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Flag Varieties, Equivariant Cohomology, and K Theory

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1 | First Examples of Flag/Schubert Varieties (Wednesday, August 18)

Remark 1.0.1: Course description from Scott's syllabus:

Schubert varieties are key examples of algebraic varieties that on one hand have an intrinsic interest and beauty, and on the other hand have many applications to algebraic geometry, algebraic topology, and representation theory; e.g., category \mathcal{O} , infinite dimensional representation theory of real reductive groups, modular representation theory, polar varieties, Chern classes, Schubert calculus, etc.

The course goal is to understand Schubert varieties and their algebraic geometry, equivariant cohomology, and equivariant K-theory. There are many open problems related to basic geometry of Schubert varieties, so we will of course not complete this goal. One of the key applications of equivariant cohomology and equivariant K-theory of flag varieties is the complete description of the singular locus of any Schubert variety, and we will settle on learning this theory as our goal. This result was originally obtained by the author of our course textbook, and is described completely by him in Chapter XII.

The language of this result is naturally and originally described in the ominous generality of (possibly infinite dimensional) Kac-Moody groups – which are becoming increasingly more important in many areas – and the result at the time was new even for the finite dimensional case. In fact much recent literature on Schubert varieties is written in this language and at the same time is new for the finite dimensional case.

Remark 1.0.2: The goal of this course: describe the singular locus of arbitrary Schubert varieties. Note that we'll assume all varieties and schemes are reduced!

References:

- *Introduction to Lie Algebras and Representation Theory*, Humphreys.
- *Representations of Semisimple Lie Algebras in the BGG Category \mathcal{O}* , Humphreys.
- *Linear Algebraic Groups*, Humphreys.
 - *Linear Algebraic Groups*, Springer.
- *Kac-Moody Groups, their Flag Varieties, and their Representation Theory*, Shrawan Kumar.
- *Chries-Ginzburg.*, particularly for K-theory of abelian categories. See Youtube lectures and course notes from Geordie's course!

- Brian' Conrad's notes on group schemes: <http://math.stanford.edu/~conrad/papers/luminysga3.pdf>
- Björner and Brenti: *Combinatorics of Coxeter Groups*

Remark 1.0.3: First up, defining the words in the course title: flag varieties, equivariant cohomology, K-theory.

- Flag variety: complete homogeneous algebraic variety, i.e. with a transitive algebraic group action.
- Cohomology: it suffices to work with $H_{\text{sing}}^*(X, A; \mathbb{R})$, the relative singular cohomology. See also Borel-Moore homology.
- K-theory: The study of coherent sheaves (take the Grothendieck group on the category $\mathcal{C} = \text{Coh}(X)$)

Definition 1.0.4 (T -spaces)

For $T \cong (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ a torus, define a **T -space** X as a space X with an action $T \times X \rightarrow X$ which is also an algebraic morphism.

Remark 1.0.5: Notions of *equivariance* will take into account this action. For cohomology, we'll consider a space $E \times^T X = (E \times X)/T$ where T acts by $(e, x)t := (et, t^{-1}x)$. This is not a variety, but instead an *Ind-variety*.

For K-theory, the version we'll work with is the following:

Definition 1.0.6 (T -equivariant sheaves)

Let $m : T \times T \rightarrow T$ be the multiplication map. For X a T -space, a sheaf $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(\mathcal{O}_X\text{-Mod})$, **T -equivariant** iff

1. There is a given isomorphism of sheaves on $T \times X$ written $I : a^*\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \text{pr}_2^*\mathcal{F}$ where $\text{pr}_2^* : T \times X \rightarrow X$ is projection onto the second coordinate and $a : T \times X \rightarrow X$ is the given action map.
2. The pullbacks by $\text{id} \times a$ and $m \times \text{id}$ of the isomorphism I are given by the equation

$$\text{pr}_{23}^* I \circ (\text{id}_G \times a) I = (m \times \text{id}_X)^* I.$$


3. There is an isomorphism $I_{e \times X} = \text{id}$ and $\mathcal{F} = a^*\mathcal{F}|_{e \times X} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_{e \times X} = \mathcal{F}$.

Example 1.0.7(?): Note that for $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(Y)$, then

$$f^*\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{f^*\mathcal{O}_Y} f^*\mathcal{F}.$$

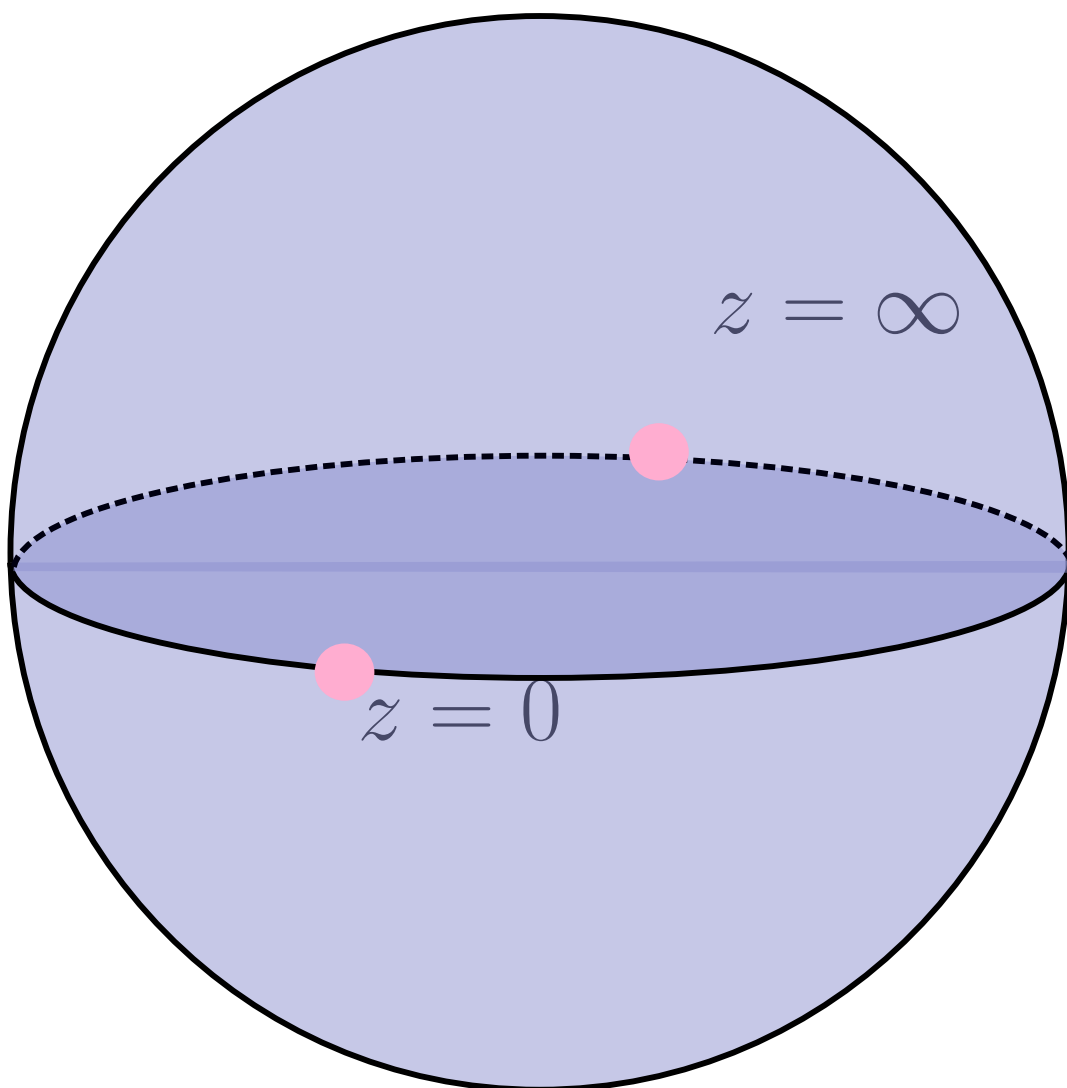
For any T -space X , \mathcal{O}_X has a canonical T -equivariant structure given by

$$\text{pr}_2^*\mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_{T \times X} \cong a^*\mathcal{O}_X.$$

Example 1.0.8(1): Take $X := \text{pt} \cong G/G$, since any group action is transitive and we get a complete space. This is a silly but important example! We can take $H_G^* = H_G^*(\text{pt}) := H_{\text{sing}}^*(\mathbf{B}G)$. For $G = \mathbb{C}^\times$, this is a polynomial ring, and for $T = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ it's just a polynomial ring in more variables. One can then take the constant sheaf $\underline{\mathbb{C}} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ which is \mathbb{C} for $U = X$ and 0 otherwise. 

Example 1.0.9(2): $X := \mathbb{P}^1$ with an action by $G := \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$:

$$\mathbb{P}^1_{/\mathbb{C}}$$



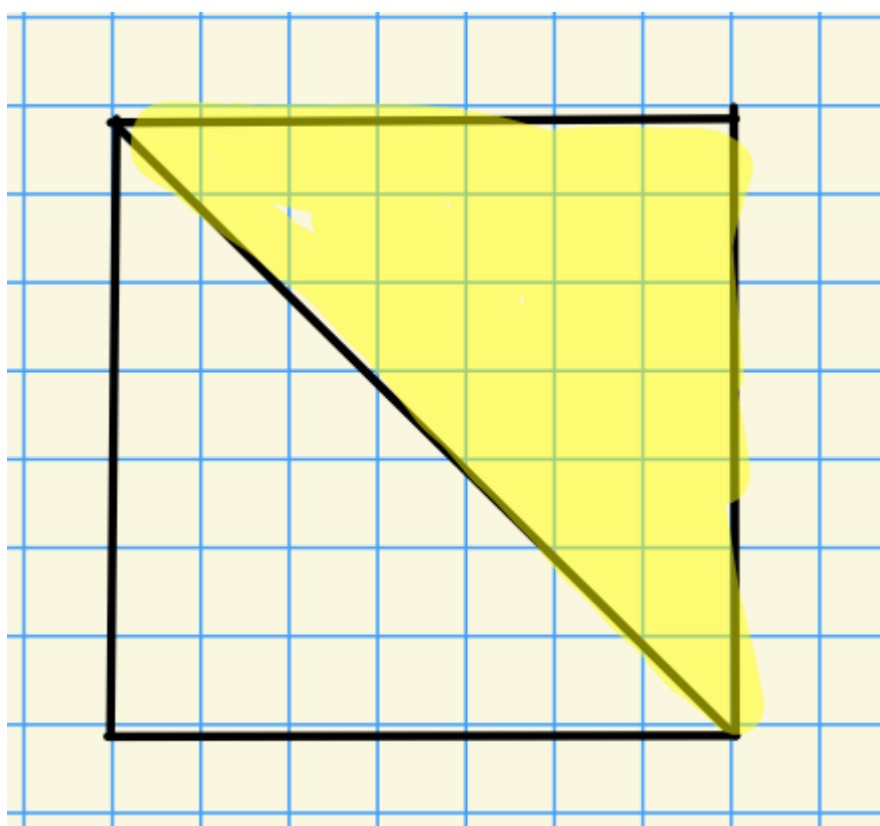
In the coordinate chart $[z_1, z_2]$ with $z_2 \neq 0$, we can scale z_2 to 1 and set

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} [z, 1] = \left[\frac{az + b}{cz + d}, 1 \right] \quad cz + d \neq 0.$$

Then

- $G \curvearrowright X$ transitively, and
- $B := \text{Stab}_G([0, 1])$ is a nontrivial Borel given by upper triangular matrices, and $X = G/B$.

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Note that $\mathcal{O}_X(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{C}$ by Liouville's theorem, and $\mathcal{O}_X(U) \cong \mathbb{C}[x]$ for $U \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1$.

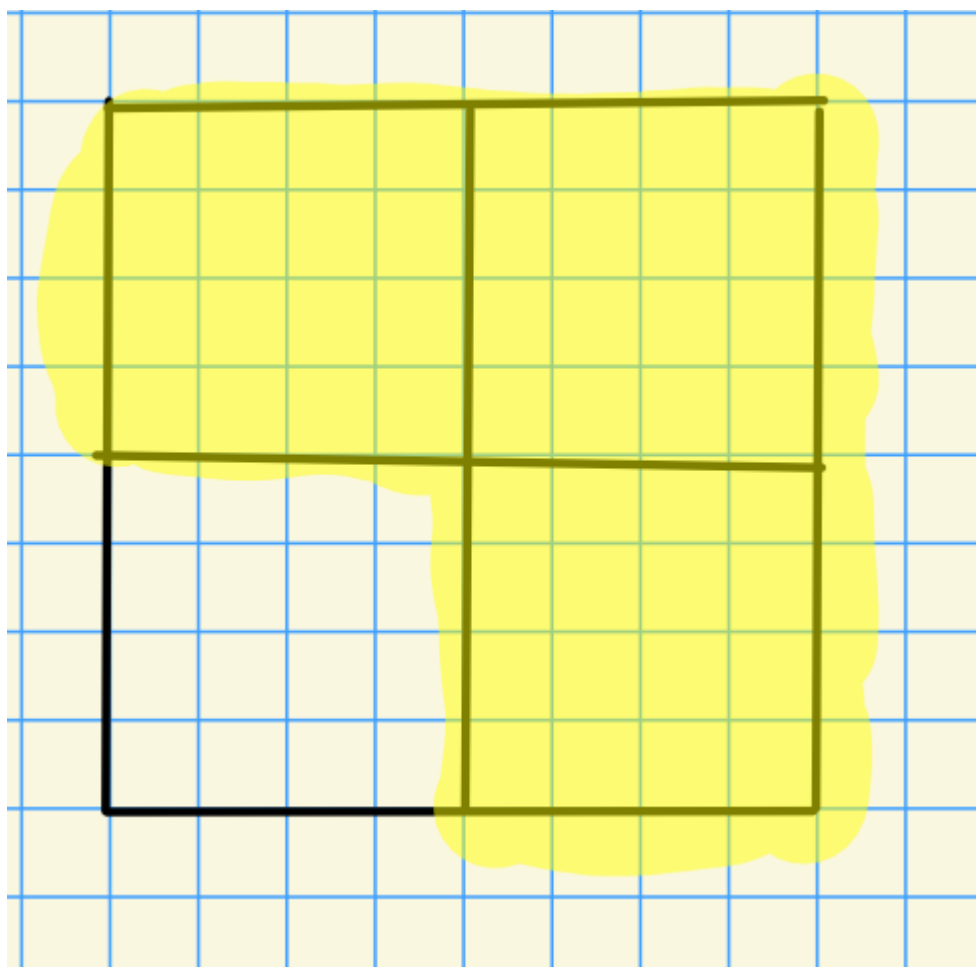
Example 1.0.10(3): The Grassmannian of k -planes, given by

$$X^Y := \text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n) = \{E \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n \mid \dim(E) = k\}.$$

This has the structure of an algebraic group, either by taking some transitive algebraic group action and lifting structure from the quotient, or taking a Segre embedding. For notation, write $\mathbb{C}^i := \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{e_1, \dots, e_i\}$ for the span of the first i standard basis vectors.

- $G := \mathrm{GL}_n$ acts transitively by $g.E := gE$, for example by extending a basis from E to \mathbb{C}^n and using that GL_n sends bases to bases, thus sending $E \rightarrow E'$ another k -plane.
- $\mathrm{Stab}_G(\mathbb{C}^2)$ are upper block-triangular matrices:

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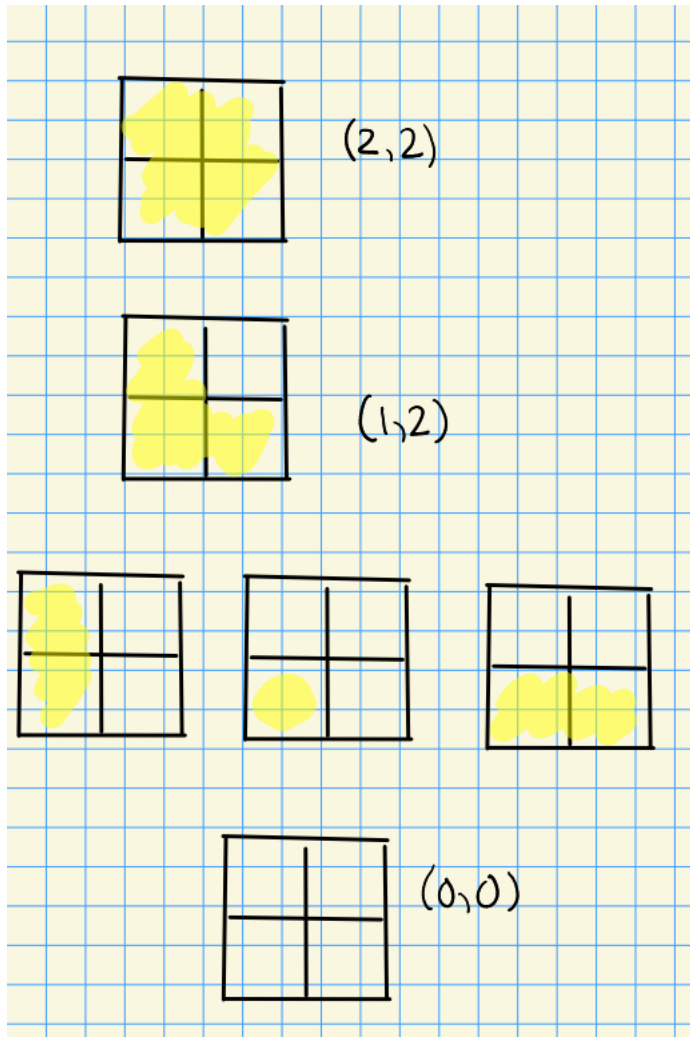


Then define $X^Y := G/P$, noting that here P is a parabolic.

Remark 1.0.11: Much study of Schubert varieties reduces to studies of the combinatorics of the Weyl group. Write W^Y for the Young diagrams on an set of $k \times (n - k)$ blocks.

For example, for $n = 4, k = 2$:

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**Definition 1.0.12** (?)

For every $\lambda \in W^Y$, define

$$X_\lambda^Y = \left\{ E \in X^Y \mid \forall i = 1, \dots, k, \dim(\mathbb{C}^{\sum \lambda_i + i} \cap E) \geq i \right\}.$$

Does this have a name?

Example 1.0.13 (?): For $\lambda = (1, 2)$, we have

$$X_\lambda^Y = \left\{ E \in \text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^4) \mid \dim(\mathbb{C}^2 \cap E) \geq 1, \dim(\mathbb{C}^4 \cap E) \geq 2 \right\}.$$

2 | Friday, August 20

Remark 2.0.1: Recall that we were discussing example 3, Grassmannians, and defined W^Y as Young diagrams in a $k \times (n - k)$ grid. We write

$$X_\lambda^Y = \left\{ E \in X^Y = \text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n) \mid \forall 1 \leq i \leq k, \dim(\mathbb{C}^{\lambda_i+i} \cap E) \geq i \right\}.$$

Example 2.0.2(?):

$$X_{(1,2)}^Y = \left\{ E \mid \dim(\mathbb{C}^2 \cap E) \geq 1, \dim(\mathbb{C}^4 \cap E) \geq 2 \right\}.$$

Note that the second condition is redundant since $E \subset \mathbb{C}^4$ is a 2-plane. Why is this a closed variety? Perhaps the easiest way to see this is using Plucker relations. Using more technology later, this follows from looking at B -orbits and Bruhat decompositions.

Fact 2.0.3

Note that for the rank function $\text{rank} : \text{Mat}(m \times n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, one can compute the closure

$$\overline{\text{rank}^{-1}(r)} = \text{rank}^{-1}([0, r]).$$

Also note that $\text{pr}_2 : \mathbb{C}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$, we have $\ker(\text{pr}_2|_E) = \mathbb{C}^2 \cap E$.

2.1 Example 4: The Full Flag Variety

Example 2.1.1(4: The Full Flag Variety (Type A_{n-1})): Define the full flag variety

$$X := \left\{ F^\bullet = (0 \subseteq F^1 \subseteq F^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq F^{n-1} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n) \mid \dim(F^k) = k \right\}.$$

Write $\mathbb{C}^\bullet := (0 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n)$ for a distinguished basepoint.

- This is a complete homogeneous space,
- $GL_n \curvearrowright X$ transitively,
- $\text{Stab}_G(\mathbb{C}^\bullet) = B$, the Borel of upper triangular matrices.
- $X \cong G/B$.

For G a linear algebraic group and B a closed subgroup, G/B will generally be a variety.

Definition 2.1.2 (Weyl Group)

The Weyl group is generally given by $W = N_G(T)/T$ for T a torus.

Remark 2.1.3: Some facts:

- $N_G(T)$ is the set of permutation matrices with arbitrary nonzero entries.

- $W = S_n$ in general, and can be written $W = \{(w(1), w(2), \dots, w(n)) \mid w \in S_n\}$.
- $W \hookrightarrow X$ sits in the flag variety via $w \mapsto c\mathbb{C}^\bullet$, i.e. acting on the distinguished basepoint.

As an example, we can write permutation matrices in one-line notation, using that $w(e_i) = e_{w(i)}$:

$$A = [e_4, e_1, e_2, e_3] \rightsquigarrow (4, 1, 2, 3).$$

Using that $B/B \cong \mathbb{C}^\bullet$ is the basepoint, we have $w\mathbb{C}^\bullet = wB/B \in BwB/B$.

Proposition 2.1.4(?).

$$BwB/B \cong \left\{ F^\bullet \in X \mid \forall i, j, \dim(\mathbb{C}^i \cap F^j) \cap \dim(\mathbb{C}^i \cap w\mathbb{C}^j) \right\}.$$

Remark 2.1.5(?): Moreover, $\dim(\mathbb{C}^i \cap w\mathbb{C}^j) = \#\{k \mid k \leq i, w(k) \leq j\}$. Just compute $\langle e_1 \rangle \cap w\langle e_1 \rangle = \langle e_4 \rangle = 0$ for entry 1, 1, and continue:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now check that counting $\{k \mid k \leq j, w(k) \leq i\}$ yields the same entries in the i, j spot, and thus the same matrix.

