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Modi Dream SpacesThe secondary fan and geometric quotientsSketch Proof

The locus X_{λ}^{st} is covered by open affines $U_f := \text{Spec } R[f^{-1}]$ for $f \in R_{d\lambda}$, $d > 0$, and good quotient is

$$U_f/G = \text{Spec } R[f^{-1}]^G.$$

Compare with Proj of $S := \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} R_j \lambda$; it's covered by open affines $\text{Spec } S[f^{-1}]^{\mathbb{C}^*}$ for $f \in R_{d\lambda}$, $d > 0$, where

$$S[f^{-1}]^{\mathbb{C}^*} = \left\{ \frac{h}{f^e} \mid h \in R_{e\lambda}, e > 0 \right\} = R[f^{-1}]^G$$

The covers agree if we pick the same set of f 's; we may take a finite subcover since varieties are Noetherian. \square

Application

X toric variety, $\Lambda = \text{Cl}(X)$, $R = \text{Cox}(X) = \bigoplus_{E \in \Lambda} \Gamma(E)$. Set $r := |\Sigma(1)|$. For $\lambda \in \Lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}^r //_{\lambda} G &= \text{Spec } \text{Cox}(X) //_{\lambda} G \\ &\cong \text{Proj } \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} \Gamma(\lambda^{\otimes j}) \\ &= \text{Proj } \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} \mathbb{C} \langle \mathbb{N}^r \cap \text{deg}^{-1}(\lambda^{\otimes j}) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

is the toric variety whose fan Σ_{λ} is the inner normal fan to the polyhedron

$$P_{\lambda} := \text{conv}(\mathbb{N}^r \cap \text{deg}^{-1}(\lambda)). \quad (\text{may need } \lambda \mapsto \lambda^{\otimes j})$$

The ~~lineality space~~ ^{recession cone} of the polyhedron is the cone $P_0 = \text{conv}(\mathbb{N}^r \cap \text{deg}^{-1}(0))$, and $\mathbb{C}^r //_{\lambda} G$ is projective over $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{N}^r \cap \text{deg}^{-1}(0)]$.

5.2 The λ -unstable ($:=$ not λ -semistable) locus is $V(B_\lambda) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ cut out by the ideal

$$B_\lambda := \text{rad} \left(\mathbb{C}[z_1, \dots, z_n] \mid U \in \mathbb{N}^n \wedge \text{deg}^{-1}(\lambda) \right) \\ = \left(\prod_{b \notin H_p} z_p \mid b \text{ is vertex of } P_\lambda \right)$$

where H_p is coordinate hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^l . $\Rightarrow \lambda$ -unstable locus is union of coordinate subspaces.

Examples

1. $X = \mathbb{P}^2$, then $\mathbb{C}^3 //_\lambda \mathbb{C}^\times$ is either \emptyset , $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}$, \mathbb{P}^2 according to whether $\lambda = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(d)$ for $d < 0$, $d = 0$, $d > 0$ resp. For $d > 0$, $B_\lambda = (z_0, z_1, z_2)$ so $V(B_\lambda) = 0 \in \mathbb{C}^3$.

2. $X = \mathbb{F}_1$, then $\mathbb{C}^4 //_\lambda (\mathbb{C}^\times)^2$ is either \emptyset , $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}$, \mathbb{P}^1 , \mathbb{P}^2 or \mathbb{F}_1 according to where $\lambda = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(a, b)$ lies in $\text{Pic}(\mathbb{F}_1)$:

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^4 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \text{Pic}(\mathbb{F}_1) \longrightarrow 0$$

e.g. $\mathcal{O}(1, 1) = \lambda$



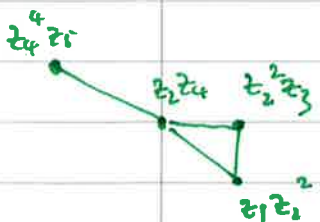
$$B_\lambda = (z_1 z_4, z_3 z_4, z_1 z_2, z_2 z_3)$$

3. $X = Y$, then

$\lambda = \mathcal{O}(-1, 2)$ then P_λ is polyhedron with vertices $\{z_4^4 z_5, z_2 z_4, z_1 z_2^2, z_2^2 z_3\}$ and recession cone P_0 generated by $z_3 z_4^2 z_5, z_1 z_4^2 z_5, z_1^2 z_2^2 z_5, z_2^2 z_3^3 z_5$,

e.g.

$$P_\lambda \ni z_1 z_2 z_4^3 z_5 = (z_1 z_4^2 z_5) \cdot z_2 z_4$$



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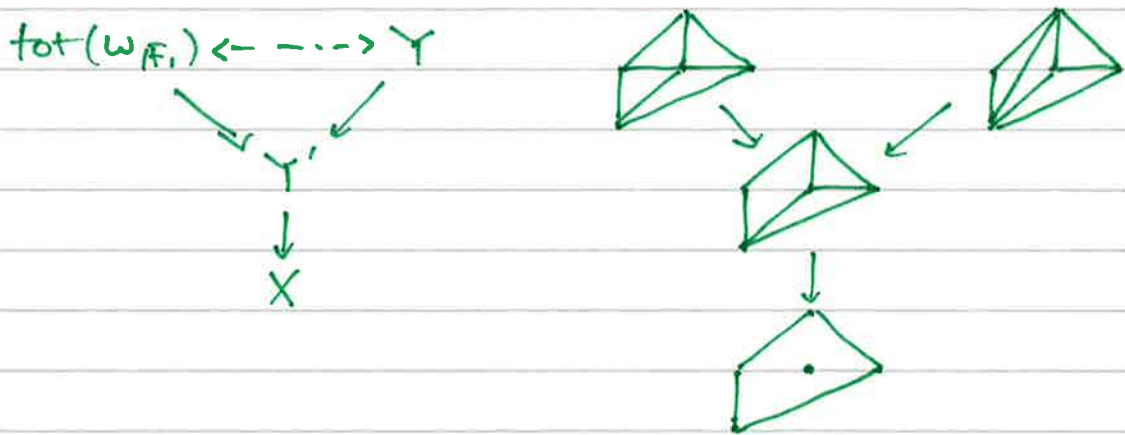
This choice of λ gives $\mathbb{C}^5 //_{\lambda} (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \cong Y$

