

# Stirling numbers and Koszul algebras with symmetry

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1. Stirling numbers  $c(n, k)$ ,  $S(n, k)$   
1st kind      2nd kind
2. Algebras, Hilbert functions/series
3. Koszul algebras & duality
4. Representation theory results

# 1. Stirling numbers

#  $k$  cycle permutations in  $S_n =: c(n, k)$  (signless) Stirling # of 1<sup>st</sup> kind

$c(4,4)$ = 1	$c(4,3)$ = 6	$c(4,2)$ = 11	$c(4,1)$ = 6
(1)(2)(3)(4)	(12)(3)(4) (13)(2)(4) (14)(2)(3) (23)(1)(4) (24)(1)(3) (34)(1)(2)	(123)(4) (12)(34) (132)(4) (13)(24) (124)(3) (14)(23) (142)(3) (134)(2) (143)(2) (234)(1) (243)(1)	(1234) (1243) (1324) (1342) (1423) (1432)

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#  $k$  block set partitions of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} =: S(n, k)$  Stirling # of 2<sup>nd</sup> kind

$S(4,4)$ = 1	$S(4,3)$ = 6	$S(4,2)$ = 7	$S(4,1)$ = 1
1 2 3 4	12 3 4    23 1 4 13 2 4    24 1 3 14 2 3    34 1 2	123 4    12 34 124 3    13 24 134 2 234 1    14 23	1234

# Triangle recurrences

$$c(n, k) = c(n-1, k-1) + (n-1) \cdot c(n-1, k)$$

$k$  cycle permutations of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n-1, n\}$

$n$  is a singleton cycle

$n$  is not a singleton cycle

	$k=0$	1	2	3	4	5
$n=0$	1					
1	0	1				
2	0	1	1			
3	0	2	3	1		
4	0	6	11	6	1	
5	0	24	50	35	10	1
	⋮					⋮

$$S(n, k) = S(n-1, k-1) + k \cdot S(n-1, k)$$

$k$  block partitions of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n-1, n\}$

$n$  is a singleton block

$n$  is not a singleton block

	$k=0$	1	2	3	4	5
$n=0$	1					
1	0	1				
2	0	1	1			
3	0	1	3	1		
4	0	1	7	6	1	
5	0	1	15	25	10	1
	⋮					⋮

# Generating functions

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c(n, n-i) t^i = (1+t)(1+2t) \dots (1+(n-1)t)$$

$$1 + 6t + 11t^2 + 6t^3 = (1+t)(1+2t)(1+3t)$$

	k					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
n=0	1					
1	0	1				
2	0	1	1			
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5	0	24	50	35	10	1
⋮						⋮

$c(n, k)$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} S(n-1+i, n-1) t^i = \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-2t) \dots (1-(n-1)t)}$$

$$1 + 6t + 25t^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-2t)(1-3t)}$$

	k					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
n=0	1					
1	0	1				
2	0	1	1			
3	0	1	3	1		
4	0	1	7	6	1	
5	0	1	15	25	10	1
⋮						⋮

$S(n, k)$

## 2. Algebras, Hilbert functions/series

$$A = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i = A_0 \oplus A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots$$

$$\text{with } A_i \cdot A_j = A_{i+j}$$

a graded associative  $k$ -algebra

$\nearrow k$  a field

has Hilbert series

$$\text{Hilb}(A, t) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\dim_k(A_i)}_{\text{called Hilbert function } h(A, i)} \cdot t^i$$

# EXAMPLES:

$$\text{Hilb}\left(\bigwedge_{\mathbb{k}}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, t\right) = \bigwedge^{\circ} V \text{ where } V = \text{span}_{\mathbb{k}}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

exterior algebra

$$x_i x_j = -x_j x_i$$

$$x_i^2 = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} t^i = (1+t)^n$$

$$\text{Hilb}\left(\mathbb{k}[y_1, \dots, y_n], t\right) = \text{Sym}(V^*) \text{ where } V^* = \text{span}_{\mathbb{k}}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$$

polynomial algebra  
(commutative)

$$y_i y_j = y_j y_i$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+i-1}{i} t^i = \frac{1}{(1-t)^n}$$

$c(n,k)$  are also a Hilbert function ...

