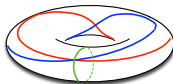


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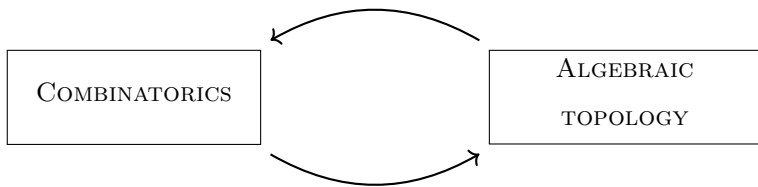


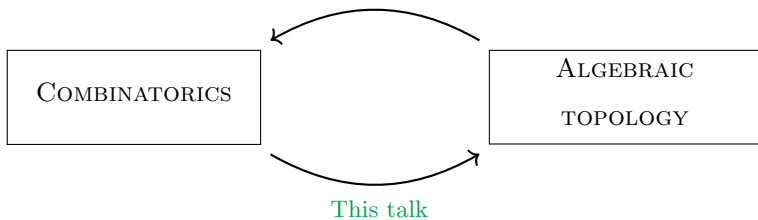
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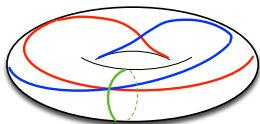
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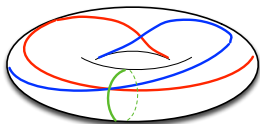
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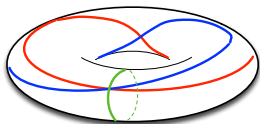
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Examples: normal crossing divisors (Deligne), arrangements of hypersurfaces (Dupont), configuration spaces (e.g., Totaro), affine subspace arrangements (e.g., Goresky-MacPherson, De Concini-Procesi), toric arrangements, arrangements of hyperplanes, etc.

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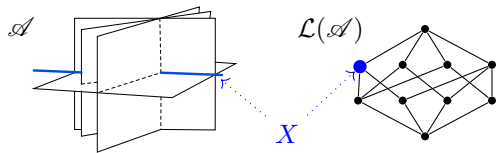
“Exhibit A”: Arrangements of (real) pseudospheres \leftrightarrow Oriented matroids.

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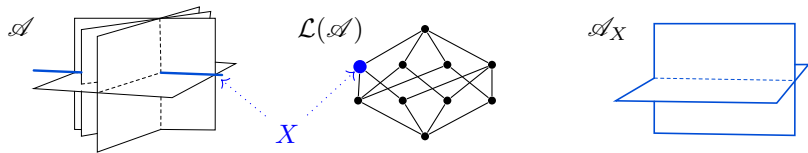
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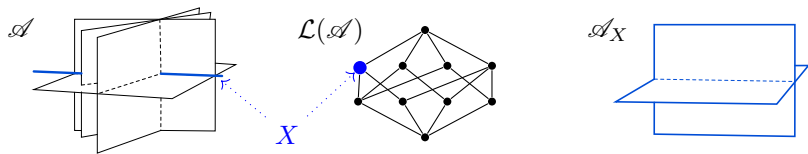


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Theorem (Brieskorn 1972). The inclusions $M(\mathcal{A}) \hookrightarrow M(\mathcal{A}_X)$ induce, for every k , an isomorphism of free abelian groups

$$b : \bigoplus_{\substack{X \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \\ \text{codim } X = k}} H^k(M(\mathcal{A}_X), \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^k(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{Z})$$

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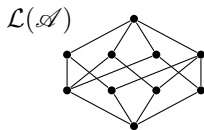
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This is fully determined by $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$.

For instance:

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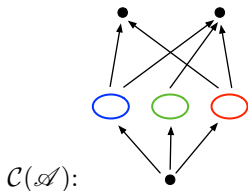
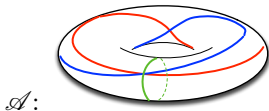


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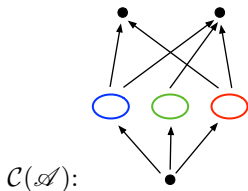
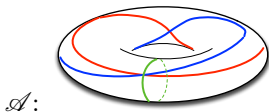
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[De Concini – Procesi '05] compute the cup product in $H^*(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{C})$ when the matrix $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ is totally unimodular.

