

**$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -HOMOLOGY OF THE ORBIT SPACES  $G_{n,2}/T^n$** **Vladimir Ivanović and Svjetlana Terzić**

**ABSTRACT.** We present computation of the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homology groups of the orbit space  $X_n = G_{n,2}/T^n$  for the canonical action of the compact torus  $T^n$  on a complex Grassmann manifold  $G_{n,2}$ . Our starting point is the model  $(U_n, p_n)$  for  $X_n$  constructed by Buchstaber–Terzić in [1], where  $U_n = \Delta_{n,2} \times \mathcal{F}_n$  for a hypersimplex  $\Delta_{n,2}$  and an universal space of parameters  $\mathcal{F}_n$ , and  $p_n: U_n \rightarrow X_n$  is a continuous projection. The basic input in the construction of this model is the result, proved by the same authors, which states that  $X_n$  can be represented as the disjoint union of spaces  $\{C_\omega \times F_\omega\}$  together with the continuous projections  $p_\omega: \mathcal{F}_n \rightarrow F_\omega$ . Here  $C_\omega$  are the chambers in the hypersimplex  $\Delta_{n,2}$  which correspond to its decomposition given by all possible intersections of matroids, that is admissible polytopes. The spaces  $F_\omega$  are the orbit spaces of  $\hat{\mu}^{-1}(C_\omega)$  by the canonical action of the algebraic torus  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ , where  $\hat{\mu}: G_{n,2}/T^n \rightarrow \Delta_{n,2}$  is the map induced by the standard moment map  $\mu: G_{n,2} \rightarrow \Delta_{n,2}$ .

The notion of the universal space of parameters is defined by Buchstaber–Terzić in [2] for general  $T^k$ -action on a smooth manifold  $M^{2n}$ . The universal space of parameters  $\mathcal{F}_n$  for  $T^n$ -action on  $G_{n,2}$  is studied in detail in [1]. They proved that  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is diffeomorphic to the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{0,n}$  of stable  $n$ -pointed genus zero curves. We exploit the results from Keel in [6] and Ceyhan in [4] on generators of homology groups for  $\mathcal{M}_{0,n}$  and express them in terms of the objects of the stratifications of  $\mathcal{F}_n$  which are incorporated in the model  $(U_n, p_n)$ .

In the result we deduce that the homology groups for  $\mathcal{F}_n$  are spanned by the divisors outgrowing in the compactification of  $F_n$  to  $\mathcal{F}_n$ , where  $F_n = W_n/(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  for the main stratum  $W_n$  of  $G_{n,2}$ . Moreover, for any  $F_\omega$  being compactification of  $F_n$ , we show that the homology groups of  $F_\omega$  are spanned as well by the divisors outgrowing in the compactification of  $F_n$  to  $F_\omega$ .

We recover the computation of homology groups with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  coefficients for  $X_5$  by the method different from those of Buchstaber–Terzić in [3] and Suess in [7]. In addition, we compute the homology groups with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -coefficients for  $X_6$  which are, up to our knowledge not known. The space  $X_6$  is an example of complexity 3 torus action.

In general, the complexity of the study of the orbit spaces  $M^{2n}/T^k$  and their homology structure shows up to follow the complexity of torus action. The homology of quasitoric manifolds  $M^{2n}/T^n$ , which belong to the class of manifolds with complexity zero torus action, is determined by the combinatorics of the moment polytope  $P^k$ . We believe that the results which we obtain describing inductively the structure of cycles in  $X_n$  may lead

---

University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro.

to successful application of the presented method for explicit computation of homology groups for  $X_n$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -coefficients for higher  $n$  as well.

### References

1. V. M. Buchstaber, S. Terzić, *A resolution of singularities for the orbit spaces  $G_{n,2}/T^n$* , Trudy Mat. Inst. Steklova **317** (2022), 27–63.
2. V. M. Buchstaber, S. Terzić, *The foundations of  $(2n, k)$ -manifolds*, Sbornik: Mathematics **210**(4) (2019), 41–86.
3. V. M. Buchstaber, S. Terzić, *Topology and geometry of the canonical action of  $T^4$  on the complex Grassmannian  $G_{4,2}$  and the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^5$* , Mosc. Math. J. **16**(2) (2016), 237–273.
4. Ö. Ceyhan, *Chow groups of the moduli spaces of weighted pointed stable curves of genus zero*, Adv. Math. **221**(6) (2009), 1964–1978.
5. V. Ivanović, S. Terzić,  *$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homology of the orbit spaces  $G_{n,2}/T^n$* , (2024), eprint: preprint (math.AT).
6. S. Keel, *Intersection theory of moduli space of stable  $n$ -pointed curves of genus zero*, Trans. Am. Math. Soc. **330**(2) (1992), 545–574.
7. H. Suess, *Toric topology of the Grassmannian of planes in  $\mathbb{C}^5$  and the Del Pezzo surface of degree 5*, Mosc. Math. J. **21**(3) (2020), 639–652.