

Sign Variation and Descents

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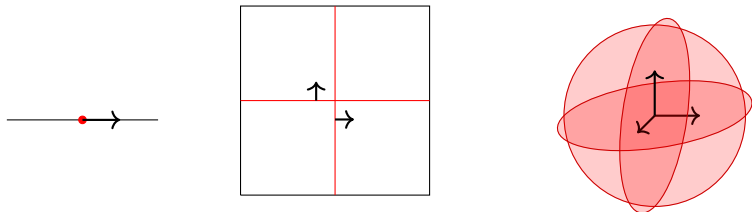
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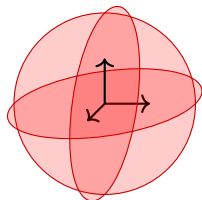
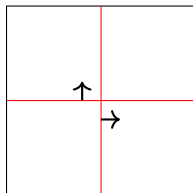
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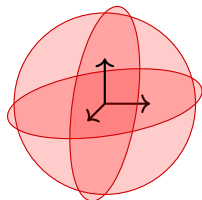
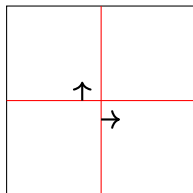
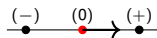
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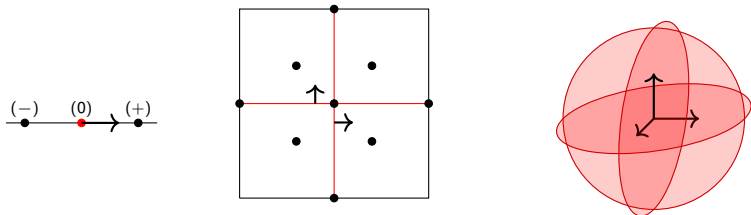
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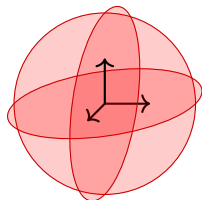
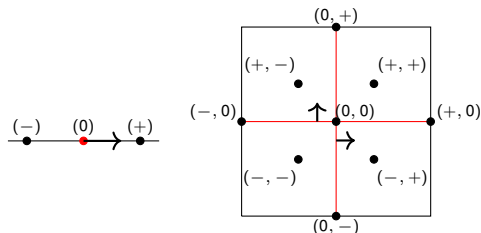
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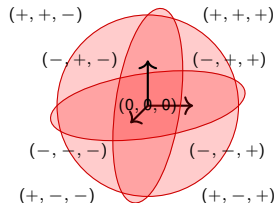
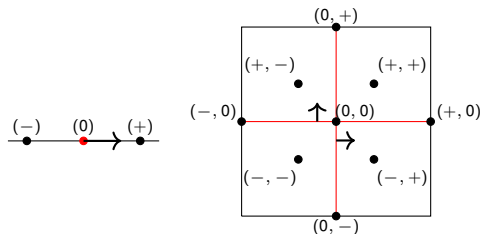
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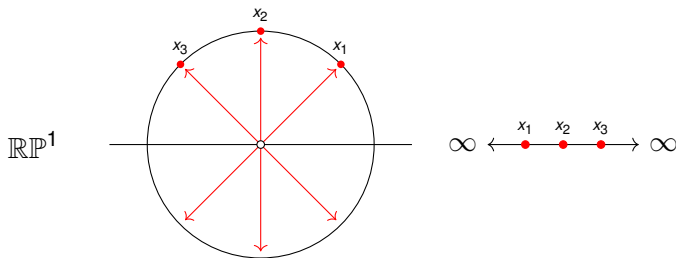
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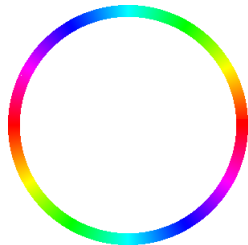


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- *Real Projective space* \mathbb{RP}^n is quotient of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ under equivalence relation $x \sim \lambda x$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.



