

# Syzygies of Surfaces via Distributed Computing

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- Given homogenous polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_t \in S = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_r]$  we associate to it a space (variety):

$$X = \left\{ \vec{p} \in \mathbb{C}^r : f_1(\vec{p}) = f_2(\vec{p}) = \dots = f_t(\vec{p}) = 0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{C}^r,$$

and a ring (coordinate ring):

$$S_X = \frac{S}{\langle f_1, \dots, f_t \rangle}.$$

- This talk is focused on how the syzygies of  $S_X$  relate to the geometry of  $X$ .

## Definition

Let  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$  and  $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$  be (tuples) of polynomials. We say that  $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$  is a **syzygy** of  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$  if:

$$f_1 g_1 + f_2 g_2 + \dots + f_n g_n = 0.$$

- **Example** Let  $f_1 = y^2 - xz$ ,  $f_2 = yz - xw$ , and  $f_3 = z^2 - yw$  then

$$-z \cdot f_1 + y \cdot f_2 - x \cdot f_3 = -z \cdot (y^2 - xz) + y \cdot (yz - xw) - x \cdot (z^2 - yw) = 0$$

$$w \cdot f_1 - z \cdot f_2 + y \cdot f_3 = w \cdot (y^2 - xz) - z \cdot (yz - xw) + y \cdot (z^2 - yw) = 0$$

so  $(g_1, g_2, g_3) = (-z, y, -x)$  and  $(g_1, g_2, g_3) = (w, -z, y)$  are syzygies of  $(f_1, f_2, f_3) = (y^2 - xz, yz - xw, z^2 - yw)$ .

- In fact, every syzygy is a multiple of these two!!
- But then we could take the syzygies this first set of syzygies we found....

- Let  $S = \mathbb{C}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_r]$  be the graded polynomial ring.
- If  $M$  is a finitely generated graded  $S$ -module then there exists a minimal graded free resolution of  $M$ :

$$0 \longleftarrow M \longleftarrow F_0 \xleftarrow{\phi_0} F_1 \xleftarrow{\phi_1} \dots$$

- The  $\ker \phi_0$  correspond to the (first) syzygies of  $M$ .

## Theorem (Hilbert Syzygy Theorem)

*If  $M$  is a finitely generated graded  $S$ -module then the minimal graded free resolution of  $M$  has length at most  $r + 1$*

- **Notation:** We write  $S(-q)$  for the free  $S$ -module of rank one generated in degree  $q$ .

- Given the minimal graded free resolution of  $M$ :

$$0 \longleftarrow M \longleftarrow F_0 \xleftarrow{\phi_0} F_1 \xleftarrow{\phi_1} \cdots,$$

since  $F_p$  is a graded free module there is an isomorphism:

$$F_p \cong \bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} S(-q)^{\oplus \beta_{p,q}(M)}.$$

- The  $\beta_{p,q}(M)$  are called the graded Betti numbers of  $M$ .
- We often put these into a table called the Betti table of  $M$ :

	0	1	2	...	$p$
$\beta(M) :=$	$\beta_{0,0}$	$\beta_{1,1}$	$\beta_{2,2}$	...	
1	$\beta_{0,1}$	$\beta_{1,2}$	$\beta_{2,3}$	...	
2	$\beta_{0,2}$	$\beta_{1,3}$	$\beta_{2,4}$	...	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	
$q$					$\beta_{p,p+q}$

- The twisted cubic curve is the image of the map:

$$\mathbb{P}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3 \quad [s : t] \longmapsto [s^3 : s^2t : st^2 : t^3],$$

and in equations it is defined by  $y^2 - xz$ ,  $yz - xw$ , and  $z^2 - yw$ .

