

Bergman complexes and Coxeter  
Arrangements

(work w/ Reiner, Williams)

Outline

1. Amoebas and the Bergman complex
2. Berg. complex
3. positive Berg. complex
4. see slide

# Amoebas:  $X$  complex variety

$$\mathcal{A}(X) = \text{Log } X = \{ \log |z_i| \} \quad \text{solutions}$$

Amoebas: appear in many places,  
start of tropical geometry, hard to understand  
So,

Describe Bergman complex, put sphere  
around Amoeba.

Thm: If  $X$  is  $d$ -dim. & irred.  
 $\mathcal{B}(X)$  is pure  $(d-1)$ -dim.

Thm

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$$B(X) = \{w \in S^{n-1} \mid \text{in } w(I) \text{ contains no monomials}\}$$

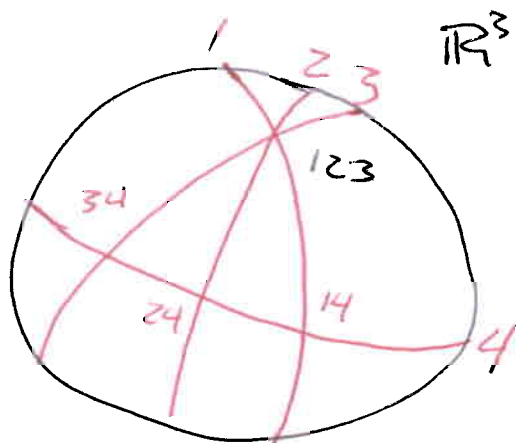
There is a matroid  $M_X$  associated to a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $X$ .

Can define the Bergman complex of a matroid.  $B(M)$ .

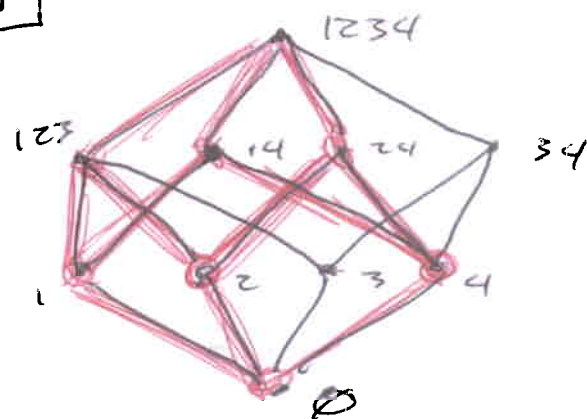
Goal: Describe  $B(M)$  topologically, combinatorially. (connected?)

Think of  $M$  as the matroid of an arr.

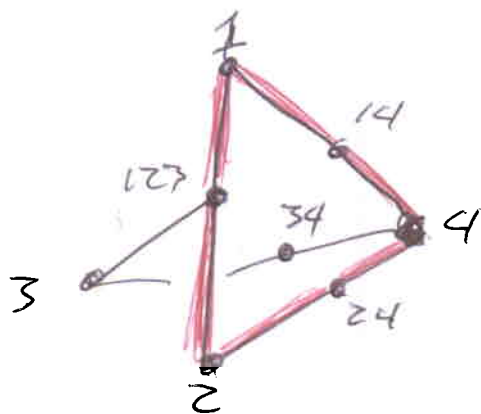
ex:



LM



$\Delta(\Gamma_M)$



The positive part of  $B(M)$ . Oriented  $\lfloor B$   
 Matroid.  
 So, in hyp. arr's we specify  
 a region,

Motivation:

$B(M) \leftrightarrow$  tropical variety

$$B^+(M) = \left\{ w \in S^{n-2} \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{each } C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ achieves} \\ \text{its } w\text{-max in } C^+ \\ \text{and } C^- \end{array} \right\}$$

$\swarrow$  sphere  $\swarrow$  circuits  
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There is a nice description. Uses  
 Las Vergnas face lattice of  $M$ .

ex: red part in above lattice

Thm:  $[A, k, w]$  with certain conditions of  $M$   
 The pos. Bergman complex is  
 the order complex of the Las Vergnas  
 face lattice.

Coxeter arr's

$\Phi$  root system

$M_\Phi$  be the matroid

Goal: describe  $B^+(M_\Phi)$  and  $B(M_\Phi)$

acyclic orientation of  $M_\Phi$



region of real  $\mathcal{A}_\Phi$



choices of roots

A tube in a Dynkin diagram is a connected subgraph of a Dy. diag.

A tubing is a collection of compatible tubes. (all site inside)

Have a poset of tubing.

Thm  $B^+(M_\Phi)$  is dual to the associahedron graph.

The nested set complex encodes  
the combinatorics of this wonderful  
model.

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