

Introduction to Hessenberg varieties

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Data: \mathfrak{g} semisimple Lie algebra over \mathbb{C}
 \mathfrak{u}
 \mathfrak{b} Borel subalgebra
 \mathfrak{u}
 \mathfrak{a} Cartan subalgebra

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{u}^- \oplus \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{u}^+ \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{u}^+.$$

Degrees $n = \dim(\mathfrak{a})$, $W_0 =$ Weyl group

d_1, \dots, d_n are the degrees, $h = d_n =$ Coxeter number

Hessenberg varieties

Let \mathfrak{m} be a \mathfrak{b} -submodule of \mathfrak{g} .

Let $x \in \mathfrak{g}$

The Hessenberg variety is

$$B_x^{\mathfrak{m}} = \{gB \in G/B \mid g^{-1}x \in \mathfrak{m}\}$$

Then

$B_x^{\mathfrak{g}} = G/B$ is the flag variety

$B_x^{\mathfrak{b}}$ is the Springer fiber at x .

$B_x^{\mathfrak{a}}$ is empty (unless $x = 0$ when $B_0^{\mathfrak{a}} = G/B$).

Choices of $x \in \mathfrak{g}$

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Nilpotent: $n \in \mathfrak{ng}^+$

Semisimple: $s \in \mathfrak{a}$

General: If $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ then there exist unique $s \in \mathfrak{g}$ semisimple, $n \in \mathfrak{g}$ nilpotent with

$$x = s + n \quad \text{and} \quad [s, n] = 0.$$

By conjugation we may assume

$$s \in \mathfrak{a}, \quad n \in \mathfrak{ng}^+ \quad \text{and} \quad x = s + n \in \mathfrak{g}$$

Case of \mathfrak{sl}_n : Let

$$n_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{matrix}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda_k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{matrix}} \end{pmatrix} \quad s = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & D & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & D & & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & s_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G\text{-orbits of} \\ \text{nilpotents} \\ n \in \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{partitions } \lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) \\ \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k \\ \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k = n \end{array} \right\}$$

$$n_\lambda \longleftarrow \lambda$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G\text{-orbits of} \\ \text{semisimple} \\ s \in \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{monic polynomials} \\ \text{of degree } n \end{array} \right\}$$

$$s \longmapsto \det(t-s)$$

Choices of \mathfrak{m} : Writing

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{m} \oplus \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C} \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \right)$$

Let

$$R_{\mathfrak{m}} = \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \}.$$

Bijection:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ad-nilpotent ideals} \\ \mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^+ \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hessenberg spaces} \\ \mathfrak{m}^+ \supseteq \mathfrak{h} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathfrak{m} \longmapsto \mathfrak{m}^+$$

An abelian ideal is $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^+$ with $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] = 0$

$$2^n = \text{Card} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{abelian} \\ \text{ideals of } \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right\}$$

The Catalan number is

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+d_i}{d_i} = \text{Card} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} W_0\text{-orbits on} \\ \mathbb{Q}^V / (h+1)\mathbb{Q}^V \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Card} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ad-nilpotent} \\ \text{ideals of } \mathfrak{g} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Card} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hessenberg} \\ \text{spaces} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Card} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dominant regions} \\ \text{on Shi arrangement} \end{array} \right\}.$$

