

Geometric Representation Theory Week 2 Lecture 1

Last week: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{irreducible} \\ \text{fin. - dim.} \\ \text{reps of } \mathfrak{GL}_n \end{array} \right\} / \text{iso} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dominant} \\ \text{integral} \\ \text{weights } \lambda \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n \\ \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \end{array}$

$V_\lambda \longleftrightarrow \lambda$

This week: Lusztig's construction of a canonical basis for V_λ using a geometric construction of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$.

Today: algebraic approach to V_λ via universal enveloping algebras.
Ref: Humphreys, 'Introduction to Lie Algebras & Representation Theory'

Recall: V_λ contains a unique (up to scalar) highest-weight vector v_λ of weight λ .

This means:

(A) \mathfrak{GL}_n version: $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} v_\lambda = \alpha_1^{\lambda_1} \dots \alpha_n^{\lambda_n} v_\lambda$
 $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}^\times$



$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} v_\lambda = v_\lambda$

(B) \mathfrak{gl}_n version (i.e. using the Lie algebra repn $\mathfrak{gl}_n \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V_\lambda)$):

$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_n \end{pmatrix} v_\lambda = (\lambda_1 a_1 + \dots + \lambda_n a_n) v_\lambda$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix} v_\lambda = 0$

Prop V_λ is spanned by the elements

$f_{i_1} f_{i_2} \dots f_{i_r} v_\lambda, \quad r \geq 0, \quad i_1, \dots, i_r \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

where $f_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ i & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. (Pf: show using bracket relations that the span of these elements is a sub-representation)

NB: $f_{i_1} f_{i_2} \dots f_{i_r} v_\lambda$ means $f_{i_1}(f_{i_2}(\dots(f_{i_r} v_\lambda) \dots))$,
nothing to do with the product of the $n \times n$ matrices $f_{i_1}, f_{i_2}, \dots, f_{i_r}$.

Recall: f_i decreases weights by $\alpha_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, \overset{-1}{\underset{i+1}{0}}, \dots, 0)$.

So $f_{i_1} f_{i_2} \dots f_{i_r} v_\lambda$ is a weight vector of weight

$$\lambda - \alpha_{i_1} - \alpha_{i_2} - \dots - \alpha_{i_r},$$

and so $V_\lambda = \bigoplus_{\substack{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^n \\ \lambda - \mu \in \mathbb{N}\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}\}}} V_\lambda(\mu)$ (weight space decomposition)

where $V_\lambda(\mu)$ is spanned by $\{f_{i_1} \dots f_{i_r} v_\lambda \mid \alpha_{i_1} + \dots + \alpha_{i_r} = \lambda - \mu\}$.

Example $n=2$, so only $f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, call it f .

v_λ has weight (λ_1, λ_2)

$$f \bullet v_\lambda \quad \dots \quad (\lambda_1 - 1, \lambda_2 + 1)$$

$$f \bullet^2 v_\lambda \quad \dots \quad (\lambda_1 - 2, \lambda_2 + 2)$$

\vdots

$$f \bullet^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} v_\lambda \quad \dots \quad (\lambda_2, \lambda_1)$$

(Exercise: $f \bullet^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 1} v_\lambda = 0$.)

So in this case all the weight spaces are one-dimensional.

Corollary For general n ,

$$(†) \quad \boxed{f_i^{\lambda_i - \lambda_{i+1} + 1} v_\lambda = 0} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$$

What other linear dependence relations are there on the spanning set of V_λ ?

The lower-triangular Lie algebra $\mathfrak{n}^- = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & 0 \\ * & i & 0 \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is generated by f_1, \dots, f_{n-1} :

$$\left(\text{for } i < j, e_{ji} = \pm \left[\dots \left[[f_i, f_{i+1}], f_{i+2} \right], \dots, f_{j-1} \right] \right)$$

subject to the following Serre relations (and only these and their consequences):

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} [f_i, f_j] &= 0 & \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 & \quad (i \neq j \text{ not adjacent}) \\ [f_i, [f_i, f_j]] &= 0 & \text{if } |i-j| = 1 & \quad (i, j \text{ adjacent}) \end{aligned}$$

Just as: representations of a finite group G = modules over the group algebra $\mathbb{C}G$,

representations of a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} = modules over the universal enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})$

$U(\mathfrak{g})$ is the associative unital algebra with the same presentation as \mathfrak{g} , where $[\cdot, \cdot]$ is interpreted as commutator.

e.g. $U(\mathfrak{n}^-)$ is generated by f_1, \dots, f_{n-1} subject to $(*)$, i.e.
 $(*) \quad f_i f_j = f_j f_i \quad \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2$
 $(*)' \quad f_i^2 f_j + f_j f_i^2 = 2 f_i f_j f_i \quad \text{if } |i-j| = 1$

NB: this is not the same as the associative algebra of lower-triangular matrices (e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 = 0$ n matrices, $f_1^2 \neq 0$ in $U(\mathfrak{n}^-)$).

Example $n=2$: $U(\mathfrak{n}^-) = \mathbb{C}[f]$ (ring of polys in one variable)

$n=3$: $U(\mathfrak{n}^-) = \mathbb{C}\langle f_1, f_2 \mid [f_1, [f_1, f_2]] = 0 = [f_2, [f_1, f_2]] \rangle$
i.e. $[f_1, f_2]$ is central.

Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt theorem: if a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} has basis $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d\}$, then $U(\mathfrak{g})$ has basis

$$\{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_d^{a_d} \mid a_1, \dots, a_d \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

NB: if you reorder $\{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$, you get a different basis of $U(\mathfrak{g})$ in general.

Example $n=3$: since $\{f_1, f_2, [f_1, f_2]\}$ is a basis of \mathfrak{n}^- ,

$\{[f_1, f_2]^a f_2^b f_1^c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a basis of $U(\mathfrak{n}^-)$.

But so is $\{[f_1, f_2]^a f_1^b f_2^c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}\}$, and this is a different basis.

(Exercise:) $f_1^{(a)} f_2^{(b)} = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq \min\{a, b\}} [f_1, f_2]^{(k)} f_2^{(b-k)} f_1^{(a-k)}$

where $X^{(a)} := \frac{X^a}{a!}$

Algebraic construction of V_λ :

We have an isomorphism of $U(\mathfrak{n}^-)$ -modules

$$V_\lambda \cong U(\mathfrak{n}^-) / U(\mathfrak{n}^-) \{ f_i^{\lambda_i - \lambda_{i+1} + 1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \}$$

(left ideal generated by)

$$\alpha v_\lambda \longleftarrow \alpha \quad (\text{well-defined by } (\dagger)).$$

That is, the linear dependence relations on the spanning set $\{f_i, \dots, f_i v_\lambda\}$ of V_λ are all implied by (\dagger) and $(*)$.

Example $n=3, \lambda=(1,1,0)$:

$$V_{(1,1,0)} \cong U(\mathfrak{n}^-) / \mathcal{J}_1 + \mathcal{J}_2$$

where $\mathcal{J}_1 = U(\mathfrak{n}^-) f_1 = \text{span} \{ [f_1, f_2]^a f_2^b f_1^c \mid c \geq 1 \},$
 $\mathcal{J}_2 = U(\mathfrak{n}^-) f_2^2 = \text{span} \{ [f_1, f_2]^{a'} f_1^{b'} f_2^{c'} \mid c' \geq 2 \}.$

Since neither basis is adapted to both \mathcal{J}_1 and \mathcal{J}_2 , it takes some thought to verify that

(Exercise: ~~Verify~~) $V_{(1,1,0)}$ has basis $\{ v_{(1,1,0)}, f_2 v_{(1,1,0)}, f_1 f_2 v_{(1,1,0)} \}.$

General defn: if V is a vector space, say that a basis B of V is adapted to the subspace $U \subseteq V$ if $U = \text{span} \{ b \mid b \in B' \}$ for some subset B' of B . Then V/U has basis $\{ b+U \mid b \in B \setminus B' \}$

Lusztig defined a canonical basis B of $U(\mathfrak{n}^-)$ which is adapted to all left ideals of the form $U(\mathfrak{n}^-) \{ f_i^{m_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \}$ for all $(m_1, \dots, m_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}$. So B simultaneously induces bases in all the V_λ 's.

Example $n=2$: canonical basis of $U(\mathfrak{n}^-) = \mathbb{C}[f]$ is $\{ f^{(a)} \mid a \in \mathbb{N} \}.$

$$n=3: B = \left\{ f_1^{(a)} f_2^{(b)} f_1^{(c)} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}, b \geq a+c \right\} \cup \left\{ f_2^{(a')} f_1^{(b')} f_2^{(c')} \mid a', b', c' \in \mathbb{N}, b' \geq 2a'c' \right\}$$

the sole intersection being that
 $f_1^{(a)} f_2^{(a+c)} f_1^{(c)} = f_2^{(c)} f_1^{(a+c)} f_2^{(c)} \quad \forall a, c \in \mathbb{N}.$

Geometric Representation Theory Week 2 Lecture 2

Yesterday: fin. dim. irred reps of GL_n arise as quotients of $U(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$.

Today: $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$ and Lusztig's geometric construction of it.

Ref: Lusztig, 'Canonical bases arising from quantized enveloping algebras', JAMS 1990.

Schiffmann, 'Lectures on canonical and crystal bases', arXiv: 0910.4460

The quantized universal enveloping algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$ is the associative unital algebra with generators f_1, \dots, f_{n-1} and relations

$$(*)_q \quad \begin{aligned} f_i f_j &= f_j f_i && \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 \\ f_i^2 f_j + f_j f_i^2 &= [2]_q f_i f_j f_i && \text{if } |i-j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

where $[2]_q = q + q^{-1}$. (In general, $[m]_q = \underbrace{q^{m-1} + q^{m-3} + \dots + q^{1-m}}_{m \text{ terms}}$. "quantum integers")

Here q is a formal variable, i.e. $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$ is an algebra over $\mathbb{C}(q)$.

To recover $U(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$, we want to set $q \mapsto 1$ so that $[2]_q$ becomes 2.

This doesn't make sense over $\mathbb{C}(q)$ ($\frac{1}{q-1} \mapsto ??$)

but we can let $U_q^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$ be the $\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$ -subalgebra of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$ generated by all $f_i^{(a)} := \frac{f_i^a}{[a]_q [a-1]_q \dots [1]_q}$, and then:

$$U(\mathfrak{sl}^-) \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]} U_q^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$$

q acting as identity on \mathbb{C}

Since the relations $(*)_q$ are homogeneous in each f_i independently, $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$ is \mathbb{N}^{n-1} -graded:

$$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-) = \bigoplus_{\underline{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}} U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)_{\underline{d}}$$

where $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)_{\underline{d}} = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{f_{i_1} f_{i_2} \dots f_{i_d}}_{\text{call this } f_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)}} \mid (i_1, \dots, i_d) \in I_{\underline{d}} \right\}$

and $I_{\underline{d}} = \left\{ \text{sequences } (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d) \text{ in which each } i \text{ appears } d_i \text{ times!} \right\}$

if $\underline{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})$, $d = d_1 + \dots + d_{n-1}$.

