

### 3 Antipodes of incidence Hopf algebras have order 2

Notice that  $S(S(P))$  is a sum of sequences of the form  $[0, x_1] \times [x_1, x_2] \dots \times [x_{n-1}, 1]$  with some sign. The coefficient of  $P = [0, 1]$  is  $(-1)^2 = 1$ . We show that the coefficient of  $[0, x_1] \times [x_1, x_2] \dots \times [x_{n-1}, 1]$  is 0 for  $n > 1$ . In order to get that term, we must refine another subsequence  $[0, y_1] \times [y_1, y_2] \dots \times [y_{k-1}, 1]$ . The sign of such refinement is  $(-1)^{k+n}$ . We say a subsequence is *nice* if  $[0, y_1] = [0, x_1]$ . We associate to it the subsequence  $[0, y_2] \times [y_2, y_3] \dots \times [y_{k-1}, 1]$ , which has the opposite sign. It is easy to see that this is matching between nice and non-nice subsequences, so all terms cancel.