

# On $Q$ -deformations of Postnikov-Shapiro algebras

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**Abstract.** For any given loopless graph  $G$ , we introduce  $Q$  - deformations of its Postnikov-Shapiro algebras counting spanning trees and forests. We determine the total dimension of the algebras; our proof also gives a new proof of the formula for the total dimensions of the usual Postnikov-Shapiro algebras.

**Résumé.** Pour tout graphe sans boucles  $G$ , nous introduisons  $Q$  - déformations de ses algèbres de Postnikov-Shapiro comptant les arbres et les forêts. Nous déterminons la dimension totale des algèbres; notre preuve donne aussi une nouvelle preuve des dimensions des algèbres usuelles de Postnikov-Shapiro.

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## 1 Introduction and main results

The Postnikov-Shapiro algebras (PS-algebras for short) have been introduced and studied in [10]. There are a few generalizations of those algebras: in [1] and [5], under the name *zonotopal algebras*, a generalization of PS-algebras algebra was introduced for (real) arrangements. In fact, this topic has its origin in earlier papers [12] and [11], which were motivated by the following problem posed by V. Arnold in [2]:

Describe algebra  $\mathcal{C}_n$  generated by the curvature forms of tautological Hermitian linear bundles over the type  $A$  complete flag variety  $\mathcal{F}l_n$ .

Surprisingly enough, it was observed and conjectured in [12], that  $\dim_Q \mathcal{C}_n = \mathcal{F}_n$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_n$  denotes the number of spanning forests of the complete graph  $K_n$  on  $n$  labeled vertices. This conjecture has been proved in [11], and became a starting point for a wide variety of generalizations, including discovery of PS-algebras.

The PS-algebras have a number of interesting properties, including an explicit formula for their Hilbert polynomials. Also these algebras are related to Orlik-Terao algebras [9], for more details, see for example [3].

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In our paper we will use the following basic notation:

**Notation 1.** We fix a field of zero characteristic  $\mathcal{K}$  (for example  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

We will work only with graphs without loops, but possibly with multiple edges. We denote by  $E(G)$  and  $V(G)$  the set of edges and vertices of  $G$  respectively. The cardinalities of  $E(G)$  and  $V(G)$  are denoted by  $e(G)$  and  $v(G)$  respectively. The number of connected components of  $G$  is denoted by  $c(G)$ .

We denote the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, (a-1), a\}$  by  $[a]$ .

The following algebra  $\mathcal{C}_G$  (counting spanning forests) associated to an arbitrary vertex-labeled graph  $G$  was introduced in [10]. Let  $G$  be a graph without loops on the vertex set  $[n]$ . Let  $\Phi_G$  be the graded commutative algebra over  $\mathcal{K}$  generated by the variables  $\phi_e, e \in G$ , with the defining relations:

$$(\phi_e)^2 = 0, \quad \text{for every edge } e \in G.$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}_G$  be the subalgebra of  $\Phi_G$  generated by the elements

$$X_i = \sum_{e \in G} c_{i,e} \phi_e$$

for  $i \in [n]$ , where

$$c_{i,e} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e = (i, j), i < j; \\ -1 & \text{if } e = (i, j), i > j; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Observe that we assume that  $\mathcal{C}_G$  contains 1.

Let us describe all relations between  $X_i$ . Namely given a graph  $G$ , consider the ideal  $J_G$  in the ring  $\mathcal{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  generated by

$$p_I = \left( \sum_{i \in I} x_i \right)^{d_I+1},$$

where  $I$  ranges over all nonempty subsets of vertices, and  $d_I$  is the total number of edges between vertices in  $I$  and vertices outside  $I$ , i.e., belonging to  $V(G) \setminus I$ . Define the algebra  $\mathcal{B}_G$  as the quotient  $\mathcal{K}[x_1, \dots, x_n]/J_G$ .

