

# Equivariant cohomology in algebraic geometry: notes 2023

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## 1

**1.1** Prehistory: Poincaré-Hopf theorem. Suppose  $M$  is a manifold,  $v$  a vector field with isolated zeros, then

$$\chi(M) = \sum_{p \in \text{Zeros}} \text{Ind}_p(v),$$

where  $\text{Ind}_p(v)$  is the index of the vector field, i.e. the degree of the map from a small sphere around  $p$   $S(p, \epsilon)$  to the unit sphere in  $T_p M$  given by  $v(p)/\|v(p)\|$ .

**1.2** Suppose a circle  $S^1$  acts smoothly on  $M$  with isolated fixed points. Let  $v$  be the fundamental field of the action, i.e.

$$v(x) = \frac{d}{dt}(t \cdot x)|_{t=0}.$$

Then if  $p \in M^{S^1}$  the index  $\text{Ind}_p(v) = 1$ . Hence

$$\chi(M) = |M^{S^1}|.$$

This statement is true in a much greater generality.

**1.3** Let  $X$  be a simplicial complex (or any decent compact topological space, e.g. a manifold). Suppose  $p$  is a prime number. Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -group acting on  $X$ . Then the Euler characteristic of fixed points  $\chi(X^P) \equiv \chi(X) \pmod{p}$ .

Proof: We assume that  $P$  acts simplicially and the relation follows from the property of  $p$  groups acting on finite sets:  $|X^P| \equiv |X| \pmod{p}$ .

**1.4** Exercise: give a proof for compact manifolds, not using triangulations.

[Sören Illman, Smooth equivariant triangulations of  $G$ -manifolds for  $G$  a finite group. Math. Ann. 233(1978), no.3, 199–220.]

See a far-reaching generalization: Dwyer–Wilkerson Smith theory revisited. Ann. of Math. (2) 127 (1988), no. 1, 191–198.

**1.5** Corollary: no decent compact contractible space admits a finite group action without fixed points.

**1.6** Theorem does not hold for infinite dimensional spaces, e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  acts on  $S^\infty \sim pt$  without fixed points (action via antipodism).

**1.7** Theorem: Let  $X$  be a compact (decent) compact topological space (e.g. a manifold). Suppose  $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^r$  acts on  $X$ . Then  $\chi(X) = \chi(X^{\mathbb{T}})$ .

Proof:  $X^{S^1} = X^{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}} = X^{\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}}$  for  $n \gg 0$ .

**Examples of the spaces with torus action.**

**1.8**  $X = S^{2n+1} \subset \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  with  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$  action via scalar multiplication. (No fixed points,  $\chi(X) = 0$ .)

**1.9** The projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C}) = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\})/\mathbb{C}^*$  can be presented as  $S^{2n+1}/S^1$ .

**1.10**  $X = S^{2n} \subset \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$  acting on the factor  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . ( $\chi(X) = 2$ , two fixed points.)

**1.11** Projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$  (in particular  $\mathbb{P}^1 = S^2$ ) admits the action of  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1}$ . There are  $n+1$  fixed points. Also the small torus consisting of the sequences  $(1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n)$  has the same fixed points. We check directly that  $\chi(\mathbb{P}^n) = n+1$ .

[For holomorphic actions does not matter whether we take compact torus  $S^1$  or  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . The fixed points are the same.]

### Białynicki-Birula decomposition by examples.

**1.12** Let  $X = \mathbb{P}^n$ ,

$$T = \{(1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n) \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}} \mid t \in \mathbb{C}^*\}$$

acting as above. For  $p \in X^T$  let

$$X_p^+ = \{z \in X \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot z = p\}.$$

The sets  $X_p^{\pm}$  are homeomorphic (isomorphic as algebraic varieties) with affine spaces. We obtain the well known decomposition of the projective space

$$\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{C}^n \sqcup \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \sqcup \mathbb{C}^{n-2} \sqcup \dots \sqcup \mathbb{C}^0.$$

$$X_{[0:0:\dots:k:1:0:\dots:0]}^+ = \{z_k \neq 0, z_\ell = 0 \text{ for } \ell < k\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^{n-k}$$

**1.13** The quadric  $z_0z_3 - z_1z_2 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with the  $T = \mathbb{C}^*$  action as above.

$$Q_{[1,0,0,0]} = \{[1 : z_1 : z_2 : z_1z_2] \mid z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$Q_{[0,1,0,0]} = \{[0 : 1 : 0 : z_3] \mid z_3 \in \mathbb{C}\} \simeq \mathbb{C}$$

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$$Q_{[0,0,0,1]} = \{[0 : 0 : 0 : 1]\} \simeq pt$$

**1.14** Theorem [Białynicki-Birula 1973] Let  $X$  be a complex projective algebraic variety with algebraic  $T = \mathbb{C}^*$  action. For a component  $F \subset X^T$  let

$$X_p^+ = \{z \in X \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot z \in F\}.$$

(1) Then

$$X = \bigsqcup_F X_F^+$$

(the sum over connected components) is a decomposition into locally closed algebraic subsets.

(2) The limit map

$$p_F = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} : X_F^+ \rightarrow F$$

is an algebraic map. If  $X$  is smooth then  $p_F$  is a Zariski-locally trivial fibration with the fiber isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^{n_F}$ .

(3) The number  $n_F$  is the rank of  $\nu_F^+ \subset \nu_F$ , the subbundle of the normal bundle on which  $T$  acts with positive weights.

- The field  $\mathbb{C}$  can be replaced by any algebraically closed field.

**1.15** Note that existence of the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot z$  follows from the fact that the closure of the orbit is an algebraic curve. The map

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_z : \mathbb{C}^* &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times X \\ t &\mapsto (t, t \cdot z) \end{aligned}$$

extends to a map from  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . To see that one can note that the image of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is a constructible algebraic set (by Tarski-Seidenberg theorem), hence the closure is an algebraic curve, dominated by  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . Hence we have a unique extension of  $\alpha_z$

$$\bar{\alpha}_z : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times X \xrightarrow{\pi} X$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t \cdot z := \pi(\bar{\alpha}_z(0)).$$

- If the action is not algebraic, the above argument does not work:  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acts transitively on any elliptic curve, there are no fixed points.

## 2 Basics about actions of compact groups

**2.1** Let  $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^r \subset \mathbb{C}^r$  and  $\mathfrak{t} = i\mathbb{R}^r \subset \mathbb{C}^r$ . The map  $\exp$  coordinatewise induces the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{t} \xrightarrow{\exp} \mathbb{T} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}} = 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}^r \subset i\mathbb{R}^r = \mathfrak{t}$  is the kernel, also denoted by  $N$

**2.2** Weights and characters. See [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 3, §1]

- Homomorphisms  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}, S^1)$  are called „characters“. This set is a group with respect to multiplication pointwise. It is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}^r$ . In toric geometry denoted by  $M$ .
- any character in coordinates is of the form

$$(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_r) \mapsto t_1^{w_1} t_2^{w_2} \dots t_r^{w_r} \quad \text{denoted by } t^w.$$

- the sequence  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^r$  is the called weight.

**2.3** Without coordinates:

$$\text{Weights} = \text{Hom}(N, \mathbb{Z})$$

In toric geometry  $\text{Hom}(N, \mathbb{Z})$  is denoted by  $M$ , in representation theory  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\text{weight}} & 2\pi i\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z} \\ \cap & & \cap \\ \mathfrak{t} & \longrightarrow & i\mathbb{R} \\ \exp \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{\text{character}} & S^1 \end{array}$$

For a weight  $w \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  the corresponding character is denoted by  $e^w$ .

**2.4** For the complex torus  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}} \simeq (\mathbb{C}^*)^r$  any polynomial map is determined by the values on  $\mathbb{T} \simeq (S^1)^r$

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{alg}}(\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{C}^*) = \mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{T}, S^1).$$

**2.5** Linear actions of  $\mathbb{T}$  on a vector space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  can be diagonalized

(Commuting linear maps of finite order have a common diagonalization.)

**2.6** Exercise: for any field  $\mathbb{F} = \overline{\mathbb{F}}$  any linear action of  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{F}} = (\mathbb{F}^*)^r$  on  $\mathbb{F}^n$  can be diagonalized.

**2.7** Up to an isomorphism any linear action of  $\mathbb{T}$  on a complex vector space is determined by the multi-set of weights.

- Let  $\mathbb{C}_w$  be equal to  $\mathbb{C}$  as a vector space with the action of  $\mathbb{T}$  via  $e^w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^* = \mathrm{GL}_1(\mathbb{C})$

- If  $\mathbb{T}$  has fixed coordinates, i.e. it is identified with  $(S^1)^r$  and  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r)$  then for  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  the linear map  $e^w(t) : \mathbb{C}_w \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_w$  is the multiplication by  $t_1^{w_1} t_2^{w_2} \dots t_r^{w_r}$ .

- We have a canonical decomposition

$$V = \bigoplus_{w \in M} V_w,$$

where  $V_w = \{v \in V \mid \forall t \in \mathbb{T} \ t \cdot v = e^w(t)v\} \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathbb{C}_w, V)$  is the eigenspace (called *weight space*) corresponding to the weight  $w$ .

- For a vector bundle  $E \rightarrow B$ , with torus action such that  $\mathbb{T}$  acts on  $B$  trivially and on the fiber the action is linear we have a decomposition into a direct sum of subbundles  $E = \bigoplus_w E_w$ .

- The decomposition into weight subspaces can be noncanonically refined

$$V = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\dim V} \mathbb{C}_{w_k}.$$

(Note: If we have fixed coordinates of  $\mathbb{T}$ , then each  $w_k$  is a sequence of numbers  $(w_{k,1}, w_{k,2}, \dots, w_{k,r})$ .)

- The element

$$e(V) = \prod_{k=1}^{\dim V} w_k = \prod_w w^{\dim V_w} \in \mathrm{Sym}^{\dim V}(\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)$$

does not depend on the above decomposition and it is called the Euler class of the representation.

- The product

$$c(V) = \prod_{k=1}^{\dim V} (1 + w_k) = \prod_w (1 + w)^{\dim V_w} \in \mathrm{Sym}(\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)$$

is also well defined. It is called the Chern class of the representation

- After tensoring with  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) we can identify  $\mathrm{Sym}(\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*) \otimes \mathbb{R}$  with polynomial functions on  $\mathfrak{t}$ .

**2.8** Exercise: for a representation  $V$  of  $\mathbb{T}$  consider an action of  $\tilde{\mathbb{T}} = \mathbb{T} \times S^1$  on  $\tilde{V} = V$ , where  $S^1$  acts by the scalar multiplication. Denote by  $\hbar$  the weight corresponding to the character  $\tilde{T} \rightarrow S^1$ , which is the projection. Show that

$$c(V) = e(\tilde{V})|_{\hbar=1}.$$

### Action of a compact group (in particular torus) on a manifold

**2.9** Exercise: (algebraic geometry) Let  $A$  be an algebra over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $X = \mathrm{Spec}(A)$ . Defining an action of  $\mathbb{G}_m = \mathrm{Spec}(\mathbb{F}[t, t^{-1}])$  on  $X$  is equivalent to defining a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -gradation of  $A$ . Prove this correspondence and generalize it to an action of the algebraic torus  $\mathbb{G}_m^r$ .

**2.10** Let  $X$  be a manifold with a smooth action of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Suppose  $x \in X^{\mathbb{T}}$  is a fixed point. Then  $\mathbb{T}$  acts on  $T_x X$ . If  $x$  is an isolated fixed point, then the weight space  $(T_x X)_0$  corresponding to the weight  $w = 0$  is trivial.

**2.11** Proposition. There exists a neighbourhood  $x \in U \subset T_x X$  and an equivariant map  $f : U \rightarrow X$ , which is an isomorphism on the image.

Proof: Fix an  $S^1$  invariant metric, take  $U$  to be the ball of a sufficiently small radius,  $f = \exp$  in the sense of the differential geometry.

**2.12** Reminder: Orbit, stabilizer(=isotropy group): Suppose a group  $G$  acts on  $X$ ,  $x \in X$

- the stabilizer  $= G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$ .
- if  $y = gx$  then  $G_y = gG_x g^{-1}$
- the orbit  $= G \cdot x \simeq G/G_x$ .
- the isotropy group  $G_x$  acts on the tangent space  $T_x X$  and the fiber of the normal bundle  $(\nu_{G \cdot x})_x$

**2.13 Construction of the associated bundle:** Suppose  $V$  be a representation of a group  $H$ , and suppose  $P$  be a  $H$ -principal bundle. Let us define

$$P \times^H V = P \times V / \{(ph, v) \sim (p, hv)\}.$$

The projection  $P \times^H V \rightarrow P/H = Y$  is a vector bundle.

For the definition and basic facts about principal bundles [Anderson-Fulton, Ch.2.1]

**2.14 Slice theorem for manifolds:** Assume that  $X$  is a smooth manifold,  $G$  a compact Lie group (can assume a torus) acting smoothly. Let  $V = (\nu_{G \cdot x})_x$ . There exist an equivariant neighbourhood of  $0 \in S \subset V$ , such that the map  $G \times^{G_x} S \rightarrow X$  induced by  $\exp : G \times^{G_x} V \rightarrow X$  is an equivariant diffeomorphism onto the image. This image is a neighbourhood of  $G \times^{G_x} \{0\} \simeq G \cdot x$ . The set  $S$  or its image is called the slice, whole neighbourhood is called the tube. See [Anderson-Fulton, Ch.5 Th.1.4].

• In other words: any orbit has a neighbourhood isomorphic to the disk bundle of the associated vector bundle over the orbit.

- Proof. The map  $\exp : \mathbb{T} \times V \rightarrow X$  induces

$$(g, v) \mapsto g \cdot \exp(v).$$

$\exp$  is  $G_x$ -invariant, i.e.  $\exp(g \cdot v) = g \cdot \exp(v)$  for  $g \in G_x$ . Hence the above map factorizes  $G \times^{G_x} V \rightarrow X$ .

- Exercise: Show that the above map is well defined.

**2.15** Exercise: Let  $G$  be a group,  $H$  a subgroup,  $E \rightarrow G/H$  be a vector bundle with  $G$ -action, such that for any  $g \in G$ ,  $x \in G/H$  the map  $g : E_x \rightarrow E_{gx}$  is linear. Show that  $E \simeq G \times^H E_{[e]}$ . Here  $[e]$  denotes the coset  $eH$ .

**2.16** There is a more general theorem for topological spaces:

– If  $X$  is a topological space (completely regular),  $G$  a compact Lie group, then a slice  $V$  is a certain subspace of  $X$ , invariant with respect to  $G_x$ . [Bredon, Introduction to Compact Transformation Groups. Section II.5]

– In algebraic geometry [Luna slice theorem] we assume that  $G$  is reductive ( $(\mathbb{C}^*)^r$  is fine,  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  too)  $X$  is an affine variety, and the orbit is closed. The neighbourhood is in the étal topology. [Luna, Domingo (1973), *Slices étales*, Sur les groupes algébriques, Bull. Soc. Math. France, Paris, Mémoire, vol. 33]

### 3 Classifying spaces

**3.1** It is convenient to introduce a notion of  $G$ -CW-complex. By definition, we assume that  $X$  admits a filtration

$$X_{-1} = \emptyset \subset X_0 \subset X_1 \subset \cdots \subset X_N$$

such that

$$X_i = X_{i-1} \cup_{\phi} (G \times^H D^{n_i}),$$

where  $D^{n_i}$  is the unit disk of a linear orthogonal representation of  $H \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$ ,

$$\phi : G \times^H S^{n_i-1} \rightarrow X_{i-1}.$$

(with weak topology.)

**3.2** Any smooth action of a compact Lie group  $G$  on a compact manifold admits a  $G$ -CW-decomposition.

**3.3** Example:  $S^2$  with the standard  $S^1$  action has 3 cells 0,  $\infty$  and  $S^1 \times D^1$ .

**3.4** Exercise: find a CW-decomposition of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  with the standard action of  $(S^1)^{n+1}$

**3.5** The topological spaces we study will be assumed to admit a  $G$ -CW-decomposition

#### 3.6 Equivariant cohomology of a $G$ space:

- topological model  $H_G^*(X) = H^*(EG \times^G X)$ , where  $EG$  is a contractible free  $G$ -space (unfortunately in almost all cases  $EG$  is of infinite dimension)

- differential model if  $X$  is a  $G$ -manifold  $H_{G,dR}^*(X) = H^*(\Omega^*(X, G))$
- de Rham theorem  $H_G^*(X; \mathbb{R}) \simeq H_{G,dR}^*(X)$

**3.7** We will assume, that  $G$  is compact (or linear algebraic reductive, e.g.  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^r$ ).

**3.8** A  $G$  bundle  $P \rightarrow B = E/G$  is universal if for any  $G$  bundle  $P' \rightarrow B'$  there exist a map  $f : B' \rightarrow B$  such that  $F^*(P) = P'$ . Moreover  $f$  is unique up to homotopy.

- Hence

$$\{G\text{-bundles on } X\} = [X, B]$$

where  $[X, B]$  means homotopy classes of maps ( $X$  is assumed to be CW-complex).

**3.9** We will show that a universal  $G$ -bundle exists.

- Notation  $EG \rightarrow BG$ , should be understood as a homotopy type, which has various realizations.
- A  $G$  bundle  $P \rightarrow B$  is universal if and only if  $E$  is contractible.

• Proof: Assume that  $P$  is contractible. Suppose  $P' \rightarrow B'$  be an arbitrary  $G$ -bundle. We construct a mapping by induction on skeleta. We assume that  $P'$  is a CW-complex, glued from cells with trivial stabilizers, i.e. each cell is of the form  $D^n \times G$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \curvearrowright & & \\
 S^{n-1} \times G & \longrightarrow & D^n \times G & \dashrightarrow & EG \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & D^n & \dashrightarrow & BG \\
 & & \curvearrowright & & 
 \end{array}$$

it is enough to construct a mapping  $S^{n-1} \times \{1\} \rightarrow P$  do  $D^n \times \{1\} \rightarrow EG$  and use  $G$ -action to spread the definition on the whole tube  $D^n \times G$ . Similarly we construct a homotopy between two maps.

Hence if  $P$  is contractible then it is universal. If we have another bundle  $P' \rightarrow B'$  which is universal, then there are  $G$  maps  $P' \rightarrow P$  and  $P \rightarrow P'$  and their compositions are homotopic to identities (this is a general nonsense about universal objects).

**3.10** Corollary: by the homotopy exact sequence for  $G \subset EG \rightarrow BG$  we have homotopy group isomorphism  $\pi_k(BG) \simeq \pi_{k-1}(G)$ . In particular, if  $G$  is connected, then  $BG$  is 1-connected.

**3.11** Since any nontrivial compact Lie group contains torus, hence elements of finite orders, the space  $EG$  cannot be of finite dimension (by Euler characteristic argument).

**3.12** Examples:

$$ES^1 = S^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^\infty = BS^1 \text{ (of the type } K(\mathbb{Z}, 2)\text{)}$$

$$E(S^1)^r = (S^\infty)^r \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}^\infty)^r = B(S^1)^r$$

$$BU(n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Gra}_n(\mathbb{C}^N)$$

**3.13** For  $G = \mathbb{T}$  or  $U(n)$  one can approximate  $BG$  by compact algebraic manifolds, which admit a decomposition into algebraic cells (BB-decomposition's).

**3.14** For all linear algebraic groups  $G \subset GL_m(\mathbb{C})$  we can take  $EG = \text{Steel manifold}$

$$St_m(\mathbb{C}^N) := \text{Monomorphisms}(\mathbb{C}^m, \mathbb{C}^N) \subset \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^m, \mathbb{C}^N)$$

See [Anderson-Fulton, Ch.2, Lemma 2.1]

• Exercise: Show that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{codim}(\text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^m, \mathbb{C}^N) \setminus St_m(\mathbb{C}^N)) = \infty.$$

• For any algebraic group Totaro constructs approximation of  $BG$  by algebraic varieties in a more systematic way.

**3.15** If  $H \subset G$ , then as a model for  $EH$  we can take  $EG$ . Hence we get a fibration  $G/H \rightarrow BH \rightarrow BG$ .

**3.16** If  $H \triangleleft G$  is a normal subgroup,  $K = G/H$  then there is a fibration  $BH \rightarrow BG \rightarrow BK$ . (Take  $EH := EG$  and  $E'G = EG \times EK$ , taking the fibration  $E'G/G \rightarrow EK/K$  we find that the fiber is  $EG \times^G G/H = BH$ .)

