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Lusztig:

$V$  vector space of dimension  $n$ ,  $V'$  subspace of dim  $m$   
 $P(V, V') =$  ~~set~~ simp. ex. assoc. to ordered set of subspaces  
 $W < V$  which are transv. to  $V'$ :  $W + V' = V$ .

Let  $L$  be a line in  $V'$ . (If  $m=0$ , then  $P(V, V')$  is  $\emptyset$ ).  
 and define the map

$$f: P(V, V') \longrightarrow P(V/L, V'/L) * \mathcal{H}_L \quad * = \text{join}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_L = \{H \mid H \oplus L = V\}$  as follows:

$$W \mapsto \begin{cases} W & \text{if } W \in \mathcal{H}_L \\ W+L/L & \text{if } W \notin \mathcal{H}_L \end{cases}$$

A simplex of the join ~~of two simplicial complexes~~

$K_1 * K_2$  of two simplicial complexes is a non-empty subset of  $K_1 \cup K_2$  whose intersection with  $K_i$  is a simplex or empty. So it is clear  $f$  is simplicial.

To show  $f$  is a homotopy equivalence, let  $U$  be the open subset of  $P(V, V')$  consisting of open simplices containing a vertex not in  $\mathcal{H}_L$ , and let  $U'$  be the open set which is the open star of ~~the vertices~~  $\mathcal{H}_L$ . Then  $U$  retracts to the subcomplex  $Y$  complementary to  $\mathcal{H}_L$  which contracts to  $\{W \mid L \subset W, W \leq V, W + V' = V\} \cong P(V/L, V'/L)$  via  $W \mapsto L+W$ . Thus  $f: U \rightarrow$  open star of  $P(V/L, V'/L)$  in join is a heq. Similar  $f: U' \rightarrow$  open star of  $\mathcal{H}_L$  in join is a heq. But next note

$$U \cap U' \xrightarrow{\quad} P(V/L, V'/L) \times \mathcal{H}_L$$

$$\begin{matrix} W_0 < \dots < W_i \\ \in \mathcal{H}_L \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} (W_0+L/L, \dots, W_{i-1}+L/L, W_i)$$

is a homeomorphism, since  $(W_i+L) \cap W_0 = W_i$  if  $L \oplus W_0 = V$ .

So what we have done is decomposed

$$P(V, V') = U \cup U'$$

and given heg's  $U \rightarrow P(V/L, V'/L)$

$$U' \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_L$$

such that

$$U \cup U' \rightarrow P(V/L, V'/L) * \mathcal{H}_L \text{ is a heg.}$$

It follows then that we have a heg

$$P(V, V') \rightarrow P(V/L, V'/L) * \mathcal{H}_L$$

~~Write this dually:  $P(V, V') \rightarrow P(V/L, V'/L) * \mathcal{H}_L$~~

~~Proposition: Let  $V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_n = V$  be a flag in  $V$ .~~

Suppose now that  $0 < V_1 < \dots < V_n = V$  is a flag in  $V$ . Then we have heg's.

$$\begin{aligned} P(V, V_m) &\rightarrow P(V/V_1, V_m/V_1) * (P(V/V_1)^* - P(V/V_1)^*) \\ &\rightarrow P(V/V_2, V_m/V_2) * (P(V/V_1)^* - P(V/V_2)^*) * ( \quad ) \end{aligned}$$

and so we have proved:

Prop.  $\exists$  canonical homotopy equivalence

$$P(V, V_m) \rightarrow (P(V/V_{m-1})^* - P(V/V_m)^*) * \dots * (P(V/V_0)^* - P(V/V_1)^*)$$

So in particular  $P(V, V_m)$  is a bouquet of  $(m-1)$ -spheres in number  $(q^{n-1} - 1) \dots (q^{n-m} - 1)$ . Also ~~if~~ if we identify  $P(V, V_{m-1})$  with the simp. cx. of affine subspaces of  $V_{n-1}$ , then we have a heg

$$P(V, V_{n-1}) \rightarrow P(V/V_m, V_{n-1}/V_m) * P(V, V_m)$$

which gives Lusztig's isom

$$\tilde{H}_{n-1}(A(V)) \cong \tilde{H}_{n-m-1}(A(V/W)) \otimes \tilde{H}_{m-1}(P(V,W))$$

$$n = \dim V, \quad m = \dim W$$

It seems there is virtue in changing notation.

Put  $Q(V, V') = \{W \mid 0 \leq W, W \cap V' = 0\}$

Lemma: Let  $H$  be a hyperplane of  $V$  containing  $V'$ . Then have map's

$$\theta : Q(V, V') \longrightarrow (PV - PH) * Q(H, V')$$

$$W \longmapsto \begin{cases} W & \text{if } W \in PV - PH = Q(V, H) \\ W \cap H & \text{if } W \notin \text{---} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Clearly this map is ~~simplicial~~ order-preserving.

On the other hand  $\theta$  is <sup>pre-</sup>cofibrated: suppose given  $W$  and  $\theta(W) \xrightarrow{u} Z_0$ . ~~To prove  $u_*(W)$  exists, I guess~~

~~suppose  $u \neq id$ . Case 1:  $W \in PV - PH$  i.e.  $W \in Q(V, H)$  and  $\theta W = W$  and  $u$  is  $W \hookrightarrow Z_0$  where  $Z_0 \in Q(H, V')$ . Then if  $W \subset W_1$ ,  $W_1 \cap H = Z_0$ , it is clear that  $\theta W_1 = Z_0$ . To prove  $u_*$  exists:~~

~~Case 1:  $W \notin Q(V, H)$ . Given  $W \subset W_1$  with  $\theta(W_1) = Z_0$  then as  $W \notin Q(V, H)$ , one has  $W_1 \cap H = Z_0$ , so if we put  $u_*(W) = W + Z_0$  we have  $(W + Z_0) \cap H = W_1 \cap H + Z_0 = Z_0$ .  ~~$\Rightarrow W \subset u_*(W)$  lies over  $u$ ; also  $W + Z_0 \subset W_1$~~~~

To prove  $u_*(W)$  exists, i.e.  $\exists$  universal arrow  $W \subset u_*(W)$  over  $u$ . Can suppose  $u \neq id \Rightarrow Z_0 \in Q(H, V')$ . Set

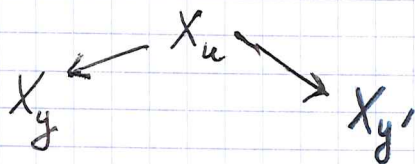
$$u_*(W) = W + Z_0$$

Then  $H \cap (W + Z_0) = H \cap W + Z_0 = Z_0$  which implies in particular that  $V' \cap (W + Z_0) = 0$ ; thus  $u_*(W)$  is defined and  $W \subset u_*^{-1}W$  sits over  $u$ . Next if  $W \subset W_1$  sits over  $u_* \Rightarrow Z_0 = H \cap W_1 \Rightarrow W + Z_0 \subset W_1$ , which implies universality of the map  $W \subset u_*(W)$ .

Finally, the fibre of  $\theta$  over an  $L$  in  $PV-PH$  is  $L$  itself, and the fibre of  $\theta$  over  $Z \in Q(H, V')$  consists of  $W \in Q(V, H) \ni W \cap H = Z$  and this has a smallest element, namely  $Z$ .

This proves the lemma. ~~and so on~~  
~~that~~ ———

Remark: If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a map of ordered sets which is <sup>pre-</sup>cofibrated, ~~with~~ with contractible fibres, then the map  $|X| \rightarrow |Y|$  of simplicial complexes has the same property. In effect for  $y < y'$  one has arrows



and the precofibrated condition  $\Rightarrow$  the former has an adjoint  $x \mapsto (* \rightarrow u_* x)$ ; so therefore quite generally  $X_u$  retracts to its source  $X_y$ , etc.

So therefore the proof of the lemmas shows all the fibres of the geometric map  $Q(V, V') \rightarrow Q(V, H) * Q(H, V')$  are ~~maps~~ contractible. In fact the fibres ~~are~~ are

$$\theta^{-1}\{L, z_1 < \dots < z_g\} = \{L < L + z_1 < \dots < L + z_g\} \quad \text{even if } g=0$$

$$\theta^{-1}\{z_0 < \dots < z_g\} = \{z = W_0 < \dots < W_k \mid z \cap H = (z_0 < \dots < z_g)\}$$

contracts to simplex  $z_0 < \dots < z_g$ .

Iterating it follows that we get heg's

$$Q(V, V_m) \longrightarrow Q(V, V_{n-1}) * Q(V_{n-1}, V_m) \\ \longrightarrow Q(V, V_{n-1}) * Q(V_{n-1}, V_{n-2}) * \dots * Q(V_{m+1}, V_m)$$

which can be explicitly described as follows. Namely one takes a subspace  $0 < W$ ,  $W \cap V_m = 0$  and starts intersecting it with the flag  $W \supset W \cap V_{n-1} \supset \dots$ .

If  $j$  is such that  $W \cap V_j \neq 0$ ,  $W \cap V_{j-1} = 0$ , then  $W \cap V_j \in Q(V_j, V_{j-1}) = \mathbb{P}V_j - \mathbb{P}V_{j-1}$  and this is where the vertex  $W$  goes.

At the same time one gets heg.

$$Q(V, V_m) \longrightarrow Q(V, V_p) * Q(V_p, V_m) \quad m \leq p \leq n.$$

Formula:

$$Q(V, V_m) \xrightarrow{\text{heg}} (\mathbb{P}V - \mathbb{P}V_{n-1}) * \dots * (\mathbb{P}V_{m+1} - \mathbb{P}V_m)$$

Conjecture: There is a canonical heg.

$$T(V) \xrightarrow{\text{heg}} (\mathbb{P}V / \mathbb{P}V_{n-1}) * \dots * (\mathbb{P}V_1 / \mathbb{P}V_0)$$

where for spaces with basepoint one takes the reduced join.

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## More examples.

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$T(V) =$  subspaces  $W$ ,  $0 < W < V$ .

More generally let  $X = \{W \mid p \leq \dim(W) \leq q\}$

Prop:  $X$  is a bouquet of  $(q-p)$ -spheres.

Proof: Denote the above  $X$  by  $X_{p,q}^n$ ,  $n = \dim(V)$ .

Let  $L$  be a line in  $V$ , and let  $S_L = \{W \mid \dim(W) = q, L \not\subset W\}$ .

$\text{Link}(Z) = \{W \mid W < Z, \dim W \geq p\} \cong X_{p,q-1}^q$  is a bouquet of  $(q-p-1)$  spheres by induction. Remove ~~the~~ the vertices

$S_L$  from  $X_{p,q}^n$  and the result collapses by  $W \mapsto L+W$  into  $\{W \mid p \leq \dim(W) \leq q, L \subset W\} = X_{p-1,q-1}^{n-1}$ .

~~Again~~ by induction this is a bouquet of  $(q-p)$ -spheres. Use now the basic fact that if one attaches an  $m$ -cell to a bouquet of  $m$ -spheres one gets a bouquet of  $m$ -spheres.

~~Again~~

$A(V) =$  affine subspaces  $W < V$ .

Prop: Let  $A_p(V) = \{W \mid \begin{matrix} W \text{ affine subspace} \\ \text{of } V \text{ of dim } \geq p \end{matrix}\}$ . Claim this is a bouquet of  $(n-p-1)$ -spheres.

Proof: Take point  $O \in V$  and consider map  $W \mapsto \overline{W \cup \{O\}} = \mathbb{R}W$ . In order this to be defined we must remove  $\mathcal{H} =$  hyperplanes not passing thru  $O$ .

$$\text{Link}(\mathcal{H}) = \{W \mid \begin{matrix} W \text{ affine space of dim } \geq p \\ W < \mathcal{H} \end{matrix}\} = A_p(\mathcal{H})$$

which will be a bouquet of  $(n-p-2)$ -spheres by ind. Suffices to show that  $\{W \mid \begin{matrix} W \text{ affine space of dim } \geq p \\ O \in W \quad W < V \end{matrix}\}$  is a bouquet of  $(n-p-1)$ -spheres.