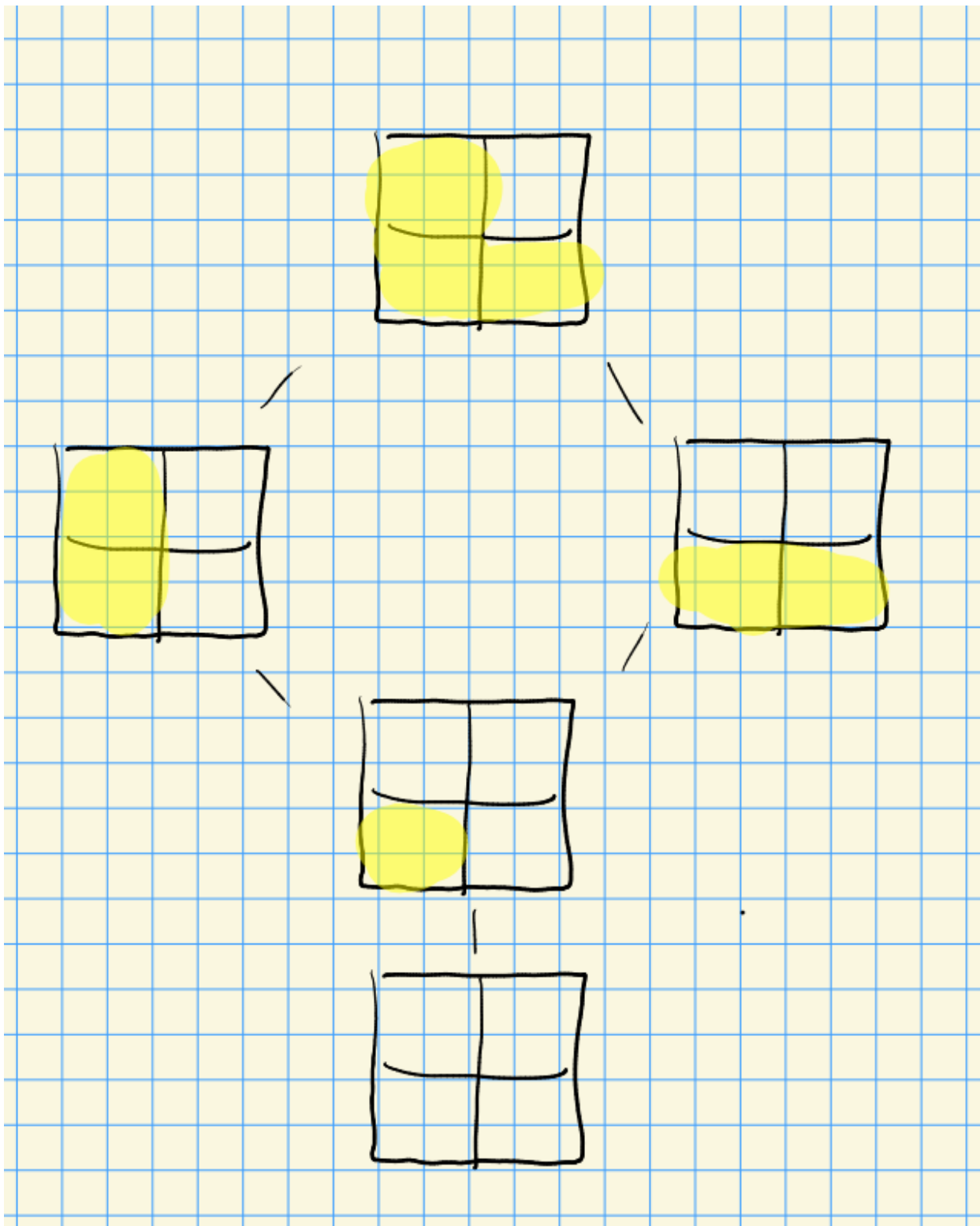
2.2 Combining Examples 3 and 4

Remark 2.2.1: There is a map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : X &\rightarrow X^Y \\ F^\bullet &\mapsto F^k, \end{aligned}$$

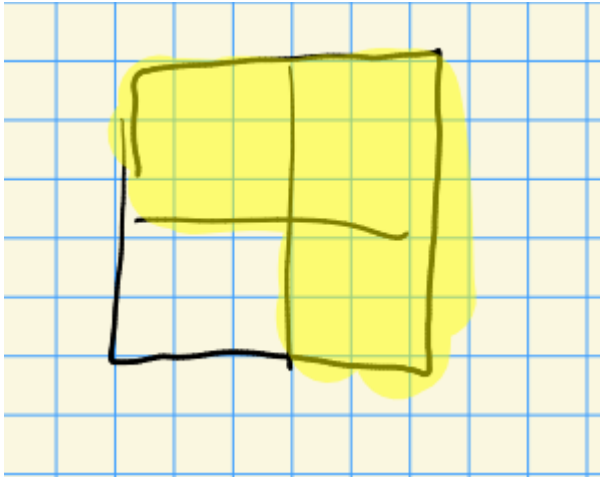
which is equivalently sending a Borel to its corresponding parabolic, and geometrically corresponding to sending T -fixed points to T -fixed points. This induces a map $W \rightarrow W^Y$, and since $W \cong S_n$, this is sending a Young diagram to a partition.

- This is G -equivariant for $G := \mathrm{GL}_n$
- $\pi(w) = \lambda$, so there is a map $w \rightarrow \{w(1), \dots, w(k)\} = \{\lambda_1 - 1, \lambda_2 - 2, \dots, \lambda_k - k\}$.

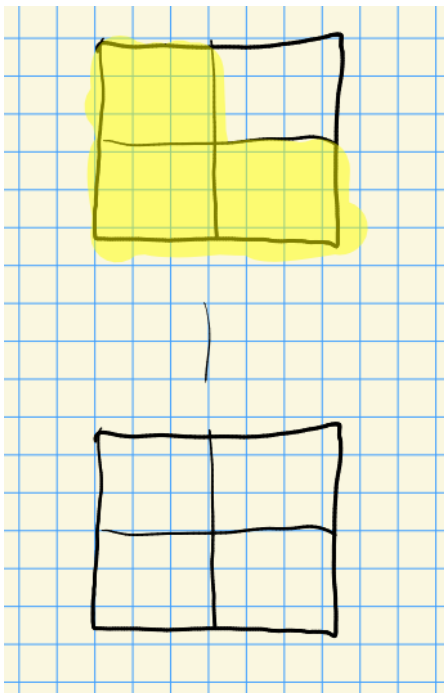


We get $BwP/P = \mathbb{C}^{\ell(w^r)}$, and we in fact get a CW structure. Since $H_{\text{sing}}^2(X_\lambda^Y; \mathbb{Z}) \neq H_{\text{sing}}^4(X_\lambda^Y; \mathbb{Z})$, this doesn't satisfy Poincaré duality, so it can not be a smooth manifold. So what is the singular locus?

Remark 2.2.4: The open element is not in the singular locus. Note that P acts on X_λ^Y , where P is defined as



One can determine that the singular locus is the single point $\{\mathbb{C}^2\}$ corresponding to the empty diagram:



3 | Lecture 2 (Monday, August 23)

3.1 A Lightning Introduction to Groups and Representations

Remark 3.1.1: Throughout, *finite type* means finitely generated over the base field.

Remark 3.1.2: Which G are important for equivariant cohomology of the flag variety, and equivariant K-theory. We'll consider only connected reductive groups, and work over $k := \mathbb{C}$.

Definition 3.1.3 (Pertaining to Linear Algebraic Groups)

- A group $G \in \text{AlgGrp}$ is a **linear algebraic group** if
 - The coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[G]$ is a reduced (so no nonzero nilpotents) \mathbb{C} -algebra of finite type.
 - G is a group where multiplication $m : G^{\times 2} \rightarrow G$ and inverse $i : G \rightarrow G$ are algebraic morphisms
- A **maximal torus** of G is a torus not properly contained in any other torus of the form $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{\times n}$.
- A **Cartan** subgroup is the centralizer of a maximal torus. Note that maximal torii are the same as Cartans in the connected reductive case.
- G is **unipotent** if every representation has a nonzero fixed vector.
- The **unipotent radical** $R_u(G) \leq G$ is a maximal closed connected normal subgroup of G .
- G is **reductive** iff $R_u(G) = \{e\}$.

Proposition 3.1.4 (?).

To study $\text{Rep}(G)^{\text{irr}}$ for $G \in \text{AlgGrp}$ linear, we can assume that G is reductive.

Proof (?).

Let $V \in \text{Rep}(G)^{\text{irr}}$, we'll show that the unipotent radical acts trivially. Then V is the data of

1. $G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$ for some V , a morphism of varieties and algebraic groups
2. There is an action map $G \times V \rightarrow V$.

Let $V_0 = \text{Fix}(R_u(G)) \subseteq V$ be the fixed points of $R_u(G)$, by restricting the G action to an $R_u(G) \leq G$ action by a subgroup. We know $V_0 \neq 0$, and we have for every $g \in G, r \in R_u(G), v \in V_0$. We'd like to show $V_0 = V$, which means that $R_u(G)$ acts trivially. So we'll show r fixes every gv :

$$r(gv) = g(g^{-1}rg)v \in gR_u(G)v = gv,$$

using that $R_u(G)$ fixes v . So V_0 is G -stable, and since V_0 is irreducible and V is irreducible, we get equality. ■

Remark 3.1.5: So $R_u(G)$ won't matter for irreducible representations, or in turn for equivariant K-theory, and we can assume $R_u(G) = \{e\}$ is trivial. If G is not reductive, just replace it with $R/R_u(G)$, which is a reductive linear algebraic group when G is a linear algebraic group since $R_u(G) \trianglelefteq G$.

Next question: how can we relate compact groups to complex reductive groups?

Remark 3.1.6: Let $K \in \text{Lie Grp}$ be compact, and set $\mathbb{C}[K]$ to be the \mathbb{C} -span of matrix coefficients of finite dimensional representations of K . For V a finite-dimensional representation of K (just a continuous representation of a compact group), define

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi : V^\vee \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}[K] \\ f \otimes v &\mapsto \left(k \xrightarrow{\varphi_{f,v}} f(kv) \right).\end{aligned}$$

Fact 3.1.7

$\mathbb{C}[K]$ is a finite type reduced algebra. Such algebras correspond to an affine variety, i.e. it is the ring of functions on some affine variety. Thus $\mathbb{C}[K] = \mathbb{C}[G]$ for $G \in \text{AffVar}/_{\mathbb{C}}$ where $K \subseteq G$.

Theorem 3.1.8 (Chevalley).

1. G is a *reductive* algebraic group.
2. Every locally finite continuous representation of K extends uniquely to an algebraic representation of G , and every algebraic representation of G restricts to a locally finite representation of K .

Remark 3.1.9: So despite $\mathbb{C}[G]$ being infinite dimensional, every representation is contained in some finite dimensional piece. Note that there is an equivalence of categories between algebraic and compact groups, but there are differences: e.g. there are no irreducible infinite dimensional representations of compact groups.

Side note, see stuff by David Vogan!

Remark 3.1.10: The next result reduces representations to Cartans, which are *almost* tori, and is along the lines of what Langlands was originally thinking about.

Theorem 3.1.11 (Cartan-Weyl).

There is a bijection

$$\widehat{G} := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Irreducible representations} \\ \text{of } G \end{array} \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Irreducible dominant representations} \\ \text{of a Cartan subgroup } H \leq G \end{array} \right\}$$

Moreover,

1. If G is finite, $\{e\} = B \supseteq \{e\}$, so there is no reduction in this case, noting that the centralizer ends up being the whole group.
2. If G is connected reductive, then $T = H$ and there reduce to dominant characters of a torus.

Remark 3.1.12: See David Vogan's orange book on unitary representations of real reductive groups.

Exercise 3.1.13 (?)

Try proving this directly!

Definition 3.1.14 (Dominant characters)

Define

$$X(T) := \left\{ T \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{C}^\times \mid f \text{ is algebraic} \right\},$$

which is a moduli of irreducible representations of G . Then

$$X(T) \supseteq D_{\mathbb{Z}} := \left\{ \chi \in X \mid \chi \text{ is dominant for } B \right\}.$$

Note that this may make more sense after seeing root systems.

Remark 3.1.15: Given $\lambda \in D_{\mathbb{Z}}$, define a G -equivariant line bundle on the flag variety as $\mathcal{L}(\lambda) := (G \times \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda})/B$, where $(-\lambda)t := \lambda(t)^{-1}$. This can be extended to a representation of B by

$$B \rightarrow B/R_u(B) \cong T \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

This makes sense thinking of a Borel as upper-triangular matrices, tori as diagonal matrices, and unipotent as strictly upper triangular. So we can extend representations by making them trivial on a normal subgroup?

Check

We refer to λ as the map and \mathbb{C}_λ as the vector space in the representation $G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$. Note that B acts on the right of $G \times \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$ by

$$(g, z)b := (gb, b^{-1}z) := (gb, \lambda(b)^{-1}z).$$

Fact 3.1.16

$\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ is an algebraic variety.

4 | More Broad Overview (Wednesday, August 25)

Remark 4.0.1: We'll assume background in affine varieties, but not necessarily sheaves. Today's material: see Springer.

Definition 4.0.2 (Ringed Spaces)

Let $X \in \mathbf{Top}$, then a **ringed space** is the data of X and for all $U \in \mathbf{Open}(X)$ an assignment $\mathcal{O}(U) \in \mathbf{Alg}_{\mathbb{C}}$ a \mathbb{C} -algebra of complex functions satisfying *restriction* and *extension*, also known as a sheaf of \mathbb{C} -valued functions. A **morphism** of ringed spaces $\xi : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function such that for all $W \in \mathbf{Open}(Y)$, one can form the pullback

$$\xi_W^* f : \xi^{-1}(W) \xrightarrow{\xi} W \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{C},$$

and we require that there is a well-defined induced map $\xi_W^* : \mathcal{O}_Y(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(\xi^{-1}(W))$.

Example 4.0.3(?): For X an affine variety, the sheaf \mathcal{O}_X of regular functions satisfies this property. Note that \mathcal{O} can be an arbitrary sheaf though, not necessarily just regular functions.

Definition 4.0.4 (Prevariety)

A **prevariety** X is a quasicompact space X such that every $x \in X$ admits a neighborhood $U \subseteq X$ such that $(U, \text{Res}(\mathcal{O}_X, U))$ is isomorphic to an affine variety. A prevariety is a **variety** if it is additionally separated, so $\Delta_X \subseteq X^{\times 2}$ is closed.

Remark 4.0.5: Last time we said that $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ is an *algebraic variety*, so it satisfies the above definitions.

Remark 4.0.6: From now on G will be a connected reductive group. $\pi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ will always be the map from the group to the flag variety.

Remark 4.0.7: Let $X \in \mathbf{AlgVar}_{/\mathbb{C}}$ and $H \in \mathbf{AlgGrp}$ be linear where $H \curvearrowright X$. Then X/H is a quotient in \mathbf{Top} , by just taking the quotient topology. Let $\rho : X \rightarrow X/H$ be the projection, then define the ring of functions as

$$\mathcal{O}_{X/H}(U) := \left\{ f \in \text{Hom}(U, \mathbb{C}) \mid \text{Res}(f \circ \rho, \rho^{-1}(U)) \in \mathcal{O}_X(\rho^{-1}(U)) \right\}.$$

In this way $\mathcal{O}_{X/H}(U)$ can be identified with H -invariant functions $\mathcal{O}_X(\rho^{-1}(U))^H$. This makes X/H a ringed space, which is often (but not necessarily) an algebraic variety.

Example 4.0.8(?): This is not always an algebraic variety, e.g. taking $\mathbb{C}^{\times} \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}$ by multiplication. This yields two orbits (0 and everything else) and isn't a variety.

Remark 4.0.9: If $\pi : G \rightarrow G/H$ has local sections, then $(G \times X)/H \in \mathbf{AlgVar}$ using $(g, x)h := (gh, h^{-1}x)$. Note that this is a fiber bundle for the Zariski topology, and doesn't have local sections (contrasting the analytic topology).

Claim: The map $\pi : G \rightarrow G/B$ has local sections (but no global sections).

Remark 4.0.10: Side note: we have the Bruhat decomposition $G = \coprod_{w \in W} BwB$ as a partition into double cosets, quotienting by an action of $B \times B$. The theorem is that these are parameterized by the Weyl group.

Remark 4.0.11: Let $B = TU$ where T is a torus and U unipotent (so upper triangular, ones along the diagonal) and set U^- to be the *opposite unipotent radical* (e.g. lower triangular, ones along diagonal). Define a map

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi : U^- \times B &\rightarrow G \\ (\bar{u}, b) &\mapsto \bar{u}b^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $\text{im}(\varphi) = U^- B$, and φ is injective since $U^- \cap B = \{e\}$. The argument on matrices holds more generally: B are the upper triangular matrices and U^- has ones on the diagonal, so these intersect only at the identity. φ is an open embedding: one can show that the derivative is surjective:

$$\begin{aligned}d\varphi(1, 1) : \mathfrak{u}^- \times \mathfrak{b} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \\ (x, y) &\mapsto x - y.\end{aligned}$$

Rewriting the target as $\mathfrak{u}^- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{u}^+$ where $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{u}^+$, one can find preimages of any element.

Define a local section: $\sigma : U^- \rightarrow G$ where $U^- \subseteq G/B$. Use the composite $U^- \times B \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/B \supseteq U^-$ to view U^- as a subset of the flag variety. An explicit formula for section is the following:

$$\sigma(\bar{u}) := (\bar{u}, 1) \in U^- \times B \subseteq G.$$

Although this only constructs a section for one open set, translating by elements of g yields an open cover, and everything is equivariant.

Remark 4.0.12: Using this, $(G \times X)/B$ is always an algebraic variety, since $G \rightarrow G/B$ always has local sections. For other groups, X quasiprojective will also make the quotient algebraic, but the proof is more difficult. However it still involves constructing local sections. It turns out that $G \times_B X \rightarrow G/B$ is a locally trivial fiber bundle.

Remark 4.0.13: A note on notation: $(G \times X)_B$ is sometimes written $G \times_B X$ (as above), but this is *not* a fiber product. In this notation, $\mathcal{L}(\lambda) = G \times_B \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$. Note that this is a line bundle on G/B , so we can take sections.

Theorem 4.0.14 (Borel-Weil).

1. There is a correspondence

$$H^0(G/B; \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \cong \left\{ f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(g) = bf(gb) \right\} \quad G \in \mathbb{C}[G].$$

A section $\sigma : G/B \rightarrow G \times_B \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$ gets sent to $\sigma(gB/B) = [g, f(g)]$. Use that the quotient acts like a tensor over B , so

$$gB/B = gbB/B = [gb, f(gb)] = [g, bf(gb)].$$

2. $H^0(G/B; \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = L_\lambda^\vee$ for λ a dominant character in $D_{\mathbb{Z}}$, where L_λ is the irreducible finite dimensional representation of G with highest weight λ . Note that in the finite case, we have $L_\lambda^\vee = L_{w_0\lambda}$, but in the Kac-Moody case one doesn't have w_0 .

Example 4.0.15(?): For $\lambda = 0 \in X(T)$ a character, we get

$$\{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(g) = f(gb)\} = \mathbb{C}[G/B] = \mathcal{O}_{G/B}(G/B) = \mathbb{C}.$$

Remark 4.0.16: Chapter 1 of Kumar, Cartan matrices.

5 | Starting Kumar (Friday, August 27)

5.1 1.1: Definition of Kac-Moody Algebras

Definition 5.1.1 (Realization)

Let $A \in \text{Mat}(\ell \times \ell, \mathbb{C})$ be rank r . A **realization** of A is a triple $(\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^\vee)$ where $\mathfrak{h} \in \mathbb{C}\text{-Mod}$, $\pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell\} \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ are column vectors, and $\{\alpha_1^\vee, \dots, \alpha_\ell^\vee\} \subseteq \mathfrak{h}$ are row vectors indexed sets satisfying

1. π, π^\vee are linearly independent sets.
2. $\alpha_j(\alpha_i^\vee) = a_{i,j}$
3. $\ell - r = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathfrak{h}) - \ell$

Proposition 5.1.2(?).

There exists a realization of A that is unique up to isomorphism. Moreover, realizations of A, B are isomorphic iff B is similar to A via a permutation of the index set.

Proof (?).

Assume A is of the form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where A_1 is $r \times \ell$ block where $\text{rank } A_1 = r$ and A_2 is $(\ell - r) \times \ell$ Set

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ A_2 & I_{\ell-r} \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Mat}(\ell \times (2\ell - r)).$$

For $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}^{2\ell-r}$, set $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell$ to be the first ℓ coordinate functions α_1^\vee, \dots as the rows of C . This is a realization.

Conversely, given a realization $(\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^\vee)$, we can produce a matrix: complete π to a basis of \mathfrak{h}^\vee . This can done in such a way that $\alpha_j(\alpha_i^\vee) = [A_1, B; A_2, D^{-1}] \in \text{Mat}(\ell \times 2\ell - r)$. Using column operations, i.e. multiplication on the right, this can be mapped to $[A_1, 0; A_2, I]$. ■

Definition 5.1.3 (Free Lie algebra generated by a vector space)

Let $V \in \mathbb{C}\text{-Mod}$ and $T^\bullet(V)$ be its (associative) tensor algebra. Set $[ab] = ab - ba$ and take $F(V) \subseteq T(V)$ to be the free Lie algebra generated by $T^1(V)$. We call $F(V)$ the **free Lie algebra generated by V** . There is a universal property: for any linear hom $\theta : V \rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}$, there is a commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \mathfrak{sl} \\ & \searrow F & \nearrow \exists \tilde{\theta} \\ & F(V) & \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Note that $U(F(V)) = T(V)$.

This can be constructed as

$$\mathfrak{h} \oplus \langle e_1, \dots, e_\ell \rangle \bigoplus \langle f_1, \dots, f_\ell \rangle / \sim$$

$$\sim := \begin{cases} [e_i f_i] = \delta_{ij} \alpha_i^\vee & i, j = 1, \dots, \ell \\ [hh'] = 0 & h, h' \in \mathfrak{h} \\ [he_i] = \alpha_i(h) e_i \\ [hf_i] = \alpha_i(h) f_i & i = 1, \dots, \ell, h \in \mathfrak{h} \end{cases}.$$

Then set $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A) := F(V) / \sim$. We'll find that this only depends on the realization of A .

Definition 5.1.4 (Generalized Cartan Matrices)

A matrix $A = (\alpha_{ij})$ is a **generalized Cartan matrix (GCM)**:

- $\alpha_{ii} = 2$
- $\alpha_{ij} \leq 0, i \neq j$
- $\alpha_{ij} = 0$ if $\alpha_{ji} = 0$

Definition 5.1.5 (Kac-Moody Lie Algebras)

The **Kac-Moody Lie algebra** is defined by $\mathfrak{g} := \mathfrak{g}(A) := \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A) / \sim$, where we mod out by the **Serre relations**:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ad } e_i)^{1-\alpha_{ij}}(e_j) &= 0 \\ (\text{ad } f_i)^{1-\alpha_{ij}}(f_j) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 5.1.6:

- There is an injection $\mathfrak{h} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, so we refer to \mathfrak{h} as the **Cartan subalgebra**.
- The e_i, f_i are **Chevalley generators**.
- The **nilradicals** are $\mathfrak{n} := \langle \{e_1, \dots, e_\ell\} \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{n}^- := \langle \{f_1, \dots, f_\ell\} \rangle$.
- $\mathfrak{b} := \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$ is the **standard Borel**.
- $\mathfrak{b}^- := \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-$

- $\tilde{n}, \tilde{n}^-, \tilde{b}, \tilde{b}^-$ can similarly be defined for \tilde{g} .

Remark 5.1.7: A big theorem from algebraic groups: a connected reductive group G corresponds to a root datum $(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}_{i \leq \ell}, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \leq \ell})$ where $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^\vee \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ such that $a_{ij} := \langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j^\vee \rangle$ form a Cartan matrix $A := (a_{ij})$.

Example 5.1.8(?): Consider pairs of K, G where G is the complexification of K :

- $\mathrm{Sp}_n \rightsquigarrow \mathrm{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$, $Z(G) = \mathbb{Z}/2$ for $n \geq 1$
- $\mathrm{SU}_n \rightsquigarrow \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{C})$, $Z(G) = \mathbb{Z}/4n$ for $n \geq 3$
- $\mathrm{Spin}_n \rightsquigarrow \mathrm{Spin}_n(\mathbb{C})$, $Z(G) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$, $n \geq 8$ even
- F_4 , $Z(G) = \mathbb{Z}/4$ for $n \geq 7$ odd
- G_2
- E_6
- E_7
- E_8

Here we take the simply connected groups for the last 5, and the last 4 have cyclic centers.