**3.17** Characteristic classes for  $G$ -bundles [see e.g. Guillemin-Sternberg §8] Consider two contravariant functors:

$$Gbdl := \{G - bundles\} / \sim : hTop \rightarrow sets$$

$$H := H^*(-\mathbb{Z}) : hTop \rightarrow sets$$

$$Map_{Functors}(Gbdl, H) = H^*(BG; \mathbb{Z})$$

- This is just Yoneda Lemma: if  $F, H : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \sqcup \mathcal{I}$  and  $F$  is representable by  $A \in Ob(\mathcal{C})$ , i.e.

$$F(X) = Mor_{\mathcal{C}}(X, A),$$

then

$$Mor_{Functors}(F, H) = F(A).$$

Given a transformation of functors

$$\alpha : Mor_{\mathcal{C}}(-, A) \rightarrow H(-)$$

We construct an element in  $H(A)$  setting  $X = A$

$$\alpha \mapsto \alpha(Id_A) \in H(A).$$

Conversely: given  $f : X \rightarrow A$  and  $\alpha \in H(A)$  define

$$\alpha(f) = f^*(\alpha).$$

**3.18** Characteristic classes for  $n$ -dimensional vector bundles.

- Each vector bundle is determined by its associated principal bundle. Thus  $Vect_n(X) = [X, BGL_n(\mathbb{C})]$  and  $BGL_n(\mathbb{C}) = BU_n$ . Hence

$$\text{characteristic classes of } n\text{-vector bundles} = H^*(BU(n))$$

- $H^*(BU(n), \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n]$
- The map  $H^*(BU(n+1)) \rightarrow H^*(BU(n))$  is surjective given by  $c_{n+1} := 0$ .

**3.19** For the torus we have

- $G = \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $EG = \mathbb{C}^\infty \setminus \{0\}$ ;  $B\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{P}^\infty = \bigcup_n \mathbb{P}^n$
- $H^*(B\mathbb{C}^*) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[t]$ , it is convenient to take  $t = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))$ , where  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  is the dual of the tautological bundle.
- For  $S^1$  we can take  $ES^1 = S^\infty = \bigcup_n S^{2n-1}$

**3.20** Corollary:

$$\{\text{topological vector bundles over } X\} \simeq H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\{\text{characteristic classes of line bundles}\} = H^*(\mathbb{P}^\infty) = \mathbb{Z}[t]$$

**3.21** For  $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^n$ :

$$H^*(B\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]$$



**3.22** The inclusion  $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow U(n)$  induces  $B\mathbb{T} \rightarrow BU(n)$  and  $H^*(BU(n)) \rightarrow H^*(\mathbb{T})$  which is injective

$$H^*(BU(n)) = \mathbb{Z}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n] = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]^{S_n} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n] = H^*(B\mathbb{T})$$

Compare [Anderson-Fulton, Ch2, Proposition 4.1]

**3.23** The above statement and many others in this course follows from **Leray-Hirsch theorem**:

• Let  $F \rightarrow E \rightarrow B$  be a fibration. Assume that  $H^*(F)$  is free (in our case over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). Suppose there is a linear map  $\phi : H^*(F) \rightarrow H^*(E)$ , a splitting of the restriction map  $H^*(E) \rightarrow H^*(F)$ . Then  $H^*(E)$  is a free module over  $H^*(B)$ .

**3.24** We have the bundle  $E = B\mathbb{T} \rightarrow BU_n = B$  the fiber is  $F = U_n/\mathbb{T}$ . The base and the fiber ( $F = \text{Flag manifold}$ ) admit a cell decompositions into even dimensional cells — see explanation below. Hence we have a cell decomposition of  $E\mathbb{T}$  which is compatible with the decomposition of the base. (Note that here as a model of  $E\mathbb{T}$  is not taken  $S^\infty$ .)

• Hence  $H^*(E) \rightarrow H^*(F)$  is split-surjective.

By the Leray-Hirsh theorem  $H^*(B\mathbb{T})$  is a free  $H^*(BU_n)$ -module of the rank  $\dim H^*(F)$ ,

•  $H^*(F) \simeq H^*(E)/(H^{>0}(B))$  as algebras (also we can write  $H^*(F) \simeq \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{H^*(B)} H^*(E)$ )

**3.25** We look at the cell decomposition of the approximation  $Gras_n(\mathbb{C}^n)$  of  $BU(n)$  (see [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 4, §5])

• The cells are indexed by the sequences

$$0 < i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * \end{pmatrix} \quad i_1 = 1, i_2 = 3$$

Equivalently

$$(n - k \geq \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k \geq 0) = \text{number of } * \text{ in the reduced form of the matrix.}$$

**3.26** Computation of  $H^*(BU(n))$ . The map  $H^*(BU(n)) \rightarrow H^*(B\mathbb{T})$  is injective. The image is invariant with the symmetric group action  $S_n$ , since each permutation  $\sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T} \rightarrow U_n$  is homotopic to the inclusion.

• First we give an argument over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We show that in each gradation  $\dim H^{2k}(BU_n) = \dim \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]^{S_n}$ .

–  $\dim H^{2k}(BU(n)) = \text{number of sequences } \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k \geq 0$  (no restriction on  $\lambda_1$ ), such that

$$\sum_i \lambda_i = k$$

–  $\dim H^{2k}(B\mathbb{T})^{S_n} = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]_k^{S_n} = \text{the number of monomials with non-increasing exponents.}$

• We conclude that  $H^{2k}(BU(n); \mathbb{Q}) = H^{2k}(B\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{Q})^{S_n}$

• Moreover  $H^*(Fl(n); \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]/(H^{>0}(BU_n; \mathbb{Z}))$  is torsion-free. Hence  $H^*(BU_n; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]^{S_n}$

**3.27** Corollary: We have a description of the cohomology ring

$$H^*(Fl(n)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]/(\mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]_{>0}^{S_n}).$$

**3.28** Exercise: Compute the cohomology ring  $H^*(Gras(k, n))$  using the fibration  $Gras_k(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow B(U_k \times U_{n-k}) \rightarrow BU_n$ .

**3.29** General theorem: if  $G$  is connected,  $\mathbb{T}$  maximal torus,  $W = N\mathbb{T}/\mathbb{T}$  the Weyl group, then  $H^*(BG; \mathbb{Q}) = H^*(B\mathbb{T}; \mathbb{Q})^W$  is a polynomial ring in the variables of even degrees, e.g.

- $H^*(BSp(n); \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}[c_2, c_4, \dots, c_{2n}]$ , (valid also over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ),
- $H^*(BO_{2n}; \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}[p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, e]/(e^2 = p_n)$ ,  $\deg p_i = 4i$ ,  $\deg e = 2n$  (valid also over  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}]$ )
- $BE_8$  is the worst, one has to invert 2, 3, 5. The generators of  $H^{2*}(BE_8)$  are in the degrees  $2 \times$ : 2, 8, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 30.

[Burt Totaro: The torsion index of  $E_8$  and other groups, Duke Math. J. 129 (2005), no. 2, 219–248]

## 4 Recollection on Chern classes

What you need to know about Chern classes

**4.1** Let  $Vect_1$  denote the functor  $hTop \rightarrow Sets$

$$Vect_1(X) = \text{Isomorphism classes of line bundles over } X$$

- This functor factors through the category of abelian groups (tensor product of line bundles behaves like addition).
- $Vect(X)$  denotes isomorphism classes of vector bundles. This is a semi-ring. Here  $\oplus$  is the addition,  $\otimes$  is the multiplication.

**4.2** The first Chern class

$$c_1 \in Mor_{\text{Functors}}(Vect_1, H^2(-, \mathbb{Z})) = H^2(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2)) = H^2(BS^1) = H^2(\mathbb{P}^\infty) = H^2(\mathbb{P}^1)$$

We chose the generator of  $H^2(\mathbb{P}^1)$  so that  $c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)) = [pt]$ . Here the bundle  $\mathcal{O}(1) = \gamma^*$  is the dual of the tautological bundle.

- In other words: the Chern class  $c_1$  is determined by the choice made for  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

**4.3** Chern classes of vector bundles:  $c(E) = 1 + c_1(E) + \dots + c_{rk(E)}(E)$ .

- functoriality ( $c$  is a transformation of functors  $Vect(-) \rightarrow H^*(-, \mathbb{Z})$ )
- for line bundles  $c(L) = 1 + c_1(L)$
- Whitney formula  $c(E \oplus F) = c(E)c(F)$

• Note  $c$  is not a group homomorphism. One can repair that, but has to use  $\mathbb{Q}$  coefficients. The resulting transformation is called Chern character. For line bundles

$$ch(L) = \exp(c_1(L)).$$

Chern character is additive and multiplicative

$$ch(E \oplus F) = ch(E) + ch(F),$$

$$ch(E \otimes F) = ch(E)ch(F).$$

**4.4** If  $L$  is a holomorphic line bundle over a complex manifold, with a meromorphic section  $s$ , then  $c_1(L)$  is equal to Poincaré dual of  $Zero(s) - Poles(s)$ .

**4.5 Projective bundle theorem.** For a vector bundle  $E \rightarrow B$  let  $\mathbb{P}(E) \rightarrow B$  be the projectivization<sup>1</sup>,  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(E)}(1)$  the tautological line bundle, then  $H^*(\mathbb{P}(E))$  is a free module over  $H^*(B)$

$$h^r + a_1 h^{r-1} + \dots + r a_r = 0.$$

Then  $a_i = c_i(E)$ .

• There are other conventions of signs, but let's check: If  $E$  is a line bundle, then  $L = E^*$ . We have relation  $h + a_1 = c_1(L) + c_1(E) = 0$ .

**4.6 Corollary:** Chern classes of  $E$  and the ring structure of  $H^*(B)$  determine the ring structure

$$H^*(\mathbb{P}(E)) = H^*(B)[h]/(h^r + c_1 h^{r-1} + \dots + c_{r-1} h + c_r).$$

**4.7 Splitting principle:** for any line bundle  $E \rightarrow B$  there exists  $f : B' \rightarrow B$  such that,  $f^*E$  is a sum of line bundles and  $f^*$  is injective on cohomology. E.g.

$$B' = Flags(E) = B \times_{BU(n)} B\mathbb{T},$$

where  $\mathbb{T}$  is the maximal torus in  $U(n)$ .

**4.8** The generator of  $H^2(BC^*)$  is identified with  $c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))$ . Thus the generators of

$$H_T^*(B\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]$$

can be presented as

$$t_i = c_1(L_i),$$

where  $L_i = E\mathbb{T} \times^{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{C}_{t_i}$  is the line bundle associated to the representation of  $T$  in  $GL_1(\mathbb{C})$  given by the projection on the  $i$ -th factor.

**4.9** Let  $\chi : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  be a character, then  $c_1(ET \times^{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{C}_\chi) = \chi$ . Here we identify

$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}^*) = \mathfrak{t}^* = H^2(B\mathbb{T}).$$

**Borel's definition of equivariant cohomology** [finally, see [Anderson-Fulton, Ch.2 §2]]

**4.10** Borel construction  $X_G = EG \times^G X$  sometimes is called the mixing space.

**4.11** Basic properties:

- It is a module over  $H_G^*(pt) = H^*(BG)$
- Contravariant functoriality with respect to  $X$  i  $G$ .
- If the action is free then  $X_G \rightarrow X/G$  is a fibration with the contractible fiber  $EG$ , hence  $H_G^*(X) = H^*(X/G)$ . [Anderson-Fulton, Ch 3, §4]
- For  $K \subset G$ ,  $X = G/H$  we have  $X_G = EG \times^G G/K \simeq EG/K = BK$ .
- More generally  $H_G^*(G \times^K X) \simeq H_K^*(X)$  for any  $K$ -space  $X$ .
- If the action is trivial then  $X_G = BG \times X$ . If  $H^*(BG)$  has no torsion (e.g.  $G = T, GL_n(\mathbb{C}), Sp_n(\mathbb{C})$ ) then  $H_G^*(X) = H^*(BG) \otimes H^*(X)$ . For coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$  we do need the assumption about the torsion. [Anderson-Fulton, Ch 3, §4]

<sup>1</sup>this is the naive projectivization, i.e. the fiber over  $x \in B$  consist of the lines in  $E_x$ .

**4.12** Basic properties of equivariant cohomology of smooth compact algebraic varieties: ( $G$  connected, coefficients of cohomology in  $\mathbb{Q}$ )

- (\*)  $H_G^*(X)$  is a free module over  $H^*(BG)$  hence  $H_G^*(BG) \simeq H^*(BG) \otimes H^*(X)$ , the information of the action of  $G$  is hidden in the multiplication,

- $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)^T$  is injective.

**4.13** Example: [Anderson-Fulton, Ch.2, §6]  $\mathbb{P}^n$  with the standard action of  $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1}$ . We identify  $X_{\mathbb{T}}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^n \mathbb{C}t_i)$ . By the projective bundle theorem

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{Z}[t_0, t_2, \dots, t_n, h] / \left( \prod_{i=0}^n (t_i + h) \right).$$

- It is a free module over  $H_T^*(pt) = H^*(BT) = \mathbb{Z}[t_0, t_2, \dots, t_n]$
- The map to  $H^*(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{Z}[h]/(h^{n+1})$  is a surjection.
- We have an isomorphism of modules over  $H^*(BT)$

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^n) \simeq H^*(BT) \otimes H^*(\mathbb{P}^n).$$

We will see that for compact smooth algebraic varieties (or Kähler) the above holds always over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- The map

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^n) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*((\mathbb{P}^n)^{\mathbb{T}}) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n \mathbb{Z}[t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n]$$

by

$$[f(\underline{t}, h)] \mapsto \{f_i\}_{i=0,1,\dots,n}, \quad f_i(\underline{t}) = f(\underline{t}, -t_i).$$

Exercise: this map is injective.

**4.14** Example:  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{C}^*$  acting on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \simeq S^2$  via  $[t^\ell z_0, t^k z_1]$

$$X_{\mathbb{T}} = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}(\ell) \oplus \mathcal{O}(k))$$

,

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^1) = \mathbb{Z}[h, t] / ((h + kt)(h + \ell t))$$

- The elements 1 and  $h$  generate over  $\mathbb{Z}[t] = H^*(BT)$ . This is a free module

[We have  $h^2 = -(k + \ell)th - k\ell t^2$ , so any polynomial in  $t$  and  $h$  can be written modulo the ideal  $(h^2 + ht)$  as  $f_0(t) + f_1(t)h$ .]

- The restriction to the fixed points

$$[f(t, h)] \mapsto (f(t, -\ell t), f(t, -kt)).$$

is injective.

[If  $f(t, -kt) = 0$ , then  $f$  is divisible by  $h + kt \dots$ ]

**4.15** Let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{C}^*$  act on  $X = \mathbb{C}^*$  via the multiplication by  $z^k$

- We identify  $\mathbb{C}^*$  with the subset of  $\mathbb{P}^1$

$$\{[1, z] \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid z \neq 0\}$$

the action of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is as in 4.14 for  $\ell = 0$ . To compute  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{C}^*)$  use the Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 3, §5]: for even degrees we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i-1}(\mathbb{C}^*) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i}(\mathbb{P}^1) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i}(\mathbb{C}) \oplus H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i}(\mathbb{C}^*) \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 \rightarrow ? \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[t, h]/(h(h+kt)) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}[t] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[t] \rightarrow ? \rightarrow 0 \\ \alpha(t) = (t, t), \quad \alpha(h) = (kt, 0). \end{aligned}$$

The restriction map to the open  $\mathbb{C}$ 's can be identified with the restriction to the fixed points. The one but last map  $\alpha$  is injective, thus  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i-1}(\mathbb{C}^*) = 0$  and

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2i}(\mathbb{C}^*) = \text{coker}(\alpha) = \langle t_1^i, t_2^i \rangle / \langle \alpha(t^a h^b) \rangle = \langle t_1^i, t_2^i \rangle / \langle t_1^i + t_2^i, kt_1^i \rangle = \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}.$$

• Corollary:

$$H^i(B\mathbb{Z}_k; \mathbb{Z}) = H_{\mathbb{C}^*}^i(\mathbb{C}_k; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \mathbb{Z}_k & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

(Here  $\mathbb{Z}_k$  denotes  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$ .)

**4.16** In general, if  $G$  is a finite group  $H^{>0}(BG; \mathbb{Z})$  is torsion.

- $p: EG \rightarrow BG$  is a finite covering, thus  $p_*p^* \in \text{End}(H^i(BG))$  is the multiplication by  $|G|$ . Since for  $i > 0$  it factors through trivial group for we have  $|G|H^i(BG) = 0$ .
- We will mainly perform computation over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so will ignore finite groups.

## 5 Equivariant formality, localization I

**5.1** The condition

(\*)  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  is a free module over  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt)$

Is called *equivariant formality* It can be reformulated

- $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \otimes_{H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt)} \mathbb{Q} \simeq H^*(X)$
- $H^*(X) \otimes H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt) \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  (it is enough to know that there is an isomorphism of graded vector spaces)
- $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow H^*(X)$  is surjective, compare [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 6, §3].

**5.2** The basic argument is analysis of the fibration  $X \subset E\mathbb{T} \times^{\mathbb{T}} X \rightarrow B\mathbb{T}$  and Serre spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = H_{\mathbb{T}}^p(pt) \otimes H^q(X) \Rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{p+q}(X).$$

**5.3** If  $X$  is a sum of even dimensional cells then (\*) holds. It is enough to assume  $H^{odd}(X; \mathbb{Q}) = 0$ .

**5.4** Theorem: If  $X$  is smooth algebraic manifold with an algebraic torus  $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^r$  action, then  $X$  is equivariantly formal.

- See [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 5, Cor. 3.3]
- (Much more difficult result of McDuff is equivariant formality of  $X$  symplectic manifolds with Hamiltonian torus action.)

**5.5** To show (5.4) we need some basic tools.

• Fundamental class of a subvariety  $Y \subset X$ : it is the Poincaré dual of the homology class. We denote it  $[Y] \in H^{2\text{codim}Y}(X)$ . (We do not have to assume that  $X$  is compact.) • Equivariant fundamental class of an equivariant subvariety. Let  $E_n \rightarrow B_n = (\mathbb{P}^n)^r$  be the approximation of the universal  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle. He define  $[Y] \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  as the fundamental class of  $E_n \times^{\mathbb{T}} Y \subset E_n \times^{\mathbb{T}} X$

$$[E_n \times^{\mathbb{T}} Y] \in H^{2\text{codim}Y}(E_n \times^{\mathbb{T}} X) \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^{2\text{codim}Y}(X) \quad \text{for sufficiently large } n.$$

- Exercise: Show that the definition does not depend on  $n \gg 0$ .
- Exercise: Define the equivariant fundamental class not passing through approximation, but using the equivariant normal bundle on  $Y_{\text{smooth}}$ .

**5.6** Correspondences: (for cohomology with rational coefficients). Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are compact  $C^\infty$  manifolds. We have

$$\text{Hom}(H^*(Y), H^*(X)) \simeq (H^*(Y))^* \otimes H^*(X) \xrightarrow{\text{Poincaré}} H^*(Y) \otimes H^*(X) \xrightarrow{\text{Künneth}} H^*(X \times Y).$$

Having a cohomology class  $a \in H^k(X \times Y)$  we define  $\phi_a : H^*(Y) \rightarrow H^*(X)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^i(Y) & & H^i(X \times Y) & & H^{i+k}(X \times Y) & & H^{i+k-\dim Y}(X) \\ \alpha & \mapsto & \pi_Y^* \alpha & \mapsto & a \cdot (\pi_Y^* \alpha) & \mapsto & \pi_{X*}(a \cdot (\pi_Y^* \alpha)). \end{array}$$

Here  $\cdot$  is the product in cohomology. Puritans would denote it by  $\cup$ . The push-forward (a.k.a Gysin homomorphism)  $\pi_{X*}$  can be defined as the map in homology composed with Poincaré dualities. See [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 3, §6]

• If  $a$  is the class of a graph of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\dim Y = k$  i.e.  $a = [\text{graph}(f)] \in H^k(X \times Y)$ . Then  $\phi_a = f^*$ . (Exercise.)

• Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  smooth an compact algebraic varieties and  $Z \subset X \times Y$  any subvariety. Take  $a = [Z]$ ,  $\phi_Z := \phi_a$ . Then  $\phi_Z : H^i(Y) \rightarrow H^{i+2c}(X)$  with  $c = \text{codim}Z - \dim Y = \dim X - \dim Z$ .

• One can drop the assumption that  $X$  is compact. It is enough to assume that the projection  $Z \rightarrow X$  is proper:

$$\alpha \mapsto \pi_Y^* \alpha \mapsto (\pi_Y^* \alpha)|_Z \mapsto \pi_{X*}(\pi_Y^* \alpha)|_Z.$$

**5.7** Proof of 5.4. Let  $B_n = (\mathbb{P}^n)^r$ ,  $X_n = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} - 0)^r \times^{\mathbb{T}} X$  be the approximation of the Borel construction. We show that  $H^*(X_n) \rightarrow H^*(X)$  surjective. It is enough, since  $H^k(X_n) \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^k(X)$  for large  $n$ .

The bundle  $(\mathbb{C}^{n+1} - 0)^r \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}^n)^r$  is trivial over the set standard affine open set  $U \simeq (\mathbb{C}^n)^r$ :

$$U \times X \subset X_n.$$

The projection  $p : U \times X \rightarrow X$  extends to the correspondence

$$\phi_Z : X_n \rightarrow X, \quad Z = \text{closure}(\text{graph}(p)).$$

The map  $p^*$  has a left inverse inverse  $i'^*$  induced by  $i' : X = \{pt\} \times X \rightarrow U \times X$ , i.e.  $pi' = id_X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & H^*(X) & \\ i^* \nearrow & & \nwarrow i'^* \\ H^*(X_n) & \longrightarrow & H^*(U \times X) \\ \phi_Z \nwarrow & & \nearrow (\phi_Z)|_{U \times X = p^*} \\ & H^*(X) & \end{array}$$

$i^*\phi_Z = id_{H^*(X)}$  because  $i'^*p^* = id_{H^*(X)}$ .

- Exercise: show that all works for cohomology with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients.

**5.8** Example of a space which is not equivariantly formal:

Let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  with  $\mathbb{T}_i = \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $X = \mathbb{T}/\mathbb{T}_1 \simeq \mathbb{T}_2$ :

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{T}/\mathbb{T}_1) = H^*(E\mathbb{T} \times^{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{T}/\mathbb{T}_1) = H^*(B\mathbb{T}_1).$$

The map to  $H^*(X)$  for  $*$ =1 is not surjective.

**5.9** Example:  $\mathbb{T} = S^1$  acting on  $X = S^3$  with the quotient  $S^2$  (the Hopf fibration). Then  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(S^3) \simeq H^*(S^2)$  cannot be surjective to  $H^*(S^3)$ .

**5.10** If  $X$  is a free  $\mathbb{T}$  space then  $X$  is not equivariantly formal (since  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  is of finite dimension, cannot be a free module over a polynomial ring).

**5.11 Localization 1.0:** Let  $X$  be a finite  $\mathbb{T}$ -CW complex. Then the kernel and the cokernel of the restriction to the fixed point set  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}})$  are torsion  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt)$ -modules.

- Other formulation: Let  $\Lambda = H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt) = \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_3]$ , and  $K =$  be the fraction field. Then the restriction

$$K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}}).$$

is an isomorphism. • It will be clear from the proof what elements of  $\Lambda$  should be inverted.

- Proof in the case of the finite  $X^{\mathbb{T}}$ , see [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 5, Th. 1.8]. For nonsingular varieties [Anderson-Fulton, Ch 5. Th. 1.13]

**5.12** Let  $M$  be a  $\Lambda$ -module (it is enough to assume that  $\Lambda$  is a domain). Localization

$$K \otimes_{\Lambda} M = \left\{ \frac{m}{a} \mid a \neq 0 \right\} / \sim$$

$$\frac{m_1}{a_1} \sim \frac{m_2}{a_2} \Leftrightarrow \exists b \in \Lambda^* \quad ba_2m_1 = ba_1m_2.$$

**5.13** Lemma: The localization functor

$$\Lambda - \text{modules} \quad \longrightarrow \quad K - \text{modules}$$

is exact. (Exercise)

**5.14** Proof of 5.11. Induction with respect to the number of cells: Assume that if  $X = Y \cup \mathbb{T} \times_G D$ . Then the sequence

$$\rightarrow K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X, Y) \rightarrow K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(Y) \rightarrow$$

is exact. Assume that  $G \neq \mathbb{T}$ . We will show that  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X, Y)$  is a torsion  $\Lambda$ -module.

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X, Y) \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{T} \times_G D, \mathbb{T} \times_G S) \simeq H_G^*(D, S),$$

(see (4.11)) The action of  $\Lambda$  on  $H_G^*(D, S)$  factorizes through  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{T}/G) = H_G^*(pt) = \Lambda/(\text{characters annihilating } G)$ , hence  $H_G^*(pt)$  is a torsion  $\Lambda$ -module.

**5.15** Exercise: see what goes wrong for  $\mathbb{T}$  replaced by a nonabelian groups. For tori the orbit  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{T}/G)$  turned out to be a torsion  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt)$ -module. (Is  $H_{GL_n}^*(GL_n/B_n)$  a torsion  $H_{GL_n}^*(pt)$ -module?)

**5.16** Example:  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with the standard  $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^2$  action

$$K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^1) = K[h]/((t_0 + h)(t_1 + h)) \xrightarrow{\simeq} K \oplus K$$

$$f[h] \mapsto (f(-t_0), f(-t_1)).$$

(Chinese remainder theorem.)

**5.17** If  $X$  is equivariantly formal, then all mappings below are injective

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) & \longrightarrow & H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}}) \end{array}$$

If  $|X| < \infty$  then

$$K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}}) \simeq K^{|X^{\mathbb{T}}|}$$

Therefore instead of computation in a possibly difficult ring  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  it is enough to make calculations with rational functions.

**5.18** Example: (exercise)  $X = \mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{T}$  the standard one, the image

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^n) \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \Lambda = \Lambda^{n+1}$$

consists of such sequences  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in \mathbb{Q}[t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n]^{n+1}$ , such that  $t_i - t_j$  divides  $f_i - f_j$ .

**Plans for the future:**

**5.19** Assume that  $X$  is equivariantly formal,  $|X^T| < \infty$ .

Question: how to describe  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^T} \Lambda$ ?

(an answer for GKM-spaces is easy and handy to use).

**5.20** Assume, that  $X$  is equivariantly formal and  $|X^{\mathbb{T}}| < \infty$ .

Question: how to reconstruct an element  $\alpha \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  knowing the restrictions  $\alpha|_{\{x\}} \in \Lambda$ ?

Answer: Atiyah-Bott and Beline-Vergne theorem: assuming that  $X$  compact manifold

$$\alpha = \sum_{x \in X^T} (i_x)_* \left( \frac{i_x^* \alpha}{e(T_x X)} \right) \in K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X),$$

where  $i_x : \{x\} \rightarrow X$ , and  $e(T_x X) \in \Lambda$  is the equivariant Euler class of  $T_x X \rightarrow \{x\}$ , see 2.7.

**5.21** Corollary (with the assumptions as above):

$$\int_X \alpha = \sum_{x \in X^T} \frac{i_x^* \alpha}{e(T_x X)}.$$

**5.22** Corollary:  $X = \mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $\alpha = (c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)))^n$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-t_i)^n}{\prod_{j \neq i} (t_j - t_i)} = ?$$



## 6 Localization and integration on manifolds

[Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 5]

**6.1** Corollary: If  $X$  is equivariantly formal, then  $H^{even}(X; \mathbb{Q}) \simeq H^{even}(X^T; \mathbb{Q})$  and  $H^{odd}(X; \mathbb{Q}) \simeq H^{odd}(X^T; \mathbb{Q})$

- By elementary arguments we already know that  $\chi(X) = \chi(X^T)$ .

**6.2** Remark: From Białynicki-Birula decomposition one can derive more: the correspondences

$$\Gamma_i = \text{closure}(X_F^+ \rightarrow F) \subset F \times X$$

induce

$$H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \bigoplus_{F \subset X^T} H^{*-2n_F^+}(F, \mathbb{Z}),$$

where  $n_F^+$  is the dimension of the fiber of the *limit map*  $X_F^+ \rightarrow F$ . [proof by Carrell].

**6.3** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map of compact oriented manifolds. Then the push-forward (or the Gysin map [Anderson-Fulton, Ch.3, §6])  $f_* : H^*(X) \rightarrow H_T^*(Y)$  may be defined by Poincaré duality

$$PD_X : H^k(X) \rightarrow H_{\dim X - k}(X)$$

$$a \mapsto a \cap [X],$$

We define  $f_*$  to be the composition

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^k(X) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & H_{\dim X - k}(X) & \rightarrow & H_{\dim X - k}(Y) & \xleftarrow{\simeq} & H^{\dim Y - \dim X + k}(Y) \\ a & \mapsto & a \cap [X] & \mapsto & f_*(a \cap [X]) & \mapsto & f_*(a) \end{array}$$

**6.4** Another construction for an embedding: Let  $U$  be a tubular neighbourhood of  $X$  in  $Y$ , i.e.  $U$  is diffeomorphic to the space of the normal bundle  $\pi : \nu \rightarrow X$ ,  $c = \text{codim} X$ . Let  $\tau \in H^c(U, U \setminus X)$  be the Thom class. This means that  $\tau$  restricted to any fiber of  $U \simeq \nu \rightarrow X$  is the generator of  $H^c(\nu_x, \nu_x \setminus \{0\}) \simeq H^c(\mathbb{R}^c, \mathbb{R}^c \setminus \{0\})$  (i.e. we have a continuous choice of orientations in the fibers). We define  $f_*$ :

$$H^k(X) \xrightarrow{\text{Thom}} H^{c+k}(U, U \setminus X) \xleftarrow[\simeq]{\text{excision}} H^{c+k}(Y, Y \setminus X) \longrightarrow H^{c+k}(Y).$$

The Thom isomorphism is given by  $H^k(X) \xrightarrow{\simeq} H^{c+k}(U, U \setminus X)$ ,  $a \mapsto \tau \cdot \pi^*(a)$ , where  $\pi : U \rightarrow X$  is the projection in the bundle  $\nu \simeq U \rightarrow X$ .

**6.5** Exercise: show that both constructions of  $f_*$  are equivalent. Hint  $\tau \cap [U] = [X] \in H_{\dim X}(U) \simeq H_{\dim X}(X)$ , where  $[U] \in H_{\dim Y}(\overline{U}, \partial U)$  is the orientation class.

**6.6 Key formula.** Let  $e(\nu) \in H^c(X)$  be the Euler class,  $i : X \hookrightarrow Y$  the inclusion. We have

$$i^* i_*(a) = e(\nu) \cdot a.$$

- Since

$$e(\nu) = i^*(\tau), \quad \tau \in H^c(\nu, \nu \setminus X) \simeq H^c(Y, Y \setminus X)$$

by the definition, we get  $i^* i_*(a) = i^*(\tau \cdot \pi^*(a)) = i^*(\tau) \cdot i^* \pi^*(a) = e(\nu) a$ .

**6.7** If  $X \subset Y$  is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -invariant. Let us define  $i_*$  as in (6.4). The equivariant class of an invariant submanifold is defined as  $i_*(1_X) \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(Y)$ .

**6.8** Suppose, that  $X$  is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -manifold,  $i : X^T \rightarrow X$  is an embedding,

$$i^* : K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(X) \xrightarrow{\simeq} K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(X^T).$$

The composition  $i_*i^*$  by the Euler class of the normal bundle  $X^T$ . (over each component  $F \subset X^T$  the normal bundle can have a different dimension.)

**6.9 Fundamental Lemma:** The Euler class  $e(\nu(X^T \text{ in } X)) \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  is invertible in  $K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$ .

- It has to be checked for every component of  $F \subset X^T$  that the Euler class is invertible.
- If  $F = \{x\}$  is a point,

$$e(\nu_F) = \prod_i w_i \in Z[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_r],$$

where  $w_1, \dots, w_c$  are weights of the torus representation  $\nu_F = T_x X$ . The weights are non-zero, since  $x$  is an isolated fixed point.

- E.g. if  $x = [0 : \dots : 0 : 1 : 0 : \dots : 0] \in \mathbb{P}^n$  (1 on  $k$ -th position), then  $e(\nu_{\{x\}}) = \prod_{i \neq k} (t_i - t_k)$ .

**6.10** Proof of the fundamental lemma in the general case: We decompose  $\nu = \bigoplus_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \nu_w$ . We can assume that  $\nu_w$  is a complex bundle. (We do not assume that  $X$  is a complex manifold but the torus action allows to define complex structure.) Each summand  $\nu_w$  has a complement  $\mu_w$  such that

$$\nu_w \oplus \mu_w = \mathbb{1}^{d_w} \quad \text{a trivial bundle of dimension } d_w$$

The above isomorphism can be made equivariant, when we act on  $\mu_w$  with the character  $w$ . Then  $e(\nu_w \oplus \mu_w) = w^{d_w}$ . Let  $\mu = \bigoplus_w \mu_w$ . We have

$$e(\nu \oplus \mu) = \prod_{w \in \mathcal{W}} w^{d_w}$$

hence

$$e(\nu) \cdot \left( e(\mu) / \prod_{w \in \mathcal{W}} w^{d_w} \right) = 1.$$

**6.11** Localization formula (Atiyah-Bott, Berline-Vergne). Assume, that  $X$  is a compact  $\mathbb{T}$ -manifold, which is equivariantly formal. For  $a \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^* * X$  we have

$$a = \sum_F (i_F)_* \left( \frac{i_F^*(a)}{e(\nu(F))} \right) \tag{1}$$

summation over the connected components  $F \subset X^T$ . Here  $i_F : F \rightarrow X$  is the inclusion.

- Proof. Let  $\phi$  be the composition

$$K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(X) \xrightarrow{i^*} \bigoplus_F K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(F) \xrightarrow{1/e(\nu)} \bigoplus_F K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(F).$$

Note, that  $i_* \circ \phi = Id$ . Since  $K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(X)$  is of a finite dimension over  $K$ , thus  $\phi \circ i_* = Id$ . Hence we have an equality (1) in  $K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(X)$ .

- Note that we have an expression in  $K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_T^*(X)$ , but the sum belongs to  $H_T^*(X)$ , i.e. it is integral.

- The above argument reproves the statement that the restriction to  $X^{\mathbb{T}}$  is an isomorphism after tensoring with  $K$ .
- It is enough to invert the weights appearing in the normal bundles  $\nu_F$ .
- We do not have to assume that  $X$  is compact. It is enough to know that  $X^{\mathbb{T}}$  is compact and  $X$  is formal.

**6.12** [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 5, §2] AB-BV integration formula: Let  $p_X : X \rightarrow pt$  be the constant map. With the assumption as above

$$\int_X a := (p_X)_*(a) = \sum_F (p_F)_* \left( \frac{i_F^*(a)}{e(\nu(F))} \right) \in \Lambda.$$

- The sum is in  $\Lambda$  although the summands belong to  $K$ .
- If  $|X^{\mathbb{T}}| < \infty$

$$\int_X a = \sum_{p \in X^{\mathbb{T}}} \frac{a|_p}{e(T_p X)}$$

**6.13** Example [Anderson-Fulton, Ch 5, Ex. 2.5]  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . Let  $h = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))$ :

- Subexample,  $n = 1$

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^1} h = \frac{-t_0}{t_1 - t_0} + \frac{-t_1}{t_0 - t_1} = \dots = 1.$$

- In general

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{P}^n} h^{k+n} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-t_i)^{k+n}}{\prod_{j \neq i} (t_j - t_i)} \\ &= (-1)^k \sum_{i=0}^n \operatorname{Res}_{z=t_i} \frac{z^{k+n}}{\prod_{j=1}^n (z - t_j)} = \dots \end{aligned}$$

The result is:

$$(-1)^k S_k(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n) = (-1)^k \sum_{\ell_0 + \ell_1 + \dots + \ell_n = k} t_0^{\ell_0} t_1^{\ell_1} \dots t_n^{\ell_n}$$

i.e. the *complete symmetric function*.

- Exercise: Check at least that  $\int_{\mathbb{P}^n} h^n = 1$ .

### Application to compute Euler characteristic of holomorphic bundles.

**6.14** Riemann-Roch theorem: Let  $E$  be a holomorphic bundle over a compact complex manifold, then

$$\chi(X; E) = \int_X td(TX) ch(E).$$

- Remainder: the Todd class  $td$  is a multiplicative characteristic class i.e.  $td(E \oplus F) = td(E)td(F)$  and for a line bundle  $td(L) = \frac{t}{1-e^{-t}}$ , where  $t = c_1(L)$ .

• If a torus  $\mathbb{T}$  acts on  $X$  with a finite number of fixed points, and  $E$  is a vector bundle admitting  $\mathbb{T}$  action, the  $td(TX)$  and  $ch(E)$  naturally lift to equivariant cohomology (via Borel construction). Then

$$\chi(X; E) = \sum_{x \in X^{\mathbb{T}}} \frac{i_x^*(td(TX)ch(E))}{e(T_x X)}.$$

- For simplicity assume that  $E = L$  is a line bundle. Each summand is equal to

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{w_{x,i}}{1-e^{-w_{x,i}}}}{\prod_{i=1}^n w_{x,i}} e^{\alpha_x} = \frac{e^{\alpha_x}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - e^{-w_{x,i}})},$$

where  $w_{x,i}$  are the weights of the  $\mathbb{T}$  action on the tangent space  $T_x X$  and  $\alpha_x$  is the weight of  $\mathbb{T}$  acting on  $L_x$ .

- Exercise: compute from above  $\chi(\mathbb{P}^n; \mathcal{O}(k))$ .

## 7 Flag variety and flag bundles

[Anderson-Fulton, Ch.4, §4]

**7.1** Let  $E \rightarrow B$  be a complex vector bundle of rank  $n$ ,  $\pi : \mathcal{F}\ell(E) \rightarrow B$  the associated bundle of complete flag varieties. A point of  $\mathcal{F}\ell(E)$  mapping to  $x \in B$  is a sequence

$$V_\bullet = \{0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \dots \subset V_n = E_x \mid \dim(V_i) = i\}.$$

The quotients  $L_i = V_i/V_{i-1}$  with  $V_\bullet$  varying form a line bundle. Let  $x_i = c_1(L_i)$ .

**7.2 Theorem.** Cohomology  $H^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(E))$  is generated by  $x_i$  as a  $H^*(B)$  algebra:

$$H^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(E)) \simeq H^*(B)[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]/I,$$

where  $I$  is the ideal generated by

$$\sigma_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - \pi^* c_i(E) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

so that in  $H^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(E))$

$$\pi^*(c(E)) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i).$$

**7.3** The proof by induction.

- For  $n = 1$ :  $\mathcal{F}\ell(E) = B$ ,  $H^*(B)[x_1]/(x_1 - c_1(E)) = H^*(B)$ .
- Let  $B' = \mathbb{P}(E)$  with the projection to  $B$  denoted by  $p$ . The bundle  $p^*(E)$  fits to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-1) \rightarrow p^*(E) \rightarrow E'.$$

By the projective bundle theorem

$$H^*(B') \simeq H^*(B)[h]/\left(\sum_{i=0}^n h^i p^*(c_{n-i}(E))\right).$$

Here  $h = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))$ . By Whitney formula

$$c(E') = p^*(c(E))(1 - h)^{-1},$$

i.e.

$$c_k(E') = \sum_{i=0}^k h^i p^*(c_{k-i}(E)).$$

(The expression for  $0 = c_n(E')$  is exactly the relation in the Projective Bundle Theorem,.) We identify the flag bundle  $\mathcal{F}\ell(E')$  with  $\mathcal{F}\ell(E)$ . The generators in cohomology of  $\mathcal{F}\ell(E)$  correspond to generators for  $\mathcal{F}\ell(E')$ :

$$x_1 = -h, \quad x_2 = x'_1, \quad x_3 = x'_2 \quad \dots \quad x_n = x'_{n-1}.$$

We have by the inductive assumption

$$H^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(E')) \simeq H^*(B)[h, x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_{n-1}]/J$$

$$J = \left\langle \pi'^*(c_i(E')) - \sigma_i(x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_n) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \sum_{i=0}^n h^i \pi'^* c_{n-i}(E) \right\rangle.$$

It is enough to change the name of variables and conclude that  $J = I$ .

