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Outline:





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$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1^2x_2 + 2x_1^2x_3 + 2x_2^2x_3 + 3x_1x_2x_3 - x_1^3 - x_2^3 - x_3^3$$



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Hivert *-action



$$\mathbf{Ker}(\ast) = \langle \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} (-1)^{\ell(\sigma)} \sigma \rangle \subset \mathbb{Q}S_n$$

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$$s_1 = (1\ 2), \quad n = 2$$

$$s_1 * x_1 = x_2; \quad s_1 * x_2^2 = x_1^2$$

$$s_1 * x_1 x_2^2 = x_1 x_2^2 \neq x_1^2 x_2 = (s_1 * x_1)(s_1 * x_2^2)$$

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Worse: $\langle \text{QSym}_n^+ \rangle$ is **not** *-invariant

No action of TL_n on $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / \langle \text{QSym}_n^+ \rangle$ 😞

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[COVID idea] :



Try orbit harmonics!

Almost **impossible** to identify the right set of permutations 🙄

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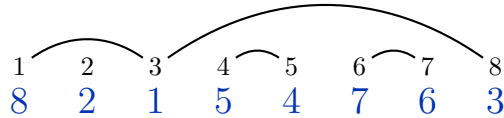
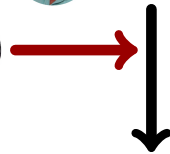
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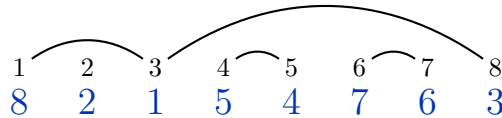
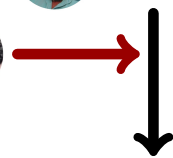


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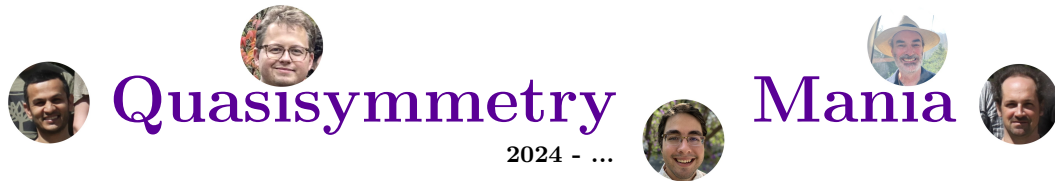
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Geometry

Cohomology ?







Quasisymmetry

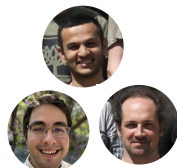
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Revisiting quasisymmetry



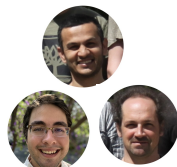


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Operator $\mathbf{R}_i : f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \mathbf{0}, x_i, \dots, x_{n-1})$

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Now Geometry can start: Consider $\mathbf{T}_i = \frac{1}{x_i}(\mathbf{R}_{i+1} - \mathbf{R}_i)$, which is adjoint to a natural



geometric operator on flags.



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Compare this to the divided difference operator $\partial_i = \frac{\text{Id} - s_i}{x_i - x_{i+1}}$ with property

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Build analogue of Schubert polynomials using the $\mathbf{T}_i$ operator: Forest Polynomial $\mathfrak{P}_F(\mathbf{x}_n)$:

$$T_i \mathfrak{P}_F = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{P}_{F/i}(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } i \in \text{LTer } F \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$




Forest Polynomials are special




flagged P -partitions.




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- $\{\mathfrak{P}_F : F \text{ fully supported}\}$ Basis of $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / \langle \text{QSym}_n^+ \rangle$
- $\{F \text{ fully supported}\}$ index some homology class of $\text{HHMP}_n = \bigcup X_w^{wc}$
- $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / \langle \text{QSym}_n^+ \rangle \hookrightarrow H^\bullet(\text{HHMP}_n)$

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$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{QSym}_n \iff T_i f = 0, \forall i < n$$

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$$P_{(1,2,1)} = (x_1 - 1)(x_2^2 - 2^2)(x_3 - 3) \\ + (x_1 - 1)(x_2^2 - 2^2)(x_4 - 4)$$

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Ah! I bet we replace i by t_i

The vanishing polynomials looks like this

In which way exactly?




