

# Eine Woche, ein Beispiel

## 2.23 Schubert calculus: coh of Grassmannian

Ref:

[3264] and [Fulton]

[LW21]: [https://www.math.uni-bonn.de/ag/stroppel/Masterarbeit\\_Wang.pdf](https://www.math.uni-bonn.de/ag/stroppel/Masterarbeit_Wang.pdf)

We will attempt to tackle Schubert calculus in a concise manner. The term "Schubert calculus" is often associated with intersection theory, enumerative geometry, combinatorics, Grassmannians, and more, making it a vast topic. However, I believe its core ideas can be clearly explained in just six hours. I will break the material into several parts:

1.  $H^*(Gr(r,n); \mathbb{Z})$  and its combinatorics
2. (inside Grassmannian) cycles in Grassmannian, including:

- cycle class map:  $CH^*(Gr(r,n)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(Gr(r,n); \mathbb{Z})$

- incidence variety  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(partial) flag variety} \\ \text{Fano variety of planes} \\ \dots \end{array} \right.$

- a reinterpretation of cycles

3. (outside Grassmannian + v.b.)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L} & & \mathcal{S}^\vee \\ | & & | \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_L} & Gr(r, \infty) \end{array}$$

Chern class:  $c: VB(X) \longrightarrow H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$

$$f_L^*: H^*(Gr(r, \infty); \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

e.g.,  $VB(Gr(r,n)) \longrightarrow H^*(Gr(r,n); \mathbb{Z})$

$$\mathcal{S}^* \longmapsto 1 + \sigma_1 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{Q} \longmapsto 1 + \sigma_1 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{Gr} \longmapsto 1 + n \cdot \sigma_1 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{S} \longmapsto 1 - \sigma_1 + \sigma_{1,1} - \sigma_{1,1,1} + \dots + (-1)^r \sigma_{(1)^r}$$

4. Applications

tangent space argument

1. Group structure of  $H^*(Gr(r,n); \mathbb{Z})$
2. Cup product
3. Young diagram formulas

## 1. Group structure of $H^*(Gr(r,n); \mathbb{Z})$

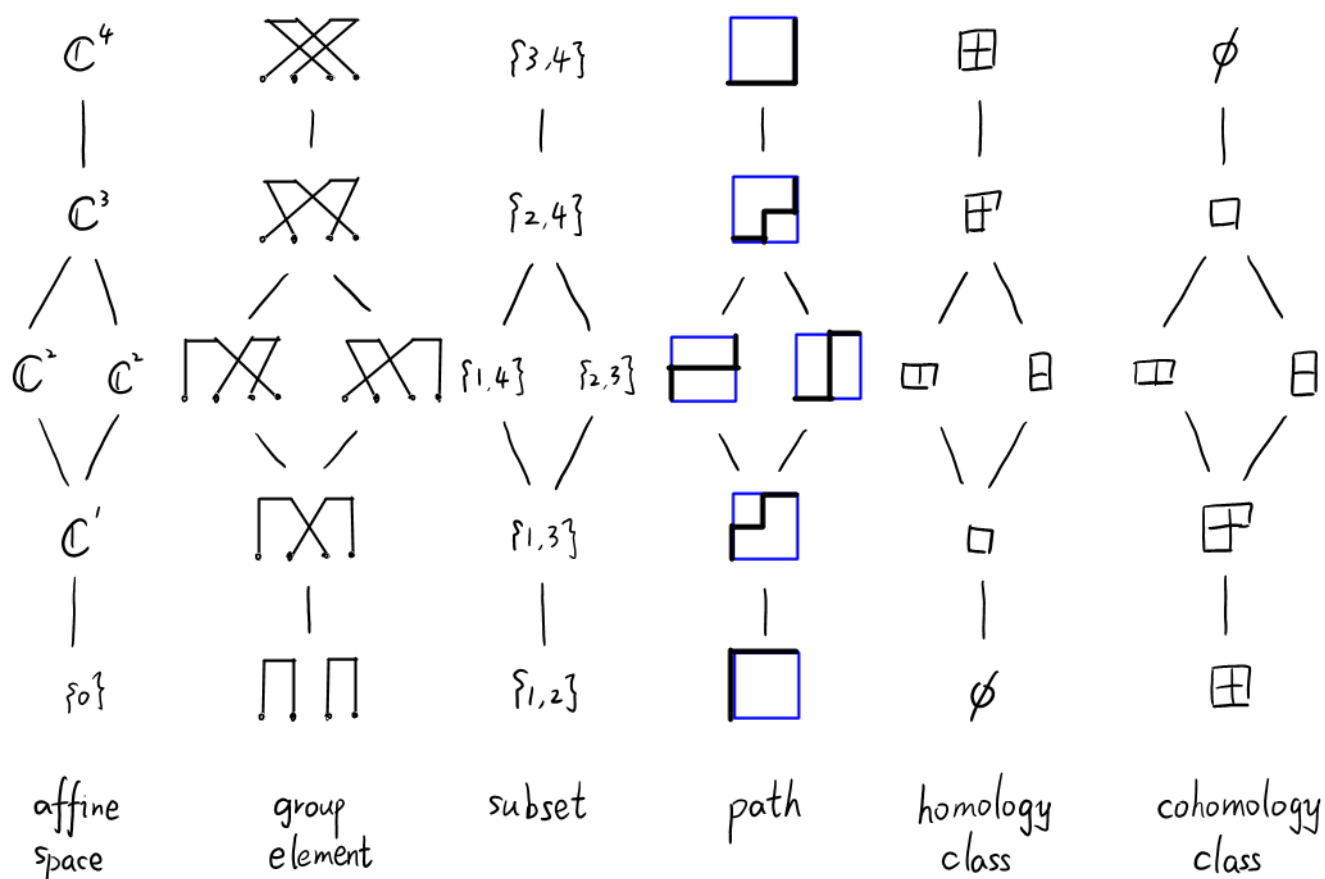
It's well-known that  $Gr(r,n) \cong GL_n(\mathbb{C})/P$  has an affine paving w.r.t.  $S_n/S_r \times S_{n-r}$ :

