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# MONOMIAL IDEALS INDUCED BY PERMUTATIONS AVOIDING PATTERNS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $S$  (or  $T$ ) be the set of permutations of  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$  avoiding 123 & 132-patterns (or avoiding 123, 132 & 213-patterns). The monomial ideals  $I_S = \langle \mathbf{x}^\sigma = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\sigma(i)} : \sigma \in S \rangle$  and  $I_T = \langle \mathbf{x}^\sigma : \sigma \in T \rangle$  in the polynomial ring  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  over a field  $k$  have many interesting properties. The Alexander dual  $I_S^{[n]}$  of  $I_S$  w.r.t.  $\mathbf{n} = (n, \dots, n)$  has the minimal cellular resolution supported on the order complex  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  of a poset  $\Sigma_n$ . The Alexander dual  $I_T^{[n]}$  also has the minimal cellular resolution supported on the order complex  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  of a poset  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$ . The number of standard monomials of the Artinian quotient  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$  is given by the number of *irreducible* (or *indecomposable*) permutations of  $[n+1]$ , while the number of standard monomials of the Artinian quotient  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  is given by the number of permutations of  $[n+1]$  having no substring  $\{l, l+1\}$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Many classes of monomial ideals  $I$  in the polynomial ring  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  over a field  $k$  have the property that the number of standard monomials in the Artinian quotient  $\frac{R}{I}$  is given in terms of determinant of a square matrix. For many combinatorially defined monomial ideals  $I$ , the standard monomials in  $\frac{R}{I}$  correspond to suitable combinatorial objects. For an oriented graph (digraph)  $G$  on the vertex set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  rooted at 0, Postnikov and Shapiro [9] associated a monomial ideal  $\mathcal{M}_G$  in  $R$  such that the Artinian quotient  $\frac{R}{\mathcal{M}_G}$  has a standard monomial basis corresponding to the  $G$ -parking functions and the number of  $G$ -parking functions equals the number of (oriented) spanning trees of  $G$ , i.e.,  $\dim_k(\frac{R}{\mathcal{M}_G}) = \det(L_G)$ , where  $L_G$  is the *truncated Laplace matrix* of  $G$ . More precisely, if  $A = [a_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq n}$  is the adjacency matrix of the oriented graph  $G$ , then the monomial ideal  $\mathcal{M}_G$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_G = \left\langle \prod_{i \in I} x_i^{d_I(i)} : I \in \Sigma \right\rangle,$$

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where  $d_I(i) = \sum_{j \in \{0,1,\dots,n\}-I} a_{ij}$  is the number of (oriented) edges from the vertex  $i$  to a vertex outside of the subset  $I$  and  $\Sigma$  is the poset of all non-empty subsets of  $[n]$

(ordered by inclusion). Also,  $L_G = [l_{ij}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  is given by  $l_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_{\{i\}}(i) & \text{if } i = j, \\ -a_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$

The adjacency matrix of a (non-oriented) graph is symmetric and therefore a graph can be identified with a unique oriented graph having the same (symmetric) adjacency matrix. Under this identification, oriented spanning trees correspond to usual spanning trees of the graph. Therefore, notion of  $G$ -parking functions also make sense for a graph  $G$ . An oriented graph  $G$  with adjacency matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called *saturated* if  $a_{ij} \geq 1$  for  $i \neq j$ . For a saturated graph  $G$ , the monomial ideal  $\mathcal{M}_G$  is an *order monomial ideal* (Definition 2.3) and its minimal resolution is the cellular resolution supported on the first barycentric subdivision  $\mathbf{Bd}(\Delta_{n-1})$  of an  $(n-1)$ -simplex  $\Delta_{n-1}$  (see [9](Corollary 6.9)). In case,  $G$  is a complete graph  $K_{n+1}$ , the monomial ideal

$$\mathcal{M}_{K_{n+1}} = \left\langle \left( \prod_{i \in I} x_i \right)^{n-|I|+1} : I \in \Sigma \right\rangle$$

is called a *tree ideal*. Further, we see that a  $K_{n+1}$ -parking function is an (*ordinary*) *parking function* of length  $n$ , which is defined as a sequence  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $0 \leq p_i < n$  such that the non-decreasing rearrangement  $q_1 \leq \dots \leq q_n$  of  $\mathbf{p}$  satisfies  $q_i < i$  (or equivalently,  $|\{j \in [n] : p_j < i\}| \geq i, \forall i \in [n]$ ).

For  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 1$ , the monomial ideal  $I_\lambda = \left\langle \left( \prod_{i \in A} x_i \right)^{\lambda_{|A|}} : \emptyset \neq A \subseteq [n] \right\rangle$  in  $R$  has an Artinian quotient  $\frac{R}{I_\lambda}$  having a standard monomial basis corresponding to  $\lambda$ -parking functions. A sequence  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  is called a  $\lambda$ -*parking function of length  $n$* , if its non-decreasing rearrangement  $q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \dots \leq q_n$  satisfies  $q_i < \lambda_{n-i+1}, \forall i$ . The (ordinary) parking functions of length  $n$  correspond to  $\lambda = (n, n-1, \dots, 1)$ . Also, there is a Steck determinant formula for counting the number of  $\lambda$ -parking functions. Further, if  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_n$ , then the minimal cellular resolution of  $I_\lambda$  is supported on  $\mathbf{Bd}(\Delta_{n-1})$  [9]. For more on  $\lambda$ -parking functions, we refer to [8, 12]. The multigraded Betti numbers of  $I_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda$  are given in [4].

Let  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  be the set of all permutations of  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $S$  be the subset of permutations  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  avoiding 123 & 132-patterns and let  $T$  be the subset of permutations  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  avoiding 123, 132 & 213-patterns. Then, it is shown in [10] that  $|S| = 2^{n-1}$  and  $|T| = F_{n+1}$ , where  $F_n$  is the  $n$ th Fibonacci number (i.e.,  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$  and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}; n \geq 2$ ).

Now consider the monomial ideals  $I_S = \langle \mathbf{x}^\sigma : \sigma \in S \rangle$  and  $I_T = \langle \mathbf{x}^\sigma : \sigma \in T \rangle$  in  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  induced by subsets  $S$  and  $T$ , respectively. The minimal

generators of the Alexander dual  $I_S^{[\mathbf{n}]}$  of  $I_S$  with respect to  $\mathbf{n} = (n, \dots, n)$  are given by (Lemma 2.1)

$$I_S^{[\mathbf{n}]} = \left\langle x_l^{l+1}, \left( \prod_{j=m}^n x_j \right)^m : 1 \leq l \leq n-1, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n \right\rangle.$$

Similarly, the minimal generators of the Alexander dual  $I_T^{[\mathbf{n}]}$  are given by

$$I_T^{[\mathbf{n}]} = \left\langle x_l^{l+1}, \left( \prod_{j \in [m, m+1]} x_j \right)^m : 1 \leq l \leq n-1, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n \right\rangle,$$

where  $[m, m+1] = \{m, m+1\}$  for  $1 \leq m \leq n-1$  and  $[n, n+1]$  stands for  $\{n\}$ . The monomial ideal  $I_{\mathfrak{S}_n} = \langle \mathbf{x}^\sigma : \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \rangle$  is called a *permutohedron ideal* and the Alexander dual  $I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[\mathbf{n}]} = \mathcal{M}_{K_{n+1}} = I_\lambda$  for  $\lambda = (n, n-1, \dots, 1)$ .

