

# Cones of codimension two special cycles

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## Question

What about cones of cycles in higher codimension?

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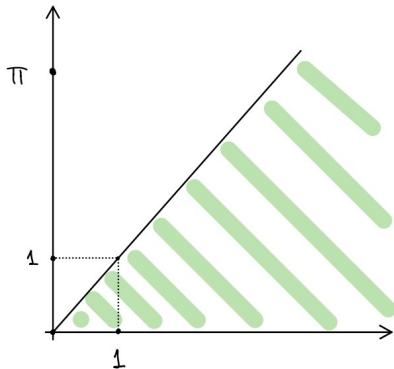
## Definition

The cone  $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$  is:

- **pointed** if it contains no lines (= subspaces of dim 1).
- **polyhedral** if  $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}} = \langle \mathcal{G}' \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$  for some  $\mathcal{G}' \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  finite.
- **rational** if  $\overline{\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}}$  is generated over  $\mathbb{R}$  by elements of  $V$ .

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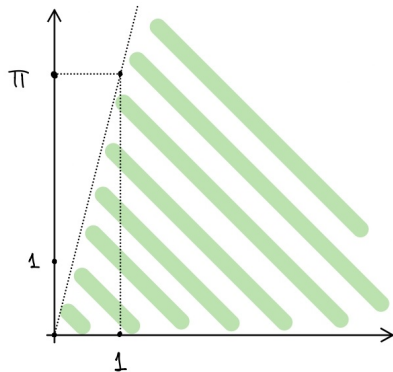
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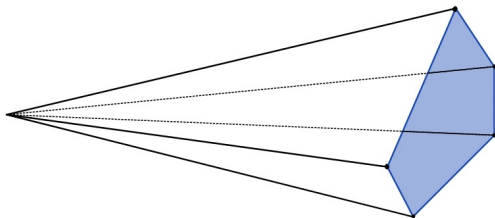
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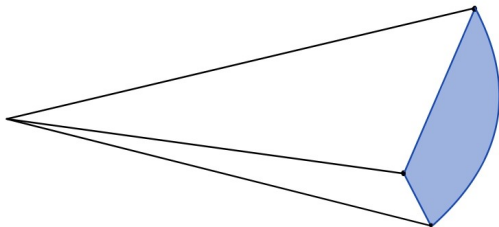
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# Examples in $\mathbb{Q}^3$



polyhedral



non-polyhedral

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## Definition

A ray  $r$  of  $\bar{\mathcal{C}}$  is an **accumulation ray of  $\mathcal{C}$**  (w.r.t.  $\mathcal{G}$ ) if there exists a sequence  $(g_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  of *pairwise different* generators in  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that

$$\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cdot g_j \longrightarrow r, \quad \text{when } j \longrightarrow \infty.$$

The **accumulation cone of  $\mathcal{C}$**  (w.r.t.  $\mathcal{G}$ ) is the cone generated by the accumulation rays of  $\mathcal{C}$  and by 0.

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$\mathcal{D}$  is a  $b$ -dim complex manifold with 2 connected components.

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^+ \amalg \mathcal{D}^-$$

$O(L) \curvearrowright \mathcal{D} \rightsquigarrow O^+(L) = \text{subgroup of } O(L) \text{ preserving } \mathcal{D}^+.$

## Definition

$\Gamma \leq O^+(L)$  finite index subgroup. The **orthogonal Shimura variety** associated to  $\Gamma$  is

$$X_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{D}^+.$$

## Special cycles of codimension 2

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For  $T \in \Lambda_2^+$ , consider

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in L^2 \\ q(\lambda) = T}} \lambda^\perp \subset \mathcal{D}^+ \implies Z(T) := \Gamma \setminus \sum_{\substack{\lambda \in L^2 \\ q(\lambda) = T}} \lambda^\perp \subset X_\Gamma = \Gamma \setminus \mathcal{D}^+$$

## Definition

$Z(T)$  is the (codimension 2) **special cycle** associated to  $T \in \Lambda_2^+$ .  
Its rational class in  $\text{CH}^2(X_\Gamma)$  is denoted by  $\{Z(T)\}$ .



# Cones of special cycles

If  $T \in \Lambda_2$ , then  $Z(T)$  is of codimension  $\text{rk}(T)$ .

## Example

$Z\left(\begin{smallmatrix} n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  is the  $n$ -th **Heegner divisor**, usually denoted by  $H_n$ .

Still possible to define a codimension 2 cycle as

$$\{Z(T)\} \cdot \{\omega^*\}^{2-\text{rk}(T)},$$

where  $\omega$  is the *Hodge bundle* of  $X_\Gamma$ .

