

Braid variety cluster structures.

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Motivation #1.

- Positroid varieties.
 - Cluster structure: GL '19, SSBW '19, Leclerc '14, Muller-Speyer '14, Scott '06
 - Plabic graphs Postnikov '06
- Richardson varieties $R_{u,w}^o$ ($u \leq w$ in Bruhat order)
 - Include positroid var. when w is "Grassmannian"
 - Cluster structure: conj. by Leclerc '14
 - ??? graphs

Motivation #2.

- LS '16: Cohomology of cluster varieties
- GL '20: Cohomology of positroid/Richardson var.
 - q, t -Catalan numbers
 - knot homology.

$$G = SL_n = \begin{bmatrix} * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_- = \begin{bmatrix} * & 0 \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U_- = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ * & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \cap B_-$$

$$G/B = \text{flag var.}$$

$$R_{u,w}^o = (B_- u B \cap B w B) / B \subset G/B \quad \text{Richardson var. (Deodhar '85)}$$

$$G^{v,w} = B_- v B_- \cap B w B \subset G \quad \text{Double Bruhat cells (Fomin-Zelevinsky '99)}$$

$$G/B = \bigsqcup_{u \leq w} R_{u,w}^o$$

$$G = \bigsqcup_{v,w \in W} G^{v,w}$$

$$(W = S_n)$$

Double braid varieties: $R_{u,\beta}^o$

$$\beta = i_1 i_2 \dots i_m \in (\pm I)^m \quad \text{double braid word}$$

$$u \in W, u \leq \pi(\beta) \quad \pi(\beta) = \text{"Demazure product" of } \beta$$

$$I = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$$

I and $-I$ commute

$$\beta = \text{reduced word for } w \in W \Rightarrow R_{u,\beta}^o \cong R_{u,w}^o$$

$$\beta = \text{shuffle of (red. word for } w \text{ on } + \text{ indices) and (red. word for } v \text{ on } - \text{ indices)}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{u,\beta}^o \cong G^{v,w}$$

Combinatorics

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$$\beta = i_1, \dots, i_m \in (\pm I)^m, u \in W$$

Def. Positive distinguished subexpr.

Set $u_m := u$. For $c = m, \dots, 2, 1$, set $u_{c-1} = \min(u_c, s_{i_c} u_c s_{i_c}^{-1})$
Write $u \leq \beta$ if $u_0 = id$

Let $J := \{c : u_c = u_{c-1}\}$ - solid crossings
not in J - hollow crossings [ic]

Def. Almost positive subexpr. Fix $d \in J$.

Set $u_m^{<d>} = u$, $u_{c-1}^{<d>} = \begin{cases} \min(u_c^{<d>}, s_{i_c} u_c^{<d>} s_{i_c}^{-1}), & c \neq d \\ \max(\text{---} // \text{---}), & c = d. \end{cases}$

Call $d \in J$ mutable if $u_0^{<d>} = id$, frozen otherwise.

[BFZ '05]
[Ingermannson '19]

"Grid minors":
(Type A only!)

$$\Delta_{c,i} = \prod_{d \in J: u_c w_i \neq u_c^{<d>} w_i} x_d$$

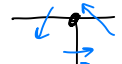
$$w_i = \{1, \dots, i\}$$

$$\Delta_{c,-i} = \prod_{d \in J: u_c^{-1} w_i \neq (u_c^{<d>})^{-1} w_i} x_d$$

Quiver $Q_{u,\beta}$ For each $c \in J$,
sum up half-arrows.

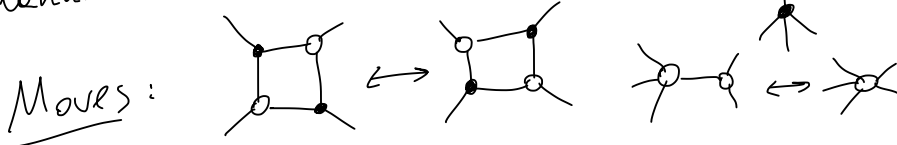


$i > 0$ in $\Pi_+(G_{u,\beta})$



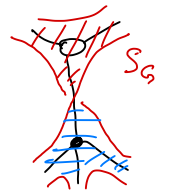
$i < 0$ in $\Pi_-(G_{u,\beta})$

Def (Postnikov '06) A plabic graph G is a planar bicolored graph
Planar dual of G is a quiver Q_G : vertices of $Q_G \leftrightarrow$ faces of G
arrows of $Q_G \leftrightarrow$ edges of G .



Moves:

Def (Goncharov-Kenyon '13) Conjugate surface S_G : G -ribbon graph,
clockwise/ccw edge order around black/white vertices.



Faces of $G \rightarrow$ some cycles inside S_G
moves preserve S_G . $[Q_G \Leftrightarrow \text{intersection form of } S_G]$

Our construction:

$\Pi_+(G_{u,\beta}), \Pi_-(G_{u,\beta})$ are projections of a 3D plabic graph $G_{u,\beta}$.

Regions where x_d appears: projections of a 2-disk D_d , ∂D_d -cycle in $G_{u,\beta}$.

Quiver $Q_{u,\beta}$ - intersection form of conjugate surface of $G_{u,\beta}$

$u = s_2$

$\beta = -2 \quad 1 \quad \boxed{2} \quad 1 \quad -1$ ← hollow

c	0	1	2	3	4	5
u_c	id	id	id	s_2	s_2	s_2
$u_c^{(s)}$	id	id	s_1	$s_1 s_2$	$s_1 s_2$	s_2
$u_c^{(u)}$	id	s_2	$s_2 s_1$	$s_2 s_1$	s_2	s_2
$u_c^{(s)}$	s_1	s_1	id	s_2	s_2	s_2
frozen $u_c^{(s)}$	s_2	id	id	s_2	s_2	s_2

