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Title: Equivariant transversality and K-theoretic positivity

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Summary: The lecture introduces equivariant K-theory to this audience, and then proceeds to sketch proofs of conjectures of Graham-Kumar and Griffeth-Ram about “positivity” for structure constants for torus-equivariant K-theory of flag varieties  $G/B$ . Included is a discussion of “positivity” for K-theory, which really means a certain alternation in signs.

Joint work with Dave Anderson and Steve Griffeth.

$X$  smooth compact variety over complex numbers. Let  $T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ . A vector bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  is equivariant if  $T$  acts on the whole picture (on both  $E$  and  $X$ ).

Equivariant K-theory:  $K_T(X) = \bigoplus_E \mathbb{Z}[E]_T / \langle E = E' + E'' \mid 0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow E'' \rightarrow 0 \rangle$ . sum over all isomorphism classes of equivariant vector bundles. As written, it's a group; but it's also a ring, with multiplication being tensor products.

First example:  $K_T(pt) = R(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\Lambda] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} e^\lambda = \mathbb{Z}[e^{\pm\alpha_1}, \dots, e^{\pm\alpha_m}]$ . Why? For  $X = pt$ , have  $E = \bigoplus$  one-dim'l  $T$ -reps. (Notation:  $\Lambda$  weight lattice,  $\alpha$ s weights.)

We will use Poincare duality:  $\mathcal{F}$  coherent and equivariant sheaf on  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  has resolution by vector bundles:

$$0 \leftarrow \mathcal{F} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_0 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_\ell \leftarrow 0.$$

(These are also equivariant morphisms of coherent sheaves.) Implies  $[\mathcal{F}]_T := \sum_i (-1)^i [\mathcal{E}_i]_T$ . In particular, we'll be interested in case where  $F$  is structure sheaf of subvariety (even Schubert variety).

If we had  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  and wanted class of products, we'd have to resolve both and do a lot of work. Turns out that  $[\mathcal{F}]_T \cdot [\mathcal{G}]_T = \sum_i (-1)^i [Tor_i^{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})]_T$ . This alternation will come often in this talk: positivity in equivariant K-theory is alternating signs.

Q: hypotheses? A: smooth is the key hypothesis.

Setup for  $G/P$  and  $G/B$ :  $G$  a complex semi-simple algebraic group. Example to keep in mind is just  $SL_{n+1}$ . All theorems today are new for  $SL_{n+1}$ .  $X = G/B$  (yes,  $B$ ) where  $B$  is upper-triangular matrices. (Can think of  $P$  if you like: notation is easier with  $B$ .)  $SL_{n+1}/B = Fl_{n+1}$  flag variety.

$T \subseteq B$  is a maximal torus. (If you take a subtorus, need positivity hypothesis; might touch on this at very end of talk.) In our example,  $T$  is just diagonal matrices in  $SL_{n+1}$ .

Cell decomposition:  $G/B = \coprod_{w \in W} C^w$  (opposite Schubert cells) and  $\overline{C^w} = X^w$  are opp Schubert varieties. So define *K-theory classes*  $\mathcal{O}^w := [O_{X^w}]_T$ . Given this,  $K_T(X) = \bigoplus_{w \in W} R(T) \cdot \mathcal{O}^w$ . Free as a module over  $R(T)$  with rank equal to order of Weyl group.

Why should  $K_T(X)$  be an algebra over the representation ring? Apply functoriality, looking at  $X \rightarrow pt$ .

So I've given a basis. What would the dual look like?

Q: When do we get finitely generated? A: rationality; different classes for every point in an elliptic curve, for example.

