

# Combinatorics, Representations, Homogeneous spaces and Elliptic cohomology

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# Schubert Calculus: Cohomology of the flag variety

$$[X_w] \in H_T(G/B)$$

Linear algebra Theorem 1

$$G = GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \supseteq B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$W_0 = S_n = \{n \times n \text{ permutation matrices}\}$$

$$G = \bigsqcup_{w \in W_0} BwB$$

$X_w = \overline{BwB}$  are the Schubert Varieties

# Schubert Varieties $X_w$

Special cases are:

- Projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$
- Grassmannians  $Gr_k(n)$
- Classical flag varieties  $Fl(n)$

Most  $X_w$  are singular,

but not too badly singular.

$$Fl(n) = \{0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq V_n \mid \dim_{\mathbb{C}} V_i = i\}$$

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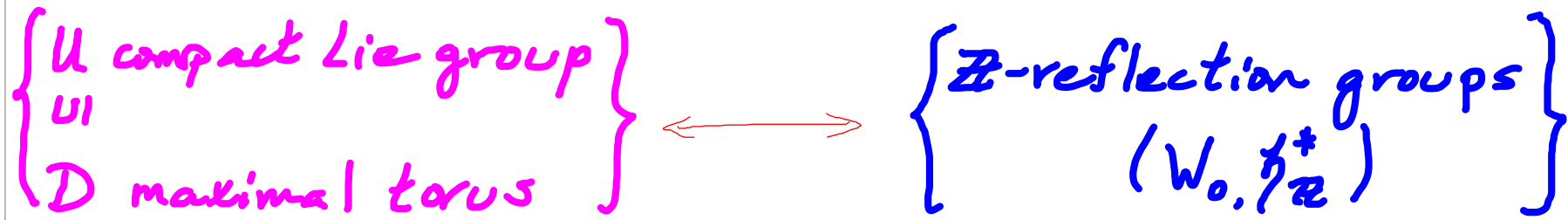
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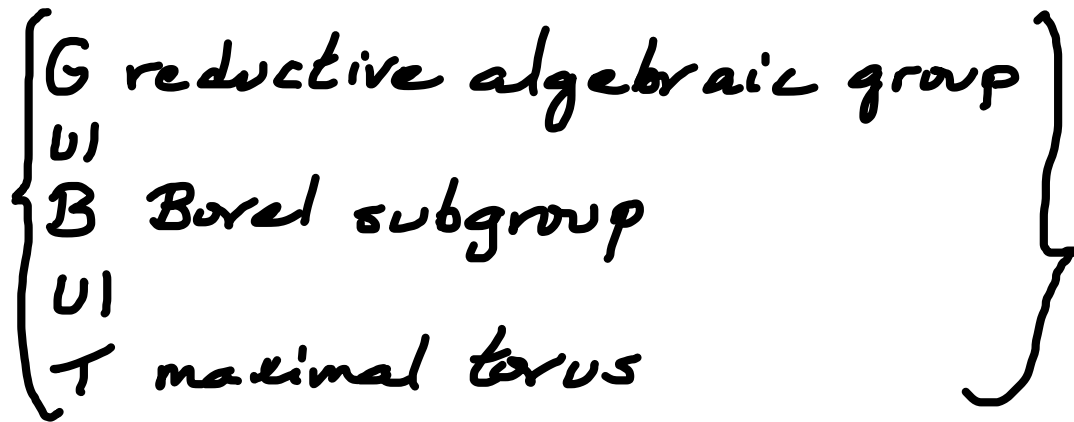
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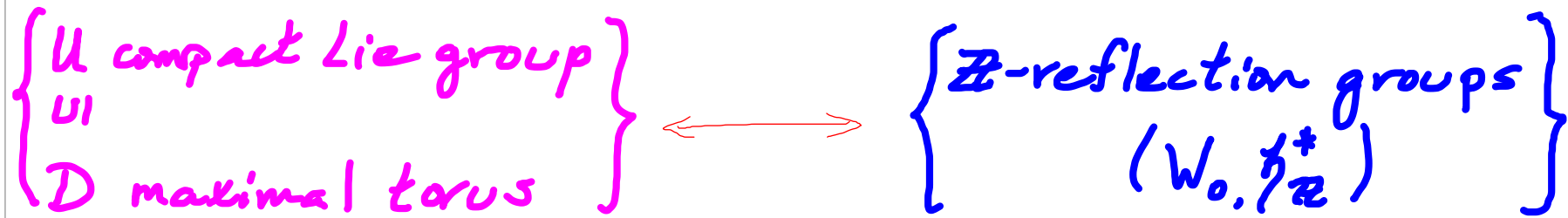
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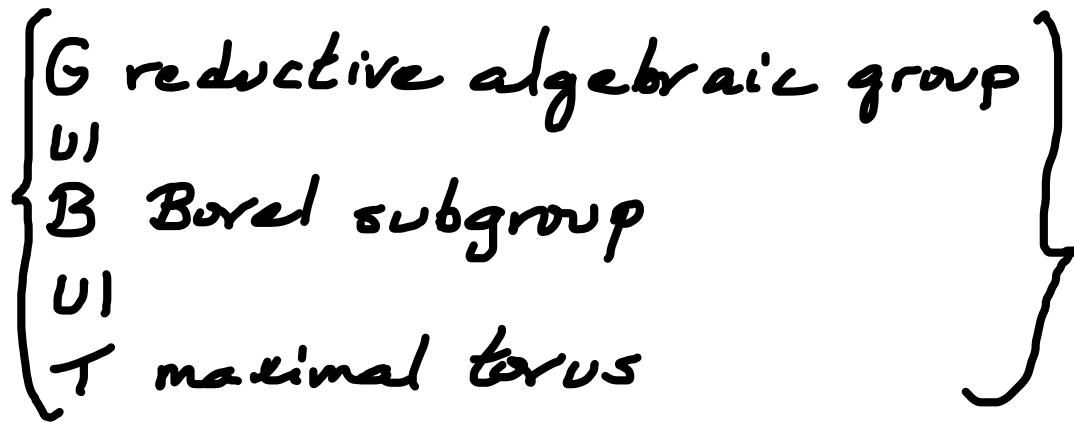
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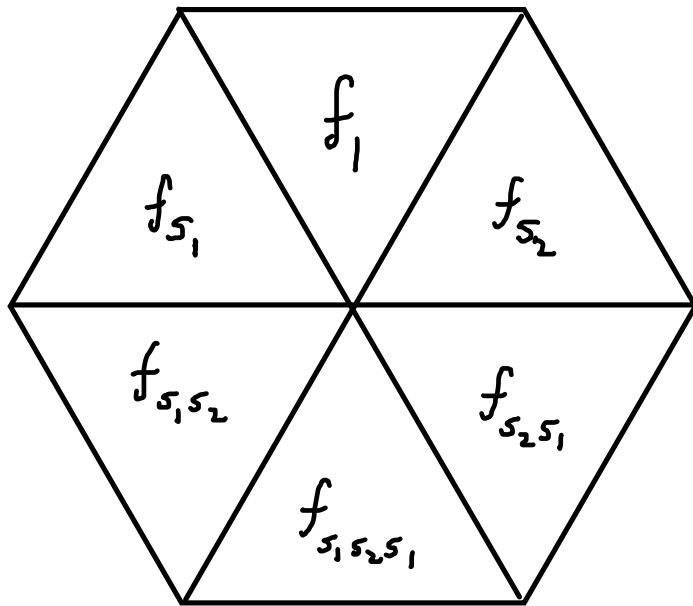
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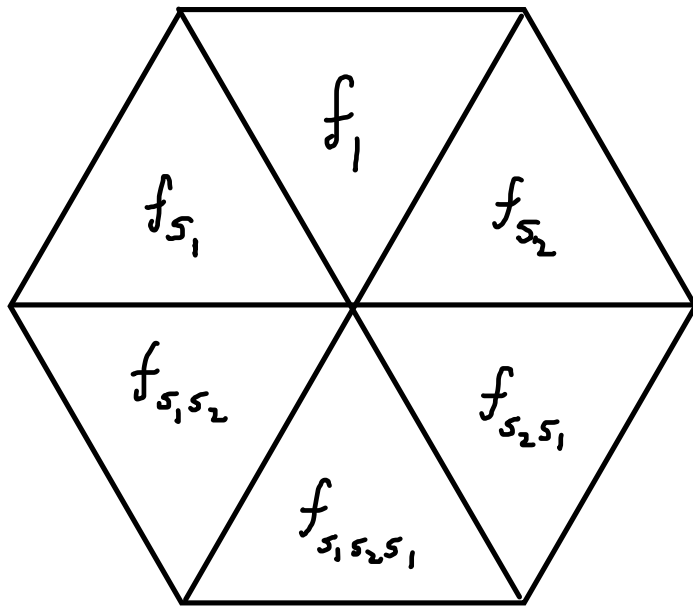


