

# Amenable signed permutations

Harry Tamvakis

University of Maryland

November 2, 2019

# Schubert Calculus

**Giambelli Problem:** Find polynomials that represent the cohomology classes of the Schubert varieties  $X_w$  in  $G/P$ .

**Relative Version (Fulton-Pragacz, 1996):** Find Chern class polynomials which represent the cohomology classes of *degeneracy loci*  $\mathfrak{X}_w$  of vector bundles, when  $G$  is a classical Lie group.

# Schubert Calculus

**Giambelli Problem:** Find polynomials that represent the cohomology classes of the Schubert varieties  $X_w$  in  $G/P$ .

**Relative Version (Fulton-Pragacz, 1996):** Find Chern class polynomials which represent the cohomology classes of *degeneracy loci*  $\mathfrak{X}_w$  of vector bundles, when  $G$  is a classical Lie group.

# Intrinsic formulas

General  $w$  (T., 2009):  $\exists$  polynomial formulas for  $[\mathfrak{X}_w]$  which are *native to  $G/P$* , for all  $w \in W^P$ .

New, intrinsic point of view in Schubert calculus.

In special cases,  $\exists$  alternative intrinsic formulas:

## In Lie type A

For  $\varpi \in S_n$  *Grassmannian*:

Thom-Porteous (1970); Kempf-Laksov (1974).

More generally, for  $\varpi \in S_n$  *vexillary*:

Lascoux-Schützenberger (1982), et. al.

# Intrinsic formulas

General  $w$  (T., 2009):  $\exists$  polynomial formulas for  $[\mathfrak{X}_w]$  which are *native to  $G/P$* , for all  $w \in W^P$ .

New, intrinsic point of view in Schubert calculus.

In special cases,  $\exists$  alternative intrinsic formulas:

## In Lie type A

For  $\varpi \in S_n$  *Grassmannian*:

Thom-Porteous (1970); Kempf-Laksov (1974).

More generally, for  $\varpi \in S_n$  *vexillary*:

Lascoux-Schützenberger (1982), et. al.

# Intrinsic formulas

General  $w$  (T., 2009):  $\exists$  polynomial formulas for  $[\mathfrak{X}_w]$  which are *native to  $G/P$* , for all  $w \in W^P$ .

New, intrinsic point of view in Schubert calculus.

In special cases,  $\exists$  alternative intrinsic formulas:

## In Lie type A

For  $\varpi \in S_n$  *Grassmannian*:

Thom-Porteous (1970); Kempf-Laksov (1974).

More generally, for  $\varpi \in S_n$  *vexillary*:

Lascoux-Schützenberger (1982), et. al.

# Permutations

$\varpi = (\varpi_1, \dots, \varpi_n) \in S_n$ , where  $\varpi_i = \varpi(i)$ .

Code  $\gamma = \gamma(\varpi)$  with  $\gamma_i := \#\{j > i \mid \varpi_j < \varpi_i\}$ .

Shape  $\lambda = \lambda(\varpi)$  obtained by reordering the  $\gamma_i$ .

## Example

$w = (2, 1, 5, 4, 3)$ ,  $\gamma = (1, 0, 2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\lambda = (2, 1, 1)$ .

$S_n = \langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle$ .  $\varpi$  has a *right/left descent* at  $i$   
if  $\ell(\varpi s_i) < \ell(\varpi)$  (resp.  $\ell(s_i \varpi) < \ell(\varpi)$ ).

$\varpi$  is *Grassmannian* if  $\ell(\varpi s_i) > \ell(\varpi)$ ,  $\forall i \neq k$ .

$\varpi$  is *vexillary* if  $\lambda(\varpi^{-1}) = \lambda(\varpi)'$ .

# Permutations

$\varpi = (\varpi_1, \dots, \varpi_n) \in S_n$ , where  $\varpi_i = \varpi(i)$ .

Code  $\gamma = \gamma(\varpi)$  with  $\gamma_i := \#\{j > i \mid \varpi_j < \varpi_i\}$ .

