

K -homology of the space of loops on a symplectic group

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1 Motivation of our work

1.1 Hopf algebras $H_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ and $H_*(\Omega Sp)$

- $SU = SU(\infty)$, $SO = SO(\infty)$, $Sp = Sp(\infty)$
- $SU(n) \xrightarrow{r} SO(2n) \xrightarrow{c} SU(2n)$
- $SU(n) \xrightarrow{q} Sp(n) \xrightarrow{c} SU(2n)$

Letting $n \longrightarrow \infty$, we have

- $SU \xrightarrow{r} SO \xrightarrow{c} SU$
- $SU \xrightarrow{q} Sp \xrightarrow{c} SU$
- $\Omega(c \circ r) : \Omega SU \xrightarrow{\Omega r} \Omega_0 SO \xrightarrow{\Omega c} \Omega SU$
- $\Omega(c \circ q) : \Omega SU \xrightarrow{\Omega q} \Omega Sp \xrightarrow{\Omega c} \Omega SU$

These maps induce the following homomorphisms:

$$\Omega(c \circ r)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) \xrightarrow{(\Omega r)_*} H_*(\Omega_0 SO) \xrightarrow{(\Omega c)_*} H_*(\Omega SU),$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) \xrightarrow{(\Omega q)_*} H_*(\Omega Sp) \xrightarrow{(\Omega c)_*} H_*(\Omega SU).$$

Fact 1.1

- $(\Omega r)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) \twoheadrightarrow H_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ is surjective.
- $(\Omega c)_* : H_*(\Omega_0 SO) \hookrightarrow H_*(\Omega SU)$ is injective.
- $(\Omega c)_* : H_*(\Omega Sp) \hookrightarrow H_*(\Omega SU)$ is a split monomorphism.

We wish to describe $H_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ and $H_*(\Omega Sp)$ as Hopf sub-algebras of $H_*(\Omega SU)$.

The “Bott map”

$$g_n : Gr(n, \mathbb{C}^{2n}) \cong U(2n)/U(n) \times U(n) \longrightarrow \Omega SU(2n)$$

induces a homotopy equivalence of H-spaces ($n \longrightarrow \infty$):

$$g_\infty : BU \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega SU \quad (\text{Bott periodicity theorem}).$$

The map g_∞ induces isomorphisms of Hopf algebras:

$$\begin{aligned} g_\infty^* &: H^*(\Omega SU) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(BU), \\ g_{\infty*} &: H_*(BU) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_*(\Omega SU). \end{aligned}$$

The structure of the cohomology ring $H^*(BU)$ and the homology ring (*Pontrjagin ring*) $H_*(BU)$ is well known.

Theorem 1.2

1.

$$H^*(BU) \cong \mathbb{Z}[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n, \dots],$$

where c_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) are the universal Chern classes. The coalgebra structure is given by

$$\phi(c_n) = \sum_{i+j=n} c_i \otimes c_j \quad (c_0 := 1).$$

2.

$$H_*(BU) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n, \dots],$$

where β_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) are induced from $\mathbb{C}P^\infty \simeq BU(1) \longrightarrow BU$. The coalgebra structure is given by

$$\phi(\beta_n) = \sum_{i+j=n} \beta_i \otimes \beta_j \quad (\beta_0 := 1).$$

1.2 Work of Kono-Kozima (1978)

Kono-Kozima considered the homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(c \circ q)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) &\longrightarrow H_*(\Omega SU), \\ \Omega(c \circ q)_* : H_*(\Omega SU)[[x]] &\longrightarrow H_*(\Omega SU)[[x]], \\ \beta(x) := \sum_{i \geq 0} \beta_i x^i &\longmapsto \Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta(x)) \\ &:= \sum_{i \geq 0} \Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_i) x^i. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.3 (Kono-Kozima)

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta(x)) &= \beta(x)/\beta(-x), \\ \Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_n) &= \{1 + (-1)^{n+1}\}\beta_n + 2r_n \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots) \\ &\quad (\exists r_n \in \tilde{H}_*(BU)^2). \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.4

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_1) = 2\beta_1,$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_2) = 2\beta_1^2,$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_3) = 2(\beta_3 - \beta_2\beta_1 + \beta_1^3),$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_4) = 2(2\beta_3\beta_1 - 2\beta_2\beta_1^2 + \beta_1^4),$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta_5) = 2(\beta_5 - \beta_3\beta_2 - \beta_4\beta_1 + \beta_2^2\beta_1 + 3\beta_3\beta_1^2 - 3\beta_2\beta_1^3 + \beta_1^5).$$