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T-fixed points:  $z_w: pt \longrightarrow G/B$   
 $* \longmapsto wB$

$$z^*: H_T(G/B) \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{w \in W_0} z_w^*} \bigoplus_{w \in W_0} H_T(pt)$$



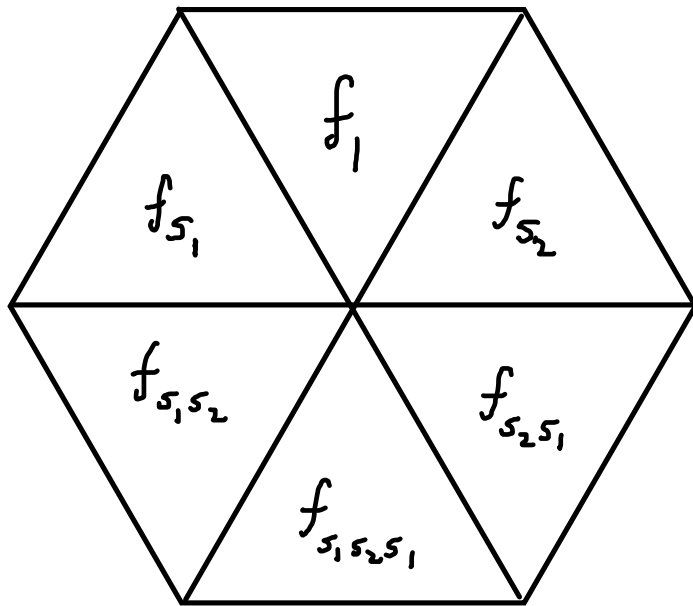
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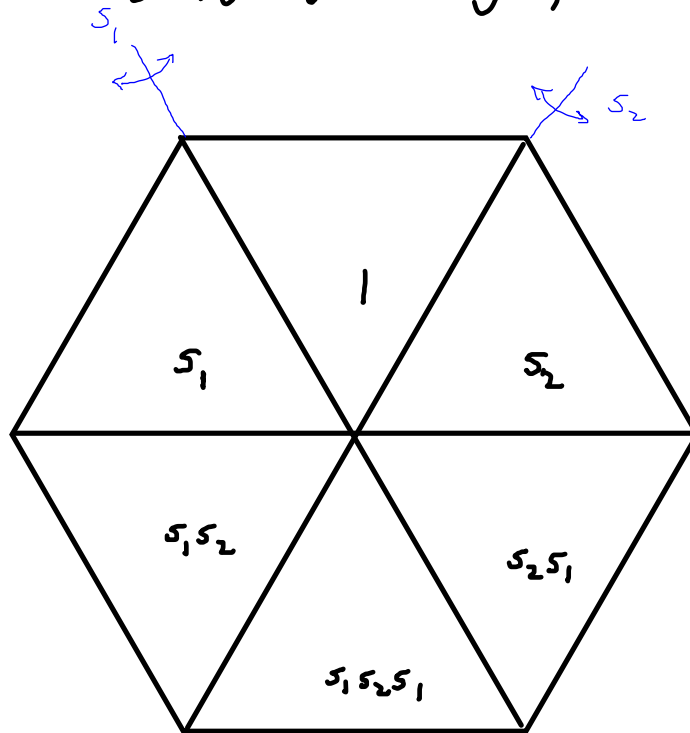
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$$\underline{H_T(G/B) = (S \otimes S) \cdot 1} \quad \text{For } G = GL_3(\mathbb{C})$$

$W_0 = \langle s_1, s_2 \mid s_i^2 = 1, s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_2 s_1 s_2 \rangle$  acts on

