

2 Divisors, Polytopes, and Positivity

How are divisors and polytopes related? The dictionary between polyhedral combinatorics and algebraic geometry contains more.

Divisors. Throughout, assume that the normal toric variety X has no torus factors and set $n := |\Sigma(1)|$. There is a commutative diagram of abelian groups with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & \text{CDiv}_T(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}(X) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n \cong \bigoplus_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{Z} D_j := \text{Div}_T(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Cl}(X) \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

A *Weil divisor* is a formal sum with integer coefficients of reduced and irreducible closed subschemes of codimension one. A *Cartier divisor* is locally principal (locally defined by a single rational function).

The bottom row only depends on the rays in the fan.

Proposition. For all X , the following are equivalent:

- (a) Every Weil divisor is Cartier: $\text{Div}_T(X) = \text{CDiv}_T(X)$;
- (b) $\text{Cl}(X) = \text{Pic}(X)$;
- (c) X is smooth.

Proposition. For all X , the following are equivalent:

- (a) Every Weil divisor has a positive integer multiple that is Cartier.
- (b) $\text{Pic}(X)$ has finite index in $\text{Cl}(X)$.
- (c) X is simplicial.

Theorem. For any Cartier divisor D on X , the following are equivalent:

- (a) D is basepoint free,
- (b) the line bundle $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$ is globally generated,
- (c) D is nef ($D \cdot C \geq 0$ for every irreducible complete curve $C \subseteq X$),
- (d) $D \cdot C \geq 0$ for all T_N -invariant irreducible complete curves $C \subseteq X$.

Every Cartier divisor determines to invertible sheaf $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$ and every line bundle arises from a Cartier divisor.

Primitive Relations. A subset of $\gamma \subseteq \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ is called a *primitive collection* if the rays indexed by γ generate a minimal noncone.

How do we interpret the maximal cones in a fan geometrically?

Proposition. The irreducible components of the irrelevant set $V(B)$ are defined by the prime ideals generated by primitive collections. In other words, the monomial ideal B is the Alexander dual of the Stanley–Reisner ideal of Σ .

Definition. Let $\gamma \subseteq \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ be a primitive collection in a complete simplicial fan Σ . The vector $\mathbf{v}_{\gamma_0} + \mathbf{v}_{\gamma_1} + \dots + \mathbf{v}_{\gamma_k}$ lies in the relative interior of a unique cone $\sigma \in \Sigma$, so

$$\mathbf{v}_{\gamma_0} + \mathbf{v}_{\gamma_1} + \dots + \mathbf{v}_{\gamma_k} = \sum_{j \in \sigma(1)} c_j \mathbf{v}_j \quad \text{where } c_j \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } c_j \geq 0.$$

The coefficient vector of the relation $\mathbf{v}_{\gamma_0} + \mathbf{v}_{\gamma_1} + \dots + \mathbf{v}_{\gamma_k} - \sum_{j \in \sigma(1)} c_j \mathbf{v}_j$ is $r(\gamma) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Theorem. When X is a projective simplicial toric variety, the Mori cone of X is $\text{cone}(r(\gamma) \mid \gamma \text{ is a primitive collection})$. The nef cone $\text{Nef}(X)$ is dual to the Mori cone, so the primitive relations correspond to supporting hyperplanes.

The interior of the nef cone can be identified with the Kähler cone.

Polytopes. Rather than fans in $N_{\mathbb{R}}$, considers polytopes in $M_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Theorem. *There is a bijection between the set of full-dimensional lattice polytopes in $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ and the set of pairs (X, D) where X is a projective toric variety and D is an ample divisor on X .*

Proof Idea. The (innerward) normal fan of the polytope defines X , and the polytope $P = \{\mathbf{u} \in M_{\mathbb{R}} \mid \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle \geq -a_j \text{ for all } 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ corresponds to $D_P = a_0 D_0 + a_1 D_1 + \cdots + a_{n-1} D_{n-1}$. $\square$

Having fixed a projective toric variety X , every Weil divisor determines to a (possibly empty) polytope.