h-submodules of \mathfrak{g}^{2n}

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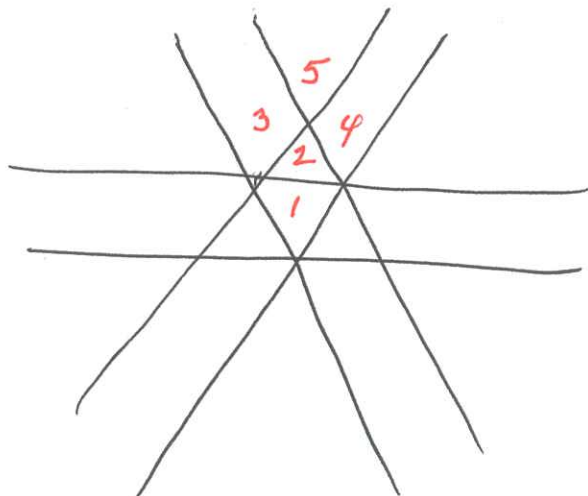
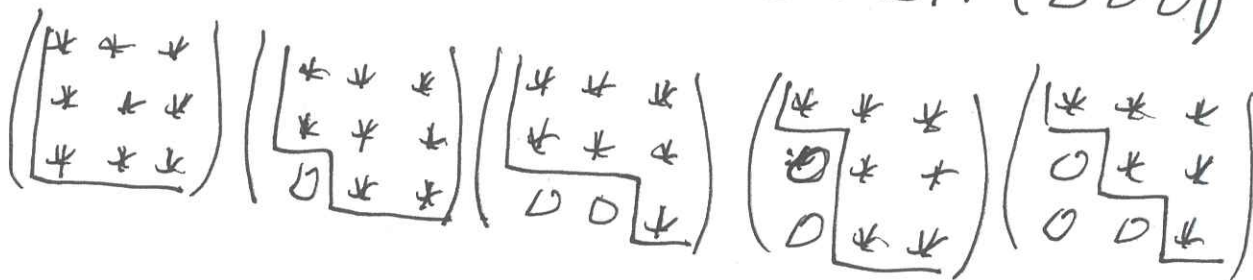
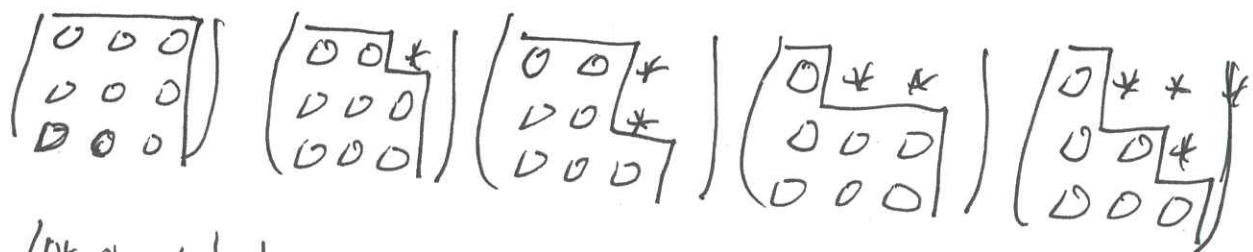
$n=1$: (0) (\mathbb{F})

$n=2$: $n=1, d_1=2, h=2$

$$\prod_{i=1}^1 \frac{h+d_i}{d_i} = \frac{2+2}{2} = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 2' = 2.$$

$n=3$ $n=2, d_1=2, d_2=3, h=3$

$$\prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{h+d_i}{d_i} = \frac{(3+2)}{2} \cdot \frac{(3+3)}{3} = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad 2^2 = 4.$$



B_s^{reg} for s regular semisimple

$\pi^{\text{reg}} = \text{reg}$: $B_s^{\text{reg}} = G/B = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} BwB$, where

$$BwB = \{ x_{\beta_1}(c_1) \cdots x_{\beta_\ell}(c_\ell) wB \mid c_1, \dots, c_\ell \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_q} \}$$

where

$$\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_\ell\} = \{ \alpha \in R^+ \mid w^{-1}\alpha \in R^- \}$$

$\pi^{\text{reg}} = \text{reg}$ $B_s^{\text{reg}} = \{ wB \mid w \in W \}$

$\pi^{\text{reg}} \subseteq \pi^{\text{reg}}$ $B_s^{\text{reg}} = \emptyset$

General $\pi^{\text{reg}} \geq \text{reg}$

$$(B_s^{\text{reg}} \cap BwB) = \{ x_{\beta_1}(c_1) \cdots x_{\beta_\ell}(c_\ell) wB \mid c_1, \dots, c_\ell \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_q} \}$$

where

$$\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_\ell\} = \{ \alpha \in R^+ \mid w^{-1}\alpha \in R^- \cap R_{\pi^{\text{reg}}} \}$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{Point}(H^*(B_s^{\text{reg}})) = \sum_{w \in W} q^{\ell_{\pi^{\text{reg}}}(w)}$

where

$$\ell_{\pi^{\text{reg}}}(w) = \text{Card} \{ \alpha \in R^+ \mid w^{-1}\alpha \in (R^- \cap R_{\pi^{\text{reg}}}) \}$$

Moment graph for B_5^{mult}

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Vertices: $w \in W_0$

Edges: $w \rightarrow s_\alpha w$ if $\alpha \in R_{\text{mult}}^-$

$$\text{So } H^*(B_5^{\text{mult}}) = \left\{ (f_w)_{w \in W_0} \mid f_w s_{\alpha w} \in \alpha H^*(pt) \text{ for } \alpha \in R_{\text{mult}}^- \right\}$$

As an S_n -module

$\text{ch } H^*(B_5^{\text{mult}}) \otimes \text{sgn} = \text{characteristic quasi-symmetric function of root.}$

$$X_{\text{mult}}(x_1, \dots, x_n; q) = \sum_{K \text{ proper colorings}} q^{\text{asc}(K)} x_1^{K(1)} \dots x_n^{K(n)}$$

where

$$\text{asc}(K) = \text{Card} \left\{ \overset{i}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\quad} \overset{j}{\bullet} \mid i < j \text{ and } K(i) < K(j) \right\}$$

(see Colmenarejo, Morales, Panova §1.1, arXiv:2104.07599).

