

# Symmetric Chain Decompositions and the Strong Sperner Property for Noncrossing Partition Lattices

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- $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- **antichain**: set of pairwise incomparable subsets of  $[n]$

Theorem (E. Sperner, 1928)

*The maximal size of an antichain of  $[n]$  is  $\binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ .*

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- **$k$ -family**: family of subsets of  $[n]$  that can be written as a union of at most  $k$  antichains

Theorem (P. Erdős, 1945)

*The maximal size of a  $k$ -family of  $[n]$  is the sum of the  $k$  largest binomial coefficients.*

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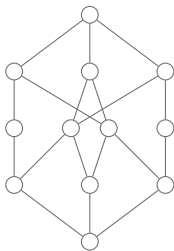
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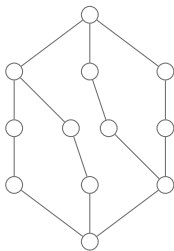
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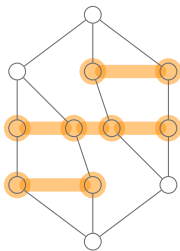
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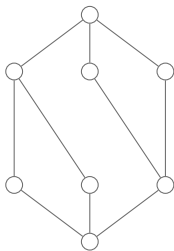
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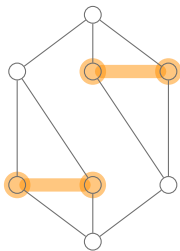
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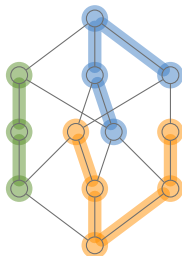
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- **decomposition**: partition of  $\mathcal{P}$  into connected subposets



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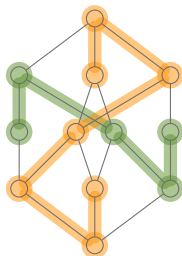
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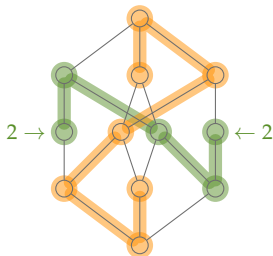
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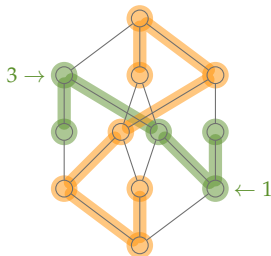
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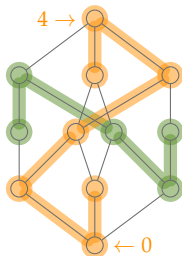
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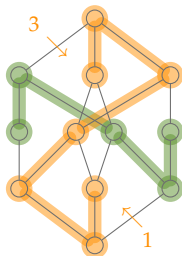
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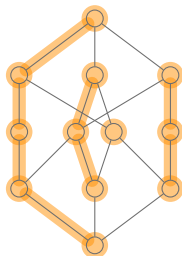
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- $V$  ..  $n$ -dimensional unitary vector space
- **(complex) reflection**: unitary transformation of finite order that fixes a hyperplane
- **reflecting hyperplane**: fixed space of a reflection
- **(complex) reflection group**: finite subgroup of  $U(V)$  generated by reflections
- **irreducible**: does not preserve a proper subspace of  $V$
- **rank**: codimension of fixed space
- **well-generated**: irreducible, rank equals minimal number of generators
- **parabolic subgroup**: maximal subgroup that fixes a proper subspace of  $V$

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- well-generated complex reflection groups:
  - $G(1, 1, n), n \geq 1$
  - $G(d, 1, n), d \geq 2, n \geq 1$
  - $G(d, d, n), d, n \geq 2$
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- one infinite family  $G(de, e, n)$ :
  - monomial  $(n \times n)$ -matrices
  - non-zero entries are  $(de)^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity
  - product of non-zero entries is  $d^{\text{th}}$  root of unity
- 34 exceptional groups  $G_4, G_5, \dots, G_{37}$
- finite Coxeter groups:
  - $G(1, 1, n) \cong A_{n-1}$
  - $G(2, 1, n) \cong B_n$
  - $G(2, 2, n) \cong D_n$
  - $G(d, d, 2) \cong I_2(d)$
  - $G_{24} = H_3, G_{28} = F_4, G_{30} = H_4, G_{35} = E_6, G_{36} = E_7, G_{37} = E_8$

