

LAST TIME (char $k = 0$) - Suppose $G \subseteq GL_n(k)$ is a finite subgroup st

$$k[x_1, \dots, x_n]^G = k[f_1, \dots, f_r]$$

for algebraically indep. homog. $f_1, \dots, f_r \in k[x_n]^G$

- ① $r = n$. ② $d_i \equiv \deg f_i$ are uniquely determined "invariant degrees" ③ $|G| = d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdots d_n$.

Hilbert's Thm Let $G \subseteq GL_n(k)$ be a finite group. The invariant ring $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]^G$ is a finitely generated k -algebra; finite!

Ex $k[x, y]^{\pm(1,1)} = k[\underbrace{x^2, xy, y^2}_{\text{finite}}] = k[f_1, \dots, f_r]$ for homogeneous $f_1, \dots, f_r \in k[x_n]^G$.

Recall Reynolds operator $R_G: k[x_n] \rightarrow k[x_n]$
 $f \mapsto \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} (g \cdot f)$.

- $R_G(f) \in k[x_n]^G$ always.

- $R_G(f) = f$ for $f \in k[x_n]^G$

- R_G preserves degree

- If $f \in k[x_n]^G$ & $h \in k[x_n]$, $R_G(f \cdot h) = f \cdot R_G(h)$.

Pf of Hilbert Let $k[x_n]^G_+ = \left\{ f \in k[x_n]^G : f(0, \dots, 0) = 0 \right\}$

$$= \bigoplus_{d \geq 1} k[x_n]^G_d$$

$d \geq 1$

(a graded k -v.s.)

Let $I = \langle k[x_n]_+^G \rangle \subseteq k[x_n]$. Then by Hilbert's Basis Theorem, \exists finitely many homogeneous invariants $f_1, \dots, f_r \in k[x_n]_+^G$ s.t. $I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$.

CLAIM $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ generates $k[x_n]^G$ as a k -algebra:
 $k[x_n]^G = k[f_1, \dots, f_r]$.

We prove \circledast :

\circledast Let $f \in k[x_n]^G$ be homogeneous of degree $d \geq 0$.
 Then $f \in k[f_1, \dots, f_r]$.

We induct on d . If $d=0$, then $f \in k$ and this is clear, so assume $d > 0$.

Let $d_i = \deg f_i$, $1 \leq i \leq r$. Since $f \in I$, $\exists h_1, \dots, h_r \in k[x_n]$

st $\circledast\ast$ $f = h_1 f_1 + \dots + h_r f_r$.

WLOG h_i is homog of degree $d-d_i$. Now apply R_G to both sides of $\circledast\ast$:

$$\circledast \quad R_G(f) = R_G(h_1) \cdot f_1 + \dots + R_G(h_r) \cdot f_r$$

$$\parallel$$

$$f = \dots + R_G(h_r) \cdot f_r$$

By induction (since $d_i > 0$), $R_G(h_i) \in k[x_n]^G$, so

$$f \in k[f_1, \dots, f_r]. \quad //$$

Q How to make this effective?

Noether's Theorem Let $G \subseteq GL_n(k)$ be a finite matrix group.

$k[x_n]^G$ is generated as a k -algebra by

$$\left\{ R_G(x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}) : \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \leq |G| \right\}$$

Ex $\zeta = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{3}\right)$, $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & \\ & \zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{-1} & \\ & \zeta \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

$G \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ $\zeta \cdot \zeta^{-2} = \zeta^{-1}$

| <u>m</u> | <u>$R_G(m)$</u> | <u>m</u> | <u>$R_G(m)$</u> |
|----------|---|----------|--|
| 1 | 1 | x^3 | x^3 |
| x | $\frac{1}{3}(1 + \zeta + \zeta^2)x = 0$ | xy^2 | $\frac{1}{3}(\zeta y^2 + \zeta^2 \zeta x y^2 + \zeta^2 \zeta^2 y^2) = 0$ |
| y | 0 | $x^2 y$ | 0 |
| x^2 | 0 | y^3 | y^3 |
| xy | xy | | |
| y^2 | 0 | | |

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x, y] = \mathbb{C}[x^3, y^3, xy]$.

