# Incidence Matrices of Simplicial Complex in SSreflect ${ }^{1}$ 

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An (abstract) simplicial complex over $V$ is a set of simplices $C$ over $V$ satisfying the property:

$$
\forall \alpha \in C, \text { if } \beta \subseteq \alpha \Rightarrow \beta \in C
$$

## Simplicial Complexes



$$
\begin{aligned}
& C=\{\emptyset,\{0\},\{1\},\{2\},\{3\},\{4\},\{5\},\{6\}, \\
& \{0,1\},\{0,2\},\{0,3\},\{1,2\},\{1,3\},\{2,3\},\{3,4\},\{4,5\},\{4,6\},\{5,6\}, \\
& \{0,1,2\},\{4,5,6\}\}
\end{aligned}
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The facets of a simplicial complex $C$ are the maximal simplices of the simplicial complex.


The facets are: $\{\{1,3\},\{3,4\},\{0,3\},\{2,3\},\{0,1,2\},\{4,5,6\}\}$

## Incidence Matrices

## Definition

Let $X$ and $Y$ be two enumerated finite sets and $r$ be a relationship between the elements of $X$ and the elements of $Y$, we call incidence matrix

$$
M=\begin{gathered}
X[1] \\
\vdots[m]
\end{gathered}\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
Y[1] & \cdots & Y[n] \\
a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1, n} \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{m, 1} & \cdots & a_{m, n}
\end{array}\right)
$$

where

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a_{i, j}= \begin{cases}1 & \text { si } X[i] \text { is related to } Y[j] \\ 0 & \text { si } X[i] \text { is not related to } Y[j]\end{cases}
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## Incidence Matrices of Simplicial Complexes

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Let $C$ be a simplicial complex, $A$ the set of $n$-simplices of $C$ and $B$ the set of $(n-1)$-simplices of $C$.
We call incidence matrix of dimension $n(n \geq 1), M_{n}$ of the simplicial complex $C$, to a matrix $p \times q$ where

$$
\begin{aligned}
p & =\sharp|B| \wedge q=\sharp|A| \\
M_{i, j} & = \begin{cases}1 & \text { si } B_{i} \subset A_{j} \\
0 & \text { si } B_{i} \not \subset A_{j}\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
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$\{0\}$

$\{0,1\}$ | 1 | $\{0,2\}$ | $\{0,3\}$ | $\{1,2\}$ | $\{1,3\}$ | $\{2,3\}$ | $\{3,4\}$ | $\{4,5\}$ | $\{4,6\}$ | $\{5,6\}$ |
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| $\{1\}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\{2\}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\{3\}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{4\}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{5\}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\{6\}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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\end{array} \\
& \sum_{1 \leqslant j 0 \leqslant r 1} a_{i, j 0} \times b_{j 0, j}=j 0 \mid M_{n-2}[i] \not \subset M_{n-1}[j 0] \wedge M_{n-1}[j 0] \subset M_{n}[j] a_{i, j 0} \times b_{j 0, j}+ \\
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& =\sharp\left|\left\{j 0 \mid M_{n-2}[i] \subset M_{n-1}[j 0] \wedge M_{n-1}[j 0] \subset M_{n}[j]\right\}\right|
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