## Session 1

## Tuesday, March 23

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Speaker

| 10:45-10:55 | Semin Yoo, University of Rochester |
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| 10:55-11:05 | Michael Perlman, Queen's University |
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# Combinatorics of quadratic spaces over finite fields 

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Lightning Talk
Geometry and Combinatorics from Root Systems
March 23, 2021

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$=$ the number of $k$-dimensional subspaces of $\mathbb{F}_{q}^{n}$.

|  | Field with one element | $\mathbb{F}_{\mathrm{q}}$ ( q -analogues) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| object | $[n]=\{1,2, \cdots, n\}$ | $\mathbb{F}_{q}^{n}$ |
| subobject | a $k$ set in [ $n$ ] | a $k$-dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{F}_{q}^{n}$ |
| bracket | $n$ | the number of lines in $\mathbb{F}_{q}^{n}$ |
| factorial | $n$ ! | $[n]_{q}$ ! |
| poset | $B_{n}$ | $L_{n}(q)$ |
| group | $\left\|S_{n}\right\|=n!$ | $\|G L(n, q)\|=q^{n(n-1) / 2}(q-1)^{n}[n] q^{\prime}$ ! |
| flag | flags in [ $n$ ] | flags in $\mathbb{F}_{q}^{n}$ |
| binomial coefficient | $\binom{n}{k}=\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}=\left\|\frac{S_{n}}{S_{k} \times S_{n-k}}\right\|$ | $\binom{n}{k}_{q}=\frac{[I]_{q}!}{[k]!(n-k)]_{q}!}=\left\|\frac{G L(n, q)}{\binom{A}{0}}\right\|$ |
| connection | $\lim _{q \rightarrow 1}\binom{n}{k}_{q_{1}}=\binom{n}{k}$ |  |

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$\binom{n}{k}_{d}=\frac{[n]_{d}!}{[k]_{d}![(n-k)]_{d}!}$.
- $\binom{n}{k}_{d}<\binom{n}{k}_{q}$.

Main Goal: Study related combinatorics of $\binom{n}{k}_{d}$ and its applications.

## Theorem (Y., 2019, 2020+)

- $\binom{n}{k}_{d}$ can be written by the $q$-binomial coefficients. For example, when $q \equiv 1(\bmod 4)$, and $n, k$ are odd,

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- Combinatorial descriptions of $\binom{n}{k}$ ?
- Analogues of binomial theorem?


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Thank you for your attention!

# MIXED HODGE STRUCTURE <br> <br> ON LOCAL COHOMOLOGY 

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## WITH SUPPORT IN

## DETERMINANTAL VARIETIES

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SETTING:

- $X=$ smooth complex variety
- $Z \subseteq X$ closed subvariety

$$
\text { - } H_{z}^{j}\left(O_{x}\right)=\frac{\text { local cohomology }}{\text { with support in } Z}
$$

EXAMPLE: $z=$ hyper surface

$$
H_{z}^{\prime}\left(\theta_{x}\right)=\frac{\bigcup_{k \geq 0} O_{x}(k z)}{O_{x}}
$$

GOAL: Understand how $H_{z}^{j}\left(O_{x}\right)$ detects/measores slagulentics of $Z$.

FACT: They are mixed Hodge modules (Sarto) $\Rightarrow$ two increasing filtra tons
(1) Hodge filtration $F_{0}$, infinite filtration coherent $\hat{O}_{x}$-modules ( $\log$ resolutions)
(2) Weight fol fration $W_{0}$, finite filtration by $D_{X}$-modules, semi-simple quotients

SPECIAL CASE: $Z=$ hypersurface

$$
F_{K} H_{Z}^{\prime}\left(\theta_{x}\right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\text { Hodge ideals }}{I_{K}(Z) \leq O_{x}}(\text { Mustatä-Popa) }
$$

Defect smooth, $\log$ canonical, rational sing

$$
\left(I_{k}(z)=O_{x}\right),\left(I_{0}(z)=O_{x}\right),\left(I_{1}(z)=O_{x}\right)
$$