Theorem 5.1.9(?).

There exist

1. Simple, simply connected, connected groups G_1, \dots, G_k ,
2. A finite central subgroup $F \subseteq \prod G_i \times T'$ where T' is a (not necessarily maximal) torus,

such that $G \cong (\prod G_i \times T')/F$. All connected reductive groups arise this way!

Example 5.1.10(?): Let $G := \mathrm{GL}_n = \mathrm{SL}_n \cdot \mathbb{C}^\times$, and they intersect at roots of unity, so

$$\mathrm{GL}_n = (\mathrm{SL}_n \times \mathbb{C}^\times) / \langle \zeta_n I_n, \zeta_n^{-1} \rangle.$$

The map (in the reverse direction) is $(g, z) \mapsto gz$, and if $gz = I$ in GL_n then $g = \zeta_n^k I_n$ and $z = \zeta_n^{-k}$.

Remark 5.1.11: Assume G is semisimple, simply connected, and connected. Then

1. The equivariant cohomology is

$$H_T^*(G/B; \mathbb{Q}) \cong S_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes_{S_{\mathbb{Q}}^W} S_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

2. The equivariant K-theory

$$K^T(G/B) = A(T) \otimes_{A(T)^W} A(T)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} W &= N_G(T)/T \\ S &= S(\mathfrak{h}^\vee), \\ A(T) &= \mathbb{Z}[X(T)]. \end{aligned} \quad \pi \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^\vee$$

Remark 5.1.12: Think about semisimple, simply connected, and connected groups most of the semester.

6 | Kac-Moody Groups (Monday, August 30)

Remark 6.0.1: See exercises in first two sections, 1.1 and 1.2. See also the proof of the Borel-Weil theorem.

6.1 1.2: Root Space Decompositions

Remark 6.1.1: Starting with a generalized Cartan matrix A , we produced a Lie algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ by taking the free Lie algebra and modding out by certain relations. This algebra only depended on the realization of A , namely $(\mathfrak{g}, \pi, \pi^\vee)$, which we thought of as $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}^\vee, \mathfrak{h})$, yielding $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ modulo Serre relations.

Definition 6.1.2 (Root Lattice)

Define

$$\begin{aligned} Q &:= \mathbb{Z}\pi \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^\vee && \text{the root lattice} \\ Q^+ &:= \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\pi \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^\vee \\ \mathfrak{g}_\alpha &:= \left\{ x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \forall h \in \mathfrak{h}, [hx] = \alpha(h)x \right\} && \text{for } \alpha \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 6.1.3 (?).

1. $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}^- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$, which are all nonzero.
2. $\mathfrak{n}^{\pm\alpha} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q^+ \setminus \{0\}} \mathfrak{g}_{\pm\alpha}$.
3. $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha < \infty$.
4. $\mathfrak{n} := \langle e_1, \dots, e_\ell \rangle$ subject *only* to the Serre relations, i.e. no additional relations are needed for this subalgebra.

Proof (?).

First step: prove for $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ and put a tilde on everything appearing in the theorem statement.

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_\ell\}$ be a basis for V and fix $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee$. Define an action of generators of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ on $T(V)$ in the following way:

1. α : Set $f_i(\alpha) := v_i \otimes a$ for $a \in T(V)$
2. β : set $h(1) := \langle \lambda, h \rangle 1 := \lambda(h) \cdot 1$, and inductively on s set

$$h(v_j \otimes a) := -\langle \alpha_j, h \rangle v_j \otimes a + v_j \otimes h(a) \quad a \in T^{s-1}(V), h \in \mathfrak{h}, 1 \leq j \leq \ell.$$

3. γ : Set $e_i(1) := 0$ to kill constants, and inductively on s ,

$$e_i(v_j \otimes a) = \delta_{ij} \alpha_i^\vee(a) + v_j \otimes e_i(a) \quad a \in T^{s-1}(V), 1 \leq j \leq \ell.$$

One should show that these define a representation by checking the Serre relations. Consider instead how this works in the $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ case:

Example 6.1.4(?): For \mathfrak{sl}_2 , take the realization $(\mathbb{C}, \{\alpha\}, \{\alpha^\vee\})$ corresponds to the matrix $A = (s)$. Here $T(V) = \mathbb{C}[x]$, and since there are no Serre relations, $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}$. We have $e = [0, 1; 0, 0]$, $f = [0, 0; 1, 0]$ which generate the positive/negative unipotent parts respectively. Then $h = \{\text{diag}(h, -h)\}$. Checking the action:

$$1. \alpha : \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} p = xp \text{ which raises degree by 1. M}$$

2.

$$\beta : h(1) = \lambda(h)1 \implies h(xp) = -\alpha(h)xp + x(hp),$$

where $p \in \mathbb{C}[x]_{g-1}$. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= -\alpha(x) + x\lambda(h) = (\lambda - \alpha)(h)x \\ h(x^2) &= (\lambda - 2\alpha)(h)x^2, \end{aligned}$$

so this acts diagonally and preserves degree.

3. Check

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (1) &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (xp) &= p + x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} p. \end{aligned}$$

Check that $ex = 1 + 0$ and $ex^2 = x + x = 2x$, so e acts by differentiation.

Note that \mathfrak{h} forms a subalgebra since it's a nondegenerate map. This follows from the fact that we get a representation ρ_λ of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ on $T(V)$, which for each h acts nontrivially on some $T(V)$. So use ρ_λ to deduce the theorem for $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$:

$$\left\{ [x, y] \mid x, y \in \mathfrak{h} = \langle \{e_i, f_i\}_{i=1}^\ell \rangle \right\} \subseteq \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^- + \mathfrak{h} + \tilde{\mathfrak{n}} = \mathfrak{g},$$

we'll show this sum is direct.

Let $u = n^- + h + n^+ = 0$, then in $T(V)$ we have $u(1) = n^-(1) + \langle \lambda, h \rangle 1$, which forces $\langle \lambda, h \rangle = 0$ for all $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ and thus $h = 0$. Use the restriction $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}$ to get a map $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^-) \rightarrow T(V)$ out of the enveloping algebra, using that $T(V)$ is an associative algebra. Using $f_i \mapsto v_i$, this is surjective and in fact an isomorphism. Sending $n^- \mapsto n^-(1)$ yields $\tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^- \subseteq U(\tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^-) = T(V)$. This yields $n^- = 0$, making the sum direct.

We can write $\tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^- = F \langle f_1, \dots, f_\ell \rangle$

and $\tilde{\mathfrak{n}} = F \langle e_1, \dots, e_\ell \rangle$ and by the PBW theorem, $\dim \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_\alpha < \infty$. This uses that the weight

spaces for $\tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^-$ are contained in $U(\tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^-)$. Note that there is a *Cartan involution*

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\omega} : \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} &\rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} \\ e_i &\mapsto -f_i \\ f_i &\mapsto -e_i \\ h &\mapsto -h.\end{aligned}$$

Now to prove the theorem for \mathfrak{g} itself, write $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}} := \ker(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha) \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$. This is an ideal, and thus \mathfrak{h} -stable. We can thus write

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{r}} = \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q^+ \setminus \{0\}} \mathfrak{r}_{-\alpha} \right) \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_0 \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q^+ \setminus \{0\}} \mathfrak{r}_\alpha \right)$$

where $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_\beta := \tilde{\mathfrak{r}} \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_\beta$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_0 = \tilde{\mathfrak{r}} \cap \mathfrak{h}$. We have ideals $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}^\pm \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^\pm$, which are respectively generated by

$$\left\{ e_{i,j} = (\text{ad } e_i)^{1-a_{i,j}}(e_j) \mid i \neq j \right\} \quad \left\{ f_{i,j} = (\text{ad } f_i)^{1-a_{i,j}}(f_j) \mid i \neq j \right\},$$

where $\text{ad } f_k(e_{i,j}) = 0$ for all k and $i \neq j$. Skipping a few things that are spelled out in the book, e.g. that $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_0 = 0$, we conclude that $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{r}}^+ \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{r}}^-$, both of which are ideals in $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$. Since $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_0 = 0$, we get $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq \mathfrak{g}$, and using that γ is surjective we have an isomorphism of \mathbb{C} -modules

$$\mathfrak{g} = \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}/\tilde{\mathfrak{r}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}^-/\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}^- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{n}}/\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}^+.$$


Write $\Delta := \left\{ \alpha \in Q \setminus \{0\} \mid \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \neq 0 \right\}$ the *set of roots* and \mathfrak{g}_α the *root space*, then set

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^+ &:= \Delta \cap Q^+ \\ \Delta^- &:= \Delta \cap (-Q^+) \\ \Delta &:= \Delta^+ \cup \Delta^-.\end{aligned}$$

Also for $Y \subseteq \{1, \dots, \ell\}$ write

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_Y &:= \Delta \cap \left(\bigoplus_{i \in Y} \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i \right) \\ \mathfrak{g}_Y &:= \mathfrak{h} \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Delta_Y} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \right).\end{aligned}$$

We say Y is *finite type* if \mathfrak{g}_Y is finite dimensional, and given A we can associate some matrix $(a_{i,j})_{i,j \in Y}$. ■

Remark 6.1.5: See Ch. 13 for how this generalizes the semisimple case. 

7 | Weyl Groups, 1.3 (Wednesday, September 01)

Remark 7.0.1: We'll spend a few days discussing Weyl groups, since they're important in the study of Schubert varieties. For other references, see

- Björner and Brenti: *Combinatorics of Coxeter Groups*

7.1 Root Systems

Remark 7.1.1: Recall that given a generalized Cartan matrix A , there is an associated realization $(\mathfrak{h}, \pi \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^\vee, \pi^\vee)$.

Definition 7.1.2 (Reflections)

For $1 \leq i \leq \ell$, define a **reflection** $s_i \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{h}^\vee)$ as

$$s_i(\chi) := \chi - \langle \chi, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \alpha_i \quad \forall \chi \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee.$$

Remark 7.1.3: One can check that this fixes a hyperplane, and $s_i^2 = \text{id}$.

Definition 7.1.4 (Crystallographic Root Systems)

A subset Φ of Euclidean space $(V, \langle -, - \rangle)$ is a **crystallographic root system** in V iff

1. Φ is finite, $\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi = V$, and $0 \notin \Phi$.
2. If $\alpha \in \Phi$, then $\mathbb{R}\alpha \cap \Phi = \pm\alpha$.
3. If $\alpha \in \Phi$, then s_α leaves Φ invariant
4. If $\alpha, \beta \in \Phi$, then $\frac{(\beta, \alpha)}{2(\alpha, \alpha)} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Remark 7.1.5: Note that for a Kac Moody Lie algebra, Φ is often infinite, so condition 1 can fail. Condition 2 can fail if α is imaginary, in which case $n\alpha \in \Phi$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Definition 7.1.6 (Weyl Groups)

Let $W \subseteq \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{h}^\vee)$ be the subgroup generated by $\{s_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \ell\}$, then W is said to be the **Weyl group** of \mathfrak{g} .

Definition 7.1.7 (Lengths)

Let \mathcal{W} be the group generated by a fixed set S of elements of order 2 in W . Then for $w \in \mathcal{W}$, the **length** $\ell(w)$ is the smallest number ℓ such that $w = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} s_i$.

Remark 7.1.8: Note that $\ell(1) = 0$, and for $Y \subseteq S$, we set \mathcal{W}_Y to be the subgroup generated by $\{s \mid s \in Y\}$. We'll prove that any Weyl group is a Coxeter group, but for now W is a Weyl group and \mathcal{W} is a Coxeter group.

Theorem 7.1.9(1.3.11).

Let (\mathcal{W}, S) be as above, then TFAE:

1. The Coxeter condition: \mathcal{W} is a quotient of the free group $\widehat{\mathcal{W}}$ generated by S , modulo the following relations:
 - $s^2 = 1$ for all $s \in S$.
 - $(st)^{m_{s,t}} = 1$ for all $s \neq t$ in S and for some integers $m_{t,s} = m_{s,t} \geq 2$ (or possibly ∞).
2. The root system condition: There exists a representation V of \mathcal{W} over \mathbb{R} together with a subset $\Delta \subseteq V \setminus \{0\}$ such that
 - Symmetric: $\Delta = -\Delta$
 - \mathcal{W} -invariance/stability: there exists a subset $\pi := \{\alpha_s\}_{s \in S} \subseteq \Delta$ such that for any $\alpha \in \Delta$ exactly one of α or $-\alpha$ belongs to the set of positive linear combinations of “simple roots” $\sum_{s \in S} \mathbb{R}_{>0} \alpha_s$. If α is in this subset, we'll say α is **positive**, and if $-\alpha$ is in it, we'll say α is **negative**.
 - For every $s \in S$, if $\alpha \neq \alpha_s$ and $\alpha > 0$ is positive, then $s\alpha_s < 0$ is negative and $s\alpha > 0$.^a
 - For $s, t \in S$ and $w \in \mathcal{W}$, then $w\alpha_s = \alpha_t$ implies that $ws w^{-1} = t$, so the group action is captured in a conjugation action.
3. The *strong exchange* condition: For $s \in S$ and $v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ with $\ell(vsv^{-1}w) \leq \ell(w)$, for any expression $w = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$ with $s_i \in S$, we have $vs v^{-1}w = \prod_{i \neq j}^n s_i$ for some j .
4. The *exchange condition*: For $s \in S, w \in \mathcal{W}$ with $\ell(sw) \leq \ell(w)$, then for any reduced expression $w = \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$, we have $sw = \prod_{i \neq j}^n s_i$ for some j .

^aSo the simple reflection changes the sign of only the corresponding simple root, and preserves the sign of all other simple roots.

Remark 7.1.10: These conditions show up in a lot of proofs!

Definition 7.1.11 (Crystallographic Coxeter groups)

If S is finite (which it will be for us), we can take V to be finite dimensional. Writing $S := \{s_1, \dots, s_\ell\}$ and set $m_{ij} := \text{Ord}(s_i s_j)$. If every m_{ij} is one of $\{2, 3, 4, 6, \infty\}$, call the Coxeter group **crystallographic**.

Remark 7.1.12: An open problem is that all Coxeter groups *should* come from geometry, e.g. from projective varieties (?), but it's not clear what these varieties should be. The crystallographic ones

will precisely come from Kac-Moody Lie algebras. This is closely related to problems concerning KL polynomials: take an Ind variety, stratify it, and take intersection cohomology.

Remark 7.1.13: Every *finite* irreducible Coxeter group (with exceptions $H_3, H_4, I_2(m)$) occur as Weyl groups of crystallographic root systems.

Proof (of theorem, 1 \implies 2).

Let V be the \mathbb{R} -module with basis $\{\alpha_s \mid s \in S\}$. For any $s \in S$, define an inner product by extending the following \mathbb{R} -bilinearly:

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_s, \alpha_s) &= 1 \\ (\alpha_{s_1}, \alpha_{s_2}) &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{m_{s_1 s_2}}\right) \quad s_1 \neq s_2. \end{aligned}$$

For $s, v \in V$, define

$$s(v) := v - 2(v, \alpha_s)\alpha_s.$$

A quick computation shows

$$s(\alpha_s) = \alpha_s - 2(\alpha_s, \alpha_s)\alpha_s = -\alpha_s.$$

One can check that the formula is \mathbb{R} -linear, and using this we have

$$\begin{aligned} s^2(v) &= s(v - 2(v, \alpha_s)\alpha_s) \\ &= s(v) - 2(v, \alpha_s)s(\alpha_s) \\ &= (v - 2(v, \alpha_s)\alpha_s) - 2(v, \alpha_s)s(\alpha_s) \\ &= (v - 2(v, \alpha_s)\alpha_s) - 2(v, \alpha_s)(-\alpha_s) \\ &= v, \end{aligned}$$

so $s^2 = \text{id}$. By assumption, we have $(s_1 s_2)^{m_{s_1 s_2}}(v) = v$. Using that this formula factors through the relations, we can extend this to an action $\mathcal{W} \curvearrowright V$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (s(v), s(v')) &= (v - 2(v, \alpha_s)\alpha_s, v' - 2(v', \alpha_s)\alpha_s) \\ &= (v, v') - 2(v', \alpha_s)(v, \alpha_s) - 2(v, \alpha_s)(\alpha_s, v') + 4(v, \alpha_s)(v', \alpha_s)(\alpha_s, \alpha_s) \\ &= (v, v') - 4(v', \alpha_s)(v, \alpha_s) + 4(v, \alpha_s)(v', \alpha_s) \\ &= (v, v'), \end{aligned}$$

where we've used that $(-, -)$ is symmetric. Thus $(wv, wv') = (v, v')$.

Let $\Delta := \bigcup_{s \in S} \mathcal{W}(\alpha_s)$, we'll work with this more next time.

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8 | Wednesday, September 08

Remark 8.0.1: Today: finish chapter one.

Definition 8.0.2 (Bruhat-Chevalley Partial Order)

For $v, w \in W$ we set $v \leq w \iff$ there exists $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p \in T$ such that

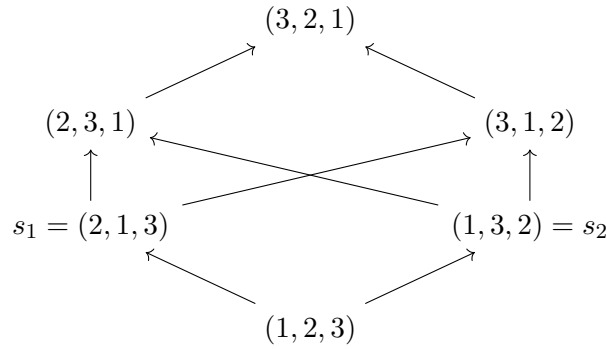
- $v = t_p \cdots t_1 w$
- $\ell(t_j \cdots t_1 w) \leq \ell(t_{j-1} \cdots t_1 w)$.

Definition 8.0.3 (Minimal length representatives)

For $Y \subseteq S$ we set

$$W'_Y := \{\ell(wv) \geq \ell(w) \forall v \in W_Y\}.$$

Example 8.0.4(?): Consider $W = S_3$ with $S := \{s_1, s_2\} = \{1, 2\}$. The Hasse diagram is the following:



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We have

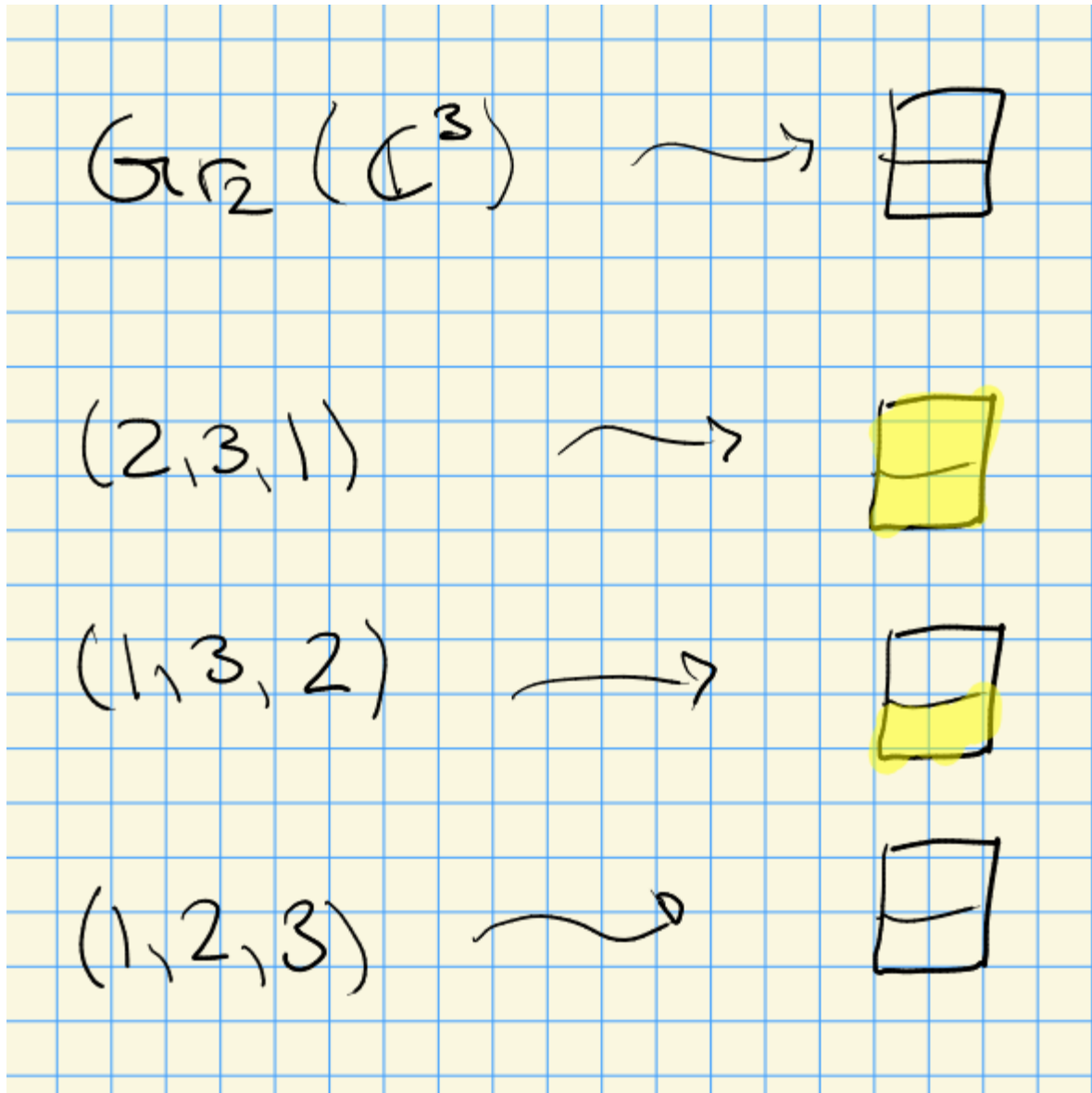
- $\emptyset \subseteq \{1\} \subseteq 1, 2$
-

$$G/B = \{0 \subseteq F^1 \subseteq F^2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3\} \rightarrow \{0 \subseteq F^2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3\} := \text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^3) \rightarrow \{0 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3\} = G/G.$$

Note that Kumar writes

$$\begin{aligned} X^\emptyset &:= G/B \\ X^{\{1\}} &= \text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^3) \\ X^{\{1,2\}} &= G/G. \end{aligned}$$

- For $Y := \{1\}$, we just have to check how lengths change upon swapping the first two positions. Thus $W_Y = \{e, s_1\}$ since $(2, 3, 1)$ is minimal length. Similarly $(1, 3, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$ are minimal length.

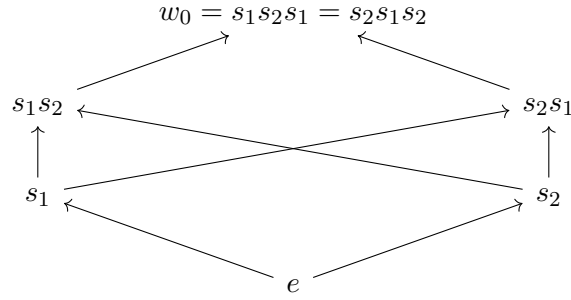


- For $Y = \{1, 2\}$, we get $W_Y = W$ with a minimal element $(1, 2, 3)$.

