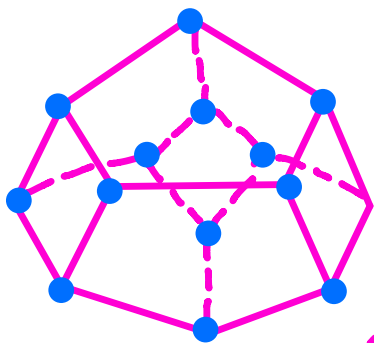
polar dual
 $\leftarrow \rightsquigarrow$



(simple)
 Associahedron
 or Stasheff polytope
 (1963)

What about other face numbers,
i.e. the full f -vector $f = (f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$?

$$W = A_3 \quad \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{2}$$

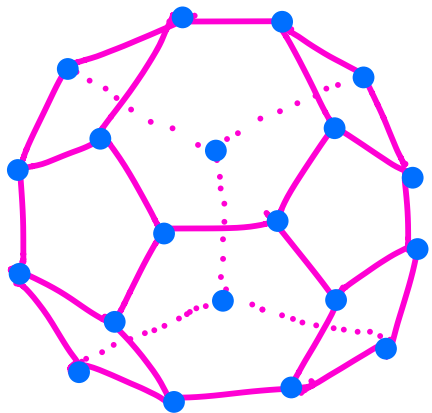


Associahedron/
Stasheff polytope

$$f = (f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3) \\ = (14, 21, 9, 1)$$

= ⁽¹⁸⁵⁷⁾ Kirkman-Cayley ⁽¹⁸⁹⁰⁾ or
⁽¹⁸⁷⁰⁾ little Schröder numbers
 $\frac{1}{n} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k+1}{k}$

$$W = B_3 \quad \textcircled{2}^4 - \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{2}$$



Cyclohedron/
Bott-Taubes polytope
1994

$$f = (20, 30, 12, 1)$$

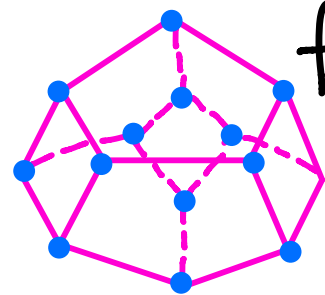
Computed by
R. Simion (2003)

$$\binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k}$$

Alternatively, what about their
 h-vectors $h = (h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n)$

defined by

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k t^k = \sum_{k=0}^n f_k (t-1)^k \quad ?$$

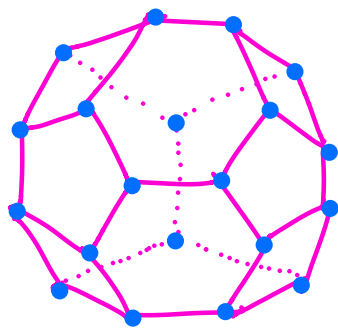


Associahedron

$$f = (14, 21, 9, 1) \\ = (f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow h = (1, 6, 6, 1) \\ = (h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3)$$

⁽¹⁹⁵⁵⁾
 Narayana numbers
 $\frac{1}{n} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{k+1}$



Cyclohedron

$$f = (20, 30, 21, 1) \rightsquigarrow h = (1, 9, 9, 1)$$

Simion (2003)
 $\binom{n}{k}^2$

Fomin & Reading 2005 gave a recursion on the Coxeter diagram of (W, S) to compute these f -vector and h -vectors. They then observed...

THEOREM: They almost have product formulas

$$f_k = \binom{n}{k} \prod_{i=1}^{n-k} \frac{h+d_i}{d_i}$$

$$h_k = \binom{n}{k} \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{d_{n+1-i}}{d_i}$$

which are

correct $\iff W$ is coincidental.

We understand this now (slightly) better.

