

## THE RELATIONS OF PLÜCKER COORDINATES TO SCHUBERT CALCULUS

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*To the memory of our mother Nahide Çalişkan*

### Abstract

We study the relation between the nilpotent and classical descriptions of the cohomology ring of the Grassmann manifold  $G_{k,n}$ . Our main result is that the Plücker coordinates form a basis for the nilpotent description of the cohomology ring of  $G_{k,n}$ , which are dual to the Schubert cycles. We also prove that the cohomology ring of any Schubert subvariety of  $G_{k,n}$  admits a nilpotent description.

### 0. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a nonsingular complex projective variety having an  $SL_2$  action with the property that any maximal unipotent subgroup of  $SL_2$  has only isolated fixed points. The cohomology ring  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  of such an  $X$  has been studied in [3], where the authors proved that  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  admits the so-called nilpotent and semi-simple descriptions. We start with summarizing these results. Let  $\mathbf{B}$  denote the group of upper triangular matrices in  $SL_2$ , and suppose  $V$  and  $V_s$  are respectively the holomorphic vector fields generated by the maximal unipotent subgroup and maximal torus in  $\mathbf{B}$ . The nilpotent description of  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  says that the coordinate ring  $A(Z)$  of the zero scheme  $Z$  of  $V$  has a canonical grading making it isomorphic in the sense of graded rings with  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$ . In the semi-simple case, however, even though the variety  $Z_s$  of the zeros of  $V_s$  contains only isolated points, the coordinate ring  $A(Z_s)$  of  $Z_s$  is not graded. But,  $A(Z_s)$  admits a filtration  $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \cdots$  such that  $F_p F_q \subseteq F_{p+q}$  and

$$\text{Gr}(A(Z_s)) = \bigoplus F_p/F_{p-1} \xrightarrow{\sim} \bigoplus H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{C}) = H^*(X, \mathbb{C}).$$

For any parabolic subgroup  $P$  of a complex reductive linear algebraic group  $G$ , the space  $G/P$  admits such an  $SL_2$  action [3]. Thus, the cohomology ring of

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$G/P$  has the semi-simple and nilpotent descriptions. On the other hand, there is the classical description of  $H^*(G/P, \mathbb{C})$ , which goes back to Schubert. It is based on the calculation of the homology with the aid of the partition of  $G/P$  into the so-called Schubert cells. The relation between the semi-simple and the classical descriptions of the cohomology ring of  $G/P$  has been studied by Gel'fand et al. in [5], where the authors constructed a basis in the semi-simple description dual to the Schubert cycles. In this paper, we study the similar problem for the nilpotent and classical descriptions of the cohomology ring of the Grassmann manifold  $G_{k,n}$ . In Theorem 3.1 we prove that the Plücker coordinates form a basis for the nilpotent description  $A(Z)$  of  $H^*(G_{k,n}; \mathbb{C})$ , which are dual to the Schubert cycles. We also prove in Theorem 3.2 that for any Schubert subvariety  $Y$  of  $G_{k,n}$  the coordinate ring  $A(Y \cap Z)$  of the scheme theoretic intersection  $Y \cap Z$  of  $Y$  and  $Z$  is isomorphic to the cohomology ring  $H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$  of  $Y$ . This gives an affirmative answer to the conjecture in [3] for the Grassmann manifolds.

The paper is organized as follows. In §1 we state the known results on the cohomology ring of a complex projective variety  $X$  with an  $SL_2$  action. In §2, we compute the ideal  $I(Z)$  defining the closed subscheme  $Z$  in the full flag manifold. In §3, we prove our main results.

## 1. Preliminaries and the nilpotent description $A(Z)$

In this section we explain the grading of the nilpotent description  $A(Z)$  of  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  and review the generalizations of the nilpotent and semi-simple description of  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  to the singular subvarieties of  $X$ .

