

Hilbert 第 15 问题

Hilbert (希尔伯特) 第 15 问题是 David Hilbert 于 1900 年提出的 23 个著名问题之一. 该问题要求为 Schubert (舒伯特) 的计数演算建立严格的基础.

1. 引言

Schubert 演算是相交理论在 19 世纪的表现形式, 也包括它在计数几何学中的应用. 说明该演算法则的正确性是 Hilbert 第 15 问题的内容, 同时也是 20 世纪代数几何学的主題之一 [1, 2]. 在奠定相交理论严格基础的过程中, van der Waerden (范德瓦尔登) 和 André Weil (韦伊) 将该问题归结为决定旗流形 G/P 的上同调环 $H^*(G/P)$ [3, 4]¹⁾, 这里 G 是一个 Lie (李) 群, P 是 G 的一个抛物子群.

Ehresmann (埃雷斯曼), Chevalley (谢瓦莱), Bernstein-Gel'fand-Gel'fand (伯恩斯坦 - 盖尔范德 - 盖尔范德) 关于 Schubert 演算的基定理 [5, 6, 7] 断言经典 Schubert 类构成了 $H^*(G/P)$ 的加法结构的一个自由基. 遗留下来的问题是: 如何将 Schubert 类的乘积表成为基元素的线性组合, Schubert 将这一问题称作 *特征数问题* (*the characteristic problem*) [8, 9, 3], 并称它是“计数几何学中主要的理论问题”. [10]

尽管在其发展的头 100 年里, 计数几何学与物理学没有什么联系, 但后来它已逐渐成为弦理论的核心要素. [11]

2. 问题的陈述

Hilbert 关于第 15 问题的原始陈述全文如下:

“这个问题是: 对于计数几何中得到的几何数目, 在准确界定其适用范围的前提下, 严格地证明其正确性. 特别需要研究的是, Schubert 在他的书中, 基于所谓特殊位置原理 (或称个数守恒原理) 建立的一套计数演算, 并据此算出的那些几何数目.”

虽然今天的代数学原则上保证了可以实施消元法, 但要证明计数几何中的定理, 对于代数学的要求却比这高得多, 因为它要求在对于特定的具体方程 (组) 进行消元时, 事先就能知道最后所得方程 (组) 的次数及其解的重数. [1]

3. Schubert 演算

Schubert 演算是 Hermann Schubert 在 19 世纪引入的, 起初是为了解答射影几何中的各种计数问题 (它们是计数几何的一部分), 如今它已成了代数几何学的一个分支. 它也是一些现代理论 (例如示性类理论) 的先导, 特别是, 与它有关的算法问题仍然是当前研究的关注点.

Schubert 引入的那些数学对象今天被称为 Schubert 胞腔, 它们是某类 Grassmann (格拉斯曼) 流形中利用一个给定旗 (flag) 下射影空间中的线性子空间的关联 (incidence) 条件来定义的局部闭子集. 至于细节, 请参阅关于 Schubert 簇的条目.

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1) van der Waerden 的经典文献 [3] 的引言部分已有中译文, 刊登于《数学译林》2015 年第 3 期.
——译注

根据 van der Waerden [3] 和 André Weil [4] 的要求, Hilbert 第 15 问题已被解决. 具体结果如下:

- a) Schubert 的特征数问题已被段海豹和赵学志解决; [12]
- b) 旗流形的 Chow (周炜良) 环的特殊表示已由 Borel (博雷尔), Marlin, Billey-Haiman, 段海豹与赵学志等人得到; [12]
- c) Schubert 的主要计数算例 [8], 已被 Aluffi, Harris (哈里斯), Kleiman, Xambó 等人验证. [13, 12]

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