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In the 1970's Zaslavsky initiated the modern study of hyperplane arrangements. For a central hyperplane arrangement he showed that evaluating the characteristic polynomial at -1 gives the number of regions in the complement of the arrangement, whereas for an affine arrangement evaluating at +1 gives the number of bounded regions in the complement. For central arrangements Bayer and Sturmfels proved its flag f-vector can be determined by the intersection lattice. Billera, Ehrenborg and Readdy make this map explicit using coalgebraic techniques.

We extend the Billera-Ehrenborg-Readdy theorem to affine and toric hyperplane arrangements. For toric arrangements, we also generalize Zaslavsky's fundamental result on the number of regions. We believe our work hints at a wealth of problems involving regular subdivisions of manifolds. A few of these directions will be indicated. (Received August 31, 2007)