Global dimensions of left-regular bands

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Remarks

- Informally: identities say ignore "repetitions".
- We consider only finite monoids here.

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Example: Braid Arrangement

hyperplanes:
$$H_{i,j} = \{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : v_i = v_j \}$$

faces: ordered set partitions of $\{1, \ldots, n\}$

examples:
$$[\{2,3\},\{4\},\{1,5\}] \neq [\{4\},\{1,5\},\{2,3\}]$$

chambers: compositions into singleton blocks

example:
$$[\{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1\}, \{5\}]$$

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Others:

Björner, Athanasiadis-Diaconis, Chung-Graham, ...

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- LRB-version of the Cartier-Foata *free* partially-commutative monoid (aka trace monoids).

Acyclic orientations

Elements of F(G) correspond to acyclic orientations of induced subgraphs of the complement \overline{G} .

Example



Acyclic orientation on induced subgraph on vertices $\{a, d, c\}$:



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In F(G): cad = cda = dca (c comes before a since $c \to a$)

States: acyclic orientations of the complement \overline{G}



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Athanasiadis-Diaconis (2010): studied this chain using a different LRB (graphical arrangement of G)
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Outline of Proof

An Eckmann-Shapiro-type lemma reduces to the case:

- $\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathbb{K}B}^{n}(S_{\widehat{0}}, S_{\widehat{1}})$
- $= H^n(B, S_{\widehat{1}})$
- $= H^{n-1}(B, \mathbb{K}^{B_{[\widehat{0},\widehat{1})}})$
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- $= H^{n-1}(\Delta(B_{\widehat{\mathbb{I}}}),\mathbb{K})$ (Quillen's Theorem A)

- (monoid cohomology)
 - (dimension shift)
 - (Eckmann-Shapiro)
 - (classifying space)