

Week 3

Last time:

$$G = GL_n(K) \supset B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} : \text{std Borel}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Flag variety  $G/B \cong Y_n := \{\text{complete flags in } K^n\}$

Hecke algebra  $\cong$  convolution algebra on  $G \backslash Y_n \times Y_n$  with basis  $\{T_w | w \in \Sigma_n\}$    
characteristic fn

Goal

1. Bruhat decomposition/cells and Hecke alg
2. Springer fibers
3. Springer representations

Linear alg: (from now on  $K = \mathbb{C}$ )

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b+ax \\ c & d+cx \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow gB$  has a representative  $w$  via column elimination to the right

Fact

(1)  $gB$  has a unique representative  $g' =$  permutation matrix + something s.t. entries below/to the right of 1's are zeroes

e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} B$  w/  $g' = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$F_0$  with  $F_1 = \langle 2e_1 + e_2 \rangle$ ,  $F_2 = \langle 2e_1 + e_2, e_3 - e_1 \rangle$ ,  $F_3 = K^3$

(2)  $G/B \cong Y_n$ ,  $gB \mapsto F_0$  with  $F_i = \text{span}_K \{ \text{first } i \text{ columns in } g \}$    
 $= gF_0^{\text{std}}$

Similarly,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+cx & b+dx \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$  row elimination to above

$\Rightarrow BgB$  has a unique representative  $\tilde{g} \in \Sigma_n$

Thm (Bruhat decomposition)

$$G = \bigsqcup_{w \in \Sigma_n} C(w) \quad \text{where } C(w) = BwB \text{ is the Bruhat cell}$$

(idea of proof)  $GL_n(K)$  has a BN-pair with

$$B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad N = \{ \text{monomial matrices} \}, \quad \text{i.e., same zero pattern as perm}$$

$B, N$  are subgrps of  $G$  satisfying:

- (T1)  $T := B \cap N \triangleleft N$
- (T2)  $W := N/T = \langle S \rangle$  where  $S$  consists of elts of order 2
- (T3)  $\dot{w}B\dot{s} \subseteq C(ws) \cup C(w) \quad \forall w \in W, s \in S$
- $\Rightarrow$  (T3')  $\dot{s}B\dot{w} \subseteq C(ws) \cup C(w)$  by taking inverse
- (T4)  $\dot{s}B\dot{s} \neq B \quad \forall s \in S$
- (T5)  $G = \langle N, B \rangle$

We show that the union is disjoint: " $C(w) = C(y) \Rightarrow w = y$ " via induction on  $l(w)$

Write  $y = sx$  where  $l(x) < l(y)$ ,  $s \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } C(x) = B\dot{x}B &\stackrel{(T2)}{=} B\dot{s}\dot{x}B = B\dot{s}yB \\ &\subseteq B\dot{s}B\dot{y}B = B\dot{s}C(y) \stackrel{\text{assumption}}{\subseteq} B\dot{s}C(w) \\ &= B\dot{s}B\dot{w}B \stackrel{(T3)}{=} C(sw) \cup C(w) \end{aligned}$$

Since double cosets are either equal or disjoint,  $C(x) = C(sw)$  or  $C(w)$

①: ind hyp  $\Rightarrow x = sw$  hence  $y = sx = s^2w = w$

②:  $C(x) = C(w) = C(y) \xrightarrow{\text{ind hyp}} x = y, *$

Fact (3)  $C(w)C(s) = \begin{cases} C(ws) & \text{if } l(ws) = l(w) + 1 \quad \forall w \in W, s \in S \\ C(ws) \cup C(w) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(4) Hecke alg = convolution algebra on  $B \backslash G/B$  with basis  $\{T_w | w \in \Sigma_n\}$

$$\text{with } (f_1 * f_2)(g) = \frac{1}{|B|} \sum_{x \in G} f_1(x) f_2(x^{-1}g)$$

$$T_w : C(x) \mapsto \delta_{xw}$$

Bruhat decomp  $G = \coprod_{w \in W} C(w) \Rightarrow G/B = \coprod_{w \in W} X(w)$   
 Its closure  $\bar{X}(w)$  is called Schubert variety  
 Schubert cell  $X(w) := BwB/B$