Lemma 8.0.5(?).

Fix a reduced expression $w = \prod_{i \leq n} s_i$. Then $v \leq w$ iff there exist indices $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_p \leq n$ such that $v = \prod_{i \neq j_k} s_i$.

Example 8.0.6(?): For $m_{12} = 3$, if $(s_1 s_2)^{m_{12}=3} = e$, so $s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_2 s_1 s_2$, which is a braid relation that corresponds to $(3, 2, 1)$. Let w_0 be the maximal element (which generally only works when the Coxeter group is finite), so here $w_0 = s_1 s_2 s_1$. We can cross out various reflections to get closure relations:



[Link to Diagram](#)

Here for $Y = \{1\} = \{s_1\}$, we get minimal length elements e, s_2, s_1s_2 .

Example 8.0.7(?): In general, we start with a GCM A , take a realization $(\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^\vee)$, get Kac-Moody Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , and extract a group W which we now know is a Coxeter group. Write $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\ell\} \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ and $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_\ell\}$, then for any $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ set

$$s_i(\chi) := \chi - \langle \chi, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \alpha_i \quad \forall \chi \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee.$$

Fix a real form $\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{R}$ of \mathfrak{h} satisfying

- $\pi^\vee \subseteq \mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{R}$,
- $\alpha_i(\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq \ell$.

Definition 8.0.8 (Dominant Chamber)

Define the **dominant chamber** $D_\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{R}^\vee := \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ as

$$D_\mathbb{R} := \left\{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_\mathbb{R}^\vee \mid \lambda(\alpha_i) \geq 0 \forall i \right\}.$$

Definition 8.0.9 (Tits Cone)

Define the **Tits cone** as

$$C := \bigcup_{w \in W} w D_\mathbb{R}.$$

Remark 8.0.10: Consider the reductive group $\text{Sp}_4(\mathbb{C})$, which is semisimple, simply connected, and connected. One way to realize this group is as

$$\text{Sp}_4(\mathbb{C}) := \left\{ g \in \text{GL}_4(\mathbb{C}) \mid \Theta(g) = g \right\}$$

for Θ some involution of $\text{GL}_4(\mathbb{C})$. Noting that we always have associated root datum $(n, \{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^\ell, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i=1}^\ell)$, here we have

$$\text{Sp}_4(\mathbb{C}) = (2, \{(1, -1), (0, 2)\}, \{(1, -1), (0, 1)\}).$$

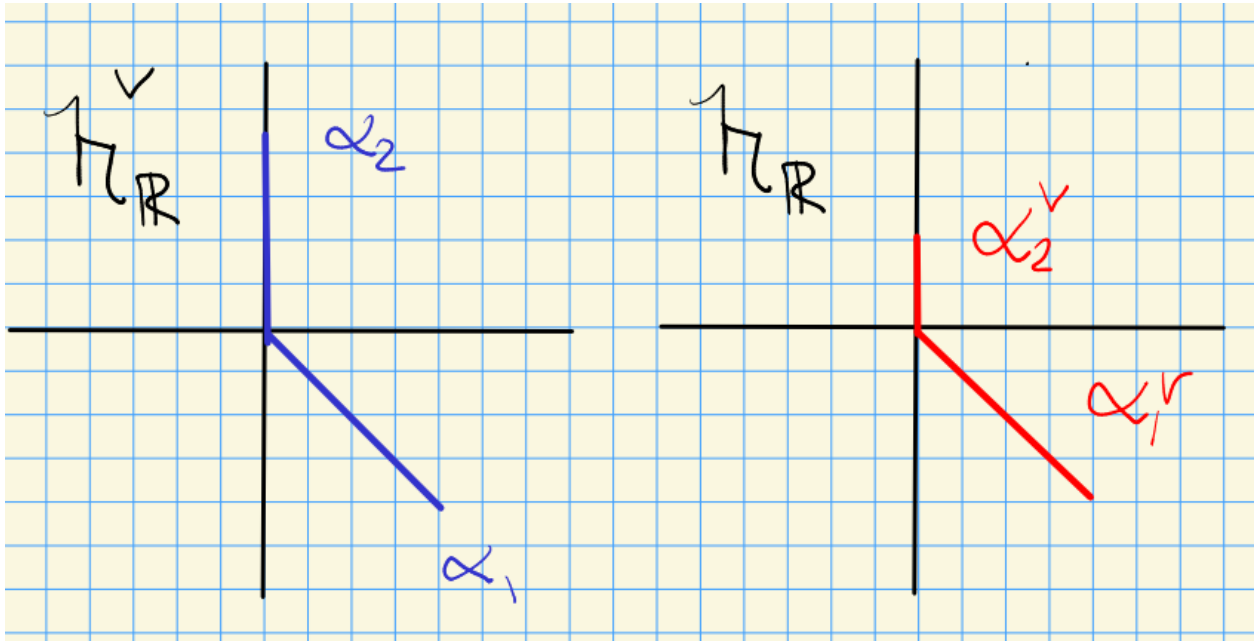
This yields a GCM

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

which comes from computing $(A)_{ij} := \alpha_i(\alpha_j^\vee)$. Here

$$G/Z(G) = (2, \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}, \{(2, -2), (-1, 2)\}).$$

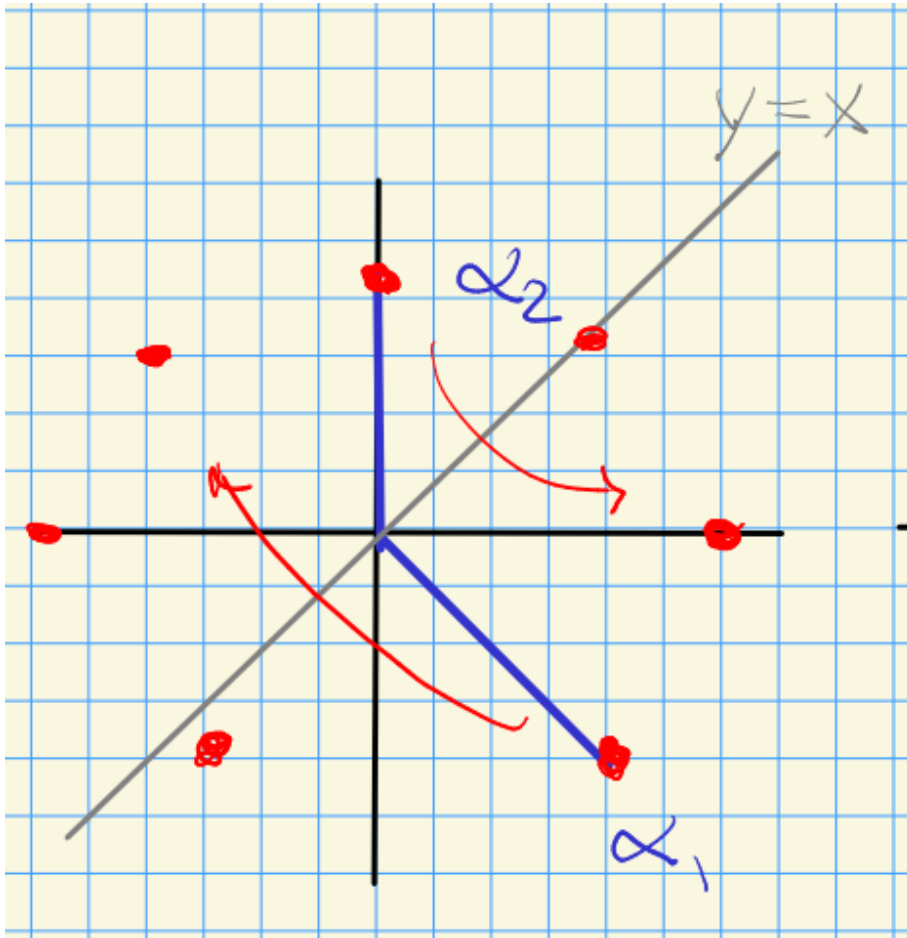
Note that these two root data are distinct over \mathbb{Z} . We can consider the real form $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^\vee$:



We have

- $\chi \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^\vee = \{(x, y)\},$
- $s_1(x, y) = (x, y) - \langle (x, y), (1, -1) \rangle (1, -1) = (y, x)$
- $s_2(x, y) = (x, y) - \langle (x, y), (0, 1) \rangle (0, 2) = (x, -y)$

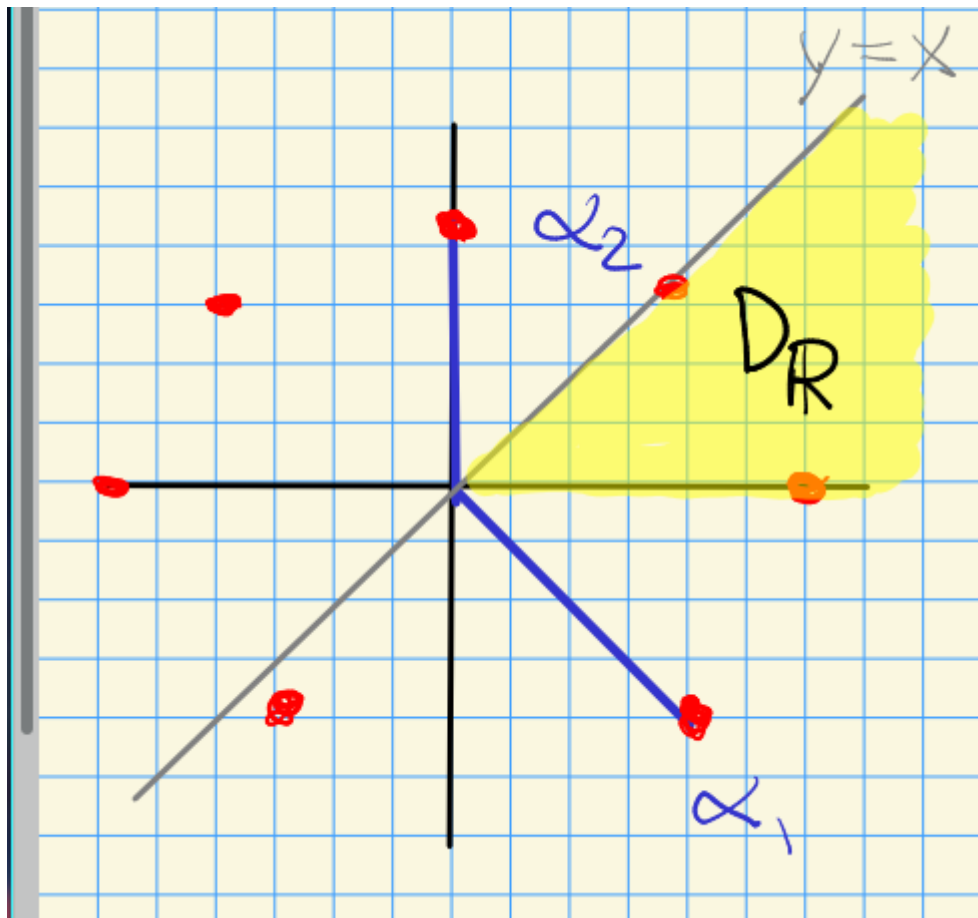
We can look at the W -orbits of these, and it turns out to recover all of the roots:



$W \subseteq \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\vee})$ is the subgroup given by $\{s_1, s_2\}$, and there are maps

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_1 s_2 &: (x, y) \mapsto (-y, x) \\
 s_2 s_1 s_2 &: (x, y) \mapsto (y, -x) \\
 s_1 s_2 s_1 s_2 &: (x, y) \mapsto (-x, -y) \\
 s_2 s_1 s_2 s_1 s_2 &: (x, y) \mapsto (-x, y) \\
 &\vdots \\
 (s_1 s_2)^4 &: (x, y) \mapsto (x, y) \implies m_{12} = 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we've used that $(s_1 s_2)^2 = (s_2 s_1)^2$. We can then find the dominant chamber:



For $\lambda \in D_{\mathbb{R}}$, we set $W_{\lambda} := \{w \in W \mid w(\lambda) = \lambda\}$. This is generated by the simple reflections it contains. Setting $Y = Y(\lambda) = \{s_i \in S \mid \lambda(\alpha_i^{\vee}) = 0\}$, we actually get $W_{\lambda} = W_Y$.

Remark 8.0.11: Recall what regular weights are!

9 | Category \mathcal{O} (Friday, September 10)

Counterexamples: Kac Moodys that aren't usual Lie algebras: affine Kac Moodys.

Remark 9.0.1: Our setup: $A \rightsquigarrow (\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^{\vee})$. Fix $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^{\vee}$ and $c \in \mathbb{C}_{\lambda} \ni z$ a representation of \mathfrak{h} by $x \cdot := \lambda(x)z$. Recall that we have a triangular decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}^- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}$ with $\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n} \leq \mathfrak{b}$ a subalgebra of the Borel. Since $\mathfrak{n} \trianglelefteq \mathfrak{b}$ is an ideal, we can quotient to extend the representation

$$\mathfrak{b} \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}/\mathfrak{n} \cong \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathbb{C}_{\lambda}.$$

This extends from \mathfrak{h} to \mathfrak{b} by making it zero on \mathfrak{n} , and generally one can do this with nilradicals.

Definition 9.0.2 (Verma Modules)

$$M(\lambda) := U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}\text{-Mod},$$

where $\mathfrak{b} \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}_\lambda$ extends to the universal enveloping algebra.

Remark 9.0.3: The PBW theorem implies that every $M(\lambda) \cong U(\mathfrak{n}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}_\lambda$ as vector spaces, which is in fact an isomorphism in \mathfrak{b}^- -Mod. This means $M(\lambda)$ is a weight module for \mathfrak{h} , i.e. there is a decomposition $M(\lambda) = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee} M(\lambda)_\mu$ where

$$M(\lambda)_\mu := \left\{ v \in M(\lambda) \mid h \cdot v = \mu(h)v, \quad h \in \mathfrak{h} \right\}.$$

Definition 9.0.4 (Highest weight modules)

Any nonzero quotient L of $M(\lambda)$ in $\mathfrak{g}\text{-Mod}$ is a **highest weight module** with highest weight λ .

Remark 9.0.5: Why *highest weight*? There is a partial order on weights:

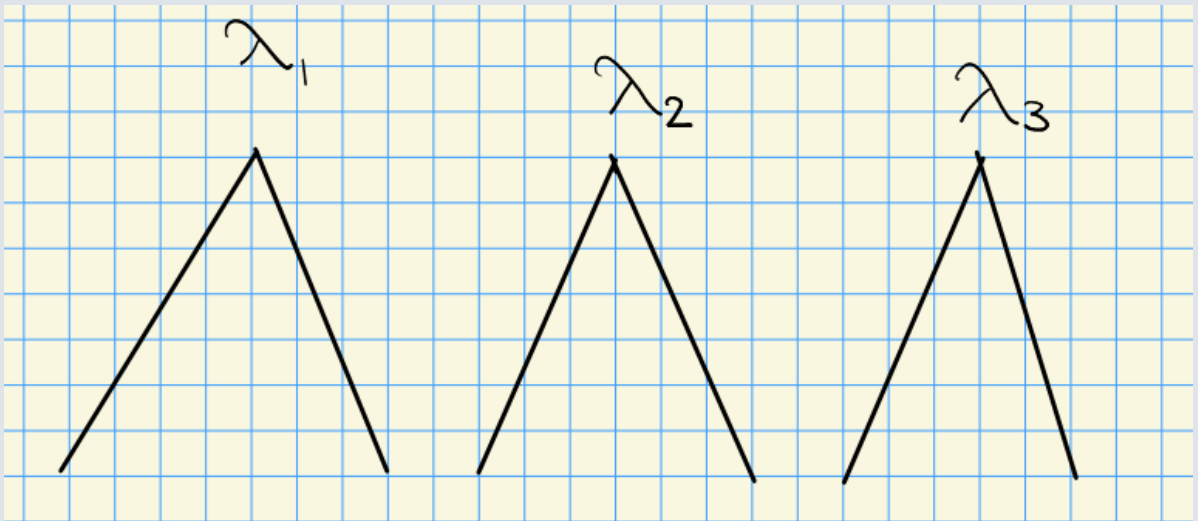
$$\mu \leq \lambda \iff \lambda - \mu \in Q^+ := \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\pi.$$

Also note that $M(\lambda)$ is a highest weight module.

Definition 9.0.6 (Category \mathcal{O})

There is a full subcategory $\mathcal{O} \leq \mathfrak{g}\text{-Mod}$ where every $M \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{O})$ satisfies the following:

- (Finite multiplicities) M is a weight module with finite-dimensional weight spaces.
- There exist finitely many weights $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ (depending on M) such that $P(M) \subseteq \bigcup_{1 \leq j \leq k} \mathfrak{h}_{\leq \lambda_j}^\vee$:



Lemma 9.0.7(?).

Any $M(\lambda)$ has a unique proper maximal \mathfrak{g} -submodule $M'(\lambda)$. In particular, $\lambda \notin M'(\lambda)$, and there is a unique irreducible quotient $L(\lambda) := M(\lambda)/M'(\lambda)$.

The proof is easy: use that λ generated $M(\lambda)$ as a \mathfrak{g} -module.

Lemma 9.0.8(?).

For any irreducible $L \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{O})$, there exists a unique $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ such that $L \cong L(\lambda)$.

Definition 9.0.9 (Dominant Integral Weights)

Define the **dominant integral weights**

$$D := \left\{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee \mid \forall \alpha_i^\vee \in \pi^\vee, \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \right\}.$$

Definition 9.0.10 (Maximal integrable highest weight modules)

For $\lambda \in D$, define $M_1(\lambda) \subseteq M(\lambda)$ as the submodule generated by $\left\{ f_i^{\lambda(\alpha_i^\vee)+1} \otimes 1 \right\}_{i=1}^\ell$, and define

$$L^{\max}(\lambda) := \frac{M(\lambda)}{M_1(\lambda)},$$

the operators that act locally nilpotently (so there is an exponent depending on the vector)

Example 9.0.11(?): Let $A = [2]$ be a 1×1 GCM, which yields $(\mathbb{C}, \{2\}, \{1\}) \rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$. Given $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(\lambda) &= U(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{b})} \mathbb{C}_\lambda \\ &\cong U(\mathfrak{n}^-) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}_\lambda \\ &= \mathbb{C}[y] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}_\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

where noting that $\mathfrak{n}^- = \langle f_i \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{n} = \langle e_i \rangle$, we identify the variable y with f .

This has weights $\lambda, \lambda - 2, \lambda - 4, \dots$, identifying elements as $y^k \otimes 1$. How do $e, f, h \in \mathfrak{g}$ act in this basis?

- $h(y^k \otimes 1) = (hy^k) \otimes 1 = (\lambda - 2k)(y^k \otimes 1)$.
- $f(y^k \otimes 1) = y(y^k \otimes 1) = y^{k+1} \otimes 1$.
- e : more complicated!

The game: move e s across the tensor product to kill terms:

- For $k = 0$:

$$e(1 \otimes 1) = e \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes e(1) = 0$$

since we extended λ by zero on \mathfrak{n} .

- For $k = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
e(y \otimes 1) &= e(f \otimes 1) \\
&= (ef) \otimes 1 \\
&= ([ef] + fe) \otimes 1 \\
&= [ef] \otimes 1 \\
&= \alpha^\vee \otimes 1 \\
&= 1 \otimes \alpha^\vee \cdot 1 \\
&= \lambda(\alpha^\vee)(1 \otimes 1) \\
&= \lambda,
\end{aligned}$$

using $ef = [e, f] + fe = ef - fe + fe$ and $fe \otimes 1 = f \otimes e(1) = 0$.

- For $k = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
eff \otimes 1 &= ([ef] + fe)f \otimes 1 \\
&= (\alpha^\vee f + fef) \otimes 1 \\
&= (\alpha^\vee f + f([ef] + fe)) \otimes 1 \\
&= (\alpha^\vee f + f[ef]) \otimes 1 \\
&= (\alpha^\vee f + f\alpha^\vee) \otimes 1 & f\alpha^\vee \in \mathfrak{h} \\
&= (\alpha^\vee f + \lambda f) \otimes 1 \\
&= ([\alpha^\vee, f] + f\alpha^\vee + \lambda f) \otimes 1 \\
&= (-\alpha(\alpha^\vee)f + 2\lambda f) \otimes 1 & \text{using Kac-Moody relns.} \\
&= 2(\lambda - 1)f \otimes 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Then general pattern is $e(y^k \otimes 1) = k(\lambda - (k - 1))(y^{k-1} \otimes 1)$.

Here

$$D = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee = \mathbb{C} \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \right\} = \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \subseteq \mathbb{C} = \mathfrak{h}^\vee$$

and for $\lambda \in D$,

$$M_1(\lambda) = \left\{ f^{\lambda(\alpha_i^\vee)+1} \otimes 1 \right\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell=1} = \left\{ f^{\lambda+1} \otimes 1 \right\}.$$

Note that $e \cdot f^{\lambda+1} \otimes 1 = 0$, which can be checked from the above formula:

$$e(y^{\lambda+1} \otimes 1) = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - \lambda)y^\lambda = 0.$$

Thus $M_1(\lambda) = \mathbb{C} \langle y^{\lambda+1}, y^{\lambda+2}, \dots \rangle$. Finally,

$$\frac{M(\lambda)}{M_1(\lambda)} = L^{\max}(\lambda) = L(\lambda).$$

10 | Tits Systems, 5.1 (Monday, September 13)

Remark 10.0.1: The basic setup from the book:

$$A \rightsquigarrow (\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^\vee) \rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightsquigarrow (W, S).$$

We'll think of $G \rightsquigarrow (\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^\vee)$ as the root data associated to a semisimple simply connected connected algebraic group. Warning: this association isn't unique in the non-semisimple case! Noting that (W, S) is a Coxeter group, is there a way to recover an algebra \mathfrak{g} and a Kac-Moody group \mathcal{G} ?

For today: take

- $G := \mathrm{GL}_n$, Note that G is not semisimple or simply connected.
- B the fixed Borel (maximum connected closed solvable subgroup) of upper-triangular matrices. Flag varieties are homogeneous projective spaces, so G/B is a flag variety.
- T the maximal torus of diagonal matrices
- $N = N_G(T)$ to be the subgroup generated by all permutation and scalar matrices.
- The Weyl group $W := N/B \cap N = N/T$ since $B \cap N = T$. Note that $W \cong S_n$ is a Coxeter group.
- $S \subseteq W$ is the subset of simple reflections, writing $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ and taking only those permutations that transpose two adjacent coordinates, so

$$\tau_k : (w_1, \dots, w_k, w_{k+1}, \dots, w_n) \mapsto (w_1, \dots, w_{k+1}, w_k, \dots, w_n).$$

This can be written as $\langle \tau_k \rangle := \langle (k, k+1) \mid 1 \leq k \leq n-1 \rangle$.