Let  $\Sigma_n = \{\{l\} : 1 \leq l \leq n-1\} \cup \{[m, n] : 1 \leq m \leq n\}$ , where  $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : a \leq x \leq b\}$  denotes an integer interval for  $1 \leq a \leq b \leq n$ . We define a partial ordering  $\preceq$  on  $\Sigma_n$  as follows: for  $l, l' \in [n-1]$  and  $m, m' \in [n]$ ,  $\{l\} \preceq \{l'\} \preceq [m, n]$  if  $m \leq l' \leq l$  and  $[m, n] \preceq [m', n] \preceq \{l\}$  if  $l+1 < m' \leq m$ . Consider the order complex  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  of the poset  $(\Sigma_n, \preceq)$ . An  $r$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  is a (strict) chain  $C_1 \prec C_2 \prec \dots \prec C_{r+1}$  of length  $r$  in  $\Sigma$ . Let  $f_r(\Delta(\Sigma_n))$  be the number of  $r$ -dimensional faces of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$ . Then, we prove that (Theorem 2.7)

$$f_r(\Delta(\Sigma_n)) = \sum_{s=0}^{r+1} \binom{n-1}{s} \binom{n-s}{r+1-s}, \quad (0 \leq r \leq n-1).$$

Let  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n = \{\{l\} : 1 \leq l \leq n-1\} \cup \{[m, m+1] : 1 \leq m \leq n\}$ , where  $[m, m+1] = \{m, m+1\}$  for  $1 \leq m \leq n-1$  and  $[n, n+1] = \{n\}$ . We define a partial ordering  $\preceq'$  on  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$  as follows: for  $l, l' \in [n-1]$  and  $m, m' \in [n]$ ,  $[m, m+1] \preceq' \{l\} \preceq' \{l'\}$  if  $l'+1 < l < m-1$  and  $\{l\} \preceq' [m, m+1] \preceq' [m', m'+1]$  if  $m' \leq m \leq l$ . The order complex  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  of the poset  $(\tilde{\Sigma}_n, \preceq')$  is a simplicial complex of dimension  $n-1$ . We prove that (Theorem 2.7) the number  $f_r(\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n))$  of  $r$ -dimensional faces of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  is given by

$$f_r(\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)) = \sum_{s=0}^{r+1} \binom{n-s}{s} \binom{n-s}{r+1-s}, \quad (0 \leq r \leq n-1).$$

We label the vertices  $\{l\}$  or  $[m, n]$  of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  by monomials  $x_l^{l+1}$  or  $\left(\prod_{j \in [m, n]} x_j\right)^m$ , respectively. Similarly, the vertices  $\{l\}$  and  $[m, m+1]$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  can be naturally labelled with monomials  $x_l^{l+1}$  or  $\left(\prod_{j \in [m, m+1]} x_j\right)^m$ , respectively. Now labelling the faces  $F$  by the LCM of monomial labels on the vertices of  $F$ , we see that the order complexes  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  and  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  are both labelled simplicial complexes. Both the

ideals  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$  are order monomial ideals (Proposition 2.5). In view of Theorem 2.4, the free complex associated to the labelled simplicial complexes  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  and  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  give the minimal cellular resolution of  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$ , respectively. Thus Betti numbers of  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$  are given by

$$\beta_i \left( I_S^{[n]} \right) = f_i(\Delta(\Sigma_n)) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_i \left( I_T^{[n]} \right) = f_i(\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)),$$

for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . For more on cellular resolutions, we refer to [1, 2, 6].

We show that the standard monomial basis of  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$  is given by  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}}$ , where  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  is a parking function of length  $n$  satisfying  $p_i \leq i$ ,  $\forall i$ . Such parking functions may be called *Catalan parking functions*. Let  $\Lambda_n$  be the set of all parking functions of length  $n$ . Then  $|\Lambda_n| = (n + 1)^{n-1}$ . Let  $\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}$  be the set of Catalan parking functions of length  $n$ . We show that (Theorem 3.4)

$$|\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}} \right) = (-1)^n \det ([m_{ij}]_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}),$$

where  $m_{ij} = \begin{cases} (j - i + 1)! & \text{if } i \leq j + 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } i > j + 1. \end{cases}$  Further, it is observed that the number of Catalan parking functions of length  $n$  equals the number of *irreducible* (or *indecomposable*) permutations of  $[n + 1]$ .

Since  $I_T \subseteq I_S$ , we have  $I_S^{[n]} \subseteq I_T^{[n]}$ . Thus a standard monomial  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}}$  of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  is also a standard monomial of  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$ . We observe that  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}}$  is a standard monomial of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  is a Catalan parking function of length  $n$  such that for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , if  $p_i = i$ , then  $p_{i+1} < i$ . A Catalan parking function  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  of length  $n$  such that either  $p_i < i$  or  $p_{i+1} < i$  for every  $i \in [n - 1]$  is called a *restricted Catalan parking function* of length  $n$ . Let  $\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}$  be the set of all restricted Catalan parking functions of length  $n$ . We show that (Theorem 4.5)

$$|\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right) = \det ([\tilde{m}_{ij}]_{n \times n}),$$

where  $\tilde{m}_{ij} = \begin{cases} j & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } i = j + 1, \\ -1 & \text{if } j = i + 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  The number of restricted Catalan parking functions of length  $n$  equals the number of permutations of  $[n + 1]$  having no substring  $\{l, l + 1\}$ .

In the last section, we have discussed some generalizations.

2. BETTI NUMBERS OF  $I_S^{[n]}$  AND  $I_T^{[n]}$ 

Let  $t \leq n$  be positive integers and  $\tau$  be a fixed permutation of  $[t]$  called a *pattern*. A permutation  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  is said to *avoid the pattern*  $\tau$  if there does not exist integers  $1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_t \leq n$  such that for all  $1 \leq a < b \leq t$ , we have  $\tau(a) < \tau(b)$  if and only if  $\sigma(j_a) < \sigma(j_b)$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be the subsets of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  as defined in the introduction. In this section, we study Alexander duals  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$  of the the monomial ideals  $I_S$  and  $I_T$ . The Alexander dual  $I_S^{[n]}$  of  $I_S$  with respect to  $\mathbf{n} = (n, \dots, n)$  is a monomial ideal in  $R$  and a vector  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \leq \mathbf{n}$  (i.e.,  $b_i \leq n \forall i$ ) is maximal with  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}} \notin I_S$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{b}} = \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{n-b_j}$  is a minimal generator of  $I_S^{[n]}$  [6, 7].

