

Lattice Polytopes Associated With The Sequence of Grassmannians $Gr(k, k + r)_{k=1}$

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WHY DO WE CARE?

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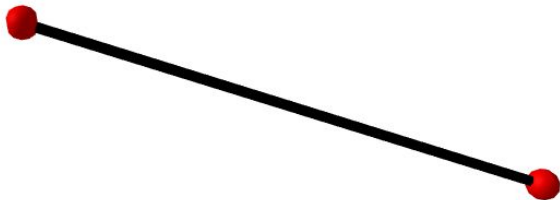
A lattice polytope \mathbf{P} is the polytope whose vertices have integer coordinates.

d-simplex

A d -simplex Δ_d is a d -dimensional polytope which has $d+1$ vertices. That is, a generalized triangle.

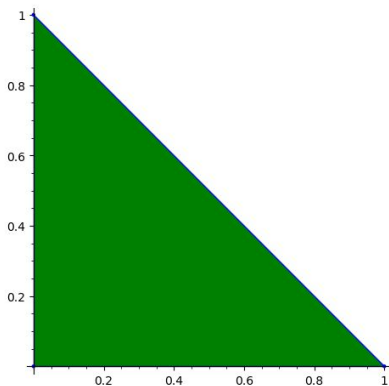
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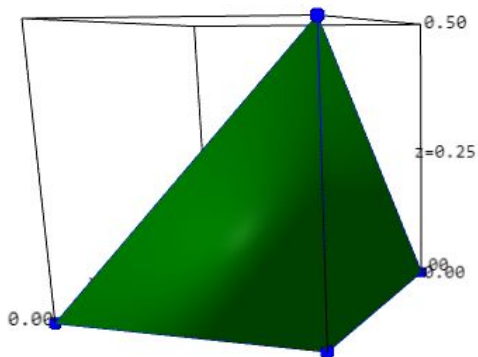
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Combinatorial Problem

Abstractly, the d -simplex Δ_d can be viewed as the set of all subsets of $[d + 1] = \{1, \dots, d + 1\}$.

The geometric realization of an abstract d -simplex is the convex hull over all the the standard vectors in \mathbb{R}^d union e_0 , where e_0 is the zero vector.

Standard d -simplex

The focus is on the dilations $k\Delta_d$ of the d -standard simplex Δ_d

$$\Delta_d = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : x \cdot e_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=0}^d x \cdot e_i \leq 1 \right\}$$

and

$$k\Delta_d = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : x \cdot e_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=0}^d x \cdot e_i \leq k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \right\}$$

Combinatorial Question

How many integral solutions satisfy the inequality

$$\sum_{i=0}^d x \cdot e_i \leq k \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}?$$

Ehrhart Theorem

If $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a lattice polytope and $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ then

$$\text{ehr}_{\mathbf{P}}(k) = \#(k\mathbf{P} \cap \mathbb{Z}^d)$$

evaluates to a polynomial in k . Equivalently, the Ehrhart series of \mathbf{P} evaluates to a rational function

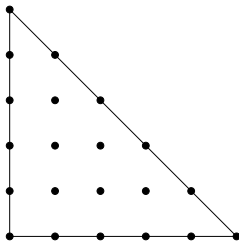
$$\text{Ehr}_{\mathbf{P}}(t) = 1 + \sum \text{ehr}_{\mathbf{P}}(k)t^k = \frac{h_{\mathbf{P}}^*(t)}{(1-t)^{\dim \mathbf{P}+1}}$$

for some polynomial $h_{\mathbf{P}}^*(t)$ of degree at most $\dim \mathbf{P}$

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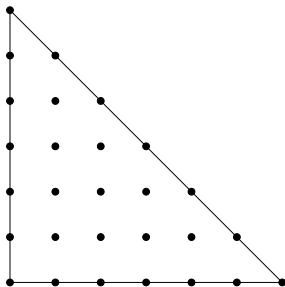


$k=5$, there are 21 integral solutions

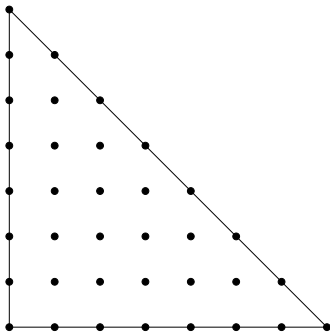


$k=6$, there are 28 integral solutions

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$k=7$, there are 36 integral solutions



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$$w_i = i + \lambda_{k+1-i}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k \quad \text{and} \quad w_j < w_{j+1}, \quad k+1 \leq j \leq n \quad (3)$$

This is called Grassmannian permutation associated with λ

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Poincaré polynomial

$$P(Gr(k, n), t) = \frac{(t^n - 1) \cdots (t^{n-k+1} - 1)}{(t^k - 1) \cdots (t - 1)}$$

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if $\lambda^* = (6, 2)$ then the elements of $\mathcal{C}_{(6,2)}$ are

$$\emptyset, \square, \square\square, \square\square\square, \square\square\square\square, \square\square\square\square\square, \square\square\square\square\square\square$$

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The set $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}$ is finite and $\#\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)} = k + 1$

Definition

The boxes of the members of $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}$ are filled with numbers from the set $[2] := \{1, 2\}$ such that the numbers weakly increase from left-to-right. The set of such fillings for $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}$ is called 2-filling set denoted by $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}^2$ and each filling is called semi-filling domino and denoted by s_f -dominoes.