Ok, dual under what? We have equivariant euler characteristic  $\chi_T : K_T(X) \rightarrow R(T)$  taking  $[\mathcal{F}]_T \mapsto \sum_i (-1)^i [H^i(X, \mathcal{F})]$  (remember,  $X = G/B$ .) Torus acts on sections of sheaf, and so on  $H^i$ 's, so they're torus representations. Have  $\chi_T(\xi^w \cdot \mathcal{O}_v) = \delta_v^w \in R(T)$ : Kronecker delta. What is  $\xi^w$ ?  $\xi^w = [\mathcal{O}_{X^w}(-\partial X^w)]_T$ , where  $\partial X^w = \cup_{u > w} X^u$ . Ideal sheaf of boundary divisor inside structure sheaf of  $X^w$ .

(Notice super/subscripts: Borel orbits and opposite Borel orbits, and they're transversal. Doesn't matter which is which, just matters that they're transverse!)

These  $\xi$ s are dual in equivariant K-theory: in cohomology, don't care about what happens at boundary of things. You'd just say superscripts dual to subscripts. Here we have to worry about lower-dimensional stuff. Q: is this related to twisting by canonical class? A: Yes, but would have to look up how.

Ok, have equivariant K-theory of  $G/B$  with four bases: structure sheaves of Schubert (and opp) varieties, and duals of those two (the  $\xi$ -bases). What happens when we multiply and expand?

$$\mathcal{O}^u \cdot \mathcal{O}^v = \sum_{w \in W} c_{uv}^w \mathcal{O}^w$$

Have  $c_{uv}^w \in R(T)$ , so this is a Laurent polynomial in the  $e^\alpha$ s. Same for  $\xi$ s:

$$\xi^u \cdot \xi^v = \sum_{w \in W} p_{uv}^w \xi^w$$

with  $p_{uv}^w \in R(T)$ . Schubert calc is special and we want positivity for these coefficients! But what is positivity in this equivariant K-theory setting? (Q: how do we get LR coeff? A: need to take lowest-degree terms to get back to cohomology.)

**Conjecture 1** (Griffeth-Ram).  $(-1)^{\ell(w) - \ell(u) - \ell(v)} c_{uv}^w \geq 0$

**Conjecture 2** (Graham-Kumar). *Same thing but with  $p_{uv}^w$ .*

This is K-theoretic positivity, whatever that's supposed to mean! (We will tell you what it means.)

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be the positive simple roots. (In  $SL_{n+1}$  case, have basis  $e_1 - e_2, \dots, e_n - e_{n+1}$ .) Intuition:  $1 - e^{-\alpha_i}$  should be positive. We'll get geometric explanation as part of the proof. Griffeths and Ram conjectured this from numerical evidence. Then for  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_n)$ , using multi-index notation,  $(1 - e^{-\alpha})^J$  "should" have a sign  $(-1)^{|J|}$  where  $|J| = \sum_i j_i$ . I can rewrite this:  $(e^{-\alpha} - 1)^J$  should have sign  $+1$ . \*There is a sign error: best fixed in private!\*

**Definition 1** (Griffeth-Ram).  $c \geq 0$  in  $R(T)$  if  $c \in \mathbb{N}[e^{-\alpha_1} - 1, \dots, e^{-\alpha_n} - 1]$ .

**Theorem 1** (Anderson-Griffeth-M). *The Griffeth-Ram and Graham-Kumar conjectures are correct.*

Q: A priori there's not an implication one way or the other? A: Correct. To get from one to the other need to do Mobius inversion – lots of signs – no clear way to relate them. These are really different positivity results! The second one involves boundary divisors in definition, and other in proof. Q: are  $e^\alpha - 1$  virtual zero-dim'l representations? A: Yes.

A bit of history: if you look at positivity in ordinary cohomology  $H^*(X)$  then general statement for  $G/B$  was proved by Kleiman in 1974. One-line idea:  $c_{uv}^w = \#(gX^u \cap X^v \cap X_w)$ , where you translate  $X^u$  by generic  $g$  in group to get transverse intersection, which thus must be positive.

In ordinary K-theory this was proved by Brion (2001) shortly after Buch conjectured it. Buch noticed predictable sign alternation.

In  $H_T^*(X)$  this was proved by Graham in 2001.