We start with the grading of  $A(Z)$ . We will assume that  $V$  has only one zero  $x_0$ . The general case is similar. Since the point  $x_0$  is also fixed by the maximal torus  $H \cong \mathbb{C}^*$  in  $\mathbb{B}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acts on the tangent space  $T_{x_0}X$  of  $X$  at  $x_0$  [3]. Thus  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acts on the symmetric algebra  $A = \text{Sym}(T_{x_0}^*X)$  of the cotangent space of  $X$  at  $x_0$ . The weight decomposition of this action makes  $A$  into a graded algebra. In the following theorem,  $A$  will be regarded as a graded algebra with this gradation.

**Theorem 1.1** ([3], *the nilpotent description*). *There exists a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -invariant open affine neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $U$  is  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -equivariantly isomorphic to  $\text{Spec}(A)$ , and consequently, the ring of regular functions  $A(U)$  on  $U$  admits a graded algebra structure. The ideal  $I(Z)$  of the zero scheme  $Z$  of  $V$  is homogeneous in  $A(U)$ , and moreover  $A(Z) = A(U)/I(Z)$  is isomorphic to  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$ .*

The generalizations of the semi-simple and nilpotent descriptions of  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  to the singular subvarieties of  $X$  have been studied in [4], where

the following results were obtained as particular cases: Let  $Y$  be a  $\mathbf{B}$ -invariant subvariety of  $X$  such that  $H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  surjects into  $H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$ . In the semi-simple case, the coordinate ring  $A(Y \cap Z_s)$  of the intersection  $Y \cap Z_s$  of  $Y$  and  $Z_s$  has a filtration such that the associated graded algebra  $\text{Gr}(A(Y \cap Z_s))$  admits a homomorphism into  $H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$  making the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Gr}(A(Z_s)) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{\phi} & H^*(X, \mathbb{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Gr}(A(Y \cap Z_s)) & \xrightarrow{\bar{\phi}} & H^*(Y, \mathbb{C}). \end{array}$$

In this case the main result is that the map

$$\bar{\phi}: \text{Gr}(A(Y \cap Z_s)) \rightarrow H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$$

is an isomorphism, i.e.,  $H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$  admits a semi-simple description. On the other hand, in the nilpotent case  $A(Z)$ , there is a canonical grading of the coordinate ring  $A(Y \cap Z)$  of the scheme theoretic intersection  $Y \cap Z$  of  $Y$  and  $Z$  such that the natural map  $A(Z) \rightarrow A(Y \cap Z)$  is a graded algebra homomorphism. The main theorem is that  $A(Y \cap Z)$  admits a homomorphism into  $H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$ , which is compatible with the isomorphism  $\psi: A(Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(X, \mathbb{C})$  (cf. [3], [4]). Thus, the map  $\psi$  induces a surjective graded algebra homomorphism

$$\bar{\psi}: A(Y \cap Z) \rightarrow H^*(Y, \mathbb{C}).$$

While  $\bar{\phi}$  is an isomorphism in the semi-simple case, it is not known whether this is true for  $\bar{\psi}$  in the nilpotent case. But, when  $X$  is the algebraic homogeneous space  $G/P$  and  $Y$  is a Schubert subvariety of  $G/P$ , it has been conjectured in [3] that  $\bar{\psi}$  is an isomorphism. This would imply that the cohomology ring of a Schubert variety  $Y$  in  $G/P$  admits a nilpotent description.

### 2. Graded algebra $A(Z)$ when $X = \text{GL}_n/B$

In this section we give the complete description of  $A(Z)$  when  $X = \text{GL}_n/B$  is the full flag manifold or the Grassmann manifold  $G_{k,n}$  of  $k$ -planes in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

