

# Spanning Configurations and Representation Stability

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## Abstract

Let  $V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots$  be a sequence of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces where  $V_n$  carries an action of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ . *Representation stability* and *multiplicity stability* are two related notions of when the sequence  $V_n$  has a limit. An important source of stability phenomena arises when  $V_n$  is the  $d^{\text{th}}$  homology group (for fixed  $d$ ) of the configuration space of  $n$  distinct points in some fixed topological space  $X$ . We replace these configuration spaces with moduli spaces of tuples  $(W_1, \dots, W_n)$  of subspaces of a fixed complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^N$  such that  $W_1 + \dots + W_n = \mathbb{C}^N$ . These include the varieties of *spanning line configurations* which are tied to the Delta Conjecture of symmetric function theory.

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## 1 Introduction and Main Result

Let  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces where each  $V_n$  has an action of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ . Introduced by Church [1] in a geometric context, *representation stability* gives a notion of the sequence  $V_n$  having a limit.

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**Definition 1.** (Church [1]) Let  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  representations, and for each  $n \geq 1$  let  $f_n : V_n \rightarrow V_{n+1}$  be a linear map. Then we say that  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is (uniformly) representation stable with respect to the maps  $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$  if for  $n \gg 0$

- the map  $f_n$  is injective,
- we have  $f_n(w \cdot v) = w \cdot f_n(v)$  for all  $w \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  and all  $v \in V_n$ ,
- the  $\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$  module generated by the image  $f_n(V_n) \subseteq V_{n+1}$  is all of  $V_{n+1}$ , and
- the transposition  $(n+1, n+2) \in \mathfrak{S}_{n+2}$  acts trivially on the image of the composition  $\text{im}(V_n \xrightarrow{f_n} V_{n+1} \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} V_{n+2}) \subseteq V_{n+2}$ .

The isotypic decompositions of a representation stable sequence  $V_n$  exhibit limiting properties. A *partition* of  $n$  is a weakly decreasing sequence  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  of positive integers which sum to  $n$ . We write  $\lambda \vdash n$  to mean that  $\lambda$  is a partition of  $n$  and  $|\lambda| = n$  for the sum of the parts of  $\lambda$ . The (English) *Ferrers diagram* of  $\lambda$  consists of  $\lambda_i$  left-justified boxes in row  $i$ ; we identify partitions with their Ferrers diagrams.

Partitions of  $n$  are in bijective correspondence with irreducible representations of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ ; given  $\lambda \vdash n$ , let  $S^\lambda$  be the corresponding irreducible  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -module.

If  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots)$  is a partition and  $n \geq |\mu| + \mu_1$ , the *padded partition* is  $\mu[n] \vdash n$  is given by  $\mu[n] := (n - |\mu|, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots)$ . Any partition  $\lambda \vdash n$  may be expressed uniquely as  $\lambda = \mu[n]$  for some partition  $\mu$ . In fact, if  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots)$  then  $\lambda = \mu[n]$  where  $\mu = (\lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots)$ .

For any  $n \geq 1$ , the  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -module  $V_n$  decomposes into a direct sum of irreducibles. There exist unique multiplicities  $m_{\mu,n}$  so that  $V_n \cong \bigoplus_{\mu} m_{\mu,n} S^{\mu[n]}$  where the direct sum is over all partitions  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.** The sequence  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is *uniformly multiplicity stable* if there exists  $N$  such that for any partition  $\mu$ , we have  $m_{\mu,n} = m_{\mu,n'}$  for all  $n, n' \geq N$ .

Church, Ellenberg, and Farb proved that multiplicity and representation stability are essentially equivalent.

**Theorem 3.** (Church-Ellenberg-Farb [2]) *Let  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -representations. Then  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is uniformly multiplicity stable if and only if there exists some collection of linear maps  $f_n : V_n \rightarrow V_{n+1}$  such that  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is representation stable with respect to  $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ .*

Theorem 3 notwithstanding, writing down explicit maps  $f_n : V_n \rightarrow V_{n+1}$  which realize the representation stability of a specific multiplicity stable sequence  $(V_n)_{n \geq 1}$  can be difficult.