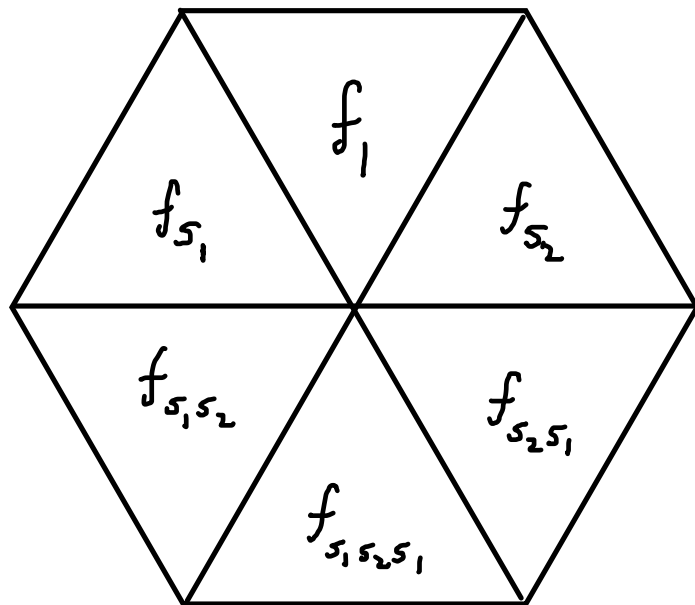
$H_T(pt) = S = \mathbb{C}[y_1, y_2, y_3]$  by permuting  $y_1, y_2, y_3$



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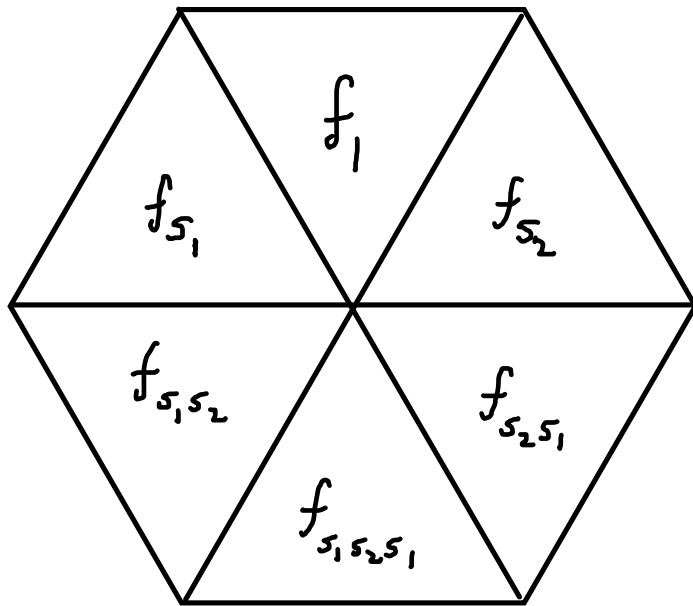
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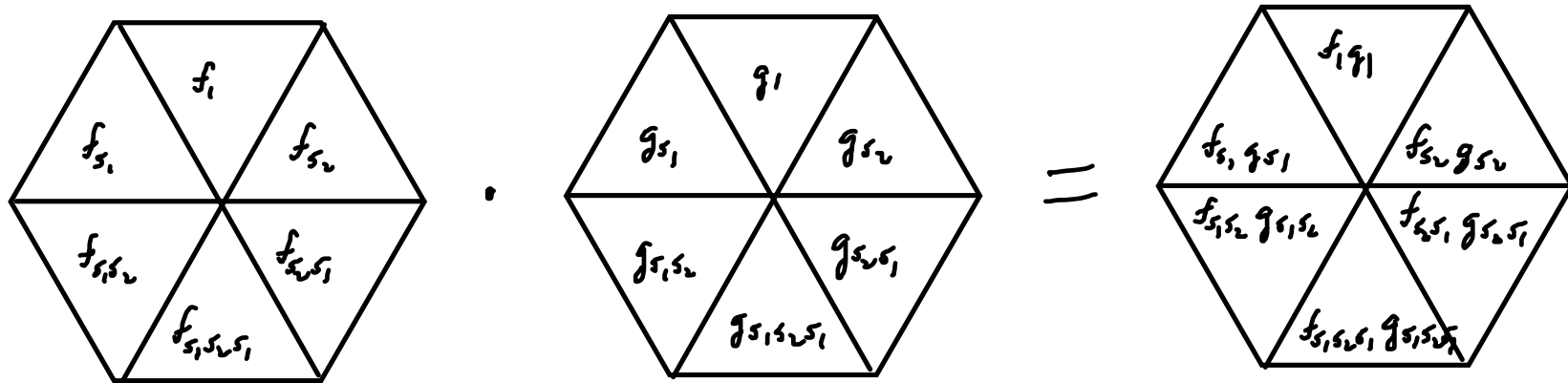
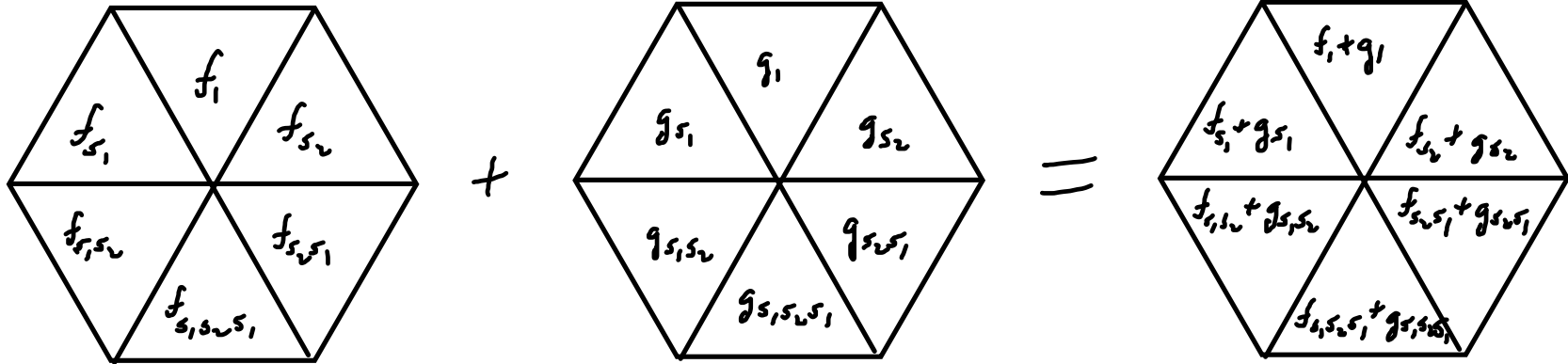
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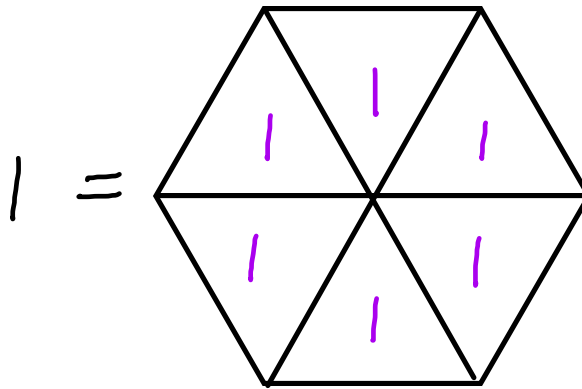
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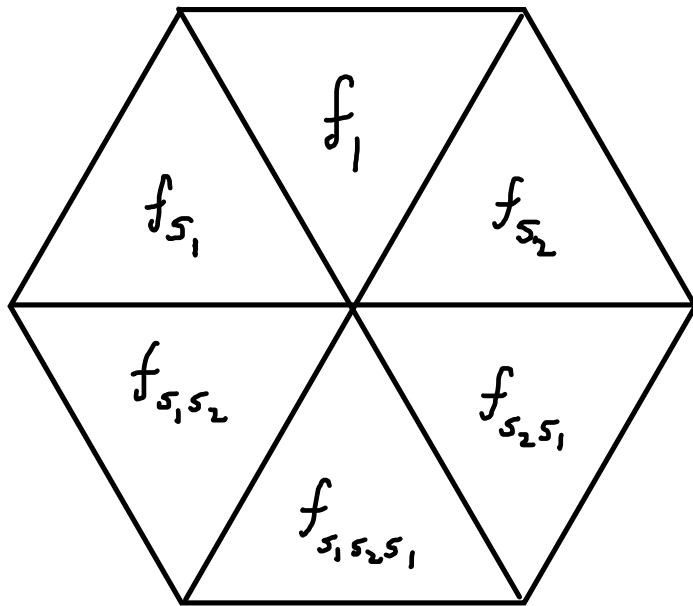
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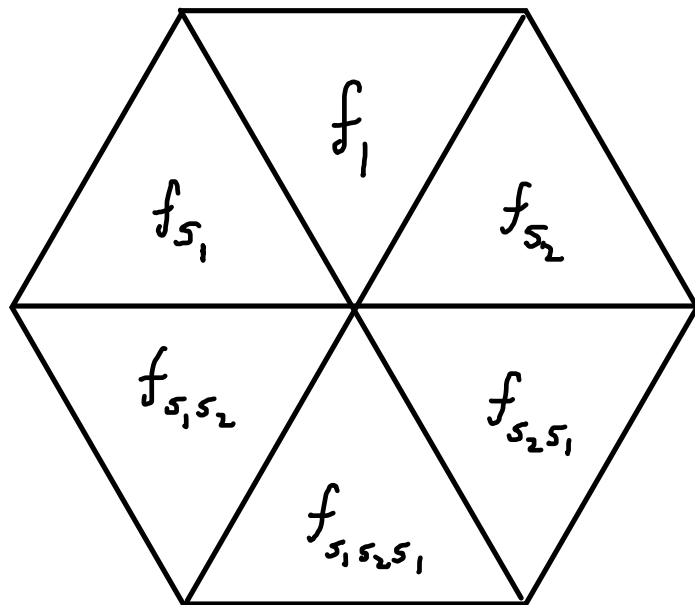


