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Next topic: Kempf's Vanishing Theorem. Proof in Jantzen's book involving ampleness for sheaves. Setup:

We have

$$G$$
 a reductive algebraic group over $k=\bar{k}$ $\subseteq \ \$
$$B \qquad \qquad \text{the Borel subgroup}$$

$$\subseteq \ \ \ \$$

$$T \qquad \qquad \text{its maximal torus}$$

along with the weights X(T).

We can consider derived functors of induction, yielding $R^n\operatorname{Ind}_B^G\lambda=\mathcal{H}^n(G/B,\mathcal{L}(\lambda))\coloneqq H^n(\lambda)$ where $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ is a line bundle and G/B is the flag variety.

Recall that

- $\begin{array}{l} \bullet \ \, H^0(\lambda) = \operatorname{Ind}_B^G(\lambda), \\ \bullet \ \, \lambda \not\in X(T)_+ \implies H^0(\lambda) = 0 \\ \bullet \ \, \lambda \in X(T)_+ \implies L(\lambda) = \operatorname{Soc}_G H^0(\lambda) \neq 0. \end{array}$

Theorem 1.1(Kempf).

If $\lambda \in X(T)_+$ a dominant weight, then $H^n(\lambda) = 0$ for n > 0.

Remark 1.

In char (k) = 0, $H^n(\lambda)$ is known by the Bott-Borel-Weil theorem. In positive characteristic, this is not know: the characters char $H^n(\lambda)$ is known, and it's not even known if or when they vanish. Wide open problem!

