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Milnor fibers and semi-algebraic stratification of real line arrangements

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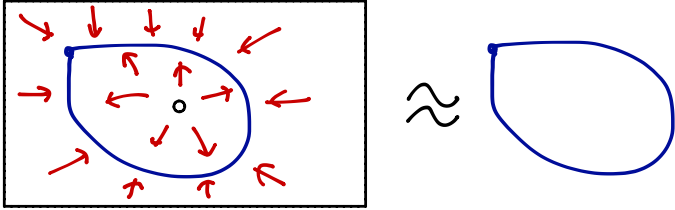
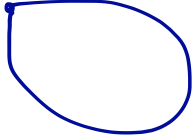
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1. Cell decomposition of affine varieties

Examples of cell decompositions:

◦ $\mathbb{C}P^n = \mathbb{C}^n \cup \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{C} \cup \{\text{pt}\}$: CW-decomposition.

◦ $\mathbb{C}^* =$  \approx  : Homotopic to a 1 - $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}$ CW-cpx.
($\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}^* = 2.$)

More generally, every complex smooth affine variety (i.e. closed subvariety of \mathbb{C}^N e.g. $\mathbb{C}^* \cong \{xy=1\}$) is homotopic to a finite CW-complex of half dimension.

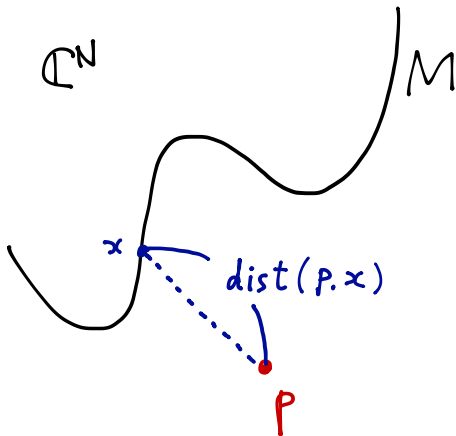
1. Cell decomposition of affine varieties

Theorem (Lefschetz?)

Let M be a smooth affine variety (\mathbb{C}) of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M = n$.

Then M is homotopic to a finite CW cpx of $\dim \leq n$.

(Proof) Suppose $M \subset \mathbb{C}^N$: closed holomorphic embedding.

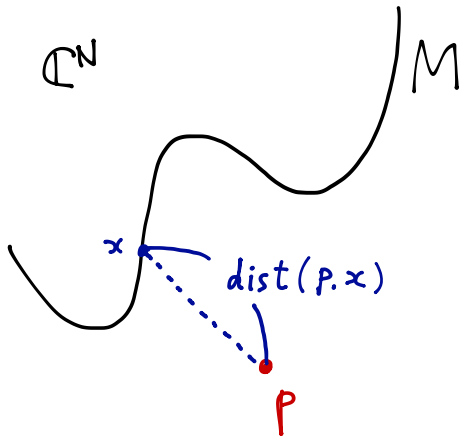


Choose $p \in \mathbb{C}^N \setminus M$ generically, and consider the distance function:

$$f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, x \mapsto \text{dist}(p, x)$$

Then prove that f is Morse with Morse index $\leq n$. (Q. E. D.)

1. Cell decomposition of affine varieties



Morse function

$$f: M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$x \longmapsto \text{dist}(p, x)$$

\rightsquigarrow Existence of cell decomposition.

However, the cells obtained from the Morse function is

HIGHLY TRANSCENDENTAL!

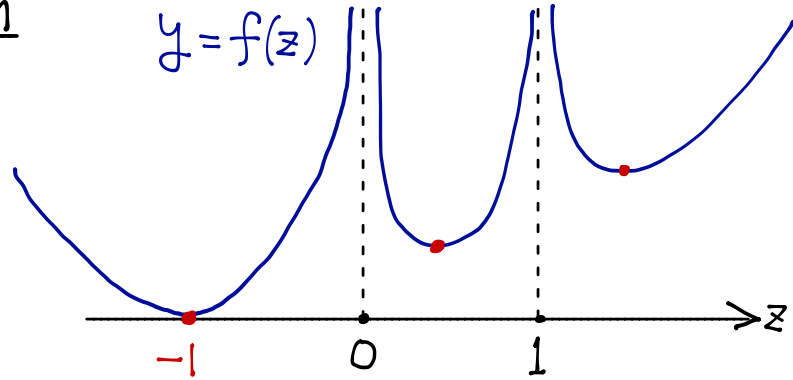
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An Example of Morse function

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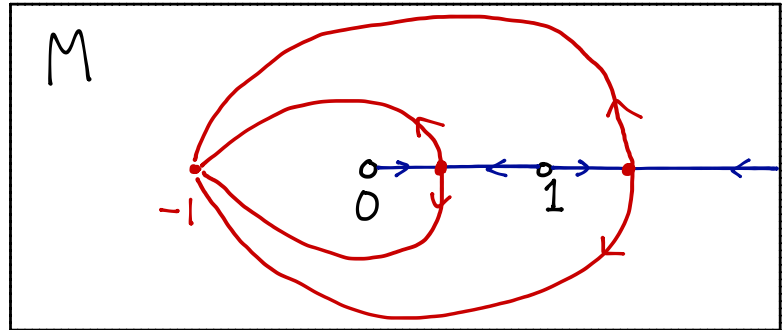
$$f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$z \mapsto \left| \frac{(z+1)^2}{\sqrt{z(z-1)}} \right|$$



The grad flow $-\text{grad}(f)$ gives a homotopy equiv.

