

Multiplying quantum Schubert polynomials using combinatorics

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THE PROBLEM

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*I'd like to know how to multiply **efficiently** quantum Schubert polynomials and I would like to try a particular idea I have.*

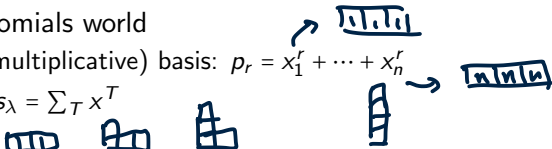


WHAT DO I MEAN BY *multiplying*?

- ▶ Schubert polynomials are generalizations of Schur polynomials
- ▶ Symmetric polynomials world

- Power sum (multiplicative) basis: $p_r = x_1^r + \dots + x_n^r$

- Schur basis: $s_\lambda = \sum_T x^T$



$$p_{(r)} = s_{(r)} - s_{(r-1,1)} + \dots + (-1)^{r-1} s_{(1^r)}$$

Murnaghan-Nakayama rule [Mur'37, Nak'40]

$$p_r(x) \cdot s_\lambda(x) = \sum_{\mu} (-1)^{\text{ht}(\mu/\lambda)} s_{\mu}(x),$$

where the sum ranges over all μ such that μ/λ is a border-strip with r boxes.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

$$p_{(r)} = s_{(r)} - s_{(r-1,1)} + \cdots + (-1)^{r-1} s_{(1^r)} \rightsquigarrow p_r(x) \cdot s_\lambda(x) = \sum_{\mu} (-1)^{\text{ht}(\mu/\lambda)} s_\mu(x)$$

- Multiplication by a box s_{\square}
- Multiplication by a column $s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}}$ and a row $s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$
- Multiplication by a hook $s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}}$
- Hope that your combinatorial model behaves well with the alternating signs so that *only one object survives*.

Let's do it for Schubert polynomials

FLAG VARIETY $\mathbb{F}l_n$ & ITS COHOMOLOGY $H^*\mathbb{F}l_n$

- ▶ GL_n acts on flags: for $g \in GL_n$,

$$F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \cdots \subset F_n \implies g(F_1) \subset g(F_2) \subset \cdots \subset g(F_n)$$

GL_n : group of invertible linear transformations of \mathbb{C}^n

- ▶ **Flag variety** $\mathbb{F}l_n$: GL_n -orbit of a flag F $\mathbb{F}l_n = GL_n/Stab$
- ▶ **Schubert cells** X_w : orbits in $\mathbb{F}l_n$ under the action of $Stab$
 $X_w = \{bw(F) \mid b \in Stab\}$ ($w \in S_n$)
- ▶ Cohomology of the flag variety $H^*\mathbb{F}l_n$
- ▶ **Schubert classes** $[\overline{X_w}]$: distinguished basis of $H^*\mathbb{F}l_n$.

Product: (generic) intersection $[\overline{X_v}] \cdot [\overline{X_w}] = [\overline{X_v \cap X_w}]$

SCHUBERT POLYNOMIALS – ALGEBRAIC GEOMETRY

Borel proved that

$$H^* \mathbb{F}l_n \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle,$$

e_i : elementary symmetric polynomial in the alphabet $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Algebraic geometry

intersection

$$[\overline{X_w}]$$

Schubert classes



Algebraic combinatorics

multiplication

$$\mathfrak{S}_w$$

Schubert polynomials



SCHUBERT POLYNOMIALS – RECURSIVE DEFINITION

For $w_0 = (n, n-1, \dots, 1)$, $\mathfrak{S}_{w_0} = x_1^{n-1} x_2^{n-2} \dots x_{n-1}^1$

For $w \neq w_0$ with $w(i) < w(i+1)$, $\mathfrak{S}_w = \partial_i \mathfrak{S}_{ws_i}$, where

$$\partial_i = \frac{P - \mathfrak{S}_i P}{x_i - x_{i+1}}, \quad \mathfrak{S}_i P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(x_1, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i, \dots, x_n)$$

divided differences operator

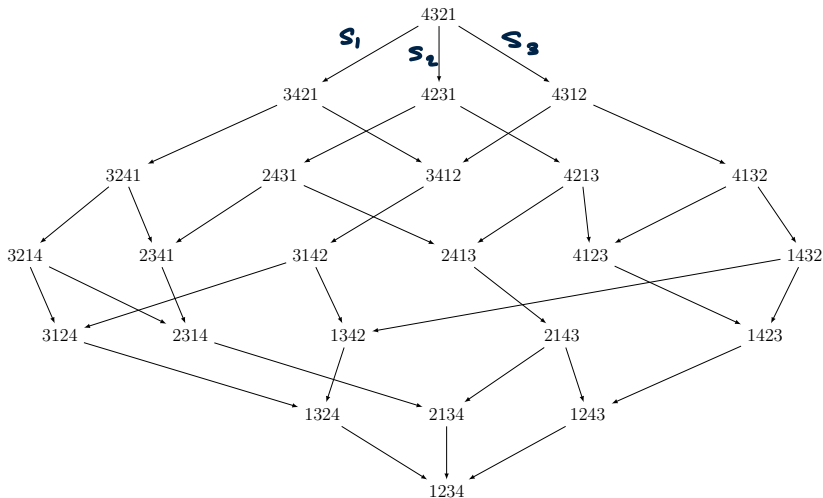
EXAMPLE:

