## Oriented Posets and Rank Matrices

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## The case of fence posets

Let $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{s}\right)$ be a composition of $n$. The fence poset of $\alpha$, denoted $F(\alpha)$ is the poset on $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n+1}$ with the order relations:

$$
x_{1} \preceq x_{2} \preceq \cdots \preceq x_{\alpha_{1}+1} \succeq x_{\alpha_{1}+2} \succeq \cdots \succeq x_{\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+1} \preceq x_{\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+2} \preceq \cdots
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For a composition of $n$, we get a poset of $n+1$ nodes.

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Also, when $\frac{r}{s} \geq 0$ the coefficients are non-negative.

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In general, if $r / s$ corresponds to $\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{2 m}\right]$, we have

$$
\left[\frac{r}{s}\right]_{q}=\frac{\text { Rank polynomial for }\left(a_{1}-1, a_{2}, a_{3}, \ldots, a_{2 m}-1\right)}{\text { Rank polynomial for }\left(0, a_{2}-1, a_{3}, \ldots, a_{2 m}-1\right)}
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## Conjecture (Morier-Genoud, Ovsienko, 2020 )

The rank polynomials of fence posets are unimodal.

What more can we say?
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For example, the rank sequence $(1,2,4,5,6,6,4,2,1)$ of $(2,2,3)$ is top interlacing:

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## Conjecture (McConville, Sagan, Smyth, 2021² )

Suppose $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{s}\right)$.
(a) If $s=1$ then $r(\alpha)=(1,1, \ldots, 1)$ is symmetric.
(b) If $s$ is even, then $r(\alpha)$ is bottom interlacing.
(c) If $s \geq 3$ is odd we have:
(i) If $\alpha_{1}>\alpha_{s}$ then $r(\alpha)$ is bottom interlacing.
(ii) If $\alpha_{1}<\alpha_{s}$ then $r(\alpha)$ is top interlacing.
(iii) If $\alpha_{1}=\alpha_{s}$ then $r(\alpha)$ is symmetric, bottom interlacing, or top interlacing depending on whether $r\left(\alpha_{2}, \alpha_{3}, \ldots, \alpha_{s-1}\right)$ is symmetric, top interlacing, or bottom interlacing, respectively.

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Answer: Yes, but it is not trivial to prove.

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$\geq>$ Recent bijective proof by Sagan and Elizalde ${ }^{4}$.
${ }^{3}$ Kantarcı Oğuz and Ravichandran, Rank Polynomials of Fence Posets are Unimodal.
${ }^{4}$ Elizalde and B. Sagan, Partial rank symmetry of distributive lattices for fences.

There are several natural ways to associate a circular fence to a given fence.

Example (Adding the relation $x_{1} \succeq x_{8}$ )


$$
\sum_{I} q^{\operatorname{rank}(I)}=\sum_{\left\{I \mid x_{1} \in I \Rightarrow x_{8} \in I\right\}} q^{\operatorname{rank}(I)}+\sum_{\left\{I \mid x_{1} \in I, x_{8} \notin I\right\}} q^{\operatorname{rank}(I)}
$$

circular rank polynomial (symmetric)
$q \times$ rank polynomial for $(1,1)$
(smaller, shifted center)
symmetric piece $+$ smaller piece, shifted center

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$$
\sum_{I} q^{\operatorname{rank}(I)} \quad(1,3,5,6,6,5,3,2,1) \quad a_{0} \geq a_{n}, a_{1} \geq a_{n-1}, \ldots
$$

$(1,2,3,5,5,5,3,2,1) \quad b_{0}=b_{n}, b_{1}=b_{n-1}, \ldots$

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We can get the other half by associating another circular fence.

## Example (Connecting $x_{8}$ and $x_{1}$ by a minimal node $x_{0}$ )



$$
\sum_{\left\{I \mid x_{0} \in I\right\}} q^{\operatorname{rank}(I)}=\sum_{I} q^{\text {rank }(I)}-\sum_{\left\{I \mid x_{0} \notin I\right\}} q^{\text {rank }(I)}
$$

$q \times$ rank
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circular rank polynomial (symmetric, shifted center)
rank polynomial for (0)
(smaller, shifted center)

## On the rank polynomial side

symmetric piece $\quad(1,2,3,5,6,6,5,3,2,1) \quad b_{0}=b_{n+1}, b_{1}=b_{n}, \ldots$ larger
smaller piece, shifted center
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(Image from Wikipedia, created by David Eppstein)

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(Table from "Unimodality and Young's Lattice", Stanton)

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We can also keep track of the actual vertices in each ideal. We only need to substitute $w_{i}$ for $q$ in the matrices. We can use that to calculate expansion formulas for arcs in trianglated surfaces.



We get a weight matrix where the top left entry gives us the generating polynomials of the ideals.
$\circlearrowright \nearrow\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc}1+w_{1} & -w_{1} \\ 1 & 0\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}1+w_{2} & -w_{2} \\ 1 & 0\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}w_{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}w_{4} & 1 \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right]\right)\left[\begin{array}{cc}w_{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}1+w_{6} & -w_{6} \\ 1 & 0\end{array}\right]$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & +w_{3}+w_{5}+w_{2} w_{3}+w_{3} w_{5}+w_{5} w_{6}+w_{2} w_{3} w_{5}+w_{3} w_{4} w_{5} \\
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We than plug in the weights (and more) to obtain the expansion formula of the arc:

$$
\begin{gathered}
x_{\gamma}=\frac{x\left(M_{-}\right)}{\operatorname{cross}(\gamma, T)} \mathcal{R}\left(P_{\gamma} ; x y\right)=\frac{x_{1} x_{2} x_{4}^{2} x_{6} x_{9}}{x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} x_{4} x_{5} x_{6}} \mathcal{R}\left(P_{\gamma} ; x y\right) \\
=\frac{x_{4} x_{9}}{x_{3} x_{5}}+\frac{x_{1} x_{9} x_{15}}{x_{2} x_{3} x_{5}} y_{3}+\frac{x_{9} x_{11} x_{14}}{x_{3} x_{5} x_{6}} y_{5}+\frac{x_{9} x_{10}}{x_{2} x_{5}} y_{2} y_{3}+\frac{x_{1} x_{9} x_{11} x_{14} x_{15}}{x_{2} x_{3} x_{4} x_{5} x_{6}} y_{3} y_{5} \\
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$$
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## Thank you for listening!

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## Extra: Rank Matrix Calculations

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