$$M \approx \text{figure-eight}$$



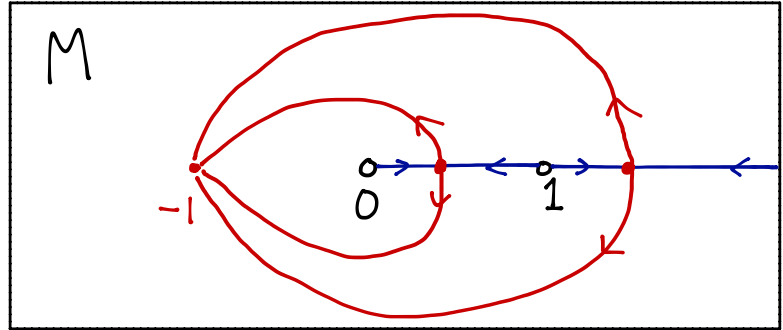
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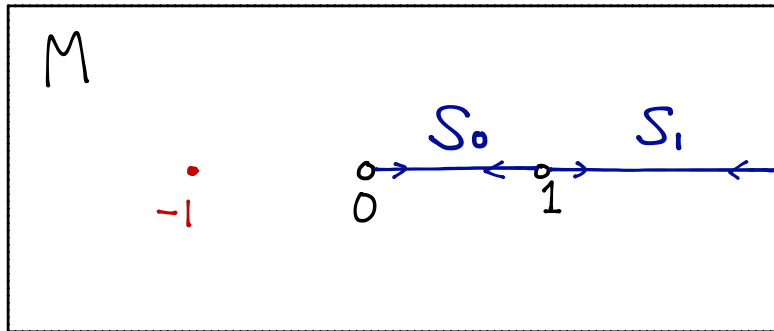
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• Furthermore, **stable cells** have the following presentation:

$$S_0 = (0, 1) = \left\{ z \in M \mid \frac{z-1}{z} \in \mathbb{R}_{<0} \right\}$$

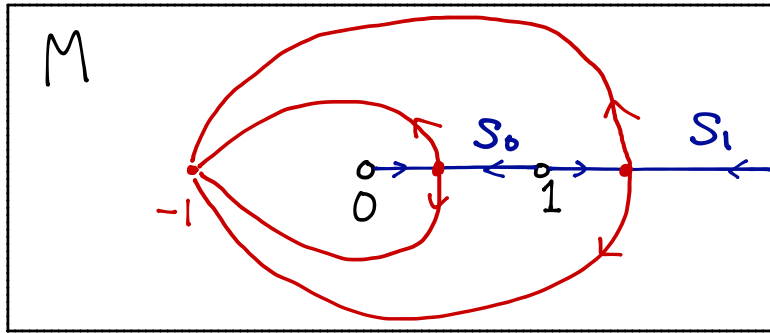
open interval

"ratio of linear forms"

$$S_1 = (1, +\infty) = \left\{ z \in M \mid \frac{z-1}{-1} \in \mathbb{R}_{<0} \right\}$$

defining linear form of $+\infty$ (?)

1. Cell decomposition of affine varieties



$$U := M \setminus S_0 \cup S_1$$

CW-complex

One 0-cell

Two 1-cells

Cell decomp.

Transcendental(?)

dual
description

stratification (or Partition)

$$M = U \cup S_0 \cup S_1$$

One 0-codim stratum

Two 1-codim strata

Strata are contractible

Semi-algebraic.

1. Cell decomposition of affine varieties

General setting $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k \in \mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n]$

$M := \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{f_1 f_2 \dots f_k = 0\}$ complement of hypersurfaces.

Question. Can one describe a good stratification semi-algebraically? ("dual" to the CW cpx.)

Partial answer

If (1) $n=2$

(2) $\deg f_i = 1$

(3) $f_i \in \mathbb{R}[z_1, z_2]$

} \Rightarrow

Then the above idea works.

(We can construct a good semi-algebraic stratification.)

2. Minimal Stratification

Notations Let A be a real line arrangement, i.e.

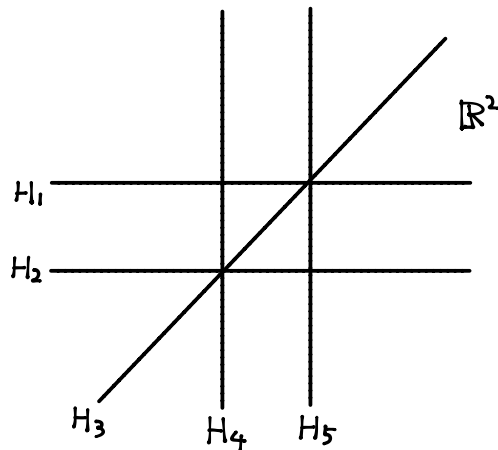
$$A = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n\}, H_i \subset \mathbb{R}^2: \text{a line.}$$

$$H_i = \{\alpha_i = 0\}, \alpha_i: \text{defining equation.}$$

$$(\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}[z_1, z_2], \deg \alpha_i = 1)$$

$$M = M(A) := \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n H_i \otimes \mathbb{C}$$

: the complexified complement.



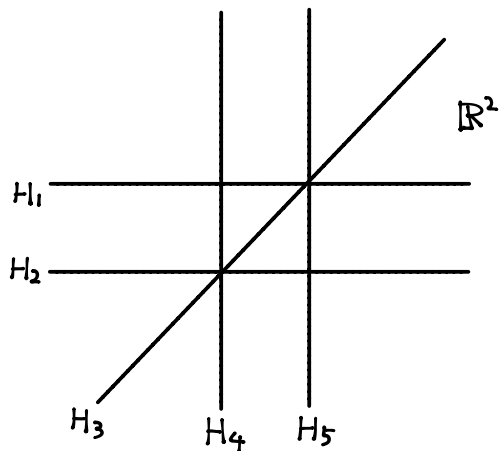
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Ratio of linear forms:

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is a trivial fibration with fiber $\cong \mathbb{C}^*$

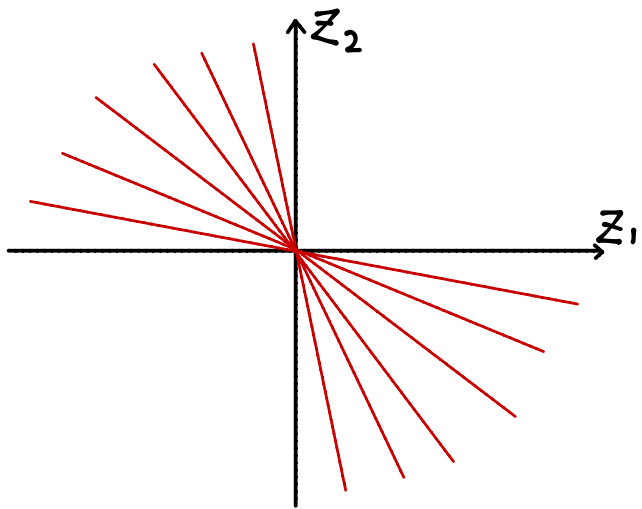
Therefore, $\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)^{-1} \mathbb{R}_{<0} \cong \mathbb{R}_{<0} \times \mathbb{C}^*$.

