

Toric Surfaces

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Recall:

$\sigma = \text{cone}$

$\sigma^\vee = \text{dual}$

$U_\sigma = \text{affine variety of } \sigma$

$A_\sigma = C[S_\sigma] = \text{ring}$

lattices N and M with primes N' and M'

and our map of semigroups $S_\sigma = \sigma^\vee \cap M$

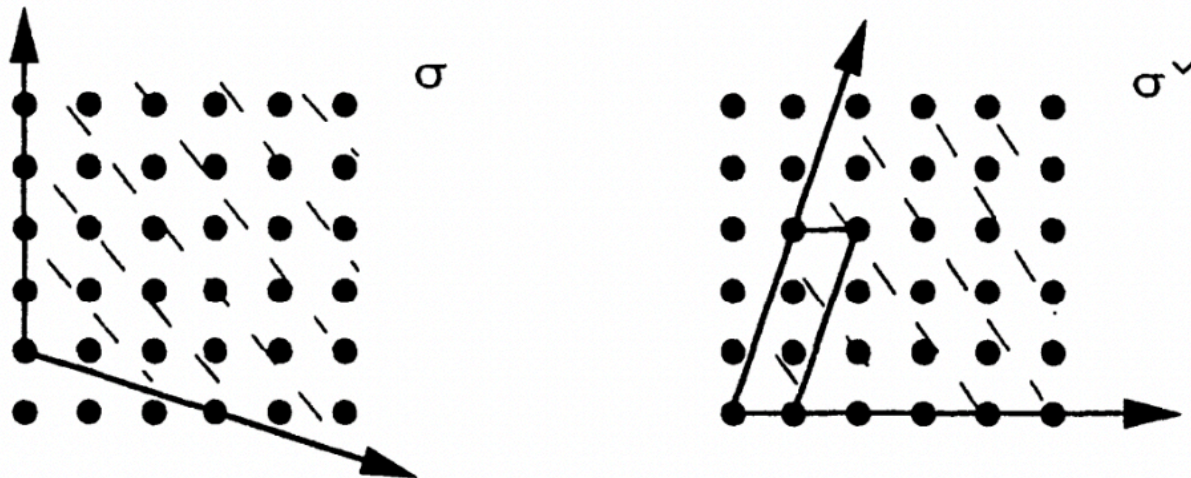
Recall our definition of non-singularity: U is non-singular if and only if it is generated by a basis of N .

Note that if $m \geq 2$, the cone is not nonsingular (and therefore singular). Geometrically, this means that U_σ is singular.

If G is a finite group acting on A_σ , define U_σ/G to be $\text{Spec}(A_\sigma^G)$ (the ring of invariants).

We will now look at two examples of 2-dimensional toric varieties.

Example Consider the case where $N = \mathbb{Z}^2$ and σ is generated by e_2 and $me_1 - e_2$, generalizing the case $m = 2$ that we looked at earlier:



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Then $A_\sigma = \mathbf{C}[S_\sigma] = \mathbf{C}[X, XY, XY^2, \dots, XY^m]$.

If we variable substitute $X = U^m, Y = V/U$, we can alternatively rewrite this as:

$$A_\sigma = \mathbf{C}[U^m, U^{m-1}V, \dots, UV^m] \subset \mathbf{C}[U, V].$$

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$U_\sigma = \text{Spec}(A_\sigma)$ and the inclusion of A_σ in $\mathbf{C}[U, V]$ corresponds to a mapping $\mathbf{C}^2 \rightarrow U_\sigma$.

