

Real toric manifolds and permutations derived from chordal nestohedra

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Theorem(A. Henderson, 2012)

Let $X_{A_n}^{\mathbb{R}}$ be an n -dimensional **real permutohedral variety**, that is, the real locus of a $2n$ -dimensional permutohedral variety $X_{A_n}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Then

$$\dim H_k(X_{A_n}^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Q}) = \# \text{alternating permutations on } 2k\text{-subsets of } \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}.$$

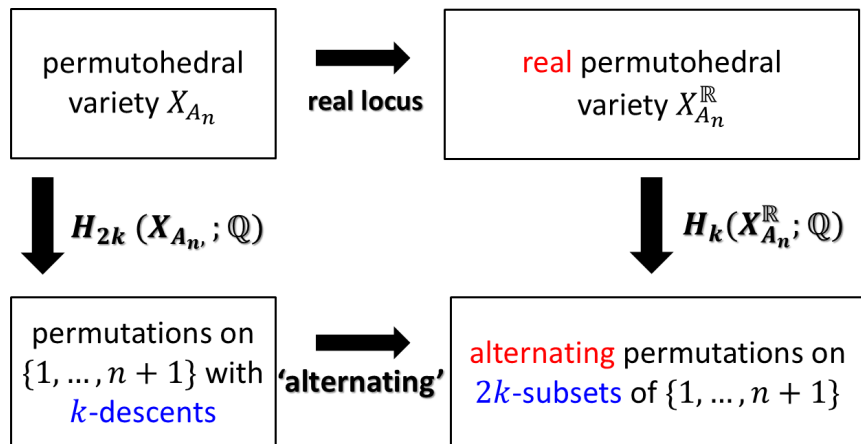
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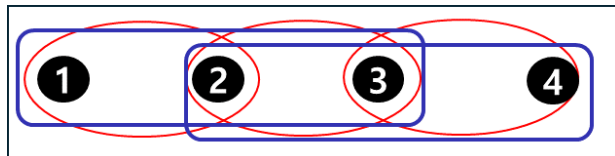
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The family of nestohedra include the following polytopes:

- ▶ Permutohedra
- ▶ Associahedra
- ▶ Stellohedra
- ▶ Stanley-Pitman polytopes
- ▶ Hochschild polytopes

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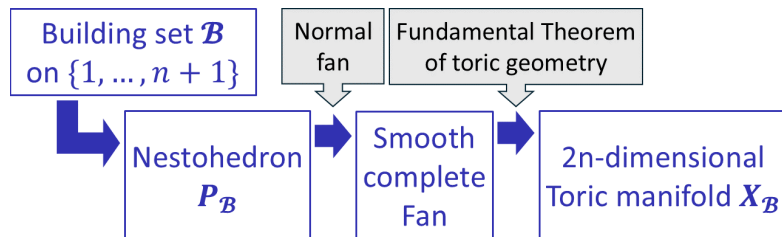
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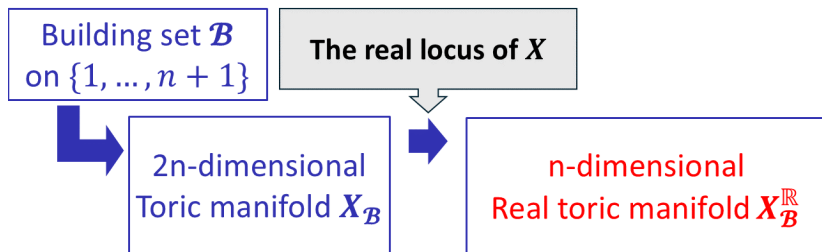