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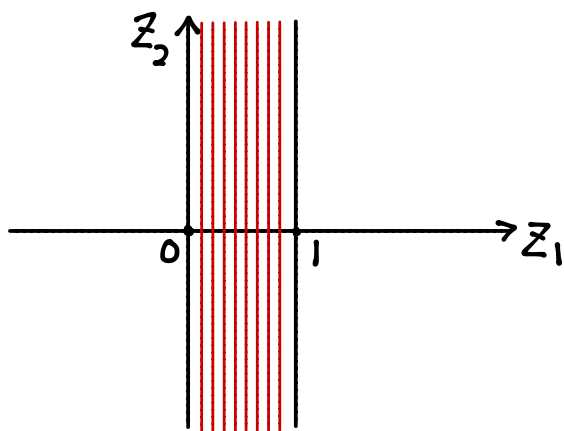
The real part

$$\left(\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)^{-1} \mathbb{R}_{<0}\right)_{\mathbb{R}} \cong \mathbb{R}_{<0} \times \mathbb{R}^*$$

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Ratio of linear forms (another case)

$$\frac{z_1 - 1}{z_1} : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}) \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}, (z_1, z_2) \mapsto \frac{z_1 - 1}{z_1}$$



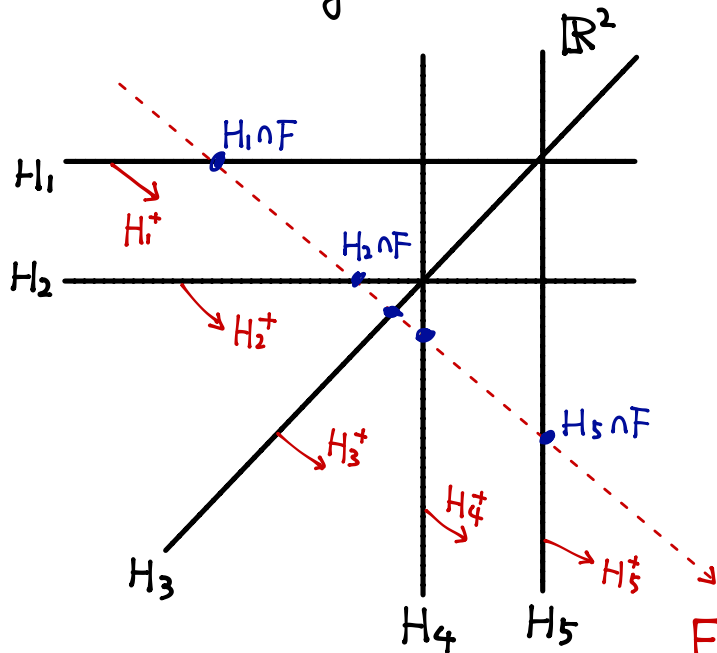
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2. Minimal Stratification

More setting:



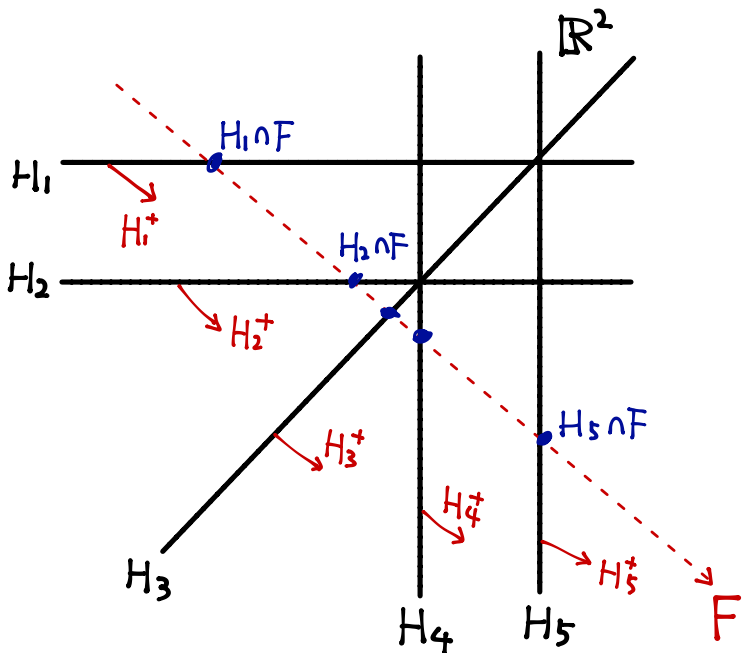
① Fix a generic line F
(oriented)

② Re-numbering as
 $H_1 \cap F < H_2 \cap F < \dots < H_n \cap F$

③ Fix the sign of d_i
so that the half space
 $H_i^+ := \{d_i > 0\}$ covers
positive side of F .

F : a generic line
(oriented)

2. Minimal Stratification



Def.

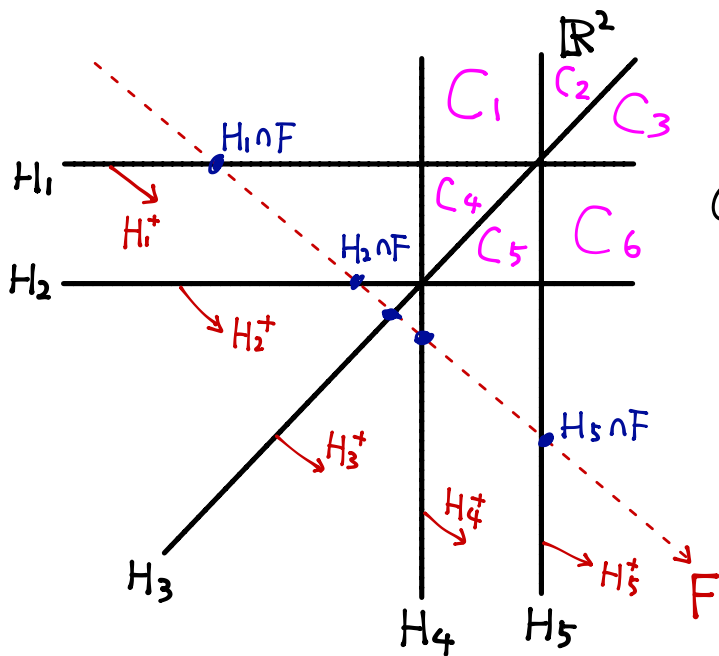
$$S_i := \left\{ z \in M(A) \mid \frac{\alpha_{i+1}(z)}{\alpha_i(z)} \in \mathbb{R}_{<0} \right\},$$

where $\alpha_{n+1} := -1$

Then

- $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} S_i = 3,$
- $S_i \cap S_j$
(hence $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} S_i \cap S_j = 2$)