But this is  $X_{p,n-1}^n$  as above, so it is a bouquet of  $(n-p-1)$ -  
spheres. done.

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$V$  vector space of  $\dim n$ ,  $W$  subspace of  $\dim m$ .

$X(V, W) =$  simplicial complex whose simplices are non- $\emptyset$  subsets  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g\}$  of  $V$  such that

$$\dim k\sigma_1 + \dots + k\sigma_g + W = g + \dim(W)$$

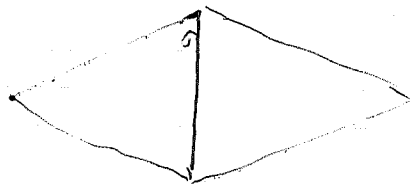
Thus  $\dim X(V, W) = n - m - 1$ . Claim  $X(V, W)$  is a bouquet of  $(n - m - 1)$ -spheres. Argue by induction on  $n - m$ . If  $n - m = 0$ , then  $X(V, W) = \emptyset$  and it's clear. Also if  $n - m = 1$ , then  $X(V, W)$  is a non-empty union of points and it is also clear.

So assume  $n - m > 0$  and let  $e$  be a vector in  $V$  not in  $W$ . Let  $Z_e$  be the ~~link~~ link of the vertex  $e$ , i.e. the subcomplex of  $\text{non-}\emptyset$  subsets  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g\}$  which are independent of  $ke + W$ . Let  $C =$  closed star of  $e$ .

~~Now let  $K$  be a finite subcomplex of  $X(V, W)$  of dimension  $< n - m - 1$ . Let  $S$  be the finite set of simplices~~

Now let  $f: K \rightarrow X(V, W)$  be a map where  $K$  is a finite complex of  $\dim < n - m - 1$ . By simplicial approx. we can homotop  $f$  to a simplicial map. Let  $S$  be the finite set of simplices of  $X(V, W)$  which are in  $f(K)$  but not in  $C$ .

Let  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g) \in S$ ; then  $g < n - m$  and  $e \in k\sigma_1 + \dots + k\sigma_g + W$ . Consider the link of  $\sigma$ ,  $L$  so that



locally around  $\sigma$ :  $\text{Open star}(\sigma) \cong \text{Int } \sigma \times \text{Cone}(L)$ .



First suppose to simplify that  $\sigma = (v)$  is a vertex.

Then  $\text{Link}(v) = X(V, kv+W) \subset \text{Link}(e)$

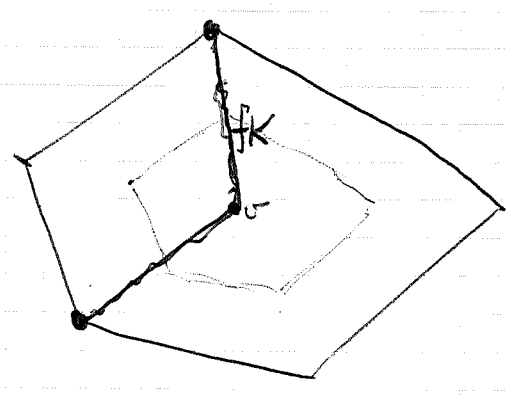
is a bouquet of  $(n-m-2)$ -spheres. In general if  $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g) \in X(V, W)$ , then

$$\text{Link}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g) = X(V, k\sigma_1 + \dots + k\sigma_g + W)$$

is a bouquet of  $(n-m-g-1)$ -spheres by induction. And if  $k \in k\sigma_1 + \dots + k\sigma_g + W$ , then

$$\text{Link}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g) \subset \text{Link}(e).$$

But now in the case  $\sigma = (v)$  the point is the following. ~~We should be able to push FK off of v.~~ Because  $\text{Link}(v)$  begins in  $\dim(n-m-2)$ , and  $fK$  is of  $\dim \leq (n-m-2)$ , we should be able to push  $fK$  off of  $v$ . Precisely,



In a nbd of  $v$ , ~~the link~~  $fK$  is the cone on  $\text{Link}(fK)_v$ . But  $\text{Link}(fK)_v$  contracts to a point in  $\text{Link}(X)_v$ . Now ~~the link~~ using this homotopy, one can push  $fK$  into the link.

Lemma:  $Y \subset X$  contractible to a point  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\text{Cone}(Y) \subset \text{Cone}(X)$  homotopic keeping  $Y$  fixed to a map  
of  $\text{Cone}(Y) \rightarrow X$ .

Now for  $\sigma = (v_1, \dots, v_g) \in S$ , we can use the same argument to push  $fK$  onto the boundary of  $\sigma * \text{Link}(\sigma)$ . Thus we have modified  $f$  so that ~~now~~ ~~what involves~~ we have to worry about simplices of the form

~~$$\sigma' * \tau$$~~

where  $\sigma' < \sigma$  and  $\tau \in \text{Link}(\sigma)$ . ~~Now we note in this process that if we write~~

~~that the rank of the simplices relative to  $ke + W$  has increased.~~

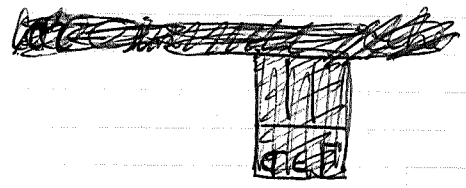
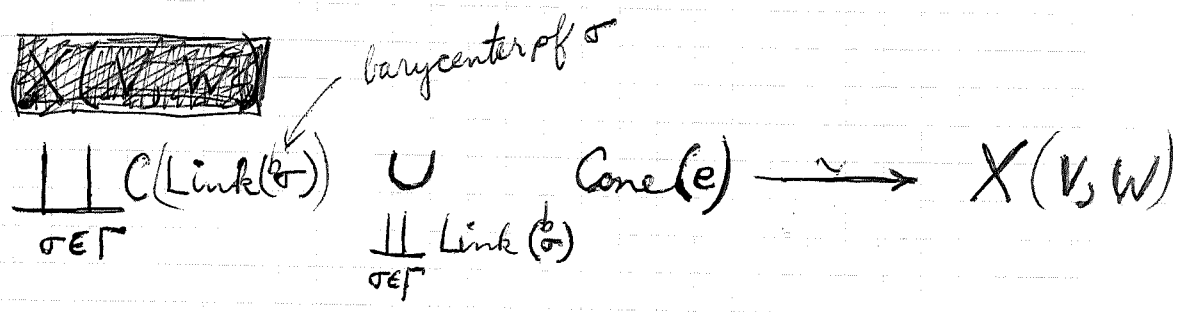
So now let us consider those simplices  $\sigma$  contained in  $fK$  such that if  $\sigma = (v_1, \dots, v_g)$  then  $e \in kv_1 + \dots + kv_g + W$  and this is not true for any face of  $\sigma$ . Since  $v_1, \dots, v_g$  are ind. mod  $W$  one has a unique expression

$$e = \sum_i \lambda_i v_i + W$$

so the  $\sigma$  under consideration are those such that  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  for all  $i$ . Now we will use induction on the number<sup>n</sup> of this minimal  $\sigma$ . If  $n=0$ , then  $fK \subset \text{Cone}(e)$  and we are done. Otherwise let  $\sigma$  be one and note that every  $\sigma' * \tau$  in  $\partial(\sigma * \text{Link}(\sigma))$  is in  $\text{Cone}(e)$ . Thus when we use the preceding pushing construction to push  $fK$  over  $\sigma$ , we do not introduce any new minimal simplices.

In fact it would appear that if we let ~~let~~

~~Let~~  $\Gamma = \{\sigma \in X(V, W) \mid \sigma \text{ minimal} \Rightarrow \exists e \in k\sigma \nsubseteq W\}$ ,  
 then ~~each~~ each simplex not ~~contained~~ in  $\text{Cone}(e)$   
 contains a unique  $\sigma$ , whence



Prop: ~~Let~~ Let  $\Gamma$  be the set of subsets  $v_1, \dots, v_q$   
 of  $V$  ~~such that~~ which are minimal such that  
 $e \in kv_1 + \dots + kv_q + W$

Then

$$X(V, W) = \bigvee_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \sum^{|\sigma|} X(V, k\sigma + W)$$

By induction  $X(V, k\sigma + W)$  bouquet of  $(n - |\sigma| - m - 1)$ -spheres  
 so  $X(V, W)$  is a bouquet of  $(n - m - 1)$ -spheres.  $n = \dim(V)$   
 $m = \dim(W)$ .

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$V$  vector space of dim  $n$ ,  $W$  subspace of dim  $m$ .  
 $X(V, W)$  = simplicial complex whose simplices are fin. non- $\emptyset$   
 subsets  $\sigma$  of  $V$   $\ni$

$$\dim(k\sigma + W) = \text{card } \sigma + \dim W$$

(one says  $\sigma$  is independent mod  $W$ ).

Then  $X(V, W)$  is of dimension  $n-m-1$ , and here is how one proves it ~~also~~ has the homotopy type of a bouquet of  $(n-m-1)$ -spheres:

Fix a vector  $e$  of  $V$  not in  $W$ . (If  $n=m$ , nothing to prove since  $X(V, W) = \emptyset$ ; otherwise  $e \exists$ ). We try to push  $X(V, W)$  into the closed star of  $e$ , which is contractible; denote this ~~set~~ <sup>cl st</sup>  $\text{cl st}(e)$ . Hence we are interested in those  $\sigma$  which

~~let  $\Gamma$  = set of  $\sigma$  in  $X(V, W)$  which are minimal~~  
 are not in <sup>cl st</sup>  $\text{cl st}(e)$ , that is, such that  $\{e\} \cup \sigma$  is not independent mod  $W$ . If  $\sigma = \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g\}$ , then because  $\sigma$  is ind. of  $W$ , one has  $ke \in k\sigma_1 + \dots + k\sigma_g + W$ , hence

$$(*) \quad e = \sum_{i=1}^g \lambda_i \sigma_i + w$$

for  $\lambda_i \in k, w \in W$ . Moreover the  $\lambda_i$  and  $w$  are uniquely determined. Now consider those  $\lambda_i$  which are non-zero; these form a face  $\sigma'$  of  $\sigma$ , and it is clear from the uniqueness of the representation  $(*)$ , that  $\sigma \subset \tau$  for any face  $\tau$  of  $\sigma$  such that  $e \in k\tau + W$ .

Put  $\Gamma = \{\sigma \in X(V, W) \mid \sigma \text{ minimal } \exists e \in k\sigma + W\}$ .

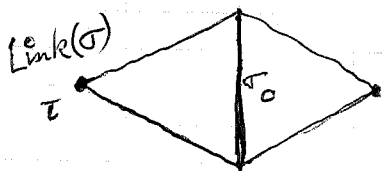
Then we have shown that

$$X(V, W) - \text{cl st}(e) = \coprod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \text{Op st}(\sigma)$$

~~But now ~~consider~~ in a general simplicial complex the ~~local structure around~~~~

But now consider in an arbitrary simplicial complex  $X$  what things look like around an (open) simplex  $\sigma_0$ .

A simplex  $\sigma$  containing  $\sigma_0$  is of the form  $\sigma = \sigma_0 \cup \tau$  where  $\tau \in \text{Link}(\sigma_0)$ .



