Toric varieties arising from polygon dissections

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This talk is based on the following two papers with some new results.

- (With Huh) Toric varieties of Schröder type (2022).

• (With Masuda and Lee) Toric Richardson varieties of Catalan type and Wedderburn-Etherington numbers (2023)



Etherington's bijection: Polygon dissections and Schröder trees

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Set $(i_0, j_0) = (0, n + 1)$ and denote by $\mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q))$ the set of edges in the small polygon $\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q)$ except (i_q, j_q) for $q = 0, 1, \dots, k$. Then $\mathscr{C}_0(D) = \prod_{q=0}^k \mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q))$.

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if v is the root, if v is the *i*th leaf in the preorder listing of T, and if v is an internal vertex whose left-most and right-most children are labeled by (i, \bullet) and (\bullet, j) , respectively.

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Etherington's bijection

- 1. root.
- 2. vertices of the Schröder tree T_D .
- Each $\mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q))$ corresponds to the set of children of the vertex (i_q, j_q) in T_D . З.
- 4. with n + 1 leaves.



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Construction of a toric variety from a polygon dissection

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Example.

1. \mathbb{C}^n is a smooth toric variety.

 $(t_1,\ldots,t_n)\cdot(z_1,\ldots,z_n)$

2. $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is a projective smooth toric variety.

 $(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \cdot [z_0; z_1;$

3. A generalized Bott manifold is a projective smooth toric variety.

$$\mathscr{B}_n \to \cdots \to \mathscr{B}_j = \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C} \bigoplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{n_j} \xi_{j,k}) \to \mathscr{B}_{j-1} \to \cdots \to \mathscr{B}_1 = \mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \to \mathscr{B}_0 = \{\text{a point}\}$$

Here, $\xi_{i,k}$ is a \mathbb{C} -line bundle over \mathscr{B}_{i-1} .

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The normal facet vectors of Δ are $\varpi_{i-1} - \varpi_i$ for i = 1, ..., n + 1, which corresponds to the side (i - 1, i) of P_{n+2} .

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For i = 1, ..., n + 1, we denote $F_{i-1,i}$ by the facet whose outward normal vector is $\varpi_{i-1} - \varpi_i$.

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Toric variety corresponding to a polygon dissection

Note that a blowing up of a smooth projective toric variety becomes a smooth projective toric variety.

Now we assume $(i_1, j_1) \prec \cdots \prec (i_k, j_k)$.

- F_{i_1, j_1} the new facet. Note that $\mathscr{C}_0(i_1 j_1) = \{(i_1, i_1 + 1), \dots, (j_1 1, j_1)\}.$
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We denote by P_D the polytope obtained from the above process.

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• Next, we blow up along the subvariety corresponding to the face $F_{i_2,i_2+1} \cap \cdots \cap F_{j_2-1,j_2}$. Denote by F_{i_2,j_2} the

Continuing this process until the last diagonal (i_k, j_k) , we get a smooth toric variety X_D associated with D.

We call X_D a toric variety of Schröder type. When D is a triangulation, X_D is called a toric variety of Catalan







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Batyrev's criterion

For a primitive collection $R = \{\mathbf{u}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}'_{\ell}\}$, we get $\mathbf{u}'_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{u}'_{\ell} = \mathbf{0}$ or there exists a unique cone σ such that

 $\mathbf{u}'_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{u}'_{\ell}$ is in the interior of σ . That is,

 $\mathbf{u}_1' + \cdots + \mathbf{u}_{\ell}' = \Big\{$

primitive relation, and we define the degree of a primitive collection R as $\deg R = \ell$

Proposition. (Batyrev 1999)

A projective toric variety X_{Σ} is Fano when deg R > 0 for every primitive collection R of Σ .

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}, & \text{or} \\ a_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + a_r \mathbf{u}_r, \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{u}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_r$ are the primitive generators of σ and a_1, \ldots, a_r are positive integers. The above equation is called a

$$-(a_1 + \dots + a_r).$$









X_D is a Fano generalized Bott manifold

Theorem. (Lee-Masuda-P. 2023, Huh-P. 2022)

The toric variety X_D constructed from a polygon dissection D is a Fano generalized Bott manifold.