Pf of Noether Abbreviate (for $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$)

$x^\alpha \equiv x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$; $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$.

$k[x_n]^G$ is gen'd by $\left\{ R_G(x^\beta) : |\beta| \geq 1 \right\}$. So if

we fix $|\beta| = 1 \geq 1$, ETS $R_G(x^\beta)$ is a

poly. in $\left\{ R_G(x^\alpha) : 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq |G| \right\}$.

Fix $d \geq 1$ & consider the identity

$$(*) \quad (y_1 + \dots + y_n)^d = \sum_{|\beta|=d} a_\beta y^\beta, \quad a_\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$

To exploit $(*)$, for any $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{k})$ let $A_i = i^{\text{th}}$ row of A ,

$$A_i \cdot \underline{x} = A_i \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot x_j.$$

Also let $A \cdot \underline{x}^\beta = (A_1 \cdot \underline{x})^{\beta_1} \dots (A_n \cdot \underline{x})^{\beta_n}$.

Introduce variables u_1, \dots, u_n & evaluate $(*)$ at $y_i = (A_i \cdot \underline{x}) u_i$:

$$(**) \quad \underbrace{(A_1 \cdot \underline{x} u_1 + \dots + A_n \cdot \underline{x} u_n)}_{\equiv \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \cdot \underline{x} u_i}^d = \sum_{|\beta|=d} a_\beta (A \cdot \underline{x}^\beta) \cdot u^\beta.$$

Now sum $(**)$ over $A \in G$ & multiply by $\frac{1}{|G|}$:

$$(\dagger) \quad \frac{1}{|G|} \cdot \sum_{A \in G} u_A^d = \sum_{|\beta|=d} a_\beta \cdot R_G(\underline{x}^\beta) u^\beta \equiv S_d$$

The LHS of (\dagger) is symmetric in the $|G|$ quantities $\{u_A : A \in G\}$.

So if $S_d = F(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{|G|})$ for some polynomial F .

But so if we take coeff. of u^β on both sides of

(\dagger) ($|\beta|=d$), we get

$$a_\beta \cdot R_G(\underline{x}^\beta) = (\text{a polynomial in } R_G(\underline{x}^\alpha) \text{ for } 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq |G|).$$

\uparrow
 $\neq 0$



LAST TIME $G \subseteq GL_n(k)$ finite matrix gp.

Hilbert's Thm \exists finitely many homogeneous $f_1, \dots, f_r \in k[x_n]_+^G$ s.t.

$$k[x_n]_+^G = k[f_1, \dots, f_r].$$

Conny from Pf: If $f_1, \dots, f_r \in k[x_n]_+^G$ are homogeneous & $\langle k[x_n]_+^G \rangle = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$
then $k[x_n]_+^G = k[f_1, \dots, f_r]$.

Noether's Thm In fact, $\forall R_G(f) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} (g \cdot f)$ then

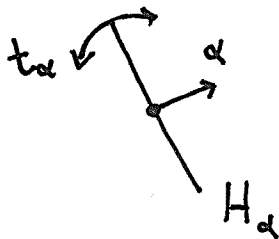
$$k[x_n]_+^G = k[R_G(x^\alpha) : 0 \leq \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \leq |G|].$$

Reflection Gps $V =$ Euclidean space $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fin-dim } \mathbb{R}\text{-vector space w/} \\ \text{symmetric, positive definite} \\ \text{bilinear form } \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right.$

(linear)

- A hyperplane $H \subseteq V$ is a codimension 1 subspace.

- Given $\alpha \in V - \{0\}$, $H_\alpha = \{ \beta \in V : \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = 0 \}$.



