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<2025.4.10. An Introduction to Toric Varieties>

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(Correspondence between toric varieties and sympl. toric mfd's)

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I. Toric Varieties

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§ Basic notations for toric varieties

$$\text{real torus } T^N := \{(t_1, \dots, t_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid |t_i| = 1\}$$

$$\text{Complex torus } T_{\mathbb{C}}^N := \{(t_1, \dots, t_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid t_i \neq 0\} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^N$$

These two groups act on \mathbb{C}^N by trivial way:

$$(t_1, \dots, t_N) \cdot (z_1, \dots, z_N) = (t_1 z_1, \dots, t_N z_N)$$

Def (e_1, \dots, e_N) : canonical basis in any of the sp. $\mathbb{Z}^N \subset \mathbb{Q}^N \subset \mathbb{R}^N \subset \mathbb{C}^N$
for $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$,

$$\text{Coord. subsp. } e_I := \{z \mid j \notin I \Rightarrow z_j = 0\} \quad (\mathbb{C}^{|I|} \subset \mathbb{C}^N)$$

$$\text{Corresponding complex torus } T_I := \{t \mid j \notin I \Rightarrow |t_j| = 1\}$$

$$\text{open cone } e_I' := \{z \mid j \notin I \Leftrightarrow z_j = 0\} \quad ((\mathbb{C}^*)^{|I|} \subset \mathbb{C}^N)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{In } T_{\mathbb{C}}^N \subset \mathbb{C}^N, \quad \begin{cases} z \in e_I \text{ iff } \text{stab}(z) \supset T_I \\ z \in e_I' \text{ iff } \text{stab}(z) = T_I \end{cases}$$

Let $\pi: \mathbb{Z}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$ be a linear map s.t. $\pi \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ surjective

$$K \subset \mathbb{Z}^N: \ker(\pi: \mathbb{Z}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n)$$

$$K \subset T^N: \ker(\pi: \mathbb{R}^N / \mathbb{Z}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n)$$

$K \subset T_{\mathbb{C}}^N$: complexification of K

Def $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$ lies in a

principal orbit if $K \cap T_I = \{(1, \dots, 1)\} \quad \forall I$

singular orbit if $\exists I$ s.t. $\dim(K \cap T_I) > 0$

exceptional orbit if $\exists I$ s.t. $K \cap T_I$ is a fm. gp.

Prop points lie in a singular orbit of $K_{\mathbb{C}} \subseteq \{z \in e_I \mid K \otimes \mathbb{C} \cap e_I \neq 0\}$

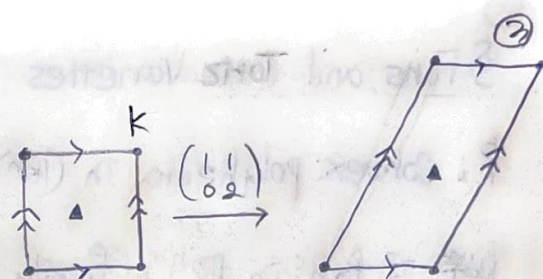
Example

$\pi: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$: linear map given by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$K=0, K = \{(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \mid \varepsilon = \pm 1\} \subset T^2$$

$$K_0 \subseteq T_0^N = \{(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \mid \varepsilon = \pm 1\} \subset T_0^2$$

$\Rightarrow K_0 \cap \mathbb{C}^2$ has no singular orbit but exceptional orbit $\{(0,0)\}$



§ Fans and Toric Varieties

P : convex polyhedron in $(\mathbb{R}^n)^V$, τ : face of P

Def A fan in \mathbb{R}^n : family of convex polyhedral cones in \mathbb{R}^n having vertex 0, generating by integer vectors s.t.

- (1) any face of a cone in Σ is a cone in Σ
- (2) the intersection of two cones in Σ is a face of each of them.