2. Minimal Stratification



Def.

$$\text{ch}_F(A) := \{ C : \text{chamber ; } C \cap F = \emptyset \}$$

$$\text{ch}_F(A) = \{ C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6 \}$$

Rem. $\# \text{ch}_F(A) = b_2(M(A))$

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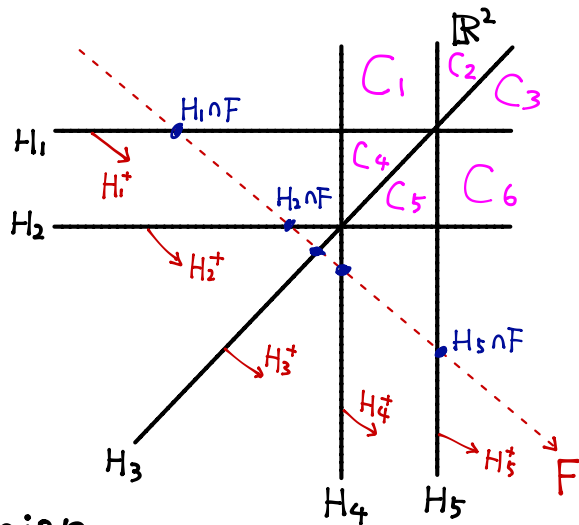
Theorem (Y. 2012)

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(iii) It is minimal. ($b_1 = n, b_2 = \#\text{ch}_F(A)$)



\uparrow $\text{codim}=0$ \uparrow $\text{codim}=1$ \uparrow $\text{codim}=2$

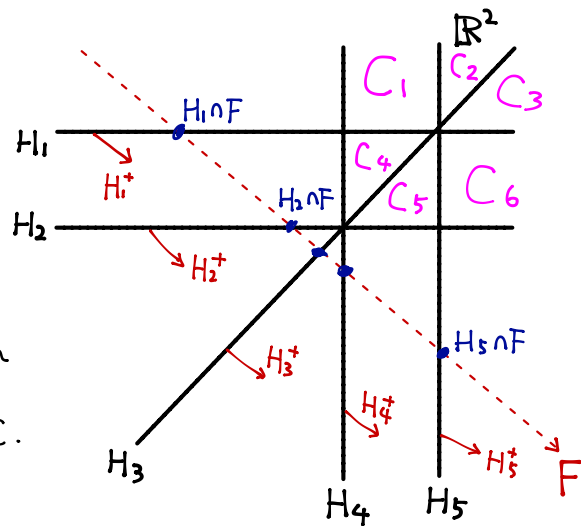
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Proof: Elementary.

(Only "contractibility of \mathcal{U} " is complicated.)

Conjecture

The same holds for hyperplane arrangements in any dimension.

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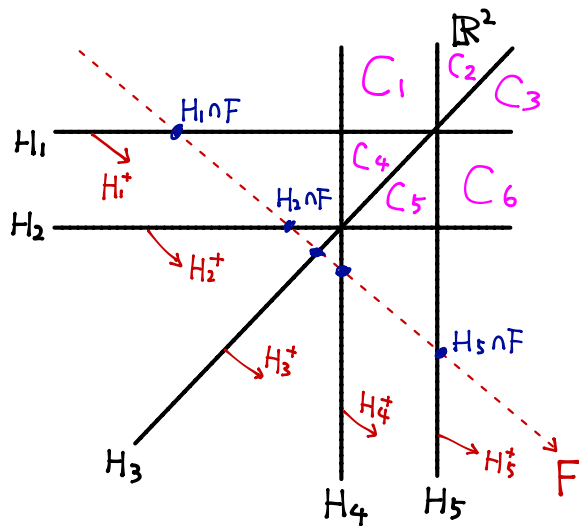
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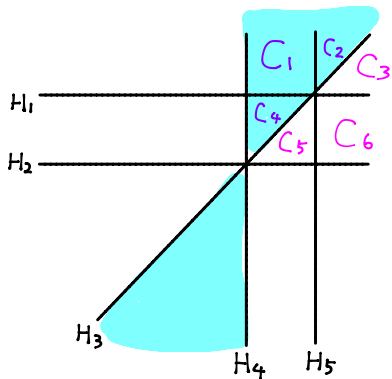
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S_i are 3- $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}$ submanifolds which are intersecting in \mathbb{R}^2 .
So we can deduce topological information from "real picture".

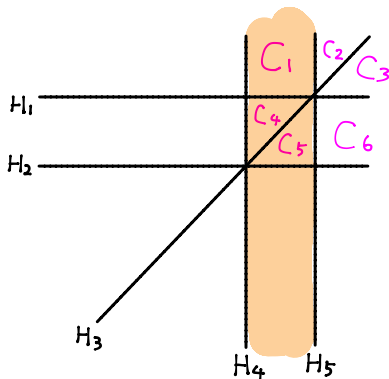


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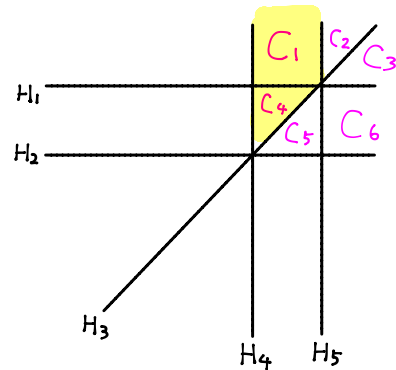
An Example:



$$S_3 = \left\{ \frac{\alpha_4}{\alpha_3} \in \mathbb{R}_{<0} \right\}$$



$$S_4 = \left\{ \frac{\alpha_5}{\alpha_4} \in \mathbb{R}_{<0} \right\}$$



$$S_3 \cap S_4 = C_1 \cup C_4$$

3. Application to Milnor fibers.

Aim :

$$Q(x, y, z) = \prod_{i=0}^n d_i(x, y, z)$$

A product of homogeneous
linear forms



$$Q^{-1}(1) \subset \mathbb{C}^3$$

The Milnor fiber.