(Proof) Let D be a polygon dissection of P_{n+2} with diagonals $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_k, j_k)$. (1) The polytope P_D corresponding to X_D is combinatorially equivalent to $\prod^{\infty} \Delta^{|\mathscr{E}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q))|-1}$. q=0

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(Proof of (1))

Let D' be a dissection with diagonals $(i_1, j_1), \ldots, (i_{k-1}, j_{k-1})$. If $P_{D'}$ is combinatorially equivalent to k-1 $\int \Delta^{|\mathscr{E}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q))|-1}$, then a proper subset of $\mathscr{E}_0(D')$ corresponds to a face of $P_{D'}$ if and only if it does not contain p=0any of the following sets

$$\mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_0, j_0)), \dots, \mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_{k-2}, j_{k-2})), \text{ and } \mathscr{C}' = \mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_{k-1}, j_{k-1})) \cup \mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_k, j_k)) - \{(i_k, j_k)\}.$$

obtained from $P_{D'}$ by truncating the face $F_{i_{k-1}, i_{k-1}+1} \cap \dots \cap F_{j_{k-1}-1, j_{k-1}}$, a subset S of $\mathscr{C}_0(D)$ is to a face of P_D if and only if S does not contain $\mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_q, j_q))$ for all $q = 0, 1, \dots, k$. Therefore, P_D is

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Classify up to isomorphism.

Proposition. (Batyrev 1999)

Two smooth Fano toric varieties X_{Σ} and $X_{\Sigma'}$ are isomorphic as varieties if and only if there is a bijection between the sets of rays of Σ and Σ' inducing a bijection between maximal cones and preserving the primitive relations.

Theorem. (Lee-Masuda-P. 2023, Huh-P., 2022)

The toric varieties X_D and $X_{\overline{D}}$ are isomorphic as varieties if and only if the Schröder trees T_D and $T_{\overline{D}}$ are isomorphic as unordered rooted trees.

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Enumeration

We can enumerate the number of isomorphism classes of toric varieties arising from dissections of P_{n+2} by counting the Schröder trees with *n* leaves as unordered rooted trees.









Cohomology ring $H^*(X_D)$

Theorem. (Huh-P., 2022)

Given a k-dissection D of a polygon P_{n+2} , consider the corresponding Schröder tree T_D . For $1 \le i \le k$, let v_i be the *i*th internal vertex in the preorder listing of T_D . For each *i*, suppose that v_i has ℓ_i children $w_{i1}, w_{i2}, \ldots, w_{i\ell_i}$ from left to right, and $\phi(w_{i\ell_i}) = (a_i, b_i)$. Then the cohomology ring of X_D is

$$H^*(X_D) = \mathbb{Z}[x_{a_1b_1}, x_{a_2b_2}, \dots, x_{a_kb_k}] / \langle p_1, \dots, p_k \rangle$$

where

$$p_i := x_{a_i b_i} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_i - 1} \left(-\sum_{u \in S(w_{ij})} x_{\phi(u)} + \sum_{u \in S(v_i)} x_{\phi(u)} \right)$$

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The cohomology ring $H^*(X_D)$ is $\mathbb{Z}[x_{23}, x_{37}, x_{67}, x_{89}]/\mathcal{I},$ where $\mathscr{I} = \langle x_{23}^3, x_{37}(-x_{23} + x_{37} + x_{67}),$ $x_{67}^4, x_{89}^2(-x_{37}-x_{67}+x_{89})\rangle$



Cohomological rigidity problem

Theorem. (Huh-P. 2022)

For $k \leq 3$, let D and D' be k-dissection of P_{n+2} . Two toric varieties X_D and $X_{D'}$ are isomorphic as varieties if and only if their integral cohomology rings are isomorphic as graded rings.