Many geometric instances of representation stability arise from configuration spaces. If  $X$  is a topological space and  $n \geq 1$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  *configuration space* of  $X$  is the moduli space of  $n$  distinct points in  $X$ :

$$\text{Conf}_n X := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in X \text{ and } x_i \neq x_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}. \quad (1)$$

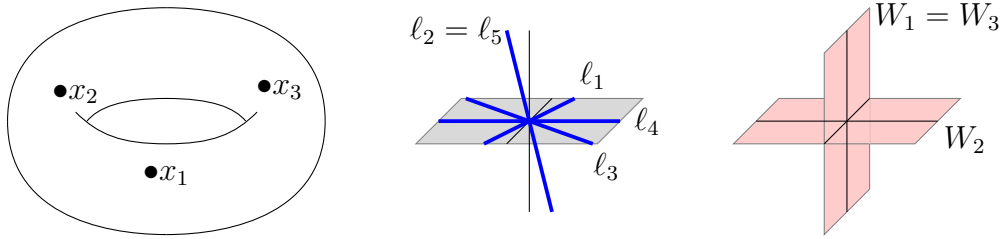


Figure 1: A point configuration, a line configuration, and a 2-plane configuration.

The left of Figure 1 shows a point in  $\text{Conf}_3(X)$  where  $X$  is the torus. The set  $\text{Conf}_n X$  has the subspace topology inherited from the  $n$ -fold product  $X \times \cdots \times X$ .

For  $d \geq 0$ , let  $H_d(\text{Conf}_n X)$  be the  $d^{\text{th}}$  homology group of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  configuration space of  $X$ .<sup>1</sup> The natural action of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  on  $\text{Conf}_n(X)$  induces an action on  $H_d(\text{Conf}_n X)$ . There are many results stating that if the space  $X$  is ‘nice’, the sequence  $(H_d(\text{Conf}_n X))_{n \geq 1}$  is representation stable [1, 2]. Such stability results can be proven even when the homology of  $\text{Conf}_n(X)$  or its  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -structure are unknown. In general, it is often easier to prove that a sequence  $V_n$  is representation stable than it is to find its  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -structure.

We consider a matroidal variation on configuration spaces in which sequences of distinct points are replaced by spanning sequences of  $m$ -dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^k$ . Let  $\text{Gr}(m, k)$  be the Grassmannian of  $m$ -planes in  $\mathbb{C}^k$  and let  $\text{Gr}(m, k)^n$  be its  $n$ -fold self-product. We consider the open subvariety

$$X(m, k, n) := \{(W_1, \dots, W_n) \in \text{Gr}(m, k)^n : W_1 + \cdots + W_n = \mathbb{C}^k\} \quad (2)$$

of sequences  $(W_1, \dots, W_n)$  which span  $\mathbb{C}^k$ . Figure 1 shows a point in  $X(1, 3, 5)$  (middle) and  $X(2, 3, 3)$  (left).

The variety  $X(m, k, n)$  is nonempty if and only if  $k \leq mn$ . There is a homotopy equivalence  $X(1, n, n) \simeq \text{Fl}(n)$  between  $X(1, n, n)$  and the variety of flags in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Pawlowski and Rhoades [6] introduced the variety  $X(1, k, n)$  of spanning line configurations  $(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^k$  and presented its cohomology as

$$H^\bullet(X(1, k, n)) = \mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, e_n, e_{n-1}, \dots, e_{n-k+1} \rangle \quad (3)$$

where  $e_d$  is the degree  $d$  elementary symmetric polynomial. The above quotient rings were introduced earlier by Haglund, Rhoades, and Shimozono [4] in the context of Macdonald theory [3].

The symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  acts naturally on the variety  $X(m, k, n)$  and on its homology. There are two natural ways to ‘grow’ a triple  $(m, k, n)$  preserving the condition  $X(m, k, n) \neq \emptyset$ :

$$(m, k, n) \rightsquigarrow (m, k, n + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad (m, k, n) \rightsquigarrow (m, k + m, n + 1).$$

We prove that both of these growth rules yield stability results.

<sup>1</sup>We use singular homology with rational coefficients.

