

Positroid varieties

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$$[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Grassmannians and Schubert varieties

$$\text{Gr}(k, n) = \{k\text{-planes in } \mathbb{C}^n\} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\binom{n}{k}-1}$$

$$= \left\{ k \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \right\} / \text{row operations}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_{13} = 3$$

$$\mathbb{C}^n \ni V \mapsto (\Delta_I(V))_{I \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \quad \Delta_I = \text{Plücker coord.}$$

$$\text{Gr}(k, n) = \bigsqcup_{I \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \Omega_I \quad \Omega_{136} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & 0 & * & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & * & * & 0 & * \\ & & & & 1 & * \end{bmatrix} \right\} \cong \mathbb{C}^8$$

Schubert cell

Schubert variety

$$X_I := \overline{\Omega_I}$$

Positroid varieties

$$\chi: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \quad \text{induces } \chi: \text{Gr}(k, n) \rightarrow \text{Gr}(k, n)$$
$$e_i \mapsto e_{i+1 \bmod n}$$

An open positroid variety is a (non-empty) intersection

$$\overset{\circ}{\Pi}_{\mathbf{I}} = \Omega_{I_1} \cap \chi(\Omega_{I_2}) \cap \chi^2(\Omega_{I_3}) \cap \dots \cap \chi^{n-1}(\Omega_{I_n})$$

for some $(I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n) \in \binom{[n]}{k}^n$. Closed positroid variety:

$$\overline{\Pi}_{\mathbf{I}} = \overline{\overset{\circ}{\Pi}}_{\mathbf{I}} = X_{I_1} \cap \chi(X_{I_2}) \cap \dots \cap \chi^{n-1}(X_{I_n})$$

irreducible
projective

\uparrow
Thm

Juggling patterns

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad v_i, i \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{by} \quad v_i := v_{i+n}$$

$$f_V: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad f(i) := \min \{ j \geq i \mid v_i \in \text{span}(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, \dots, v_j) \}$$

Example $k=3$ $n=6$

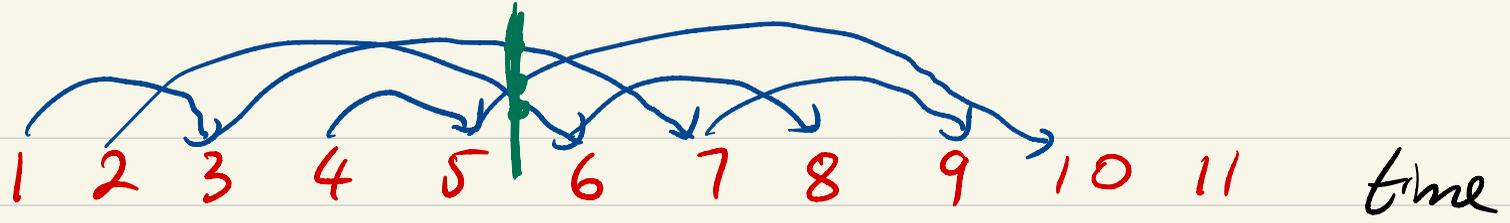
$$\begin{array}{cccccc} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$f(1) = 3 \quad f(4) = 5$$

$$f(2) = 6 \quad f(5) = 10$$

$$f(3) = 7 \quad f(6) = 8$$

$$f(i+n) = f(i) + n$$



$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ bijection

(1) $f(i+n) = f(i) + n$

(2) $i \leq f(i) \leq i+n$

(3) $\sum_{i=1}^n (f(i) - i) = kn$

} (k, n) -bounded
affine permutation

Thm [Knitson-L.-Speyer]

$\overset{\circ}{\Pi}_f = \{v \mid f_v = f\} \subset \text{Gr}(k, n)$

- f_v is a (k, n) -bounded affine permutation.
- The induced stratification

$$\text{Gr}(k, n) = \bigsqcup_{f \in \text{Bound}(k, n)} \overset{\circ}{\Pi}_f$$

other ways to index:
Bruhat intervals
positroids
plabic graphs

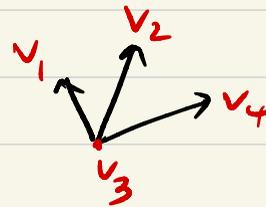
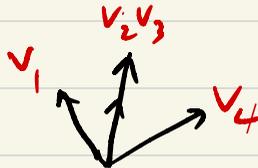
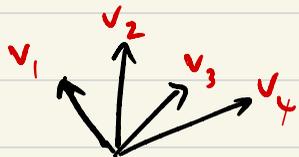
is the open positroid stratification. Cyclic rank matrices

- $\pi_f := \overline{\pi_f^\circ} = \bigsqcup_{g \geq f} \pi_g^\circ$ *affine Bruhat order*
- π_f° is smooth, irreducible
- π_f is normal, Cohen-Macaulay

Example $Gr(2,4)$

$id = 3456$

$id_{k,n}(i) = i+k$



$$f(3) = 3$$

[Brown - Goodeal - Yakimov]

G-Y

Poisson
Geometry

Schubert
Calculus [KLS]

Total
positivity
[Postnikov]
[Lusztig]



Frobenius
splitting [KLS]

qt-Catalan
[Galashin-L.]

