

# Cellular $\mathbb{A}^1$ -Homology of Smooth Toric Varieties

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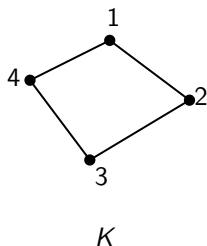
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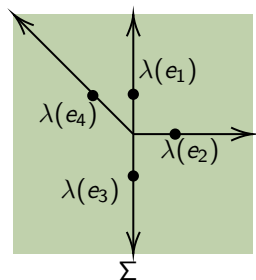
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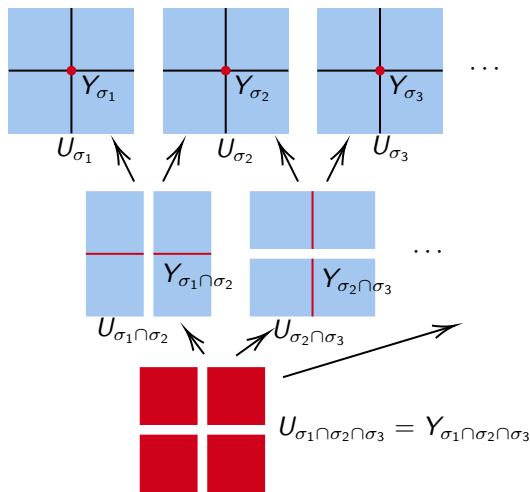
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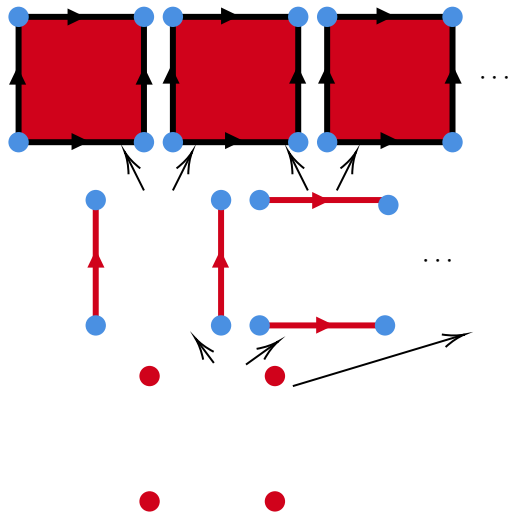
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# Cellular Complex of Real Points

The real points  $X_{\Sigma}(\mathbb{R})$  of toric varieties are actually "cubical":



It is also helpful to think about the (Poincare) dual pictures:



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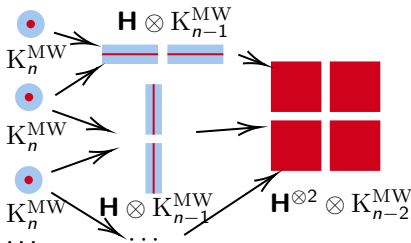
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Similarly, we can define the oriented cubical cells  $[e, \theta] : K_{t_e+i}^{\text{MW}} \hookrightarrow C_i^{\text{cell}}(X_\Sigma)$  and form a basis.

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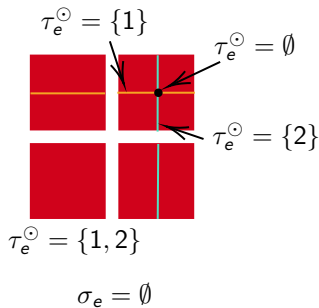
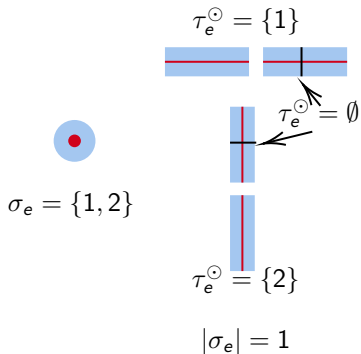
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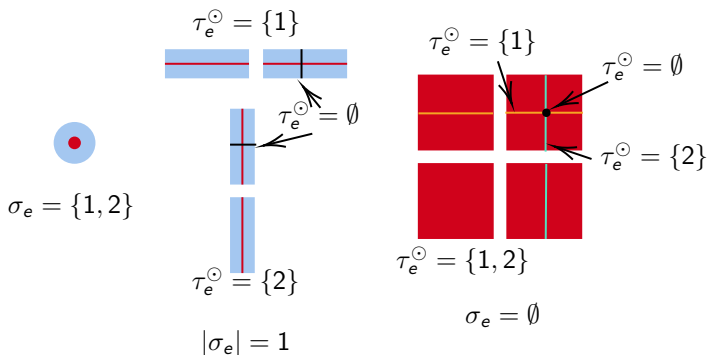
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This provides a basis  $C_i^{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{A}^n) = \bigoplus_{\sigma_e \subset [[n]], |\sigma_e|=i} [e] K_{t_e+i}^{\text{MW}}$ , where  $\partial[e] = \sum_{j \in \sigma_e} \pm \epsilon^j [\partial_j e]$  ( $\partial_j e$  signifies moving  $j \in \sigma_e$  to  $\tau_e^\odot$ ).





The intuition is that  $\sigma_e$  determines the dual dimension of the cell  $[e]$ , while  $\tau_e^\odot$  indicates the number of connected components it contains (i.e.,  $2^{t_e}$ ). It is worth noting that, although  $C_*^{cell}(\mathbb{A}^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , this cellular structure serves as the fundamental block (cube) for toric varieties.