For $c \in \mathbb{R}^\times$, $H_\alpha = H_{c \cdot \alpha}$

- For $\alpha \in V - \{0\}$, the reflection thru H_α is $t_\alpha: V \rightarrow V$

$$t_\alpha(\beta) = \beta - 2 \frac{\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle} \alpha. \quad \left[t_\alpha = t_{c \cdot \alpha} \quad \forall c \neq 0 \right]$$

FACT * $t_\alpha(\alpha) = -\alpha$; $t_\alpha(\beta) = \beta$ if $\beta \in H_\alpha$.

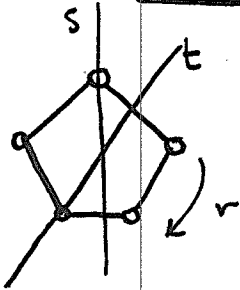
* $t_\alpha \in O(V)$ (orthogonal)

* $(t_\alpha)^2 = \text{id}_V$. * $t_\alpha \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ in a suitable basis.

Def A finite subgp $W \subseteq GL(V)$ is a reflection gp

if W is generated by reflections.

Ex ① $V = \mathbb{R}^2$: $W =$ dihedral gp of m -gon symmetries. ($m \geq 3$)



$(t \cdot s = r)$

$W = \langle s, r \mid s^2 = r^m = 1, srs = r^{-1} \rangle$

type $I_2(m)$; m refls $= \langle s, t \mid s^2 = t^2 = 1, (st)^m = 1 \rangle$

② $V = \{x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$S_n \subseteq V$

$\sigma \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$

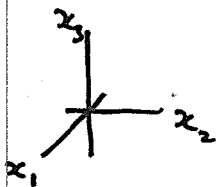
For $1 \leq i < j \leq n$

$(i, j) \in S_n$

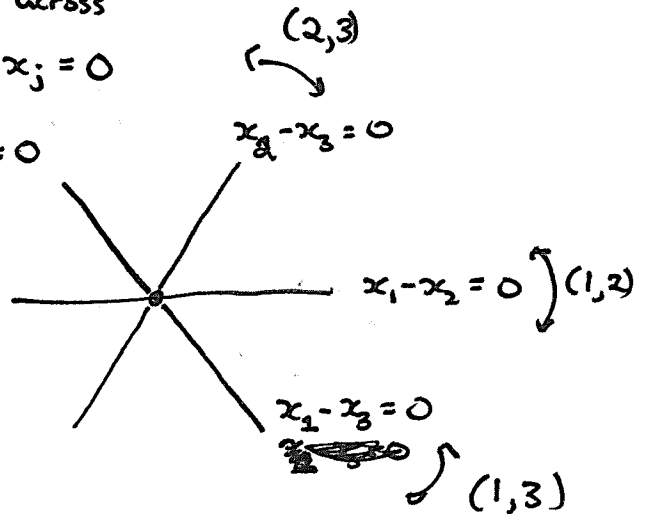
refln across

$x_i - x_j = 0$

$n=3$



$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$



type A_{n-1} ; $\binom{n}{2}$ refls

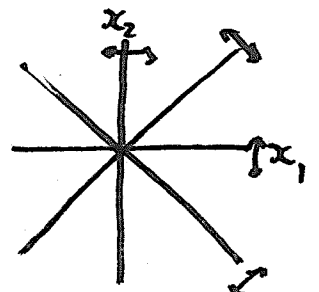
③ $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ $W = \{n \times n \text{ signed perm. matrices}\}$ $n=2$

refl's

$x_i - x_j = 0$ ($1 \leq i < j \leq n$) $i \leftrightarrow j$
 $j \leftrightarrow i$

$x_i + x_j = 0$ ($1 \leq i < j \leq n$) $i \leftrightarrow -j$
 $j \leftrightarrow -i$

$x_i = 0$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) $i \leftrightarrow -i$

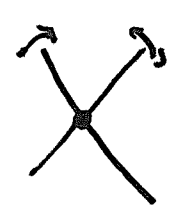


type B_n/C_n ; $2 \cdot \binom{n}{2} + n = n^2$ refls.

