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

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## Remarks

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

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All hyperplane arrangement LRBs are **submonoids** of  $\{0, +, -\}^n$ , where n = the number of hyperplanes.

### Representation Theory of LRBs

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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  $\overline{G}$ .

Example



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



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In F(G): cad = cda = dca (c comes before a since  $c \to a$ )

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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

### $\operatorname{Ext}_B^n(S,T)$

for simple modules  $\boldsymbol{S}$  and  $\boldsymbol{T}$ 

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Main theorem as a haiku

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hyperplane arrangements : restriction and contraction

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Quiver of an algebra is the directed graph where

- vertices are the simple modules
- # arrows  $S \to T$  is dim  $\operatorname{Ext}^1(S,T)$

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