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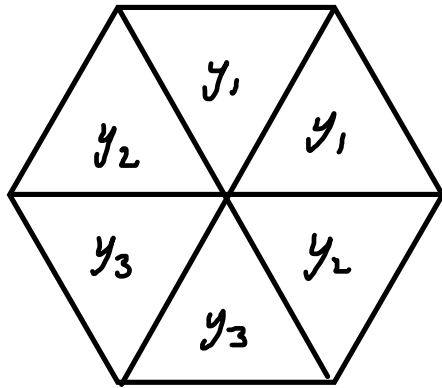
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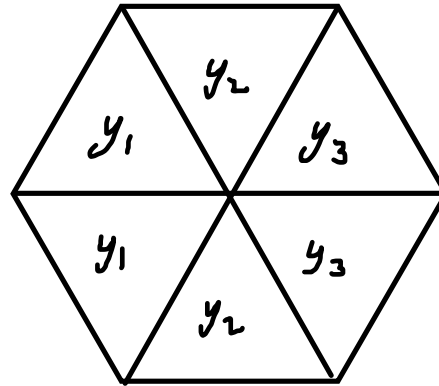
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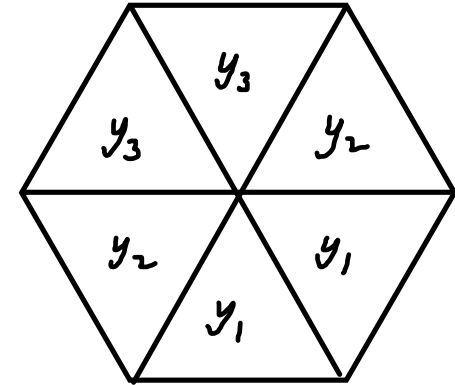
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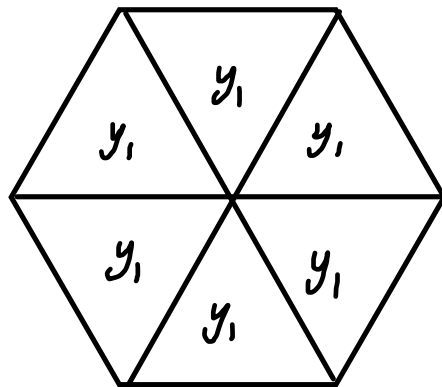
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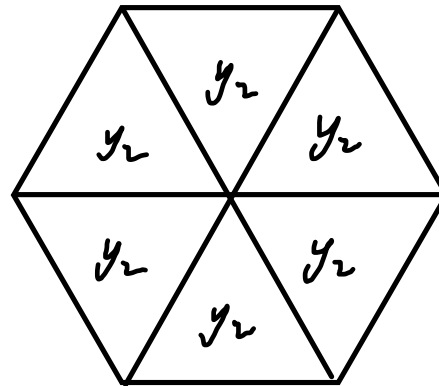
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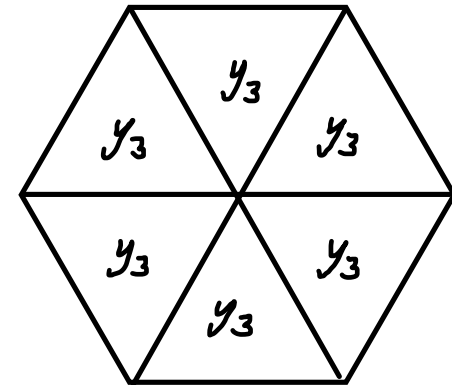
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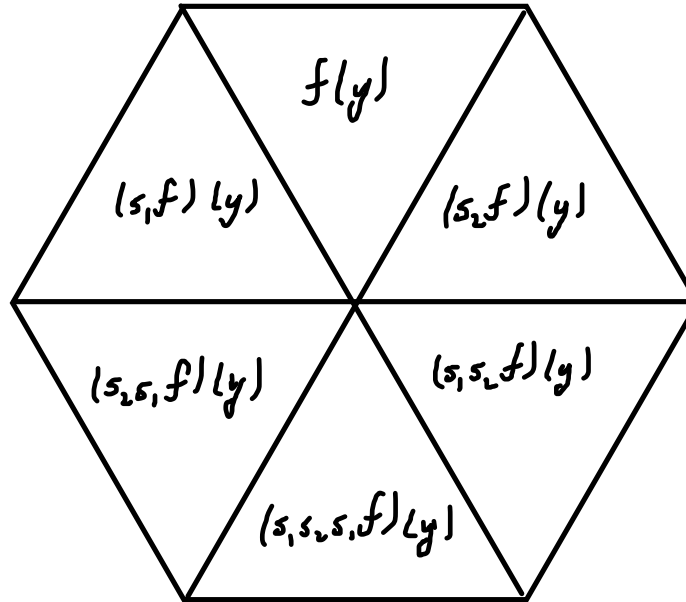
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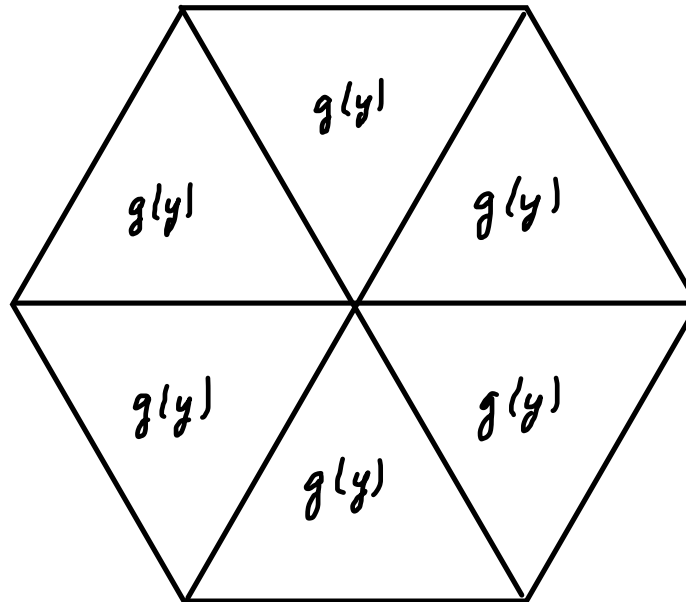