THEOREM (Armstrong-Rhoades) The f -vector is

$$f_k = \left[\text{Hilb} \left(\left(\text{S} \otimes \Lambda^k V^* \otimes \Lambda^k V \right)^W, q, t \right) \right]_{\substack{t = -q^{h+1} \\ q = 1}}$$

grading tracked by t

grading tracked by q

THEOREM (R-Shepler-Sommers)

Complex reflection groups W have this product formula

$$\text{Hilb} \left(\left(\text{S} \otimes \Lambda^k V^* \otimes \Lambda^k V \right)^W, q, t \right) = \sigma_k(q_1^{e_1^*}, \dots, q_n^{e_n^*}) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k (1 + q_i^{e_i^*} t)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - q_i^{d_i} t)}$$

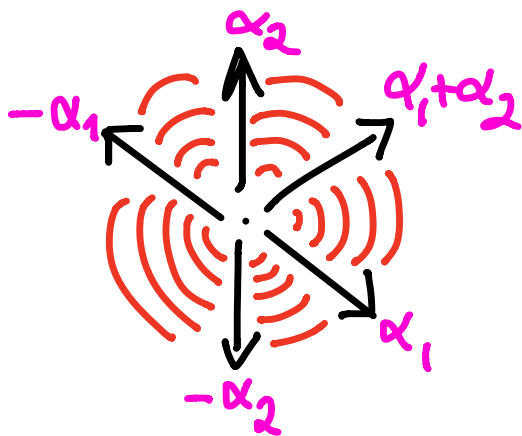
\nwarrow k^{th} elementary symmetric function

$\iff W$ is coincidental.

THEOREM (R-Shepler-Sommers) For coincidental W the product formula for f_k converts to one for h_k via a hypergeometric transformation.

W-bi CATALAN NUMBERS

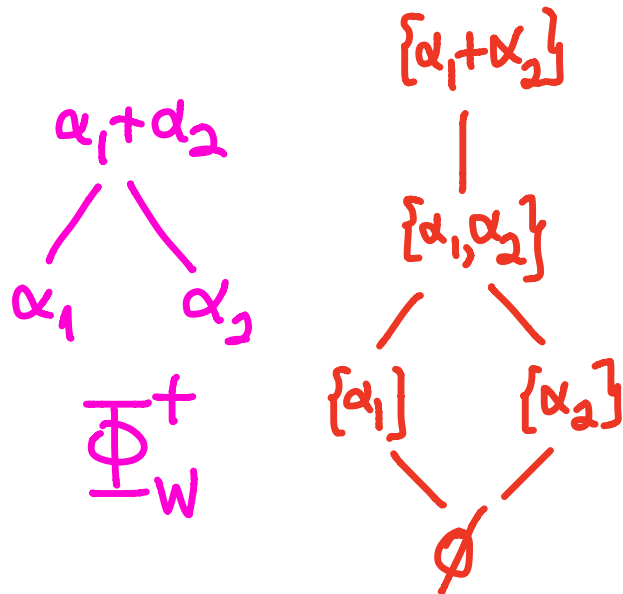
$$\text{Cat}(W) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+d_i}{d_i}$$
 not only counts maximal W -cluster/Cambrian faces, but also antichains in the root poset Φ_W^+



5 maximal cones

$$W = A_2 = \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Cat}(A_2) = \frac{1}{3+1} \binom{6}{3} = 5$$

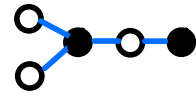


5 antichains in Φ_W^+

THEOREM (Barnard-Reading 2017)