... for two related cohomology algebras  $A$ , both with

$$\text{Hilb}(A, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n c(n, n-i) t^i = (t+t)(1+t) - (1+(n-1)t)$$

**THEOREM:**  $A := H^*(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{k})$

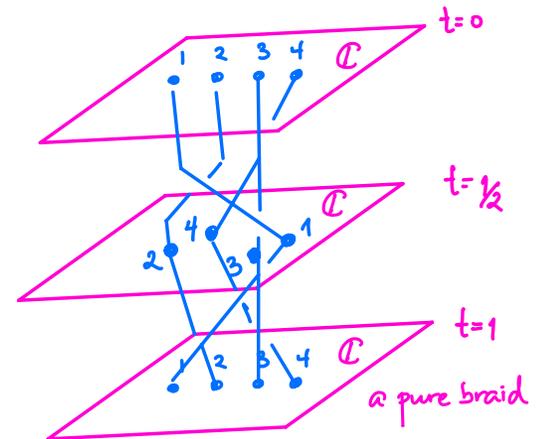
V.I. Arnold  
1968

$\{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : z_i \neq z_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}$   
configuration space of  $n$  labeled points in  $\mathbb{C}$

exterior algebra

$$\cong \bigwedge_{\mathbb{k}} \{x_{ij} \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\} / (x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + x_{ik}x_{jk}) \mid 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$$

$\cong$  group cohomology of pure braid group  $\mathcal{PB}_n$   
 $\mathcal{PB}_n \cong \ker(B_n \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_n)$   
 braid group  $\rightarrow$  symmetric group



$\cong$  Orlik-Solomon algebra of type  $A_{n-1}$  reflection arrangement

**THEOREM:** Same presentation works for  $\text{Conf}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $d=2,4,6,\dots$  even  
F. Cohen 1972  
(not just  $\mathbb{C}=\mathbb{R}^2$ )

and similarly, for  $d=3,5,7,\dots$  odd, one has

$$A := H^0(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k)$$

$$\cong \frac{\text{(commutative) polynomial algebra } k[x_{ij}]_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}}{(x_{ij}^2, \underbrace{x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + x_{ik}x_{jk}}_{\text{same!}})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n}}$$

$\cong$  graded Varchenko-Gelfand ring  
of type  $A_{n-1}$  reflection arrangement

Varchenko-Gelfand 1987  
deLongueville-Schutz 2001  
Moseley 2017

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**NOTE:** We will rescale the grading on both algebras  $A$  to divide by  $d-1$ ,

making  $\deg(x_{ij})=1$  rather than  $x_{ij} \in H^{d-1}(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d))$

Why do both have  $\text{Hilb}(A, t) = (1+t)(1+2t)\cdots(1+(n-1)t) = \sum_{i=1}^n c(n, n-i) t^i$  ?

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F. Cohen's proof shows both presentations

$$A = \begin{cases} \bigwedge_{\mathbb{k}} \{x_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / (x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + \underline{x_{ik}x_{jk}})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \\ \mathbb{k}[x_{ij}]_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / (\underline{x_{ij}^2}, x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + \underline{x_{ik}x_{jk}})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \end{cases}$$

are Gröbner basis presentations  
(exterior, commutative)

with initial terms underlined in green, giving

standard monomial  $\mathbb{k}$ -bases for  $A$

= squarefree products of at most one variable from these sets:

$$\{x_{12}\}, \{x_{13}, x_{23}\}, \{x_{14}, x_{24}, x_{34}\}, \dots, \{x_{1n}, x_{2n}, \dots, x_{n-1,n}\}$$

$$(1+t) \cdot (1+2t) \cdot (1+3t) \cdot \dots \cdot (1+(n-1)t)$$

Are the  $S(n, k)$  also a Hilbert function?