Let  $G = \text{GL}_n$ , and let  $B$  be the group of upper triangular matrices in  $G$ ,  $P$  the parabolic subgroup of all matrices in  $G$  of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} A & * \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $0$  is the  $(n - k) \times k$  zero matrix,  $\pi: G/B \rightarrow B/P$  the natural projection map,  $e_{ij}$  the  $n \times n$  matrix having 1 in the  $(i, j)$ th entry and zero everywhere else,  $n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e_{i,i+1}$ , and  $x_0$  (resp.  $\pi(x_0)$ ) the element  $B$  (resp.  $P$ ) in  $G/B$  (resp.  $G/P$ ). By the Jacobson-Morosov Lemma, associated with  $n$  there exists an  $\text{SL}_2$  action on  $G/B$  (resp.  $G/P$ ) such that the vector field  $\tilde{V}$  (resp.  $V$ ) generated by the maximal unipotent subgroup in  $\mathbf{B}$  is induced from the one

parameter subgroup  $\exp(tn)$  of  $G$ , and has exactly one zero  $x_0$  (resp.  $\pi(x_0)$ ). The algebraic homogeneous space  $G/B$  is the full flag manifold, and  $G/P = G_{k,n}$  is the Grassmann manifold of  $k$ -planes in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $z_{ij}$  be the functions on  $G$  defined by  $z_{ij}(x) = x_{ij}$ , where  $x = (x_{ij}) \in G$ . It follows from [3] that  $A(U)$  for  $G/B$  (resp.  $G_{k,n}$ ) is isomorphic to the graded algebra

$$\tilde{R} = \mathbb{C}[z_{ij}: 1 \leq j < i \leq n] \quad (\text{resp. } R = \mathbb{C}[z_{k+i,j}: 1 \leq i \leq n-k, 1 \leq j \leq k]),$$

where the grading is determined by taking degree  $(z_{pq}) = p - q$ . In the rest of the paper  $\tilde{Z}$  (resp.  $Z$ ) denotes, as before, the zero scheme of  $\tilde{V}$  (resp.  $V$ ), and we take  $z_{ij} = 0$  if either  $i > n$  or  $j < 1$ , or  $j > i$ , and  $z_{ii} = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The following is the key proposition for the rest of the paper.

**Proposition 2.1.** (i) *The graded algebra  $A(\tilde{Z})$  is isomorphic to  $\tilde{R}/I(\tilde{Z})$ , where  $I(\tilde{Z})$  is the homogeneous ideal generated by*

$$a_{ij}(z) = z_{i+1j} - z_{ij-1} + z_{ij}(z_{jj-1} - z_{j+1j}).$$

(ii) *Let  $x_1 = z_{21}, x_2 = z_{32} - z_{21}, \dots, x_j = z_{j+1j} - z_{jj-1}, \dots, x_n = -z_{nn-1}$ , and let  $h_m(y_1, \dots, y_s)$  be the  $m$ th complete symmetric homogeneous function in  $y_1, \dots, y_s$ . For any  $i, j$  the following identity holds in  $\tilde{R}/I(\tilde{Z})$ :*

$$z_{ij} = h_{i-j}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j).$$

(iii) *Under the isomorphism  $\tilde{\psi}: \tilde{R}/I(\tilde{Z}) \cong A(\tilde{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(G/B, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}(z_{ij} \bmod I(\tilde{Z})) = c_{i-j}(Q_j)$ ,  $(i - j)$ th Chern class of the universal quotient bundle  $Q_j$  of rank  $n - j$  on  $G/B$ .*

*Proof.* To prove (i) we need to compute the local expression of  $\tilde{V}$  in the local coordinates  $z_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq j < i \leq n$ . Let  $M = (z_{ij})$  be the  $n \times n$  lower triangular unipotent matrix having  $z_{ij}$  as its entries. The change of the local coordinates  $z_{ij}$  by the action of  $\exp(tn)$  around  $x_0$  is given by the functions  $z_{ij}(t)$ ,  $1 \leq j < i \leq n$ , which satisfy the following matrix identity for some  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix  $B(t)$ :

$$\exp(tn)MB(t) = (z_{ij}(t)).$$

Here  $(z_{ij}(t))$  represents the  $n \times n$  lower triangular unipotent matrix. The point is that one can compute these  $z_{ij}(t)$  explicitly. Once this is done it is not hard to see that

$$\tilde{V}(z_{ij}) = \left. \frac{d}{dt}(z_{ij}(t)) \right|_{t=0} = z_{i+1j} - z_{ij-1} + z_{ij}(z_{jj-1} - z_{j+1j}).$$

We leave these calculations to the reader.

