

# A formula for tangent plane dimension at $T$ -fixed points in flat linear degenerations of the flag variety.

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# Plan of the Talk

- (Flat) Linear Degenerations of Flag Variety
- GKM Structures
- Linear Degenerations as Quiver Representations
- An (Effective) formula for dimension of Tangent Plane
- Smoothness Criteria

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A different point of view:

$$V_i \subset W_i = \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$$

$$\text{id}_i : W_i \rightarrow W_{i+1} \quad \text{id}_i V_i \subset V_{i+1}$$

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Fix a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ . Consider  $I \subset [n+1]$

$$\pi_I(e_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \in I, \\ e_j & \text{for } j \notin I \end{cases}$$

## Example

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## Theorem (Cerulli Irelli - Fang - Feigin - Fourier - Reineke, '17)

- 1  $\mathfrak{Fl}^l(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  is flat if and only if  $|I_j| \leq 2$  and  $|I_j \cup I_{j+1}| \leq 3$
- 2 If  $|I_j| \leq 1$ , the variety  $\mathfrak{Fl}^l(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  is irreducible.

$X$  is a projective complex algebraic variety endowed with the action of a torus  $T$

## Definition (GKM Variety)

A  $T$  variety  $X$  is a GKM variety if:

- 1 The number of  $T$  fixed points and of 1 dimensional  $T$  orbits in  $X$  is finite
- 2  $H^{2i+1}(X) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

## Theorem (M.Lanini, A. Pütz, '20)

For every  $f$  exists a suitable torus  $T$  acting on  $X = \mathfrak{S}^f(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  such that  $X$  has a structure of GKM variety.

# The Moment Graph $G(X, T)$

## Definition

- The vertices of  $G(X, T)$  are indexed by the set of fixed points  $X^T$ ,
- There is an edge from  $x$  to  $y$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are in the same 1 dimensional orbit.

Warning! This is an **unoriented** version of classical moment graph.

## Theorem

*The cohomology of  $X$  can be completely recovered by (the oriented version of)  $G(X, T)$ .*

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## Theorem (Cerulli Irelli - Feigin - Reineke)

Let  $X$  be the Feigin degeneration. There exists an algebraic group  $A$  acting on  $X$  and a torus  $T \subset A$  such that:

- $X = \sqcup X_p$  where  $p$  runs between elements of  $X^T$
- The cell  $X_p$  concides with the orbit  $A \cdot p$

# Quiver Representations

Consider a quiver  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$  (a finite directed graph).

## Definition (Representation $M$ of $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ (over $\mathbb{C}$ ))

- a family of  $\mathbb{C}$  vector spaces  $(M_i)_{i \in Q_0}$ ,
- a sequence of maps  $(\varphi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in Q_1}$  such that  $\varphi_\alpha \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(M_{s(\alpha)}, M_{t(\alpha)})$ .

## Definition (Subrepresentation)

A subrepresentation  $N \subset M$  is defined by a collection of subspaces  $N_i \subset M_i$  compatible with the maps  $\varphi_\alpha$ .

# Linear Degenerations and Quiver Representations

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$$p \in \mathfrak{Fl}^{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad N_p \subset M^{\mathbf{f}}, \dim(N_p)_i = i$$



**Problem:** Determining the dimension of the tangent plane at a fixed point  $p$

## Theorem (Euler Formula)

$$\dim T_p \mathfrak{S}^l(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \sum \dim \operatorname{Ext}_{\operatorname{Rep}(Q)}^1(U_i, U_j)$$

where  $U_i$  runs between indecomposables of  $p$  and  $U_j$  between indecomposables of  $M/p$

Problem 1): classify fixed points

Problem 2): determining the indecomposables of  $p$  and  $M/p$

Problem 3): compute  $\operatorname{Ext}_{\operatorname{Rep}(Q)}^1(p, M/p)$

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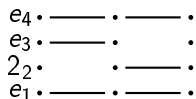
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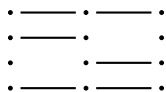
Successor closed subquivers are encoded by sequences of integers.

**Definition (Admissible Sequence for  $\mathfrak{Fl}^l(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$ )**

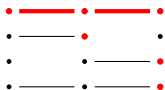
*$S = (S_1, \dots, S_n)$ ,  $S_j \subset [n+1]$  such that  $|S_j| = j$  and  $S_j \subset S_{j+1} \cup l_j$ .*

# Feigin Degeneration Revised

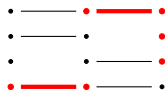
For Feigin Degeneration we have  $l_j = \{j + 1\}$ .