$$\text{Yes, } \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-2t)\cdots(1-nt)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} S(n-i, n-i) t^i = \text{Hilb}(A^!, t)$$

where  $A^!$  is the Koszul dual algebra

for either of the quadratic algebras

$$A = H^0(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k)$$

$$\cong \begin{cases} \Lambda_k \{x_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / (x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + x_{ik}x_{jk})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \\ k[x_{ij}]_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / (x_{ij}^2, x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + x_{ik}x_{jk})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \end{cases}$$

$$d = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

$$d = 3, 5, 7, \dots$$

### 3. Koszul algebras & their Koszul duals

DEFINITION:  $A = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i = \underbrace{A_0}_{=k} \oplus A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots$

a standard graded unconnected associative  $k$ -algebra

means

$$A = \underbrace{k\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle}_{\text{free associative algebra}} / I$$

on  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A_1$

or  
tensor algebra  $T(V)$   
on  $V = \text{span}_k \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} = A_1$

for a two-sided ideal  
 $I \subset k\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$   
which is homogeneous:

$$I = \bigoplus_{i=2}^{\infty} I_i$$

where  $I_i := T^i(V) \cap I$

(Priddy 1970)

DEFINITION:

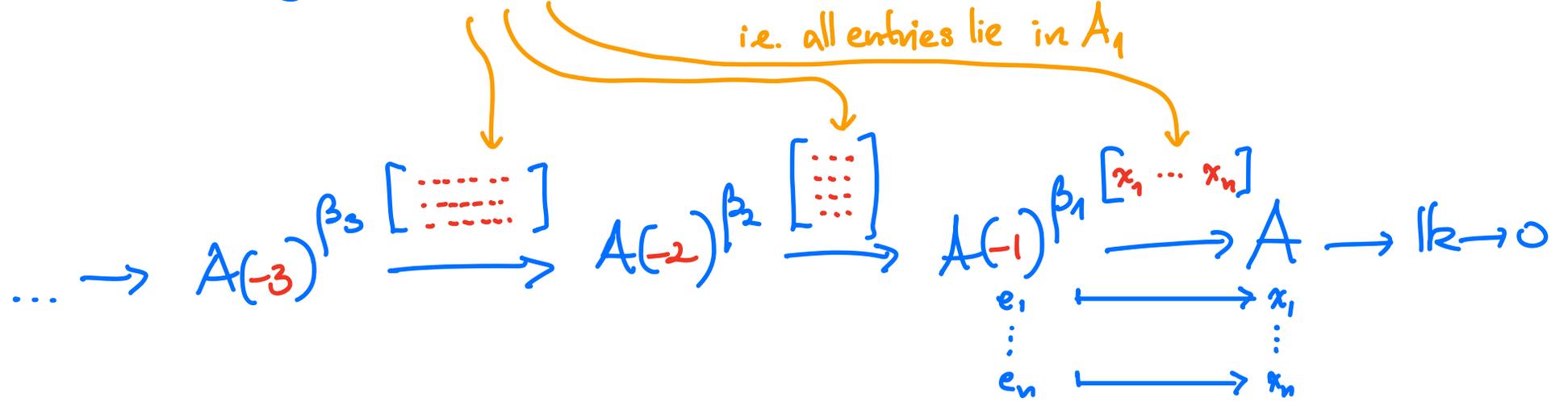
$A$  is a Koszul algebra if there exists a

free  $A$ -resolution of  $k = A/A_+$

$$A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus A_3 \oplus \dots$$

having all linear maps:

i.e. all entries lie in  $A_1$



$A = k\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / I$  Koszul

$\implies I$  is quadratic:

$$I = (I_2)$$

is generated by  $I_2 = I \cap T^2(V)$

**THEOREM** (Priddy 1970) When  $A$  is Koszul, its quadratic dual algebra  $A^!$

defined by  $A^! := \underbrace{k\langle y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle}_{T^0(V^*)} / J$  where  $J = (J_2)$

for  $V^* = \text{span}_k \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$   
with  $(y_i, x_j) = \delta_{ij}$

with

$$J_2 := I_2^\perp \subset V^* \otimes V^*$$

gives an explicit linear free  $A$ -resolution of  $k$  built on  $A \otimes_k (A^!)^*$ :

$$\dots \rightarrow A \otimes_k (A_3^!)^* \rightarrow A \otimes_k (A_2^!)^* \rightarrow A \otimes_k (A_1^!)^* \rightarrow A \otimes_k (A_0^!)^* \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$$

(now called Priddy's complex)

