

Quantum cohomology of the odd symplectic Grassmannian of lines

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But

- ▶ very few explicit formulas for non-homogeneous non-toric varieties ;
- ▶ quasi-homogeneous varieties (e.g odd symplectic Grassmannians) should provide interesting examples.

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Remarks

1. independent of the form ω ;
2. endowed with an action of the odd symplectic group :

$$\mathrm{Sp}_{2n+1} := \{ g \in \mathrm{GL}(2n+1) \mid \forall u, v \in V \omega(gu, gv) = \omega(u, v) \};$$

3. odd symplectic Grassmannians of lines are the $m = 2$ case.

Introduction

What are odd symplectic Grassmannians ?

Properties (of $\text{IG}(m, 2n + 1)$)

1. *smooth subvariety of dimension $m(2n + 1 - m) - \frac{m(m-1)}{2}$ of $\text{G}(m, 2n + 1)$.*
2. *two orbits under the action of Sp_{2n+1} :*
 - ▶ *closed orbit $\mathbb{O} := \{\Sigma \in \text{IG}(m, 2n + 1) \mid \Sigma \supset K\}$, isomorphic to $\text{IG}(m - 1, 2n)$;*
 - ▶ *open orbit $\{\Sigma \in \text{IG}(m, 2n + 1) \mid \Sigma \not\supset K\}$, isomorphic to the dual of the tautological bundle over $\text{IG}(m, 2n)$;*

where $K = \text{Ker}(\omega)$.

Classical cohomology

Schubert varieties for the symplectic Grassmannian

Schubert varieties of the symplectic Grassmannian $IG(m, 2n)$

- ▶ are subvarieties defined by incidence conditions with respect to an *isotropic flag* ;
- ▶ can be indexed by *k-strict partitions* (cf BUCH-KRESCH-TAMVAKIS), i.e

$$\lambda = (2n-m \geq \lambda_1 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_m \geq 0) \text{ such that } \lambda_j > k \Rightarrow \lambda_j > \lambda_{j+1},$$

with $k = n - m$;

- ▶ correspond to classes $\sigma_\lambda \in H^{|\lambda|}(IG, \mathbb{Z})$ generating the cohomology ring $H^*(IG, \mathbb{Z})$ as a \mathbb{Z} -module.

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For $IG(2, 2n + 1)$, Schubert varieties are indexed by

- ▶ “usual” $(n - 2)$ -strict partitions $\lambda = (2n - 1 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq 0)$;
- ▶ the “partition” $\lambda = (2n - 1, -1)$ corresponding to the class of the closed orbit \mathbb{O} .

Classical cohomology

Special Schubert classes ; Pieri and Giambelli formulas

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Definition

- ▶ A *Pieri formula* is a rule for multiplying any Schubert class with a special class ;
- ▶ A *Giambelli formula* is a rule expressing any Schubert class as a polynomial in special classes.

Knowing both formulas, all cup-products of Schubert classes can be computed.

Classical cohomology

A Pieri formula for $IG(2, 2n + 1)$

- ▶ $i : IG(m, 2n + 1) \hookrightarrow IG(m, 2n + 2)$ induces a restriction map in cohomology, which happens to be surjective.
- ▶ For $m = 2$ the map and its “inverse” can be explicitly computed.
- ▶ So Pieri rules for $IG(2, 2n + 2)$ (cf PRAGASZ-RATAJSKI, BKT) can be “pulled back” to $IG(2, 2n + 1)$, hence

Proposition (Pieri formula for $IG(2, 2n + 1)$)

$$\sigma_{a,b} \cdot \sigma_1 = \begin{cases} \sigma_{a+1,b} + \sigma_{a,b+1} & \text{if } a + b \neq 2n - 3, \\ \sigma_{a,b+1} + 2\sigma_{a+1,b} + \sigma_{a+2,b-1} & \text{if } a + b = 2n - 3. \end{cases}$$
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Giambelli formula and presentation

To find a Giambelli formula for $IG(2, 2n + 1)$:

- ▶ use the well-known Giambelli formula on $G(2, 2n + 1)$;
- ▶ “pull it back” to $IG(2n + 1)$ by the natural embedding $IG(2, 2n + 1) \hookrightarrow G(2, 2n + 1)$;
- ▶ get an explicit formula.

