

# LECTURE 27 FRI 11/8

Last lecture proved

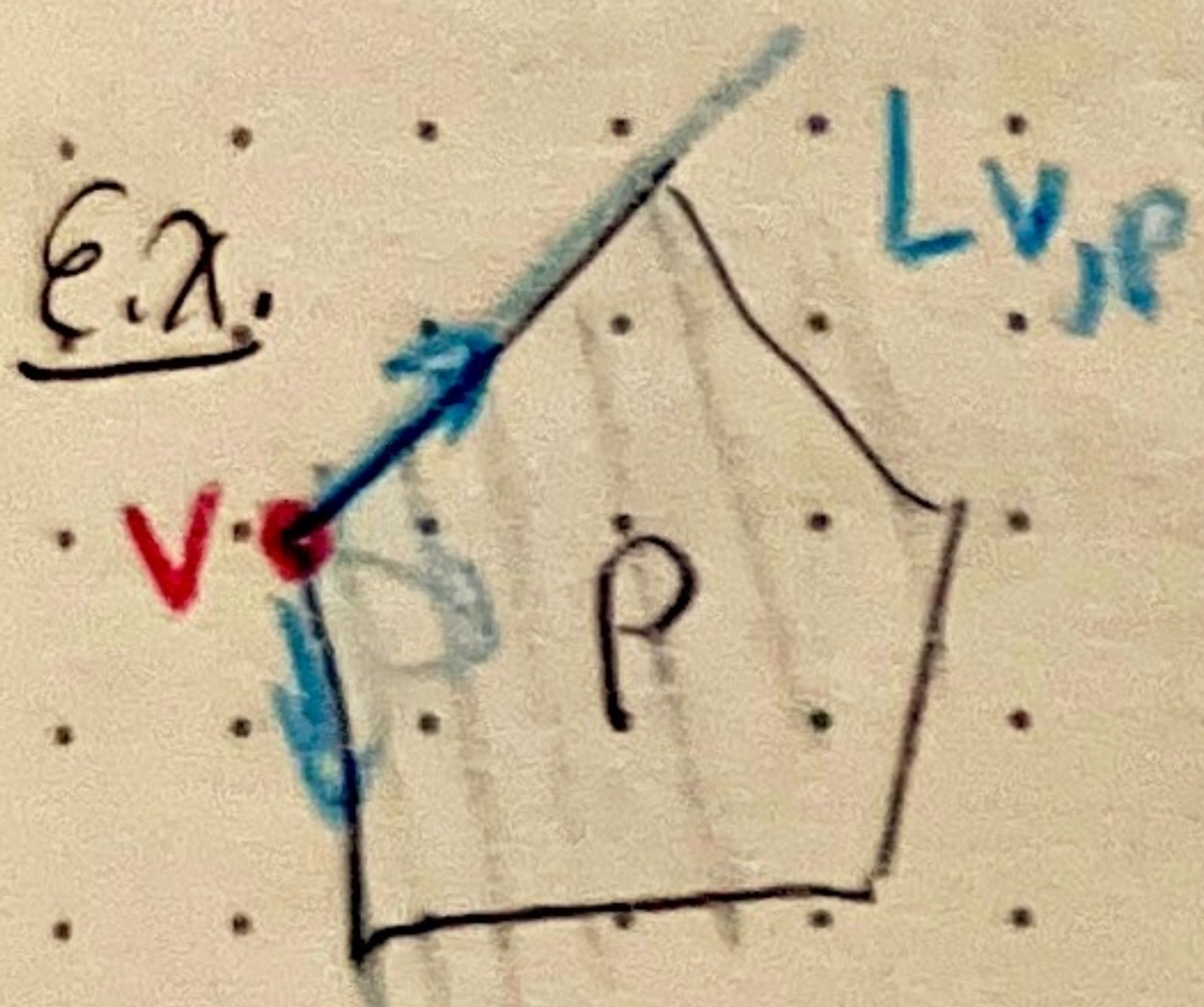
Thm 2:  $[P] \equiv \sum_{v \text{ vertex of } P} [L_{v,P}] \pmod{\text{ruled polyhedra}}$