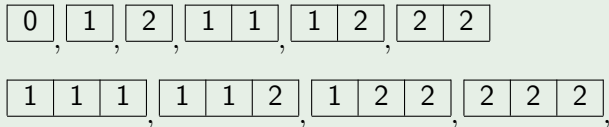
Notice that by convention the semi-filling of the empty set \emptyset is $\boxed{0}$.

Theorem

The set $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}^2$ of s_f -dominoes is finite and its cardinality $L^2(k)$ is $\binom{k+2}{2}$. Moreover, the sequence $(L^2(k))_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of the cardinalities is recorded by the generating function $P(\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}^2, z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^3}$

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These are 10 members of $\mathcal{C}_{(3,2)}^2$



We introduce triangular polynomials $T_k(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ given by

$$T_k(t) = \sum_{r=0}^k (r+1)t^r$$

. They register certain statistics about the elements of $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}^2$. Precisely, each term $\mathbf{a}t^{\mathbf{b}}$ of $T_k(t)$ is interpreted as the horizontal rectangle with \mathbf{b} boxes has \mathbf{a} ways of fillings.

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The triangular polynomial $T_5(t)$ of the 2-filling set $\mathcal{C}_{(5,2)}^2$ is given by

$$T_5(t) = 1 + 2t + 3t^2 + 4t^3 + 5t^4 + 6t^5$$

Theorem

The sequence $\{T_k(t)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of triangular polynomials in $\mathbb{Q}[t]$ as k grows is

given by recurrence relation $T_{k+1}(t) = \frac{1 - t^{k+2}}{1 - t} + tT_k(t)$ given that

$T_0(t) = 1$. Moreover, the series

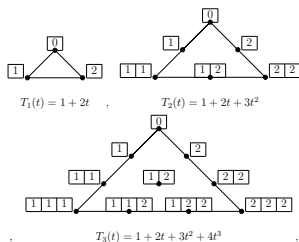
$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} T_k(t)z^k = T_0(t) + T_1(t)z + T_2(t)z^2 + T_2(t)z^3 + \dots$, is given by the

rational function

$$G(t, z) = \frac{1}{(1 - z)(1 - tz)^2}.$$

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The description of $\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}^2$ as k grows is the sequence of noded triangles Δ_k each of whose nodes are labeled by s_f dominoes. These triangles are captured by triangular polynomials. $T_1(t)$, $T_2(t)$ and $T_3(t)$ are illustrated below.



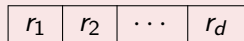
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$$P_k(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}_{(k,2)}^2} \prod_{i=1} t_{r_i} = 1 + t_1 + t_2 + t_1^2 + t_1 t_2 + t_2^2 \quad (6)$$

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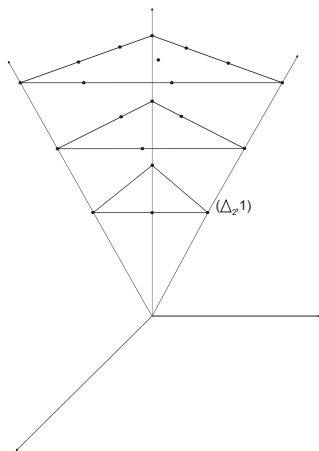
Definition

The cone $\mathcal{C}(\Delta_2)$ over Δ_2 is the set of all non-negative real linear combinations of elements of $(\Delta_2, 1)$. That is,

$$\mathcal{C}(\Delta_2) := \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^s \lambda_r d_r : s \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+, d_r \in (\Delta_2, 1) \right\} \quad (7)$$

where we set $(\Delta_2, 1) := \{(d, 1) : d \in \Delta_2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

Cone over Δ_2



Polynomial ring

The \mathbb{C} -algebra of Δ_2 is the polynomial ring $\mathbb{C}[\Delta_2]$ in three variables t_1, t_2, t^k given by

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$$\mathbb{C}[\Delta_2] := \left\{ \sum b_{c_1, c_2, k} t_1^{c_1} t_2^{c_2} t^k : c_1 + c_2 \leq k, b_{c_1, c_2, k} \in \mathbb{C}^* \right\} \quad (8)$$

- The number of lattice points in $k\Delta_2$ is equal to the number of non-negative integer solutions to the inequality $c_1 + c_2 \leq k$.
- This counts the number of monomials in the k -th graded component of $\mathbb{C}[\Delta_2]$.

Hilbert Series

The Hilbert series $H(\mathbb{C}[\Delta_2], z)$ of Δ_2 coincides with the Ehrhart series $\text{Ehr}_{\Delta_2}(z)$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!