- The inclusion  $I \subset J$  follows since (topologically)  $E \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n L_i$ .
- Example:  $n = 4$ . The generator of  $J$  (we drop pull-backs in the notation)

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(E') - \sigma_1(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) &= c_1(E) - x_1 - \sigma_1(x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ c_2(E') - \sigma_2(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) &= c_2(E) - x_1 c_1(E) + x_1^2 - \sigma_2(x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ c_3(E') - \sigma_3(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) &= c_3(E) - x_1 c_2(E) + x_1^2 c_1(E) - x_1^3 - \sigma_3(x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ c_4(E) - x_1 c_3(E) + x_1^2 c_2(E) - x_1^3 c_1(E) + x_1^4 & \end{aligned}$$

We perform computations in  $H^*(B)[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]/I$ . By induction show that the generators of  $J$  are trivial. We abbreviate  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  by  $\underline{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(E') - \sigma_1(\underline{x}') &= c_1(E) - x_1 - \sigma_1(\underline{x}') = c_1(E) - \sigma_1(\underline{x}) \\ c_2(E') - \sigma_2(\underline{x}') &= c_2(E) - x_1 \sigma_1(\underline{x}) + x_1^2 - \sigma_2(\underline{x}') = c_2(E) - \sigma_2(\underline{x}) \\ c_3(E') - \sigma_3(\underline{x}') &= c_3(E) - x_1 \sigma_2(\underline{x}) + x_1^2 \sigma_1(\underline{x}) - x_1^3 - \sigma_3(\underline{x}') = c_3(E) - \sigma_3(\underline{x}) \\ c_4(E) - x_1 \sigma_3(\underline{x}) + x_1^2 \sigma_2(\underline{x}) - x_1^3 \sigma_1(\underline{x}) + x_1^4 &= c_4(E) - \sigma_4(\underline{x}) \end{aligned}$$

We apply the formula

$$\sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i x_1^i \sigma_{k-i}(\underline{x}) = \sigma_k(\underline{x}')$$

and for the last row

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i x_1^i \sigma_{n-i}(\underline{x}) = 0$$

- Conceptually: the relations in  $J$  say that  $c(E)(1+x_1)^{-1}$  lives in the gradations  $< n$  and  $c(E)(1+x_1)^{-1} = \prod_{k=2}^n (1+x_k)$ . That follows from the identities of  $I$ .

**7.4 Corollary:** Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be the maximal torus in  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  acting on

$$\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n) = \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})/(\text{upper-triangular}) \simeq U(n)/(U(n) \cap \mathbb{T}).$$

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \Lambda[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]/\langle \sigma_i(\underline{t}) - \sigma_i(\underline{x}) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n \rangle.$$

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \Lambda \otimes_{\Lambda^{\Sigma_n}} \Lambda.$$

- Note

$$H_{\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})}^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \Lambda.$$

**7.5** [Anderson-Fulton, Ch. 4, §5] For Grassmannian  $Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$  the computation follows. The projection  $\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$  induces the inclusion

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)) \hookrightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \Lambda \otimes_{\Lambda^{\Sigma_n}} \Lambda,$$

(as for any locally-Zariski trivial fibration). The image lies in

$$\Lambda \otimes_{\Lambda^{\Sigma_n}} \Lambda^{\Sigma_k \times \Sigma_{n-k}}.$$

By a dimension consideration there is an isomorphism

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \Lambda \otimes_{\Lambda^{\Sigma_n}} \Lambda^{\Sigma_k \times \Sigma_{n-k}}.$$

- It follows that for any vector bundle  $E \rightarrow B$  of rank  $n$

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(E) \simeq H^*(B)[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k, c'_1, c'_2, \dots, c'_{n-k}]/I.$$

The ideal  $I$  is generated by the homogeneous components of the identity

$$(1 + c_1 + \dots + c_k)(1 + c'_1 + \dots + c'_{n-k}) = c(E).$$

**7.6** We denote the group of invertible upper-triangular matrices by  $B_n$ . The fixed points of  $\mathbb{T}$  acting on  $\mathcal{F}\ell_n = GL_n(\mathbb{C})/B_n$  are given by the permutation matrices. The identity corresponds to the standard flag  $V_0$ . The quotient map  $GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\ell_n$  is  $\mathbb{T}$  equivariant with respect to the action of  $\mathbb{T}$  on  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  by conjugation. The tangent space of  $\mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n) = GL_n(\mathbb{C})/B_n$  at the point  $[id]$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{gl}_n/\mathfrak{b}$  with the adjoint action of the torus. The weights are  $t_j - t_i$  for  $i < j$ . At the remaining points corresponding to permutations the weights differ by the action of the permutation.

**7.7** Let  $X = \mathcal{F}\ell(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . We will apply AB-BV formula to integrate the class  $\prod_{i=1}^n c_1(L_i)^{\alpha_i}$  for some choice of exponents  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- The integration formula is of the form

$$(\star) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_n} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n t_{\sigma(i)}^{\alpha_i}}{\prod_{i < j} (t_{\sigma(j)} - t_{\sigma(i)})} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} t_1^{\alpha_1} & t_1^{\alpha_2} & \dots & t_1^{\alpha_n} \\ t_2^{\alpha_1} & t_2^{\alpha_2} & \dots & t_2^{\alpha_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_n^{\alpha_1} & t_n^{\alpha_2} & \dots & t_n^{\alpha_n} \end{vmatrix}}{\text{Vandermonde}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)}$$

If  $\alpha_i$  is decreasing then we obtain the Schur function  $S_{\lambda}$  indexed by the sequence  $\lambda_i$  obtained as below

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \alpha_1 & > & \alpha_2 & > & \alpha_3 & > & \dots & > & \alpha_n \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ \lambda_1 + n - 1 & & \lambda_2 + n - 2 & & \lambda_3 + n - 3 & & \dots & & \lambda_n \\ & & & & \alpha_k = \lambda_k + n - k & & & & \end{array}$$

The Schur functions in  $n$  variables for  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0)$  form an additive basis of symmetric functions

$$S_{\lambda} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} t_1^{n-1+\lambda_1} & t_1^{n-2+\lambda_2} & \dots & t_1^{\lambda_n} \\ t_2^{n-1+\lambda_1} & t_2^{n-2+\lambda_2} & \dots & t_2^{\lambda_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_n^{n-1+\lambda_1} & t_n^{n-2+\lambda_2} & \dots & t_n^{\lambda_n} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} t_1^{n-1} & t_1^{n-2} & \dots & 1 \\ t_2^{n-1} & t_2^{n-2} & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_n^{n-1} & t_n^{n-2} & \dots & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \pm \frac{\text{Generalized Undermined}}{\text{Vandermonde}}$$

It is equal  $(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}(\star)$ .

**7.8** Exercise (but maybe not for this course): Check that

$$S_\lambda = \det (h_{\lambda_i + j - i})_{i,j=1,\dots,\text{length}(\lambda)}$$

where  $h_i$  is the complete symmetric function and  $h_i = 0$  for  $i < 0$ .

• The fixed points of  $G(k, n)$  are the coordinate subspaces (exercise), they correspond to  $k$ -element subsets of  $\underline{n} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . The weights at the point corresponding to  $I_0 = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  can be computed from the isomorphism

$$T_{I_0}G(k, n) \simeq \mathfrak{gl}_n/\mathfrak{p}$$

where.  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Lie}(P)$ ,  $P$  is the stabilizer of  $\text{lin}\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_k\}$ . This set is equal to

$$\{t_j - t_i \mid i \leq k < j\}.$$

• At the point  $p_I$  corresponding to the set  $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  the set of weights is equal to  $\{t_j - t_i\}_{i \in I, j \notin I}$ .

**7.9** Let  $a \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(G(k, n))$  be given by a polynomial  $W(c_1(\gamma), c_2(\gamma), \dots, c_k(\gamma), c_1(Q), c_2(Q), \dots, c_{n-k}(Q))$  written as a polynomial in  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , symmetric with respect to  $\Sigma_k \times \Sigma_{n-k}$ . Then

$$\int_{G(k,n)} a = \sum_{I \subset \underline{n} \mid |I|=k} \frac{W(t_I, t_{I^V})}{\prod_{i \in I} \prod_{j \in I^V} (t_j - t_i)}$$

where  $I^V = \underline{n} \setminus I$ .

**7.10** Let  $L = \Lambda^k \gamma^*$  be the top exterior power of the dual tautological bundle on  $G(k, n)$ . (This bundle is the pull-back of  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  for the Plücker embedding).

• Exercise: Compute the degree of  $G(k, n)$  under Plücker embedding: let  $m = \dim(G(k, n)) = k(m-k)$

$$\int_{G(k,n)} c_1(L)^m = (-1)^m \sum_{I \subset \underline{n} \mid |I|=k} \frac{(\sum_{i \in I} t_i)^m}{\prod_{i \in I} \prod_{j \in I^V} (t_j - t_i)}.$$

• In particular

$$\frac{(t_1 + t_2)^4}{(t_3 - t_1)(t_4 - t_1)(t_3 - t_2)(t_4 - t_2)} + \text{other 5 summands} = 2.$$

Check it.

**7.11** Tangent bundle of the Grassmannian  $Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n) = G(k, n)$ : let  $\gamma \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbb{1}^n$  be the tautological bundle and let  $Q = \mathbb{1}^n/\gamma$  be the quotient bundle. There is an equivariant isomorphism

$$TG(k, n) \simeq \text{Hom}(\gamma, Q).$$

• Proof. We define a map of vector bundles

$$\text{Hom}(\gamma, \mathbb{1}^n) \rightarrow TG(k, n)$$

constructing a curve: for  $V \in G(k, n)$  let  $f \in \text{Hom}(V, \mathbb{1}^n)$ . The curve  $x_f : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow G(k, n)$  is given by

$$x_f(t) = \text{image}(\iota + tf) \in G(k, n)$$

(well defined for small  $t$ ). The bundle map is given by

$$\Phi(f) = \dot{x}_f(0).$$

This map invariant with respect to automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . At a point  $V \in G(k, n)$  decompose  $\mathbb{C}^n = V \oplus W$ . In the affine neighbourhood of  $V$

$$\{V' \in G(k, n) \mid V' \text{ is transverse to } W\}$$

every element is a graph of a map  $V \rightarrow W$ . The kernel of  $\Phi$  is equal to  $\text{Hom}(\gamma, \gamma) \subset \text{Hom}(\gamma, \mathbb{1}^n)$  (i.e. at the point  $V$  the kernel is equal to  $\text{Hom}(V, V) \subset \text{Hom}(V, V \oplus W)$ ). Thus we have (equivariant) short exact sequence of bundles

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\gamma, \gamma) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\gamma, \mathbb{1}^n) \xrightarrow{\Phi} TG(k, n) \rightarrow 0$$

Hence

$$TG(k, n) \simeq \text{Hom}(\gamma, Q).$$

## 8 Application of the integration formula

**8.1** Let  $\mathbb{T} \subset B \subset \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the diagonal torus,  $B$  – the group of upper-triangular matrices. For a character  $e^\lambda : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  define a line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda = \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}) \times^B \mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$ . Here  $B$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}_{-\lambda}$  via the surjection  $B \rightarrow \mathbb{T} \xrightarrow{e^{-\lambda}} \mathbb{C}^*$ . If  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , then the diagonal torus acts via the multiplication by  $t^{-\lambda_1} t^{-\lambda_2} \dots t^{-\lambda_n}$ .

- If  $n = 2$ , then for  $\lambda = (1, 0)$  the bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .
- Borel-Weil-Bott theorem: Suppose  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ , then  $V_\lambda = H^0(G/B; \mathcal{L}_\lambda)$  is an irreducible representation of  $\text{GL}_m(\mathbb{C})$  and  $H^k(G/B; \mathcal{L}_\lambda) = 0$  for  $k > 0$ , [Fulton-Harris, p.392-394]

**8.2** Character of a representation  $V$  is denoted by  $\chi_V$ , it is the function from  $G = \text{GL}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ :

$$\chi_V(g) = \text{tr}(g : V \rightarrow V).$$

- Since  $\chi_V(g) = \chi_V(hgh^{-1})$  the values of  $\chi_V$  on the maximal torus determine  $\chi_V$ .
- Let  $R(\text{GL}(n))$  be the representation ring. The map

$$\chi : R(\text{GL}(n)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, t_2^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}]^{\Sigma_n}$$

is an isomorphism after  $\otimes \mathbb{C}$ .

**8.3** The construction of the representation ring is generalized to the equivariant K-theory of an algebraic variety (or to any category with exact sequences)

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$$K_G(X) = \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}[\text{Isomorphism classes of equivariant vector bundles}] / (\text{short exact sequences})$$

$$0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow E_3 \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [E_2] = [E_1] + [E_3].$$

- We take the algebraic version of the K-theory, but there is a variant for topological spaces.
- If complex algebraic group  $G$  is reductive (all representations split into a direct sum of irreducible representations), then  $K_G(pt) = R(G)$ . We will consider  $G$  reductive only, e.g.  $G = \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ .



**8.4** Instead of vector bundles we can take the isomorphism classes of coherent sheaves. If  $X$  is smooth, then we obtain isomorphic K-theory.

**8.5** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper  $G$ -equivariant map of smooth algebraic  $G$ -varieties. We define  $f_! : K_G(X) \rightarrow K_G(Y)$

$$f_!(E) = \sum_{k=0}^{\dim X} (-1)^k [R^k f_*(E)]$$

• The sheaf  $R^k f_*(E)$  is a coherent sheaf, should be replaced by its resolution by locally free sheaves, i.e. by vector bundles. We take  $Y = pt$ , then

$$f_!(E) = \sum_{k=0}^{\dim X} (-1)^k H^k(X; E) \in R(G) \simeq K_G(pt).$$

**8.6** Equivariant Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch theorem. Let  $G$  be an algebraic group acting on  $X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_G(X) & \xrightarrow{td(X)ch(-)} & \hat{H}_G^*(X) \\ f_! \downarrow & & \downarrow f_* \\ R(G) \simeq K_G(pt) & \xrightarrow{ch} & \hat{H}_G(pt) \end{array}$$

Here  $ch : R(G) \rightarrow \hat{H}_G(pt)$  maps a representation  $V$  to  $ch(EG \times^G V)$ . We need to take

$$\hat{H}_G^*(pt) := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} H_G^k(pt)$$

since the Chern character lives in infinite gradations.

• If  $G = \mathbb{T}$  the image of  $ch : R(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \hat{H}^*\mathbb{T}(pt) = \mathbb{Z}[[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]]$  lies in the ring of Laurent polynomial  $\mathbb{Z}[e^{\pm t_1}, e^{\pm t_2}, \dots, e^{\pm t_n}]$ .

**8.7** There is a coincidence of standard notations:

- $\chi(X; \mathcal{L})$  = Euler characteristic of  $G/B$  with coefficients in the sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$
- if a group  $G$  acts on  $X$ , then naturally  $\chi(X; \mathcal{L}) \in R(G)$ .
- $\chi(V) = \chi_V \in R(G)$  character of a representation.

**8.8** We will compute the character of the representation  $V_\lambda$  using localization theorem for  $\mathbb{T}$ -equivariant cohomology.

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\mathcal{F}\ell_n; \mathcal{L}_\lambda) &= \sum_{p \in (\mathcal{F}\ell_n)^T} \frac{td(T\mathcal{F}\ell_n)|_p}{eu(T\mathcal{F}\ell_n)|_p} ch(\mathcal{L}_\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_n} \frac{1}{\prod_{i < j} (1 - e^{-(t_{\sigma(j)} - t_{\sigma(i)})})} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\lambda_i t_{\sigma(i)}}. \end{aligned}$$

With new variables  $x_i = e^{-t_i}$ :

$$\chi(\mathcal{F}\ell_n; \mathcal{L}_\lambda) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_n} \frac{1}{\prod_{i < j} (1 - x_{\sigma(j)}/x_{\sigma(i)})} \prod_{i=1}^n x_{\sigma(i)}^{\lambda_i}.$$

We introduce the notation

$$x^\lambda = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\lambda_i}, \quad \sigma(x^\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_{\sigma(i)}^{\lambda_i},$$

$$x^\rho = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{n-i+1}, \quad x^{\lambda+\rho} = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\lambda_i+n-i+1}.$$

Then

$$\chi_{V_\lambda} = \chi(\mathcal{F}\ell_n; \mathcal{L}_\lambda) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_n} \frac{\sigma(x^{\lambda+\rho})}{\prod_{i < j} (x_{\sigma(i)} - x_{\sigma(j)})} = S_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

- This is Weyl character formula describing the character of the representation  $V_\lambda$

### Goresky-Kottwitz-MacPherson: GKM spaces

**8.9** Lemma [Chang, Skjelbred]. Suppose a torus acts on a topological space. Let  $F = X^\mathbb{T}$  and let  $Y$  be the sum of  $F$  and 1-dimensional orbits. Assume that  $X$  is equivariantly formal space. Then the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(F) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{*+1}(Y, F)$$

is exact.

- The lemma is equivalent to:

$$\ker(H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(F) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{*+1}(Y, F)) = \ker(H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(F) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{*+1}(X, F)).$$

- We do not prove CS Lemma in full generality (see Matthias Franz, Volker Puppe, Exact sequences for equivariantly formal spaces, arXiv:math/0307112 ). The proof will be given for spaces, which are of special interest for geometers.

**8.10** Definition of GKM-space: The torus  $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^r$  acting algebraically on  $X$  – a compact algebraic variety (there is a topological version as well). We assume  $\dim |X^\mathbb{T}| < \infty$  and there are only finitely many 1-dimensional orbits. We assume that  $X$  is equivariantly formal, e.g.  $X$  is smooth.

**8.11** Assume  $X$  is smooth  $|X^\mathbb{T}| < \infty$ . For any  $x \in X^\mathbb{T}$  no two weights of  $T_x X$  are proportional if and only if there are only finitely many 1-dimensional orbits.

**8.12** Graph GKM  $(V, E, w)$ ,

- $V = X^\mathbb{T}$  vertices
- $E$  edges = 1-dimensional orbits. After fixing an isomorphism of the orbit with  $\mathbb{C}^*$  we get an oriented graph
- edges are labeled with weights  $w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  of the action of  $\mathbb{T}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^* \simeq \text{orbit}$ .

**All cohomologies are with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .**

**8.13** Basic Lemma: suppose  $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $\mathbb{T}$  acts via  $w \in \mathfrak{t}^* \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^2(pt)$ . Then

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) = \{(u_0, u_\infty) \in \Lambda^2 \mid u_0 \equiv u_\infty \pmod{w}\}$$

- It follows from the long exact sequence of the pair  $(\mathbb{P}^1, \{0, \infty\})$ , since

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^1, \{0, \infty\}) \simeq \Lambda/(w) \quad \text{with a shift of gradation by 1.}$$

8.14 Description of  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  for GKM-spaces:

$$0 \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in F} \Lambda \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1\text{-orbits}} \Lambda / (w_\ell)$$

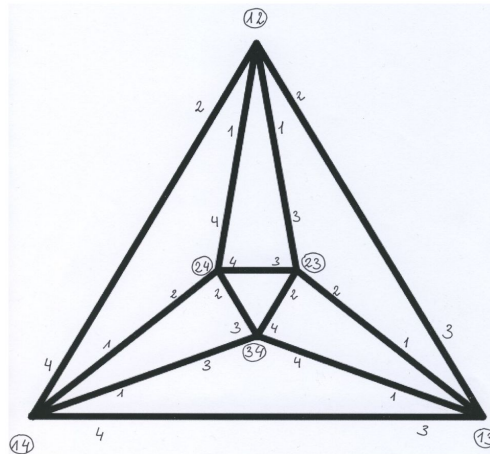
8.15 GKM-algebra associated with a graph  $(V, E, w : E \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)$

$$A(V, E, w) := \ker \left( \bigoplus_{v \in V} \Lambda \rightarrow \bigoplus_{e \in E} \Lambda / (w_\ell) \right)$$

$$\{a_v\}_{v \in V} \mapsto \{a_{t(e)} - a_{s(e)}\}_{e \in E}$$

(this description does not depend on the orientation of edges)

- The GKM-graph of Grassmannian  $Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$



The weight associated to the edge with numbers  $i \dots j$  is equal to  $t_i - t_j$  or  $t_j - t_i$  depending on the choice of the orientation.