**Theorem 4.** Fix integers  $m, k, r \geq 0$ . Both sequences

$$H_d(X(m, k, n)) \quad H_d(X(m, mn - r, n)) \quad (n \geq 0) \quad (4)$$

of homology  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -modules are representation stable.

Theorem 4 is a ‘matroidal analogue’ of configuration space stability results. The cohomology ring  $H^\bullet(X(m, k, n))$  was presented by Rhoades [7], but its graded  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -isomorphism type – like the  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -structures of the homology representations of Theorem 4 – is unknown. Our proof of Theorem 4 does not use the cohomology presentation in [7], but rather goes through the theory of FI-modules and a geometric result on the inclusion  $X(m, k, n) \subseteq \text{Gr}(m, k)^n$ . Our methods illustrate that a sequence of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -modules can be shown to exhibit stability even in the presence of relatively little information about these modules.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. In **Section 2** we give background material on affine pavings and the category of FI-modules. In **Section 3** we prove Theorem 4. This paper is an abridged and generalized version of the FPSAC 2020 extended abstract [5].

## 2 Affine Pavings and FI-modules

Let  $Z$  be a complex variety. An *affine paving* of  $Z$  is a chain

$$\emptyset = Z_0 \subset Z_1 \subset \cdots \subset Z_r = Z$$

of closed subvarieties of  $Z$  such that each difference  $Z_i - Z_{i-1}$  is isomorphic to a disjoint union of affine spaces. If  $\emptyset = Z_0 \subset Z_1 \subset \cdots \subset Z_r = Z$  is an affine paving and  $0 \leq j \leq m$ , let  $U := Z - Z_j$ . The inclusion  $\iota : U \hookrightarrow Z$  induce a map  $\iota_* : H_\bullet(U) \rightarrow H_\bullet(Z)$  on homology. When  $U$  arises from an affine paving of  $Z$  as above, the map  $\iota_*$  is injective.

The standard affine paving of complex projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{k-1}$  is given in coordinates by

$$\emptyset \subset [\star : 0 : \cdots : 0 : 0] \subset [\star : \star : \cdots : 0 : 0] \subset \cdots \subset [\star : \star : \cdots : \star : 0] \subset [\star : \star : \cdots : \star : \star] = \mathbb{P}^{k-1}$$

where the stars represent free complex entries. More generally, the Schubert decomposition of the Grassmannian  $\text{Gr}(m, k)$  induces an affine paving of this space. Taking the  $n$ -fold product of this paving with itself yields a paving of  $\text{Gr}(m, k)^n$ , but this naïve paving interacts poorly with the inclusion  $X(m, k, n) \subseteq \text{Gr}(m, k)^n$ . A nonstandard affine paving of  $\text{Gr}(m, k)^n$  was crucial to the presentation of the cohomology of  $X(m, k, n)$  in [7].

**Theorem 5.** (Rhoades [7]) *There exists an affine paving  $Z_0 \subset Z_1 \subset \cdots \subset Z_r$  of the Grassmann product  $\text{Gr}(m, k)^n$  such that  $X(m, k, n) = \text{Gr}(m, k)^n - Z_j$  for some  $j$ .*

*In particular, if  $\iota : X(m, k, n) \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}(m, k)^n$  is inclusion, then  $\iota_* : H_\bullet(X(m, k, n)) \hookrightarrow H_\bullet(\text{Gr}(m, k)^n)$  is an injection.*

Theorem 5 was a component of the presentation of  $H^\bullet(X(m, k, n))$  in [7]. It will be a key tool in our proof, as well. The other ingredient we need is the category of FI-modules recalled below.

Let  $\mathbf{FI}$  be the category whose objects are the finite sets  $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for  $n \geq 0$  and whose morphisms are injective functions  $f : [n] \rightarrow [p]$ . Let  $\mathbf{Vect}$  be the category of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces with morphisms given by linear maps.

