

Unimodality of Bruhat intervals

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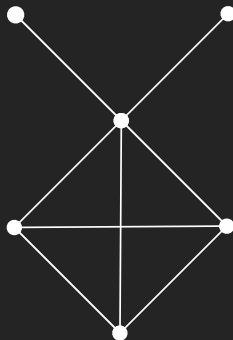
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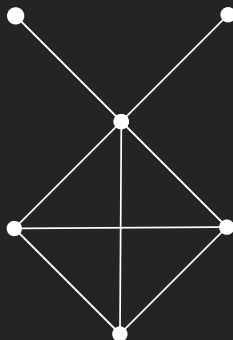
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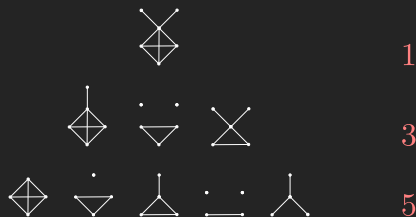


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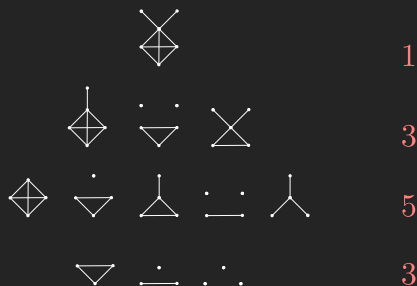
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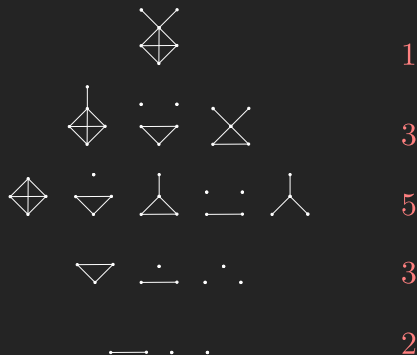
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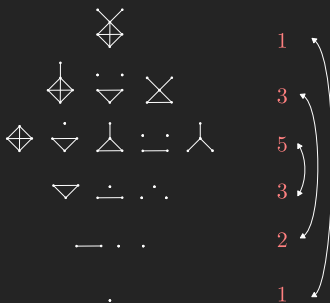
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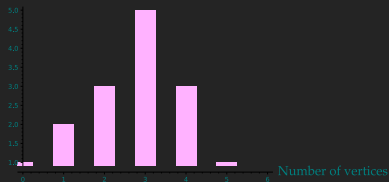
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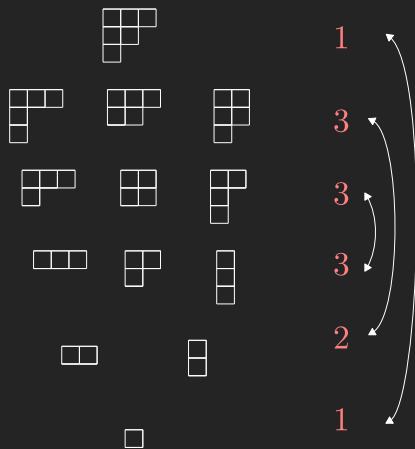


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This was recently proved (Braden, Huh, Matherine, Proudfoot, and Wang, 2020).

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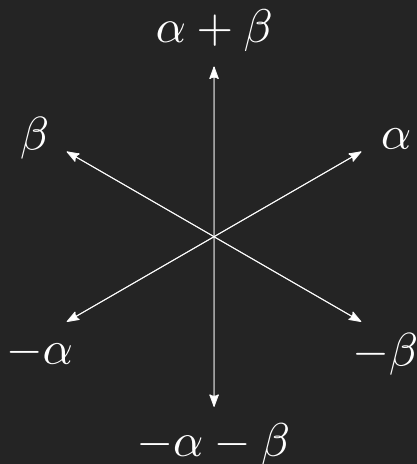
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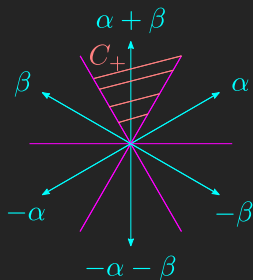
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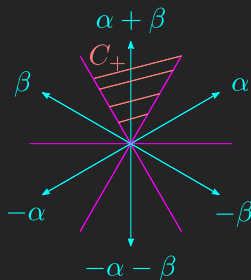
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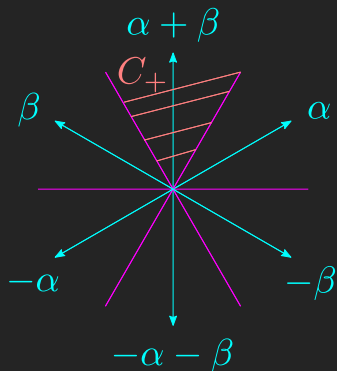
In this case the finite Weyl group

$$W_f = \langle s_\alpha, s_\beta : s_\alpha^2 = s_\beta^2 = \text{id}, (s_\alpha s_\beta)^3 = \text{id} \rangle$$

is isomorphic to the symmetric group $S_3 = \text{Sym}(\{1, 2, 3\})$ consisting of 6 elements.