In  $QH_T^*(X)$  this was proved by Mihalcea in 2006.

Now two missing:  $QK$  and  $QK_T$ . This would involve similar ideas but on moduli spaces.

## 1.1 Sketch of Proof

Borel: if you want to study something equivariant on  $X$ , you should study something ordinary on  $(X \times ET)/T$  where  $ET = (\mathbb{C}^\infty \setminus 0)^n$  (Borel mixing space). The action of  $T$  on  $X$  is not free, but action on  $ET$  is free and  $ET$  is equivariantly contractible. Can't do this in algebraic geometry directly, but Totaro and then Edidin-Graham (late 1990s) proved that  $ET \sim (\mathbb{C}^m \setminus 0)^n = \tilde{ET}$ . This is an approximation: choose  $m$  big enough that we can do what we want.

Set  $\mathcal{X} = (X \times \tilde{ET})/T$ . This maps to  $\mathbb{P} := \tilde{BT} = \tilde{ET}/t = \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  with map  $\pi$ .

Finally:  $1 - e^{-\alpha_i}$  is the class  $[\mathcal{O}_{H_i}]$ ,  $H_i \subseteq i^{th} \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ . This is the first step in the proof: exhibit these monomial classes geometrically. (a)

Next step (b) : express class that we want (which is  $c_{uv}^w$ ) geometrically. Notice  $\chi_T : K_T(X) \rightarrow K_T(pt)$ . This gives  $K(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{P})$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \mapsto \sum_i (-1)^i R^i \pi_* \mathcal{F}$ .

Then for  $Y \subseteq X$  get  $[\mathcal{O}_Y]_T \in K_T(X)$ , which gives rise to  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  giving  $[\mathcal{O}_Y^i] \in K(\mathcal{X})$ .

Then  $c_{uv}^w = \chi_T(\mathcal{O}^u \mathcal{O}^v \xi_w)$ . For  $m$  sufficiently large, this equals  $\chi_{\mathbb{P}}([\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}^u}][\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}^v}][\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_w(-\partial \mathcal{X}_w)}])$ . This we need to calculate and it ought to be positive.

(c) Pick off coefficients of  $(1 - e^{-\alpha})^J$ . Restrict to  $J$ , then  $\mathbb{P}_J$  (choose appropriately) on every line written in part (b).

(d) Look back at Kleiman's theorem and (b). Last two classes are transverse but first one isn't. Want to translate  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}^u}]|_{\mathbb{P}_J}$  appropriately. (i) Use Dave Anderson's group action, but it's not transitive. Looking for homological transversality. (ii) Use Susan Sierra's 2007 results to conclude that higher direct functors vanish.

We can calculate this as an euler characteristic, but we need that it has only one term in it to conclude positivity. To get that, use Kawamata-Viehweg

vanishing and an argument due to Brion.  $\chi_{\mathbb{P}}(* * *) = \sum_i (-1)^i \text{stuff}$  where in stuff there is at most one non-zero term  $i = \ell(w) - \ell(u) - \ell(v) + |J|$ .

For Graham-Kumar, prove for any positive torus  $S \subseteq T$  and  $Y \subseteq X$   $S$ -stable with rational singularities, get  $[\mathcal{O}_Y]_T = \sum_{w \in W} c_w \mathcal{O}^w$  with  $c_w > 0$  in  $R(S)$ .

Q: Which results does this imply? A: It implies everything for equivariant or non-equivariant K theory and cohomology.

Q: Brion used a boundary divisor too in his proof? A: Yes, but a different boundary divisor.

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(w/ D. Anderson + S. Griffiths)

~~Ex~~

$X = \text{smth compact var. } / \mathbb{C}$

$T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$

$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{array}$  equivariant VB, so  $T \curvearrowright E$ .

I. Equivariant K-theory:  $K_T(X) = \bigoplus_E \mathbb{Z} \cdot [E]_T / \langle E = E' + E'' \mid 0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow E'' \rightarrow 0 \rangle$

ring w/  $\otimes$  multiplication.

