

Newton–Okounkov bodies for cluster varieties

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Valuations

$A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A_i$ a graded k -algebra and domain. A map $\nu : A \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}^d, <)$ is a (*Krull*) *valuation* if

$$\nu(fg) = \nu(f) + \nu(g), \quad \nu(cf) = \nu(f), \quad \nu(f + g) \geq \min < \{ \nu(f), \nu(g) \}$$

for all $f, g \in R \setminus \{0\}$ and $c \in k$.

- 1 $S(A, \nu) := \text{im}(\nu)$ is the *value semigroup*.
- 2 ν induces a filtration on A , for $m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$F_m := \{f \in A : \nu(f) \leq m\} \quad \text{and} \quad F_{<m} := \{f \in A : \nu(f) < m\}.$$

- 3 $\dim(F_m/F_{<m}) \leq 1 \forall m$ ¹ $\Rightarrow \text{gr}_\nu(R) \cong k[S(R, \nu)]$
- 4 \mathbb{B} vector space basis of A is *adapted to ν* if $\mathbb{B} \cap F_m$ is a vector space basis for all m .

¹e.g. if ν is *full-rank*, i.e. $\text{rank}(S(A, \nu)) = \dim_{\text{Krull}}(A)$ by Abhyankar's inequality

Toric degenerations and the Newton–Okounkov polytope

Theorem (Anderson 2013)

Let $\nu : A \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$ be a full-rank valuation with $S(A, \nu)$ finitely generated. Then there exists a toric degeneration of $X = \text{Proj}(A)$ to the (not necessarily normal) toric variety $X_0 = \text{Proj}(k[S(A, \nu)])$.

X_0 is toric and projective, its normalization \bar{X}_0 is defined by the *Newton–Okounkov body*² of ν

$$\Delta(A, \nu) := \text{conv} \left(\bigcup_{i>0} \left\{ \frac{\nu(f)}{i} : f \in A_i \right\} \right) \subset \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Question: How can we compute $\Delta(A, \nu)$? What are its vertices?

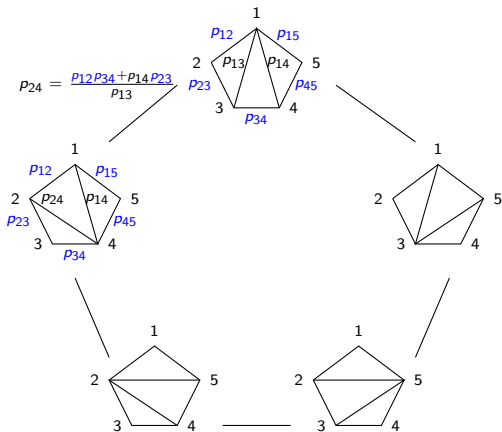
²in this case a rational polytope

Grassmannian $\text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^5)$

The homogeneous coordinate ring of $\text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^5)$ with its Plücker embedding:

$$A_{2,5} := \mathbb{C}[p_{ij} : 1 \leq i < j \leq 5] / (p_{ij}p_{kl} - p_{ik}p_{jl} + p_{il}p_{jk})_{1 \leq i < j < k < l \leq 5}$$

can be constructed recursively from triangulations of a 5-gon (*seeds*):



This is the prototype
of a **cluster algebra**!

Cluster variety inside $\widetilde{\text{Gr}}_2(\mathbb{C}^5)$

For every seed we get a torus chart: $(\mathbb{C}^*)^7_{p_{13}, p_{14}, p_{12}, p_{15}, p_{23}, p_{34}, p_{45}} \hookrightarrow \widetilde{\text{Gr}}_2(\mathbb{C}^5)$
 and they glue along mutations:

$$(\mathbb{C}^*)^7_{p_{13}, p_{14}, p_{12}, \dots, p_{45}} \bigcup_{\mu^*(p_{24}) = \frac{p_{12}p_{34} + p_{23}p_{14}}{p_{13}}} (\mathbb{C}^*)^7_{p_{24}, p_{14}, p_{12}, \dots, p_{45}}$$

Recursively we obtain a *cluster variety*

$$\mathcal{A}_{2,5} := \bigcup_{s \text{ triang. of 5-gon}} (\mathbb{C}^*)^7_{p_{ij}: \bar{ij} \in s} \hookrightarrow \widetilde{\text{Gr}}_2(\mathbb{C}^5)$$

Consider the *partial compactification* $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{2,5} := \mathcal{A}_{2,5} \cup \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_5} \{p_{i, i+1} = 0\}$.
 Then:

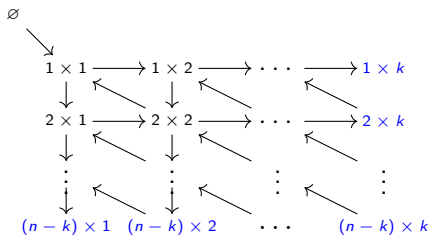
$$\mathcal{O}(\overline{\mathcal{A}}_{2,5}) = \mathcal{A}_{2,5} \subset \mathbb{C}[p_{ij}^{\pm 1} : \bar{ij} \in s] \quad \forall s \text{ triang. of 5-gon.}$$

Grassmannian $\text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$

Triangulations and *flips* generalize to quivers and *quiver mutation*:

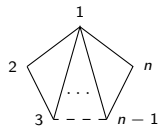


For a general Grassmannian $\text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ seeds are represented by quivers: e.g. $s = (Q, \mathfrak{x})$ with $\mathfrak{x} = (x_{i \times j})_{i,j}$ where $x_{i \times j} := p_{[1, k-j] \cup [k-j+i+1, k+i]}$ and quiver Q :



Exercise: for $k = 2$

Q corresponds to



g -vectors for cluster algebras

Theorem (Fomin–Zelevinsky 2005)

Given an initial seed $s = (Q, (p_{i \times j})_{i \in [n-k], j \in [k]})$ of $A_{k,n}$ there exists a corresponding cluster algebra with **principal coefficients**

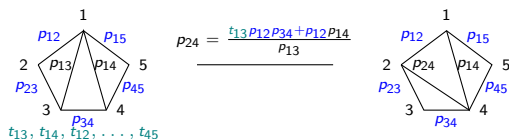
$$A_{k,n}^{\text{prin}, s} \subset \mathbb{C}[t_{i \times j}][p_{i \times j}^{\pm 1}]_{i \in [n-k], j \in [k]} \text{ at } s.$$

$A_{k,n}^{\text{prin}, s}$ is M_s -graded, where $M_s = \mathbb{Z}^{k(n-k)+1}$ with basis $\{f_{i \times j}\}_{i \in [n-k], j \in [k]}$:

$$g_s(p_{i \times j}) = f_{i \times j}, \quad \text{and} \quad g_s(t_{i \times j}) := - \sum \#\{i \times j \rightarrow i' \times j'\} f_{i' \times j'}$$

Every cluster variable x is homogeneous and its degree called **g -vector**.

Example:



Cluster variety with principal coefficients for $\text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^5)$

Geometrically we obtain a degeneration to a torus

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{A}_{2,5} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_{2,5}^{\text{prin},s} = \bigcup_s (\mathbb{C}^*)^7_s \times \mathbb{A}_{t_{13}, t_{14}, t_{12}, \dots, t_{45}}^7 & \longleftarrow & (\mathbb{C}^*)^7 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \{1\} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{A}^7 & \longleftarrow & \{0\}
 \end{array}$$

Theorem (Gross-Hacking-Keel-Kontsevich)

The cluster variety $\mathcal{A}_{k,n}^{\text{prin},s}$ with principal coefficients at a seed s induces a toric degeneration of the Grassmannian $\text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$. Moreover, Fomin–Zelevinsky’s g -vectors are *characters of the torus* in the central fibre.

Holds more generally for partial compactifications of cluster varieties that satisfy the *full Fock–Goncharov conjecture*.

g -vector valuation

Proposition (GHKK, Fujita–Oya, B–Cheung–Magee–Nájera Chávez)

Let s be an arbitrary seed of $A_{k,n}$ and x denote any cluster variable, then $x \mapsto g_s(x)$ extends to a (full-rank homogeneous) **valuation** with finitely generated value semigroup:

$$g_s : A_{k,n} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow M_s \cong \mathbb{Z}^{k(n-k)+1} \quad \text{with} \quad x \mapsto g_s(x)$$

that defines the $\mathcal{A}_{k,n}^{\text{prin},s}$ -**toric degeneration** of $\text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$. Moreover, $A_{k,n}$ has a \mathbb{C} -basis adapted to all $g_{s'}$ *simultaneously* called the **ϑ -basis**.

Remark: The Proposition holds more generally for any cluster algebra that satisfies the **full Fock–Goncharov conjecture**.

Newton–Okounkov bodies for Grassmannians

Proposition

For every seed s of $A_{2,n}$ the value semigroup $S(A_{2,n}, g_s)$ is generated by the g -vectors of Plücker coordinates and its **Newton–Okounkov body** is

$$\Delta(A_{2,n}, g_s) = \text{conv}(g_s(p_{ij}) : 1 \leq i < j \leq n).$$

Theorem (B.–Cheung–Magee–Nájera Chávez)

For arbitrary $\text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ Rietsch–Williams define a valuation $v_s : A_{k,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{k(n-k)}$ for every **plabic graph** s (or more generally for every seed s of $A_{k,n}$). We can show that

$$\Delta(A_{k,n}, g_s) \cong \Delta(A_{k,n}, v_s).$$

Connections to Gröbner theory

For $A_{2,n}, A_{3,6}, A_{3,7}, A_{3,8}$ the ϑ -basis consists of all monomials in cluster variables of the same seed, called *cluster monomials*.

