

Last time: Twistor coordinates &  $\tilde{z} : Gr_{k,n} \xrightarrow{\tilde{z}} Gr_{k,k+m} \xrightarrow{\tilde{z}} Gr_m(\omega) \equiv Gr_{m,n}$ .

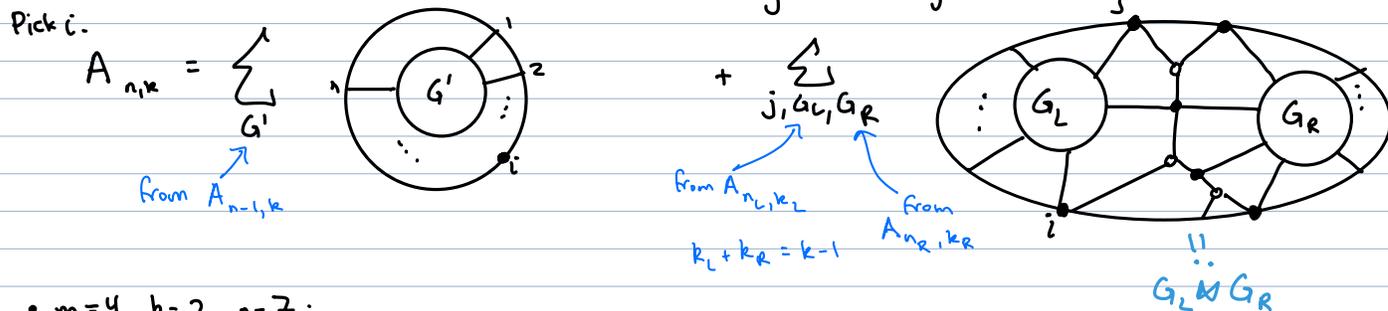
↑  $\text{colspan } \tilde{z}, (k+m) \text{ dim'd}$

LEM:  $Y \in Gr_{m,n}, Y = \tilde{z}(A) \Leftrightarrow Y \perp A \text{ \& } Y \subseteq \text{colsp}(\tilde{z}) = \omega$

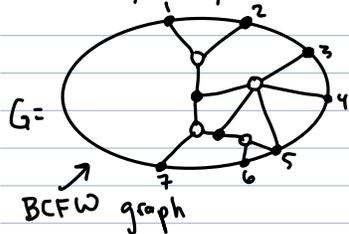
• Tiles for  $m=1,2$ : semi-alg. descriptions in  $Gr_{k,k+m}$  specifying signs of twistors equiv,  $Gr_m(\omega)$  Plücker

• Tilings for  $m=1,2$  use semi-alg descriptions heavily to e.g. check tiles are disjoint.

For  $m=4$ , want to show BCFW recursion gives tilings:



•  $m=4, k=2, n=7$ :



$\tilde{z}_G$  is a tile, but inverting  $\tilde{z}|_{G_0}$  & writing semi-alg. description of  $\tilde{z}_G^0$  requires quadratic poly. in twistors.

e.g.  $\langle 1247 \rangle \langle 3567 \rangle - \langle 1237 \rangle \langle 4567 \rangle < 0$

• Not obvious why if  $\tilde{z}_{G_L}$  &  $\tilde{z}_{G_R}$  are tiles (in 2 dif. amplituhedra),  $\tilde{z}_{G_L \& G_R}$  is a tile.

§7. Vector-reln configurations: Inspired by [Affolter-Glick-Pilyavskyy-Ramassamy]

Defn: Fix  $m \geq 1$ . An m-vector-relation configuration (m-VRC) on  $G$  is  $(\underline{v}, \underline{r})$  where

$\underline{v} = \{v_b\}_{b \in B} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  &  $\underline{r} = \{r_e\}_{e \in E} \in \mathbb{R}^*$  s.t.

1) Bdry of  $(\underline{v}, \underline{r})$   $\partial(\underline{v}, \underline{r}) = [\underline{v}_1 \dots \underline{v}_n]$  is full rk.

2) For ea.  $w \in W$ , we have  $\sum_{b \in E} r_{bw} v_b = 0$ .

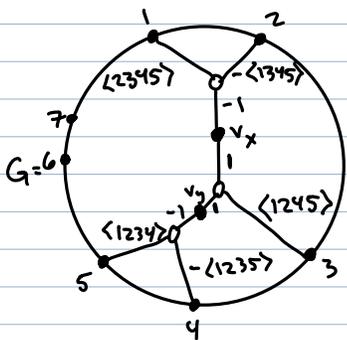
e.g.  $m=4$ . Choose  $v_1, \dots, v_7 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . If  $v_1, \dots, v_5$  generic,

$\text{span}(v_1, v_2) \cap \text{span}(v_3, v_4, v_5) = \text{line spanned by}$

$\langle 2345 \rangle v_1 - \langle 1345 \rangle v_2 = - [ \underbrace{\langle 1245 \rangle v_3}_{v_x} - \underbrace{\langle 1235 \rangle v_4 + \langle 1234 \rangle v_5}_{v_y} ]$

(This is ! 4-VRC w/ bdry  $[v_1 \dots v_7]$  up to rescaling)

If not generic, ~~4~~ 4-VRC w/ bdry  $[v_1 \dots v_7]$ .