Example $n=3$, $\underline{d} = (2, 2)$ so $d = 4$.

$$I_{\underline{d}} = \{(1, 1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 1, 2), (1, 2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1, 2), (2, 1, 2, 1), (2, 2, 1, 1)\}$$

Spanning set of $U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{(2,2)}$:

$$f_1^2 f_2^2, f_1 f_2 f_1 f_2, f_1 f_2^2 f_1, f_2 f_1^2 f_2, f_2 f_1 f_2 f_1, f_2^2 f_1^2$$

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 $f_{(1,1,2,2)}$ etc.

Exercise: show using the relation $(*)_q$ that

$$f_1 f_2^2 f_1 = f_2 f_1^2 f_2, \text{ and } U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{(2,2)} \text{ has basis } \{f_1^2 f_2^2, f_1 f_2^2 f_1, f_2^2 f_1^2\}.$$

Prop $\dim U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{\underline{d}} = \dim U(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{\underline{d}}$ for all $\underline{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}$.

We can calculate the right-hand side using the PBW theorem:

$$\mathfrak{n}^- \text{ has basis } \{ \underbrace{[\dots [f_i, f_{i+1}], \dots, f_j]}_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n-1} \}$$

this has degree $(0, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ - call such an $(n-1)$ -tuple a "segment".

So $\dim U(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{\underline{d}} = \#$ of ways to write \underline{d} as a sum of segments.

Example $n=3$. The segments are $(1, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 1)$, so the ways to write (d_1, d_2) as a sum of segments are:

$$r (1, 1) + (d_1 - r) (1, 0) + (d_2 - r) (0, 1)$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq r \leq \min\{d_1, d_2\}$$

$$\text{So } \dim U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{(d_1, d_2)} = \dim U(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{(d_1, d_2)} = \min\{d_1, d_2\} + 1.$$

Another problem with the same answer: classifying representations of the quiver $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0$ of dimension $\underline{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})$.

(Of course, the relevance of this quiver is really that it is an orientation of the Dynkin diagram of \underline{sl}_n .)

Fix $\underline{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}$. Let $V^{(1)}, V^{(2)}, \dots, V^{(n-1)}$ be fixed vector spaces of dimensions d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n-1} .

Let $E_{\underline{d}} = \text{Hom}(V^{(1)}, V^{(2)}) \oplus \text{Hom}(V^{(2)}, V^{(3)}) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{Hom}(V^{(n-2)}, V^{(n-1)})$.

So an element $x \in E_{\underline{d}}$ consists of linear maps

$$V^{(1)} \xrightarrow{x^{(1)}} V^{(2)} \xrightarrow{x^{(2)}} V^{(3)} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{x^{(n-2)}} V^{(n-1)},$$

i.e. it is a representation of the above quiver.

A group naturally acting on $E_{\underline{d}}$ is

$$G_{\underline{d}} = \text{GL}(V^{(1)}) \times \text{GL}(V^{(2)}) \times \dots \times \text{GL}(V^{(n-1)});$$

for $g = (g^{(1)}, g^{(2)}, \dots, g^{(n-1)}) \in G_{\underline{d}}$, $x = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n-2)}) \in E_{\underline{d}}$,

$$g \cdot x = (g^{(2)} x^{(1)} (g^{(1)})^{-1}, g^{(3)} x^{(2)} (g^{(2)})^{-1}, \dots, g^{(n-1)} x^{(n-2)} (g^{(n-2)})^{-1}).$$

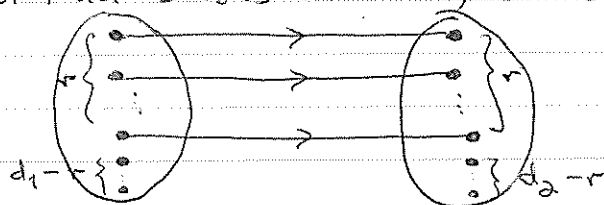
Two points $x, x' \in E_{\underline{d}}$ belong to the same $G_{\underline{d}}$ -orbit iff they are equivalent as representations of the quiver (i.e. they are the same up to change of basis of the vector spaces).

Example $n=3$: $E_{\underline{d}} = \text{Hom}(V^{(1)}, V^{(2)}) \cong \text{Mat}_{d_2 \times d_1}(\mathbb{C})$
 $G_{\underline{d}} = \text{GL}(V^{(1)}) \times \text{GL}(V^{(2)}) \cong \text{GL}_{d_1}(\mathbb{C}) \times \text{GL}_{d_2}(\mathbb{C})$