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The group $G = \mu_m = m^{\text{th}}$ roots of unity $\cong \mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z}$ acts on \mathbf{C}^2 by $\zeta * (u, v) = (\zeta u, \zeta v)$. By this action,

$$A_\sigma = \mathbf{C}[U, V]^G = \mathbf{C}[U, V]^{\mu_m} \text{ is the ring of invariants.}$$

(Optional: to see why $A_\sigma = \mathbf{C}[U, V]^G$, understand that the invariants are s.t. $\zeta \cdot f = f$; in other words, if

$$\text{we let } f(u, v) = \sum_{k,l \geq 0} a_{kl} u^k v^l,$$

$$\zeta \cdot f(u, v) = f(u, v) \iff \sum_{k,l \geq 0} a_{kl} (\zeta u)^k (\zeta v)^l = \sum_{k,l \geq 0} a_{kl} u^k v^l \iff \zeta^{k+l} = 1 \text{ or } a_{kl} = 0 \text{ for all } k,l$$

$$\iff m \text{ divides } (k+l) \text{ or } a_{kl} = 0 \text{ for all } k,l.$$

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Therefore, A_σ is generated by all monomials of degree m , which are listed above.)

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We can obtain a similar result through a toric structure. Lets let $N' \subset N$ be the lattice generated by the e_2 and $me_1 - e_2$ that generate σ and let σ' be the same cone as σ , but regarded in N' . We will show a similar form for $A_{\sigma'}$. To start, of course, we know N and M are generated by $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$. Since σ' is generated by two generators for N' , $U_{\sigma'} = \mathbf{C}^2$, and the inclusion of N' in N gives a map $\mathbf{C}^2 = U_{\sigma'} \rightarrow U_\sigma$. The claim is that this is the same as the map constructed by hand above. To see this, note that N' is generated by $(m,0)$ and $(0,1)$ and M' is all vectors whose dot product with anything in N' is an integer, so it is generated by $(1/m,0)$ and $(0,1)$.

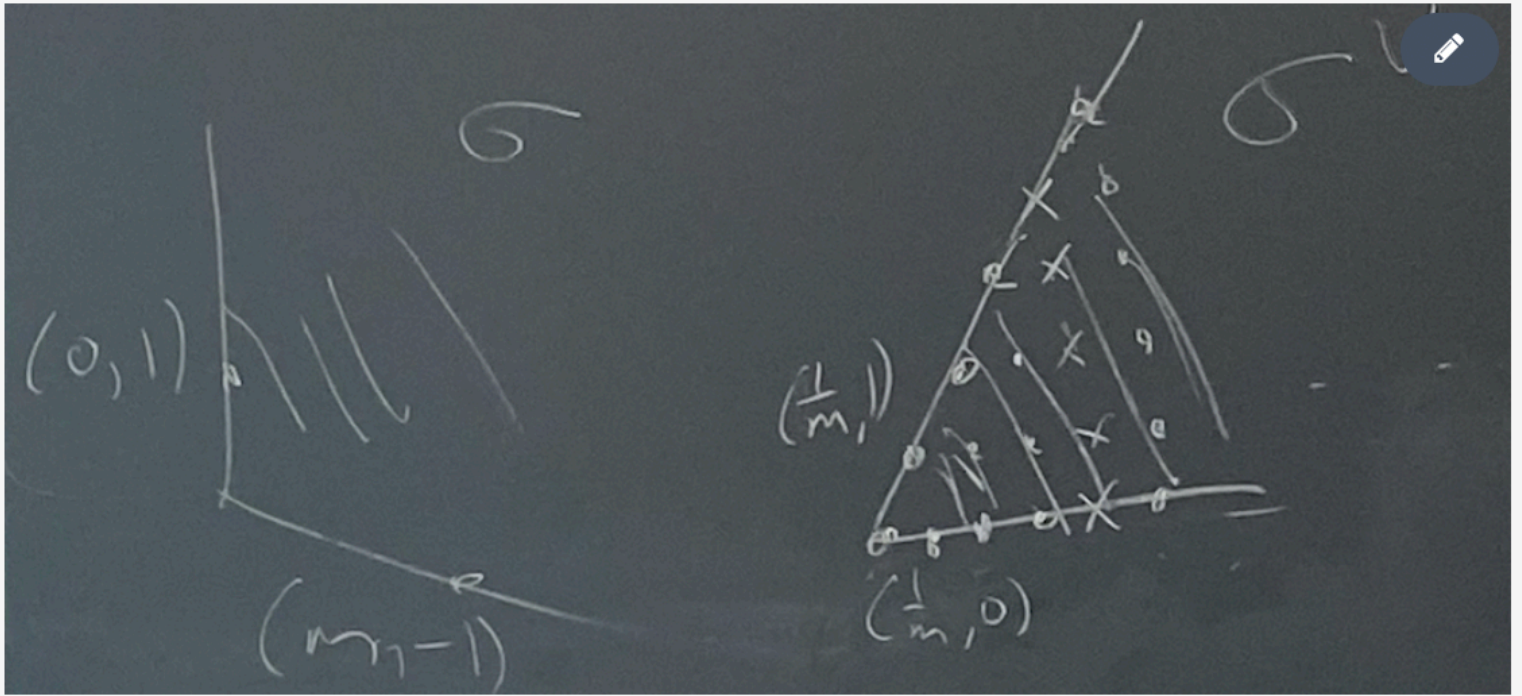
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e_2 is already orthogonal to $(m,0)$, so the dual vector for e_2 is $(m,0)$,