Today we'll make this proof clearer

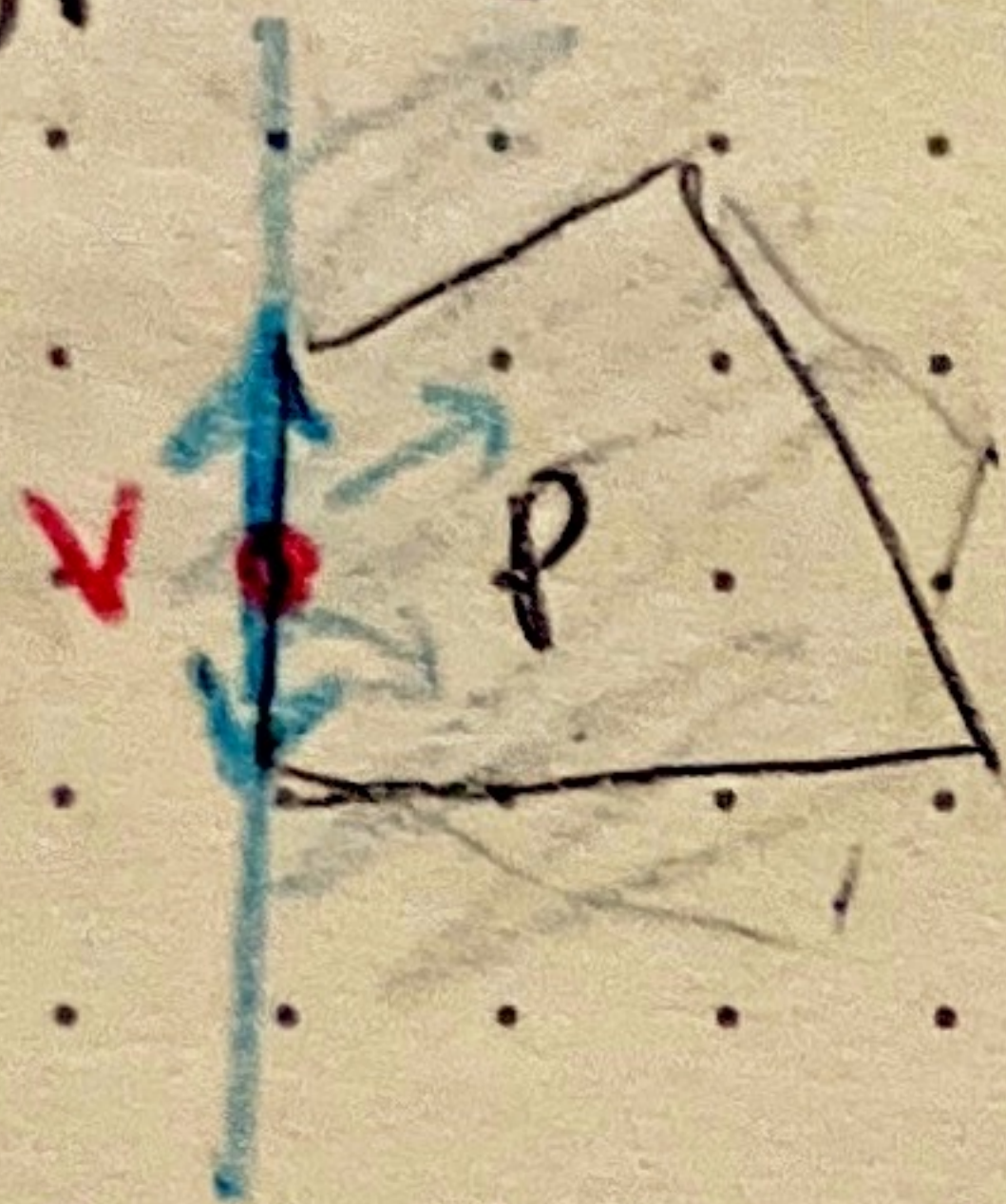
Let  $A_{\mathbb{R}}$  be the space of functions  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  spanned by characteristic function  $[P]$  of arbitrary polyhedra  $[P]$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
(does not need to be rational)

For any polyhedron  $P$  and any pt.  $v \in P$

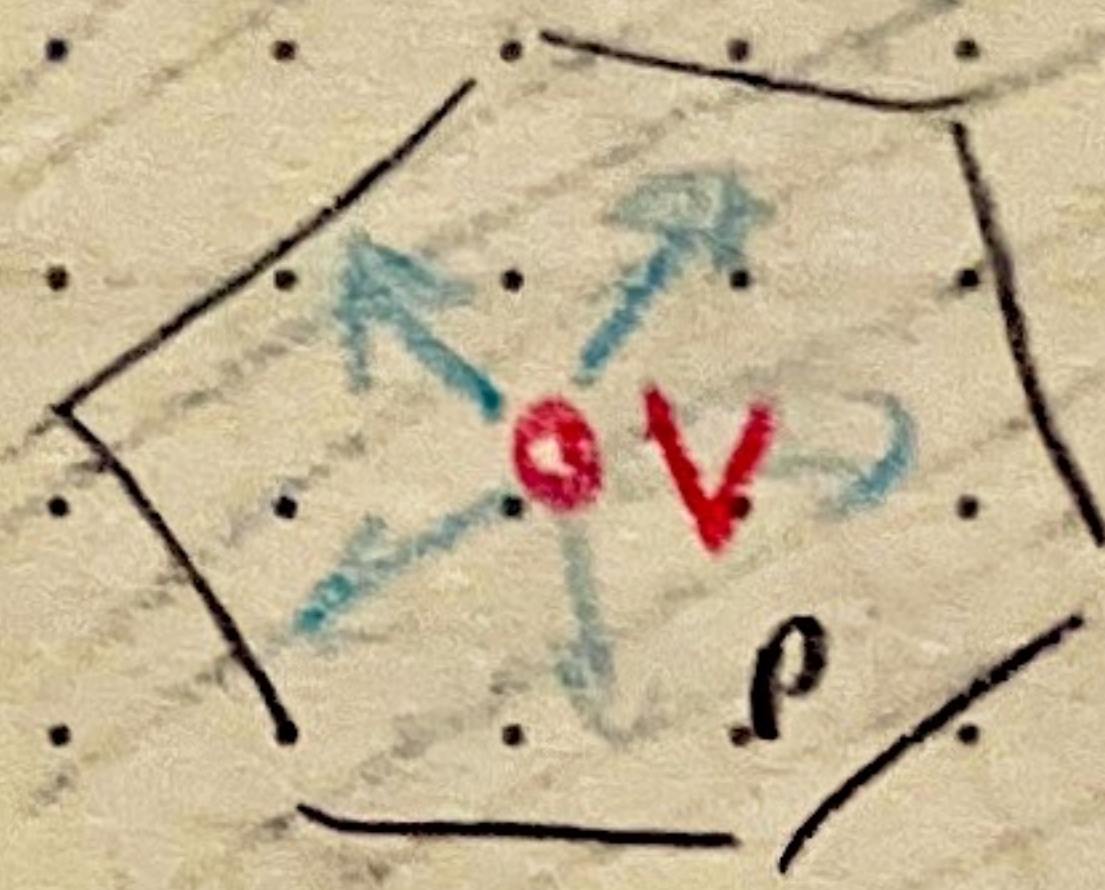
The local cone  $L_{v,P} = \{v + t\vec{u} \mid v, \vec{u} \text{ s.t. } v + t\vec{u} \in P \text{ and } t \geq 0\}$