**COROLLARY:**  $\text{Hilb}(A, t) \cdot \text{Hilb}(A^!, -t) = 1$  when  $A$  is Koszul.

$$\text{i.e. } \text{Hilb}(A^!, t) = \overline{\text{Hilb}(A, -t)}$$

More generally, a group  $G$  of graded symmetries of  $A$  also acts on  $A^!$ ,

and has virtual  $G$ -character identities, recurrences:  
(equivariant)

$$\text{Hilb}_{\text{eq}}(A, t) \cdot \text{Hilb}_{\text{eq}}(A^!^*, -t) = 1 \quad \text{in } \underbrace{R(G)[[t]]}_{\substack{\text{ring of complex} \\ G\text{-characters,} \\ \text{or Grothendieck ring of} \\ kG\text{-modules}}}$$

or equivalently

$$(A_i^!)^* = A_1 \otimes (A_{i-1}^!)^* - A_2 \otimes (A_{i-2}^!)^* + A_3 \otimes (A_{i-3}^!)^* - \dots \pm A_i \quad \text{in } R(G)$$

↖ Koszul recurrence for  $\{A_i^!\}$  in terms of  $\{A_i\}$

## EXAMPLE

$$A = \underbrace{\bigwedge_{\mathbb{k}} \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}_{\wedge^2 V} \cong \mathbb{k}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / \underbrace{(x_i^2, x_i x_j + x_j x_i)}_{I = (I_2)} \quad \text{is Koszul}$$

$$A^\dagger = \underbrace{\mathbb{k}[y_1, \dots, y_n]}_{\text{Sym}(V^*)} \cong \mathbb{k}\langle y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle / \underbrace{(y_i y_j - y_j y_i)}_{J = (J_2)} \quad \text{is its Koszul dual}$$

where  $J_2 = I_2^\perp \subset T^2(V^*)$

and Priddy's complex = (usual) Koszul complex resolving  $\mathbb{k}$  over  $\mathbb{k}[\underline{y}]$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \wedge^n V \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \text{Sym}(V^*) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \wedge^2 V \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \text{Sym}(V^*) \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} \text{Sym}(V^*) \rightarrow \text{Sym}(V^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{k} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x_1 & \longmapsto & y_1 & \longmapsto & 0 \\ & & \vdots & & \\ x_n & \longmapsto & y_n & \longmapsto & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x_i \wedge x_j \longmapsto y_i x_j - y_j x_i$$

# How to prove an algebra $A$ is Koszul?

**THEOREM:** When  $A$  is commutative or anti commutative  
(Folklore + Fröberg 1975 for monomial case) and  $I$  has a quadratic Gröbner basis for some monomial order on  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  or  $\Lambda_k\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , then  $A$  is Koszul.

e.g.  $A = H^0(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k)$  is Koszul

$$\cong \begin{cases} \Lambda_k\{x_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / (x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + \underline{x_{ik}x_{jk}})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} & d=2,4,6,\dots \\ k[x_{ij}]_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / (\underline{x_{ij}^2}, x_{ij}x_{ik} - x_{ij}x_{jk} + \underline{x_{ik}x_{jk}})_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} & d=3,5,7,\dots \end{cases}$$

$$A^! = k\langle y_{ij} \rangle_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} / \left( [y_{ij}, y_{kl}]_{\{i,j\} \cap \{k,l\} = \emptyset} \right) + \left( [y_{ij}, y_{ik} + y_{jk}]_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \right)$$

is its Koszul dual where  $[a,b] := \begin{cases} ab - ba & \text{if } d \text{ even} \\ ab + ba & \text{if } d \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

**REMARK:** Supersolvable hyperplane arrangements are lurking here!

COROLLARY:  $A = H^*(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k_1)$  (for  $d$  even or odd) have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hilb}(A^!, t) &= \frac{1}{\text{Hilb}(A, t)} = \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-2t)\dots(1-(n-1)t)} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} S((n-1)+i, n-1) t^i \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\dim_{k_1}(A^!_i) = S((n-1)+i, n-1)$

	$k=0$	1	2	3	4	5
$n=0$	1					
1	0	1				
2	0	1	1			
3	0	2	3	1		
4	0	6	11	6	1	
5	0	24	50	35	10	1
$\vdots$						

$c(n, k)$

$n=4$   
Hilb( $A, t$ )

