

# Multigraded strong Lefschetz property for balanced simplicial complexes

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## face numbers

For a  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional simplicial complex  $\Delta$ , let  $f_i (= f_i(\Delta))$  be the number of  $i$ -dimensional faces of  $\Delta$ .

- $(f_{-1}, f_0, \dots, f_{d-1})$  is called the *f-vector* of  $\Delta$

# Stanley-Reisner ring

**Assumption:**  $\Delta$  is always pure  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional and  $V(\Delta) = [n]$ .

**Notation:**  $x_\tau := \prod_{i \in \tau} x_i$ .

Let  $k$  be an infinite field.

Stanley-Reisner ring of  $\Delta$  is  $k[\Delta] := k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I_\Delta$ , where  $I_\Delta := (x_\tau : \tau \notin \Delta)$ .

- Under natural  $\mathbb{N}$ -grading,

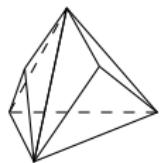
$$\text{Hilb}(k[\Delta], t) (= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \dim_k k[\Delta]_i t^i) = \sum_{i=0}^d f_{i-1} \frac{t^i}{(1-t)^i}.$$

–Combinatorics part–

## *h*-vector

The *h*-vector  $(h_0, \dots, h_d)$  of  $\Delta$  is defined by

$$\frac{\sum_{i=0}^d h_i t^i}{(1-t)^d} = \sum_{i=0}^d f_{i-1} \frac{t^i}{(1-t)^i} \quad (= \text{Hilb}(k[\Delta], t)).$$



$$(f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, f_2) = (1, 6, 12, 8)$$



$$(h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3) = (1, 3, 3, 1)$$

## Simplicial sphere

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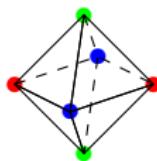
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If  $\Delta$  is a simplicial  $(d - 1)$ -sphere,  $h_0 \leq h_1 \leq \dots \leq h_{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor} \geq \dots \geq h_d$ .

# Balancedness

A pure  $(d - 1)$ -dim. simplicial complex  $\Delta$  is **balanced** if there is  $\kappa : V(\Delta) \rightarrow [d]$  such that for every facet  $\sigma$  of  $\Delta$ ,  $|\sigma \cap \kappa^{-1}(i)| = 1$  for every  $i \in [d]$ .



- E.g. Barycentric subdivision, order complex

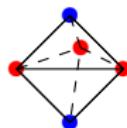
Balanced Generalized Lower Bound Inequality (Juhnke-Murai 2018  
+Hard Lefschetz Theorem)

If  $\Delta$  is a balanced simplicial  $(d - 1)$ -sphere,  $\frac{h_0}{\binom{d}{0}} \leq \frac{h_1}{\binom{d}{1}} \leq \dots \leq \frac{h_{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}}{\binom{d}{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}}$ .

## $\mathbf{a}$ -balancedness

For  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m$ , let  $|\mathbf{a}| := a_1 + \dots + a_m = d$ .

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(2, 1)-balanced

E.g.

- $\Delta_1 * \dots * \Delta_m$  is  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$ -balanced if  $\dim \Delta_i = a_i - 1$ .
- Partial barycentric subdivision

## Flag $h$ -vector

Suppose that  $\Delta$  is  $\mathbf{a}$  ( $\in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m$ )-balanced with the coloring  $\kappa : V(\Delta) \rightarrow [m]$ .  
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Define **flag  $f$ ,  $h$ -vector** as follows:

- For  $\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{b} \leq \mathbf{a}$ ,  $f_{\mathbf{b}} := |\{\tau \in \Delta : |\tau \cap \kappa^{-1}(j)| = b_j \text{ for all } j \in [m]\}|$ .
- Using variables  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_m)$ , define  $(h_{\mathbf{b}})_{\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{b} \leq \mathbf{a}}$  by

$$\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{b}} h_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{b}}}{\prod_{i=1}^m (1 - t_i)^{a_i}} = \sum_{\mathbf{b}} f_{\mathbf{b}} \frac{\mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{b}}}{\prod_{i=1}^m (1 - t_i)^{b_i}} \quad (= \text{Hilb}(k[\Delta], t_1, \dots, t_m))$$

## Result on flag $h$ -vector

### Theorem (O.)

Suppose that  $\Delta$  is an  $\mathbf{a}$ -balanced simplicial sphere.