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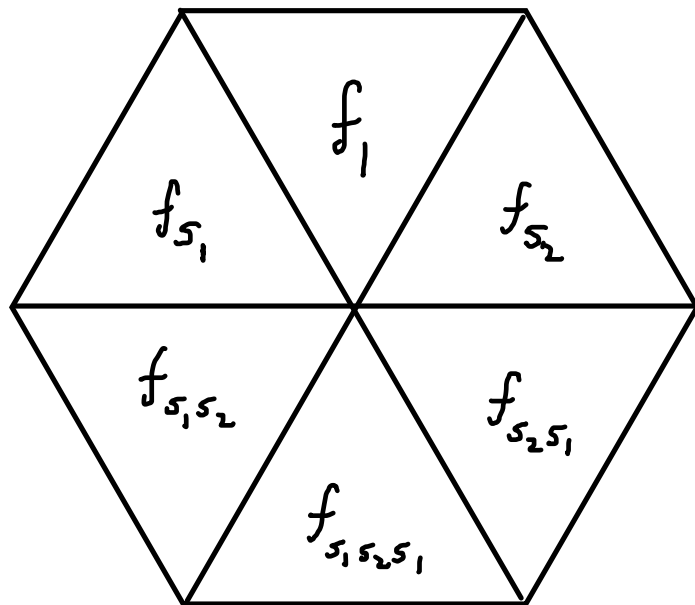
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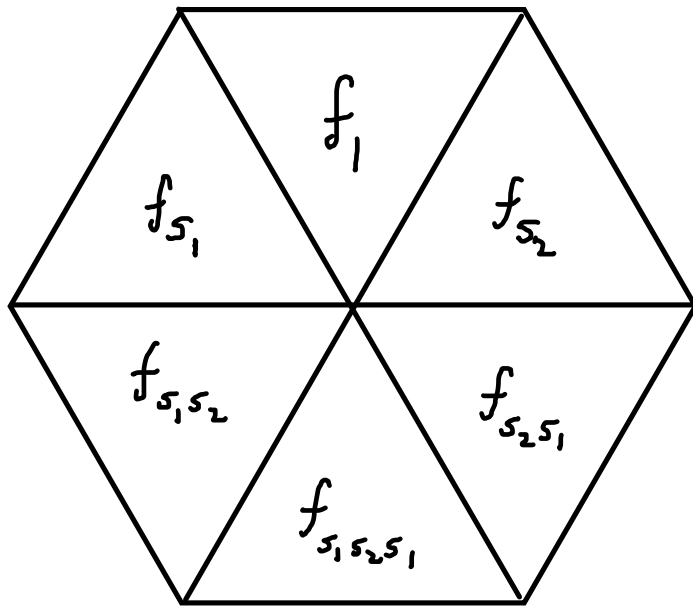
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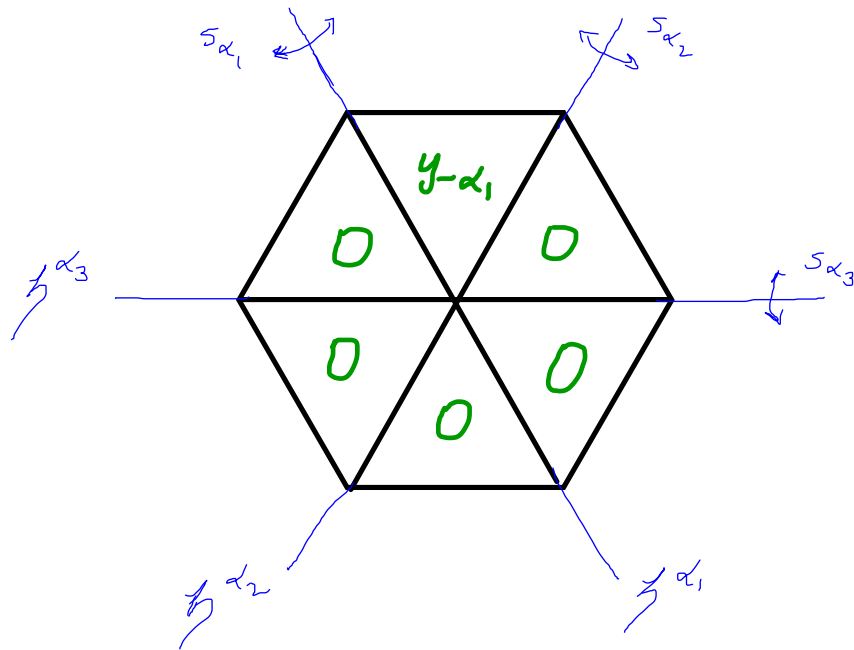
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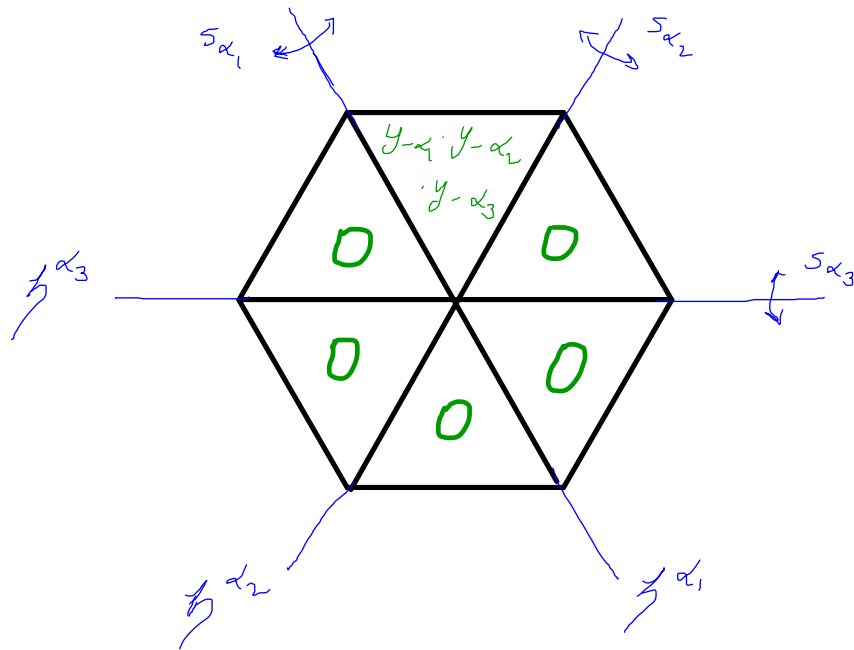
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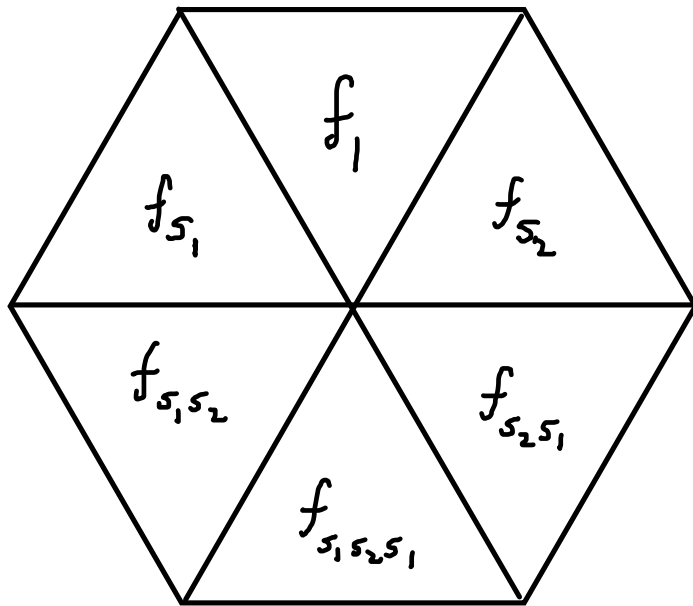
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} BU \text{ } p\text{-compact group} \\ \uparrow \\ BD \text{ maximal } p\text{-compact torus} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\updownarrow$  equivalence