More carefully:  $\text{Link}(\sigma_0)$  is by definition

the ~~subcomplex~~ subcomplex of  $X$  ~~whose~~ ~~simplices  $\tau$  are those~~ consisting of those simplices  $\tau$  of  $X$  such that  $\sigma_0 \cup \tau$  is a simplex, and  $\sigma_0 \cap \tau = \emptyset$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Op. st.}(\sigma_0) &= \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \supset \sigma_0 \} && \text{open} \\ \text{Cl. st.}(\sigma_0) &= \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \cup \sigma_0 \text{ is a simplex} \} && \text{closed} \\ \text{Link}(\sigma_0) &= \{ \tau \mid \begin{array}{l} \sigma_0 \cup \tau \text{ is a simplex} \\ \sigma_0 \cap \tau = \emptyset \end{array} \} && \text{closed.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\text{Cl. st.}(\sigma_0) = \text{Closed simp } \sigma_0 \underset{\text{join}}{*} \text{Link}(\sigma_0)$$

( $K * L = \text{simp comp. whose simp. are non-empty subsets } \sigma \cup \tau \text{ of } K \cup L$   
such that  $\sigma \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \sigma \text{ simplex of } K, \tau \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \tau \text{ simp. of } L$ .)

$$\partial \text{Opst}(\sigma) = \text{Clst}(\sigma) - \text{Opst}(\sigma) = \partial \sigma_0 * \text{Link}(\sigma)$$

But taking  $b_{\sigma_0} = \text{barycenter of } \sigma_0$ , one has a subdivision homeomorphism:

$$\text{Clst}(\sigma) = b_{\sigma_0} * \partial \text{Opst}(\sigma_0)$$

Now going back to  $X(V, W)$ , note that ~~the~~ Link  $(\sigma) = X(V, k\sigma + W)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} X(V, W) &= \text{Clst}(e_0) \cup \coprod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \text{Clst}(\sigma) \\ &= \text{Clst}(e_0) \cup \coprod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \partial \sigma * X(V, k\sigma + W) \\ &= \coprod_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \partial \sigma * X(V, k\sigma + W) \end{aligned}$$

In using that  $\text{Clst}(e)$  is contractible we get first part of:

Prop: Let  $\Gamma = \{\sigma \mid \sigma \text{ minimal } \Rightarrow e \in k\sigma + W\}$ . Then

$$X(V, W) \sim \bigvee_{\sigma \in \Gamma} S^{|\sigma|} X(V, k\sigma + W)$$

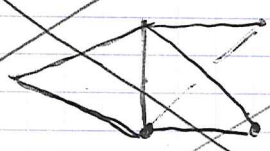
where  $|\sigma| = \text{card } \sigma = \dim \sigma + 1$ .

$$(S^k Y = \underbrace{S^0 * S^0 * \dots * S^0}_{k \text{ times}} * Y)$$

ii)  $X(V, W) \sim \bigvee S^{n-m-1}$

~~Remarks. Conventions: If  $X(V, k\sigma + W) = \emptyset$ , then  $\sum^{|\sigma|} X(V, k\sigma + W) = \emptyset / \partial \sigma = S^{|\sigma|-1}$ . If  $X(V, k\sigma + W)$  is a set of points, then  $\sum^{|\sigma|} X(V, k\sigma + W)$~~

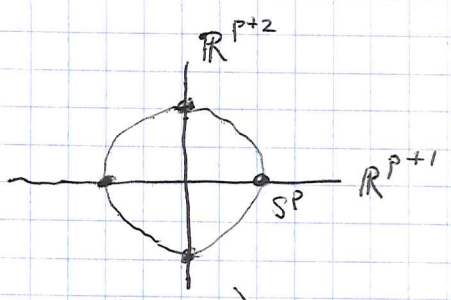
~~$\sum^{|\sigma|} X$  means  $\sum (\partial \sigma * X)$~~



~~here  $\sum X = S^0 * X$~~

~~The~~ Proof of ii). Proceed by induction on  $\dim(V) - \dim(W)$ .  
Use that suspension carries a bouquet of  $S^p$ 's into a bouquet of  $S^{p+1}$ 's.

$$S^0 * \emptyset = S^0$$
$$S^0 * S^p = S^{p+1}$$



and

$$S^0 * (A \cup_c B) = (S^0 * A) \cup_{(S^0 * c)} (S^0 * B)$$

and  $S^0 * pt = I$ .

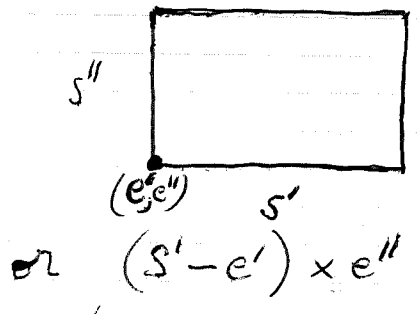
Generalizations: The proceeding applies in the general context of a set  $S$  with a closure relation satisfying the exchange condition: Let  $X(S)$  be the simplicial complex of non-empty finite independent sets. Assuming  $X(S) \neq \emptyset$  pick a vertex  $e$ , and notice again that if  $e \in \bar{\sigma}$  ~~then there is a least face  $\tau$  of  $\sigma$  such that  $e \in \bar{\tau}$ .~~ then there is a least face  $\tau$  of  $\sigma \ni e \in \bar{\tau}$ . (Proof: Assume  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are minimal faces of  $\sigma \ni e \in \bar{\tau}_1, e \in \bar{\tau}_2$ , ~~and let  $\tau_1 \neq \tau_2$~~  with  $\tau_1 \neq \tau_2$ . Let  $\tau_1 = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p), v_1 \notin \tau_2$ . Since  $e \notin \overline{(v_2, \dots, v_p)}, e \in \overline{(v_1, \dots, v_p)}$ , exchange cond.  $\Rightarrow v_1 \in \overline{(e, v_2, \dots, v_p)} \subset \overline{(v_2, \dots, v_p)} \cup \tau_2$  which contradicts fact that  $\sigma$  is independent.) So again we will have

$$X(S) \sim \bigvee_{\sigma \in \Gamma} S^{|\sigma|} \text{Link}(\sigma)$$

where  $\Gamma = \text{minimal } \sigma \ni e \in \bar{\sigma}$ . But now  $\text{Link}(\sigma) = X(S_\sigma)$  where  $S_\sigma = S$  with the closure relation  ~~$cl_\sigma(\tau) = cl(\tau \cup \sigma)$~~   $cl_\sigma(\tau) = cl(\tau \cup \sigma)$ .

Example: Suppose now I try to understand the case of the complex  $\Gamma(S', S'') =$  finite  $\neq \emptyset$  subsets  $\sigma$  of  $S' \times S''$  such that  $pr_1|_{\sigma}: \sigma \rightarrow S'$ ,  $pr_2|_{\sigma}: \sigma \rightarrow S''$  are injective.

Fix  $e = (e', e'') \in S' \times S''$  and let  $C = \text{Clst}(e)$  as usual; ~~Link(e) =  $\Gamma(S' - e', S'' - e')$~~  Link(e) =  $\Gamma(S' - e', S'' - e'')$

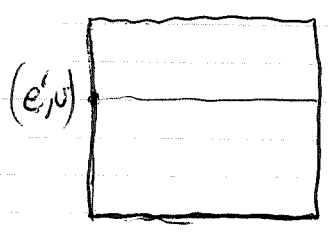


Now let  $\sigma$  be a simplex not in  $C$ . Then  $\sigma$  contains a vertex ~~in  $e' \times (S'' - e')$~~  in  $e' \times (S'' - e'')$

or  $(S' - e') \times e''$ . Thus we have to remove these vertices from  $\Gamma(S', S'')$  to get  $C$ .

Start by removing the vertices  $e' \times (S'' - e'')$  and call the result  $C'$ . The link of  $(e', v)$  in  $\Gamma(S', S'')$  is clearly

$$\text{Link}(e', v) \text{ in } \Gamma(S', S'') = \Gamma(S' - e', S'' - v)$$

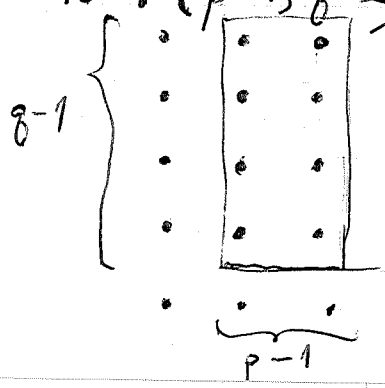


On the other hand once all of these vertices are removed, one has

$$\text{Link of } (u, e'') \text{ in } C' = \Gamma(S' - e' - u, S'' - e'')$$

Let  $\Gamma(p, q) = \Gamma(S', S'')$  when  $\text{card } S' = p$ ,  $\text{card } S'' = q$ .

Then to construct this starting from  $\Gamma(p-1, q-1)$ , I first attach cones on subcomplexes ~~to  $\Gamma(p-1, q-1)$~~   $\cong$  to  $\Gamma(p-1, q-2)$ , and then I attach cones on  $\Gamma(p-1, q-1)$ .



so starting with  $\Gamma(1, q) \sim VS^0$   $q \geq 1$  we should get


$$\Gamma(p, q) \sim VS^{p-1} \quad q \geq 2p-1$$




In effect assuming this for  $p-1$ , suppose  $g \geq 2p-1$ .  
 The first operation involves collapsing in a contractible space  
 things  $\simeq \Gamma(p-1, g-2)$  which  $\simeq VSP^{p-2}$  since  $g-2 \geq 2(p-1)-1$ .  
 Thus one has a  $\simeq VSP^{p-1}$ , after that one collapses  $\Gamma(p-1, g-1)$   
 $\simeq SP^{p-2}$  in a  $VSP^{p-1}$ , so again one has a  $VSP^{p-1}$ .

Counterexamples to improving things:

$\Gamma(2, 2)$   not  $\simeq S^1$ 's.  
 $\downarrow$   
 $S^0$

$\Gamma(2, 3) =$    $\simeq S^1$  so  $\Gamma(3, 3)$  obtained by  
 attaching cones on three  $S^0$ 's.

$\therefore \Gamma(3, 3) \simeq \bigvee^3 S^1 \quad \therefore \text{not } \simeq VS^2$

$\Gamma(3, 4)$  

collapse 4 loops in  $\Gamma(2, 4) \simeq \bigvee^4 S^1$   
 so  $H_1(\Gamma(3, 4))$  has rank  $\geq 1$ .  
 hence  $\Gamma(3, 4)$  not  $\simeq VS^2$ .  $\times_{\text{comp}}$

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## Lusztig's complex $L(V)$ .

$V$  vector space of dimension  $n$ ,  $V'$  subspace of dim.  $m$ . Let  $|L(V, V')|$  be the simplicial complex assoc. to the ordered set  $L(V, V')$  consisting of affine subspaces ( $\neq \emptyset$ )  $W$  of  $V$  such that  $0 \notin W$ , and  $kW \cap V' = 0$ . For example, if  $V' = 0$ , then we get Lusztig's complex  $L(V)$  of affine subspaces not containing  $0$ . Note that if  $\emptyset \neq W_1 < \dots < W_g$  is a chain of affine subspaces, then  $0 \in kW_1 < \dots < kW_g$  is an increasing sequence, so if  $kW_g \cap V' = 0$  one has  $g \leq \dim(kW_g) \leq \dim(V/V') = n-m$ , and equality is possible. Thus  $\dim(L(V, V')) = n-m-1$ .

Theorem:  $L(V, V') \sim VS^{n-m-1}$ .

Proof: Use induction on  $n-m$ , the cases  $n-m=0$ ,  ~~$n-m=1$~~   $n-m=1$  being trivial. Assuming  $n-m > 0$ , let  $U$  be a subspace ~~of~~ of dim  $m+1$  containing  $V'$ , ~~so~~ so ~~that~~ that  ~~$L(V, U) \subset L(V, V')$~~   $L(V, U) \subset L(V, V')$ . Note that for each  $W$  in  $L(V, V')$ ,  $(kW \cap U) \cap V' = 0$ , so if  $W \notin L(V, U)$ , then  $kW \cap U$  is a line  $L$  in  $U$  not in the hyperplane  $V'$ . Put

$$Z_L = \left\{ W \mid \begin{array}{l} 0 \notin W \\ kW \cap U \subset L \end{array} \right\}$$

for each  $L \in \mathbb{P}U - \mathbb{P}V'$ . Note that if  $L \neq L'$ .

$$|Z_L| \cap |Z_{L'}| = |L(V, U)|$$

$$|UZ_L| = |L(V, V')|$$

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In effect if ~~nonempty~~  $W_1 < \dots < W_g$  is a ~~nonempty~~ chain ~~in~~ of affine space not cont. 0, then  $\sigma$  is in  $|Z_L|$  iff  $W_g \in Z_L$ , so  $\sigma \in |Z_L| \cap |Z_{L'}| \Leftrightarrow W_g \in Z_L \cap Z_{L'} = L(V, u)$ , similarly  $\sigma \in |L(V, V')| \Leftrightarrow W_g \in L(V, V') \Leftrightarrow *W_g \in \cap U \subset \text{same } L$ .