Since the polynomials in the right hand side are always divisible by 2, they defined the elements z_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) as

$$z_n := \frac{1}{2}(\Omega q)_*(\beta_n) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

$$(\Omega q)_*(\beta(x)) = 1 + 2xz(x), \quad z(x) := \sum_{j \geq 0} z_{j+1}x^j.$$

Theorem 1.5 (Kono-Kozima)

- ring structure:

$$H_*(\Omega Sp) \cong \mathbb{Z}[z_1, z_3, \dots, z_{2n-1}, \dots]$$

- coalgebra structure:

$$\phi(z_n) = z_n \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes z_n + 2 \sum_{i+j=n, i \geq 1, j \geq 1} z_i \otimes z_j$$

- The elements z_{2n} ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) are defined recursively by the formula:

$$z_{2n} + \sum_{i+j=2n, i \geq 1, j \geq 1} (-1)^i z_i z_j = 0.$$

1.3 Symmetric functions

1.3.1 Ring of symmetric functions

- Λ : ring of symmetric functions with integer coefficients
- e_i ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$): i -th elementary symmetric functions
- h_i ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$): i -th complete symmetric functions
- generating functions:

$$E(t) = \sum_{i \geq 0} e_i t^i = \prod_{i \geq 1} (1 + y_i t), \quad H(t) = \sum_{i \geq 0} h_i t^i = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - y_i t}$$

- relation:

$$H(t)E(-t) = 1$$

- s_λ : Schur function corresponding to a partition $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}$, the set all partitions.

Fact 1.6

- Λ is a polynomial ring over the integers \mathbb{Z} generated by e_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots$) (or h_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots$)):

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[e_1, e_2, \dots] = \mathbb{Z}[h_1, h_2, \dots].$$

- Λ becomes a commutative and co-commutative Hopf algebra over \mathbb{Z} with the coproduct

$$\phi(e_k) = \sum_{i+j=k} e_i \otimes e_j, \quad \phi(h_k) = \sum_{i+j=k} h_i \otimes h_j.$$

- Λ and its graded dual $\Lambda^* = \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z})$ are isomorphic as Hopf algebras under the “Hall inner product” $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \Lambda \times \Lambda \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.
- $\{s_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}}$ is a free \mathbb{Z} -basis for Λ : $\Lambda = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{Z}s_\lambda$.

1.3.2 Schur P - and Q -functions

- Q_k ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) are defined as the coefficients of t^k in the following generating function ($Q_0 := 1$):

$$Q(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} Q_k t^k := H(t)E(t) = \frac{H(t)}{H(-t)} = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1 + y_i t}{1 - y_i t}.$$

- The identity $Q(t)Q(-t) = 1$ implies the following relations:

$$Q_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^j Q_{i+j} Q_{i-j} = 0 \quad (i \geq 1).$$

- We define Γ as the subalgebra of Λ generated by Q_i 's:

$$\Gamma = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_i, \dots]}{(Q_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^j Q_{i+j} Q_{i-j} \quad (i \geq 1))}.$$

- Q_λ : Schur Q -function corresponding to a strict partition $\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}$, the set of all strict partitions.
- P_k ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) are defined by the formula:

$$P_k := \frac{1}{2} Q_k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=k} h_i e_j, \quad P_0 := 0.$$

- P_i 's satisfy the relations:

$$P_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^j P_{i+j} P_{i-j} + (-1)^i P_{2i} = 0 \quad (i \geq 1).$$

- We define Γ' as the subalgebra of Λ generated by P_i 's:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma' &= \frac{\mathbb{Z}[P_1, P_2, \dots, P_i, \dots]}{(P_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^j P_{i+j} P_{i-j} + (-1)^i P_{2i} \quad (i \geq 1))} \\ &= \mathbb{Z}[P_1, P_3, \dots, P_{2n-1}, \dots]. \end{aligned}$$

- $P_\lambda = 2^{-\ell(\lambda)} Q_\lambda$: Schur P -functions corresponding to a strict partition $\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}$.

