

EQUIVARIANT BIRATIONAL TYPES

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- k – ground field, of characteristic 0 and algebraically closed
- G – finite group
- X – smooth projective G -variety, (mostly) **rational** over k , i.e., birational to \mathbb{P}^n
- X^G – fixed point locus

BASIC FACTS

- If X is rational and G is **cyclic**, then $X^G \neq \emptyset$.
- If $X \dashrightarrow Y$ is a G -equivariant birational map between smooth projective G -varieties, and G is **abelian**, then

$$X^G \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow Y^G \neq \emptyset.$$

- If X and Y are smooth projective G -equivariantly (stably) birational algebraic varieties then

$$H^1(G', \text{Pic}(X)) = H^1(G', \text{Pic}(Y)),$$

for all subgroups $G' \subseteq G$ (**H^1 -triviality**).

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- Shinder (2016): If G is cyclic, acting on a smooth rational surface X , and such that all stabilizers are either trivial or equal to G , then

$$H^1(G, \text{Pic}(X)) = \bigoplus_{C \subset X^G} H^1(C, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}.$$

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- Note that any two faithful representations of G are equivariantly **stably** birational.

BIRATIONAL TYPES $\mathcal{B}_n(G)$

Let G be a finite **abelian** group, and $A = G^\vee$ its group of characters. Consider the \mathbb{Z} -module

$$\mathcal{B}_n(G)$$

generated by **unordered** tuples $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$, $a_i \in A$, such that

(G) $\sum_i \mathbb{Z}a_i = A$, and

(B) for all $a_1, a_2, b_1, \dots, b_{n-2} \in A$ we have

$$[a_1, a_2, b_1, \dots, b_{n-2}] =$$

$$[a_1 - a_2, a_2, b_1, \dots, b_{n-2}] + [a_1, a_2 - a_1, b_1, \dots, b_{n-2}] \text{ if } a_1 \neq a_2,$$

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$$p = 43, 59, 67, 83, \dots$$

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The class of \mathbb{P}^n , $n \geq 2$, with linear action of $G := \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ is

- **torsion** in $\mathcal{B}_n(G)$ and
- **trivial** in $\mathcal{B}_n^-(G)$.

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- $\text{Alg}_N(K_0)$ is the set of isomorphism classes of Galois algebras over $K_0 \in \text{Bir}_d(k)$ for the group

$$N := N_G(H)/H,$$

satisfying

Assumption 1: the composition

$$H^1(N_G(H), K^\times) \rightarrow H^1(H, K^\times)^N \rightarrow H^\vee$$

is surjective

EQUIVARIANT BURNSIDE GROUP

Let

$$\text{Burn}_n(G) = \text{Burn}_{n,k}(G)$$

be the \mathbb{Z} -module, generated by symbols

$$(H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta),$$

where

- $H \subseteq G$ is an **abelian** subgroup,
- $K \in \text{Alg}_N(K_0)$, with $K_0 \in \text{Bir}_d(k)$, and $d \leq n$,
- $\beta = (a_1, \dots, a_{n-d})$, a sequence, up to order, of **nonzero** elements of H^\vee , that generate H^\vee .

The sequence of characters β determines a faithful representation of H over k of dimension $(n - d)$ with **trivial** space of invariants.

EQUIVARIANT BURNSIDE GROUP: RELATIONS

The symbols are subject to **conjugation** and **blowup** relations:

(C): $(H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta) = (H', N' \hookrightarrow K, \beta')$, when $H' = gHg^{-1}$ and $N' = N_G(H')/H'$, with $g \in G$, and β and β' are related by conjugation by g .

(B1): $(H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta) = 0$ when $a_1 + a_2 = 0$.

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$$\Theta_2 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_i \in \langle a_1 - a_2 \rangle \text{ for some } i, \\ (\overline{H}, \overline{N} \hookrightarrow \overline{K}, \overline{\beta}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\overline{H}^\vee := H^\vee / \langle a_1 - a_2 \rangle, \quad \overline{\beta} := (\overline{a}_2, \overline{a}_3, \dots, \overline{a}_{n-d}), \quad \overline{a}_i \in \overline{H}^\vee.$$

EQUIVARIANT BURNSIDE GROUP: RELATIONS

Model case: Blowing up an isolated point (with abelian stabilizer) on a surface.

It will explain the action of \overline{N} on \overline{K} .

