

Since the Schubert cycles form an integral basis for  $H_*(G(k,n), \mathbb{Z})$ , it follows either by Poincaré duality and the fact that analytic cycles intersect positively or by direct computation that

$$\#(\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_{n-k-a_1}, \dots, \sigma_{n-k-a_k}) = 1.$$

By P62, analytic cycles intersect positively.

Consider a linear functional on  $H_{2k(n-k)-2\sum b_i}(G(k,n), \mathbb{Z})$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\sigma_b) &= 1 \quad \text{if} \quad b_{k-i+1} = n-k-a_i \quad \text{for all } i=1 \dots k. \\ L(\sigma_b) &= 0 \quad \text{if} \quad b_{k-i+1} \neq n-k-a_i \quad \text{for some } i \\ &\quad \text{where } \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \text{ given.} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  By Poincaré duality (P53),  $L$  is expressible as intersection with some class  $\alpha \in H_{2\sum b_i}(G(k,n), \mathbb{Z})$ .

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_a \sigma_a, \quad \sigma_a \in H_{2\sum b_i}(G(k,n), \mathbb{Z}).$$

As we know from the above,  $\#(\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_b) = 0$  unless  $b_{k-i+1} = n-k-a_i$  i.e.  $a_i = n-k-b_{k-i+1}$  for all  $i$ .  $\Rightarrow \chi_a = 0$  unless  $\{a_i\} = a$

$$\text{since } L(\sigma_b) = \#(\alpha \cdot \sigma_b)$$

Furthermore,  $\chi_a = 1$  if  $a = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$

$$\text{, and } L(\sigma_b) = \#(\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_b) = 1$$

Actually, we don't make clear why  $\#(\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_b) = 0$  even if  $a_i = n-k-b_{k-i+1}$ , for all  $i$ .

$\rightarrow$  Suppose  $\#(\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_b) = 0$  even in case  $a_i = n-k-b_{k-i+1}$