$$\mathfrak{S}_{54321} = x_1^4 x_2^3 x_3^2 x_4 \quad \mathfrak{S}_{24531} = ?$$

$$54321 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} 45321 \xrightarrow{\partial_3} 45231 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} 42531 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} 24531$$

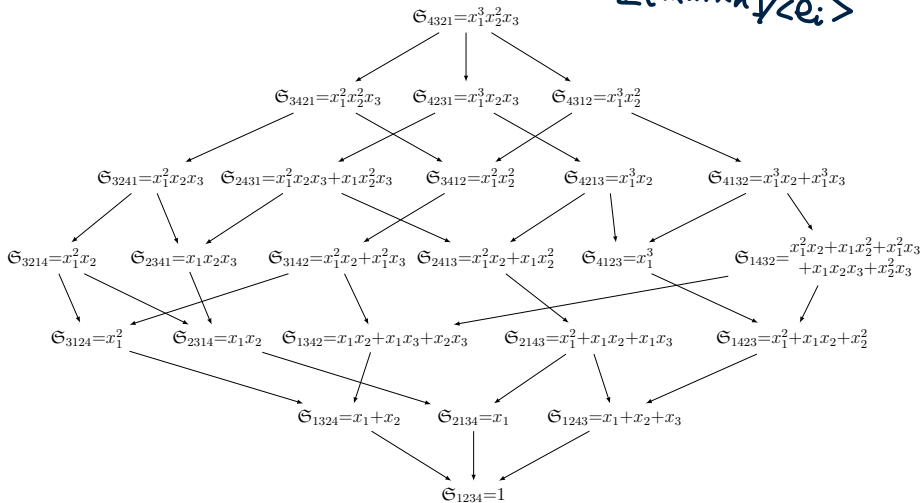
$$\mathfrak{S}_{24531} = \partial_1 \partial_2 \partial_3 \partial_1 \mathfrak{S}_{54321} = x_1 x_2^2 x_3^2 x_4 + x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3 x_4 + x_1^2 x_2 x_3^2 x_4$$

SCHUBERT POLYNOMIALS [LASCoux - SCHÜTZENBERGER (1982)]