8.16 Original reference: Goresky-Kottwitz-MacPherson Equivariant cohomology, Koszul duality, and the localization theorem, Invent. math. 131, (1998). See [Anderson-Fulton, §7].

## 9 GKM spaces, differential model of equivariant cohomology

9.1 GKM graphs of Grassmannians  $Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ :

- vertices  $V$ : fixed points are the coordinate subspaces; bijection with subsets  $I \subset \{1..n\}$
- edges  $E$  if  $I$  differs from  $J$  by one element; say  $i \in I$  is replaced by  $j \in J$ , then let

$$W = \text{lin}\{\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_k \mid k \in I \cap J\}.$$

The stabilizer of  $W$  has the equation  $t_i = t_j$ . Hence the orbit of  $W$  is 1-dimensional, with the weight equal to  $t_i - t_j$ .

- Exercise: there are no other edges.

9.2 Moment map: GKM-graph of the Grassmannian can be realized in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $m = \binom{n}{k}$ , we identify  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with  $\wedge^k \mathbb{R}^m$ :

- We have a map:

$$Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n) \xrightarrow{\text{Plücker}} \mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n) = \mathbb{P}^m \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where

$$\mu : [\dots, z_I, \dots] \mapsto \frac{1}{\|z\|^2}(\dots, |z_I|, \dots) \mapsto \frac{1}{|z|^2}(\dots, \sum_{I \ni i} |z_I|^2, \dots).$$

This map is the composition of the standard moment map from  $\mathbb{P}^m$  to  $m$ -dimensional simplex

$$[\dots : z_1 : \dots] \mapsto \frac{1}{\|z\|^2}(\dots, |z_I|^2, \dots)$$

with a linear map  $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

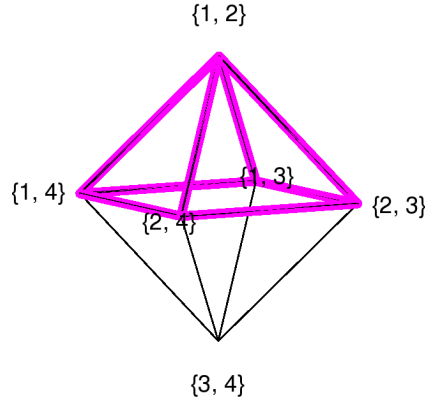
- The 1-dimensional orbits are mapped to intervals.
- The image is contained in  $\{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m\} = k$ .
- For  $\mathbb{P}^n$  the GKM graph is the 1-skeleton of the standard  $n$ -simplex.
- For  $n = 4, m = 2$  we get octahedron in  $\{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 2\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2 &\mapsto (1, 1, 0, 0) \\ \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_3 &\mapsto (1, 0, 1, 0) \\ \varepsilon_1 \wedge \varepsilon_4 &\mapsto (1, 0, 0, 1) \\ \varepsilon_2 \wedge \varepsilon_3 &\mapsto (0, 1, 1, 0) \\ \varepsilon_2 \wedge \varepsilon_4 &\mapsto (0, 1, 0, 1) \\ \varepsilon_3 \wedge \varepsilon_4 &\mapsto (0, 0, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

- It will follow from differential methods, that the GKM graph of a projective manifold is canonically realized as a graph in  $\mathfrak{t}^*$ .

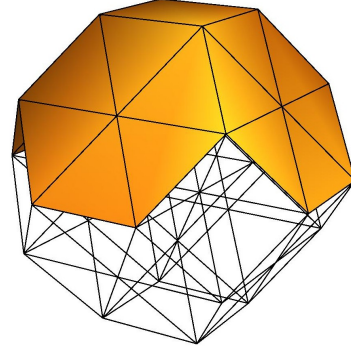
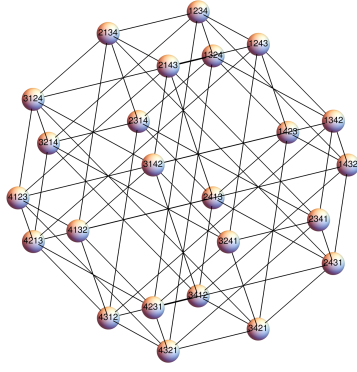
**9.3** If  $X$  is smooth of dimension  $n$ , then there are  $n$  edges at each vertex. For singular spaces can be more edges from one vertex:

- GKM graph for the Schubert variety  $X_1 = \{W \in Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^4) \mid W \cap \text{lin}\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\} \neq 0\}$ . The point  $\{1, 2\}$  is singular.



#### 9.4 GKM-graph for the flag variety $\mathcal{F}\ell(n)$

- The vertices  $V$  are labeled by permutations
  - Since  $\mathcal{F}\ell(n) \subset \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$  we see that one dimensional orbits join permutations if and only if permutations differ by a transposition  $\tau_{i,j}$
  - One can realize the GKM graph in  $\{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . The permutation  $\sigma \mapsto (\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n))$ .
- Note that there are internal edges.
- For  $n = 4$



## Proof of Chang-Skjelbred lemma for smooth GKM spaces.

### 9.5 Notation:

- $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt) = \Lambda = \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_r]$
- $w : \text{Edges} \rightarrow \Lambda = \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_r], \ell \mapsto w_\ell$
- $\phi \in \Lambda$  the least common multiple of all weights appearing as in the stabilizers (up to a coefficient in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). For each weight appearing in the product let  $\psi_w := \phi/w$ .

• Let  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_s$  be a basis over  $\Lambda$  of the free module  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$ . By the first localization theorem  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}}) \simeq \bigoplus_{x \in X^{\mathbb{T}}} \Lambda$ . The isomorphism is induced by the inclusion  $\iota : X^{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow X$ . The set  $\iota^* \varepsilon_1, \iota^* \varepsilon_2, \dots, \iota^* \varepsilon_s$  is a basis of  $K \otimes_{\Lambda} H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}})$  over the quotient field  $K = (\Lambda)$ . Any element  $\underline{u} \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}})$  can be written as

$$\underline{u} = \{u_x\}_{x \in X^{\mathbb{T}}} = \sum \frac{r_i}{s_i} \iota^* \varepsilon_i,$$

i.e. a sum of the basis vectors with the coefficients presented as irreducible fractions  $\frac{r_i}{s_i}$  (it is unique up to a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factor). The denominators  $s_i$  are products of  $w_\ell$ 's.

**Goal:** Show that the coefficients  $\frac{r_i}{s_i}$  are integral, i.e.  $s_i = 1$ , provided that the divisibility condition is satisfied.

**9.6** Suppose  $\underline{u} \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X^{\mathbb{T}}) \simeq \bigoplus_{x \in X^{\mathbb{T}}} \Lambda$  satisfies the divisibility condition

$$w_\ell \mid u_{s(\ell)} - u_{t(\ell)},$$

where  $s(\ell)$  is the source, and  $t(\ell)$  is the target of the edge in the GKM graph.

- Define

$$X_w = X^{\mathbb{T}} \cup (\text{sum of the orbits with } \mathbb{T}\text{-action via } kw, k \in \mathbb{Q}).$$

With our assumptions  $X_w = X^{\mathbb{T}} \cup$ (disjoint union of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's)

We claim, that the product of  $\psi_w \underline{u}$  belongs to the image of  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X_w)$  in  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$ .

- Proof of the claim:

— If no edges adjacent to  $x$  is proportional to  $w$ , then  $x$  is isolated in  $X_w$ . Then  $\psi_w u_x$  is equal to  $(\iota_x)_*(\frac{\psi_w}{e(x)} u_x)$ , where  $e(x)$  is the Euler class at  $x$  and  $\frac{\psi_w}{e(x)} \in \Lambda$ .

— If  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by the edge  $\ell$  i.e. an orbit with  $\mathbb{T}$ -action having the weight  $w_\ell = qw, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $e(\nu_x) = \frac{e(x)}{qw} \in \Lambda$  i  $e(\nu_y) = \frac{e(y)}{qw} \in \Lambda$  are the Euler classes of the normal bundle of the closure<sup>2</sup> of the orbit  $\simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ :

$$\nu = f_\ell^*(TX) - T\mathbb{P}^1, \quad f_\ell : \mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow X \quad e(\nu) = f_\ell^*(e(TX))/e(T\mathbb{P}^1).$$

<sup>2</sup>In fact one has to take the normalization of the orbit.

Hence

$$e(\nu_x) = e(\nu_y) \pmod{w} \quad (2)$$

Let  $\alpha_x = \frac{\psi_w}{e(\nu_x)} \in \Lambda$ ,  $\alpha_y = \frac{\psi_w}{e(\nu_y)} \in \Lambda$ . We have  $\alpha_x e(\nu_x) = \alpha_y e(\nu_y)$ , and  $w$  is not proportional to any factor of that. From (2) it follows

$$\alpha_x = \alpha_y \pmod{w}.$$

Since by the assumption

$$u_x = u_y \pmod{w}$$

we have

$$\alpha_x u_x = \alpha_y u_y \pmod{w}.$$

We deduce that  $\{\alpha_x u_x, \alpha_y u_y\}$  defines an element of the cohomology of the closure of the orbit joining  $x$  with  $y$ . The push-forward to  $X$  restricted to  $x$  is equal to  $\psi_w u_x$  and restricted to  $y$  respectively  $\psi_w u_y$ .

◇

**9.7 The end of the proof of CS Lemma:** The coefficients of  $\psi_w \underline{u} = \sum \frac{\psi_w r_i}{s_i} \iota^* \varepsilon_i$  belong to  $\Lambda$ . The weight  $w$  does not divide  $\psi_w$ , hence  $w$  does not divide  $s_i$ . Since  $w$  was arbitrary,  $s_i = 1$ . Finally we conclude that  $\underline{u} = \iota^* (\sum r_i \varepsilon_i)$ .

□

## Differential model of equivariant cohomology — an overview of the next few lectures

**9.8** A model of  $\Omega^*(E\mathbb{T})$ : It should be a differential graded algebra  $A^\bullet$

- a module over  $H^*(B\mathbb{T}) \simeq \text{Sym}^\bullet(\mathfrak{t}^*) = \text{Polynomials}(\mathfrak{t})$
- acyclic, i.e.  $H^*(A^\bullet) \simeq H^*(pt) \simeq \mathbb{R}$
- an action of  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$  lowering degree by one - an analogue of the contraction of a form with the vector field generated by  $\lambda$ .
- Economic solution: the Weil algebra  $W^\bullet(\mathfrak{t}) := \text{Sym}^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^*$ . For  $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}^* = \wedge^1 \mathfrak{t}^* = \text{Sym}^1 \mathfrak{t}^*$

$$1 \otimes \xi \in W^1(\mathfrak{t}), \quad \xi \otimes 1 \in W^2(\mathfrak{t}).$$

To define the differential let us fix a basis of  $\mathfrak{t}$ :  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r$  and the dual basis of  $\mathfrak{t}^*$ :  $\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*, \dots, \alpha_r^*$ . For  $f \in \text{Sym}^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^*$ ,  $\xi \in \wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^*$

$$d(f \otimes \xi) := \sum_{i=1}^r f \cdot \alpha_i^* \otimes \iota_{\alpha_i} \xi,$$

where  $\iota_{\alpha_i}$  is the contraction of the form  $\xi$  with the vector  $\alpha_i$

- Exercise: show that  $d^2 = 0$  and that the differential does not depend on the choice of a basis.
- Example  $n = 1$ . Let  $\xi = \alpha_1^*$ :

$$W(\mathfrak{t}) \simeq \mathbb{R}[t] \otimes (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}\xi)$$

$$d(t^k \otimes \xi) = t^{k+1} \otimes 1, \quad d(t^k \otimes 1) = 0$$

**9.9** There is a map from  $W^\bullet(\mathfrak{t})$  to the forms on approximations of  $E\mathbb{T}$ :

$$\Omega^\bullet(E\mathbb{T}) := \lim_{\leftarrow m} \Omega^\bullet((\mathbb{C}^m \setminus \{0\})^r)$$

sending the generators of  $\text{Sym}^\bullet(\mathfrak{t}^*)$  to pull-backs of forms living on  $B\mathbb{T}$  and the generators of  $\wedge^\bullet(\mathfrak{t}^*)$  to connection forms. (It will be explained later.)

**9.10** Similarly to the model of  $\Omega^\bullet(EG)$  a model of  $\Omega^\bullet(E\mathbb{T} \times^\mathbb{T} X)$  is obtained. The exterior algebra  $\wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^*$  which serve as  $H^*(\mathbb{T}) = \Omega^\bullet(\mathbb{T})^\mathbb{T}$  is replaced by  $\Omega^\bullet(X)^\mathbb{T}$ . The complex of twisted differential forms is defined as

$$Sym^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \Omega^\bullet(X)^\mathbb{T}$$

with the differential  $\tilde{d}$ , which is a map of  $Sym^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^*$ -modules. For a form  $\alpha \in \Omega^k(X)^\mathbb{T}$  let

$$\tilde{d}(1 \otimes \alpha) \in \mathbb{R} \otimes \Omega^{k+1}(X)^\mathbb{T} \oplus \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \Omega^{k-1}(X)^\mathbb{T}$$

$$\tilde{d}(1 \otimes \alpha) = 1 \otimes d\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^* \otimes \iota_{v_\lambda} \alpha,$$

where  $v_\lambda$  is the fundamental field generated by  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$ .

**9.11** If  $\mathbb{T} = S^1$  then we obtain the model constructed by Witten. The equivariant differential forms are defined as  $Sym^\bullet \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \Omega^\bullet(X)^\mathbb{T} = \Omega^\bullet(X)^\mathbb{T}[h]$ , i.e. polynomials in  $h$  with coefficients in  $\Omega^\bullet(X)^\mathbb{T}$ . The standard differential is perturbed by the contraction

$$\tilde{d}(\alpha) = d\alpha - h\iota_v \alpha.$$

We think of  $h$  as something very small.

- From the Cartan formula expressing the Lie derivative  $\mathcal{L}_v = \iota_v d + d\iota_v$  we compute  $\tilde{d} = 0$ .

## 10 De Rham model of equivariant cohomology

Main reference:

Atiyah, M. F.; Bott, R. *The moment map and equivariant cohomology*, Topology 23 (1984), no. 1, 1-28.

Text-book: Guillemin, Victor W.; Sternberg, Shlomo. *Supersymmetry and equivariant de Rham theory*. Springer, 1999

**10.1** Basics about differential forms  $\Omega^\bullet(M)$  on a  $C^\infty$  manifolds

- $(\Omega^\bullet(M), d)$  is a CDGA i.e. a graded-commutative algebra with a differential satisfying the Leibniz rule

- vector fields act on forms: for  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  there is a contraction operator:

$$\iota_X : \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M).$$

such that for a function  $f \in \Omega^0(M) = C^\infty(M)$

$$\iota_X df = Xf.$$

The contraction is an odd derivative

$$\iota_X(a \wedge b) = \iota_X a \wedge b + (-1)^{\deg a} a \wedge \iota_X b,$$

$$\iota_X \circ \iota_X = 0.$$

- Lie derivative  $\mathcal{L}_X$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_X f = Xf, \quad \text{for } f \in \Omega^0(M),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_X(a \wedge b) = \mathcal{L}_X a \wedge b + a \wedge \mathcal{L}_X b,$$

$$d \circ \mathcal{L}_X = \mathcal{L}_X \circ d.$$

$$[\mathcal{L}_X, \mathcal{L}_Y] = \mathcal{L}_{[X, Y]}.$$

## 10.2 Cartan formula

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}_X = d\iota_X + \iota_X d.}$$

• Proof: it is enough to check that it agrees for functions (YES) and both sides of equations commute with the differential and satisfy the (even) Leibniz rule:

$$d(d\iota_X + \iota_X d) = d^2\iota_X + d\iota_X d = d\iota_X d = d\iota_X d + \iota_X d^2 = (d\iota_X + \iota_X d)d.$$

• Leibniz rule: this is a general phenomenon, that the super-commutator of two odd differentiations is an even differentiation. Set  $U = \iota_X$ ,  $V = d$ . We skip  $\wedge$  and write  $|a|$  for  $\deg a$

$$[U, V] = UV + VU,$$

$$\begin{aligned} UV(ab) &= U((Va)b + (-1)^{|a|}a(Vb)) \\ &= (UVa)b + (-1)^{|a|-1}(Va)(Ub) + (-1)^{|a|}(Ua)(Vb) + (-1)^{2|a|}a(UVb) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} VU(ab) &= V((Ua)b + (-1)^{|a|}a(Ub)) \\ &= (VUa)b + (-1)^{|a|-1}(Ua)(Vb) + (-1)^{|a|}(Va)(Ub) + (-1)^{2|a|}a(VUb) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(UV + VU)(ab) = ((UV + VU)a)b + a((UV + VU)b).$$

**10.3** We study manifolds with an action of a compact, connected Lie group  $G$ . Each element  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$  generates a vector field, denoted  $v_\lambda$ .

• Taking the fundamental field

$$\mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{v} \{\text{vector fields on } M\}.$$

is a map of Lie algebras, i.e.

$$[v_\lambda, v_\mu] = v_{[\lambda, \mu]}.$$

• The contraction with  $v_\lambda$  will be denoted by  $\iota_\lambda$ .

**10.4** The structure which will be relevant in what follows is:

—  $M$  a graded vector space or an algebra

—  $M$  is equipped with a differential  $d$  of degree 1 and operations  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda$  of degree 0 and  $\iota_\lambda$  of degree  $-1$ .

All together satisfy the commutative relations as described above.

• In other words  $M$  is a representation of the graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathbb{R}d$

$$[\iota_\lambda, \iota_\mu] = 0, \quad [\mathcal{L}_\lambda, \iota_\mu] = \iota_{[\lambda, \mu]}, \quad [d, \iota_\lambda] = \mathcal{L}_\lambda,$$

$$[\mathcal{L}_\lambda, \mathcal{L}_\mu] = \mathcal{L}_{[\lambda, \mu]}, \quad [\mathcal{L}_\lambda, d] = 0, \quad [d, d] = 0.$$

• Later we will assume that  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{t}$  is commutative, i.e.  $[\lambda, \mu] = 0$ .



**10.5** The group  $G$  acts on  $\Omega^\bullet(M)$ . If  $G$  is connected

$$\Omega^\bullet(M)^G = \{\alpha \in \Omega^\bullet(M) \mid \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{g} \ \mathcal{L}_\lambda \alpha = 0\} =: \Omega^\bullet(M)^\mathfrak{g}.$$

**10.6** Assume  $G$  is connected. For all  $g \in G$  and  $[\alpha] \in H^*(M)$  the transported form has the same cohomology class  $[g^*\alpha] = [\alpha]$ .

**10.7** If  $G$  is compact, every form can be averaged. Hence

$$H^*(\Omega^*(M)^G) = H^*(\Omega^*(X)).$$

## Principal bundles

**10.8** Let  $p : P \rightarrow B = M/G$  be a principal bundle. The group is assumed to be compact and connected. Let us define *basic forms* [Guillemin-Sternberg §2.3.5]:

$$\Omega^*(P)_{bas} = \{\alpha \in \Omega^*(P) \mid \forall v_0 \in \mathfrak{g} \ \mathcal{L}_{v_0} \alpha = 0, \iota_{v_0} \alpha = 0\} = \{\alpha \in \Omega^*(P) \mid \forall v_0 \in \mathfrak{g} \ \iota_{v_0} \alpha = 0, \iota_{v_0} d\alpha = 0\}.$$

This is a subcomplex.

**10.9** Theorem:

$$\Omega^*(P)_{bas} = p^* \Omega^*(B) \simeq \Omega^*(B).$$

**10.10** For  $M$  with an action of  $\mathbb{T} = S^1$ . For short let  $\iota = \iota_\lambda$  for a fixed  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$ . Let us define a differential in  $\mathbb{R}[h] \otimes \Omega^*(M)^\mathbb{T}$

$$d_h(\omega) = d - h\iota.$$

This is called the Cartan construction, also appears in a Witten's paper [Supersymmetry and Morse theory, J. Differential Geometry 17 (1982), no. 4, 661-692]. The symbol  $h$  stands for an independent variable, which lives in the gradation 2. If we specialize  $h$  to a number, then we obtain a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded complex. (Sometimes it is more convenient to have  $+h\iota$ , but we obtain an isomorphic complex).

