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# Homogeneous Space, Double Coset Decomposition & Bruhat-Tits Building

speaking: preliminary : linear algebra & abstract algebra

ask: How many people know what a homogeneous space is?

answer: space + action + transitively

$$G \curvearrowright X$$

ask: How to visualize a gp action?

Ex.  $S^1 \curvearrowright S^2$



$$\mathbb{C}^* \curvearrowright \mathbb{CP}^1 \quad t \cdot [x:y] = [tx:y]$$



ask: How many orbits?

Hint:  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \cong S^2$

$$\mathbb{CP}^1 = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$= \mathbb{C}^* \cup \{0\} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$G \cdot x \cong G / \text{stab}_G(x)$$

conclude: To understand a gp action, basically you need to know

- How many orbits
- The shape of the orbit

repeat: homogeneous space (single orbit)

ask: find a gp action on  $\mathbb{CP}'$  which ...

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is transitive} \\ \text{make } \mathbb{CP}' \text{ a homo space} \\ \text{has only one orbit} \end{array} \right.$

E.g.  $\mathbb{CP}' = GL_2(\mathbb{C}) / \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}_B = \{V_1 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2 \mid \dim V_1 = 1\}$

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ask: what is the stabilizer?

answer: the upper triangular matrix gp

In rep theory, we call the  $\hat{\text{subgp}}$  as the Borel subgp.  
denoted by B.

Why care about B: equiv to understand  $\mathbb{CP}'$

$$\mathbb{CP}^2 = GL_3(\mathbb{C}) / \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}_P = \{V_1 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3 \mid \dim V_1 = 1\}$$

ask: what's the stabilizer?

answer: ~~the~~ a block upper triangular matrix gp.

a block upper triangular matrix gp is called the Parabolic subgp.  
denoted by P.

Similarly,

$$Gr(4, 2) = GL_4(\mathbb{C}) / \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix} = \{V_2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^4 \mid \dim V_2 = 2\}$$

speaking: these homogeneous spaces are actually moduli spaces,  
they classify some linear objects.

ask: what does  $GL_3(\mathbb{C}) / \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & & * \end{pmatrix}$  classify?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Flag variety} & \uparrow & \text{(complete) flags} \\ \text{Flag}_3(\mathbb{C}) = GL_3(\mathbb{C}) / \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & & * \end{pmatrix}_B & = & \{ 0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3 \} \end{array}$$

speaking: the flag variety generalizes the proj spaces & Grassmannians.

ask: How to understand the structure of  $\text{Flag}_3(\mathbb{C})$ ?

introduce the affine paving, written as disjoint union of affine spaces. (usage: compute cohomology, pts counting)

$$\mathbb{CP}^1 = \mathbb{C} \sqcup \{\infty\}$$

$$\mathbb{CP}^2 = \mathbb{C}^2 \sqcup \mathbb{C} \sqcup \{\infty\}$$

ask: Find an affine paving of  $\text{Flag}_3(\mathbb{C})$ ?

answer: consider  $B$ -orbits on  $G/B$

$$\begin{array}{c} B \\ \curvearrowright \\ G/B \end{array} \quad G = GL_3(\mathbb{C})$$

ask How many orbits?

$$\# \{B\text{-orbits}\} = \# B \backslash G/B$$

$$B \backslash G/B = G / \sim \quad g_1 \sim g_2 \text{ iff } g_1 = b_1 g_2 b_2$$

(double coset: generalization of single coset)

ask How many double cosets?



Thm (Bruhat dec)

$$GL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \bigsqcup_{w \in S_n} B w B$$

e.g.  $GL_2(\mathbb{C}) = B \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} B \sqcup B \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} B$   
 $= B \sqcup B \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} B$

$w \in S_n$ : a permutation matrix, e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (12)(34)$

Cor.  $\# B \backslash GL_n(\mathbb{C}) / B = n!$

The proof uses Gauss elimination.

Idea: find a canonical form in  $B \backslash G / B$

$\Leftrightarrow$  left/right multiplied by  $b \in B$

$\Leftrightarrow$  restricted row/column operators

e.g.  $q=7 \quad G = GL_3(\mathbb{F}_7)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 6 \\ \textcircled{6} & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -3 \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 5 \\ \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{4} & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\dots} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rmk. Nearly all matrix dec results are special forms of double coset dec.