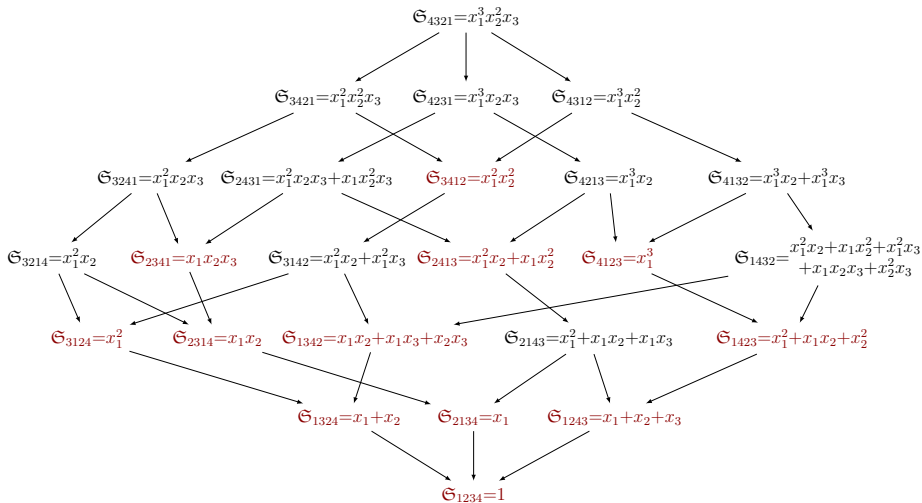


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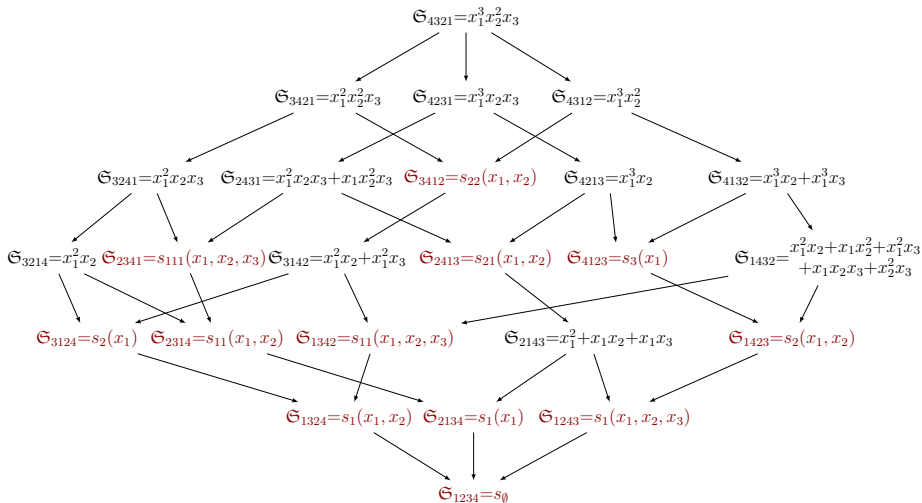
$\mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / \langle e_i \rangle$



SCHUBERT POLYNOMIALS [LASCoux - SCHÜTZENBERGER (1982)]



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SCHUR POLYNOMIALS AS SCHUBERT POLYNOMIALS

Look at the permutations with one single descent in position k .

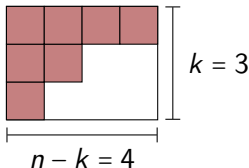
$$w = (2, 4, 7 \mid 1, 3, 5, 6) \rightarrow \text{Descent in position } k = 3$$

$k=3$

$$\lambda = (4, 2, 1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 \quad 2 \quad 4$$



Every partition $\lambda \in R_{k, n-k}$ corresponds to a permutation in S_n with a unique descent in position k , and we denote it by $v(\lambda, k)$.

$$\mathfrak{S}_{v(\lambda, k)}(x) = s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

Open problem

Find combinatorial rule to compute the coefficients d_{uv}^w in

$$\mathfrak{S}_u(x) \cdot \mathfrak{S}_v(x) = \sum_w d_{uv}^w \mathfrak{S}_w(x)$$

- ▶ Avoid linear algebra and computing the polynomials.
- ▶ Compute the coefficients d_{uv}^w using information from u , v , w .
- ▶ The answer is known for several particular cases.

Open problem

Combinatorial rule for d_{uv}^w

$$\mathfrak{S}_u(x) \cdot \mathfrak{S}_v(x) = \sum_w d_{uv}^w \mathfrak{S}_w(x)$$

Monk's Rule

For $u \in S_n$ and $k < n$,

$$\underbrace{\mathfrak{S}_{(k,k+1)}(x)}_{S_D} \cdot \mathfrak{S}_u(x) = \sum_v \mathfrak{S}_v(x)$$

k -Bruhat order in S_n

$$u \prec_k u(i,j) \stackrel{=v}{\text{iff}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i \leq k < j \quad \& \quad u(i) < u(j) \\ \exists l : i < l < j \quad \& \quad u(i) < u(l) < u(j) \\ \Leftrightarrow \ell(u(i,j)) = \ell(u) + 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Example: $n = 7, k = 4$

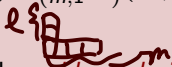
$$\begin{array}{l} 2,5 \notin [6,7] \\ 3146|257 \prec_k 3147|256 \\ 3146|257 \prec_k 3156|247 \\ 6,2 \notin [4,5] \\ \mathfrak{S}_{(4,5)} \cdot \mathfrak{S}_{3146257} = \\ \mathfrak{S}_{3147256} + \mathfrak{S}_{3156247} + \dots \end{array}$$

MULTIPLYING BY A HOOK

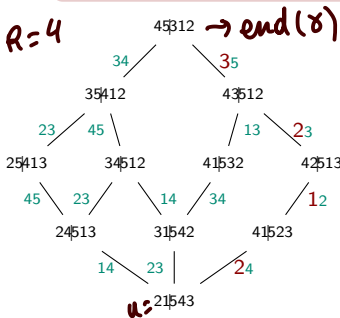
THEOREM [Sottile, '96]

Let $u \in S_n$, $l \leq k$, and $m \leq n-k$. Then

$$\mathfrak{S}_u(x) \cdot s_{(m, 1^{l-1})}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{\gamma} \mathfrak{S}_{\text{end}(\gamma)}(x)$$



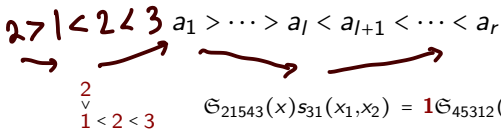
summing over all *peakless chains* of height l and length $m + l - 1$.