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- $W$  .. complex reflection group;  $T$  .. reflections of  $W$ ;  $c$  .. Coxeter element
- **absolute length:**  $\ell_T(w) = \min\{k \mid w = t_1 t_2 \cdots t_k, t_i \in T\}$
- **absolute order:**  $u \leq_T v$  if and only if
$$\ell_T(v) = \ell_T(u) + \ell_T(u^{-1}v)$$
- **$W$ -noncrossing partitions:**
$$\mathcal{NC}_W(c) = \{w \in W \mid w \leq_T c\}$$
- write  $\mathcal{NC}_W(c) = (\mathcal{NC}_W(c), \leq_T)$

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Theorem (V. Reiner, V. Ripoll & C. Stump, 2015)

*For any well-generated complex reflection group  $W$ , and any two Coxeter elements  $c, c' \in W$  we have  $\mathcal{NC}_W(c) \cong \mathcal{NC}_W(c')$ .*

Theorem (D. Bessis, 2003; D. Bessis, 2015; D. Bessis & R. Corran, 2006; T. Brady, 2001; T. Brady & C. Watt, 2002; T. Brady & C. Watt, 2008; G. Kreweras, 1972; V. Reiner, 1997)

*The poset  $\mathcal{NC}_W$  is a lattice for any well-generated complex reflection group  $W$ .*

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- **W-Catalan number:**

$$\text{Cat}_W = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d_i + h}{d_i}$$

Theorem (C. A. Athanasiadis & V. Reiner, 2004;  
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- $\uplus$  .. disjoint set union;  $\mathbf{2}$  .. 2-chain

Lemma (R. Simion & D. Ullmann, 1991)

*We have  $\mathcal{R}_1 \uplus \mathcal{R}_2 \cong \mathbf{2} \times \mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,n-1)}$ , and  
 $\mathcal{R}_i \cong \mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,i-2)} \times \mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,n-i+1)}$  whenever  $3 \leq i \leq n$ .  
Moreover, this decomposition is symmetric.*

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Theorem (R. Simion & D. Ullmann, 1991)

*The lattice  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,n)}$  admits a symmetric chain decomposition for each  $n \geq 1$ .*

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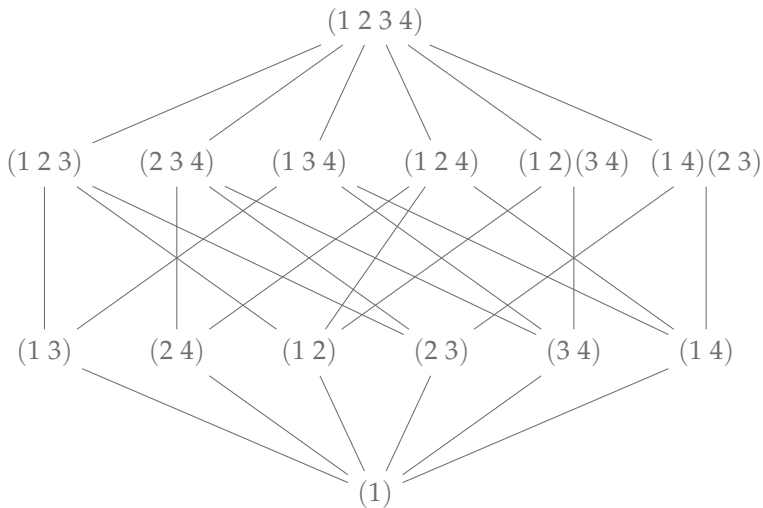
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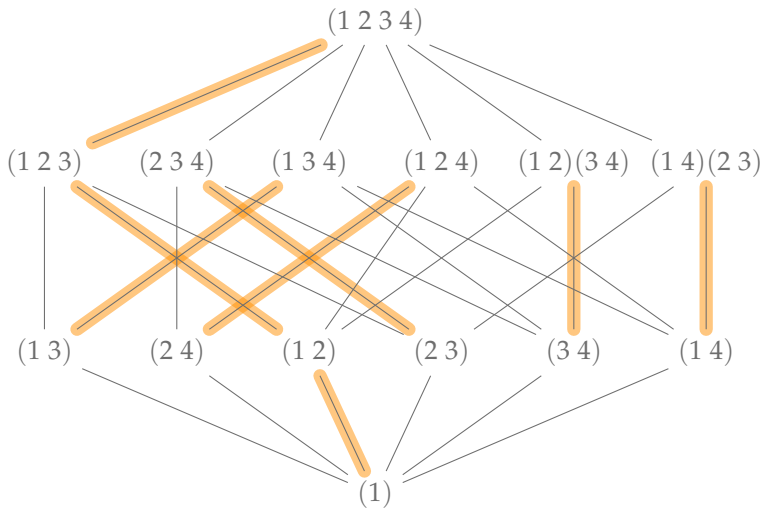
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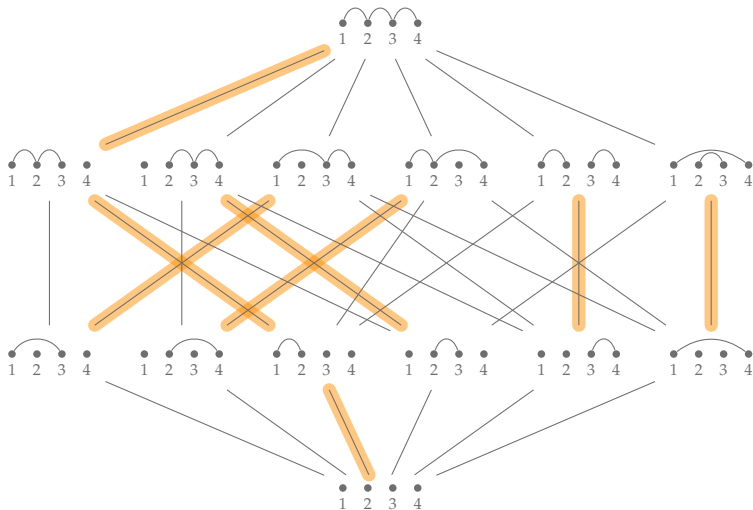
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- subgroups of  $\mathfrak{S}_{dn}$ , permuting elements of