THM (P.-Raicu'20): $Z=V(\operatorname{det}) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. $I_{K}(z)=\bigcap_{p}^{n-1} J_{p}^{\left((n-p)(K-1)-\binom{n-p}{2}\right)}$

$$
P=1
$$

determuctal ideal pep minors

## REMARKS:

- $I_{0}(z)=I_{1}(z)=O_{x} \Rightarrow$ rational sing
- $I_{2}(Z)=J_{n-1}$


## TECHNIQUES:

Rep theory GLun(C), equivariant D-modules

- Do it WiTHout log resolution
$\operatorname{THM}\left(P-R a c n^{\prime} 20, P P^{\prime} 21\right): Z_{p}=\{$ rank $\subseteq p\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$.
Calculate

$$
F_{\cdot} \mathcal{H}_{z_{p}}^{\bullet}\left(\vartheta_{x}\right), W_{0} \mathcal{H}_{z_{p}}^{\bullet}\left(\vartheta_{x}\right)
$$

Weight of $D_{x}$-simple factor depends only on its support and cohom. deg.
FUTURE WORK:
(1) Hodge ideals, mixed Hodge structure on other spaces with finitely many orbits
(2) Connections with motivic chern classes (Brasselet-Schürmenn-Yokra).

- Determnental case known: [Fehér-Rimány1-Weler '19]


# Geometric and Combinatorial aspects of Nonlinear Algebra 

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## Three Objectives

1. Computational Aspects
2. Applications
3. Develop mathematical theory and algorithms

## Convex polytope and Algebraic Geometry

Algebraic Torus $\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{C}\left[x_{1}^{ \pm}, \ldots, x_{n}^{ \pm}\right]$Laurent Polynomials
Notation: $\quad \mathbf{x}^{\alpha} \rightarrow x_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \ldots x_{n}^{\alpha_{n}}, \quad \alpha=\left(\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n}$
Newton Polytope of $f(\mathbf{x})=\sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}\left[\mathbf{x}^{ \pm}\right]$: The convex hull of the finite set $\left\{\alpha: c_{\alpha} \neq 0\right\}$. Convex polytope with vertices in $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$.
$\mathcal{A}=\left\{\alpha_{0}, \ldots, \alpha_{s}\right\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}=\left\{f(\mathbf{x})=\sum_{i=0}^{s} c_{i} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{i}}: \alpha_{i} \in \mathcal{A}, c_{i} \in \mathbb{C}, \forall i\right\}$
The convex hull of $\mathcal{A}$ is the Newton polytope of a generic element of $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$, denoted as

$$
\triangle_{\mathcal{A}} .
$$

## BKK

For a generic choice of $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{n} \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$, the number of solutions in $\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n}$ of the system $f_{1}(\mathbf{x})=\cdots=f_{n}(\mathbf{x})=0$ is the same, and is equal to $n!\operatorname{vol}\left(\triangle_{\mathcal{A}}\right)$

## Toric variety and Convex polytope

Due to Khovanskii...one of the references is Escobar and Kaveh 2020... Consider the map $\psi_{\mathcal{A}}:\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mathbb{P}^{s}$ such that $\mathbf{x} \mapsto\left(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{0}}: \cdots: \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{s}}\right)$,

$$
T_{\mathcal{A}}:=\psi_{\mathcal{A}}\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n} \cong\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n}, \text { provided the differences of elements of } \mathcal{A} \text { generate } \mathbb{Z}^{n}
$$

The toric variety $X_{\mathcal{A}}$ is the closure of the image of the map $\psi_{\mathcal{A}}$ in $\mathbb{C P}^{s}$.

- The torus $\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n}$ acts on $\mathbb{C P}^{s}$ by $\mathbf{x}\left(z_{0}: \cdots: z_{s}\right)=\left(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{0}} z_{0}: \cdots: \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{s}} z_{s}\right)$
- the variety $X_{\mathcal{A}}$ is the closure of the orbit of $(1: \cdots: 1)$.


## The degree of $X_{\mathcal{A}} \subset \mathbb{C P}^{s}$ is equal to $n!\operatorname{vol}\left(\triangle_{\mathcal{A}}\right)$

Moment Map: $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}: X_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \triangle_{A}$.
$\mu_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathbb{C P}^{s} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is defined by

$$
\left(z_{0}: \cdots: z_{s}\right) \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{s}\left(\frac{\left|z_{i}\right|^{2}}{\sum_{j=0}^{s}\left|z_{j}\right|^{2}}\right) \alpha_{i} \in \triangle_{\mathcal{A}}
$$

- $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}$ is invariant under the action of $\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n}$
- $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}\left(\mathbb{C P}^{s}\right)=\mu_{\mathcal{A}}\left(X_{\mathcal{A}}\right)=\triangle_{\mathcal{A}}$


