



#### COMBINATORICS AND TOPOLOGY OF TORIC ARRANGEMENTS



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## The plan

- I. COMBINATORICS OF (TORIC) ARRANGEMENTS. Enumeration and structure theory: posets, polynomials, matroids, semimatroids, and "arithmetic enrichments" ... & questions.
- II. TOPOLOGY OF (TORIC) ARRANGEMENTS. Combinatorial models, minimality, cohomology ... & more questions.
- III. EPILOGUE: "EQUIVARIANT MATROID THEORY". ... some answers – hopefully – & many more questions.

# CUTTING A CAKE



3 "full" cuts. How many pieces?

# CUTTING A CAKE











Pattern of intersections

vs.





## MÖBIUS FUNCTIONS OF POSETS

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a locally finite partially ordered set (poset).

The Möbius function of  $\mathcal{P}$  is  $\mu : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P} \to \mathbb{Z}$ , defined recursively by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mu(x,y)=0 & \text{ if } x \not\leq y \\ \sum_{x \leq z \leq y} \mu(x,z)=\delta_{x,y} & \text{ if } x \leq y \end{array} \right.$$

If  $\mathcal{P}$  has a minimum  $\widehat{0}$  and is ranked<sup>\*</sup>, its characteristic polynomial is

$$\chi_{\mathcal{P}}(t) := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{P}} \mu_{\mathcal{P}}(\widehat{0}, x) t^{\rho(\mathcal{P}) - \rho(x)}$$

\* i.e., there is  $\rho : \mathcal{P} \to \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\rho(x) = \text{length of } \mathbf{any} \text{ unrefinable chain from } \widehat{0} \text{ to } x.$ The rank of  $\mathcal{P}$  is then  $\rho(\mathcal{P}) := \max\{\rho(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{P}\}$ 

 $\mu(\delta_i\delta) = 1$  $\mu(\overline{\partial},\overline{\partial}) + \mu(\overline{\partial},\alpha) = O$  $\frac{\mu[\hat{o},\hat{o}] + \mu[\hat{o},o] + \mu[\hat{o},b] + \mu[\hat{o},c] + \mu[\hat{o},d] = 0}{2}$ (3) (3) (3) (4)  $\chi_{p}(-1) = \sum_{\mu} (\overline{o}, *) (-1)^{\mu}$  $= \sum_{\mu} [\overline{o}, *) [-1] = \frac{m_{\mu} \circ f}{regions}$ 

### TOPOLOGICAL DISSECTIONS

Let X be a topological space,  $\mathscr{A}$  a finite set of (proper) subspaces of X. The *dissection* of X by  $\mathscr{A}$  gives rise to:

a poset of intersections:

 $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A}) := \{ \cap K \mid K \subseteq \mathscr{A} \}$  ordered by reverse inclusion

a *poset of layers* (or connected components of intersections):

 $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A}) := \bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})} \pi_0(L)$  ordered by reverse inclusion.

a collection of *regions*, i.e., the connected components of  $X \setminus \cup \mathscr{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A}) := \pi_0(X \setminus \cup \mathscr{A})$$

a collection of *faces*, i.e., regions of dissections induced on intersections.

# ZASLAVSKY'S THEOREM

 $\label{eq:combinatorial analysis of topological dissections, Adv. Math. `77]$  Consider the dissection of a topological space X

(connected, Hausdorff, locally compact)

by a family  $\mathscr{A}$  of proper subspaces, with  $\mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A}) = \{R_1, \ldots, R_m\}$  (finite). Let  $\mathcal{P}$  stand for either  $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})$  or  $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$ , also assumed to be finite. If all faces of this dissection are finite disjoint unions of open balls,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \kappa(R_i) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{P}} \mu_{\mathcal{P}}(X, T) \kappa(T)$$

where  $\kappa$  denotes the "combinatorial Euler number":  $\kappa(T) = \chi(T)$  if T is compact, otherwise  $\kappa(T) = \chi(\widehat{T}) - 1$ .

This gives rise to many "region-count formulas".







 $\mathbb{R}(A) = \{\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}, \dots, \mathcal{I}\}$ # Reg(4): K(R) = +1

# of regions) Z K(R) = +

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A hyperplane arrangement in a  $\mathbb K\text{-vector$  $space }V$  is a locally finite set

$$\mathscr{A} := \{H_i\}_{i \in S}$$

of hyperplanes  $H_i = \{v \in V \mid \alpha_i(v) = b_i\}$ , where  $\alpha_i \in V^*$  and  $b_i \in \mathbb{K}$ . The arrangement is called *central* if  $b_i = 0$  for all i.