Real Projective Space - \mathbb{RP}^1



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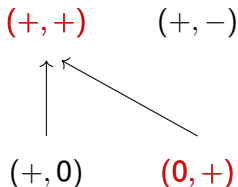
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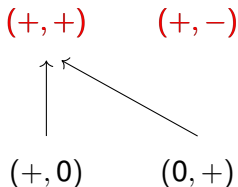
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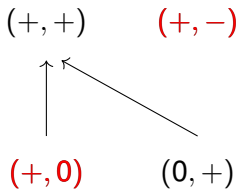
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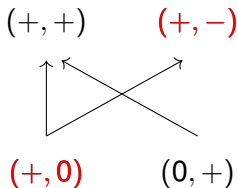
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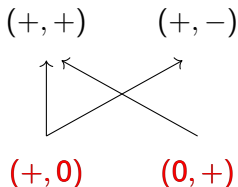
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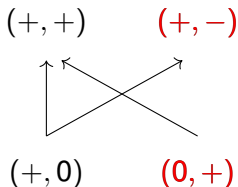
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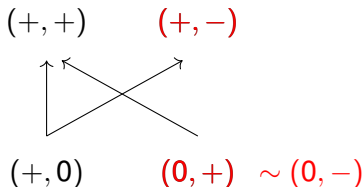
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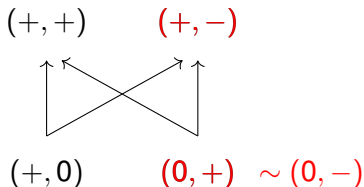
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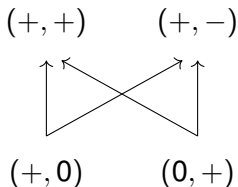
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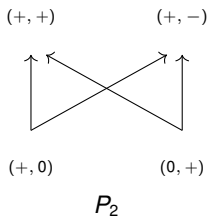
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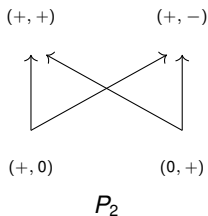
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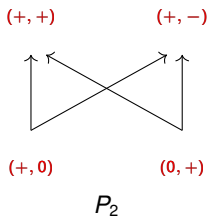


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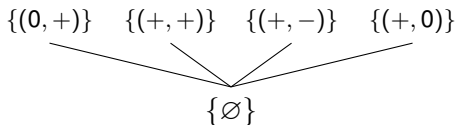
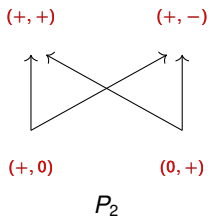
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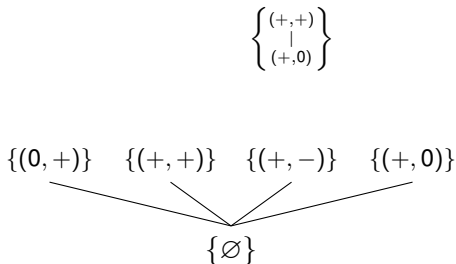
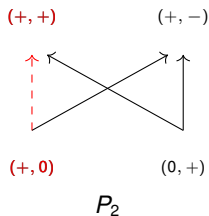
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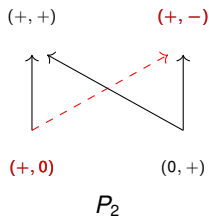
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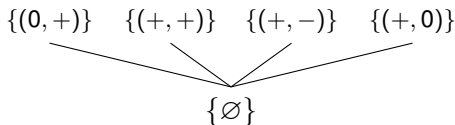
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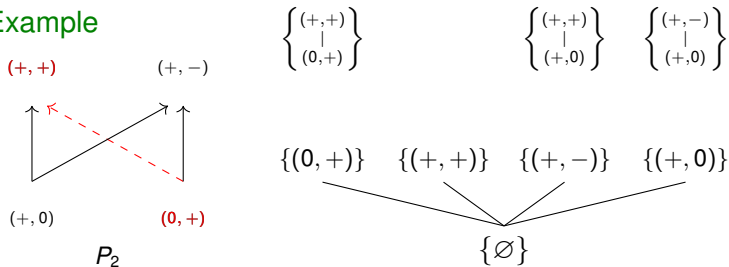
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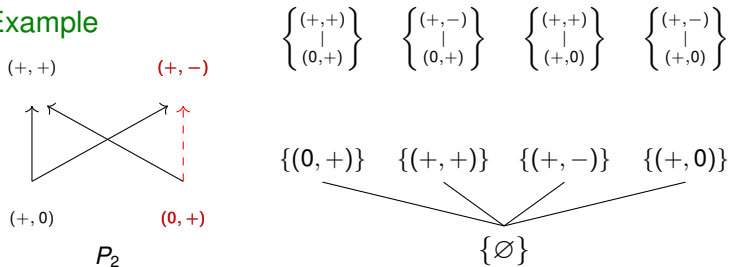
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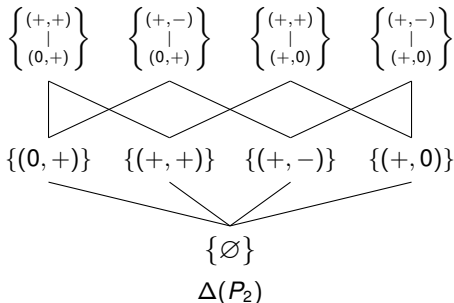
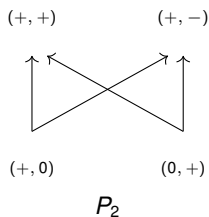
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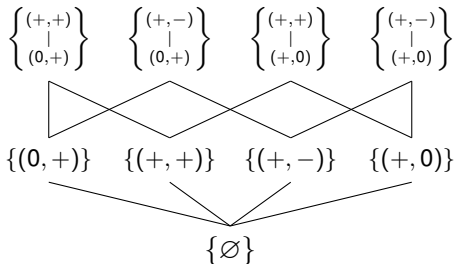
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f -vector

