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Abstract: Since the 1980s, mathematicians have found connections between orbit closures in type A quiver representation varieties and Schubert varieties in type A flag varieties. For example, singularity types appearing in type A quiver orbit closures coincide with those appearing in Schubert varieties in type A flag varieties (Bobinski-Zwara); combinatorics of type A quiver orbit closure containment is governed by Bruhat order on the symmetric group (follows from work of Zelevinsky, Kinser-R); and multiple researchers have produced formulas for classes of type A quiver orbit closures in equivariant cohomology and K-theory in terms of Schubert polynomials, Grothendieck polynomials, and related objects.

After recalling some of this type A story, I will discuss joint work with Ryan Kinser on type D quiver representation varieties. I will describe explicit embeddings which completes a circle of links between orbit closures in type D quiver representation varieties, B-orbit closures (for a Borel subgroup B of GL_n) in certain symmetric varieties GL_n/K , and B-orbit closures in double Grassmannians $Gr(a, n) \times Gr(b, n)$. I will end with some geometric and combinatorial consequences, as well as a brief discussion of joint work in progress with Zachary Hamaker and Ryan Kinser on formulas for classes of type D quiver orbit closures in equivariant cohomology.

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Determinantal varieties

Consider the affine space of matrices

$$\text{Mat}(d_0, d_1) = \{V \mid \mathbb{C}^{d_0} \xrightarrow{V} \mathbb{C}^{d_1}\}.$$

Let $X = (x_{ij})$ be a $d_0 \times d_1$ matrix of variables.

- ▶ There is a natural (right) action of $\text{GL}(d_0) \times \text{GL}(d_1)$ on $\text{Mat}(d_0, d_1)$ by $V \cdot (g_0, g_1) = g_0^{-1} V g_1$.
- ▶ Orbits are determined by matrix rank r .
- ▶ Orbit closures are **determinantal varieties**, defined by the prime ideals

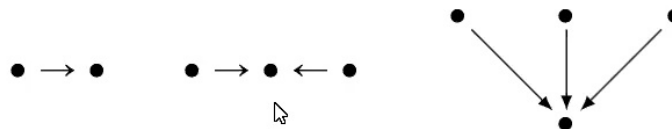
$$I_r = \langle (r+1 \times r+1) \text{ minors of } X \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x_{ij}]$$

- ▶ Orbit closures normal and Cohen-Macaulay, have nice Gröbner bases, orbit closure containment understood, multigraded Hilbert series understood...

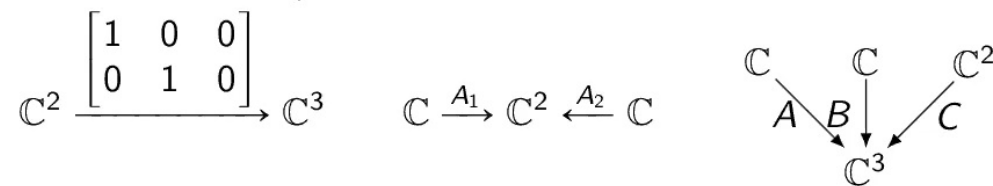


Quiver representations

- ▶ A **quiver** Q is a finite directed graph.



- ▶ A **representation of Q** is an assignment of vector space to each vertex and linear map to each arrow.



- ▶ A **dimension vector** $\mathbf{d} = (d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n)$ for Q assigns vector space $\mathbb{C}^{d_i}$ to vertex of Q with label i .



- ▶ A **representation space** $\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})$ is the space of all representations for Q with fixed dimension vector.
- ▶ **$\mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d}) := GL(d_0) \times GL(d_1) \times \cdots \times GL(d_n)$** acts on $\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})$ by conjugation.
- ▶ A **quiver locus** is a **$\mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d})$** orbit closure.

Example

Let $Q = \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$, and let $\mathbf{d} = (2, 3)$.

- ▶ $\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d}) = 2 \times 3$ matrices.
- ▶ There are three **$\mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d}) = GL(2) \times GL(3)$** orbits (determined by matrix rank):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d}), \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d}), \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d})$$

- ▶ Quiver loci are determinantal varieties.

