


Stratified Space / flag varieties

A topological space X has a **stratification** if

- \exists finite poset Λ
- $X = \bigsqcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda$, X_λ locally closed set (open \cap closed)
- each X_λ is a smooth open manifold (with complex dimension)
- $\overline{X}_\mu = \bigsqcup_{\lambda \leq \mu} X_\lambda$
- each X_λ is called a **Stratum**

e.g. Flag Varieties

G : reductive group T : max Torus

$w = N_G(T)/T$ Weyl gp. B : Borel

G/B : flag variety

special

e.g. In Type A. $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$

a **flag** is $V^\bullet = (V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n)$

s.t. $0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_n = \mathbb{C}^n$, $\dim V_i = i$

special
e.g.

$n=3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3]$$

$$V_0 = 0, \quad V_1 = \langle \vec{v}_1 \rangle, \quad V_2 = \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle, \quad V_3 = \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \rangle = \mathbb{P}^3$$

$$V^* = (V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3)$$

Claim right multiplication by B preserves the flag

e.g.

$$[\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3] \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 7 \\ & 1 & 8 \\ & & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [\vec{3v}_1 \quad 4\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \quad 7\vec{v}_1 + 8\vec{v}_2 + 2\vec{v}_3]$$

represents the same flag V^*

Theorem (Bruhat Decomposition)

$$G/B = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} B\tilde{w}B/B$$

is a stratification of G/B

with $\bullet \leq$ Bruhat order

$$\bullet \overline{B\tilde{w}B/B} = \bigsqcup_{x \leq w} B\tilde{x}B/B$$

and $\bullet \dim B\tilde{x}B/B = l(x)$

\bullet each $B\tilde{w}B/B$ is called a Schubert Cell

e.g. Type A $G = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} B\tilde{w}B$

left mult by B : add (a scalar multiple of) a row to a row above

right mult by B : add (a scalar multiple of) a column

to a column to the right

any matrix $\xrightarrow{\text{"Gaussian Elimination"}}$ permutation matrix

The standard flag is rep. by $\left[\begin{matrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{matrix} \right]$

i.e. $std^* = (std^i) \quad std^i = \langle e_1, \dots, e_i \rangle$

The position of a flag V^* is a matrix (f_{ij})

$$f_{ij} = \dim(V^i \cap std^j)$$

- Claim • The position characterizes the Schubert cells (i.e., V^*, W^* in the same cell $\Leftrightarrow f_{ij} = f_{ij}' \forall i, j$)
- f_{ij} increases from a cell to its closure (i.e. from $B^i B / B$ to $B^x B / B$ with $x \leq w$)

e.g. $GL_3(\mathbb{C}) \quad S = (12) \quad t = (23)$

• (f_{ij}) remains constant within each cell

BSB

$$\begin{bmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} B$$

$\vec{v}_1 \quad \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{v}_3$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & & 6 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} B$$

$\vec{w}_1 \quad \vec{w}_2 \quad \vec{w}_3$

- $V^1 \cap std^1 = 0$
- $V^2 \cap std^1 = \langle \vec{e}_1 \rangle$
- $V^3 \cap std^1 = \langle \vec{e}_1 \rangle$
- $V^1 \cap std^2 = \langle \vec{v}_1 \rangle$
- $V^2 \cap std^2 = \langle \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \rangle$
- $V^3 \cap std^2 = \langle \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \rangle$

- $W^2 \cap std^1 = \langle \vec{w}_1 \rangle$
- $W^2 \cap std^2 = \langle \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 \rangle$
- $W^2 \cap std^3 = \mathbb{C}^3$

$$f_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• (f_{ij}) in all cells

w

(f_{ij})

$$B \text{ id } B \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \text{ s } B \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \text{ t } B \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$V_2 \cap \text{std}^2 = \langle e_1 \rangle$

$$B \text{ s } B \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 \\ 1 & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$V_2 \cap \text{std}^1 = 0$

$$B \text{ t } B \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \\ 1 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$V_1 \cap \text{std}^2 = 0$

$$B \text{ s } B \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 \\ & 1 & \\ 1 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• f_{ij} increases along cells in the closure

BWB/B locally closed set

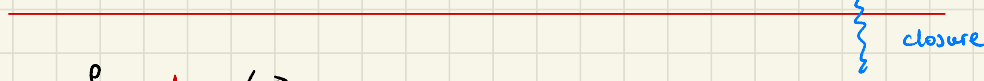
e.g. $f_{22} = 2 \iff \dim V_2 \cap \text{std}^2 = 2$