Lemma 1: Let a simplicial complex  $K$  be the union of subcomplexes  $L_i$  all containing  $A$  as a subcomplex such that  $L_i \cap L_{i'} = A$  for  $i \neq i'$ . If  $L_i \sim VS^g$  for each  $i$ , and  $A \sim VS^{g-1}$ , then  $K \sim VS^g$ .

Proof: One has a cof. situation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_i A & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\ \coprod_i L_i & \longrightarrow & K \end{array}$$

~~as~~ as the hyp.  $\Rightarrow K - A = \coprod L_i - A$ . The result is clear for  $g=0$  as then  $A = \emptyset$ ,  $L_i \sim \text{set}$  so  $K \sim \text{set}$ .

~~as~~ If  $g \geq 1$ , choose a basepoint in  $A$ , whence one has a cocart square

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} VA & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\ VL_i & \longrightarrow & K \end{array}$$

and hence ~~sequences~~ sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_*(A) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_*(K) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_*(L_i/A) & \longrightarrow \dots \\ \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_*(A) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_*(L_i) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_*(L_i/A) & \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

which show  $\tilde{H}_*(K)$  is free abelian in  $\dim g$ , zero elsewhere. For  $g \geq 2$ ,  $\pi_1(K) = 0$  by applying van Kampen <sup>each</sup> to  $(*)$ , so OK. For  $g=1$ , can suppose up to a hom. that  $L_i$  is a

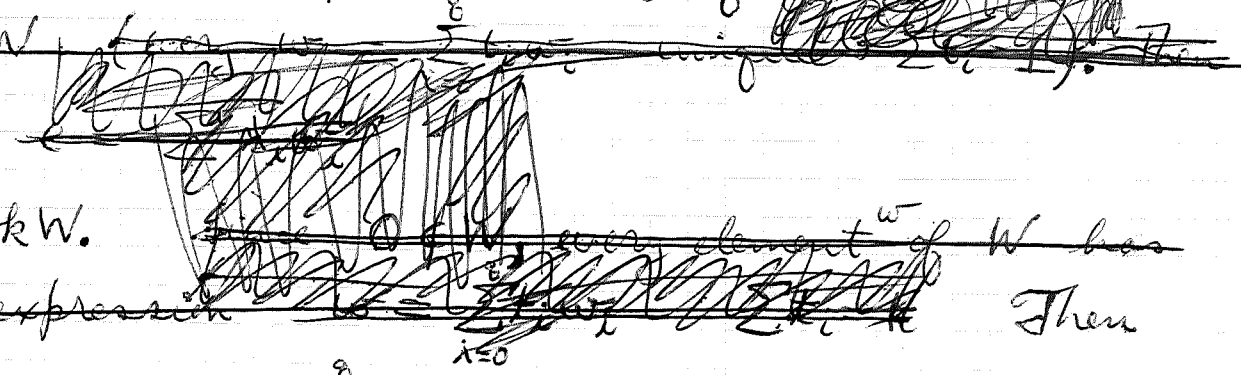
connected graph and  $A$  is a bunch of pts. Then  $K$  is a connected graph + done.

Lemma 2:  $|Z_L| \sim VS^{n-m-1}$ .  $\forall L \in PU - PV'$

Assuming this and the induction hyp.  $L(V, u) \sim VS^{n-m-2}$  we have  $L(V, v') \sim VS^{n-m-1}$  by lemma 1, and the theorem is proved.

Proof of lemma 2: Recall  $Z_L = \{W \mid \begin{matrix} W \in L(V) \\ kW \cap U \subset L \end{matrix}\}$ .

~~Let  $L = ke$  and suppose  $w_0, \dots, w_{\delta} \in W$  is a basis for  $W$ . Then~~



basis for  $kW$ . every element  $w$  of  $W$  has a unique expression  $w = \sum_{i=0}^{\delta} \lambda_i w_i$ . Then we have

$$e = \sum_{i=0}^{\delta} \lambda_i w_i$$

for unique  $\lambda_i$ . If  $\sum \lambda_i \neq 0$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\sum \lambda_i} e = \sum_i \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum \lambda_i} \right) w_i \in W$$

and so  $W \cap L = \{ \text{a point of } L^* = L - \{0\} \}$ . (the intersection cannot be  $L$  or else  $0 \in W$ ). On the other hand if  $\sum \lambda_i = 0$ , then because any  $w$  has an expression  $\sum t_i w_i$  with  $\sum t_i = 1$ , it is clear that  $ke + W = W$ , i.e.  $L + W = W$ .

~~This part  $Z_L = \{W \mid \begin{matrix} kW \cap U \subset L \end{matrix}\}$~~

~~if  $w \in \overline{e \cup W}$  then  $w \in L$~~

Now put

$$C(e) = \{W \mid \overline{e \cup W} \in Z_L\} \quad e \in L - \{0\}$$

i.e.  $(ke + W) \cap U \in L$ . Then  $C(e) \subset Z_L$  and if  $w \in C(e) \cap L(V, U)$

~~is  $e \in (ke + W) \cap U = L$ , then by the preceding  $w \in ke + W = L$ .  
 ~~$w \in L$  and  $w \in W$  is impossible if  $w \in C(e)$ ,~~~~

~~then~~ and  $e \notin W$ , then  $0 \notin \overline{e \cup W}$ , so  $0, e, W$  are independent  $\Rightarrow e \notin kW \Rightarrow kW \cap U = kW \cap U \cap L = 0 \Rightarrow w \in L(V, U)$ . Thus

$$C(e) = \{W \in Z_L \mid e \in W\} \cup L(V, U).$$

Put

$$C(L) = \{W \mid L + W \in Z_L\}.$$

Then  $C(L) \subset Z_L$  and if  $w \in C(L)$  and  $w \subset L + W$ , then  $kW \subset L + kW \Rightarrow kW \cap U \subset kW \cap U \cap L = 0 \Rightarrow w \in L(V, U)$ .

As 
$$C(L) = \{W \in Z_L \mid L + W = W\} \cup L(V, U).$$

so we get that

$$Z_L = \bigcup_{e \in L - \{0\}} C(e) \cup C(L)$$

where ~~the~~ the subcomplexes  $C(e), C(L)$  pairwise intersect ~~in~~ in  $L(V, U)$ .

Because  $C(e)$  is contractible,  $Z_L$  is therefore obtained by ~~starting~~ starting from  $C(L)$  and attaching a cone on  $L(V, U)$  for each  $e \in L - \{0\}$ . Now  $C(L)$  contracts via  $W \mapsto L + W$  to

$$\{W \in Z_L \mid L + W = W\}$$

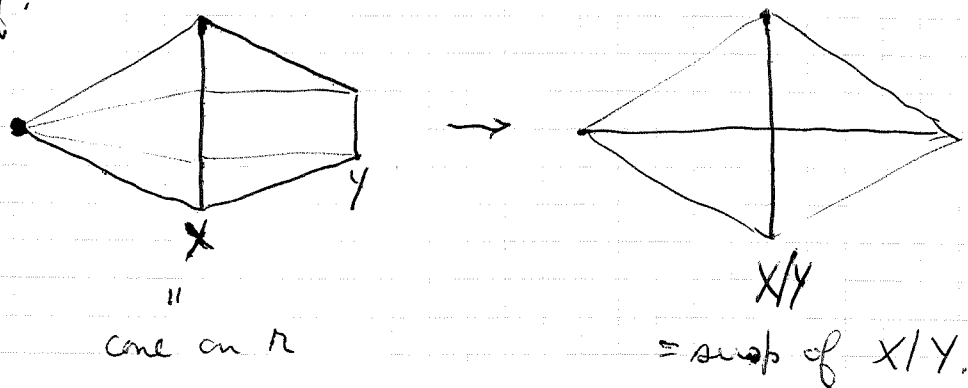
and the mapping

$$L(V, U) \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{for } W \cap U = L}} \{W \in \mathcal{Z}_L \mid L + W = W\}$$

has a section, namely, take a complement  $H$  to  $L$  and send  $W$  to  $H \cap W$ . Therefore in virtue of

Lemma: If  $Y$  is a retract of  $X$ , then the mapping cone of the retract map  $r: X \rightarrow Y$  is the suspension of  $X/Y$ .

Proof:



What this means is that ~~after some~~

$$C(e) \cup_{L(V, U)} C(L) \sim S(L(V, U)/L(H, U \cap H))$$

By induction  $L(V, U)$  is a bouquet of  $S^{n-m-2}$ 's, so ~~the quotient~~  $S(L(V, U)/L(H, U \cap H))$  will be a bouquet of  $S^{n-m-1}$ 's. Then as we attach further cones on  $L(V, U)$ , this will remain the case, and so we get a proof of Lemma 3.

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We now have many examples of spherical simplicial complexes, and it is now necessary to understand what implications result for the homology.

~~First let us consider the Tits building  $T(V)$~~

First let  $S$  be a partially ordered set with a dimension function  $d: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(s_2) = d(s_1) + 1$  whenever  $s_2$  immediately follows  $s_1$ . Then filter  $S$  by putting

$$F_p S = \{s \mid d(s) \leq p\}$$

$$\emptyset = F_{-1} S \subset F_0 S \subset F_1 S \subset \dots$$

Put  $S_p = \{s \mid d(s) = p\}$ , and let  $\overline{\{s\}} = \{s' \leq s\}$ .

~~Now the homology is given by~~ Now given  $F: S \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  one has the chain complex

$$C_q(S, F) = \prod_{s_0 < \dots < s_q} F(s_0)$$

for computing  $L \lim_S F = H_q(S, F)$ , and if  $S' \in S$ , one

~~puts~~ puts

~~$C_q(S, F) \supseteq C_q(S, F) / C_q(S', F)$~~   $C_q(S, S'; F) = \frac{C_q(S, F)}{C_q(S', F)}$

~~a~~ a short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow C_q(S', F) \rightarrow C_q(S, F) \rightarrow C_q(S, S'; F) \rightarrow 0$$

hence a long exact sequence in homology.

Thus from the filtration  $\{F_p S\}$  we will get a spectral sequence

$$E_{p,q}^1 = H_{p+q}(F_p S, F_{p-1} S; F) \Rightarrow H_{p+q}(S; F)$$

But ~~because any element of  $F_p S$~~  because the predecessors of an elt  $s \in F_p$  lie in  $F_{p-1}$

$$C_x(F_p S, F_{p-1} S; F) = \prod_{\substack{\Delta_0 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \Delta_q \\ \Delta_q \in F_p S - F_{p-1} S}} F(\Delta_0)$$

~~of the set  $S$~~  and this breaks up into a ~~complex~~ sum over the elements of  $S_p$ :

$$C_x(F_p S, F_{p-1} S; F) = \prod_{s \in S_p} C_x(\{\bar{0}\}, \{\bar{s}\} - \{\bar{s}\}; F)$$

and so our spectral sequence takes the form

$$E_{pq}^1 = \bigoplus_{s \in S_p} H_{p+q}(\{\bar{0}\}, \{\bar{s}\} - \{\bar{s}\}; F) \implies H_{p+q}(S; F)$$

Further it clear that from

$$\dots \rightarrow H_x(\{\bar{s}\} - \{\bar{0}\}, F) \rightarrow H_x(\{\bar{0}\}, F) \rightarrow H_x(\{\bar{s}\} - \{\bar{s}\}; F) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & x \neq 0 \\ F(0) & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

To simplify notation put  $\{\bar{s}\} = \bar{s}$  and  $\{\bar{s}\} - \{\bar{s}\} = \bar{s} - s$ .