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Equivariant Quasisymmetry

Double Forest Polynomials

Operator $\mathbf{R}_i^- : f(x_1, \dots, x_n; t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \dots, x_{n-1}; t_1, \dots, t_n)$

Operator $\mathbf{R}_i^+ : f(x_1, \dots, x_n; t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \dots, x_{n-1}; t_1, \dots, t_n)$

$$\mathbf{E}_i = \frac{R_i^+ - R_i^-}{x_i - t_i}$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; T) \in \text{EQSym}_n \iff \mathbf{E}_i \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}, \forall i < n$$

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We want to find polynomials $\mathfrak{P}_F(X; T)$ indexed by **Forests** that satisfy:

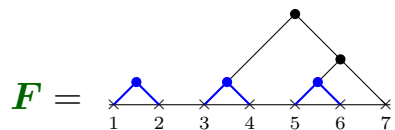
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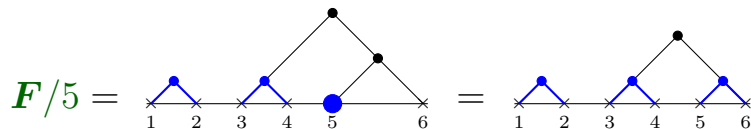
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$$\text{LTer}(\mathbf{F}) = \{i : \text{blue dot on } i \in \mathbf{F}\}$$



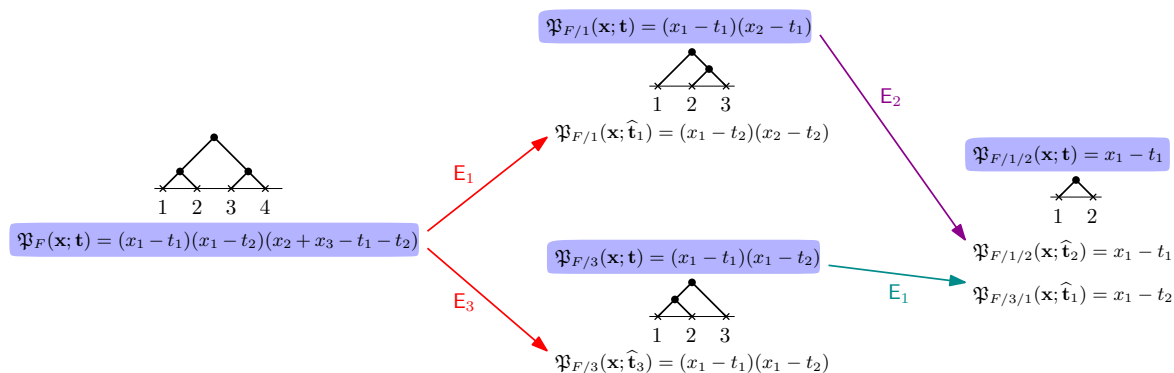
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Is it well defined? ...



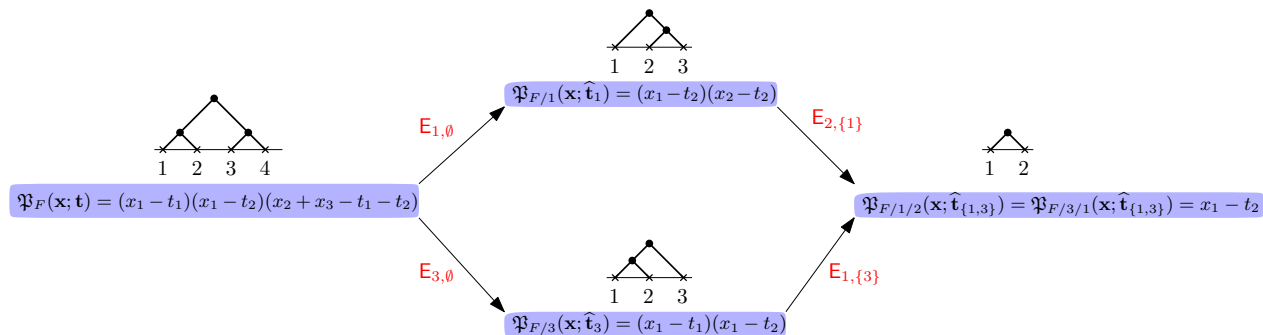
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Yes!