## Definition

The **cone of special cycles** (of codim. 2) on  $X_\Gamma$  is

$$\mathcal{C}_{X_\Gamma} = \langle \{Z(T)\} : T \in \Lambda_2^+ \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}} \subset \text{CH}^2(X_\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{Q}.$$

The **cone of rank 1 special cycles** (of codim. 2) on  $X_\Gamma$  is

$$\mathcal{C}'_{X_\Gamma} = \langle \{Z(T)\} \cdot \{\omega^*\} : T \in \Lambda_2, \text{rk}(T) = 1 \rangle_{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}} \subset \text{CH}^2(X_\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{Q}.$$

# Main results

$L$  = even unimodular lattice of signature  $(b, 2)$ ,  $b > 2$ .

$k = 1 + b/2 \implies$  even, because  $L$  is unimodular.

$M_1^k$  = space of weight  $k$  modular forms w.r.t.  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

## Theorem (Z.)

Let  $X_\Gamma$  be an orthogonal Shimura variety arising from  $L$ .

- 1 The cone  $C'_{X_\Gamma}$  is pointed, rational, polyhedral, and of dimension  $\dim M_1^k$ .
- 2 The accumulation cone of  $C_{X_\Gamma}$  is pointed, rational, polyhedral, and of the same dimension as  $C'_{X_\Gamma}$ .
- 3 The cone  $C_{X_\Gamma}$  is rational, and of maximal dimension in the subspace of  $\mathrm{CH}^2(X_\Gamma) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  generated by the special cycles of codimension 2.
- 4 The cones  $C_{X_\Gamma}$  and  $C'_{X_\Gamma}$  intersect only at the origin. If the accumulation cone of  $C_{X_\Gamma}$  is enlarged with a non-zero element of  $C'_{X_\Gamma}$ , the resulting cone is non-pointed.

## Open problem:

Is the cone  $\mathcal{C}_{X_T}$  polyhedral?

**STEP 1:** Done ✓ Accumulation rays computed.

## Example

Let  $m$  be a positive integer, and let  $T_n = \begin{pmatrix} n & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & m \end{pmatrix} \in \Lambda_2^+$ .

$$\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cdot \{Z(T_n)\} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cdot \left( \sum_{t^2 | m} \mu(t) \sigma_{k-1}(m/t^2) \{H_{m/t^2}\} \cdot \{\omega\} \right).$$

The accumulation rays of  $\mathcal{C}_{X_T}$  are *infinitely many*. This differs from the case of cones of Heegner divisors.

**STEP 2:** Only partial results ✗ The behaviour of sequences of rays converging to the accumulation cone is clear only in some cases.

↪ **now:** use Siegel modular forms to find accumulation rays.

# Siegel modular forms

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$M_2^k(\mathbb{Q}) = \{ \text{weight } k \text{ Siegel mod forms with coeff in } \mathbb{Q} \}.$

$M_2^k(\mathbb{Q})^* = \text{dual space, finite dim., generated by the coefficient extraction functionals}$

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**IDEA:** Study  $\mathcal{C}_k$  instead of  $\mathcal{C}_{X_\Gamma}$ . Understand which properties of  $\mathcal{C}_k$  are preserved by  $\psi$ . (Unknown if  $\psi$  is injective!)

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$c_T = c_{u^t \cdot T \cdot u}$ , for every  $u \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

$\implies$  assume  $T = \begin{pmatrix} n & r/2 \\ r/2 & m \end{pmatrix}$  *reduced*, i.e.  $0 \leq r \leq m \leq n$ .

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The “mixed” behaviour of the Klingen-Eisenstein series  $E_{2,1}^k(f)$  has been clarified (Böcherer–Das, 2018):

$$c_T(E_{2,1}^k(f)) = \underbrace{\frac{\zeta(1-k)}{2} \sum_{t^2|m} \alpha_m(t, f) \cdot c\left(\begin{smallmatrix} n & r/2t \\ r/2t & m/t^2 \end{smallmatrix}\right)(E_2^k)}_{\text{Eisenstein part of } m\text{-th Fourier-Jacobi coefficient of } E_{2,1}^k(f)} + \text{cuspidal part}$$

where  $T = \begin{pmatrix} n & r/2 \\ r/2 & m \end{pmatrix} \in \Lambda_2^+$  is *reduced*, i.e.  $0 \leq r \leq m \leq n$ .

- $\alpha_m(t, f) = \sum_{s|t} \mu\left(\frac{t}{s}\right) \frac{\sum \text{Fourier coeff of } f \text{ associated to divisors of } \frac{m}{s^2}}{\sum \text{powers of divisors of } \frac{m}{s^2}}.$
- If  $\det T \rightarrow \infty$ , then “cuspidal part” grows slower than  $c_T(E_2^k)$ .

# Possible generalizations

- $L$  non-unimodular  $\implies$  *vector valued* Siegel modular forms.
- Special cycles of codim  $g \geq 2$ : now  $T \in \Lambda_g^+$  and

$$\{Z(T)\} \in \mathrm{CH}^g(X_{\Gamma}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}.$$

$\implies$  consider Siegel modular forms of genus  $g$ .

- Possible to construct special cycles on orthogonal Shimura varieties defined on certain totally real extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
 $\implies$  consider Hilbert–Siegel modular forms. (Kudla, Maeda)

Thanks for your  
attention!

