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Schubert varieties and Demazure modules

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Schubert Varieties and Demazure modules 1.

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Let k be an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic. Let V be an n -dimensional k -vector space. Identifying V with k^n , let $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$ denote the standard basis for V . Fix an integer d , $1 \leq d \leq n$. Let $G_{d,n}$ denote the Grassmannian variety

$$G_{d,n} = \{d \text{ dim'd subspaces of } V\}.$$

Then $G_{d,n}$ has a canonical structure of a projective variety and we have the canonical projective embedding (the Plücker embedding)

$$\iota: G_{d,n} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\wedge^d V),$$

where $\wedge^d V$ is the d th exterior power of V , namely, $\iota(W) = [u_1 \wedge \dots \wedge u_d]$, where $\{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$ is a basis for W . Let

$$I_{d,n} = \{ (i) = (i_1, \dots, i_d) \mid 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_d \leq n \}$$

For $(i) \in I_{d,n}$, let $e_{(i)} = e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_d}$. Then $\{e_{(i)}, (i) \in I_{d,n}\}$ is a basis for $\wedge^d V$.

Let $\{p_{(j)}, (j) \in I_{d,n}\}$ denote the basis of $(\wedge^d V)^*$ (the linear dual of $\wedge^d V$) dual to $\{e_{(i)}\}$. Then $\{p_{(j)}, (j) \in I_{d,n}\}$ gives a set of projective coordinates on $\mathbb{P}(\wedge^d V)$ (the so-called Plücker coordinates).

For the Plücker embedding, let R denote

the homogeneous coordinate ring of $\mathbb{P}^{d,n}$ 2
an explicit description of R :

Let $X = \underbrace{V \oplus \dots \oplus V}_d$, and let

$\pi: X \rightarrow \wedge^d V$ be the map

$$(v_1, \dots, v_d) \mapsto v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_d$$

Then $\pi(X) = \hat{G}_{d,n}$. Thus we obtain an inclusion $R \hookrightarrow k[x_{ij}]_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq d} (= k[X])$,

and as a subring of $k[x_{ij}]$ R is generated by $\{p(i), (i) \in \mathbb{P}^{d,n}\}$, $p(i)$ being the $d \times d$ minor of (x_{ij}) with row indices given by $i_1, \dots, i_d$.

A presentation for the k -algebra R .

R is the free associative, commutative k -algebra with 1 on the generators $\{p(i), (i) \in \mathbb{P}^{d,n}\}$ modulo the quadratic relations given as follows:

Given $(i), (j) \in \mathbb{P}^{d,n}$, fix $r, 1 \leq r \leq d$. Then the corresponding quadratic relation is given by

$$\sum_{\sigma} (\text{sign } \sigma) p(\sigma(i), \sigma(j)) = 0$$

where σ runs over all permutations of $\{i_1, \dots, i_d, j_1, \dots, j_r\}$, and $\sigma(i)$ (resp. $\sigma(j)$) is the d -tuple obtained by adjoining the first $d+1-r$ (resp. the last r) entries in

$\sigma(i_1, \dots, i_d, j_1, \dots, j_n)$ to $\{i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}\}$ (resp. $\{j_{n+1}, \dots, j_n\}$)
 (here, if there is a repetition in $\sigma(i)$ (resp. $\sigma(j)$), then $p_{\sigma(i)}$ (resp. $p_{\sigma(j)}$) is understood to be 0. Also, if τ is a permutation of $\{i_1, \dots, i_d\}$, then $p_{\tau(i)}$ is identified with $(\text{sgn } \tau) p_{(i)}$. (A similar remark applies to $p_{\sigma(j)}$)).

$G_{d,n}$ as a homogeneous space! For the canonical

action of $G \equiv GL_n(k) \times P(\Lambda^d V)$, the isotropy at $[e, 1, \dots, 1, e_d]$ is given by

$$P_d = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \star & \star \\ \hline 0_{n-d \times d} & \star \end{array} \right) \in G \right\}$$

while the orbit through $[e, 1, \dots, 1, e_d]$ is precisely $G_{d,n}$. Thus we get an identification

$$G_{d,n} \simeq G / P_d$$

Let $T = \{\text{diagonal matrices in } G\}$. Then the T -fixed points in $G_{d,n}$ are precisely $[e, i, 1, \dots, 1, e_{id}]$, $i \in \mathbb{I}_{d,n}$.