Ex:  $K_T(T) = R(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\Lambda] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathbb{Z} \cdot e^\lambda = \mathbb{Z}[e^{\pm \alpha_1}, \dots, e^{\pm \alpha_n}]$   
↑  
weight lattice

Pr:  $X = pt \Rightarrow E = T\text{-rep'n} = \bigoplus (1\text{-dim'l } T\text{-rep'ns})$

"Poincaré duality":  $\mathcal{F} = \text{coherent sheaf}/X$ . ( $T$ -equivariant)

equivariant resolution  $0 \leftarrow \mathcal{F} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_1 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_q \leftarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathcal{F}]_T = \sum_i (-1)^i [\mathcal{E}_i]_T$$

To multiply coh. sheaves:

$$[\mathcal{F}]_T \cdot [\mathcal{G}]_T = \sum_i (-1)^i [\mathcal{T}or_i^{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})]_T$$

II.  $G =$  complex semisimple alg.  $\mathfrak{g}_F$  (e.g.  $SL_{n+1}$ )

$$X = G/B \quad (\text{e.g. } B = \begin{bmatrix} * & \\ & * \end{bmatrix} \subset SL_{n+1}) \quad (X = \mathbb{F}l_{n+1})$$

(Remark:  $G/P$  also works, but notationally more complicated)

$$T \subseteq B \text{ maxl torus} \quad (T = \begin{bmatrix} * & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & * \end{bmatrix})$$

$$G/B = \coprod_{w \in W} C^w, \quad \overline{C^w} = X^w \text{ (opposite) Schubert variety.}$$

$$\text{Set } \mathcal{O}^w := [\mathcal{O}_{X^w}]_T \implies K_T(X) = \bigoplus_{w \in W} R(T) \cdot \mathcal{O}^w.$$

(In general,  $K_T(X)$  is an algebra over  $R(T) = K_T(\mathbb{F}^1)$ , by pullback.)

Duality: equivariant Euler char:

$$\chi_T: K_T(X) \rightarrow R(T)$$

$$[\mathcal{F}_i]_T \mapsto \sum_i (-1)^i \underbrace{[H^i(X, \mathcal{F}_i)]}_{T\text{-equiv}}$$

$$\chi_T(\mathbb{Z}^w \cdot \mathcal{O}_v) = \delta_v^w \in R(T),$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{O}_v = [\mathcal{O}_{X^v}]_T, \quad \mathbb{Z}^w = \underbrace{[\mathcal{O}_{X^w}(-\partial X^w)]_T}_{\substack{\leftarrow \text{ideal sheaf in } \mathcal{O}_{X^w} \\ \bigcup_{u \leq w} X^u}}$$

Schubert calculus:

$$\mathcal{O}^u \cdot \mathcal{O}^v = \sum_{w \in W} c_{uv}^w \mathcal{O}^w, \quad c_{uv}^w \in R(T).$$

$$\Sigma^u \cdot \Sigma^v = \sum_w p_{uv}^w \Sigma^w, \quad p_{uv}^w \in R(T)$$

Conjecture (Griffiths-Ram <sup>2004</sup>):  $(-1)^{l(w)-l(u)-l(v)} c_{uv}^w \geq 0$  ("≥ 0" to be refuted)

(Graham-Kumari 2007):  $(-1)^{l(w)-l(u)-l(v)} p_{uv}^w \geq 0$ .

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be simple roots (for  $SL_{n+1}$ ,  $e_1 - e_2, \dots, e_n - e_{n+1}$ )

•  $1 - e^{-\alpha_i}$  "should" be  $\geq 0$

• For  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_k)$ ,  $(1 - e^{-\alpha_i})^J$  "should" have sign  $(-1)^{|J|}$   
 $(e^{-\alpha_i} - 1)^J$  "should" have sign  $(-1)^{|J|}$  ↔ fix

Def (Griffiths-Ram):  $c \geq 0$  in  $R(T)$  if  $c \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}[e^{-\alpha_1} - 1, \dots, e^{-\alpha_n} - 1]$ .

