

Pushing forward Hall-Littlewood polynomials

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We shall use them simultaneously by means of Hall-Littlewood polynomials associated with a vector bundle $E \rightarrow X$ of rank n with Chern roots x_1, \dots, x_n .

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This is seen from a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Fl(Q) \times_{G^q(E)} Fl(S) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & Fl(E) \\ \tau_Q \times \tau_S \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau_E \\ G^q(E) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & X \end{array}$$

which gives

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Theorem

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