④ $W = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \times n \text{ signed p.m.'s,} \\ \text{even \# of -1's} \end{array} \right\}$



$n=2:$



reflns $x_i - x_j = 0 \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq n$

$x_i + x_j = 0 \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq n$

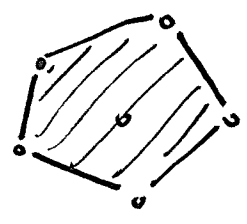
of reflns = $2 \cdot \binom{n}{2} = n \cdot (n-1)$. (type D_n)

Q Where do refln gps come from?

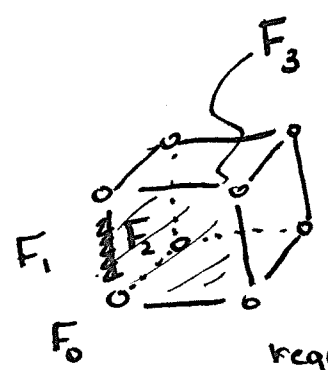
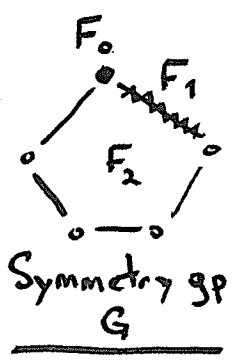
A ① Symmetry gps of regular polytopes.

② Weyl gps.

Def A polytope P is the convex hull of a finite point set in \mathbb{R}^n .



P is regular if its symmetry gp G acts transitively on flags of faces



Reg. Polytope P

reg. n -gon

$I_2(n) \quad (n \geq 3)$

regular dodecahedron $\wedge \mathbb{R}^3$

H_3

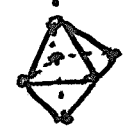
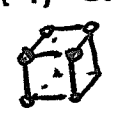
$\Delta^{n-1} = \{x_1 + \dots + x_n = 1\}$
($n-1$)-dim't simplex



$S_n \quad (A_{n-1})$

120-cell $\wedge \mathbb{R}^4$

H_4



B_n / C_n

24-cell $\wedge \mathbb{R}^4$

F_4

That's all! ~~(Aside)~~

(A₂)

Simple complex
compact Lie group G

SU(n)

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SO(~~2n~~) / Sp(2n)

SO(2n)

Weyl gp W

S_n (A_{n-1})

B_n / C_n

D_n

+ G₂ = I₂(6), F₄, E₆, E₇, E₈



LAST TIME - $V = \text{Euclidean space } \mathbb{R}^{\text{fin-dim}}$ / inner prod $\langle -, - \rangle$

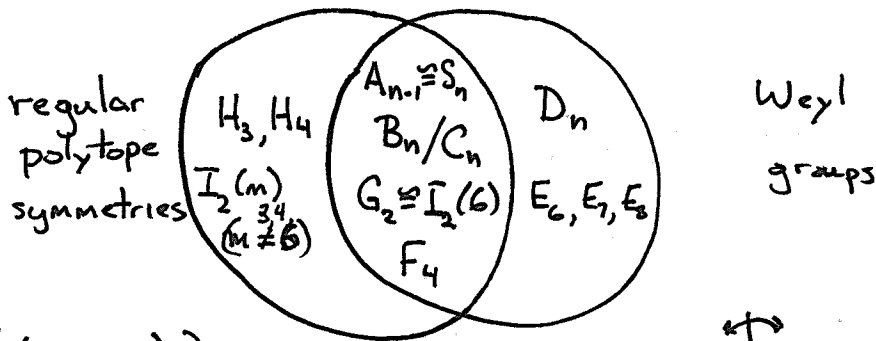
- $\alpha \in V - \{0\} \rightsquigarrow H_\alpha$ hyperplane $\rightsquigarrow S_\alpha$ refl'n.