$$\left\{ \mathbb{Z}_p\text{-reflection groups } (W_0, \check{\Sigma}_p^*) \right\}$$

$\sigma$ -reflection groups  $(W_0, \zeta_\sigma^*)$

A reflection is

$s \in GL_n(\bar{F})$  conjugate to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

An  $\sigma$ -reflection group  $(W_0, \zeta_\sigma^*)$  is

- $\zeta_\sigma^*$  is a free  $\sigma$ -module
- $W_0 \subseteq GL(\zeta_\sigma^*)$  a finite group generated by reflections

$S = S(\zeta_\sigma^*)$  is a free  $S^{W_0}$ -module.

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K-theory  $S = K_T(pt)$

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Elliptic cohomology  $S = Ell_T(pt)$

$$Ell_T(pt) = \mathbb{C}[[\gamma_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_2^*]] \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma_{\lambda+\mu} = \gamma_\lambda + \gamma_\mu - a_1 \gamma_\lambda \gamma_\mu - \dots$$

Cobordism  $S = \Omega_T(pt)$

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$$y_2 = y_{\epsilon_2}$$

$$y_3 = y_{\epsilon_3}$$

$$y_\lambda = y_{\lambda_1 \epsilon_1 + \dots + \lambda_n \epsilon_n} = \underbrace{y_{\epsilon_1} + \dots + y_{\epsilon_1}}_{\lambda_1} + \dots + \underbrace{y_{\epsilon_n} + \dots + y_{\epsilon_n}}_{\lambda_n}$$

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where the elliptic curve is

$$y^2 + a_1 xy + a_3 y = x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x + a_6$$

An alternative for Elliptic cohomology  $S = \text{Ell}_\tau(\text{pt})$

$$S = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} H^0(\mathbb{G}_\tau \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$$

abelian variety

ample line bundle

This ring also appears in the representation theory of affine Kac-Moody Lie algebras