$$g \cdot x = g^{(2)} x (g^{(1)})^{-1}$$

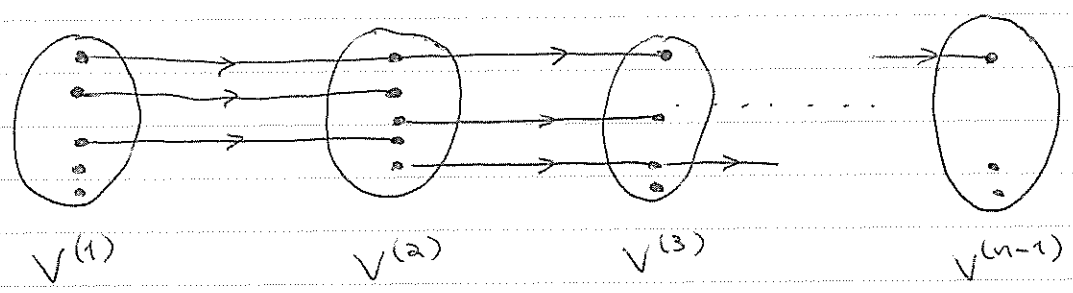
Linear algebra: after left & right multiplying by invertible matrices, any $x \in \text{Mat}_{d_2 \times d_1}(\mathbb{C})$ can be put in the form $\begin{pmatrix} \overset{r}{\underbrace{1 \dots 1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where $r = \text{rank}(x) \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{d_1, d_2\}\}$.

Equivalently, we can find bases of $V^{(1)}, V^{(2)}$ such that x has the form



So $\#\{G_{\underline{d}}\text{-orbits in } E_{\underline{d}}\} = \sum_{r=0}^{\min\{d_1, d_2\}} \binom{d_1}{r} \binom{d_2}{r} = \sum_{r=0}^{\min\{d_1, d_2\}} \binom{d_1+d_2}{r} = 2^{\min\{d_1, d_2\}}$

Exercise For general n and d , the G_d -orbits in E_d are in bijection with the ways to write d as a sum of segments, where a sum of segments determines a G_d -orbit via a picture like:



Corollary $\dim U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)_d = \# \{ G_d\text{-orbits in } E_d \}$
 $= \dim \mathcal{X}_d,$

where \mathcal{X}_d is the vector space of G_d -invariant functions $E_d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(q)$. Let $\mathcal{X} = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}} \mathcal{X}_d$.

Plan: define an algebra structure on \mathcal{X} and an isomorphism of $(\mathbb{N}^{n-1}$ -graded) algebras $\Psi: U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{X}$.

\mathcal{X}_d has a basis $\{ 1_\sigma \mid \sigma \text{ a } G_d\text{-orbit in } E_d \}$ where 1_σ is the indicator function of the orbit σ , so to define the multiplication map $\mathcal{X}_d \times \mathcal{X}_{d'} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{d+d'}$ it suffices to define $1_\sigma 1_{\sigma'}$ for σ a G_d -orbit in E_d and σ' a $G_{d'}$ -orbit in $E_{d'}$.

First approximation: for $x \in E_{d+d'}$,

$(1_\sigma 1_{\sigma'})(x) = \#$ of subrepresentations of the representation x which are of type σ and such that the corresponding quotient representation is of type σ' .

Here a subrepresentation of $V^{(1)} \xrightarrow{x^{(1)}} V^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{x^{(n-2)}} V^{(n-1)}$ is a collection of subspaces $W^{(1)} \subseteq W^{(2)} \subseteq \dots \subseteq W^{(n-1)}$ such that $x^{(i)}(W^{(i)}) \subseteq W^{(i+1)}$; this is itself a representation of the quiver, $W^{(1)} \xrightarrow{x^{(1)}|_{W^{(1)}}} W^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow W^{(n-1)}$ and gives rise to a quotient representation $V^{(1)}/W^{(1)} \rightarrow V^{(2)}/W^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots$.

But "# of subrepresentations" would usually be infinite, so this is not right.

Geometric Representation Theory Week 2 Lecture 3

Recall: $\mathcal{X}_{\underline{d}} = \{ G_{\underline{d}}\text{-invariant functions } E_{\underline{d}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \}$

$\mathcal{X} = \bigoplus_{\underline{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}} \mathcal{X}_{\underline{d}}$, we want to make this a graded algebra, isomorphic to $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}^-)$, so we are trying to define $1_{\mathcal{O}} 1_{\mathcal{O}'} \in \mathcal{X}_{\underline{d}+\underline{d}'}$ for \mathcal{O} a $G_{\underline{d}}$ -orbit in $E_{\underline{d}}$, \mathcal{O}' a $G_{\underline{d}'}$ -orbit in $E_{\underline{d}'}$.

Temporary change of notation: let q^2 be the cardinality of a finite field F (rather than q being a formal variable).

Define $G_{\underline{d}}(F)$, $E_{\underline{d}}(F)$ in the same way as $G_{\underline{d}}$, $E_{\underline{d}}$, using F -vector spaces. The classification of $G_{\underline{d}}(F)$ -orbits in $E_{\underline{d}}(F)$ is identical to that over \mathbb{C} .

For \mathcal{O} a $G_{\underline{d}}(F)$ -orbit in $E_{\underline{d}}(F)$, \mathcal{O}' a $G_{\underline{d}'}(F)$ -orbit in $E_{\underline{d}'}(F)$, and $x \in E_{\underline{d}+\underline{d}'}(F)$, i.e.

$$F_{\substack{d_1+d'_1 \\ d_1 d'_1}} \xrightarrow{x^{(1)}} F_{\substack{d_2+d'_2 \\ d_2 d'_2}} \xrightarrow{x^{(2)}} \dots \rightarrow F_{\substack{d_{n-1}+d'_{n-1} \\ d_{n-1} d'_{n-1}}} \xrightarrow{x^{(n-1)}} F_{\substack{d_n+d'_n \\ d_n d'_n}}$$

define $g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'}(x) = \#$ of subrepresentations of x of type \mathcal{O} with quotient of type \mathcal{O}' , now makes sense, since we're over a finite field.