**Theorem 1** (cf. [10]). *For any graph  $G$ , the algebras  $\mathcal{B}_G$  and  $\mathcal{C}_G$  are isomorphic, their total dimension over  $\mathcal{K}$  is equal to the number of spanning forests in  $G$ .*

*Moreover, the dimension of the  $k$ -th graded component of these algebras equals the number of spanning forests  $F$  of  $G$  with external activity  $e(G) - e(F) - k$ .*

In particular, the second part of **Theorem 1** implies that the Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathcal{C}_G$  is a specialization of the Tutte polynomial of  $G$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Given a graph  $G$ , the Hilbert polynomial  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}_G}(t)$  of the algebra  $\mathcal{C}_G$  is given by*

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}_G}(t) = T_G \left( 1 + t, \frac{1}{t} \right) \cdot t^{e(G) - v(G) + c(G)}.$$

In the recent paper [7] the second author found the following important property of these algebras.

**Theorem 2** (cf. [7]). *Given two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , the algebras  $\mathcal{C}_{G_1}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{G_2}$  are isomorphic if and only if the graphical matroids of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  coincide. (The isomorphism can be thought of as either graded or non-graded, the statement holds in both cases.)*

Furthermore, the paper [8] contains a "K-theoretic" filtered structure of these algebras, which distinguishes graphs (see definition inside there).

The main object of study of the present paper is a family of  $Q$ -deformations of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  which we define as follows. For a graph  $G$  and a set of parameters  $Q = \{q_e \in \mathcal{K} : e \in E(G)\}$ , define  $\Phi_{G,Q}$  as the commutative algebra generated by the variables  $\{u_e : e \in E(G)\}$  satisfying

$$u_e^2 = q_e u_e, \text{ for every edge } e \in G.$$

Let  $V(G) = [n]$  be the vertex set of a graph  $G$ . Define the  $Q$ -deformation  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  of  $\mathcal{C}_G$  as the filtered subalgebra of  $\Phi_{G,Q}$  generated by the elements:

$$X_i = \sum_{e: i \in e} c_{i,e} u_e, \quad i \in [n],$$

where  $c_{i,e}$  are the same as in (1.1). The filtered structure on  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  is induced by the elements  $X_i$ ,  $i \in [n]$ . More concretely, the filtered structure is an increasing sequence

$$\mathcal{K} = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \dots \subset F_m = \Psi_{G,Q}$$

of subspaces of  $\Psi_{G,Q}$ , where  $F_k$  is the linear span of all monomials  $X_1^{\alpha_1} X_2^{\alpha_2} \dots X_n^{\alpha_n}$  such that  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \leq k$ . Note that algebra  $\Phi_{G,Q}$  has a finite dimension, then  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  has a finite dimension, which gives that the increasing sequence of subspaces is finite. The Hilbert polynomial of a filtered algebra is the Hilbert polynomial of the associated graded algebra, it has the following formula

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^m (\dim(F_i) - \dim(F_{i-1})) t^i.$$

In the case when all parameters coincide, i.e.,  $q_e = q$ ,  $\forall e \in G$ , we denote the corresponding algebras by  $\Psi_{G,q}$  and  $\Phi_{G,q}$  respectively. We refer to  $\Psi_{G,q}$  as the *Hecke deformation* of  $\mathcal{C}_G$ .

**Remark 1.** (i) By definition, the algebra  $\Psi_{G,0}$  coincides with  $C_G$ .

(ii) If we change the signs of  $q_e$ ,  $e \in E'$  for some subset  $E' \subseteq E$  of edges, we obtain an isomorphic algebra.

(iii) It is possible to write relations such as  $u_e^2 = \beta_e$  or  $u_e^2 = q_e u_e + \beta_e$  where  $\beta_e \in \mathcal{K}$ . But in the case of algebras counting spanning trees we need relations without constant terms, see [Section 5](#).

**Example 1.** (i) Let  $G$  be a graph with two vertices, a pair of (multiple) edges  $a, b$ . Consider the Hecke deformation of its  $C_G$ , i.e., satisfying  $q_a = q_b = q$ .