pointed cone



half space



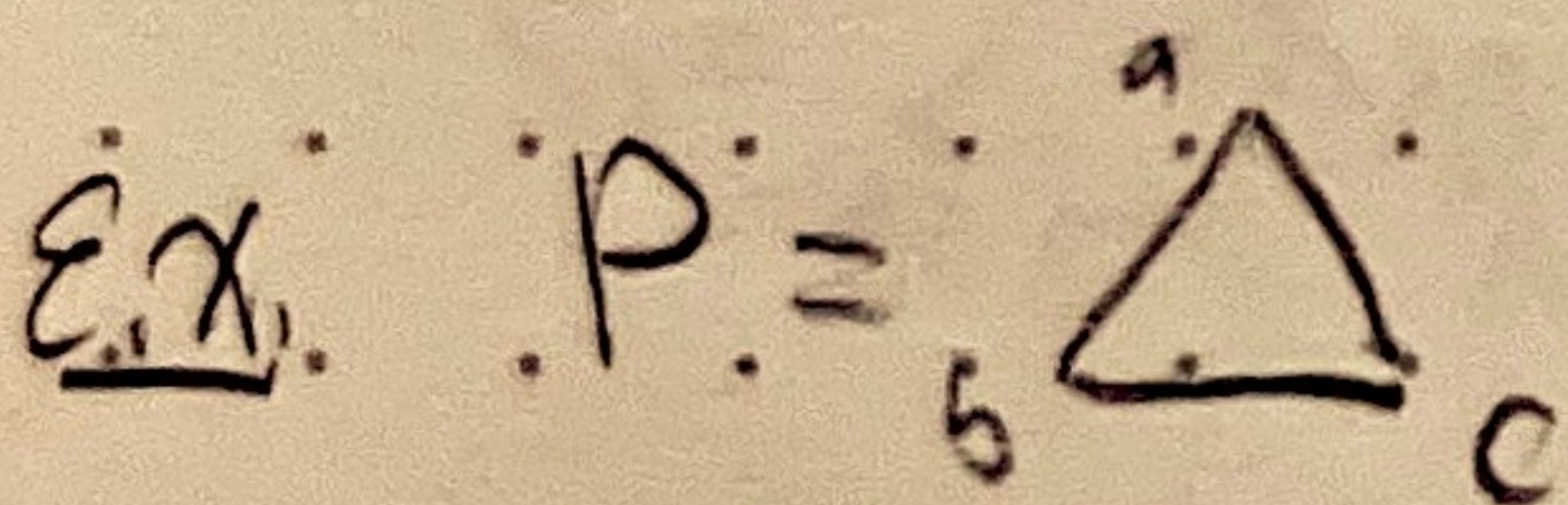
the whole space

If  $v$  on a face  $F$ , we can label corresp. half space as  $L_{F,P}$

Q: How to express  $[P]$  as a lin. comb. of  $[L_{F,P}]$

Ex.  $P = \text{segment } a \text{---} b, L_a = \text{ray } a \text{---} \rightarrow, L_b = \text{ray } \leftarrow \text{---} b, L_{ab} = \mathbb{R}$

