# Generalizations of Kazhdan-Lusztig R-polynomials

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## Applications of R-Polynomials

#### **Applications**

R-polynomials arise in various areas of mathematics:

- Combinatorics:
  - Study of Bruhat order properties.
  - Kazhdan-Luzstig-Stanley-Theory for Matroids.
- Representation Theory:
  - Computing Kazhdan-Luzstig Basis.
  - Counting the multiplicity of certain morphisms in the Category of Soergel Bimodules.
- Algebraic Geometry:
  - Schubert calculus.
  - Study of flag varieties.

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#### Bruhat Order

Let  $x, y \in W$  and fix a reduced word  $\underline{y}$  for y. We define a partial order by :  $x \leq y$  if x has an expression that is a subexpression of  $\underline{y}$ .

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- $ightharpoonup \tilde{R}_{x,v}(v)$  is a polynomial in v with non-negative integer coefficients.
- ▶ The degree of  $\tilde{R}_{x,v}(v)$  is  $\ell(y) \ell(x)$ .
- $\blacktriangleright \text{ We have } \sum_{x \leq z \leq y} \tilde{R}_{x,z}(v)(-1)^{\ell(x)+\ell(z)} \tilde{R}_{z,y}(v) = \delta_{x,y}.$



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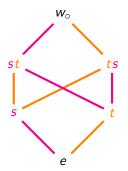
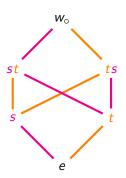


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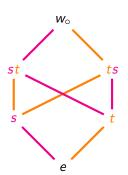
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- ▶ This condition ensures that  $\kappa * f = \hat{f}$  for some functions in I(P, K[v]).



- ▶ Let  $I = I(S_3, \mathbb{Z}[v])$ . We have  $\delta_{x,y} \in I$ .
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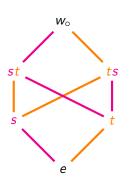
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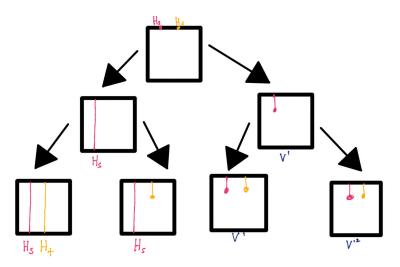
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- ightharpoonup Want to modify  $ilde{R}$  or the hat map to respect the substitution.

## R-Polynomials and Soergel Bimodules



Let each dot represent a factor of v' in the Product  $(H_s + v')(H_t + v')$  we obtain the various  $\tilde{R}_{x,st}$  for  $x \leq y$ .

## R-Polynomials and Varities

- Related to Richardson Varities.
- ▶ Richardson Varities are indexed by a pair  $x, y \in W$ , such that  $x \leq y$ .
- ▶ These have dimension  $\ell(y) \ell(x)$ .

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