Theorem. *A normal toric variety is projective if and only if its fan is the normal fan of a polytope.*

More generally, we have

Proposition. *Let $S := \mathbb{C}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$ be the Cox ring of X . For all $\alpha \in \text{Cl}(X)$, we have $S_{\alpha} \cong H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(\alpha))$; the monomials in $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space S_{α} correspond to the T_N -invariant sections of reflexive sheaf $\mathcal{O}_X(\alpha)$ and the lattice points in the polytope.*

Definition. A complete normal toric variety X is *Fano* if its anticanonical divisor $-K_X = D_0 + D_1 + \cdots + D_{n-1}$ is Cartier and ample.

Theorem. *A normal toric variety X is Fano if and only if the polytope associated to its anticanonical divisor $-K_X$ is reflexive.*

A lattice polytope is *reflexive* if its polar dual is also a lattice polytope.

Computational Examples in Macaulay2.

```
Macaulay2, version 1.26.06
Type "help" to see useful commands
i1 : needsPackage "NormalToricVarieties";
i2 : X0 = normalToricVariety(
      {{1,1,1},{-1,1,1},{1,-1,1},{-1,-1,1},{1,1,-1},{-1,1,-1},
       {1,-1,-1},{-1,-1,-1}},
      {{0,1,2,3},{0,1,4,5},{0,2,4,6},{1,3,5,7},{2,3,6,7},{4,5,6,7}});
i3 : isWellDefined X0 and isProjective X0 and not isSmooth X0
o3 = true
i4 : cartierDivisorGroup X0
o4 = ZZ4
o4 : ZZ-module, free
i5 : picardGroup X0
o5 = ZZ1
o5 : ZZ-module, free
i6 : classGroup X0
o6 = cokernel | 2 0 |
               | 0 2 |
               | 0 0 |
               | 0 0 |
               | 0 0 |
               | 0 0 |
               | 0 0 |
o6 : ZZ-module, quotient of ZZ7
```

```

i7 : weilDivisorGroup X0
o7 = ZZ8
o7 : ZZ-module, free
i8 : fromPicToCl X0
o8 = | 0 |
      | 0 |
      | 0 |
      | 2 |
      | 2 |
      | 2 |
      | 2 |
o8 : Matrix
i9 : fromWDivToCl X0
o9 = | 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 |
      | 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
      | 1 -1 -1 1 0 0 0 0 |
      | -1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 |
      | 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 |
      | 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 |
      | 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 |
o9 : Matrix
i10 : fromCDivToWDiv X0
o10 = | 1 1 1 1 |
      | -1 1 1 1 |
      | 1 -1 1 1 |
      | -1 -1 1 1 |
      | 1 1 -1 1 |
      | -1 1 -1 1 |
      | 1 -1 -1 1 |
      | -1 -1 -1 1 |
o10 : Matrix ZZ8 <-- ZZ4
i11 : fromWDivToCl X0 * fromCDivToWDiv X0 == fromPicToCl X0 * fromCDivToPic X0
o11 = true
i12 : Y = makeSmooth X0
o12 = Y
o12 : NormalToricVariety
i13 : # rays Y, # rays X0
o13 = (26, 8)
o13 : Sequence
i14 : # max Y, # max X0
o14 = (48, 6)
o14 : Sequence
i15 : isWellDefined Y and isSmooth Y
o15 = true
i17 : D = smallAmpleToricDivisor(2,13)
o17 = D0 + 2*D1 + 3*D4 + 3*D5
o17 : ToricDivisor on normalToricVariety ({1,0},{-1,0},{0,1},{1,1},{0,-1},...
i19 : X1 = variety D
o19 = X1
o19 : NormalToricVariety
i20 : isAmple D
o20 = true