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Torus orbit closures in flag varieties

Flag variety

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Torus action on
$$\mathcal{Fl}_n$$

$$\{wB = (\{0\} \subsetneq \langle \mathbf{e}_{w(1)} \rangle \subsetneq \langle \mathbf{e}_{w(1)}, \mathbf{e}_{w(1)} \rangle$$

Let T be the set of diagonal matrices in $\operatorname{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$. Then T acts on \mathscr{Fl}_n and the T-fixed point set is $_{w(2)}\rangle \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \langle \mathbf{e}_{w(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{w(n)} \rangle \mid w \in \mathfrak{S}_n \}.$ **Theorem.** (Gelfand-Seranova 1987, Lee-Masuda-P. 2021) There is a moment map $\mu \colon \mathscr{F}\ell_n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ sending $xB \in \mathscr{F}\ell_n$ to $-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sum_{\underline{\mathbf{i}}\in I_{j,n}} |p_{\mathbf{i}}|^2} \left(\sum_{1\in \underline{\mathbf{i}}\in I_{j,n}} |p_{\mathbf{i}}|^2, \dots, \sum_{n\in \mathbf{i}\in I_{j,n}} |p_{\mathbf{i}}|^2 \right) \right\} + (n, n, \dots, n),$ where $(p_{\underline{i}})_{\underline{i} \in I_{i,n}}$ is the Plücker coordinate of x. In particular, $\mu(wB) = (w^{-1}(1), ..., w^{-1}(n))$.

Here we use a different sign convention to that in Tolman's talk, that is, a moment map $\mu: (M, \omega, T) \rightarrow Lie(T)^*$ satisfies the following: For each $X \in Lie(T), d\mu^X = \iota_{X^{\#}}\omega$, where $\mu^X(p) = \langle \mu(p), X \rangle$ and $X^{\#}$ is the vector field on M generated by the one-parameter subgroup $\{\exp tX \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset T$.

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For example, X_{213}^e is toric, but X_{321}^e is not toric because $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \overline{\mathbb{T} \cdot x} \leq 2$ for any $x \in X_{321}^e$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X_{321}^e = 3$.



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Partial flag variety

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There is a natural projection π from $\mathscr{F}\ell_n$ to $\mathscr{F}\ell_n^{k_1,\ldots,k_m}$ which sends $(V_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq V_n) \mapsto (V_{k_1} \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq V_{k_m})$.

Theorem. (Gelfand-Serganova 1987)

For $x \in \mathscr{F}\ell_n^{k_1,\ldots,k_m}$, the moment map image of $\overline{T \cdot x}$ is where Δ_{M_i} is the convex hull of the vectors $\sum \mathbf{e}_i$ for \mathbf{i} i∈i $\bigcup \{\underline{\mathbf{i}} \in I_{k_i,n} \mid p_{\mathbf{i}}(x) \neq 0\} \text{ is called the list of } x.$ Note that $L_x =$ $1 \le i \le m-1$

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the Minkowski sum of the polytopes
$$-\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \Delta_{M_i} + (n, ...,$$

$$\in I_{k_j,n}$$
 satisfying $p_{\underline{\mathbf{i}}\neq 0}$.



Theorem. (P.)

Let D be a dissection of P_{n+2} . Then the toric variety X_D is a torus orbit closure in $\mathcal{F}\ell_n^{k_1,\ldots,k_m}$, where $\pi\colon \mathscr{F}\!\ell_n \to \mathscr{F}\!\ell_n^{k_1,\ldots,k_m}.$

There is a point $x \in \mathscr{F}\ell_n^{k_1,\ldots,k_m}$ such that the fan of $\overline{T \cdot x}$ is the same as that of X_D .

$(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = (1, 3, 4, 9)$

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- $k_i = #\{ \text{ leaves of depth } \le i 1 \} + \#\{ \text{ non-leaf vertices of depth } = i 1 \}$
- in the Schröder tree T_D . Moreover, it is the image of a toric variety of Catalan type via the natural projection









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Then X_D is the projection image of the toric Richardson variety $X_{w^{-1}}^{v^{-1}}$ in \mathcal{F}_{9} , where v = 195387624, w = 953876241.













Etherington's bijection



- 1. root.
- 2. vertices of the Schröder tree T_D .
- Each $\mathscr{C}_0(\mathsf{P}(i_a, j_a))$ corresponds to the set of children of the vertex (i_a, j_a) in T_D . 3.

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The base (0, n + 1) corresponds to the root, and the diagonals correspond to the non-leaf vertices, not the

There is a one-to-one correspondence between the small polygons in a dissection D and the non-leaf



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