An FI-module is a covariant functor  $V : \mathbf{FI} \rightarrow \mathbf{Vect}$ . We write  $V(n)$  instead of  $V([n])$  for the vector space corresponding to  $[n]$ . More explicitly, an FI-module consists of

- a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space  $V(n)$  for each  $n \geq 0$ , and
- a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear map  $V(f) : V(n) \rightarrow V(p)$  for each injection  $f : [n] \rightarrow [p]$

such that  $V(f \circ g) = V(f) \circ V(g)$  for any two injections  $f : [n] \rightarrow [p]$  and  $g : [p] \rightarrow [q]$  and  $V(\text{id}_{[n]}) = \text{id}_{V(n)}$ . Submodules and quotients of FI-modules are defined in the natural way. If  $V$  is an FI-module, then  $V(n)$  is naturally an  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -module for each  $n$ .

An FI-module  $V$  is *finitely generated* if there is a finite subset  $S$  of the disjoint union  $\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} V(n)$  such that no proper FI-submodule  $W$  of  $V$  satisfies  $S \subseteq \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} W(n)$ . Finite generation of FI-modules and representation stability are equivalent notions.

**Theorem 6.** (Church-Ellenberg-Farb [2]) *Let  $\iota_n : [n] \hookrightarrow [n+1]$  denote the standard injection, and let  $V$  be a finitely generated FI-module. Then the sequence  $(V(n))_{n \geq 1}$  is representation stable with respect to the maps  $V(\iota_n)$ . Every representation stable sequence arises in this way.*

One reason Theorem 6 is useful is that finite generation in the category of FI-modules is inherited by submodules (and quotient modules, although we will not use this). Said differently, the category of FI-modules is Noetherian.

**Theorem 7.** (Snowden [8]; see also Church-Ellenberg-Farb [2]) *Any submodule of a finitely generated FI-module is finitely generated.*

### 3 Proof of Theorem 4

We need to prove the stability of two sequences of homology representations of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ , namely

$$H_d(X(m, k, n)) \quad \text{and} \quad H_d(X(m, mn - r, n))$$

for fixed integers  $m, k$ , and  $r$ . The stability of the sequence  $H_d(X(m, k, n))$  is easier to establish; we handle this case first. For any subset  $I \subseteq [k]$  we let  $E_I := \text{span}\{e_i : i \in I\}$  be the coordinate subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^k$  spanned by the corresponding basis vectors.

For any injection  $f : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$ , we define an associated map  $\mu_f : \text{Gr}(m, k)^n \rightarrow \text{Gr}(m, k)^p$  by the rule

$$\iota_f : (W_1, \dots, W_n) \mapsto (W'_1, \dots, W'_p) \tag{5}$$

where  $W'_{f(i)} = W_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $W'_j = E_{[m]}$  whenever  $1 \leq j \leq p$  is not in the image of  $f$ . As an example, if  $m = 3$ ,  $k = 6$ , and  $f : [3] \rightarrow [5]$  is  $f(1) = 4, f(2) = 2, f(3) = 1$  then  $\mu_f : \text{Gr}(3, 6)^3 \rightarrow \text{Gr}(3, 6)^5$  is

$$\mu_f : (W_1, W_2, W_3) \mapsto (W_3, W_2, E_{[3]}, W_1, E_{[3]})$$

for all  $(W_1, W_2, W_3) \in \text{Gr}(3, 6)^3$ .

For any two injections  $f : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$  and  $g : [p] \hookrightarrow [q]$  we have

$$\mu_{g \circ f} = \mu_g \circ \mu_f. \tag{6}$$

Furthermore, the map  $\mu_f$  preserves the spanning condition; abusing notation, we denote the restricted map on  $X$ -spaces by the same symbol  $\mu_f : X(m, k, n) \rightarrow X(m, k, p)$ .

For any injection  $f : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$ , the induced maps  $(\mu_f)_*$  on homology fit into a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_\bullet(X(m, k, n)) & \xrightarrow{\iota_*} & H_\bullet(\text{Gr}(m, k)^n) \\ (\mu_f)_* \downarrow & & \downarrow (\mu_f)_* \\ H_\bullet(X(m, k, p)) & \xrightarrow{\iota_*} & H_\bullet(\text{Gr}(m, k)^p) \end{array}$$