**10.11** The cohomology  $H_{\mathbb{T},dR}^*(M) = H^*(\Omega^*(M)^\mathbb{T}[h], d_h)$  is a module over the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{R}[h]$ . If  $M = pt$  then  $H_{\mathbb{T},dR}^*(M) = \mathbb{R}[h]$ .

**10.12** We will show, that  $H_{\mathbb{T},dR}^*(M) \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(M; \mathbb{R})$ , first constructing a map on the level of differential forms.

- There is a mapping  $\mathbb{R}[h] \rightarrow \Omega^2(\mathbb{P}^n)$ ,  $h \mapsto \omega_n$ , where  $\omega_n$  is the Fubini-Study form. (It is enough to assume that  $[\omega_n]$  generates  $H^2(\mathbb{P}^n)$  and  $(\omega_{n+1})|_{\mathbb{P}^n} = \omega_n$  to get a map to  $\varprojlim$ .)

- Define  $M_{\mathbb{T},n} = S^{2n+1} \times^\mathbb{T} M$ , an approximation of the Borel construction. The polynomial ring  $\mathbb{R}[h]$  acts on  $\Omega^*(M_{\mathbb{T},n})$ ,  $h$  acts as the pull back of  $\omega_n$ .

**10.13** We will construct a map of  $\mathbb{R}[h]$  modules

$$\mathbb{R}[h] \otimes \Omega^*(M)^\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \Omega^*(M_{\mathbb{T},n}) = \Omega^*(S^{2n+1} \times M)_{bas}$$

**First approximation:** For  $\alpha \in \Omega^*(M)^\mathbb{T}$

$$1 \otimes \alpha \mapsto p^* \alpha,$$

where  $p : S^{2n+1} \times M \rightarrow M$  is the projection.

- We check if the image is a basic form:

—  $p^*\alpha$  is  $\mathbb{T}$ -invariant (YES)

—  $\iota(p^*\alpha) = 0$ ? (NO)

Some correction needs to be done.

**10.14 The principal bundle and its connection:** Suppose  $P \rightarrow P/\mathbb{T} = B$  is a principal bundle. The tangent space of the fiber at each point is canonically isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{t}$ . With fixed  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$ , the vector  $v_\lambda$  spans that fiber.

- The connection is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -invariant 1-form  $\theta$ , such that  $\theta(v_\lambda) = 1$ . Such form can be constructed having a  $\mathbb{T}$ -invariant metric.

$$\theta(w) = \frac{(v_\lambda, w)}{(v_\lambda, v_\lambda)}.$$

This is just the orthogonal projection from  $TP$  to the tangent space of the fiber, i.e. to  $\ker(TP \rightarrow TB)$

- In general a connection is a 1-form with values in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , which is  $G$  invariant, with  $G$  acting on  $\mathfrak{g}$  via the adjoint representation..

**10.15** Let  $\theta \in \Omega^1(S^{2n+1})^\mathbb{T}$ , be the connection. This is equivalent to  $\iota\theta = 1$ . It is elementary to check that

$$\theta = -\frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \log \|z\|^2$$

is a good choice. When restricted to the points of the form  $(z_0, 0, \dots, 0)$  it is equal to

$$-\frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{\bar{z}_0 dz_0}{|z_0|^2} = -\frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{dz_0}{z_0}.$$

For the parametrization of the orbit  $\gamma_z(t) = e^{2\pi it} z$  we compute

$$\theta(\dot{\gamma}(0)) = \left\langle -\frac{i}{2\pi} \gamma_z^* \left( \frac{dz}{z} \right), \frac{d}{dt} \right\rangle = \left\langle -\frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{2\pi i e^{2\pi it} z dt}{e^{2\pi it} z}, \frac{d}{dt} \right\rangle = 1$$

The differential  $d\theta$  is a basic form and it is the Kähler form  $\omega_n$  on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

- It follows that in general  $d\theta$  is a basic form:  $[d\theta] \in H^2(P/\mathbb{T})$  is the first Chern class of the line bundle associated to  $P$  (up to a scalar).

**10.16 Correction:** We identify  $\theta_n$  with its pull-back to  $S^{2n+1} \times M$ .

- Let

$$\alpha' = p^*\alpha - \theta_n \wedge p^*\iota\alpha.$$

We have

$$\iota\alpha' = \iota p^*\alpha - \iota(\theta_n \wedge p^*\iota\alpha) = \iota p^*\alpha - 1 \wedge p^*\iota\alpha + \theta_n \wedge \iota p^*\iota\alpha = 0.$$

- We check that the map  $\phi : f(h) \otimes \alpha \mapsto f(\omega_n) \wedge (p^*\alpha - \theta \wedge p^*(\iota\alpha))$  is a chain map. It is enough to check for  $f(h) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} d\phi(1 \otimes \alpha) &= d(p^*\alpha - \theta_n \wedge p^*(\iota\alpha)) \\ &= dp^*\alpha - d\theta_n \wedge p^*(\iota\alpha) + \theta_n \wedge dp^*(\iota\alpha), \\ \phi(d_h(1 \otimes \alpha)) &= \phi(1 \otimes d\alpha - h \otimes \iota\alpha) = \phi(1 \otimes d\alpha) - \phi(h \otimes \iota\alpha) \\ &= p^*d\alpha - \theta_n \wedge p^*(\iota d\alpha) - \omega_n \wedge p^*(\iota\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha$  is  $\mathbb{T}$  invariant

$$dp^*(\iota\alpha) = p^*(d\iota\alpha) = p^*(-\iota d\alpha)$$

we obtain that  $d\phi(1 \otimes \alpha) = \phi(d_h(1 \otimes \alpha))$ .

**10.17 Theorem:** the map  $\phi : \mathbb{R}[h] \otimes \Omega^\bullet(M)^\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \varprojlim \Omega^\bullet(S^{2n+1} \times M)_{bas}$  is a quasiisomorphism, i.e. an isomorphism of cohomologies.

• Proof:

- The complex  $\mathbb{R}[h] \otimes \Omega^\bullet(M)$  is filtered (a decreasing filtration) by the powers the ideal  $(h)$ .
- The complex  $\varprojlim \Omega^\bullet(S^{2n+1} \times M)_{bas}$  is filtered by

$$\ker(\varprojlim \Omega^\bullet(S^{2n+1} \times M)_{bas} \rightarrow \Omega^\bullet(S^{2n+1} \times M)_{bas}).$$

The map  $\phi$  is a quasiisomorphism on the associated graded complexes. Hence it is a quasiisomorphism. (This is an exercise in homological algebra.)

## 11 Models for higher dimensional Lie groups. Moment map $M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$

**11.1** Reference to general theory of  $G^*$  modules: Guillemin-Sternberg §2. **We make the assumption  $G = \mathbb{T}$  simplifying radically the formulas.**

**11.2** Let  $p : P \rightarrow B$  be a  $S^1$ -principal bundle (i.e.  $S^1$  acts freely on  $P$  and  $B = P/S^1$ ). We identify  $S^1$  with the image

$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad t \mapsto e^{2\pi it},$$

hence we have determined the choice of  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t} \simeq \mathbb{R}$ .

- Let  $\theta \in \Omega^1(P; \mathfrak{t})^\mathbb{T} \simeq \Omega^1(P)^\mathbb{T}$  be a connection, i.e.  $\iota\theta = 1$ .
- The form  $d\theta$  is closed. We check that  $d\theta$  is a basic form

$$\iota d\theta = \mathcal{L}\theta - d\iota\theta = 0 - d1 = 0.$$

Hence  $d\theta$  defines an element of  $H^2(B)$ .

• Exercise:  $[d\theta] = c_1(L)$ , where  $L$  is the associated line bundle  $L = P \times^{S^1} \mathbb{C}$ . In particular the cohomology class does not depend on the choice of the connection. Hint for  $B = \mathbb{P}^n$  we have  $d\theta = -\omega_{FS}$ .

**11.3** The case of a higher dimensional torus  $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^n$  acting on a smooth manifold  $M$ :

- Set  $A = \Omega^\bullet(M)$ . Let

$$\tilde{A} = \text{Polynomial functions}(\mathfrak{t}, A)^\mathbb{T} \simeq \text{Sym } \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes A^\mathbb{T}$$

Here

$$\text{Sym } \mathfrak{t}^* = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{Sym}^k \mathfrak{t}^* = \text{Polynomial functions on } \mathfrak{t}.$$

• The constructions below are purely algebraic. Thus we consider a  $G^*$  module  $A$  i.e a graded vector space equipped with operations  $d, \iota_\lambda, \mathcal{L}_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$  satisfying the relations 10.3.

- We set

$$A_{hor} = \{\alpha \in A \mid \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{t} \iota_\lambda \alpha = 0\} \quad \text{horizontal submodule}$$

and

$$A_{bas} = A_{hor}^{\mathbb{T}} = \{\alpha \in A \mid \forall \lambda \in \mathfrak{t} \iota_{\lambda} \alpha = 0, \iota_{\lambda} d\alpha = 0\}.$$

- The differential in  $\tilde{A}$  is  $Sym \mathfrak{t}^*$ -linear and for  $\alpha \in A^k$

$$\tilde{d}(1 \otimes \alpha)(\lambda) = d\alpha - \iota_{\lambda} \alpha$$

viewed as a function on  $\mathfrak{t}$ , which is linear with respect to  $\lambda$ , i.e. it belongs to

$$\mathbb{R} \otimes A^{k+1} \oplus \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes A^{k-1}.$$

In a basis  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  of  $\mathfrak{t}$

$$\tilde{d}(1 \otimes \alpha) = 1 \otimes d\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^* \otimes \iota_{\lambda_i} \alpha.$$

- We will use physicists notation. The vectors will have superscripts, and functionals subscripts. Also the running index will be  $a$  instead of  $i$ , which can easily be confused with  $\iota$ . We write

$$\tilde{d}(1 \otimes \alpha) = 1 \otimes d\alpha - \sum_{a=1}^n \lambda_a \otimes \iota_{\lambda^a} \alpha$$

or according to the Einstein notation

$$\tilde{d}(1 \otimes \alpha) = 1 \otimes d\alpha - \lambda_a \otimes \iota_{\lambda^a} \alpha.$$

**11.4** [Guillemin-Sternberg §3.2] If  $A = \Omega^{\bullet}(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $A^{\mathbb{T}} = \wedge \mathfrak{t}^*$ . The resulting  $\tilde{A}$  is the Weil algebra of  $\mathfrak{t}$

$$W(\mathfrak{t}) = Sym(\mathfrak{t}^*) \otimes \wedge \mathfrak{t}^*.$$

- Theorem:  $H^0(W(\mathfrak{t})) = \mathbb{R}$  and  $H^k(W(\mathfrak{t})) = 0$  for  $k > 0$ .

Proof: Since  $W(\mathfrak{t}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{t}_2) = W(\mathfrak{t}_1) \otimes W(\mathfrak{t}_2)$  as dg-algebra, it is enough to compute cohomology for  $\mathfrak{t}$  of dimension 1. This was an easy check.

- Since  $\Omega^{\bullet}(\mathbb{T})^{\mathbb{T}} = \wedge \mathfrak{t}^*$ , if  $\dim \mathbb{T} = 1$  an explicit map from  $W(\mathfrak{t}) = \mathbb{R}[h] \otimes (\mathbb{R} + \mathfrak{t}^*)$  to

$$(\Omega^{\bullet}(S^{2m+1} \setminus 0) \times \wedge \mathfrak{t}^*)_{bas}$$

was already given in the previous section:

$$f \otimes \xi \mapsto f(\omega_{FS})(\xi - \theta \wedge \iota \xi).$$

For higher dimensional tori we take the product of these maps and obtain a quasiisomorphism

$$W(\mathfrak{t}) \rightarrow \Omega^{\bullet}(E\mathbb{T} \times^{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{T}) \xrightarrow{qis} \Omega^{\bullet}(E\mathbb{T}).$$

The right hand side is understood as the inverse limit of forms on finite dimensional representations. Note that  $W(\mathfrak{t})$  is a very economic model of forms on  $E\mathbb{T}$ .

**Mathai-Quillen twist** See [Mathai-Quillen: Superconnections, Thom classes, and equivariant differential forms. Topology 25(1986), no.1, 85-110], [Guillemin-Sternberg §7.2]

We construct an explicit map of complexes

$$\tilde{A} \rightarrow (W(\mathfrak{t}) \otimes A)_{bas} \xrightarrow{qis} (\Omega^{\bullet}(EG) \otimes A)_{bas},$$

which for  $A \simeq \Omega^{\bullet}(M)$  will provide a convenient model for the equivariant cohomology.

**11.5** [Guillemin-Sternberg §2.3.4] Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{T}^*$  module. We say that  $A$  is locally free if there exists a connection, i.e.  $\theta \in \mathfrak{t} \otimes (A^1)^{\mathbb{T}}$ , in a basis of  $\mathfrak{t}$  it can be written as

$$\sum_{a=1}^n \lambda^a \otimes \theta_a.$$

such that for

$$\theta_a(\lambda^b) = \delta_a^b.$$

- Differential forms  $\Omega^\bullet(M)$  is a locally free  $\mathbb{T}^*$  module if the action of  $T$  is locally free, i.e. the stabilizers of points are finite.

**11.6** Mathai-Quillen twist: consider  $\mathbb{T}^*$ -algebras  $W$  and  $A$ , with  $W$  locally free (e.g.  $W = W(\mathfrak{t})$ ). Let

$$\gamma = \sum \theta_a \otimes \iota_{\lambda^a},$$

$$\phi = \exp(\gamma) \in \text{Aut}(W \otimes A) = 1 + \gamma + \frac{1}{2}\gamma \circ \gamma + \dots$$

It is well defined since  $\gamma^{n+1} = 0$  for  $n = \dim(\mathbb{T})$ .

**11.7** The map  $\gamma$ , hence also  $\phi$ , is  $T$ -invariant.

- **Theorem.** [Guillemin-Sternberg, chapter 4, Theorem 4.1.1] For any  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$

$$\phi \circ (\iota_\lambda \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \iota_\lambda) \circ \phi^{-1} = \iota_\lambda \otimes 1$$

$$\phi \circ (d \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d) \circ \phi^{-1} = (d \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d) - \sum \nu_a \otimes \iota_{\lambda^a} + \sum \theta_a \otimes \mathcal{L}_{\lambda^a}$$

where  $\nu_a = d\theta_a$

- This is a direct computation. See [W. Greub, S. Halperin, S. Vanstone: Curvature, Connections and Cohomology, vol. III Academic Press New York. (1976)] Prop. V, p.286., or better compute it manually. This is an **Exercise**.

**11.8** After the twist

$$\phi((W \otimes A)_{hor}) = W_{hor} \otimes A$$

For  $W = W(\mathfrak{t})$

$$\phi((W \otimes A)_{bas}) = S(\mathfrak{t}) \otimes A$$

with the differential

$$\tilde{d} = 1 \otimes d - \sum \lambda^a \otimes \iota_{\lambda^a}$$

That is exactly the **Cartan model** of equivariant cohomology. [Guillemin-Sternberg §4.2]

**11.9** The construction can be carried out for noncommutative connected groups. The action of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  has to be taken into account. Then the cohomology of

$$(Sym \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \Omega^\bullet(M))^G$$

with an appropriate differential serves, as a model for equivariant cohomology. Reference: Guillemin-Sternberg §3-4

**Moment map**

**11.10** Assume  $T = S^1$ . Let  $\alpha \in \Omega^2(M)^{\mathbb{T}}$ . Suppose  $d\alpha = 0$ . An equivariant enhancement of  $\alpha$  is a function  $f \in \Omega^0(M)$ , such that

$$d_h(1 \otimes \alpha - h \otimes f) = 0,$$

i.e.

$$1 \otimes d\alpha - h \otimes \iota\alpha + h \otimes df = 0.$$

This reduces to

$$\iota\alpha = df.$$

**11.11** Basic example: Moment map  $f : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

• Suppose  $\mathbb{T} = S^1$  acts on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with the weights  $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1)$ . In the 0-th affine standard chart the action is linear and the weights are  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_0$ . The fundamental field at the point  $z$  is equal to

$$v = \frac{d}{dt}(e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0)2\pi it} z)|_{t=0} = 2\pi i(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0)z = 2\pi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0)(-y + ix)$$

i.e.

$$v = 2\pi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0) \left( -y \frac{d}{dx} + x \frac{d}{dy} \right).$$

Let  $\alpha = \omega_{FS}$ . In the affine coordinate

$$\omega_{FS} = \frac{i}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(1 + |z|^2) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{dz \wedge d\bar{z}}{(1 + |z|^2)^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{dx \wedge dy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

We compute the contraction

$$\iota_v \omega_{FS} = 2\pi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0) (-y \iota_x \omega_{FS} + x \iota_y \omega_{FS}) = -2\pi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0) \frac{ydy + xdx}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

Let

$$f = \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 |z|^2}{1 + |z|^2} = \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1(x^2 + y^2)}{1 + x^2 + y^2},$$

$$df = (\lambda_1 - \lambda_0) \frac{2x dx + 2y dy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

The form

$$1 \otimes \omega_{FS} - h \otimes \pi f$$

is a closed equivariant form.

• Globally  $f$  is defined by the formula

$$f([z_0, z_1]) = \frac{\lambda_0 |z_0|^2 + \lambda_1 |z_1|^2}{\|z\|^2}.$$

**11.12** In general, if the action on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  has weights  $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  we set

$$f([z]) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |z_i|^2}{\|z\|^2}$$

Then  $1 \otimes \omega_n - h \otimes \pi f$  is an equivariant  $d_h$ -closed form.

• An element  $f \in \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \Omega^0(M) = \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{t}, C^\infty(M))$  by adjunction is the same as a map  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$

$$\langle \mu(x), \lambda \rangle = f(\lambda)(x).$$

- For  $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^{n+1}$  acting on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  we obtain the map

$$\mu([z]) = \frac{1}{\|z\|^2}(|z_0|^2, |z_1|^2, \dots, |z_n|^2).$$

**Symplectic geometry** [Guillemin-Sternberg §9], but before beginning see [V. I. Arnold, Mathematical Methods Of Classical Mechanics. Graduate Texts in Mathematics 60. Springer 1989] chapter 8.

**11.13** The most interesting case is when  $M$  is a symplectic manifold e.g. Kähler manifold and the symplectic  $\omega$  has a lift to an equivariant form, then  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$  is defined.

- Of course  $\mu$  is constant on the components of  $X^{\mathbb{T}}$ .

**11.14** Symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$  such that  $\omega$  is a nondegenerate 2-form,  $d\omega = 0$

- basic examples:

—  $M$  complex Kähler manifold,

—  $M = T^*N$ , where  $N$  is a real smooth manifold,  $\omega = d(\text{Liouville form})$

- $\omega$  induces an isomorphism  $TM \simeq T^*M : v \mapsto \iota_v \omega$

— a function  $f$  defines a vector field  $X_f$ . It is the field, such that  $\iota_{X_f} \omega = df$

— the symplectic structure defines a structure of a Lie algebra of functions (Poisson bracket)

$$\{f, g\} = \omega(X_f, X_g) = (\iota_{X_f} \omega)(X_g) = df(X_g) = X_g f.$$

- Definition: Action of  $S^1$  is Hamiltonian iff the fundamental field  $v$  is equal to  $X_f$  for some  $f$

$$\iota_v \omega = df \quad \text{i.e.} \quad v = X_f.$$

If that is so then  $\omega + hf$  is a closed equivariant form.

## 12 Hamiltonian action and the moment map

[Dusa McDuff, Dietmar Salamon ; Introduction to Symplectic Topology (Oxford Mathematical Monographs) §5]

[ Anna Cannas da Silva Lectures on Symplectic Geometry.]

**12.1** Physical motivation:

- Hamiltonian system  $q$  position,  $p = mv$  momentum,  $H(p, q)$  a  $C^\infty$  function

$$\begin{cases} \dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \\ \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \end{cases}$$

- Motion of a particle in the constant gravitation field,  $H = \text{energy}$ ,  $q = h$  height:

$$H(q, p) = \frac{mv^2}{2} + mgq = \frac{p^2}{2m} + mgq, \quad \begin{cases} \dot{q} = \frac{p}{m} = v \\ \dot{p} = -mg \end{cases}$$

- Conservation energy law:  $H$  is constant along trajectories

## 12.2 Poisson bracket in local Darboux coordinates

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dq_i, \quad \{f, g\} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i}.$$

- The Hamiltonian equations take the form  $\dot{q} = \{q, H\}$ ,  $\dot{p} = \{p, H\}$ .