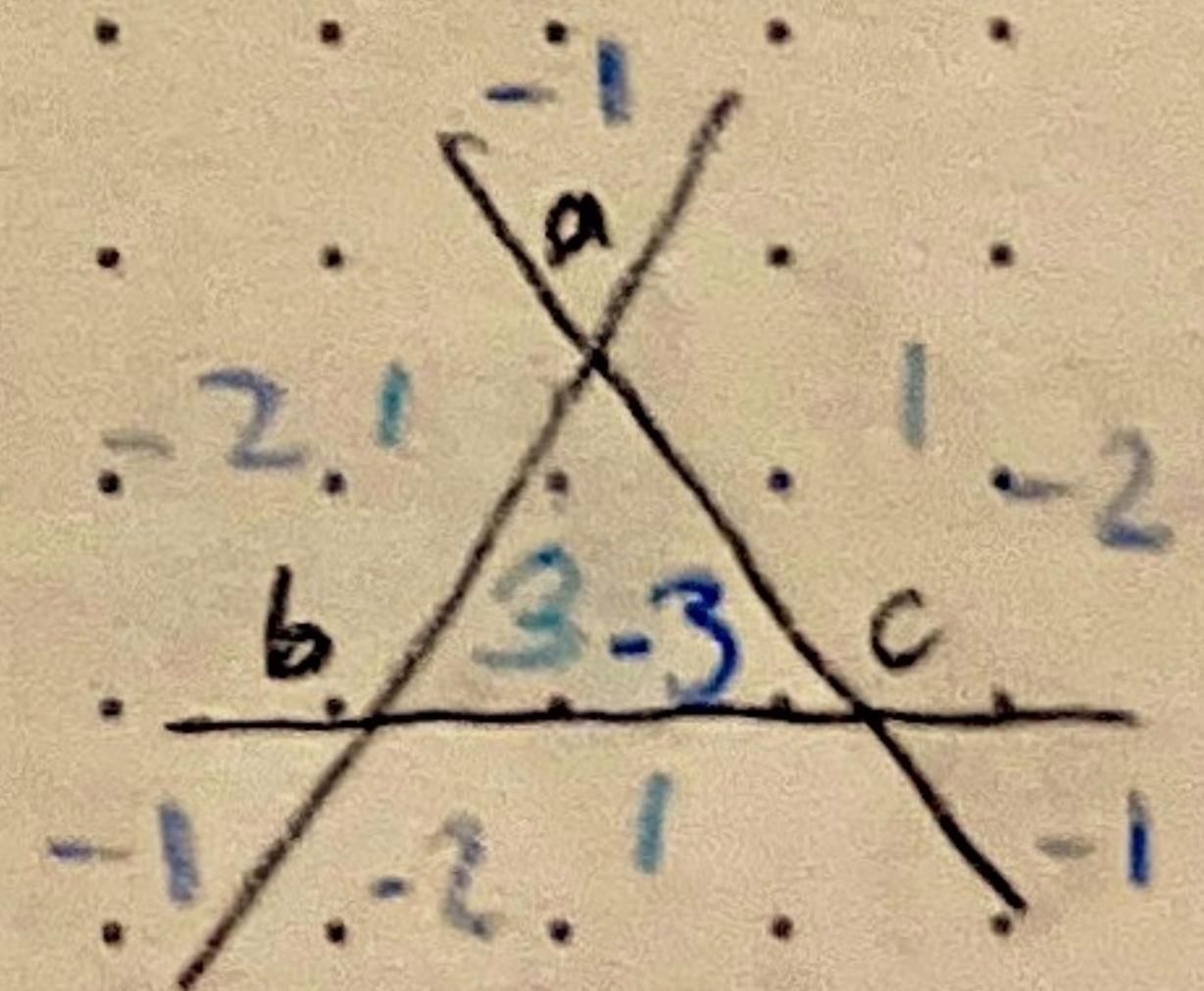
$[P] = [L_a] + [L_b] - [L_{ab}]$



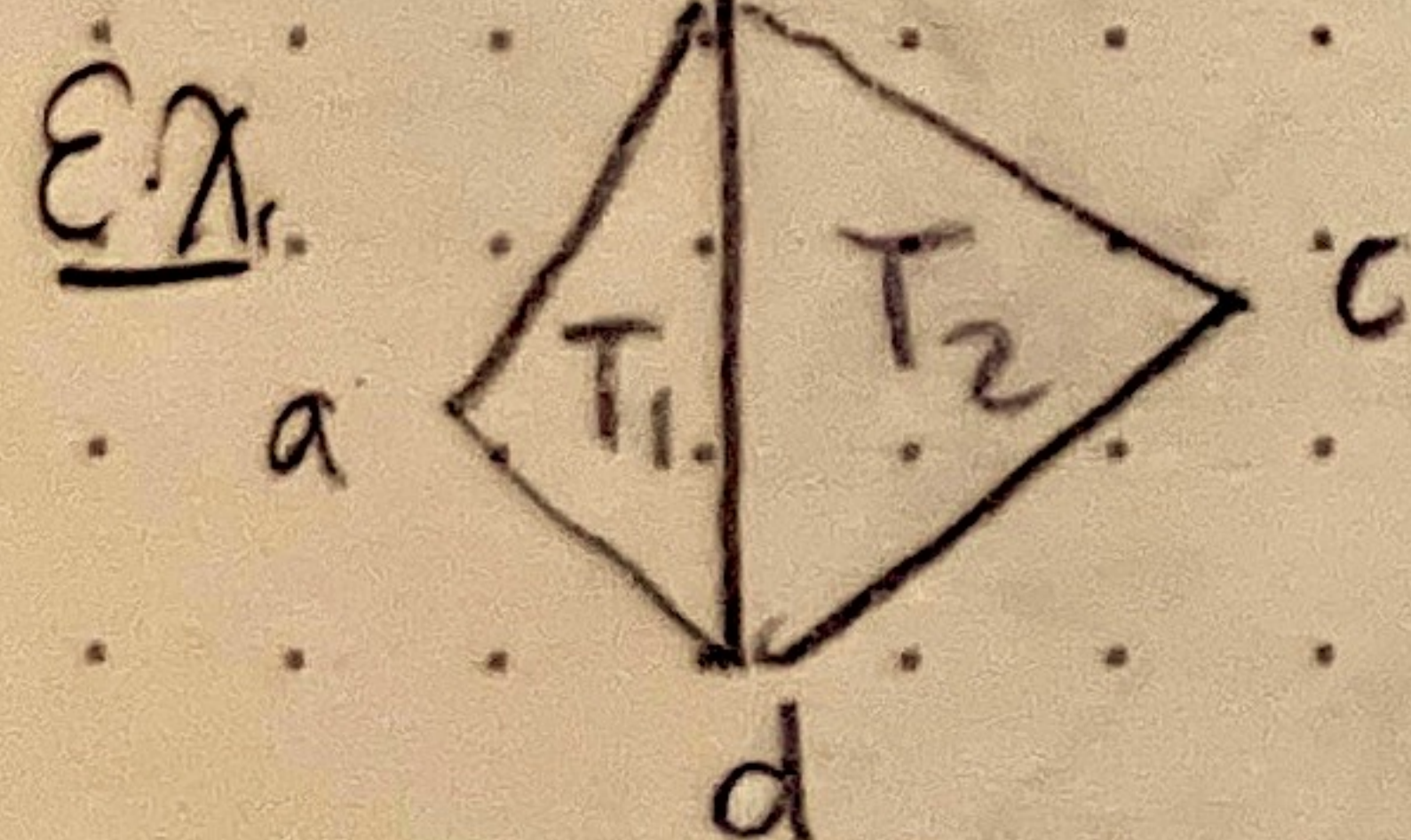
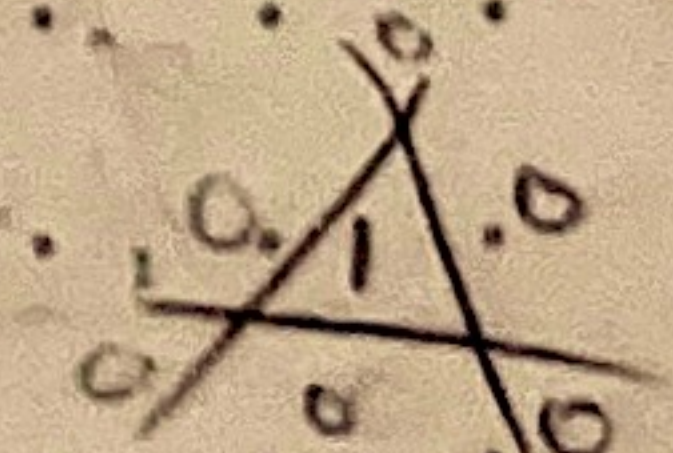
$[P] = [L_a] + [L_b] + [L_c]$