where the horizontal maps are those induced by the injections  $X(m, k, n) \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}(m, k)^n$  and  $X(m, k, p) \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}(m, k)^p$ . Theorem 5 implies that the horizontal arrows are injections, so that  $[n] \mapsto H_d(X(m, k, n))$  is a sub-FI-module of  $[n] \mapsto H_d(\text{Gr}(m, k)^n)$  for each degree  $d$ . The Künneth Theorem implies

$$H_d(\text{Gr}(m, k)^n) = \bigoplus_{d_1 + \dots + d_n = d} H_{d_1}(\text{Gr}(m, k)) \otimes \dots \otimes H_{d_n}(\text{Gr}(m, k)) \tag{7}$$

as graded vector spaces. Since  $H_{d_i}(\text{Gr}(m, k))$  is a finite-dimensional vector space for each  $d_i$ , the FI-module  $[n] \mapsto H_d(\text{Gr}(m, k)^n)$  is finitely generated for  $d$  fixed. Theorem 7 implies that  $[n] \mapsto H_d(X(m, k, n))$  is also a finitely generated FI-module, and Theorem 6 shows that  $H_d(X(m, k, n))$  is representation stable.

Now fix integers  $m, r$  and consider the sequence  $X(m, mn - r, n)$  of spaces for  $n \geq 0$ . One would like to put an FI-structure on the spaces  $X(m, mn - r, n)$  which is compatible with their inclusions  $X(m, mn - r, n) \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n$  into Grassmann products. However, complications arise since the ambient dimension  $mn - r$  increases with  $n$ , resulting in an FI-structure which only holds when one passes to homology.

More precisely, if  $f : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$  is an injection, define  $\nu_f : \text{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n \hookrightarrow \text{Gr}(m, mp - r)^p$  by the formula

$$\nu_f : (W_1, \dots, W_n) \mapsto (W'_1, \dots, W'_p) \tag{8}$$

where the spaces  $W'_j$  are determined as follows. If  $f(i) = j$ , we set  $W'_j := W_i$ , where we view  $W_i$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{mp-r}$  by means of the embedding  $\mathbb{C}^{mn-r} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{mp-r}$  along the first  $mn - r$  coordinates. For the  $p - n$  elements  $1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_{p-n} \leq p$  of  $[p]$  which are not in the image of  $f$ , we let  $W'_{j_\ell} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{mp-n}$  be the coordinate subspace

$$W'_{j_\ell} := E_{[m(n+\ell-1)-r+1, m(n+\ell)-r]} = \text{span}\{e_i : m(n + \ell - 1) - r + 1 \leq i \leq m(n + \ell) - r\}.$$

An example should clarify the definition of  $\nu_f$ . Suppose  $m = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ ,  $r = 1$ , and  $p = 6$ . If  $f : [3] \hookrightarrow [6]$  is given by  $f(1) = 3$ ,  $f(2) = 1$ ,  $f(3) = 6$  then  $\nu_f : \text{Gr}(2, 5)^3 \rightarrow \text{Gr}(2, 11)^3$  is given by

$$\nu_f : (W_1, W_2, W_3) \mapsto (W_2, E_{\{6,7\}}, W_1, E_{\{8,9\}}, E_{\{10,11\}}, W_3).$$

where we regard  $W_1, W_2, W_3 \subset \mathbb{C}^{11}$  by means of the inclusion  $\mathbb{C}^5 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{11}$  along the first five coordinates. In general, whenever  $\mu_f : (W_1, \dots, W_n) \mapsto (W'_1, \dots, W'_p)$  and  $W_1 + \dots + W_n = \mathbb{C}^{mn-r}$ , we have  $W'_1 + \dots + W'_p = \mathbb{C}^{mp-r}$ . The map  $\nu_f$  therefore restricts to a map  $X(m, mn - r, n) \hookrightarrow X(m, mp - r, p)$ ; we use the same symbol  $\nu_f$  to refer to this restriction.

