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Chordal clutters vs. collapsible simplicial complexes

A challenging problem in combinatorial commutative algebra is to give a characterization of the uniform clutters whose associated ideals have a linear resolution independent of the characteristic of the base field. Thanks to Fröberg, the problem is solved in the case of 2-uniform clutters. In this talk, we first define a reduction process on a uniform clutter \mathcal{C} under which the non-linear Betti numbers of the ideal $I(\bar{\mathcal{C}})$ do not change. Motivated by this result, we define a class of d -uniform clutters called chordal which partially generalize the result of Fröberg. We then extend this notion to simplicial complexes and compare this class with the class of collapsible simplicial complexes.

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