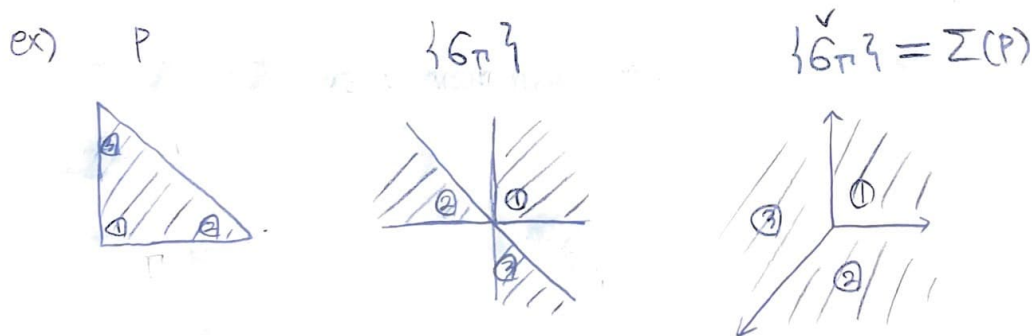


Def tangent cone of τ : $G_\tau := \bigcup_{r \geq 0} r \cdot (P - m)$ for any $m \in \tau$

convex dual cone for cone G :

$$\hat{G} := \{x \in E \mid \varphi(x) \geq 0 \ \forall \varphi \in G\}$$

associated fan for P : $\Sigma(P) := \{\hat{G}_\tau\}$



Def A fan Σ is complete if its support $|\Sigma|$ is the whole sp \mathbb{R}^n
 ($|\Sigma|$: union of the closure of all cones)

prop P is Compact $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma(P)$ is complete

pf) easy.

§ Construct a toric varieties

$\Sigma(k)$: k -skeleton (set of all k -dim cones)

$\Sigma(n) = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$ for the given fan Σ

$$\pi: \mathbb{Z}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$(e_1, \dots, e_N) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

$\langle x_I \rangle$: cone of Σ , generated by $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$.

Assumptions

- (1) $\pi \otimes \mathbb{Q}: \mathbb{Q}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^n$ surjective (i.e. Σ contains a dim n cone)
- (2) $\langle x_I \rangle \in \Sigma \Rightarrow e_I \cap K \otimes \mathbb{C} = \{0\}$ (Condition to avoid a complicated singularities)

Def Σ : given fan

$$U_\Sigma = \mathbb{C}^N - \bigcup_{\{I \mid \langle x_I \rangle \notin \Sigma\}} e_I \quad \left(\text{analogy of } U_\pi = \mathbb{C}^N - \bigcup_{\{k \in \pi \neq 0\}} e_k \right)$$

Then, the space $X_\Sigma := U_\Sigma / K_{\mathbb{C}}$ is the toric variety associated with Σ .

Rmk Assumption (2) $\Rightarrow U_\Sigma \subset U_\pi$

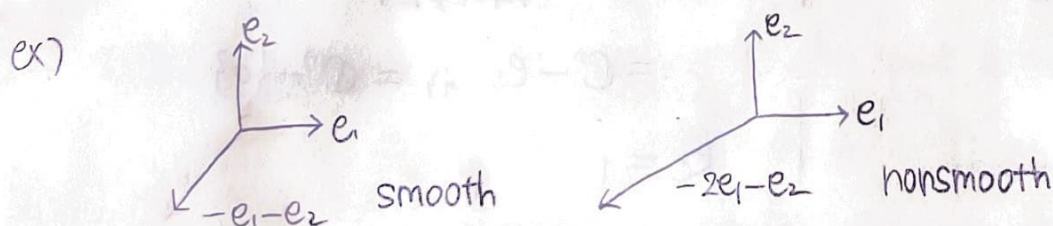
$\Rightarrow K_{\mathbb{C}}$ induced by π acts on U_Σ without singular orbits.