(and are all proved by "Gauss eliminations")

E.g.

	Bruhat	$GL_n(x) = \bigsqcup_{w \in S_n} B w B$
$\mathbb{R}$	SVD	$GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \bigsqcup_{a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_n > 0} O(n) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_n \end{pmatrix} O(n)$
	QR	$GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = B \cdot O(n)$
$\mathbb{Q}_p$	Cartan	$GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_p) = \bigsqcup_{\substack{a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_n \\ a_i \in \mathbb{Z}}} K \begin{pmatrix} p^{a_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p^{a_n} \end{pmatrix} K$
	Iwahori	$GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_p) = \bigsqcup_{w \in W_{\text{ext}}} I w I$
	Iwasawa	$GL_n(\mathbb{Q}_p) = B(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cdot K$
	v.b. on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$	$GL_n(\mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}]) = \bigsqcup_{\substack{a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_n \\ a_i \in \mathbb{Z}}} GL_n(\mathbb{C}[t^{-1}]) \begin{pmatrix} t^{a_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & t^{a_n} \end{pmatrix}$
	Shimura	$GL_2(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}) = \bigsqcup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{H}^2 \\ \Gamma_1(N)}} GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \cdot x \cdot (\widehat{\Gamma_1(N)} \cdot \mathbb{R}^+ \cdot SO_2)$ <span style="float: right;"><math>GL_n(\mathbb{C}[t])</math></span>

Here,  $K = GL_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)$

$$K \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

$$\begin{matrix} U \\ I \end{matrix} \dashrightarrow \begin{matrix} U \\ B \end{matrix}$$

$$W_{\text{ext}} = N_G(T)/T(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} p^{a_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p^{a_n} \end{pmatrix} \rtimes S_n$$

# Application of double coset dec.

$$G = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in I} H \alpha K$$


- understand  $G$  through  $H$  &  $K$
- understand  $H$  orbits in  $G/K$ , i.e.

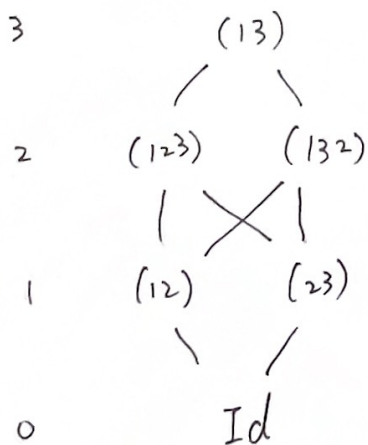
$$G/K = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in I} H \alpha K / K \cong \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in I} H / H[\alpha K] = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in I} H / H \cap \alpha K \alpha^{-1}$$

- compute Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(H \backslash G / K)$
- compute  $N_G(H)$

E.g.  $GL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \bigsqcup_{w \in S_n} B w B$

$$\Rightarrow GL_3(\mathbb{C})/B = \bigsqcup_{w \in S_3} \underbrace{B / B \cap w B w^{-1}}_{C(w)} = \bigsqcup_{w \in S_3} \mathbb{C}^{l(w)}$$

Here,  $l(w) = \text{length of } w$ . e.g.  has length 2



$C(w)$ : Schubert cell

$\overline{C(w)}$ : Schubert variety

# Bruhat-Tits Building

speaking: cheat a bit. ~~standard~~ Borel.

$$\{\text{Borel subgp}\} = \{gBg^{-1}\}$$

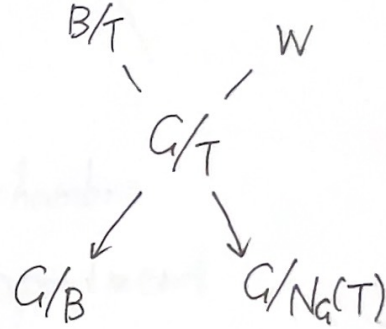
$$\{\text{Parabolic subgp}\} = \{gPg^{-1}\}$$

$$\{\text{torus}\} = \{gTg^{-1}\} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ex. } \{B \subseteq G\} = G/N_G(B) = G/B$$