- Δ a d -dim simplicial complex.
- f_i = number of i -dim faces
- f -vector is vector faces: $f(\Delta) = (f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, \dots, f_d)$.
- $f(\Delta(P))$ is number of elements in each row.

Example



$$f(\Delta(P_2)) = (1, 4, 4)$$

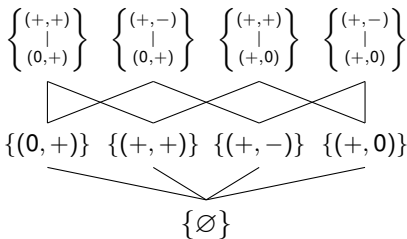
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$$h_k = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{d-i}{k-i} f_{i-1}.$$

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Example



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How can we find the h -vector?

Theorem (Stanley 1992(?))

If a simplicial complex Δ is Cohen-Macaulay, its h -vector has nonnegative entries.

Theorem (Machacek 2019)

The order complex $\Delta(P_n)$ is Cohen-Macaulay.

Questions

- *Is there a nice way to compute the h -vector of $\Delta(P_n)$?*

Partitionable simplicial complex

Conjecture (Stanley 1979, Garsia 1980; Counterexample Duval, Goeckner, Klivans, Martin 2016)

Every Cohen-Macaulay simplicial complex is partitionable.

Proposition (Stanley)

If Δ is partitionable, then the partitioning gives us the h -vector.

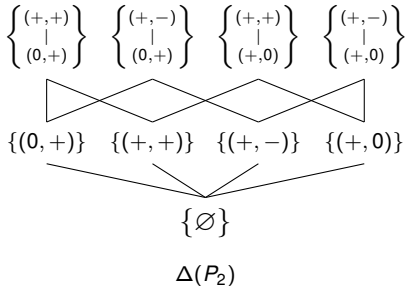
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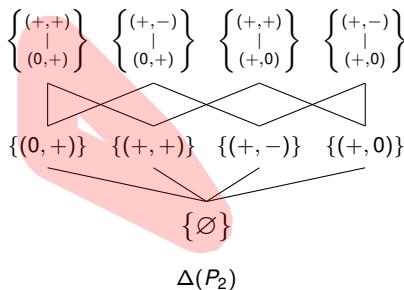
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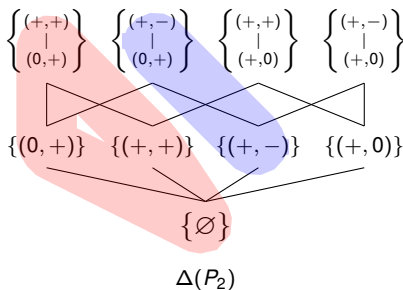
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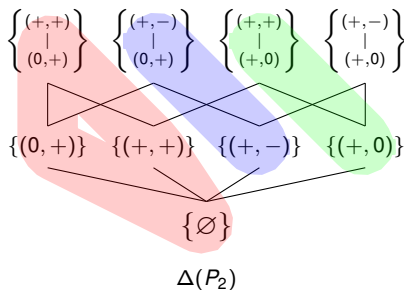
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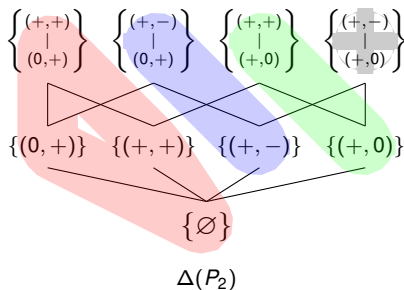
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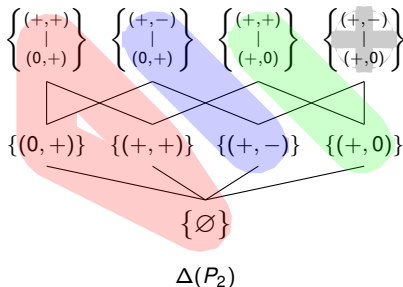
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Example