If  $f : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$  and  $g : [p] \hookrightarrow [q]$  are two injections, we do **not** typically have the equality of maps  $\nu_{g \circ f} = \nu_g \circ \nu_f$ . For example, suppose  $m = 2$ ,  $r = 1$ ,  $(n, p, q) = (3, 6, 7)$ , and  $f : [3] \hookrightarrow [6]$  is as above. Define  $g : [6] \hookrightarrow [7]$  by  $g(1) = 5$ ,  $g(2) = 1$ ,  $g(3) = 3$ ,  $g(4) = 6$ ,  $g(5) = 2$ ,  $g(6) = 7$ . Then

$$\nu_g \circ \nu_f : (W_1, W_2, W_3) \mapsto (E_{\{6,7\}}, E_{\{10,11\}}, W_1, E_{\{12,13\}}, W_2, E_{\{8,9\}}, W_3)$$

whereas

$$\nu_{g \circ f} : (W_1, W_2, W_3) \mapsto (E_{\{6,7\}}, E_{\{8,9\}}, W_1, E_{\{10,11\}}, W_2, E_{\{12,13\}}, W_3).$$

In general, the spaces  $W_1, \dots, W_n$  will appear in the same positions (and in the same order) in the images  $(W'_1, \dots, W'_q)$  of the tuple  $(W_1, \dots, W_n)$  under either  $\nu_g \circ \nu_f$  or  $\nu_{g \circ f}$ , but the  $E$ 's will usually appear in a different order.

For fixed injections  $g : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$  and  $f : [p] \hookrightarrow [q]$ , there is an invertible linear transformation  $A \in \text{GL}_{mq-r}(\mathbb{C})$  such that

$$\nu_g \circ \nu_f : (W_1, \dots, W_n) \mapsto (A \cdot W'_1, \dots, A \cdot W'_q) \text{ where } \nu_{g \circ f} : (W_1, \dots, W_n) \mapsto (W'_1, \dots, W'_q) \tag{9}$$

for all  $(W_1, \dots, W_n) \in \text{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n$ . Recall that the group  $\text{GL}_{mq-r}(\mathbb{C})$  is path connected. Any path from  $I$  to  $A$  in  $\text{GL}_{mq-r}(\mathbb{C})$  provides a homotopy between  $\nu_g \circ \nu_f$  and  $\nu_{g \circ f}$ . In summary, we have

$$\nu_{g \circ f} \simeq \nu_g \circ \nu_f \tag{10}$$

as maps on spaces so that the induced maps  $(\nu_{g \circ f})_* = (\nu_g)_* \circ (\nu_f)_*$  on homology coincide.

As before, if  $f : [n] \hookrightarrow [p]$  is an injection, we have a commutative square of maps on homology

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
H_{\bullet}(X(m, mn - r, n)) & \xrightarrow{\iota_*} & H_{\bullet}(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n) \\
(\nu_r)_* \downarrow & & \downarrow (\nu_f)_* \\
H_{\bullet}(X(m, mp - r, p)) & \xrightarrow[\iota_*]{} & H_{\bullet}(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mp - r)^p)
\end{array}$$

where Theorem 5 guarantees that the horizontal maps are injective. The last paragraph shows that, for a fixed degree  $d$ , we have an FI-module  $[n] \mapsto H_d(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n)$  with submodule  $[n] \mapsto H_d(X(m, mn - r, n))$ . The Künneth formula implies

$$H_d(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n) = \bigoplus_{d_1 + \dots + d_n = d} H_{d_1}(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)) \otimes \dots \otimes H_{d_n}(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)). \quad (11)$$

The space  $\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)$  admits an affine paving whose cells (the *Schubert cells*) are indexed by partitions  $\lambda$  whose Young diagrams fit inside a  $m \times [m(n - 1) - r]$  box. The (complex) dimension of the Schubert cell corresponding to  $\lambda$  is the number of boxes  $|\lambda|$  in  $\lambda$ . Consequently, the homology of  $\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)$  is concentrated in even degrees and for  $d_i$  even the Schubert cells induce a basis

$$\left\{ \sigma_{\lambda} : |\lambda| = \frac{d_i}{2}, \lambda \subseteq (m(n - 1) - r)^m \right\}$$

of  $H_{d_i}(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r))$ . Since the Schubert cells are compatible with the embeddings  $\mathbb{C}^{mn-r} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{mp-r}$ , we conclude that  $[n] \mapsto H_d(\mathrm{Gr}(m, mn - r)^n)$  is a finitely-generated FI-module. Theorems 6 and 7 complete the proof.

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