

Problems for Hausel's Lecture, Thursday

1. Identify the Jacobi triple product identity on slide 18 as the Kac denominator formula for the root system \hat{A}_1 .
2. Prove the statements on slide 19.
3. What is the number of solutions of $x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n = 1$ in \mathbb{F}_q ? Let \mathcal{U} denote the variety of solutions of this equation. What is the E-polynomial of the variety $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{C})$? Let \mathbb{C}^\times act on $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{C})$ by $\lambda : (x_i, y_i) \mapsto (\lambda x_i, \lambda^{-1} y_i)$. Show that the action is free and assuming that $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{C})//\mathbb{C}^\times$ is locally trivial in the Zariski topology, calculate the E-polynomial of $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{C})//\mathbb{C}^\times$.
($\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{C})//\mathbb{C}^\times \rightsquigarrow$ Calabi's hyperkähler metric on $T^*\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$)
4. $E(\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}); q) = ?$ Does it have a pure or mixed weight filtration? Can you find the Betti numbers $P_c(\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}); t)$ of $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$? Try to prove that it has the cohomology of the product of certain odd dimensional spheres by looking at a natural tower of fibrations with these spheres in the fibers.
5. Observe that a variety X (defined over \mathbb{Z}) which has polynomial count over finite fields and pure weight filtration has $E(X; q) \in \mathbb{N}[q]$.