

Freeness and flags of hyperplane arrangements

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Remark

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The case $m \equiv 1$ was due to A-Yoshinaga

The quantity $b_2(\mathcal{A}, m) - m(H)(|m| - m(H))$ corresponds to $b_2(d\mathcal{A})$ for a simple arrangement case.

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Purely algebraic multi-freeness is related to geometry of \mathcal{A} !

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