The generators are  $X_1 = a + b$ ,  $X_2 = -(a + b) = -X_1$ . One can easily check that the filtered structure is given by

$$F_0 = \langle 1 \rangle; \quad F_1 = \langle 1, a + b \rangle; \quad F_2 = \langle 1, a + b, ab \rangle.$$

The Hilbert polynomial  $\mathcal{H}(t)$  of  $\Psi_{G,q}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = 1 + t + t^2.$$

The defining relation for  $X_1$  is given by

$$X_1(X_1 - q)(X_1 - 2q) = 0.$$

(ii) For the same graph as before, consider the case when  $Q = \{q_a, q_b\}$ ,  $q_a^2 \neq q_b^2$ .

The generators are the same:  $X_1 = a + b$ ,  $X_2 = -(a + b) = -X_1$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} X_1^3 &= q_a^2 a + q_b^2 b + 3(q_a + q_b)ab = \frac{3(q_a + q_b)}{2} X_1^2 - \frac{q_a^2 + 3q_b^2}{2} a - \frac{3q_a^2 + q_b^2}{2} b \\ &= \frac{3(q_a + q_b)}{2} X_1^2 - \frac{3q_a^2 + q_b^2}{2} X_1 + (q_a^2 - q_b^2)a, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$F_0 = \langle 1 \rangle; \quad F_1 = \langle 1, a + b \rangle; \quad F_2 = \langle 1, a + b, q_a a + q_b b + 2ab \rangle; \quad F_3 = \langle 1, a, b, ab \rangle.$$

The Hilbert polynomial  $\mathcal{H}(t)$  of  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3.$$

Observe that in this case the algebra  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  coincides with the whole  $\Phi_{G,Q}$  as a linear space, but has a different filtration. The defining relation for  $X_1$  is given by

$$X_1(X_1 - q_a)(X_1 - q_b)(X_1 - q_a - q_b) = 0.$$

The first result of the present paper is about Hecke deformations.

**Theorem 3.** For any loopless graph  $G$ , filtrations of its Hecke deformation  $\Psi_{G,q}$  induced by  $X_i$  and induced by the algebra  $\Phi_{G,q}$  coincide. Furthermore, the Hilbert polynomial  $\mathcal{H}_{\Psi_{G,q}}(t)$  of this filtration is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Psi_{G,q}}(t) = T_G \left( 1 + t, \frac{1}{t} \right) \cdot t^{e(G) - v(G) + c(G)},$$

i.e., it coincides with that of  $\mathcal{C}_G$ .

The latter result implies that cases when not all  $q_e$  are equal are more interesting than the case of the Hecke deformation. We will work with weighted graphs, i.e. when each edge  $e$  has non-zero  $q_e \in \mathcal{K}$ , and will simply denote the algebra for a weighted graph  $G$  by  $\Psi_G$ .

**Definition 2.** For a loopless weighted graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices and an orientation  $\vec{G}$ , define the score vector  $D_{\vec{G}}^+ \in \mathcal{K}^n$  as follows

$$\left( \sum_{\substack{e \in \vec{E}: \\ \text{end}(\vec{e})=1}} q_e, \sum_{\substack{e \in \vec{E}: \\ \text{end}(\vec{e})=2}} q_e, \dots, \sum_{\substack{e \in \vec{E}: \\ \text{end}(\vec{e})=n}} q_e \right),$$

where  $\text{end}(\vec{e})$  is the final vertex of oriented edge  $\vec{e}$ .

**Theorem 4.** For any loopless weighted graph  $G$ , the dimension of the algebra  $\Psi_G$  is equal to the number of distinct score vectors, i.e.

$$\dim(\Psi_G) = \#\{D \in \mathcal{K}^n : \exists \vec{G} \text{ such that } D = D_{\vec{G}}^+\}.$$

As a consequence of **Theorems 3** and **4**, we obtain the following known property. (See bijective proofs in [6] and [4].)

**Corollary 2.** For any graph  $G$ , the number of its spanning forests is equal to the number of distinct vectors of incoming degrees corresponding to its orientations.

Our proof of **Theorem 4** is very simple and it gives a new proof about total dimension of an original algebra. Unfortunately, our proof works only for weighted graphs (nonzero parameters). A zero parameter does not play role in score vectors, so we do not even have a conjecture.

**Problem 1.** What is the dimension of  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  in the case when some of  $q_e$  are non-zero and few are zero?

