

Quantum Schubert Calculus

Lecture 1 QH of Grassmannian

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Example (Pieri Rule)

$$\sigma_{\square} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} = \sum_{\mu} \sigma_{\mu}$$

$\mu = \lambda + \square$ inside σ_{λ}

More general,

$$\sigma_{r \times 1} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} = \sum_{\mu} \sigma_{\mu}$$

$\mu = \lambda + r$ many row-different \square 's
(inside σ_{λ})

Quantum Schubert Calculus

As a graded vector space

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q}H^*(Gr(k,n)) &= H^*(Gr(k,n))[q] \\ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda} \mathbb{Q}[q] \sigma_{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{2} \deg q = n$

Theorem

$(\mathbb{Q}H^*(Gr(k,n)), *, 1)$ is a deformation of usual cohomology ring $H^*(Gr(k,n))$.

Example

We will characterize $*$ soon.

But let us see an example. $k=3, n=7$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\square} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} &= \sigma_{\mu} + \sigma_{\nu} \\ \sigma_{\square} * \sigma_{\lambda} &= \sigma_{\mu} + \sigma_{\nu} + q \sigma_{\rho} \end{aligned}$$

deleting a ribbon hook of length $(n-1)$

Classical Schubert Calculus

Recall

$$Gr(k,n) = \{ \text{subspaces of dim } k \text{ in } \mathbb{C}^n \}$$

We have

$$H^*(Gr(k,n)) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} \mathbb{Q} \sigma_{\lambda}$$

sum over λ inside σ_{λ}

$$\frac{1}{2} \deg \sigma_{\lambda} = |\lambda|$$

with multiplication

$$\sigma_{\lambda} \sigma_{\mu} = \sum_{\nu} c_{\lambda \mu}^{\nu} \sigma_{\nu}$$

(usual product)
LR coefficient

When $k=3, n=7$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\square} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} &= \sigma_{\mu} + \sigma_{\nu} \\ \sigma_{\square} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} &= \sigma_{\mu} \\ \sigma_{\square} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} &= \sigma_{\mu} + \sigma_{\nu} + \sigma_{\rho} \\ \sigma_{\square} \cdot \sigma_{\lambda} &= \sigma_{\mu} + \sigma_{\nu} \end{aligned}$$

For $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \in H^*(Gr(k,n))$

- $(\gamma_1 * \gamma_2) * \gamma_3 = \gamma_1 * (\gamma_2 * \gamma_3)$
 $\gamma_1 * \gamma_2 = \gamma_2 * \gamma_1$
 $\gamma_1 * 1 = \gamma_1$
- $(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) * \gamma_3 = \gamma_1 * \gamma_3 + \gamma_2 * \gamma_3$
 $(q^k \gamma_1) * (q^h \gamma_2) = q^{k+h} (\gamma_1 * \gamma_2)$
- $\gamma_1 * \gamma_2 \equiv \gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 \pmod{q}$
 $+ q(\dots)$

Quantum Pieri formula (Bertram)

$$\sigma_r * \sigma_{\lambda} = \sum_{\mu} \sigma_{\mu} + q \sum_{\nu} \sigma_{\nu}$$

described above

$\mu = \lambda + r$ many row different \square 's (inside σ_{λ})
- hook of length n (inside σ_{λ})

1) $M \cap I' = \emptyset$ ($I' \subseteq I$)

2) $M + I' = \Lambda_k \left(\begin{array}{l} e_r M \in M + I' \\ \Rightarrow \Lambda_k M \in M + I' \\ \Rightarrow \Lambda_R \in M + I' \quad (1 \in M) \end{array} \right)$

3) Thus $I = I'$ and $\Lambda_k = M \oplus I$

$\Lambda_k/I = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in (n-k)^k} \mathbb{Q}(\xi_\lambda \text{ mod } I) \cong \mathbb{H}^*(Gr(k,n))$

by comparison of LR-coefficients.

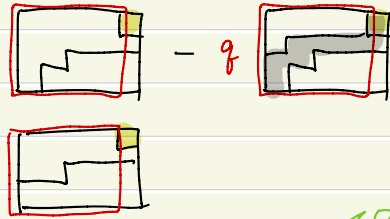
$\sigma_\lambda * \sigma_\mu \begin{cases} s_\lambda \cdot s_\mu = \sum c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} s_\nu \\ \sigma_\lambda * \sigma_\mu = \sum c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} \pm q^{\pm} \sigma_{\text{core}(\nu)} \end{cases}$

$\Lambda_k[q]/I_q \cong \mathbb{Q}\mathbb{H}^*(Gr(k,n))$ (as a ring)

$q \mapsto q$
 $s_\lambda \mapsto \begin{cases} q^s (-1)^{ks - \sum h_i} \sigma_{\text{core}(\lambda)} \end{cases}$
 (see below)

Quantum version

Let $I_q = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_\lambda - q s_{\bar{\lambda}} \quad (\lambda = \bar{\lambda} + a \text{ ribbon of length } n) \\ \text{or } s_\lambda \quad (\text{otherwise}) \end{array} \right\}$ if λ exceeds by one column



$\sigma_\lambda * \sigma_\mu = \sum_{\nu, k} N_{\lambda, \mu}^{\nu, k} q^k \sigma_\nu$

where $\text{core}(\lambda) \in (n-k)^k$ is the partition by deleting as many n -ribbons as we can, with s ribbons of height h_1, \dots, h_s .