Let $B = \{\text{upper triangular matrices in } G\}$. Schubert varieties in $G_{d,n}$. Take a T -fixed point $[e, i]$ in $G_{d,n}$, and take the B -orbit $B[e, i]$. Then $X_{(i)} := \text{Zariski closure of } B[e, i]$, endowed with the canonical reduced

structure is the Schubert variety associated to (i).

(classical definition of $X_{(i)} := \{W \in G_{d,n} \mid \dim(W \cap V_{i_t}) \geq t, 1 \leq t \leq d\}$

where $V_{i_t} = \text{span of } \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{i_t}\}$).

Thus we have a bijection

$$\{\text{Schubert varieties in } G_{d,n}\} \xrightarrow{\text{bij}} I_{d,n}$$

The partial order on $\{\text{Schubert varieties in } G_{d,n}\}$ given by inclusion induces a partial order on $I_{d,n}$, viz, for $(i), (j) \in I_{d,n}$, $(i) \geq (j)$

$$\Leftrightarrow i_t \geq j_t, 1 \leq t \leq d.$$

From now on, we shall denote the elements of $I_{d,n}$ either by Greek or Roman letters. For $w \in I_{d,n}$, say $w = (i_1, \dots, i_d)$, let $e_w = e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_d}$, and $V_w = B$ submodule of $\Lambda^d V$ generated by e_w . Then we have Fact 1: $IP(V_w)$ is the smallest linear subspace of $IP(\Lambda^d V)$ containing X_w (and is called the Demazure module corresponding to w). Under

$$X_w \hookrightarrow G_{d,n} \hookrightarrow IP(\Lambda^d V)$$

let R_w denote the homogeneous co-ordinates

ring of X_w . Hodge gave a basis for $(R(w))_m$ (the m th graded piece of $R(w)$) in terms of certain monomials in the Plücker coordinates p_i 's, which we shall describe now.

Definition 1. A monomial $F = p_{\tau_1} \cdots p_{\tau_m}$ is called standard if

$$(*) : \tau_1 \geq \tau_2 \geq \cdots \geq \tau_m$$

Definition 2. Such a monomial is said to be standard on a Schubert variety $X(\tau)$, if in addition to $(*)$, we have $\tau \geq \tau_1$.

Theorem (Hodge). Monomials of degree m standard on $X(\tau)$ form a basis of $(R(\tau))_m$.

Hodge proved this result in characteristic 0. In positive characteristics, this theorem was proved independently by Musili, Hochster (1972).

The above result has been generalized to Schubert varieties in G/B , G being a semi-simple algebraic group, in the series Cremona of G/P .

Let G be a semi-simple, simply connected algebraic group over k . Let T be a maximal torus, B a Borel subgroup, $B \supset T$.

Let $W (= N_G(T)/T)$ be the Weyl group ⁶ of G relative to T . Let

$$X(T) = \text{Hom}_{\text{alg-grp}}(T, G_m) \quad (\text{the character group of } T).$$

Let $\lambda: T \rightarrow G_m$. Then λ induces

$$\lambda: B \rightarrow G_m.$$

Let L_λ be the associated line bundle on G/B (L_λ is simply the line bundle ~~on~~ G/B associated to the principal B -bundle $G \rightarrow G/B$, for the action of B on G given by λ). Thus we obtain

$$X(T) \longrightarrow \text{Pic}(G/B)$$

which is in fact an isomorphism (since G is simply connected).

Facts. 1. $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda) = \{ f: G \rightarrow k \mid f(gb) = \chi(b^{-1})f(g) \}$

2. $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda) \neq 0 \iff L_\lambda$ is ample

$\iff L_\lambda$ is very ample

$\iff \chi$ is dominant, integral

(i.e., $\chi = \sum a_i \omega_i$, $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, ω_i being the fundamental weights)

(Here, we suppose χ to be regular, i.e., $a_i \neq 0$, $\forall i$. In case $a_i = 0$ for some i 's, then we should replace B by the corresponding parabolic subgroup).

3. The G -module $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)$ is indecomposable

4. In ch o (G being completely reducible) we obtain from (3) that $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)$ is irreducible. Thus in ch o $\{H^0(G/B, L_\lambda), \lambda \text{ being dominant, integral}\}$ gives all finite dimensional, irreducible G -modules.