	$k=0$	1	2	3	4	5
$n=0$	1					
1	0	1				
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$\vdots$						

$S(n, k)$

$n=4$   
Hilb( $A^!, t$ )

Topological  
REMARK:

$$A = H^*(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k) \text{ for } d \geq 3$$

has

$$A^! \cong H_*(\Omega \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k)$$

↑  
(base pointed)  
loop space

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Studied, e.g., by Cohen-Gitler 2002

who called the relations infinitesimal braid relations

$$[y_{ij}, y_{kl}] = 0 \text{ for } \{i, j\} \cap \{k, l\} = \emptyset$$

$$[y_{ij}, y_{ik} + y_{jk}] = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$$

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QUESTION: Can this help us better understand the  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -reps on  $A^!$ ?

#### 4. Representation theory

$A = H^*(\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), k)$  carry actions of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

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Q: What do the  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -representations on the graded components of  $A$ ,  $A^!$  look like?

Can one decompose them into the

$\mathfrak{S}_n$ -irreducible representations  $\{\mathfrak{S}^\lambda\}$ ,

indexed by partitions  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_\ell)$  of  $n$ ?

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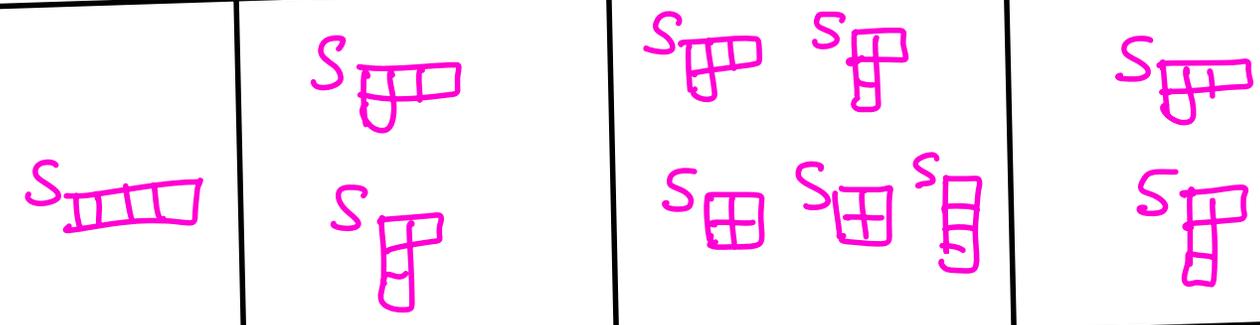
$A = H^*\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$  = Stirling reps of 1st kind have generating function formulas involving plethysms (Sundaram & Welker 1997)

- implemented in SAGE/cocalc by T. Kam

$n=4$        $1$      $+$      $6t$      $+$      $11t^2$      $+$      $6t^3$          total rep'n (ungraded)

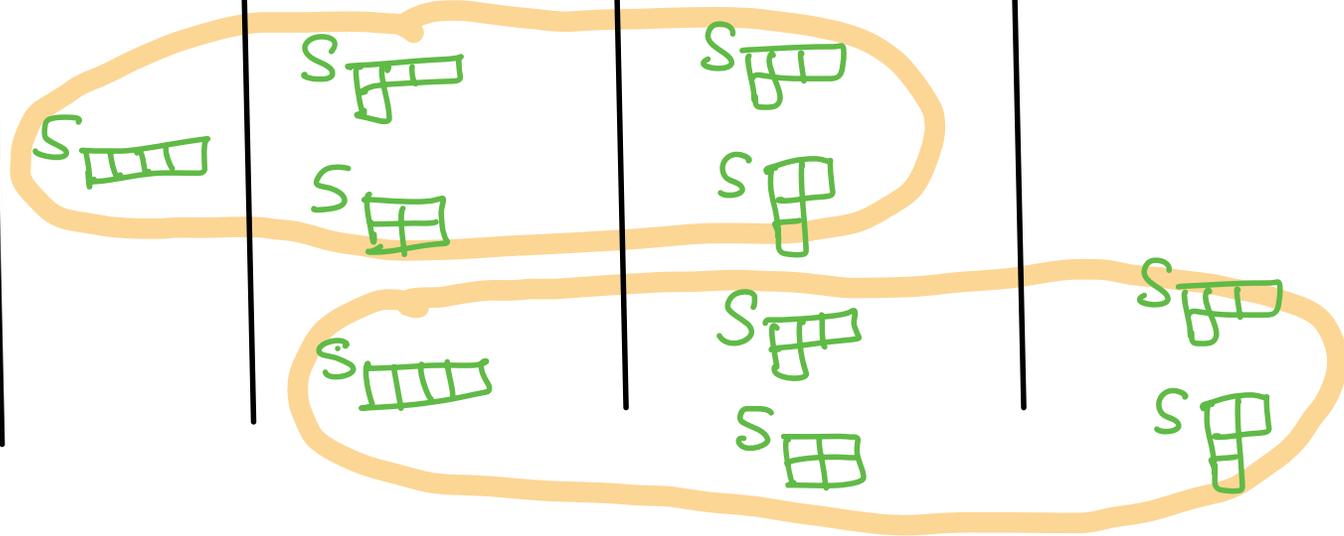
$A_0$        $A_1$        $A_2$        $A_3$