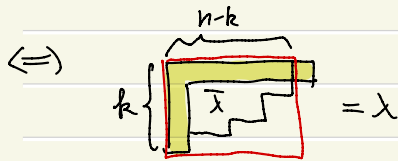
(Independent of choices)

$\text{core}(\lambda) = \text{core}(\mu)$

I will give a different proof of this fact next time.

Exercise

The condition $\lambda \in (n-k+1)^k$
 $\lambda = \bar{\lambda} + n\text{-ribbon}$ for $\bar{\lambda} \in (n-k)^k$

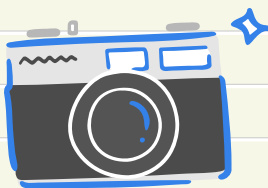


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Next time

More about $\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{H}^*(Gr(k,n))$



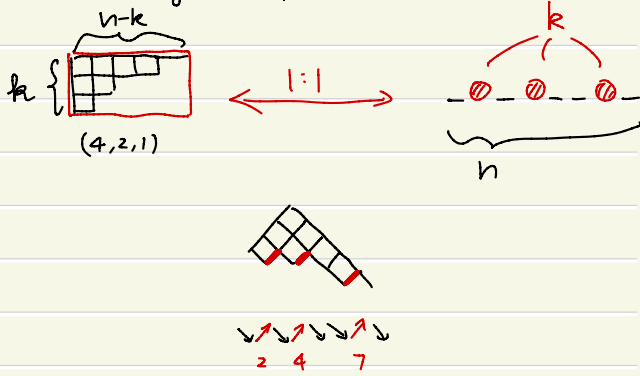
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Quantum Schubert Calculus

Lecture 2 More on Grassmannian

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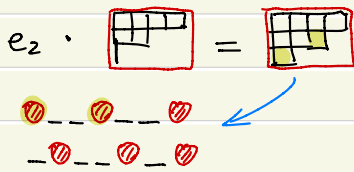
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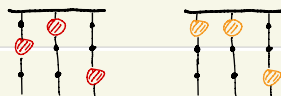
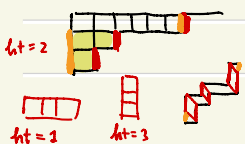
Pieri Rule restated

$$e_r \sigma_\lambda = \sum_{\mu} \sigma_\mu$$

$\mu =$ Move an r -subset of \circ of λ to right by 1 step



adding a box	move \circ to its "cyclic" right neighborhood (if empty)
adding an n -ribbon	move \circ down by 1 step (if empty)



Recall

Quantum Pieri rule

$$e_r * \sigma_\lambda = ?? \text{ polynomial}$$

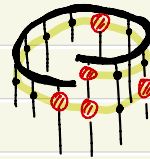
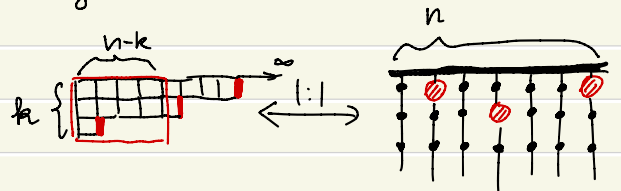
- Compute $e_r \cdot S_\lambda = \sum S_\mu$
- If $\mu \in (n-k)^k$, change S_μ to σ_μ
- If μ exceeds, replace S_μ by $q S_{\bar{\mu}}$ where $\bar{\mu} = \mu \setminus n$ -ribbon (by 0 if impossible)



adding a box	move \circ to its right neighborhood (if empty)
adding boxes not in the same row	move a subset of \circ to right by 1 step.

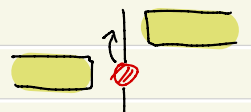


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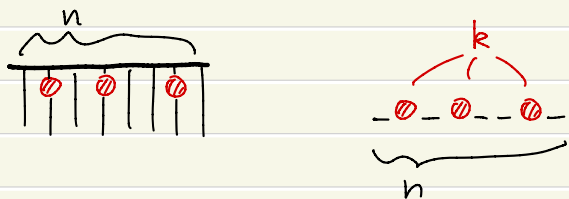


Exercise $\text{core}(\lambda) \subseteq (n-k)^k$
 \Leftrightarrow each T has at most one \circ

Exercise height = # \circ in



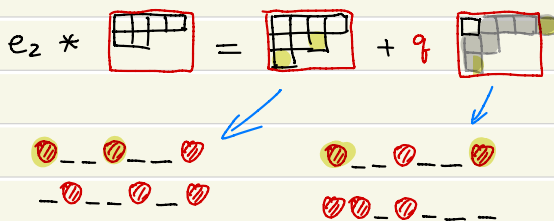
Note that if $\lambda \in (n-k)^k$, then we identify