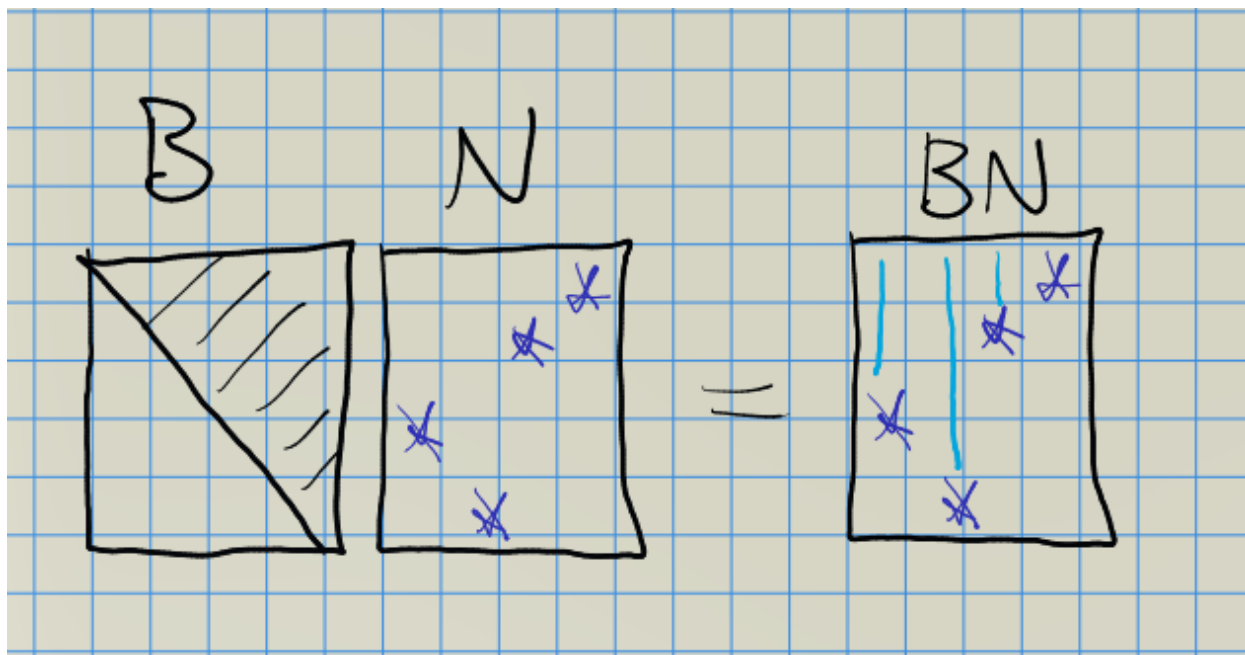
Remark 10.0.2: More generally, $G \supseteq B \supseteq T$ and we set $W := N_G(T)/Z_G(T)$ and show $Z_G(T) = T$, but what is $B \cap N$ generally? Maybe use the fact that $N_G(B) = B$? Or that the unipotent radical intersects it trivially.

Definition 10.0.3 (Tits Systems)

A **Tits system** is a tuple (G, B, N, S) where $B, N \leq G$ are subgroups and $S \subseteq W = N/B \cap N$, which collectively adhere to the following axioms:

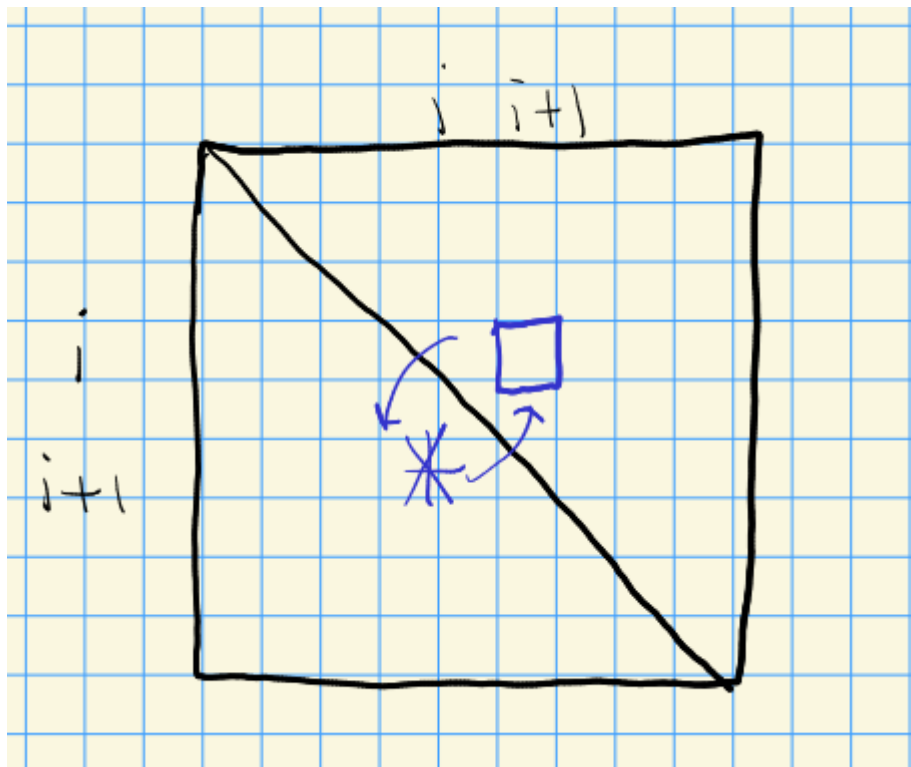
1. $B \cap N \trianglelefteq N$,
2. B, N generate G ,
3. For all $s_i \in S$, we have $sBs^{-1} \not\subseteq B$
4. For $w \in S_n$ and $s \in S$, defining $C(x) := B\bar{x}B \subseteq G$ for any coset representative \bar{x} of x in N , we require $C(s)C(w) \subseteq C(w) \cup C(sw)$.

Remark 10.0.4: Consider elements in BN for GL_n : B is upper triangular, N has one (possibly) nonzero entry in each row/column, and multiplying this can “smear” the entries upward by filling a column above an entry:



Similarly, multiplying on the right smears rightward, and it's not so hard to convince yourself that these generate GL_n .

For the conjugation axiom, consider the following:



We also have $B\bar{s}B\bar{w}B \subseteq B\bar{w}B \cup B\bar{s}\bar{w}B$. To prove this, we'll show

- $\bar{s}B\bar{w} \subseteq \text{the RHS}$,
- The right-hand side is stable under the $B \times B$ action of left/right multiplication.

To see the first, consider the example:

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{s_i} B \overline{w} &:= \overline{s_i} B \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 \\ & & \\ 1 & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \overline{s_i} \begin{bmatrix} & & i & i+1 \\ & & * & * \\ * & & & * \\ & & * & \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} & & i & i+1 \\ & & * & * \\ * & & & * \\ & & * & \end{bmatrix} \subseteq \begin{bmatrix} & & * & * \\ & & & * \\ * & & & \\ & & * & \end{bmatrix} \cup \begin{bmatrix} & & * & * \\ & & & * \\ * & & & * \\ & & * & \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

For the second, consider

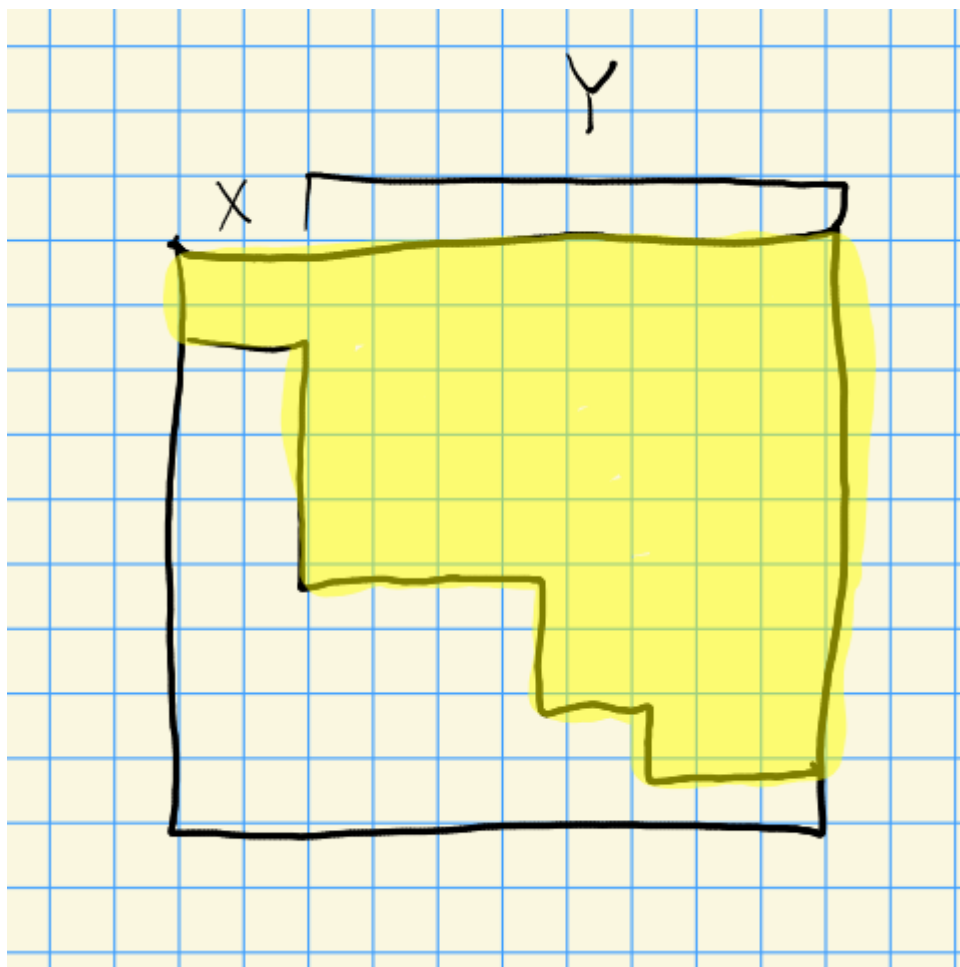
$$(1, 3, 2, 4)(3, 4, 1, 2) = (2, 4, 1, 3).$$

The hard case is when lengths of the result change.

Definition 10.0.5 (Parabolics)

Any $B \subseteq P \subseteq G$ is called a **standard parabolic**. Any subgroup Q conjugate to P is called **parabolic**.

Remark 10.0.6: Standard parabolics correspond to subsets Y of simple reflections $\emptyset \subseteq Y \subseteq S$. Any subgroup containing the upper triangular matrices looks like the following:



For P_Y , we take everything but skip the first index.

Remark 10.0.7:

- Take $S \subseteq \{w \in W \mid w^2 = \text{id}\}$ a subset of order 2 elements.
- $P_Y = BW_Y B = \coprod_{s \in U} B \bar{s} B \subseteq \mathcal{G}$.
- $G = \coprod_{w \in W} C(w)$
- There is a decomposition into double coset orbits:

$$G = \coprod_{w \in W_Y \backslash W / W_{Y'}} P_Y w P_{Y'}.$$

- We have

$$C(s)C(w) = \begin{cases} C(sw) & \ell(sw) \geq \ell(w) \\ C(w) \cup C(s) & \ell(sw) = \ell(w). \end{cases}$$

- (W, S) is a Coxeter group.
- For any parabolic P (not necessarily standard), its normalizer satisfies $N_G(P) = P$. Note that you can plug in a Borel here. Moreover $G/P = G/N_G(P)$, which parameterizes parabolic subgroups of G .

– $w \in W'_Y(Y) \cong W/W_Y$. Fixing a *reduced* decomposition $w = w_1 \cdots w_k$, i.e. $\ell(w) = \sum_{i=1}^k \ell(w_i)$.

– For any $A_i \subseteq C(w_i)$ where $A_i \rightarrow C(w_i)/B$ is bijective (resp. surjective), the multiplication $\varphi : A_1 \times \cdots \times A_k \rightarrow BwP_Y/P_Y$ is bijective (resp. surjective).

11 | Generalized Flag Varieties, 7.1 (Wednesday, September 15)

Remark 11.0.1: Most of the things we'll look at will be motivated by the finite-type case, but the statements still go through more generally. The setup: A a GCM \rightsquigarrow root datum $(\mathfrak{h}, \pi, \pi^\vee) \rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{g}$ a Kac-Moody Lie algebra $\rightsquigarrow (W, S)$ a Coxeter group $\rightsquigarrow T \subseteq B$ a maximal torus, where $T = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{C}^\times)$ and B plays the role of the Borel, $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{G}$ a Kac-Moody group. Here $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ is the integer span of coroots, using that $\mathfrak{h} \subseteq \pi^\vee$. Note that since \mathcal{G} arises from a Tits system, so even though we haven't described it set-theoretically yet, we know many nice properties it has by previous propositions.

Fact 11.0.2

For $G \in \text{AlgGrp}$ arbitrary and $H \leq G$, the quotient space G/H is a variety (See Springer's book for a proof). Write $G/H = (X, a)$ where $a = H/H$ is a distinguished point. Quotients have a universal property: for any pair (Y, b) of pointed G -spaces whose isotropy (stabilizer) group contains H , there exists a unique equivariant pointed morphism $\varphi : G/H \rightarrow Y$ such that $\varphi(a) = b$.

Remark 11.0.3: Today: we defined a flag variety to be any projective homogeneous space, and today we'll see that G/B is a *projective* variety. In fact, we'll show that \mathcal{G}/P_Y is a projective *ind-variety*, where P_Y is the standard parabolic coming from the Tits system.

Definition 11.0.4 (Ind-varieties)

An **Ind-variety** is a set with a countable filtration $X_0 \subseteq X_1 \subseteq \cdots$ such that

- $X = \varinjlim_n X_n = \bigcup_n X_n$,
- Each $X_n \hookrightarrow X_{n+1}$ is a closed embedding of finite-dimensional varieties.

X will be projective/affine iff its filtered pieces are projective/affine.

Remark 11.0.5: Note that we don't require a stratification here, but there will be a stratification on the flag varieties we'll use, which induces a filtration.

Example 11.0.6(?): Infinite affine space \mathbb{A}_k^∞ can be written as

$$\mathbb{A}_k^\infty = \left\{ (a_1, a_2, \dots) \mid a_i \in k, \text{ finitely many } a_i \neq 0 \right\}.$$

The filtration is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}^1 &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}^\infty \\ x &\mapsto (x, 0, 0, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}^2 &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}^\infty \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x, y, 0, \dots) \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Example 11.0.7(?): For $V \in \mathbb{C}\text{-Mod}$ with $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V = \infty$, we have $V \cong \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^\infty$ as Ind-varieties.

Example 11.0.8(?): For any $V \in \mathbb{C}\text{-Mod}$, the space $\mathbb{P}(V) := \text{Gr}_1(V)$ (the space of lines in V) is a projective Ind-variety.

Remark 11.0.9: For any integrable highest weight \mathfrak{g} -module $V = V(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in D_{\mathbb{Z}}$ an integral dominant weight, this will yield a \mathcal{G} -module. Here for \mathfrak{g} semisimple, it integrates to the simply connected \mathcal{G} .

Definition 11.0.10 (?)

For any $v_\lambda \neq 0 \in V$, define

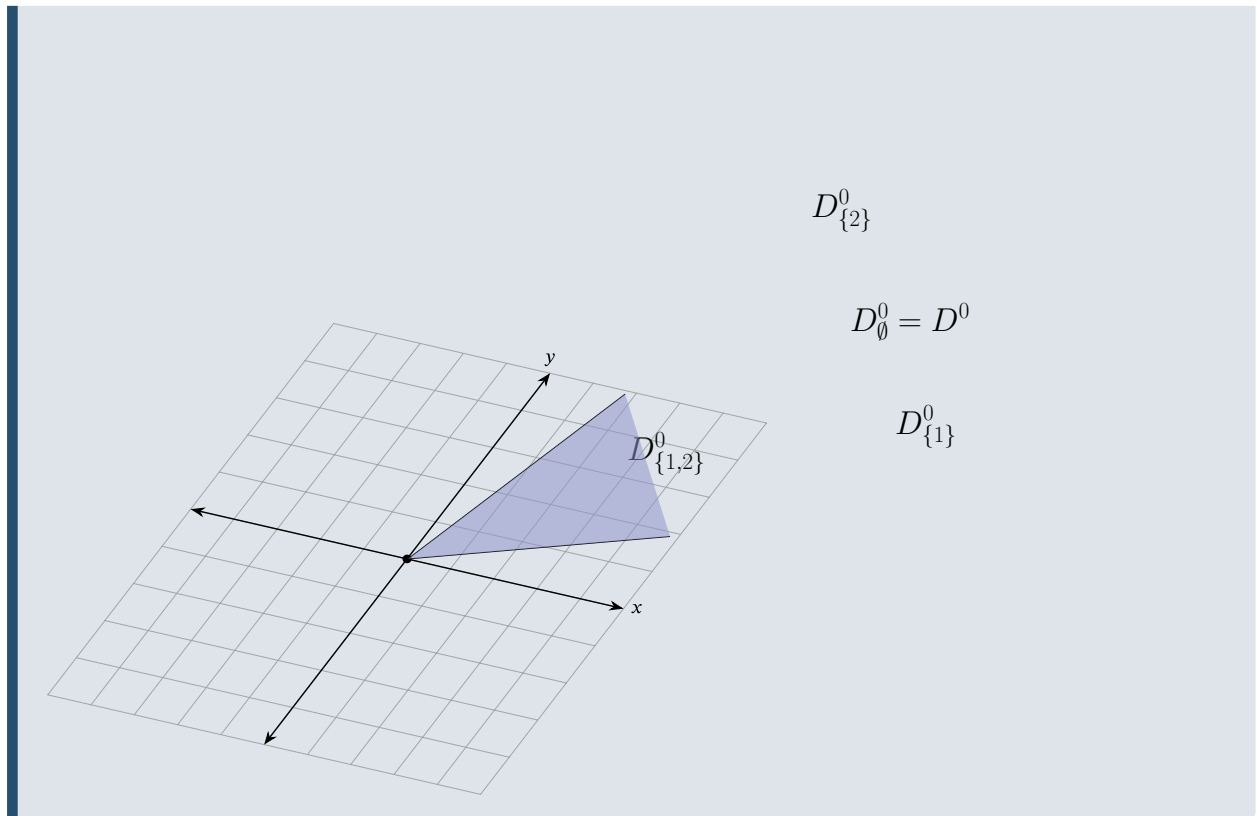
$$\begin{aligned} i_v : \mathcal{G} &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V) \\ g &\mapsto [gv_\lambda], \end{aligned}$$

Definition 11.0.11 (?)

For any $Y \subseteq \{1, \dots, \ell\}$, define D_Y^0 the **Y -regular weights** by

$$D_Y^0 := \left\{ \lambda \in D_{\mathbb{Z}} \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i \rangle = 0 \iff i \in Y \right\}.$$

This partitions the integral dominant chamber:

**Lemma 11.0.12(?)**.

For $\lambda \in D_Y^0$ the map ι_v factors through \mathcal{G}/P_Y to give an injection

$$\iota_v : G/P_Y \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V).$$

So any Kac-Moody maps into an Ind-variety.

Remark 11.0.13: We'll show that $\text{im } \iota_v \subseteq \mathbb{P}(V)$ is closed, i.e. that its intersection with any finite filtered piece is closed. The variety structure will be induced from this embedding.

Proof (?).

We have a distinguished point $[v_\lambda] \in \mathbb{P}(V)$, so $\text{Stab}_G([v_\lambda]) \supseteq P_Y$. Showing this amounts to showing that for all $s \in Y$, $\bar{s} \in G$ fixes $[v_\lambda]$, but this follows from the definition of v_λ . ■

Remark 11.0.14: A great class of varieties: Bott-Samelson-Demazure-Hansen varieties, which capture the geometry of words in Coxeter groups. We'll have $w \in W, \bar{w} \in N$, and we'll define $\mathfrak{W} \ni w$ as words:

$$\mathfrak{W} := \left\{ w = (s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_n}) \mid n \geq 0 \right\},$$

which is a poset under deleting symbols. For any $w \in \mathfrak{W}$, define $Z_w := \prod_{k \leq n} P_{i_k} / B^{\times n}$, where the

action of the Borel is the *right mixed space action*:

$$(p_1, \dots, p_n)(b_1, \dots, b_n) = (p_1 b_1, b_1^{-1} p_2 b_2, b_2^{-1} p_3 b_3, \dots, b_{n-1}^{-1} p_n b_n).$$

Example 11.0.15(?): Take $G = \mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbb{C})$, so $S = (s_1, s_2)$ and $w = (s_{i_1}, s_{i_2})$, then

$$Z_w = (P_{i_1} \times P_{i_2})/B^{\times 2} = P_{i_1} \overset{B}{\times} P_{i_2}/B = P_{i_1} \times_B P_{i_2}/B \rightarrow P_{i_1}/M \cong \mathbb{P}^1,$$

so these are all bundles over \mathbb{P}^1 with fibers \mathbb{P}^1 , and are in fact Hirzebruch surfaces.

Fact 11.0.16

1. Z_w is an irreducible smooth variety with a P_{i_1} -action.
2. $Z_w \rightarrow P_{i_1}/B$ is locally trivial with fiber $Z_{w'}$ where w' is obtained from w by deleting the first reflection, so $s' = (s_{i_2}, \dots, s_{i_n})$.
3. $Z_w \xrightarrow{\psi} Z_{w_1}$ where $w_1 := w[n-1] := (s_1, \dots, s_{i_{n-1}})$ where $[p_1, \dots, p_n] \xrightarrow{\psi} [p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}]$. This admits a section $[p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] \xrightarrow{\sigma} [p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}, 1]$.
4. Z_w is a projective variety.

Remark 11.0.17: Why projective: it's a fiber bundle of compact varieties, thus compact and complete. A bit more goes into fully showing projectivity.

Definition 11.0.18 (?)

Define a map

$$m_w : Z_w \rightarrow \mathcal{G}/B$$

$$[p_1, \dots, p_n] \mapsto p_1 \cdots p_n B,$$

then $\mathrm{im} m_w = \bigcup_{v \leq w} BvB/B \subseteq \mathcal{G}/B$.

Remark 11.0.19: This is where the projective variety structure comes from, and we'll discuss when the image hits Schubert varieties.

12 | 7.1 (Friday, September 17)

Remark 12.0.1: See Fulton, Young Tableaux.

Remark 12.0.2: Given A we produce \mathcal{G} a Kac-Moody group, with standard parabolics $P_\lambda \subseteq \mathcal{G}$. We'll show $\mathcal{G}/P_\lambda \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$ for some projective space over V an integrable highest weight space in $\mathfrak{g}\text{-Mod}$, which is generally an Ind-variety, and if we show it's closed it will inherit the structure of a projective variety. Write $V = L^{\max}(\lambda) = V_\lambda$ as a highest weight module.

Idea: for $m_w : Z_w \rightarrow \mathcal{G}/B$ for Z_w a BSDH, for any word $w \in \mathcal{W}$, if $w \in W'_Y$ is reduced, compose the above map with $\mathcal{G}/B \rightarrow \mathcal{G}/P_Y$ to get a map

$$m_w^Y : Z_w \rightarrow \mathcal{G}/P_Y.$$

We'll show Z_w is projective, which is easier since it's an iterated line bundle. Let $v_0 \in V_\lambda$ (thought of in the finite type case as a highest weight vector in the irreducible, but may generally not coincide) consider the maps

$$\begin{aligned} i_V : \mathcal{G} &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V) \\ \iota_V : \mathcal{G}/P_Y &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V) \\ m_w(v_0) &= \iota_V \circ m_w^Y : Z_w \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 12.0.3(?).

