

# Antipode in a Hopf Algebra of Subword Complexes

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# Plan of the talk

1. Preliminaries
2. Subword Complexes
3. A Hopf Algebra of Subword Complexes
4. Antipode

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In this talk: **finite Coxeter groups**

(like the symmetric group,

generated by reflections and satisfying relations  $s_i s_j^{m_{ij}} = 1$ )

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Definition (Knutson–Miller, 2004)

The subword complex  $\Delta(Q, \pi)$  is the simplicial complex whose

faces  $\longleftrightarrow$  subwords  $P$  of  $Q$  such that  $Q \setminus P$   
contains a reduced expression of  $\pi$

Knutson–Miller. Gröbner geometry of Schubert polynomials. Ann. Math., 161(3), '05

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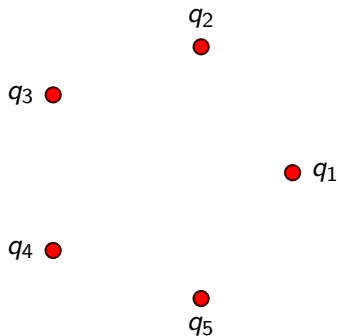
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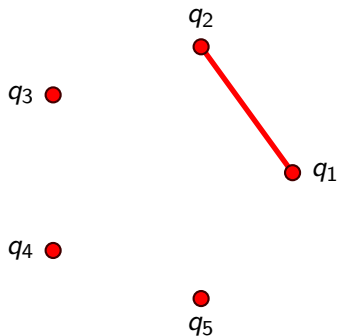
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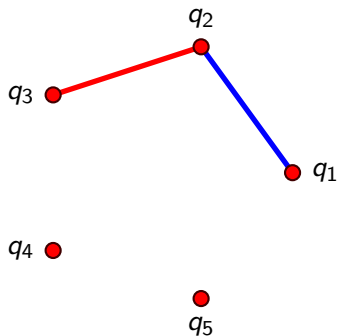
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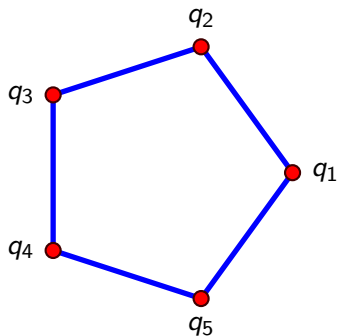
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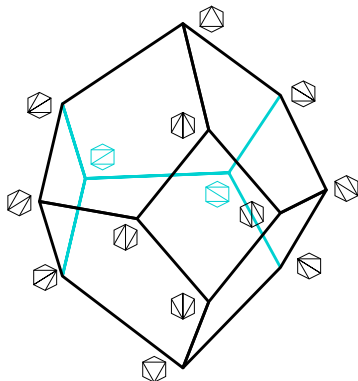
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Hopf algebra:  $(H, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, S)$  such that objects can be multiplied and comultiplied in a compatible way. Also there is an antipode.

$$S: H \rightarrow H$$

where

$$m(S \otimes Id)\Delta = m(Id \otimes S)\Delta = u\varepsilon.$$

# Hopf algebra of subword complexes

$Y_n$ : equivalent classes of tuples  $(W, Q, \pi, I)$  where  $W$  is a finite Coxeter group of rank  $n$ , and  $I$  is a facet of an irreducible subword complex  $\Delta(Q, \pi)$ .

Theorem (Bergeron–C., 2014<sup>+</sup>)

*The graded vector space*

$$k[Y_\infty] := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} k[Y_n]$$

*may be equipped with a structure of graded Hopf algebra.*

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Moreover, the resulting subword complex is isomorphic to the link of a face in the initial subword complex

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$$V = \text{sp}(R(I_{F_1})) \oplus \text{sp}(R(I_{F_2}))$$

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$$r(i) = Q_{<i}(\alpha_{Q_i}), \quad \text{for example } r(3) = s_2(\alpha_3) = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = \alpha_{23}$$

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A term of  $\Delta(W, Q, \pi, I)$ :

$$(A_1, (s_1, s_1), [2 \ 1], \{1\}) \otimes (A_2, (s_1, s_2, s_1, s_2, s_1, s_2, s_1, s_2), [3 \ 2 \ 1], \{1, 2, 3, 6, 7\})$$

# Multiplication

$$(W, Q, \pi, I) \cdot (W', Q', \pi', I') = (\overline{W}, QQ', \pi\pi', II'_{\uparrow}),$$

where,

$\overline{W}$ : Coxeter group generated by  $S \sqcup S'$

$QQ' = (q_1, \dots, q_r, q'_1, \dots, q'_{r'})$

$\pi\pi' =$  product of  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  in  $\overline{W}$

$II'_{\uparrow}$  denotes the “shifted” facet

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Many cancelation: resolve using **sign reversing involution**  
(similar to [Benedetti-Sagan 2014+])

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Cancellation free formula for  $k[Y_\infty]$

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$$(-1)^{\ell(\mathcal{F})} a(G(\mathcal{K})) = +a(\overset{1}{\bullet} \text{---} \overset{2}{\bullet}) = 2$$

Thanks, Gracias, Merci!