Combinatorial objects

Poset of intersections.  $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A}) \ (= \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A}))$ 

- "Geometry"

Rank function.  $\operatorname{rk} : 2^S \to \mathbb{N}, \operatorname{rk}(I) := \dim_{\mathbb{K}}(\operatorname{span}\{\alpha_i \mid i \in I\})$ - "Algebra"

#### Hyperplane arrangements

CENTRAL EXAMPLE (SAY  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ )

$$A := [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \operatorname{rk}(\emptyset) = 0, \operatorname{rk}(I) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |I| = 1, \\ 2 & \text{if } |I| > 1. \end{cases}$$

$$(\mathbf{R}) \begin{cases} - I \subseteq J \text{ implies } \operatorname{rk}(I) \leq \operatorname{rk}(J) \\ - \operatorname{rk}(I \cap J) + \operatorname{rk}(I \cup J) \leq \operatorname{rk}(I) + \operatorname{rk}(J) \\ - 0 \leq \operatorname{rk}(I) \leq |I| \\ - \text{ For every } I \subseteq S \text{ there is a finite } J \subseteq I \text{ with } \operatorname{rk}(J) = \operatorname{rk}(I) \end{cases}$$

A **matroid** is any function  $rk: 2^S \to \mathbb{N}$  satisfying (R).

Its characteristic "polynomial" is  $\chi_{\rm rk}(t) = \sum_{I \subseteq S} (-1)^{|T|} t^{{\rm rk}(S) - {\rm rk}(I)}$ 

CENTRAL EXAMPLE (SAY  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ )



Setting  $X_I := \bigcap_{i \in I} H_i$ ,

 $\operatorname{rk}(I) = \operatorname{codim}(X_I) = \rho(X_I)$ , the rank function on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})$ 

## CENTRAL EXAMPLE (SAY $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ )



 $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})$  is a *lattice* with  $\widehat{0} = V$ . Moreover,

(G)  $x \lessdot y$  if and only if there is an atom p with  $p \not\leq x$  and  $y = x \lor p$ .

A geometric lattice is a chain-finite lattice satisfying (G).

Poset P, x, Y eP XAY := max { 2 = 3 2 = 4 } "exists" if |xay|=1 xvy:=min {ZEP } => > } z>> } "exist" if [xvy] If both exist, for all &, Y : 'I latice

## Cryptomorphisms



# FINITE MATROIDS



Infinite example: set of all subspaces of V.



#### MATROIDS

### NEW MATROIDS FROM OLD

Let  $(S, \operatorname{rk})$  be a matroid and let  $s \in S$ 

Notice: it could be that  $\operatorname{rk}(s) = 0$  – in this case s is called a *loop*. An *isthmus* is any  $s \in S$  with  $\operatorname{rk}(I \cup s) = \operatorname{rk}(I \setminus s) + 1$  for all  $I \subseteq S$ .

The *contraction* of s is the matroid defined by the rank function

$$\operatorname{rk}_{/s}: 2^{S \setminus s} \to \mathbb{N}, \quad \operatorname{rk}_{/s}(I) := \operatorname{rk}(I \cup s) - \operatorname{rk}(s)$$

The *deletion* of s is the matroid defined by the rank function

$$\operatorname{rk}_{\backslash s}: 2^{S\backslash s} \to \mathbb{N}, \quad \operatorname{rk}_{\backslash s}(I):=\operatorname{rk}(I)$$

The *restriction* to s is the one-element matroid given by

$$\mathrm{rk}_{[s]}: 2^{\{s\}} \to \mathbb{N}, \quad \mathrm{rk}_{[s]}(I) = \mathrm{rk}(I).$$

#### Matroids

## THE TUTTE POLYNOMIAL

The Tutte polynomial of a finite matroid (S, rk) is

$$T_{\rm rk}(x,y) := \sum_{I \subseteq S} (x-1)^{{\rm rk}(S) - {\rm rk}(I)} (y-1)^{|I| - {\rm rk}(I)}$$

(first introduced by W. T. Tutte as the "dichromate" of a graph).

Immediately: 
$$\chi_{\rm rk}(t) = (-1)^{{\rm rk}(S)} T_{\rm rk}(1-t,0)$$

Deletion - contraction recursion: there are numbers  $\sigma, \tau$  s.t.

(DC) 
$$T_{\rm rk}(x,y) = \begin{cases} T_{\rm rk_{[s]}}(x,y)T_{\rm rk_{\backslash s}}(x,y) & \text{if } s \text{ isthmus or loop} \\ \sigma T_{\rm rk_{/s}}(x,y) + \tau T_{\rm rk_{\backslash s}}(x,y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(in fact,  $\sigma = \tau = 1$ ).