For $w \in W$, let $X(w) = \overline{BwB} \pmod{B}$ be the Schubert variety in G/B associated to w . Let us now fix a dominant, integral weight λ .

Let $V(\lambda)$ be the irreducible G -module over k with highest weight λ . Let us fix a highest weight vector, e . For $w \in W$, let $e_w = we$, the extremal weight vector in $V(\lambda)$ of weight $w(\lambda)$. Let $U_{\mathbb{Z}}^+$ be the constant $\mathbb{Z}$ -form for U^+ , namely the $\mathbb{Z}$ -sub algebra of U generated by $\{E_{\alpha_i}^{(n)}, n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_i \text{ simple}\}$.

Let $V_{\mathbb{Z}, w} = U_{\mathbb{Z}}^+ e_w$, and $V_w(\lambda) = V_{\mathbb{Z}, w} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k$.

Then we have

Fact 5: $P(V_w)$ is the smallest linear

subspace $\subset P(H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)^*)$ containing $X(w)$ (under $X(w) \hookrightarrow G/B \hookrightarrow P(H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)^*)$).

(Again, we suppose λ is regular; if λ is not regular, we shall work inside G/P

for a suitable parabolic subgroup P .
 $V_w(\lambda)$ = the Demazure module associated to $X(w)$

FACT 6: $V_w = (H^0(X(w), L_1))^*$
 Explicit bases have been constructed for $H^0(X(w), L_1)$ in the series Geometry of G/P (generalizing Hodge's result). This has led to very many geometric and representation-theoretic consequences.

Geometric consequences.

- 1) Vanishing theorems:
 $H^i(X(w), L_\lambda) = 0$, $i \geq 1$, λ being dominant, integral
- 2) Arithmetic Cohen-Macaulayness and arithmetic normality for Schubert varieties (using deformation techniques)
 (Of course, one now has a proof of (1), (2) using Frobenius splitting (thanks to the work of Mehta, Ramanathan, Ramanan, Kempf etc).)
- 3) An explicit knowledge of the ideal theory of Schubert varieties
- 4) Determination of singular locus of a Schubert variety
- 5) Results in classical invariant theory
- 6) Cohen-Macaulayness of variety of complexes,
 the variety $XY=0$, $YX=0$, where X (resp Y) is an $m \times n$ (resp. $n \times m$) matrix
- 7) Determination of the multiplicity at a singular point on a Schubert variety

Representation-theoretic consequences:

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1. Character formula - we obtain an explicit, positive-termed character formula for the G -module $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)$ (and also for the T -modules $H^0(X(w), L_\lambda)$)
2. explicit bases for all finite dimensional irreducible G -modules in $\text{ch } O$.
3. Decomposition formula for $V_{\lambda_1} \otimes V_{\lambda_2}$ as a direct sum of irreducible G -modules (in $\text{ch } O$ where V_{λ_i} is the irreducible G -module with highest weight λ_i).
4. Restriction rule giving the direct sum decomposition into irreducible L -modules (in $\text{ch } O$) for the L -module V_λ , L being a Levi subgroup of G .
5. "Good filtration" for $H^0(G/B, L_{\lambda_1}) \otimes H^0(G/B, L_{\lambda_2})$ (The results in (3), (4), (5) are due to Littelmann)

In the process of generalizing the above results for Kac-Moody groups, we (L-Serre) gave a conjectural formula for $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)$. We shall denote $(H^0(G/B, L_\lambda))^*$ by V_λ and describe the formula for V_λ . (This conjectural formula has now been shown to be true by Littelmann).

Recall,

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Weyl's character formula

$$\text{ch } V_\lambda = \frac{\sum_{\sigma} (\text{sign } \sigma) e^{\sigma(\lambda + \rho)}}{\sum_{\sigma} (\text{sign } \sigma) e^{\sigma(\rho)}}$$

Demazure character formula: Let $\{\alpha_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ denote the simple reflections in W . Let

$$L_i : \mathbb{Z}X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}X \quad (X \text{ being the weight lattice})$$

$$L_i(e^\mu) = \frac{e^{\mu + \rho} - e^{\alpha_i(\mu + \rho)}}{1 - e^{-\alpha_i}} \cdot e^{-\rho}$$

where $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum \text{positive roots}$. Then

$$L_i(e^\mu) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^m e^{\mu - j\alpha_i} & , \text{ if } (\mu, \alpha_i^*) = m \geq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ if } (\mu, \alpha_i^*) = -1 \\ -\sum_{j=1}^m e^{\mu + j\alpha_i} & , \text{ if } (\mu, \alpha_i^*) = -(m+1) \leq -2 \end{cases}$$