1. $m_w(v_0)$ a morphism of varieties: easy to believe, hard to show! See the book.
- 2.

$$\text{im}(m_w(v_0)) = \bigcup_{v \leq w, v \in W'_Y} BvP_Y/P_Y \subseteq \mathcal{G}/P_Y,$$

which is some subvariety of the flag variety which we'll define as the Schubert variety X_W^Y .

Proposition 12.0.4(5.1.3).

For $Y \subseteq S, w \in W'_Y$, and let $w = w_1 \cdots w_k$ a reduced decomposition, $\ell(w) = \sum \ell(w_i)$. Let $Z_i \subseteq P_{w_i} := P_{\{w_i\}}$ be a subset of a simple parabolic such that $Z_i \twoheadrightarrow P_{w_i}/B$.^a Then

$$\text{im} \left(\prod Z_i \xrightarrow{\text{mult}} G \twoheadrightarrow G/P_Y \right) = \bigcup_{v \leq w} BvP_Y/P_Y.$$

^aSee Fulton for an explicit description, taking a Plucker embedding and studying actual equations.

Remark 12.0.5: Where does the additional condition $v \in W'_Y$ come from in the theorem statement? Take a Bruhat decomposition

$$\mathcal{G}/B = \coprod_{\substack{v \leq w \\ v \in W \setminus W_Y / W_Y}} P_Y v P_Y.$$

Example 12.0.6(?): Take $G = \mathrm{GL}_n$, then

- $\lambda \in X^\vee(T)$
- $\lambda(t) = t_1 \cdots t_k$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$,
- $\lambda \in D_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $V_\lambda = \bigwedge^k \mathbb{C}^n$.
- $S = \{1, \dots, \ell\}$ where $\ell = n - 1$.
- $G/P_Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^k \mathbb{C}^n)$,
- $Y(\lambda) := \{1 \leq i \leq \ell \mid \lambda(\alpha_i^\vee) = 0\}$.


Then

$$\lambda \in (1, \dots, k, 1, 0, \dots, n-k, 0)$$

$$\alpha_i^\vee = (0, \dots, 1, -1, 0, \dots, 0),$$

so we can write $Y(\lambda) = \{1, \dots, k-1, k+1, \dots, n-1\} = \bar{k}$. Then set $F^k \in \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^k \mathbb{C}^n) = \mathrm{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$, so $0 \subseteq F^k \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$, and define the map

$$\iota_\lambda(F^k) = [f_1 \vee f_2 \vee \cdots \vee f_k],$$

where $\{f_i\}$ is a choice of ordered basis. 

Fact 12.0.7

Some facts about $Z_w = \prod_{1 \leq k \leq m}^B P_{i_k}/B$, recalling the action of B given last time. Set $w = (s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_m}) \in \mathcal{W}$. There is a map

$$\varphi : P_{i_1} \overset{B}{\times} \cdots \overset{B}{\times} P_{i_m} \rightarrow B/B \times G/B \times \cdots \times G/B$$

$$[p_1, \dots, p_m] \mapsto [B/B, p_1 B/B, p_1 p_2 B/B, \dots, p_1 \cdots p_m B/B].$$

Showing this is well-defined: follows from universal property of quotients, looking at where point stabilizers are contained. Then

$$\mathrm{im} \varphi = B/B \underset{G/P_{i_1}}{\times} G/B \underset{G/P_{i_2}}{\times} \cdots \underset{G/P_{i_m}}{\times} G/B.$$

How to define the BSDH: construct a lattice by deleting elements in the sequence of flags corresponding to various words, and take the right-most flag in the result:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & i_1 = n - 2 & & i_m = n - 2 & & & \\
 \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C}^n \\ \uparrow \\ \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \\ \uparrow \\ \mathbb{C}^{n-2} \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C}^n \\ \uparrow \\ A^{n-1} \\ \uparrow \\ A^{n-2} \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C}^n \\ \uparrow \\ E^{n-1} \\ \uparrow \\ E^{n-2} \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C}^n \\ \uparrow \\ F^{n-1} \\ \uparrow \\ F^{n-2} \end{array} \\
 \xrightarrow{\text{can differ}} & & & & \xrightarrow{\text{can differ}} & & \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\
 \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C}^1 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} A^1 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} E^1 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} F^1 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

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Here the word is $(i_{n-2}, i_1, i_2, i_3, i_{n-1}, i_{n-2})$.

13 | Equivariant K-theory (Wednesday, September 22)

Remark 13.0.1: The setup: $G \curvearrowright X$ a topological group acting on a space.

- Gelfand (30s): replace X with a topological vector space T , e.g. “generalized functions” on X . This linearises the problem, but is usually something like a infinite dimensional Hilbert space.
- Harish-Chandra, Vogan: Replace T with an algebraic object (usually finite-dimensional) and apply K-theory. Here K-theory simplifies the problem, since all invariants that are additive on exact sequences can be recovered from it.

Classical literature on this is phrased in terms of X a *separated algebraic space*, since even nice quotients of varieties are often not again varieties. We’ll assume X is an algebraic variety, automatically separated, and quasiprojective. This will imply that $X \subseteq G/P$ embeds into a flag variety, e.g. for $G = \mathrm{GL}_n$ and P a parabolic this covers \mathbb{P}^n . For us, projective will mean that $X \subseteq G/P$ is closed, which will turn out to admit ample line bundles.

Definition 13.0.2 (?)

Let $(-)^{\text{gp}}$ denote taking the Grothendieck group, then

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(G, X) &:= \text{Coh}^G(X)^{\text{gp}} \\ K_0(G, X) &:= \text{Bun}(\text{GL}_r)_X^G, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the G -equivariant coherent sheaves and vector bundles respectively.

Remark 13.0.3: Note that vector bundles don't form an abelian category – here instead you take the additive monoid generated by addition of vector bundle. However coherent sheaves do form an abelian category, so this denotes the usual Grothendieck group for abelian categories. Of modern interest: split Grothendieck groups, triangulated, etc.

Here one should think of G as something analogous to Borel-Moore homology, and K is closer to cohomology. Note that in classical settings, one could cap against the fundamental class to get a map between them.

Proposition 13.0.4(?).

If X is a smooth G -variety admitting an equivariant ample line bundle, then there is an isomorphism

$$K_0(G, X) \xrightarrow{?} G_0(G, X).$$

Remark 13.0.5: This map records how a vector bundle can be regarded as a coherent sheaf! For the rest of today, we'll assume X admits a G -equivariant ample line bundle and refer to this as condition \star . If this proposition holds, notationally we'll always write $K^G(X) = K_0(X) = G_0(X)$.

Example 13.0.6(?): Consider the coherent sheaf $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus n}$, which should correspond to the trivial bundle $X \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow X$. If ξ is a vector bundle, then the sheaf of sections is a locally free coherent sheaf.

Proposition 13.0.7(?).

Every G -equivariant coherent sheaf $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}^G(X)$ on X admits a finite resolution by G -equivariant locally free sheaves of finite type.

Example 13.0.8(?):

- If $G = 1$, then admitting an ample line bundle as above is equivalent to $X \subseteq G/P$ being a subvariety. Then $K^G(X) = K(X)$, the algebraic K-theory, of X .
- If $X = \text{pt}$, it is smooth, and $K^G(X) = R(G)$, the representation ring of G . This holds for G any linear algebraic group.

Remark 13.0.9: So this mixes usual K-theory and representation theory! It turns out that for $X = \text{pt}$, there is an equivalence of categories $\text{Coh}^G(\text{pt}) = \text{Bun}(\text{GL}_r)^G = G\text{-Mod}^{\text{fd}}$.

If X is projective and G is semisimple, then \star is true. If $E \rightarrow X$ is a G -vector bundle on X smooth projective, then we'll write $K^G(X)$ for $G_0(G, X) = K_0(G, X)$.

Lemma 13.0.10(?).

Every $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}^G(X)$ is a quotient of a G -equivariant locally free sheaf \mathcal{E} of finite type on X .

See proof: Borho, Byrlinksi, MacPherson. Geometric perspective on ring theory?

Remark 13.0.11: Let $G \in \text{AlgGrp}$ be linear acting on $V \in \mathbb{C}\text{-Mod}$ possibly infinite dimensional. This is common, e.g. when G consists of regular functions. This is infinite dimensional, but not so bad – it's not quite as big as a Hilbert space. We'll say the action is **algebraic** if it acts locally finitely: the G -orbit of any vector should be a finite dimensional subspace. Consider $\text{Maps}(G, M) := \underset{\text{Set}}{\text{Hom}}(G, M) = \{f : G \rightarrow M\}$ with no conditions at all on the functions. There is a subspace of “regular functions with coefficients in M ”, using the following well-defined map:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M &\rightarrow \text{Maps}(G, M) \\ \sum f_i \otimes m_i &\mapsto \sum f(g_i)m_i, \end{aligned}$$

using that the $f(g_i)$ are scalars in M .

For a fixed m , there is a G -action $g \mapsto gm$, and so letting m vary yields a map $M \xrightarrow{a_M} \text{Maps}(G, M)$.

Claim: G acts algebraically on M iff $\text{im } a_m \subseteq \mathbb{C}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} M$.

If the action is algebraic, take $G_m \subseteq V \subseteq M$ with V a G -stable finite dimensional subspace. Expanding in a basis and writing $g \mapsto gm$ in this basis yields the f_i , which are regular.

Lemma 13.0.12(?).

If $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}^G(X)$, then $\Gamma(X; \mathcal{F})$ has the natural structure of an algebraic G -module.

14 | Localization in Equivariant K-theory (Friday, September 24)

14.1 Localization Theorems

Reference: Thomason.

Definition 14.1.1 (Localization theorems)

Suppose $A \in \text{AbAlgGrp}$ is reductive, and $X \subseteq G/P$ is contained in a flag variety (so X is quasiprojective). Fix $a \in A$, and consider the fixed point set X^a and the inclusion $\iota : X^a \xrightarrow{\subseteq} X$.

X . We'll say the **localization theorem holds for X** if the following induced hom is an isomorphism:

$$i_* : K^A(X^a) [\mathfrak{m}_a^{-1}] \rightarrow K^A(X) [\mathfrak{m}_a^{-1}] .$$

Remark 14.1.2: Thomason shows that this is true in this situation. Recall that we identified $R(A) = K^A(\text{pt})$. Taking the trace of a representation yields a map $R(A) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}[A]$, the ring of regular functions. For varieties, we can obtain $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ by localizing rings at their maximal ideals, thinking of these as functions on X . Let

$$\begin{aligned} R_a &:= R(A) [(R(A) \setminus \mathfrak{m}_a)^{-1}] \\ M_a &:= R(A) \otimes_{R(A)} M. \end{aligned}$$

14.2 Proper Pushforward

Remark 14.2.1: We'll need proper maps for the ever-popular *decomposition theorem*. However, almost every scheme we use in this class will be reduced, although one does rarely have to worry about this.

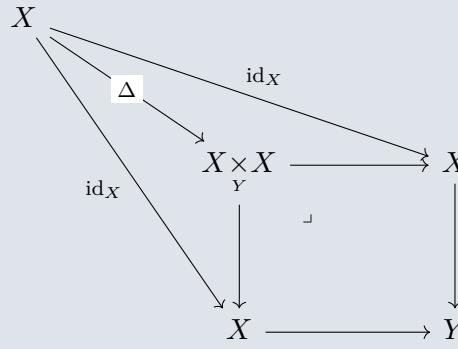
Definition 14.2.2 (Proper Maps (and prerequisite notions))

Pullbacks are universal with respect to the following squares, and have a concrete description for us:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{(x, z) \in X \times Z \mid f(x) = z(g)\} & & \\ \parallel & & \\ X \times_Y Z & \xrightarrow{f'} & Z \\ \downarrow g' & \lrcorner & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

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The **diagonal** is the unique morphism $\Delta : X \rightarrow X \times_Y X$ whose compositions with projections are the identity:



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A morphism is **separated** if the diagonal is a closed embedding.

A morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is **universally closed** if for any $g : Z \rightarrow Y$, the base change $f' : X \times_Y Z \rightarrow Z$ is a closed morphism. This replaces the notion of “ K compact $\implies f^{-1}(K)$ compact” for analytic varieties.

A morphism f is **proper** if f is separated, finite type, and universally closed.

Example 14.2.3(?):

- Closed embeddings are proper, and open maps are usually not.
- If f is proper, its base change f' is always proper.
- Compositions of proper morphisms are again proper.
- Any morphism between projective varieties is proper.

Theorem 14.2.4(18.8.1, Rising Sea).

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be proper and $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$. Note that $\Gamma(X, -)$ is exact and $\text{Coh}(X)$ is abelian, so we can take its derived functor. Let $f_* : \text{Sh}_X \rightarrow \text{Sh}_Y$, then e.g.

$$\mathbb{R}^i f_* \mathcal{F}(U) = H^i(f^{-1}(U); \mathcal{F}).$$

This satisfies several properties:

1. $\mathbb{R}^i f_* : \text{Coh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Coh}(Y)$ is a covariant functor. Without properness, one can just replace Coh with QCoh.
2. $\mathbb{R}^0 f_* = f_*$
3. A SES $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \rightarrow 0$ induces a LES.

Theorem 14.2.5(Rising Sea, 18.8.5).

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a proper projective morphism, then $\mathbb{R}^{i>d} f_* \mathcal{F} = 0$ for d defined as the maximum dimension of the fiber, $d := \max_{y \in Y} \dim f^{-1}(y)$.

Definition 14.2.6 (Proper Pushforward)

Let X, Y be arbitrary quasiprojective varieties and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be proper and G -equivariant. Then there is a natural direct image morphism $f_* : K^G(X) \rightarrow K_G(Y)$.

We define it as follows: note that a map such as $f_*([\mathcal{F}]) := [f_*\mathcal{F}]$ won't necessarily be well-defined, since SESs are additive in the Grothendieck group. For $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}^G(X)$, then it turns out that $\mathbb{R}f_*\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}^G(Y)$ and the higher direct images vanish in large enough degree. We then define

$$\begin{aligned} f_* : K^G(X) &\rightarrow K_G(Y) \\ [\mathcal{F}] &\mapsto \sum (-1)^i [\mathbb{R}^i f_* \mathcal{F}]. \end{aligned}$$

Example 14.2.7(?): Let G be connected reductive with $A := T$ a maximal torus, which is abelian reductive. Then take $a \in A$ a *regular* element, so $X^a = X^T$. In our case, $X^T = W'_Y$, and $X = G/P_Y$. Then K-theory is concentrated on the fixed locus:

$$i_* K^T(X^T) [\mathfrak{m}_a^{-1}] \xrightarrow{\sim} K^T(X) [\mathfrak{m}_a^{-1}].$$

15 | Line Bundles on \mathcal{X}^Y (Monday, September 27)

Remark 15.0.1: Notation: \mathcal{X} will denote a Kac-Moody flag variety, and X a usual flag variety. For any $\lambda \in D_Y^0$, define the algebraic line bundle $\mathcal{L}(-\lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^Y$ to be the pullback of the tautological bundle on $\mathbb{P}(L^{\max}(\lambda))$ via the morphism $\iota_\lambda : \mathcal{X}^Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(L^{\max}(\lambda))$. Recall that we defined Y -regular weights to get an embedding into a flag variety.


Let X be a finite dimensional variety, then a vector bundle on X is a map $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ with each fiber a \mathbb{C} -module and for all $x \in X$ there exists an open $U \subseteq X$ and a homeomorphism $\varphi : U \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(U)$ over U , so the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & U \times \mathbb{C}^n \\ \pi \searrow & & \swarrow \text{pr}_1 \\ & U & \end{array}$$

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We refer to φ as a trivialization. Writing $U_{12} := U_1 \cap U_2$, given trivializations over U_i we require that the trivializations on U_{12} are related by an element $T_{12} \in \text{GL}_n$, and the induced map $U_{12} \times \mathbb{C}^n \hookrightarrow \pi^{-1}(U_{12})$ are essentially given by matrices with entries given by functions on U_{12} . The key is that these satisfy the cocycle condition:

$$T_{kj} \Big|_{U_{ijjk}} T_{ji} \Big|_{U_{ijk}} = T_{ki} \Big|_{U_{ijk}}.$$

Given a vector bundle, set \mathcal{F} to be the sheaf of sections of $\pi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow X$. If for example $U \subseteq X$ is trivializable, then $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$ are n -tuples of functions $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, so $\mathcal{F}|_U \cong \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus n}$, making it locally free. 

Proposition 15.0.2 (about locally free sheaves).

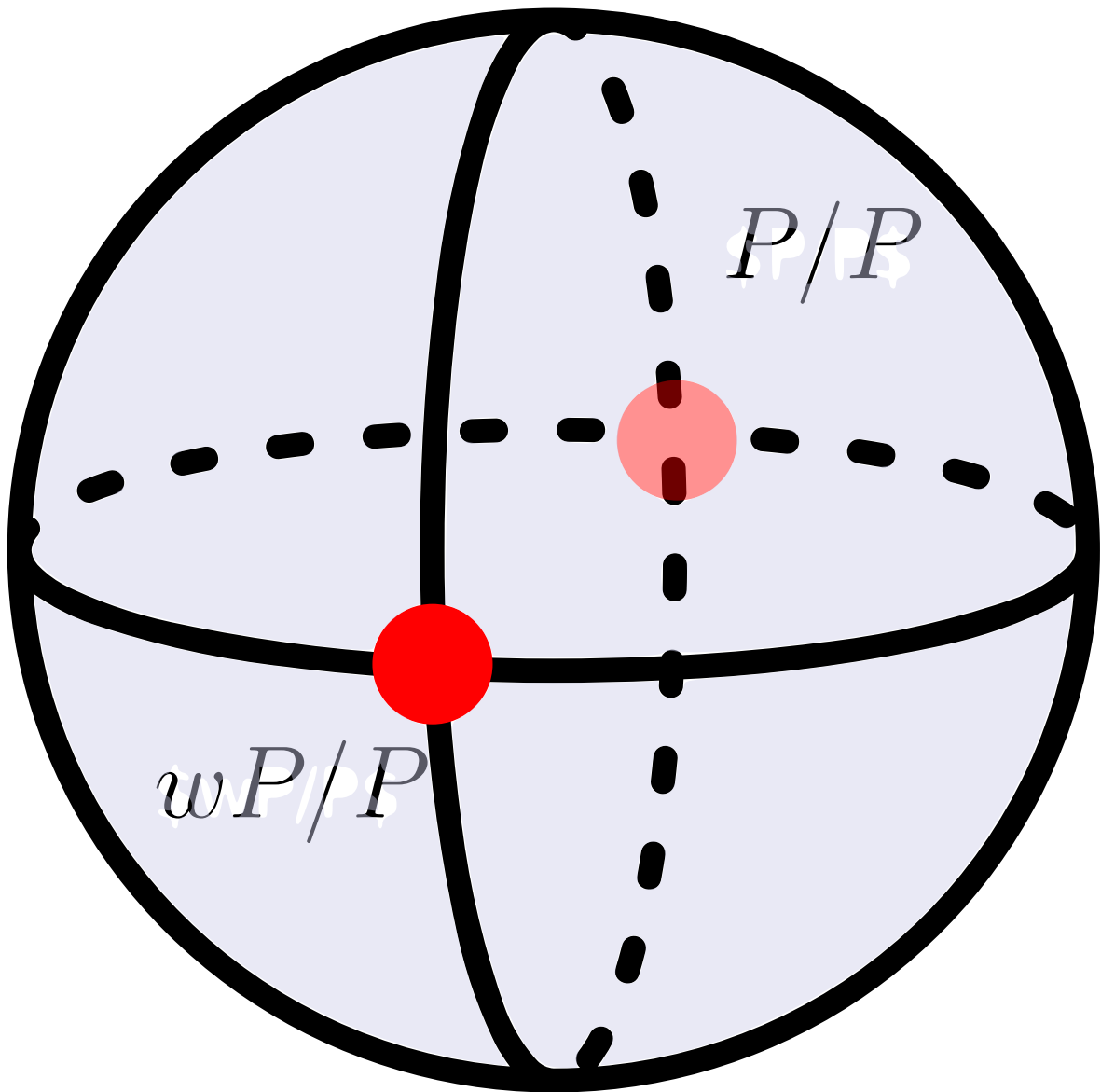
Given a vector bundle, set \mathcal{F} to be the sheaf of sections of $\pi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow X$. Then

1. If \mathcal{F} is locally free, then $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}/X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{O}_X) \in \mathrm{Sh}/X$ is locally free.
2. If $n = 1$, then $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{F}^\vee \cong \mathcal{O}_X$, making it an invertible sheaf under the monoidal tensor product.
3. Pullbacks of locally free sheaves are again locally free:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z \times_X \mathcal{E} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

where we equivalently write $f^* \mathcal{F}$.

Remark 15.0.3: How to think about a flag variety: given $w \in W'_Y$ and $U_W \subseteq X^Y$, so $U^- \subseteq G/P$. Then $\{U_w\}_{w \in W'_Y} \rightrightarrows X^Y$ is an open cover with $U_w \cong \mathbb{C}^{\ell(w'_0)}$ with w_0 the longest element and w'_0 is a minimal coset representative. If $v \in U_w \iff v = w$ for any T -fixed point v , so there's only one such fixed point in every open. We have elements $wP/p \in X^Y$, so



Example 15.0.4(?): For $G := \mathrm{SL}_{n+1}$, we have $Y = \{2, \dots, n\}$, $W = S_{n+1} = \{(w_0 \cdots w_n)\}$ and the minimal length representatives have increasing coordinates, so we get

$$W'_Y = \left\{ (0 \mid 1, 2, \dots, n), (1 \mid 0, 2, \dots, n), \dots, (n \mid 0, 1, \dots, n-1) \right\}.$$

For every $i \in W'_Y = \{0, \dots, n\}$, we have $U_i \subseteq X^Y \subseteq G/P_Y$. We can obtain $\mathbb{P}^n \cong \mathbb{C}^\times \backslash \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$, which is $G/P^Y = X^Y$ here. So we can take $U_i := \{[x_0, \dots, x_n] \mid x_i \neq 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$, which is dimension n since the longest element is $(n \mid 0, 1, \dots, n-1)$.

Example 15.0.5(?): Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we'll define $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k)$, a line bundle on \mathbb{P}^n . Taking $n = 1$ to get SL_2 and \mathbb{P}^1 above, we have $W'_Y = \{0, 1\}$ and $\mathbb{C} = U_1 = \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{C}[x_{0/1}]$ and $U_0 = \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{C}[x_{0/1}]$, then

on their intersection we have $x_{0/1} = x_{1/0}^{-1}$. So transitioning $U_0 \rightarrow U_1$ is given by $x_{0/1}^k = x_{1/0}^{-k}$, and $U_1 \rightarrow U_0$ by $x_{1/0}^k = x_{0/1}^{-k}$, which defines a line bundle denoted $\mathcal{E} := \mathcal{O}(k)$. What are the global sections $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(k))$? This requires $f(x_{0/1}^{-1})x_{0/1}^k = g(x_{0/1})$, so the global sections are $\mathbb{C}[x, y]_k$ the homogeneous polynomials of degree k . One can check that $\dim \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^n; \mathcal{O}(k)) = \binom{n+k}{k}$.