Fact 1.7

- The subalgebras Γ and Γ' have natural Hopf algebra structures with the coproduct given by

$$\phi(Q_k) = \sum_{i+j=k} Q_i \otimes Q_j,$$

$$\phi(P_k) = P_k \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes P_k + 2 \sum_{i+j=k, i \geq 1, j \geq 1} P_i \otimes P_j.$$

- Γ and Γ' are mutually dual Hopf algebras: $\Gamma^* \cong \Gamma'$, $(\Gamma')^* \cong \Gamma$.
- $\{Q_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}}$ (resp. $\{P_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}}$) forms a free \mathbb{Z} -basis for Γ (resp. Γ'): $\Gamma = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} \mathbb{Z}Q_\lambda$ (resp. $\Gamma' = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} \mathbb{Z}P_\lambda$).

1.3.3 Identification with symmetric functions

- We make the following identification of Hopf algebras:

$$H^*(\Omega SU) \cong H^*(BU) = \mathbb{Z}[c_1, c_2, \dots] \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[e_1, e_2, \dots],$$

$$c_i \longmapsto e_i,$$

$$H_*(\Omega SU) \cong H_*(BU) = \mathbb{Z}[\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots] \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[h_1, h_2, \dots],$$

$$\beta_i \longmapsto h_i.$$

- Under this identification, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_*(\Omega SU) & \longleftrightarrow & \Lambda \\
 \beta(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \beta_i x^i & \longleftrightarrow & H(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0} h_i x^i \\
 \Omega(c \circ q)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) \rightarrow H_*(\Omega SU) & \longleftrightarrow & \Phi : \Lambda \longrightarrow \Lambda \\
 \Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta(x)) = \beta(x)/\beta(-x) & \longleftrightarrow & \Phi(H(x)) = H(x)/H(-x)
 \end{array}$$

Since $\Phi(H(x)) = H(x)/H(-x) = H(x)E(x) = Q(x)$, we have

$$\Phi(h_n) = Q_n = 2P_n \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Under the identification $H_*(\Omega SU) \cong \Lambda$, the element $z_n \in H_{2n}(\Omega Sp)$ defined by Kono-Kozima is nothing but the Schur P -function P_n .

Observation 1.8

- There is a natural identification of Hopf algebras:

$$H_*(\Omega Sp) = \mathbb{Z}[z_1, z_3, z_5, \dots] \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma' = \mathbb{Z}[P_1, P_3, P_5, \dots].$$

- The homomorphism $(\Omega q)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) \longrightarrow H_*(\Omega Sp)$ corresponds to the homomorphism $\Lambda \longrightarrow \Gamma'$, $h_i \longmapsto 2P_i$.
- The homomorphism $(\Omega c)_* : H_*(\Omega Sp) \hookrightarrow H_*(\Omega SU)$ corresponds to the natural inclusion $\Gamma' \hookrightarrow \Lambda$.

Similarly, putting $\tau_n := (\Omega r)_*(\beta_n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), we have

Observation 1.9 There is a natural identification of Hopf algebras:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_*(\Omega_0 SO) &= \frac{\mathbb{Z}[\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n, \dots]}{(\tau_n^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j \tau_{n+j} \tau_{n-j} \ (n \geq 1))} \\
 &\xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n, \dots]}{(Q_n^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j Q_{n+j} Q_{n-j} \ (n \geq 1))}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- The homomorphism $(\Omega r)_* : H_*(\Omega SU) \twoheadrightarrow H_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ corresponds to the surjection $\Lambda \twoheadrightarrow \Gamma$, $h_i \mapsto Q_i$.
- The homomorphism $(\Omega c)_* : H_*(\Omega_0 SO) \hookrightarrow H_*(\Omega SU)$ corresponds to the natural inclusion $\Gamma \hookrightarrow \Lambda$.