$d=3,5,7,\dots$   
odd



$\mathbb{K}[\mathfrak{S}_4]$   
= regular rep.

$d=2,4,6,\dots$   
even



2 copies of  
 $\mathbb{K}[\mathfrak{S}_4 / \sqrt{\mathfrak{S}_2 \times \mathfrak{S}_1 \times \mathfrak{S}_1}]$

What about  $A(n)!$  for  $A(n) = H \text{ Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ?

$S(n,k)$

$n \backslash k =$	1	2	3	4	5
1	1				
2	1	1			
3	1	3	1		
4	1	7	6	1	
5	1	15	25	10	1

$$\dim A(n)! = S((n-1)+i, n-1)$$

$d=2, 4, 6, \dots$  even

	1	2	3	4	5
1	田				
2	田	田			
3	田	田	田		
4	田	田	田	田	
5	田	田	田	田	田

$n=4$

$d=3, 5, 7, \dots$  odd

	1	2	3	4	5
1	田				
2	田	田			
3	田	田	田		
4	田	田	田	田	
5	田	田	田	田	田

$n=4$

Computed via Koszul recurrence s.

THEOREM: The triangular Stirling recurrences

(Atmouss-R.-Sundaram 2023<sup>+</sup>)

$$c(n, k) = c(n-1, k-1) + (n-1) \cdot c(n-1, k)$$

$$S(n, k) = S(n-1, k-1) + k \cdot S(n-1, k)$$

lift to short exact sequences of graded  $\mathfrak{S}_{n-1}$ -representations  
describing how  $A(n)_i$  and  $A(n)_i!$  branch/restrict from  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  to  $\mathfrak{S}_{n-1}$ :

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$$0 \rightarrow A(n-1) \rightarrow A(n) \downarrow_{\mathfrak{S}_{n-1}}^{\mathfrak{S}_n} \rightarrow \chi_{\text{def}}^{(n-1)} \otimes A(n-1)(-1) \rightarrow 0$$

*defining permutation rep of  $\mathfrak{S}_{n-1}$*

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$$0 \rightarrow \chi_{\text{def}}^{(n-1)} \otimes \left( A(n) \downarrow_{\mathfrak{S}_{n-1}}^{\mathfrak{S}_n} \right) (-1) \rightarrow A(n)! \downarrow_{\mathfrak{S}_{n-1}}^{\mathfrak{S}_n} \rightarrow A(n-1)! \rightarrow 0$$

This reflects a general Koszul algebra branching relation ...