Shape  $\lambda = \lambda(\varpi)$  obtained by reordering the  $\gamma_i$ .

## Example

$w = (2, 1, 5, 4, 3)$ ,  $\gamma = (1, 0, 2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\lambda = (2, 1, 1)$ .

$S_n = \langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle$ .  $\varpi$  has a *right/left descent* at  $i$   
if  $\ell(\varpi s_i) < \ell(\varpi)$  (resp.  $\ell(s_i \varpi) < \ell(\varpi)$ ).

$\varpi$  is *Grassmannian* if  $\ell(\varpi s_i) > \ell(\varpi)$ ,  $\forall i \neq k$ .

$\varpi$  is *vexillary* if  $\lambda(\varpi^{-1}) = \lambda(\varpi)'$ .



# Type A degeneracy loci

$E \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  is a vector bundle of rank  $n$  and  $\varpi \in S_n$ .

$$0 \subsetneq E_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq E_n = E \quad 0 \subsetneq F_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq F_n = E.$$

$$\mathfrak{X}_\varpi := \{x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid \dim(E_r(x) \cap F_s(x)) \geq d_\varpi(r, s), \forall r, s\}$$

where  $d_\varpi(r, s) := \#\{i \leq r \mid \varpi_i > n - s\}$ .

**Assume:**  $\mathfrak{X}_\varpi$  has pure codimension  $\ell(\varpi)$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

# Type A degeneracy loci

$E \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  is a vector bundle of rank  $n$  and  $\varpi \in S_n$ .

$$0 \subsetneq E_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq E_n = E \quad 0 \subsetneq F_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq F_n = E.$$

$$\mathfrak{X}_\varpi := \{x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid \dim(E_r(x) \cap F_s(x)) \geq d_\varpi(r, s), \forall r, s\}$$

where  $d_\varpi(r, s) := \#\{i \leq r \mid \varpi_i > n - s\}$ .

**Assume:**  $\mathfrak{X}_\varpi$  has pure codimension  $\ell(\varpi)$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

# Type A degeneracy loci

$E \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  is a vector bundle of rank  $n$  and  $\varpi \in S_n$ .

$$0 \subsetneq E_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq E_n = E \quad 0 \subsetneq F_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq F_n = E.$$

$$\mathfrak{X}_\varpi := \{x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid \dim(E_r(x) \cap F_s(x)) \geq d_\varpi(r, s), \forall r, s\}$$

where  $d_\varpi(r, s) := \#\{i \leq r \mid \varpi_i > n - s\}$ .

**Assume:**  $\mathfrak{X}_\varpi$  has pure codimension  $\ell(\varpi)$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

# Type A vexillary degeneracy loci

Theorem (L.-S., Wachs, Macdonald, Fulton (1992))

*Suppose that  $\varpi$  is a vexillary permutation of shape  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\ell)$ . Then there exist sequences  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1 \leq \dots \leq f_\ell)$  and  $\mathbf{g} = (g_1 \geq \dots \geq g_\ell)$  consisting of right and left descents of  $\varpi$ , respectively, such that*

$$[\mathfrak{X}_\varpi] = \det(c_{\lambda_i+j-i}(E - E_{f_i} - F_{n-g_i}))_{1 \leq i, j \leq \ell}$$

*holds in  $H^*(\mathfrak{X})$ .*

Here  $c_p(E - E' - E'')$  is defined by  
 $c(E - E' - E'') := c(E)c(E')^{-1}c(E'')^{-1}$ .

# Raising Operator Form

$$[\mathfrak{X}_{\varpi}] = \prod_{i < j} (1 - R_{ij}) c_{\lambda}(E - E_f - F_{n-g}) \quad (1)$$

For  $i < j$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$  an integer sequence,

$$R_{ij} \alpha := (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i + 1, \dots, \alpha_j - 1, \dots)$$

If  $c_{\alpha} := c_{\alpha_1} c_{\alpha_2} \cdots$ , then  $R_{ij} c_{\alpha} := c_{R_{ij} \alpha}$ .