Peakless chain of height l & length r

$$u(i) \leftrightarrow u(j) \\ u \prec_k u(i,j) \rightsquigarrow u \xrightarrow{u(i)} u(i,j)$$

$$\gamma = \left(u \xrightarrow{a_1} u_1 \xrightarrow{a_2} \dots \xrightarrow{a_r} u_r =: \text{end}(\gamma) \right)$$



$$\mathfrak{S}_{21543}(x) s_{31}(x_1, x_2) = \mathbf{1} \mathfrak{S}_{45312}(x) + \dots$$

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

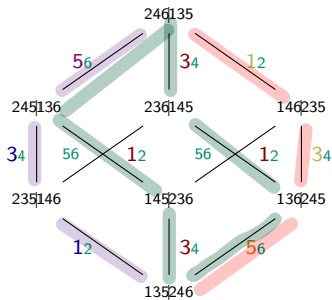
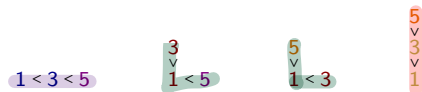
THEOREM [Sottile (1996)]

$$\mathfrak{S}_u(x) \cdot s_{(m, 1^{l-1})}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{\gamma} \mathfrak{S}_{\text{end}(\gamma)}(x)$$

$$\mathfrak{S}_{135246}(x) s_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 1 \mathfrak{S}_{246135}(x) + \dots$$

$$\mathfrak{S}_{135246}(x) s_{21}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2 \mathfrak{S}_{246135}(x) + \dots$$

$$\mathfrak{S}_{135246}(x) s_{111}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 1 \mathfrak{S}_{246135}(x) + \dots$$



MULTIPLYING BY A HOOK

THEOREM [BBCSS (2022)]

Let $u \in S_n$, $l \leq k$ and $m \leq n-k$. Then

$$\mathfrak{S}_u(x) \cdot s_{(m, 1^{l-1})}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum \binom{s(\zeta)-1}{\text{ht}(\zeta)-l} \mathfrak{S}_{\zeta u}(x),$$

over **minimal** permutations $\zeta \in S_n$ s.t. $u \leq_k \zeta u$ and $\mathcal{L}(\zeta) = m + l - 1$.

k -Bruhat order on S_n : $u \leq_k v$

$$[u, v]_k \cong [e, \zeta := vu^{-1}]_k$$

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Grassmannian Bruhat order on S_n

$$\eta \leq \zeta \text{ iff } \exists u \in S_n, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ s.t.}$$

$$[\eta, \zeta] \quad u \leq_k \eta u \leq_k \zeta u$$

- Ranked order with $\mathcal{L}(\zeta) = \ell(\zeta u) - \ell(u)$
- $s(\zeta) := \#$ cycles in the disjoint factorization of ζ
- $\text{supp}(\zeta) = \{i \in [n] \mid \zeta(i) \neq i\}$ & $\text{ht}(\zeta) := \#\{i \in [n] \mid i < \zeta(i)\}$
- ζ is **minimal** if $\mathcal{L}(\zeta) = \#\text{supp}(\zeta) - s(\zeta)$

M-N RULE FOR $H^*\mathbb{F}\ell_n$ [BBCSS (2022)]

Let $u \in S_n$. Then

$$\mathfrak{S}_u(x) \cdot p_r(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum (-1)^{\text{ht}(\zeta)+1} \mathfrak{S}_{\zeta u}(x),$$

summing over all **minimal** cycles $\zeta \in S_n$ s. t. $u \leq_k \zeta u$ and $\mathcal{L}(\zeta) = r$.

- Our proof uses the multiplication by a hook rule together with understanding when the coefficients are zero (unless $\mathcal{L}(\zeta) = r$ and ζ is minimal). For those initially non-zero coefficients, these are

$$(-1)^{\text{ht}(\zeta)+1} \sum_{l=1}^r (-1)^{l-\text{ht}(\zeta)} \binom{s(\zeta)-1}{\text{ht}(\zeta)-l} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } s(\zeta) \neq 1, \\ (-1)^{\text{ht}(\zeta)+1}, & \text{if } s(\zeta) = 1. \end{cases}$$

- Our proof differs from those given by Morrison (2014) and by Morrison and Sottile (2018).

$$q = \{q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}\}$$

q -WORLD

Algebraic geometry

$$qH^*(Fl_n)$$

$$H^*Fl_n \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}]$$

Algebraic combinatorics

$$\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n][q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}] / \langle E_1, \dots, E_n \rangle$$

*q-version of
symm. polynomials*

- ▶ The q -Schubert polynomials $\mathfrak{S}_w^q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[q, x]$ are the image of the q -Schubert classes under the isomorphism above.

