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### Enumerations of the Weak Lefschetz Property

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### **Outline**

- **o** Lefschetz Properties
- Lozenge tilings, perfect matchings, and lattice paths
- Mahonian Determinants
- Type 2 algebras
- **•** Existence of Laplace equations

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**Remark:** (i)  $\ell$  general.

(ii) WLP implies restrictions on Hilbert function

(*g*-Theorem (Stanley)).

(iii) WLP and SLP are related to Fröberg's conjecture.

## Known results

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# Triangular regions

Triangular region  $T_d$ : equilateral triangle of side length  $d$ , subdivided into equilateral unit triangles:

- $\binom{a}{2}$ 2 downward-pointing (5) - labeled by monom. in [*R*]*d*−2, and
- $\binom{d+1}{2}$  $\binom{+1}{2}$  upward-pointing (△) - labeled by monom. in [*R*]<sub>d−1</sub>.



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*I* ⊂ *R* any monomial ideal  $d \geq 1$  any integer triangular region  $T_d(I)$ : obtained from  $T_d$  by removing triangles with labels in *I*.



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### Example 2

$$
I=(x^ay^bz^c).
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Tile *T* by lozenges if possible



Necessary tileability condition: balanced  $(\#\nabla = \#\triangle)$ 

- $T \subset T_d$  any subregion
- *G*(*T*) bipartite graph:
	- *B* = set of centers of  $\nabla$ -triangles, ordered revlex by labels,
	- $W =$  set of centers of  $\triangle$ -triangles, ordered revlex by labels
	- Vertices: *B* ∪ *W*
	- Edges: (*B<sup>i</sup>* , *Wj*) if the corresponding triangles share an edge

Bi-adjacency matrix  $Z(T)$ : zero-one matrix of size  $\#B \times \#W$ :

$$
Z(T)_{(i,j)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (B_i, W_j) \text{ is an edge} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
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### **Corollary**

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\sum_{\tau \text{ tiling of } \mathcal{T}} \text{msgn } \tau := \det Z(\mathcal{T}).
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### Example

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#### **Corollary**

If *T* is tileable and simply connected, then

 $| \det Z(T) | =$  perm  $Z(T) > 0$ .

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#### Then

$$
10 = |\det N(T)| = |\det Z(T)| = \text{perm}(T).
$$

- 3 3 2 2 2 1
- 3 2 2 1 0 0



 $A$  2  $\times$  6  $\times$  3 plane partition. The associated lozenge tiling.

#### Theorem (MacMahon)

*The number of plane partitions in an*  $a \times b \times c$  *box is* 

$$
\mathsf{Mac}(a, b, c) := \frac{\mathcal{H}(a)\mathcal{H}(b)\mathcal{H}(c)\mathcal{H}(a+b+c)}{\mathcal{H}(a+b)\mathcal{H}(a+c)\mathcal{H}(b+c)},
$$

where  $\mathcal{H}(n) := \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} i!$  *is the hyperfactorial of n.* 

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\times \frac{\mathcal{H}(d-a+d-(\alpha+\beta))\mathcal{H}(d-b+d-(\alpha+\beta))\mathcal{H}(d-c+d-(\alpha+\beta))\mathcal{H}(d)}{\mathcal{H}(a)\mathcal{H}(b)\mathcal{H}(c)\mathcal{H}(d-(\alpha+\beta))}.
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Assume  $T = T_d(I)$  is balanced and the socle elements of  $R/I$ have degrees  $> d - 1$ . TFAE:

- *R*/*I* has the WLP.
- $\bullet$  det  $Z(T_d(I))$  mod (char  $K) \neq 0$ .
- $\bullet$  det *N*( $T_d(I)$ ) mod (char *K*)  $\neq$  0.

# Type two algebras

### Proposition

If *R*/*I* has type two, then *I* has one of the following two forms:

(i) 
$$
I = (x^a, y^b, z^c, x^\alpha y^\beta)
$$
,  
\n(ii)  $I = (x^a, y^b, z^c, x^\alpha y^\beta, x^\alpha z^\gamma)$ ,  
\nwhere  $0 \leq a \leq 2, 0 \leq a \leq b$ , and  $0 \leq a \leq b$ .

where  $0 < \alpha < a$ ,  $0 < \beta < b$ , and  $0 < \gamma < c$ .



### Type two algebras

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$$
\max\left\{a,\alpha+\beta,\alpha+\gamma,\frac{a+\alpha+\beta+\gamma}{2}\right\} < d
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#### Corollary (BMMNZ, 2012)

If *R*/*I* has type two and is level, then *R*/*I* has the WLP.

New proof: *R*/*I* is level if and only if  $a - \alpha = b - \beta + c - \gamma$ . Then

$$
\frac{a+\alpha+\beta+\gamma}{2}=\frac{2\alpha+b+c}{2}\geq \alpha+\min\{b,c\}.
$$

# Proof of the Theorem (sketch)





 $T^{\overline{u}}$ 

Cases  $1 - 7$ :







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Case 9:



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*X* is said to satisfy  $\delta$  Laplace equations of order *s* if, for a general point *P* of *X*,

$$
\dim T_P^{(s)}X = \binom{n+s}{s} - 1 - \delta.
$$

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#### Remark

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Togliatti systems with few generators:

(i) (Franco, Ilardi, 2002; Vallès, 2006) 4 generators:

 $I = (x^3, y^3, z^3, xyz).$ 

(ii) 5 generators: 
$$
I = (x^4, y^4, z^4, x^2yz, y^2z^2)
$$
 or  
\n $I = (x^d, y^d, z^d, x^{d-1}y, x^{d-1}z)$ .

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Togliatti systems obtained from  $T_6(x^5, y^5, z^5, xyz)$ .



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Assume, [*R|I*]<sub>d−1</sub> <sup>x+y+z</sup> [*R|I*]<sub>d</sub> is not injective although it is expected  $(\dim_K [R/I]_{d-1} \leq \dim_K [R/I]_d)$ ,  $T = T_{d+1}(I)$  has no overlapping punctures, and  $x^d, y^d, z^d \in I$ . For each puncture, in each row fill in all triangles, but one  $\triangle$ -triangle. Call the result  $T'$ , and let  $J$  be the smallest ideal such that  $T' = T_{d+1}(J)$ . Then *J* defines a Togliatti system.

#### Theorem

Let j be an integer such that  $1 \le j \le \frac{d-1}{4}$ 4 *and*

$$
I_j=(y^d)+z^{4j+1}(y,z)^{d-1-4j}+(x^3,y^3,z^3,xyz)\cdot x^{d+1-4j}\cdot (x^4,y^4)^{j-1}.
$$

*Then:*

 $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{a}) \left[ R/I_j \right]_{k-1} \stackrel{x+y+z}{\longrightarrow} \left[ R/I \right]_k$  has maximal rank for all  $k \neq d$ . (b)  $Z_{d+1}(I_i)$  *is balanced.* (c) *Xn*,[(*I<sup>j</sup>* )−1]*<sup>d</sup> satisfies exactly j Laplace equations of order d* − 1*.*