- A finite subgp $G \subseteq GL(V)$ is a reflection group \iff it is generated by refl'ns.

* Given a compact simple complex Lie group G , the "Weyl gp" W is a refl'n gp.

| | | | | | | |
|------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Lie | G_p | $SU_n(\mathbb{C})$ | $SO_{2n+1}(\mathbb{C})$ | $Sp_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$ | $SO_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$ | $G_2 \cong I_2(6)$ $+ F_4 E_6 E_7 E_8$ |
| Weyl | G_p | $S_n (A_{n-1})$ | B_n | C_n | D_n | |



Ex $\left\{ \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \pm 1 & \\ & \pm 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \right\}$ is a refl'n gp: "A1 x A1"

Def Let $G \subseteq GL(V)$ be a refl'n group. If V can be written as an orthogonal direct sum $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ st. every reflecting hyperplane H in G has $V_1 \subseteq H$ or $V_2 \subseteq H$, then G is reducible. $\implies G \cong G_1 \times G_2$ for refl'n gps $G_i \subseteq GL(V_i)$.

FACT The irreducible refl'n gps are exactly:

$$A_{n-1}, B_n/C_n, D_n, H_3, H_4, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8, I_2(m)$$

$(n \geq 4) \qquad (m \geq 3)$

Q How are refl'n gps related to invariant theory?

Theorem Let $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a finite subgroup. TFAE

① G is a reflection group.

② \exists^n homogeneous, algebraically independent invariants $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ such that $\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G = \mathbb{R}[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n]$.

① \Rightarrow ② Chevalley's Theorem

② \Rightarrow ① Shephard-Todd Theorem

Working Towards Chevalley...

Lemma Suppose $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]_1 - 0$ is a nonzero linear polynomial & let $H = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : \lambda(v) = 0\}$. Suppose

$f \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]$ vanishes on H . Then $f = \lambda \cdot g$

for some $g \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]$.

Pf ~~write~~ ^{WLOG} $\lambda = x_1$. Write $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \cdot g(x_1, \dots, x_n) + r(x_2, \dots, x_n)$.

If f vanishes on H , so does r . But (b/c \mathbb{R} is infinite)

this forces $r = 0$ in $\mathbb{R}[x_n]$. //

Strange Lemma Let $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a refl'n gp &

consider $I = \left\langle \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \\ \mathbb{R}[x_n] \end{matrix} \right\rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]$. Suppose we

have a relation:

$$(*) \quad p_1 f_1 + p_2 f_2 + \dots + p_t f_t = 0,$$

where \cdot $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]$ are homogeneous,

\cdot $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_t \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ are invariants, &

\cdot f_1 does not lie in $\left\langle \begin{matrix} f_2, \dots, f_t \\ \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \end{matrix} \right\rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$.

Then $p_1 \in I = \left\langle \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \right\rangle$.

Pf We induct on $\deg p_1$. If $\deg p_1 = 0$, then $p_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and

~~$p_1 f_1 + p_2 f_2 + \dots + p_t f_t = 0$~~ we can apply R_G to $(*)$ to get:

$$p_1 \cdot f_1 = -R_G(p_2) \cdot f_2 - \dots - R_G(p_t) \cdot f_t \in \left\langle \begin{matrix} f_2, \dots, f_t \\ \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \end{matrix} \right\rangle$$

forcing $p_1 = 0 \in I$.

Suppose $\deg p_1 > 0$. Let H be a reflecting hyperplane for G & let $s = \text{refl'n thru } H$. Applying s to $(*)$ gives:

$$(**) \quad (s.p_1) f_1 + \dots + (s.p_t) f_t = 0.$$

Subtracting $(**)$ from $(*)$:

$$(***) \quad (p_1 - s.p_1) f_1 + \dots + (p_t - s.p_t) f_t = 0.$$

But $p_i - s.p_i$ vanishes on H for $i=1,2,\dots,t$ so $\lambda =$ linear form defining H can be cancelled from $(***)$. By induction $\frac{p_i - s.p_i}{\lambda} \in I$,

so $p_1 - s \cdot p_1 \in I$, or $p_1 \equiv s \cdot p_1 \pmod{I}$.