The structure of the paper is as follows. In **Section 2** we prove **Theorem 3** and discuss Hecke deformations. In **Section 3** we describe the basis of  $Q$ -deformations and present a proof of **Theorem 4**. In **Section 4** we consider "generic" cases and provide examples of Hilbert polynomials. In **Section 5** we present  $Q$ -deformations of the Postnikov-Shapiro algebra which counts spanning trees instead of spanning forests.

## 2 Hecke deformations

*Sketch of proof of Theorem 3.* To settle this theorem, we need to show that if an element  $y \in \Psi_{G,Q}$  has degree  $d$ , then it has the same degree in  $\Phi_{G,Q}$ .

Assume the opposite; then there exists an element  $y = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , where  $f$  is a polynomial of degree  $d$ , but  $y$  has degree less than  $d$  in its representation in terms of the edges  $u_e, e \in G$ .

Rewrite  $f$  as  $f = f_d + f_{<d}$ , where  $f_d$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d$  and  $\deg f_{<d} < d$ .

Let  $\widehat{X}_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_n$  be the elements in the algebra  $\mathcal{C}_G = \Psi_{G,0}$  corresponding to the vertices. We conclude that  $f_d(\widehat{X}_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_n)$  should vanish. Indeed, otherwise  $\deg f_d(X_1, \dots, X_n) = d$  in  $\Phi_{G,Q}$  and  $\deg f_{<d}(X_1, \dots, X_n) < d$  which implies that  $\deg f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = d$  in  $\Phi_{G,Q}$ .

By Theorem 1, we know all the relations between  $\{\widehat{X}_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_n\}$ . Namely, they are of the form  $(\sum_{i \in I} \widehat{X}_i)^{d_I+1}$ , where  $I$  is an arbitrary subset of vertices and  $d_I$  is the number of edges between  $I$  and its complement  $V(G) \setminus I$ .

Using this, we obtain

$$f_d(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\substack{I \subseteq V(G): \\ d_I \leq d-1}} r_I(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot \left( \sum_{i \in I} x_i \right)^{d_I+1},$$

where  $r_I$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d - d_I - 1$ . However, it is possible to rewrite  $(\sum_{i \in I} X_i)^{d_I+1}$  as an element of a smaller degree in terms of  $\{X_i, i \in I\}$ . Hence, there is polynomial  $g$  of degree less than  $d$  such that  $y = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .

The second part follows from the first one. It is enough to consider graded lexicographic orders of monomials in  $\{u_e, e \in G\}$  and  $\{\phi_e, e \in G\}$ . For these orders, we have a natural bijection between the Gröbner bases of  $\Psi_{G,q}$  and of  $\mathcal{C}_G$ . Hence, their Hilbert polynomials coincide.  $\square$

Corollary 2 shows that the dimension of a Hecke deformation is equal to the number of lattice points of the zonotope  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , which is the Minkowski sum of edges, i.e,

$$Z_G := \bigoplus_{e \in G} I_e,$$

where, for edge  $e = (i, j)$ ,  $I_e$  is the segment between points  $(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{i-1}, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{j-1}, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . In [5] Holtz and Ron defined the zonotopal algebra for any lattice

zonotope, whose dimension is equal to the number of lattice points. By their definition PS-algebra  $\mathcal{B}_G$  is the zonotopal algebra corresponding to  $Z_G$ . We think that Hecke deformations should be extended on a case of zonotopal algebras.

**Problem 2.** Define Hecke deformations of zonotopal algebras.

Since there is no definition of zonotopal algebras in terms of square-free algebras, we should work with quotient algebras. In the case of Hecke deformations of PS-algebras [Proposition 9](#) from [Section 3](#) gives all defining relations between elements  $X_i$ ,  $i \in [n]$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $q \in \mathcal{K}$  ( $q_e = q$ ,  $\forall e \in G$ ). Then all defining relations between  $X_i$ ,  $i \in [n]$  are given by

$$\prod_{k=-\vec{d}_I}^{\vec{d}_I} \left( \sum_{i \in I} X_i - qk \right) = 0,$$

where  $I$  is any subset of vertices and  $\vec{d}_I$  (respectively  $\tilde{d}_I$ ) is the number of edges  $e = (i, j) \in G$  :  $i \in I$ ,  $j \notin I$  and  $i > j$  (respectively  $i < j$ ).