Quantum Pieri Rule restated

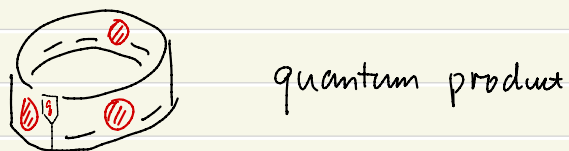
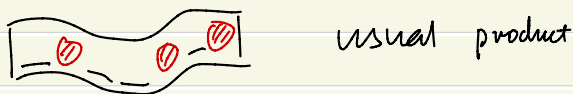
$$e_r * \sigma_\lambda = \sum_{\mu} \sigma_\mu$$

$\mu =$ Move an r -subset of \circ of λ to right by 1 step modulo n



Exercise For $\lambda \in (n-k)^k$, denote $\lambda+1$

$$\circ(\sigma_\lambda) = \begin{cases} \sigma_\mu & \text{if } \lambda_i < n-k, \mu_i = \lambda_i + 1 \\ q \sigma_\mu & \text{if } \lambda_i = n-k, \mu_i = \lambda_i + 1 \end{cases}$$



Show that

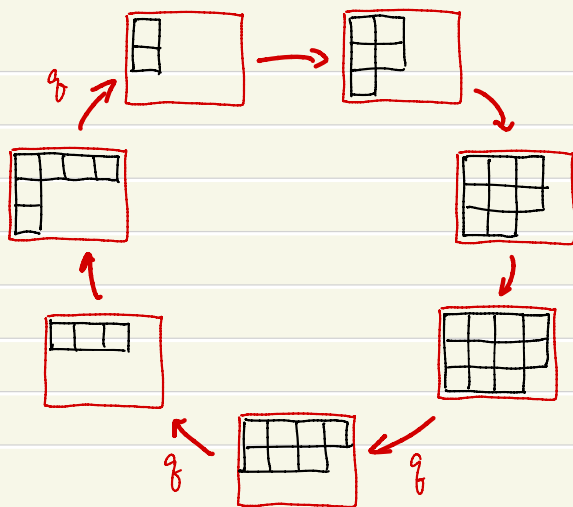
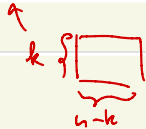
$$1) \quad \circ^n(\sigma_\lambda) = q^k \sigma_\lambda,$$

$$2) \quad \sigma_\lambda * \sigma_\mu = \sum c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}(q) \sigma_\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_\lambda * \circ(\sigma_\mu) = \sum c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}(q) \circ(\sigma_\nu)$$

Hint: suffices to show $\sigma_\lambda = e_r$

$$3) \quad \circ(\sigma_\lambda) = e_k * \sigma_\lambda$$



Turn to Schur polynomials

Theorem There is a ring homomorphism

$$\varphi: \Lambda_k[q] \rightarrow qH^*(Gr(k,n))$$

$$s_\lambda \mapsto \begin{cases} q^s (-1)^{ks - \sum l_i} \sigma_{\text{core}(\lambda)} & \text{if } \lambda \leq \square_{k,n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\text{core}(\lambda) \leq \square_{n-k}^{3k}$

Note that

$$1) \quad \text{We have (Note that } k \uparrow \square_{n-k} \text{)}$$

$$\varphi(e_k s_\lambda) = e_k * \varphi(s_\lambda)$$

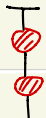
$$s_{\lambda+1} \quad \circ(\varphi(s_\lambda))$$

\Rightarrow Reduce to the case no \circ on the last \uparrow

The image $\psi(s_\lambda)$ of a Schur polynomial $s_\lambda \in \Lambda_k$ in $qH^*(Gr(k,n))$ was given in [7] by

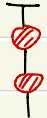
$$(4.3) \quad s_\lambda \mapsto \begin{cases} (-1)^{ks - \sum l_i} q^s \sigma_{\tilde{\lambda}} & \text{if } \tilde{\lambda} \leq \square_{k,n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

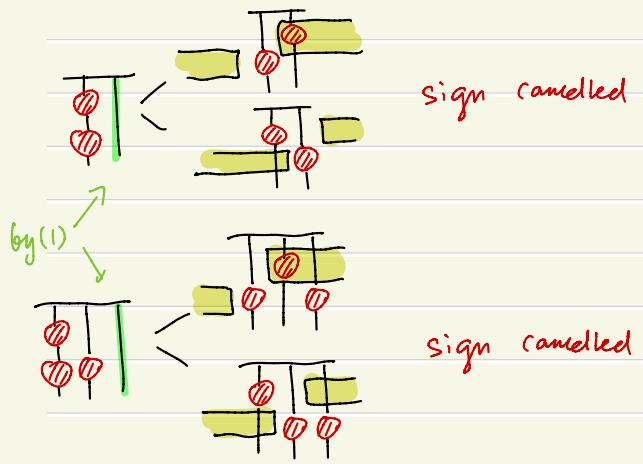
where we remove s rim hooks ρ_1, \dots, ρ_s of size n from λ to obtain its n -core $\tilde{\lambda}$. Thus


2) If $\varphi(s_x) = 0$, pick the last 

$$\varphi(e_r s_x) = e_r * \varphi(s_x) = 0$$

$$= \sum s_\mu$$


It suffices to consider when μ has no , they are cancelled by sign.