[Moci – Settepanella, '11] Combinatorial models for “thick” arrangements.

[Bibby '14] \mathbb{Q} -cohomology algebra of unimodular abelian arrangements

[Dupont '14, '15] Algebraic model for \mathbb{C} -cohomology algebra of complements of hypersurface arrangements in manifolds with hyperplane-like crossings; formality (coming up!),

We strive for a (combinatorial) presentation of the integer cohomology ring.

TOOLS

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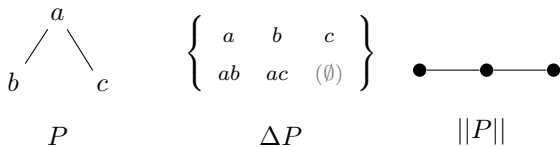
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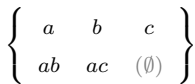
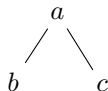
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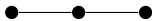
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- *Quillen-type theorems* relate properties of $\|F\|$ and F .

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FACE CATEGORIES

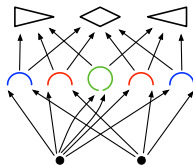
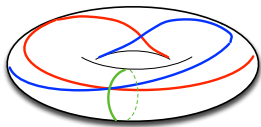
Let X be a polyhedral complex. The *face category* of X is $\mathcal{F}(X)$, with

- $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{F}(X)) = \{X_\alpha, \text{polyhedra of } X\}$.
- $\text{Mor}_{\mathcal{F}(X)}(X_\alpha, X_\beta) = \{\text{face maps } X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta\}$

Theorem. There is a homeomorphism $\|\mathcal{F}(X)\| \cong X$. [Kozlov / Tamaki]

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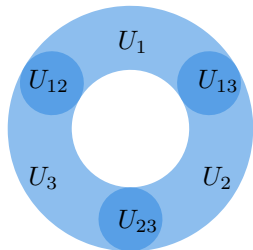


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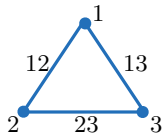
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Nerve of \mathcal{U} : the abstract simplicial complex $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{U}) = \{\emptyset \neq J \subseteq I \mid U_J \neq \emptyset\}$

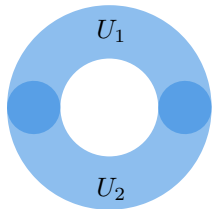
Theorem (Weil '51, Borsuk '48). If U_J is contractible for all $J \in \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{U})$,

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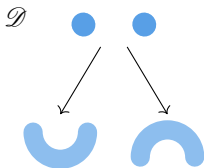
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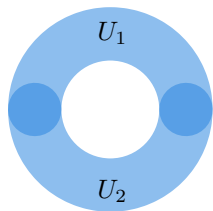


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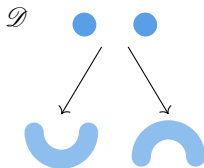
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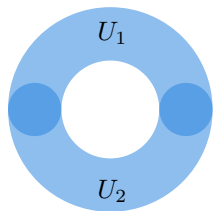
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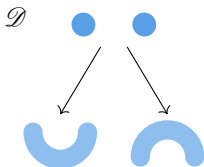
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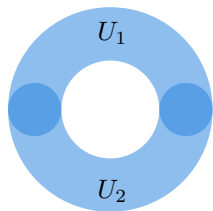
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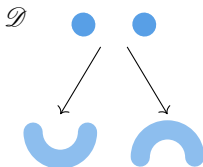
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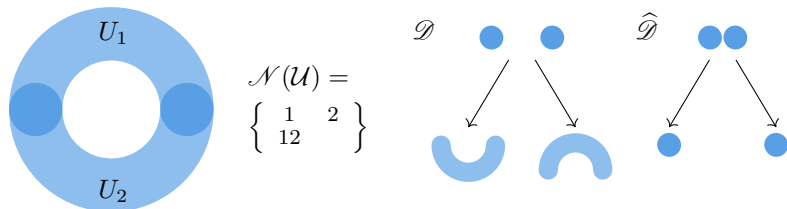
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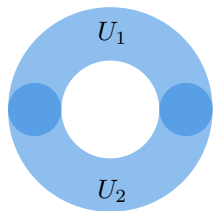
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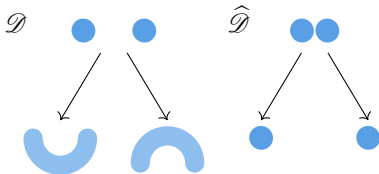
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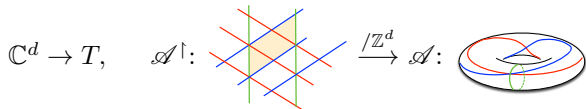
[Callegaro-D. '15] Let $X \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ with $\text{codim } X = k$.