•  $\text{VRC}_G^m = \{m\text{-VRC on } G\} / GL_m \text{ \& gauge}$

acts on all  $v_b$  by L-mult

action of  $(\mathbb{R}_{>0})^{W \cup B \cup \text{int}}$

by rescaling

Write  $[\underline{v}, \underline{r}] \in \text{VRC}_G^m$ .  $\partial[\underline{v}, \underline{r}] = \text{rowsp} [ \underline{v}_1 \dots \underline{v}_n ] \in Gr_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$

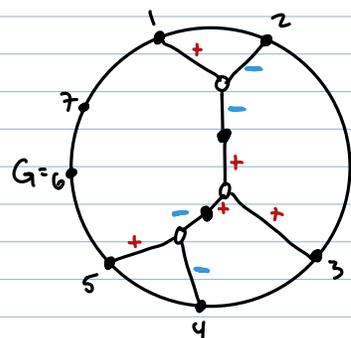
Prop: [Even-Zohar-Parisi-S-Tessler-Williams] Fix  $G$  planar gr,  $(\sigma_e)$  <sup>(orthogonal)</sup> Kasteleyn signs for  $G$ . comb. descr. of these.

For  $Y \in Gr_{m,n}^{\circ}$  certain Zariski-open set

$$\{[v, R] : \partial = Y \text{ \& } \sigma_e r_e > 0 \forall e\} \xleftrightarrow{-1} \{A \in C_G : Y \perp A\}$$

$$[v, R] \xleftrightarrow{\quad} A = DG(\sigma_e r_e)$$

e.g. for  $G$  above, signs are  $\& Gr_{4,7}^{\circ} = Gr_{4,7}$ . So above shows for  $Y \in Gr_{4,7}$ , either  $Y \perp A$  for  $\exists! A \in C_G$  or  $Y \not\perp A \forall A \in C_G$ .



$\Rightarrow$  For any  $Z \in Mat_{7,1+4}^{>0}$ ,  $\tilde{Z}$  is injective on  $C_G$ . Also,

$$\tilde{Z}(C_G) = \{Y \in Gr_4(\omega) : \langle 2345 \rangle, \langle 1245 \rangle, \langle 1234 \rangle > 0, \langle 1345 \rangle, \langle 1235 \rangle < 0\}$$

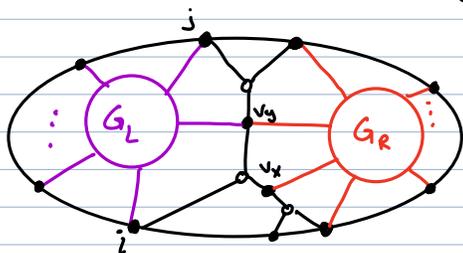
$$Z_G^{\circ} = \{X \in Gr_{2,6} : \langle 2345 \rangle, \langle 1245 \rangle, \langle 1234 \rangle > 0, \langle 1345 \rangle, \langle 1235 \rangle < 0\}$$

### §8. VRCs & the amplituhedron

To show  $Z_G$  a tile, enough to show: <sup>1</sup> for  $Y \in U^{\circ} Gr_{m,n}^{\circ}$ ,  $\exists! [v, R] \omega / \partial = Y$  & <sup>2</sup>  $\tilde{Z}(C_G) \subseteq \mathcal{U}$

$\hookrightarrow$  In this case, the coeffs  $r_e$  are rat'l fncs in Plücker coords of  $Y$ , so also obtain semi-alg. description of  $\tilde{Z}(C_G), Z_G^{\circ}$ .

• Call  $G$  solvable if for  $Y$  generic,  $\exists! [v, R] \omega / \partial = Y$ ; i.e. usually  $\partial[v, R]!$  determines inside.



Solvability interacts really well w/ recursions

If fix "generic" bdry, coeffs on black edges &  $v_x, v_y$  ! determined. If  $G_L, G_R$  solvable (& bdries for  $G_L, G_R$  "generic"), rest of VRC is also determined, so  $G$  is solvable also.  $\rightsquigarrow$  gluing solvable graphs (w/ some care) produces solvable graph. This is why BCFW recursion gives tiles.

• The original BCFW recursion (on rat'l fncs) is essentially

$$F_{G_L \bowtie G_R}([\check{v}_i \dots \check{v}_n]) = F_{G_L}([\check{v}_i \dots \check{v}_j, v_y]) \cdot F_{G_R}([\check{v}_{j+1} \dots \check{v}_i, v_x, \check{v}_j]) \cdot \frac{1}{\text{all plücker on } S \text{ indices touched by "core"}}$$

• On the other hand, we hope that the canonical form of  $Z_G$  is

$$\bigwedge_{e \in E'} \frac{dr_e}{r_e} = \left( \bigwedge_{e \in E' \setminus G_L} \text{dlog of } r_e \text{ for } G_L \text{ evaluated on } [\check{v}_i \dots \check{v}_j, v_y] \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge_{e \in E' \setminus G_R} \text{dlog of } r_e \text{ for } G_R \text{ eval. on } [\check{v}_{j+1} \dots \check{v}_i, v_x, \check{v}_j] \right) \wedge \left( \text{dlogs of } S \text{ Plücker on "core" indices} \right)$$

edges not gauge-fixed to 1

These look very similar! Encouraging.

New questions:

• Which graphs are solvable?

↳ [EPSTW]: <sup>combin.</sup> characterize solvable trees & how solvable graphs can be glued to produce solvable graphs.  $\rightsquigarrow$  new recursions for tiles?

↳ [Lam]: Schubert calculus answer

- For even  $m$ , is  $G$  solvable  $\Leftrightarrow Z_G$  a tile? (For  $m=1$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  but  $\Leftarrow$  holds).
- Connections to cluster algebras? All coeffs  $r_e$  in BCFW are compatible cluster var. for  $Gr_{4,n}$ . Is this true for all solvable  $G$ ?