PROPOSITION: (ARS 2023<sup>+</sup>)

Given Koszul algebras  $B \subset A$  (e.g.  $H\text{Conf}_{n-1}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset H\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$ )  
 with symmetries  $H < G$  ( $S_{n-1} < S_n$ )

and a  $\mathbb{k}H$ -module  $U$ ,

one has a sequence of character identities in  $\mathbb{R}(H)$

$$\boxed{A_i \downarrow_H^G = B_i + U \otimes B_{i-1}} \quad \text{for } A$$



$$\boxed{A_i! \downarrow_H^G = B_i! + U^* \otimes A_{i-1}! \downarrow_H^G} \quad \text{for } A!$$

# Representation Stability

**DEFINITION:** (Church & Farb 2013) A sequence of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -representations  $\{V_n\}_{n=1,2,3,\dots}$  are called **representation-stable** if

$\exists$  some  $N$ , and partitions  $\lambda^{(1)}, \lambda^{(2)}, \dots, \lambda^{(t)}$   
and multiplicities  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_t$

such that  $\forall n \geq N$ ,

one has

$$V_n \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^t \left( \mathfrak{S}_{\underbrace{n - |\lambda^{(j)}|}_{\text{length}} \atop \lambda^{(j)}} \right)^{\oplus c_j}$$

e.g. **THEOREM:** (Church & Farb 2013) Fixing  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\left\{ H^{i(d-1)} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d) \right\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  is representation-stable.

**THEOREM:** (Hersh & R. 2016) The above stability starts at  $n = \begin{cases} 3i & \text{for } d=3,5,7,\dots \text{ odd} \\ 4i & \text{for } d=2,4,6,\dots \text{ even} \end{cases}$

THEOREM:  
(ARS  
2023<sup>+</sup>)

Assuming  $\{A(n)\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  are Koszul, then

$\{A(n)_i\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  rep-stable part  $n = c \cdot i \Rightarrow$  same for  $\{A(n)_i\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$

COROLLARY:  
(ARS  
2023<sup>+</sup>) For  $A(n) := H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

the  $\{A(n)_i\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  are rep-stable part  $n = \begin{cases} 3i & \text{for } d=3,5,7,\dots \text{ odd} \\ 4i & \text{for } d=2,4,6,\dots \text{ even} \end{cases}$

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	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Diagonal labels:  $i=0$  (top-right),  $i=1$  (middle),  $i=2$  (bottom-left). Arrows point from the top-right towards the bottom-left.

VG

	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Diagonal labels:  $i=0$  (top-right),  $i=1$  (middle),  $i=2$  (bottom-left). Arrows point from the top-right towards the bottom-left.

THEOREM: For  $d=2,4,6,\dots$  even,  
(ARS 2023<sup>†</sup>)

- $\text{Hilb}_{\text{eq}}(\text{HConf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d), t)$  is divisible by  $1+t$  for  $d=2,4,6,\dots$  even because multiplication by  $x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n$  makes  $\text{HConf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d) \doteq A$  a  $G$ -equivariant exact cochain complex

$$0 \rightarrow H^0 \rightarrow H^1 \rightarrow H^2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow H^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$$

(Yuzvinsky 2001)

- $\text{Hilb}_{\text{eq}}(A^!, t)$  is divisible by  $1+t+t^2+\dots = \frac{1}{1-t}$  for  $d=2,4,6,\dots$  even because multiplication on the right by  $y_1+y_2+\dots+y_n$  gives  $G$ -equivariant injective maps

$$A_0^! \hookrightarrow A_1^! \hookrightarrow A_2^! \hookrightarrow \dots$$

## Permutation representations

The  $G_n$ -representations on  $A_i = H^{i(d-1)} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$  are not permutation representations.

But when  $d=2,4,6,\dots$  even,

$A_i$  turned out to be permutation representations surprisingly often:

- for  $i=0,1$  (and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a perm rep for  $i=2$  !)

- for  $n=1,2,3,4,5$

(but failed for  $n=9$  with  $i=3$ ,  
 $n=6$  with  $i=5$ )

checked with T. Karn's  
Burnside Solver

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QUESTION: Is there a reason why this occurs?

# Thanks for your attention!

$S(n,k)$

$k=$		1	2	3	4	5	
$n=$		1	1	3	7	15	25
1	1						
2	1	1					
3	1	3	1				
4	1	7	6	1			
5	1	15	25	10	1		

$$A = H \cdot \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

$$\dim A_i = S((n-1)+i, n-1)$$

$d$   
even

	1	2	3	4	5
1	□				
2	□	□□			
3	□	□□□	□□□		
4	□	□□□□ 2	□□□□□ 2	□□□□□□ 1	□□□□□□□ 2
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$d$   
odd

	1	2	3	4	5
1	□				
2	□	□□			
3	□	□□□	□□□		
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