Cor: Assume  $(\bar{s}, \bar{s} - s)$  is  $F$ -spherical of dim  $d(s)$ , i.e.

$$H_i(\bar{s}, \bar{s} - s; F) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = d(s) \\ 0 & i \neq d(s) \end{cases}$$

And that  $S$  is  $F$ -spherical of dim = max  $d(s) = n$ .

Then one gets an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(S; F) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{s \in S_n} H_{n+1}(\bar{s}, \bar{s} - s; F) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{s \in S_0} H_0(\bar{s}, \bar{s} - s; F) \rightarrow H_0(S; F) \rightarrow 0$$



Better statement is that if

$$H_i(\bar{S}, \bar{S}-s; F) = 0 \quad i \neq d(s)$$

then the complex which is the  $E_{*0}^1$ -term:

$$\dots \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{s \in S_1} H_1(\bar{S}, \bar{S}-s; F) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{s \in S_0} F(s) \longrightarrow 0$$

can be used to compute  $H_*(S; F)$ .

Example: Let  $S$  be the ordered set of simplices in a simplicial complex  $K$ , ~~with  $d(\sigma) = \dim(\sigma)$~~   
 $d(\sigma) = \dim(\sigma)$  so that

$$H_i(\bar{S}, \bar{S}-\sigma; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq d(\sigma) \\ \cong \mathbb{Z} & i = d(\sigma) \end{cases}$$

Then one gets that one can compute  $H_*(K, \mathbb{Z})$  using the complex of simplicial chains on  $K$ .

Example 2: Let  $V$  be a vector space of  $\dim n, n > 0$ . and  $S =$  proper subspaces of  $V$ . Put

$$I(V) = H_{n-1}(\bar{V}, \bar{V}-V; \mathbb{Z}) (= \tilde{H}_{n-2}(T(V)) \text{ if } n \geq 2)$$

where  $\bar{V} = \{W \leq V \mid 0 < W\}$ ,  $\bar{V}-V = T(V)$ . Then one has from the above, exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow I(V) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{V^{n-1} \subset V} I(V^{n-1}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{V^{n-2} \subset V} I(V^{n-2}) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{0 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

Now let  $GL(V)$  act on the above exact sequences, ~~and~~ tensored with  $M$  where  $M$  is a  $GL(V)$ -module. One gets in dimension  $p$

$$\bigoplus_{V^p \subset V} I(V^p) \otimes M$$

which is a module induced from the ~~stabilizer~~ stabilizer of  $V^p$ ; here choose a "base" flag  $0 = V_0 < V_1 < \dots < V_n = V$ , and let  $GL(V, V^p)$  be the stabilizer of  $V^p$ . Then one has

$$\bigoplus_{V^p \subset V} I(V^p) \otimes M = \mathbb{Z}[GL(V)] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[GL(V, V^p)]} M$$

so by Shapiro:

$$H_*(GL(V), \bigoplus_{V^p \subset V} I(V^p) \otimes M) = H_*(GL(V, V^p), I(V^p) \otimes M)$$

so we get a spectral sequence

$$E_{pq}^1 = H_q^{0 \leq p \leq n}(GL(V, V^p), I(V^p) \otimes M) \Rightarrow H_{p+q}^0(GL(V), M)$$

~~Here~~ Here  $M$  could be more generally a complex of  $GL(V)$ -modules. I have in mind the case where  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , in which case ~~we have~~

$$1 \rightarrow GL(\mathbb{Z}, V) \rightarrow GL(\mathbb{Z}, V) \rightarrow GL(V) \rightarrow 1$$

so one has

$$H_*(GL(\mathbb{Z}, V), \mathbb{Z}) = \cancel{H_*(GL(\mathbb{Z}, V), \mathbb{Z})} = H_*(C.(\cancel{P}_{GL(\mathbb{Z}, V)}, \mathbb{Z})_{GL(\mathbb{Z}, V)})$$

$$= H_*(GL(V), \cancel{C.(\cancel{P}_{GL(\mathbb{Z}, V)}, \mathbb{Z})_{GL(\mathbb{Z}, V)}})$$

Recall the structure of  $I(V)$ :

$$T(V) = \bigvee_{H \in \mathcal{H}_L} ST(H)$$

where  $H$  runs over the hyperplanes complementary to the line  $L$ . Thus we have

$$I(V) = \tilde{H}_{n-1}(ST(V)) = \bigoplus_{H \in \mathcal{H}_L} \tilde{H}_{n-2}(ST(H))$$

or

$$I(V) = \bigoplus_{H \in \mathcal{H}_L} I(H)$$

which determines the structure of  $I(V)$  as a module ~~of~~ <sup>over</sup>  $GL(V, L) = GL(H \oplus L, L) = [GL(H) \times GL(L)] \times \text{Hom}(H, L)$  namely

$$I(V) = \mathbb{Z}[GL(V, L)] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[GL(H) \times GL(L)]} I(H)$$

(In general it is probably true that if  $V^n \supset W^m$ , then as a  $GL(V, W)$ -module

$$I(V) = \mathbb{Z}[GL(V, W)] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[GL(A) \times GL(W)]} I(A) \otimes I(W)$$

where  $A$  is a complement for  $W$  in  $V$ .)

From now on the ground field is finite with  $q = p^d$  elements

Lemma: If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -module, then

$$H_+(GL(V); I(V) \otimes M) = 0$$

Proof: The subgroup  $GL(V, L)$  is of index =  $\text{card}(PV) = q^{n-1} + \dots + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , hence from transfer theory one knows that  $H_+(GL(V, L), I(V) \otimes M)$  maps onto the homology

in question. From (\*) and Shapiro, this latter is isom. to

$$H_+(GL(H) \times GL(L), I(H) \otimes M)$$

which as  $GL(L)$  is prime to  $p$ , is a quotient of

$$H_+(GL(H), I(H) \otimes M)$$

which is zero by induction. (Check lemma trivial for  $n=0,1$ .)

~~Lemma: If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module on which  $GL(V)$  acts trivially, then  $H_0(GL(V), I(V) \otimes M) = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ .~~

Lemma: If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module on which  $GL(V)$  acts trivially, then  $H_0(GL(V), I(V) \otimes M) = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

Proof: Enough by preceding argument to check for  $n=2$ . Here one has

$$0 \rightarrow I(V_2) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{L \subset V_2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

~~Lemma: If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module on which  $GL(V_2)$  acts trivially, then  $H_0(GL(V_2), I(V_2) \otimes M) = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ .~~ the diagonal  $\Delta: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{L \subset V_2} \mathbb{Z}$  composed with  $\Sigma$  is multiplication by  $\text{card}(PV_2) = g+1$  which is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Thus over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  the above sequence splits equivariantly so for any  $GL(V_2)$ -module  $M$

$$0 \rightarrow H_0(GL(V_2), I(V_2) \otimes M) \rightarrow H_0(GL_2, \mathbb{Z}[GL(V_2)] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[B]} M) \rightarrow H_0(GL(V_2), M) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.  $\parallel$

$$H_0(B, M)$$

where  $B =$  stabilizer of a line. Since  $G = GL_2(V_2)$  acts trivially on  $M$ , one has  $H_0(B, M) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_0(G, M)$ , and so one wins.

Lemma: The exact sequence at bottom of page 3 splits as an exact sequence of  $GL(V)$ -modules after tensoring with  $\mathbb{Z}(p)$ . *seems to be false already for  $n=3$ .*

Proof: I will only prove this at the bottom. I already know that  $\bigoplus_{L \subset V} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  has an equivariant splitting <sup>over  $\mathbb{Z}(p)$</sup>  since  $\text{card}(PV) = g^{n-1} + \dots + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Now consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{H_2 \subset V} I(H) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{L \subset H_2 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{H_2 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \searrow^{d_1} & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta \\
 & & & & \bigoplus_{L \subset V} \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

The exact sequence splits canonically and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have canonical sections ( $\beta$  because  $\text{card}\{H_2 \subset V\} = \frac{|GL(V)|}{|GL(V, H_2)|}$  is prime to  $p$ ). Thus by diagram chasing? one can construct canonical contracting homotopies for the  $d_1$  sequence?

To get a section of  $\alpha$  one takes a function  $L \mapsto f(L) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and extends it to  $\mathbb{F}(L \subset H) \xrightarrow{\alpha} f(L)$ . Then  $(\alpha f)(L) = \sum_{L \subset H} f(L) = [P(V/L)] \cdot f(L)$ . This is only reasonable section

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \bigoplus_{H_2 \subset V} I(H) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{L \subset H_2 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{H_2 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow H & & \downarrow L \subset H & & \downarrow H \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{H_2 \subset V} I(H) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{L \subset H_2 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{H_2 \subset V} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow H & & \downarrow L & & \downarrow H \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{L \subset V} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

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~~Principle~~ Theorem. Let  $G_S$  be the group of perm. of an infinite set  $S$ . Then  $\tilde{H}_*(G_S) = 0$ .

~~Lemma~~

Lemma 1: ~~Let  $S = S' \sqcup S''$  where  $S', S''$  are of same card as  $S$  and let  $G_{S'}$  be the subgroup of  $G_S$  fixing the elements of  $S''$ . Then the inclusion of  $G_{S'}$  in  $G_S$  induced the zero map on  $n$  homology.~~

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Proof: Consider the permutative category  $\mathcal{C}$  consisting of sets having the same card as  $S$  together with  $\phi$ , where the operation is  $\sqcup$ . Then it is clear that K-theory of  $\mathcal{C}$  is trivial, for one has countable direct sums (standard "flashtiness" argument). Thus  $\varinjlim_{[S]} \tilde{H}_*(G_S) = 0$  where  $[S]$  runs over the translation cat of the iso. classes of  $\mathcal{C}$ . But there are two iso classes  $\{1, e\}$ ,  $e^2 = e$ . Thus mult. by  $e$  is zero on  $H_*^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_S)$  which proves the lemma.

Next consider the partially ordered set  $\mathcal{J}$  whose elements are subsets  $S'_i$  of  $S \Rightarrow S'_i + S - S'_i$  are of same card as  $S$ . One puts  $S'_i < S'_j$  if  $S'_i \subset S'_j$  and  $S'_j - S'_i \approx S$ . Clearly  $G$  acts on  $\mathcal{J}$ .

Lemma 2:  $\mathcal{J}$  is contractible

Proof: It suffices to show any finite subset  $K$  of  $\mathcal{J}$  with the induced order contracts to a point in  $\mathcal{J}$ . Let  $S'_0 = \bigcap_{S' \in K'} S'$  where  $K'$  is a maximal subset of  $K$  such that  $S_0$  has the same card as  $S$ . Then

Given ~~any~~ any  $S_1 \in K$  either ~~either~~  $S_1 \in K'$  and  $S_0 \subset S_1$  or  $S_1 \notin K'$  and so  $S_0 \cap S_1$  is of card  $< \text{card}(S)$ . Now split  $S_0 = S_{01} \sqcup S_{02}$  where  $\text{card}(S_{01}) = \text{card}(S_{02}) = \text{card}(S)$ . Then for  $S_1 \in K'$  we have  $S_{01} \subset S_1$  and for  $S_1 \in K - K'$ , we have  $S_1 \cup S_{01} \in J$  and  $S_1 \subset S_1 \cup S_{01} \subset S_{01}$ . (Check this last: I know  $\text{card}(S_1 \cap S_0) < \text{card}(S) = \text{card}(S_1)$ , hence  $\text{card}(S_1 \cap S_{01}) < \text{card}(S_1)$  and so  $S_1 \cup S_{01} - S_1 = S_{01} - S_1 \cap S_{01}$  has card  $= \text{card}(S)$ ; also  $S_1 \cup S_{01} - S_{01} = S_1 - S_1 \cap S_{01}$  also has card  $(S)$ .) Therefore for all  $S_1 \in K'$  we have  $S_1 \leq S_1 \cup S_{01} \geq S_{01}$  in  $J$

given  $T \in K$  either  $T \in K'$  and  $S_0 \subset T$  or  $T \notin K'$  and so  $\text{card}(T \cap S_0) < \text{card}(S)$ . Now split  $S_0 = T_0 \sqcup U_0$  where  $T_0 \approx U_0 \approx S$ . Then given  $T \in K'$  we have  $T = T \cup T_0 > T_0$  (as  $T - T_0 \supset S_0 - T_0 = U_0$ ). If  $T \in K - K'$ , then  $T \cup T_0 \in J$  because ~~the complement~~ its complement contains  $U_0 - T \cup U_0$  and  $U_0 \cap T \subset S_0 \cap T$  is negligible. Moreover  $T \subset T \cup T_0$  for same reason, and  $T \cup T_0 > T_0$  also. So thus we have  $T \leq T \cup T_0 > T_0$  for all  $T \in K$ .