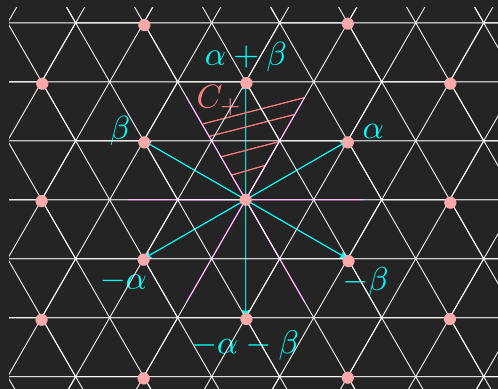
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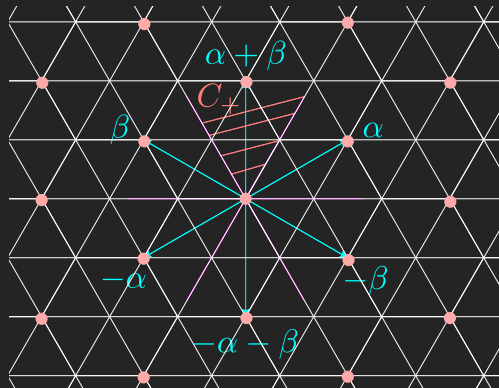
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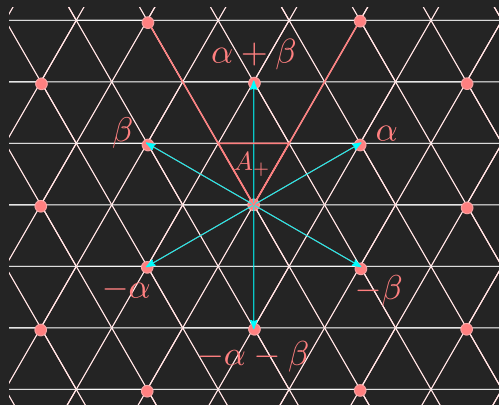
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Theorem (Björner and Ekedal, 2009). The Betti numbers b_{2i} for a “good stratified” variety X satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2\ell(w)-i} &\leq b_{2\ell(w)+i}, \text{ for } i \leq n, \\ b_i &\leq b_{i+2j}, \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq n - i. \end{aligned}$$

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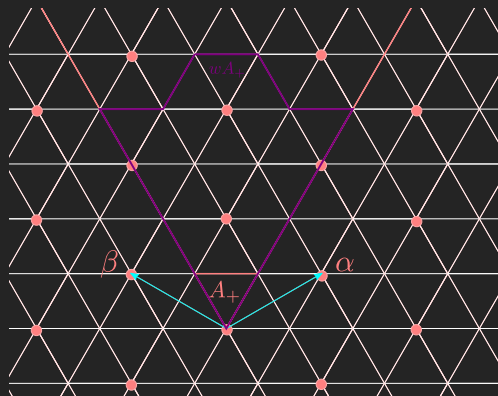
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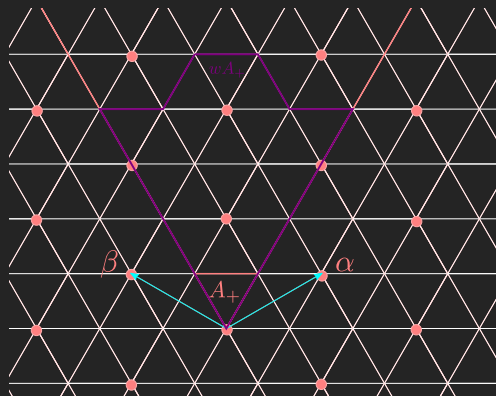
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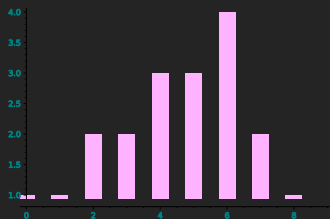
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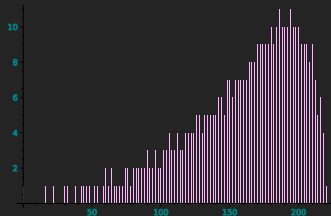
$$1 + q + 2q^2 + 2q^3 + 3q^4 + 3q^5 + 4q^6 + 2q^7 + q^8$$

Example: Type F_4

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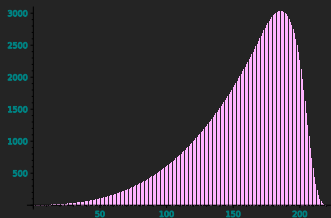


Example: Type F_4

The Poincare polynomial for the interval $[\text{id}, (2\rho, \text{id})] \subset {}^f W$.

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The End

Thank you!