

Arrangements in the Schubert Calculus of Grassmannians

Grassmannian

$$\text{Poly}_d = \{ \text{complex polynomials in } x \text{ of } \deg \leq d \}$$

$\text{Gr}_p(\text{Poly}_d)$ - Grassmannian of dim p subspaces

$$\dim \text{Gr}_p(\text{Poly}_d) = p(d+1-p)$$

Wronski map

$$W: \text{Gr}_p(\quad) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{p(d+1-p)}$$

$$V = \text{Span} \{ P_1(x), \dots, P_p(x) \} \in \text{Gr}_p(\text{Poly}_d)$$

$$W_V(x) = C \cdot \begin{vmatrix} P_1(x) & \cdots & P_p(x) \\ P_1'(x) & & \\ \vdots & & \\ P_1^{(p-1)}(x) & & P_p^{(p-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W: V \mapsto W_V(x)$$

This is the work of

L. Goldberg 1991 (p=2)

Erenenko-Gabrielov

Khavramov-Sottile

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Schubert Varieties

Flag $F_*(\xi)$

$$F_0(\xi) \subset F_1(\xi) \subset \dots \subset F_d(\xi) = \text{Poly}_d$$

$$\dim F_i(\xi) = i+1 \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty$$

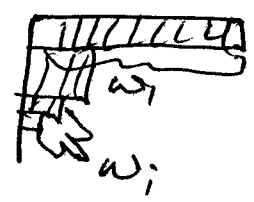
$$F_i(\xi) = \text{Span} \{ (x-\xi)^{d-i}, (x-\xi)^{d-i+1}, \dots, (x-\xi)^d \}$$

$$F_\infty(\xi) = \text{Span} \{ 1, x, \dots, x^i \} = \text{Poly}_i$$

Schubert index $w = (w_1, \dots, w_p)$

where $d+1-p \geq w_1 \geq \dots \geq w_p \geq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

gives Young diagram



$$\mathbb{F}_0 \subset \dots \subset \mathbb{F}_{p-1} \subset \mathbb{F}_p \text{ "Polyd"}$$

(3)

If $w = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ then consider last p .

$$\text{If } w = (d+1-p, \dots, d+1-p)$$

then V orders at $\{ (p-1, \dots, 2, 1, 0) \}$

Schubert cell

$$\Sigma_w^0(\xi) \in G_{r_p}(\text{Polyd})$$

Claim

$$(1) \forall \xi \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty \quad \forall V \in G_{r_p}(\text{Polyd})$$

$$V \in \Sigma_{w(\xi; V)}^0(\xi) \text{ for a certain } w(\xi; V)$$

$$(2) w_V(\xi) \neq 0 \text{ iff } w(\xi; V) = (0, \dots, 0)$$

$$(3) \text{ If } w_V(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n (x - z_j)^{m_j} \text{ then}$$

$$V \in \bigcap_{\xi \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty} \Sigma_{w(\xi; V)}^0(\xi)$$

$$= \bigcap_{j=1}^n \Sigma_{w(z_j)}^0(z_j) \cap \Sigma_{w(\infty)}^0(\infty)$$

where

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$$|\omega(j)| = m_j$$

$$m_{n+1} = p(d+1-p) - \sum_{j=1}^n m_j$$

Schubert Intersection

$$I_{\{\omega\}}(z) = \bigcap_{j=1}^n \Sigma_{\omega(j)}(z_j) \cap \Sigma_{\omega(n+1)}(\infty)$$

$$\{\omega\} = \{\omega(1), \dots, \omega(n+1)\} \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$$\omega(j) = (\omega_1(j), \dots, \omega_p(j)), \quad \omega_p(j) = 0$$

Homology class $[\Sigma_\omega]$ does not depend on the flag.

∇_ω corresp. cohomology Schubert class.

Claim

[Eisenbud-Harris]

(1) $I_{\{\omega\}}(z)$ is zero dim. and has at most $\nabla_{\omega(1)} \cdots \nabla_{\omega(n+1)}$ elements.