$$Gr(r,n) = \bigsqcup_{w \in S_n/S_r \times S_{n-r}} BwP/P \cong \bigsqcup_{w \in S_n/S_r \times S_{n-r}} \mathbb{C}^{l(w)}$$

$$\# S_n/S_r \times S_{n-r} = \binom{n}{r}$$

We read the diagram from top to bottom, the map from right to left.

E.g.  $n=4$   $r=2$



Hint from gp element to homology class.

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \quad 2 \\ \text{[diagram of a braid with 5 strands, two crossings, and two red dots on the top two strands]} \end{array} \rightsquigarrow (2,0) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

E.g.  $n=5, r=2$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram of a braid with 5 strands, two crossings, and a vertical line on the right]} \end{array} \sim \{2,4\} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{[blue box]} & \text{[blue box]} \\ \hline \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram of a braid with 5 strands, three crossings]} \end{array} \sim \{3,5\} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{[blue box]} & \text{[blue box]} \\ \hline \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Ex. compute  $w_0$ -action (left mult) on  $S_n/S_r \times S_{n-r}$ , where  $w_0 = \text{[diagram of a crossing]}$ .

## 2. Cup product

We want to compute intersection number by moving one cycle (so that they intersect transversally)

Lemma 1.  $[B^-\omega P/p] = [B\omega_0\omega P/p]$  in  $H^*(Gr(r,n); \mathbb{Z})$ .

Proof.  $B^-\omega P/p = \omega_0 B\omega_0\omega P/p \sim B\omega_0\omega P/p$ .

Lemma 2.

$$\# (B\omega P/p \cap B^-\eta P/p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \eta > \omega \\ 1 & \eta = \omega \\ 0 & \eta \neq \omega \text{ \& } l(\eta) = l(\omega) \\ ? & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, when  $\eta = \omega$ ,  $B\omega P/p$  and  $B^-\eta P/p$  intersect transversally.

