# Incidence Matrices of Simplicial Complex in SSreflect<sup>1</sup>

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O-simplices: vertices (4 vertices)Simplicial Complex:1-simplices: edges (6 edges)2-simplices: triangles (4 triangles)





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

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

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# Simplicial Complexes



#### Definition:

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

	Y[1]		Y[n]
X[1]	$(a_{1,1})$		$a_{1,n}$
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X[m]	$a_{m,1}$		a <sub>m,n</sub> )

where

$$a_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{si } X[i] \text{ is related to } Y[j] \\ 0 & \text{si } X[i] \text{ is not related to } Y[j] \end{cases}$$

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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  $(n \ge 1)$ ,  $M_n$  of the simplicial complex C, to a matrix  $p \times q$  where

$$p = \sharp |B| \land q = \sharp |A|$$
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	$\{0, 1\}$	$\{0, 2\}$	{0,3}	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{3, 4\}$	$\{4, 5\}$	$\{4, 6\}$	$\{5, 6\}$
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<b>{4}</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
{5}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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