There is a map of posets $\text{Sal}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Sal}(\mathcal{A}_X)$ that induces the Brieskorn inclusion $b_X : H^k(M(\mathcal{A}_X), \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H^k(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{Z})$.

SALVETTI CATEGORY

[d'Antonio-D., '11]

Any complexified toric arrangement \mathcal{A} lifts to a complexified arrangement of affine hyperplanes \mathcal{A}^\dagger under the universal cover



The group \mathbb{Z}^d acts on $\text{Sal}(\mathcal{A}^\dagger)$ and we can define the *Salvetti category* of \mathcal{A} :

$$\text{Sal}(\mathcal{A}) := \text{Sal}(\mathcal{A}^\dagger) / \mathbb{Z}^d$$

(quotient taken in the category of scwols).

Here the realization commutes with the quotient [Babson-Kozlov '07], thus

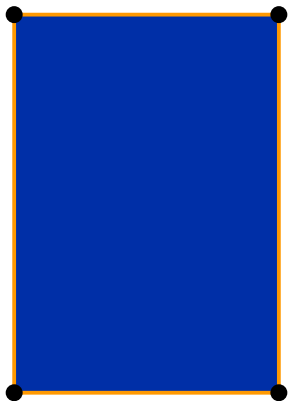
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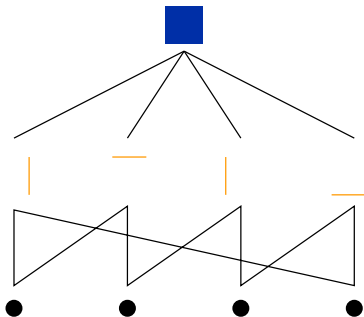
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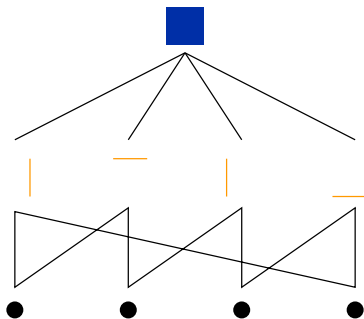
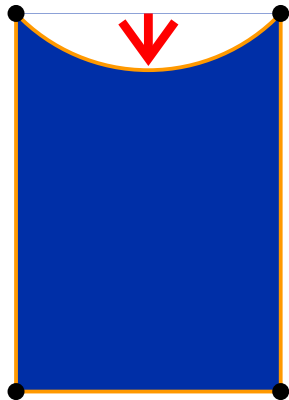