**12.3** Let  $\omega$  be a symplectic form on  $M$  and  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\omega$  is invariant with respect to the Hamiltonian flow generated by  $f$

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_f}\omega = d\iota_{X_f}\omega + \iota_{X_f}d\omega = d\iota_{X_f}\omega = ddf = 0.$$

We also note that  $\iota_{X_f}\omega$  is closed.

**12.4** The commutator of the Hamiltonian fields is related with the Poisson bracket

$$[X_f, X_g] = -X_{\{f, g\}}.$$

- We have to show that

$$\iota_{[X_f, X_g]}\omega = d\{g, f\} \quad \text{which is by definition } d(\omega(X_g, X_f)).$$

- We compute the Lie derivative

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_f}(\iota_{X_g}\omega) = \iota_{\mathcal{L}_{X_f}X_g}\omega = \iota_{[X_f, X_g]}\omega$$

since  $\mathcal{L}_{X_f}\omega = 0$ . By the Cartan formula

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_f}(\iota_{X_g}\omega) = d\iota_{X_f}\iota_{X_g}\omega + \iota_{X_f}d\iota_{X_g}\omega = d(\omega(X_g, X_f)).$$

**12.5** Let  $C^\infty(M; TM)$  be the space of smooth vector fields. It is a Lie algebra with respect to the Poisson bracket. The map

$$-X : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M; TM), \quad f \mapsto -X_f$$

is a map of Lie algebras. (Applying alternative conventions we can get rid of „-“.)

- For an arbitrary Lie group: The  $G$ -action defines a map of Lie algebras

$$v : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow C^\infty(M; TM).$$

We say that the action is Hamiltonian if there exists a linear map of Lie algebras  $\tilde{\mu} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  making the following diagram commutative up to a sign

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C^\infty(M) & \\ & \tilde{\mu} \nearrow & \downarrow X \\ \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{v} & C^\infty(M; TM) \end{array}$$

Existence of the map  $\tilde{\mu}$  is equivalent to having a map  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ , called the moment map.

**12.6** From now on we assume that  $G = \mathbb{T} = (S^1)^n$ . The moment map is given in coordinates  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \in \mathfrak{t}^* = \mathbb{R}^n$ . The Hamiltonian flows associated to  $\mu_i$  commute, moreover we assume  $\{\mu_i, \mu_j\} = 0$ , so that  $\tilde{\mu} : \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  is a map of Lie algebras.



**12.7** The map  $\mu$  restricted to the fixed points is locally constant. The moment map  $\mu \in C^\infty(M, \mathfrak{t}^*)$  evaluated at  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{t}$  is a function whose differential vanishes at zeros of the fundamental vector field:

$$d\mu(\lambda)(x) = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad v_\lambda(x) = 0.$$

**12.8** The map  $\mu$  is constant on the orbits:

$$d\mu_i(v_{\lambda_j}) = (\iota_{v_{\lambda_i}} \omega)(v_{\lambda_j}) = \omega(v_{\lambda_i}, v_{\lambda_j}) = \{\mu_i, \mu_j\} = 0.$$

**12.9 Theorem** [Atiyah, Guillemin-Sternberg]. If  $M$  is compact, then  $\Delta_{M, \mathbb{T}} := \mu(M)$  is a convex polytope

$$\Delta_{M, \mathbb{T}} = \text{Conv}(\mu(M^{\mathbb{T}})).$$

See [McDuff-Salamon §5.5, Theorem 5.47]

- Note that the image of the moment map  $\mu$  restricted to a 1-dimensional  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{T} \otimes \mathbb{C}$  orbit is an interval.

**12.10** Assume  $M \subset \mathbb{P}^m$  is a smooth projective variety,  $\omega = (\omega_{FS})|_M$ .

**12.11** The most important example  $M = \mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^{n+1}$ ,  $\mu = \text{const} \frac{1}{\|z\|^2}(\dots, |z_i|^2, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . The constant depends on the convention.

**12.12** If  $M$  is a smooth projective variety with an algebraic action of  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}} \simeq (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  then it can be equivariantly embedded into  $\mathbb{P}(V)$  for some representation  $V$  of a finite cover of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Hence it admits a moment map (possibly after a modification of  $\omega$ ).

- If  $M$  is a smooth projective toric variety (i.e.  $M$  has a dense and open orbit of  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ), then  $M/\mathbb{T} = \Delta_{M, \mathbb{T}}$ .

**12.13** Suppose  $M$  is equivariantly embedded into  $\mathbb{P}(V)$ ,  $L = \mathcal{O}(1)|_M$  an equivariant vector bundle. The form  $\omega = \omega_{FS}|_M$  represents  $c_1(L) \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^2(M)$ . Let  $x \in M^{\mathbb{T}}$  be a fixed point. Then  $c_1(L)|_x \in H_{\mathbb{T}}^2(pt) \simeq \text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}, S^1)$  is the character of the action of  $\mathbb{T}$  on  $L_x$ . We claim that

$$\mu(x) = c_1(L) \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}, S^1) \otimes \mathbb{R} = \mathfrak{t}^*.$$

- That is true for  $M = \mathbb{P}^n$  with the action of  $(S^1)^{n+1}$ , since

$$\mu([0 : \dots : 0 : 1 : 0 : \dots : 0]) = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \quad \text{with the preferred normalization.}$$

In general chose coordinates of  $V = \mathbb{C}^{m+1}$ , such that  $\mathbb{T}$  action is diagonal. Consider the embedding  $\mathbb{T} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{T}_{big} = (S^1)^{m+1}$  and the natural maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \mathfrak{t}^* \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{P}^m & \xrightarrow{\mu_{big}} & \mathfrak{t}_{big}^* \end{array}$$

The claim follows from the commutativity of the diagram.

**12.14** (!!!) Note that the moment polytope does not depend on the  $C^\infty$  consideration with the symplectic form. It only depends on the action of  $\mathbb{T}$  on  $L$ . It can be defined purely in the realm of algebraic geometry as

$$\Delta_{M,\mathbb{T}} = \text{Conv}\{\chi(L_x) \mid x \in M^{\mathbb{T}}\}.$$

**12.15** Example. Let  $M = \mathcal{F}\ell(n)$  be the flag manifold. We have an equivariant embedding

$$\mathcal{F}\ell(n) \hookrightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n) \hookrightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n).$$

Let  $p_i : \mathcal{F}\ell(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n)$  be the projection and let  $\omega_k$  be the Fubini-Study form on  $\mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n)$ . For a sequence of positive numbers  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  let

$$\omega_{\underline{a}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k p_k^*(\omega_k).$$

This is a symplectic form and the  $\mathbb{T}$  action admits a moment map

$$\mu_{\underline{a}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \mu_k \circ p_k,$$

where  $\mu_k$  is the moment map for  $\mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n)$ .

**12.16** Suppose

$$(V_1 \subset \cdots \subset V_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{F}\ell(n)^{\mathbb{T}}.$$

Such a point corresponds to a permutation  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$

$$V_1 = \text{lin}\{\epsilon_{\sigma(1)}\}, \quad V_2 = \text{lin}\{\epsilon_{\sigma(1)}, \epsilon_{\sigma(2)}\}, \quad \dots, \quad V_{n-1} = \text{lin}\{\epsilon_{\sigma(1)}, \epsilon_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, \epsilon_{\sigma(n-1)}\}.$$

Denote it by  $V_\sigma$

**12.17** The value of the map  $Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\wedge^k \mathbb{C}^n) \xrightarrow{\mu_k} \mathbb{R}^n$  restricted at the point

$$\text{lin}\{\epsilon_{\sigma(i)} \mid i \leq k\}$$

is equal to

$$-\sum_{i=1}^k \epsilon_{\sigma(i)}.$$

• For  $n = 4$  the moment polytopes for  $Gr_1(\mathbb{C}^4)$  and  $Gr_3(\mathbb{C}^4)$  are tetrahedra, and  $Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$  is the octahedron.

**12.18** Take  $\underline{a} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$  then

$$\mu_{\underline{a}}(V_\sigma) = -\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^k \epsilon_{\sigma(i)} = -\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) \epsilon_{\sigma(k)},$$

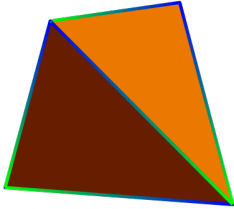
which is equal up to the shift by  $n \sum_{k=1}^n \epsilon_k$  to  $\sum_{k=1}^n k \epsilon_{\sigma(k)}$ .

• This way we obtain the permutohedron in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which can also be defined as the convex hull of  $\Sigma_n$  orbit of  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ .

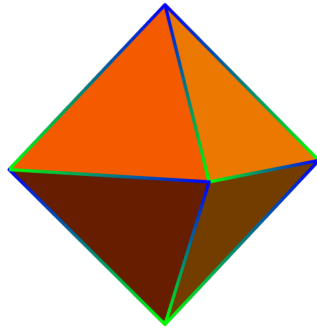
**12.19** Taking various values of  $a_i$  we obtain deformations of the permutohedron

$$\text{Conv}(\Sigma_n(a_1, a_1 + a_2, \dots, a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n)) \quad \text{up to a shift.}$$

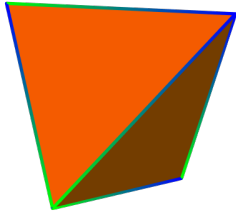
The extreme values with some  $a_i$ 's equal to 0, the images are moment polytopes for partial flag varieties.



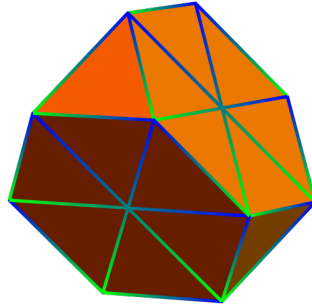
$a=\{1, 0, 0\}$



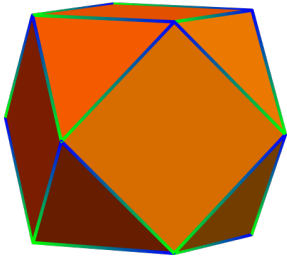
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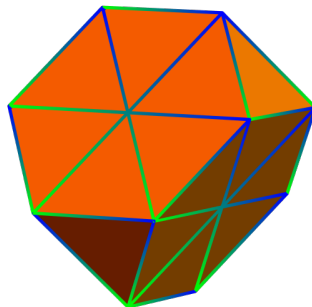
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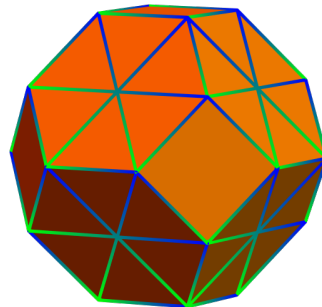
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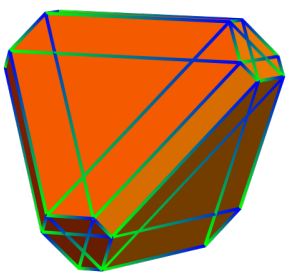
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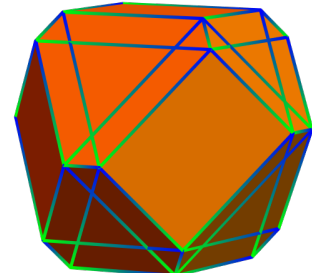
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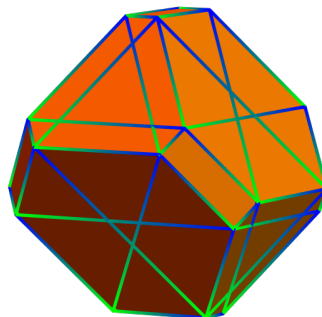
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$a=\{3, 4, 1\}$

## 13 Moment map and quotients

**13.1** Suppose a compact group  $G$  acts on a symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$  with a moment map  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ . Recall that  $\omega$  is  $G$  invariant  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda \omega = 0$  and  $\mu$  is  $G$  invariant with respect to the coadjoint action on  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .

**13.2** Symplectic reduction [Guillemin-Sternberg §9.6], [McDuff, Salamon §5.4]

- Assume that  $a \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  is an invariant element with respect to the coadjoint action. Then  $\mu^{-1}(a)$  is  $G$ -invariant manifold.
- Furthermore assume that  $G$  action on  $\mu^{-1}(a)$  is free. Then the quotient  $X = \mu^{-1}(a)/G$  is denoted by  $M//_{\mu,a}G$ . Often  $a$  is assumed to be 0 and we write  $M//_{\mu}G$ . This is called the symplectic quotient. We will assume that  $a = 0$ .

**13.3** Let  $x \in \mu^{-1}(0)$ . The tangent space  $T_x Gx$  is coisotropic and  $(T_x Gx)^{\perp \omega} = T_x \mu^{-1}(0)$ .

- For  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $v \in T_x \mu^{-1}(0)$  compute  $\omega(X_\lambda, v) = d\mu_\lambda(v)$ , where  $\mu_\lambda(x) = \mu(x)(\lambda)$ . But since  $\mu^{-1}(0)$  is mapped by  $\mu$  to 0, the tangent vectors are mapped to 0 as well. Hence  $(T_x Gx)^{\perp \omega} \subset T_x \mu^{-1}(0)$ . Since  $\dim((T_x Gx)^{\perp \omega}) = \dim G$  and  $T_x \mu^{-1}(0) = \dim M - \dim G$  and  $\omega$  is nondegenerate, the opposite inclusion holds.

**13.4** The manifold  $X$  has a canonical symplectic structure induced from  $M$ : For  $v, w \in T_y X$  find the lifts  $\tilde{v}, \tilde{w} \in T_x M$  (with  $x$  mapping to  $y$ ) and apply  $\omega$ . It is well defined because  $\omega$  is  $G$ -invariant and the orbits lie in the kernel of  $\omega$ . Moreover the induced form is nondegenerate (it is an exercise in the linear algebra).

**13.5** Example 1.  $M = \mathbb{C}^n$  with the standard form,  $G = S^1$  acting by scalar multiplication,  $\mu(z) = |z|^2$ ,  $a \in 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{C}^n //_{\mu,a} S^1 = \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

with the Fubini-Study form.

**13.6** Example 2 (slightly more general):  $M = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^k, \mathbb{C}^n)$ ,  $k < n$  with the action of  $U(k)$ . Let  $A^* = \overline{A}^T$ . Note that  $\mathfrak{u}(k) = \{X \in \mathfrak{gl}_k \mid X^* = -X\}$ . The moment map is defined by

$$\mu(A) = iA^*A \in \mathfrak{u}(k) \simeq \mathfrak{u}(k)^*.$$

$a = iI$ . Then  $\mu^{-1}(a)$  is equal to unitary  $k$ -tuples of vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $X//_{\mu,a}U(k)$  is equal to the Grassmannian  $Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ .

- Exercise: Compute that this is a moment map.

**13.7** Kirwan [Cohomology of Quotients in Symplectic and Algebraic Geometry] compared symplectic quotients with GIT quotients in algebraic geometry. They basically coincide: the symplectic quotient by a compact group  $G$  is equal to the GIT quotient by the complexification  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  (as  $C^\infty$  manifolds). The symplectic quotients depends on the choice of the moment map (and  $a \in \mathfrak{g}$ ) and GIT quotient depends on the linearization and stability condition. These notions can be translated one to another.

**13.8** Example 3 (still more general): We want to obtain  $\mathcal{F}\ell_n = \mathrm{GL}_n/B_n$  as a symplectic quotient. The Borel group is not a complexification of a compact group. Thus we take a presentation of the flag manifold in terms of a quiver:

$$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow n-1 \rightarrow \boxed{n}$$

- Let  $M = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^k, \mathbb{C}^{k+1})$ ,  $G = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} U(k)$ . The moment map is given by

$$(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1}) \mapsto (A_1^* A_1, A_2^* A_2, \dots, A_{n-1}^* A_{n-1})$$

and  $a$  is the sequence of  $i$  times the identity matrices.

- $\mu^{-1}(a)$  is a sequence of isometric embeddings  $\mathbb{C}^k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{k+1}$ , the quotient is the flag variety. Taking the quotient we forget about the particular coordinates on  $V_k \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ .

**13.9** [Kirwan] If  $M$  is a compact symplectic manifold with a  $G$  action admitting a moment map  $\mu$ ,  $X = M//_{\mu,a}$ , then the map

$$\kappa : H_G^*(M) \rightarrow H_G^*(\mu^{-1}(a)) \simeq H^*(X)$$

is surjective.

[D. Mumford, J. Fogarty, and F. Kirwan. Geometric Invariant Theory, volume 34 of Results in Mathematics and Related Areas (2). Springer-Verlag, third edition, 1994. §8], compare [Megumi Harada, Gregory D. Landweber, Surjectivity for Hamiltonian  $G$ -spaces in  $K$ -theory, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 359 (2007), 6001-6025]

- The assumptions of the theorem can be relaxed. Just assume that  $\mu$  is proper.
- A double-equivariant version: Assume that a group  $\mathbb{T}$  acts on  $M$ , and  $\mathbb{T}$  action commutes with  $G$ -action, then

$$\kappa : H_{\mathbb{T} \times G}^*(M) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T} \times G}^*(\mu^{-1}(a)) \simeq H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$$

is surjective.

**13.10** Back to Example 1:

$$\kappa : H_{\mathbb{C}^*}^*(\mathbb{C}^n) \simeq \mathbb{Q}[h] \rightarrow H^*(\mathbb{P}^{n-1}) \simeq \mathbb{Q}[h]/(h^n)$$

$$\kappa : H_{\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{C}^*}^*(\mathbb{C}^n) \simeq \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, h] \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^{n-1}) \simeq \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, h]/(\prod (h + t_i))$$

**13.11** Back to Example 2:

$$\kappa : H_{U(k)}^*(\mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^k, \mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \mathbb{Q}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k] \rightarrow H^*(Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n))$$

$$\kappa : H_{\mathbb{T} \times U(k)}^*(\mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^k, \mathbb{C}^n)) \simeq \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k] \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(Gr_k(\mathbb{C}^n))$$

**13.12** Projective toric varieties (without fans, but via polytopes), compare [Anderson-Fulton, Ch 8].

- Let  $X$  be a smooth compact algebraic manifold with a torus action. Assume that  $\dim X = \dim \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  has an open orbit and dense. We can assume that  $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  action is free on the open orbit. Then  $X$  is determined by a certain combinatorial data involving characters.

- Assume that the action of  $\mathbb{T}$  admits a moment map to  $\mathfrak{t}^* \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$ . If the moment map is the restriction of the standard moment map  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}_N^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ , then the moment polytope  $\Delta_X$  has integral vertices.

- Since we assume that  $X$  is smooth, thus locally, around any fixed point  $X$  looks like  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with the standard action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ , so the moment polytope locally is linearly isomorphic to a neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n / (S^1)^n \simeq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$ .

- Each facet  $F_i$  (a codimension 1 face) of  $\Delta_X \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$  we set  $v_i \in (\mathfrak{t}^*)^* = \mathfrak{t}$ , the normal vector (integral, minimal length). Let  $\mathbb{T}_i$  be the 1-dimensional subtorus corresponding to  $v_i$

**13.13** For  $p \in F_{i_1} \cap F_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap F_{i_\ell}$  let  $\mathbb{T}_p = \mathbb{T}_{i_1} \mathbb{T}_{i_2} \dots \mathbb{T}_{i_\ell} \simeq (S^1)^\ell$ . Topologically  $X = \Delta_X \times (S^1)^n / \sim$ . The pairs  $(p, t)$  and  $(p, t')$  are identified if and only if  $t't^{-1} \in \mathbb{T}_p$ .

**13.14** The inverse images  $\mu^{-1}(x_i)$  are divisors (=codimension 1 subvarieties) in  $X$ .

**13.15 Theorem** [Danilov, Jurkiewicz, Davis-Januszkiewicz] The cohomology ring is generated by the classes of  $[D_i] \in H^2(X)$ . Assume that  $\Delta_X$  has  $d$  facets:

$$H^*(X) = \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_d] / (I + J),$$

$$I = (x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_\ell} \mid F_{i_1} \cap F_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap F_{i_\ell} \text{ is not a codimension } \ell \text{ face of } \Delta_X).$$

$$J = \left( \sum \langle u, v_i \rangle x_i \mid u \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \right).$$

Here the left hand side is written in the additive notation, but it concerns the monomials.