(2) If $V \in I_{\{\omega\}}(z)$ then V has no base pt.

$$w_V(x) = (x-z_1)^{m_1} \cdots (x-z_n)^{m_n}$$

The degrees of poly's in

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$$V \in \mathcal{I}_{\omega_3}(z) :$$

$$d_\ell = d - \omega_\ell(u+1) + \ell - p \quad 1 \leq \ell \leq p$$

$$0 \leq d_1 < \dots < d_p = d.$$

Let $V = \text{Span}\{P_1(x), \dots, P_p(x)\}$, $\deg P_\ell(x) = d_\ell$

$$V_i := \text{Span}\{P_1, \dots, P_i\} \quad \omega_i(x) := \omega_{V_i}(x)$$

Consider the flag:

$$\{P_1\} \subset \{P_1, P_2\} \subset \dots \subset \{P_1, \dots, P_p\}$$

$$\omega_1 = P_1(x), \quad \omega_2 = P_1 P_2' - P_1' P_2, \quad \dots$$

Claim:

V is solution space to ODE
(see slide)

Set $z_1(x) = 1$ and for $z \in i \in p$

$$z_i(x) := \prod_{j=1}^n (x - z_j)^{\omega_{p-1}(j) + \dots + \omega_{p+1-i}(j)}$$

Claim $\frac{w_i(x)}{z_i(x)} = T_i(x)$

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is a polynomial. $[T_P(x) = 1]$

$$V \in \mathcal{I}_{\{w\}}(z) \Rightarrow \{T_1(x), \dots, T_{P-1}(x)\}$$

\uparrow
known degrees

Non-degenerate Plane

$T_1(x), \dots, T_{P-1}(x)$ are generic

- $\Delta(T_i) \neq 0$
- $T_i(z_j) \neq 0$
- (see slide)

Aim: To produce $\Phi_{\{w\}, z}(T_1, \dots, T_{P-1})$

the ~~generic~~ generating function of $\mathcal{I}_{\{w\}}(z)$ s.t. its critical pts determine the ad. planes

Fixed $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$

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$$\text{put } P(x) = T(x)Z(x)$$

Def: The relative discriminant of $P(x)$ w.r.t. z ,

$$\Delta_z(P) = \Delta(P) / \Delta(z) = \Delta(T) \text{Res}^2(\Delta(T), \Delta(z))$$

The generating func

$$\Phi_{\{w\}, z} = \frac{\Delta_z(w_1) \cdots \Delta_z(w_{p-1})}{\text{Res}_z(w_1, w_2) \cdots \text{Res}_z(w_{p-1}, w_p)}$$

here $w_i(x) = z_i(x)T_i(x)$

Thm: The cr. pts w/ non-zero cr. values of the func $\Phi_{\{w\}, z}$ determine the u.d. planes in $\mathbb{P}_{\{w\}}^n(z)$.

Notation $t^{(i)} = \{t_1^{(i)}, \dots, t_{k_i}^{(i)}\}$

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the roots of T_i

The generating function $\Phi_{\{w\}, z}$ has

$$\Phi(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{P-1} \prod_{1 \leq l < s \leq k_i}$$

gives
discriminated
arrangement

Idea of the proof: Use results
of [A. Gabrielov]

about relation of Wronskians:

$$\frac{W_1''(\xi)}{W_2'(\xi)} - \dots - \dots = 0$$

Remark: $\Phi(t)$ is the "master function" of

the slp Gaudin model associated

with z and

$$L_{w^*(u+1)} \subset L_{w(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes L_{w(u)}$$

{Bethe vectors} 1-to-1 {u.d. planes}

So,

Hyperplane arrangement in $\mathbb{C}^{k_1 + \dots + k_{r-1}}$

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$$\{t_e^{(i)} = t_s^{(i)}\}, \{t_e^{(i)} = t_s^{(i \pm 1)}\}, \{t_e^{(i)} = z_i\}$$

w/ weights $z_i = -1$, and $n(i, j) \leq 0$

"controls the Schubert calculus"!

~~Truncated binomial~~

Ex: For $n=2$ we can take $z_1=0, z_2=-1$

$$t \mapsto (t - z_1) / (z_1 - z_2)$$

Prop. If the Schubert intersection

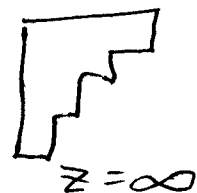
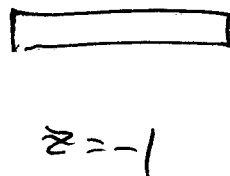
$$\Sigma_{w(0)}(0) \cap \Sigma_{w(-1)}(-1) \cap \Sigma_{w(\infty)}(\infty)$$

is non-empty then it consists of n d. planes only.