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Dynkin quiver loci

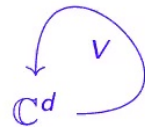
- ▶ For Q connected, $\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})$ has finitely many orbits for all $\mathbf{d}$ if and only if Q has Dynkin type A, D, or E. (Gabriel's Theorem)
- ▶ Orbit closures for Dynkin quivers Q are determined set-theoretically by minors of certain somewhat complicated matrices. (Bongartz)

Example (Equioriented A_4)

$$\mathbb{C}^{d_0} \xrightarrow{V_1} \mathbb{C}^{d_1} \xrightarrow{V_2} \mathbb{C}^{d_2} \xrightarrow{V_3} \mathbb{C}^{d_3}$$

Orbits determined by ranks of: $V_1, V_2, V_3, V_1 V_2, V_2 V_3, V_1 V_2 V_3$

Example (Not Dynkin)



$\text{GL}(\mathbf{d})$ orbits characterized by Jordan canonical forms of $d \times d$ matrices (thus, infinitely many orbits).



A few motivations and connections

Motivations from commutative algebra and algebraic geometry

- ▶ up to radical, Dynkin quiver loci are generalized determinantal varieties, and include some classically studied varieties
- ▶ naturally arise in study of degeneracy loci of vector bundles

Another connection: representation theory of algebras

- ▶ The category $\text{rep}(Q)$ of reps. of Q is equivalent to category of right modules over the path algebra kQ .
- ▶ connections between geometry of quiver loci to rep. theory of Q

Eg. Degeneration order

- ▶ For $V, W \in \text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})$, define $V \leq_{\text{deg}} W$ iff $\overline{\mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d}) \cdot V} \supseteq \overline{\mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d}) \cdot W}$.
- ▶ $V \leq_{\text{deg}} W$ iff $\dim \text{Hom}_Q(V, X) \leq \dim \text{Hom}_Q(W, X)$ for all indecomposable reps. X . (Bongartz)



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Part II: Type A quiver loci and Schubert varieties



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Schubert varieties

Let $G = \mathrm{GL}(n)$ and let $B_+ \leq G$ (resp. $B_- \leq G$) be subgroups of upper triangular (resp. lower triangular) matrices.

- ▶ **Flag variety:** $B_- \backslash G$
This space is naturally identified with the space of complete flags: $0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$, $\dim V_i = i$.
- ▶ **Schubert cell:** B_+ -orbit in $B_- \backslash G$.
- ▶ **Schubert variety:** closure of a Schubert cell.
- ▶ Schubert cells and varieties are indexed by **permutations** in S_n .

Woo-Yong, building on Kazhdan-Lusztig: can study local properties (eg. singularities) via generalized determinantal varieties



Kazhdan-Lusztig varieties

The **Kazhdan-Lusztig variety** $X_{v,w}$ is a generalized determinantal variety associated to two permutations $v, w \in S_n$.

- ▶ v determines a matrix of 0s, 1s, and variables.
- ▶ w determines a collection of minors of the matrix assoc. to v .

Each Kazhdan-Lusztig variety is isomorphic, up to an affine space factor, to an open patch of the Schubert variety X_w .

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & 1 \\ d & e & 1 & 0 \\ f & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad w = 1423 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

matrix from $v = 4321$ $w = 1423$ NW ranks of w

$$X_{v,w} = \mathbb{V} \left(\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & 1 \\ f & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, (2 \times 2) - \text{minors of } \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



Type A quiver loci and Schubert varieties

$$\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d}) = \{(V_1, V_2, V_3) \mid \mathbb{C}^{d_0} \xrightarrow{V_1} \mathbb{C}^{d_1} \xrightarrow{V_2} \mathbb{C}^{d_2} \xrightarrow{V_3} \mathbb{C}^{d_3}\}$$

Orbits determined by ranks of: $V_1, V_2, V_3, V_1 V_2, V_2 V_3, V_1 V_2 V_3$.

The equioriented **Zelevinsky map** is defined to be:

$$\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d}) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & I_{d_0} \\ * & * & I_{d_1} & 0 \\ * & I_{d_2} & 0 & 0 \\ I_{d_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (V_1, V_2, V_3) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & V_1 & I_{d_0} \\ 0 & V_2 & I_{d_1} & 0 \\ V_3 & I_{d_2} & 0 & 0 \\ I_{d_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Equioriented type A quiver loci are isom. to open subvarieties of Schubert varieties ([Musili-Seshadri](#), [Zelevinsky](#), [Lakshmibai-Magyar](#))
- ▶ **Consequences for these quiver loci:** prime defining ideals, singularity results, F-splitting, orbit closure containment via Bruhat order
- ▶ **In general:** combinatorial and algebro-geometric aspects of arbitrary type A quiver loci are governed by corresponding aspects of Schubert varieties ([Bobiński-Zwara](#), [Kinser-R](#))



Multigraded Hilbert series

Set-up:

- ▶ Let $S = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be positively $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -graded.
- ▶ Let M be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -graded module over S .