Open problem

Find a combinatorial rule for $d_{uv}^w(q)$ in

$$\mathfrak{S}_u^q * \mathfrak{S}_v^q = \sum_w d_{uv}^w(q) \mathfrak{S}_w^q$$

- q -Monk's rule σ_{\square}^q
- Multiplying by a q -hook $\sigma_{\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}}^q$
- q -Murnaghan–Nakayama's rule $p_{\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{smallmatrix}}^q$

Quantum k -Bruhat order in $S_n[q]$

▶ Classic case: $u \leq_k^q u(i,j)$ if

what is in between is not in between

$$\begin{cases} i \leq k < j & \& u(i) < u(j) & \& \\ \nexists l : i < l < j & \& u(i) < u(l) < u(j) \\ \Leftrightarrow \ell(u(i,j)) = \ell(u) + 1 \end{cases}$$

6|257
2,5 ∉ [6,7]

▶ Quantum case: $u \leq_k^q q_{ij}u(i,j)$ if $q_i q_{i+1} \dots q_{j-1}$ $\ell(q_i) = 2$

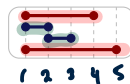
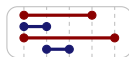
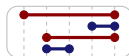
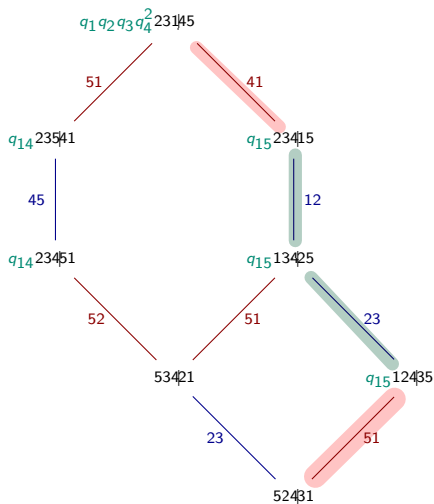
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Example: For $n = 7$ and $k = 4$,

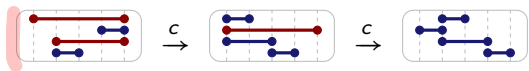
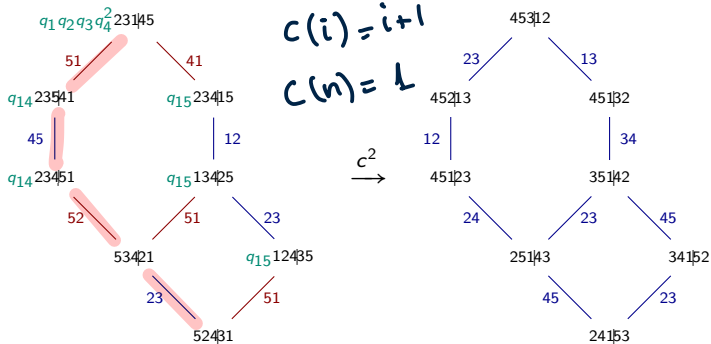
2746|135 \leq_k^q $q_{25}2146|735$ with $q_{25} = q_2 q_3 q_4$
4,6 ∈ [1,7]

QUANTUM k -BRUHAT ORDER IN $S_n[q]$



CYCLIC SYMMETRY

$$u \triangleleft_k^q \mathbf{q}^\gamma(\alpha, \beta) u \iff cu \triangleleft_k^q \frac{\mathbf{q}^\gamma}{\mathbf{q}(u, (\alpha, \beta) u)} c(\alpha, \beta) c^{-1} cu$$



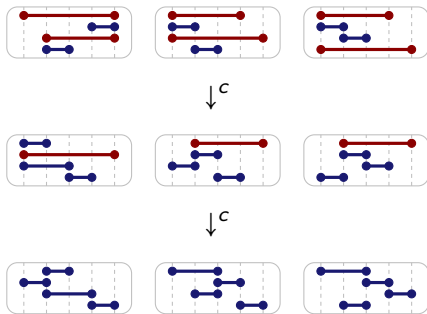
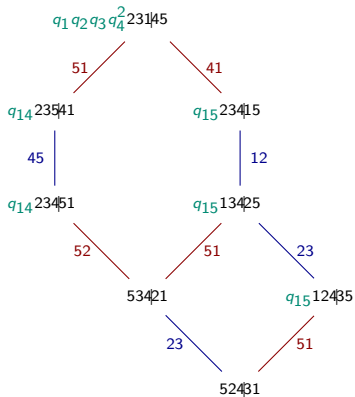
q-HOOK CASE

Our first attempt [BBCSS (2022)]

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_{\vec{a}}^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) * \mathfrak{S}_u^q &= \sum_{\gamma: u \xrightarrow{\gamma} k} q^{\alpha(\gamma)} \mathfrak{S}_{w(\gamma)}^q \\
 &\exists i: c^i(\gamma) \text{ pure classic} \\
 \text{shape}(c^{\min}(\gamma)) &= \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Study some properties of the quantum k -Bruhat poset (equivalent and zero diagrams with 2 and 3 operators).
- Study and understand the terms that do appear in our summation (sequences of operators that cannot happen).
- Understand the cyclic shift transformation for the intervals we have (when they become purely classic).
- Show that those are the terms appearing in the end (including that no other terms can appear).