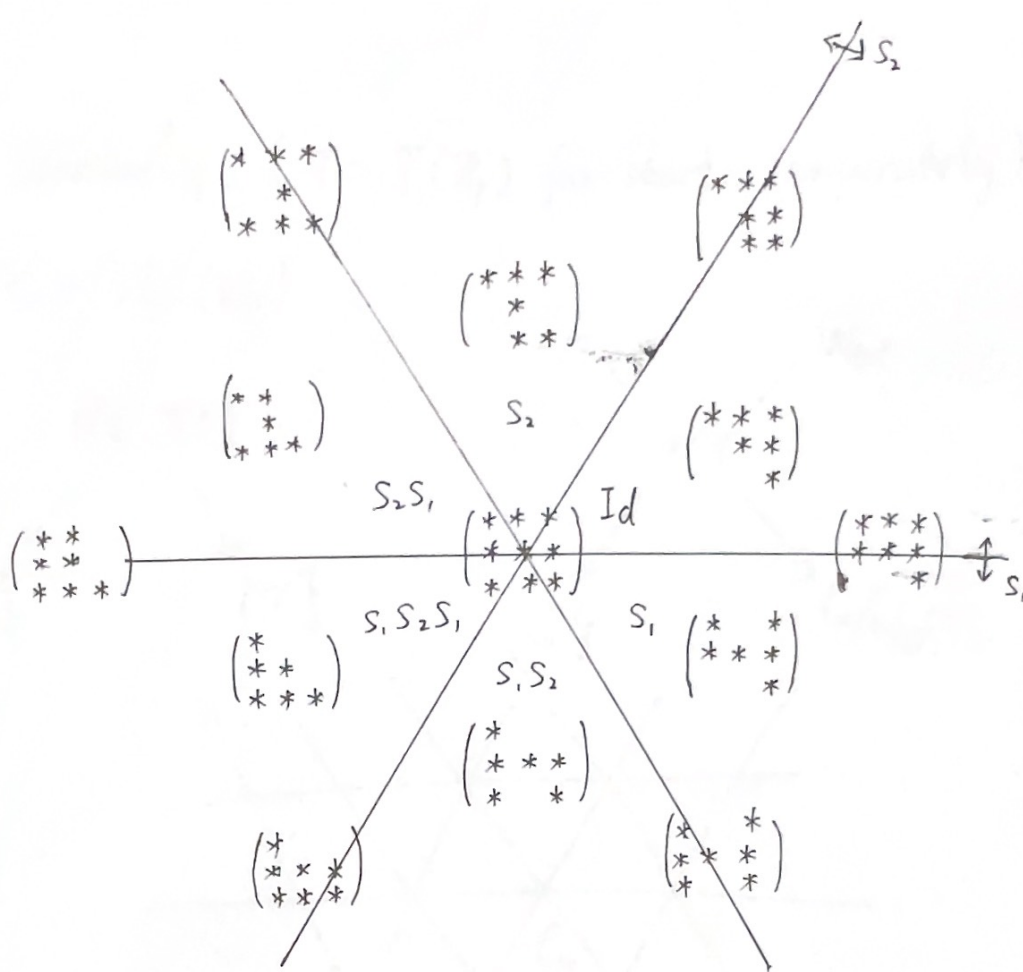
$$\{T \subseteq G\} = G/N_G(T) \quad N_G(T) = \{\text{monoidal matrix}\}$$

$$\{(B, T) \mid B \supset T\} = G/T$$



$(B, N)$ -pair.





$\mathcal{L}_B$

$$\mathcal{A}_T = \bigcup_{B \supset T} \mathcal{L}_B$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \bigcup_B \mathcal{L}_B$$