**Lemma 2.1.** *The minimal generators of  $I_S^{[n]}$  are given by*

$$I_S^{[n]} = \left\langle x_i^{l+1}, \left( \prod_{j \in [m, n]} x_j \right)^m : 1 \leq l \leq n-1 \ \& \ 1 \leq m \leq n \right\rangle.$$

Proof. For any  $l \in [n-1]$ , let  $\mathbf{b}_l = (n, \dots, n-l-1, \dots, n)$  (i.e.  $n-l-1$  at  $l^{\text{th}}$  place and elsewhere  $n$ ). We claim that  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_l} \notin I_S$ . If not, then there is a  $\sigma \in S$  such that  $\mathbf{x}^\sigma$  divides  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_l}$ . Thus  $1 \leq \sigma(l) \leq n-l-1$ . This implies that  $l \leq n-2$ . Also,  $|[l+1, n]| = n-l$  and  $|\{a \in [n] : a < \sigma(l)\}| \leq n-l-2$  ensure that there exist  $i, j \in [l+1, n]$  such that  $\sigma(l) < \sigma(i) < \sigma(j)$ . But, then  $\sigma$  contains either 123 or 132-pattern, a contradiction. Further, for any vector  $\mathbf{b}'_l$  with  $\mathbf{b}_l < \mathbf{b}'_l \leq \mathbf{n}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^{\sigma'}$  divides  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}'_l}$  for  $\sigma' = (n-1, n-2, \dots, 1, n) \in S$ . This gives the minimal generators  $x_i^{l+1}$  for all  $l \in [n-1]$ . For  $[m, n]$ , we take  $\mathbf{b}_{[m, n]} = (n, \dots, n, n-m, \dots, n-m)$  (i.e. the last  $n-m+1$  coordinates are  $n-m$ , elsewhere  $n$ ). Again,  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_{[m, n]}} \notin I_S$ , otherwise there is a  $\sigma \in S$  such that  $\mathbf{x}^\sigma$  divides  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_{[m, n]}}$ . Thus  $\sigma(i) \leq n-m \forall i \in [m, n]$ . Since  $|[m, n]| = n-m+1$  and  $|[1, n-m]| = n-m$ , by the pigeon-hole principle, no such permutation  $\sigma$  exist. Also, if  $\mathbf{b}_{[m, n]} < \mathbf{b}'_{[m, n]} \leq \mathbf{n}$ , then we have  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}'_{[m, n]}} \in I_S$ . This gives the minimal generator  $\left( \prod_{j \in [m, n]} x_j \right)^m$ .  $\square$

As in the Lemma 2.1, we compute the minimal generators of  $I_T^{[n]}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *The minimal generators of  $I_T^{[n]}$  are given by*

$$I_T^{[n]} = \left\langle x_i^{l+1}, \left( \prod_{j \in [m, m+1]} x_j \right)^m : 1 \leq l \leq n-1 \ \& \ 1 \leq m \leq n \right\rangle,$$

where  $[m, m+1] = \{m, m+1\}$  for  $m \in [n-1]$  and  $[n, n+1] = \{n\}$ .

Proof. Proceeding as in the last lemma, we see that  $x_l^{l+1}$  is a minimal generator of  $I_T^{[n]}$  for all  $l \in [n-1]$ . For  $m \in [n-1]$ , we take  $\mathbf{b}_{[m,m+1]} = (n, \dots, n, n-m, n-m, \dots, n)$  (i.e.  $m$ th and  $(m+1)$ th coordinates are  $n-m$ , elsewhere  $n$ ). Also,  $\mathbf{b}_{[n,n+1]} = (n, \dots, n, 0)$  (i.e.  $n$ th coordinate is 0 and elsewhere  $n$ ). We claim that  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_{[m,m+1]}} \notin I_T$ . Otherwise, there is a  $\sigma \in T$  such that  $\mathbf{x}^\sigma$  divides  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_{[m,m+1]}}$ . For  $m = n$ , we have  $\sigma(n) \leq 0$ , and for  $m = n-1$ , we must have  $\sigma(n-1) \leq 1$  and  $\sigma(n) \leq 1$ . Such a permutation  $\sigma$  is not possible. Also, for  $m = 1$ , we have  $\sigma(1) \leq n-1$  and  $\sigma(2) \leq n-1$ . But, for  $\sigma \in T$  it can be checked that either  $\sigma(1) = n$  or  $\sigma(2) = n$ . Thus, we assume that  $2 \leq m \leq n-2$ . Then  $\sigma(m) \leq n-m$  and  $\sigma(m+1) \leq n-m$ . Since  $|[m, n]| = n-m+1$  and  $|[1, n-m]| = n-m$ , by the pigeon-hole principle, there exists  $l \in [m+2, n]$  such that  $n-m < \sigma(l)$ . If  $\sigma(m) < \sigma(m+1)$ , then permutation  $\sigma$  has a 123-pattern and if  $\sigma(m) > \sigma(m+1)$ , then it has a 213-pattern. Since  $\sigma \in T$ , this is not possible. Also, it is easy to verify that  $\mathbf{b}_{[m,m+1]} \leq \mathbf{n}$  is a maximal vector such that  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}_{[m,m+1]}} \notin I_T$ . This gives the minimal generator  $\left(\prod_{j \in [m,m+1]} x_j\right)^m$ .  $\square$

We proceed to show that ideals  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$  are both order monomial ideals. Order monomial ideals are introduced and studied in [9].

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $P$  be a finite poset. Let  $\{\omega_u : u \in P\}$  be a collection of monomials in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . The ideal  $I = \langle \omega_u : u \in P \rangle$  is called an *order monomial ideal* if for any pair  $u, v \in P$ , there is an upper bound  $w \in P$  of  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $\omega_w$  divides the least common multiple  $\text{LCM}(\omega_u, \omega_v)$  of  $\omega_u$  and  $\omega_v$ .

Now we state a result of Postnikov and Shapiro [9](Theorem 6.1) in terms of cellular resolution. Let  $\Delta$  be a labelled simplicial (or polyhedral) cell complex and  $\mathbb{F}_*(\Delta)$  be the free complex associated to  $\Delta$  (see [6]).

**Theorem 2.4** (Postnikov-Shapiro). *Let  $I = \langle \omega_u : u \in P \rangle$  be an order monomial ideal. Then the free complex  $\mathbb{F}_*(\Delta(P))$  supported on the order complex  $\Delta(P)$  is a cellular resolution of  $I$ . Further, the cellular resolution  $\mathbb{F}_*(\Delta(P))$  is minimal if the monomial label on any face of  $\Delta(P)$  is different from the monomial labels on its proper subfaces.*

Let  $(\Sigma_n, \preceq)$  and  $(\tilde{\Sigma}_n, \preceq')$  be the posets defined in the introduction. Let  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  and  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  be associated order (simplicial) complexes. If  $F$  is an  $i-1$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  corresponding to a (strict) chain  $C_1 \prec \dots \prec C_i$  of length  $i-1$  in  $\Sigma_n$ , then the monomial label  $\mathbf{x}^{\nu(F)}$  on  $F$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{\nu(F)} = \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in C_q - C_{q-1}} x_j^{\nu_{j,C_q}} \right),$$

where  $C_0 = \emptyset$  and

$$(2.1) \quad \nu_{j,C_q} = \begin{cases} l+1 & \text{if } C_q = \{l\}, \\ m & \text{if } C_q = [m, n]. \end{cases}$$

Similarly, if  $\tilde{F}$  is an  $i-1$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  corresponding to a (strict) chain  $\tilde{C}_1 \prec' \dots \prec' \tilde{C}_i$  of length  $i-1$  in  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$ , then the monomial label  $\mathbf{x}^{\mu(\tilde{F})}$  on  $\tilde{F}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{\mu(\tilde{F})} = \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} x_j^{\mu_{j,\tilde{C}_q}} \right),$$

where  $\tilde{C}_0 = \emptyset$  and

$$(2.2) \quad \mu_{j,\tilde{C}_q} = \begin{cases} l+1 & \text{if } \tilde{C}_q = \{l\}, \\ m & \text{if } \tilde{C}_q = [m, m+1]. \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 2.5.** *The ideals  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$  are both order monomial ideals in  $R$ .*

Proof. It is clear that  $I_S^{[n]} = \langle \omega_u : u \in \Sigma_n \rangle$  and  $I_T^{[n]} = \langle \omega_{\tilde{u}} : \tilde{u} \in \tilde{\Sigma}_n \rangle$ , where

$$\omega_{\{l\}} = x_l^{l+1}, \quad \omega_{[m,n]} = \left( \prod_{j \in [m,n]} x_j \right)^m \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{[m,m+1]} = \left( \prod_{j \in [m,m+1]} x_j \right)^m.$$