Recall a subrepresentation is a collection of subspaces $W^{(i)} \subseteq V^{(i)}$, such that $x^{(i)}(W^{(i)}) \subseteq W^{(i+1)}$; then

and so is $W^{(1)} \xrightarrow{x^{(1)}|_{W^{(1)}}} W^{(2)} \xrightarrow{x^{(2)}|_{W^{(2)}}} \dots$ is itself a rep
 $V^{(1)}/W^{(1)} \xrightarrow{x^{(1)}|_{V^{(1)}/W^{(1)}}} V^{(2)}/W^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots$

Say the subrep is of type \mathcal{O} if $g_{\mathcal{O}}$ after identifying $W^{(i)}$ with the fixed d_i -dim vector space in the defn of $E_{\underline{d}}(F)$,

$$W^{(1)} \rightarrow W^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots$$

belongs to the orbit \mathcal{O} . Similarly for the quotient.

Example $n=3$, $\underline{d} = \underline{d}' = (1, 1)$. There are only

2 orbits in $E_{(1,1)}(F)$, zero and nonzero.

The point $x \in E_{(2,2)}(F)$ is a map $V_{\mathbb{F}^2}^{(1)} \rightarrow V_{\mathbb{F}^2}^{(2)}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e.g.) } g_{\text{zero, nonzero}}(x) &= \# \left\{ \left(W^{(1)} \text{ 1-dim} \subseteq V^{(1)}, W^{(2)} \text{ 1-dim} \subseteq V^{(2)} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. W^{(1)} \subseteq \ker(x), W^{(2)} \not\subseteq \text{im}(x) \right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=0 \\ q^2 & \text{if } \text{rank}(x)=1, \text{ because } |\mathbb{P}^1(F)| = q^2+1. \\ 0 & \text{if } \text{rank}(x)=2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'}(x)$ only depends on the $G_{\underline{d}+\underline{d}'}(F)$ -orbit of x .

Theorem (Ringel) Fixing " $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'$ and the orbit of x " but letting F vary, $g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'}(x)$ is a polynomial function of q^2 with integer coefficients.

So we have a well-defined element $g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'}(x) \in \mathbb{C}(q)$ in our actual setting where q is a formal variable and $G_{\underline{d}}, E_{\underline{d}}$ etc are defined over \mathbb{C} .

One more piece of notation: define a \mathbb{Z} -bilinear form $(\cdot, \cdot): \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by $(\underline{d}, \underline{d}') = d_1 d'_1 + \dots + d_{n-1} d'_{n-1} + d_2 d'_1 + \dots + d_{n-1} d'_{n-2}$.

Finally we can define our multiplication map $X_{\underline{d}} \times X_{\underline{d}'} \rightarrow X_{\underline{d}+\underline{d}'}$ by

$$(1_{\mathcal{O}} 1_{\mathcal{O}'}) \underset{E_{\underline{d}+\underline{d}'}}{\Big|} (x) = q^{-(\underline{d}, \underline{d}')} g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'}(x),$$

extended bilinearly over $\mathbb{C}(q)$.

Prop This makes $X = \bigoplus_{\underline{d} \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}} X_{\underline{d}}$ an associative algebra.

Proof (sketch): It's enough to show $(1_{\mathcal{O}} 1_{\mathcal{O}'}) 1_{\mathcal{O}''} = 1_{\mathcal{O}} (1_{\mathcal{O}'} 1_{\mathcal{O}''})$ for \mathcal{O} a $G_{\underline{d}}$ -orbit in $E_{\underline{d}}$, similarly for \mathcal{O}' and \underline{d}' , \mathcal{O}'' and \underline{d}'' .

Unravelling the definitions, for $x \in E_{\underline{d}+\underline{d}'+\underline{d}''}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (1_{\mathcal{O}} 1_{\mathcal{O}'}) 1_{\mathcal{O}''} (x) &= 1_{\mathcal{O}} (1_{\mathcal{O}'} 1_{\mathcal{O}''}) (x) \\ &= q^{-(\underline{d}, \underline{d}') - (\underline{d}, \underline{d}'') - (\underline{d}', \underline{d}'')} g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}', \mathcal{O}''}(x), \end{aligned}$$

where $g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}', \mathcal{O}''}(x)$ has the following interpretation over F :

$$g_{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}', \mathcal{O}''}(x) = \# \text{ of filtrations } \begin{array}{ccccccc} V^{(1)} & \rightarrow & V^{(2)} & \rightarrow & \dots & & \underline{d} + \underline{d}' + \underline{d}'' \\ \cup & & \cup & & & & \\ W^{(1)} & \rightarrow & W^{(2)} & \rightarrow & \dots & & \underline{d} + \underline{d}' \\ \cup & & \cup & & & & \\ X^{(1)} & \rightarrow & X^{(2)} & \rightarrow & \dots & & \underline{d} \end{array}$$

where X is of type \mathcal{O} ,
 W/X is of type \mathcal{O}' ,
 V/W is of type \mathcal{O}'' .

