

# ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF (SOME) SIMPLICIAL FORESTS

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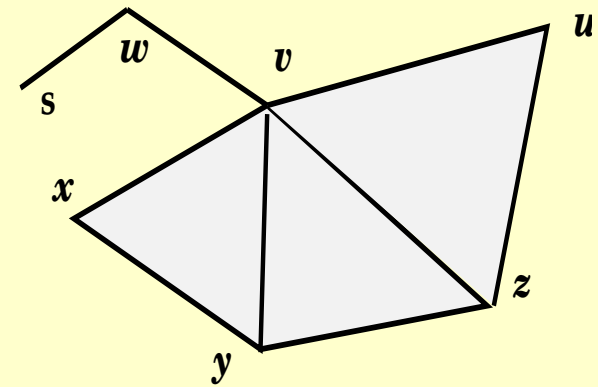
$I = (M_1, \dots, M_q)$  monomial ideal in polynomial ring.

**Question.** What are the Betti numbers  $\beta_{i,j}(I)$ ?

**Eliahou-Kervaire Splittings:** When  $I = J + K$  where  $\mathcal{G}(J) \cap \mathcal{G}(K) = \emptyset$ , and there is a “splitting function” with certain properties, one has a recursive formula:

$$\beta_{i,j}(I) = \beta_{i,j}(J) + \beta_{i,j}(K) + \beta_{i-1,j}(J \cap K)$$

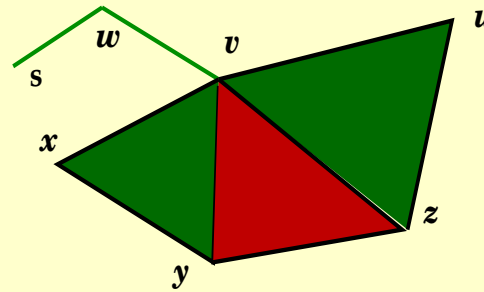
$$I = (xyv, vw, ws, yzv, zuv)$$



**Question.** Can one give an order to the facets of  $\triangle$  so that induces a splitting on the generators of  $I$ ?

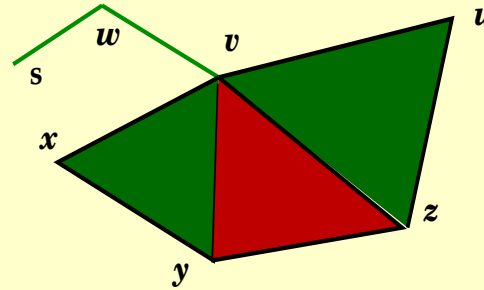
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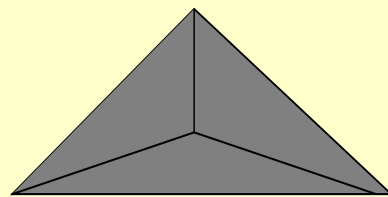
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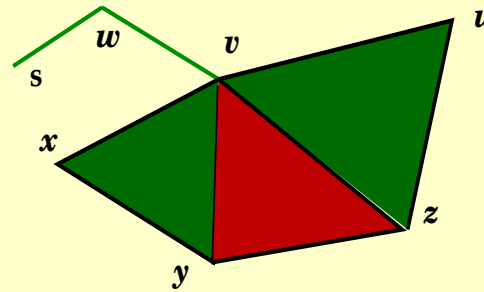
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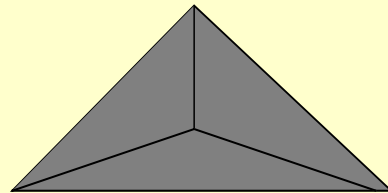
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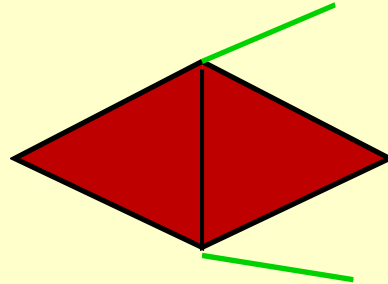
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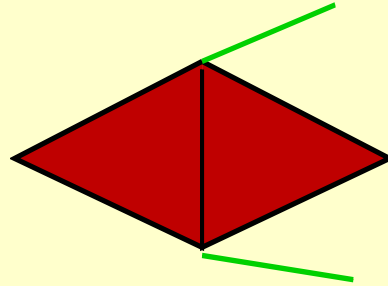
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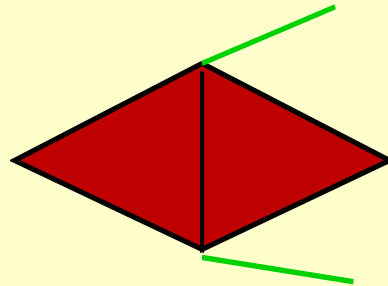
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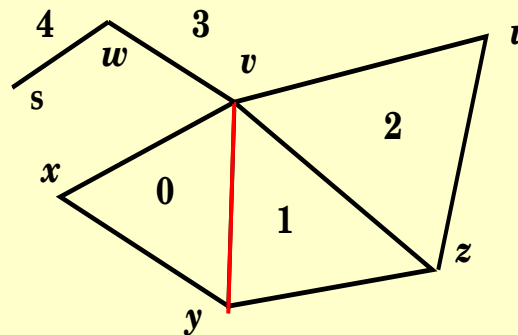
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**Note.** This formula is *recursive* if  $\Delta$  is a forest as

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$$= \beta_{ij}(F_0, \dots, F_{q-1}) + \beta_{i-1, j-|F_q|}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}(F_q))$$

$$= \beta_{ij}(F_0, \dots, F_{q-2}) + \beta_{i-1, j-|F_{q-1}|}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}(F_{q-1})) + \beta_{i-1, j-|F_q|}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}(F_q))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= \beta_{ij}(F_0) + \sum_{u=1}^q \beta_{i-1, j-|F_u|}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}(F_u))$$

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We need to know the generators of  $\overline{\mathcal{C}}(F_u)$ !

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Moreover if  $F_0 \cap F_1 \supsetneq \cdots \supsetneq F_0 \cap F_q$  then

- $i_s = u - 1$
- $\overline{\mathcal{C}}(F_u)$  is connected.

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where  $\gamma_{j, N, A} = \begin{cases} 1 & j = |N|, N' \not\prec N \text{ for all } N' \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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### More Generally

$$\beta_{ij}(F_0, \dots, F_q) = \sum_{u_1=1}^q \sum_{u_2=0}^{u_1-1} \cdots \sum_{u_{i+1}=0}^{u_i-1} \gamma_{j, |F_{u_1} \cup \dots \cup F_{u_{i+1}}|, \{F_{u_1} \cup \dots \cup F_{u_i} \cup F_s \mid s < u_{i+1}\}}$$

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