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Representations on the cohomology of the moduli space of pointed rational curves, permutation representations and log concavity

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The Chow ring of the graphical matroid of the complete graph with n-1 vertices (with respect to the minimal building set) is isomorphic to that of the moduli space of n-pointed rational curves. Therefore, it is naturally a graded representation of the n-th symmetric group.

In this talk, we provide a closed-form formula for this representation, in terms of weighted rooted trees, which we introduce as combinatorial gadgets. Using this, we explore the positivity of this representation as a permutation representation, and the asymptotic log concavity of the multiplicities of the trivial representation. We will also discuss about the multiplicities of the other irreducible representations.

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