### 3 Basis of $Q$ -deformations

For the next proofs, we need to describe a basis of the algebra  $\Phi_G$ . For a subset  $E'$  of the edges, we define

$$\alpha_{E'} = \prod_{e \in E'} \frac{u_e}{q_e}.$$

Since  $q_e \neq 0$  this basis is well defined. For an element  $z = \sum_{E'} z_{E'} \alpha_{E'} \in \Phi_G$ , we define the vector  $\tilde{z} = [\tilde{z}_{E'}]_{E' \subseteq E} \in \mathcal{K}^{2^{e(G)}}$ , where

$$\tilde{z}_{E'} = \sum_{E'' \subseteq E'} z_{E''}.$$

It is clear that from this vector we can reconstruct  $z$ , also it is easy to describe the product on these coordinates. Furthermore the unit element  $I$  is given by  $I := \tilde{1} = [1]_{E' \subseteq E}$ .

**Lemma 6.** Elements corresponding to  $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$  form a linear basis of  $\Phi_G$ . This basis has the following property: let  $y, z \in \Phi_G$ , be elements of the algebra, then the sum of elements is the sum by coordinates

$$\widetilde{(y + z)} = \tilde{y} + \tilde{z},$$

and the product is the Hadamard product of coordinates

$$\widetilde{(yz)} = \tilde{y} \circ \tilde{z}.$$

Consider the following bijection between subsets of  $E(G)$  and orientations of  $G$ . For the subset  $E' \subseteq E$  we define the following orientation: if  $e \in E'$ , then the orientation is from the biggest end to the smallest, otherwise the orientation is the opposite.

**Lemma 7.** *The element  $X_i$  in coordinates is given by*

$$\tilde{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} D_{\vec{G}}^+(i) \end{bmatrix}_{\vec{G}} - \left( \sum_{\substack{e \in E: \\ c_{i,e} = -1}} q_e \right) \cdot I,$$

where  $D_{\vec{G}}^+(i)$  is  $i$ -th coordinate of a score vector  $D_{\vec{G}}^+$ .

We use in the proof of **Theorem 4** the following elements

$$\tilde{A}_i := \begin{bmatrix} D_{\vec{G}}^+(i) \end{bmatrix}_{\vec{G}}.$$

We need another technical lemma.

**Lemma 8.** *For an element  $R \in \Phi_G$ , the dimension of the space generated by  $R$  (i.e.,  $\text{span}\langle 1, R, R^2, \dots \rangle$ ) is equal to the number of different coordinates of the vector  $\tilde{R}$ .*

Now we can prove **Theorem 4**.

*Proof of Theorem 4.* By **Lemma 7** we can change the set of generators  $X_i$ ,  $i \in V(G)$  to the set  $A_i$ ,  $i \in V(G)$ . If two orientations have the same score vector, then the corresponding coordinates in  $\mathcal{I}$  and in  $\tilde{A}_i$ ,  $i \in V(G)$  coincide. Using **Lemma 6**, we get that they coincide for any element from algebra  $\Psi_G$ , hence,

$$\dim(\Psi_G) \leq \#\{D \in \mathcal{K}^n : \exists \vec{G} \text{ such that } D = D_{\vec{G}}^+\}.$$

For the converse, we consider an element

$$R = r_0 + r_1 A_1 + \dots + r_n A_n,$$

where  $r_i \in \mathbb{Q}$  and are generic.

The coordinates  $\tilde{R}$  are non-zero and, for two orientations, they coincide if and only if their score vectors coincide. Then, by **Lemma 8** the dimension of the subalgebra generated by  $R$  is equal to number of different score vectors. Since  $R$  belongs to  $\Psi_G$ , we obtain

$$\dim(\Psi_G) \geq \#\{D \in \mathcal{K}^n : \exists \vec{G} \text{ such that } D = D_{\vec{G}}^+\},$$

which with the upper bound gives equality.  $\square$

Using **Lemma 8** we can calculate the minimal annihilating polynomial for any linear combination of vertices.