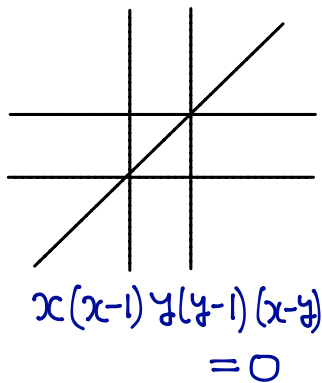


"The real picture"



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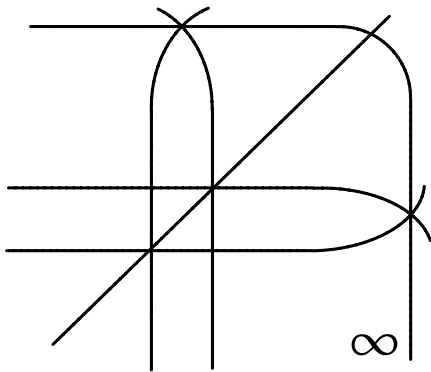
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a line arrangement

$$A = \{H_1, \dots, H_n\}$$

$$M(A) := \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n H_i = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2 \setminus Q^{-1}(0)$$



$$Q := x(x-z)y(y-z)(x-y) \cdot z = 0.$$

$$cA := \{H_1, \dots, H_n, H_\infty\}$$

"Milnor Fiber"

$$F = F_A$$

$$:= Q^{-1}(1)$$

$$= \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid$$

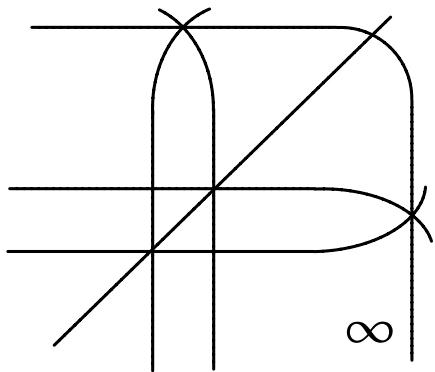
$$Q(x, y, z) = 1\}$$

$$\subset \mathbb{C}^3$$

Problem: $b_1(F) = ?$

3. Application to Milnor fibers.

Remark: $Q(x, y, z)$ is homogeneous of $\deg = n+1$.



$$Q := x(x-z)y(y-z)(x-y) \cdot z = 0.$$

$$F = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid Q(x, y, z) = 1 \} \\ = Q^{-1}(1)$$

Monodromy action

$$\rho : \underset{\psi}{F} \longrightarrow \underset{\psi}{F}$$

$$(x, y, z) \longmapsto (\xi x, \xi y, \xi z),$$

$$\text{where } \xi = e^{2\pi i / (n+1)}$$

3. Application to Milnor fibers.

$$\rho: F \longrightarrow F: (x, y, z) \longmapsto (\zeta x, \zeta y, \zeta z),$$

where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/n+1}$

induces a linear automorphism

$$\rho^*: H^1(F) \longrightarrow H^1(F).$$

We have eigen decomposition

$$H^1(F) = \bigoplus H^1(F)_\lambda$$

λ -eigen space

$\lambda^{n+1} = 1$ ← Since $\rho^{n+1} = \text{id}$.

3. Application to Milnor fibers.

Easy part: $\lambda = 1$.

$$H^1(F)_1 = H^1(F)^{\rho} \cong H^1(F/\langle \rho \rangle) \cong H^1(M(A)) \cong \mathbb{C}^n.$$

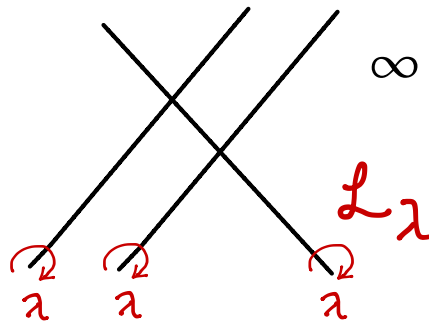
← ρ -invariant part

Nontrivial part: $\lambda \neq 1$

(Recall: $F/\langle \rho \rangle = M(A) = \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n H_i$)

$$H^1(F)_\lambda \cong H^1(M(A), \mathcal{L}_\lambda)$$

rank 1 local system on $M(A)$, s.t.
each monodromy around H_i is λ .



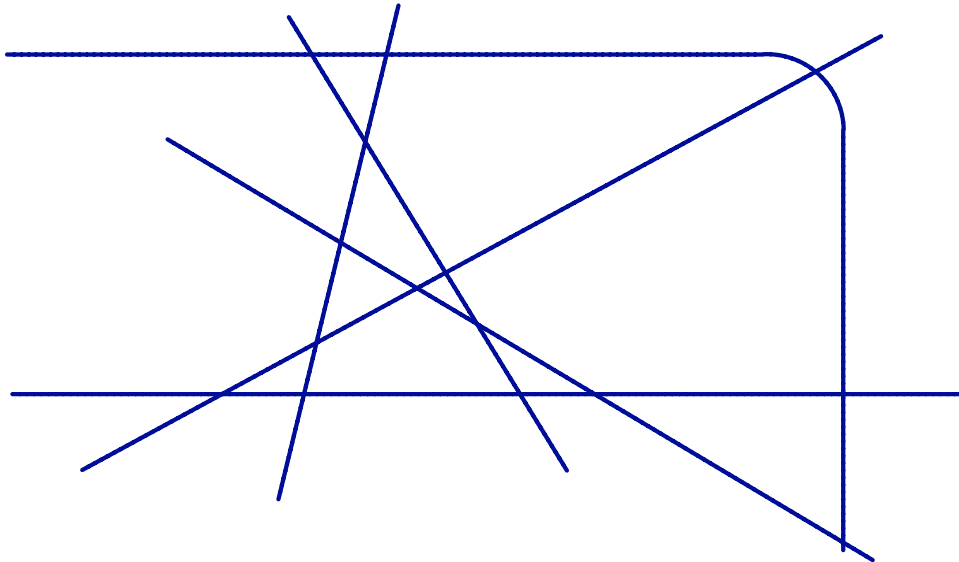
$$H^1(F)_{\neq 1} := \bigoplus_{\lambda \neq 1} H^1(F)_\lambda : \text{non-trivial eigenspace.}$$