The unicellular LIT polynomial is

$$\text{LIT}_{\text{mult}}(x_1, \dots, x_n; q) = \sum_{K \text{ vertex colorings}} q^{\text{asc}(K)} x_1^{K(1)} \dots x_n^{K(n)}$$

$$= (q-1)^n X_{\text{mult}} \left(\frac{x}{q-1}; q \right)$$

Paving of B_x^{nil}

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$$B_x^{nil} = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} (B_x^{nil} \cap B_w B)$$

Springer fibers B_n^λ with n nilpotent

$B_{n_\lambda}^\lambda \cap B_w B$ is empty if $w \notin W^\lambda$

If $w \in W^\lambda$ then

$B_{n_\lambda}^\lambda \cap B_w B$ is affine of dimension

As an S_n -module

$$H^*(B_{n_\lambda}^\lambda) \cong \text{Ind}_{S_\lambda}^{S_n} (\text{sgn}).$$

Note: Since $B_{n_\lambda}^\lambda \subseteq G/B$ then

$$H^*(G/B) \xrightarrow{z^*} H^*(B_{n_\lambda}^\lambda)$$

In type A this is surjective.

In general the image is $H^*(B_{n_\lambda}^\lambda) \cdot A(n_\lambda)$

where $A(n_\lambda) = \frac{z_G(n_\lambda)}{z_G(n_\lambda)^0}$ is the component group

Grothendieck-Springer resolutions

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$$\mu^{m, \pm}: G \times B_{m, \pm} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

$$(g, m) \mapsto gm$$

$$\mu^{m, \pm}: G \times B_{m, \pm} \rightarrow \overline{G}^m$$

$$(g, m) \mapsto gm$$

Let

$$N_m = \dim(G \times B_{m, \pm}) = \dim(G/B) + \dim(m)$$

The Fourier transform relates m and m^\perp

$$\mathcal{F}(R_{\mu_x^{m, \pm}} \mathbb{C}_{m, \pm}[N_m]) = R_{\mu_x^{m^\perp, \pm}}(\mathbb{C}_{m^\perp, \pm}[N_{m^\perp}])$$

The stalks are cohomologies:

$$H^{d+N_{m, \pm} - \dim(\mathbb{C}_{m, \pm})}(B_{m, \pm}) = R_{\mu_x^{m, \pm}}(\mathbb{C}_{m, \pm}[N_{m, \pm}])$$

and if

$$R_{\mu_x^{m, \pm}}(\mathbb{C}_{m, \pm}[N_{m, \pm}]) = \bigoplus_{(U, \mathcal{L}) \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathfrak{g}, \pm}} \mathcal{IC}(U, \mathcal{L}) \otimes V_{\mathfrak{g}, \pm}^m$$

then

$$R_{\mu_x^{m^\perp, \pm}}(\mathbb{C}_{m^\perp, \pm}[N_{m^\perp}]) = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathcal{IC}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes V_{\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^\perp}^m$$

since

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{IC}(U, \mathcal{L})) = \mathcal{IC}(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^\perp})$$

where $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^\perp$ and

$\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is med. local system supported on $\mathfrak{g}^{\text{reg}}$ corresponding to $\mathfrak{g} \in \text{Irr}(W)$

Affine Springer fibers

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G = affine Kac-Moody group.

\mathcal{I} = Iwahori

W = affine Weyl group.

$\mathfrak{L} = \text{Lie}(\mathcal{I})$.

Fix $\frac{d}{m} = v$ and $w \in W$.

$$G_m(\frac{d}{m}) = \{ h_\alpha(s^\alpha) h_\beta(s^{-\beta}) h_\gamma(s^\beta) \mid s \in \mathbb{C}^\times \} \subseteq G$$

$\mathfrak{g}_{\frac{d}{m}} = \frac{d}{m}$ -weight space of \mathfrak{g} under $G_m(\frac{d}{m})$ -action

$$\mathfrak{L}_w = \mathfrak{g}_{\frac{d}{m}} \cap w \mathfrak{L} w^{-1}$$

$$\text{Lie}(L) = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \left(\oplus_{\langle \alpha + v\delta, \frac{d}{m} p^\nu \rangle \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha + v\delta} \right)$$

$$L_w = L \cap w \mathcal{I} w^{-1}$$

$$\text{Lie}(P) = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \left(\oplus_{\langle \alpha + v\delta, \frac{d}{m} p^\nu \rangle \geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha + v\delta} \right)$$