Let  $u, v$  be a pair of elements of  $\Sigma_n$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are comparable, then an upper bound  $w$  of  $u$  and  $v$  is given by  $w = \begin{cases} v & \text{if } u \preceq v, \\ u & \text{if } v \preceq u. \end{cases}$  Clearly,  $\omega_w$  divides  $\text{LCM}(\omega_u, \omega_v)$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are non-comparable, then  $\{u, v\} = \{\{i\}, [i+1, n]\}$  for some  $i < n$ . Clearly,  $w = [i, n]$  is an upper bound of  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $\omega_w$  divides  $\text{LCM}(\omega_u, \omega_v)$ . Similarly, if we take a pair of non-comparable elements  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}$  in  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$ , then  $\{\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}\} = \{\{i\}, \{i+1\}\}$  or  $\{\{i\}, [i+1, i+2]\}$  for some  $i < n$ . In either of the cases, we take an upper bound  $\tilde{w} = [i, i+1]$  of  $\tilde{u}$  and  $\tilde{v}$  and see that  $\omega_{\tilde{w}}$  divides  $\text{LCM}(\omega_{\tilde{u}}, \omega_{\tilde{v}})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Example 2.6.** For  $n = 1$  or  $2$ , we have  $S = T = \mathfrak{S}_n$  and hence  $I_S^{[n]} = I_T^{[n]} = I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[n]}$ . Thus we consider these ideals for  $n = 3$ . We have  $I_S^{[3]} = \langle x_1^2, x_2^3, x_3^3, x_1x_2x_3, x_2^2x_3^2 \rangle$  and  $I_T^{[3]} = \langle x_1^2, x_2^3, x_3^3, x_1x_2, x_2^2x_3^2 \rangle$ , while  $I_{\mathfrak{S}_3}^{[3]}$  is a tree ideal. The Hasse diagrams of posets  $(\Sigma_3, \preceq)$ ,  $(\tilde{\Sigma}_3, \preceq')$  and  $(\Sigma, \subseteq)$  are given in the Figure-1 and their order complexes with monomial vertex labels are indicated in Figure-2. In Figure-1, vertices are subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ , which are represented by an array of elements.

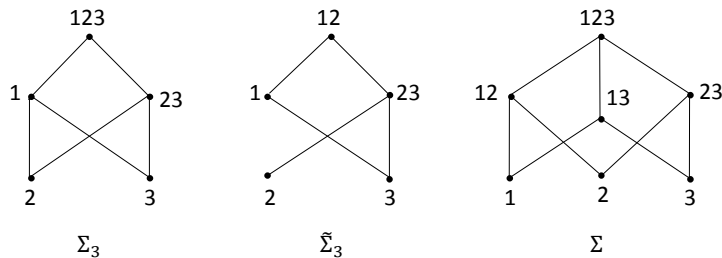
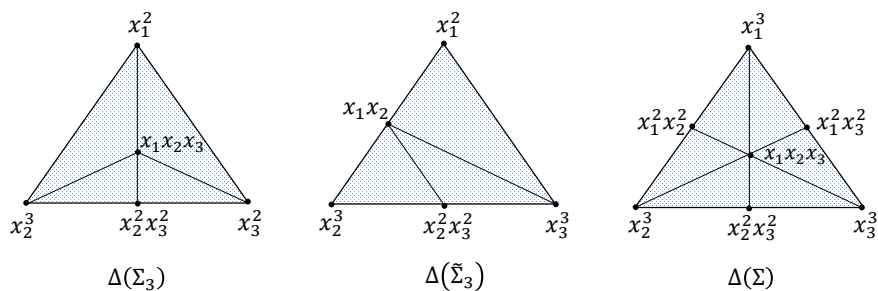
FIGURE 1. Hasse diagrams of  $\Sigma_3$ ,  $\tilde{\Sigma}_3$  and  $\Sigma$ 

FIGURE 2. Order complexes with monomial labels on vertices

In view of Theorem 2.4, the cellular resolution supported on  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  (or  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$ ) gives the minimal resolution of  $I_S^{[n]}$  (respectively,  $I_T^{[n]}$ ). Thus  $i^{\text{th}}$  Betti numbers  $\beta_i(I_S^{[n]}) = f_i(\Delta(\Sigma_n))$  and  $\beta_i(I_T^{[n]}) = f_i(\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n))$ , where  $f_i(\Delta)$  denotes the number of  $i$ -dimensional faces of a simplicial complex  $\Delta$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** For  $0 \leq r \leq n - 1$ ,

$$(a) \beta_r(I_S^{[n]}) = f_r(\Delta(\Sigma_n)) = \sum_{s=0}^{r+1} \binom{n-1}{s} \binom{n-s}{r+1-s}.$$

$$(b) \beta_r(I_T^{[n]}) = f_r(\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)) = \sum_{s=0}^{r+1} \binom{n-s}{s} \binom{n-s}{r+1-s}.$$

Proof. (a) There are  $n - 1$  singletons  $\{l\}$  and  $n$  integer intervals  $[m, n]$  in the poset  $\Sigma_n$ . An  $r$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  is a (strict) chain

$$(2.3) \quad C_1 \prec C_2 \prec \dots \prec C_{r+1}$$

of length  $r$  in  $\Sigma_n$ . Suppose exactly  $s$  members in the chain (2.3) are singletons. Any two singletons (or any two integer intervals) in  $\Sigma_n$  are comparable but a singleton  $\{l\}$  is comparable to an integer interval  $[m, n]$  if and only if  $m \neq l + 1$ . Also, for  $s$  singleton members in (2.3), exactly  $s$  integer intervals cannot occur in the chain. Now  $s$  singleton members in the chain (2.3) can be chosen in  $\binom{n-1}{s}$  ways, and for each such choice, remaining  $r + 1 - s$  integer intervals in the chain



can be chosen in  $\binom{n-s}{r+1-s}$  ways. Thus total number of chains in  $\Sigma$  of length  $r$  having exactly  $s$  singleton members is  $\binom{n-1}{s}\binom{n-s}{r+1-s}$ . As  $s$  varies from 0 to  $r+1$ , we get part(a).

(b) An  $r$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  is a (strict) chain

$$(2.4) \quad \tilde{C}_1 \prec' \tilde{C}_2 \prec' \dots \prec' \tilde{C}_{r+1}$$

of length  $r$  in  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$ . Suppose exactly  $s$  members in the chain (2.4) are singletons. Any two non-consecutive singletons in  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$  are comparable and  $s$  singletons in the chain form a  $s$ -subset of  $[n-1]$  having no consecutive elements. Number of such  $s$ -subsets is precisely  $\binom{n-s}{s}$ . Also, for  $s$  singleton members in the chain (2.4), exactly  $s$  integer intervals cannot occur in the chain. Now proceeding as in the part(a), we obtain part(b).  $\square$

Miller, Sturmfels and Yanagawa [5] defined *generic* and *strongly generic* monomial ideals. For more on generic ideals, we refer to [6]. We end this section with the following remarks.

**Remarks 2.8.** (1) The tree ideal  $\mathcal{M}_{K_{n+1}} = I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[n]}$  is generic and therefore, minimal resolution of the tree ideal is supported on its Scarf complex (see [6](Theorem 6.13)). The Scarf complex of the tree ideal  $I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[n]}$  is isomorphic to the first barycentric subdivision  $\mathbf{Bd}(\Delta_{n-1})$  of an  $(n-1)$ -simplex  $\Delta_{n-1}$ .