- The quotient  $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_d] / I$  is called the Stanley Reisner ring. [Anderson-Fulton, §8.3]
- Similarly the equivariant cohomology. Let  $\Lambda = \text{Sym}(\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*) = H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(pt)$

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) = \Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_d] / (I' + J'),$$

$$I' = \Lambda \otimes I.$$

$$J' = (u - \sum \langle u, v_i \rangle x_i \mid u \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*).$$

- Note that

$$\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_d] / I \simeq \Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_d] / (I' + J')$$

and

$$\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_d] / (I + J) \simeq \Lambda[x_1, \dots, x_d] / (I' + J') \otimes_{\Lambda} \mathbb{Z}.$$

**13.16** Connection with the Kirwan map: any toric variety can be obtained by the Cox construction

$$X = U / \mathbb{T}',$$

Where  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^d$ ,

$$U = \mathbb{C}^d \setminus \bigcup_I V_I$$

where sum runs over the sequences  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_\ell$  such that  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\ell} F_{i_j}$  is not a face and

$$V_I = \{x_{i_1} = x_{i_2} = \dots = x_{i_\ell} = 0\},$$

$\mathbb{T}' =$  some subtorus of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^d$ . Decomposing  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^d = \mathbb{T}' \times \mathbb{T}$  we obtain an action of  $\mathbb{T}$  on  $U / \mathbb{T}'$ .

**13.17** Example  $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} / (\text{diagonal torus})$ . Let  $\mathbb{T} = \{t \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1} \mid t_0 = 1\}$ .

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] / (x_0 x_1 \dots x_n)$$

The  $\Lambda$ -module structure is given by the relations in  $J'$ : the vectors  $v_i$  consists of the standard basis vectors  $\epsilon_i$ ,  $v_0 = -\sum \epsilon_i$ . For the generator  $t_i \in \Lambda$ ,  $i > 0$

$$\langle t_i, v_j \rangle = \begin{cases} -\delta_{i,j} & \text{for } j > 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

hence

$$t_i \mapsto x_i - x_0 \quad \text{for } i > 0.$$

**13.18** The ranks of  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$  can be easily computed inductively from the exact sequence of a pair: for a smooth closed invariant submanifold  $N \subset M$  we have

$$\rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{*-2\text{codim}N}(N) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(M) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(M \setminus N) \rightarrow H_{\mathbb{T}}^{*-2\text{codim}N+1}(N) \rightarrow .$$

Note that if  $X$  is a sum of  $\mathbb{T}$  orbits, then each  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^{\text{odd}}(\text{orbit}) = 0$  and the sequence splits.

•

$$H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X) \simeq \bigoplus_{\mathcal{O} \text{ orbit}} H_{\mathbb{T}}^{*-2\text{codim}\mathcal{O}}(B\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{O}}), \quad \mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq (\mathbb{C}^*)^{\text{codim}\mathcal{O}}$$

• Let us compute the equivariant Poincaré polynomial: set  $q = t^2$

$$P_{\mathbb{T}}(X) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}} q^{\text{codim}\mathcal{O}} (1 - q)^{-\text{codim}\mathcal{O}}$$

• The nonequivariant Poincaré polynomial can be computed due to equivariant formality:

$$P_{\mathbb{T}}(X) = P(X)P(B\mathbb{T}),$$

hence

$$P(X) = P_{\mathbb{T}}(X)P(B\mathbb{T})^{-1} = \left( \sum_{\mathcal{O}} q^{\text{codim}\mathcal{O}} (1 - q)^{-\text{codim}\mathcal{O}} \right) (1 - q)^n = \sum_{\mathcal{O}} q^{\text{codim}\mathcal{O}} (1 - q)^{\dim\mathcal{O}}$$

**13.19** Example:  $X = \mathbb{P}^2$

3 fixed points  $\rightarrow 3q^2$

3 lines  $\rightarrow 3q(1 - q)$

1 open orbit  $\rightarrow (1 - q)^2$

$$3q^2 + 3q(1 - q) + (1 - q)^2 = 3q^2 + 3q - 3q^2 + 1 - 2q + q^2 = q^2 + q + 1$$

## 14 Equivariant Schubert Calculus on Grassmannians

This section contains mainly the example of the calculus on Grassmannian  $Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$ . See [Anderson-Fulton, Chapter 9] for the explanation.

**14.1** The Grassmannian  $Gr_d(\mathbb{C}^n) = GL_n/B_n$  is the union of Schubert cells  $\Omega_\lambda^\circ$ ,  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_d \geq 0)$  with  $i_1 \leq n - d$ . For convenience we set  $\lambda_{d+1} = 0$ . Set  $e = n - d$ . We fix the standard flag  $E_\bullet$  preserved by the Borel group and define

$$\Omega_\lambda^\circ(E_\bullet) = \{V \subset \mathbb{C}^n \mid \dim(E_q \cap V) = k \text{ for } q \in [e + k - \lambda_k, e + k - \lambda_{k+1}]\},$$

i.e. the sets  $\Omega_\lambda^\circ$  are defined by the strict Schubert conditions. • For  $n = 4, d = 2$ ,

$$\Omega_{00}^\circ(E_\bullet) = \left\{ V \subset \mathbb{C}^4 : \begin{array}{ll} \dim(E_q \cap V) = 1 & \text{for } q \in [3 - 0, 3 - 0] \\ \dim(E_q \cap V) = 2 & \text{for } q \in [4 - 0, 4 - 0] \end{array} \right\}.$$

(The dimensions of the intersections are generic.)

$$\Omega_{22}^\circ(E_\bullet) = \left\{ V \subset \mathbb{C}^4 : \begin{array}{ll} \dim(E_q \cap V) = 1 & \text{for } q \in [3 - 2, 3 - 2] \\ \dim(E_q \cap V) = 2 & \text{for } q \in [4 - 2, 4 - 2] \end{array} \right\}.$$

(The dimensions are the maximal possible, i.e.  $\Omega_{22}^\circ = \{E_2\}$ .)

$$\Omega_{10}^\circ(E_\bullet) = \left\{ V \subset \mathbb{C}^4 : \begin{array}{ll} \dim(E_q \cap V) = 1 & \text{for } q \in [3 - 1, 3 - 0] \\ \dim(E_q \cap V) = 2 & \text{for } q \in [4 - 0, 4 - 0] \end{array} \right\}.$$

(The only nontrivial condition is  $\dim(E_2 \cap V) = 1$  but  $E_1 \not\subset V, V \not\subset E_3$ )

$$\Omega_{11}^\circ(E_\bullet) = \left\{ V \subset \mathbb{C}^4 : \begin{array}{ll} \dim(E_q \cap V) = 1 & \text{for } q \in [3 - 1, 3 - 1] \\ \dim(E_q \cap V) = 2 & \text{for } q \in [4 - 1, 4 - 0] \end{array} \right\}.$$

(This means, that  $V \subset E_3$ .)

$$\Omega_{20}^\circ(E_\bullet) = \left\{ V \subset \mathbb{C}^4 : \begin{array}{ll} \dim(E_q \cap V) = 1 & \text{for } q \in [3 - 2, 3 - 0] \\ \dim(E_q \cap V) = 2 & \text{for } q \in [4 - 0, 4 - 0] \end{array} \right\}.$$

(This means  $E_1 \subset V, V \neq E_2$ .)

$$\Omega_{21}^\circ(E_\bullet) = \left\{ V \subset \mathbb{C}^4 : \begin{array}{ll} \dim(E_q \cap V) = 1 & \text{for } q \in [3 - 2, 3 - 1] \\ \dim(E_q \cap V) = 2 & \text{for } q \in [4 - 1, 4 - 0] \end{array} \right\}.$$

( $E_1 \subset V$  and  $V \subset E_3$ .)

**14.2** For the standard flag the Schubert cells are the  $B_n$  orbits of the torus-fixed points. Let  $x_{i,j} = \text{lin}\{\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j\}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Omega_{00}^\circ(E_{st}) = B_4 x_{34}, & \text{open cell} \\ \Omega_{22}^\circ(E_{st}) = B_4 x_{12}, & \text{a point} \\ \Omega_{10}^\circ(E_{st}) = B_4 x_{24}, & \text{divisor} \\ \Omega_{11}^\circ(E_{st}) = B_4 x_{23}, & \text{dim}=2, \text{ closure } \simeq \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \Omega_{20}^\circ(E_{st}) = B_4 x_{14}, & \text{dim}=2, \text{ closure } \simeq \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \Omega_{21}^\circ(E_{st}) = B_4 x_{13}, & \text{dim}=1, \text{ closure } \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

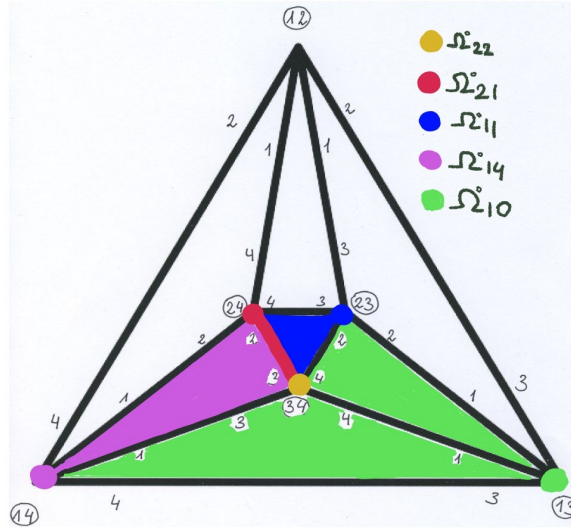
**14.3** If we reverse the reference flag, then the Schubert cells are the orbits of the opposite Borel group  $B_n^-$ , consisting of the lower triangular matrices.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Omega_{00}^\circ(E_{op}) = B_4^- x_{12}, & \text{open cell} \\ \Omega_{22}^\circ(E_{op}) = B_4^- x_{34}, & \text{a point} \\ \Omega_{10}^\circ(E_{op}) = B_4^- x_{13}, & \text{divisor} \\ \Omega_{11}^\circ(E_{op}) = B_4^- x_{23}, & \text{dim}=2, \text{ closure } \simeq \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \Omega_{20}^\circ(E_{op}) = B_4^- x_{14}, & \text{dim}=2, \text{ closure } \simeq \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \Omega_{21}^\circ(E_{op}) = B_4^- x_{24}, & \text{dim}=1, \text{ closure } \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

(we replace  $x_{i,j}$  by  $x_{5-j,5-i}$ .)

• Let us work with the opposite flag. We set  $\sigma_\lambda = \overline{[\Omega_\lambda^\circ(E_{op})]}$ .





14.4 The main statements of nonequivariant Schubert calculus are the following:

- The Giambelli formula says, that the classes of Schubert varieties can be expressed by the Chern classes of the (dual) tautological bundle  $V^*$

$$[\Omega_\lambda] = S_\lambda(V^*).$$

- The rules how to multiply  $\sigma_\lambda[\Omega_\lambda]$ 's: Pieri rule and more general Littlewood-Richardson rule.

14.5 For example for  $d = 1$ ,  $Gr_1(\mathbb{C}^n) = \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ ,  $V^* = \mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $[\Omega_i] = [\mathbb{P}^{n-1-i}] = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))^i$ .

14.6 Nonequivariant multiplication for  $Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$

	$\sigma_{00}$	$\sigma_{10}$	$\sigma_{11}$	$\sigma_{20}$	$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{22}$
$\sigma_{00}$	$\sigma_{00}$	$\sigma_{10}$	$\sigma_{11}$	$\sigma_{20}$	$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{22}$
$\sigma_{10}$	$\sigma_{10}$	$\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{20}$	$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{22}$	0
$\sigma_{11}$	$\sigma_{11}$	$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{22}$	0	0	0
$\sigma_{20}$	$\sigma_{20}$	$\sigma_{21}$	0	$\sigma_{22}$	0	0
$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{21}$	$\sigma_{22}$	0	0	0	0
$\sigma_{22}$	$\sigma_{22}$	0	0	0	0	0

14.7 The product  $\sigma_\lambda \cdot \sigma_\mu$  can be written as  $\sum_\nu c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu \sigma_\nu$ . The coefficients are called the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients. They are nonnegative integers:

$$c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu = |g_1 \Omega_\lambda(F_{st}) \cap g_2 \Omega_\mu(F_{st}) \cap g_3 \Omega_{\nu^\vee}(F_{st})|,$$

where  $\nu^\vee$  is the opposite partition  $\nu^\vee = \text{Reverse}((n-k)^k - \nu)$ ,  $g_i$  are general elements of  $GL_n$ . In the equivariant calculus the coefficients  $c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$  are polynomials in  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ .

14.8 In the nonequivariant case the reference flag is irrelevant for computing cohomology classes. Instead of  $B_n$  orbits one can take the orbits of the opposite Borel group  $B_n^-$ .

14.9 Equivariant cohomology contains more information. There are at least three important bases of  $H_{\mathbb{T}}^*(Gr_d(\mathbb{C}^n))$ :

- The basis on  $[\sigma_\lambda]$  — the natural choice;
- The bases of Schur classes of  $V^*$  — convenient for functorial reasoning;
- The basis of the fixed point classes (this is a basis after the localization in  $S = \langle t_i - t_j \mid i \neq j \rangle$ ) — here the multiplication is easy.

**14.10** The analogues of the Giambelli formulas are the Kempf-Laksov formulas. In [Anderson-Fulton, 9.2] given for  $B_n^-$  orbit closures.

**14.11** Table of the restrictions of Schubert classes at the fixed points

	$x_{34}$	$x_{24}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{14}$	$x_{13}$	$x_{12}$
$\sigma_0$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\sigma_{10}$	$t_1 + t_2 - t_3 - t_4$	$t_1 - t_4$	$t_2 - t_4$	$t_1 - t_3$	$t_2 - t_3$	0
$\sigma_{11}$	$(t_1 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)$	$(t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_4)$	0	$(t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_3)$	0	0
$\sigma_{20}$	$(t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_4)$	$(t_1 - t_4)(t_3 - t_4)$	$(t_2 - t_4)(t_3 - t_4)$	0	0	0
$\sigma_{21}$	$(t_1 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_4)$	$(t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_4)(t_3 - t_4)$	0	0	0	0
$\sigma_{22}$	$(t_1 - t_3)(t_2 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_4)$	0	0	0	0	0

**14.12** The formula for  $\sigma_{10}$ : in nonequivariant cohomology  $\sigma_1 = c_1(V^*) = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))$  (the bundle  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  comes from the Plücker embedding).

- The equivariant formula is of the form

$$\sigma_{10} = c_1(V^*) + \text{linear form}(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4).$$

The form is chosen in such way that  $(\sigma_{10})|_{x_{1,2}} = 0$ , i.e. it is equal  $t_1 + t_2$ . This reasoning works in general.

**14.13** Equivariant multiplication table.

- Multiplication by  $\sigma_{10}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{10}\sigma_{22} &= (t_1 + t_2 - t_3 - t_4)\sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{10}\sigma_{21} &= (t_1 - t_4)\sigma_{21} + \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{10}\sigma_{20} &= (t_2 - t_4)\sigma_{20} + \sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{10}\sigma_{11} &= (t_1 - t_3)\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{10}^2 &= (t_2 - t_3)\sigma_{10} + \sigma_{11} + \sigma_{20} \end{aligned}$$

According to the equivariant Monk formula

$$\sigma_{10}\sigma_\lambda = \sum_{\lambda^+} \sigma_{\lambda^+} + (\sigma_{10})|_{x_\lambda} \sigma_\lambda,$$

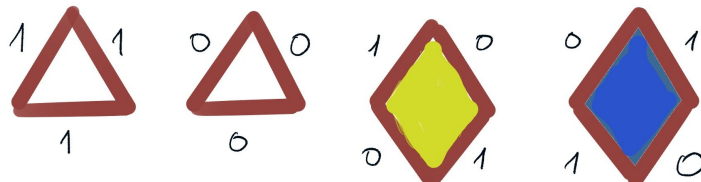
where  $x_\lambda$  is the fixed point in  $\Omega_\lambda^\circ(E_{op})$ .

- The remaining multiplications

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{22}^2 &= (t_1 - t_3)(t_2 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_4)\sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{21}\sigma_{22} &= (t_1 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_4)\sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{20}\sigma_{22} &= (t_1 - t_4)(t_2 - t_4)\sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{11}\sigma_{22} &= (t_1 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)\sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{21}^2 &= (t_1 - t_4)^2\sigma_{22} + (t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_4)(t_3 - t_4)\sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{20}\sigma_{21} &= (t_1 - t_4)\sigma_{22} + (t_1 - t_4)(t_3 - t_4)\sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{11}\sigma_{21} &= (t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_4)\sigma_{21} + (t_1 - t_4)\sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{20}^2 &= (t_2 - t_4)(t_3 - t_4)\sigma_{20} + (t_3 - t_4)\sigma_{21} + \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{11}\sigma_{20} &= (t_1 - t_4)\sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{11}^2 &= (t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_3)\sigma_{11} + (t_1 - t_2)\sigma_{21} + \sigma_{22} \end{aligned}$$

**14.14** Knutson-Tao puzzles: we draw a triangle with all edges of length  $n$  and fill them with pieces of the following shapes

- Three nonequivariant puzzles and one equivariant:



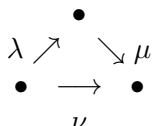
The last one is not rotatable.

- We change the coding of Schubert varieties. Instead of partitions we use 0-1 sequences of length  $n$ .

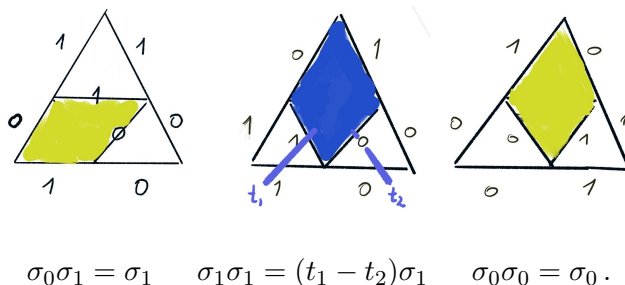
We walk along the edges of Young diagram  $NE \rightarrow SW$ : the sequence has 1 if we go  $S$ , 0 if we go  $W$ .

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10	$\rightarrow$	0101
11	$\rightarrow$	0110
20	$\rightarrow$	0110
21	$\rightarrow$	1010
22	$\rightarrow$	1100

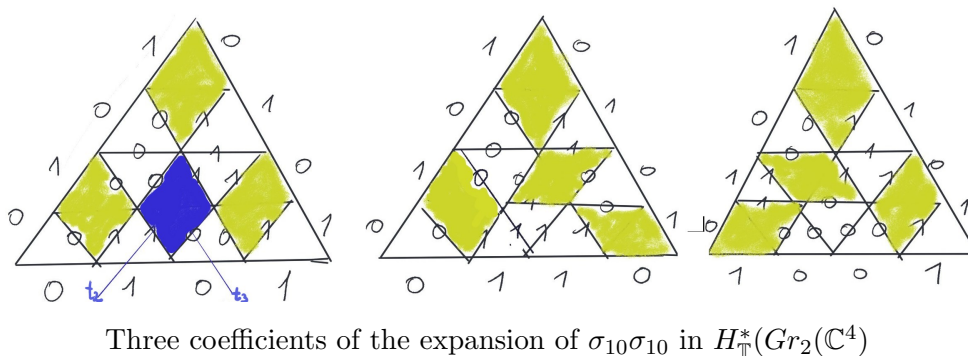
We label the edges of the triangle with the codes



**14.15** Multiplication in  $\mathbb{P}^1 = Gr_1(\mathbb{C}^2)$



**14.16** Multiplication in  $Gr_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$



$$c_{10,10}^{10} = t_2 - t_3, \quad c_{10,10}^{11} = 1, \quad c_{10,10}^{20} = 1.$$

**14.17** [Anderson-Fulton, §9, Theorem 8.4] The equivariant Littlewood-Richardson coefficient is equal to

$$c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = \sum_{\text{puzzle fillings}} \prod_{\text{special pieces}} (t_{\text{left leg}} - t_{\text{right leg}}).$$

- In [Anderson-Fulton, §9] the signs of the variables are reversed, due to a different convention.