

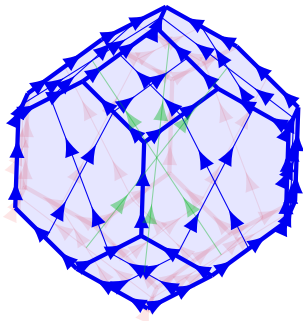
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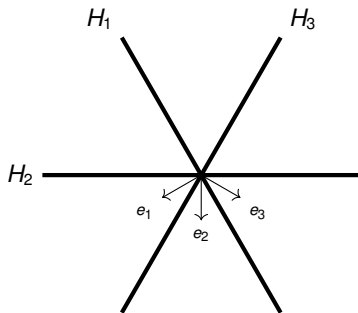
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## Hyperplane arrangements

Let  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an  $n$ -dim real Euclidean vector space.

- A *hyperplane*  $H$  is codim 1 subspace of  $V$  with normal  $e_H$ .
- A *hyperplane arrangement* is  $\mathcal{A} = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k\}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  is *central* if  $\{0\} \subseteq \bigcap \mathcal{A}$ .
- Central  $\mathcal{A}$  is *essential* if  $\{0\} = \bigcap \mathcal{A}$ .



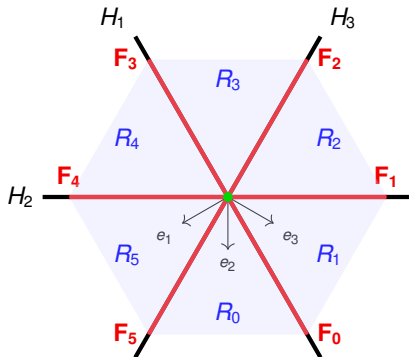
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## Regions and faces

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an arrangement.

- *Regions*  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  - connected components of  $V$  without  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Faces*  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}}$  - intersections of closures of some regions.



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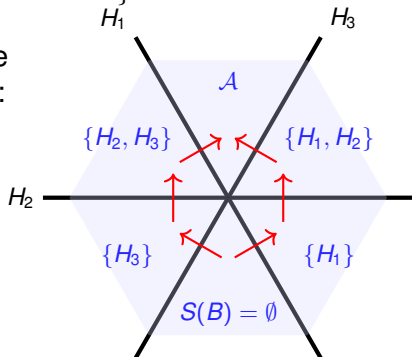
## Poset of regions

- *Base region*  $B$  - some fixed region in  $\mathcal{R}_A$ .
- *Separation set for*  $R \in \mathcal{R}_A$

$$S(R) := \{H \in \mathcal{A} \mid H \text{ separates } R \text{ from } B\}$$

The *poset of regions*  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  is the set of regions ordered by inclusion:

$$R \leq_{\text{PR}} R' \Leftrightarrow S(R) \subseteq S(R')$$



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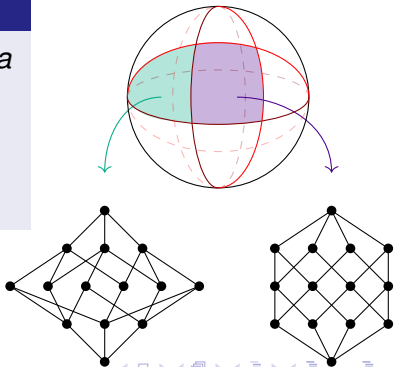
## Lattice of regions

An arrangement  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is *simplicial* if every region is simplicial (i.e., has  $n$  boundary hyperplanes).

Theorem (Björner, Edelman, Ziegler '90)

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is simplicial then  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  is a lattice for any  $B \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

If  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  is a lattice then  $B$  is simplicial.