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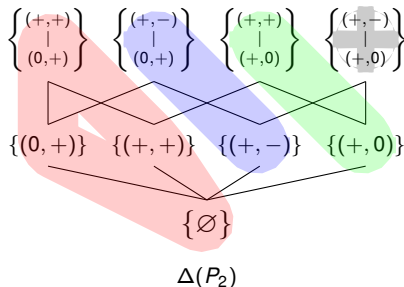
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Main Theorem

Let D_n be a type D Coxeter group and let des_B denote the type B descent set of an element $\pi \in D_n$.

Theorem (Bergeron, D., Machacek 2020BP)

The order complex $\Delta(P_n)$ is partitionable. Moreover,

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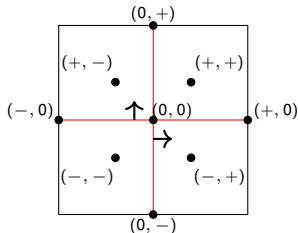
After the break!

Quick Recap

■ Sign Vectors

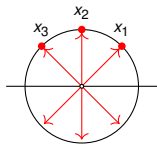
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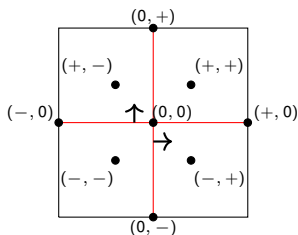
Projective Sign Vectors



$$\mathcal{PV}_n = (\mathcal{V}_n \setminus \{0\})^n / \sim$$

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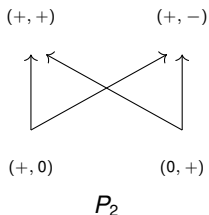
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■ Order $P_n = (\mathcal{PV}_n, <)$

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Example

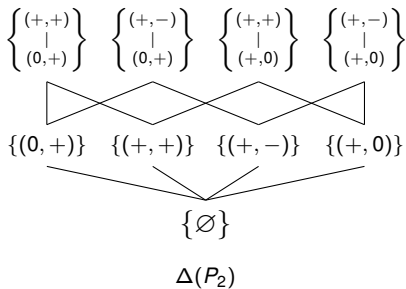
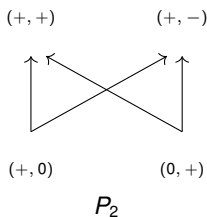


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Order Complex $\Delta(P_n)$

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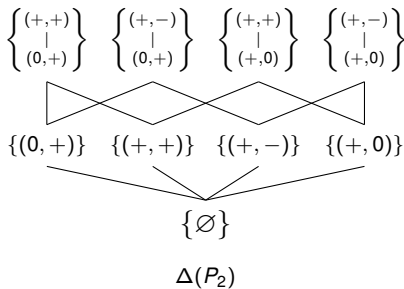
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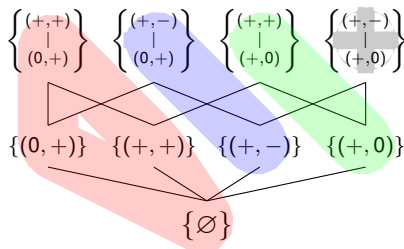
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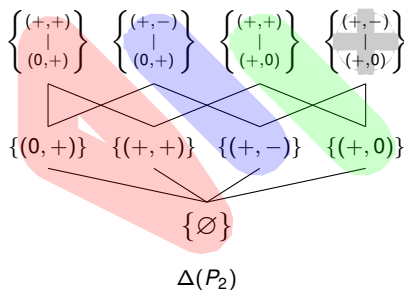
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Example