- The minimal graded free resolution of its coordinate ring is:

$$0 \longleftarrow S_X \longleftarrow S \longleftarrow S(-2)^3 \xleftarrow{1} S(-3)^2 \longleftarrow 0.$$

- The Betti table for the twisted cubic is then:

	0	1	2	3
$\beta(S_X) :=$				
0	1	-	-	-
1	-	3	2	-
2	-	-	-	-

- Beginning with the work of M. Green in the 1980's there has been substantial work on the case when  $X$  is a curve.
  - Green's Conjecture (Voisin),
  - Gonality Conjecture (Ein-Lazarsfeld),
  - Prym-Green conjecture (Farkas-Kemeny),
  - and many more...
- **Example:** Consider the  $d'$ -uple rational curve:

$$\mathbb{P}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^d \qquad [s : t] \longmapsto [s^d : s^{d-1}t : \cdots : st^{d-1} : t^d].$$

- The minimal free resolution for this is given by the Eagon-Northcott complex.



- Surprisingly little is known!
- The last few years has seen a number of fascinating conjectures:
  - which entries of the Betti table are non-zero, and
  - what the relative size of each entry in each row.
- These conjectures suggest things are complicated, and very different from the case of curves.
- But there are only a handful of specific examples known.
- **Example:** Consider the  $d'$ -uple Veronese surface:

$$\mathbb{P}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\binom{2+d}{d}-1}$$

until recently the Betti tables were only known for  $d = 2, 3, 4$ .

# Example - Veronese Surface



- The dimension of  $S$  is growing quadratically in  $d$ , which means the computational complexity ratchets up quite dramatically.
- Example:** When  $d = 3$ ,  $V_d$  is defined by the 27 quadric polynomials in 10 variables shown below:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x_7x_8 - x_6x_9, & x_5x_8 - x_4x_9, & x_4x_8 - x_3x_9, & x_1x_4 - x_0x_7, \\ x_2x_8 - x_1x_9, & x_5x_7 - x_3x_9, & x_4x_7 - x_3x_8, & x_2x_3 - x_0x_7, \\ x_2x_7 - x_1x_8, & x_5x_6 - x_3x_8, & x_4x_6 - x_3x_7, & x_2x_6 - x_1x_7, \\ x_4x_5 - x_1x_9, & x_3x_5 - x_1x_8, & x_2x_5 - x_0x_9, & x_1x_2 - x_0x_4 \\ x_1x_5 - x_0x_8, & x_3x_4 - x_1x_7, & x_1x_3 - x_0x_6, & x_2x_4 - x_0x_8, \\ x_8^2 - x_7x_9, & x_7^2 - x_6x_8, & x_2^2 - x_0x_5, & x_1^2 - x_0x_3, \\ x_5^2 - x_2x_9, & x_4^2 - x_1x_8, & x_3^2 - x_1x_6 \end{array}$$

- Things only get more complicated... 315 polynomials in 28 variables...

## Goal

*Systematically gather new examples of Betti tables of Veronese embeddings of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .*

- **Notation:** For the remaining part of the talk we will use the following notation:
  - $V_d$  =  $d$ 'uple Veronese embedding of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ,
  - $S = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ ,
  - $S_d = \mathbb{C}$ -vector space spanned by the monomials of degree  $d$  in  $S$ ,

- Looking at the Koszul complex:

$$\bigwedge^{p+1} S_d \otimes S_{(q-1)d} \xrightarrow{\partial_{p+1}} \bigwedge^p S_d \otimes S_{qd} \xrightarrow{\partial_p} \bigwedge^{p-1} S_d \otimes S_{(q+1)d}$$

where  $\partial_p$  is defined by:

$$\partial_p(m_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge m_p \otimes f) = \sum_{k=1}^p (-1)^k m_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{m}_k \wedge \cdots \wedge m_p \otimes (m_k f)$$

one can show that

$$\beta_{p,p+q}(V_d) = \dim \ker \partial_p - \dim \operatorname{img} \partial_{p+1} = \operatorname{corank} \partial_p - \operatorname{rank} \partial_{p+1}$$

- Writing  $K_{p,q}(2; d)$  for the cohomology of the above sequence:

$$\beta_{p,p+q}(V_d) = \dim K_{p,q}(2, d).$$

- So computing syzygies of  $V_d$  reduces to computing the ranks of certain matrices.
- But....
  - these matrices are gigantically huge,
  - are generally high rank,
  - and there are lots of them.
- **Example:** One of the matrices we would need to compute the rank of has dimensions:

$$254,103,788,400 \times 902,737,143,000.$$

- Size and scale makes naive approaches impossible.
- Thus, we take advantage of
  - symmetries and patterns within our examples,
  - sparse numerical linear algebra methods (LU-factorizations),
  - and high-throughput and high performance computing.