$$\left\{ 1^{(0)}, \dots, n^{(0)}, 1^{(1)}, \dots, n^{(1)}, \dots, 1^{(d-1)}, \dots, n^{(d-1)} \right\}$$

- $w \in G(d, d, n)$  satisfies  $w(k^{(s)}) = \pi(k)^{(s+t_k)}$ 
  - $\sum_{k=1}^n t_k \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$
  - $\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ , and  $t_k$  depends on  $w$  and  $k$

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- elements can be decomposed into “cycles”:

$$\left( \left( k_1^{(t_1)} \dots k_r^{(t_r)} \right) \right) = \left( k_1^{(t_1)} \dots k_r^{(t_r)} \right) \left( k_1^{(t_1+1)} \dots k_r^{(t_r+1)} \right) \dots \left( k_1^{(t_1+d-1)} \dots k_r^{(t_r+d-1)} \right),$$

and

$$\left[ k_1^{(t_1)} \dots k_r^{(t_r)} \right]_s = \left( k_1^{(t_1)} \dots k_r^{(t_r)} k_1^{(t_1+s)} \dots k_r^{(t_r+s)} \dots k_1^{(t_1+(d-1)s)} \dots k_r^{(t_r+(d-1)s)} \right).$$

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- Coxeter element  $c = \left[ 1^{(0)} \ \dots \ (n-1)^{(0)} \right]_1 \left[ n^{(0)} \right]_{d-1}$
- matrix representation:

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \zeta_d & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \zeta_d^{d-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\zeta = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}/d}$

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## Proposition (✂, 2015)

For  $d, n \geq 2$ , the atoms in  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(d,d,n)}(c)$  are of one of the following forms:

- $\left( \left( a^{(0)} \ b^{(s)} \right) \right)$  for  $1 \leq a < b < n$  and  $s \in \{0, d-1\}$ , or
- $\left( \left( a^{(0)} \ n^{(s)} \right) \right)$  for  $1 \leq a < n$  and  $0 \leq s < d$ .