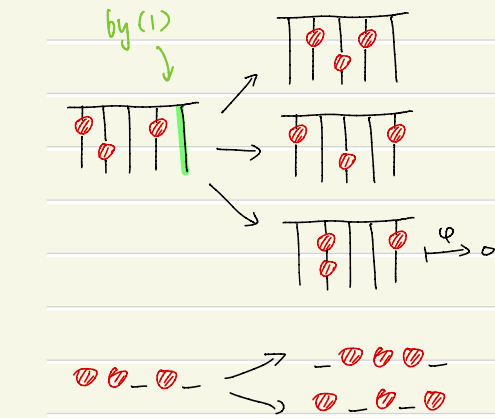
3) If $\varphi(s_x) \neq 0$, i.e. only 

$$\varphi(e_r s_x) = e_r * \varphi(s_x)$$

$$= \sum s_\mu$$

It suffices to consider when μ has no 

- ① They are in bijection with RHS
- ② Their sign coincides with λ



Since $\varphi(1) = 1$ and $\Lambda_k = \mathbb{Q}[e_1, \dots, e_k]$, we can conclude φ is a ring homomorphism

Exercise Show $\ker \varphi = I_q$.

Question Think about $\mathbb{Q}k$?

References

- Changzheng Li etc.

On Seidel representation in quantum K-theory of Grassmannians

- Betram, Fontanine, Fulton,

Quantum multiplication of Schur polynomials.

Next time

Equivariant QH



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$(x_1 + \dots + x_k)$

$$e_1 \cdot \mathcal{G}_\lambda = \sum_{\mu} \mathcal{G}_\mu$$

Note that e_1 is not a Grothendieck polynomial

$$\mu = \text{move } \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \\ \textcircled{4} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \\ \textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \end{array}$$

$$e_r * \mathcal{G}_\lambda = \sum_{\mu} \mathcal{G}_\mu$$

$$\mu = \text{move } \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \\ \textcircled{4} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \\ \textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \end{array} \text{ modulo } u.$$

Quantum Schubert Calculus

Lecture 3 Equivariant QH

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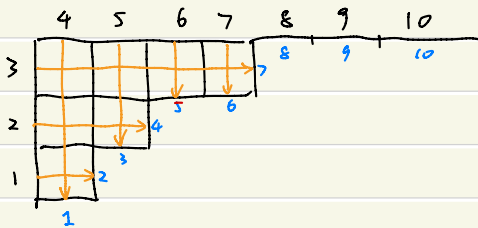
More precisely, we have a ring homomorphism

$$\Lambda_k[t_i]_{i=1}^{\infty} \longrightarrow H_T^*(Gr(k,n))$$

double Schur polynomial $S_{\lambda}(x,t) \longmapsto \begin{cases} \sigma_{\lambda}, & \lambda \leq (n-k)^k, \\ 0, & \lambda \text{ exceeds.} \end{cases}$

$t_i \longmapsto \begin{cases} t_i, & 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Example ($k=3$)



For any $f(x,t) \in \Lambda_k[t_i]_{i=1}^{\infty}$, we define

$$f|_x = f(w_x t, t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t_i]_{i=1}^{\infty}$$

$x_i = t_{x(i)}$

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We have

$$\mathbb{Q}H_T^*(Gr(k,n)) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} \mathbb{Q}[t_1, \dots, t_n][q] \sigma_{\lambda}$$

Theorem

$(\mathbb{Q}H_T^*(Gr(k,n)), *, 1)$ is a deformation of usual cohomology ring $H_T^*(Gr(k,n))$.

Classical EH

$$\text{Let } T = \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix} \in GL_n.$$

We have

$$H_T^*(Gr(k,n)) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} \mathbb{Q}[t_1, \dots, t_n] \sigma_{\lambda}$$

The product is given by

$$\sigma_{\lambda} \cdot \sigma_{\mu} = \sum_{\nu} c_{\lambda, \mu}^{\nu}(t) \sigma_{\nu}$$

$t=0 \Rightarrow$ non-equivariant (in $L1$)

LR coefficients for double Schur polynomials

Localization (Specialization)