2 E -homology Hopf algebras of $\Omega_0 SO$ and ΩSp

2.1 Hopf algebras $E_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ and $E_*(\Omega Sp)$

- $E^*(\)$: “complex oriented” generalized cohomology theory with the orientation class $x^E \in E^2(\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$
- $E_*(\)$: corresponding homology theory
- $E_* := E_*(\text{pt}) = E^{-*}$: coefficient ring
- $\mu_E(x, y) = x + y + \sum_{i \geq 1, j \geq 1} a_{ij}^E x^i y^j$ ($a_{ij}^E \in E_{2(i+j-1)}$): commutative formal group law associated with $E^*(\)$
- $[-1]_E(x) = \iota_E(x) = \bar{x} = -x + \sum_{j \geq 2} a'_j x^j$: formal inverse, i.e.,
 $\mu_E(x, [-1]_E(x)) \equiv 0$
- $[1]_E(x) := x$, $[n]_E(x) := \mu_E([n-1]_E(x), x)$ ($n > 1$): n -series

The maps

$$\Omega(c \circ r) : \Omega SU \xrightarrow{\Omega r} \Omega_0 SO \xrightarrow{\Omega c} \Omega SU,$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q) : \Omega SU \xrightarrow{\Omega q} \Omega Sp \xrightarrow{\Omega c} \Omega SU$$

induce the following homomorphisms:

$$\Omega(c \circ r)_* : E_*(\Omega SU) \xrightarrow{(\Omega r)_*} E_*(\Omega_0 SO) \xrightarrow{(\Omega c)_*} E_*(\Omega SU),$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_* : E_*(\Omega SU) \xrightarrow{(\Omega q)_*} E_*(\Omega Sp) \xrightarrow{(\Omega c)_*} E_*(\Omega SU).$$

Fact 2.1

- $(\Omega r)_* : E_*(\Omega SU) \twoheadrightarrow E_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ is surjective.
- $(\Omega c)_* : E_*(\Omega_0 SO) \hookrightarrow E_*(\Omega SU)$ is injective.
- $(\Omega c)_* : E_*(\Omega Sp) \hookrightarrow E_*(\Omega SU)$ is a split monomorphism.

Theorem 2.2 (Adams)

1.

$$E^*(\Omega SU) \cong E^*(BU) \cong E^*[[c_1^E, c_2^E, \dots, c_n^E, \dots]],$$

where c_n^E ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) are the E -theory Chern-Conner-Floyd classes. The coalgebra structure is given by

$$\phi(c_n^E) = \sum_{i+j=n} c_i^E \otimes c_j^E \quad (c_0^E := 1).$$

2.

$$E_*(\Omega SU) \cong E_*(BU) \cong E_*[\beta_1^E, \beta_2^E, \dots, \beta_n^E, \dots],$$

where β_n^E ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) are induced from $\mathbb{C}P^\infty \simeq BU(1) \longrightarrow BU$. The coalgebra structure is given by

$$\phi(\beta_n^E) = \sum_{i+j=n} \beta_i^E \otimes \beta_j^E \quad (\beta_0^E := 1).$$

Theorem 2.3

$$\Omega(c \circ r)_*(\beta^E(x)) = \beta^E(x) / \beta^E([-1]_E(x)),$$

$$\Omega(c \circ q)_*(\beta^E(x)) = \beta^E(x) / \beta^E([-1]_E(x)).$$

Putting

$$\tau_n^E := (\Omega r)_*(\beta_n^E) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots), \quad \tau^E(x) := \sum_{i \geq 0} \tau_i^E x^i,$$

we have the following relation:

$$\tau^E(x) \tau^E([-1]_E(x)) = 1.$$

Proposition 2.4

- ring structure:

$$E_*(\Omega_0 SO) = E_*[\tau_1^E, \tau_2^E, \dots, \tau_n^E, \dots] / (\tau^E(x) \tau^E([-1]_E(x)) = 1)$$

- coalgebra structure:

$$\phi(\tau_n^E) = \sum_{i+j=n} \tau_i^E \otimes \tau_j^E \quad (\tau_0^E = 1)$$

We define the elements η_n^E ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) in $E_*(\Omega Sp)$ so as to satisfy the relation

$$(\Omega q)_*(\beta^E(x)) = 1 + [2]_E(x)\eta^E(x), \quad \eta^E(x) := \sum_{j \geq 0} \eta_{j+1}^E x^j, \quad \eta_0^E := 0.$$

For example, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\Omega q)_*(\beta_1^E) &= 2\eta_1^E, \\ (\Omega q)_*(\beta_2^E) &= 2\eta_2^E + \alpha_2^E \eta_1^E, \\ (\Omega q)_*(\beta_3^E) &= 2\eta_3^E + \alpha_2^E \eta_2^E + \alpha_3^E \eta_1^E, \end{aligned}$$

where we put $[2]_E(x) = \mu_E(x, x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k^E x^k = 2x + \sum_{k \geq 2} \alpha_k^E x^k$.

