# The cube-like complexes and the Poincaré - Miranda theorem 

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Each polyhedron determines an abstract complex called its vertex-scheme.

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(1) $\partial I^{2}=\bigcup_{i=1}^{2} I_{i}^{-} \cup I_{i}^{+}$,
(2) Each one of $I_{1}^{-}, I_{1}^{+}, I_{2}^{-}, I_{2}^{+}$is an 1-dimensional cube
(3) Opposite faces of an 1- dimensional cube $I_{i}^{\varepsilon}$ have the folowing form: $I_{i}^{\varepsilon} \cap I_{j}^{-}, I_{i}^{\varepsilon} \cap I_{j}^{+}$for $j \neq i$.

Let $\mathcal{K}^{0}=\{a\}$, where $a \in A$.
The complex $\mathcal{K}^{n}$ generated by $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}_{n+1}(A)$ is an $n$-cube-like complex, if:
(A) For all $(n-1)$-face $T \in \mathcal{K}^{n} \backslash \partial \mathcal{K}^{n}$ there exist exactly two $n$-simplexes $S, S^{\prime} \in \mathcal{K}^{n}$ such that $S \cap S^{\prime}=T$.
(B) There exist subcomplexes $\mathcal{F}_{i}^{-}, \mathcal{F}_{i}^{+}$for $i \in\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$, called $i$-th opposite faces such that:
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$\left(\mathrm{B}_{3}\right) \forall_{i \in\{1, \ldots, n\}}, \forall_{\varepsilon \in\{+,-\}} \quad \mathcal{F}_{i}^{\varepsilon}$ is an $(n-1)$-cube-like complex, such that its opposite faces have the following form $\mathcal{F}_{i}^{\varepsilon} \cap \mathcal{F}_{j}^{-}, \mathcal{F}_{i}^{\varepsilon} \cap \mathcal{F}_{j}^{+}, j \neq i$.

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