Demazure character formula:

$$\text{ch } V_\lambda = L_{i_1, 0} \cdots L_{i_N, 0}(e^\lambda)$$

$$\text{ch } V_w = L_{j_1, 0} \cdots L_{j_s, 0}(e^\lambda)$$

where $\alpha_{i_1, 0} \cdots \alpha_{i_N, 0}$ (resp. $\alpha_{j_1, 0} \cdots \alpha_{j_s, 0}$) is a reduced expression for w_0 (resp. w) (here w_0 is the longest element in the Weyl group).

Remarks: Both $L_{i_1, 0} \cdots L_{i_N, 0}$ and $L_{j_1, 0} \cdots L_{j_s, 0}$ are independent of the reduced expression chosen.

2. Both Weyl and Demazure character formulas¹¹ involve massive cancellations.

We shall now describe a character formula for $\text{ch } V_\lambda$ which is positive-termed (and is the only positive-termed ~~character~~ formula in the literature for $\text{ch } V_\lambda$).

Consider a chain

$$\varepsilon: \tau_0 > \tau_1 > \dots > \tau_n$$

$$\text{i.e., } \tau_i > \tau_{i+1}, \text{ and } l(\tau_i) = l(\tau_{i+1}) + 1$$

Then one knows, $\tau_{i+1} = \tau_i s_{\beta_i}$, for some positive root β_i . Let $m_\lambda(\tau_{i+1}, \tau_i) = (\lambda, \beta_i^*)$. We call $m_\lambda(\tau_{i+1}, \tau_i)$ as the λ -multiplicity of τ_{i+1} in τ_i .

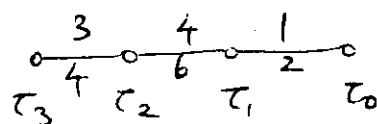
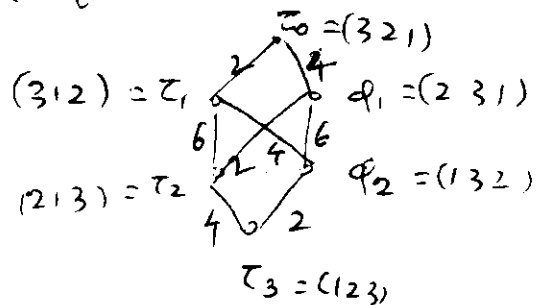
Let us consider $(\varepsilon, \underline{n})$ where ε is a chain ^{as above} and $\underline{n} = \{n_1, \dots, n_n\}$, $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Definition 1 $(\varepsilon, \underline{n})$ is admissible if

$$1 \geq \frac{n_n}{m_n} \geq \dots \geq \frac{n_1}{m_1} \geq 0$$

(here $m_i = m_\lambda(\tau_i, \tau_{i-1})$)

(e.g.) $\lambda = 4\omega_1 + 2\omega_2$, $G = SL_3$.



let us denote the distinct values in $\{\frac{n_1}{m_1}, \dots, \frac{n_r}{m_r}\}$ by $a_1, \dots, a_s$ so that

$$1 \geq a_s > a_{s-1} > \dots > a_1 \geq 0$$

Let $\{i_0, \dots, i_s\}$ be defined by

$$i_0 = 0, i_s = r, \frac{n_j}{m_j} = a_k, i_{k-1} + 1 \leq j \leq i_k$$

(e.g.) $\begin{matrix} \circ & \frac{3}{4} & \circ & \frac{3}{6} & \circ & \frac{1}{2} & \circ \\ \tau_3 & \tau_2 & \tau_1 & \tau_0 \end{matrix}$
 $\{(\tau_0, \tau_2, \tau_3), (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2})\}$

Set $D_{\underline{c}, \underline{n}} = \{(\tau_{i_0}, \dots, \tau_{i_s}) : (a_1, \dots, a_s)\}$.