#### Matroids

### THE TUTTE POLYNOMIAL - UNIVERSALITY

Let  $\mathscr{M}$  be the class of all isomorphism classes of nonempty finite matroids, and R be a commutative ring.

Every function  $f: \mathscr{M} \to R$  for which there are  $\sigma, \tau \in R$  such that, for every matroid rk on the set  $|S| \ge 2$ 

(DC) 
$$f(\mathbf{rk}) = \begin{cases} f(\mathbf{rk}_{[s]})f(\mathbf{rk}_{\backslash s}) & \text{if } s \text{ isthmus or loop} \\ \sigma f(\mathbf{rk}/s) + \tau f(\mathbf{rk} \backslash s) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is an evaluation of the Tutte polynomial. [Brylawski '72]

(More precisely, if you really want to know:  $f(\mathbf{rk}) = T_{\mathbf{rk}}(f(\mathbf{i}), f(\mathbf{l}))$ , where **i**, resp. **l** is the single-isthmus, resp. single-loop, one-element matroid.



The family  $\mathcal{K}$  is an abstract simplicial complex on the set of vertices S. The function  $\operatorname{rk} : \mathcal{K} \to \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\operatorname{rk}(I) := \operatorname{dim} \operatorname{span}_{\mathbb{K}} \{ \alpha_i \mid i \in I \}$  satisfies [...] Any such triple  $(S, \mathcal{K}, \operatorname{rk})$  is called a **semimatroid**.

[Kawahara '04, Ardila '07]

Affine example  $(\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R})$ 



The poset of intersections  $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})$ 

- is not a lattice; it is a meet-semilattice (i.e., only  $x \wedge y$  exists)
- every interval satisfies (G), thus it is ranked by codimension

... what kind of posets are these?

# Coning





 $c\mathscr{A}$ :





#### Hyperplane arrangements

GEOMETRIC SEMILATTICES



A geometric semilattice is any poset of the form  $\mathcal{L}_{\geq x}$ ,

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a geometric lattice and  $\widehat{0} \lessdot x$ .

Cryptomorphism



[Wachs-Walker '86, Ardila '06, D.-Riedel '15]

# Abstract theory



#### SEMIMATROIDS

### TUTTE POLYNOMIALS

If  $(S, \mathcal{K}, \mathrm{rk})$  is a finite semimatroid, the associated Tutte polynomial is

$$T_{\rm rk}(x,y) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{K}} (x-1)^{{\rm rk}(S) - {\rm rk}(I)} (y-1)^{|I| - {\rm rk}(I)}$$

Exercise: Define contraction and deletion for semimatroids (analogously as for matroids) and prove that  $T_{\rm rk}(x, y)$  satisfies (DC) with  $\sigma = \tau = 1$ .

[Ardila '07]

A toric arrangement in the complex torus  $T := (\mathbb{C}^*)^d$  is a set

$$\mathscr{A} := \{K_1, \ldots, K_n\}$$

of 'hypertori'  $K_i = \{z \in T \mid z^{a_i} = b_i\}$  with  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \{0\}, b_i \in \mathbb{C}^* / = 1 / \in S^1$ 

The arrangement is called *centered* if all  $b_i = 0$ , *complexified* if all  $b_i \in S^1$ .

For simplicity assume that the matrix  $[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$  has rank d.

Note: Arrangements in the discrete torus  $(\mathbb{Z}_q)^d$  or in the compact torus  $(S^1)^d$  are defined accordingly, by suitably restricting the  $b_i$ s.

Example: Identify  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  with the coroot lattice of a crystallographic Weyl system, and let the  $a_i$ s denote the vectors corresponding to positive roots.

Example - Centered, in  $(S^1)^2$ 

$$A := [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \operatorname{rk}(\emptyset) = 0, \operatorname{rk}(I) = \begin{cases} 1 & \operatorname{if} |I| = 1, \\ 2 & \operatorname{if} |I| > 1, \end{cases}$$

$$\mathscr{A}:$$

# EXAMPLE - CENTERED, IN $(S^1)^2$



Since A has maximal rank, every region is an open d-ball. Thus

$$\sum_{j} \kappa(R_{j}) = \sum_{j} (-1)^{d} = (-1)^{d} |\mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A})|$$

Since  $\kappa((S^1)^d) = 0$  for d > 0,  $\kappa(*) = 1$ , and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$  is ranked,

$$|\mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A})| = (-1)^d \chi_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})}(0)$$

# EXAMPLE - CENTERED, IN $(S^1)^2$



### What kind of posets are these?

# What structural properties do they have? What natural class of abstract posets do these belong to?

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For  $I \subseteq [n]$  let

m(I) := product of the invariant factors of the matrix  $A(I) = [\alpha_i : i \in I]$ ,

$$\chi_{\mathrm{rk},m}(t) := \sum_{I \subseteq [n]} m(I)(-1)^{|I|} t^{d-\mathrm{rk}(I)}$$