Remark 15.0.6: Next time: we'll try to match these up with line bundles of the form $G \overset{P}{\times} \mathbb{C}_\lambda$.

16 | Wednesday, September 29

Remark 16.0.1: Ch. 7 and 8 in Kumar: algebraic vector bundles, particularly line bundles on ind-varieties. Let $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ be an algebraic vector bundle, so there are local trivializations:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_1} & U \times \mathbb{C}^n \\ & \searrow \pi \quad \swarrow & \\ & U & \end{array}$$

i.e. these look like projections onto the first coordinate of an actual product on sufficiently small sets. We write $\mathcal{E}_x := \pi^{-1}(x)$. The key data: transition functions.

Our first examples were $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k)$, particularly for $n = 1$.

Remark 16.0.2: Equivariant coherent sheaves yields algebraic representations by taking global sections. Kumar uses character formulas to compute global sections.

Definition 16.0.3 (Equivariant vector bundles)

For $G \in \text{AlgGrp}$ is linear (and e.g. connected reductive), if π is G -equivariant and G maps $\mathcal{E}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{gx}$ linearly, then π yields an **equivariant vector bundle**.

Remark 16.0.4: For G connected reductive and $T \subseteq G$ a maximal torus, a character $\lambda \in X^*(T)$ is a map $\lambda : T \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$, and using $T \subseteq B \subseteq G$ we get a representation $\lambda : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ of the Borel. We then define

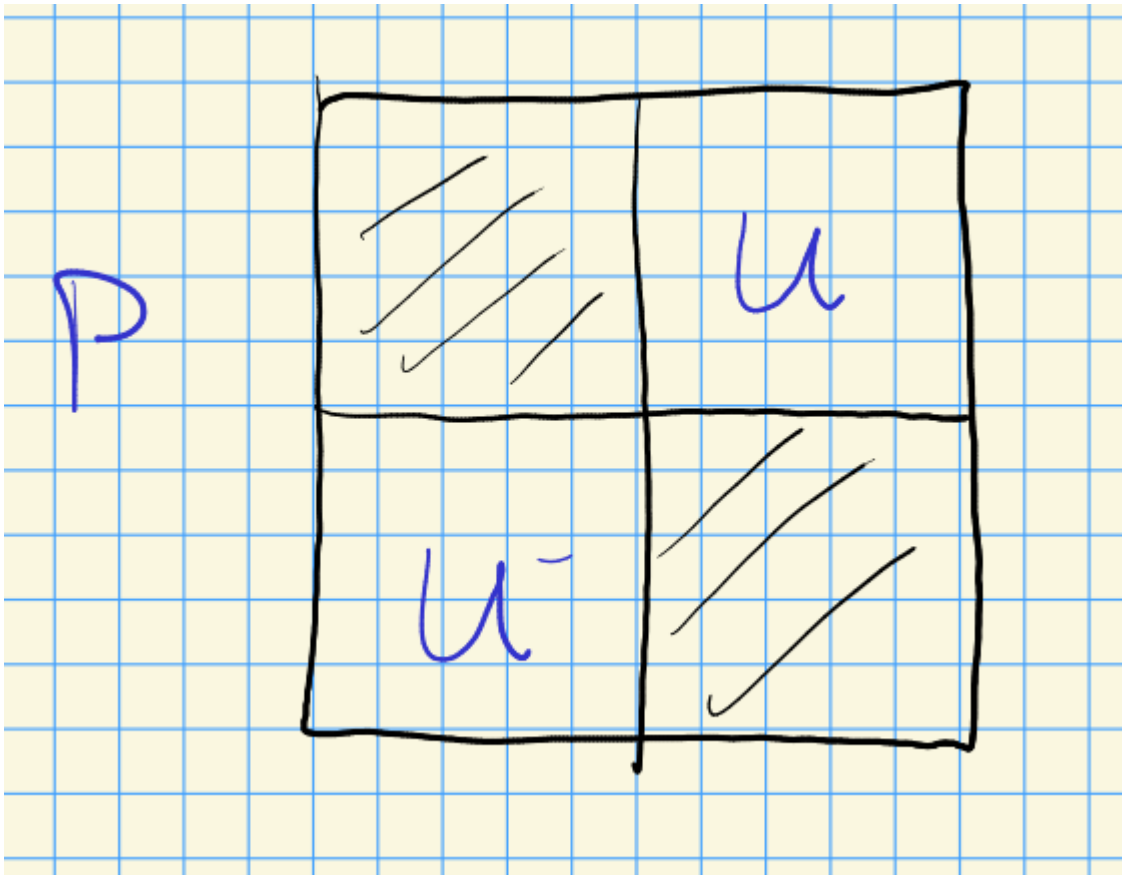
$$G \overset{B}{\times} \mathbb{C}_\lambda := (G \times \mathbb{C})/B.$$

There is a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G \times \mathbb{C} & \dashrightarrow & G \overset{B}{\times} \mathbb{C}_\lambda \\
 \downarrow \text{pr}_1 & & \downarrow \\
 G & \xrightarrow{-/B} & G/B
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 [g, z] \\
 \downarrow \\
 gB/B
 \end{array}$$

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Even better, if $Y = \{1 \leq i \leq \ell \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle\}$ then taking $\lambda \in D_Y^0$ so $\lambda : P \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ yields a map $G \overset{P}{\times} \mathbb{C}_\lambda \xrightarrow{\pi} G/P$ where $G/P \supseteq U_w$. Write $P = LU$ and $P^- = LU^-$ for L the Levi and U^\pm the unipotent radical and its opposite:



There is an embedding

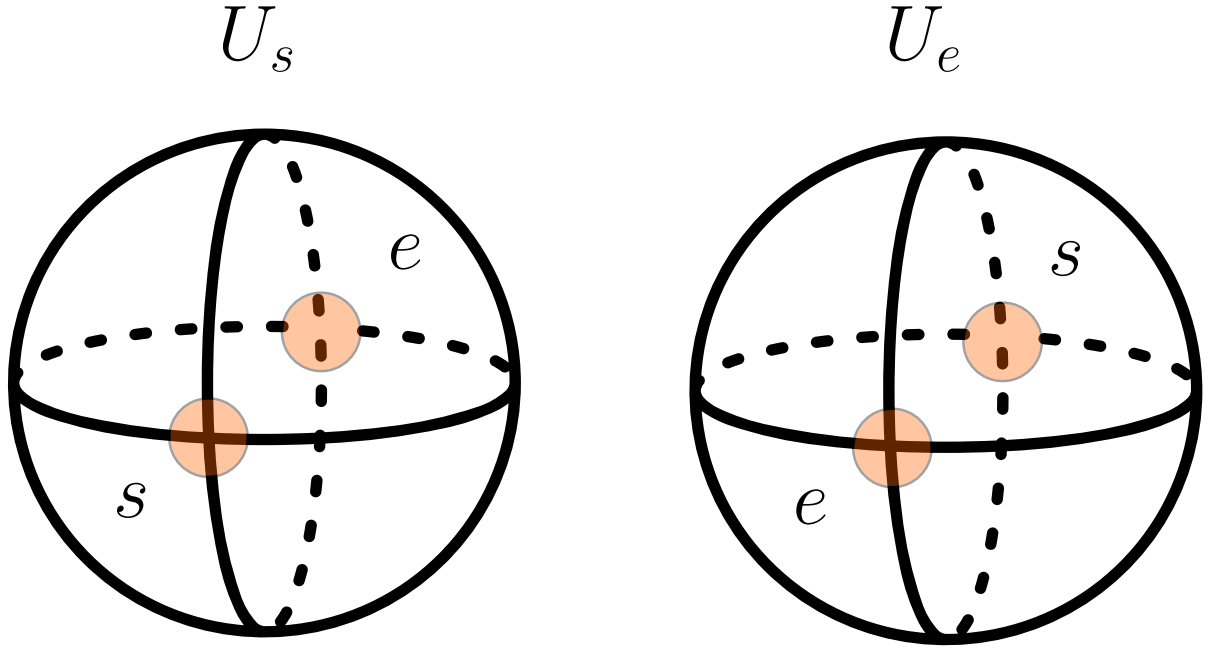
$$\begin{aligned}
 U^- &\hookrightarrow G/P \\
 u &\mapsto uP/P.
 \end{aligned}$$

For $w \in W'_Y$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_w : {}^wU^- &\rightarrow G/P \\
 wuw^{-1} &\mapsto wuP/P,
 \end{aligned}$$

and ${}^wU^- = wU^-w^{-1}$ for $w \in W = N_G(T)/T$.

Example 16.0.5(?): Let $\mathbb{P}^1 = G/P$ for $G = \mathrm{SL}_2$. Here $W = \{e, s\} \cong C_2$ and $S = \{s\} \supseteq Y$, and we want $Y = \emptyset$. Any $\lambda \in X^*(T)$ needs to be orthogonal to α^\vee . We can take a realization $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}, \{2\}, \{1\})$ which yields $X^*(T) = \mathbb{Z}$. So $\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 0 \iff 1 \cdot \lambda \neq 0$, forcing $\lambda \neq 0$ for this to be a flag variety. For $\lambda = k$, we have $\lambda \cdot \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = t^k$. We get a line bundle $G \times^B \mathbb{C}_\lambda \xrightarrow{\pi} G/B = \mathbb{P}^1$, how does this compare to $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(k)$? The flag varieties look like the following:



Here s, e are the two T -fixed points. We have $U_s \cap U_e \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$, and we'll replace $U_s \rightarrow {}^sU^-$ and $U_e \rightarrow {}^eU^- = U^-$. The transition functions read:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 {}^sU^- \times \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \pi^{-1}(U_s) & \xrightarrow{\text{on } U_e \cap U_s} & \pi^{-1}(U_e) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & U^- \times \mathbb{C} \\
 \searrow \text{pr}_1 & & \swarrow \pi & & \searrow \pi & & \swarrow \text{pr}_1 \\
 & & U_s & & U_e & &
 \end{array}$$

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We have $U_s \cap U_e \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$, so what map $\mathbb{C}^\times \hookrightarrow$ do we get? Consider $U^-B/B \cap {}^sU^-B/B$, so

$$u_\alpha(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad u_{-\alpha}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then and $u_{-\alpha}(x) = su_{\alpha}(-x)s^{-1}$, so

$$\begin{aligned} u_{-\alpha}(x)B &= u_{-\alpha}(y)B \\ su_{\alpha}(-x)s^{-1}B &= su_{-\alpha}(y)B \\ u_{\alpha}(-x)s^{-1}B &= u_{-\alpha}B. \end{aligned}$$

Now check that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for some } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \in B$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -x & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ ay & yb + a^{-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

so we have $-x = y^{-1}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T_{es}U_s^{\times} \times \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow U_e^{\times} \times \mathbb{C} \\ (x, z) &\mapsto (x^{-1}, x^{-k}z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{se}U_e^{\times} \times \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow U_s^{\times} \times \mathbb{C} \\ (x, z) &\mapsto (x^{-1}, x^{-k}z). \end{aligned}$$

*These computations are hard, even in the case of SL_2 !
Perhaps a motivation for having character formulas.*

We then identify $G \times^B \mathbb{C}_{\lambda} \xrightarrow{\pi} G/B$ with $\mathcal{O}(-k)$, and $\mathcal{L}(\lambda) = G \times^B \mathbb{C}_{\lambda}$.

17 | Kumar Ch. 8: Demazure Character Formulas (Friday, October 01)

Remark 17.0.1: For any $\lambda \in D_Y^0$ define the algebraic line bundle $\mathcal{L}^Y(-\lambda)$ over $X^Y = \mathcal{G}/P_Y$ to be the following pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G}/P_Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \eta \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{X}^Y & \xrightarrow{\iota_{\lambda}} & \mathbb{P}(L^{\max}(\lambda)) \end{array}$$

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Let $H^Y = \text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n) = G/P^Y$ for $G := \text{GL}_n$.

Definition 17.0.2 (The Tautological Bundle)

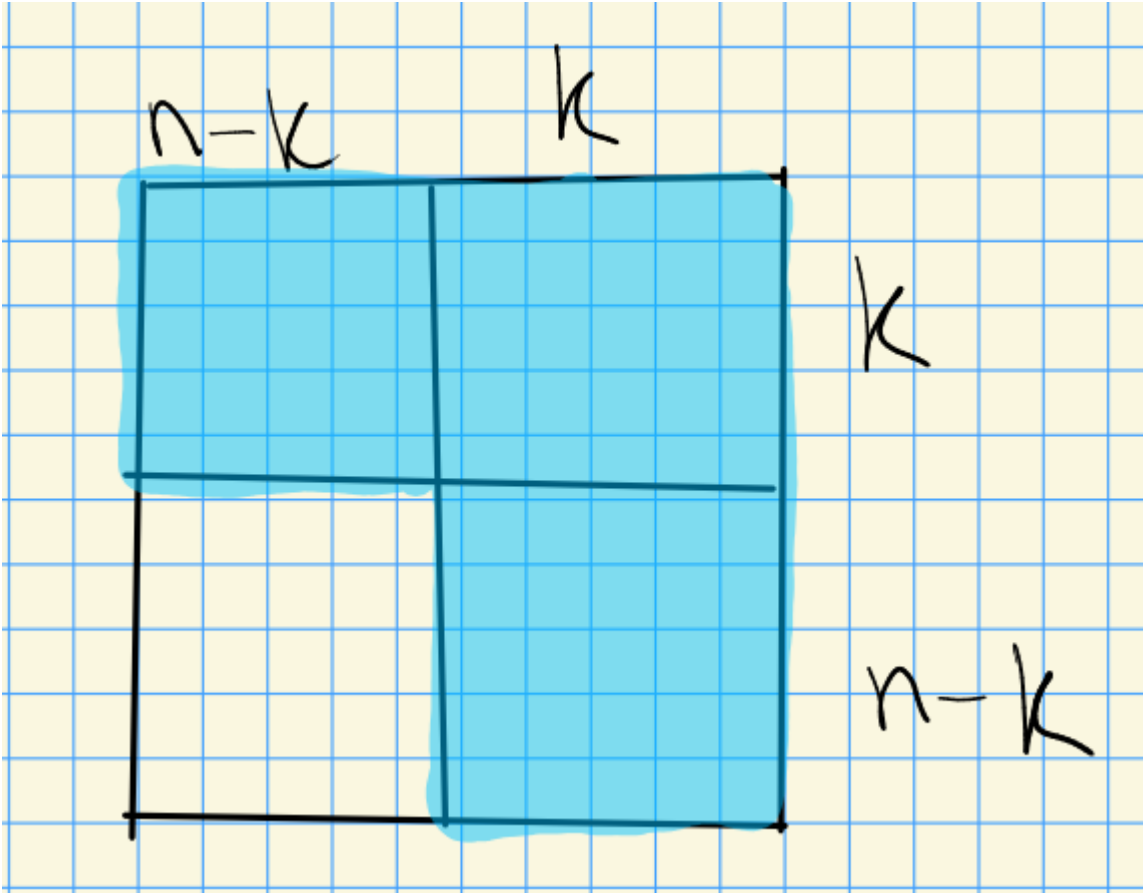
Then define a vector bundle

$$\mathcal{E} := \left\{ (x, v) \in X^Y \times \mathbb{C}^n \mid v \in x \right\} = \left\{ (E, v) \in \text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n) \times \mathbb{C}^n \mid v \in E \right\},$$

and define $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\pi} X^Y = \text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ to be projection to the first factor such that

1. $\pi^{-1}(E) \cong E \in \mathbb{C}\text{-Mod}^{\dim=k}$ is a k -dimensional vector space for any $E \in X^Y$.
2. π is G -equivariant: $\pi(g \cdot (x, v)) = g \cdot \pi(x, v)$, where the first action is $g \cdot (x, v) = (gx, gv)$, and $\pi(x, v) = gx$. Moreover G acts on fibers linearly, so $g \cdot (-) : \pi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(gx)$ which sends $E \rightarrow gE$ as subspaces in \mathbb{C}^n , and we require that this map of subspaces is a \mathbb{C} -linear map.

Remark 17.0.3: Equivariant bundles on homogeneous spaces are determined by the representation of the stabilizer on the corresponding fiber. We can pick a base point $\text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{e_1, \dots, e_k\} \cong \mathbb{C}^k \in \text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$, whence $\text{Stab}_G(\mathbb{C}^k) = P$ is all but the lower-left block:



Then $\pi^{-1}(\mathbb{C}^k) = \mathbb{C}^k$. We conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} : G \overset{P}{\times} \mathbb{C}^k &\rightarrow G/P \\ [g, v] &\mapsto gv. \end{aligned}$$

Example 17.0.4(?): For $k = 1$, we're considering $\mathrm{Gr}_1(\mathbb{C}^n) = \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$.

- $T \subseteq \mathrm{GL}_n$ are diagonal matrices, and $t \curvearrowright [x_1, 0, \dots, 0] = [tx_1, 0, \dots, 0]$.
- $Y = \{1 \leq i \leq n-1 \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = 0\} = \{2, \dots, n-1\}$.
- Taking $\lambda = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$, we have a character

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda : T &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \\ \mathrm{diag}(t_1, \dots, t_n) &\mapsto t_1^1 t_2^0 \dots t_n^0. \end{aligned}$$

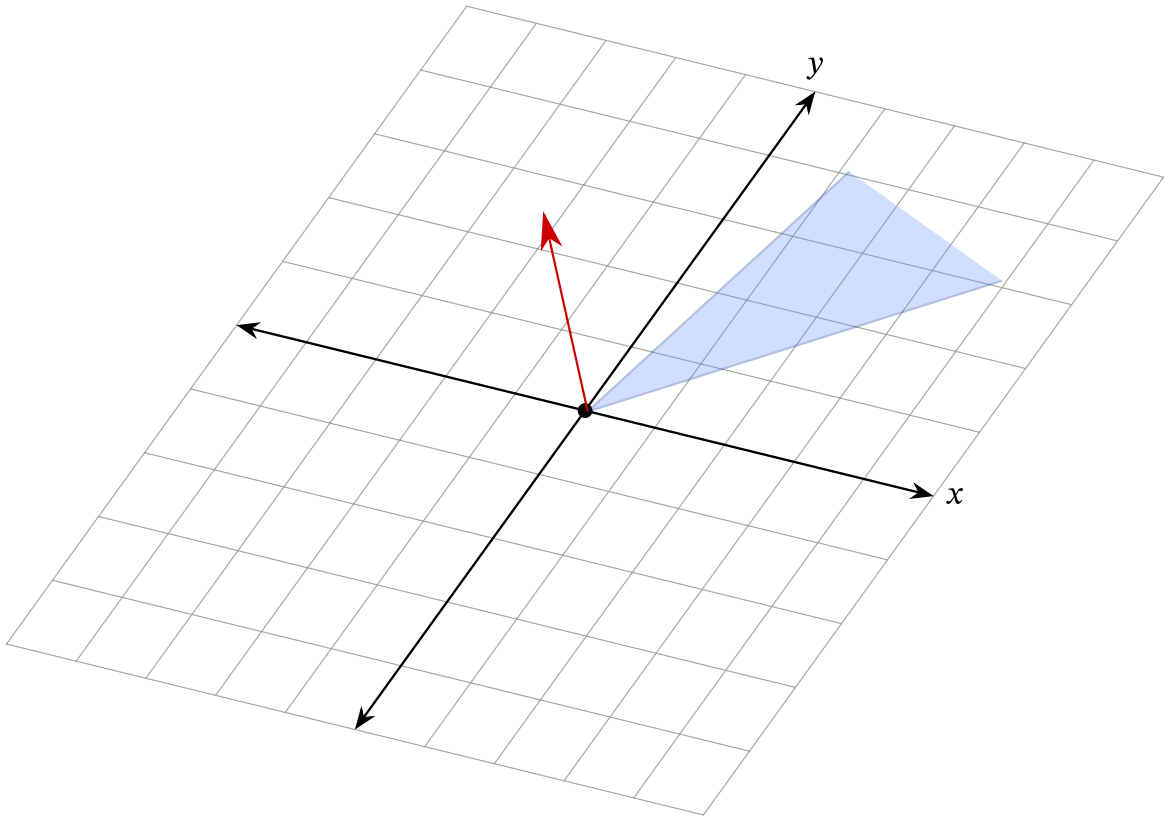
- $\mathcal{E} = G \overset{P}{\times} \mathbb{C}^1 = G \overset{P}{\times} \mathbb{C}_{[1,0,\dots,0]} = \mathcal{L}(-\lambda)$.

Note that since this weight λ is dominant (and not antidominant), there are no global sections.

Remark 17.0.5: Define

$$\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}, Y}^\vee := \left\{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^\vee \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle = 0, i \in Y \right\}.$$

For any $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^\vee$ take $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in D_Y^0$ such that $\lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$, i.e. we can write any weight as a difference of dominant weights:



Set

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda) := \mathcal{L}^Y(-\lambda_2) \otimes \mathcal{L}(-\lambda_1)^\vee.$$

For example, given $T \subseteq G$ and $\lambda \in X(T)$, we have

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda) = G \overset{P}{\times} \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}.$$

Remark 17.0.6: Given $w \in W$, define

$$\mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) := P_{i_1} \overset{B}{\times} P_{i_2} \overset{B}{\times} \cdots \overset{B}{\times} P_{i_n} \overset{B}{\times} \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}.$$

Claim: Let

- $w = (s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_n})$
- $i_\lambda : \mathcal{G}/P_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(L^{\max}(\lambda))$
- $m_w : Z_w \rightarrow \mathcal{G}/P_Y$

Then

$$\mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) = m_w^\vee \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda).$$

Proof (?).

Define

$$f : \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) \rightarrow Z_w = P_{i_1} \times^B P_{i_2} \times^B \cdots \times^B P_{i_n} \times^B \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$$

$$[p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n, z] \mapsto [p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n B/B]$$

$$g : \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda)$$

$$[p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n, z] \mapsto [p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdots p_n, z].$$

Exercise (?)

Check that these maps are well-defined.

Using the universal property of pullbacks, we get a diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) & & & & \\
 \downarrow f & \searrow \exists \varphi & & \searrow g & \\
 & m_w^* \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda) = Z_w \times_{G/P} \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda) & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi & \\
 & Z_w & \xrightarrow{m_w} & G/P &
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

The claim is that φ is an isomorphism, we'll show this by explicitly construction its inverse algebraic morphism. We have $\varphi([p_1, \cdots, p_n, z]) = ([p_1, \cdots, p_n B/B] \times [p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n, z])$. Define

$$\psi : m_w^* \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda)$$

$$[p_1, \cdots, p_n B/B] \times [g, z] \mapsto [p_1, \cdots, p_n, p_n^{-1} \cdots p_1^{-1} g z],$$

where $p_1^{-1} \cdots p_1^{-1} g \in P$. This will clearly be an inverse, it remains to show it's well-defined. Note that

$$p_1 \cdots p_n P/P = gP/P \implies f^{-1} p_1 \cdots p_n \in P,$$

which follows from chasing the fiber product diagram around the two sides. ■

Exercise 17.0.8 (?)

Check that this is well-defined by showing a different representative has the same image. Then compose φ, ψ in both orders.