$\iff \dim (V_2 + \text{std}^2) = \dim V_2 + \dim \text{std}^2 - \dim V_2 \cap \text{std}^2 = 2$

\vec{v}_1	\vec{v}_2	\vec{e}_1	\vec{e}_2	
x_{11}	x_{12}	1	0	has rank 2
x_{21}	x_{22}	0	1	
x_{31}	x_{32}	0	0	

\iff • any 3-minors = 0 closed condition

• \exists 2-minors $\neq 0$ open condition



$f_{22} = 1 \iff$

$\dim (V_2 + \text{std}^2) = 3$ • \exists 3-minors $\neq 0$

• Partial flags

given $\underline{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_s)$ $\sum d_i = N$ s.t. $\dim V_i = \sum_{j=1}^i d_j$

A partial flag with dimension vector \underline{d} is $V = (V_0, V_1, \dots, V_s)$

G/p with $P = \begin{bmatrix} GL_{d_1} & * & * & & * \\ & GL_{d_2} & * & & \vdots \\ & & \square & & * \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & GL_{d_s} \end{bmatrix}$

standard flag $\text{std}_{\underline{d}}$: rep by id matrix

e.g. $Gr(2,4) = \{ \text{partial flags of dim } (2,2) \}$

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Fact stratification of $X = Gr(2,4)$

$$X = X_0 \sqcup X_1 \sqcup X_2$$

$$V = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$$

$$X_i = \{ W \in X \mid \dim W \cap V = i \}$$

closure structure : $\overline{X_i} = \sum_{j \geq i} X_j$

i.e. $\overline{X_2} = X_2$

$$\overline{X_0} = X$$

Resolution of singularities

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A **proper** map of stratified space $f: Y \rightarrow X$ is such that

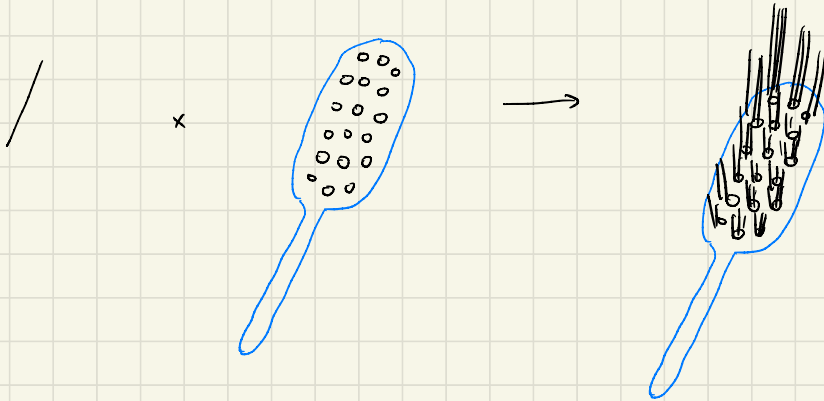
Each restriction $f^{-1}(X_\lambda) \rightarrow X_\lambda$

is a topologically local **trivial fiber bundle** with compact fiber F_λ

A **trivial fiber bundle** is a projection

$$\mathbb{Z} \times X \longrightarrow X$$

with \mathbb{Z} being the **fiber**



f is called a **resolution of singularities** if

$f^{-1}(X_\lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} X_\lambda$ on each open stratum

i.e. the fiber is trivial (i.e. a point)

The Bott-Samuelson variety

$$Y(\underline{\omega}) = P_{s_1}^B \times P_{s_2}^B \times \dots \times P_{s_t}/B$$

$$P_{s_{t-1}} \curvearrowright P_{s_t}/B \quad P_{s_{t-1}}^B \times P_{s_t}/B = \{(g_1, g_0 B)\} / \sim$$

$$P_{s_{t-2}} \curvearrowright P_{s_{t-1}}^B \times P_{s_t}/B \quad \dots$$

$$P_{s_{t-2}}^B \times P_{s_{t-1}}^B \times P_{s_t}/B = \{(g_2, g_1, g_0 B)\} / \sim$$

Fact $Y(\underline{\omega})$ iterated $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$ -bundle over a point

$$P_{s_i}^B \times X \rightarrow P_{s_i}/B \quad \text{with fiber } X$$

$$\text{but } P_{s_i}/B \cong G/B = \{\text{affine line in } \mathbb{C}^2\} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$$

$$\text{Hence } Y(\underline{\omega}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times \dots))$$

is smooth

$$\text{mult: } Y(\underline{\omega}) \rightarrow G/B$$

$$(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_t B) \mapsto g_1 \dots g_t B$$