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In general, for the simplicial complex  $K$  over  $\llbracket m \rrbracket$ , we can define the moment-angle complex  $\mathbb{A}\mathcal{Z}_K \subset \mathbb{A}^m$  as:

## Moment-Angle Complex

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such that for any group section  $g : \mathbb{G}_m^{t_e} \rightarrow G$ ,  $p_*[e] = p_*g_*[e]$ .

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Let  $\omega_0 \subset \tau_e = \tau_e^1 \sqcup \tau_e^\odot$  be the subset such that  $j \in \omega_0$  if  $\forall i \in \tau_e^\odot, r'_{ij} = 0$ . If  $t_e > |\tau_e| - |\omega_0|$ , then:

$$g_*[e] = \sum_{\omega \subset \tau_e \setminus \omega_0} \eta^{t_e - |\omega|} \sum_{\pi \subset \omega} (-1)^{|\omega| - |\pi|} \prod_{i \in \tau_e^\odot} \chi \left( \sum_{j \in \pi \sqcup \sigma_e} r'_{ij} \right) [e_\omega]$$

Here we have the morphism  $\eta : K_i^{\text{MW}} \rightarrow K_{i-1}^{\text{MW}}$  which is analogous of multiplying by 2. And  $[e_\omega]$  represents the cubical cell where  $\tau^\odot = \omega$ .



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The compatible boundary morphism can then be defined as:

$$\partial^{can}[e] = \sum_{j \in \sigma_e} \pm \epsilon^j T_*([\partial_j e]).$$

And  $p_*$  induces an isomorphism of complexes  $p_* : C_*^{can}(\mathbb{A}\mathcal{Z}_K) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_*^{cell}(X_\Sigma)$ .

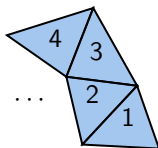
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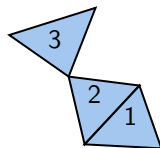
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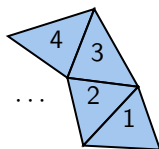


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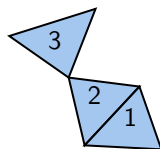
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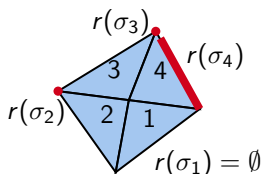
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While boundary morphism  $\overline{\partial}^{can}$  also relies on  $\lambda$ .

## Proposition

$$\overline{\partial}^{can}[e_{\emptyset}^{r(\sigma)}] = \sum_{j \in r(\sigma)} \pm w_j \eta[e_{\emptyset}^{r(\sigma) \setminus j}]$$

where  $w_j = 0$  or  $1$  depends on the fan  $\Sigma = (K, \lambda)$ .

We can in fact explicitly calculate the homology using some combinatorial ways.

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We can observe the Poincare duality for complex point  $X_\Sigma(\mathbb{C})$  by replacing  $K^{MW}$  and  $K^M$  with  $\mathbb{Z}[1]$ , and for real points  $X_\Sigma(\mathbb{R})$  by removing  $K^M$  and replacing  $K^{MW}$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

## Corollary

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If we pass to the derived motivic category  $\mathrm{DM}(k)$ , in which  $\eta = 0$ , then we obtain this trivial corollary (as an analogue of  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  coefficient):

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## Proposition

For a smooth toric variety  $X_\Sigma$ , consider an order on  $K(n) = \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_g\}$ . Define the sets

$$\min(\sigma_i) = \{\tau \subset \sigma_i \mid \tau \text{ is minimal for } \tau \not\subset \sigma_j \text{ for all } j < i\}.$$

We then have the following decomposition of the Chow group:

$$\mathrm{CH}^*(X_\Sigma) \cong \bigoplus_{\sigma \in K_{\max}} \bigoplus_{\tau \in \min(\sigma)} \mathbb{Z}[e^\tau]$$

The generators are given by  $[e^\tau] \in \mathrm{CH}^{|\tau|}(X_\Sigma)$ .



# Thank you

# Questions

# What is $B(I)$ ?

Given a mod-2 linear function  $\kappa : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ , we define the row set  $\omega_\kappa \subset \llbracket m \rrbracket$  as the subset  $\{j \in \llbracket m \rrbracket \mid \kappa\lambda(v_j) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$ , where  $v_j$  are the basis vectors of  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ . Let  $\text{row}\lambda \subset 2^{\llbracket m \rrbracket}$  denote the set of all row sets; thus, we can observe that  $|\text{row}\lambda| = 2^n$ .

For  $\lambda : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$ , let  $K_\omega$  represent a specific subcomplex of  $K$  formed by intersecting with  $\omega \in \text{row}\lambda$ . We define  $G_i^\lambda = \bigoplus_{\omega \in \text{row}\lambda} \tilde{H}_i(|K_\omega|)$  as the direct sum of the reduced homology groups. The basis  $B(0) \subset K_{\max}$  forms the free part of  $G_{*,\text{free}}^\lambda$ , while for  $I > 1$ , the basis  $B(I) \subset K_{\max}$  corresponds to the  $I$ -torsion part  $G_{*,I-\text{tor}}^\lambda$ .