

ERRATA TO
“TOTALLY POSITIVE TOEPLITZ MATRICES AND QUANTUM
COHOMOLOGY OF PARTIAL FLAG VARIETIES”

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Correction to the Proof of Theorem 4.2. The text in [38] from Remark 4.3 at the bottom of p. 374 to line 8 on p. 375 should be replaced with the following. We use the same notation as in [38].

Remark 4.3. If P is the parabolic subgroup, then G_j^m is a well-defined (regular) function on the Bruhat cell $B^+ w_P B^- / B^-$ precisely in the case $m \in I^P = \{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$.

Proof of Theorem 4.2. (1) is proved in [33]. See also Lemma 2.3 in [35]. We will deduce (2) very explicitly from the ASK presentation. We begin by defining a particular system of coordinates on the affine space $B^+ w_P B^- / B^-$. For indexing purposes introduce sets $\Omega, \Omega_1, \Omega_2$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &:= \{(r, m) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid n_1 \leq r < n, \text{ and } 1 \leq m \leq n_l \text{ if } n_l \leq r < n_{l+1}\}, \\ \Omega_1 &:= \{(n_l, m) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \text{where } l \in \{1, \dots, k\} \text{ and } 1 \leq m \leq n_l\}, \end{aligned}$$

and $\Omega_2 := \Omega \setminus \Omega_1$. Consider the polynomial rings $\mathbb{C}[\Omega] := \mathbb{C}[g_m^r; (r, m) \in \Omega]$ and $\mathbb{C}[\Omega_i] := \mathbb{C}[g_m^r; (r, m) \in \Omega_i]$ for $i = 1, 2$. We have $n \times (n_{l+1} - n_l)$ -matrices $U_{\Omega_1}^{(l)}$ over $\mathbb{C}[\Omega_1]$ defined by

$$U_{\Omega_1}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & g_1^{n_1} & g_2^{n_1} & \cdots & g_{n_1-1}^{n_1} \\ 0 & 1 & g_1^{n_1} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & g_2^{n_1} \\ & & & \ddots & g_1^{n_1} \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \\ & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{\Omega_1}^{(l)} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{n_l}^{n_l} & & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ g_2^{n_l} & & & \ddots & g_{n_l}^{n_l} \\ g_1^{n_l} & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 1 & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & g_1^{n_l} & g_2^{n_l} & \\ \vdots & & 1 & g_1^{n_l} & \\ & & & 1 & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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where $1 \leq l \leq k$. Furthermore we define $n \times (n_{l+1} - n_l)$ -matrices $U_{\Omega_2}^{(l)}$ over $\mathbb{C}[\Omega_2]$ by

$$U_{\Omega_2}^{(l)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g_{n_l}^{n_l+1} & g_{n_l}^{n_l+2} & \cdots & g_{n_l}^{n_l+1-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & g_2^{n_l+1} & g_2^{n_l+2} & \cdots & g_2^{n_l+1-1} \\ 0 & g_1^{n_l+1} & g_1^{n_l+2} & \cdots & g_1^{n_l+1-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

for $1 \leq l \leq k$ and $U_{\Omega_2}^{(0)} = 0$. The matrices defined above combine to $n \times n$ matrices

$$u_{\Omega_i} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} U_{\Omega_i}^{(0)} & U_{\Omega_i}^{(1)} & \cdots & U_{\Omega_i}^{(k)} \end{array} \right),$$

for $i = 1, 2$. Moreover we have

$$u_{\Omega} := u_{\Omega_1} + u_{\Omega_2},$$

which is an element of U^+ over $\mathbb{C}[\Omega]$, or equivalently a morphism $u_{\Omega} : \mathbb{C}^{\Omega} \rightarrow U^+$. Composing u_{Ω} with the standard projection $U^+ \rightarrow B^+ w_P B^- / B^-$ defines a map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}^{\Omega} &\longrightarrow B^+ w_P B^- / B^-, \\ z &\longmapsto u_{\Omega}(z) w_P B^-. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that this map is an isomorphism. So we may use it to identify the coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[B^+ w_P B^- / B^-]$ with $\mathbb{C}[\Omega]$. Note that $G_j^{n_l}$ goes to $g_j^{n_l}$ under this identification. Let $\mathcal{I}_P \subset \mathbb{C}[\Omega]$ denote the defining ideal for \mathcal{Y}_P .

Claim. We have $g_m^r \in \mathcal{I}_P$ for all $(r, m) \in \Omega_2$, or equivalently $u_{\Omega_2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathcal{I}_P}$.

Let v_1, \dots, v_n be the standard basis of \mathbb{C}^n and $(\ , \)$ the bilinear form given by $(v_i, v_j) = \delta_j^i$. From the definition of the Peterson variety it follows that the ideal \mathcal{I}_P is generated by the elements

$$(u_{\Omega}^{-1} f u_{\Omega} \cdot v_r, v_h) \in \mathbb{C}[\Omega], \text{ where } (r, h) \in \Omega_2 \text{ or } r = n_{l+1} \text{ and } h \in [1, n_l] \setminus \{n_{l-1} + 1\},$$

for $l = 1, \dots, k$. Let \prec be the lexicographical ordering on Ω_2 . We will prove the claim recursively. Consider $(r, m) \in \Omega_2$. Then there is an $l \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ such that $n_l < r < n_{l+1}$ and $1 \leq m \leq n_l$, and we consider the generator

$$(u_{\Omega}^{-1} f u_{\Omega} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) \in \mathcal{I}_P.$$