Then,

$$m(I) = |\pi_0(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i)|, \qquad \chi_{\mathrm{rk},m}(t) = \chi_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})}(t)$$

[Ehrenborg-Readdy-Slone '09, Lawrence '11, Moci '12]

The triple  $([n], \operatorname{rk}, m)$  satisfies the axioms of an **arithmetic matroid** [d'Adderio-Moci '13, Brändén-Moci '14]

# ARITHMETIC TUTTE POLYNOMIAL

The "arithmetic tutte polynomial" associated to a toric arrangement is

$$T_{\mathrm{rk}.m}(x,y) := \sum_{I \subseteq S} m(I)(x-1)^{\mathrm{rk}(S)-\mathrm{rk}(I)}(y-1)^{|I|-\mathrm{rk}(I)}$$

[Moci '12]

Immediately:  $\chi_{\mathrm{rk},m}(t) = (-1)^{\mathrm{rk}(S)} T_{\mathrm{rk},m}(1-t,0)$ . Also:

$$(\text{NRDC}) \quad T_{\text{rk}}(x,y) = \begin{cases} (x-1)T_{\text{rk}_{\backslash s},m_{\backslash s}}(x,y) + T_{\text{rk}_{/s},m_{/s}}(x,y) & s \text{ is thmus} \\ T_{\text{rk}_{\backslash s},m_{\backslash s}}(x,y) + (y-1)T_{\text{rk}_{\backslash s}}(x,y) & s \text{ loop} \\ T_{\text{rk}_{/s},m_{/s}}(x,y) + T_{\text{rk}_{\backslash s},m_{\backslash s}}(x,y) & \text{otherwise.} \\ & \text{[d'Adderio-Moci '13]} \end{cases}$$

(NRDC) holds whenever ([n], rk, m) is an **arithmetic matroid** [d'Adderio-Moci '13, Brändén-Moci '14]

# Abstract theory?

- Arithmetic matroids axioms for (S, rk, m) with
  - a duality theory,
  - a "Tutte" polynomial  $T_A(x, y)$ satisfying NRDC
  - No cryptomorphisms
  - No natural nonrealizable examples
- Matroids over rings [Fink-Moci '15] Axioms for  $\{\mathbb{Z}^d/\langle \alpha_i \rangle_{i \in I}\}_{I \subseteq [n]}$ ("even more algebraic")

- χ<sub>C(𝒜)</sub>(t) enumerates points/faces
   in the compact and discrete torus.
   [Lawrence '08 ans '11, E-R-S '09]
- "ab/cd index" for C(A)
   [Ehrenborg-Readdy-Slone '09]
- $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$  via "marked" partitions for
  - $\mathscr{A}$  "graphical" [Aguiar-Chan]
  - *A* from root system [Bibby '16],

     shellable in type ABC [Girard '17+]
- No abstract characterization

(More about arithmetic matroids on Friday)

### TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE ABSTRACT THEORY

Ansatz: "periodic arrangements"



Characterize axiomatically the involved posets and the group actions.

### The long game

Let 
$$A = [a_1, ..., a_n] \in M_{d \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$$
  
(Central) hyperplane (Centered) toric (Centered) elliptic  
arrangement arrangement arrangement  
 $\lambda_i : \mathbb{C}^d \to \mathbb{C}$   $\lambda_i : (\mathbb{C}^*)^d \to \mathbb{C}^*$   $\lambda_i : \mathbb{E}^d \to \mathbb{E}$   
 $\underline{z} \mapsto \sum_j a_{ji} z_j$   $\underline{z} \mapsto \prod_j z_j^{a_{ji}}$   $\underline{z} \mapsto \sum_j a_{ji} z_j$   
 $H_i := \ker \lambda_i$   $K_i := \ker \lambda_i$   $L_i := \ker \lambda_i$   
 $\mathscr{A} = \{H_1, ..., H_n\}$   $\mathscr{A} = \{K_1, ..., K_n\}$   $\mathscr{A} = \{L_1, ..., L_n\}$   
 $M(\mathscr{A}) := \mathbb{C}^d \setminus \cup \mathscr{A}$   $M(\mathscr{A}) := (\mathbb{C}^*)^d \setminus \cup \mathscr{A}$   $M(\mathscr{A}) := \mathbb{E}^d \setminus \cup \mathscr{A}$   
 $\boxed{\operatorname{rk} : 2^{[n]} \to \mathbb{N}}$   $?$   
 $M(\mathscr{A})$