Cluster
algebras

Scattering
amplitudes

Mirror
symmetry

$$\mathbb{C}[X_I] = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} V(I)_d \quad \begin{matrix} \hookrightarrow \\ \text{upper-} \\ \text{triangular} \\ \text{matrices} \end{matrix} \quad \text{Demazure modules.}$$

$$\mathbb{C}[\pi_f] = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} V(f)_d \quad \text{cyclic Demazure module.}$$

$\uparrow (\pi_f, \mathcal{O}(d))$

Thm These spaces have canonical bases (at $q=1$).

$(L.)$
 $k=2 \quad n=4$
 $d=2$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

all tableaux

$Gr(2,4)$

columns ≥ 13

$$X_{13} = \left\{ \overline{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \right\}$$

SSYT shape $(2,2) = k \times d$ rectangle filled (n)

$f = 2547 \in \text{Bound}(2,4)$ $\mathcal{I} = (13, 23, 13, 41)$

1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4

$$\dim \mathbb{Q}[\pi_f]_d = 9$$

To belong to cyclic Demazure crystal must

belong to all promotion-rotated Demazure crystal

Open Problem: what is the character of the
cyclic Demazure module?

Cohomology class

$$H^*(Gr(k,n)) \cong \bigoplus_I \mathbb{Q} \cdot [X_I] \cong \Lambda / I_{k,n} \cong \mathbb{Q}[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k] / \dots$$

$$[X_I] \xrightarrow{\text{Giambelli}} s_\lambda \quad \text{Schur polynomial}$$

Th'm Under
[KLS] $\Lambda / I_{k,n} \cong H^*(Gr(k,n))$,

affine Stanley function $\tilde{F}_f \mapsto [\pi_f]$

$$\tilde{F}_f = \sum_{f=v_1 v_2 \dots v_r} x_1^{l(v_1)} x_2^{l(v_2)} \dots x_r^{l(v_r)}$$

$$f = v_1 v_2 \dots v_r$$

$$l(f) = l(v_1) + l(v_2) + \dots + l(v_r)$$

v_i cyclically decreasing

e.g. $v_i = s_7 s_5 s_4 s_3 s_1$

$$[n]_q := \frac{1-q^n}{1-q} = 1+q+q^2+\dots+q^{n-1}$$

$$[n]_q! := [n]_q [n-1]_q \dots [1]_q$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q! [n-k]_q!}$$

Gaussian polynomial

$$\sum_{\lambda \subset \square_{n-k}^k} q^{\text{area}(\lambda)}$$

Theorem $\sum_i \dim H^{2i}(\text{Gr}(k,n)) q^i = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q$

$$\#\text{Gr}(k,n)(\mathbb{F}_q) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q$$

Example $k=2, n=4$ $1+q+2q^2+q^3+q^4$








$$\mathring{\Pi}_{id} := \left\{ V \mid \Delta_{123\dots k}(V) \neq 0, \dots, \Delta_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{k-1}}(V) \neq 0, \dots \right\}$$

$\subset Gr(k, n)$ top open positroid variety.

Thm [Galashin-L.] assume $\gcd(k, n) = 1$

$$\# \mathring{\Pi}_{id}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \frac{1}{[n]_q} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q (q-1)^{n-1}$$

} q -Catalan numbers

$$\sum \dim H^i(\mathring{\Pi}_{id}) q^i = (q+1)^{n-1} \sum_D q^{\text{area}(D)}$$

$(k, n-k)$ rational Dyck paths

$\binom{n}{k}$ binomial coefficient

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{1}{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{n} \quad \text{Catalan numbers}$$

$$C_{a,b} = \frac{1}{a+b} \binom{a+b}{a}$$

rational Catalan number

$\gcd(a,b)=1$

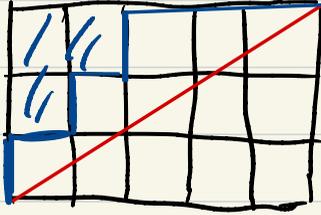
Th'm

$= \#$ (a,b) rational Dyck paths

Grossman,
Bizley

Two q-analogues
of $C_{a,b}$!

e.g. $(a, b) = (3, 5)$ $\frac{1}{(8)_q} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_q = 1 + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6 + q^8$



• mixed Hodge polynomial (\mathbb{P}^1_{id}) \rightsquigarrow q, t -Catalan

$J_{k,n-k}$ comp. Jacob.
 $x^k = y^{n-k}$

mixed Hodge-Tate

$H^{k,(p,p)}(\mathbb{P}^1_{id})$

Garsia-Haiman

Haglund

Loehr-Warrington

Gorsky-Mazur

• $H^*(\mathbb{P}^1_{id})$ satisfies curious Lefschetz

$\gamma \in H^{2,(2,2)}(\mathbb{P}^1_{id}) \rightsquigarrow$ unimodality + symmetry of $C_{a,b}(q,t)$

• generalization to \mathbb{P}^1_f . Point count = (KL R-poly)

is given by a coefficient of HOMFLY.