Truncated binomial

$$P_{m,d}(x) = 1 + dx + \binom{d}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{d}{m}x^m \quad m \leq d$$

Consider



If the intersection is non-empty then it has one element.

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$$(1+x)^d = 1 + dx + \dots + x^d$$

Prop $\text{Span}\{P_{m,d}(x), \dots, P_{d,d}(x)\}$

$$= \Sigma_{w(0)} \cap \Sigma_{w(-1)} \cap \Sigma_{w(\infty)}$$

where

$$w(0) = (m_{p-1} + z - p, \dots, m_2 - 1, m_1, 0)$$

$$w(-1) = (d+1-p, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$w(\infty) = (d+1-m_1 - p, \dots, d-1-m_{p-1}, 0)$$

Proof: by examining

$$(1+x)^d = 1 + dx + \underbrace{\binom{d}{2}x^2 + \dots}_{Q_1(x)} + \underbrace{\binom{d}{k}x^k + \dots}_{Q_2(x)} + \underbrace{x^d}_{Q_p(x)}$$

$$Q_1(x), Q_2(x), \dots,$$

Corollary $\text{Res}(P_{m,d}(x), P_{k,d}(x)) \neq 0$

$$1 \leq m < k \leq d.$$

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$W_V(x)$ monic polynomial of $\deg \leq p(d + 1 - p)$

$$\mathcal{W} : V \mapsto W_V(x)$$

Schubert varieties

Flag $\mathcal{F}_\bullet(\xi)$

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\xi) \subset \mathcal{F}_1(\xi) \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{F}_d(\xi) = \text{Poly}_d$$

$$\dim \mathcal{F}_i(\xi) = i + 1, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty$$

$$\mathcal{F}_i(\xi) = \text{Span}\{(x-\xi)^{d-i}, (x-\xi)^{d-i+1}, \dots, (x-\xi)^d\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_i(\infty) = \text{Span}\{1, x, \dots, x^i\} = \text{Poly}_i$$

Schubert index $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_p)$, where

$$d + 1 - p \geq w_1 \geq \cdots \geq w_p \geq 0 \text{ integers}$$

Schubert cell $\Omega_{\mathbf{w}}^\circ(\xi) \subset \text{Gr}_p(\text{Poly}_d)$:

$\{ V \in \text{Gr}_p(\text{Poly}_d) \}$ such that

$$\dim (V \cap \mathcal{F}_{d-p+i-w_i}(\xi)) = i,$$

$$\dim (V \cap \mathcal{F}_{d-p+i-w_i-1}(\xi)) = i - 1 \}$$

$$\text{codim}_{\mathbb{C}} \Omega_{\mathbf{w}}^\circ = |\mathbf{w}| = w_1 + \cdots + w_p$$

Schubert variety $\Omega_{\mathbf{w}}(\xi) = \overline{\Omega_{\mathbf{w}}^\circ(\xi)}$

Claims:

$$(1) \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty \quad \forall V \in Gr_p(\text{Poly}_d) \\ V \in \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(\xi; V)}^\circ(\xi) \quad \text{for a certain } \mathbf{w}(\xi; V);$$

$$(2) \quad W_V(\xi) \neq 0 \text{ iff } \mathbf{w}(\xi; V) = (0, \dots, 0);$$

$$(3) \quad \text{If } W_V(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n (x - z_j)^{m_j}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &\in \bigcap_{\xi \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty} \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(\xi; V)}^\circ(\xi) \\ &= \bigcap_{j=1}^n \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(j)}^\circ(z_j) \cap \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(n+1)}^\circ(\infty) \\ &= \bigcap_{j=1}^n \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(j)}(z_j) \cap \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(n+1)}(\infty), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$|\mathbf{w}(j)| = m_j, \quad m_{n+1} = p(d+1-p) - \sum_{j=1}^n m_j.$$

Schubert intersection

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z) = \cap_{j=1}^n \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(j)}(z_j) \cap \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(n+1)}(\infty),$$

$$\{\mathbf{w}\} = \{\mathbf{w}(1), \dots, \mathbf{w}(n+1)\}, \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$$\mathbf{w}(j) = (w_1(j), \dots, w_p(j)), \quad w_p(j) = 0,$$

$$|\mathbf{w}(j)| = m_j, \quad m_{n+1} = p(d+1-p) - \sum_{j=1}^n m_j.$$

Homology class $[\Omega_{\mathbf{w}}]$ does not depend on flag.