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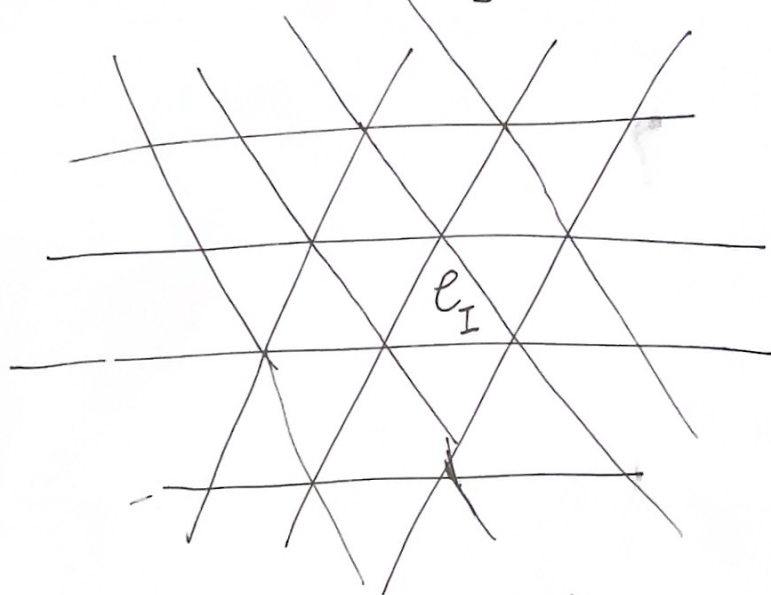
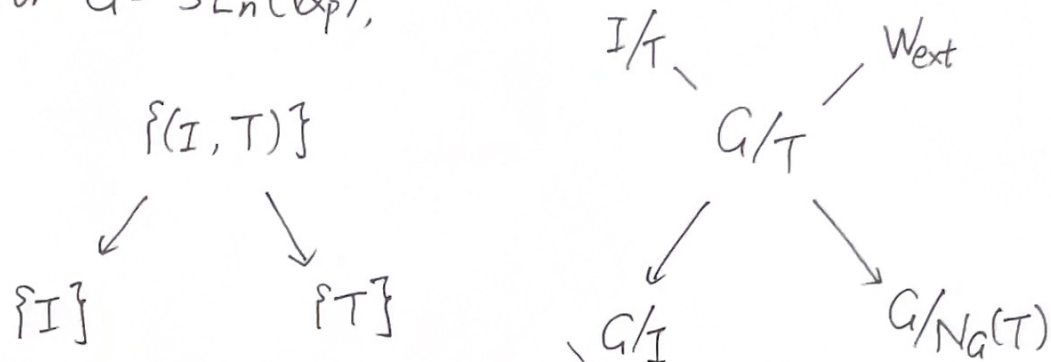
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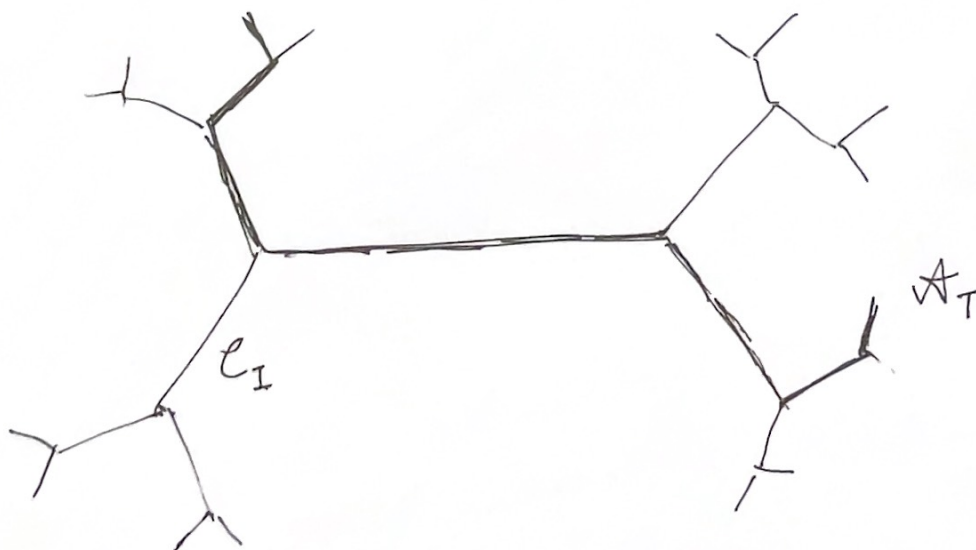


Similarly, ( $T = T(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  for short, temporarily)

For  $G = SL_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,



$SL_3(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  - case,  $\mathcal{A}_T$



$SL_2(\mathbb{Q}_2)$  - case,  $\mathcal{B}$