#maximal cones in the common refinement of the Cambrian fan for a bipartite

Coxeter element $c = \prod s_i \cdot \prod s_j$

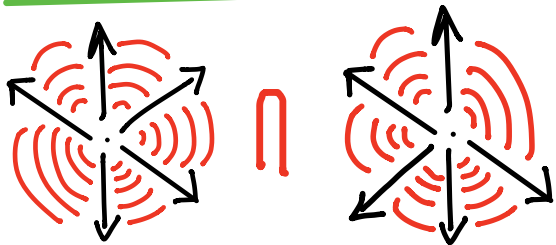


black s_i white s_j

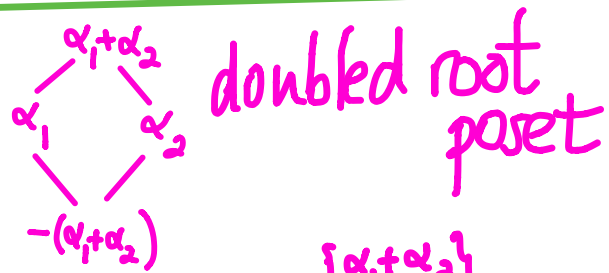
and its opposite/negative fan

= #antichains in doubled root poset

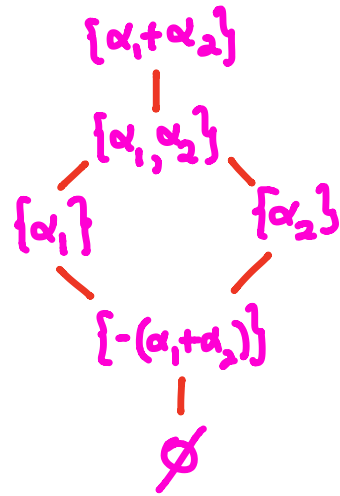
:= biCat(W) W-biCatalan number



$\text{biCat}(A_2) = 6$



6 antichains



Barnard & Reading give formulas for $\text{biCat}(W)$ for all real reflection groups W , and observe that the product formula

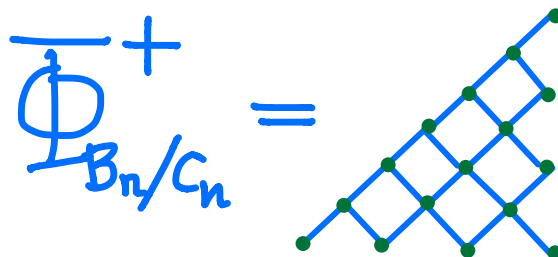
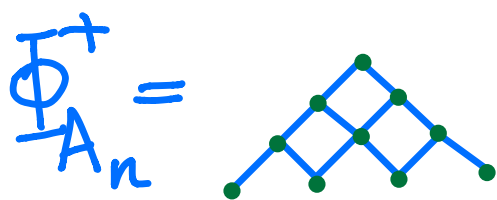
$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+e_i-1}{e_i}$$

is almost $\text{biCat}(W)$, and correct $\Leftrightarrow W$ is coincidental.

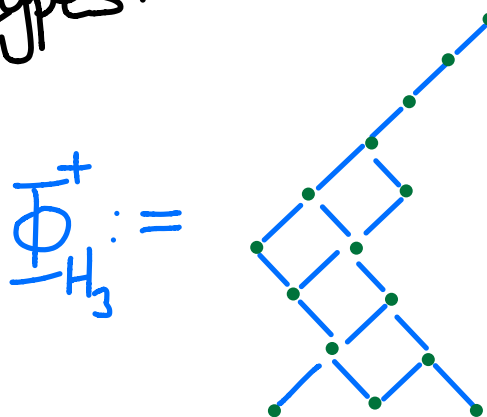
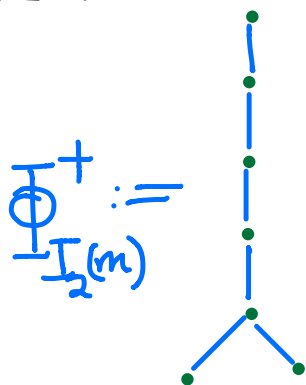
E.g. A_2 has exponents $(e_1, e_2) = (1, 2)$ and $h = d_2 = e_2 + 1 = 3$, so

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+e_i-1}{e_i} = \frac{(3+1-1)(3+2-1)}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{3 \cdot 4}{2} = 6 = \text{biCat}(A_2)$$

- The coincidentals have root posets!



Armstrong (2006) suggested these root posets Φ_W^+ for the non-crystallographic real coincidental types:



based on desired properties for

- exponents $\{e_i\}$ dual to rank sizes of Φ_W^+
- $\text{Cat}(W) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+d_i}{d_i} = \# \text{ antichains in } \Phi_W^+$
- The M-triangle numerology of (Chapoton (2004))

Cuntz & Stump (2012) showed that Armstrong's Φ_W^+ for $W = I_2(m), H_3$ have many other desired/expected properties of Φ_W^+ for crystallographic W , but there can be no such root poset $\Phi_{H_4}^+$!

not coincidental \rightarrow

THEOREM (N. Williams 2013)
 building on work of Haiman, Proctor, Purbhoo, Stanley

A real reflection group W has

$$\# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{reduced } S\text{-words} \\ \omega_0 = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_N} \end{array} \right\} = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{linear} \\ \text{extensions} \\ \text{of } \Phi_W^+ \end{array} \right\}$$

S -longest element $\omega_0 \in W$

when W is coincidental.

