

1. Consider the natural action of GL_n on the $n - 1$ dimensional projective space \mathbb{P}^{n-1} . Let $\lambda : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow T$ be a 1-psg of the n -dimensional diagonal torus $T \subseteq GL_n$. What can you say about the fixed points of the action of $\lambda(\mathbb{G}_m)$ on \mathbb{P}^{n-1} ? If $n = 2$, then how many $\lambda(\mathbb{G}_m)$ -orbits are there in \mathbb{P}^1 ?
2. Prove that \mathbb{P}^1 is isomorphic to GL_2/B , where B is the Borel subgroup of upper triangular matrices in GL_2 .
3. Prove that $GL_2/B \cong SL_2/B_0$, where $B_0 = B \cap SL_2$.
4. Let T_0 be a maximal torus in B_0 , where $B_0 \subset SL_2$ is as in the previous example.
 - (a) Show that SL_2/T_0 is an affine variety.
 - (b) Show that SL_2/T_0 is a spherical variety.
5. Let B_0 be as in the previous example.
 - (a) Compute the unipotent radical U_0 of B_0 , and show that SL_2/U_0 is a spherical variety.
 - (b) Show that SL_2/U_0 is a quasi-affine variety.
 - (c) Explain why SL_2/U_0 is not an affine variety.
6. Show that SL_n/U , where U is the unipotent radical of a Borel subgroup of SL_n is a spherical variety.
7. Let T_0 denote the maximal diagonal torus of SL_3 .
 - (a) Prove that SL_3/T_0 is an affine variety.
 - (b) Prove that SL_3/T_0 is not a spherical variety.