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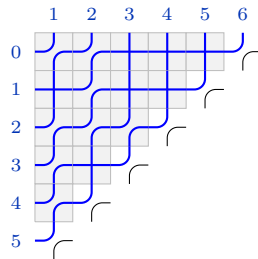
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RECALL:



Pipe Dream gives a way to compute double Schubert polynomials

$$\mathfrak{S}_w = \sum_{D \in \text{PD}(w)} \prod_{(i,j) \in D} (x_i - t_j)$$

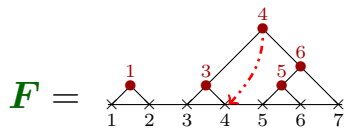


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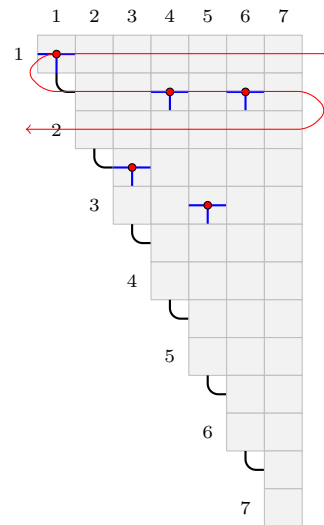


Rules: Obtain $\mathbf{F}$ with the following procedure:

- exactly one in column i for node i

Choose a **linear extension** of nodes of $\mathbf{F}$

place respecting the chosen order (Here 14635)

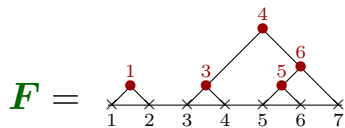


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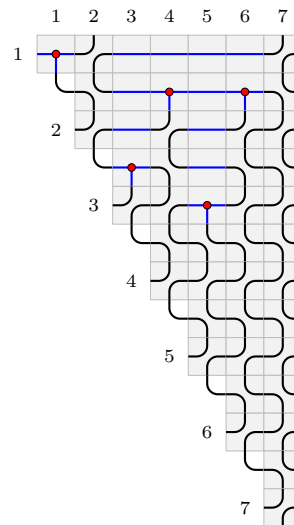
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Rules: Obtain $\mathbf{F}$ with the following procedure:

- exactly one  in column i for node i
- fill with  the column above each 
- fill the remaining spots with [Vine Model]

 in odd rows  in even rows and



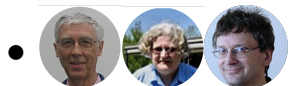
Equivariant Quasisymmetry

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$$\mathfrak{P}_{F/i} = \sum_{V \in \text{VD}(F)} \prod_{T \in V} \begin{cases} (x_i - t_j) & T \text{ in row } 2i - 1 \text{ and col } j \\ (t_j - t_i) & T \text{ in row } 2i \text{ and col } j \end{cases}$$



type formula for



-theory on



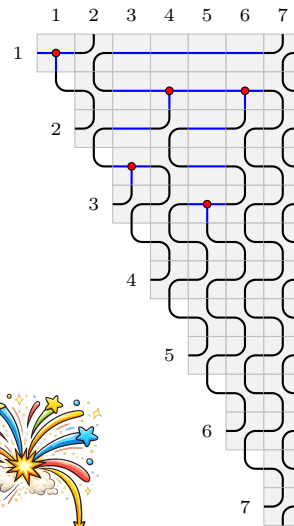
lattice Graph with



orientation

THEOREM:

$$\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / \langle \text{QSym}_n^+ \rangle \cong H^\bullet(\text{QF}\ell_n)$$



Open Problems

- (Graham)-combinatorial/geometric interpretation of

$$\mathfrak{P}_F(X;T)\mathfrak{P}_G(X;T) = \sum_H a_{F,G}^H(T)\mathfrak{P}_H(X;T),$$

- Is there a graded (filtered?) action of TL_n on $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ which gives a well defined action on $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / \langle \mathrm{QSym}_n^+ \rangle$?

- Various quasisymmetries:
 - r -quasisymmetry;
 - Diagonal quasisymmetry;
 - Super quasisymmetry;
 - Graph quasisymmetry

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-  For $\iota : \text{CF}\ell_c \hookrightarrow G/B$, find a combinatorial interpretation of

$$\iota^* \mathfrak{S}_v = \sum_{u \in \text{NC}(W, c)} a_v^u \mathfrak{P}_u^c \in H^\bullet(\text{CF}\ell_c).$$

Geometry $[X_c^u] = \sum a_v^u [X^v]$ implies a_v^u positive. Also, are the $c_{u,v}^w$ positive in

$$\mathfrak{P}_u^c \mathfrak{P}_v^c = \sum_{w \in \text{NC}(W, c)} c_{u,v}^w \mathfrak{P}_w^c \in H^\bullet(\text{CF}\ell_c)?$$

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