(1) is the image of  $\prod_{i < j} (1 - R_{ij}) c_{\lambda}$  under the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear map sending  $c_{\alpha}$  to  $\prod_i c_{\alpha_i}(E - E_{f_i} - F_{n-g_i})$ , for every integer sequence  $\alpha$ .

# Raising Operator Form

$$[\mathfrak{X}_{\varpi}] = \prod_{i < j} (1 - R_{ij}) c_{\lambda}(E - E_{\mathfrak{f}} - F_{n-g}) \quad (1)$$

For  $i < j$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$  an integer sequence,

$$R_{ij} \alpha := (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i + 1, \dots, \alpha_j - 1, \dots)$$

If  $\mathfrak{c}_{\alpha} := \mathfrak{c}_{\alpha_1} \mathfrak{c}_{\alpha_2} \cdots$ , then  $R_{ij} \mathfrak{c}_{\alpha} := \mathfrak{c}_{R_{ij} \alpha}$ .

(1) is the image of  $\prod_{i < j} (1 - R_{ij}) \mathfrak{c}_{\lambda}$  under the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear map sending  $\mathfrak{c}_{\alpha}$  to  $\prod_i c_{\alpha_i}(E - E_{f_i} - F_{n-g_i})$ , for every integer sequence  $\alpha$ .

# Amenable signed permutations

Question: What is the analogue of 'vexillary' in the other classical Lie types B, C, and D?

Prior attempts at a definition of vexillary signed permutations: Billey-Lam (1998) & Anderson-Fulton (2012).

Both of these definitions are *wrong*.

Reason: According to either of them, the Grassmannian signed permutations are not all vexillary.

# Amenable signed permutations

Question: What is the analogue of 'vexillary' in the other classical Lie types B, C, and D?

Prior attempts at a definition of vexillary signed permutations: Billey-Lam (1998) & Anderson-Fulton (2012).

Both of these definitions are *wrong*.

Reason: According to either of them, the Grassmannian signed permutations are not all vexillary.



# Amenable signed permutations

Question: What is the analogue of 'vexillary' in the other classical Lie types B, C, and D?

Prior attempts at a definition of vexillary signed permutations: Billey-Lam (1998) & Anderson-Fulton (2012).

Both of these definitions are *wrong*.

Reason: According to either of them, the Grassmannian signed permutations are not all vexillary.

# Amenable signed permutations

Question: What is the analogue of 'vexillary' in the other classical Lie types B, C, and D?

Prior attempts at a definition of vexillary signed permutations: Billey-Lam (1998) & Anderson-Fulton (2012).

Both of these definitions are *wrong*.

Reason: According to either of them, the Grassmannian signed permutations are not all vexillary.

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

$$w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in W_n = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle.$$

A-code  $\gamma = \gamma(w)$  with  $\gamma_i := \#\{j > i \mid w_j < w_i\}$ .

Definition (T., 2019)

*w is leading if the A-code  $\tilde{\gamma}$  of the extended sequence  $(0, w_1, \dots, w_n)$  is unimodal.*

$\{\text{Leading elements}\} \supset \{\text{Grassmannian elements}\}$

Definition (T., 2019)

*w is amenable if w is a modification of a leading element.*

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

$$w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in W_n = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle.$$

A-code  $\gamma = \gamma(w)$  with  $\gamma_i := \#\{j > i \mid w_j < w_i\}$ .

## Definition (T., 2019)

*w is leading if the A-code  $\tilde{\gamma}$  of the extended sequence  $(0, w_1, \dots, w_n)$  is unimodal.*

$\{\text{Leading elements}\} \supset \{\text{Grassmannian elements}\}$

## Definition (T., 2019)

*w is amenable if w is a modification of a leading element.*

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

$$w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in W_n = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle.$$

A-code  $\gamma = \gamma(w)$  with  $\gamma_i := \#\{j > i \mid w_j < w_i\}$ .