EXAMPLE



$$S_{211}^q(x_1, x_2, x_3) * \mathfrak{S}_{52431}^q = \mathbf{1} q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4^2 \mathfrak{S}_{23145}^q + \dots$$

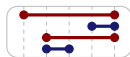
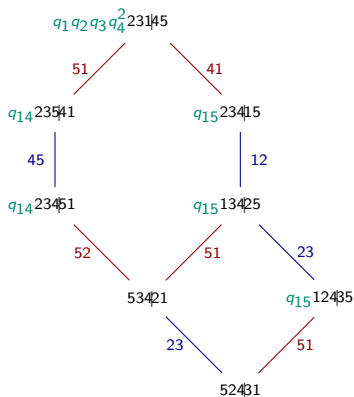
q -MURNAGHAN–NAKAYAMA’S RULE

Our (hopefully) theorem

$$p_r^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) \star \mathfrak{S}_u^q = \sum_{q^\alpha w: \exists \gamma: u \xrightarrow{\gamma} w} (-1)^{a-1} q^\alpha \mathfrak{S}_w^q$$

$\exists i: c^i(\gamma)$ purely classic, connected
 $\exists a, b: a+b=r, \text{shape}(c^{\min}(\gamma)) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline a \\ \hline b \\ \hline \end{array}$

EXAMPLE



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$$p_4^q(x_1, x_2, x_3) * \mathfrak{S}_{52431}^q = (-1)^2 q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4^2 \mathfrak{S}_{23145}^q + \dots$$

IN THE RECENT MONTHS...

Theorem [BBCSS (2022)]

Let $u \in S_n$, $l \leq k$ and $m \leq n - k$. Then

$$\mathfrak{S}_u * s_{(m, 1^{l-1})}^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum \binom{s(wu^{-1})-1}{\text{ht}(wu^{-1})-l} q^\alpha \mathfrak{S}_w,$$

over all **minimal intervals** $[u, q^\alpha w]_k^q$ s. t. $\ell(q^\alpha w) - \ell(u) = m + l - 1$.

Corollary [BBCSS (2022), conjectured by Morrison (2014)]

Let $u \in S_n$. Then

$$\mathfrak{S}_u * p_r^q(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum (-1)^{\text{ht}(w^{-1}u)+1} q^\alpha \mathfrak{S}_w,$$

over all minimal intervals $[u, q^\alpha w]_k^q$ of rank r s. t. $w^{-1}u$ is a single cycle.

OUR PROOF

$$\mathfrak{S}_u * \mathfrak{S}_{v(\lambda,k)} = \sum C_{v(\lambda,k),u}^{q^\alpha w} \mathfrak{S}_w$$

$$C_{v(\lambda,k),u}^{q^\alpha w} = \binom{s(wu^{-1})-1}{\text{ht}(wu^{-1})-l} q^\alpha \text{ or } 0$$

- ▶ Part 1: If $[u, q^\alpha w]_k^q$ is a **minimal interval**, then there is a hook partition λ with $|\lambda| = \ell(q^\alpha w) - \ell(u)$ such that $C_{v(\lambda,k),u}^{q^\alpha w} \neq 0$.
 - Study of chains in the interval $[u, q^\alpha w]_k^q$ in terms of certain left operators

- ▶ Part 2: “**quantum equals classical**” using a result by Leung–Li (2012) that essentially says
 - If $C_{v(\lambda,k),u}^{q^\alpha w} \neq 0$ for some partition λ , then there are $y, z \in S_n$ with $y \leq_k z$, $zy^{-1} = wu^{-1}$, and the *correct length*, and such that for all partitions μ with $|\mu| = |\lambda|$, $C_{v(\mu,k),u}^{q^\alpha w} = q^\alpha C_{v(\mu,k),y}^z$.
 - If λ is a hook partition, then the interval $[u, q^\alpha w]_k^q$ is minimal.
 - The result follows then by using the **classical result**.



¡Muchas gracias!