- We don't actually have to compute every entry via differentials.
- Given the minimal graded free resolution of  $M$ :

$$0 \longleftarrow M \longleftarrow F_0 \xleftarrow{\phi_0} F_1 \xleftarrow{\phi_1} \cdots,$$

since this is graded and dimension of vector spaces is additive:

$$\dim M_d = \sum_i (-1)^i \dim(F_i)_d = \sum_i (-1)^i \beta_{i,d}(M)$$

- So when there is only one entry on the diagonal it is determined by the Hilbert function.
- It is much easier to compute the Hilbert function.

- **Example:** Here is the Betti table for  $V_5$ :

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\beta_i(z; z) =$	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	165	1830	10710	41616	117300	250620	417690	548080	568854	464100	291720	134640	30780	4858	375	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2002	4200	2160	595	90	6

- There are only four values not determined by the Hilbert function.
  - The relevant range is  $\{(14, 1), (15, 1), (13, 2), (14, 2)\}$ .

- Our matrices in question turn out to have natural symmetries.
- In particular,  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^3$  acts on the Koszul complex, which gives a decomposition of its cohomology.
- More concretely our resolution breaks into multigraded strands:

$$\left(\wedge^{p+1} S_d \otimes S_{(q-1)d}\right)_a \xrightarrow{\partial_{p+1,a}} \left(\wedge^p S_d \otimes S_{qd}\right)_a \xrightarrow{\partial_{p,a}} \left(\wedge^{p-1} S_d \otimes S_{(q+1)d}\right)_a.$$

- We define the multigraded Betti numbers of  $V_d$  by:

$$\beta_{p,a}(V_d) = \dim \ker \partial_{p,a} - \dim \operatorname{img} \partial_{p+1,a}$$

- These are related to the graded Betti numbers via the following:

$$\beta_{p,p+q}(V_d) = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \\ |\mathbf{a}| = (p+q)d}} \beta_{p,\mathbf{a}}(V_d).$$



- **Example:** The Betti table for  $V_3$  is:

$$\beta(V_3) = \begin{array}{c|cccccccc} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 1 & - & \textcolor{red}{27} & 105 & 189 & 189 & 105 & 27 & - \\ 2 & - & - & 0 & - & - & - & - & 1 \end{array} .$$

- Focusing on the red 27, we have

$$K_{1,1}(2; 3) \cong \mathbb{C}^{27} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_{1,2}(V_3) = 27.$$

- As a  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ -graded vector space,  $K_{1,1}(2; 3)$  has 19 distinct multidegrees, which we encode via a generating series

$$\begin{aligned} & t_0^4 t_1^2 + t_0^3 t_1^3 + t_0^2 t_1^4 + t_0^4 t_1 t_2 + 2t_0^3 t_1^2 t_2 + 2t_0^2 t_1^3 t_2 + t_0 t_1^4 t_2 \\ & + t_0^4 t_2^2 + 2t_0^3 t_1 t_2^2 + 3t_0^2 t_1^2 t_2^2 + 2t_0 t_1^3 t_2^2 + t_1^4 t_2^2 + t_0^3 t_2^3 + 2t_0^2 t_1 t_2^3 \\ & + 2t_0 t_1^2 t_2^3 + t_1^3 t_2^3 + t_0^2 t_2^4 + t_0 t_1 t_2^4 + t_1^2 t_2^4. \end{aligned}$$

- Thus for instance  $K_{1,1}(0; 3)_{(4,2,0)} = \mathbb{C}$  and  $K_{1,1}(0; 3)_{(2,2,2)} = \mathbb{C}^3$ .

