

# Thom polynomials of singularities and the Green-Griffiths conjecture

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Haefliger and Kosinski:

$$c(q) = c_0 + c_1 q + c_2 q^2 + \dots = \frac{c(f^*(TM))}{c(TN)} = \frac{\prod_{s=1}^m (1 + \theta_s q)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \lambda_i q)}$$

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Vergne: there is an equivariant Thom class:

$$\text{Thom}_G(V) \in H_G^{\dim V}(V)$$

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For  $t = 0$   $\Sigma_0 = \{y_1y_2 = 0\}$ , so normalisation says

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Note that  $\text{GL}_n \times \text{GL}_m \subset \mathcal{D}$

Thom's principle again:

$$MD_k^{n \rightarrow m} = \text{mdeg}^{\text{GL}_n \times \text{GL}_m}[\Sigma_k, J_k(n, m)].$$

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## Proposition

$\Sigma_k^0 = \{ \Psi : \dim \ker \Psi = 1 \} \doteq \Sigma_k$  fibers with linear fibres over  $J_k^{reg}(1, n)/\mathbf{G}_k$ .

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where the polynomial in the  $(i, j)$  entry is

$$p_{i,j}(\bar{\alpha}) = \sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_i=j} \alpha_{a_1}\alpha_{a_2}\dots\alpha_{a_i}.$$



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