18 | Cohomology of Certain Line Bundles Z_w (Monday, October 04)

Remark 18.0.1: Some references:

- Fulton, *Intersection Theory*. Similar difficulty to Hartshorne if you're going through it yourself!
 - See Young Tableaux books.
- Eisenbud-Harris, *3264 and All That*. A more Vakil-style approach.

Definition 18.0.2 (Chow Group)

The **Chow group** of $X \in \mathbf{Var}_k$ is the quotient $A_*(X) := Z(X)/\text{Rat}(X)$, where $Z(X) = \mathbb{Z}[\text{Sub}(X)]$, the free \mathbb{Z} -module on subvarieties of X . The group $Z(X)$ are **algebraic cycle**, and we mod out by rational equivalence.

Example 18.0.3: If $G \curvearrowright X$, then $Y \sim gY \in A_*(X)$, and something similar happens for many algebraic group actions. Another example is that in \mathbb{P}^1 , $x \sim x'$ for all points x, x' since $\text{PSL}_2 \curvearrowright \mathbb{P}^1$.

Remark 18.0.4: Note that there is also an equivariant Chow group/ring. In general, $A_*(X)$ is difficult/impossible to compute (according to Harris) unless there is an affine stratification. In these cases, it coincides with Borel-Moore homology.

Theorem 18.0.5(?).

If X is smooth, then $A^*(X)$ forms a ring, where the grading is given by codimension of subvarieties. Thus there is a multiplication $[A] \cdot [B] = [A \cap B]$ when $A \pitchfork B$ generically. Here transversality refers to an open condition on tangent spaces.

Remark 18.0.6: We have three ways of thinking about line bundles:

- Local trivializations
- Algebraic morphisms with 1-dimensional fibers
- Invertible sheaves

Now we'll add a fourth in terms of divisors. Define:

- $A_{n-1}(X) \in \mathbf{Grp}$, **Weil divisors**
- $\text{Pic}(X) \in \mathbf{Grp}$, the group of isomorphism classes of algebraic line bundles on X where $[L_1] \cdot [L_2] := [L_1 \oplus L_2]$.

Proposition 18.0.7(?).

Taking the Chern class yields a group morphism $c_1 : \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow A_{n-1}(X)$. If the line bundle is generated by global sections, take the zero section of the global section. If X is smooth,

c_1 is an isomorphism, and we write $c_1(\mathcal{O}_X(Y)) := [Y] \in A_{n-1}(X)$. Note that this is slightly different to the ideal sheaf definition in Vakil.

Remark 18.0.8: See relation to Schubert varieties and Grassmannians in the referenced books. Bott-Samelson-Demazure and flag varieties will be smooth, although we'll have to be careful for Schubert varieties.

Proposition 18.0.9(8.1.2).

Define the length of a word $w \in W$ to be the number of simple reflections, regardless of whether or not w is reduced. Let $n := \ell(w)$, then there is a formula for the canonical bundle K_{Z_w} of any Bott-Samelson-Demazure variety Z_w (even Kac-Moody types):

$$\mathcal{L}_w(-\rho) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Z_w}(-\sum_{q=1}^n Z_{w(q)}).$$

Remark 18.0.10: Here $\rho \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\vee}$ (e.g. characters of the torus in the semisimple simply connected case) is any element satisfying $\rho(\alpha_i^{\vee}) = 1$ for all $1 \leq i \leq \ell$. Recall that

$$Z_w = P_{i_1} \overset{B}{\times} \cdots \overset{B}{\times} P_{i_n} / B = \{[p_1, \dots, p_n B / B]\},$$

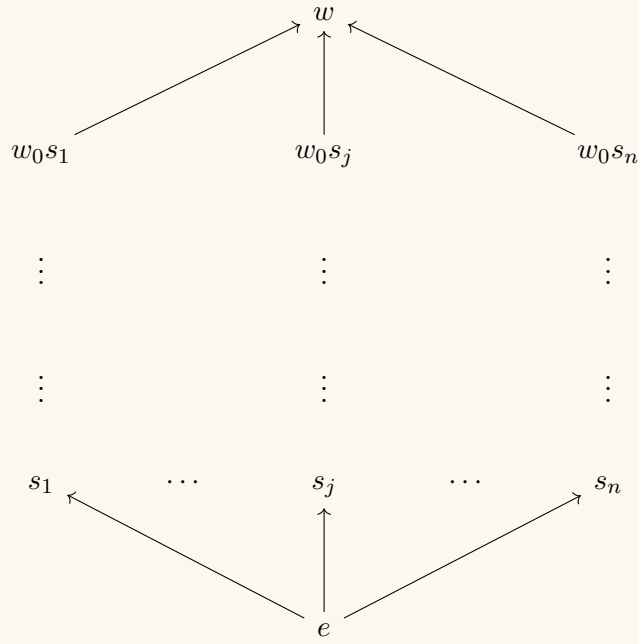
and $Z_w(q)$ means deleting the q th factor, so $Z_w(q) = \{[p_1, \dots, 1, \dots, p_n B / B]\}$ has the q th coordinate set to 1. Note that there is a quotient map $Z_w \rightarrow Z_{w(n)}$, which has a section, and we can use this to induct.

Proof (?).

Consider G connected and reductive and let $X = G/B$ be the flag variety, which is smooth. Then for $\lambda \in X(T)$ corresponds to the algebraic line bundle $\mathcal{L}^{\emptyset}(\lambda) = G \overset{B}{\times} \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$. This yields a function $X(T) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X) \xrightarrow{c_1} A_{n-1}(X)$ given by forgetting the G -action. This is a group morphism, where adding characters maps to tensoring bundles. Note that for $T = \mathbb{C}^{\times}$, we have

$$X(T) = \text{Hom}_{\text{AlgGrp}}(\mathbb{C}^{\times}, \mathbb{C}^{\times}) = \{z \mapsto z^k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{AbGrp } \mathbb{Z},$$

where negatives are permitted since $0 \notin \mathbb{C}^{\times}$. More generally, $X(T) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{AbGrp } \mathbb{Z}^n$ for $n = \text{rank } T$, where $[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n] \xrightarrow{\lambda} \lambda_1^{k_1} \cdots \lambda_n^{k_n}$. Since we have an affine stratification by Schubert cells, we can write $A_*(X) = \bigoplus_{w \in W} [X_w]$, and in fact $A_k(X) = \bigoplus_{\ell(w)=k} [X_w]$. Considering the lattice for W , there are ℓ dimension 1 Schubert cells, and identifying them as CW cells and applying Poincare duality, there are ℓ codimension 1 cells:



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It turns out that the map is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}^n \cong X(T) &\longrightarrow A_{n-1}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^\ell \\ \lambda &\mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \langle \lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle [X_{w_0 s_i}] \quad n \geq \ell. \end{aligned}$$

■

Example 18.0.11(?): For $G = \mathrm{SL}_2$, $\mathcal{L}(\lambda_k) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(k)$ and $X(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. Recall that $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(k)) = \mathbb{C}[x, y]_k$ are homogeneous polynomials of degree k when $k \geq 0$, otherwise there are no global sections. For example, $\mathbb{C}[x, y]_2 = \langle x^2, xy, y^2 \rangle$ is dimension $3 = 2 + 1$. All points are rationally equivalent, so we can take the basepoint B/B , and so the map will need to track the multiplicity of points. The composition is given by the following:

$$X(T) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Pic}(X) \longrightarrow A_{n-1}(X)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda_k) \longmapsto \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(k) \longmapsto k[B/B]$$

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The cotangent bundle of X is given by $G \overset{P}{\times} u = T^\vee G/P$ where $P = LU$. The canonical bundle is the top wedge power, and here we get $G \overset{B}{\times} \mathfrak{n} = G \overset{B}{\times} \mathbb{C}_2 = \mathcal{L}(-2)$, noting that the canonical is equal

to the cotangent bundle here, and we've identified which equivariant bundle this is.

19 | Friday, October 08

Remark 19.0.1: Continuing some stuff from Kumar Ch. 8: the goal is to understand the Demazure and Weyl-Kac character formulas. Open question: how can one compute the singular locus of a given Schubert variety? This is surprisingly a hot topic this semester, c/o multiple Arxiv papers that have come out over the past few months.

Our first goal: showing X_w^Y is normal. Note that most varieties in representation theory are not normal, and this complicates things significantly, so normality is a great condition here.

Recall that for $X \in \text{Var}$, the stalks $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ are local rings, and the **cotangent space at x** is defined as $\mathfrak{m}_x/\mathfrak{m}_x^2$.

Cohomology vanishing: some of the hardest and most important results in this area!

Theorem 19.0.2(8.1.8, Main Result).

Let $w = (s_{i_1} \cdots, s_{i_n}) \in W$ be a word and consider j, k such that $1 \leq j \leq k \leq n$. Suppose that the subword $v = (s_{i_j} \cdots, s_{i_k})$ is reduced. Considering the associated BSDH-varieties, we have a subvariety

$$Z_v := P_{i_j} \times^B \cdots P_{i_k} / B \hookrightarrow Z_w := P_{i_1} \times^B \cdots P_{i_n} / B.$$

Recall that $\mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda) := G \times^{P_Y} \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$, and

$$\mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) := P_{i_1} \times^B \cdots \times^B P_{i_n} \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda} = f^* \mathcal{L}^Y(\lambda),$$

and we write $w(n)$ for w with the n th letter omitted. Moreover codimension 1 subvarieties correspond to line bundles under the Chern class isomorphism. Then for any integral dominant $\lambda \in D_{\mathbb{Z}}$, there are 3 vanishing formulas:

1.

$$H^{\geq 1} \left(Z_w; \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Z_w} \left(- \sum_{q=0}^k Z_{w(q)} \right) \right) = 0.$$

2.

$$H^{\geq 1} (Z_w; \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda)) = 0.$$

3. If $k < n$ and $v' := (s_{i_k} \cdots, s_{i_k} s_{i_{k+1}})$ is *not* reduced, then

$$H^{\geq 0} \left(Z_w; \mathcal{L}_w(\lambda) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Z_v} \left(- \sum_{q=j}^k Z_{w(q)} \right) \right) = 0$$

Remark 19.0.3: We'll often use **Serre duality** in the following form: given a set of nice assumptions, there is a perfect pairing

$$H^i(X; \mathcal{F}) \times H^{n-i}(X; K_X \otimes \mathcal{F}^\vee) \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

where $\mathcal{F}^\vee := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{O}_X)$ and K_X is the dualizing sheaf. Note that if X is smooth and projective, one can take K_X to be the canonical sheaf.

Lemma 19.0.4(8.18).

For any finite-dimensional representation M of $B^{\times n}$, there is a functorial assignment a P_{i_1} -equivariant algebraic vector bundle $\mathcal{L}_w(M) \rightarrow Z_w$ on the BSDH variety. which is an exact functor on $B^{\times n}\text{-Mod}^{\dim < \infty}$, given by

$$\mathcal{L}_w(-\lambda) = \mathcal{L}_w(\mathbb{C}_\lambda).$$

This is induced by $B^{\times n} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_n} B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\lambda$.

Remark 19.0.5: Using this formula,

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda)^\vee = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}_{-\lambda})^\vee = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}^\vee),$$

where given V_λ a highest weight representation of G (connected reductive finite type), we have $V_\lambda^\vee = V_{-w_0\lambda}$. Here $\mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$ is a representation of the torus, for which $w_0 = \text{id}$.

Example 19.0.6(?): For $w = v = (s)$ and $1 \leq j \leq k \leq n = 1$, we have $Z_{(s)} = P_s/B \cong \mathbb{P}^1$. Noting $Z_\emptyset = B/B = \text{pt}$, using the formula we obtain

$$H^p(P_s/B; \mathcal{L}_{(s)}(\lambda) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Z_{(s)}}(-B/B)).$$

This is an (equivariant) line bundle on \mathbb{P}^1 , which are all of the form $\mathcal{O}(n)$ – which one is it? Write $a := \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ since λ was dominant integral. Forgetting the group action yields an algebraic bundle which we can write as

$$H^p(P_s/B; \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)).$$

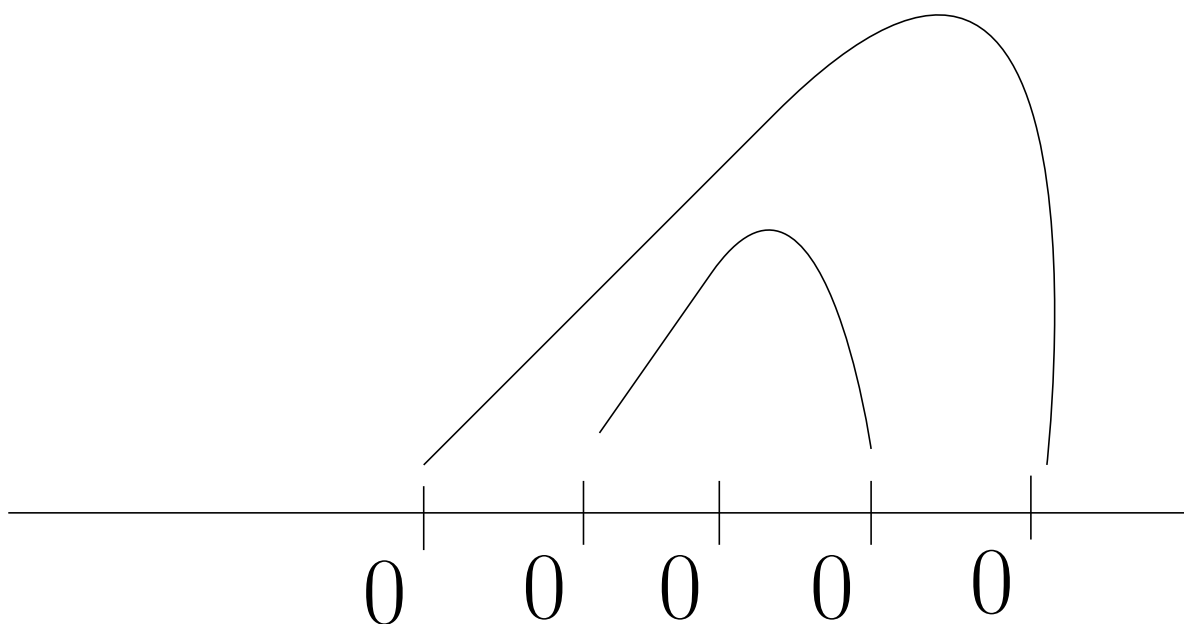
This can also be described by tensoring $\mathbb{C}_\lambda \otimes \mathbb{C}_\mu \cong \mathbb{C}_{\lambda+\mu}$. Finally, we can identify this homology with

$$H^p(P_s/B; \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a-1)).$$

Note that the canonical for \mathbb{P}^1 is $G \times^B \mathbb{C}_2 = \mathcal{L}(-2) = \mathcal{O}(-2)$ (noting that $-n$ has no global sections). So if $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}(k)$ then $\mathcal{F}^\vee = \mathcal{O}(-k)$. Applying Serre duality yields

$$H^i(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(k)) \times H^{n-i}(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(-2) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-k)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

Note that $H^0(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(k)) = 0$ for $k < 0$, since these look like homogeneous polynomials in degree k (and there are none of negative degree), so taking $k = -1$ we have $H^0(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(-1)) = 0$. By duality, this pairs with $H^1(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(-1))$, and continuing yields a pairing:



Example 19.0.7(?): Let $w = (s, s), v = (s), v' = (s), \eta = \emptyset, \mu = \emptyset$. Write $\sigma = \psi : Z_w \rightarrow Z_v$, which is projection onto the first coordinates in the corresponding BSDH varieties:

$$\begin{aligned} P_s \times^B P_s / B &\rightarrow P_s / B \\ [p_1, p_2 B / B] &\mapsto [p_1 B / B]. \end{aligned}$$


Note that

$$\mathcal{O}_{Z_w}(-B \times^B P_s / B) = \sigma^*(\mathcal{O}_{Z_v}(-B / B)).$$

There are 3 important facts we'll revisit:


1. A projection formula,
2. Lemma 8.1.5,
3. The Leray spectral sequence.

20 | Monday, October 11

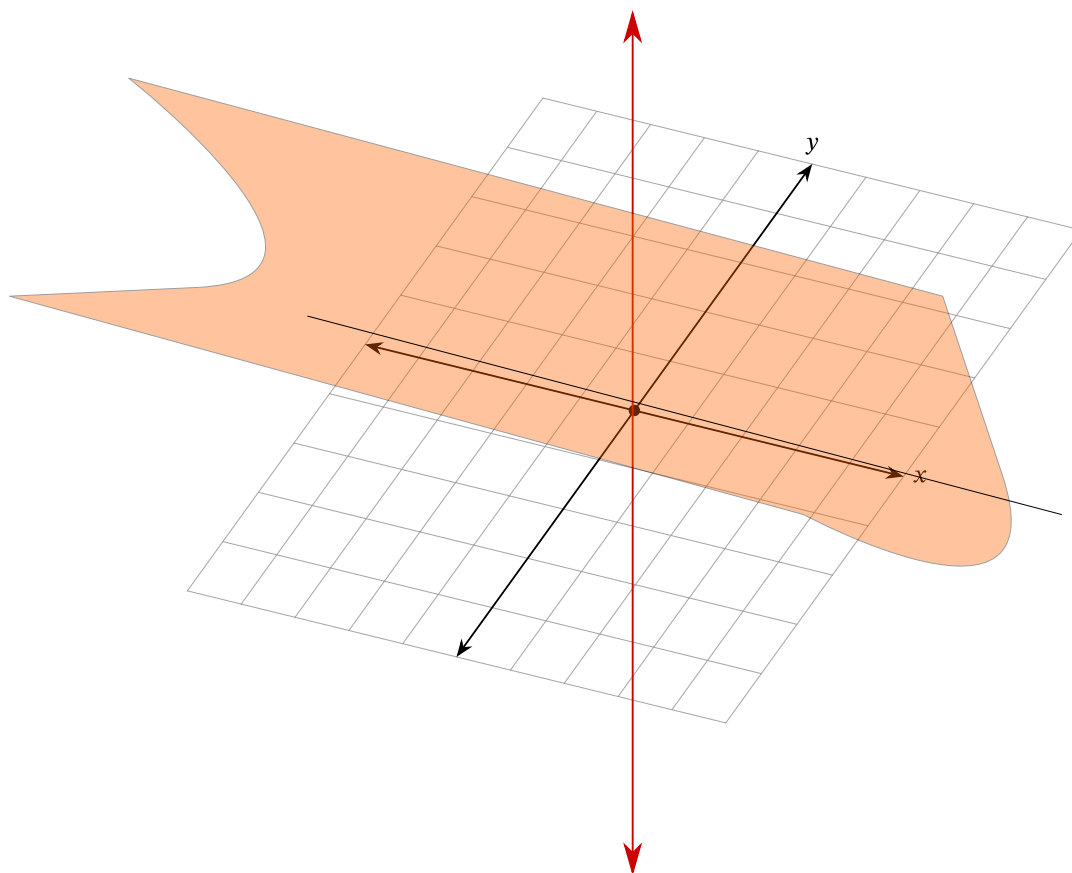
Remark 20.0.1: Chapter 8: actually equivariant K-theory without saying so! Also deals with Demazure operators. Goal: show that X_w^Y is normal. 

Definition 20.0.2 (Normal varieties)

Let $X \in \text{Var}_k$ be irreducible, then X is **normal** at $x \in X$ iff $\mathfrak{m}_x := \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is integrally closed in its field of fractions $\text{ff}(\mathfrak{m}_x)$.

Remark 20.0.3: Note that there are implications $\text{smooth} \implies \text{factorial} \implies \text{normal}$ in Var_k . We write $\Sigma(X) \subseteq X$ to be the singular locus, and if X is normal then $\text{codim}_X \Sigma(X) \leq 2$. 

Example 20.0.4 (Whitney's Umbrella): Let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - zy^2$ and consider $X := V(f) \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^3 \in \text{AffVar}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Checking normality for affine varieties just amounts to checking on regular functions, so X is normal iff $\mathbb{C}[X] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}(X)$ is integrally closed. One direction involves checking that localizations are integrally closed, which is an easy exercise in commutative algebra, while the other direction is harder. Consider $X(\mathbb{R})$:

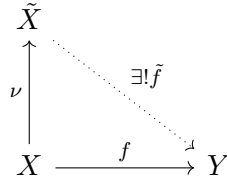


The claim is that X is not normal. Setting $\xi = x/y$ is not a regular function on X since y vanishes at some points of X , but $\xi^2 = x^2/y^2 = z \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ is regular.

Remark 20.0.5: Motivating question: normality is a local condition, so where can X be non-normal? There is a process of **normalization** which associates to X a unique normal variety \tilde{X} with a unique finite birational morphism $\nu : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$. Here *finite* means points have finite fibers and the map is proper.

Some properties: - ν is unique.

- $\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\nu} X$ satisfies a universal property: For $X \rightarrow Y$ for any Y normal, then there exists a unique lift



[Link to Diagram](#)

See also **Stein factorization** for proper morphisms.

- If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a birational projective morphism between irreducible varieties and Y is normal, then $f_*\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_Y$.

See also **Zariski's main theorem**.

Example 20.0.6(?): Let X be the umbrella from above. Consider $\nu(u, v) = [uv, v, v^2]$, so $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^2 \xrightarrow{\nu} X \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^3$, and let $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - zy^2$, so $f(uv, v, v^2) = (uv)^2 - u^2v^2 = 0$ is a regular function on X . One can check that $\Im(\nu) \subseteq X$ so this is surjective, and the conclusion is that X is irreducible with 2-dimensional fibers. Consider the fibers of ν :

1. $\mathbf{x} = 0$ yields $\nu^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \{[u, v] \in \mathbb{A}^2 \mid [uv, v, u^2] = \mathbf{0}\} = \text{pt.}$
2. $\mathbf{x} = [0, 0, z]$ with $z \neq 0$ yields $\nu^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \{[uv, v, u^2] = [0, 0, z]\} = \{p_1, p_2\}$ which have nonzero 2nd coordinates, by choosing a square root of u .
3. $\mathbf{x} = [x, y, z]$ with $x \neq 0$ yields $\nu^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \{[uv, v, u^2] = [x, y, z]\}$. This forces $v = y$, and $x = uv = uy$ which is nonzero and can be solved for u , so we again get a single point $\nu^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{pt.}$

Note that just considering the real points misses the entire $-z$ axis. This can be analyzed by regarding $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$ as a pair of points in the same plane; then if $u = v = 0$ corresponds to (1), $v = 0$ with u varying yields (2) (and two-point fibers), and moving v from 0 yields (3). Here X is normal at the points in (1), but not normal in (2) and (3).

Moral: we can study singularities by looking at fibers.

Remark 20.0.7: Next time: Schubert varieties.

21 | Appendix: Preliminary Notions

To define

- Sheaves

- Coherent sheaves
- Complete variety
- Homogeneous variety
- Algebraic group
 - Morphisms of algebraic groups
 - Reductive group
- Borel
- Parabolic
- Equivariant
- BG
 - Some examples? \mathbb{CP}^∞ , $BGL_n(\mathbb{R})$, etc.
- K-theory of an abelian category.
- Segre embedding
- Weyl group
- Modular representation
- Polar variety
- Chern class
- Borel-Moore homology
- Relative homology
- Ind-varieties and Ind-schemes

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