- **Example:** Now let us focus on the blue entry in Betti table for  $V_3$ :

$$\beta(V_3) =$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	27	105	189	189	105	27	-
2	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1

- Consider  $K_{2,2}(0;3)_{(7,3,2)}$ , which is computed by

$$(\wedge^3 S_3 \otimes S_{1,3})_{(7,3,2)} \xrightarrow{\partial_{3,(7,3,2)}} (\wedge^2 S_3 \otimes S_{2,3})_{(7,3,2)} \xrightarrow{\partial_{2,(7,3,2)}} (\wedge^1 S_3 \otimes S_{3,3})_{(7,3,2)}.$$

- We use products of monomials for our bases.
- For example, the following is a basis vector in the source:

$$x^3 \wedge x^2 y \otimes x^2 y^2 z^2 \in \left( \wedge^2 S_3 \otimes S_{2,3} \right)_{(7,3,2)}.$$

- We then have:

$$\partial_{2,(7,3,2)}(x^3 \wedge x^2 y \otimes x^2 y^2 z^2) = x^3 \otimes x^4 y^3 z^2 - x^2 y \otimes x^5 y^2 z^2.$$

- Working over all monomials, we represent  $\partial_{2,(7,3,2)}$  by a matrix:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 x^3 \wedge x^2 y \otimes x^2 y^2 z^2 \\
 x^3 \wedge xy^2 \otimes x^3 yz^2 \\
 x^3 \wedge x^2 z \otimes x^2 y^3 z \\
 \vdots
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots \\
 -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & \dots \\
 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The dimension of  $K_{2,2}(0;3)_{(7,3,2)}$  is determined by the ranks and sizes of these matrices. Since  $\partial_{2,(7,3,2)}$  has 23 columns, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dim K_{2,2}(0;3)_{(7,3,2)} &= \dim \ker \partial_{2,(7,3,2)} - \dim \operatorname{img} \partial_{3,(7,3,2)} \\
 &= (23 - \operatorname{rank} \partial_{2,(7,3,2)}) - \operatorname{rank} \partial_{3,(7,3,2)} \\
 &= 23 - 8 - 15 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

- This allows us to break our lots of gigantically huge matrices into tons of *huge* matrices.
- **Example:** The number of matrices and the size of the largest matrix we need to compute the ranks of for a few examples is shown below:

$d$	$b$	# of Matrices	Largest Matrix
6	0	1,028	$596,898 \times 1,246,254$
	1	148	$7,345 \times 9,890$
	2	148	$7,345 \times 9,890$
	3	1,028	$596,898 \times 1,246,254$
	4	1,753	$4,175,947 \times 12,168,528$
	5	1,753	$4,175,947 \times 12,168,528$



- Despite being huge our matrices have very few non-zero entries.
- **Example:** For the  $4,175,947 \times 12,168,528$  matrix from the previous slide less than .000164% of the entries are non-zero.
- This **sparsity** allows us to use sparse numerical linear algebra algorithms like LU and QR factorizations.

$$QAP = LU = L \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} \\ 0 & U_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- These algorithms are substantially faster and use astronomically less memory.
- But... these methods are numerical, and so errors may creep in.

- We then use **high throughput computing** to handle the thousands of jobs we have.
- Instead of running all of our jobs sequentially on one super computer we distribute our jobs all over campus.
  - We do this via HTCondor, the Center for High Throughput Computing, and the Open Science Grid.
- **Example:** One part of a medium sized example required the follow computing resources

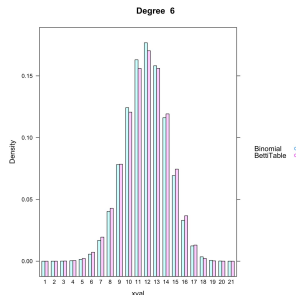
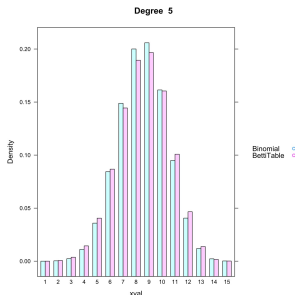
# Matrices	Max Run Time	Ram (GB)
151	18 min.	< 1
16	1 hr.	1 – 10
17	16 hr.	20 – 80
2	3 days	> 450

- It worked!!
- We computed the graded Betti numbers, multigraded Betti numbers and more for  $V_d$  when  $d = 5, 6$ .
  - We also compute this data for all auxiliary line bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .
- We have made all of this data available at:  
[syzygydata.com](http://syzygydata.com).
- A Macaulay2 package with all of our data will also be out soon.
- These new examples have allowed us to see previously unseen patterns and structures within these syzygies.