Note first that $n_l < r < n_{l+1}$ implies $fu_{\Omega_1} \cdot v_r = u_{\Omega_1} \cdot v_{r+1}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) &= (u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega_1} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) + (u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) \\ &= (u_{\Omega}^{-1} u_{\Omega_1} \cdot v_{r+1}, v_{n_l-m+1}) + (u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) \\ &= 0 - (u_{\Omega}^{-1} u_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_{r+1}, v_{n_l-m+1}) + (u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$u_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_r = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r = n_l + 1, \\ g_{n_l}^{r-1} v_1 + g_{n_l-1}^{r-1} v_2 + \dots + g_1^{r-1} v_{n_l} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$(u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{(g_h^t)_{(t,h) \prec (r,m)}}.$$

Since $u_{\Omega_2} \cdot v_{r+1} = g_{n_l}^r v_1 + g_{n_l-1}^r v_2 + \dots + g_1^r v_{n_l}$ and u_{Ω} is upper-triangular, we have all in all

$$\begin{aligned} (u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega} \cdot v_r, v_{n_l-m+1}) &\equiv - \sum_{j=1}^m g_j^r (u_{\Omega}^{-1} \cdot v_{n_l-j+1}, v_{n_l-m+1}) + 0 \\ &\equiv -g_m^r (u_{\Omega}^{-1} \cdot v_{n_l-m+1}, v_{n_l-m+1}) \equiv -g_m^r \pmod{(g_h^t)_{(t,h) \prec (r,m)}}. \end{aligned}$$

For the minimal element $(n_1 + 1, 1)$ in Ω_2 in particular this implies

$$(u_{\Omega}^{-1} fu_{\Omega} \cdot v_{n_1+1}, v_{n_1}) = -g_1^{n_1+1},$$

and so $g_1^{n_1+1}$ lies in \mathcal{I}_P . By induction it follows that all g_m^r for $(r, m) \in \Omega_2$ lie in \mathcal{I}_P , and the claim is proved.

We have thus shown that \mathcal{Y}_P lies in the subvariety \mathcal{V}_{Ω_2} of $B^+ w_P B^- / B^-$ defined by the ideal $I_{\Omega_2} = (g_h^t)_{(t,h) \in \Omega_2}$. Its coordinate ring $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{V}_{\Omega_2}) = \mathbb{C}[\Omega] / I_{\Omega_2}$ can be identified with the polynomial ring $\mathbb{C}[g_h^t; (t, h) \in \Omega_1]$, or equivalently with $\mathbb{C}[G_1^{n_1}, \dots, G_{n_k}^{n_k}]$, where the $G_j^{n_i}$ now denote restrictions to the affine space \mathcal{V}_{Ω_2} of the functions defined in (4.4). We furthermore let u be the restriction of u_{Ω} to \mathcal{V}_{Ω_2} , viewing u as an element of $U^+(\mathbb{C}[G_1^{n_1}, \dots, G_{n_k}^{n_k}])$. Also, we let \mathcal{J}_P denote the ideal defining \mathcal{Y}_P inside $\mathbb{C}[G_1^{n_1}, \dots, G_{n_k}^{n_k}]$.

With this, the rest of the proof proceeds as in paragraph 2 on p. 375 in [38]. Only on line 14 of p. 375 we also need to change the morphism $B^+ w_P B^- / B^- \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_n$ to a morphism $\mathcal{V}_{\Omega_2} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_n$.

Further minor corrections.

- (1) In (3.4) and (3.6) replace the exponent “ n_1 ” with “ $n_2 - n_1$ ” and the exponent “ $n_k - n_{k-1}$ ” with “ $n - n_k$ ”. Similarly for the subscripts in the displayed equation after (3.4).
- (2) In line 2 of paragraph 5 of Section 3.4 replace “at most $(n_j - n_{j-1})$ parts” with “at most $(n_{j+1} - n_j)$ parts”.
- (3) In line 6 of Section 3.7 replace λ_i with λ_{d-i+1} .
- (4) Replace t with t^{-1} everywhere in displayed equation (5.2).
- (5) In point (6) of Section 8 replace “ $q(u(x_1, \dots, x_n))$ ” with “ $q(u(x_1, \dots, x_d))$ ”.
- (6) In the second displayed equation in the proof of Lemma 8.1, insert exponents:

$$“\sigma_{w_P}^P = (\sigma_{s_1 \dots s_{n_1}}^P)^{n_2 - n_1} \cdot (\sigma_{s_1 \dots s_{n_2}}^P)^{n_3 - n_2} \cdot \dots \cdot (\sigma_{s_1 \dots s_{n_k}}^P)^{n - n_k}.”$$

- (7) Two paragraphs down from (6) in Section 8, add the words “in type A” to read: “Peterson has announced in [33] that all the quantum cohomology rings $qH^*(G/P)$ in type A are reduced.”
- (8) The statement of Corollary 11.4(2) should be replaced with: “If $y \in \mathcal{X}_{P, >0}$ and $\sigma_w^P(y) \geq 0$ for all $w \in W^P$, then $q_i^P(y) > 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$.”
- (9) The first line of the proof of Proposition 12.2 should read: “By (5.1) and Lemma 12.1 we have”.

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