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Main Theorem

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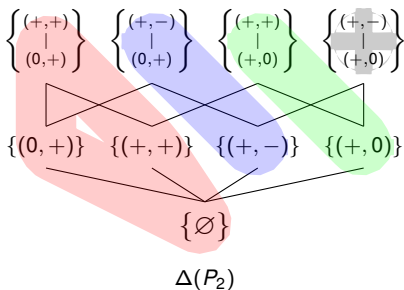
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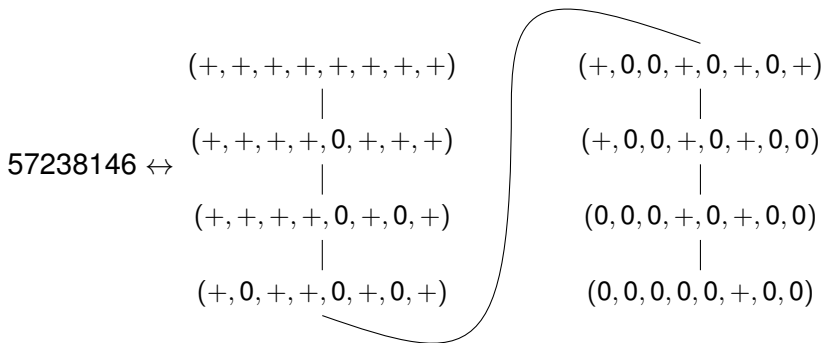


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How do we associate permutations and maximal chains in our poset?

- Change π_j to 0 inductively.



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Example

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Cyclic Sign Variations

Sign vector $\omega \in \mathcal{V}_n = \{+, 0, -\}^n$.

$\text{cvar}(\omega)$ = number of times ω changes sign, cyclically

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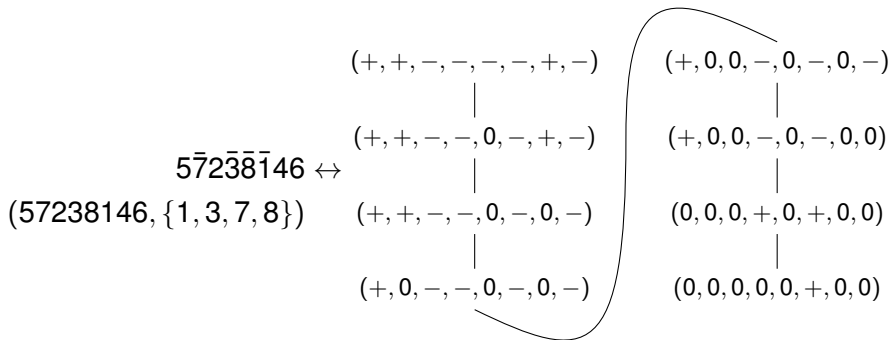
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How about even signed permutations and maximal chains?

- Just as before with a final step of adding negatives.