## Definition (T., 2019)

*w is leading if the A-code  $\tilde{\gamma}$  of the extended sequence  $(0, w_1, \dots, w_n)$  is unimodal.*

$$\{\text{Leading elements}\} \supset \{\text{Grassmannian elements}\}$$

## Definition (T., 2019)

*w is amenable if w is a modification of a leading element.*

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

$$w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \in W_n = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle.$$

A-code  $\gamma = \gamma(w)$  with  $\gamma_i := \#\{j > i \mid w_j < w_i\}$ .

## Definition (T., 2019)

*w* is leading if the A-code  $\tilde{\gamma}$  of the extended sequence  $(0, w_1, \dots, w_n)$  is unimodal.

$$\{\text{Leading elements}\} \supset \{\text{Grassmannian elements}\}$$

## Definition (T., 2019)

*w* is amenable if *w* is a modification of a leading element.

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

Let  $k \geq 0$  be the first right descent of  $w$ .

List the values  $w_{k+1}, \dots, w_n$  in increasing order:

$$u_1 < \dots < u_m < 0 < u_{m+1} < \dots < u_{n-k}.$$

A simple transposition  $s_i$ ,  $i \geq 1$  is called  
*w-negative*, if  $\{i, i+1\} \subset \{-u_1, \dots, -u_m\}$ ;  
*w-positive*, if  $\{i, i+1\} \subset \{u_{m+1}, \dots, u_{n-k}\}$ .

Let  $\sigma^-$  (resp.  $\sigma^+$ ) be the longest subword of  
 $s_{n-1} \cdots s_1$  (resp.  $s_1 \cdots s_{n-1}$ ) consisting of  
*w-negative* (resp. *w-positive*) transpositions  $s_i$ .

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

Let  $k \geq 0$  be the first right descent of  $w$ .

List the values  $w_{k+1}, \dots, w_n$  in increasing order:

$$u_1 < \dots < u_m < 0 < u_{m+1} < \dots < u_{n-k}.$$

A simple transposition  $s_i$ ,  $i \geq 1$  is called  
*w-negative*, if  $\{i, i+1\} \subset \{-u_1, \dots, -u_m\}$ ;  
*w-positive*, if  $\{i, i+1\} \subset \{u_{m+1}, \dots, u_{n-k}\}$ .

Let  $\sigma^-$  (resp.  $\sigma^+$ ) be the longest subword of  
 $s_{n-1} \cdots s_1$  (resp.  $s_1 \cdots s_{n-1}$ ) consisting of  
*w-negative* (resp. *w-positive*) transpositions  $s_i$ .



# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

## Definition

A modification of  $w$  is an element  $\varpi w$ , where  $\varpi \in S_n$ ,  $\ell(\varpi w) = \ell(w) - \ell(\varpi)$ , and  $\varpi$  has a reduced decomposition of the form  $R_1 \cdots R_{n-1}$ , where each  $R_j$  is a (possibly empty) subword of  $\sigma^- \sigma^+$ , and all simple transpositions in  $R_p$  are also contained in  $R_{p+1}$ ,  $\forall p < n - 1$ .

## Theorem (T., 2019)

*If  $w \in S_n$ , then  $w$  is amenable if and only if  $w$  is vexillary.*

# Amenable signed permutations: Type C

## Definition

A modification of  $w$  is an element  $\varpi w$ , where  $\varpi \in S_n$ ,  $\ell(\varpi w) = \ell(w) - \ell(\varpi)$ , and  $\varpi$  has a reduced decomposition of the form  $R_1 \cdots R_{n-1}$ , where each  $R_j$  is a (possibly empty) subword of  $\sigma^- \sigma^+$ , and all simple transpositions in  $R_p$  are also contained in  $R_{p+1}$ ,  $\forall p < n - 1$ .

## Theorem (T., 2019)

If  $w \in S_n$ , then  $w$  is amenable if and only if  $w$  is vexillary.