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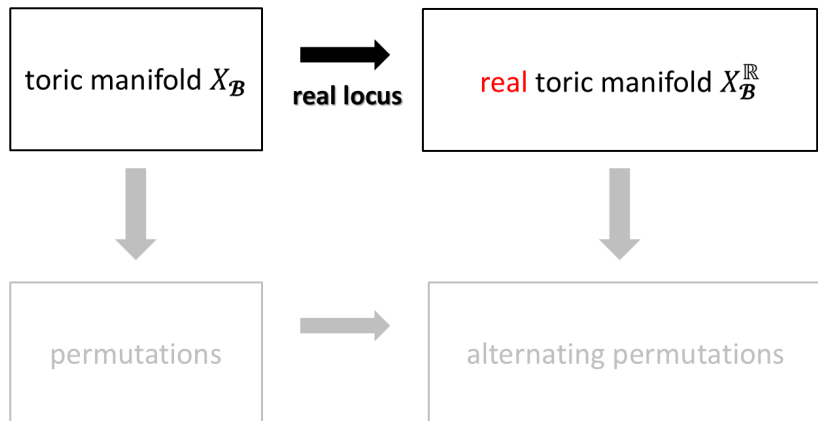
For a toric manifold X , a **real toric manifold** $X^{\mathbb{R}}$ is the fixed point set of X by the canonical involution induced from a complex conjugation.

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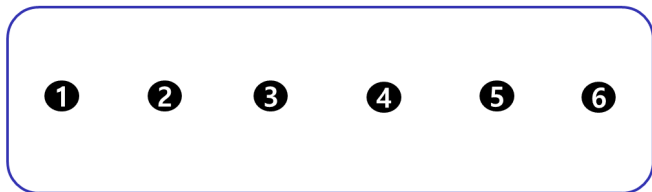
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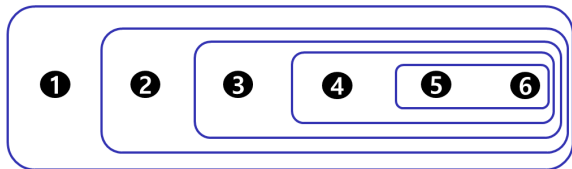
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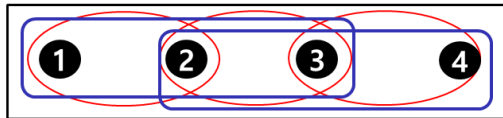
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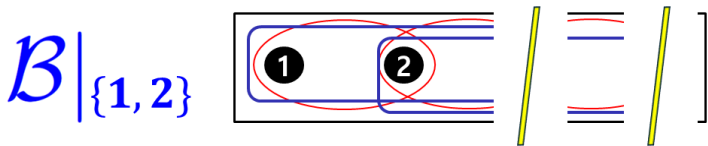
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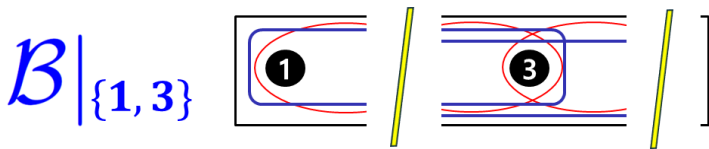
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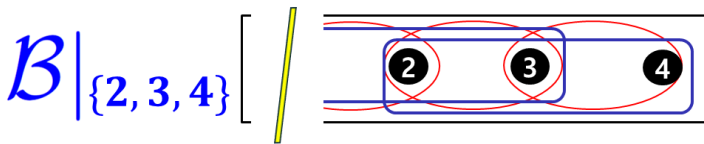
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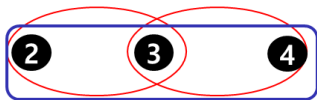
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$$\mathcal{B}|_{\{1,4,2\}} = \{1, 2, 4, 12\}$$

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Theorem (A. Postnikov, V. Reiner, L. Williams, 2008)

For a chordal building set \mathcal{B} on $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$, the h -vector of the nestohedron $P_{\mathcal{B}}$ is as follows:

$$h_k(P_{\mathcal{B}}) = \begin{cases} |\{x \in \mathfrak{S}(\mathcal{B}) : \#\text{descents of } x = \frac{k}{2}\}|, & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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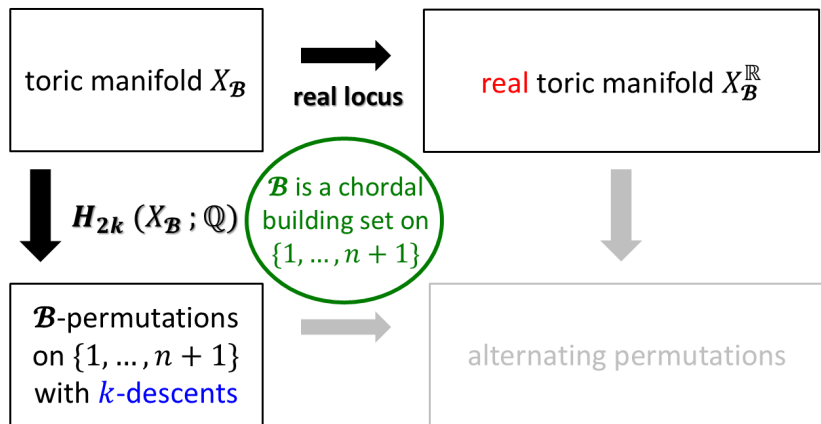
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Theorem (S. Choi and Y. Yoon, arXiv:2407.11313)

For a chordal building set \mathcal{B} on $[n+1] = \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$,

$$\dim H_k(X_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Q}) = \sum_I \#\text{alternating } \mathcal{B}|_I\text{-permutations,}$$

where I is a $2k$ -subset of $[n+1]$.

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Theorem (S. Choi and Y. Yoon, arXiv:2407.11313)

For a chordal building set \mathcal{B} on $[n + 1] = \{1, 2, \dots, n + 1\}$,

$$\dim H_k(X_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Q}) = \sum_I \# \text{alternating } \mathcal{B}|_I\text{-permutations,}$$

where I is a $2k$ -subset of $[n + 1]$.

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k	0	1	2
alternating permutations on $2k$ -subsets of $\{1, \dots, n+1\}$	$\binom{n+1}{2k}$	43,42,41, 32,31,21	4231,4132, 3241,3142,2143
count	1	6	5

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► Since

$$\begin{cases} \{4, \max\{4\}\} \subset J_1 = \{4\} \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{4\}} = \{\{4\}\} \\ \{3, \max\{4, 3\}\} \subset J_2 = \{4, 3\} \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{4,3\}} = \{\{3\}, \{4\}, \{3, 4\}\}, \end{cases}$$

the permutation **43** is an alternating $\mathcal{B}|_{\{4,3\}}$ -permutation.

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- Since there is no J_2 such that

$$\{2, \max\{4, 2\}\} \subset J_2 \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{4,2\}} = \{2, 4\},$$

both **42** and **4231** are **not** alternating $\mathcal{B}|_{\{4,2\}}$ -permutations.

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- Both **32** and **3241** are alternating $\mathcal{B}|_I$ -permutations.

$$\dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{\mathbf{3}, \max\{\mathbf{3}\}\} \subset \mathbf{J}_1 = \{\mathbf{3}\} \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{3\}} = \{\{\mathbf{3}\}\} \\ \{\mathbf{2}, \max\{\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}\}\} \subset \mathbf{J}_2 = \{\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}\} \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{3,2\}} = \{\{\mathbf{2}\}, \{\mathbf{3}\}, \{\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}\}\} \\ \{\mathbf{4}, \max\{\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{4}\}\} \subset \mathbf{J}_3 = \{\mathbf{4}\} \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{3,2,4\}} = \{\{\mathbf{2}\}, \{\mathbf{3}\}, \{\mathbf{4}\}, \dots\} \\ \{\mathbf{1}, \max\{\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}\}\} \subset \mathbf{J}_4 = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}\} \in \mathcal{B}, \end{array} \right.$$

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count = $\dim H_k(X_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Q})$	1	2	

► Since there is no J_2 such that

$$\{1, \max\{3, 1\}\} \subset J_2 \in \mathcal{B}|_{\{3,1\}} = \{1, 3\},$$

both **31** and **3142** are **not** alternating $\mathcal{B}|_{\{3,1\}}$ -permutations.