We have the following relation:

$$(1 + [2]_E(x)\eta^E(x))(1 + [-2]_E(x)\eta^E([-1]_E(x))) = 1,$$

where $[-2]_E(x) = [2]_E([-1]_E(x))$.

From this, we can eliminate η_{2n} ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), and we obtain

Proposition 2.5 (F. Clarke (1981))

- ring structure:

$$E_*(\Omega Sp) = E_*[\eta_1^E, \eta_3^E, \dots, \eta_{2n-1}^E, \dots]$$

- coalgebra structure:

$$\phi(\eta_l^E) = \eta_l^E \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \eta_l^E + \sum_{i+j+k=l} \alpha_{k+1}^E \eta_i^E \otimes \eta_j^E,$$

where $[2]_E(x) = \mu_E(x, x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k^E x^k$.

2.2 E -homology Schur P - and Q -functions

Definition 2.6 We define q_k^E ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) as the coefficients of t^k in the following generating function ($q_0^E := 1$):

$$q^E(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} q_k^E t^k := \frac{H(t)}{H([-1]_E(t))} = \frac{H(t)}{H(\bar{t})} = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1 - y_i \bar{t}}{1 - y_i t}.$$

The following relation holds:

$$q^E(t)q^E(\bar{t}) = 1.$$

Definition 2.7 We define Γ^E as the subalgebra of $\Lambda^E := E_* \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \Lambda$ generated by q_i^E 's:

$$\Gamma^E := \frac{E_*[q_1^E, q_2^E, \dots, q_i^E, \dots]}{(q^E(t)q^E(\bar{t}) = 1)} \hookrightarrow \Lambda^E.$$

Definition 2.8 We define p_k^E ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) so as to satisfy the relation

$$q^E(t) = 1 + [2]_E(t)p^E(t), \quad p^E(t) := \sum_{j \geq 0} p_{j+1}^E t^j \quad p_0^E := 0.$$

For example, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q_1^E &= 2p_1^E, \\ q_2^E &= 2p_2^E + \alpha_2^E p_1^E, \\ q_3^E &= 2p_3^E + \alpha_2^E p_2^E + \alpha_3^E p_1^E, \end{aligned}$$

where we put $[2]_E(t) = \mu_E(t, t) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k^E t^k$.

The following relation holds:

$$(1 + [2]_E(t)p^E(t))(1 + [-2]_E(t)p^E([-1]_E(t))) = 1.$$

From this, we can eliminate p_{2n}^E ($n = 1, 2, \dots$).

Definition 2.9 We define Γ'^E as the subalgebra of Λ^E generated by p_i^E 's:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma'^E &= \frac{E_*[p_1^E, p_2^E, \dots, p_i^E, \dots]}{(1 + [2]_E(t)p^E(t))(1 + [-2]_E(t)p^E([-1]_E(t))) = 1)} \\ &= E_*[p_1^E, p_3^E, \dots, p_{2n-1}^E, \dots] \hookrightarrow \Lambda^E. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2.10

1. We make the following identification of Hopf algebras:

$$\begin{aligned} E_*(\Omega SU) \cong E_*(BU) = E_*[\beta_1^E, \beta_2^E, \dots] &\xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda^E = E_*[h_1, h_2, \dots], \\ \beta_i^E &\longmapsto h_i. \end{aligned}$$

2. There is a natural identification of Hopf algebras:

$$E_*(\Omega_0 SO) = \frac{E_*[\tau_1^E, \tau_2^E, \dots, \tau_n^E, \dots]}{(\tau^E(t)\tau^E(\bar{t}) = 1)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma^E = \frac{E_*[q_1^E, q_2^E, \dots, q_n^E, \dots]}{(q^E(t)q^E(\bar{t}) = 1)}$$

- The homomorphism $(\Omega r)_* : E_*(\Omega SU) \longrightarrow E_*(\Omega_0 SO)$ corresponds to the surjection $\Lambda^E \longrightarrow \Gamma^E$, $h_i \longmapsto q_i^E$.
- The homomorphism $(\Omega c)_* : E_*(\Omega_0 SO) \hookrightarrow E_*(\Omega SU)$ corresponds to the natural inclusion $\Gamma^E \hookrightarrow \Lambda^E$.

$$E_*(\Omega Sp) = E_*[\eta_1^E, \eta_3^E, \eta_5^E, \dots] \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma'^E = E_*[p_1^E, p_3^E, p_5^E, \dots]$$

- The homomorphism $(\Omega q)_* : E_*(\Omega SU) \longrightarrow E_*(\Omega Sp)$ corresponds to the homomorphism $\Lambda^E \longrightarrow \Gamma'^E$, $H(t) \longmapsto 1 + [2]_E(t)p^E(t)$.