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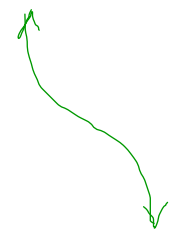
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$$\text{if } \mathbb{G}_{\tau} = \frac{\mathbb{C}}{\mathbb{Z} + \tau \mathbb{Z}}$$



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# Cohomology of the flag variety

$$H_T(G/B)$$

generalize ↗  
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↖ generalize  
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done

• K-theory  $K_T$

done

• Elliptic cohomology  $Ell_T$

done

• Cobordism  $\Omega_T$

done

• reductive algebraic groups

done

• compact Lie groups

done

•  $p$ -compact groups

Solution:

Change  $S$

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$$H_T(G/B) = (S \otimes S) \cdot 1 \quad \text{in } \bigoplus_{w \in W_0} H_T(\text{pt})$$

GKM theorem For  $\mathbb{Z}$ -reflection groups  $(W_0, \zeta_{\mathbb{Z}}^+)$ .

$$(S \otimes S) \cdot 1 = \left\{ (f_w) \in \bigoplus_{w \in W_0} S \mid f_w - f_{ws_\alpha} \in y_\alpha S \text{ for } w \in W_0, s_\alpha \text{ reflection} \right\}$$

(fixed hyperplane of  $s_\alpha$  is  $\zeta^{s_\alpha} = \text{span}\{\alpha\}$ .)

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$w \in W_0$ ,  $s$  a reflection,  $r_s = \text{order of } s$

fixed hyperplane  $\zeta^s = \text{span}\{\alpha\}$

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \zeta = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r_s}}$$

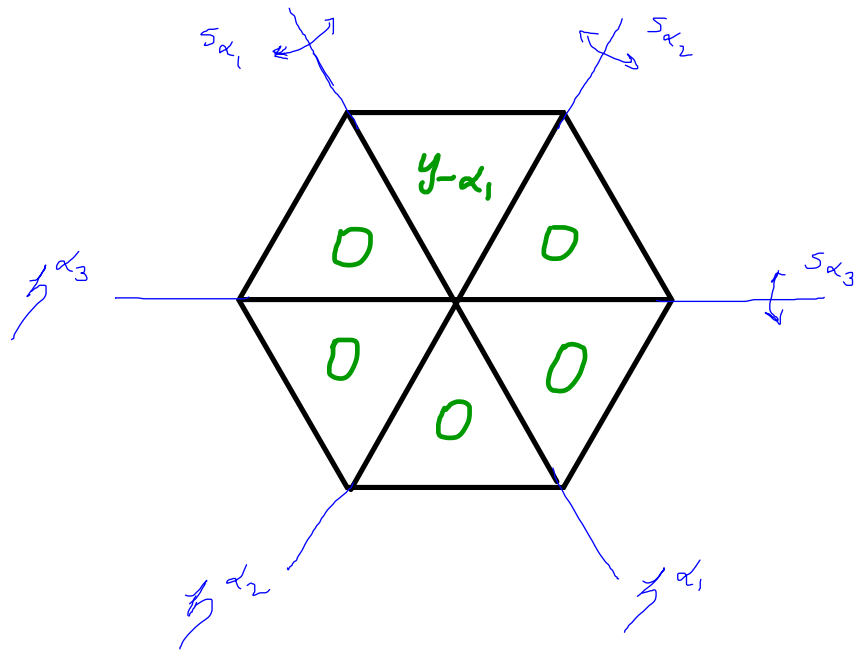
( $y_\alpha$  is  $\alpha$  in  $S = S(\zeta^*)$ )

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that is **not** an element of

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in  $\bigoplus_{w \in W_0} H_T(pt)$

## GKM Theorem

For  $\mathbb{Z}$ -reflection groups  $(W_0, \frac{1}{2}\pi)$

$$(S \otimes S) \cdot 1 = \left\{ (f_w)_{w \in W_0} \mid f_w - f_{ws_\alpha} \in y_\alpha S \right\}$$

Borel presentation  $H_T(G/B) = S \circlearrowright_{S W_0} S$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U \text{ compact Lie group} \\ U \\ D \text{ maximal torus} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{Z}\text{-reflection groups} \\ (W_0, \check{\Sigma}^*) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} BU \text{ } p\text{-compact group} \\ \uparrow \\ BD \text{ maximal } p\text{-compact torus} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\updownarrow$  equivalence

$$\left\{ \mathbb{Z}_p\text{-reflection groups } (W_0, \check{\Sigma}_p^*) \right\}$$



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$\sigma$ -reflection groups  $(W_0, \zeta_\sigma^*)$

A reflection is

$s \in GL_n(\bar{F})$  conjugate to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

An  $\sigma$ -reflection group  $(W_0, \zeta_\sigma^*)$  is

- $\zeta_\sigma^*$  is a free  $\sigma$ -module
- $W_0 \subseteq GL(\zeta_\sigma^*)$  a finite group generated by reflections

$S = S(\zeta_\sigma^*)$  is a free  $S^{W_0}$ -module.

Pushing to a point:  $G/B \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{pt}$

$X^\lambda: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  gives  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda = G \times_B \mathbb{C}_\lambda$   
homomorphism line bundle on  $G/B$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Rep}(\mathcal{T}) & \longrightarrow & H_T(G/B) \longrightarrow H_T(\text{pt}) = \mathbb{S} \\ X^\lambda & \longmapsto & [\mathcal{L}_\lambda] \longmapsto \pi_!([\mathcal{L}_\lambda]) \end{array}$$

- For  $H_T$ : We get Weyl's dimension formula  $\dim(L(\lambda))$
- For  $K_T$ : We get Weyl's character formula  $\text{char}(L(\lambda))$
- For  $E\mathbb{Z}_T$ : We get Weyl-Kac character formula for the affine Lie algebra (Ganter arXiv:1206.0528)

$\text{char}_{\mathbb{Z}_T}(L(\lambda + m\delta))$   
simple  $\widehat{LG}$ -module

$\delta$  related to  $\mathbb{Z}$   
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$\delta$  keeps track of central extension  $\widehat{LG}$

Pushing to a point:

$$\pi: G/B \longrightarrow pt$$

$$X^\lambda: T \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$$

homomorphism

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line bundle

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for the loop group  $LG$

Ganter arXiv:1206.0528

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# Schubert Calculus: Cohomology of the flag variety

$$[X_w] \in H_T(G/B)$$

Linear algebra Theorem 1

$$G = GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \supseteq B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$W_0 = S_n = \{n \times n \text{ permutation matrices}\}$$