Idea: Find a set of representative elements  $e_\omega^+ \cong \mathbb{C}^{l(\omega)}$  in  $B$ , s.t.

$$B\omega P/p \xleftarrow{\cong} C_\omega^+ \omega P/p \cong e_\omega^+.$$

Similarly, find a set of representative elements  $e_\eta^- \cong \mathbb{C}^{l(\omega_0\eta)}$  in  $B^-$ , s.t.

$$B^-\eta P/p \xleftarrow{\cong} e_\eta^- \eta P/p \cong e_\eta^-.$$

After that,

$$\begin{aligned} B\omega P/p \cap B^-\eta P/p &= \{(c_+, c_-) \in C_\omega^+ \times C_\eta^- \mid c_+ \omega P = c_- \eta P\} \\ &= \{(c_+, c_-) \in C_\omega^+ \times C_\eta^- \mid c_-^{-1} c_+ \in \eta P \omega^{-1}\} \end{aligned}$$

can be written as the zero sets of polynomials (of  $\deg \leq 2$ )  
in  $C_\omega^+ \times C_\eta^- \cong \mathbb{C}^{l(\omega) + l(\omega_0\eta)}$ .

E.g.  $n=5, r=2,$

$$w = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: 5 strands, crossings (1,2), (2,3), (3,4), (4,5)} \\ = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \{35|124\} \sim \begin{array}{c} \text{hom} \\ \square \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c} \text{cohom} \\ \square \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\eta_0 = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: 5 strands, crossings (1,2), (2,3), (3,4), (4,5)} \\ = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \{13|245\} \sim \square \sim \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: 5 strands, crossings (1,2), (2,3), (3,4), (4,5)} \end{array}$$

Let  $\eta = \eta_0$ , we want to describe  $BwP/p \cap B\eta P/p \subset C_w^+ \times C_\eta^-$ .  
By direct calculation,

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\eta P w^{-1} = \begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & * & * & * & * \\ 3 & * & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * \end{matrix}$$

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$$w P w^{-1} = \begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & * & * & * \\ 5 & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * \end{matrix}$$

$$\eta P \eta^{-1} = \begin{matrix} & 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & * & * & * & * \\ 3 & * & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * \end{matrix}$$

$$C_w^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ & & 1 \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_\eta^- = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ * & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ * & & * & 1 & \\ * & & * & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, suppose

$$C_-^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ b_{21} & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ b_{41} & b_{43} & 1 & & \\ b_{51} & b_{53} & & 1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{13} & a_{15} & & \\ & 1 & a_{23} & a_{25} & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & a_{45} \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$C_-^{-1} C_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & a_{13} & & a_{15} \\ b_{21} & 1 & b_{21}a_{13} + a_{23} & & b_{21}a_{15} + a_{25} \\ & & 1 & & \\ b_{41} & b_{43} & b_{41}a_{13} + b_{43} & 1 & b_{41}a_{15} + a_{45} \\ b_{51} & b_{53} & b_{51}a_{13} + b_{53} & & b_{51}a_{15} + 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$C_-^{-1} C_+ \in \eta P w^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b_{21}a_{13} + a_{23} = 0 \\ b_{21}a_{15} + a_{25} = 0 \\ b_{41}a_{13} + b_{43} = 0 \\ b_{41}a_{15} + a_{45} = 0 \\ b_{51}a_{13} + b_{53} = 0 \\ b_{51}a_{15} + 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $BwP/p \cap B^{-1}\eta P/p \cong \mathbb{C}^3 \times \mathbb{C}^x$ .

Now, take  $\eta = w$ , one suppose that

$$C_-^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & b_{43} & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{13} & a_{15} & & \\ & 1 & a_{23} & a_{25} & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & a_{45} \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$C_-^{-1} C_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & a_{13} & & a_{15} \\ & 1 & a_{23} & & a_{25} \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & b_{43} & 1 & a_{45} \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$C_-^{-1} C_+ \in w P w^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a_{13} = a_{15} = a_{23} = a_{25} = a_{45} = b_{43} = 0.$$

In this case  $BwP/p \cap B^{-1}wP/p = \{*\}$ .

Furthermore, one can show the transversality through the tangent argument.

Ex. When  $\eta = w_0$ , verify that

$$BwP/p \cap B^{-}w_0P/p = \emptyset$$

Generalize this example to prove Lemma 2.