- The homomorphism $(\Omega c)_* : E_*(\Omega Sp) \hookrightarrow E_*(\Omega SU)$ corresponds to the natural inclusion $\Gamma'^E \hookrightarrow \Lambda^E$.

2.3 E -(co)homology factorial Schur P - and Q -functions

Ikeda-Naruse constructed the K -theoretic factorial P - and Q -functions.

- $x \oplus y = x + y + \beta xy$, $x \ominus y = \frac{x - y}{1 + \beta y}$
- $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots)$: a set of parameters
- $[x|b]^k := (x \oplus b_1)(x \oplus b_2) \cdots (x \oplus b_k)$
- $[[x|b]]^k := (x \oplus x)[x|b]^{k-1}$
- \mathcal{SP}_n : the set of all strict partitions λ with $\ell(\lambda) = r \leq n$
- $[x|b]^\lambda := \prod_{j=1}^r [x_j|b]^{\lambda_j}$ and $[[x|b]]^\lambda := \prod_{j=1}^r [[x_j|b]]^{\lambda_j}$

Definition 2.11 (Ikeda-Naruse (2012))

1. For a strict partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) \in \mathcal{SP}_n$, define

$$GP_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n | b) := \frac{1}{(n-r)!} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_n} w \left[[x|b]^\lambda \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=i+1}^n \frac{x_i \oplus x_j}{x_i \ominus x_j} \right],$$

$$GQ_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n | b) := \frac{1}{(n-r)!} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_n} w \left[[[x|b]]^\lambda \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=i+1}^n \frac{x_i \oplus x_j}{x_i \ominus x_j} \right].$$

- 2.

$$GP_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) := GP_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n | 0) \in G\Gamma_n,$$

$$GQ_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) := GQ_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n | 0) \in G\Gamma_{n,+}.$$

3. For a strict partition $\lambda \in \mathcal{SP} = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{SP}_n$, define

$$GP_\lambda(x) := \varprojlim GP_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in G\Gamma = \varprojlim G\Gamma_n,$$

$$GQ_\lambda(x) := \varprojlim GQ_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in G\Gamma_+ = \varprojlim G\Gamma_{n,+}.$$

We generalize the K -theoretic factorial P - and Q -functions to the generalized cohomology theory and define “ E -cohomology factorial (equivariant) Schur P - and Q -functions”.

- $\mu(x, y) = \mu_E(x, y)$: formal group law corresponding to E -theory
- $x +_\mu y := \mu(x, y)$: formal group sum
- \bar{x} : formal inverse of x , i.e. $\bar{x} +_\mu x = 0$
- $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots)$: a set of parameters
- $[x|b]^k := \prod_{i=1}^k (x +_\mu b_i)$
- $[[x|b]]^k := (x +_\mu x)[x|b]^{k-1}$
- $[x|b]^\lambda = \prod_{j=1}^r [x_j|b]^{\lambda_j}$ and $[[x|b]]^\lambda = \prod_{j=1}^r [[x_j|b]]^{\lambda_j}$ for $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) \in \mathcal{SP}_n$.

Definition 2.12 (E -cohomology factorial Schur P - and Q -functions)

$$P_{\lambda}^E(x_1, \dots, x_n | b) := \frac{1}{(n-r)!} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_n} w \left[[x|b]^{\lambda} \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=i+1}^n \frac{x_i +_{\mu} x_j}{x_i +_{\mu} \bar{x}_j} \right],$$

$$Q_{\lambda}^E(x_1, \dots, x_n | b) := \frac{1}{(n-r)!} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_n} w \left[[[x|b]]^{\lambda} \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=i+1}^n \frac{x_i +_{\mu} x_j}{x_i +_{\mu} \bar{x}_j} \right].$$

Using a Cauchy type kernel $\Delta = \prod_{i,j \geq 1} \frac{1 - \bar{x}_i y_j}{1 - x_i y_j}$, we define the “ E -homology factorial (equivariant) Schur P - and Q -functions” $p_{\lambda}^E(y|b)$ and $q_{\lambda}^E(y|b)$:

Definition 2.13 (E -homology factorial Schur P - and Q -functions)

1.

$$\prod_{i,j \geq 1} \frac{1 - \bar{x}_i y_j}{1 - x_i y_j} = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} Q_\lambda^E(x|b) p_\lambda^E(y|b),$$

$$\prod_{i,j \geq 1} \frac{1 - \bar{x}_i y_j}{1 - x_i y_j} = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} P_\lambda^E(x|b) q_\lambda^E(y|b).$$

2. $p_\lambda^E(y) := p_\lambda^E(y|0)$ and $q_\lambda^E(y) := q_\lambda^E(y|0)$.

When $\lambda = (k)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$) (one row), $p_{(k)}^E(y)$ (resp. $q_{(k)}^E(y)$) coincides with p_k^E (resp. q_k^E) introduced in §2.2.

Fact 2.14 $\{q_\lambda^E(y)\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}}$ (resp. $\{p_\lambda^E(y)\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}}$) forms a free E_* -basis for Γ^E (resp. Γ'^E): $\Gamma^E = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} E_* q_\lambda^E(y)$ (resp. $\Gamma'^E = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} E_* p_\lambda^E(y)$).

3 K -homology Schur P - and Q -functions

We focus on the case of K -homology theory. We use the $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded “representable K -homology theory” $K_*(\) = K_0(\) \oplus K_1(\)$.

- $\mu_K(x, y) = x + y - xy$
- $[-1]_K(x) = \bar{x} = -\frac{x}{1-x}$
- $[2]_K(x) = 2x - x^2$ ($\alpha_1^K = 2, \alpha_2^K = -1, \alpha_i^K = 0$ ($i \geq 3$))
- $K_* = K_*(\text{pt}) = K_0(\text{pt}) = \mathbb{Z}$
- In §2.2, we defined the “ring of K -homology Schur P - and Q -functions”:

$$K_0(\Omega_0 SO) \cong \Gamma^K = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[q_1^K, q_2^K, \dots, q_n^K, \dots]}{(q^K(x)q^K([-1]_K(x)) = 1)} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} \mathbb{Z}q_\lambda^K(y),$$

$$K_0(\Omega Sp) \cong \Gamma'^K = \mathbb{Z}[p_1^K, p_3^K, \dots, p_{2n-1}^K, \dots] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}} \mathbb{Z}p_\lambda^K(y).$$

Motivated by the construction of the *dual stable Grothendieck polynomials* $\{g_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}}$ due to Lam-Pylyavskyy, we define their “type C analogues”.

Definition 3.1

1. For a strict partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_r > 0)$, we define $\text{Tab}(\lambda)$ as the set of tableaux of shape λ in alphabet $1' < 1 < 2' < 2 < \dots$ with condition that each rows and columns are weakly increasing.

Let $\text{Tab}'(\lambda)$ be the subset of $\text{Tab}(\lambda)$ with the property that for each row, the first box contains a primed number,
in other words, all the entries in the diagonal boxes are primed).

2. Define $gp_\lambda(y) = gp_\lambda(y_1, y_2, \dots)$, $gq_\lambda(y) = gq_\lambda(y_1, y_2, \dots)$ by

$$gp_\lambda(y) := \sum_{T \in \text{Tab}'(\lambda)} y^T,$$

$$gq_\lambda(y) := \sum_{T \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} y^T,$$

where $y^T := \prod_{i \in T} y_i^{c(i)} \prod_{i' \in T} x_i^{r(i')}$ with

- $c(i)$: the number of columns containing i
- $r(i')$: the number of rows containing i'

Example 3.2

$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1' & 1' & 2 & 3 \\ \hline & 2' & 3 & 3 \\ \hline & & 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad y^T = y_1 y_2^2 y_3^2$$

Conjecture 3.3 $gp_\lambda(y) = p_\lambda^K(y)$ and $gq_\lambda(y) = q_\lambda^K(y)$ ($\lambda \in \mathcal{SP}$).

Remark 3.4 1. The conjecture above is shown to be true for one row case i.e., $\lambda = (k)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$).

