CW-decompositions, Leray numbers and the representation theory and cohomology of left regular band algebras

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## algebraic invariants of monoids <br> combinatorial topology of posets

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## Remarks

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

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$\Delta((B, \leq))$ is contractible, since 1 is a cone point.


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Tsetlin Library: "use a book, then put it at the front"

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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 $\bar{G}$.
Example


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


In $F(G): c a d=c d a=d c a(c$ comes before $a$ since $c \rightarrow a)$

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

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Other combinatorial semigroups :
Ayyer, Denton, Hivert, Schilling, Steinberg, Thiery, ...

## Goal : Extensions

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$\operatorname{Ext}^{1}(S, T)$ : vector space of equiv. classes of SES

## Main theorem as a haiku

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hyperplane arrangements: restriction and contraction

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