For each λ of parts $\leq k$, we define a permutation w_{λ} such that

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 \mapsto \lambda_{k+1} & k+1 \mapsto w_{\lambda}(k+1) \\ 2 \mapsto \lambda_{k-1} + 2 & k+2 \mapsto w_{\lambda}(k+2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ k \mapsto \lambda_1 + k - 1 & \vdots \end{array}$$

	x_i	t_i	σ_{λ}	q
Combinatorial Convention	$\rightarrow \text{deg}$	1	1	$ \lambda $
our Convention	$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{deg}$	1	1	$ \lambda $

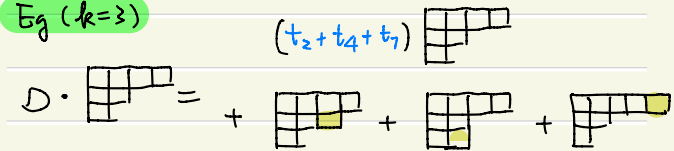
Chevalley formula

Let $D = x_1 + \dots + x_k$, then $(S_{\lambda} = S_{\lambda}(x,t))$

$$D \cdot S_{\lambda} = D|_{\lambda} S_{\lambda} + \sum_{\mu=\lambda+\square} S_{\mu}$$

Note: $S_{\square} = (x_1 - t_1) + \dots + (x_k - t_k) \neq D$

Eg ($k=3$)



For $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \in H_T^*(Gr(k,n))$

$$\bullet (\gamma_1 * \gamma_2) * \gamma_3 = \gamma_1 * (\gamma_2 * \gamma_3)$$

$$\gamma_1 * \gamma_2 = \gamma_2 * \gamma_1$$

$$\gamma_1 * 1 = \gamma_1$$

$\mathbb{Q}[t_1, \dots, t_n][q] \rightarrow H_T^*(Gr(k,n))$
ring homo.

$$\bullet (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) * \gamma_3 = \gamma_1 * \gamma_3 + \gamma_2 * \gamma_3$$

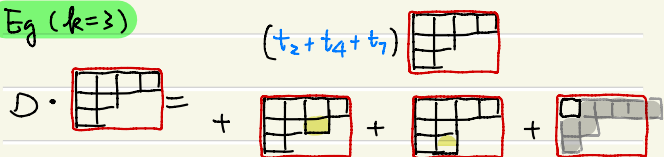
$$\bullet (t^m q^k \gamma_1) * (t^l q^h \gamma_2) = t^{m+l} q^{k+h} (\gamma_1 * \gamma_2)$$

$$\bullet \gamma_1 * \gamma_2 \equiv \gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 \pmod{q}$$

EQ Chevalley formula (Mihalcea)

$$D * \sigma_\lambda = D\lambda \cdot \sigma_\lambda + \sum_{\substack{\mu=\lambda+\square \\ \in (n-k)\lambda}} \sigma_\mu + \sum_{\substack{\mu=\lambda \setminus (\square) \\ \text{-ribbon}}} \sigma_\mu$$

Eg (k=3)



Observation

$$(D * \sigma_\lambda) * \sigma_\mu = (D\lambda \sigma_\lambda + \sum_{\lambda=\lambda+\square} \sigma_\lambda + \sum_{\lambda=\lambda-\square} g \sigma_\lambda) * \sigma_\mu$$

$$= \sum_{\nu} \left(D\lambda N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \sum_{\lambda=\lambda+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \sum_{\lambda=\lambda-\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k-1} \right) g^k \sigma_\nu$$

$$D * (\sigma_\lambda * \sigma_\mu) = D * \left(\sum_{\nu} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} g^k \sigma_\nu \right)$$

$$= \sum_{\nu} \left(D\nu N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \sum_{\nu=\nu+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \sum_{\nu=\nu-\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k-1} \right) g^k \sigma_\nu$$

$\nu=\nu+\square \quad \nu=\nu-\square$

The main induction is on k .
i.e. we assume $N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k'} \in \text{known}$ for $k' < k$.

Exercise Prove that

$$D\lambda = D\mu \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \mu$$

Thus if $\nu \neq \lambda$, we have

$$N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} = \frac{\sum_{\lambda=\lambda+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} - \sum_{\nu=\nu+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}}{D\nu - D\lambda} + \text{known}$$

Part B $N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}$ is known for $\lambda \in \nu$

● $N_{\phi, \mu}^{\nu k} \in \text{known}$ $1 \cdot \sigma_\mu = \sum N_{\phi\mu}^{\nu k} g^k \sigma_\nu$
(= $\delta_\mu^\nu \delta_{k=0}$)

[Since $1 = \sigma_\phi$ is the unit]

The rest — by induction on ν .

(i.e. $N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} \in \text{known}$ if $\nu' < \nu$)

New phenomenon — Chevalley tells everything

Assume

$$\sigma_\lambda * \sigma_\mu = \sum_{\nu} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}(t) g^k \sigma_\nu$$

Theorem (Mihalcea)

We can completely determine $N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}$ using facts

- ① $\{\sigma_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in (n+k)\lambda}$ forms a basis;
- ② EQ Chevalley formula.