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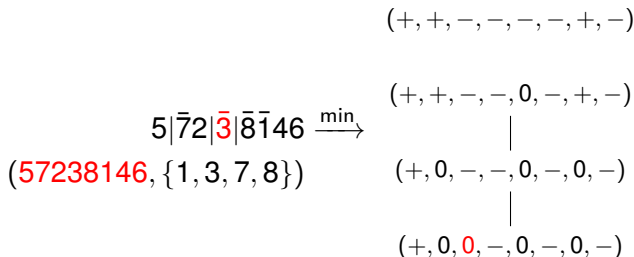
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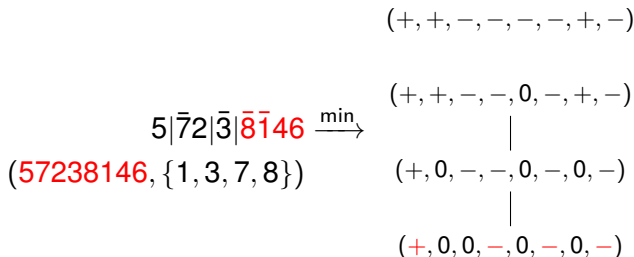
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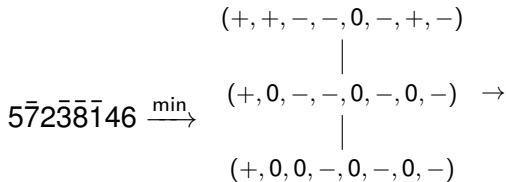
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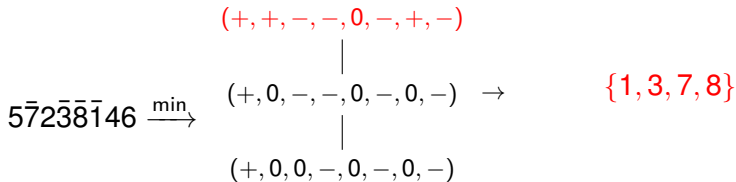
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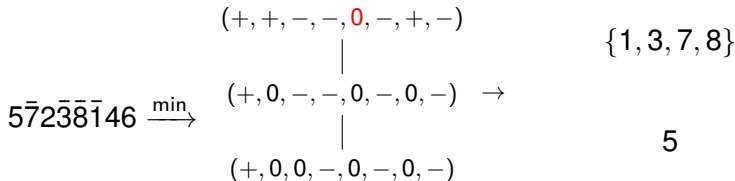
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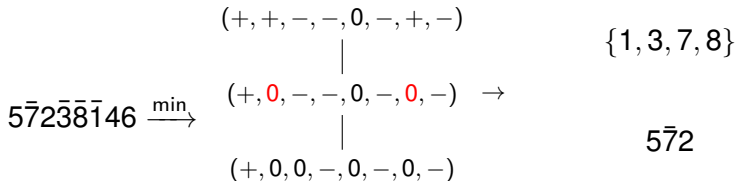
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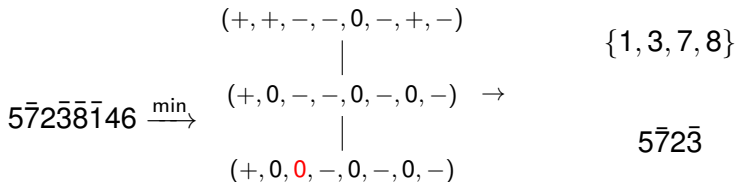
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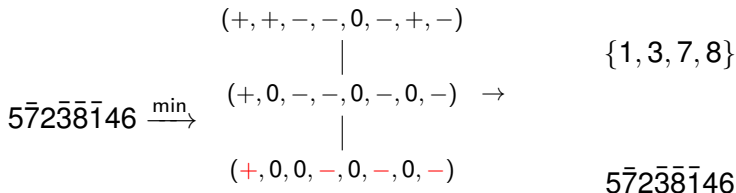
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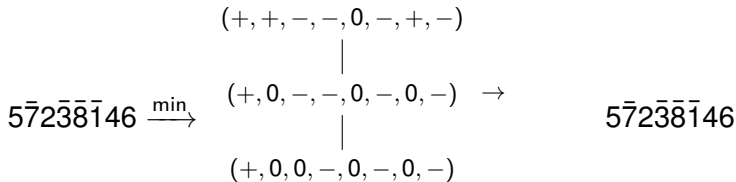
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Main Theorem (Again)

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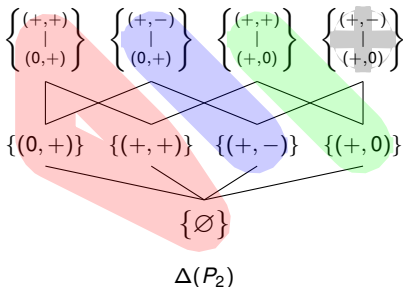
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Example - $n = 2$

$$h_i(\Delta(P_2)) = |\{\pi \in D_2 : |\text{des}_B(\pi)| = i\}| \quad h(\Delta(P_2)) = (1, 2, 1)$$

D_n	des_B
12	\emptyset
$\bar{2}\bar{1}$	$\{0\}$
21	$\{1\}$
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Restriction of variations

- $\mathcal{PV}_{n,m} = \{\omega \in \mathcal{PV}_n : \text{var}(\omega) \leq m\}$.
- $P_{n,m} = (\mathcal{PV}_{n,m}, <)$.
- $D_{n,m} = \{\pi \in D_n : \pi \text{ has at most } m \text{ negatives}\}$.

Theorem (Bergeron, D., Machacek 2020BP)

If $m \leq n - 1$ is even then the order complex $\Delta(P_{n,m})$ is partitionable. Moreover,

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Sign Variation and Descents

Thank you!

$$\Delta(P_3)$$

