

Algebra



Combinatorics

Stanley-Reisner
rings

Part I Counting polynomials

$K = \bar{k}$, $S = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, $I \subseteq (S)_{\geq c}$
 $c = \text{ht}(I)$, $d = \dim S_{\geq c}$ homogeneous

Theme: If $R = S/I$ is "nice",
how many independent quadratics,
cubics, etc can I contain?

ie: what can be $\dim_k I_e$, $e \geq 2$

Fundamental problem in Comm. alg,
alg. geo. & Combinatorics

Two special cases:

Q1 If Δ is a triangulation of $(d-1)$ sphere, w/ n vertices, how many i -dim faces can Δ contain?

Q2 $I \subseteq k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is prime how many ind. quadrics can I contain?

A1 $|\delta_i(\Delta)| \leq |\delta(C(n, d))|$
cyclic polytope

A2 $\dim_k I_2 \leq \binom{C+1}{2}$ | $\text{conv}(r(t_1), \dots, r(t_n))$
 $r(t) = (t, t^2, \dots, t^d)$

h-vector $R = S/I$

$$H_R(t) = \sum \dim_k R_i t^i$$
$$= \frac{h_0 + h_1 t + \dots + h_s t^s}{(1-t)^d} \quad d \leftarrow \dim R$$

$$h_i(R) = h_i, \quad \vec{h} = (h_0, h_1, \dots, h_s)$$

Examples

① $I = (x, y) \cap (y, z) \cap (z, x)$
 $= (xy, yz, zx)$

$$R = k[x, y, z]/I \quad R_i = \langle x^i, y^i, z^i \rangle$$

$$H_R = 1 + 3t + 3t^2 + \dots = \frac{1+2t}{(1-t)}$$

$$\vec{h} = (1, 2)$$

$$\text{Ex 2 } I = (x, y) \cap (z, w)$$

$$= (xz, xw, yz, yw)$$

$$R = S/I \quad 0 \rightarrow S/J \cap K \rightarrow S/J \oplus S/K \oplus S/J+K \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow S/I \rightarrow S/(x, y) \oplus S/(z, w) \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$$

$$h|_R = H_{S/(x, y)} + H_{S/(z, w)} - H_K$$

$$= \frac{2}{(1-t)^2} - 1 = \frac{1+2t-t^2}{(1-t)^2}$$

$$\vec{h} = (1, 2, -1)$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex 3}} \quad R = k[x, y, z, w] / \left(\begin{array}{l} xw - yz, y^3 - x^2z, \\ z^3 - yw^2, xz^2 - yw^2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\cong k[a^4, a^3b, ab^3, b^4] \quad \leftarrow \text{(missing } a^2b \text{)}$$

$$\bar{R} = k[a^4, a^3b, a^2b, ab^3, b^4] \quad \text{(non-CM domain)}$$

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow \bar{R} \rightarrow k(-1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$H_{\bar{R}}(t) = 1 + 5t + 9t^2 + \dots \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} M(-i)_j \\ = M_{j, -i} \end{array} \right.$$

$$H_R(t) = H_{\bar{R}}(t) - t$$

$$= \frac{1+3t}{(1-t)^2} - t = \frac{1+2t+2t^3-t^3}{(1-t)^2}$$

$$\vec{h} = (1, 2, 2, -1)$$

h -vectors give a good way to phrase the results A1, A2

Th1 R is CM then
$$0 \leq h_i \leq \binom{c+i-1}{i}$$

(implies UBC/T)

Th2 R is domain $\Rightarrow h_2 \geq 0$

Th1 (proof)

Lemma ℓ is a linear NZD on M

$$\Rightarrow \vec{h}(M) = \vec{h}(M/\ell M)$$

$$0 \rightarrow M(-1) \xrightarrow{x^\ell} M \rightarrow M/\ell M \rightarrow 0$$

$$H_M(t)(1-t) = H_{M/\ell M}$$

□

$R = S/I$ CM dim d , $|K| = \infty$

$\Rightarrow l_1, l_2, \dots, l_d$, $R' = R/(l_1, \dots, l_d)$

$$\vec{h}(R) = \vec{h}(R')$$

$$K[y_1, \dots, y_c] / J$$

$$h_i(R') = \dim R'_i \quad (n = c + d)$$

$$0 \leq h_i \leq \dim K[y_1, \dots, y_c]_i = \binom{c+i-1}{c}$$

How does $1 \Rightarrow$ UBC?

Δ simp cx, $I_\Delta = \langle \text{min non-fac of } \Delta \rangle$

$$R = S/I_\Delta = k[\Delta] \quad \text{Stanley-Reisner}$$

There is Hochster's formula for $H_m^i(R)$

$R = k[\Delta]$ is CM \Leftrightarrow

$$\tilde{H}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\Delta} F, k) = 0, i < \dim_{k} F$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta$ tri. of sphere $\Rightarrow k[\Delta]$ is CM

② UBC $\Leftrightarrow h_i(k[\Delta]) \leq \binom{ct_i-1}{i}$

Theorem 2 R domain

$$\Rightarrow h_2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{Castelnuovo } 1897)$$