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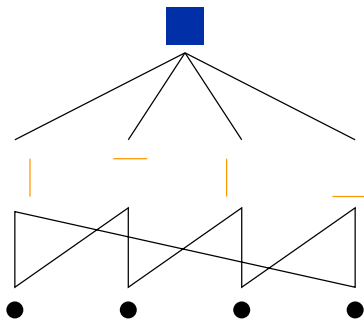
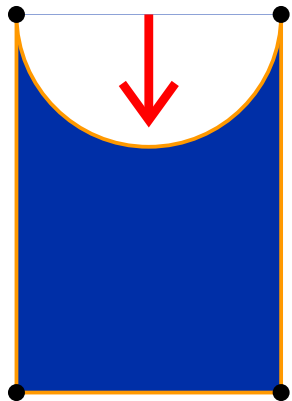
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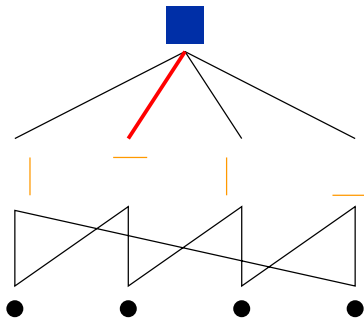
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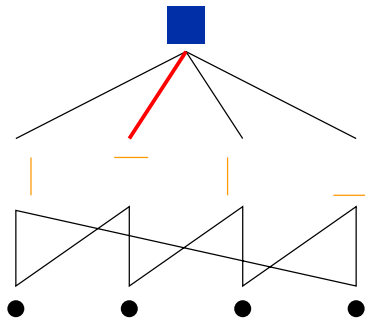
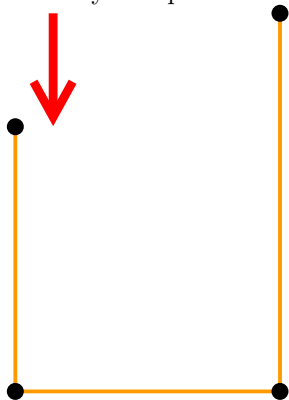
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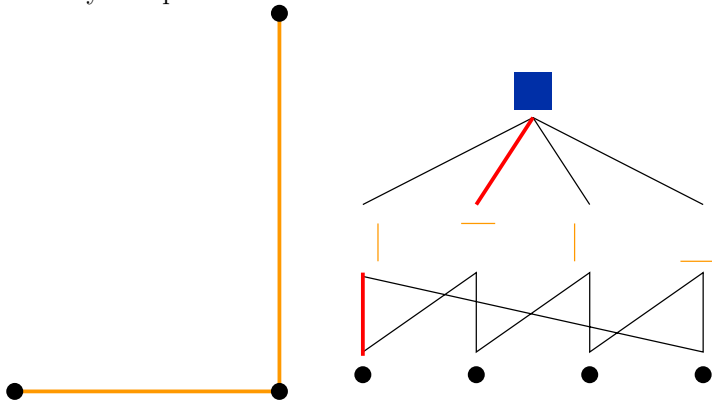
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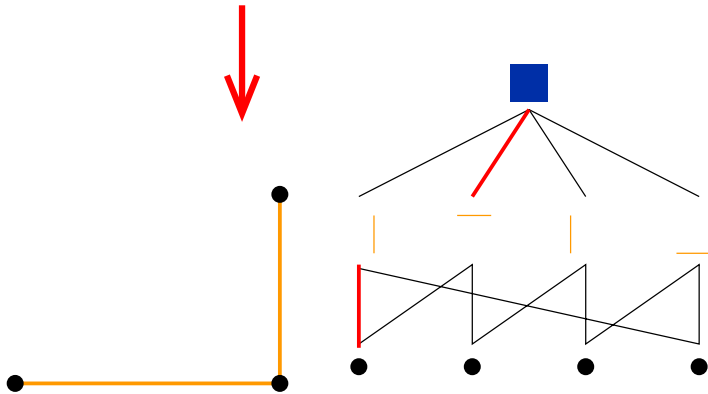
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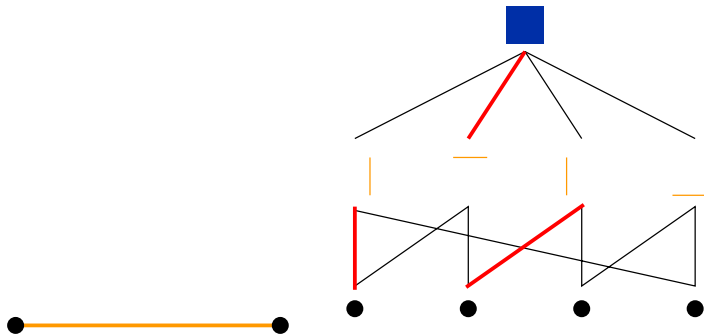
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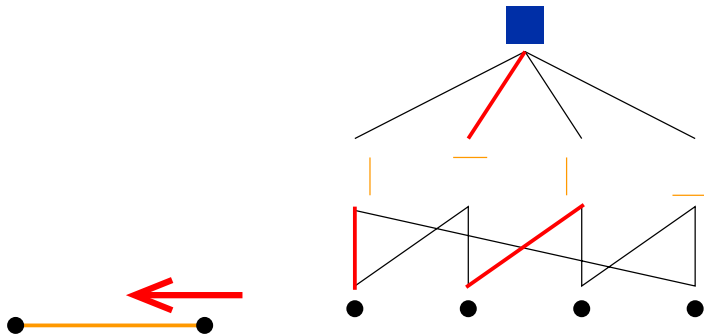
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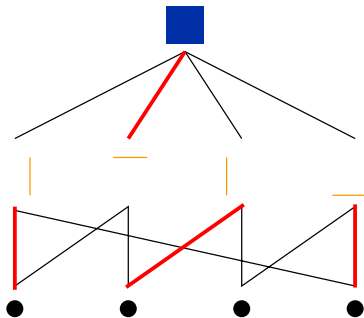
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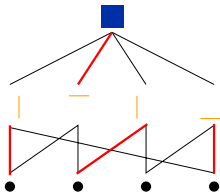


