Multiple addition theorem on arrangements of hyperplanes and a proof of the Shapiro-Steinberg-Kostant-Macdonald dual-partition formula

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Arrangements

An arrangement [of hyperplanes] *A* is a finite collection of (*ℓ* − 1)-dimensional vector subspaces in an *ℓ*-dimensional vector space *V* over a field K:

 $\mathcal{A} = \{H_1, \ldots, H_n\}$

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Exponents and Betti Numbers

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(H. T.(1981)) Assume that \mathcal{A} is a free arrangement in the complex space $V = \mathbb{C}^{\ell}$ with exponents (d_1, \ldots, d_{ℓ}) . Define the complement of \mathcal{A} by

$$M(\mathcal{A}) := V \setminus \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{A}} H.$$

Then the Poincaré polynomial (with its coefficients equal to the Betti numbers) of the topological space $M(\mathcal{R})$ splits as

$$\operatorname{Poin}(M(\mathcal{A}),t) = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} (1+d_i t).$$

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Question. Is there any significant application of MAT?





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- The height distribution in Φ⁺ is a sequence of positive integers (*i*₁, *i*₂, ..., *i_m*), where
 i_i := |{α ∈ Φ⁺ | ht(α) = *j*}| (1 ≤ *j* ≤ *m*)

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	ht=9	٠					
	ht=8	•	٠				
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Thanks for your attention!

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