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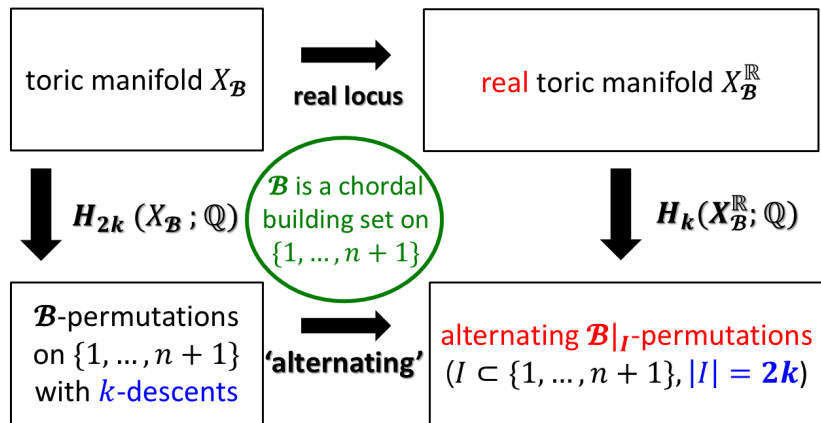
k	0	1	2
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count = $\dim H_k(X_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Q})$	1	3	2

- Both **21** and **2143** are alternating $\mathcal{B}|_{\{4,3\}}$ -permutations.

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Summary



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Definition

For a finite simple graph G , the set of connected induced subgraphs of G is the **graphical building set** $\mathcal{B}(G)$ of G .
The nestohedron $P_{\mathcal{B}(G)}$ of $\mathcal{B}(G)$ is called a **graph associahedron** of a graph G .

Example

Let P_4 be a path graph as follows:



Then $\mathcal{B}(P_4) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 23, 34, 123, 234, 1234\}$.

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Remark

Let G be a finite simple graph G . In 2015, S. Choi and H. Park define the **graph a -number** $a(G)$, that is, a purely graph invariant which corresponds the rational Betti numbers of its associated real toric manifold $X_{\mathcal{B}(G)}^{\mathbb{R}}$.

Proposition

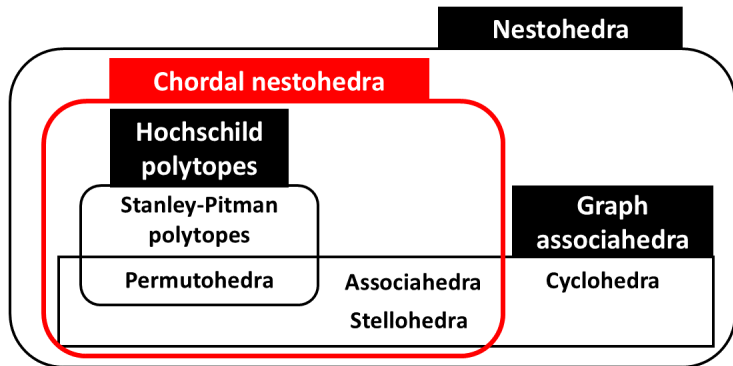
For a chordal graph G with a perfect elimination ordering, the graphical building set $\mathcal{B}(G)$ is a chordal building set.

Remark

For a chordal graph G , a combinatorial interpretation of the graph a -number $a(G)$ is the number of alternating $\mathcal{B}(G)$ -permutations.

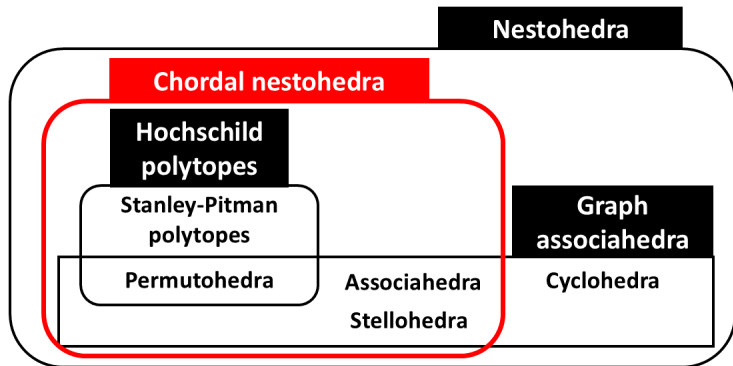
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Conjecture

If \mathcal{B} is a chordal or graphical building set, then the sequence $\{\dim H_k(X_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Q})\}_{k \geq 0}$ is unimodal.

Thank you for your attention!

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