(KGM 2008)  
Thm: The conjectures of G-R and G-K are true.

(Remark: No easy way to get from one conj. to the other.)

(History)

III  $H^*(X)$ : Kleiman 1974,  $c_{uv}^w = \#(gX^u \cap X^v \cap X_w)$  (generic  $g \in G$ )

$K(X)$ : Brion 2001 (conj. by Buch)

$H_T^*(X)$ : Graham 2001

$QH_T^*(X)$ : Mihaleva 2006

$QK_T(X)$ ? ( $QK(X)$ ?)

#### IV. Proof sketch:

Borel: equivalence on  $X \mapsto$  ordinary on  $(X \times ET)/T$ ,  
 $ET = (\mathbb{C}^\infty \setminus 0)^n$ ,

Totaro, Edidin-Graham (late 1990's)  $ET \approx (\mathbb{C}^m \setminus 0)^n =: \tilde{E}T \quad (m \gg 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X} &= (X \times \tilde{E}T)/T \\ \pi \downarrow \\ \mathbb{P} &= \tilde{B}T = \tilde{E}T/T = \mathbb{P}^{m-1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

$1 - e^{-x_i} = [\mathcal{O}_{H_i}]$ ,  $H_i \subseteq i^{\text{th}} \mathbb{P}^{m-1}$  hyperplane.

$\Rightarrow$  "monomial" classes are exhibited geometrically. (a)

(b) Express  $c_{uv}^w$  geometrically:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_T: K_T(X) \rightarrow K_T(\text{pt}) \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad K(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{P}) \\ \mathcal{F} \mapsto \sum_i (-1)^i R^i \pi_{\mathcal{X}}^* \mathcal{F}_i \\ \varphi \subseteq X \rightsquigarrow [\mathcal{O}_\varphi]_T \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{X} \\ \rightsquigarrow [\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}}] \in K(\mathcal{X}). \end{aligned}$$

$$c_{uv}^w = \chi_T(\mathcal{O}^u \cdot \mathcal{O}^v \cdot \mathcal{E}_w) \underset{(m \gg 0)}{=} \chi_{\mathbb{P}}([\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}^u}] [\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}^v}] [\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}^w}(-\partial \mathcal{X}_w)])$$

(c) Pick off coeff. of  $(1 - e^{-x})^J$ .

(Restrict everything to  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{P}^{m-1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ )

(d) Translate  $\chi_{\mathbb{P}^n}^{\bullet}|_{\mathbb{P}^1}$  "generically".

(i) Andersson's gp action (not transitive)

(ii) Sierra's homological transversality (2007)

$\leadsto$  higher Tor's vanish

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(e) Vanishing thm:

$$\chi_{\mathbb{P}^n}(\dots) = \sum_i (-1)^i (\text{stuff})$$

$\uparrow$   
at most one nonzero term, appearing

in  $i = \ell(w) - \ell(v) - \ell(v) + |J|$ .

(Argument similar to Breen's, using K-V vanishing.)

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For G-K conj.:

$S \subseteq T$  "positive" subtorus,

$Y \subseteq X$   $S$ -stable, rat'l singularities.

$$\Rightarrow [\mathcal{O}_Y]_T = \sum_{w \in W} c_w \mathcal{O}^w, \text{ with } c_w \geq 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}(S).$$

- I. service: K-theory
- II. combinatorial equivariant positivity: statement of thm.
- III. history.
- IV. proof sketch: transversality on mixing spaces

$X =$  (smooth) compact variety /  $\mathbb{C}$

$T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$

vector bundle  $\begin{matrix} T \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} E \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{matrix}$  equivariant if  $f \circ \tau = \tau \circ f$

$$K_T(X) = \bigoplus_E \mathbb{Z} \cdot [E]_T \Big/ \langle E = E' + E'' \mid 0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \rightarrow E'' \rightarrow 0 \rangle$$

ring with mult.:  $\otimes$

eg.  $K_T(\text{pt}) = R(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\Lambda] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathbb{Z} \cdot e^\lambda = \mathbb{Z}[e^{\lambda_1}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n}]$