$- [L_{ab}] - [L_{bc}] - [L_{ac}]$

$+ [L_{abc}]$



+1 to everywhere



$P = [T_1] + [T_2] - [L_{bc}]$

$= [L_a] + [L_c] + [L_b] + [L_d]$

$- [L_{ab}] - [L_{bc}] - [L_{cd}] - [L_{ad}]$

$- [\mathbb{R}^2] + 2[\mathbb{R}^2]$



Guess:  $\forall$  polyhedra  $P$

$$[P] \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{F \text{ face of } P} (-1)^{\dim F} [L_{F, \mathbb{R}}]$$

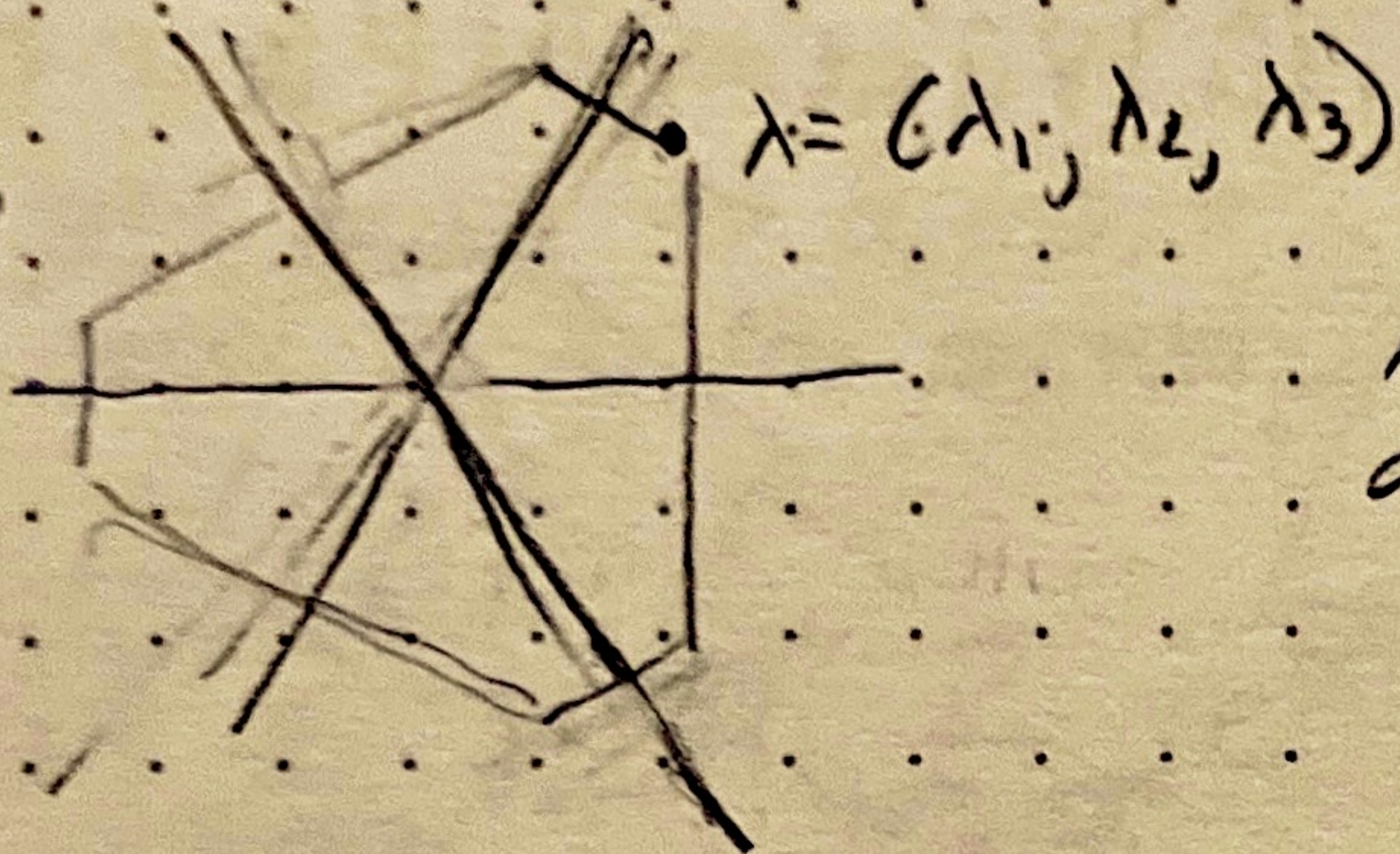
H.W. exercise: Check this and prove or correct it.

Permutohedra

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \quad (\text{we can assume that } \lambda \text{ is a partition})$$

