Hyperplane Arrangements & Diagonal Harmonics

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where
$$p_k = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k$$
 are the

power sum symmetric polynomials.

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• And it's graded, with Hilbert series

$$\sum_i \dim R_i \, q^i = \prod_{j=1}^n (1+q+\dots+q^{j-1}) = [n]_q!$$
 "the q-factorial"

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- (Weyl) Then the ring of diagonal invariants DS^{S_n}
 is generated by the "polarized" power sums

$$p_{k,\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^k y_i^\ell \quad \text{for} \quad k+\ell > 0$$

NOT algebraically independent

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Ongoing Project:

- Describe the (bigraded) Hilbert/Frobenius series!
- New science of "parking functions"

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Also observe: $\pi = \cdots (-3, -2)(0, 1)(3, 4)(6, 7) \cdots$

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"affine symmetric group" generated by "affine adjacent transpositions"

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Abuse of notation:

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"finite symmetric group"

Picture of Affine S3



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$$[6, -3, 8, -1] = [3, 1, 4, 2] \times [-3, -1, 8, 6]$$

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For Posterity:

Note (finite) **ascent sets** in window notation

 $\triangle = \emptyset$

 $\bigwedge = \{1\}$

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 $= \{1, 2\}$

What if we invert?



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In terms of window notation:

$$[6, -3, 8, -1] = (2, 1, 4, 3) + 4 \cdot (1, -1, 1, -1)$$

"finite permutation + n times a root"

"division with remainder"



a copy of \mathfrak{S}_3 around each root vector $\circ \in Q_3$

Consider a special simplex



Bounded by: $x_1 - x_2 = -1$ $x_2 - x_3 = -1$ \vdots $x_{n-1} - x_n = -1$ $x_1 - x_n = 2$

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It's a dilation of the **fundamental alcove** by a factor of n + 1

Hence it contains $(n+1)^{n-1}$ alcoves!

Cut it with the Shi arrangement



Shi arrangement:

$$x_i - x_j = 0, 1$$

for all
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$$\mathsf{ish}(2, -2, 2, -2, 0) = 4 - 5 \cdot (-2 + 1) = 9$$

here $n = 5, j = 4, r_j = -2$

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$$\sum t^{\sf ish} = 6 + 6t + 3t^2 + t^3$$

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(Shuffle) Conjecture:

$\sum q^{\rm shi} t^{\rm ish} F_{\rm Asc}\;$ is the Frobenius series of DR

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- That is, \exists (at least) two natural maps to parking functions:



"Haglund-Haiman-Loehr statistics"

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The Ish Arrangement

(please see Brendon's talk)



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