Lefschetz properties and Rees algebras of squarefree monomial ideals

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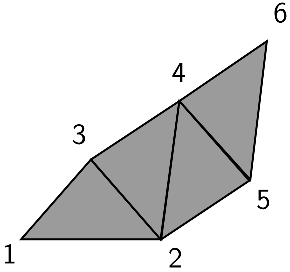
Stanley-Reisner, Facet (and incidence) ideals

A simplicial complex Δ on vertex set $[n]$ is a collection of subsets Δ of $[n]$ such that $\tau \subset \sigma \in \Delta \implies \tau \in \Delta$. We write $\Delta = \langle F_1, \ldots, F_s \rangle$ if $F_1, \ldots, F_s$ are the facets (maximal subsets) of Δ.



The simplicial complex $\Delta = \langle \{1,2,3\}, \{2,3,4\}, \{2,4,5\}, \{5,4,6\} \rangle$

If we remove every 2-face of Δ (i.e the triangles), we get the complex $\Delta(1)$ which consists of the same vertices and edges of Δ, but no triangles

Stanley-Reisner, Facet (and incidence) ideals

Let $S = k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ and $\Delta = \langle F_1, \ldots, F_s \rangle$ a simplicial complex with vertex set $[n]$.

- The **Stanley-Reisner** ideal of Δ is the ideal

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- The **Facet** ideal of Δ is the ideal

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Both constructions give bijections between simplicial complexes and squarefree monomial ideals

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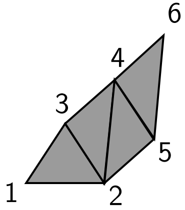

$\mathcal{N}(\Delta)$

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$\mathcal{F}(\Delta)$

Lefschetz properties

Let I be a monomial ideal of $S = k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ such that $A = S/I$ is artinian, and $L = x_1 + \cdots + x_n \in S_1$.

Definition

We say A satisfies the **weak Lefschetz property (WLP)** if the multiplication maps

$$\times L : A_i \to A_{i+1}$$

have full rank for every i.
If moreover the maps

$$\times L^j : A_i \to A_{i+j}$$

have full rank for every i, j, we say A satisfies the **strong Lefschetz property (SLP)**

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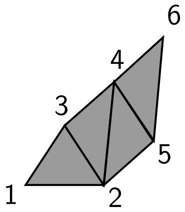
An example with the SLP

$$(x_1x_4, x_1x_5, x_3x_5, x_1x_6, x_2x_6, x_3x_6) \longleftrightarrow$$

$\mathcal{N}(\Delta)$



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The algebra

$$A(\Delta) = k[x_1, \ldots, x_6]/(\mathcal{N}(\Delta), x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2, x_4^2, x_5^2, x_6^2)$$

has the SLP whenever k is not a field of characteristic 2.

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But what can we say for simplicial complexes in general?

$\mathcal{F}(\Delta)$ Rees $\implies$ $\mathcal{N}(\Delta)$ Lefschetz

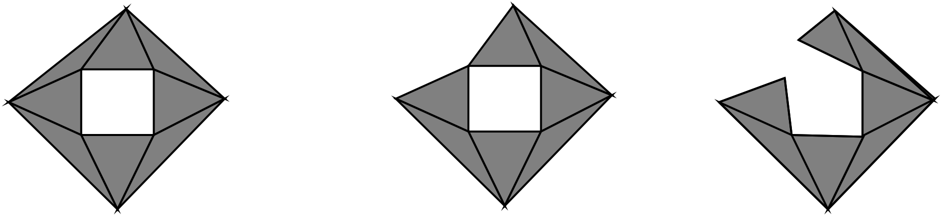
Theorem

If Δ is connected and pure of dimension 2, then:

$$\mathcal{F}(\Delta) \text{ is of linear type } \implies A(\Delta) \text{ has the SLP}$$

Which properties of the Rees algebra of $\mathcal{F}(\Delta)$ can be translated into information on the Lefschetz properties of $\mathcal{N}(\Delta)$?

From linear type to Lefschetz properties: sufficient conditions visualized



Linear type results can't be used

Linear type results imply WLP in every odd characteristic

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Symbolic powers

Symbolic powers of squarefree monomial ideals

Let $\mathcal{F}(\Delta) \subset S = k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ be a squarefree monomial ideal. The m-th symbolic power of $\mathcal{F}(\Delta)$ is:

$$\mathcal{F}(\Delta)^{(m)} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathrm{Ass}(\mathcal{F}(\Delta))} P^m$$

If $\mathcal{F}(\Delta) = (x_1x_2, x_2x_3, x_1x_3)$, then

$$\mathcal{F}(\Delta)^{(2)} = (x_1x_2x_3, x_1^2x_2^2, x_2^2x_3^2, x_1^2x_3^2) \neq \mathcal{F}(\Delta)^2$$

Symbolic Powers and Lefschetz properties are not compatible

Theorem

Let Δ be a pure simplicial complex with at least as many facets as vertices.

- *If $\mathcal{F}(\Delta)^{(m)} = \mathcal{F}(\Delta)^m$ for all m, then $A(\Delta)$ fails the SLP.*

Corollary

Let G be a bipartite graph with $n \geq 5$ vertices and $w(G)$ the whiskered graph. Let

$$I(w(G)) = (x_{i_{1,1}}, \ldots, x_{i_{1,n}}) \bigcap \cdots \bigcap (x_{i_{r,1}}, \ldots, x_{i_{r,n}})$$

and $\Delta = \langle \{i_{1,1}, \ldots, i_{1,n}\}, \ldots, \{i_{r,1}, \ldots, i_{r,n}\} \rangle$. Then $A(\Delta)$ fails the SLP.

The symbolic defect: a horizontal perspective

Symbolic Defect sequence of an ideal (GGSVT, 2018)

Let I be an ideal, define

$$\text{sdefect}(I, m) = \text{ the minimal number of generators of } I^{(m)}/I^m$$

for every m.

Theorem (GGSVT, 2018)

If I is the ideal generated by every squarefree monomial ideal of degree d in n variables, then

$$\text{sdefect}(I, 2) = \binom{n}{d+1}$$

In other words, sdefect$(I, 2)$ *is the number of d-faces of the simplex on n vertices.*

Symbolic defect polynomials

$$\text{sdefect}(\mathcal{F}(\Delta), m)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\text{sdefect}(\mathcal{F}(\Delta), 4)$$

$$\text{sdefect}(\mathcal{F}(\Delta), 3)$$

$$\text{sdefect}(\mathcal{F}(\Delta), 2)$$

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Theorem

Let Δ be a flag simplicial complex.

- *The coefficient of x^3 in $\mu(\Delta, 2, x)$ is equal to the number of triangles of Δ.*
- *The sequence of coefficients of $\mu(\Delta, 2, x)$ has no internal zeros.*

A couple of examples

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and the f-vector of Δ is:

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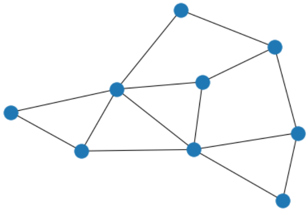

The Stanley-Reisner complex Δ of the edge ideal of the graph above has

- $\mu(\Delta, 2, x) = 17x^3 + 5x^4$
- f-vector: $(1, 9, 22, 17, 4)$

So the two are not always the same

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Do the questions above hold when Δ is the independence complex of a forest?