## Permutohedron and Associahedron

- The flag variety $F_{n}:\{0\}=V_{0} \subsetneq V_{1} \subsetneq \ldots V_{n}=\mathbb{C}^{n} \leftrightarrow M \in G L(n, \mathbb{C}), V_{i}=$ the row span of the top $i$ rows of $M$
- Plucker Coordinates of the subspace $V_{i}:\left(p_{I}(M):|I|=i\right) \in \mathbb{C P}\left({ }^{\binom{n}{i}-1}, 1 \leq i \leq n\right.$
- $F_{n}$ : A projective variety in $\mathbb{C P}\binom{n}{1}-1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{C P}^{\binom{n}{n-1}-1}$
- The torus $\left(\mathbb{C}^{*}\right)^{n}$ : the group $\mathcal{D}$ of invertible diagonal $n \times n$ matrices.
- $F_{n}$ is a $\mathcal{D}$-invariant subvariety-moment map.
- The image of this map is the permutohedron $P_{n}$.

- The Associahedron
- The Catalan Number

Generealization:Newton-Okounkov body

## Numerical Semigroup: Principal Matrix and Frobenius number

- The Semigroup $S=\langle\mathbf{a}\rangle$ generated by $\mathbf{a}=\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right\}$ of positive integers.
- When $\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right)=1$, the semigroup $\langle\mathbf{a}\rangle$ is called a numerical semigroup
- Consider the $k$-algebra homomorphism $\phi_{\mathbf{a}}: K\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right] \rightarrow k[t]$ given by $\phi_{\mathbf{a}}\left(x_{i}\right)=t^{a_{i}}$.
- The image of this map $\phi_{\mathbf{a}}$ is the semigroup ring $k[\mathbf{a}]$
- $k[\mathbf{a}]=K\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right] / I_{\mathrm{a}}$ where $\operatorname{ker} \phi_{\mathbf{a}}=I(\mathbf{a})$.
- The $I_{\mathrm{a}}$ is the toric ideal of $k[\mathbf{a}]$.
- Since $\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right)=1$, there exists a smallest integer $r_{i}>0$ such that $r_{i} a_{i}=\sum_{j \neq i} r_{i j} a_{j}$ for all $i=1, \ldots, n$.
- The $n \times n$ matrix $D(\mathbf{a}):=\left(r_{i j}\right)$ where $r_{i i}:=-r_{i}$ is called a principal matrix associated to $\mathbf{a}$.
- there is a number $f$ such that $x>f \rightarrow x \in S$, a numerical semigroup. This number $f$ is called the Frobenius number.
- $f$ is the largest positive integer not in S .
- The semigroup $S$ is symmetric if for all $x<f, x \in S$ if and only if $f-x \notin S$.


# Clans, sects, and symmetric space closure orders <br> (joint with Mahir Can \& Özlem Uğurlu) 

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## Symmetric Spaces

$G$, a connected reductive complex linear algebraic group (subgroup of $G L_{n}(\mathbb{C})$ ).

## Definition

If $\theta$ is an automorphism of $G$ of order 2 with $L=G^{\theta}$ the fixed-point subgroup, then we call $G / L$ a symmetric space, and $L$ a symmetric subgroup.

## Theorem (Matsuki, '79)

A Borel subgroup of $G$ acts on a symmetric space $G / L$ with finitely many orbits. (Symmetric spaces are spherical varieties.)

For simple $G$, classification corresponds to classification of real forms of simple Lie algebras (Cartan).
Those of Hermitian type come in four infinite families of pairs ( $G, L$ )


## Symmetric Spaces

$G$, a connected reductive complex linear algebraic group (subgroup of $G L_{n}(\mathbb{C})$ ).

## Definition

If $\theta$ is an automorphism of $G$ of order 2 with $L=G^{\theta}$ the fixed-point subgroup, then we call $G / L$ a symmetric space, and $L$ a symmetric subgroup.

## Theorem (Matsuki, '79)

A Borel subgroup of $G$ acts on a symmetric space $G / L$ with finitely many orbits. (Symmetric spaces are spherical varieties.)