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# Example: $d = 5, n = 3$

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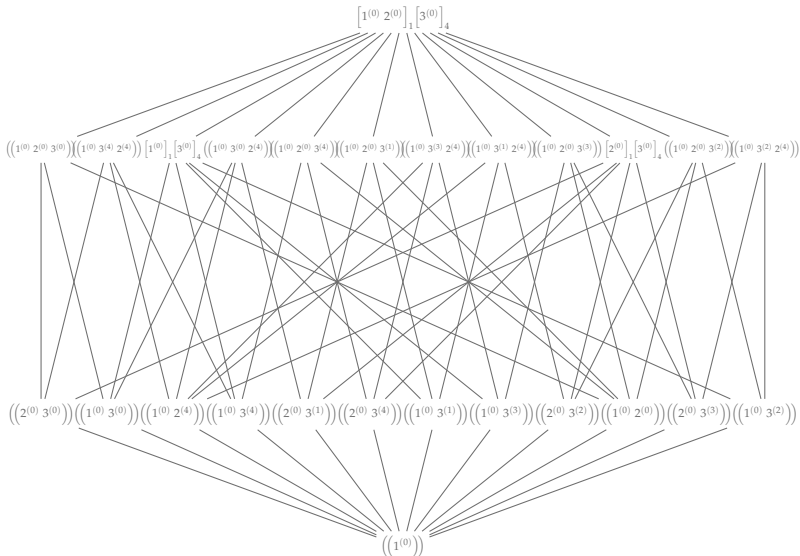
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Lemma (✂, 2015)

*The sets  $R_1^{(s)}$  and  $R_k^{(s')}$  are empty for  $2 \leq s < d$  as well as  $2 \leq k < n$  and  $1 \leq s' < d - 1$ .*

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Lemma (, 2015)

*The poset  $\mathcal{R}_1^{(0)} \uplus \mathcal{R}_2^{(0)}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{2} \times \mathcal{NC}_{G(d,d,n-1)}$ .  
Moreover, its least element has length 0, and its greatest element  
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Lemma (, 2015)

*The poset  $\mathcal{R}_n^{(s)}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,n-1)}$  for  $0 \leq s < d$ .  
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*The poset  $\mathcal{R}_i^{(0)}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(d,d,n-i+1)} \times \mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,i-2)}$  whenever  $3 \leq i < n$ . Moreover, its least element has length 1, and its greatest element has length  $n - 1$ .*

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Lemma (, 2015)

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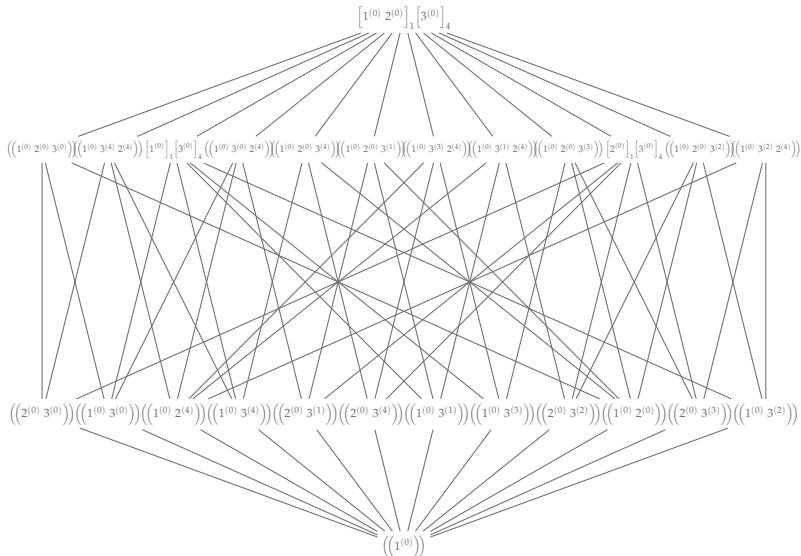
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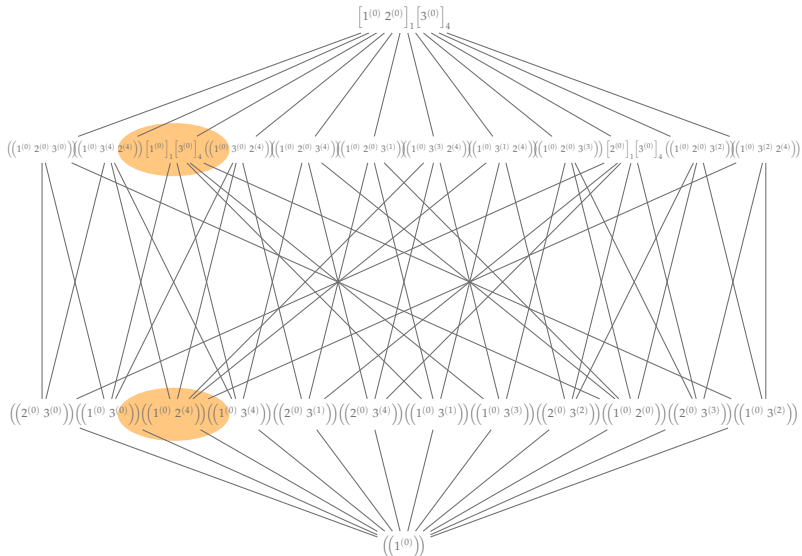
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- bad parts:  $R_1^{(1)}$  and  $R_2^{(d-1)}$
- define  $D = R_n^{(d-1)} \setminus \left( f_1 \left( R_1^{(1)} \right) \uplus f_2 \left( R_2^{(d-1)} \right) \right)$ , and  $\mathcal{D} = (D, \leq_T)$