2. Since $p_\lambda^K(y)$ and $q_\lambda^K(y)$ are symmetric functions by definition, the fact that $gp_\lambda(y)$ and $gq_\lambda(y)$ are symmetric functions follows from the above conjecture.

There is a formula related to the stable dual Grothendieck polynomials $g_\lambda(y)$:

Proposition 3.5 (hook sum formula)

$$gp_k(y) = \sum_{a=1}^k g_{a1^{k-a}}(y)$$

Conjecture 3.6

$$gp_\rho(y) = g_\rho(y) \text{ for } \rho = (k, k-1, \dots, 2, 1), k \leq n.$$

Remark 3.7 For a geometric reason, $gp_\lambda(y)$ and $gq_\lambda(y)$ should be positive linear combinations of the dual stable Grothendieck polynomials $g_\mu(y)$ (hence Schur polynomials $s_\mu(y)$).

Example 3.8

$$\begin{aligned}gp_1 &= h_1, \\gp_2 &= h_1^2 + h_1, \\gp_3 &= (h_1^3 - h_2h_1 + h_3) + (2h_1^2 - h_2) + h_1, \\gp_4 &= (h_1^4 - 2h_2h_1^2 + 2h_3h_1) + (3h_1^3 - 4h_2h_1 + 2h_3) + (3h_1^2 - 2h_2) \\&\quad + h_1, \\gp_5 &= (h_1^5 - 3h_2h_1^3 + 3h_3h_1^2 + h_2^2h_1 - h_4h_1 - h_3h_2 + h_5) \\&\quad + (4h_1^4 - 9h_2h_1^2 + 7h_3h_1 + h_2^2 - 2h_4) + (6h_1^3 - 9h_2h_1 + 4h_3) \\&\quad + (4h_1^2 - 3h_2) + h_1, \\gp_6 &= (h_1^6 - 4h_2h_1^4 + 4h_3h_1^3 + 3h_2^2h_1^2 - 2h_4h_1^2 - 4h_3h_2h_1 + 2h_5h_1 + h_3^2) \\&\quad + (5h_1^5 - 16h_2h_1^3 + 3h_5 + 14h_3h_1^2 + 7h_2^2h_1 - 7h_4h_1 - 5h_3h_2) \\&\quad + (10h_1^4 - 24h_2h_1^2 + 17h_3h_1 + 4h_2^2 - 6h_4) + (10h_1^3 - 16h_2h_1 + 7h_3) \\&\quad + (5h_1^2 - 4h_2) + h_1,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
gp_{21} &= (h_2h_1 - h_3) + h_2, \\
gp_{31} &= (h_2h_1^2 - h_3h_1) + (2h_2h_1 - h_3) + h_2, \\
gp_{41} &= (h_2h_1^3 - h_3h_1^2 - h_2^2h_1 + h_4h_1 + h_3h_2 - h_5) \\
&\quad + (3h_2h_1^2 - 3h_3h_1 - h_2^2 + 2h_4) + (3h_2h_1 - 2h_3) + h_2, \\
gp_{51} &= (h_2h_1^4 - h_3h_1^3 - 2h_2^2h_1^2 + h_4h_1^2 + 3h_3h_2h_1 - h_5h_1 - h_3^2) \\
&\quad + (4h_2h_1^3 - 4h_3h_1^2 - 5h_2^2h_1 + 4h_4h_1 + 4h_3h_2 - 2h_5) \\
&\quad + (6h_2h_1^2 - 6h_3h_1 - 3h_2^2 + 4h_4) + (4h_2h_1 - 3h_3) + h_2, \\
gp_{32} &= (h_2^2h_1 - h_4h_1 - h_3h_2 + h_5) + (h_2h_1^2 + h_2^2 - 2h_4) + (2h_2h_1) \\
&\quad + h_2, \\
gp_{42} &= (h_2^2h_1^2 - 2h_3h_2h_1 + h_3^2) + (h_2h_1^3 - h_3h_1^2 + 2h_2^2h_1 - 2h_3h_2) \\
&\quad + (3h_2h_1^2 - 2h_3h_1 + h_2^2) + (3h_2h_1 - h_3) + h_2, \\
gp_{321} &= (h_3h_2h_1 - h_4h_1^2 + h_5h_1 - h_3^2) + (h_3h_1^2 - 3h_4h_1 + h_3h_2 + h_5) \\
&\quad + (2h_3h_1 - 2h_4) + h_3
\end{aligned}$$