**Proposition 9.** *Given a weighted graph  $G$ , for an element  $X \cdot t = X_1 t_1 + \dots + X_n t_n$ ,  $t \in \mathcal{K}^n$  the minimal annihilating polynomial of it is given by*

$$\prod_{s \in \mathcal{D}_I} (X \cdot t - s + z) = 0,$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}_I = \{D_{\vec{G}}^+ \cdot t : \vec{G}\} \quad \text{and} \quad z = \sum_{\substack{i, e: \\ c_{i,e} = -1}} q_e t_i.$$

In the case of Hecke deformations it gives all defining relations between  $X_i$ ,  $i \in V(G)$ , see [Theorem 5](#).

**Problem 3.** *Find all relations between  $X_i$ ,  $i \in V(G)$ . In other words, define  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  as a quotient algebra of the polynomial ring.*

## 4 Case $E = E_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup E_k$ and generic $q_1, \dots, q_k \in \mathcal{K}$

We cannot describe the Hilbert polynomial of  $\Psi_{G,Q}$ . We suggest to start from the following type of algebras: when different parameters are in a generic position. In this case we know the total dimension in terms of forests.

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $G$  be a graph, given a partition  $E = E_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup E_k$  of edges and generic  $q_1, \dots, q_k \in \mathcal{K}$  ( $q_e = q_i$ , for  $e \in E_i$ ). Then the dimension of the algebra  $\Psi_{G,Q}$  equals the number  $k$ -tuples of spanning forests such that  $F_i \subseteq E_i$ . In other words,*

$$\dim(\Psi_{G,Q}) = \prod_{i=1}^k \#\{F \subseteq E_i \mid F \text{ is a forest}\}.$$

**Problem 4.** *What is the Hilbert polynomial  $HS_{\Psi_{G,Q}}$  in the case  $E = E_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup E_k$  and generic  $q_1, \dots, q_k \in \mathcal{K}$ ?*

*It seems that it is impossible to reconstruct the Hilbert polynomial from the Tutte polynomial. For example, let  $G$  be the graph on two vertices with  $k$  multiple edges, then its Tutte polynomial is given by*

$$T_G(x, y) = x + y + \dots + y^{k-1},$$

and the Hilbert polynomial, when each edge has a self generic parameter is

$$HS_{\Psi_{G,Q}} = 1 + t + \dots + t^{2^k - 1}.$$

*In each case it is not a specialization of the Tutte polynomial.*

Here we present the Hilbert polynomial of algebras for complete graphs. Our tables correspond to algebras (1) with the same parameter; (2) with the same parameters except for one edge and (3) where all parameters are generic. By [Theorem 10](#) we know their total dimensions, in the first case we also know the Hilbert polynomial.

#### 4.1 Hilbert polynomials of $\mathcal{C}_{K_n}$ and $\Psi_{K_n,q}$

Graph \ $\mathcal{H}(t)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$K_2$	1	1									
$K_3$	1	2	3	1							
$K_4$	1	3	6	10	11	6	1				
$K_5$	1	4	10	20	35	51	64	60	35	10	1

#### 4.2 Hilbert polynomials of $\Psi_{K_n,Q}$ , when $E_1 = E(K_n) \setminus \{e\}$ and $E_2 = \{e\}$

Graph \ $\mathcal{H}(t)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$K_2$	1	1									
$K_3$	1	2	3	2							
$K_4$	1	3	6	10	13	11	4				
$K_5$	1	4	10	20	35	53	72	83	72	38	8

#### 4.3 Hilbert polynomials of $\Psi_{K_n,Q}$ , when $Q$ is generic

Graph \ $\mathcal{H}(t)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$K_2$	1	1										
$K_3$	1	2	3	2								
$K_4$	1	3	6	10	15	19	10					
$K_5$	1	4	10	20	35	56	84	120	165	220	217	92

Note that in the last case for  $K_5$ , the 11<sup>th</sup> graded component is not empty, because otherwise the total dimension would be at most  $1 + 4 + 10 + \dots + 220 + 286 = 1001$ , but by [Theorem 4](#) the total dimension is  $2^{\binom{5}{2}} = 1024$ .