Part (ii) follows from the defining relations  $a_{ij}(z) = 0$  in  $\tilde{R}/I(\tilde{Z})$ . Part (iii) follows from [3], part (ii) and the well-known formula for  $c_k(Q_j)$  in  $H^*(G/B, \mathbb{C})$ .

For the Grassmann manifold  $G_{k,n}$  similar results can be found in [6]. In this case the homogeneous ideal  $I(Z)$  of  $Z$  in  $R$  is generated by

$$z_{k+1+i_j} - z_{k+i_j-1} - z_{k+i_k}z_{k+1j}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - k.$$

In the rest of the paper we shall take  $A(\tilde{Z}) = \tilde{R}/I(\tilde{Z})$ ,  $A(Z) = R/I(Z)$ , and keep the notations as before.

### 3. Cohomology of Schubert varieties in $G_{k,n}$

In this section, we first give the explicit description of the isomorphism  $\psi: A(Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(G_{k,n}, \mathbb{C})$  by providing the representatives of Schubert cycles in  $A(Z)$ , and then prove that  $\bar{\psi}: A(Y \cap Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$  is an isomorphism for any Schubert variety  $Y$  in  $G_{k,n}$ .

Let  $W$  be the symmetric group in  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . For any permutation  $\tau = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  in  $W$ , let  $\tau(e)$  be the  $n \times n$  permutation matrix obtained from the identity matrix  $e$  by permuting the rows relative to  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Let  $S = \{(i) = (i_1, \dots, i_k) : 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n\}$ . For any  $(i)$  in  $S$  there exists a unique permutation  $(i_1, \dots, i_k, i_{k+1}, \dots, i_n)$  in  $W$  with the property  $i_{k+1} < \dots < i_n$ . We denote this permutation by  $\sigma(i) = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ . For  $(i) = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$  in  $S$ , let  $Y_{(i)} = \overline{B\sigma(i)(e)\pi(x_0)}$  be the Schubert subvariety of  $G_{k,n}$  associated with  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ , and let  $\Omega(i_1, \dots, i_k)$  be the Poincaré dual of the cycle class of the Schubert variety  $Y_{(n-i_k+1, \dots, n-i_1+1)}$  in  $H^*(G_{k,n}, \mathbb{C})$ . Let  $\tilde{U} = B^-$  denote the affine space of all  $n \times n$  lower triangular unipotent matrices, and let  $U = \pi(\tilde{U})$ .  $\tilde{U}$  is naturally biholomorphic to the open big cell in the Bruhat decomposition of  $G/B = \bigcup B\tau(e)x_0$ ,  $\tau \in W$ . Thus  $\tilde{U}$  (resp.  $U$ ) is an open affine neighborhood of  $x_0$  (resp.  $\pi(x_0)$ ) in  $G/B$  (resp.  $G_{k,n}$ ).

**Theorem 3.1.** For any  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ , we have

$$\psi(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)} \bmod I(Z)) = \Omega(i_1, \dots, i_k),$$

where  $P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}$  is the Plücker coordinate of  $G_{k,n}$  associated with  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $j: A(Z) \rightarrow A(\tilde{Z})$  be the natural map induced from the  $\mathbb{C}$ -equivariant map  $\pi: G/B \rightarrow G_{k,n}$ . It follows from [1] that  $j$  is a graded algebra homomorphism and the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\psi}: A(\tilde{Z}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H^*(G/B, \mathbb{C}) \\ j \uparrow & & \uparrow \pi^* \\ \psi: A(Z) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H^*(G_{k,n}, \mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