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Known Fact and examples

Thm. (Orlik-Randell, Hattori) If $cA = \{H_1, \dots, H_n, H_\infty\}$ is

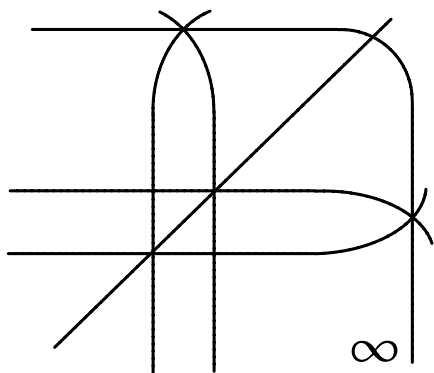
generic (= only double points), then $H^i(F)_{\neq 1} = 0$. (i.e. $b_1(F) = n$)



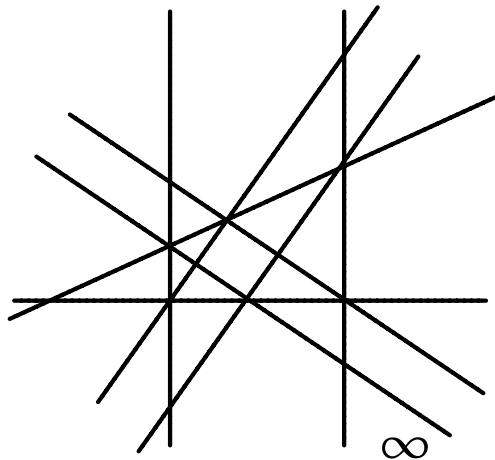
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Non-generic cases:

$$\zeta = e^{2\pi i/3}$$



A_3 -arr.



Pappus arr.

$$H^1(F) = H^1(F)_1 \oplus H^1(F)_\zeta \oplus H^1(F)_{\zeta^2}$$

$$\begin{matrix} S_{11} & S_{11} & S_{11} \\ \mathbb{C}^5 & \mathbb{C} & \mathbb{C} \end{matrix}$$

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3. Application to Milnor fibers.

Problem Compute $\dim H^1(F)_\lambda = \dim H^1(M, \mathcal{L}_\lambda)$
for $\lambda \neq 1$, by using "real structure".

Rem. $\dim H^1(F)_\lambda$ is related to many other things.

- Betti numbers of certain covering spaces of $M(A)$.
- Alexander polynomial of $\pi_1(M)$.
- Counting certain plane curves.
- Hodge str. of $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$.

3. Application to Milnor fibers.

Now we assume $A = \{H_1, \dots, H_m\}$ is defined $/ \mathbb{R}$.

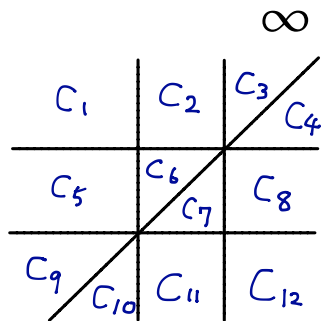
Notation:

$ch(A)$: the set of chambers.

Adjacency distance:

For $C, C' \in ch(A)$,

$d(C, C') := \#$ of lines which separates C & C' .

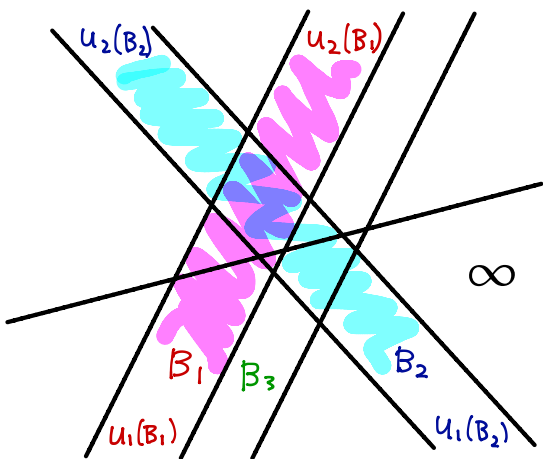


$$ch(A) = \{C_1, \dots, C_{12}\}$$

e.g. $d(C_5, C_{12}) = 4$

3. Application to Milnor fibers.

Fix $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ($\lambda \neq 1$) with order k . ($k > 1$, $k | (n+1)$)

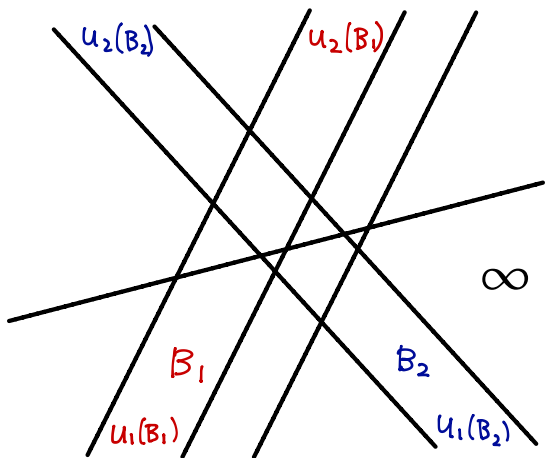


A **band** is a region bounded by a pair of consecutive parallel lines.

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Next we define k -resonance.

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A band B is **k -resonant** $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} k \mid d(u_1(B), u_2(B))$.

E.g. $d(u_1(B_1), u_2(B_1)) = 3 \rightsquigarrow B_1$ is 3-resonant.

$d(u_1(B_2), u_2(B_2)) = 4 \rightsquigarrow B_2$ is not 3-resonant.

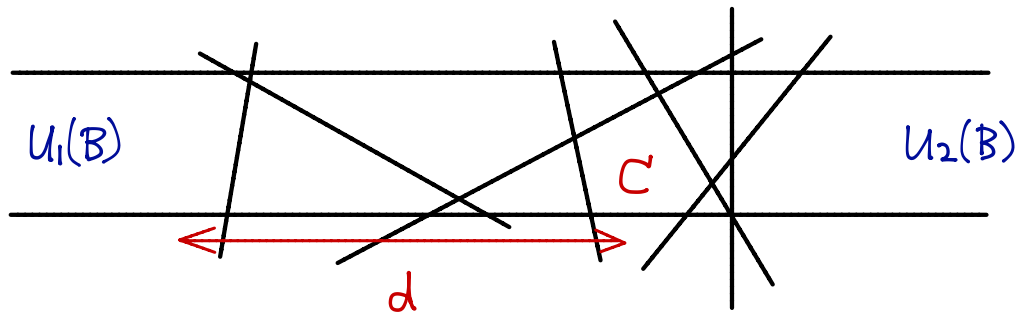
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Suppose that B is \mathbb{k} -resonant. ($\Leftrightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot d(u_1, u_2)}{\mathbb{k}}\right) = 0$)

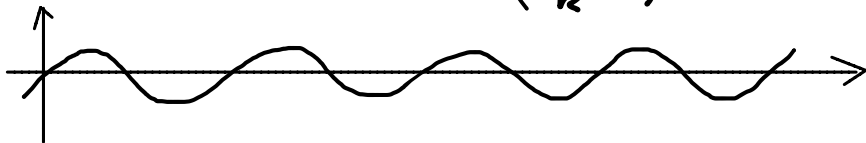
Def.

$$\nabla(B) := \sum_{C \subseteq B} \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot d(u_1(B), C)}{\mathbb{k}}\right) \cdot [C] \in \mathbb{C}[\text{ch}(A)]$$

vector space spanned by chambers.