## 5 Deformations of Postnikov-Shapiro algebras counting spanning trees

To construct algebras counting spanning trees of  $G$  we need to add to the algebra  $\Phi_{G,Q}$  several relations corresponding to cuts of  $G$ .

For a connected graph  $G$  with fixed vertex  $g \in V(G)$  and a set of parameters  $Q = \{q_e \in \mathcal{K} : e \in E(G)\}$ , define  $\Phi_{G,Q}^T$  as the commutative algebra generated by the variables  $\{u_e : e \in E(G)\}$  satisfying

$$u_e^2 = q_e u_e, \text{ for every edge } e \in G;$$

$$\prod_{\substack{e=(i,j) \\ c_{i,e}=1}} u_e \prod_{\substack{e=(i,j) \\ c_{i,e}=-1}} (u_e - q_e) = 0, \text{ for every subset } I \subseteq V(G) \setminus \{g\}.$$

Let  $V(G) = [n]$  be the vertex set of a graph  $G$ . Define the algebra  $\Psi_{G,Q}^T$  as a filtered subalgebra of  $\Phi_{G,Q}^T$  generated by the elements:

$$X_i = \sum_{e: i \in e} c_{i,e} u_e, \quad i \in [n],$$

where  $c_{i,e}$  are the same as in (1.1).

In the case when all parameters coincide, i.e.,  $q_e = q, \forall e \in G$ , we denote the corresponding algebras by  $\Psi_{G,q}^T$  and  $\Phi_{G,q}^T$  respectively. The algebra  $\Psi_{G,0}^T$  coincides with  $\mathcal{C}_G^T$ , the dimension of  $\mathcal{C}_G^T$  is equal to the number of spanning trees (see [10]). We refer to  $\Psi_{G,q}^T$  as the *Hecke deformation* of  $\mathcal{C}_G^T$ .

For these algebras, we have two similar theorems. The proof of [Theorem 11](#) is similar to [Theorem 3](#).

**Theorem 11.** *For any loopless connected graph  $G$ , the filtrations of its Hecke deformation  $\Psi_{G,q}^T$  induced by  $X_i$  and induced from the algebra  $\Phi_{G,q}^T$  coincide. Furthermore the Hilbert polynomial  $\mathcal{H}_{\Psi_{G,q}^T}(t)$  of this filtration is given by*

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Psi_{G,q}^T}(t) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}_G^T}(t) = T_G \left(1, \frac{1}{t}\right) \cdot t^{e(G) - v(G) + c(G)}.$$

**Definition 3.** *Orientation  $\vec{G}$  is called a  $g$ -connected orientation if for any vertex there is a path to  $g$ . The corresponding score vector  $D_{\vec{G}}^+$  is called a  $g$ -connected score vector.*

**Theorem 12.** *For any loopless weighted connected graph  $G$  with a root  $g$ , the dimension of the algebra  $\Psi_G^T$  is equal to the number of distinct  $g$ -connected score vectors.*

The proof of [Theorem 12](#) is more complicated than [Theorem 4](#), the key idea is that  $\Psi_G^T$  is a quotient algebra of  $\Psi_G$ .

Note that in [Theorem 12](#) (unlike [Theorem 4](#)) it is not true that if we change signs of some  $q_e$ , the dimension remains the same. Also we do not have combinatorial analogue of [Theorem 10](#).

**Problem 5.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph with a root  $g$ , given a partition  $E = E_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup E_k$  of edges and generic  $q_1, \dots, q_k \in \mathcal{K}$  ( $q_e = q_i$ , for  $e \in E_i$ ). Describe the dimension of the algebra  $\Psi_{G,Q}^T$  in terms of trees and forests.*

**Remark 2.** *We can construct  $Q$ -deformations of internal algebras (see definitions in [1] and [5]), although there is no definition of internal algebra in terms of edges. For this we should add relations also for subsets  $I \ni g$ . These algebras count strong-connected score vectors, see more details inside full version.*

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