

Eine Woche, ein Beispiel

2.23 Schubert calculus: coh of Grassmannian

Ref:

[3264] and [Fulton]

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. $H^*(Gr(n, r); \mathbb{Z})$ and its combinatorics

2. (inside Grassmannian)

cycles in Grassmannian, including:

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

- 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.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Applications

tangent space argument

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

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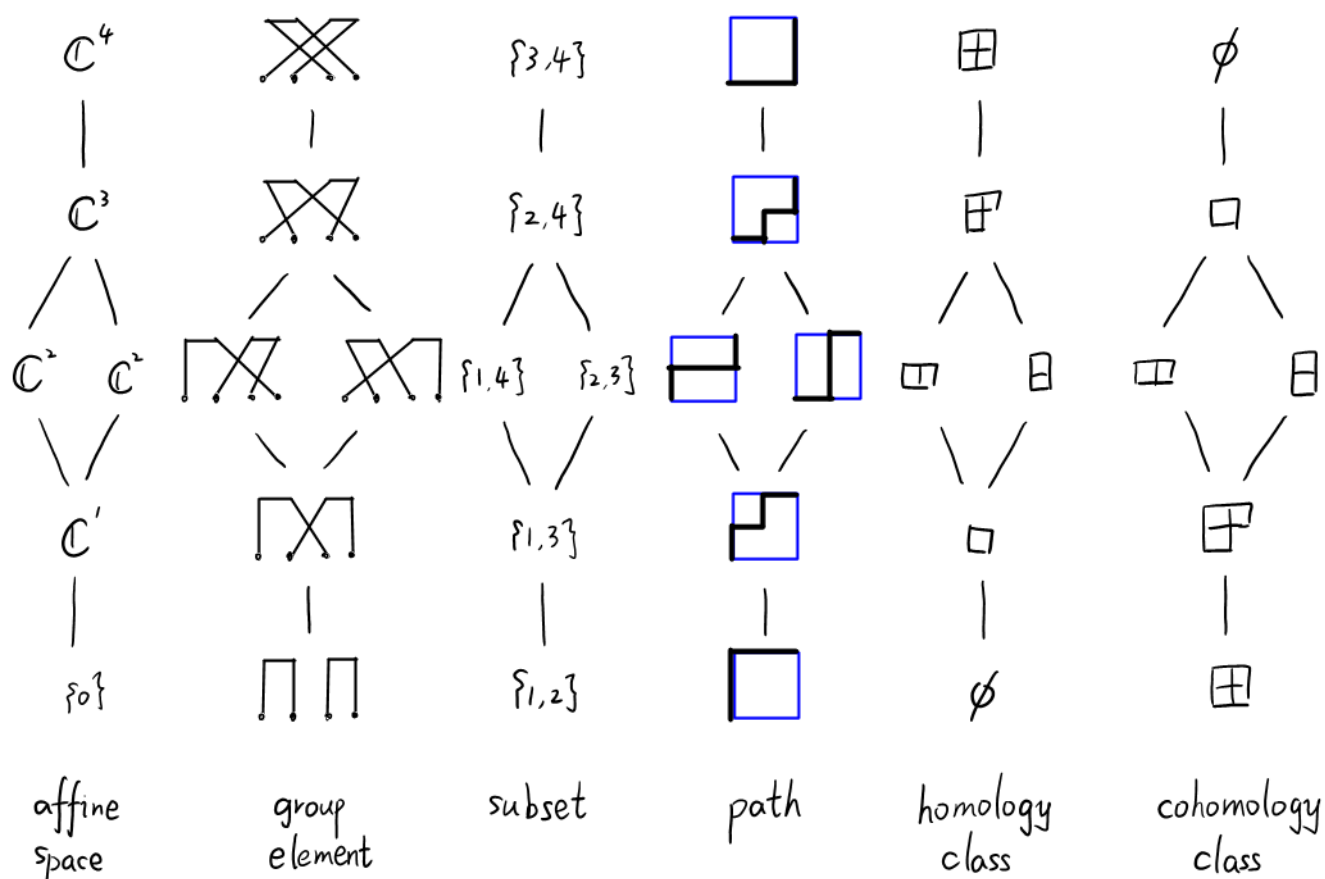
It's well-known that $Gr(n,r) \cong GL_n(\mathbb{C})/P$ has an affine paving w.r.t. $S_n/S_r \times S_{n-r}$:

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

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

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 $w_0 = \text{[diagram of a crossing]}$.