↑  
weight lattice

pf:  $X = \text{pt} \Rightarrow E = \bigoplus L$  dim. T-reps

Poincaré duality:  $\mathcal{F}$  coherent /  $X \Rightarrow 0 \leftarrow \mathcal{F} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_0 \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_1 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_n \leftarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow [\mathcal{F}]_T = \sum_i (-1)^i [\mathcal{E}_i]_T$

$[\mathcal{F}]_T [\mathcal{G}]_T = \sum_i (-1)^i [\text{Tor}_i^X(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})]_T$

$G$  complex semisimple alg.  $\mathfrak{g}$   $\mathbb{P}^1$  for  $SL_{n+1}$  it's still new, and just as hard

$X = G/B = \bigcup_{w \in W} X^w$

$SL_{n+1}/B = \mathbb{F}L_{n+1}$

$B = \begin{bmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & * \end{bmatrix}$   
 $T = \begin{bmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & * \end{bmatrix}$

Everything works for  $G/B$ , too, but with more annoying notation; if you know what "minimal length coset representatives" are, then you probably don't need me to tell you how to generalize the statements - but feel free to ask. For the benefit of everyone else, I'll stick to  $G/B$ , which you should think of as  $\mathbb{F}L_n$ .

$T \cong$  max. torus in  $B$

$\mathcal{O}^w := [\mathcal{O}_{X^w}]_T \Rightarrow K_T(X) = \bigoplus_{w \in W} R(T) \cdot \mathcal{O}^w$

dual basis? duality?

free over  $R(T)$  of rank  $|W|$ , via  $X \rightarrow K_T(X)$   
 $\downarrow \uparrow$   
 $\text{pt} \rightarrow K_T(\text{pt})$   
(equivariant vector bundles pull back)

$$X_T: K_T(X) \rightarrow R(T)$$

$$[F]_T \mapsto \sum_i (-1)^i \underbrace{H^i(X, F)}_{T\text{-rep.}}$$

"virtual sum of T-reps"

$$X_T(\xi^w \cdot \mathcal{O}_v) = \delta_v^w \in R(T)$$

$$\text{for } \xi^w = \left[ \mathcal{O}_{X^w}(-\partial X^w) \right]_T$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\cup_{u>w} X^u$

Then the natural intersection pairing

$$\mathcal{O}^u \cdot \mathcal{O}^v = \sum_{w \in W} c_{uv}^w \mathcal{O}^w \quad \text{with } c_{uv}^w \in R(T)$$

$$\xi^u \cdot \xi^v = \sum_{w \in W} p_{uv}^w \xi^w$$

Griffeth-Ram conj (2004):  $(-1)^{\ell(w) - \ell(u) - \ell(v)} c_{uv}^w \geq 0$

Graham-Kumar conj (2007)

" $c_{uv}^w \geq 0$ "  
 $p_{uv}^w$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  simple roots  $SL_{n+1}: e_1 - e_2, \dots, e_n - e_{n+1}$

•  $1 - e^{-\alpha_i}$  should be  $\geq 0$

•  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_n) \Rightarrow (1 - e^{-\alpha_i})^J$  has sign  $(-1)^{|J|}$   
 $\Rightarrow (e^{-\alpha_i} - 1)$   $+1$

Def [GR]  $c \geq 0$  in  $R(T)$  if  $c \in \mathbb{N}[e^{-\alpha_1} - 1, \dots, e^{-\alpha_n} - 1]$ .