THEOREM (Hamaker-Patrias-Fechenik-Williams 2016)
 Their root posets Φ_W^+ have (minuscule) doppelgängers!
 = poset with same order polynomial $\Omega_p(m)$

Coincidental W	Φ_W^+	minuscule doppelgänger
$I_2(m)$ (m even)		
H_3		
B_n		
A_n		

↖ not quite doppelgänger ↗

- The coincidentals are dynamic!
(in the sense of dynamical algebraic combinatorics)

CLUSTERS & MULTI-CLUSTERS

THEOREM (S.P. Eu & T.S. Fu 2006)

For real reflection groups W , the product

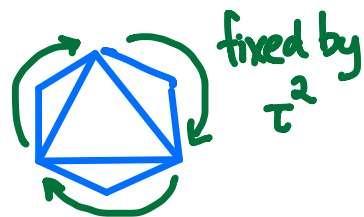
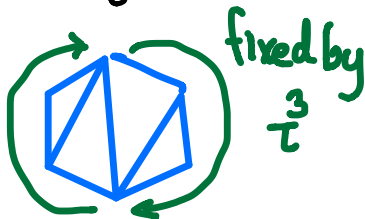
$$\text{Cat}(W, q) := \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{[h+d_i]_q}{[d_i]_q} \quad \text{W-}q\text{-Catalan}$$

gives a cyclic sieving phenomenon (CSP) for the action of the deformed Coxeter element τ on

maximal faces of the W -cluster / Cambrian complex:
(Fomin-Zelevinsky 2001)

$$\#\{\text{maximal faces fixed by } \tau^d\} = \left[\text{Cat}(W, q) \right]_q = \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{h+2}} \right)^d$$

In type A , this τ just rotates triangulations:



What about **non-maximal** faces?

The natural q -analogue

$$f_k(q) = \left[\text{Hilb} \left((S \otimes V^* \otimes \wedge^k V)^W, q, t \right) \right]_{t = -q^{h+1}}$$

seems* to give the analogous **CSP**

\Leftrightarrow W is **coincidental**

$$(\Leftrightarrow f_k(q) = \binom{n}{k}_q \prod_{i=1}^{n-k} \frac{[h+di]_q}{[di]_q})$$

* We didn't fully check it works for H_3
nor that it fails for F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8, H_4

The **Eu-Fu CSP** result has a conjectural generalization by **Ceballos-Labbe-Stump (2013)** replacing...

- maximal faces in **cluster complexes** with maximal faces in **multi-cluster complexes**
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- $\text{Cat}(W)$ with $\text{multiCat}(W, l, q) := \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=0}^l \frac{[h+d_i+2j]_q}{[d_i+2j]_q}$

- deformed Coxeter element τ with Auslander-Reiten translation τ , of order $h+2l$, so plugging in $q = \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{h+2l}} \right)^d$
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... but only for W coincidental! ∇
Ceballos-Labbe-Stump (2013) •
S. Hopkins (2019)

P-PARTITIONS & ROW MOTION

The **doppelgänger** results of **HPPW 2016** together with work of **Proctor 1984** re-interpret

$$\text{MultiCat}(W, l, g) \left(:= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=0}^l \frac{[h+d_i+2j]_g}{[d_i+2j]_g} \right) = \sum_f g^{|f|}$$

where f runs through the set

$$\{ \text{P-partitions } f : \Phi_W^+ \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, l\} \}$$

$$\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow f(\alpha) \leq f(\beta)$$

$$\text{and } |f| := \sum_{\alpha} f(\alpha).$$

These **P-partitions** have another interesting action called **PL-rowmotion** ρ , of order $2h$ (not $h+2l$)

CONJECTURE (S. Hopkins 2019)

For coincidental W , $\text{MultiCat}(W, l, g)$ has another CSP, for ρ on these **P-partitions**.

WHAT IS GOING
ON WITH THE
COINCIDENTALS

? !

Thanks

for your

attention!