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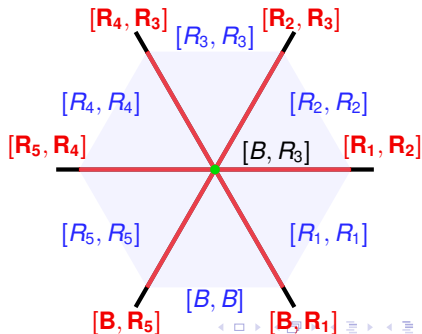
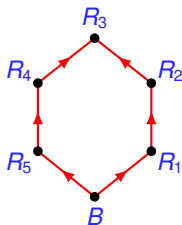
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## Facial intervals

Proposition (Björner, Las Vergnas, Sturmfels, White, Ziegler '93)

For every  $F \in \mathcal{F}_A$  there is a unique interval in  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$ :

$$[m_F, M_F] = \left\{ R \in \mathcal{R}_A \mid F \subseteq \overline{R} \right\}$$

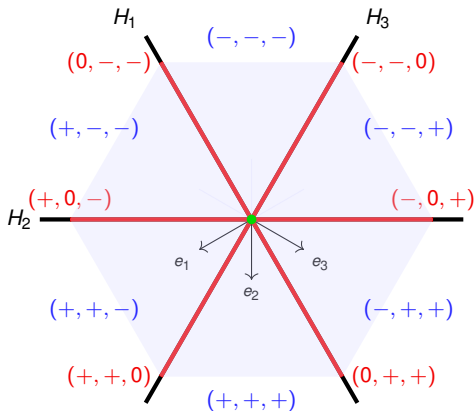


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## Covectors

A *covector* of a face is a sign vector in  $\{-, 0, +\}^A$  relative to hyperplanes.





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## Facial weak order

Let  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  be the **poset of regions**,  $[m_F, M_F]$  be the **facial interval** of a face  $F$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  be the set of **covectors**.

The **facial weak order**,  $\text{FW}(\mathcal{A}, B)$ , is the partial order  $\leq_{\text{FW}}$  on the set of faces (the left-hand definition). Let  $F, G$  by faces in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}}$ :

### Definition

$$F \leq_{\text{FW}} G$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$m_F \leq_{\text{PR}} m_G$$

$$M_F \leq_{\text{PR}} M_G$$

### Definition

If  $|\dim(F) - \dim(G)| = 1$  and

1.  $F \subseteq G$ ,  $M_F = M_G$ , or

2.  $G \subseteq F$ ,  $m_F = m_G$ .

then  $F \triangleleft G$ .

### Definition

$$F \leq_{\mathcal{L}} G$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$F(H) \geq G(H)$$

$$(\forall H \in \mathcal{A})$$

**Theorem (Dermenjian, Hohlweg, McConville, Pilaud '19+)**

$$(F \leq_{\text{FW}} G) \Leftrightarrow (F = F_1 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft F_n = G) \Leftrightarrow (F \leq_{\mathcal{L}} G)$$

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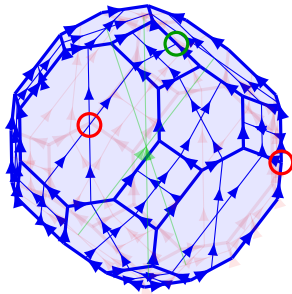
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## Main results

Theorem (Dermenjian, Hohlweg, McConville, Pilaud '19+)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an *arrangement* and fix a base *region*  $B$ . If the poset of regions  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  is a lattice then the *facial weak order*  $\text{FW}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  is a lattice.

$B_3$  Example:



Properties of the  
facial weak order



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## Properties of the facial weak order

1. *Dual* of a poset  $P$  is the poset  $P^{op}$  where  $x \leq_P y$  iff  $y \leq_{P^{op}} x$ . *Self-dual* if  $P \cong P^{op}$ .
2. A lattice is *semi-distributive* if  $x \vee y = x \vee z$  implies  $x \vee y = x \vee (y \wedge z)$  and similarly for meets.
3.  $x \in P$  is *join-irreducible* if it covers exactly one element.

## Theorem (Dermenjian, Hohlweg, McConville, Pilaud '19+)

- *Facial weak order is self-dual.*
- *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is simplicial then the facial weak order is semi-distributive.*
- *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is simplicial then  $F$  is join-irreducible if and only if  $M_F$  is join-irreducible in  $\text{PR}(\mathcal{A}, B)$  and  $\text{codim}(F) \in \{0, 1\}$ .*

The Möbius function for  $X \leq Y$  is given by:

$$\mu(X, Y) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{\text{rk}(X) + \text{rk}(Y)} & \text{if } X \leq Z \leq Y \text{ and } Z = X_{-Z} \cap Y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$