So $\square = \square$ i.e.

$$(D\nu - D\lambda) N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{\lambda=\lambda+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \sum_{\lambda=\lambda-\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k-1} \right)$$

$$- \left(\sum_{\nu=\nu+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \sum_{\nu=\nu-\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k-1} \right)$$

Part A $N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}$ is known for $\lambda \notin \nu$

● $N_{\phi, \mu}^{\nu k} \in \text{known}$ $= (n-k)^k$
(= 0, if $k=0$)

[$\phi \neq \square, \neq \square + \square, \neq \phi \setminus \square$]

● $N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} \in \text{known}$ if $\lambda \notin \nu$
(= 0 if $k=0$)

[$\lambda \notin \nu' = \nu \setminus \square$ and $\lambda + \square \notin \nu'$] $\xrightarrow{\text{reduce}}$ ●

Observation

$$N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} = \frac{\sum_{\lambda=\lambda+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} - \sum_{\nu=\nu+\square} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k}}{D\nu - D\lambda} + \text{known}$$

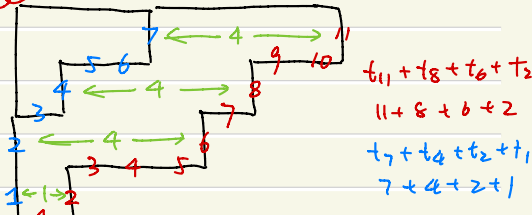
$$= \sum_{\lambda=\lambda+\square \leq \nu} \frac{1}{D\nu - D\lambda} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \text{known}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{\lambda=\lambda+\square \\ \lambda^0 = \lambda + \square \leq \nu}} \frac{1}{D\nu - D\lambda} \frac{1}{D\nu - D\lambda^0} N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \text{known}$$

$$= \dots = \left(\underbrace{\sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sym}(\lambda)} \frac{1}{\sigma(\nu/\lambda)}}_{\text{nonzero}} \right) N_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu k} + \text{known}$$

Here (nonzero) since if we set

$t_i = i$ then $D_\nu - D_\lambda = |\nu| - |\lambda|$



Thus
 $(\text{nonzero}) = \frac{\# \text{SYT}(\nu/x)}{(|\nu| - |\lambda|)!} > 0$

$$N_{\lambda \mu}^{\nu k}$$

$$k=0, \lambda \not\leq \nu$$

$$k=1, \lambda \not\leq \nu$$

$$k=0, \lambda \leq \nu$$

$$k=1, \lambda \leq \nu$$

We know $N_{\lambda \mu}^{\nu k}$ for $\lambda = \nu$.

[By observation:

$$\text{known} \Rightarrow N_{\phi \mu}^{\nu k} = (\text{nonzero}) N_{\nu \mu}^{\nu k} + \text{known}$$

We know $N_{\lambda \mu}^{\nu k}$ for $\lambda \leq \nu$

[By observation]

Problem For λ , denote $\sigma_\lambda = \begin{cases} \sigma_\mu & \text{if } \lambda_i = \mu_i + k, \\ & \mu_i = \lambda_i + 1 \\ q \sigma_\mu & \text{if } \lambda_i = \mu_i - k, \\ & \mu_i = \lambda_i + 1 \end{cases}$

$\circ(t_i) = t_{i+1} \pmod n$

Show that

$$\alpha * \sigma_\mu = \sum \sigma_\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha * \circ(\sigma_\mu) = \sum \circ(\sigma_\nu)$$

Hint: it is true for $\alpha = D$;
 Let $\alpha = \sigma_\lambda$, apply Mihalcea's trick.

Problem There exists a ring homomorphism

$$\Lambda_k[q][t_i]_{i=1}^\infty \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}H_T^*(\text{Gr}(k, m))$$

$$q \longmapsto q$$

$$s_\lambda(x, t) \longmapsto \begin{cases} (-1)^{s_\lambda} q^{ks - 2h_i} \sigma_{\text{core}(\lambda)} \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$t_i \longmapsto t_i \pmod n$$

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Next time

QH of flag varieties



Thanks

Quantum Cohomology of Fl_n

1. Usual cohomology

$$Fl_n = \{0 = \phi_1 \subseteq \phi_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \phi_{n-1} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n\}$$

$\dim \phi_i = i$

$$H^*(Fl_n) = \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle e_1(w), \dots, e_n(x) \rangle$$

$\deg = 1$
ele. sym poly in n variables
 $\deg \sigma_w = l(w)$
represented by Schubert polynomials.

Chevalley formula

$$\sigma_k \cdot \sigma_w = \sum_{\substack{a \leq k < b \\ l(w_{ab}) = l(w) + 1}} \sigma_{w_{ab}}$$

here $\sigma_k = x_1 + \dots + x_k = \sigma_{s_k}$.