Lemma (✂, 2015)

*The poset  $\mathcal{D}$  is isomorphic to  $\uplus_{i=3}^{n-1} \mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,i-2)} \times \mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,n-i)}$ .  
Moreover, its minimal elements have length 2, and its maximal elements have length  $n - 2$ .*

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## Theorem (✂, 2015)

*For  $d, n \geq 2$  the lattice  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(d,d,n)}$  admits a symmetric chain decomposition. Consequently, it is Peck.*

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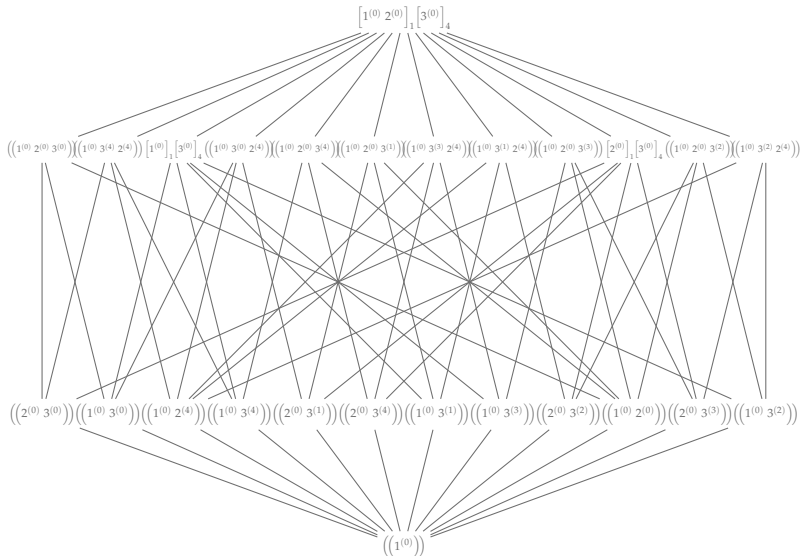
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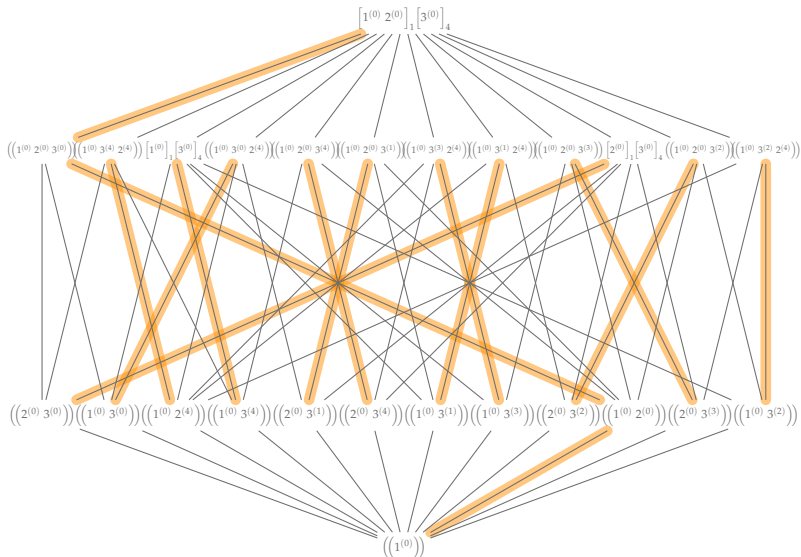
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## Theorem (V. Reiner, 1997)