# Conjecture - Normally Distributed

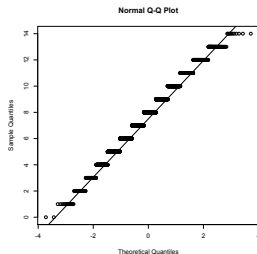
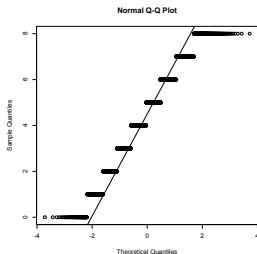


- Ein, Erman, and Lazarsfeld conjectured that any row of a Betti table should converge, after rescaling, to a normal distribution.
- This is true for curves and “randomly” chosen Betti tables.
- Our data provides the first computational evidence in support of this conjecture for surfaces.





- In addition to the qualitative visual evidence we give statistical evidence for the rows being approximately normally distributed.
- Here we have the Q-Q plots compare the first row for  $d = 5$  and  $d = 6$  to a normal distribution of best fit.



- If these two distributions were approximately the same we would expect the points to be roughly distributed along the line  $y = x$ .



- Our computations produced a lot of data, which consists of really big numbers.
- The size of the individual Betti numbers – in the hundreds of millions – obscures many of the underlying structures.
- For this reason it is useful to use another symmetry to package this data in a more condensed format.

- The action of  $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$  on  $S = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$  by linear change of coordinates descends to the Koszul complex.
- This makes the cohomology of the Koszul complex a representation of  $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$ .
  - Every representation of  $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$  decomposes into irreducible.
  - Irreducible representations of  $GL_3(\mathbb{C})$  are indexed by partitions  $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3)$ .
- So the cohomology of Koszul complex decomposes:

$$K_{p,q}(2, d) = \bigoplus_{\substack{\vec{\lambda} \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \\ |\vec{\lambda}| = d(p+q)}} S_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^3)^{\oplus m_{p,\vec{\lambda}}(2,d)}.$$

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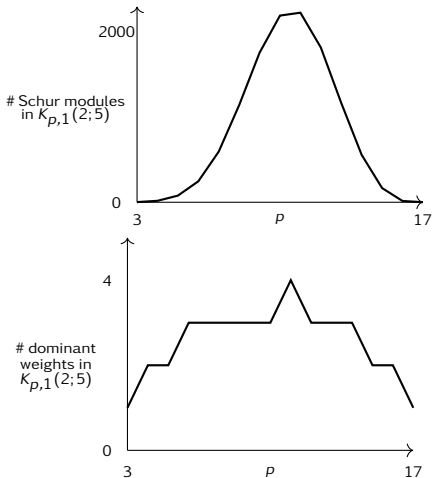
- As a Schur module,  $K_{1,1}(0;3)$  is isomorphic to the irreducible representation  $\mathbb{S}_{(4,2,0)}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ .

## Question (Bruce, et. al)

When is each of the following a unimodal function of  $p$ ?

- 1 The rank of  $\beta_{p,p+q}(V_d)$ ;
- 2 The number of distinct irred. Schur modules in  $K_{p,q}(\mathbb{P}^2; d)$ ;
- 3 The total number of irred. Schur modules in  $K_{p,q}(\mathbb{P}^2; d)$ ;
- 4 The largest multiplicity of a Schur module in  $K_{p,q}(\mathbb{P}^2; d)$ ;

- **Example:** For  $d = 5$ , ( $b = 2$ ), we see the predicted unimodal behavior in the first row:



- We say a partition  $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_a)$  dominates another partition  $\vec{\lambda}' = (\lambda'_1 \geq \lambda'_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda'_b)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda'_i$$

for all  $k \leq \min\{a, b\}$ .

- This places a partial ordering on all the space of weights.
- **Example:** The Schur functor decomposition of  $K_{14,1}(2; 5)$  is:

$$K_{14,1}(5; 0) \cong \mathbb{S}_{(34,21,20)} \oplus \mathbb{S}_{(33,25,17)} \oplus \mathbb{S}_{(33,24,18)} \oplus \dots$$

The weight  $(33, 24, 18)$  is dominated by  $(33, 25, 17)$  but is not dominated by  $(34, 21, 20)$ .