Reformulation

$\triangleright \sum_{a > 0} \langle \cdot \rangle \Leftrightarrow \sum_{1 \leq a < b \leq n}$ and $\alpha^v = x_a - x_b$

for linear form $\lambda(x) \in \mathbb{Z}x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}x_n$, denote

$\triangleright \langle \alpha^v, \lambda \rangle =$ natural pairing, e.g.

$$\langle x_1 - x_3, x_i \rangle = \begin{cases} 1, & i=1, \\ 0, & i=2, \\ -1, & i=3. \end{cases}$$

$\triangleright r_{\alpha^v} = t_{ab} \in S_n$

Chevalley formula

$$\lambda(x) \cdot \sigma_w = \sum_{\substack{\alpha^v > 0 \\ l(w_{r_{\alpha^v}}) = l(w) + 1}} \langle \lambda, \alpha^v \rangle \sigma_{w_{r_{\alpha^v}}}$$

2. Quantum Cohomology

$$QH^*(Fl_n) = \bigoplus_{w \in S_n} \mathbb{Q}[q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}] \sigma_w$$

$\deg = 2$ $\deg = l(w)$

with quantum product $*$.

General properties of $*$

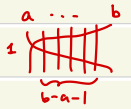
- 1) $(\gamma_1 * \gamma_2) * \gamma_3 = \gamma_1 * (\gamma_2 * \gamma_3)$
- 2) $\gamma_1 * \gamma_2 = \gamma_2 * \gamma_1$
- 3) $\gamma_1 * 1 = \gamma_1$ $1 = \sigma_{id}$
- 4) $(q^{d_1} \gamma_1) * (q^{d_2} \gamma_2) = q^{d_1 + d_2} \gamma_1 * \gamma_2$
- 5) $\gamma_1 * \gamma_2 = \gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 \pmod{q}$.

Chevalley formula

\triangleright If $\alpha^v = x_a - x_b$, we denote

$$q^{\alpha^v} = q_{ab} = q_a \dots q_{b-1}$$

Note that $\deg q^{\alpha^v} = 2(b-a) = l(r_{\alpha^v}) + 1$



$$\lambda(x) * \sigma_w = \sum_{\substack{\alpha^v > 0 \\ l(w_{r_{\alpha^v}}) = l(w) + 1}} \langle \lambda, \alpha^v \rangle \sigma_{w_{r_{\alpha^v}}} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha^v > 0 \\ l(w_{r_{\alpha^v}}) = l(w) + 1 - \deg q^{\alpha^v}}} q^{\alpha^v} \langle \lambda, \alpha^v \rangle \sigma_{w_{r_{\alpha^v}}}$$

adding a reflection on the right such that degrees match

Note that the condition

$$l(w_{r_{\alpha^v}}) = l(w) + 1 - \deg q^{\alpha^v}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow l(w_{r_{\alpha^v}}) = l(w) - l(r_{\alpha^v})$$

So, we can rewrite

$$\lambda(x) * \gamma = \lambda(x) \cdot \gamma + \sum_{\alpha^v > 0} q^{\alpha^v} \langle \lambda, \alpha^v \rangle \partial_{r_{\alpha^v}} \gamma$$

ie quantum terms is given by a Demazure operator.

3. Questions to answer in this task



① express σ_w for w special i.e.

$$w = s_{k-r+1} s_{k-r+2} \dots s_{k-1} s_k$$

$$\text{recall } \check{\sigma}_w = e_r(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

(evaluated by usual product)

② find presentation of $QH^*(Fl_n)$, i.e.

$$QH^*(Fl_n) = \frac{\mathcal{O}[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{\langle \text{???} \rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Q}[q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}]$$

Rank on \mathcal{O} .

1. firstly QH^* is generated by x_1, \dots, x_n over \mathcal{O} .

2. secondly it suffices to find relations deforming $e_1(x), \dots, e_n(x) = 0$.

Assume

$:= E(k)$

$$\det \left(y I_k + \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & -1 & & & \\ q_1 & x_2 & -1 & & \\ & q_2 & & \ddots & \\ & & & & -1 \\ & & & & q_{k-1} & x_k \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= y^k + e_1^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) y^{k-1} + \dots + e_k^q(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

Answer:

$$\textcircled{1} \mathcal{G}_w = e_r^q(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

(evaluated by quantum product)

$$\textcircled{2} QH^*(Fl_n) = \mathcal{O}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle e_1^q, \dots, e_n^q \rangle$$

n variables

4. Proofs

Denote $\sigma_w = e_r(k)$ for $w = s_{k-n+1} \dots s_k$.