# Type C degeneracy loci

$E \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  is a symplectic bundle of rank  $2n$  and  
 $w \in W_n$ .

$$0 \subsetneq E_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq E_{2n} = E;$$
$$0 \subsetneq F_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq F_{2n} = E.$$

$E_{n+i} = E_{n-i}^\perp$  and  $F_{n+i} = F_{n-i}^\perp$  for each  $i \geq 0$ .

$$\mathfrak{X}_w := \{x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid \dim(E_r(x) \cap F_s(x)) \geq d'_w(r, s), \text{ for } r \in [1, n], s \in [1, 2n]\}.$$

**Assume:**  $\mathfrak{X}_w$  has pure codimension  $\ell(w)$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

# Type C degeneracy loci

$E \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  is a symplectic bundle of rank  $2n$  and  
 $w \in W_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \subsetneq E_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq E_{2n} = E; \\ 0 \subsetneq F_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq F_{2n} = E. \end{aligned}$$

$E_{n+i} = E_{n-i}^\perp$  and  $F_{n+i} = F_{n-i}^\perp$  for each  $i \geq 0$ .

$$\mathfrak{X}_w := \{x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid \dim(E_r(x) \cap F_s(x)) \geq d'_w(r, s), \text{ for } r \in [1, n], s \in [1, 2n]\}.$$

**Assume:**  $\mathfrak{X}_w$  has pure codimension  $\ell(w)$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

# Type C amenable degeneracy loci

## Theorem (T., 2019)

*Suppose that  $w$  is amenable. Then there exist sequences  $\mathfrak{f} = (f_1 \geq \cdots \geq f_\ell \geq 0)$  and  $\mathfrak{g} = (g_1 \leq \cdots \leq g_\ell)$  such that  $f_i$  (resp.  $|g_i|$ ) is a right (resp. left) descent of  $w$ , for all  $i \in [1, \ell]$ , and we have*

$$[\mathfrak{X}_w] = R^D c_\lambda(E - E_{n-\mathfrak{f}} - F_{n+\mathfrak{g}})$$

*in  $H^*(\mathfrak{X})$ .*

# The operator $R^D$ and the shape $\lambda$

Fix  $w \in W_n$  amenable,  $k$  and  $u$  as before.

$$D := \{(i, j) \mid i < j \text{ and } u_i + u_j < 0\}.$$

$$R^D := \prod_{i < j} (1 - R_{ij}) \prod_{(i, j) \in D} (1 + R_{ij})^{-1}.$$

## Definition (T., 2017)

*The shape of  $w$  is the partition  $\lambda := \mu + \nu$ , where  $\mu := (-u_1, \dots, -u_m)$  and  $\nu$  is the partition with  $\nu_j := \#\{i \mid \gamma_i \geq j\}$  for each  $j \geq 1$ .*

# Example

Let  $w := (2, 4, 6, 5, -1, -3) \in W_6$ , a leading element.

We have  $k = 3$ ,  $\gamma = (2, 2, 3, 2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\mu = (3, 1)$ ,  
 $\nu = (5, 4, 1)$ ,  $\lambda = (8, 5, 1)$ ,

$u = (-3, -1, 5)$ ,  $D = \{(1, 2)\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{f} = (5, 4, 3)$ ,  
 $\mathfrak{g} = (-2, 0, 5)$ .

The cohomology class  $[\mathfrak{X}_w]$  is equal to

$$\frac{1 - R_{12}}{1 + R_{12}}(1 - R_{13})(1 - R_{23}) c_{8,5,1}(E - E_{6-\mathfrak{f}} - F_{6+\mathfrak{g}}).$$

# References

H. Tamvakis: *Giambelli and degeneracy locus formulas for classical  $G/P$  spaces*, arXiv:1305.3543.

H. Tamvakis: *Theta and eta polynomials in geometry, Lie theory, and combinatorics*, arXiv:1807.10784.

H. Tamvakis: *Degeneracy locus formulas for amenable Weyl group elements*, arXiv:1909.06398.