$$P(\lambda) := \text{conv}(\omega(\lambda) \mid \omega \in S_n)$$

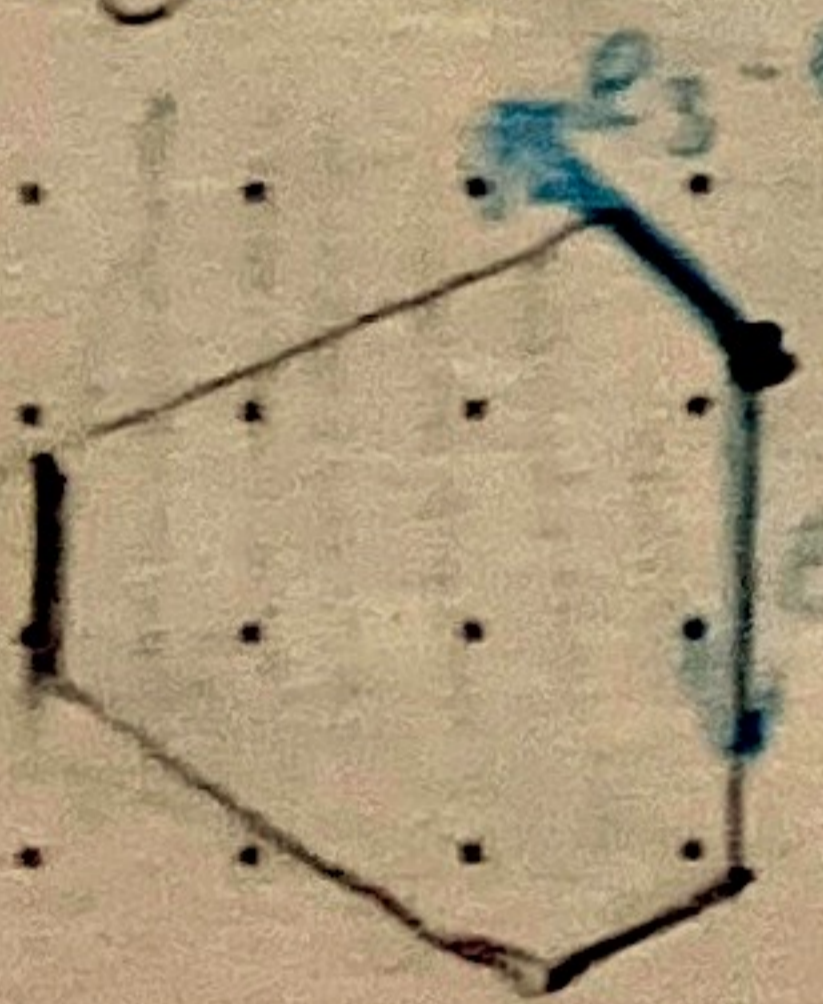
Ex.  $n=3$



A hexagon if  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$   
More degenerate cases are also permutohedra.

If  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_n$ , then  $P(\lambda)$  has  $n!$  vertices & is a simple polytope.

Combinatorially equiv. to standard permutohedron.



At vertex  $\lambda$ , the generators of  $L_{\lambda, P(\lambda)}$  are

$$\vec{e}_{i+1} - \vec{e}_i = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{i}{-1}, \underset{i+1}{1}, 0, \dots, 0) =: u_i \quad i=1, \dots, n-1$$

Cor. of Brian's Formula:

$$(1) \sum_{\beta \in P(\lambda) \cap \mathbb{Z}^n} x^\beta = \sum_{w \in S_n} w \left( \frac{x^\lambda}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 - \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i})} \right)$$

$$(2) \text{Vol } P(\lambda) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{w \in S_n} \frac{(\lambda_1 h_{w(1)} + \dots + \lambda_n h_{w(n)})^{n-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (h_{w(i)} - h_{w(i+1)})}$$

In (1) can be any  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{Z}$

In (2) can be any distinct  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in \mathbb{R}$



Let's compare (1) with def of Schur polynomials

Def:  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  (a partition)

$$S_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{w \in S_n} w \left( \frac{x^\lambda}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (1 - \frac{x_j}{x_i})} \right)$$

Note: Usually  $S_\lambda$  defined classically as

$$S_\lambda = \frac{a_{\lambda+\rho}}{a_\rho} \quad \rho = (n-1, n-2, \dots, 0)$$

vandermonde-like determinants

$$a_\lambda = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1^{\lambda_1} & x_2^{\lambda_1} & \dots & x_n^{\lambda_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ x_1^{\lambda_n} & x_2^{\lambda_n} & \dots & x_n^{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{x^\lambda}{\prod_{i < j} (1 - \frac{x_j}{x_i})} = \frac{x^{\lambda+\rho}}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

so formulas give same thing

### G-Schur polynomials

$G = (V, E)$  a graph on vertex set  $V = [n]$

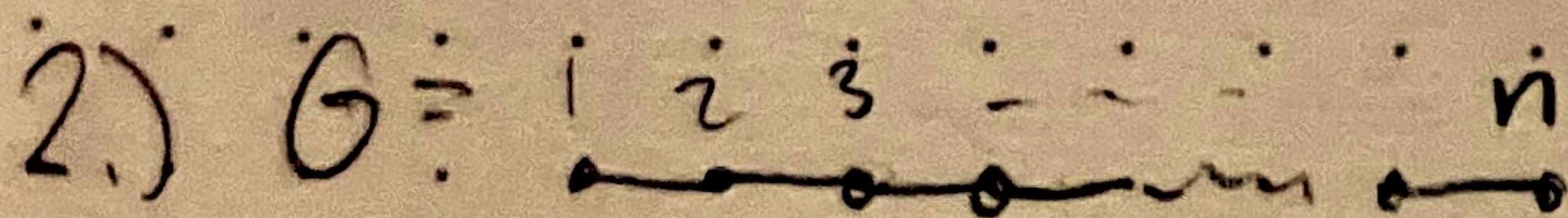
Def:  $S_\lambda^G(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \sum_{w \in S_n} w \left( \frac{x^\lambda}{\prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in E \\ i < j}} (1 - \frac{x_j}{x_i})} \right)$   $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  a partition.

