

ANALYSIS AND TOPOLOGY OF HYPERPLANE COMPLEMENTS: THE GENERALIZED WITT FORMULA

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Introduction.

The *classical Witt formula* which gives the dimensions of the homogeneous components of the free Lie algebra over a finite set, has a nice interpretation as a relation between the topology, i. e. cohomology and homotopy of the complement of a finite set of \mathbf{C} , and the analysis, i. e. an ordinary linear differential equation with regular singular points at this finite set of \mathbf{C} .

Such a relation remains true for complements of some hyperplane arrangements such as *complexified Coxeter arrangements* and *fiber-type arrangements*.

Namely, let \mathcal{A} be a finite family of hyperplanes of \mathbf{C}^n through the origin and let $M = \mathbf{C}^n \setminus \bigcup_{H \in \mathcal{A}} H$ be the complement. The cohomology algebra $H^*(M; K)$, where $K = \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$ or \mathbf{C} is isomorphic to \mathcal{E}/I where \mathcal{E} is the free exterior algebra over \mathcal{A} and I is the ideal defined by some dependence relations between the hyperplanes of \mathcal{A} . Moreover :

$$P_M(t) = \sum_{p \geq 0} (\text{rank } H^p(M)) t^p = \sum_{x \in L(\mathcal{A})} \mu(x) (-t)^{\text{codim } x}$$

where $L(\mathcal{A})$ is the lattice of intersections hyperplanes ordered by reverse inclusion, $\mu(x) = \mu(0, x)$, μ being the Möbius function. These results are due to P. Orlik and L. Solomon [OS].

The algebra of the integrable logarithmic connections along \mathcal{A} is called the *holonomy Lie algebra* of M and is denoted \mathcal{G}_M . T. Kohno [K1] showed that $\mathcal{G}_M = \text{Lib}(\mathcal{A})/\mathcal{N}$ where $|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{A}|$ and \mathcal{N} is the ideal defined by some dependence relations between the hyperplanes of \mathcal{A} .

Let \mathcal{L}_M be the *Malcev algebra* of M which is obtained (cf Sullivan [S]) from the 1-minimal model of M . Using the mixed Hodge structure on the minimal model, T. Kohno [K2] showed that :

$$\mathcal{G}_M^* \approx \mathcal{L}_M$$

where \mathcal{G}_M^* is the nilpotent completion of \mathcal{G}_M .

Then T. Kohno [K3] proved that :

$$\varphi_j(M) = \dim(\Gamma_j \mathcal{G}_M / \Gamma_{j+1} \mathcal{G}_M) = \text{rank}(\Gamma_j \pi_1(M) / \Gamma_{j+1} \pi_1(M))$$

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