EQUIVARIANT BURNSIDE GROUP

The class

$$[X \curvearrowright G] \in \text{Burn}_n(G)$$

of a G -variety is computed on a **standard model** X :

- X is smooth projective,
- there exists a Zariski open $U \subset X$ such that G acts freely on U ,
- the complement $X \setminus U$ is a normal crossings divisor,
- for every $g \in G$ and every irreducible component D of $X \setminus U$, either $g(D) = D$ or $g(D) \cap D = \emptyset$.

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Note that, on a standard model, all stabilizers are abelian, and all symbols satisfy Assumption 1.

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$$H^1(G, \text{Pic}(X)).$$

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However, it enters as coefficient group in higher dimensions and can contribute nontrivially to $\text{Burn}_n(G)$.

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This \mathbb{P}^1 , with \mathfrak{S}_3 -action, should be viewed as an analog of a curve of genus ≥ 1 in the fixed locus – it will appear on every equivariantly birational model.

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Similar situations (Bannai–Tokunaga 2007):

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The following examples focus on dimension 4, where we currently do not know how to systematically factor birational maps.

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$$[\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright k(S), \beta] \neq 0 \in \text{Burn}_4(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}),$$

does not interact with any other symbols in $[X \curvearrowright G]$.

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$$[\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright k(S), \beta] \neq 0 \in \text{Burn}_4(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}),$$

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The categorical approach to rationality of tori, following Kuznetsov, has been explored by Ballard–Duncan–Lamarche–McFaddin (2020).

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Imitating the above construction in the relative setting, we have:

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$$\rho_{\pi}^G : \text{Burn}_{n,K}(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_{n,k}(G).$$

Major recent progress in birational geometry, using **failure of (stable) rationality via specialization**:

- Voisin (2013): integral decomposition of Δ (Bloch–Srinivas)
- Colliot-Thélène–Pirutka (2015): universal CH_0 -triviality
- Nicaise–Shinder (2017): $K_0(\text{Var}_k)/\mathbb{L}$, $\text{char}(k) = 0$
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For example, if the singular locus of X_0 is an orbit of rational double points, on which G acts simply transitively, then X_0 has *BG-rational singularities*.

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The only difference with $\mathcal{B}_n(G)$: $[a, a] = [a, 0]$, $\langle a, a \rangle = 2\langle a, 0 \rangle$.

BIRATIONAL TYPES \rightarrow MODULAR TYPES

Consider the map

$$\mu : \mathcal{B}_n(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n(G)$$

- (μ_0) $[a_1, \dots, a_n] \mapsto \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$, if all $a_1, \dots, a_n \neq 0$,
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and extended by \mathbb{Z} -linearity.

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Consider the free abelian group on triples

$$(\mathbf{L}, \chi, \Lambda),$$

where

- $\mathbf{L} \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n$ is an n -dimensional lattice,
- $\chi \in \mathbf{L} \otimes A$ is an element inducing, by duality, a surjection $\mathbf{L}^\vee \rightarrow A$,
- Λ is a basic cone, i.e., a simplicial cone spanned by a basis of \mathbf{L} .

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Imposing scissor-type relations on \mathbf{T} , via subdivision of cones, we obtain a diagram

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For a face Λ'' of Λ' of dimension at least 2,

$$\Lambda'' = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}\langle e_1, \dots, e_r \rangle \subset \Lambda' = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}\langle e_1, \dots, e_s \rangle,$$

consider the star subdivision

$$\Sigma_{\Lambda'}^*(\Lambda''),$$

consisting of the $2^r - 1$ cones spanned by

$$e_1 + \dots + e_r, e_{r+1}, \dots, e_s,$$

and all proper subsets of $\{e_1, \dots, e_r\}$.

We introduce **Subdivision relations** on $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}$:

(S) Put

$$(\mathbf{L}, \chi, \Lambda') = \sum_{\substack{\tilde{\Lambda}' \in \Sigma_{\Lambda'}^*(\Lambda'') \\ \chi \in \text{Im}(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}' \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbf{L} \otimes A)}} (-1)^{\dim(\Lambda') - \dim(\tilde{\Lambda}')} (\mathbf{L}, \chi, \tilde{\Lambda}'),$$

respectively,

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We can define **Hecke operators**

$$T_{\ell,r} : \mathcal{B}_n(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_n(G),$$

where $\ell \nmid |G|$ and $1 \leq r \leq n - 1$, as a sum over certain overlattices:

$$T_{\ell,r}(\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{L}, \chi, \Lambda')) := \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{L} \subset \widehat{\mathbf{L}} \subset \mathbf{L} \otimes \mathbb{Q} \\ \widehat{\mathbf{L}}/\mathbf{L} \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z})^r}} \tilde{\psi}(\widehat{\mathbf{L}}, \chi, \Lambda').$$

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