Since G is generated by refl's,

$$p_1 \equiv g \cdot p_1 \pmod{I} \text{ for all } g \in G.$$

Thus

$$R_G(p_1) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} (g \cdot p_1) \equiv p_1 \pmod{I}.$$

Since $\deg p_1 > 0$ this means $p_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{I}$ so

$$p_1 \in I. \quad \square$$

Euler's Lemma Suppose $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]_d$ is homogeneous

of degree d . Then $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = d \cdot f$.

Rmk $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ is the "Euler form".

Chevalley's Theorem Let $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a reflection group.

There exist n algebraically independent homogeneous polynomials of positive degree $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ st

$$\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^G = \mathbb{R}[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n].$$

Pf Consider $I = \langle \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]$. Let $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G_+$

be homogeneous s.t. $\# I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$ & $I \neq \langle f_1, \dots, \hat{f}_i, \dots, f_r \rangle$

for any $1 \leq i \leq r$. Then $\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G = \mathbb{R}[f_1, \dots, f_r]$ (Pf of Hilbert's Thm!)

so ~~that~~ we show

★ $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ is algebraically independent.

Then the "Molien Corollaries" imply $r = n$.

(***)

$$\sum_{j=0}^m \cancel{h_j} + \sum_{p=m+1}^r \cancel{f_p}$$

$$0 = \sum_{j=1}^m h_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{j=m+1}^r \left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^m g_{j\alpha} h_\alpha \right] \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}, \text{ or}$$

$$\textcircled{+} \quad 0 = \sum_{j=1}^m h_j \underbrace{\left[\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{q=m+1}^r g_{qj} \frac{\partial f_q}{\partial x_i} \right]}_{\text{homog deg } d_j - 1}$$

By Strange Lemma,

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{q=m+1}^r g_{q1} \frac{\partial f_q}{\partial x_i} \in I, \text{ so}$$

$\exists p_1, \dots, p_r \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]$ homog st

$$\textcircled{\#} \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{q=m+1}^r g_{q1} \frac{\partial f_q}{\partial x_i} = p_1 f_1 + \dots + p_r f_r.$$

Multiply $\textcircled{**}$ by x_i & sum over $1 \leq i \leq n$. By Euler,

$$d_1 f_1 + \sum_{q=m+1}^r d_q g_{q1} f_q = \varphi_1 f_1 + \dots + \varphi_r f_r, \text{ deg } \varphi_i > 0.$$

B/c d_1 is a constant, $\varphi_1 f_1$ must cancel w/ other terms;

get $f_1 \in \langle f_2, \dots, f_r \rangle$. *

Let $d_i = \deg f_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, so $d_i > 0$.

If \star failed, $\exists 0 \neq h(y_1, \dots, y_r) \in \mathbb{R}[y_1, \dots, y_r]$

s.t. $(*) h(f_1, \dots, f_r) = 0$.

Given any monomial $a_1 y_1^{a_1} \dots y_r^{a_r}$ appearing in h ,

$f_1^{a_1} \dots f_r^{a_r}$ is homog of deg. $d = a_1 d_1 + \dots + a_r d_r$;

WLOG d is constant over all monomials appearing in h .

Given $1 \leq i \leq n$, apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ to $(*)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (**) \quad 0 &= \frac{\partial h(f_1, \dots, f_r)}{\partial x_i} \stackrel{\text{CHAIN RULE}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^r \overbrace{\frac{\partial h}{\partial y_j}(f_1, \dots, f_r)}^{h_j} \cdot \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^r \underbrace{h_j}_{\substack{\text{homogeneous} \\ \text{invariant} \\ \text{deg} = d - d_j}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \quad \leftarrow \text{homogeneous, deg} = d_j - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

To apply Strange Lemma, renumber h_1, h_2, \dots, h_r if necessary so that $\{h_1, \dots, h_m\}$ is a minimal generating set of $\langle h_1, \dots, h_r \rangle_{\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G}$.