Let $\mathbb{I}_\lambda = D_{\underline{c}, \underline{n}} / \sim$, where

$$(\underline{c}, \underline{n}) \sim (\underline{c}', \underline{n}'), \text{ if } D_{\underline{c}, \underline{n}} = D_{\underline{c}', \underline{n}'}$$

(e.g.) $\begin{matrix} \circ & \frac{3}{4} & \circ & \frac{1}{2} & \circ & \frac{2}{4} & \circ \\ \tau_3 & \tau_2 & \tau_1 & \tau_0 \end{matrix} \sim \begin{matrix} \circ & \frac{3}{4} & \circ & \frac{3}{6} & \circ & \frac{1}{2} & \circ \\ \tau_3 & \tau_2 & \tau_1 & \tau_0 \end{matrix}$

Remark 1. $m_j(\tau_{i_{k+1}}, \tau_{i_k})$ has a geometric meaning, namely, it is the multiplicity with which the ~~divisor~~ $[X(\tau_{i_{k+1}})]$ occurs in $[X(\tau_{i_k})] \cdot [p_{\tau_{i_k}} = 0]$, $p_{\tau_{i_k}}$ being the external weight vector in $H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)$ of weight $-\tau_{i_k}(\lambda)$.

Let $\pi \in \mathbb{I}_\lambda$, say $\pi = \{(\mu_0, \dots, \mu_s); (a_1, \dots, a_s)\}$.

Then π may be thought of as a piecewise linear path $\pi: [0, 1] \rightarrow X \otimes \mathbb{R}$, namely,

say $a_i \leq t \leq a_{i+1}$, $0 \leq i \leq s$ (here $a_0 = 0$, $a_{s+1} = 1$).

$$\pi(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (a_{j+1} - a_j) \mu_j(\lambda) + (t - a_i) \mu_i(\lambda)$$

Set

$$z(\pi) = \sum_{j=0}^s (a_{j+1} - a_j) \mu_j(\lambda), \quad \phi(\pi) = \mu_0,$$

$$I_\tau(\lambda) = \{ \pi \mid \phi(\pi) \leq \tau \}.$$

L-S (Lakshmibai-Seshadri) character formula:

$$\text{ch } V_\lambda = \sum_{\pi \in I(\lambda)} e^{z(\pi)}, \quad \text{ch } V_\tau = \sum_{\pi \in I_\tau(\lambda)} e^{z(\pi)}$$

Note that the above also gives the formula for the multiplicity of a weight λ in V_λ .

Lieholmann's operations e_α, f_α :

Let $\sigma\pi = \{ \pi : [0, 1] \rightarrow X \otimes \mathbb{R}, \text{ piecewise linear paths such that } \pi(0) = 1 \}.$

Definition: Given π_1, π_2 , the concatenation of π_1 and the shifted path $\pi_1(1) + \pi_2$ will be denoted by $\pi_1 * \pi_2$, i.e.,

$$\pi_1 * \pi_2(t) = \begin{cases} \pi_1(2t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ \pi_1(1) + \pi_2(2t-1), & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Definition For π a simple, $\mathcal{L}_2 \pi(t) := \mathcal{L}_2(\pi(t))$

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Define $h_\pi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $t \mapsto (\pi(t), \mathcal{L}_2^*)$.

Let $\mathcal{Q} = \min \text{Im } h_\pi (\leq 0)$.

Let q be minimal such that $h_\pi(a_q) = \mathcal{Q}$

Let y be maximal such that $h_\pi(t) \geq \mathcal{Q} + 1, t \leq y$.

(NOTE: $y \leq q$).

We have, $\pi = \pi_1 * \pi_2 * \pi_3$, where

$$\pi_1(t) = \pi(t-y)$$

$$\pi_2(t) = \pi(y + t(q-y)) - \pi(y)$$

$$\pi_3(t) = \pi(q + t(1-q)) - \pi(q)$$

Define

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \pi = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \mathcal{Q} = 0 \\ \pi_1 * \mathcal{L}_2(\pi_2) * \pi_3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition of f_π

Let p be maximal such that $h_\pi(a_p) = \mathcal{Q}$

Let x be minimal such that $h_\pi(t) \geq \mathcal{Q} + 1, t \geq x$

We have, $\pi = \pi_1 * \pi_2 * \pi_3$, where

$$\pi_1(t) = \pi(t-p)$$

$$\pi_2(t) = \pi(p + t(x-p)) - \pi(p)$$

$$\pi_3(t) = \pi(x + t(1-x)) - \pi(x)$$

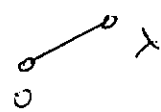
Define

$$f_\pi(\pi) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } P = 0 \\ \pi * \mathcal{L}_2(\pi_2) * \pi_3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

fact 1. $I_\lambda \cup \{0\}$ is stable under e_α, f_α , & simple α 's.