(2) The ideals  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_T^{[n]}$  are in fact strongly generic. Thus the Scarf complex of  $I_S^{[n]}$  (or  $I_T^{[n]}$ ) is isomorphic to the order complex  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  (respectively,  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$ ) (see [9](Lemma 6.5)).

### 3. CATALAN PARKING FUNCTIONS

The standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[n]}}$  are of the form  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}$  is an (ordinary) parking function of length  $n$ . Since  $I_S \subseteq I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}$ , we have  $I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[n]} \subseteq I_S^{[n]}$ . Thus every standard monomial of  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$  is also a standard monomial of  $\frac{R}{I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{[n]}}$ . We now characterize the standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For a parking function  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  of length  $n$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} \notin I_S^{[n]}$  if and only if  $p_i \leq i, \forall i \in [n]$ .*

Proof. We see that  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} \in I_S^{[n]}$  if and only if either  $p_l \geq l+1$  for some  $l \in [n-1]$  or there exists  $m \in [n]$  with  $p_j \geq m \forall j \in [m, n]$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} \notin I_S^{[n]} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{(i)} & p_l \leq l \forall l \in [n-1], \text{ and} \\ \text{(ii)} & \text{for any } m \in [n], \exists j \in [m, n] \text{ with } p_j < m. \end{cases}$$

As  $p_n < n$ , the Condition (i) is equivalent to  $p_i \leq i \forall i$ . Now we show that the condition (ii) follows from the condition (i). Let  $m \in [n]$ . If  $p_m < m$ , we can take  $j = m$ . So we assume that  $p_m = m$  and the condition (ii) fails. Thus  $p_j \geq m \forall j \in [m, n]$ . As  $p_i \leq i \forall i$ , we see that  $\{l \in [n] : p_l < m\} = [m-1]$ , a contradiction to  $|\{l \in [n] : p_l < m\}| \geq m$ . Hence (i) implies (ii).  $\square$

Let  $\Lambda_n$  be the set of all parking functions of length  $n$ . Then  $|\Lambda_n| = (n+1)^{n-1}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A parking function  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \Lambda_n$  is called a *Catalan parking function* if  $p_i \leq i, \forall i \in [n]$ .

Let  $\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}$  be the set of all Catalan parking functions of length  $n$ . Then in view of Lemma 3.1,  $|\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S^{\text{Cat}}} \right)$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *The number of standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_S}$  is given by*

$$\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S} \right) = n(n!) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \sum_{0=j_0 < j_1 < \dots < j_i < n} (n-j_i)(n-j_i)! \left( \prod_{q=1}^i (j_q - j_{q-1})! \right).$$

Proof. This proposition follows from a general result of Postnikov and Shapiro [9](Proposition 8.4). In fact,

$$\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S} \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sum_{C_1 \prec \dots \prec C_i} \left( \prod_{q=0}^i \left( \prod_{j \in C_q - C_{q-1}} (\nu_{j, \{j\}} - \nu_{j, C_q}) \right) \right) \left( \prod_{l \notin C_i} \nu_{l, \{l\}} \right),$$

where  $C_0 = \emptyset$  and  $\nu_{j, C_q}$  as in (2.1). A term in the above expression corresponding to a (strict) chain  $C_1 \prec \dots \prec C_i$  is zero if the chain has a singleton member. Thus the summation may be carried over chains of integer intervals of length  $i$ , which are determined by a sequence  $0 = j_0 < j_1 < \dots < j_i < n$  of positive integers on setting  $C_t = [j_{i-t+1}, n]$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $A_{n+1} = [m_{ij}]_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ , where  $m_{ij} = (j-i+1)!$  if  $i \leq j+1$  and  $m_{ij} = 0$  if  $i > j+1$ . Then  $\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S} \right) = (-1)^n \det(A_{n+1})$ .*

Proof. Let  $B$  be the matrix obtained by applying the row-operation  $R_1 - R_2$  on  $A = A_{n+1}$ . Then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ . The  $r^{\text{th}}$  column vector  $\mathbf{v}_r$  of  $B$  is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_r = (r-1)(r-1)!e_1 + \sum_{s=1}^r (r-s)!e_{s+1} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq r \leq n+1,$$

where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$  is the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  and  $e_{n+2} = 0$ . Since

$$(3.1) \quad \mathbf{v}_1 \wedge \mathbf{v}_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \det(B)e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_{n+1}$$

by expanding the wedge product on the left hand side, we get the desired result in view of Proposition 3.3. In fact, for a sequence  $0 = j_0 < j_1 < \dots < j_i < n$ , let  $\mathbf{f}_r$  be a term from the vector  $\mathbf{v}_r$  ( $1 \leq r \leq n + 1$ ) given by

$$\mathbf{f}_r = \begin{cases} (n - j_i)(n - j_i)!e_1 & \text{if } r = n + 1 - j_i, \\ (j_{t+1} - j_t)!e_{n-j_{t+1}+2} & \text{if } r = n + 1 - j_t \text{ (} t < i \text{)}, \\ e_{r+1} & \text{if } r \neq n + 1 - j_t \text{ (} 0 \leq t \leq i \text{)}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathbf{f}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{f}_{n+1}$  equals

$$\left( (n - j_i)(n - j_i)! \prod_{q=1}^i (j_q - j_{q-1})! \right) \left( (-1)^{(n-j_i)} \prod_{q=1}^i (-1)^{j_q - j_{q-1} - 1} \right) e_1 \wedge \dots \wedge e_{n+1}.$$

□

Now we consider the integer sequence (A003319) in OEIS [11]. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $a_n$  of this sequence is the number of irreducible (or indecomposable) permutations of  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . A permutation  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  is *irreducible* if the restriction  $\sigma|_{[j]}$  of  $\sigma$  to  $[j]$  never induce a permutation of  $[j]$  for any  $1 \leq j < n$ . It is easy to prove a recurrence relation  $a_n = n! - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (j!)a_{n-j}$ ,  $n \geq 2$  with the initial condition  $a_1 = 1$ . As  $(-1)^{n-1} \det(A_n)$  also satisfies the same recurrence relation, we have  $a_n = (-1)^{n-1} \det(A_n)$ . This shows that  $|\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}| = (-1)^n \det(A_{n+1}) = a_{n+1}$ . As the number of Catalan parking functions of length  $n$  is same as the number of irreducible permutations of  $[n + 1]$ , it would be an interesting problem to construct an explicit bijection between these objects.

#### 4. RESTRICTED CATALAN PARKING FUNCTIONS

In this section, we study standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$ . Since  $I_S^{[n]} \subseteq I_T^{[n]}$ , every standard monomial of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  is also a standard monomial of  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$ .

**Definition 4.1.** A Catalan parking function  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \Lambda_n$  is called a *restricted Catalan parking function* if for  $i \in [n - 1]$ , either  $p_i < i$  or  $p_{i+1} < i$ .

Let  $\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}$  be the set of all restricted Catalan parking functions of length  $n$ . As in Lemma 3.1, we see that the standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  correspond bijectively to the restricted Catalan parking functions. Thus,  $|\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right)$ .