$\sigma_{\mathbf{w}}$ corresp. cohomology *Schubert class*.

Claims: (1) [Eisenbud–Harris, 1983]

$\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$ is zero-dimensional and consists of at most $\sigma_{\mathbf{w}(1)} \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_{\mathbf{w}(n+1)}$ elements;

(2) If $V \in \mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$, then V has no base point,

$$W_V(x) = (x - z_1)^{m_1} \dots (x - z_n)^{m_n}.$$

The degrees of polynomials in $V \in \mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$:

$$d_l = d - w_l(n + 1) + l - p, \quad 1 \leq l \leq p,$$

$$0 \leq d_1 < \cdots < d_p = d$$

The orders at z_j of polynomials in V :

$$\rho_l(z_j) = w_l(j) + p - l, \quad 1 \leq l \leq p, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

$$d \geq \rho_1(z_j) \geq \cdots \geq \rho_p(z_j) = 0$$

Let $V = \text{Span}\{P_1(x), \dots, P_p(x)\}$, $\deg P_l(x) = d_l$,

$V_i := \text{Span}\{P_1, \dots, P_i\}$, $W_i(x) := W_{V_i}(x)$

Claim: [Pólya–Szegő, Problems in Analysis]

V is the solution space to the ODE ($W_0(x) = 1$)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{W_{p-1}^2(x)}{W_{p-2}(x)W_p(x)} \cdots \frac{d}{dx} \frac{W_2^2(x)}{W_3(x)W_1(x)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{W_1^2(x)}{W_2(x)W_0(x)} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{u(x)}{W_1(x)} = 0.$$

Set $Z_1(x) = 1$ and, for $2 \leq i \leq p$,

$$Z_i(x) := \prod_{j=1}^n (x - z_j)^{w_{p-1}(j) + \dots + w_{p+1-i}(j)}$$

Claim: $W_i(x)/Z_i(x) = T_i(x)$ is a polynomial.

[$T_p(x) = 1$, as $Z_p(x) = W_p(x) = W_V(x)$]

$$V \in \mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z) \Rightarrow \{T_1(x), \dots, T_{p-1}(x)\}$$

Non-degenerate plane:

$T_1(x), \dots, T_{p-1}(x)$ are *generic*, that is

- $\Delta(T_i) \neq 0$;
- $T_i(z_j) \neq 0$, $1 \leq j \leq n$;
- $\text{Res}(T_i, T_{i\pm 1}) \neq 0$.

Aim: To produce $\Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\},z}(T_1, \dots, T_{p-1})$,
the generating function of $\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$, such that
 it's critical points determine the n.d. planes.

Fixed $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, write $P(x) = T(x)Z(x)$,
 where $T(z_j) \neq 0$, $Z(\xi) \neq 0 \forall \xi \neq z_j$, $1 \leq j \leq n$.

Define the relative discriminant of $P(x)$ w.r.t. z ,

$$\Delta_z(P) = \Delta(P)/\Delta(Z) = \Delta(T)\text{Res}^2(Z, T),$$

the relative resultant of $P_1(x), P_2(x)$ w.r.t. z ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_z(P_1, P_2) &= \text{Res}(P_1, P_2)/\text{Res}(Z_1, Z_2) \\ &= \text{Res}(T_1, T_2)\text{Res}(T_1, Z_2)\text{Res}(T_2, Z_1). \end{aligned}$$

The generating function of $\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\},z} &= \Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\},z}(T_1, \dots, T_{p-1}) = \\ &= \frac{\Delta_z(W_1) \cdots \Delta_z(W_{p-1})}{\text{Res}_z(W_1, W_2) \cdots \text{Res}_z(W_{p-1}, W_p)}, \end{aligned}$$

here

$$W_i(x) = Z_i(x)T_i(x), \quad W_p(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n (x - z_j)^{m_j}.$$

If V is non-degenerate, then $T_i(z_j) \neq 0$.

Theorem *The critical points with non-zero critical values of the function $\Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\},z}$ determine the non-degenerate planes in $\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$.*

Notation: $t^{(i)} = \{t_1^{(i)}, \dots, t_{k_i}^{(i)}\}$ the roots of T_i ;
 $\deg T_i = k_i$, $\mathbf{t} = \{t^{(1)}, \dots, t^{(p-1)}\}$.

