

Thom polynomials of singularities and the Green-Griffiths conjecture

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Vergne: there is an equivariant Thom class:

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For $t = 0$ $\Sigma_0 = \{y_1 y_2 = 0\}$, so normalisation says

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Observation: If $\varphi \in J_k^{\text{reg}}(1, 1) = \mathbf{G}_k$, then

$$\Psi \circ \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \Psi \circ (\gamma \circ \varphi) = 0$$

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Proposition

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

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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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- A little stronger statement still holds: the truncated map

$$\rho : \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^k, \mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^k, \text{Sym}_{\leq 2} \mathbb{C}^n)$$

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Example

$n = 3, k = 3$. E_3^3 is generated by 16 independent invariants.

$$J_3^{\text{reg}}(1, 2) = \{(f'_i, f''_i, f'''_i : i = 1, 2, 3) \in (\mathbb{C}^3)^3; (f'_1, f'_2, f'_3) \neq (0, 0, 0)\},$$

Then

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