$me_1 - e_2$ is orthogonal to $(0,1)$, so the dual vector for $me_1 - e_2$ is $(0,1)$, thus we have:

$S_{\sigma'}$ is generated by $(1/m,0)$ and $(1/m,1)$, so $A_{\sigma'} = \mathbf{C}[x^{1/m}, x^{1/m}y]$. Recall $A_\sigma = \mathbf{C}[x, xy, \dots, xy^m]$; thus, if we variable substitute $u = x^{1/m}$ and $v = x^{1/m}y$, we arrive once more at

$$A_\sigma = \mathbf{C}[U^m, U^{m-1}V, \dots, UV^m] \subset \mathbf{C}[U, V].$$



(Note: σ^\vee obtained by taking perpendiculars to σ generators)

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We can more or less generalize this approach to any two-dimensional affine toric variety. One thing we like to in common practice with any such example is to put generators of the cone into standard form $(0,1)$, (m,k) . To demonstrate this, we can take any generators (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , but one thing we will assume is that $\gcd(x_1, y_1) = 1$. We apply the following matrix M to these generators: \newline

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & -x_1 \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 & -x_1 \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 - x_1 y_1 \\ a x_1 + b y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here, we see the top term evalutes to 0, and we use the following to see that the bottom evaluates to

1.\newline

Bézout's lemma: Let a and b be integers with greatest common divisor d . Then there exist integers x and y such that $ax + by = d$ \newline