Now I have only to check that  $T_1 < T_2 \implies T_1 \cup T_0 \leq T_2 \cup T_0$ .

~~No problem if  $T_1, T_2 \in K'$  for then  $T_1 \cup T_0 = T_1, T_2 \cup T_0 = T_2$ . Also no problem if  $T_1 \in K'$  and  $T_2 \in K - K'$  for we have seen that  $T_1 \cup T_0 = T_0 < T_2 \cup T_0$ . If  $T_1, T_2 \in K - K'$ , then  $T_1 \cup T_0 \leq T_2 \cup T_0$ . However the only way this could fail would for  $T_2 \cup T_0 - T_1 \cup T_0 = T_2 - (T_1 \cup T_2 \cap T_0)$  to be~~

negligible. However this means that we have to make  $T_0$  so small that it doesn't eat up the differences  $T_2 - T_1$ . (This should be clear anyway, for  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$\textcircled{T_1} \quad \textcircled{T_2}$$

no problem if  $S_0 \subset T_1$ , or if  $S_0 \cap T_2$  is negligible, or if  $S_0 \cap T_1$  is negligible and  $S_0 \subset T_2$ . So done.

Now this gives us a resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\dots \longrightarrow \prod_{T_0 < T_1} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \prod_{T_0} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

(Chains on the associated simplicial complex). ~~Then~~

~~Since~~ since  $G$  acts transitively on the simplices of a given dimension and the stabilizer of  $T_0 < T_1 < \dots < T_g$  is  $G^{g+2}$  one gets a spectral sequence

$$E_{pq}^1 = H_q(G^{p+2}) \implies H_{p+q}(G).$$

and clearly  $E_{*0}^2 = \mathbb{Z}$  in degree 0. ~~Then~~ Now if

one has  $H_g(G) = 0 \quad g < r$ , then  $\tilde{H}_g(G^s) = 0 \quad g < r$

~~by~~ by Kunneth. Thus from the spec. seq.

we get  $\tilde{H}_r(G^2) \longrightarrow \tilde{H}_r(G)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{H}_r(G^2) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_r(G) \\ \parallel & & \nearrow \\ H_r(G) \oplus H_r(G) & & \text{zero map by lemma 1.} \end{array}$$



Suppose  $E, F$  are projective  $A$ -modules. Define  $\theta: E \rightarrow F$  to be "compact" if

$$\theta(e) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(e) f_i$$

~~for~~ for  $\lambda_i \in \text{Hom}_A(E, A)$ ,  $f_i \in F$ . Thus the compact maps are those in the image of the canonical maps

$$\text{Hom}_A(E, A) \otimes_A F \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(E, F)$$

~~for  $F=A$  hence in general~~ (Is this map always injective? seems so, for  $F=A^{(S)}$  hence in general)

Example: Take  $E = A^{(I)}$   $F = A^{(J)}$ . Then for  $\theta$  to be compact means that if we write its matrix

~~$\theta(\{x_i\}) = \{\sum a_{ji} x_i\}$~~   
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Then only finitely many of the rows of the matrix are non-zero.

Another way of stating that  $\theta$  is compact is to say that  $\theta$  factors

$$E \rightarrow P \rightarrow F$$

where  $P$  is a f.t. projective  $A$ -module.

Question: Assume  $\theta \in \text{End}(E)$  is compact and  $1+\theta$  is an automorphism. Does it follow that  $(1+\theta)^{-1} = 1+K$  with  $K$  compact?

Yes, because

$$(1+\theta)(1+K) = 1 \implies \theta + K + \theta K = 0 \implies K = -\theta - \theta K$$

which is compact as the compact operators form an ideal.

Question: Take  $E = A^{(\infty)} = Ae_1 \oplus Ae_2 \oplus \dots$

so take we have  $GL(A) \subset Aut_{1+c}(A^{(\infty)})$ . Does this inclusion induce an isomorphism on homology?

Here's how we might prove this when  $A$  is a field. I observe that given a decomposition  $E = P \oplus F$  with  $P \in \mathcal{P}_A$ , then there is an embedding

$$GL(P) \subset Aut_{1+c}(E)$$

obtained by taking the direct sum of an auto of  $P$  with the identity of  $F$ . Assume now that  $F'$  is another complement for  $F$ , say  $F' = \{ (h(f), f) \in P \oplus F \}$  where  $h: F \rightarrow P$ . Then if we denote by  $i_x: GL(P) \rightarrow Aut_{1+c}(E)$  the homo defined by the complement  $F$  and  $i'$  the one defined by  $F'$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} i'_x(\theta)(1+h)f &= (1+h)f \\ i'_x(\theta)p &= \theta(p) = i_x(\theta)p \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore i'_x(\theta) = (1+h) i_x(\theta) (1+h)^{-1}$$

where  $1+h: p+f \mapsto p+h(f)+f$  translates  $F$  to  $F'$ . Thus the homos  $i_x, i'_x$  are conjugate, and so we obtain a well-defined homomorphism

$$i_{P \in \mathcal{P}_E}: H_*(GL(P)) \longrightarrow H_*(Aut_{1+c}(E))$$

~~if~~ depending only on the direct summand  $P$  of  $E$ . Now if  $P, Q$  are direct summands of  $E$  with  $P \subset Q$ , then  $P$  is a direct summand of  $Q$ , so we can choose  $P \oplus C = Q, Q \oplus F = E$ , and take the complement  $C \oplus F$  for

P. Then it is clear that one gets a comm. diag.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_*(GL(P)) & \xrightarrow{i_{PCE}} & H_*(Aut_{1+c}(E)) \\
 \downarrow i_{PCA} & & \\
 H_*(GL(Q)) & \xrightarrow{i_{QCE}} & 
 \end{array}$$

(This is the familiar fact that modulo inner autos. one has a functor  ~~$H_*(GL(P)) \rightarrow H_*(GL(Q))$~~   $P \mapsto GL(P)$  with respect to injections onto direct summands.

Question: I get in this way a lien. of some sort - any ~~more~~ interesting gerbes around?)

Thus putting all this together I get a map

$$(*) \quad \varinjlim_P H_*(GL(P)) \longrightarrow H_*(Aut_{1+c}(E))$$

where P runs over the fin. type. direct summands of E.

Thus the question under discussion comes down to whether the above map is an isomorphism.

So let G be a finitely gen. subgroup of  $Aut_{1+c}(E)$ . It would probably be enough to know that ~~for~~ for any such G one can find a decomposition  $E = P \oplus F$  stable under G such that G acts trivially on F.

Certainly this implies the map (\*) is onto. But also any element  $\alpha$  in the kernel of  ~~$i_{PCE}$~~   $i_{PCE}$  would come from <sup>an  $\alpha'$  in</sup> the homology of a f.t. subgrp  $G'$  of  $GL(P)$ , and for this to go to zero in  $H_*(Aut_{1+c}(E))$  would mean  $\alpha'$  dies in  $H_*(G')$  for some finite type  $G' \subset Aut_{1+c}(E)$ . Thus

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G \subset GL(P)^F & \hookrightarrow & Aut_{1+c}(E) \\
 \uparrow & & \\
 G' \subset GL(P')^{F'} & \hookrightarrow & 
 \end{array}$$

if we could find  $E = P' \oplus F'$   $G'$  stable such that  $G'$  acts trivially on  $F'$  we would win.

So suppose  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  are a finite number of elements of  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}}(E)$ , and put  $\theta_i = 1 - g_i$ . These are compact, hence in particular  $\text{Im}(\theta_i)$  is finitely generated. Put  $M = \sum \text{Im}(\theta_i)$  and note that the set of  $u \in \text{End}(E) \Rightarrow \text{Im}(u) \subset M$  is a right ideal, in particular closed under sum and product. Thus if  $G$  is the group generated by the  $g_i$ , then  $\text{Im}(g^{-1}) \subset M$  for any  $g \in G$ . (To make this more intelligible ~~note~~ observe that  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$  transforms product to  $x+y+xy$  which shows that the set of  $g \in G \Rightarrow \text{Im}(g^{-1}) \subset M$  is closed under ~~the~~ product. Also if  ~~$(1+x)^{-1} = 1+y$~~ , then  $y = -x - xy$  has its image contained in  $M$ ).

Next put  $K = \bigcap \text{Ker}(\theta_i)$  and note ~~that~~ that  $g = 1$  on  $K$ , for all  $g \in G$ . Thus we have ~~identified~~ identified  $G$  with ~~a~~ a subgroup of the group of quasi-invertible elements in the ring (without unit) of endos.  $\theta \Rightarrow K \subset \text{Ker}(\theta), \text{Im}(\theta) \subset M$ .

$$\text{Hom}(E/K, M) \subset \text{Hom}(E, E)$$

Now I would like to find a decomposition  $E = P \oplus F$  such that  $P \supset M, F \subset K$ , whence each  $g \in G$  would preserve this decomposition and act trivially on  $F$ . Now if this could be done, then  $E/K \leftarrow E/F \cong P$  would be finitely generated. Since ~~there is no reason for this to be true in general.~~

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{(\theta_i)} F^n$$

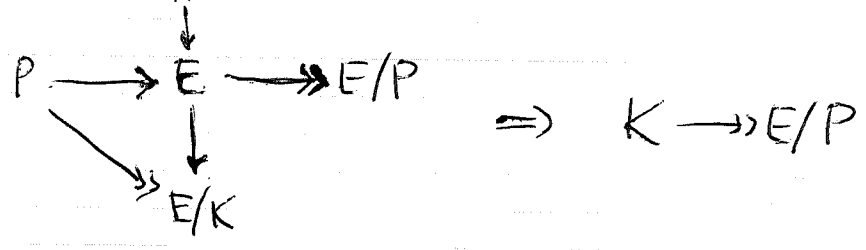
~~there is no reason for this to be true in general.~~ Example:

take  $\lambda: A^{(\infty)} \rightarrow A, \lambda(x_i) = \sum a_i x_i$ . In order that  $\text{Ker}(\lambda)$  be cofinitely generated, it is necessary that the  $\text{Im}(\lambda) = \text{ideal gen. by the } a_i$  be finitely generated. Thus we must assume  $A$  is noetherian.

If  $A$  is noetherian, then

$$E/K \subset \prod (\text{Im } \theta_i)$$

so  $E/K$  is finitely generated. At least when  $E = A^{(\infty)}$  this means we can find a direct summand  $P$  of  $E$  with  $P \subseteq P_A$  such that  $P \hookrightarrow E \rightarrow E/K$  is onto. Then



~~$E/P$  is projective in  $\text{Mod } A$~~  and since  $E/P$  is projective we can find  $F \subset K, F \oplus P = E$ . Now if we started with a  $P$  which not only maps onto  $E/K$  but also contains  $M$ , then we have  $P \supset M, F \subset K$  as desired. This proves:

Lemma: Let  $G$  be a fin. type subgroup of  $\text{Aut}_{\text{HC}}(E)$ ,  $E = \text{free infinite type } A\text{-module}$ ,  $A$  noetherian. Then  $\exists E = P \oplus F$  with  $P$  free fin. type such that  $G$  preserves this decomposition and such that  $G$  acts trivially on  $F$ .