Definition

The **multigraded Hilbert series** of M is

$$H(M; \mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(M_{\mathbf{a}}) \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{\mathcal{K}(M; \mathbf{t})}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{a}_i})}, \quad \deg(x_i) = \mathbf{a}_i$$

- ▶ **K-polynomial** of M : the numerator $\mathcal{K}(M; \mathbf{t})$
- ▶ **multidegree** of M : sum of lowest deg. terms of $\mathcal{K}(M; \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{t})$.



Multigraded Hilbert series for determinantal varieties

$$\mathrm{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C}) = \{M \mid \mathbb{C}^m \xrightarrow{M} \mathbb{C}^n\}.$$

- ▶ Have a (right) action of $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^m \times (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ on $\mathrm{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$:

$$M \cdot (g_0, g_1) = g_0^{-1} M g_1.$$

- ▶ It induces a $\mathbb{Z}^{m+n}$ -grading on coord_{ring} $\mathbb{C}[\mathrm{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})]$.
- ▶ The K -polynomial of the determinantal variety $X_r \subseteq \mathrm{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is a **double Grothendieck polynomial**.
- ▶ The multidegree is a **double Schubert polynomial**.

This has been generalized, in multiple ways, to general type A quiver loci.

- ▶ **Eg:** the K -poly. of a type A quiver locus is a ratio of specialized double Grothendieck polynomials ([Knutson-Miller-Shimozono](#), [Kinser-Knutson-R](#))



Another generalization: type A quiver component formulas

In 2005, [Buch and Rimányi](#) proved a positive multidegree formula for type A quiver loci and conjectured an alternating K -polynomial formula.

Theorem (Kinser-Knutson-R)

The Buch-Rimányi conjecture is true.

Proof sketch: We reduce to the bipartite case where the goal is to show:

$$\mathcal{K}(\Omega; \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}) = \sum_{\mathbf{w} \in KW(\Omega)} (-1)^{|\mathbf{w}| - \text{codim}(\Omega)} \mathfrak{G}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{t}; \mathbf{s}).$$

We give a geometric proof of this combining:

- ▶ degenerations of bipartite quiver loci;
- ▶ a bipartite version of the Zelevinsky map ([Kinser-R](#));
- ▶ properties of Kazhdan-Lusztig ideals;
- ▶ combinatorial arguments.

Remark: proofs in *equioriented* type A came earlier
([Knutson-Miller-Shimozono](#), [Buch](#), [Miller](#), [Yong](#))



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General:

- ▶ We are interested in quiver loci of Dynkin quivers a.k.a. closures of $\mathbf{GL}(\mathbf{d})$ -orbits of representations of Dynkin quivers.
- ▶ Our main motivation is to find explicit formulas for *quiver polynomials*.

Type A:

- ▶ Geometry and combinatorics of type A quiver loci is closely tied to that of Schubert varieties in type A flag varieties.
- ▶ Formulas for quiver polynomials are expressible in terms of well-known polynomials from Schubert calculus.
- ▶ Helpful idea: reduce all orientations of type A quivers to the bipartite (source-sink) orientation.

After the break: type D



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Part III: Type D quiver representation varieties, double Grassmannians, and symmetric varieties



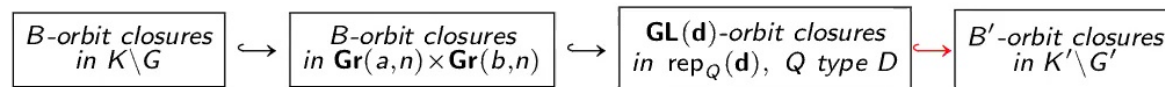
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Type D quiver loci

Let $G = GL(a + b)$ and $K = GL(a) \times GL(b)$ embedded as two blocks along the diagonal. Then $K \backslash G$ is a variety. It can be embedded in the double Grassmannian $Gr(a, n) \times Gr(b, n)$ as an open subvariety.