```

```

i21 : isAmple(X1_0+X1_3)
o21 = false
i22 : isNef(X1_0+X1_3)
o22 = true
i23 : K = toricDivisor X1
o23 = - X1_0 - X1_1 - X1_2 - X1_3 - X1_4 - X1_5
o23 : ToricDivisor on X1
i24 : isAmple(-K)
o24 = true
i25 : S = ring X1;
i26 : transpose matrix degrees S
o26 = | 1 1 0 0 0 0 |
      | -1 0 -1 1 0 0 |
      | 0 0 1 0 1 0 |
      | 1 0 1 0 0 1 |
o26 : Matrix ZZ^4 <-- ZZ^6
i27 : nefGenerators X1
o27 = | 1 0 1 1 1 |
      | 0 0 0 -1 -1 |
      | 0 1 1 1 1 |
      | 1 1 1 1 2 |
o27 : Matrix ZZ^4 <-- ZZ^5
i28 : LP = latticePoints polytope D
o28 = { | -1 |, | -1 |, | -1 |, 0, | 0 |, | 0 |, | 0 |, | 1 |, | 1 |, | 1 |, | 2 |, | 2 | }
      | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 0 | | 1 | | 2 | | 0 | | 1 |
o28 : List
i29 : #LP
o29 = 12
i30 : basis(degree D, S)
o30 = | x_0^3x_2x_3^3x_4^2 x_0^3x_3^2x_4^3x_5 x_0^2x_1x_2^2x_3^3x_4 ...
o30 : Matrix S^1 <-- S^12
i31 : basis(degree (-K), S)
o31 = | x_0^2x_2x_3^2x_4 x_0^2x_3x_4^2x_5 x_0x_1x_2^2x_3^2 ...
o31 : Matrix S^1 <-- S^7
i32 : latticePoints polytope (-K)
o32 = { | -1 |, | -1 |, | 0 |, 0, | 0 |, | 1 |, | 1 | }
      | 0 | | 1 | | -1 | | 1 | | -1 | | 0 |
o32 : List
i33 : ideal X1
o33 = ideal (x_1x_2x_4x_5, x_1x_2x_3x_5, x_0x_3x_4x_5, x_0x_2x_3x_4, x_0x_1x_4x_5, x_0x_1x_2x_3)
o33 : Ideal of S
i34 : dual monomialIdeal X1
o34 = monomialIdeal (x_0x_1, x_0x_2, x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_2x_4, x_3x_4, x_0x_5, x_2x_5, x_3x_5)
o34 : MonomialIdeal of S
i35 : primaryDecomposition ideal X1
o35 = {ideal(x_1, x_0), ideal(x_2, x_0), ideal(x_5, x_0), ideal(x_3, x_1), ideal(x_4, x_1), ...
o35 : List
i36 : P = polytope D;

```

```

i37 : X' = normalToricVariety P;
i38 : set rays X1 == set rays X'
o38 = true
i39 : X2 = normalToricVariety(
      {{1,0,0},{0,1,0},{0,0,1},{0,-1,2},{0,0,-1},{-1,1,-1},
        {-1,0,-1},{-1,-1,0}},
      {{0,1,2},{0,2,3},{0,3,4},{0,4,5},{0,1,5},{1,2,7},{2,3,7},
        {3,4,7},{4,5,6},{4,6,7},{5,6,7},{1,5,7}});
i40 : isWellDefined X2 and not isProjective X2 and isComplete X2 and isSmooth X2
o40 = true
i41 : X3 = smoothFanoToricVariety(4,123);
i43 : isSmooth X3 and isProjective X3
o43 = true
i44 : isAmple( - toricDivisor X3)
o44 = true
i45 : #latticePoints polytope (- toricDivisor X3)
o45 = 55
i46 : nefGenerators X3
o46 = | 1 0 0 0 1 0 |
      | 0 1 1 0 0 0 |
      | 0 0 1 0 0 1 |
      | 0 0 0 1 0 1 |
      | 0 0 0 0 1 1 |
o46 : Matrix ZZ5 <-- ZZ6

```