If  $2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e}_i \leq \mathbf{a}$ , then  $h_{\mathbf{b}} \leq h_{\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e}_i}$  holds.

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- Common generalization of GLBI and balanced GLBI

–Algebra part–

## Artinian reduction

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**Theorem** (Hochster) If  $\Delta$  is a simplicial  $(d - 1)$ -sphere,  $k[\Delta]$  is Gorenstein\*:

Let  $\Theta$  be an l.s.o.p. for  $k[\Delta]$  and let  $A := k[\Delta]/(\Theta) = A_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_d$ . Then

- $\dim_k A_i = h_i$  for each  $i \in [d]$ .
- Poincaré duality holds for  $A$ , namely
  - ▶  $\times : A_i \times A_{d-i} \rightarrow A_d \cong k$  is a perfect pairing for each  $i \in [d]$ .

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### Anisotropy (Papadakis-Petrotou 2020)

Let  $k$  be the rational function field  $\mathbb{F}_2(p_{iv} : i \in [d], v \in V(\Delta))$ . Then the generic Artinian reduction  $A := k[\Delta]/(\Theta) = A_0 \oplus \dots \oplus A_d$  has **anisotropy**: For nonzero  $g \in A_i$  ( $i \leq \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$ ),  $g^2 \neq 0$ .

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## Theorem (Karu-Xiao 2023)

For  $i \leq \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$ , let  $\mathcal{Q} : A_i \rightarrow A_d; g \mapsto g^2 \ell^{d-2i}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{Q}(g) \neq 0$  if  $g \neq 0$ .

- Differential Formula: under normalization,  $\Psi : k[x_1, \dots, x_n]_d \twoheadrightarrow A_d \xrightarrow{\sim} k$  satisfies

$$\partial_{p_{1v_1}} \circ \dots \circ \partial_{p_{dv_d}} \Psi(x_J) = \Psi(\sqrt{x_{v_1} \cdots x_{v_d} x_J})^2$$

Multigraded setting

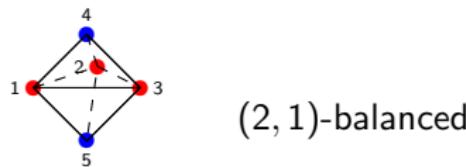
## $\mathbf{a}$ -colored s.o.p.

For  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^m$  with  $|\mathbf{a}| = d$ , let  $\Delta$  be an  $\mathbf{a}$ -balanced simplicial complex.

Proposition (Stanley 1979) There is  $\mathbb{N}^m$ -homogeneous l.s.o.p.  $\Theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$  for  $k[\Delta]$  called an  $\mathbf{a}$ -colored s.o.p.

- $\mathbf{a}$ -colored s.o.p.  $\Theta$  contains  $a_i$  elements of degree  $\mathbf{e}_i$  for each  $i \in [m]$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Artinian reduction as multigraded algebra

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**Theorem** (Juhnke-Murai 2018 + HL) If  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2)$ , in the above situation, if  $\Theta$  is generic  $(a_1, a_2)$ -colored s.o.p., then  $\times \ell_1^{a_1 - 2i} : A_{(i,0)} \rightarrow A_{(a_1 - i, 0)}$  is injective for generic  $\ell_1 \in A_{(1,0)}$

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In particular, **Multigraded SLP** holds:  $\times \prod_j \ell_j^{a_j - 2b_j} : A_{\mathbf{b}} \rightarrow A_{\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{b}}$  is an isomorphism for each  $\mathbf{b} \leq \mathbf{a}/2$ .

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## More corollaries

- (conjectured by Kalai-Nevo-Novik 2016) If  $\Delta$  is  $\mathbf{1}_{k+1}$ -balanced and  $\Delta$  is a subcomplex of a simplicial  $2k$ -sphere, then  $f_k \leq 2f_{k-1}$ .
- When  $t \geq 2$ , the bipartite graph of an  $(t-1, t)$ -balanced connected triangulated manifold is spanning in bipartite  $(t, t)$ -rigidity matroid (also known as rank  $t$  matrix completion matroid).

Thank you!