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Matroid Generating Polynomials and the Half-Plane Property

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Abstract A homogeneous multivariate polynomial P(x) with complex coefficients is said to have the half-plane property if $P(x) \neq 0$ for any x with $Re(x_i) > 0$ for all i. In this paper we shoed that if the generating polynomial for a set system S with all sets of the same size has the half-plane property, then S is the set of bases of a matroid \mathcal{M} . We also showed that this property holds in a more general case.