Thm [Anderson-Griffeth-M 2008]: [GR] + [GK]  $\checkmark$

<u>History</u>	$H^*$	Kleiman 1974	$c_{uv}^w = \#(gX^u \cap X^v \cap X^w)$	generic $g \in G$
	$K$	Brian 2001 (conj: Buch)		
	$H_T^*$	Graham 2001		
	$K_T$	AGM		
	$\mathbb{Q}H_T^*$	Mihalcea 2006		
	$\mathbb{Q}K_T$	?		

Griffeth-Ram conjecture  
 implies that the  
 structure sheaves are  
 by a certain intersection  
 theory. It is not  
 clear if this is true  
 for all simple roots  
 and for all simple  
 roots.

Proof sketch Borel: equivar.  $\leftrightarrow$  ordinary on  $(X \times ET)/T$   
on  $X$

$$ET = (\mathbb{C}^\infty, 0)^n$$

Totaro, Edidin, Graham:  $ET \simeq (\mathbb{C}^m, 0)^n =: \tilde{E}T$   
late 1990s

$$X_e := (X \times^T \tilde{E}T)/T$$

$$\pi \downarrow \mathbb{P} := \tilde{B}T = \tilde{E}T/T = \mathbb{P}^{m-1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{m-1}$$

$$1 - e^{-\alpha_i} = [\mathcal{O}_{H_i}] \quad H_i \subseteq i^{\text{th}} \mathbb{P}^{m-1}$$

moral:  $\mathbb{P}$  = maximal, geometric, equivariant point = of  $T$  stack

$$\chi_T: K_T(X) \rightarrow K_T(\text{pt}) \rightsquigarrow \chi_{\mathbb{P}}: K_*(\mathcal{X}_0) \rightarrow K_*(\mathbb{P})$$

$$y \in X \rightsquigarrow [\mathcal{O}_y]_T \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F} \rightsquigarrow \sum_i (-1)^i R^i \pi_* \mathcal{F}$$
  
$$y \subseteq \mathcal{X}_0 \rightsquigarrow [\mathcal{O}_y]$$

(b) express the class we want geometrically on  $\mathbb{P}$

$$c_{uv}^{w,J} = \chi_T(\mathcal{O}_u^w \otimes^L \mathcal{O}_v^J) \rightsquigarrow \chi_{\mathbb{P}}([\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_0^u}]_{\mathbb{P}^J} \otimes [\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_0^v}] \otimes [\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_0^w}(-\partial)_{\mathbb{P}^J}])$$

$$[\mathbb{P}^J] = [\mathbb{P}^{j_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}^{j_n}] \text{ dual to } [H_1]^{j_1} \dots [H_n]^{j_n}$$

(c) pick all coeff. on  $(1 - e^{-\alpha})^J$

- (i) Anderson's group action on  $\mathcal{X}_0$  (not transitive!)
- (ii) Sierra's homological transversality Thm [2007]

(d) translate  $\mathcal{X}_0^u|_{\mathbb{P}^J}$  generically!

$$\mathcal{X}_0^v \otimes \mathcal{X}_0^w(-\partial) \Rightarrow \text{need } \mathcal{X}_0^u|_{\mathbb{P}^J} \otimes \text{ in } H_T^*, \text{ that's enough; but here, need:}$$

$$\chi_{\mathbb{P}}(\dots) = \sum_i (-1)^i (?) \text{ based on [Briou]: Kawamata-Viehweg. hard, detailed calculations to verify hypothesis}$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \text{nonzero term has } i = \ell(w) - \ell(u) - \ell(v) + |J|. \quad \square$$

(e) show  $\chi_{\mathbb{P}}(\dots) = \sum$  at most 1 term

More direct

analogy of Briou's argument  $\Rightarrow$  equivariant Briou: this was Briou's rephrasing of ordinary K-theoretic positivity

Thm [AGM; GrKu conj]:  $S \subseteq T$  "positive",  $y \in X$  S-stable w/rat. sings

$$\Rightarrow [y]_T = \sum_{w \in W} c_w \mathcal{O}^w \text{ with } c_w \geq 0 \text{ in } R(S).$$

see Surin's talk for an application