Path $X: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ continuous map "smooth enough".
 $t \mapsto (X_1(t) \dots X_d(t))$ coordinates

Signature Fix $(i_1 \dots i_k) \in \{1 \dots d\}^k$

$$\sigma_{(i_1 \dots i_k)}(X) := \int_0^1 \int_0^{t_k} \dots \int_0^{t_2} dX_{i_1}(t_1) \dots dX_{i_k}(t_k) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^{t_k} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \dot{X}_{i_1} \dot{X}_{i_2} \dots \dot{X}_{i_k} dt_1 \dots dt_k$$

$X_{i_2}(t_2)$

Storing these numbers:

$k=2 \rightsquigarrow$ Computing areas

k -th signature $\sigma^{(k)}(X) = (\sigma_{(i_1 \dots i_k)} \mid i_1 \dots i_k \in \{1 \dots d\})$

$k=3 \rightsquigarrow$ computing volumes?

$k=3, d=2$ 111, 112, 121, 211, ..., 222

signature of X $\sigma(X) = (\sigma^{(k)}(X) \mid k \in \mathbb{N}), \sigma^{(0)}(X) = 1$

Stochastic analysis

- Introduced by Chen in the 1950s

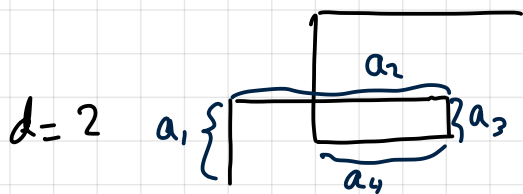
$$X: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

- Up to some "natural relation", the signatures of path determines the path

issue: $\sigma(X)$ is an infinite sequence.

- Carlos Améndola, Bern Sturmfels & Peter Friz

\rightsquigarrow varieties of signatures for some path.



axis-parallel paths \leadsto axis paths



1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2

$$X: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$X(t) = \begin{cases} a_1 e_{v_1} & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T_1 \\ \text{[shaded box]} + a_2 e_{v_2} & \text{for } T_1 \leq t \leq T_2 \\ \vdots \\ \text{[shaded box]} + a_m e_{v_m} & \text{for } T_{m-1} \leq t \leq T_m \end{cases}$$

e_{v_1}, \dots, e_{v_m} are standard basis elements in \mathbb{R}^d

$X(t)$ has m steps & each step is codified by:

$a_i = \text{length of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ step} \rightarrow \bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$

$v_i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ directions

$\hookrightarrow (v_1, \dots, v_m)$ sequence

\hookrightarrow set partition: $\Pi = \{\Pi_1 | \Pi_2 \dots | \Pi_d\}$

$$\Pi_i = \{j \mid v_j = i\}$$

$$v = (1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 4) \rightarrow \Pi_v = \{1, 3, 7 \mid 2, 5 \mid 4, 6 \mid 8\}$$

signature

$$\sigma_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}(X) = \sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_k)} \frac{1}{s_1! \dots s_k!} a_{j_1} \dots a_{j_k} \text{ where the sum}$$

runs over all sequences (j_1, \dots, j_k) st. $1 \leq j_1 \leq \dots \leq j_k \leq m$

& $j_\ell \in \Pi_{i_\ell}$ and $s_i = \#\{j_\ell = i\}$

$$v = (1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1, 4), \Pi = \{1, 3, 7 \mid 2, 5 \mid 4, 6 \mid 8\} \quad \bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_8)$$

$$\sigma_{1234} = a_1 a_2 a_4 a_8 + a_1 a_2 a_6 a_8 + a_1 a_5 a_6 a_8 + a_3 a_5 a_6 a_8$$

$$\sigma_{2314} = a_2 a_4 a_7 a_8 + a_2 a_6 a_7 a_8 + a_5 a_6 a_7 a_8$$

$$\sigma_{4123} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{1122} = \frac{1}{2!} a_1^2 a_2 a_5 + \frac{1}{2!2!} a_1^2 a_2^2 + \dots$$

Algebraic geometric (general)

In general, $f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ arbitrary map where the coordinates are homogeneous polynomials in p variables & degree k

} $\text{Im}(f)$

$$f^*: \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_p] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_p]$$

$$x_i \mapsto f_i(x_1, \dots, x_p) \quad \forall i=1, \dots, p$$

$\text{Im}(f)$ is represented by an ideal $F = \text{kernel}(f^*)$.

\hookrightarrow semialgebraic set in $\mathbb{R}^q \rightsquigarrow$ complicated

- ① Central Complex
- ③ City Closure (Zariski)
- ② Police Projective space
- Department Do whatever you need to do.

$$\text{① } \text{Im}(f) = F^{\text{in}} \quad \begin{array}{l} V^{\mathbb{C}}(F) = F^{\mathbb{C}} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^q \\ V^{\mathbb{R}}(F) = F^{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^q \end{array} \quad F^{\text{in}} \subseteq F^{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq F^{\mathbb{C}}$$

② Geometrically \rightsquigarrow projective

$$f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q \rightsquigarrow \text{induces } f': \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{p-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{q-1} \text{ rational map}$$

\downarrow restrict

$$f'': \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^{p-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^{q-1} \text{ rational map.}$$

③ Zariski closure: smallest variety containing a set.

