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Suppose Y is Fano and satisfies Bott vanishing. Then

$$H^1(Y, T_Y) = H^1(Y, \Omega_Y^{n-1} \otimes K_Y^*) = 0.$$

In particular, Y must be rigid.

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From now on, we will work over \mathbb{C} .

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Let Y be a GIT quotient $(\mathbb{P}^1)^n /\!\!/_{\mathcal{L}} PGL_2$ given by a linearization with no strictly semi-stable locus. Then Y satisfies Bott vanishing.

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- Gelfand-MacPherson correspondence. This allows us to see global invariant sections as polynomials in the Plücker minors, and we characterize these as directed graphs.

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There are two choices involved:

- The coordinate ring *R*. This amounts to specifying an ample line bundle *L*, so that *R* = ⊕_{k>0} H⁰(X, L^{⊗k}).
- The action of G on R. This amounts to extending the action of G on X to the total space of L.

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Let \mathbb{C}^* act on \mathbb{A}^{n+1} by multiplication. Extend this action to \mathcal{O} and twist it by the character $t \mapsto t$, that is: $t \cdot p(x_0, \ldots, x_n) = tp(t^{-1}x_0, \ldots, t^{-1}x_n)$. Then one obtains the GIT quotient $\mathbb{A}^{n+1} / / \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{P}^n$.

Given an action of G on X and a G-linearized ample line bundle \mathcal{L} , the *semi-stable* locus is defined as

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Example

Let $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(d_1, \ldots, d_n)$ be a PGL_2 -linearized ample line bundle in $X = (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$. The semi-stable (resp. stable) locus consists of tuples $(z_1, \ldots, z_n) \in (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ such that whenever $\sum_{i \in I} d_i > \sum_{i \in I^c} d_i$ (resp. \geq) for some $I \subset \{1, \ldots, n\}$, the coordinates $\{z_i, i \in I\}$ do not all coincide.

The GIT quotient $Y = (\mathbb{P}^1)^n /\!\!/_{\mathcal{L}} PGL_2$ parametrizes such configurations of *n* points up to projective equivalence.

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Quantization Theorem (Teleman, Halpern-Leistner)

Suppose \mathcal{F} descends to F. Take a Kempf-Ness stratification of the unstable locus $X \setminus X^{ss} = \sqcup S_{\alpha}$. If all the weights of \mathcal{F} on S_{α} are $< \eta_{\alpha}$, then

$$H^i(Y,F)=H^i(X,\mathcal{F})^G.$$

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Similarly, $\Lambda^{j}L_{\mathfrak{X}}$ descends to Ω^{j}_{Y} , where $\Lambda^{j}L_{\mathfrak{X}}$ is the chain complex

$$0 o \Omega^j_X o \Omega^{j-1}_X \otimes \mathfrak{g}^ee o \cdots o S^j \mathfrak{g}^ee o 0.$$

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In fact, to show Bott vanishing on Y, it suffices to check that

$$H^{i}(X, \Lambda^{j}L_{\mathfrak{X}}\otimes \mathcal{L})^{PGL_{2}}=0$$

for i > 0.

Recall $\Lambda^j L_{\mathfrak{X}} \otimes \mathcal{L}$ is the complex

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For example, for j = 1, showing that $H^1(Y, \Omega_Y \otimes L) = 0$ is equivalent to showing that the map of invariant global sections

$$H^0(X, \Omega_X \otimes \mathcal{L})^{PGL_2} o (H^0(X, \mathcal{L}) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\vee})^{PGL_2}$$

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In particular, PGL_2 -invariant global sections of $\mathcal{O}(d_1, \ldots, d_n)$ can be found in the coordinate ring of the Grassmannian.

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The Plücker relations can be depicted as follows:



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Using similar techniques (plus an argument with Koszul complexes), one can also show that

$$H^{i}(Y,\Omega^{j}\otimes L) = H^{i}(X,\Lambda^{j}L_{\mathfrak{X}}\otimes \mathcal{L})^{PGL_{2}} = 0, \quad i > 0, j \geq 0$$

and so Y satisfies Bott vanishing, as long as the linearization does not admit strictly semi-stable locus.

Interestingly, quantization can also be applied succesfully towards toric varieties. In fact, a smooth projective toric variety Y can be written as a GIT quotient $Y = \mathbb{A}^d /\!\!/ (\mathbb{C}^*)^{d-n}$, where $(\mathbb{C}^*)^{d-n} = \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Pic} Y, \mathbb{C}^*)$, and the action is free on the semi-stable locus.

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Using quantization and similar techniques, we recover yet another proof of the following well-known result.

Theorem

A smooth projective toric variety satisfies Bott vanishing.

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