Proof (geometric, hand-wavy)

$$X = \text{proj } R$$

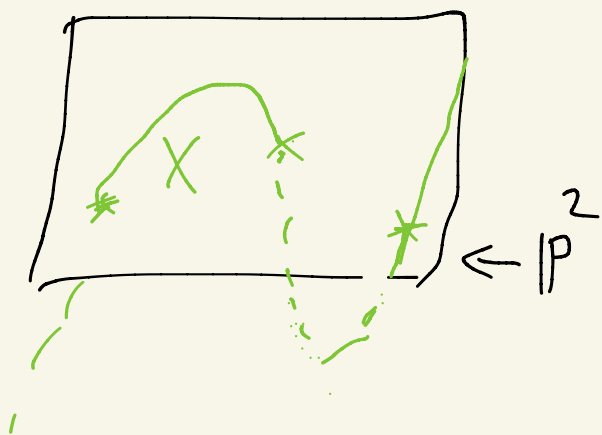
$X \cap \mathbb{P}^c$ ($c = \text{codim } X$)
= \leftarrow general

$\{ \text{pts} \} \supseteq \left. \begin{array}{l} c+1 \text{ pts} \\ \text{in gen position} \end{array} \right\}$

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$$I_X \subseteq I_n, \dim(I_n)_2 = \binom{c+1}{2}$$

$X = \text{curve in } \mathbb{P}^3, c = 2$



$$\vec{h} = (h_0, h_1, \dots)$$

$$h_0 = 1, h_1 = c, e(R) = \sum_{i \geq 0} h_i$$

Thm 2 (more algebraic)

assume $d = 2$, domain

l : linear NZD on R

$$R' = R/lR \leftarrow \dim 1$$

$$\vec{h}(R') = h(R), \text{ WTS: } h_2(R) \geq 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{H_m^0(R')}_L \rightarrow R' \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$$

\nwarrow_{CM}

$$(1-t)H_L = h(R') - h'(T)$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$h_2 \geq 0$$

need $h_2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{need } L_{\leq 1} = 0$$

Recall, need $H_m^1(R/\mu R) \leq 1 = 0$

$$0 \rightarrow R(-1)^{\oplus r} \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/\mu R \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Gamma(\) \Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow H^0(R') \rightarrow H_m^1(R(-1) \rightarrow H_m^1(R)$$

\Rightarrow need $H_m^1(R) \leq 0 = 0$

($X = \text{Proj } R$, X connected)

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow \bar{R} \rightarrow \bar{R}/\mu \rightarrow 0$$

normalization

$$H_m^1(R) = H_m^0(\bar{R}/\mu)$$

CM

$$(\bar{R}/\mu) \leq 0 = 0 \quad (\text{use } k = \bar{k})$$

Generalizations of Thm 1 & 2

(Alg proof of Thm 2)

- * Need cohomological vanishing
 - * May need to compare with coh. of desingularization
 - * Same proof $\Rightarrow e(R) \geq c + 1$ "both",
 \Downarrow
 $h_2 + h_3 + \dots \geq 0$
 - * Also $h_2 = 0 \Rightarrow R$ is CM.
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Murai-Terai (2009) Δ simp cx.

$R = S/I_\Delta$ is (S_r) Serre's condition

then $h_r(R) \geq 0$.

$$\text{depth } R_p \geq \min\{r, \dim R_p\}$$

- CM $\Rightarrow S_r$ (any r) $\Rightarrow S_{r-1} \Rightarrow \dots$

- R normal $\Leftrightarrow (R_1) + (S_2)$

- $S_2 \Rightarrow$ pure

Thm (D, Ma, Varbaro)

$R = S/I$, If R is (S_r) + reasonable
sing

$\Rightarrow h_r \geq 0$

cohomological \Leftarrow
vanishing

\uparrow
 R is F -pure
char > 0
or $\text{Proj } R$ has
at worst Du
Bois sing

(Stanley-Reisner rings are
 F -pure / Du Bois)

Key $K_i := \text{Ext}_S^{n-i}(R, \omega_S)$

" \leftarrow (= $D(H_m^i(R))$)
 "deficiency modules"
 Mathis and.

• We say that R satisfies (MT_r)
 if $\text{reg } K_i \leq i - r, 0 \leq i \leq d-1$

(Note: $R \text{ CM} \Rightarrow (MT_r)$ all r)

Thm (DMV, MT)

1) R is $(MT_r) \Rightarrow R/\ell R = R',$
 $R'/h_m^0(R')$ also (MT_r)

2) R is $(MT_r) \Rightarrow h_r \geq 0$

If $h_r = 0 \Rightarrow R$ is CM

lemma If R is pure
then:

$$R \text{ is } (S_r) \Leftrightarrow \dim K_i(R) \leq i - r$$

Facts If R has "reasonable
singularities" \Rightarrow

$$H_m^j(K_i) > 0 = 0 \quad \forall j$$

$$\text{reg}(K_i) \leq \dim K_i$$

$$+(S_r) \leq i - r$$

$$\Rightarrow (MTR)$$

Well-known : $l(H_m^i(R))$
is $< \infty$ & R is F -pure
action of Frobenius \Rightarrow

$$H_m^i(R)_{<0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow K_i(R)_{>0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{reg } K_i \leq 0$$

Open Question

Suppose $R = S/\underline{I}$ is (R_1)
 $\dagger(S_3)$. Is $h_3(R) \geq 0$?