Theorem (Kinser-R)

There is a series of links



each of which allows for transfer of various algebro-geometric and combinatorial properties from target to source.

$\implies$ results on sings. (recovering work of [Bobiński-Zwara](#)), type D poset as a subposet of [clans](#) poset (latter poset structure described by [Wyser](#))

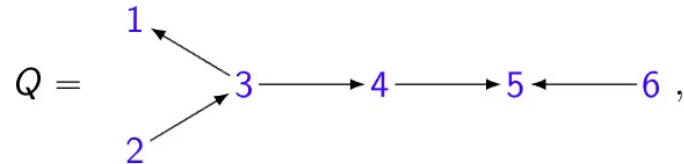
Remark: unlike in type A , don't get prime defining ideals



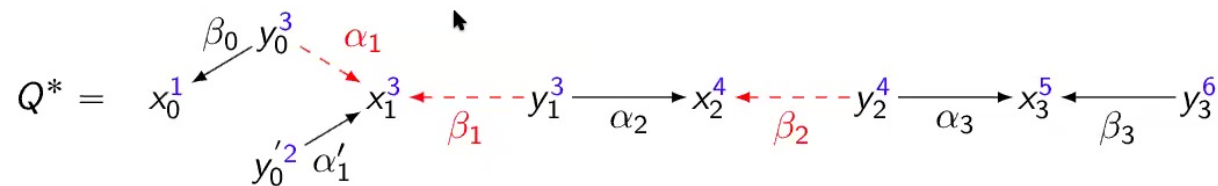
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Main idea

To a type D quiver



with fixed dimension vector $\mathbf{d}$, associate a (non-type D) bipartite quiver of the form



and an associated dimension vector $\mathbf{d}^*$ where $\mathbf{d}^*(v^m) = \mathbf{d}(m)$.

- ▶ Define the open subvariety $X_Q \subseteq \text{rep}_{Q^*}(\mathbf{d}^*)$ where red arrows are invertible.
- ▶ Realize each quiver locus in $\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})$, up to smooth factor, as an orbit closure in X_Q .



Embed X_Q into a slice $S(\mathbf{d}^*)$ of $K \backslash G$:

$$S(\mathbf{d}^*) : \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{array} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccccccc} x_2 & x_1 & x_0 & x_0^s & x_1^s & x_2^s & y_2 & y_1 & y_0 + y_0' & y_1^s & y_2^s \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & * & * & * & \cdot & \cdot & [J \cdot] & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & * & * & * & J & J & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & * & * & * & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & J & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & J & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ J & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{array} \right]$$

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Identify each orbit closure in X_Q with an open subvariety of $\overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap S(\mathbf{d}^*)$, for some P -orbit closure $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ in $K \backslash G$. Then show that the latter is isomorphic, up to smooth factor, to an open subvariety of $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$.

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$S(\mathbf{d}^*) :$

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Example continued

$$Q = \begin{array}{c} y_0 \\ \searrow \\ x_1 \\ \nearrow \\ y'_0 \end{array} \longleftarrow y_1, \quad \mathbf{d}(y_0) = \mathbf{d}(y'_0) = 0, \mathbf{d}(x_1) = \mathbf{d}(y_1) = 1$$

$T = \mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times$ acts on $\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})$ by conjugation, which induces a grading on $\mathbb{C}[a] := \mathbb{C}[\text{rep}_Q(\mathbf{d})]$, with $\deg(a) = t - s$.

We can compute this as a ratio of specialized [Wyser-Yong polynomials](#), $\Upsilon_\gamma(C; D)$:

$$\Upsilon_{1-+1}(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4; d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4) = c_1 - d_1 + c_2 - d_2,$$

$$\Upsilon_{1122}(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4; d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4) = (c_1 + c_2 - d_3 - d_4)(c_1 - d_1 + c_2 - d_2)$$

The quiver polynomial of the closed orbit is:

$$\frac{\Upsilon_{1122}(-s, -s, -t, -t; -t, -s, -t, -s)}{\Upsilon_{1-+1}(-s, -s, -t, -t; -t, -s, -t, -s)}$$

Generalizing this is [work in progress with Z. Hamaker and R. Kinser](#).



Thanks for listening!