Generating function $\Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\}, z}$ in terms of \mathbf{t} :

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\mathbf{t}) &= \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \prod_{1 \leq l < s \leq k_i} (t_l^{(i)} - t_s^{(i)})^2 \\ &\times \prod_{i=1}^{p-2} \prod_{l=1}^{k_i} \prod_{s=1}^{k_{i+1}} (t_l^{(i)} - t_s^{(i+1)})^{-1} \\ &\times \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{l=1}^{k_i} (t_l^{(i)} - z_j)^{\mu(i,j)}, \end{aligned}$$

here k_i and $\mu(i, j) \leq 0$ are defined by $\{\mathbf{w}\}$.

Idea of the proof:

(1) Crit. pts of $\Phi(\mathbf{t})$ with non-zero critical value:

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \cdot \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t_l^{(i)}}(\mathbf{t}) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p-1, \quad 1 \leq l \leq k_i.$$

(2) [A. Gabrielov] If for some $\xi \in \mathbb{C}$

$W_l(\xi) = 0$ and $W_{l\pm 1}(\xi) \neq 0$, then $W'_l(\xi) \neq 0$ and

$$\frac{W''_l(\xi)}{W'_l(\xi)} - \frac{W'_{l+1}(\xi)}{W_{l+1}(\xi)} - \frac{W'_{l-1}(\xi)}{W_{l-1}(\xi)} = 0.$$

Equations (1) and (2) coincide, therefore
roots of $\{T_j(x)\}$ give a crit. pt. of $\Phi(\mathbf{t})$.

(3) Any solution to (1) determines Wronskians
 $W_1(x), \dots, W_{p-1}(x)$ and, hence, V .

Remark: $\Phi(\mathbf{t})$ is the “master function” of the sl_p Gaudin model associated with z and

$$L_{\mathbf{w}^*(n+1)} \subset L_{\mathbf{w}(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes L_{\mathbf{w}(n)};$$

{Bethe vectors} 1-to-1 {n.d. planes}.

Proposition *For generic $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, $\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$ consists of n.d. planes only, that is the (orbits of the) critical points of $\Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\},z}$ determine all elements of $\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$.*

[follows from E. Frenkel’s results on opers]

Hyperplane Arrangement in $\mathbb{C}^{k_1 + \cdots + k_{p-1}}$,

$$\{t_l^{(i)} = t_s^{(i)}\}, \{t_l^{(i)} = t_s^{(i \pm 1)}\}, \{t_l^{(i)} = z_j\},$$

with weights 2, (-1), and $\mu(i, j) < 0$, resp.,

“controls the Schubert calculus”!

For $n = 2$ one can assume $z_1 = 0$, $z_2 = -1$

$$\mathbf{t} \mapsto (\mathbf{t} - z_1)/(z_1 - z_2)$$

Proposition *If the Schubert intersection*

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{w}(0)}(0) \cap \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(-1)}(-1) \cap \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(\infty)}(\infty)$$

is non-empty, then it contains n.d. planes only.

[follows from E. Frenkel's results onopers]

Conjecture:

For generic z , $\mathcal{I}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}}(z)$ is transversal, that is $\Phi_{\{\mathbf{w}\},z}$ has exactly $\sigma_{\mathbf{w}(1)} \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_{\mathbf{w}(n+1)}$ (orbits of the) critical points.

[Proved for $p = 2$ and for $p > 2$ in some particular cases]

Truncated binomial

$$P_{m,d}(x) = 1 + dx + \binom{d}{2}x^2 + \cdots + \binom{d}{m}x^m, \quad m \leq d.$$

Proposition

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Span}\{P_{m_1,d}(x), \dots, P_{m_{p-1},d}(x), P_{d,d}(x)\} &= \\ &= \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(0)}(0) \cap \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(-1)}(-1) \Omega_{\mathbf{w}(\infty)}(\infty), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{w}(0) = (m_{p-1} + 2 - p, \dots, m_2 - 1, m_1, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{w}(-1) = (d + 1 - p, 0, \dots, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\infty) = (d + 1 - p - m_1, \dots, d - 1 - m_{p-1}, 0).$$

Corollary [from results on Bethe vectors
and the Schubert calculus]

$$\text{Res}(P_{m,d}(x), P_{k,d}(x)) \neq 0, \quad 1 \leq m < k \leq d.$$