We want to show $e_r(k) = e_r^q(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ (eva by *)

Recall Chevalley formula:

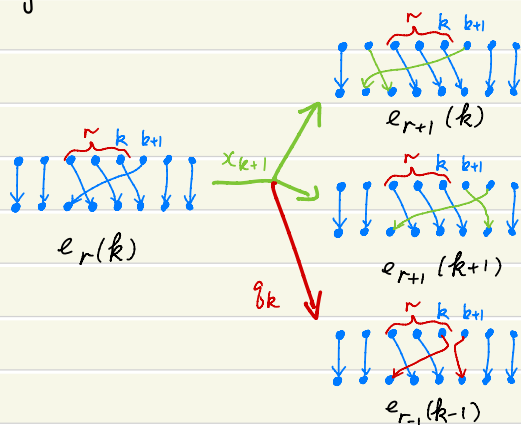
$$x_k * \sigma_w = \left(-\sum_{i < k} + \sum_{i > k} \right) \sigma_{wt_{k_i}} \text{ or } q \dots \sigma_{wt_{k_i}}$$

So we have

understood as 0 when it does not make sense

$$x_k * e_r(k) = e_{r+1}(k) - e_{r+1}(k+1) - q_k e_{r-1}(k-1)$$

diagram:



It is a good exercise to show

$e_r^q(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ has the same inductive formula

and initial condition.

Actually, it suffices to show

$$x_{k+1} * E(k) = E(k+1) - q E(k) - q_k E(k-1)$$

which follows from expansion of determinant.

By the same reason, we see

$$e_k^q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ for } k=1, \dots, n.$$

Thus we get the presentation.

Examples

$$e_1^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \text{tr} = x_1 + \dots + x_k$$

$$e_2^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) = e_2(x_1, \dots, x_k) + q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_{k-1}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - a_1 & & & \\ b_1 & x_2 - a_2 & & \\ & b_2 & \ddots & \\ & & & -a_{n-1} \\ & & & b_{n-1} & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{\substack{w \in S_n \\ w^2 = \text{id} \\ (w(i) - w(i+1)) \leq 1}} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i b_i$$

5. Further questions

for general $w \in S_n$, how to find $\sigma_w = ?$.

Answer: quantum Schubert polynomials.

The question is basically

"how to recover everything from Chevalley formula"

$$H^*(Fl_n) = \bigoplus_{w \in S_n} \mathbb{Q} \sigma_w$$

$$= \bigoplus_{d \in (n+1, \dots, 0)} \mathbb{Q} x^d$$

$$= \bigoplus_{d \in (1, \dots, n, 0)} \mathbb{Q} e_d$$

Where $e_i = e_i(x_1) e_i(x_1, x_2) \dots e_{i, n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$.

Denote $e_i^q = e_i^q(x_1) e_i^q(x_1, x_2) \dots e_{i, n-1}^q(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$.

Quantum Schubert polynomial

$$\mathcal{G}_w^q = \sum k_{w_i} e_i^q$$

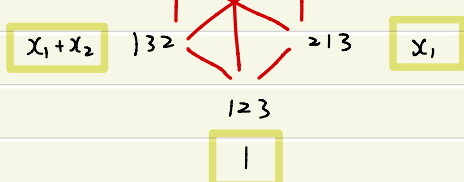
$$\text{if } \mathcal{G}_w = \sum k_{w_i} e_i$$

Eg (n=3)

$$x_1^2 x_2 = x_1(x_1 x_2) = x_1 * (x_1 * x_2 + q_1)$$

$$x_1 x_2 = x_1 * x_2 + q_1$$

$$x_1^2 = x_1(x_1 + x_2) - x_1 x_2 = x_1 * (x_1 + x_2) - (x_1 * x_2 + q_1) = x_1 * x_1 - q_1$$



6. **Proof** ↖ may be expressed as polynomial of x_1, \dots, x_n using usual product

For any $\gamma \in H^*(\mathbb{F}l_n)$, how to express it as ↘ different in general a polynomial of x_1, \dots, x_n using quantum product " $*$ ".

1) We know for σ_w when w is special

2) If we know for γ_1 and γ_2 , then so is $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$

We need extra knowledge...


Lemma If the first descent of w is $> k$, then

$$x_k * \sigma_w = x_k \cdot \sigma_w$$

For $i < k$, $l(w_{i,k}) > l(w)$

For $i > k$, $l(w_{k,i}) > l(w) - l(r_{k,i})$

i.e. $\partial_{r_{k,i}} \sigma_w = 0$



Coro If the first descent of w is $> k$, and

$\gamma \in H^*(\mathbb{F}l_n)$ can be expressed as a polynomial in x_1, \dots, x_k

evaluated via " $*$ ", then

$$\gamma * \sigma_w = \gamma \cdot \sigma_w$$

From the lemma, we have

$$e_{i_1(1)} e_{i_2(2)} \dots e_{i_{n-1}(n-1)}$$

$$= (e_{i_1(1)} * e_{i_2(2)}) \dots e_{i_{n-1}(n-1)}$$

since $e_{i_1(1)} = e_{i_1}^1(x_1)$ only involves x_1

$$= ((e_{i_1(1)} * e_{i_2(2)}) * e_{i_3(3)}) \dots e_{i_{n-1}(n-1)}$$

since $e_{i_2(2)} * e_{i_3(3)} = e_{i_2}^1(x_1) e_{i_3}^1(x_1, x_2)$ only involves x_1, x_2

= ...

$$= e_{i_1(1)} * e_{i_2(2)} * \dots * e_{i_{n-1}(n-1)}$$

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