So for $m < p \leq r$, $h_p = \sum_{\ell=1}^m \underbrace{g_{p\ell}}_{\mathbb{R}[x_n]_{d_\ell - d_p}^G} \cdot h_\ell$ for some

$g_{p\ell} \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]_{d_\ell - d_p}^G$.

Now $(**)$ reads:

LAST TIME

Strange Lemma $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ refl'n group. $I = \langle \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]$

Suppose $f_1 h_1 + f_2 h_2 + \dots + f_t h_t = 0$ where...

- $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_t \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]$ are homogeneous,
- $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ are invariant,
- $h_1 \notin \langle h_2, \dots, h_t \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$.

Then $f_1 \in I$.

Euler Identity Suppose $f \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]_d$ is homog. of degree d . Then $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = d \cdot f$.

Rmk $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ is the Euler form.

Chevalley's Thm Let $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a refl'n gp.

There exist n homogeneous algebraically independent invariants $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ st $\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G = \mathbb{R}[f_1, \dots, f_n]$.

Pf Let $I = \langle \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]$ and let $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ be a minimal homogeneous generating set of I , $f_i \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$.

Then (pf of Hilbert) $\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G = \mathbb{R}[f_1, \dots, f_r]$.

We will prove that $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ is algebraically indep.

By Molien corollaries, this will force $r = n$.

Let $d_i = \deg f_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$. If $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$ is NOT alg. indep, $\exists 0 \neq h \in \mathbb{R}[y_1, \dots, y_r] \in \mathbb{R}[y_1, \dots, y_r]$ such that

$$(*) \quad h(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r) = 0.$$

For any monomial $y_1^{a_1} \dots y_r^{a_r}$ appearing in h ,
 $d = \deg(f_1^{a_1} \dots f_r^{a_r}) = a_1 d_1 + \dots + a_r d_r$; ~~so~~ WLOG. $d = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i d_i$
 is the same for any such monomial.

Now apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ to both sides of $(*)$ (where $1 \leq i \leq n$);
 by the Chain Rule,

$$(**) \quad \sum_{j=1}^r \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial y_j}(f_1, \dots, f_r) \cdot \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \right] = 0$$

$$\text{deg:} \quad d - d_j \quad d_j - 1$$

We have $h_j \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Renumbr, if necessary, so that $\{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_s\}$ is a minimal generating set for $\langle h_1, \dots, h_s, h_{s+1}, \dots, h_r \rangle_{\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$.

For $s+1 \leq j \leq r$ we may write:

$$h_j = \sum_{k=1}^s g_{kj} \cdot h_k$$

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 $\text{deg } d - d_j$ $d_k - d_j$ $d - d_k$

($g_{kj} \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]^G$ homog.)

Plugging this into $(**)$ yields:

* If $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a refl'n group, then

$$\mathbb{R}[x_n]^G = \mathbb{R}[\underbrace{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n}_{\text{alg. indep., homog.}}]$$

$$\text{deg: } d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$$

f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n : not uniquely determined

d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n : UNIQUELY DETERMINED ("degrees" of G)

Ex ① $G = S_n \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ degs: $1, 2, \dots, n$

② $G = B_n/c_n \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ degs: $2, 4, \dots, 2n$

③ $G = I_2(m) \subseteq GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ degs: $2, m$

④ $G = D_n = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \times n \text{ signed permutation} \\ \text{matrices w/ even \# of -1s} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{pmatrix} & -1 \\ -1 & \end{pmatrix}$

Invariants:

$$p_2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2$$

$$p_4 = x_1^4 + \dots + x_n^4$$

$$\vdots$$

$$p_{2n-2} = x_1^{2n-2} + \dots + x_n^{2n-2}$$

$$x_1, \dots, x_n$$

$$\text{degs: } 2, 4, \dots, 2n-2, n.$$

Recall $|G| = d_1 d_2 \dots d_n.$

$$d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n = ?$$

THM Let $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a refl'n gp w/ degrees $d_1, \dots, d_n.$