Cor of Lemma 2. When  $l(w) + l(w') = r(n-r)$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow l(w_0w) + l(w_0w') = r(n-r)$

$$\deg([BwP/p] \cup [Bw'P/p]) = \begin{cases} 1 & w = w_0w' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, denote

$$\sigma_w := [BwP/p] \in H^*(Gr(r, n); \mathbb{Z})$$

then  $\begin{aligned} \sigma_w \sigma_{w_0w} &= \sigma_{Id} \\ \sigma_w \sigma_\eta &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{when } l(w) + l(\eta) = r(n-r).$

⚠ When we view  $w = a = (a_1, \dots, a_r)$  as the Young diagram in the cohom class,

$$\begin{aligned} l(w) &= r(n-r) - |a| \\ \sigma_w &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sigma_a \in H_{l(w)}(Gr(r, n); \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^{|a|}(Gr(r, n); \mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, we write  $\sigma_k = \sigma_{(k, 0, \dots, 0)}$  and  $\sigma_{1^k} = \sigma_{(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k \text{ many}}, 0, \dots, 0)}$ .

# The moduli interpolation of Schubert variety

To prove the Pieri rule, the method in the proof of Lemma 2 need to be modified. Working with the moduli interpolation of Schubert varieties can help understanding.

E.g.  $n=5, r=2,$

$$w = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & & \end{pmatrix} = \{35 | 124\} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$wP/p \in G/p \iff w\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = \langle e_3, e_5 \rangle \in G_r(2, 5)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{standard} \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}: \quad 0 \subset \langle e_1 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, \dots, e_4 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, \dots, e_5 \rangle \\ \cup \quad \quad \cup \quad \quad \quad \cup \quad \quad \quad \cup \quad \quad \quad \cup \\ \langle e_3, e_5 \rangle \cap \mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}: \quad 0 = 0 = 0 \subset \langle e_3 \rangle = \langle e_3 \rangle \subset \langle e_3, e_5 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_w(\mathcal{V}_0) & \triangleq \overline{BwP/p} \\ & = \left\{ \Lambda \in G_r(2, 5) \mid \begin{array}{l} \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_3^{\text{st}} \geq 1 \\ \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_5^{\text{st}} \geq 2 \end{array} \right\} \\ BwP/p & = \left\{ \Lambda \in G_r(2, 5) \mid \begin{array}{l} \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_3^{\text{st}} = 1 \\ \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_5^{\text{st}} = 2 \\ \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_2^{\text{st}} = 0 \\ \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_4^{\text{st}} = 1 \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Def. For the flag  $\mathcal{V} = g\mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_w(\mathcal{V}) & = g \overline{BwP/p} \\ & = \left\{ \Lambda \in G_r(2, 5) \mid \begin{array}{l} \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_3 \geq 1 \\ \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_5 \geq 2 \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

General case:

$$\Sigma_w(\mathcal{V}) = \{ \Lambda \in G_r(r, n) \mid \dim \Lambda \cap \mathcal{V}_{w(i)} \geq i \}$$

Easy to see that  $\Sigma_w(w_0\mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}) = \overline{B^{-1}w_0wP/p}$ .



Lemma 3. Let  $a, c$  be Young diagrams which cspd to  $w, w'$  st.

$$\begin{cases} |c| = |a| + k \\ a_i \leq c_i \leq a_{i-1} \quad \forall i \end{cases}$$

Then  $\Sigma_a(\mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}) \cap \Sigma_c(w_0 \mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}) = \underbrace{\mathbb{P}^{\omega(1)+\omega'(r)-n-1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{P}^{\omega(r)+\omega'(1)-n-1}}_{r \text{ many}}$

E.g.  $n=5, r=2$ , write  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{st}}, \mathcal{W} = w_0 \mathcal{V}_{\text{st}}$ ,

$$w = \begin{array}{c} \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & | & 1 \\ & & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \{25 | 134\} \sim \text{cohom} \square \leftarrow a = (2,0)$$

$$w' = \begin{array}{c} \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & | & 1 \\ & & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \{24 | 135\} \sim \text{cohom} \square \leftarrow c = (2,1)$$

We want to show  $\Sigma_a(\mathcal{V}) \cap \Sigma_c(\mathcal{W}) \cong \mathbb{P}^0 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ .

We write

$$A_1 := \mathcal{V}_2 \cap \mathcal{W}_4 = \langle v_2 \rangle$$

$$A_2 := \mathcal{V}_5 \cap \mathcal{W}_2 = \langle v_4, v_5 \rangle$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_a(\mathcal{V}) \cap \Sigma_c(\mathcal{W}) &= \text{Gr}(1, A_1) \times \text{Gr}(1, A_2) \\ \Delta &\mapsto (\Delta \cap A_1, \Delta \cap A_2) \\ \mathcal{W}_1 \oplus \mathcal{W}_2 &\longleftarrow (\mathcal{W}_1, \mathcal{W}_2) \end{aligned}$$

Hint: ①  $A \hat{=} A_1 + A_2 = A_1 \oplus A_2$

②  $\dim \Delta \cap A_i \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 = \dim \Delta &= \dim \Delta \cap (\mathcal{V}_2 + \mathcal{W}_4) \\ &= \dim \Delta \cap \mathcal{V}_2 + \dim \Delta \cap \mathcal{W}_4 - \dim \Delta \cap A_1 \\ &\geq 1 + 2 - \dim \Delta \cap A_1 \end{aligned}$$

③  $\dim \Delta \cap A_i = 1, \quad \Delta = \oplus \Delta \cap A_i \quad \Delta \subset A$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 = \dim \Delta &\geq \dim \Delta \cap A \\ &\geq \dim \Delta \cap A_1 + \dim \Delta \cap A_2 \\ &\geq 1 + 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4. Let  $a, c$  be Young diagrams which crspel to  $w, w'$  st.

$$\begin{cases} |c| = |a| + k \\ a_i \leq c_i \leq a_{i+1} \quad \forall i \end{cases}$$

Let  $(k, \dots, 0)$  be Young diagram which crspels to  $w''$ .  
Let  $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{U}$  be general complete flags in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , then

$$\Sigma_a(\mathcal{V}) \cap \Sigma_c(\mathcal{W}) \cap \Sigma_k(\mathcal{U}) = \{*\}.$$

Proof. W.l.o.g. let  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}, \mathcal{W} = \omega_0 \mathcal{V}^{\text{st}}$ . [3264, Def 4.4]  
We know

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_a(\mathcal{V}) \cap \Sigma_c(\mathcal{W}) &= \prod_{i=1}^r \text{Gr}(1, A_i) \\ \Sigma_k(\mathcal{U}) &= \left\{ \Delta \in \text{Gr}(r, n) \mid \dim \Delta \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} \geq 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

By transversality,  $\dim \Delta \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} = 1 \Rightarrow \Delta \supset \Delta \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k}$   
Define

$$\psi_i : \Delta \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} \subset A \rightarrow A_i$$

Claim:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \Delta \cap A_i = \text{Im } \psi_i \\ \Delta \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} = A \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} \text{ with equal dim} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} = A \cap \mathcal{U}_{n-r+1-k} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Im } \psi_i \subseteq \Delta \cap A_i \\ \Rightarrow \text{Im } \psi_i = \Delta \cap A_i \text{ with equal dim} \end{array} \right]$$

Therefore,  $\Delta = \bigoplus_i \Delta \cap A_i = \bigoplus_i \text{Im } \psi_i$  is uniquely determined.  $\square$

Write Lemma 4 in terms of cohomology class, we get  
 Pieri's formula: [3264, Prop 4.9, Thm 4.14]

$$\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_{(k, \dots, 0)} = \sum_{\substack{|c| = |a| + k \\ a_i \leq c_i \leq a_{i-1}}} \sigma_c$$

$$\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_{(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{k\text{-many}}, \dots, 0)} = \sum_{\substack{|c| = |a| + k \\ a_i \leq c_i \leq a_i + 1}} \sigma_c$$

E.g.  $\sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} \cdot \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} = \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$

$$\sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} \cdot \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} = \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + \sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$$

We will play with Young diagrams in the next section.