Proposition (Presentation of $H^*(IG(2, 2n + 1), \mathbb{Z})$)

The ring $H^(IG(2, 2n + 1), \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by the classes $\sigma_1, \sigma_{1,1}$ and the relations are*

$$\det(\sigma_{1^{1+j-i}})_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2n} = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1} \det(\sigma_{1^{1+j-i}})_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2n+1} = 0$$

Quantum cohomology

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Idea : to compute the GW invariants, use their enumerative interpretation.

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Enumerativity of GW invariants

What does it mean ?

$I_d(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3) =$ number of degree d rational curves through $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3$,

where Γ_i 's are cycles Poincaré dual to the classes γ_i .

What are the obstructions ?

1. moduli space may not have the expected dimension ;
2. maybe Γ_i 's can't be made to intersect transversely ;
3. stable maps with reducible source may contribute ;
4. a curve may cut one of the Γ_i 's in several points, contributing several times to the invariant ;
5. similarly a curve may cut one of the Γ_i 's with multiplicities.

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Idea of proof : We prove that $H^1(f^*T \mathrm{IG}) = 0$ for each stable f .

- ▶ If no irreducible component of the source of f is entirely mapped into \mathbb{O} , use the generic global generation of $f^*T \mathrm{IG}$ due to the transitive Sp_{2n+1} -action on $\mathrm{IG} \setminus \mathbb{O}$;
- ▶ Else use the tangent exact sequence of the closed orbit and prove that $H^1(f^*T \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{O}}) = 0$.

Quantum cohomology

Graber's lemma

For homogeneous varieties, enumerativity of GW invariants comes from Kleiman's lemma. For quasi-homogeneous spaces there is a version by Graber :

Lemma

- ▶ G a connected algebraic group ;
- ▶ X a quasi- G -homogeneous variety ;
- ▶ $f : Z \rightarrow X$ a morphism from an irreducible scheme ;
- ▶ $Y \subset X$ intersecting the orbit stratification properly.

Then there exists a dense open subset U of G such that $\forall g \in U$, $f^{-1}(gY)$ is either empty or has pure dimension $\dim Y + \dim Z - \dim X$.

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Enumerativity theorem

Theorem

- ▶ $r = 2$ or 3 ;
- ▶ Y_1, \dots, Y_r cycles in \mathbb{P}^2 representing $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r$ and intersecting \mathbb{P}^2 generically transversely ;
- ▶ $\deg \gamma_i \geq 2$ for all i ;
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Idea of proof : We get rid of the last three obstructions to enumerativity using Graber's lemma.

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Solution :

- ▶ Use pullbacks of the Schubert varieties of the type A Grassmannian $G(2, 2n + 1)$;
- ▶ They can be made to intersect transversely on the *homogeneous* space $G(2, 2n + 1)$;
- ▶ Corresponding pullbacks to $IG(2, 2n + 1)$ stay transverse.

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Quantum Pieri rule for $IG(2, 2n + 1)$

Theorem

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Quantum Hasse diagrams

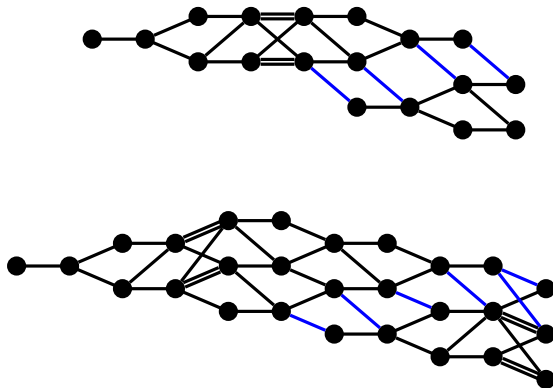


Figure: Quantum Hasse diagrams of $IG(2,6)$ and $IG(2,7)$

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Corollary

1. $\mathrm{QH}^*(\mathrm{IG}(2, 2n + 1), \mathbb{Z})_{q \neq 0}$ is semisimple ;
2. hence Dubrovin's conjecture holds for $\mathrm{IG}(2, 2n + 1)$.

Conclusion

Main results :

- ▶ Enumerativity of GW invariants ;
- ▶ Quantum Pieri formula ;
- ▶ Quantum presentation and semisimplicity.

Next step :

- ▶ The $m > 2$ case ?