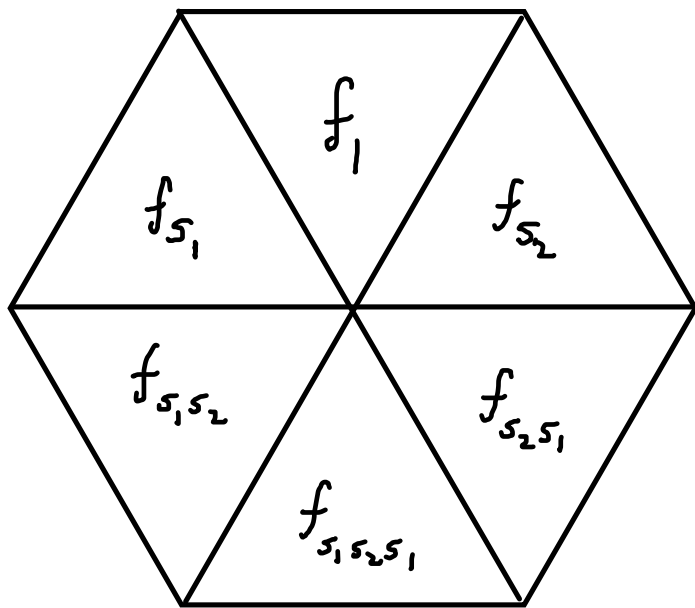
$$G = \bigsqcup_{w \in W_0} BwB$$

$X_w = \overline{BwB}$  are the Schubert Varieties

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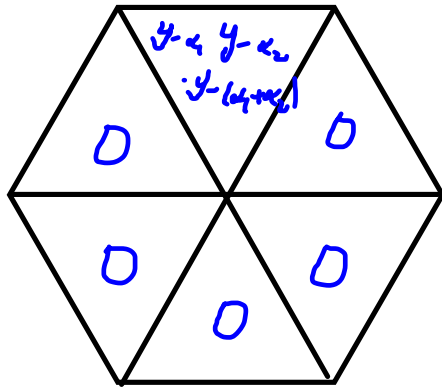
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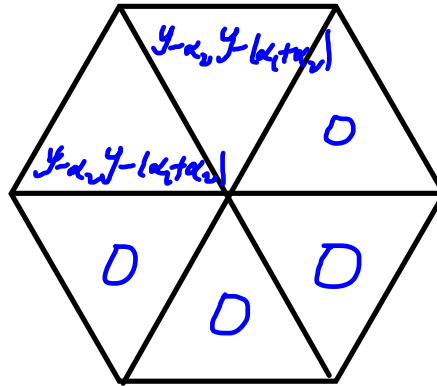


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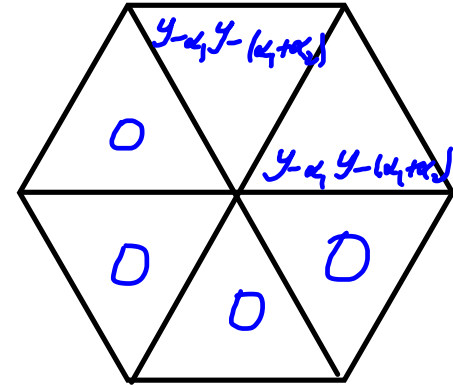




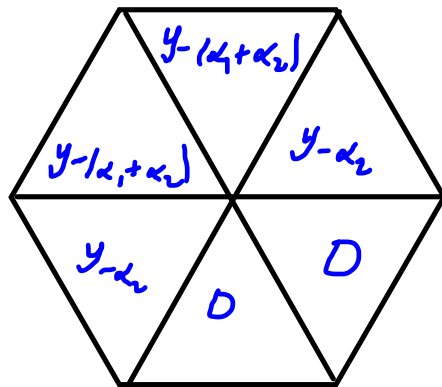
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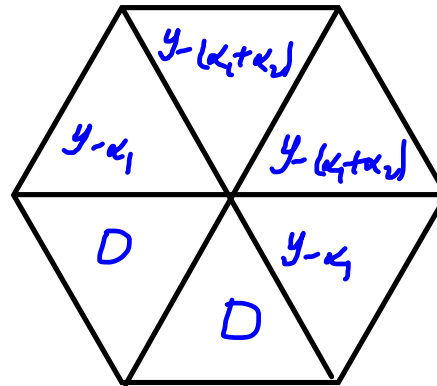
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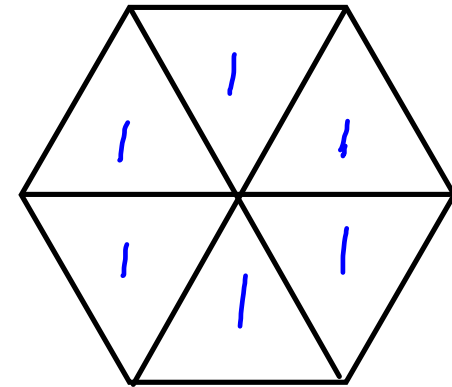
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Schubert Classes

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with  $c_{\lambda w}^v \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$   ~~$[y^{-\alpha_1}, \dots, y^{-\alpha_n}]$~~  where  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} [a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, \dots]$ .

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(a) The  $[X_w]$  satisfy

$$[X_u][X_v] = \sum_{w \in W_0} c_{uv}^w [X_w]$$

with  $c_{uv}^w \in \mathbb{K}_{\geq 0}[y_{-d_1}, \dots, y_{-d_n}]$  where  $\mathbb{K}_{\geq 0} = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, \dots]$ .

(b) If  $w_0$  is the longest element of  $W_0$  and  $s_i$  is a simple reflection then

$$[X_{w_0 s_i}] = X_{w_i} \oplus Y_{w_0 w_i}$$

Note: Already  $X_{w_0 s_i}$  has singularities.

## Cohomology of the flag variety

Borel model:  $H_T(G/B) = S \otimes_{S^{W_0}} S$

GKM model:  $H_T(G/B) = (S \otimes S) \cdot 1$

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• K-theory  $K_T$

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• Elliptic cohomology  $Ell_T$

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• Cobordism  $\Omega_T$

<sup>done</sup>  
• reductive algebraic groups

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• compact Lie groups

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• p-compact groups

Ortiz: GKM criterion for the p-compact setting

Ganter:  $G/B \rightarrow pt$  gives characters of  $G$  and  $LG$  modules

You: Explain what  $[X_w]$  is for cobordism  $\Omega_T(G/B)$