- Ein, Erman, and Lazarsfeld constructed a subset

$$E_{p,q}(2; d) \subset K_{p,q}(2; d)$$

of special monomial syzygies, and conjectured that:

$$E_{p,q}(2; d) \neq 0 \iff K_{p,q}(2; d) \neq 0.$$

- Our data suggests there is a much deeper connection here!!

Conjecture (Bruce, et. al)

For all  $p, q$ , and  $d$ :

$$\text{domWeights } E_{p,q}(2; d) = \text{domWeights } K_{p,q}(2; d)$$

- The monomial syzygies in  $E_{p,q}(P_n, b; d)$  represent only a small fraction of the total syzygies



- This conjecture raises a number of other interesting questions.

## Question (Bruce, et. al)

*Find a compelling combinatorial description of  $\text{domWeights } K_{p,q}(2; d)$ .*

## Question (Bruce, et. al)

*Let  $\vec{\lambda} \in \text{domWeights } K_{p,q}(2; d)$ . Does the representation  $S_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  appear in  $K_{p,q}(2; d)$  with multiplicity one?*

## Question (Bruce, et. al)

*When is the number of dominant weights in  $K_{p,q}(2; d)$  a unimodal function of  $p$ ?*

- Note when  $d = 3$  the dominate weights are non-unimodal, but this is the only such example.

- The conjecture also suggests a mysterious uniformity among all of the  $K_{p,q}(2; d)$  lying in a single row of a Betti table.
- If we vary only  $p$ , then the monomial syzygies constructed in  $E_{p,q}(2; d)$  naturally form a graded lattice, with a unique maximal and minimal element.
- In other words, it may be natural to think of the entire  $q$ th row as a single object

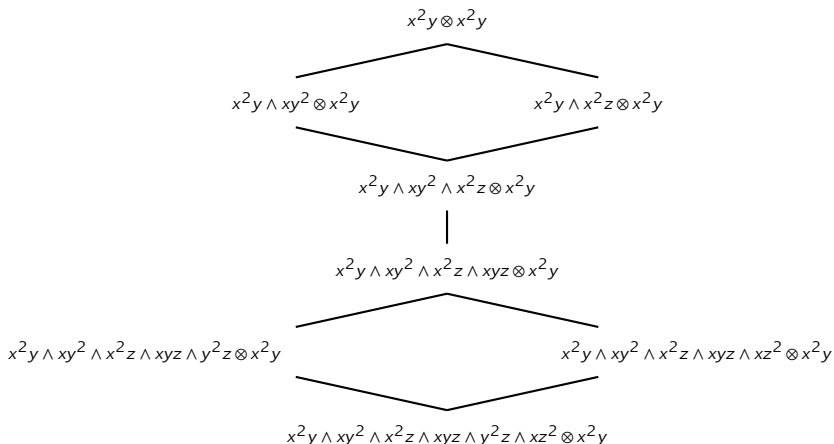
$$K_{\bullet,q}(2; d) := \bigoplus_p K_{p,q}(2; d).$$

## Question (Bruce, et. al)

*Is this vector space naturally a representation (or even an irreducible representation) over a larger group.*

- Precisely such a phenomenon occurs when  $d = 2$  (Sam).

- **Example:** Consider  $K_{\bullet,1}(2;3)$ , which corresponds to the first row of the Betti table of  $V_3$ .
- The dominant weights of  $K_{p,1}(2;3)$  are in bijection with the weights of the monomial syzygies in the  $p$ th row of this lattice:



- Beyond the questions and conjectures we raise there are likely many more lurking in our data.
- Even using distributed computing and sparse linear algebra we are bumping into the limits of our computing power.
- An even bigger problem is that the errors from the numerical nature of our algorithms are too large.
- The Betti table for  $V_7$  may be within reach using our current methods, but beyond this...
- That said our methods could be adopted to study other families:
  - $\mathbb{P}^3$ ,
  - $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , and
  - many more!