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**June Huh\*** ([junehuh@umich.edu](mailto:junehuh@umich.edu)), 512 Walnut St. #11, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. *h-Vectors of matroids and logarithmic concavity.*

Let  $M$  be a matroid on  $E$ , representable over a field of characteristic zero. We show that  $h$ -vectors of the following simplicial complexes are log-concave:

1. The matroid complex of independent subsets of  $E$ .
2. The broken circuit complex of  $M$  relative to an ordering of  $E$ .

The first implies a conjecture of Colbourn on the reliability polynomial of a graph, and the second implies a conjecture of Hoggar on the chromatic polynomial of a graph. The proof is based on the geometric formula for the characteristic polynomial of Denham, Garrounian, and Schulze. (Received August 24, 2012)