Fact (5) Recall for  $w \in \Sigma_n$  we define  $\Delta_{ij}^w = \sum_{\substack{x=i \\ y \geq j}} w_{xy}$ . Then  
 $X(w) = \{F. \in \mathcal{Y}_n \mid \dim(F_i \cap F_j^{\text{std}}) = \Delta_{ij}^w \forall i, j\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{L}(w)}$   
 $\bar{X}(w) = \{F. \in \mathcal{Y}_n \mid \dim(F_i \cap F_j^{\text{std}}) \geq \Delta_{ij}^w \forall i, j\}$   
 Hence  $X(y) \subseteq \bar{X}(w) \iff \Delta_{ij}^y \leq \Delta_{ij}^w \forall i, j$

(6)  $\bar{X}(w) = \bigcup_{y \leq w} X(y)$  wrt Bruhat order  
 (7)  $\bar{X}(w)$  is smooth iff  $w$  avoids 3412 and 4231

Thm [Kazhdan-Lusztig] Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm 1/2}]$ .  $\mathcal{H}$  = Hecke alg of  $\Sigma_n$  over  $\mathcal{A}$   
 Let  $\bar{\cdot} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be the bar involution given by  $\bar{T}_w = (T_{w^{-1}})^{-1}$ ,  $\bar{q} = q^{-1}$ .  
 $\exists!$  basis  $\{\underline{H}_w \mid w \in \Sigma_n\}$  for  $\mathcal{H}$  s.t.  
 $\bar{H}_w = H_w = \bar{q}^{\mathcal{L}(w)/2} \sum_{y \in \Sigma_n} P_{y,w}(q) T_y$

for polyn.  $P_{y,w} \in \mathbb{Z}[q]$  satisfying  $\begin{cases} P_{y,w} = 0 \text{ unless } y \leq w \\ P_{w,w} = 1 \\ y < w \Rightarrow \deg P_{y,w} \leq \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L}(w) - \mathcal{L}(y) - 1) \end{cases}$

Thm [main]  $[M(w,0) : L(y,0)] = P_{w_0 w, w_0 y}(1)$  (dot action = shifted  $W$ -action)  
 or  $\text{ch } L(y,0) = \sum_{w \in W} (-1)^{\mathcal{L}(w) - \mathcal{L}(x)} P_{y,w}(1) \text{ch } M(w,0)$

[KL]  $P_{y,w}(q) = \sum_{i=0}^{\mathcal{L}(w)} q^i \dim H_y^{2i}(\bar{X}(w))$   
 (cf. Poincaré polyn  $P_w(q) = \sum_{i=0}^{\mathcal{L}(w)} q^i \dim H^{2i}(\bar{X}(w))$ )  
 ↑  
 intersection cohomology

2. Springer fibers

Set  $G = GL_n(\mathbb{C}) = B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} = T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  : torus  
 $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathfrak{b} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  : Borel subalg  
 $\mathcal{N} = \{\text{nilp mat.}\}$   
 ↑ called the nilpotent cone

Recall flag variety  $\mathcal{B} = G/B = \{F. \mid \dim F_i = i\}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Cotangent bundle  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}} = T^*\mathcal{B} \cong \{(u, F.) \in \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{B} \mid u(F_i) \subseteq F_{i-1} \forall i\}$

Fact (1) The projection  $\mu : \tilde{\mathcal{N}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is a resolution of singularities,  
 $(u, F.) \mapsto u$

and hence called the Springer resolution, with fiber

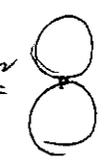
$\mathcal{B}_x = \mu^{-1}(x) \cong \{F. \in \mathcal{B} \mid x(F_i) \subseteq F_{i-1} \forall i\}$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{N}$   
 ↑ called Springer fiber

Examples

1.  $x=0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_x = \mathcal{B}$

2.  $x \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_x = \{F.^{\text{std}}\}$