Since we assumed $\gcd(x_1, y_1)=1$, we have: \newline

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 - x_1 y_1 \\ a x_1 + b y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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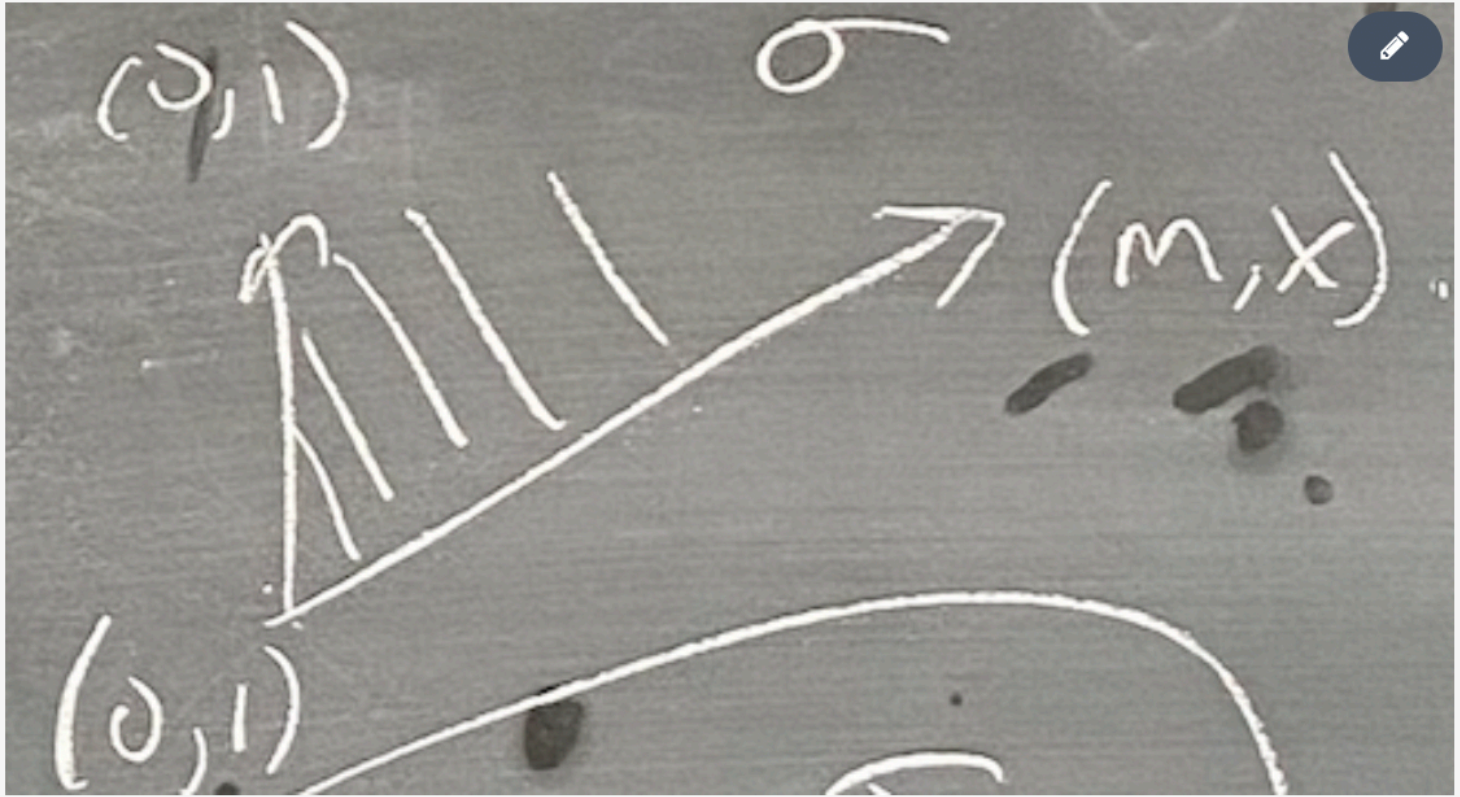
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can assign some $(m, x) := M * \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$

(Note that x is different from x_1 or x_2).

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These generators produce σ as such:`\newline`



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Finally, we can apply the following shearing function $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ to the lattice. (Note that this is an automorphism.) When we do this $(0, 1)$ remains fixed and the second term of (m, x) is arbitrarily stretched by cm :`\newline`

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix} * (m, x) = (m, x + cm)$$

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We will now represent this as

