

Discrete Morse theory and combinatorial commutative algebra I

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For example, an ideal of S generated by some monomials $x^{\underline{a}}$ is \mathbb{Z}^n -graded.

Recall that \mathbb{Z}^n can be regarded as a poset by

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- A min. \mathbb{Z}^n -gr. free res. is very important in combinatorial commutative algebra and the related field.
- In general, it is hard to compute a minimal \mathbb{Z}^n -graded free resolution.

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Example of CW complexes (Definition?)

Cell decomposition of B^2 .

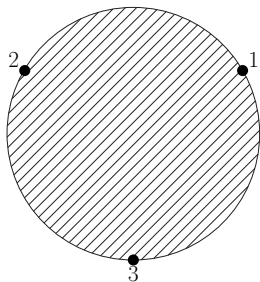


Figure: regular CW

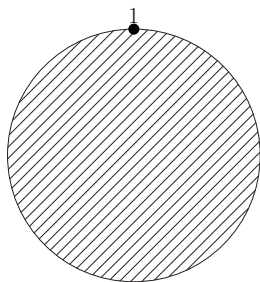


Figure: non-regular CW

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Forman uses so-called Morse function $X^{(*)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The explanation here with an acyclic matching is due to Chari.

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A \mathbb{Z}^n -gr. CW (X, gr) supports a free resolution of some graded S -module if and only if $X_{\leq \underline{a}}$ is either empty or acyclic over \mathbb{k} for all $\underline{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$.

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For $\underline{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$,

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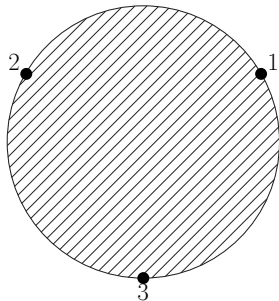
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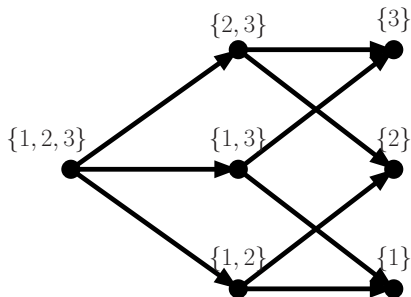


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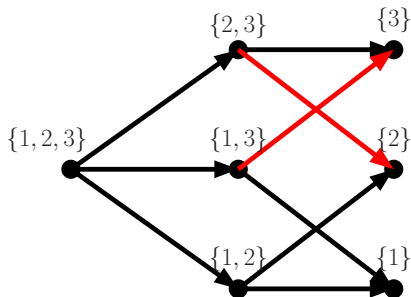


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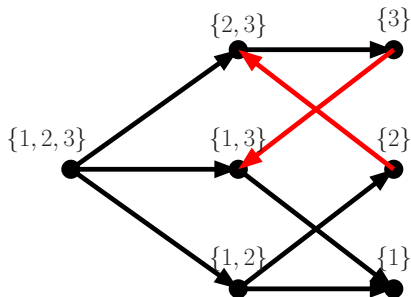


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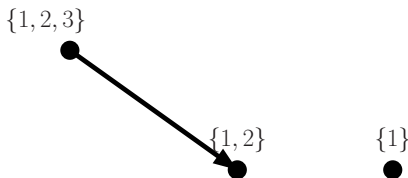


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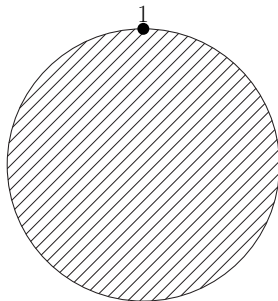


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With the cpx C , we associate the graph G_X whose

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Theorem (Jøllenberg-Welker, 2005, Sköldbberg, 2006)

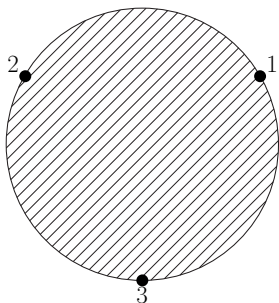
C^A is indeed a complex, and is homotopy equivalent to C .

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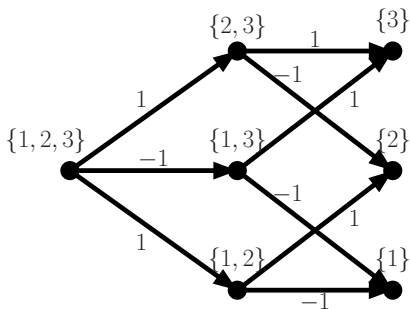
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Let C be the cellular chain complex of X as follows;

- $C_i = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in X^{(i)}} \mathbb{Z} \cdot e_\sigma$;
- $\partial(e_\sigma) := \sum_{i \in \sigma} (-1)^{\varepsilon(i; \sigma)} e_{\sigma \setminus \{i\}}$,

where $\varepsilon(i; \sigma) := \#\{j \in \sigma \mid j < i\}$.
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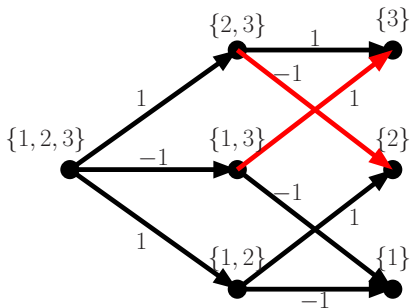


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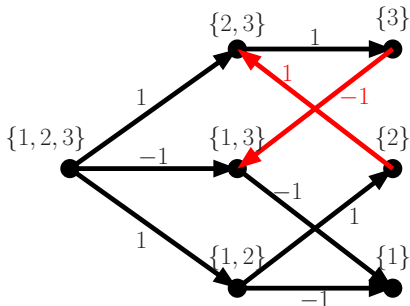
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Now let us compute the differential.

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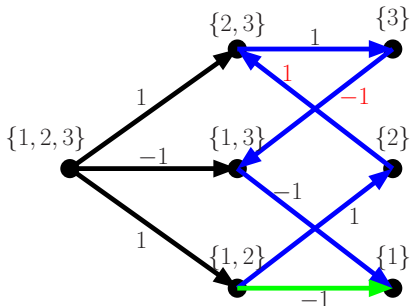
$$\text{Path}(e_{\{1,2\}}, e_{\{1\}}) = \{\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}'\},$$

where \mathcal{P} is the green path and \mathcal{P}' is the blue one.

Easy computation shows

$$w(\mathcal{P}) + w(\mathcal{P}') = -1 + 1 = 0.$$

So, $e_{\{1,2\}}$ is mapped to 0 by the differential map.



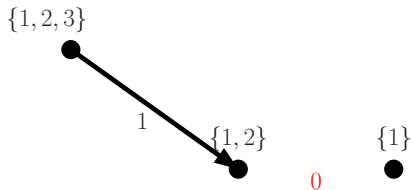
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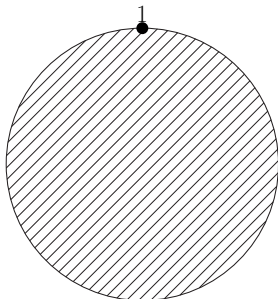


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In this case, the continuous map f is called the characteristic map of σ .

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