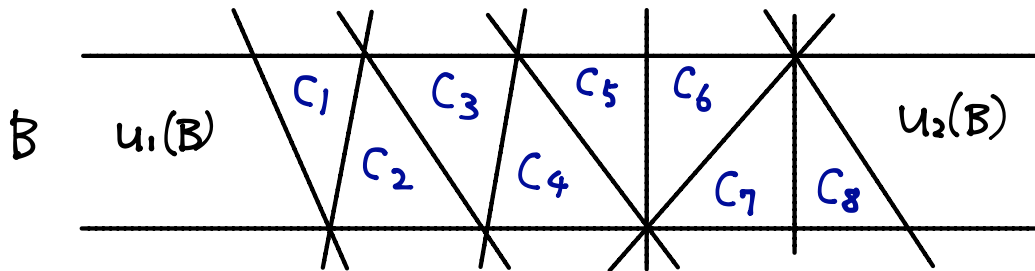
$$\nabla(B) = \dots + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\mathbb{k}} \cdot d\right) \cdot [C] + \dots$$



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$$\nabla(B) := \sum_{C \in B} \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot d(u_1(B), C)}{k}\right) \cdot [C] \in \mathbb{C}[\text{ch}(A)]$$

Ex. $d(u_1(B), u_2(B)) = 9, k = 3.$



$$\nabla(B) = \sum_{p=1}^8 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} \cdot p\right) \cdot [C_p]$$

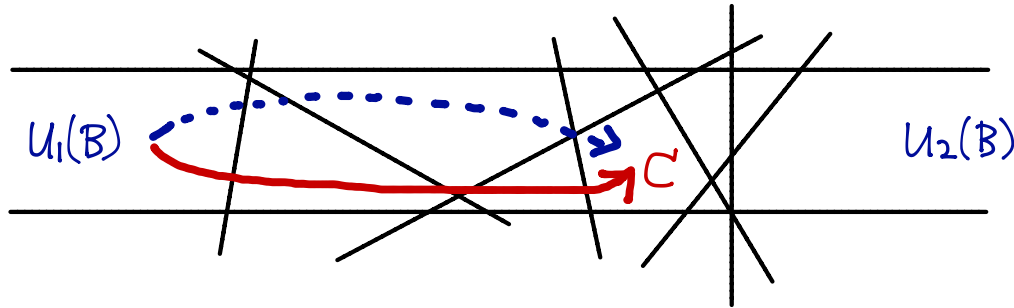
$$d(u_1(B), C_p) = p.$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}[C_1] + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}[C_2] + 0 \cdot [C_3] - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}[C_4] - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}[C_5] + 0[C_6] + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}[C_7] + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}[C_8]$$

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Geometric idea behind

$$\nabla(B) := \sum_{C \in B} \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot d(u_1(B), C)}{k}\right) \cdot [C] \in \mathbb{C}[\text{ch}(A)].$$



$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot d(u_1(B), C)}{k}\right) = \frac{1}{2i} \left(e^{\frac{\pi i d}{k}} - e^{-\frac{\pi i d}{k}} \right)$$

This measures the monodromy of certain local system.

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$$\nabla(B) = \sum_{C \in B} \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot d(U_1(B), C)}{k}\right) \cdot [C]$$

Notation: $RB_k(A)$ denotes the set of k -resonant bands.

Theorem. (Y.) Let $A = \{H_1, \dots, H_n\}$ be a line arr. in \mathbb{R}^2 , $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ($\lambda \neq 1$) with order k s.t. $1 < k$, $k \mid (n+1)$. Then

$$\text{Ker}(\nabla: \mathbb{C}[RB_k(A)] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\text{ch}(A)]) \cong H^1(F)_\lambda.$$

In particular, $\dim H^1(F)_\lambda$ is equal to the number of linear relations among $\nabla(B)$, $B \in RB_k(A)$.

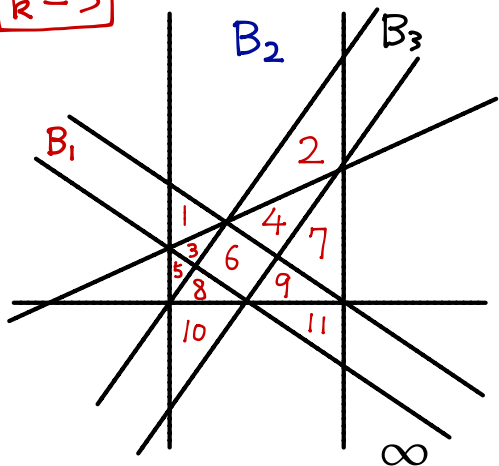
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Theorem. $\text{Ker}(\nabla: \mathbb{C}[\text{RB}_p(A)] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\text{ch}(A)]) \cong H^1(F)_\lambda$.

(Hence $\dim H^1(F)_\lambda$ is equal to # of linear rel's among $\nabla(B)$'s.)

Example (Pappus arr.) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \nabla(B_1) = [C_1] + [C_3] - [C_9] - [C_{11}]$.