Ex. 1)  $G = K^n$  get usual Schur polys

$$S_\lambda = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}^n} K_{\lambda\beta} x^\beta$$

$K_{\lambda\beta}$   $\leftarrow$  Kostka numbers = # SSYT of shape  $\lambda$  & content  $\beta$ .

$$K_{\lambda\beta} \neq 0 \text{ iff } \beta \in P(\lambda) \cap \mathbb{Z}^n$$



$$S_\lambda^G = \sum_{\beta \in P(\lambda) \cap \mathbb{Z}^n} x^\beta$$

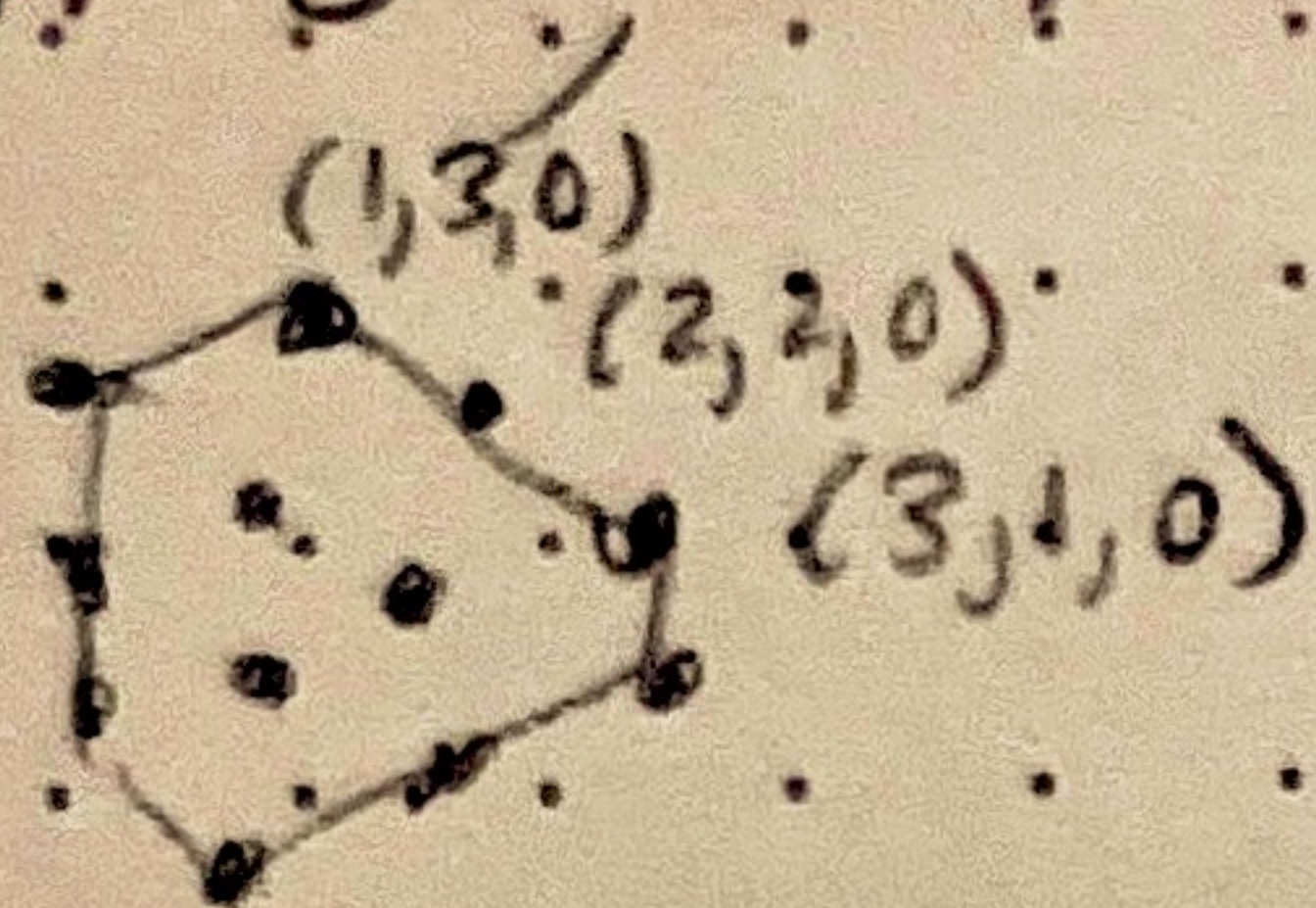
flattened Schur poly

$$= \sum_{\substack{\beta \text{ st} \\ K_{\lambda\beta} \neq 0}} x^\beta$$

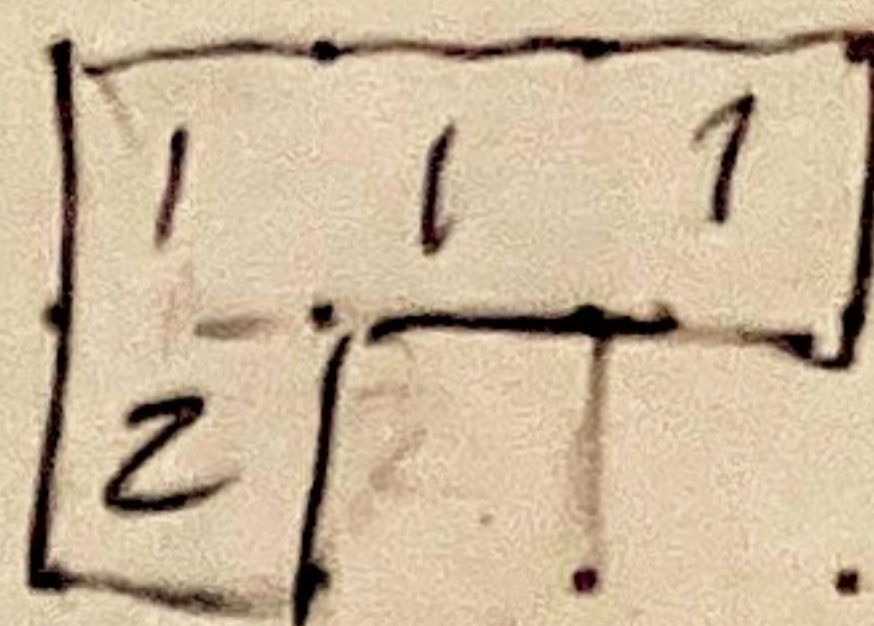
call these  $S_\lambda^{fl}$



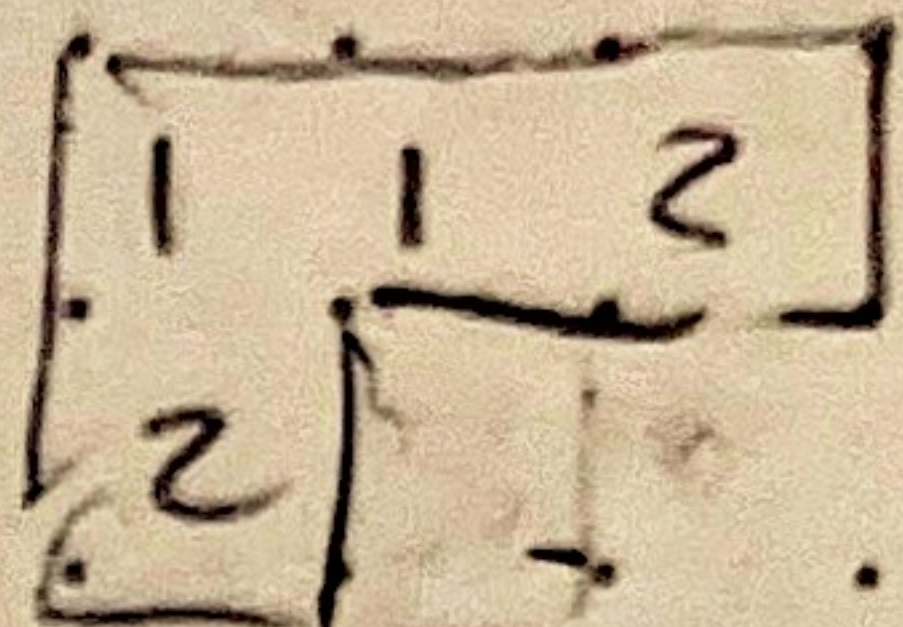
Ex.  $n=3$   $\lambda = (3, 1, 0)$



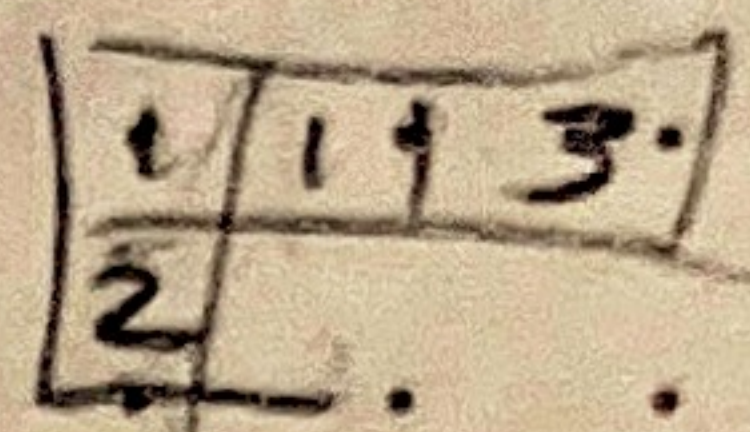