Using the minimal cellular resolution of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  supported on the (labelled) order complex  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma})$ , the (fine) Hilbert series of  $H \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right)$  of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  is easily calculated

(see [4]). We have

$$(4.1) \quad H\left(\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}, \mathbf{x}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sum_{(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}} \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} x_j^{\mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}} \right)}{(1-x_1) \cdots (1-x_n)},$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}$  is the set of  $i-1$ -dimensional faces of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$ ,  $(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}$  is a face represented by the (strict) chain  $\tilde{C}_1 \prec' \dots \prec' \tilde{C}_i$  of length  $i-1$ ,  $\tilde{C}_0 = \emptyset$  and  $\mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}$  is as in 2.2. Also,  $H\left(\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}, \mathbf{x}\right) = \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in \tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}}$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *The number of standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}$  is given by*

$$\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \sum_{\substack{(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1} \\ \tilde{C}_1 \cup \dots \cup \tilde{C}_i = [n]}} \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} \mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q} \right),$$

where summation is carried over all  $i-1$ -dimensional faces  $(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  with  $\bigcup_{l=1}^i \tilde{C}_l = [n]$  and  $\tilde{C}_0 = \emptyset$ .

Proof. Clearly,  $\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right) = H\left(\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}, \mathbf{1}\right)$ , where  $\mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1)$ . On the other hand, letting  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$  in the rational function  $H\left(\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}, \mathbf{x}\right) = \frac{Q(\mathbf{x})}{(1-x_1) \cdots (1-x_n)}$  given by 4.1 and applying L'Hopital's rule, we get

$$H\left(\frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}}, \mathbf{1}\right) = \frac{1}{(-1)^n} \frac{\partial^n Q(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{1}}.$$

Now the term corresponding to a face  $(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}$  is non-zero in the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^n Q(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n}$  only if  $\tilde{C}_1 \cup \dots \cup \tilde{C}_i = [n]$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remarks 4.3.** (1) The (fine) Hilbert series of  $H\left(\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}, \mathbf{x}\right)$  of  $\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}$  is given by

$$H\left(\frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}}, \mathbf{x}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sum_{(C_1, \dots, C_i) \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}} \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in C_q - C_{q-1}} x_j^{\nu_{j, C_q}} \right)}{(1-x_1) \cdots (1-x_n)},$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{i-1}$  is the set of  $i-1$ -dimensional faces of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$ ,  $(C_1, \dots, C_i) \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}$  is a face represented by the (strict) chain  $C_1 \prec \dots \prec C_i$  of length  $i-1$ ,  $C_0 = \emptyset$  and  $\nu_{j, C_q}$  is as in 2.1.

(2) Proceeding as in the proof of Proposition 4.2, we get

$$(4.2) \quad \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \sum_{\substack{(C_1, \dots, C_i) \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1} \\ C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_i = [n]}} \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in C_q - C_{q-1}} \nu_{j, C_q} \right),$$

where summation is carried over all  $i - 1$ -dimensional faces  $(C_1, \dots, C_i) \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}$  of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  with  $\bigcup_{l=1}^i C_l = [n]$  and  $C_0 = \emptyset$ . Since Proposition 3.3 is not immediate from formula 4.2, we used a result of Postnikov and Shapiro in its proof.

Let  $b_n = |\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 3$  and  $b_3 = 11$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *The integer sequence  $\{b_n = |\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}|\}_{n=1}^\infty$  satisfies a second-order recurrence relation*

$$b_n = nb_{n-1} + (n-1)b_{n-2}; \quad n \geq 3$$

with initial conditions  $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 3$ .

Proof. From Proposition 4.2,  $b_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \left( \sum_{\tilde{F} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}, \cup \tilde{F} = [n]} \pi(\tilde{F}) \right)$ , where summation is carried over  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional faces  $\tilde{F} = (\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i)$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  with  $\cup \tilde{F} = \tilde{C}_1 \cup \dots \cup \tilde{C}_i = [n]$  and  $\pi(\tilde{F}) = \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} \mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q} \right)$ . For  $n \geq 3$ , we divide such faces  $\tilde{F}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  into three types.

1. A  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  is said to be of *Type-I* if the pair  $(\tilde{C}_1, \tilde{C}_2)$  has one of the three values; namely,  $(\{n - 1\}, [n - 1, n]), ([n, n + 1], \{n - 2\})$  or  $([n, n + 1], [n - 2, n - 1])$ . On deleting  $\tilde{C}_1$  from a  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  of Type-I, we get a  $(i - 2)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}'$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-1})$  with  $\cup \tilde{F}' = [n - 1]$ . Conversely, every such  $(i - 2)$  dimensional face  $\tilde{F}'$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-1})$  extends uniquely to a  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  of Type-I. Also, for a Type-I face, we have  $\pi(\tilde{F}) = n\pi(\tilde{F}')$ .

2. A  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  is said to be of *Type-II* if  $\tilde{C}_1 = [n - 1, n]$ . On deleting  $\tilde{C}_1$  from a  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  of Type-II, we get a  $(i - 2)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}''$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-2})$  with  $\cup \tilde{F}'' = [n - 2]$ . Again, every such  $(i - 2)$  dimensional face  $\tilde{F}''$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-2})$  extends uniquely to a  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  of Type-II. Also, for a Type-II face, we have  $\pi(\tilde{F}) = (n - 1)^2\pi(\tilde{F}'')$ .

3. A  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  is said to be of *Type-III* if the pair  $(\tilde{C}_1, \tilde{C}_2) = ([n, n + 1], [n - 1, n])$ . On deleting  $\tilde{C}_1$  and  $\tilde{C}_2$  from a  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  of Type-III, we get a  $(i - 3)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}'''$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-2})$  with  $\cup \tilde{F}''' = [n - 2]$ . Again, every such  $(i - 3)$  dimensional face  $\tilde{F}'''$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-2})$  extends uniquely to a  $(i - 1)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  of Type-III. Also, for a Type-III face, we have  $\pi(\tilde{F}) = n(n - 1)\pi(\tilde{F}''')$ .

Now dividing the summation in  $b_n$  according to the Type of  $i - 1$ -dimensional faces, we get

$$b_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \left[ \sum_{\tilde{F} \text{ Type-I}} + \sum_{\tilde{F} \text{ Type-II}} + \sum_{\tilde{F} \text{ Type-III}} \right] \pi(\tilde{F}).$$

As  $n - i = (n - 1) - (i - 1) = (n - 2) - (i - 1) + 1 = (n - 2) - (i - 2)$ , we clearly have  $b_n = nb_{n-1} + [-(n - 1)^2 + n(n - 1)]b_{n-2}$ .  $\square$

We consider the integer sequence (A000255) in OEIS [11]. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $\tilde{a}_n$  of this sequence counts permutations of  $[n + 1]$  having no substring  $\{l, l + 1\}$ . It is known that for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\tilde{a}_n = \det([\tilde{m}_{ij}]_{n \times n})$ , where  $\tilde{m}_{ii} = \tilde{m}_{i+1i} = i$ ,  $\tilde{m}_{ii+1} = -1$  and  $m_{ij} = 0$  if  $|i - j| \geq 2$ . It is straight forward to check that the integer sequence  $\{\tilde{a}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  satisfies the second-order recurrence relation  $\tilde{a}_n = n\tilde{a}_{n-1} + (n - 1)\tilde{a}_{n-2}$ ;  $n \geq 3$  with initial conditions  $\tilde{a}_1 = 1, \tilde{a}_2 = 3$ .