Then $d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n = n + N,$ where

$N = \#$ of reflections in $G.$

(***)
$$\sum_{j=1}^s h_j \cdot \left[\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{k=s+1}^r g_{jk} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_i} \right] = 0$$

Applying the Strange Lemma to $h_1 p_1 + \dots + h_s p_s = 0$,
 we get $p_1 \in \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$ so $\exists q_1, \dots, q_r \in \mathbb{R}[x_n]$ st

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{k=s+1}^r g_{1k} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{deg: } d_1 - 1} = \underbrace{q_1 \cdot f_1}_{\text{deg: } d_1} + \underbrace{q_2 \cdot f_2}_{\text{deg: } d_2} + \dots + \underbrace{q_r \cdot f_r}_{\text{deg: } d_r}$$

WLOG the q_i are homogeneous of deg $d_1 - 1 - d_i$, i.e.

$q_1 = 0$ so that:

(+)
$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{k=s+1}^r g_{1k} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_i} = q_2 \cdot f_2 + \dots + q_r \cdot f_r$$

Now multiply both sides of (+) by x_i & sum the v.lns over $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. This gives an equation of the form (Euler's Identity!)

(#)
$$d_1 \cdot f_1 + \sum_{k=s+1}^r d_k \cdot g_{1k} \cdot f_k = \sum q_2 f_2 + \dots + \sum q_r \cdot f_r$$

Since $d_1 \neq 0$, (#) implies $f_1 \in \langle f_2, f_3, \dots, f_r \rangle_{\mathbb{R}[x_n]}$, contradicting the minimality of $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r\}$. \blacksquare

Ex (1) $S_n \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ degs = $1, 2, \dots, n$

reflns \leftrightarrow $\begin{pmatrix} i & j \\ 1 \leq i < j \leq n \end{pmatrix}$ $n + \binom{n}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 + 2 + \dots + n$ ✓

(2) $\underline{B_n/C_n} \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ degs: $2, 4, \dots, 2n$ N

$x_i + x_j = 0$ $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ $\binom{n}{2}$

$x_i - x_j = 0$ $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ $\binom{n}{2}$

$x_i = 0$ $1 \leq i \leq n$ n

$n + \left\{ \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{2} + n \right\}$

$\stackrel{?}{=} 2 + 4 + \dots + 2n$ ✓

Pf By Molien's Theorem,

(*) $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \frac{1}{\det(I - tg)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(1 - t^{d_i})}$

Recall that $g \in G$ is a refl'n (\Rightarrow) g has eigenvalues $-1, \overbrace{1, \dots, 1}^{n-1}$.

Multiply both sides of (*) by $(1-t)^n$:

$\frac{1}{1+t+\dots+t^{d_i-1}}$

(**) $\frac{1}{|G|} \cdot \left\{ \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ g=I}}{1} + N \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ g \text{ is a refl'n}}}{\frac{1-t}{1+t}} + (1-t)^2 \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ g \in G \text{ NOT a refl'n}}}{p(t)} \right\} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1-t}{1-t^{d_i}}$

Here $p(t)$ is a rational fcn s.t. $p(1)$ is well-defined.

Apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ to both sides of (**):

$\frac{1}{|G|} \cdot \left\{ N \cdot \frac{-\cancel{(1+t)} - (1-t)}{(1+t)^2} + 2 \cdot (1-t)p(t) + (1-t)^2 p'(t) \right\}$

$= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1+t+\dots+t^{d_i-1}} \right] \times \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\cancel{(1+t+\dots+t^{d_j-1})} \cdot \overset{d_j-2}{-1-2t-\dots-(d_j-1)t^{d_j-2}}}{(1+t+\dots+t^{d_j-1})^2}$