\Rightarrow At worst, X_Σ is an orbifold

(singularities caused by exceptional orbits)

Q. When X_Σ be a smooth mfd?

Def A fan Σ is smooth if each of its cones is generated by a part of a \mathbb{Z} -basis of the lattice \mathbb{Z}^n .



RMK Σ Smooth \Rightarrow Assumptions (1) and (2).

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\therefore (1): trivial

(2): let $\langle \tau_I : \dim K \text{ cone. wlog let } I = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

$$\begin{aligned} e_I \cap K \otimes \mathbb{C} &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i e_i \mid \pi(\sum \alpha_i e_i) = 0, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i e_i \mid \sum \alpha_i \tau_i = 0, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \right\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Prop X_Σ Smooth $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma$ Smooth

pf) X_Σ Smooth $\nLeftrightarrow K_\mathbb{C}$ has no exceptional orbits.

i.e. $\langle \tau_I \in \Sigma \Rightarrow K \cap T_I = \{1\}$

K contains a nontrivial elt means

$\exists z \in \mathbb{Q}^n$ s.t. z nonintegral, $\pi(z) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$.

let $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$

$\Rightarrow K \cap T_I$ nontrivial fin. gp. \nLeftrightarrow

\exists relatively prime a_1, \dots, a_n and $m \geq 2$ s.t. $\pi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{m} e_i\right) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$

Now consider $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \tau_i$ in \mathbb{Z}^n . \downarrow

Examples

(1) noncompact cases.

Σ : 1st octant in \mathbb{R}^n

$\Rightarrow N=n, \pi = \text{id}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow U_\Sigma &= \mathbb{C}^n - \bigcup_{I: \langle \tau_I \notin \Sigma \rangle} e_I \\ &= \mathbb{C}^n, \end{aligned}$$

$$K_\mathbb{C} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow X_\Sigma = \mathbb{C}^n$$

Σ' : 1st octant in \mathbb{R}^n , except n -dim Cone

$\Rightarrow N=n, \pi = \text{id}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow U_{\Sigma'} &= \mathbb{C}^n - \bigcup_{I: \langle \tau_I \notin \Sigma' \rangle} e_I \\ &= \mathbb{C}^n - e_{1, \dots, n} = \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$K_\mathbb{C} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{\Sigma'} = \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\}$$

(2) smooth case.

Σ : Complete fan generated by $\alpha_i = e_i (i=1, \dots, n)$, $\alpha_{n+1} = -(e_1 + \dots + e_n)$

$$\Rightarrow U_\Sigma = \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\},$$

$$K = \{(m, \dots, m) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$K = \{(t, \dots, t) \in T^n \mid t \in \mathbb{C}, |t|=1\}$$

$$K_{\mathbb{C}} = \{(z, \dots, z) \in T_{\mathbb{C}}^n \mid z \in \mathbb{C}^* \}$$

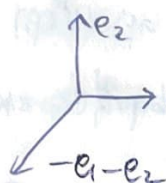
$$\Rightarrow X_\Sigma = U_\Sigma / K_{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{CP}^n$$

ex)



P

$\Sigma(P)$

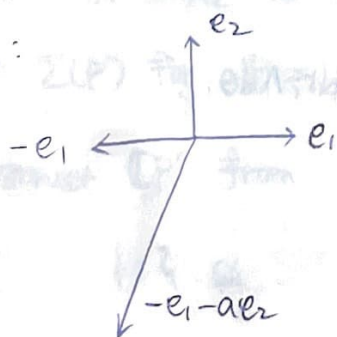


$X_{\Sigma(P)}$

\mathbb{CP}^2

(3) nonsmooth case.