**Theorem 4.5.**

$$|\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T^{[n]}} \right) = \det([\tilde{m}_{ij}]_{n \times n}).$$

Proof. Since both integer sequences  $\{b_n = |\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}|\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\tilde{a}_n = \det([\tilde{m}_{ij}]_{n \times n})\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  satisfy the same second-order recurrence relation with the same initial conditions, we have  $b_n = \tilde{a}_n, \forall n \geq 1$ .  $\square$

## 5. SOME GENERALIZATIONS

All the results about monomial ideals  $I_S, I_T$  and their Alexander duals can be extended to a slightly larger class of monomial ideals. In this section, we outline these generalizations. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $1 \leq u_1 < \dots < u_n$  and for every  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^{\sigma\mathbf{u}} = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{u_{\sigma(i)}}$  be the associated monomial. We consider the monomial ideals  $I_S(\mathbf{u}) = \langle \mathbf{x}^{\sigma\mathbf{u}} : \sigma \in S \rangle$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u}) = \langle \mathbf{x}^{\sigma\mathbf{u}} : \sigma \in T \rangle$  in  $R$ . Clearly,  $I_S((1, 2, \dots, n)) = I_S$  and  $I_T((1, 2, \dots, n)) = I_T$ . The monomial ideal  $I(\mathbf{u}) = I_{\mathfrak{S}_n}(\mathbf{u}) = \langle \mathbf{x}^{\sigma\mathbf{u}} : \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \rangle$  is again called a *permutohedron ideal*.

For an integer  $c \geq 1$ , set  $\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1} = (u_n + c - 1, \dots, u_n + c - 1) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . We consider the Alexander dual  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1}]}$  (or  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1}]}$ ) of  $I_S(\mathbf{u})$  (or  $I_T(\mathbf{u})$ ) with respect to  $\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1}$ . Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , where  $\lambda_i = u_n - u_i + c$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** *The minimal generators of the Alexander duals  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1}]}$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1}]}$  are given by*

$$I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{1}]} = \left\langle x_l^{\lambda_n - l}, \left( \prod_{j=m}^n x_j \right)^{\lambda_n - m + 1} : 1 \leq l \leq n - 1, 1 \leq m \leq n \right\rangle$$

and

$$I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]} = \left\langle x_l^{\lambda_{n-l}}, \left( \prod_{j \in [m, m+1]} x_j \right)^{\lambda_{n-m+1}} : 1 \leq l \leq n-1, 1 \leq m \leq n \right\rangle,$$

where  $[m, m+1] = \{m, m+1\}$  for  $m \in [n-1]$  and  $[n, n+1] = \{n\}$ .

Proof. Proceeding as in the proof of Lemma 2.1 and 2.2, we get the minimal generators on taking  $\mathbf{b}_l(\mathbf{u}) = (u_n + c - 1, \dots, u_{n-l} - 1, \dots, u_n + c - 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_{[m, n]}(\mathbf{u}) = (u_n + c - 1, \dots, u_n + c - 1, u_{n-m+1} - 1, \dots, u_{n-m+1} - 1)$  and  $\mathbf{b}_{[m, m+1]}(\mathbf{u}) = (u_n + c - 1, \dots, u_{n-m+1} - 1, u_{n-m+1} - 1, \dots, u_n + c - 1)$ , in place of  $\mathbf{b}_l$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_{[m, n]}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_{[m, m+1]}$ , respectively.  $\square$

**Remark 5.2.** Since we are interested in the Alexander duals  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  such that their respective quotients  $\frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  and  $\frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  are Artinian, we have assumed that  $u_1 \geq 1$ . However, both the ideals  $I_S(\mathbf{u})$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})$  are also defined for  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $u_1 = 0$ .

We label the order complexes  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  and  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  so that the monomial ideals generated by vertex labels are  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$ , respectively. If  $F$  is an  $i-1$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  corresponding to a (strict) chain  $C_1 \prec \dots \prec C_i$  of length  $i-1$  in  $\Sigma_n$ , then the monomial label  $\mathbf{x}^{\nu^{\mathbf{u}}(F)}$  on  $F$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{\nu^{\mathbf{u}}(F)} = \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in C_q - C_{q-1}} x_j^{\nu_{j, C_q}^{\mathbf{u}}} \right),$$

where  $C_0 = \emptyset$  and

$$(5.1) \quad \nu_{j, C_q}^{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{n-l} & \text{if } C_q = \{l\}, \\ \lambda_{n-m+1} & \text{if } C_q = [m, n]. \end{cases}$$

Similarly, if  $\tilde{F}$  is an  $i-1$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  corresponding to a (strict) chain  $\tilde{C}_1 \prec' \dots \prec' \tilde{C}_i$  of length  $i-1$  in  $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$ , then the monomial label  $\mathbf{x}^{\mu^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F})}$  on  $\tilde{F}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{\mu^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F})} = \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} x_j^{\mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}^{\mathbf{u}}} \right),$$

where  $\tilde{C}_0 = \emptyset$  and

$$(5.2) \quad \mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}^{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{n-l} & \text{if } \tilde{C}_q = \{l\}, \\ \lambda_{n-m+1} & \text{if } \tilde{C}_q = [m, m+1]. \end{cases}$$

Now we have the following generalization of Theorem 2.7.

**Proposition 5.3.** For  $0 \leq r \leq n - 1$ ,

$$\beta_r (I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}) = f_r(\Delta(\Sigma_n)) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_r (I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}) = f_r(\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)).$$

Proof. Both  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  are order monomial ideals, thus the cellular resolution supported on the order complexes  $\Delta(\Sigma_n)$  and  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  give their minimal resolutions, respectively.  $\square$

**Remarks 5.4.** (1)  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  are both strongly generic ideals. (2) The LCM-lattices of  $I_S^{[n]}$  and  $I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$  (or  $I_T^{[n]}$  and  $I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}$ ) are isomorphic by an isomorphism induced by ‘relabeling’ [3]. This also establishes the equality of Betti numbers

$$\beta_r (I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}) = \beta_r (I_S^{[n]}) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_r (I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}) = \beta_r (I_T^{[n]}).$$

We recall that the standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  are of the form  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}$  is a  $\lambda$ -parking function of length  $n$  for  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ ;  $\lambda_i = u_n - u_i + c$ . Now the standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  and  $\frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  are given as follows.

**Lemma 5.5.** Let  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  be a  $\lambda$ -parking function of length  $n$ . Then

- a)  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} \notin I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]} \Leftrightarrow p_j < \lambda_{n-j} \forall j \in [n - 1]$ .
- b)  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} \notin I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]} \Leftrightarrow p_j < \lambda_{n-j} \forall j \in [n - 1]$  and either  $p_j < \lambda_{n-j+1}$  or  $p_{j+1} < \lambda_{n-j+1}$ .

Proof. These conditions are verified as in the proof of Lemma 3.1.  $\square$

**Definition 5.6.** A  $\lambda$ -parking function  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  of length  $n$  is said to be a *Catalan  $\lambda$ -parking function* if  $p_j < \lambda_{n-j} \forall j \in [n - 1]$ . Also, a Catalan  $\lambda$ -parking function  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  is said to be a *restricted Catalan  $\lambda$ -parking function* if in addition, either  $p_j < \lambda_{n-j+1}$  or  $p_{j+1} < \lambda_{n-j+1} \forall j \in [n - 1]$ .

