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Let the notions be as in the preceding review. The main theorem states the following: There is a bijective correspondence between the set of cross sections  $(A^+, A^-)$  and the open sets  $U \subset X \setminus X^T$  with the properties: (i)  $U$  is  $T$ -invariant, (ii) the geometric quotient  $U \rightarrow U/T$  exists and  $U/T$  is a compact complex space. The correspondence is given by  $U = \cup_{i \in A^-, j \in A^+} C_{ij}$ . Furthermore all such sets  $U$  are Zariski open in  $X$ . They are called sectional open sets. If  $X$  is a projective algebraic variety or a Kähler manifold then  $X \setminus X^T$  is the union of all sectional open sets. In the special case that  $\rho$  is an algebraic  $T$ -action on an algebraic manifold  $X$  the following cohomology formula for the quotient of a sectional set  $U$  is proved:  $P(U/T) = \sum_{i \in A^-} P(F_i)(t^{2d_i^+} - t^{2d_i^-})/(t^2 - 1) = \sum_{j \in A^+} (t^{2d_j^-} - t^{2d_j^+})/(t^2 - 1)$ , where  $P$  denotes the Poincaré polynomial and  $d_i^\pm = \dim X_i^\pm - \dim F_i$ . Finally the following conjecture of D. Mumford is settled: Consider the diagonal  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ -action on  $(\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{C}))^n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ). Let  $U$  be a  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ -invariant Zariski open set, which is also invariant under coordinate interchanging. Assume that the geometric quotient  $U/SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  exists and is an algebraic variety in the sense of Artin. Then  $n$  is odd and  $U$  is the set of points with at most  $(n-1)/2$  coordinates the same.

Reviewer: [K.Oeljeklaus](#)**MSC:**

- 32M05** Complex Lie groups, group actions on complex spaces
- 14L30** Group actions on varieties or schemes (quotients)
- 32J25** Transcendental methods of algebraic geometry (complex-analytic aspects)
- 32C20** Normal analytic spaces

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