Σ :



$$\Rightarrow U_\Sigma = (\mathbb{C}^2 - \{0\}) \times (\mathbb{C}^2 - \{0\})$$

$$K = \langle (1, 0, 1, 0), (1, a, 0, 1) \rangle$$

$$K \cong T^2$$

$$K_{\mathbb{C}} \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \quad \left. \vphantom{K_{\mathbb{C}}} \right\} \text{depend on } a$$

$$K_{\mathbb{C}} \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \text{ as } (u, v) \cdot (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = (uz_1vz_1, uz_2vz_2, uz_3vz_3, uz_4vz_4)$$

$$X_\Sigma = U_\Sigma / K_{\mathbb{C}} =: \mathcal{H}_a \text{ (Hirzebruch surface)}$$

II. Symplectic Toric Manifolds

§ Preliminaries in symplectic geometry

Def The 2-form $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ is symplectic if ω is closed and ω_p is skew-symmetric bilinear $\forall p \in M$.

(M, ω) is a sympl. mfd. if M is a mfd and ω is a sympl. form

Def Symplectic G -action $\gamma: G \rightarrow \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$ is a hamiltonian action if $\exists \mu: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ st.

$$(1) \begin{cases} d\mu^X = i_{X^\#} \omega \\ \forall X \in \mathfrak{g} \end{cases} \quad \mu^X: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ defined by } \mu^X(p) := \langle \mu(p), X \rangle$$

$X^\#: \text{v.f. on } M \text{ gen. by } \{\exp tX \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq G$

$$(2) \mu \circ \gamma_g = \text{Ad}_g^* \cdot \mu \quad \forall g \in G$$

Then we call μ is a moment map.

ex) $(\mathbb{C}^n, \omega): \omega = \sum dt_i \wedge dy_i = \frac{i}{2} \sum dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_i = \sum r_i dr_i \wedge d\theta_i$
 $S^1 \curvearrowright (\mathbb{C}^n, \omega)$ as multiplying $t \in S^1$

\Rightarrow This action is hamiltonian with moment map

$$\mu: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$z \mapsto +\frac{|z|^2}{2} + \text{const.}$$

$$\therefore d\mu = +\frac{1}{2} d(\sum r_i^2)$$

$$X^\# = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n}$$


$$i_{X^\#} \omega = +\sum r_i dr_i = +\frac{1}{2} \sum dr_i^2 = d\mu$$

Def Compact, connected sympl. mfd (M^{2n}, ω) is a symplectic toric manifold if there is an effective hamiltonian action $T^n \curvearrowright (M^{2n}, \omega)$ and with a corresponding moment map $\mu: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

§ Symplectic reduction

- dim k symmetry group actions reduce the dim of phase sp. by $2k$.

ex) dim 3 Configuration sp. 1 particle \Rightarrow 6-dim phase sp.

 dim 1 rotational symm $\Rightarrow \vec{r} \times \vec{p}_2$ conserved
 \Rightarrow 2-dim are reduced, then 4-dim lefts.

Thm (M.W.G.M): hamiltonian G -space

If G acts freely on level set of μ , there is a reduction $(M_{\text{red}}, \omega_{\text{red}})$

s.t. (1) $M_{\text{red}} = \mu^{-1}(a)/G$

(2) $i^*\omega = \pi^*\omega_{\text{red}}$ for $i: \mu^{-1}(a) \rightarrow M$, $\pi: \mu^{-1}(a) \rightarrow M_{\text{red}}$

Motivating Example for III

Recall) $\mathbb{CP}^n = X_{\Sigma}$ for Σ made by $(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = (e_1, \dots, e_n, -(e_1 + \dots + e_n))$

$\Sigma = \Sigma(P)$ for $P = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mid z_i \geq 0 \ \forall i, z_1 + \dots + z_n \leq 1\}$

Construct \mathbb{CP}^n from $\mathbb{C}^* \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\}$

$\mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} \cong S^{2n+1} \times (0, +\infty)$

$\mathbb{C}^* \cong S^1 \times (0, +\infty)$

Compatible

hamiltonian level set image of hamiltonian map

$\mathbb{CP}^n \begin{cases} \cong \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} / \mathbb{C}^* (= \mathbb{C}^n / \mathbb{C}^* : \text{as a toric variety}) \\ \cong S^{2n+1} / S^1, \text{ remained hamiltonian action} \end{cases}$

III. Delzant's Construction

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Thm (Delzant)

Toric manifolds are classified by Delzant polytopes.

