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## Homework 2.

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## Exercise 1.

Let $I$ be a monomial ideal, and suppose that $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}}$ is not the least common multiple of some subset of the minimal monomial generators of $I$. Argue that $K^{\mathbf{b}}(I)$ is a cone. (See Exercise 1.1.)

Deduce that nonzero Betti numbers only occur in degrees $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{N}^{n}$ for which $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{b}}$ is a least common multiple of some subset of the minimal generators.

## Exercise 2.

Let $\Delta$ be the following simplicial complex.

(a) Determine $\Delta^{\star}$, and the links of all its vertices.
(b) Read off the Betti numbers $\beta_{i, \mathbf{b}}\left(I_{\Delta}\right)$ for $|\mathbf{b}| \leq 1$.
(c)* Compute as many Betti numbers of $I_{\Delta}$ as possible.

## Exercise 3.

An ideal $I \subseteq S$ is called irreducible if $I=J \cap J^{\prime}$ for ideals $J, J^{\prime}$ implies $I \in\left\{J, J^{\prime}\right\}$. Identify the irreducible monomial ideals in $S=\mathbb{k}\left[x_{1}, x_{2}\right] \quad$ (in $S=\mathbb{k}\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right]$ ).

## Exercise 4.

Draw the Buchberger graph of the monomial ideal whose staircase surface is depicted below.


