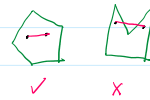


Section 1.5: Toric varieties from polytopes

For this section, we assume to be 2-dimensional, and K includes the origin for simplicity.

Convex polytope (K): convex hull of finite set of points in a finite dimensional vector space

convex hull: it contains line segments connecting each pair of its points. \rightarrow eg.



(proper) face (F): intersection with a supporting affine hyperplane.

$F = \{v \in K : \langle u, v \rangle = r\}$, where $u \in E^*$ is a function satisfy $\langle u, v \rangle \geq r$ for all $v \in K$

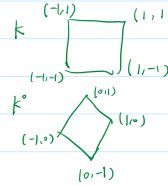
$E = \{[a_i]\}$, $E^* = \{[a_i^*]\}$ for computational convenience

Polar set (K*): $K^* = \{u \in E^* : \langle u, v \rangle \geq -1 \text{ for all } v \in K\}$

Proposition: K* polar set is a convex polytope, K is the polar of K*, if F is a face of K, then

$F^* = \{u \in K^* : \langle u, v \rangle = -1, \forall v \in F\}$ is a face of K*

and the correspondence between $F \rightarrow F^*$ is a one-to-one, order reversing correspondence between faces of K and faces of K*, with $\dim(F) + \dim(F^*) = \dim(E) - 1$



counter example

$(2,0) \notin F^*$
since $(2,0) \cdot (-1,1) = -2 < -1$

If K is rational (vertices in lattice E), then K* is also rational with vertices in dual lattice

Proof: σ cone in $K \times 1$, dual cone σ^V consist of those u, v in $E^* \times \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\langle u, v \rangle + v \geq 0$

for all $v \in K$. It follows that σ^V is a cone in $K^* \times 1$. Then properties in Section 1.2 can be applied

Recall Section 1.2-(10). If T is a face of σ , then $\sigma^V(T^+)$ is a face of σ^V , with $\dim(T) + \dim(\sigma^V(T^+)) = n = \dim(V)$

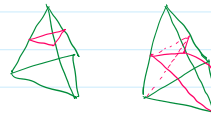
This sets up a one-to-one order reversing correspondence between the faces of σ and faces of σ^V .

All results from 1.2 follows. For example, $(K^*)^* = K$: For face F of K, then τ cone over F, then dual cone $\sigma^V(\tau^+)$ is over $F^* \times 1$, so result holds

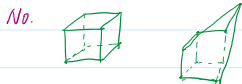
Relationship between fans and polytopes

If K* is a subdivision of boundary of K, then cones over polytopes in K form a fan

Ex:



Question: Does fans all comes from convex polytope?



No. It is impossible to find 8 points, each on a vertices, s.t. for each of 6 cones generated by 4 points, the points are on the same affine plane.

Toric Varieties in rational polytope P (within dual space M)

We assume P be n-dimensional, but not necessarily contain origin

For each face Q of P, there is a cone σ_Q within Δ_P s.t. $\sigma_Q = \{v \in N_{\mathbb{R}} : \langle u, v \rangle \leq \langle u, w \rangle \text{ for all } u \in Q, w \in P\}$
 $\hookrightarrow \langle u, -u, v \rangle \geq 0$

σ_Q is dual to the "angle" at Q consisting vectors from point of Q to point of P

By definition, dual cone σ_Q^V is generated by $u' - u$

Proposition: ① σ_Q forms a fan Δ_P as Q varies over faces of P

② If P contains origin as an interior point, then Δ_P consist of cones over the faces of polar polytope P*

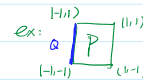
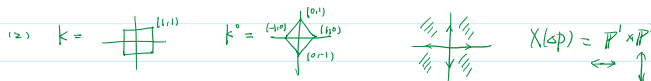
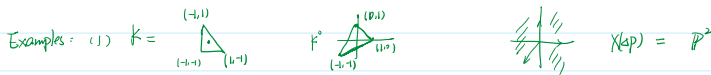
proof: ②: by definition, $\forall v \in \text{faces of } P^*, u \in \sigma_Q, \langle u, v \rangle = 0 \geq 0$ so σ_Q is the cone over dual face Q^* of P*

①: if contain origin, By theorem, $\Delta_P \cap u = \Delta_P^*$, $u \in M$ since it only measure the angle

Any P spanning $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ can be changed to one containing origin \checkmark

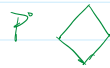
Conversely, For a convex polytope K in $N_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R}^n$ (with origin as interior), the fan of cones over faces of K is the same as Δ_P , where $P = K^*$ is its polar polytope

toric variety $X(\Delta_P)$ will be denote as X_P



$$\sigma_Q = \{v \in N_{\mathbb{R}} \mid \forall u \in v, u' \text{ for } u \in Q, u' \in P^*\}$$

$$= \{v \in N_{\mathbb{R}} \mid v_1 \geq 0, v_2 = 0\}$$



$$\sigma_{(1,1)} = \{v \in N_{\mathbb{R}} \mid v \cdot (1,1) \leq v \cdot u' \text{ for } u \in Q, u' \in P^*\}$$

$$= \{v \in N_{\mathbb{R}} \mid v_1 \leq 0, v_2 \leq 0\}$$

$u + v_2 \in X_{v_1} + Y_{v_2}$
if $v_2 = 0$ we know $X \subset 1$, so $v_1 \leq 0$