□

Theorem (Ringsel re-interpreted by Lusztig)

There is an isomorphism of \mathbb{N}^{n-1} -graded associative $\mathbb{C}(q)$ -algebras

$$\mathbb{F}: U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{X}$$

uniquely determined by $\mathbb{F}(f_i) = 1_{\sigma_i}$ where $\sigma_i = E_{(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)} = \{0\}$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

Proof (sketch):

Step 1: existence of an \mathbb{N}^{n-1} -graded algebra homomorphism $\mathbb{F}: U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ such that $\mathbb{F}(f_i) = 1_{\sigma_i}$. (Uniqueness of \mathbb{F} is obvious since f_1, \dots, f_{n-1} generate $U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)$.)

For this we just have to check the relations

$$1_{\sigma_i} 1_{\sigma_j} = 1_{\sigma_j} 1_{\sigma_i} \quad \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2$$
$$1_{\sigma_i} 1_{\sigma_{i+1}} 1_{\sigma_j} + 1_{\sigma_j} 1_{\sigma_i} 1_{\sigma_{i+1}} = [2]_q 1_{\sigma_i} 1_{\sigma_j} 1_{\sigma_{i+1}} \quad \text{if } |i-j|=1,$$

using the defn of multiplication in \mathcal{X} .

Example (really enough to prove the general case of $j=i+1$)
 $n=3$, functions in $\mathcal{X}_{(2,1)}$: $x \in E_{(2,1)} = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{C}^3)$

$$1_{\sigma_1} 1_{\sigma_1} 1_{\sigma_2}(x) = \begin{cases} q^{-1}(q^2+1) & \text{if } x=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$1_{\sigma_2} 1_{\sigma_1} 1_{\sigma_1}(x) = q^{-3}(q^2+1) \quad \text{for any } x$$

$$1_{\sigma_1} 1_{\sigma_2} 1_{\sigma_1}(x) = \begin{cases} q^{-3}(q^2+1) & \text{if } x=0 \\ q^{-2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 2: to prove \mathbb{F} is an isomorphism, it suffices to prove that \mathbb{F} is surjective, since we already know that $\dim U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_{\underline{d}} = \dim \mathcal{X}_{\underline{d}}$ for all \underline{d} .

Step 3: to prove that \mathbb{F} is surjective, it suffices to show that for any $\mathbb{C}[\underline{d}]$ -orbit \mathcal{O} in $E_{\underline{d}}$ there is some $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d) \in I_{\underline{d}}$ such that $\mathbb{F}(f_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)})$ is supported on the closure $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ and not zero on \mathcal{O} . If \mathcal{O} corresponds to a collection of segments with sum \underline{d} , order them lexicographically and read each segment backwards. \square

What is $\mathbb{F}(f_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)}) = 1_{\alpha_{i_1}} \oplus 1_{\alpha_{i_2}} \oplus \dots \oplus 1_{\alpha_{i_d}}$ as a function on E_d ?
↑ some sequence in I_d

Let $\mathcal{F}_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)}$ be the variety of complete flags

$$0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \dots \subset V_d = \mathbb{C} \oplus V^{(1)} \oplus V^{(2)} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{(n-1)}$$

where $V_s = V_{s-1} \oplus$ (some 1-dim. subspace of $V^{(i_s)}$), $\forall s \in \{1, \dots, d\}$.

Let $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)}$ be the vector bundle over $\mathcal{F}_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)}$

consisting of pairs $(x, (V_s)) \in E_d \times \mathcal{F}_{(i_1, \dots, i_d)}$ such that
 $x(V_s) \subseteq V_s \quad \forall s \in \{1, \dots, d\}$.

Let $\pi_i : \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)} \rightarrow E_d$ be the first projection.

\therefore For $x \in E_d$, the fibre $\pi_i^{-1}(x)$ consists of all flags
 $0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \dots \subset V_d = V^{(1)} \oplus V^{(2)} \oplus \dots \oplus V^{(n-1)}$ as above
 such that $x(V_s) \subseteq V_s, \forall s$

This is a projective variety.

Up to isomorphism, $\pi_i^{-1}(x)$ only depends on the G_d -orbit of x ,
 and $1_{\alpha_{i_1}} \oplus 1_{\alpha_{i_2}} \oplus \dots \oplus 1_{\alpha_{i_d}}(x)$ involves its number of points over a finite field.

Def A projective \mathbb{Z} variety has an affine paving if it has closed subvarieties

$$\emptyset = Z_0 \subset Z_1 \subset Z_2 \subset \dots \subset Z_t = Z$$

such that each $Z_i \setminus Z_{i-1} \cong \mathbb{A}^{s_i}$ for some $s_i \geq 0$.

If so, then $\# Z(F) = q^{2s_1} + q^{2s_2} + \dots + q^{2s_t}$
↑ finite field with q^2 elements

$$= \sum_{p \geq 0} \dim H^p(Z) q^p$$

(the 'Poincaré polynomial' of Z)

Theorem (R. Maksimau, 'Canonical basis, KLR-algebras and parity sheaves', J. Algebra 422 (2015))

For any $d \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}$ and $i \in I_d$, every fibre $\pi_i^{-1}(x)$ has an affine paving.