3.  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_x$  consists of  $F.$  s.t.  
 $x F_1 \subseteq 0 \Rightarrow F_1 \subset \langle e_1, e_3 \rangle$   
 $x F_2 \subseteq F_1$   
 $x F_3 \subseteq F_2 \Rightarrow \langle e_1 \rangle \subset F_2$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_x = \cup \{ (0 \subset \langle e_1 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, e_3 \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}^3) \}$   
 $\cup \{ (0 \subset \langle e_1 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, e_3 + be_2 \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}^3) \}$   


Fact (2)  $B_\lambda$  depends only on its Jordan type, i.e. sizes of Jordan blocks as a partition  $\lambda \vdash n$ . Write  $B_\lambda := B_\lambda$ .

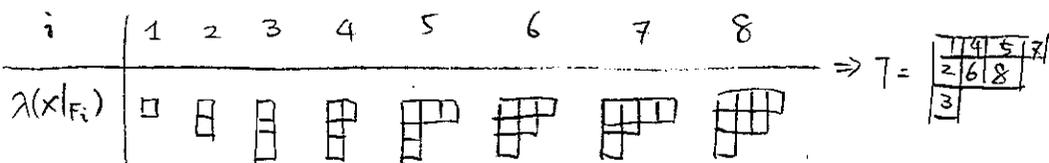
(3)  $B_\lambda$  is connected, equi-dimensional, i.e., every irreducible component of  $B_\lambda$  has the same dimension.

(4)  $B_\lambda = \bigcup_{T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)} K_T^\lambda \leftarrow$  irreducible comp.

Hence, # irred comp. is given by hook length formula.

(5) For each  $F_0 \in B_\lambda$ ,  $F_0 \in K_T^\lambda$  where  $T \in \text{Sh}(\lambda)$  is filled by using the Jordan type of  $X|_{F_i}$  for each  $i$ .

Example:  $n=8$   
 $X: e_7 \mapsto e_5 \mapsto e_4 \mapsto e_1 \mapsto 0$   $F_0 = F_0^{\text{std}}$   
 $e_8 \mapsto e_6 \mapsto e_2 \mapsto 0$   
 $e_3 \mapsto 0$



$\triangle$  It's easy to find a  $K_T^\lambda$  that contains a given  $F_0$ .

However,  $F_0$  can be in other irred. component.

Precise description of  $K_T^\lambda$  remains open for an arbitrary  $\lambda$

It's only done for special  $\lambda$ , say the two-row case  $\lambda = (n-k, k)$

Defn A cup diagram is a non-intersecting arrangement of  $\cup$  &  $\cap$  below  $\underbrace{1 \ 2 \ \dots \ n}_{\text{connecting vertices}}$

Let  $I_\lambda = \{ \text{cup diag on } n \text{ vertices with } k \text{ cups} \}$

e.g.

$$I_{(2,2)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \cup \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \cap \\ \hline \end{array} \right\} \neq \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \cup \\ \hline \cup \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$I_{(3,1)} = \{ \cup \cap \cap, \cap \cup \cap, \cap \cup \cup \}, \quad I_{(4)} = \{ \cap \cap \cap \cap \}$$

Now fix a basis  $\{e_i, f_j\}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  so that

$$X: e_{n-k} \mapsto e_{n-k-1} \mapsto \dots \mapsto e_1 \mapsto 0$$

$$f_k \mapsto f_{k-1} \mapsto \dots \mapsto f_1 \mapsto 0$$

Defn A Young tableau  $T \in \text{Sh}(\lambda)$  is row standard if filling of # is increasing from left to right for each row.

$$\text{rstd}(\lambda) = \{ \text{row std } T \in \text{Sh}(\lambda) \}$$

Fact (6)  $\exists$  bijection  $\Phi: \text{rstd}(\lambda) \rightarrow \bigcup_{b \leq k} \mathcal{I}(n-b, b)$  by

$T \mapsto \text{NV-seq recording position of box } i \mapsto \text{connecting } \cup \cap \text{ from right to left w/o breaking the rules}$