Claim image is $\overline{B \circ B / B}$

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and $Y(\omega) \rightarrow \overline{B \circ B / B}$

is a resolution of singularities

Constructible Sheaves

A **sheaf** on a topological space X is a functor

$$\mathcal{F}: \text{Top}(X) \rightarrow \text{Vector Spaces} / \mathbb{C}$$

\uparrow
morphisms: reverse inclusion
 $U \subseteq V \quad V \rightarrow U$

$x \in X$ the **Stalks** at x is

$\mathcal{F}_x =$ direct limit of $\mathcal{F}(U)$ for open nbhd U of x

a sheaf \mathcal{F} on a stratified space X is **constructible** if

The stalks \mathcal{F}_x are constant on each stratum, and

	\mathcal{F}_x
λ	\mathbb{C}^{g_λ}
μ	\mathbb{C}^{g_μ}
ν	\mathbb{C}^{g_ν}

$D(X)$: The derived category of constructible sheaves on X

	-2	-1	0	1	2
λ	*	*			
μ	*				
ν					

e.g. The constant sheaf $\mathbb{C}_X \in D(X)$, viewed as being concentrated in homological deg 0

	$\dots, -2, -1$	0	$1, 2, \dots$
λ	0	\mathbb{C}	0
μ	0	\mathbb{C}	0
ν	0	\mathbb{C}	0

Let $f: Y \rightarrow X$ a continuous map

\mathcal{F} : sheaf on Y

$$\text{Top}(X) \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} \text{Top}(Y) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \text{Vector Spaces}$$

Composition is the **pushforward** of \mathcal{F} via f ,

denoted as $f_* \mathcal{F}$, is a sheaf on X

similarly $f_*: D(Y) \rightarrow D(X)$

Theorem (Pushforward of the constant sheaf)

$f: Y \rightarrow X$ proper map of stratified spaces

then $f_* \mathbb{C}_Y$ has the table

$$P_5 = B \circ B \sqcup B \circ B$$

non-zero \rightarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ & & * \end{bmatrix} \sqcup \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \\ & & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \setminus \{pt\}$$

std for \mathbb{C}^2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ c & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$abc \neq 0 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ atc & 1 \\ bc & b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ & 1 \\ 1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow B \circ B \circ B$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^3 \quad \text{fiber is } \{pt\}$$

same for st, ts, t

interesting cases: BidB and BsB

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ a & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -a & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{BidB}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \rightarrow \text{pt}$$

fiber: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$

also

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ a & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ b & & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a+b & 1 \\ & & 1 \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{if } a \neq -b} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ & & 1 \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{BSB}}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$$

fiber: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$

Hence $\text{mult}_* \mathcal{C}_{Y(S,t,S)}^{[3]}$ (as a sheaf on G/B)

F_{λ}	λ	-3	-2	-1	0	$\leftarrow H^*(F_{\lambda})$
{pt}	sts	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0	
{pt}	st	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0	
{pt}	ts	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0	
{pt}	t	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0	
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$	s	\mathbb{C}	0	\mathbb{C}	0	
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$	id	\mathbb{C}	0	\mathbb{C}	0	

Perverse Sheaves

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A sheaf \mathcal{F} is *perverse* if

E_λ	λ	-3	-2	-1	0
$\{pt\}$	sts	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\{pt\}$	st	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\{pt\}$	ts	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\{pt\}$	t	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$	s	\mathbb{C}	0	\mathbb{C}	0
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$	id	\mathbb{C}	0	\mathbb{C}	0

- supported on some twisted diagonal
($\lambda, -d_\lambda$)
- Same pattern for the Verdier dual of \mathcal{F}

"Intersection Cohomology Sheaf" if further:

"pivots" are $\mathbb{C}, 0, 0, 0, \dots$

F_λ	λ	-3	-2	-1	0
$\{pt\}$	sts	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\{pt\}$	st	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\{pt\}$	ts	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\{pt\}$	t	\mathbb{C}	0	0	0
$\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$	s	\mathbb{C}	0	\mathbb{C}	0
$\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$	id	\mathbb{C}	0	\mathbb{C}	0

Not an IC Sheaf

Example

find a resolution of singularity for $Gr(2,4)$ and compute the pushforward of the constant sheaf