Corollary (Lusztig by a different method)

$$\mathbb{F}(f_{\text{some } i})(x) = q^{-\dim \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i} \sum_{p \geq 0} \dim H^p(\pi_i^{-1}(x)) q^p.$$

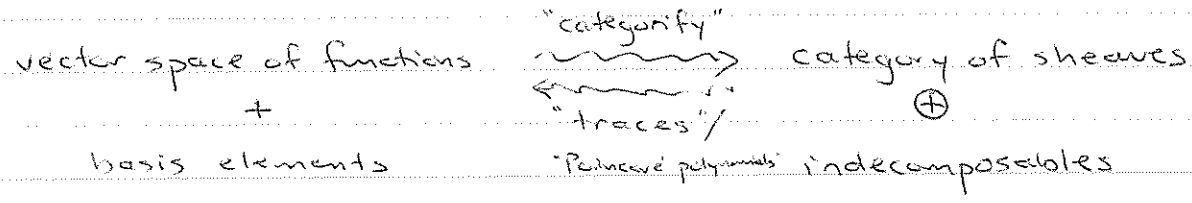
Geometric Representation Theory Week 2 Lecture 4

Yesterday: $\mathbb{F}: U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_d \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{X}_d = \{ G_d\text{-invariant functions } E_d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(q) \}$

$$\text{For } i \in I_d, \mathbb{F}(f_i)(x) = q^{-\dim \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i} \sum_{p \geq 0} \dim H^p(\pi_i^{-1}(x)) q^p$$

where $\pi_i: \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i = \{ (x, (V_s)) \in E_d \times \mathcal{F}_i \mid x(V_s) \subseteq V_s \forall s \} \rightarrow E_d$ is the first projection.

So far we have just replaced one vector space $U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-)_d$ with another \mathcal{X}_d . But we are now in the context of a general philosophy (due to Grothendieck):



Ref: Iversen, ~~Algebraic Cohomology~~ Cohomology; P. Achar, ^{Introduction to} perverse sheaves; K. Rietsch, ^{his web page} An Intro to perverse sheaves, arXiv: 0307347

A sheaf \mathcal{F} on a topological space X (for us, E_d)

- consists of:
- for every open subset U of X , a vector space of sections $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$
 - whenever $V \subseteq U$, a linear restriction map $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \Gamma(V, \mathcal{F})$
 $s \mapsto s|_V$

- satisfying:
- ① $s|_U = s$
 - ② $(s|_V)|_W = s|_W$ if $W \subseteq V \subseteq U$
 - ③ "gluing axiom" if $U = \cup U_i$ is an open covering of U and $s_i \in \Gamma(U_i, \mathcal{F})$ satisfy $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$ for all i, j , there exists a unique $s \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$ such that $s|_{U_i} = s_i \forall i$.

Example Sheaf Cont_X : $\Gamma(U, \text{Cont}_X) = \{ \text{cts functions } U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \}$ with usual restriction

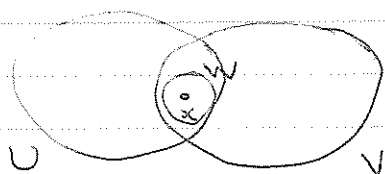
Example More generally, for any vector bundle $Z \rightarrow X$, can take sections of that bundle.

Non-example Defining $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}) = \{ \text{constant functions } U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \}$ doesn't satisfy ③ when U is disconnected.

Example Constant sheaf \mathbb{C}_X : $\Gamma(U, \mathbb{C}_X) = \{ \text{locally constant functions } U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \} \cong H^0(U)$.

The stalk \mathcal{F}_x of a sheaf \mathcal{F} at a point $x \in X$ is the vector space of "germs of sections at x ",
 i.e. equivalence classes of pairs (U, s) , $\begin{matrix} U \text{ open } \subseteq X \\ x \in U \\ s \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}) \end{matrix}$

where $(U, s) \sim (V, t)$ if $\exists W \text{ open } \subseteq U \cap V, x \in W,$
 $s|_W = t|_W.$



Example $(\mathbb{C}_X)_x = \mathbb{C}$ for all $x \in X.$

Given a cts map $\pi: Y \rightarrow X,$

there is a sheaf $\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y$ ("direct image" / "push-forward")
 defined by $\Gamma(U, \pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y) = H^0(\pi^{-1}(U)).$ If π is proper,
 its stalks are $(\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y)_x = H^0(\pi^{-1}(x)).$

More generally, for any $p \geq 0$ there is a sheaf $R^p \pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y$
 ("pth right-derived direct image") with stalks (still assuming π proper)

$$(R^p \pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y)_x = H^p(\pi^{-1}(x)).$$

These can be bundled into one object $R\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y,$ which is
 a complex of sheaves on $X:$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{(0)} \xrightarrow{d^{(0)}} \mathcal{F}^{(1)} \xrightarrow{d^{(1)}} \mathcal{F}^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots$$

where: • each $d^{(p)}$ is a morphism of sheaves (obvious defn)

$$\bullet d^{(p+1)} d^{(p)} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\bullet R^p \pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y \cong \mathcal{H}^p(R\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y) := \ker(d^{(p)}) / \text{im}(d^{(p-1)})$$

\uparrow obvious defn \uparrow not so obvious

We also need to consider shifts $R\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y[m], m \in \mathbb{Z},$
 which are the same complex but re-indexed so that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^p(R\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y[m]) &= \mathcal{H}^{p+m}(R\pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y) \\ &= R^{p+m} \pi_* \mathbb{C}_Y \quad (\text{zero unless } p \geq -m) \end{aligned}$$

Back to our situation: $d \in \mathbb{N}^{n-1}$, $i \in I_d$, $\pi_i: \tilde{F}_i \rightarrow E_d$.
 Since π_i is a projective morphism, it is proper.

Let $\mathcal{L}_i = R(\pi_i)_* \mathbb{C}_{\tilde{F}_i} [dim \tilde{F}_i]$, the Lusztig complex.