Henceforth, we take  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  such that  $u_1 \geq 1$  and  $u_i = u_1 + (i - 1)b$  for some integer  $b \geq 1$ . In other words, the sequence  $\{u_i\}$  is an arithmetic progression. The sequence  $\{\lambda_i\}$  with  $\lambda_i = u_n - u_i + c = c + (n - i)b \forall i \in [n]$  is also an arithmetic progression. Sometimes, we put  $\lambda_0 = c + nb$ . To emphasize that  $\lambda$  depends only on  $b$  and  $c$ , we write  $\lambda = \lambda(c, b)$ . Let  $\Lambda_n(\lambda(c, b))$  be the set of  $\lambda(c, b)$ -parking functions of length  $n$  and its subset consisting of Catalan  $\lambda(c, b)$ -parking functions (or restricted Catalan  $\lambda(c, b)$ -parking functions) be denoted by  $\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))$  (or  $\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))$ ). Then  $|\Lambda_n(\lambda(c, b))| = c(c + nb)^{n-1}$  (see [8, 9]). In view of Lemma 5.5, we have  $|\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}} \right)$  and  $|\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}} \right)$ .



**Theorem 5.7.** Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  with  $u_1 \geq 1$  and  $u_i = u_1 + (i - 1)b \forall i \in [n]$ .

(1) The number of standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  is given by

$$\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}} \right) = \lambda_1 \prod_{t=1}^{n-1} \lambda_t + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \sum_{0=j_0 < j_1 < \dots < j_i < n} \Theta(j_1, \dots, j_i),$$

where summation runs over all sequences  $0 < j_1 < \dots < j_i < n$  and

$$\Theta(j_1, \dots, j_i) = b^{n-j_i+1} (n - j_i)(n - j_i)! \left( \prod_{q=2}^i b^{j_q - j_{q-1}} (j_q - j_{q-1})! \right) \prod_{s=n-j_i+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s.$$

(2) Let  $A_{n+1}^\lambda = [m_{ij}^\lambda]_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$  be a matrix such that

$$m_{ij}^\lambda = \begin{cases} b^{j-i+1} (j - i + 1)! & \text{if } i \leq j + 1; j < n + 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } i > j + 1; j < n + 1, \\ \prod_{s=i-1}^{n-1} \lambda_s & \text{if } j = n + 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $|\Lambda_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}} \right) = (-1)^n \det(A_{n+1}^\lambda).$

Proof. Proceeding as in the proof of Proposition 3.3, we get an expression for  $\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}} \right)$  exactly similar to that of  $\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_S^{[n]}} \right)$ , with  $\nu_{j, C_q}^{\mathbf{u}}$  in place of  $\nu_{j, C_q}$ . Now a straight forward calculation verifies the first part. On applying the row operation  $R_1 - bR_2$  on the matrix  $A_{n+1}^\lambda$  and expanding the determinant of the resulting matrix along the  $(n + 1)$ th column, we also get the second part.  $\square$

The (fine) Hilbert series  $H \left( \frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}, \mathbf{x} \right)$  of  $\frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  is obtained from 4.1 by simply replacing  $\mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}$  with  $\mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}^{\mathbf{u}}$  (as in 5.2). Thus

$$H \left( \frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}, \mathbf{x} \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sum_{(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}} \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} \mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}^{\mathbf{u}} x_j \right)}{(1 - x_1) \cdots (1 - x_n)}.$$

**Proposition 5.8.** The number of standard monomials of  $\frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}}$  is given by

$$\dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})^{[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]}} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \sum_{\substack{(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1} \\ \tilde{C}_1 \cup \dots \cup \tilde{C}_i = [n]}} \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} \mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}^{\mathbf{u}} \right),$$

where summation is carried over all  $i - 1$ -dimensional faces  $(\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i-1}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  with  $\bigcup_{l=1}^i \tilde{C}_l = [n]$  and  $\tilde{C}_0 = \emptyset$ .

Proof. Proceed as in the proof of Proposition 4.2.  $\square$

For an integer  $n \geq 1$ , let  $b_n^\lambda = |\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]} \right)$ . Then  $b_1^\lambda = c$  and  $b_2^\lambda = c(c + 2b)$ .

**Theorem 5.9.** *The integer sequence  $\{b_n^\lambda = |\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))|\}_{n=1}^\infty$  satisfies a second-order recurrence relation*

$$b_n^\lambda = ((n-1)b + c)b_{n-1}^\lambda + ((n-2)b^2 + bc)b_{n-2}^\lambda; \quad n \geq 3$$

with initial conditions  $b_1^\lambda = c, b_2^\lambda = c(c + 2b)$ .

Proof. From Proposition 5.8,  $b_n^\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \left( \sum_{\tilde{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}, \cup \tilde{F} = [n]} \pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}) \right)$ , where summation is carried over  $(i-1)$ -dimensional faces  $\tilde{F} = (\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_i)$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  with  $\cup \tilde{F} = \tilde{C}_1 \cup \dots \cup \tilde{C}_i = [n]$  and  $\pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}) = \prod_{q=1}^i \left( \prod_{j \in \tilde{C}_q - \tilde{C}_{q-1}} \mu_{j, \tilde{C}_q}^{\mathbf{u}} \right)$ . For  $n \geq 3$ , we divide such faces  $\tilde{F}$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$  into three types as in the proof of Theorem 4.4.

Let  $\tilde{F}$  be an  $(i-1)$ -dimensional face of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_n)$ . If  $\tilde{F}$  is of *Type-I*, then there is a unique  $(i-2)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}'$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-1})$  with  $\cup \tilde{F}' = [n-1]$  and  $\pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}) = \lambda_1 \pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}')$ . If  $\tilde{F}$  is of *Type-II*, then there is a unique  $(i-2)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}''$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-2})$  with  $\cup \tilde{F}'' = [n-2]$  and  $\pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}) = (\lambda_2)^2 \pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}'')$ . Again, if  $\tilde{F}$  is of *Type-III*, then there is a unique  $(i-3)$ -dimensional face  $\tilde{F}'''$  of  $\Delta(\tilde{\Sigma}_{n-2})$  with  $\cup \tilde{F}''' = [n-2]$  and  $\pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}''')$ .

Now rearranging terms in  $b_n^\lambda$ , we get

$$b_n^\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \left[ \sum_{\tilde{F} \text{ Type-I}} + \sum_{\tilde{F} \text{ Type-II}} + \sum_{\tilde{F} \text{ Type-III}} \right] \pi^{\mathbf{u}}(\tilde{F}).$$

As  $n-i = (n-1) - (i-1) = (n-2) - (i-1) + 1 = (n-2) - (i-2)$ , we clearly have  $b_n^\lambda = \lambda_1 b_{n-1}^\lambda + [-(\lambda_2)^2 + \lambda_1 \lambda_2] b_{n-2}^\lambda$ .  $\square$

Let  $\lambda = \lambda(c, b)$  and let  $[\tilde{m}_{ij}^\lambda]_{n \times n}$  be a tridiagonal matrix such that

$$\tilde{m}_{ij}^\lambda = \begin{cases} c + (i-1)b & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } i = j + 1, \\ -b & \text{if } j = i + 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } |i - j| \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 5.10.**

$$|\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))| = \dim_k \left( \frac{R}{I_T(\mathbf{u})[\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{c} - 1]} \right) = \det([\tilde{m}_{ij}^\lambda]_{n \times n}).$$

Proof. Since integer sequences  $\{b_n^\lambda = |\tilde{\Lambda}_n^{\text{Cat}}(\lambda(c, b))|\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{\det([\tilde{m}_{ij}^\lambda]_{n \times n})\}_{n=1}^\infty$  satisfy the same second-order recurrence relation with the same initial conditions, they must be identical.  $\square$

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