- $\lambda = \mathcal{O}(1,1)$, then P_{λ} is polyhedron with vertices $\{z_1, z_4, z_3 z_4, z_1^2 z_2, z_2 z_3^2\}$ and recession cone P_0 as for $\lambda = \mathcal{O}(-1,2)$. This choice of λ gives

$$\mathbb{C}^5 //_{\lambda} (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \cong \text{tot}(w_{\mathbb{F}_1})$$

- $\lambda = \mathcal{O}(0,1)$ determines a variety $\mathbb{C}^5 //_{\lambda} (\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \cong Y'$ which is badly singular; both Y and $\text{tot}(w_{\mathbb{F}_1})$ admit a morphism to Y' which itself admits a morphism to $X := \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[z_3 z_4^2 z_5, z_1 z_4^2 z_5, z_1^2 z_2 z_5, z_2 z_3^3 z_5]$

We can summarize the situation with the flop diagram of fans:



To explain this phenomenon we need the secondary fan. First we define two cones. For $\Lambda = G^v$, we have

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^r \xrightarrow{\text{deg}} \Lambda \longrightarrow 0.$$

For $1 \leq \rho \leq r$, set $w_{\rho} := \text{deg}(D_{\rho}) = \partial_X(D_{\rho})$; assume $w_{\rho} \neq 0$ for all ρ . Define

$$\text{cone}(\underline{w}) := \text{cone}(w_1, \dots, w_r) \subseteq \Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}$$

Also

$$0 \longleftarrow N \longleftarrow (\mathbb{Z}^r)^v \longleftarrow \Lambda^v \longleftarrow 0$$

5.4 where the dual basis in $(\mathbb{Z}^n)^\vee$ is mapped down to the primitive ~~next~~ lattice points $v_\rho \in N$ on the rays $\rho \in \Sigma(1)$.
 Define

$$\text{cone}(\underline{v}) = \text{cone}(v_1, \dots, v_\rho) \subset N_{\mathbb{R}}.$$

Remarks.

- [Gale duality] $\text{cone}(\underline{w}) = \Lambda_{\mathbb{R}} \Leftrightarrow \text{cone}(\underline{v})$ is strongly convex and hence $\text{cone}(\underline{v}) = N_{\mathbb{R}} \Leftrightarrow \text{cone}(\underline{w})$ is strongly convex.
- The cone (\underline{v}) is the support of the fan Σ ; this is the inner normal cone to the cone $P_0 = \text{cone}(N^{\vee} \cap \text{deg}^{-1}(0))$ and defines the affine toric variety $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[P_0 \cap M]$.
- The cone (\underline{w}) satisfies
 $\lambda \in \text{cone}(\underline{w}) \Leftrightarrow P_\lambda \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{C}^r / \mathbb{C}^\lambda \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^r)^\lambda \neq 0$
 and
 $\lambda \in \text{interior}(\text{cone}(\underline{w})) \Leftrightarrow \dim \mathbb{C}^r / \mathbb{C}^\lambda = r - \dim \mathbb{C}^\lambda$

To explain the geometric significance of this decomposition, we need another standard definition from GIT. Again, let $G = \text{Spec } \mathbb{k}[\Lambda]$ be a quasitorus that acts on $X = \text{Spec } R \cong \mathbb{C}^r$

Defn. $\lambda \in G^\vee$ is generic if $\lambda \in \text{cone}(\underline{w})$ and $\lambda \notin \text{cone}(\underline{w}')$ for all subsets $\underline{w}' \subset \{w_1, \dots, w_\rho\}$ with $\dim \text{Cone}(\underline{w}')$ less than $\dim \text{Cone}(\underline{w}) = \dim G$.

Terminology

The subcones of the form $\text{cone}(\underline{w}')$ subdivide $\text{cone}(\underline{w})$, and the resulting collection of cones is a fan in $\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}$ called the secondary fan (also the GKZ fan). A chamber is the interior of a top-dimensional cone in this fan.

5.5 To understand the link between this combinatorics and geometry, we first return to the situation where $G = \text{Spec } k[\Lambda]$ acts on an affine variety $X = \text{Spec } R$.

Defn. For $\lambda \in G^\vee$, a λ -semistable point $x \in X$ is λ -stable if the stabiliser G_x is finite and all G -orbits in $X - V(f)$ are closed. Let $X_\lambda^s \subset X$ denote the locus of λ -stable points.

Theorem

For $\lambda \in \text{Cone}(\omega)$, we have λ generic $\Leftrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^r)_\lambda^s = (\mathbb{C}^r)_\lambda^{ss}$.

When this is the case, we have:

- the polyhedron P_λ is simple (equiv, Σ_λ is simplicial), so $X_{\Sigma_\lambda} = \mathbb{C}^r //_\lambda G$ is \mathbb{Q} -factorial;
- the GIT quotient $\mathbb{C}^r //_\lambda G$ is a good geometric quotient of $(\mathbb{C}^r)_\lambda^s$ by G , i.e. fibres of $\pi: (\mathbb{C}^r)_\lambda^s \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^r //_\lambda G$ are G -orbits.