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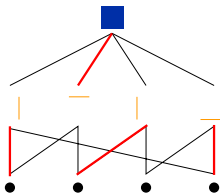


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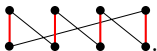
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Acyclic matchings \leftrightarrow discrete Morse functions.

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APPLICATION: MINIMALITY OF $\text{Sal}(\mathcal{A})$

Let \mathcal{A} be a complexified toric arrangement.

Theorem. [d'Antonio-D., '15] The space $M(\mathcal{A})$ is *minimal*.

In particular, its cohomology groups $H^k(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{Z})$ are torsion-free.

Here "minimal" means: has the homotopy type of a CW-complex with one cell for each generator in homology.

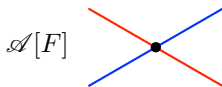
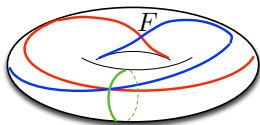
Proof. Construction of an acyclic matching of the Salvetti category with $\text{Poin}(M(\mathcal{A}), 1)$ critical cells.

(Uses: minimality of Salvetti complexes of abstract oriented matroids [D.'08])

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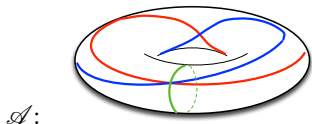
Call ${}_{\mathcal{D}}E_*^{p,q}$ the associated cohomology spectral sequence [Segal '68].

(equivalent to the Leray Spectral sequence of the canonical proj to $\|\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A})\|$)

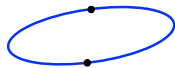
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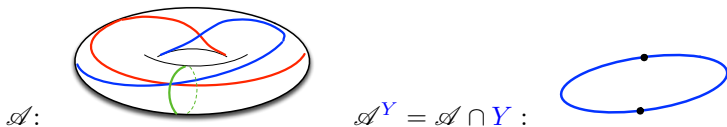


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and we call ${}_Y E_*^{p,q}$ the Leray spectral sequence induced by the canonical projection

$$\pi_Y : \Sigma_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}^Y).$$

SPECTRAL SEQUENCES

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induces a morphism of spectral sequences ${}_{\mathcal{D}}E_*^{p,q} \rightarrow {}_Y E_*^{p,q}$.

Next, we examine the morphism of spectral sequences associated to the corresponding map from $\bigoplus_{Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})} \|\Sigma_Y\|$ to $\|\text{Sal}(\mathcal{A})\|$.

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More succinctly, define an ‘abstract’ algebra as the direct sum

$$\bigoplus_{Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})} H^*(Y, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^{\text{codim } Y}(M(\mathcal{A}[Y]), \mathbb{Z})$$

with multiplication of α, α' in the Y , resp. Y' component, as

$$(\alpha * \alpha')_{Y''} := \begin{cases} f_{Y \supseteq Y''}(\alpha) \smile f_{Y' \supseteq Y''}(\alpha') & \text{if } Y \cap Y' \supseteq Y'' \text{ and} \\ & \text{rk } Y'' = \text{rk } Y + \text{rk } Y', \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Question: is this completely determined by $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$?

Partial answer: yes, if “ \mathcal{A} has a unimodular basis”.

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