(Delzant polytopes = primitive compact convex polyhedra)

$\begin{array}{ccc} \updownarrow & \updownarrow & \\ \text{Smooth} & \text{Complete} & (\text{in fan}) \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{toric manifolds} \\ (M^{2n}, \omega, T^n, \mu) \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Delzant polytopes} \\ P \end{array} \right\} \left(\leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Smooth, Complete fan} \\ \Sigma \end{array} \right\} \right) \\
 \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1}} : \text{moment map } (P = \mu(M^{2n})) \\
 \xleftarrow{\textcircled{2}} : \text{Delzant Construction}
 \end{array}$$

Now we will follow the process of Delzant construction.

Step 1 Construct a K -action on U_{Σ}

$T^N \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^N$: hamiltonian map with the moment map $\mu: \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^N)^* = \mathfrak{t}^*$

$$\mu(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \frac{1}{2} (|z_1|^2, \dots, |z_N|^2)$$

Let \mathfrak{k} : Lie alg. for $K \subset T$

$$\Rightarrow \mu': U_{\Sigma} \hookrightarrow U_{\Pi} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^N \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{t}^* \xrightarrow{P} \mathfrak{k}^* \quad (P \text{ induced by } K \hookrightarrow T)$$

is the moment map for $K \curvearrowright U_{\Sigma}$

Step 2 Get X_{Σ} by symplectic reduction

$K \curvearrowright U_{\Sigma}$ has no singular orbit $\Rightarrow \mu'(U_{\Sigma})$ consists of regular values.

Prop $\forall z \in \mu'(U_{\Sigma})$, the inclusion $i: \mu'^{-1}(z) \hookrightarrow U_{\Sigma}$

induces a homeomorphism $\mu'^{-1}(z)/K \rightarrow U_{\Sigma}/K_{\mathbb{C}} = X_{\Sigma}$.

\Rightarrow We can endow a reduced sympl. form ω_{Σ} on X_{Σ}

and hamiltonian action of n -dim torus $Q = T^N/K$ (so does μ)

\Rightarrow We get toric mfd $(X_{\Sigma}, \omega_{\Sigma}, Q, \mu)$

Now, we need to check whether $\textcircled{1} \circ \textcircled{2} = \text{id}$.

Prop Σ is the fan associated to the polyhedra $P_z = \mathcal{M}(X_z)$, for any z .

Pf) Let the reduced moment map $\mathcal{M}: X_z \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ (\mathfrak{g} : Lie alg. of Q)

Consider the exact seq.

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{K} \otimes \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{k} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{t} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow 0$$

\updownarrow dual

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \longrightarrow \mathfrak{t}^* \xrightarrow{p} \mathfrak{k}^* \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi & & \psi \\ \mathfrak{z}_0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{z} \end{array}$$

$$P_z = \mathcal{M}'(X_z) = p^{-1}(z) \cap \text{Im } \mathcal{M} = p^{-1}(z) \cap \{ \varphi: \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \varphi(e_i) \geq 0 \ \forall i \}$$

$$= \{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \varphi(e_i) \geq 0, \varphi|_{\mathfrak{k}} = \mathfrak{z}_0|_{\mathfrak{k}} \}$$

\Rightarrow for $\varphi \in P_z$, $\varphi - \mathfrak{z}_0$ vanishes on \mathfrak{k}

$\Rightarrow \langle \varphi - \mathfrak{z}_0, e_i \rangle$ depends only on $\pi(e_i) = \alpha_i$

\Rightarrow i.e. $P_z = \{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{g}^* \mid \varphi(\alpha_i) \geq \mathfrak{z}_0(e_i) \}$

(α_i : normal direction of $(n-1)$ -faces of P_z)

\therefore Cones of P_z are only depend on α_i s
and they are exactly Σ .