Counterexample when  $A$  is not noetherian: Choose  $Aa_1 \subset Aa_2 + Aa_3 \subset \dots$  and define  $\theta(x_i) = x_1 + \sum_{i \geq 2} a_i x_i$ . Then  $\text{Ker}(\theta - 1)$  does not contain an  $F$  because  $\text{Im}(\theta - 1) = Aa_1 + \dots$  is not of finite type.

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Ideas: To what extent do the decompositions of the form  $E = P \oplus F$  partially ordered by requiring  $(P, F) \leq (P', F')$  if  $P \subset P', F \supset F'$  form a directed set. In the noetherian case this is so, because ~~given~~ given  $(P_1, F_1), (P_2, F_2)$ ,  $E/F_1 \cap F_2 \subset E/F_1 \times E/F_2$  so  $E/F_1 \cap F_2$  is of finite type. Thus, <sup>as above</sup> choosing  $P$  a fin. type dir. summand of  $E$  sufficiently big so as to include  $P_1 + P_2$ , and map onto  $E/F_1 \cap F_2$ , then we have  $F_1 \cap F_2 \rightarrow E/P$  so ~~we~~ we can find a complement ~~to~~  $F$  to  $P$  contained inside  $F_1 \cap F_2$ .

Therefore in the noetherian case with  $E = A^{(\mathbb{Z})}$  ~~one~~ one really obtains  $\text{Aut}_{\text{fin}}(E)$  as a filtered direct limit of ~~GL(P)~~  $GL(P)$

Last time I was intrigued by the fact that given a finite type subgroup  $G$  of matrices of the form

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c|c} * & * \\ \hline 0 & \text{Id} \end{array} \right)$$

I have managed to conjugate it into a subgroup of the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} * & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \text{Id} \end{array} \right)$$

but where  $*$  is very big.

Suppose  $A$  is a field to simplify. I can consider then the category of ~~countable~~ vector spaces over  $A$  of countable dimension ~~under~~ under addition. This is ~~an~~ an abelian category in which exact sequences split, and its  $K$ -theory is trivial by the usual countable sum argument. Thus if  $E = A^{(\mathbb{N})}$  we find as in the case of countable sets that the idempotent endomorphism of  $H_*(GL(E))$  obtained from  $E \oplus E \cong E$  is zero. To put this another way, if we decompose  $E$  into  $E' \oplus E''$  where  $E'$  and  $E''$  are both countable, then the ~~subgroup~~ ~~induced~~ induced homomorphism  $\tilde{H}_*(GL(E')) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_*(GL(E''))$  is trivial.

So as before we consider the <sup>ordered</sup> simplicial complex whose  $q$ -simplices are decompositions

$$E = F_0 \oplus F_1 \oplus \dots \oplus F_{q+1}$$

with each  $F_i$  of infinite dimension. Precisely a vertex is a decomposition  $E = F_0 \oplus F_1$  and one says this decomposition is  $<$  another  $E = F'_0 \oplus F'_1$  if

$$F_0 \subset F'_0 \text{ and } F_1 \supset F'_1 \text{ and } F'_0/F_0 \text{ is inf-dim.}$$

In this case we get a 2-simplex  $E = F_0 \oplus F_1 \cap F'_0 \oplus F'_1$ .

Another description of a decomposition  $E = F_0 \oplus F_1$  is to give the projection  $e_0$  on  $F_0$ . In this way a  $q$ -simplex appears as a decomp  $1 = e_0 + \dots + e_{q+1}$  into orthogonal idempotents such that  $e_i$  is a projection onto an infinite dimension subspace.

Now one wants to show this simplicial complex is contractible. So suppose we are given a finite set  $\mathcal{F}$  of idempotents  $e$  in  $\text{End}(E) \ni \text{Im}(e) \neq \text{Im}(1-e)$  are of infinite dimension. Suppose that we have two

$$E = F_0 \oplus F_1 = F'_0 \oplus F'_1$$

such that  $F_0 \cap F'_0$  has inf. dim. Then it might happen that  $F_1 + F'_1 = E$ . (e.g. ~~even~~ even if  $F_0 = F'_0$ ) so our previous argument for sets will not work.

Start by trying to understand if this simplicial complex is connected. Thus I ~~suppose~~ suppose given two decompositions  $E = A_1 \oplus B_1 = A_2 \oplus B_2$  which I want to connect. Consider the map  $A_1 \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow B_2$  whose kernel is  $A_1 \cap A_2$ .

~~that is, I want to connect  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  by subdividing  $A_1 \cap A_2$  into two infinite pieces if necessary I then reach the case where  $A_1 = A_2$~~

If  $A_1 \cap A_2$  is infinite, then by subdividing it into two infinite pieces if necessary I then reach the case where  $A_1 = A_2$



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Let  $A$  be a field, let  $E$  be a vector space over  $k$  (not nec. fin. dim.) and let  $\text{Aut}_c(E)$  denote the group of Autos of  $E$  of the form  $1 + \theta$  where  $\theta$  is of finite rank. I know that any finite type subgroup  $G$  of  $\text{Aut}_c(E)$  stabilizes a splitting  $E = P \oplus F$  with  $P$  fin. dim. and  $G$  acts trivially on  $F$ . (The point is that such splittings form a filtered set under the ~~ordering~~ ordering  $(P, F) \leq (P', F')$  if  $P \subset P'$  and  $F \supset F'$ , for given  $(P_i, F_i)$   $i=1,2$ , then these are dominated by  $(P, F)$  where  $P$  is chosen containing  $P_1 + P_2$  such that  $P + (F_1 \cap F_2) = E$ , and  $F$  is a complement of  $P \cap F_1 \cap F_2$  in  $F_1 \cap F_2$ ). Thus  $E$  determines an ind. object in the category of complemented injections of finite dimensional vector spaces, and  $\text{Aut}_c(E)$  is just the limit of  $\text{Aut}(P)$  as  $(P, F)$  runs over this ind. object.

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Grassmannians

(groggy again)

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Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of dimension  $N$ , and  $G_p(V)$  the Grassmannian of  $p$  planes in  $V$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_N$  be a basis for  $V$ ,  $V_i = ke_1 + \dots + e_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . One knows  $G_p(V)$  has a cell decomposition given by the Shubert cells as follows. I take  $p=2$  to simplify.

Given a 2 plane  $A$  in  $V$  after performing row operations on the  $2 \times N$  matrix given by a basis for  $A$ , one gets a canonical form for  $A$  of the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & \dots & * & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ * & \dots & * & 0 & * & \dots & * & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$r_1$

$r_2+1$

entries (the 1 counts the 0)

where the  $*$ 's are arbitrary complex numbers. Call  $C_{r_1, r_2}$  the set of  $A$  with canonical form of the above type. It is a cell of  $\mathbb{C}x$ -dimension  $r_1 + r_2$ . One clearly gets a decomposition of  $G_2(V)$  into cells  $C_{r_1, r_2}$  for each  $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq N-2$ ; ~~as~~ as these cells are even-dimensional each cell  $C_{r_1, r_2}$  gives rise to a homology class  $[C_{r_1, r_2}]$  in  $H_{2(r_1+r_2)}(G_2(V))$ , and in this way we get a basis for  $H_*(G_2(V))$ .

Clearly if  $V_i = ke_1 + \dots + ke_i$  then

$$C_{r_1, r_2} = \{A \mid 0 = \dots = A \cap V_{r_1} < A \cap V_{r_1+1} = \dots = A \cap V_{r_2+1} < A \cap V_{r_2+2} = \dots = A\}$$

which shows these cells depend only on the flag  $\{V_i\}$ .

Another way of seeing this is to note that ~~the~~ the cell  $C_{r_1, r_2}$  is simply the orbit under the action of the group

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & * & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{stability group of the flag}$$

of the matrix:  $\begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Thus these cells are the  $N$ -orbits (or also the  $B$ -orbits,  $B =$  upper  $\Delta$  matrices) on  $G_2(V)$ .

One has

$$\overline{C_{r_1, r_2}} = \bigcup_{\substack{a \leq b \\ a \leq r_1, b \leq r_2}} C_{a, b}$$


$$= \left\{ A_2 \mid \dim(A \cap V_{r_1+1}) \geq 1, \dim(A \cap V_{r_2+2}) \geq 2 \right\}$$

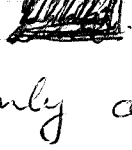
where the closure is the same for both  $\mathbb{C}$ -topology and the Zariski topology.  $\overline{C_{r_1, r_2}}$  is a cycle in the alg. variety  $G_2(V)$  which can be desingularized as follows.

Let  $G_{1,1}(V)$  be the flag bundle of the subbundle on  $G_2(V)$ , i.e. the space of pairs,  $(\ell, A)$  where  $\ell$  is a line in the 2-plane  $A$ . Put

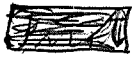
$$\tilde{C}_{r_1, r_2} = \left\{ (\ell, A) \mid \ell \subset V_{r_1+1}, A \subset V_{r_2+2} \right\}$$

This is non-singular because it is the projective bundle over  $\mathbb{P}V_{r_1+1}$  associated to the vector bundle  $\ell \mapsto V_{r_2+2}/\ell$ .

It maps  onto  $\bar{C}_{r_1, r_2}$  bijectively over  $C_{r_1, r_2}$ .

Now  enlarging  $N$  doesn't change the cells  $C_{r_1, r_2}$ , it only adds some more. Thus in the limit as  $G_2(V) \rightarrow BU_2$  we have a basis for  $H_*(BU_2)$  given by  $[C_{r_1, r_2}]$  with  $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2$ . On the other hand one knows that

$$[H_*(BU_1) \otimes H_*(BU_1)]_{\Sigma_2} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_*(BU_2)$$

~~whence~~ whence if  $b_i \in H_{2i}(BU_1)$  is the class of  $P^i$ , we get the basis  $b_i b_j$  <sup>is</sup> for  $H_*(BU_2)$ . The problem now is to relate these bases. 

First the map  $BU_1 \times BU_1 \rightarrow BU_2$  can be viewed as the flag bundle of the canonical bundle. Let  $G_{1,1}(V)$  be the flag bundle of the canonical 2-plane bundle on  $G_2(V)$ . Then  $G_{1,1}(V) = \{(l, l^\perp)\}$  which can also be identified with the manifold of pairs  $(l_1, l_2)$  where  $l_1, l_2$  are orthogonal lines in  $V$ . This gives us maps

$$PV \times PV \xleftarrow{i} G_{1,1}(V) \longrightarrow G_2(V)$$

where  $i$  is an equivalence in a range increasing with  $\dim V$ . This gives us the map  $BU_1 \times BU_1 \rightarrow BU_2$ .

Denote by  $L_1, L_2$  the line bundles on  $G_{1,1}(V)$  whose fibres at  $(l_1, l_2)$  are  $l_1, l_2$  respectively. Then  $G_{1,1}(V) =$  projective bundle of the quotient bundles  $V/O(-1)$  on  $PV$ . Recall:

Lemma 1: Let  $E$  be an  $n$ -dim. vector bundle over  $X$ ,  $f: PE \rightarrow X$  the assoc. projective bundle,  $t = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)) \in H^2(PE)$ . Then

$$H^*(PE) = H^*(X)[t] / (t^n + c_1(E)t^{n-1} + \dots + c_n(E))$$

and if  $a(T) \in H^*(X)[T]$ , then

$$(*) \quad f_* a(t) = \text{res} \left( \frac{a(T) dT}{T^n + c_1(E)T^{n-1} + \dots + c_n(E)} \right)$$

Proof of (\*). ~~Embed~~ Embed  $E$  in a trivial bundle  $V$  of rank  $N$  ~~so that one has~~ so that one has

$$\begin{array}{ccc} PE & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \mathbb{P}^N \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow g \\ & & X \end{array}$$

One has that  $PE$  is where the homo

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-1) \subset g^*V \longrightarrow g^*(V/E)$$

vanishes, whence  $\lambda_* 1 = e(\mathcal{O}(1) \otimes g^*(V/E)) = t^g + g^*c_1(V/E)t^{g-1} + \dots + g^*c_g(V/E)$

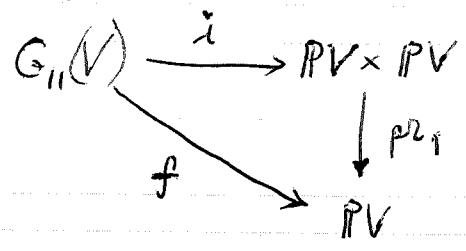
where  $g+n=N$ , ~~and~~ and  $t = c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)) \in H^2(\mathbb{P}^N)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_* a(t) &= g_* \lambda_* \lambda^* a(t) = g_* (\lambda_* 1 \cdot a(t)) \\ &= \text{coeff of } T^{N-1} \text{ in } (T^g + \dots + g^*c_g(V/E)) a(T) \\ &= \text{res} \frac{(T^g + \dots + g^*c_g(V/E)) a(T) dT}{T^N} \end{aligned}$$

since  $V$  is trivial. But  $T^N = [T^g + \dots + g^*c_g(V/E)][T^n + \dots + c_n(E)]$  so cancelling we get (\*).