Let $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}_{\frac{d}{m}}$. Then

$\mathcal{I} P_w \cap P_w \mathcal{I}$ is an affine space bundle over the Hessenberg

$$\left(\frac{L}{P_w} \right)_\gamma^{\mathfrak{L}_w} = \{ g P_w \in L/P_w \mid g^{-1} \gamma \in \mathfrak{L}_w \}$$

k -submodules of M_n

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$n=1$: (0) (k)

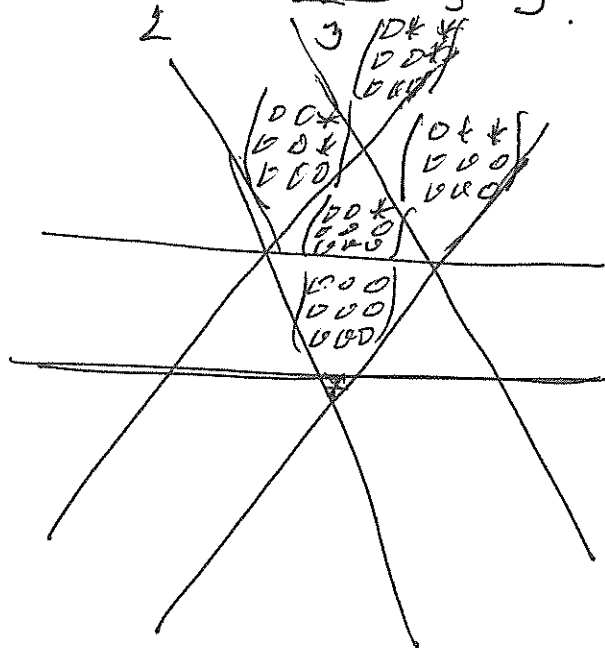
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$H^*(B_s^{reg})$ for s regular semisimple

$reg^+ = \eta$: $B_s^{\eta} = G/B$ and $H^*(G/B)$

has graded character

$$ch(H^*(G/B)) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} t_{\lambda} s_{\lambda} = ch(\mathbb{Z}[G/B])$$

where $t_{\lambda} = K_{\lambda, n}(\eta) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{b \in \lambda} h(b)}$

$reg^+ = \eta$ ~~B_s^{η}~~ $B_s^{\eta} = |W| \cdot \eta$ and

$$ch(H^*(B_s^{\eta})) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} f_{\lambda} s_{\lambda} = \frac{ch(\mathbb{Z}[W])}{ch(\mathbb{Z}[W])}$$

$$f_{\lambda} = K_{\lambda, n}(1) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{b \in \lambda} h(b)} = e$$

General reg^+

$ch(H^*(B_s^{reg^+})) =$ chromatic symmetric function.

Chromatic quasisym function and LLT polynomials
and Modified Macdonald polynomials - Plethysm.

$X_\gamma(x_1, \dots, x_n; t) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{C}(\gamma)} t^{\text{asc}_\gamma(K)} x_{K(1)} \cdots x_{K(n)}$, where
 $\mathcal{C}(\gamma) = \{K: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid \text{if } (ij) \in E(\gamma) \text{ then } K(i) \neq K(j)\}$
 and $\text{asc}_\gamma(K) = \#\{(ij) \in E(\gamma) \mid i < j, \text{ and } K(i) < K(j)\}$.
Quay Paquet Hopf algebra / Supercharacters

$\text{Ind}_{\text{UT}_\gamma}^{\text{UT}_n}(\mathbb{C})$.

$H_\gamma^*(B_n^{\text{reg}})$

Moment graph

Frobenius Characteristics Shrawashian-Wachs: § 5.5

Plethysm w/ $\text{Frob}_q(\mathfrak{S}(L), H_\gamma^*(s, \text{reg}), \mathfrak{S}(L)) = \text{CSF}_q(\text{reg})$.

$(t-1)^n X_\gamma(\frac{x}{t-1}; t) = G_\gamma(x; t)$

$\text{Sym} \xrightarrow{\text{Pis}^{-1}} \text{af}_{\text{sup}}^{\text{uni}}(\mathbb{C}L) \hookrightarrow \text{af}(\mathbb{C}L) \xrightarrow{R_1} \text{Sym}$

can be expressed in plethysm notation as

$f(x) \rightarrow \text{af}\left(\frac{x}{t-1}\right)_{\text{log}}$.