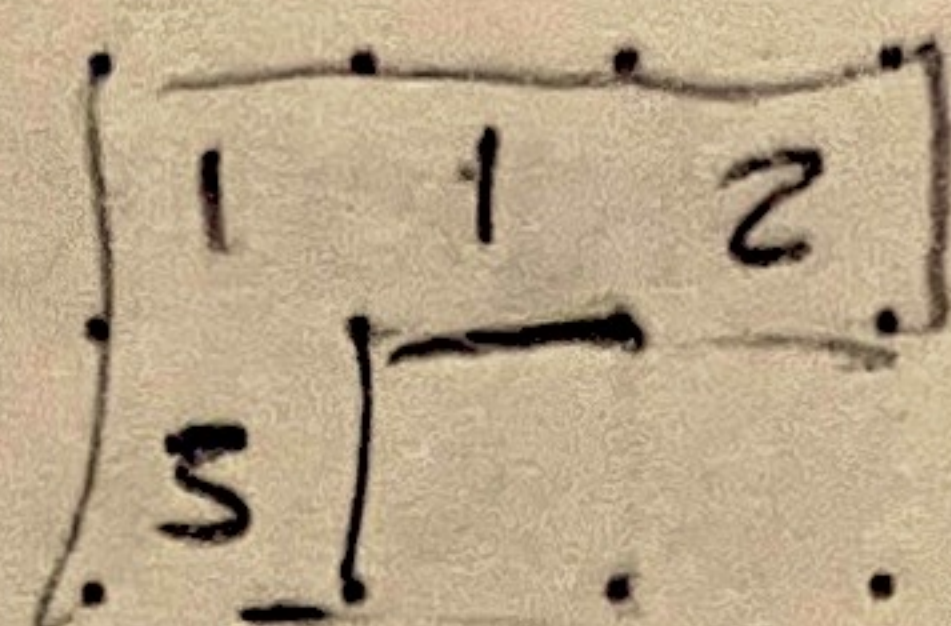
$S_{(3,1,0)}$   
 $= x_1^3 x_2 x_3^0 + \text{all perms}$



$+ x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3^0 + \text{all perms}$



$+ 2 x_1^2 x_2 x_3$



$= S_{(3,1,0)}^{fl} + S_{(2,1,1)}^{fl}$

3.)  $G = \overset{\circ}{1} \overset{\circ}{2} \dots \overset{\circ}{n}$  (the empty graph)

$S_\lambda^G =$  rescaled monomial symmetric polynomial  $M_\lambda$

Thm: For any fixed graph  $G$ ,  $\{S_\lambda^G\}$  is a l.n. basis of  $\Lambda_n = \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{S_n}$ .

Problem: How to relate two bases  $\{S_\lambda^{G_1}\}$  and  $\{S_\lambda^{G_2}\}$ ?  
 For which pairs of graphs  $(G_1, G_2)$  do we get non-negative basis exchange matrix?