$$2. \pi' = e_\alpha \pi \iff \pi = f_\alpha \pi'.$$

$$3. I_\lambda = \{ \pi \mid \pi = f_{\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ f_{\alpha_r} \pi_\lambda \}, \text{ di simple } \alpha_i, \pi_\lambda$$

being the line segment 

lemma. Let $\tau \in W$, and $\tau = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_n}$ (reduced expression). Let $\pi \in I_\tau(\lambda)$. Then π has an unique expression

$$\pi = f_{i_1}^{n_1} \dots f_{i_n}^{n_n} \pi_\lambda, \quad n_i \geq 0.$$

theorem: Let the notations be as in the above

lemma. Set $\Theta_\pi = F_{i_1}^{(n_1)} \dots F_{i_n}^{(n_n)} e \quad (F_\alpha^{(n)} = F_\alpha^n / n!)$

Then

(a) $\{ \Theta_\pi, \pi \in I_\tau(\lambda) \}$ is a basis for V_τ

(b) Let $w \leq \tau$. Then $\{ \Theta_\pi \mid \ell(\pi) \leq w \}$ is a basis for V_w (Bourbaki-order compatibility)

mark: The above results hold even in the context of quantum groups (in which case $F_\alpha^{(n)}$ will denote the "quantum divided" powers. e transition matrix from $\{ \Theta_\pi, \pi \in I_\tau(\lambda) \}$ to Kashiwara's lower global basis for V_τ ($\equiv$ Lusztig's canonical basis for V_τ) is upper triangular with diagonal entries $\epsilon_s = 1$.

Announcement of results on the singular locus of a Schubert variety.

As above for a dominant integral weight λ , we set

$$V_\lambda = H^0(G/B, L_\lambda)^*$$

$$V_w(\rho) = V_{\pi_1, w} \otimes k \quad (\text{the Demazure module associated to } w).$$

Let $T_{w, Id}$ be the Zariski tangent space to $X(w)$ at e_{Id} . Let

$$N_w = \left\{ \beta \in R^+ \mid \max_{\rho - \beta} V_w(\rho) = \max_{\rho - \beta} V_\rho \right\}.$$

Theorem: $\dim T_{w, Id} = \# N_w$

N_w has a particularly simple description for a classical which we give below

Type A_n or D_n : $\beta \in N_w \iff w > s_\beta$

Type C_n : We have

$$R^+ = \{ \epsilon_i + \epsilon_j, 1 \leq i < j \leq n, 2\epsilon_l, 1 \leq l \leq n \}.$$

(1) Let $\beta = \epsilon_i - \epsilon_j$ or $2\epsilon_i$ or $\epsilon_l + \epsilon_l, l \neq n$

Then $\beta \in N_w \iff w \geq \lambda_\beta$.

(2) Let $\beta = \epsilon_i + \epsilon_n$. Then

$$\beta \in N_w \iff w \geq \text{either } \lambda_{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_n} \text{ or } \lambda_{2\epsilon_i}$$

(here, note that $\lambda_{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_n} = \lambda_n \lambda_{n-1} \dots \lambda_i \lambda_{i+1} \dots \lambda_n$, and

$$\lambda_{2\epsilon_i} = \lambda_i \lambda_{i+1} \dots \lambda_n \lambda_{n-1} \dots \lambda_i).$$

Type B_n : We have

$$R^+ = \{ \epsilon_i \pm \epsilon_j, 1 \leq i < j \leq n, \epsilon_l, 1 \leq l \leq n \}$$

(1) Let $\beta = \epsilon_i - \epsilon_j$ or ϵ_i or $\epsilon_l + \epsilon_l, l \neq n$.

Then $\beta \in N_w \iff w \geq \lambda_\beta$

(2) Let $\beta = \epsilon_i + \epsilon_n$. Then

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(here again $\lambda_{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_n} = \lambda_n \dots \lambda_i \dots \lambda_n$,

$$\lambda_{\epsilon_i} = \lambda_i \dots \lambda_n \dots \lambda_i$$