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**Rahul Singh\*** (rahul.sharpeye@gmail.com). *The Conormal Variety of a Schubert variety.*

Let  $X, Y$  be compact homogeneous spaces for a semi-simple group  $G$ , and let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an orbit under the diagonal action of  $G$  on  $X \times Y$ . We study the conormal variety  $N^*$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ . Suppose first that  $Y$  is a cominuscule Grassmannian. We show that for certain orbits  $\mathcal{O}$ , the conormal variety is a Schubert variety associated to the loop group of  $G$ . Further, we construct a vector bundle on a Bott-Samelson variety resolving the singularities of  $N^*$ . In type  $A$ , this allows us to identify the equations defining  $N^*$  as a subvariety of the cotangent bundle of  $X \times Y$ . These results suggest some natural conjectures and proof strategies for the equations of  $N^*$  for general  $G$  and  $Y$ , which we discuss. (Received February 17, 2018)