Moreover,  $\Phi: \text{rstd}(\lambda) \xrightarrow{1:1} \mathcal{I}_\lambda$

Example  $\lambda = (2,2) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$

$$\text{rstd}(\lambda) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\cup \mathcal{I}_{(n-b,b)} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cup \cup \\ \cup \cup \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cup \cup \cup \\ \cup \cup \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cup \cup \cup \\ \cup \cup \cup \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cup \cup \cup \\ \cup \cup \cup \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cup \cup \cup \\ \cup \cup \cup \end{array}$$

Thm [Spaltenstein '86]

Let  $F_0 \in \mathcal{B}_\lambda$ ,  $T \in \text{std}(\lambda)$ . Then  $F_0 \in K_T^\lambda$  iff

$$F_i = F_{i-1} \oplus \langle \text{next } e \rangle \quad \forall i \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}(T), \text{ and}$$

$$F_j = x^{-\text{cup size}} F_{i-1} \quad \forall i \cup j \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}(T)$$

↑ inverse img, not inverse map

Example  $\lambda = (2, 1)$ ,  $\text{std}(\lambda) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$x: e_2 \mapsto e_1 \mapsto 0 \quad \downarrow 1,1$$

$$f_1 \mapsto 0 \quad \mathbb{Z}_\lambda = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \wedge \vee \\ \cup \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} \wedge \vee \\ \cup \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$K_{10}^\lambda = \{ F_0 \mid F_1 = \langle e_1 \rangle, F_2 = x^{-1} F_1 = \langle e_1, e_2, f_1 \rangle \}$$

$$= \{ (0 \subset \langle e_1 \rangle \subset F_2 \subset \mathbb{C}^3) \mid \dim F_2 = 2 \} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$K_{01}^\lambda = \{ F_0 \mid F_2 = x^{-1} F_0 = \langle e_1, f_1 \rangle, F_3 = \langle e_1, f_1 \rangle \oplus \langle e_2 \rangle \}$$

$$= \{ (0 \subset F_1 \subset \langle e_1, f_1 \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}^3) \mid \dim F_1 = 1 \} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{10}^\lambda \cap K_{01}^\lambda = \{ (0 \subset \langle e_1 \rangle \subset \langle e_1, f_1 \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}^3) \} = \text{pt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_\lambda \cong \bigcirc \bigcirc$$

Thm [Lascoux-Schützenberger '81]

Let  $P_{x,y}^\lambda$  be the parabolic KL polyn indexed by coset representative  $x, y$  in  $\Sigma_\lambda \setminus \Sigma_n$   $\xrightarrow{1,1}$   $\mathbb{Z}$  Young subgrp

Then  $P_{x,y}^\lambda = \begin{cases} q^{\#\text{cups}} & \text{if } \text{arc } xy \text{ is oriented,} \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$

3. Springer representation

Nowadays, by Springer repn we mean any of the following methods that equips  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{top}}(\mathcal{B}_\lambda)$  a  $\Sigma_n$ -mod structure:

- Springer's original approach using trigonometric sums
- Borel-Moore homology construction (cf. [Chriss-Ginzburg])
- Perverse sheaves constn (cf. [Achar])

△ Explicit description is due to

[DeConcini-Procesi '81] and [Tanisaki '82].

(See also [Brundan-Ostrik '11].)

Fact (1)  $\mathcal{H}^0(\mathcal{B}_\lambda)$  has a basis induced by  $\{ \overline{X(w)} \cap \mathcal{B}_\lambda \}$   $\xrightarrow{1,1}$   $\text{rstd}(\lambda)$

(2) If  $\lambda = (n-k, k)$ , then  $\mathcal{H}^0(\mathcal{B}_\lambda)$  has a basis indexed by

$$\bigcup_{b \leq k} I_{(n-b, b)} \text{ with } \Sigma_n\text{-action given by cup diag combinatorics}$$

Example  $\lambda = (2, 2) \vdash 4$ ,  $\Sigma_4$ -action given by  $C_1 = \text{XII}$ ,  $C_2 = \text{XII}$ ,  $C_3 = \text{XII}$