A fixed point  $p_S$  is associated to an admissible family  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_n)$  such that  $S_j \subset S_{j+1} \cup \{j + 1\}$ .



$$S = (\{4\}, \{4, 3\}, \{4, 2, 1\})$$



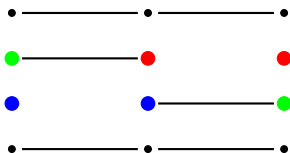
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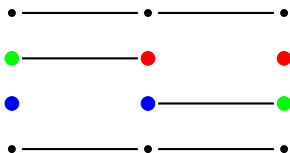


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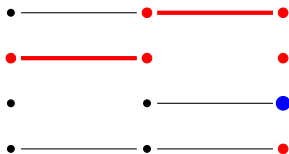
*The point  $p_S$  is smooth if and only if  $S$  has the CIFR Condition.*

$$\text{pos}(t) = \{j \in [n+1] \mid t \in I_j\}$$

## Definition

$\text{Sing}_i(Q_S)$  is the set of pairs  $(j, h+1)$ ,  $h \in \text{pos}(i)$ ,  $j \notin S_{h+1}$ , such that there exists  $k \leq h$ ,  $k \in \text{pos}(j)$  satisfying

- 1  $i \in S_t \forall t$  such that  $k \leq t \leq h$
- 2 the segment spanned by the vertices  $\{v_i^k, \dots, v_i^h\}$  is connected in  $Q_S$ .



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- 1 Determine  $\text{pos}(i)$  for every  $i$
- 2 For each  $h \in \text{pos}(i)$  determine the set  $D(i)$  of  $j \notin S_{h+1}$
- 3 For each  $j \in D(i)$  determine  $D(i)^{\leq h} = \text{pos}(j) \cap \{x \leq h\}$
- 4 Check the two conditions for elements of  $D(i)^{\leq h}$

# A Complicated Example

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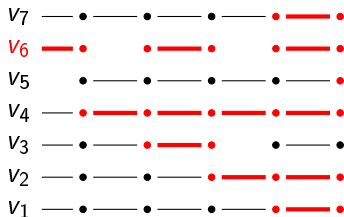


Figure: The quiver  $Q_S$ .

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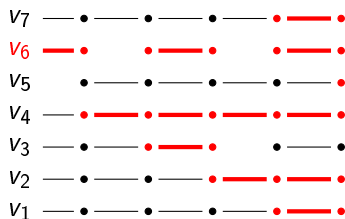


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$$|\text{Sing}(Q_S)| = |\text{Sing}_6(Q_S)| + |\text{Sing}_3(Q_S)| = 2 + 1 \Rightarrow \dim T_{p_S} \mathfrak{U}^I(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}) = 24$$

# Recovering the Moment Graph: Mutations

## Definition (Movable part of $Q_S$ )

A movable part of a linear segment  $L \subset Q_S$  is a connected subquiver  $L' \subset L$  such that  $L'$  has the same starting point of  $L$ .

## Definition (Mutation)

Consider  $Q_S, Q_{S'}$  S.C.S of  $Q(M)$ , we say that there is a mutation from  $Q_{S'}$  to  $Q_S$  if  $Q_S$  is obtained from  $Q_{S'}$  moving *exactly* one movable part.



Figure: A Mutation from the 4-th line to the 3-rd

## Theorem

*Consider  $p_S \in X^T$ . The dimension of tangent plane at  $p_S$  is equal to the valence of  $p_S$  in  $G(X, T)$ .*

$\text{Mut}_S(i, j)$  is the set of mutations from  $i$ -th row of  $p_S$  to its  $j$ -th row.

**Definition (Oriented Mutation (Multi)Graph  $\tilde{G}_S = (V(\tilde{G}_S), E(\tilde{G}_S))$ )**

- 1  $V(\tilde{G}_S)$  is the set  $\{1, \dots, n+1\}$ ,
- 2 there are exactly  $|\text{Mut}_S(i, j)|$  edges oriented from  $i$  to  $j$ .

We denote by  $G_S$  the unoriented undelying graph.



# Mutation Graphs: An Example

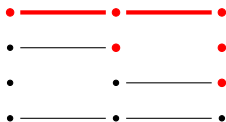


Figure: A Fixed point  $p_S$

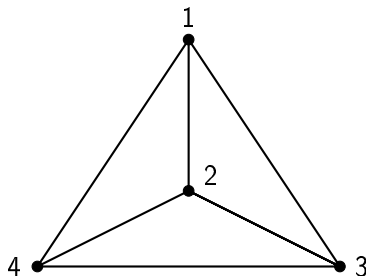
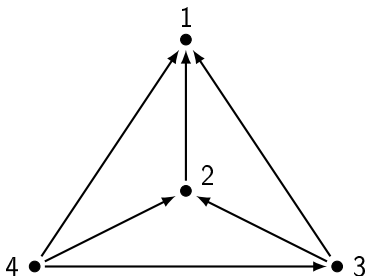


Figure: The oriented and unoriented of mutation graphs of  $p_S$ .

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## Theorem (Smoothness Criteria)

*Let  $\mathfrak{F}^l(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$  be a flat degeneration. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1 The point  $p_S$  is smooth;
- 2 The admissible sequence  $S$  has the Generalized CIFR Condition;
- 3 The Mutation graph  $G_S$  is the complete graph over  $n + 1$  vertices;
- 4 The oriented Mutation graph  $\tilde{G}_S$  is a transitive tournament over  $n + 1$  vertices;



Thank you for the attention!