Rk: Computations are done in \mathbb{Q} .

$$\sigma^{(k)}(X): \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \quad N = d^k$$

$$(a_1, \dots, a_m) \longmapsto (\sigma_{i_1, \dots, i_k})$$

$$(\sigma^{(k)})^*: \mathbb{R}[X_1, \dots, X_N] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}[a_1, \dots, a_m]$$

$$X_i = \sigma_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \longmapsto \sigma_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(a_1, \dots, a_m)$$

lexicograph order

↳ formula for the signature that we saw before

Variety: $\mathcal{A}_{v,k}$

k: level of the signature

v: sequence of directions

axis path variety
(parallel)

Assumptions: • v doesn't have consecutive repeated entries

$$\bullet d = \max(v_i)$$

[AFS] ① Universal variety for smooth path $\nearrow N = d^k$

$\mathcal{U}_{d,k}$: smallest projective variety in \mathbb{P}^{N-1} that contains $\sigma^{(k)}(X)$ for all X smooth paths in \mathbb{R}^d

② $\mathcal{L}_{d,k,m}$: same idea for piecewise linear paths with m steps in \mathbb{R}^d , $\sigma^{(k)}(X)$.

- $A_{d,k} \subset U_{d,k}$ $d \geq \max(v_i)$

- $A_{d,k,m} = U_{d,k}$ for $m \gg 0$

Every smooth path can be approximated by using "enough" piecewise linear paths.

- $\forall d,k \exists v$ s.t. $\max(v_i) = d$ & $A_{v,k} = U_{d,k}$

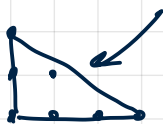
Q: What did we do?

A: Dimensions & toricness & some other properties.

$A_{(1,2,1),3}$ is toric \rightsquigarrow degree 6 surface in \mathbb{P}^6
 2-dim lattice polytope of
 normalized area 6 & that contains
 exactly 7 points.

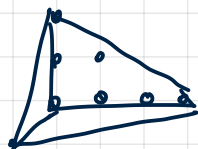
Check Hilbert & Ehrhart polynomials & Betti table

\rightarrow 2 candidates



Looking at intersections of the
 tangent spaces at singular points

for $U_{3,3}$



• Determinants of signatures

$$|\sigma^{(2)}(X)|_{d=3} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix} = P(a)^2 \text{ where}$$

$$P(a) = \sum_{\substack{\mu = (i_1, \dots, i_d) \\ \text{"good shapes"}}} (\text{sgn } \mu) \prod_{j=1}^d a_{i_j j}$$

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Second proj: w/ Rosa Preiß

RQ: X path in $\mathbb{R}^d \rightsquigarrow \sigma(X)$

$p: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ \longrightarrow $p(X)$ "image path"
 polynomial map \Downarrow
 $p(0) = 0$ $\sigma(p(X))$

How are $\sigma(X)$ & $\sigma(p(X))$ related?

Q: $\sigma(X) \rightsquigarrow$ formal power series

$$\sigma(X) = \left(\sigma^{(k)}(X) \mid k \in \mathbb{N} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{i_1 \dots i_k}^{(k)}(X) \cdot i_1 \dots i_k \rightsquigarrow \sigma^{(k)}(X) = \sum_{(i_1 \dots i_k)} \sigma_{i_1 \dots i_k}^{(k)}(X) \cdot i_1 \dots i_k$$

\uparrow a word of length k in $\{1, \dots, d\}$
 \uparrow polynomial in the "words"

$\sigma(X) \rightsquigarrow$ Formal power series in the set of words in $\{1, \dots, d\}$ $= T(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Algebraic dual: tensor algebra $T(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$(T(\mathbb{R}^d), \cdot)$ $u \cdot v = uv$ concatenation $12 \cdot 34 = 1234$
 \hookrightarrow non-commutative algebra

$(T(\mathbb{R}^d), \sqcup)$ $u \sqcup v =$ "interleaves two products in all order-preserving ways"

$$12 \sqcup 34 = 1234 + 1324 + 1342 + 3124 + 3142 + 3412$$

Thm ① $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \xrightarrow{p^*} \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$ $\varphi_m: x_i \rightarrow i$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_m] & \xrightarrow{p^*} & \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_d] \\ \downarrow \varphi_m & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \varphi_d \\ \text{im}(\varphi_m) & \xrightarrow{M_p|_{\text{im}(\varphi_m)}} & \text{im}(\varphi_d) \\ (T(\widehat{\mathbb{R}^m}), \sqcup) & \xrightarrow{\exists! M_p} & (T(\widehat{\mathbb{R}^d}), \sqcup) \end{array}$$

Thm ② $\sigma(p(X)) = M_p^*(\sigma(X))$