### 3. Young diagram formulas

#### Littlewood - Richardson rule

The Pieri formula can be upgraded to the Littlewood-Richardson rule:

$$\sigma_\lambda \sigma_\mu = \sum_\nu N_{\lambda\mu\nu} \sigma_\nu$$

E.g.  $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 \\ \hline & 2 & \\ \hline 1 & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ 

$$+ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline 2 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 \\ \hline & & \\ \hline 1 & & \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & 1 \\ \hline 1 & \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$+ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline 2 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 \\ \hline & & \\ \hline 1 & & \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & 1 \\ \hline 1 & \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Littlewood-Richardson\\_rule](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Littlewood%E2%80%93Richardson_rule)

The Littlewood-Richardson rule is notorious for the number of errors that appeared prior to its complete, published proof. Several published attempts to prove it are incomplete, and it is particularly difficult to avoid errors when doing hand calculations with it: even the original example in D. E. Littlewood and A. R. Richardson (1934) contains an error.

That's why I don't want to prove it (using only Pieri formula).

## Giambelli's formula

This formula expresses  $\sigma_\lambda$  as polynomials in  $\sigma_k$ .

Ex. [3264, Prop 4.16]

Show that (by induction)

$$\sigma_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)} = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_{\lambda_1} & \cdots & \sigma_{\lambda_1+k-1} \\ & \ddots & \\ \sigma_{\lambda_k-k+1} & \cdots & \sigma_{\lambda_k} \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{index} + 1}$$

e.p.

$$\sigma_{(1, \dots, 1)} = \begin{vmatrix} \sigma_1 & \cdots & \sigma_k \\ 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & 1 & \sigma_1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{cases} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 - \sigma_1^2 \\ \sigma_3 - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 - (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1^2) \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_4 - \sigma_1 \sigma_3 - (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1^2) \sigma_2 - (\sigma_{(1,1,1)}) \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

## Relations in $H^*(Gr(r, n); \mathbb{Z})$

E.g. [3264, Cor 4.10]

$$(1 + \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_{n-r}) (1 - \sigma_1 + \dots + (-1)^r \sigma_{1^r}) = 1$$

$$(1 - \sigma_1 + \dots + (-1)^{n-r} \sigma_{n-r}) (1 + \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_{1^r}) = 1$$

In  $Gr(5, 2)$ , we list the table of products for a hint:

zero Young diagram

$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$
$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$
$\square$	$\square$	$\square + \square$	$\square + \square$	$\square$
$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	$\square$	—

Thm [3264, Thm 5.26]

$$H^*(Gr(r, n); \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[c_1, \dots, c_r]/I$$

where

$$c_k = c_k(\mathcal{S}) = (-1)^k \sigma_{1^k}$$

$$I = \left\langle \left( \frac{1}{1+c_1+\dots+c_r} \right)^{\deg=n-r+1}, \dots, \left( \frac{1}{1+c_1+\dots+c_r} \right)^{\deg=n} \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle \sigma_{n-r+1}, \dots, \sigma_n \rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{1+c_1+\dots+c_r} = 1 - (c_1 + \dots + c_r) + (c_1 + \dots + c_r)^2 - \dots$$

$$\stackrel{r \geq 5}{=} 1 - c_1 + (c_1^2 - c_2) + (c_1^3 - 2c_1c_2 + c_3) + (c_1^4 - 3c_1^2c_2 + c_2^2 + 2c_1c_3 - c_4) + (c_1^5 - 4c_1^3c_2 + 3c_1c_2^2 + 3c_1^2c_3 - 2c_2c_3 - 2c_1c_4 + c_5) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \sigma_1 + (\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_{1^2}) + (-\sigma_1^3 + 2\sigma_1\sigma_{1^2} - \sigma_{1^3}) + \dots$$

Q: How to describe  $I'$  in

$$H^*(Gr(r, n); \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-r}] / I' \quad ?$$

Guess: by duality [3264, Ex 4.31],

$$\begin{aligned} I' &= \left\langle \left( \frac{1}{1 - \sigma_1 + \dots + (-1)^{n-r} \sigma_{n-r}} \right)^{\deg = r+1}, \dots, \left( \frac{1}{1 - \sigma_1 + \dots + (-1)^{n-r} \sigma_{n-r}} \right)^{\deg = n} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle \sigma_1^{r+1}, \dots, \sigma_1^n \rangle \end{aligned}$$