where  $\pi^*$  is the cohomology map of  $\pi$ . Since  $\pi^*$  is injective,  $j$  is also an injective map [1], [2]. Thus, to prove the theorem, it is enough to show that  $\tilde{\psi}(j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})) = \pi^*(\Omega_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})$ . For any  $x = (x_{ij})$  in  $\tilde{U}$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})(x) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} x_{i_1 1} & \dots & x_{i_1 k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{i_k 1} & \dots & x_{i_k k} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} x_{i_1 1} & \dots & x_{i_1 k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{i_k 1} & \dots & x_{i_k k} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} z_{i_1 1}(x) & \dots & z_{i_1 k}(x) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_{i_k 1}(x) & \dots & z_{i_k k}(x) \end{vmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \begin{vmatrix} z_{i_1 1} & \dots & z_{i_1 k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_{i_k 1} & \dots & z_{i_k k} \end{vmatrix} \text{ on } \tilde{U}.$$

Thus, by Proposition 2.1, in  $A(\tilde{Z})$  we have the identity

$$j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \begin{vmatrix} h_{i_1-1}(x_1) & \dots & h_{i_1-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{i_k-1}(x_1) & \dots & h_{i_k-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{vmatrix}.$$

In this determinant, by replacing the 1st column by the 1st column  $+x_2$  (the 2nd column), we obtain

$$j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \begin{vmatrix} h_{i_1-1}(x_1, x_2) & h_{i_1-2}(x_1, x_2) & \dots & h_{i_1-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{i_k-1}(x_1, x_2) & h_{i_k-2}(x_1, x_2) & \dots & h_{i_k-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{vmatrix},$$

just because  $h_l(x_1, x_2) = h_l(x_1) + x_2 h_{l-1}(x_1, x_2)$ . Now, by replacing the 2nd column by the 2nd column  $+x_3$  (the 3rd column) one gets

$$j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \begin{vmatrix} h_{i_1-1}(x_1, x_2) & h_{i_1-2}(x_1, x_2, x_3) & \dots & h_{i_1-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{i_k-1}(x_1, x_2) & h_{i_k-2}(x_1, x_2, x_3) & \dots & h_{i_k-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{vmatrix}.$$

This time, replace the 1st column by 1st column  $+x_3$  (2nd column) to obtain

$$j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \begin{vmatrix} h_{i_1-1}(x_1, x_2, x_3) & h_{i_1-2}(x_1, x_2, x_3) & \dots & h_{i_1-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{i_k-1}(x_1, x_2, x_3) & h_{i_k-2}(x_1, x_2, x_3) & \dots & h_{i_k-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{vmatrix}.$$

By using similar column operations and the (obvious) identity  $h_l(x_1, \dots, x_s) = h_l(x_1, \dots, x_{s-1}) + x_s h_{l-1}(x_1, \dots, x_s)$  one obtains in  $A(\tilde{Z})$ ,

$$j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \begin{vmatrix} h_{i_1-1}(x_1, \dots, x_k) & \dots & h_{i_1-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{i_k-1}(x_1, \dots, x_k) & \dots & h_{i_k-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{vmatrix}.$$

Since  $z_{i+k k} = h_i(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  in  $A(\tilde{Z})$  and  $\tilde{\psi}(z_{i+k k}) = c_i(Q_k)$ , by Proposition 2.1 we get

$$\tilde{\psi}(j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})) = \begin{vmatrix} c_{i_1-1}(Q_k) & \dots & c_{i_1-k}(Q_k) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{i_k-1}(Q_k) & \dots & c_{i_k-k}(Q_k) \end{vmatrix}.$$

Since the pull back  $\pi^*(Q_{k,n})$  of the universal quotient bundle  $Q_{k,n}$  on  $G_{k,n}$  is isomorphic to  $Q_k$  on  $G/B$ , we obtain

$$\tilde{\psi}(j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})) = \pi^* \left( \begin{vmatrix} c_{i_1-1}(Q_{k,n}) & \dots & c_{i_1-k}(Q_{k,n}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{i_k-1}(Q_{k,n}) & \dots & c_{i_k-k}(Q_{k,n}) \end{vmatrix} \right).$$

Since

$$\Omega(i_1, \dots, i_k) = \begin{vmatrix} c_{i_1-1}(Q_{k,n}) & \dots & c_{i_1-k}(Q_{k,n}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{i_k-1}(Q_{k,n}) & \dots & c_{i_k-k}(Q_{k,n}) \end{vmatrix},$$

by the determinantal formula in Schubert calculus [2], we get  $\tilde{\psi}(j(P_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})) = \pi^*(\Omega_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)})$ , and the proof is complete.