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- what about the other well-generated complex reflection groups?
- we have  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(2,1,n)} \cong \mathcal{NC}_{G(d,1,n)}$  for  $d \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$

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- so far:  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(1,1,n)}$  and  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(d,d,n)}$  admit symmetric chain decompositions
- what about the other well-generated complex reflection groups?
- we have  $\mathcal{NC}_{G(2,1,n)} \cong \mathcal{NC}_{G(d,1,n)}$  for  $d \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$
- only the 26 exceptional groups remain

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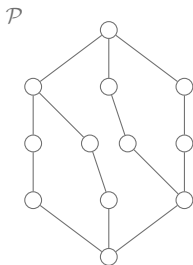
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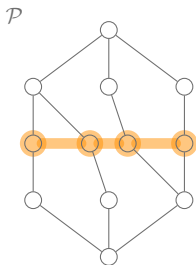
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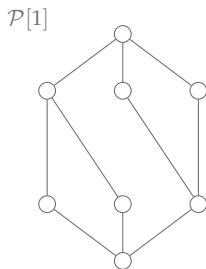
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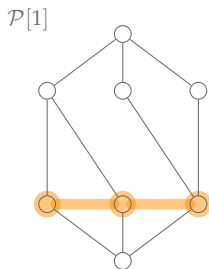
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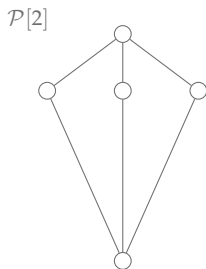
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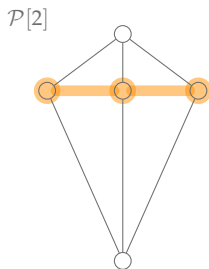
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$$\partial(\omega)_m = [\omega_1; \omega_1^{-1}\omega_2, \omega_2^{-1}\omega_3, \dots, \omega_{m-1}^{-1}\omega_m, \omega_m^{-1}c]$$

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- what about  $m > 1$ ?
  - $\mathcal{NC}_W^{(m)}$  is antiisomorphic to an order ideal in  $(\mathcal{NC}_W)^m$
  - $(\mathcal{NC}_W)^m$  is Peck
  - $\mathcal{NC}_W^{(m)}$  is not rank-symmetric  $\rightsquigarrow$  no symmetric chain decomposition

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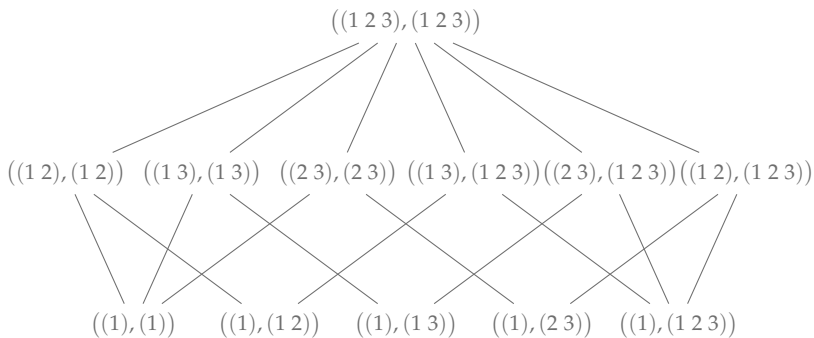
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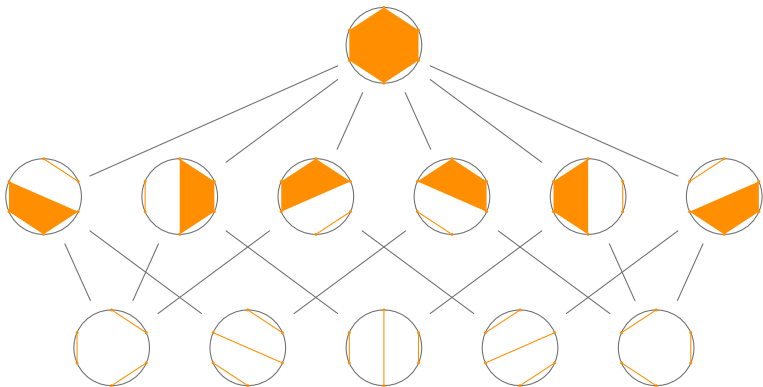
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## Proposition (Y. Kong, 2000)

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