~~Now~~ Now apply this to  $G_{11}(V)$ :

$$E = V/L_1 \subset V$$



$$f(l_1, l_2) = l_1$$

and one finds  $H^*(G_{11}(V))$  has a base over  $\mathbb{Z}$  given by the monomials  $t_1^a t_2^b$   $0 \leq a < N, 0 \leq b < N-1$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{*}(a(t_1, t_2)) &= \text{res} \frac{a(t_1, T_2) dT_2}{T_2^{N-1} + c_1(V/L_1) T_2^{N-2} + \dots} \\
 &= \text{res} \frac{[T_2 + c_1(L_1)] a(t_1, T_2) dT_2}{T_2^N} \\
 &= \text{res} [T_2 - t_1] a(t_1, T_2) \frac{dT_2}{T_2^N}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\int_{G_{11}(V)} a(t_1, t_2) = \text{coeff of } (T_1, T_2)^{N-1} \text{ in } (T_2 - T_1) a(T_1, T_2)$$

~~and~~

$$= a_{N, N-1} - a_{N-1, N-1} \text{ if } a = \sum a_{ij} T_1^i T_2^j$$

Thus we get

Lemma 2: The homology class of  $G_{11}(V)$  regarded as the submanifold of  $\mathbb{P}V \times \mathbb{P}V$  of orthogonal line pairs is  $b_{N-1} \otimes b_{N-2} - b_{N-2} \otimes b_{N-1}$ .

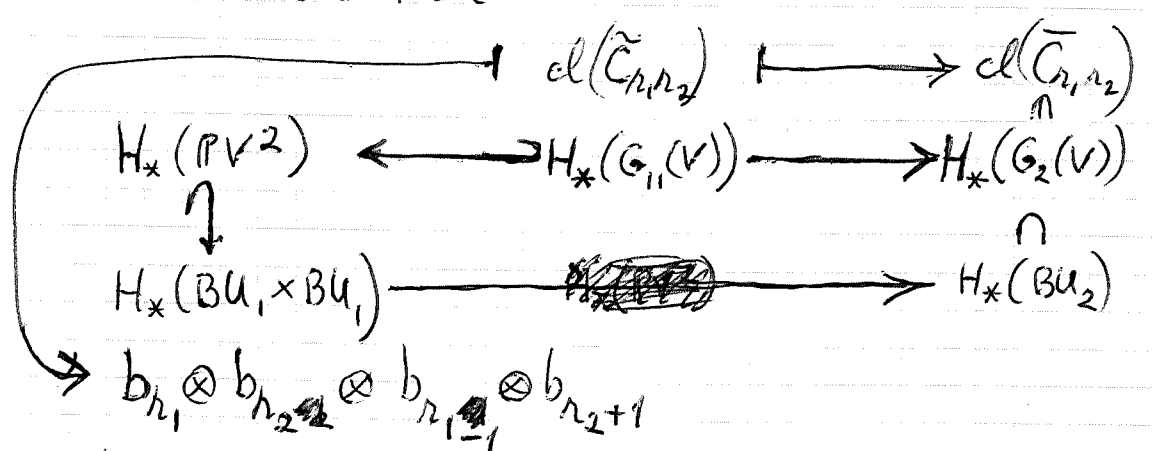
But now

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{r_1, r_2} &= \{(l_1, l_2) \mid l_1 \in V_{r_1+1}, l_2 \in V_{r_2+2}, l_1 \perp l_2\} \\ &= G_{11}(V) \cap (PV_{r_1+1} \times PV) \cap (PV \times PV_{r_2+2}) \end{aligned}$$

and this intersection is proper because it gives something ~~of the~~ of the right codimension. Thus the class of  $\tilde{C}_{r_1, r_2}$  in  $H_*(PV^2)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &(b_{N-1} \otimes b_{N-2} - b_{N-2} \otimes b_{N-1}) \cap b_{r_1} \otimes b_{r_2+1} \\ &= b_{r_1} \otimes b_{r_2+1} - b_{r_1-1} \otimes b_{r_2+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see that



and so we obtain

Proposition: In  $H_*(BU_2)$  one has

$$cl(C_{r_1, r_2}) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline b_{r_1} & b_{r_1-1} \\ \hline b_{r_2} & b_{r_2+1} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline b_{r_1} & b_{r_2+1} \\ \hline b_{r_1-1} & b_{r_2} \\ \hline \end{array} .$$

Generalize to  $G_3(V)$ .

$$G_{III} V \xrightarrow{f} G_{II} V \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}V \longrightarrow \text{pt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{G_{III}(V)} a(t_1, t_2, t_3) &= \text{res} \frac{a(t_1, t_2, T_3) dT_3}{T_3^{N-2} + c_1(V/L_1 + L_2) T_3^{N-3} + \dots} \\ &= \text{res} \frac{(T_3 + c_1(L_1))(T_3 + c_1(L_2)) a(t_1, t_2, T_3) dT_3}{T_3^N} \\ &= \text{res} \frac{(T_3 - t_1)(T_3 - t_2) a(t_1, t_2, T_3) dT_3}{T_3^N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{G_{III}(V)} a(t_1, t_2, t_3) = \text{coeff of } (T_1 T_2 T_3)^{N-1} \text{ in } (T_3 - T_1)(T_3 - T_2)(T_2 - T_1) a(T_1, T_2, T_3)$$

Lemma: The cohomology class of  $G_{III}(V) \subset \mathbb{P}V^3$  is

$$\prod_{i>j} (t_i - t_j) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \\ t_1^2 & t_2^2 & t_3^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now in general if you use the fact that

$$\prod_{i>j} (t_i - t_j) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ t_1 & t_2 & \dots & t_p \\ t_1^{p-1} & t_2^{p-1} & \dots & t_p^{p-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

then one will find that the coh. class of  $G_{\underbrace{III \dots I}_p}(V) \subset \mathbb{P}V^p$  is this Vandermonde determinant.

Now to find the class of  $\tilde{C}_{r_1 \dots r_p}$  in  $(\mathbb{P}V)^p$  you ~~take~~ take cup product of the ~~class~~ coh. class corresponding to  $\mathbb{P}V_{r_1+1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}V_{r_p+p}$  which is  $t_1^{M-r_1} t_2^{n-r_2-1} \dots t_p^{n-r_p-p}$  and you get the class:



$$\begin{vmatrix} t_1^{n-r_1} & t_2^{n-r_2-1} & & t_p^{n-r_p-p+1} \\ t_1^{n-r_1+1} & t_2^{n-r_2} & & \vdots \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & t_p^{n-r_p} \end{vmatrix}$$

which then capped with the fundamental cycle of  $\mathbb{P}^p$  which is  $b_n \otimes \dots \otimes b_n$  gives the same determinant, but where  $t_i^{n-j}$  is replaced by  $b_j^{(i)}$ ,  $b_j^{(i)} = 1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_j \otimes \dots \otimes 1$   $i$ -th place. Thus it's clear that we get

Proposition: In  $H_x(BU_p)$ , the class associated to the Schubert cycle

$\overline{\sigma}_{r_1, \dots, r_p} = \{A_p \mid \dim(A_p \cap V_{r_i+i}) \geq i, i=1, \dots, p\}$  of dim  $r_1 + \dots + r_p$  is the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} b_{r_1} & b_{r_2+1} & \dots & b_{r_p+p-1} \\ b_{r_1+1} & b_{r_2} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{r_1+p-1} & \dots & b_{r_p} & \vdots \end{vmatrix}$$

Cohomology side: Here I use the canonical form

$$C^{r_1, r_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 1 & * & * & 0 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 1 & * & \dots & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $r_1+1$   $r_2+2$

which will ~~be~~ be a cell of  $\text{codim} = r_1 + r_2$ . One has

$$C^{r_1, r_2} = C_{N-2-r_2, N-2-r_1} = \{A \mid \dim(A \cap V_{N-1-r_2}) \geq 1, \dim(A \cap V_{N-r_1}) \geq 2\}$$

and

$$\tilde{C}^{r_1, r_2} = \{(l_1, l_2) \mid \begin{array}{l} l_1 \perp l_2 \\ l_1 \subset V_{N-1-r_2}, l_2 \subset V_{N-r_1} \end{array}\}$$

$$= \{(l_1, l_2) \in G_{11}(V) \mid l_1 \subset \mathbb{P}V_{N-1-r_2}, l_2 \subset \mathbb{P}V_{N-r_1}\}$$

has the cohomology class

$$t_1^{r_2+1} t_2^{r_1}$$

But now if  $f: G_{11}(V) \rightarrow G_2(V)$  is the projection we know that

$$f_* \text{cl}(\tilde{C}^{r_1, r_2}) = \text{cl}(C^{r_1, r_2})$$

and that  $\exists! \alpha, \beta \in H^*(G_2(V))$  with

$$t_1^{r_2+1} t_2^{r_1} = \text{cl}(\tilde{C}^{r_1, r_2}) = f^*(\alpha) + f^*(\beta) t_1$$

Now work universally where we know that

$$f^*: H^*(BU_2) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(\mathbb{P}V^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$$

Applying the interchange we have

where  $t_1 = c_1(L_1^*)$  is the generator for  $H^*(G_{11}(V))$  over  $H^*(G_2(V))$ .  
 We also know that  $f_*(t_1) = 1$ , whence

$$\beta = f_* \text{cl}(\tilde{C}^{r_1, r_2}) = \text{cl}(C^{r_1, r_2}).$$

But applying the interchange of  ~~$L_1, L_2$~~   $L_1, L_2$  which is a symmetry of  $G_{11}(V)$  over  $G_2(V)$ , one gets the equations

$$t_1^{r_2+1} t_2^{r_1} = f^*(\alpha) + f^*(\beta) t_1$$

$$t_2^{r_2+1} t_1^{r_1} = f^*(\alpha) + f^*(\beta) t_2$$

so solving

$$f^*(\beta) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & t_1^{r_2+1} t_2^{r_1} \\ 1 & t_2^{r_2+1} t_1^{r_1} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ 1 & t_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} t_1^{r_1} & t_2^{r_1} \\ t_1^{r_2+1} & t_2^{r_2+1} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ t_1 & t_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

so we have proved:

Proposition:

~~Lemma~~ In  $H^*(BU_2) \cong H^*(BU_1 \times BU_1)^{\mathbb{Z}/2}$

we have the following formula for the class assoc. to the Schubert cycles

$$\text{cl}(C^{r_1, r_2}) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} t_1^{r_1} & t_2^{r_1} \\ t_1^{r_2+1} & t_2^{r_2+1} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ t_1 & t_2 \end{vmatrix}} = t_1^{r_1} t_2^{r_2} + t_1^{r_1+1} t_2^{r_2-1} + \dots + t_1^{r_2} t_2^{r_1}$$