We consider the natural partial order on  $S = \{(i) = (i_1, \dots, i_k) : 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n\}$  defined by: for  $(i)$  and  $(j)$  in  $S$ ,  $(i) \leq (j)$  if  $i_1 \leq j_1, \dots, i_k \leq j_k$ . It is well known that this partial order on  $S$  is compatible with the Bruhat ordering on  $G_{k,n} = \bigcup B\sigma(i)(e)\pi(x_0)$ ,  $(i) \in S$ . That is, for  $(i)$  and  $(j)$  in  $S$ ,  $(i) \leq (j)$  if and only if  $Y_{(i)} \subseteq Y_{(j)}$  [7].

**Lemma.** For any  $(j)$  in  $S$ , we have:

- (i) the ideal  $I(Y_{(j)})$  of the Schubert variety  $Y_{(j)}$  in the neighborhood  $U$  of  $\pi(x_0)$  is generated by the Plücker coordinates  $P_{(l)}$ ,  $(l) \not\leq (j)$ ,
- (ii) the Euler-Poincaré characteristic  $\chi(Y_{(j)})$  of  $Y_{(j)}$  is equal to the cardinality of the set  $\{(l) \in S : (l) \leq (j)\}$ .

*Proof.* This lemma is not new. In fact, part (i) can be found in [7], and part (ii) follows from the cellular decomposition  $Y_{(j)} = \bigcup B\sigma(l)(e)\pi(x_0)$ ,  $(l) \leq (j)$ , of  $Y_{(j)}$  [4].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $Y = Y_{(i)}$ ,  $(i) \in S$ , be a Schubert subvariety of  $G_{k,n}$ . The graded algebra isomorphism  $\psi: A(Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(G_{k,n}, \mathbb{C})$  induces an isomorphism  $\bar{\psi}: A(Y \cap Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$  which commutes with the natural maps  $\alpha: A(Z) \rightarrow A(Y \cap Z)$  and  $i^*: H^*(G_{k,n}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$ .*

*Proof.* By [4], we know that  $\psi$  induces a graded algebra homomorphism  $\bar{\psi}: A(Y \cap Z) \rightarrow H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$  which commutes with  $\alpha$  and  $i^*$ . Since  $\bar{\psi}$  is a surjective map, we only need to show that  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} A(Y \cap Z) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$ . By the basis theorem of Schubert calculus and Theorem 3.1, we know that the Plücker coordinates  $P_{(j)}$ ,  $(j) \in S$ , form a basis of  $A(Z)$ . Thus  $\{\alpha(P_{(l)}): (l) \in S\}$  spans the vector space  $A(Y \cap Z)$ . By the lemma,  $P_{(j)}$  is in  $I(Y_{(i)})$  when  $(j) \not\leq (i)$ , so  $\alpha(P_{(j)}) = 0$  in  $A(Y \cap Z)$  for  $(j) \not\leq (i)$ . This implies  $I = \{\alpha(P_{(l)}): (l) \leq (i)\}$  spans  $A(Y \cap Z)$ . Therefore, the cardinality of  $I = \#\{(l) \in S: (l) \leq (i)\} \geq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} A(Y \cap Z)$ . By the same Lemma, since  $\chi(Y) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^*(Y, \mathbb{C}) = \#\{(l) \in S: (l) \leq (i)\}$ , we get  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} A(Y \cap Z) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^*(Y, \mathbb{C})$ , and the proof is complete.

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