By defn, this is a complex of sheaves on E_d such that

$$\mathcal{H}^p(\mathcal{L}_i) = R^{p+dim \tilde{F}_i}(\pi_i)_* \mathbb{C}_{\tilde{F}_i},$$

so $\mathcal{H}^p(\mathcal{L}_i)_x = H^{p+dim \tilde{F}_i}(\pi_i^{-1}(x))$ for all $x \in E_d$.

So $\mathbb{F}(f_i)(x) = \sum_p dim \mathcal{H}^p(\mathcal{L}_i)_x q^p,$

i.e. \mathcal{L}_i "categorifies" the function $\mathbb{F}(f_i)$.

Decomposition Theorem (Beilinson-Bernstein-Deligne, 'Faisceaux pervers',
 (applied to our special situation) Astérisque 100 (1981))

Each \mathcal{L}_i is (quasi-)isomorphic to a direct sum of shifts of intersection cohomology complexes $IC(\bar{\mathcal{O}})$ ← otherwise known as simple perverse sheaves
 where \mathcal{O} runs over C_d -orbits in E_d . Moreover,
 for each $IC(\bar{\mathcal{O}})$ the shift $[m]$ occurs as often as $[-m]$.

Here, $IC(\bar{\mathcal{O}})$ is a certain complex of sheaves on E_d satisfying:

$$\mathcal{H}^p(IC(\bar{\mathcal{O}}))_x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin \bar{\mathcal{O}} \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p \neq -dim \mathcal{O} \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p = -dim \mathcal{O} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \bar{\mathcal{O}} \setminus \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p < -dim \mathcal{O} \\ & \text{or } p \geq -dim \mathcal{O}_x \\ ? & \text{if } x \in \bar{\mathcal{O}} \setminus \mathcal{O} \text{ and } -dim \mathcal{O} \leq p < -dim \mathcal{O}_x \end{cases}$$

orbit contains x

If $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ is a smooth variety, $IC(\bar{\mathcal{O}}) \cong \mathbb{C}_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} [dim \mathcal{O}]$;
 otherwise, the ? has something to do with the singularities of $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$.

Define $f_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} \in \mathcal{X}_d$ by $f_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}}(x) = \sum_p dim \mathcal{H}^p(IC(\bar{\mathcal{O}}))_x q^p,$
 $b_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} \in U_q(\mathbb{N}^+)_d$ by $b_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} = {}^P\Psi^{-1}(f_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}})$.

Then $\{b_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} \mid \mathcal{O} \text{ a } C_d\text{-orbit in } E_d\}$ is Lusztig's canonical basis of $U_q(\mathbb{N}^+)_d$.

Example $n=3, d=(2,2)$. Three orbits: $\{0\}$, \mathcal{O} , $E_{(2,2)} \setminus \overline{\mathcal{O}}$.
 (rank 1) (rank 2)

$$\overline{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{O} \cup \{0\} = \left\{ x \in \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2} \mid \text{rank}(x) \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid ad - bc = 0 \right\}, \text{ singular at } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\chi^p(\text{IC}(\{0\}))_x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } p \neq 0 \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } p = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\chi^p(\text{IC}(\overline{\mathcal{O}}))_x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin \overline{\mathcal{O}} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p \neq -3 \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p = -3 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } p < -3 \text{ or } p \geq 0 \\ ? & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } -3 \leq p \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

We can determine the ? by considering

$$\chi^p(\mathcal{L}_{(1,2,1,2)})_x = H^{p+3} \left(\pi_{(1,2,1,2)}^{-1}(x) \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \overline{\mathcal{O}} & (\pi_{(1,2,1,2)}^{-1}(x) \text{ is empty}) \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p \neq -3 & (\pi_{(1,2,1,2)}^{-1}(x) \text{ is a single point}) \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{O} \text{ and } p = -3 & \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } p \notin \{-3, -1, 1\} & (\pi_{(1,2,1,2)}^{-1}(0) \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1) \\ \mathbb{C} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } p \in \{-3, 1\} & \text{Betti numbers} \\ \mathbb{C}^2 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } p = -1 & 1, 0, 2, 0, 1 \end{cases}$$

By the Decomposition Thm and these calculations,

$$(T) \quad \mathcal{L}_{(1,2,1,2)} \cong \text{IC}(\overline{\mathcal{O}}) \oplus \text{IC}(\{0\})[-1] \oplus \text{IC}(\{0\})[1],$$

to get the \mathbb{C} when $p=1$ must balance the shifts

$$\text{so } \chi^p(\text{IC}(\overline{\mathcal{O}}))_0 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \notin \{-3, -1\} \\ 1 & \text{if } p \in \{-3, -1\} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, (T) implies after decategorification that

$$f_{(1,2,1,2)} = b_{\overline{\mathcal{O}}} + (q + q^{-1}) b_{\{0\}}.$$

$$\text{It is easy to see that } \mathcal{L}_{(1,1,2,2)} \cong \text{IC}(\{0\}) \oplus \text{IC}(\{0\}) \oplus \text{IC}(\{0\})[-2] \oplus \text{IC}(\{0\})[2],$$

$$\text{so } f_{(1,1,2,2)} = (q^2 + 2 + q^{-2}) b_{\{0\}}.$$

$$\text{So } b_{\{0\}} = f_1^{(2)} f_2^{(2)}, \quad b_{\overline{\mathcal{O}}} = f_1 f_2 f_1.$$

$$\text{Similarly } b_{E_{(2,2)}} = f_2^{(2)} f_1^{(2)}.$$