$\frac{p}{k} = 3$



$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \nabla(B_3) = [C_2] + [C_4] - [C_8] - [C_{10}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \nabla(B_2) &= [C_1] + [C_2] + [C_3] + [C_4] \\ &\quad - [C_8] - [C_9] - [C_{10}] - [C_{11}] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \nabla(B_1) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \nabla(B_3).$$

$$\therefore \dim H^1(F)_{e^{2\pi i/3}} = 1.$$

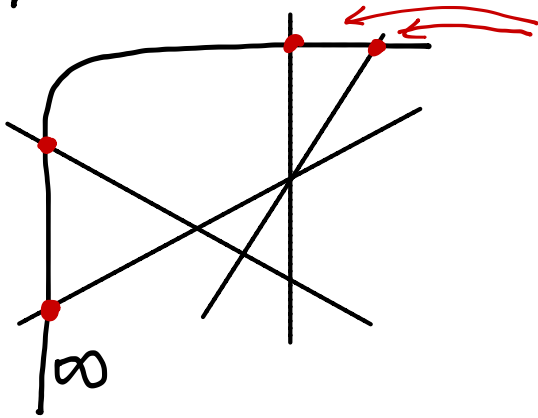
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Thm. (Libgober)

If $\exists H_i \in \mathcal{A}$ s.t. all intersections on H_i has multiplicity 2 (i.e. No higher multiple points exist on H_i)

$$\implies H^1(F)_\lambda = 0 \text{ for } \lambda \neq 1.$$

(proof) Put H_i at ∞ .



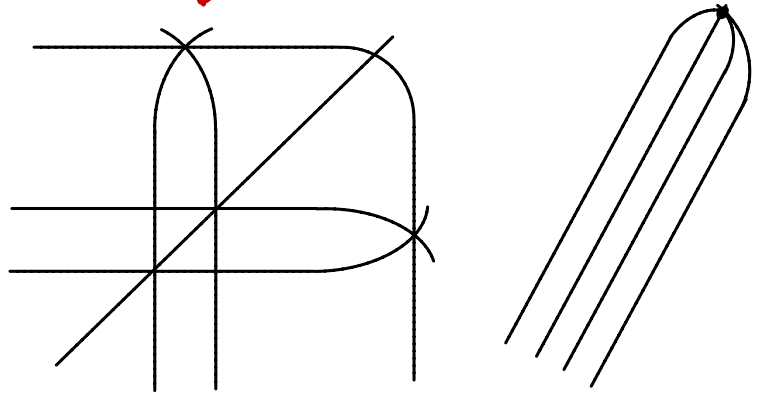
All intersections on H_∞ have multiplicity = 2

\iff There are no bands.

$$\begin{aligned} RB_\infty(\mathcal{A}) &= \emptyset. \text{ Hence } \ker(\mathbb{C}[RB_\infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[ch]) \\ &= 0 \text{ (Q.E.D.)} \end{aligned}$$

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Thm(Y.) Except for A_3 -arr. and pencils,



$H^1(F)_{\neq 1} \neq 0$ implies

that each line $H \in \mathcal{CA}$ has at least 3 multiple intersections on it.

(Roughly, $H^1(F)_{\neq 1} \neq 0$ implies \mathcal{CA} is far from generic.)

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"Thm." $H^1(F)_{\neq 1} \neq 0$ implies $\forall H \in \mathcal{CA}$ has at least 3 higher multiple points.

Such line arrangements are rare,
however discrete geometers have found
many interesting examples.

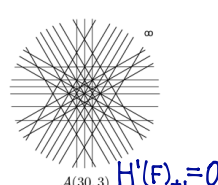
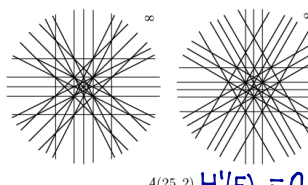
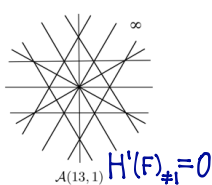
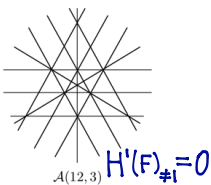
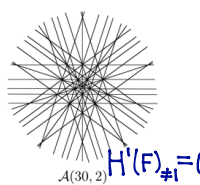
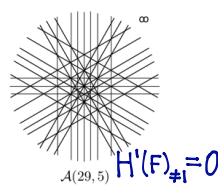
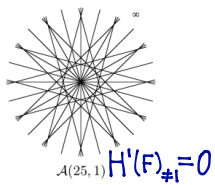
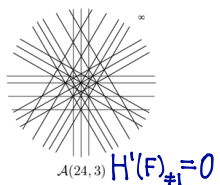
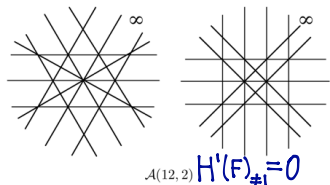
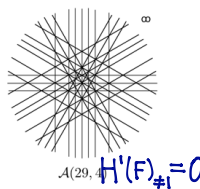
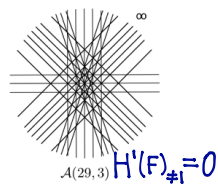
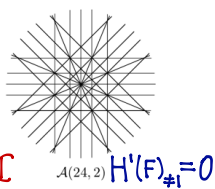
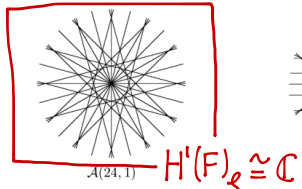
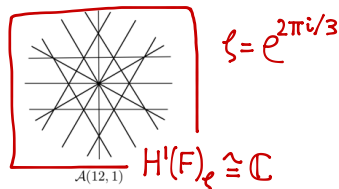
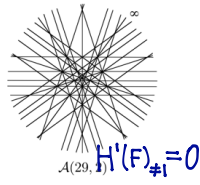
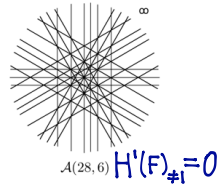
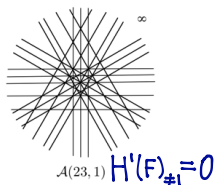
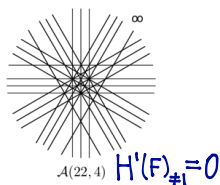
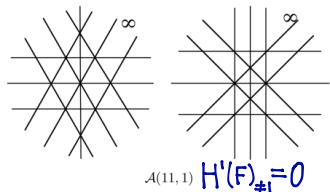
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Examples (From Grünbaum's paper "A Catalogue of Simplicial arrangements")



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Conjecture Assume $\mathcal{A} = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n, H_\infty\}$ is defined \mathbb{R}

① $H^1(F)_\lambda = 0$ if $\lambda^3 \neq 1$.

② $\dim H^1(F)_\lambda \leq 1$ if $\lambda \neq 1$.

③ $H^1(F)_{\neq 1} \neq 0$ iff \mathcal{A} has 3-multiset str.

(Coloring of lines satisfying
certain combinatorial conditions.)

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