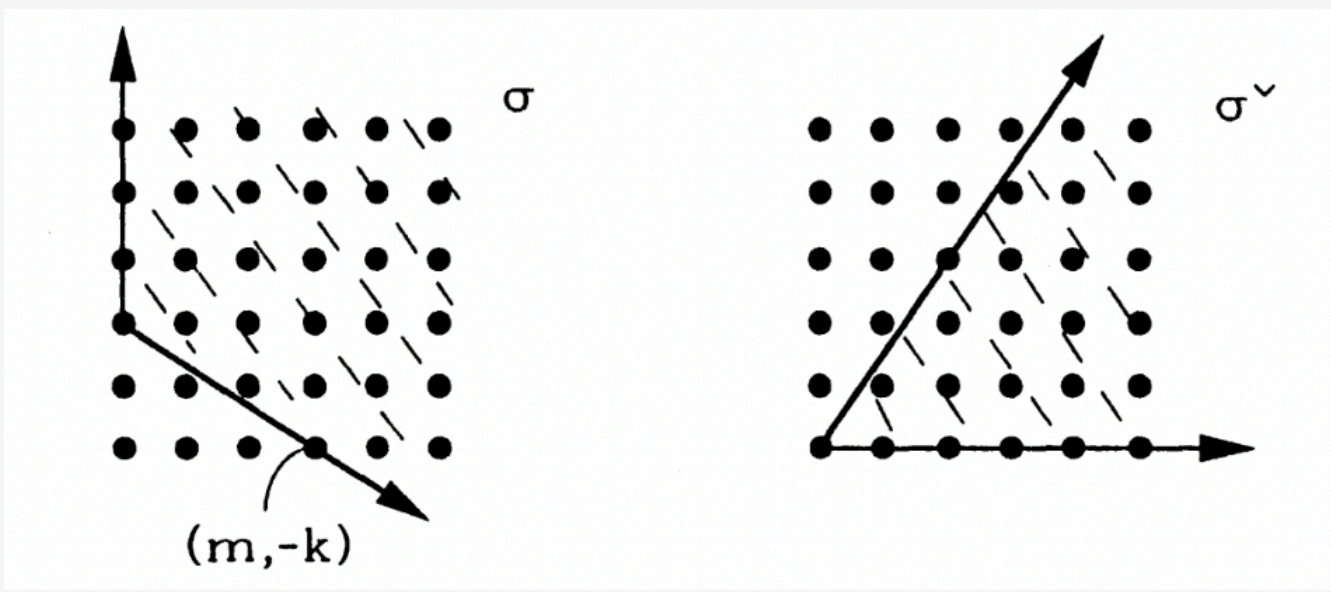
$(m, -k)$, where $cm + x = -k$, $0 \leq k < m$, and k and m are relatively prime since $(m, -k)$ is a minimal generator along the edge of σ .

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Meanwhile, $(0, 1)$ remains fixed:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix} * (0, 1) = (0, 1)$$

Any minimal generator along an edge of σ is part of a basis for $N = \mathbf{Z}^2$, so if we take $(0, 1)$ and $(m, -k)$ as these two minimal generators, we can reasonably assume σ has form:



(Note: σ^\vee obtained by taking perpendiculars to σ generators)

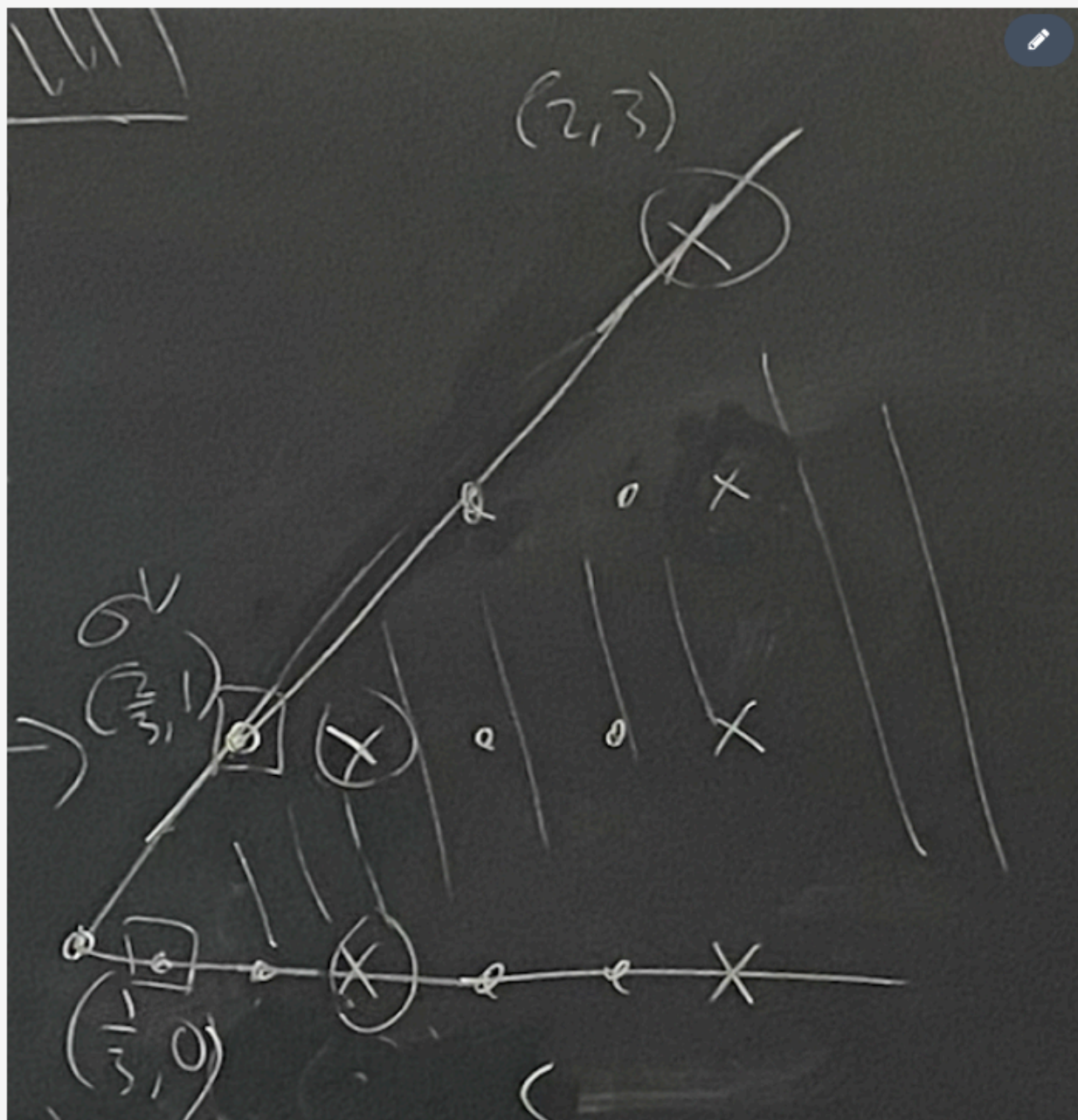
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Let's do the specific example depicted in the figure, $m=3, k=2$:

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To start, of course, we know N and M are generated by $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$. Now let $N' \subset N$ be the lattice generated by the e_2 and $3e_1 - 2e_2$ that generate σ . Also let σ' be the same cone as σ , but regarded in N' . N' is generated by $(3,0)$ and $(0,1)$ and M' is all vectors whose dot product with anything in N' is an integer, so it is generated by $(\frac{1}{3}, 0)$ and $(0,1)$. The generators for S'_σ are $(\frac{2}{3}, 1)$ and $(\frac{1}{3}, 0)$. \newline



$$\begin{aligned}
 \circ &\in S_{\sigma'} = \sigma^v \cap M' \\
 \times &\in S_{\sigma} = \sigma^v \cap M
 \end{aligned}$$

S_σ is generated by $(1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 3)$. This implies that $A_\sigma = C[x, xy, x^2y^3]$. \newline

We can variable substitute to get $A_\sigma = C[u^3, uv, v^3]$. \newline

Alternatively, we can look at A_σ as a quotient of a polynomial ring in C^3 by substituting $C[s, t, w]/(sw - t^3)$. \newline

So, the ring $C[s, t, w]/(sw - t^3)$ is the quotient ring formed by taking the polynomial ring in $s, t,$ and w and factoring it by the ideal generated by the polynomial equation $sw - t^3$.

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In general, U_σ , the $\text{Spec}(A_\sigma) = C^2/\mu_m$ where μ_m , the m^{th} roots of unity, acts on C^2/μ_m by

$\zeta * (u, v) = (\zeta u, \zeta^k v)$ \newline

Here, $U_\sigma = C^2/\mu_3$ where μ_3 acts on C^2/μ_3 by $\zeta * (u, v) = (\zeta u, \zeta^2 v)$.

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(Sidenote: U_σ is isomorphic the locus $(sw - t^3 = 0)$ in C^3 .

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At this point, we have defined A_σ , the ring of invariants, in infinite collections of generators of the form: $X^i Y^j$ where $j \leq \frac{m}{k} i$. In a future talk, we will learn how to find the minimal generators.