For simple $G$, classification corresponds to classification of real forms of simple Lie algebras (Cartan).
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 (2) Type CI: $\left(S p_{2 n}, G L_{n}\right)$

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(4) Type BDI: $\left(\mathrm{SO}_{n}, \mathrm{SO}_{2} \times S O_{n-2}\right)$ ${ }^{* * *}$ In these cases, $P=L \ltimes R_{u}(P)$ for $P$ parabolic $\rightsquigarrow G / P$ is a Grassmannian! ${ }^{* * *}$

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Example: $\sigma=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R(\sigma)}\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right], \rho=\left[\begin{array}{lll}0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R(\rho)}\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right]$,
so in this case $\sigma \leq \rho$ because each entry of $R(\sigma)$ is $\leq$ that of $R(\rho)$.

## Example and result

## For clans, $\gamma \leq \tau$ if and only if...

1. $\pi(\gamma) \leq \pi(\tau)$ in $G / P$
2. $\pi^{-}(\gamma) \leq \pi^{-}(\tau)$ in $G / P^{-}$
3. for involutions, $\sigma_{\gamma} \leq \sigma_{\tau}$.
(associated lattice path lies weakly below),
(associated lattice path lies weakly above),


## Theorem, (B., '20)

The Bruhat order on the type Cl symmetric space is the restriction of the Bruhat order on the type AIII symmetric space to the skew-symmetric clans.

Remark: DIII fails to restrict at the Weyl group level, comparing involutions.

## Thank You!

Inclusion order on Borel orbit closures in $S L_{4} / L_{2,2}$.


Bruhat order on Schubert cells in $\operatorname{Gr}(2,4)$.

# A generating function for counting mutually annihilating matrices over a finite field 

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## Main Result

Theorem (H.) Let $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ be the finite field of $q$ elements, $\operatorname{Mat}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right)$ denote the set of $n \times n$ matrices over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$, and $\mathrm{GL}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right)$ the set of invertible matrices therein. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left|\left\{A, B \in \operatorname{Mat}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right): A B=B A=0\right\}\right|}{\left|\mathrm{GL}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right)\right|} z^{n} \\
&=\left((1-z)\left(1-q^{-1} z\right)\left(1-q^{-2} z\right) \ldots\right)^{-2} H_{q}(z)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $H_{q}(z)$ is a power series in $z$ with infinite radius of convergence.
Techniques of the proof: Counting is easy. The factorization uses standard $q$-series identities involving Young diagrams and Durfee squares. $H_{q}(z)$ can be written down explicitly.

## Geometric picture

Such generating functions correspond to affine $\mathbb{F}_{q}$-varieties in a systematic way:

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\end{aligned}
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If we denote the generating function associated to a variety $X$ by $\widehat{Z}_{X}(z)$, then the main result can be restated as

$$
\frac{\widehat{Z}_{\{x y=0\}}(z)}{\widehat{Z}_{\text {(two lines) }}(z)} \text { is an entire function. }
$$

## Conjecture

## Conjecture (informal)

The fact that $\{$ two disjoint lines $\}$ is a resolution of singularity of $\{x y=0\}$ is the geometric reason behind the main result.

Conjecture (formal)
Let $X$ be any curve over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ with only planar singularities, and assume $\widetilde{X}$
is a resolution of singularity of $X$. Then $\frac{\widehat{Z}_{X}(z)}{\widehat{Z}_{\tilde{X}}(z)}$ is entire in $z$.
We remark that the question only depends on the type of the singularity. The main result implies the conjecture holds for nodes.

This phenomenon is seen for the generating function of Hilbert schemes (Göttsche-Shende '14, Refined curve counting on complex surfaces).

## Other open questions

Even in the main result, the holomorphic factor $H_{q}(z)$ is explicit, its behavior is still mysterious.

- Can it be further factorized? (Most likely no, but maybe there is a natural weaker question to ask.)
- Does it have an "almost" functional equation?

Here are the observed data for the zeros of $H_{q}(z)$ :

- There seem to be infinitely many zeros, namely, $z_{1}, z_{2}, \ldots$ in first quadrant, and their complex conjugates.
- $z_{n+1} \approx q z_{n}$, and $\left|z_{n}\right| \approx q^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$. For $q=4$,

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
z_{1}=0.41614+1.72467 i, & \\
z_{2}=1.65483+7.60611 i, & \\
z_{3}=6.62192+31.08907 i, & \left|z_{2}\right|=7.78405<8=31.7865<32=q^{3 / 2} \\
z_{4}=26.4883+125.0116 i, & \\
z_{4} \mid=127.787<128=q^{5 / 2} \\
7 / 2
\end{array}
$$

## Thank you!