Proposition (B.–Mohammadi–Nájera Chávez)

For $(k, n) \in \{(2, n), (3, 6)\}$ the ϑ -basis of $A_{k,n}$ is a **standard monomial basis** associated to a maximal cone C in the Gröbner fan of an ideal $J_{k,n}$ representing $A_{k,n}$.

Moreover, every $k(n - k) + 1$ -dimensional face of C lies inside the tropicalization of $J_{k,n}$ and induces a toric degeneration of $\text{Gr}_k(\mathbb{C}^n)$ whose central fibre is

$$TV(\Delta(A_{k,n}, g_s)).$$

Tropical cluster dual \mathcal{X} -variety

There exists a tropical cluster variety $\mathcal{X}_{2,5}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{Z}) := \bigcup_{s \text{ triang. of 5-gon}} M_s$ where $M_s = \mathbb{Z}^7$ with free generating set $\{f_{ij}, \bar{ij} \in s\}$ and glued along *bijections* defined by certain shearing:

$$M_{\{f_{13}, f_{14}, f_{12}, \dots, f_{45}\}} \quad \bigcup_{\substack{f_{24} = f_{23} + f_{14} - f_{13} \\ T_{13}(m) = m + \max\{m_{13}, 0\}(f_{12} + f_{34} - f_{23} - f_{14})}} \quad M_{\{f_{24}, f_{14}, f_{12}, \dots, f_{45}\}}$$

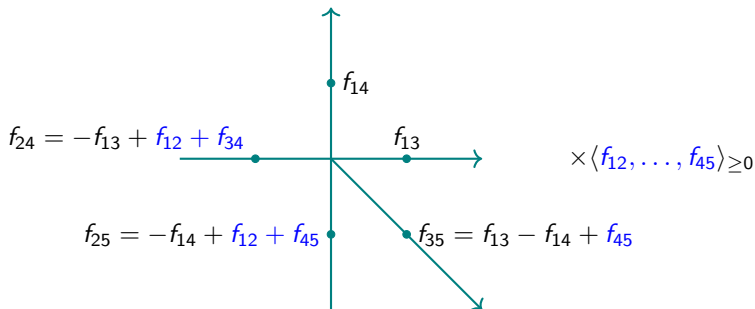
For each s we may identify *non-canonically* $\mathcal{X}_{2,5}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{Z}) \equiv_s M$.

[GHKK]/[Marsh–Scott]/[Shen–Weng] Elements of the ϑ -basis for $A_{k,n}$ are indexed by points in a “cone” $\Xi \subset \mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{Z})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{k,n}, D) & & (\mathcal{X}_{k,n}, W : \mathcal{X}_{k,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \\ \vartheta\text{-basis of } A_{k,n} & \longleftrightarrow & \Xi := \{W^{\text{trop}}(x) \geq 0\} \subset \mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

Wall&chamber structure and the g -fan

Pulling back the positive orthants of each copy of $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ along the shears T'_{ij} s yields a *wall and chamber structure* in $\mathcal{X}_{2,5}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{R})$:



It contains a full-dimensional simplicial fan known as the g -fan:

maximal simplicial cones \leftrightarrow seeds

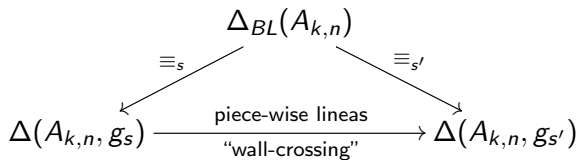
primitive ray generators \leftrightarrow g -vectors of cluster variables

NO bodies for compactifications of cluster varieties

Theorem (B.–Cheung–Magee–Nájera Chávez)

There exists a “convex” set $\Delta_{BL}(A_{k,n}) \subset \mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{trop}(\mathbb{R})$ independent of s :

$$\Delta_{BL}(A_{k,n}) \equiv_s \Delta(A_{k,n}, g_s).$$



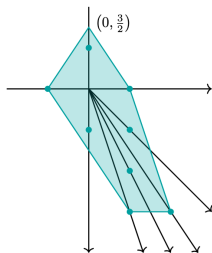
Proposition (Escobar–Harada, B.–Mohammadi–Nájera Chávez)

The piecewise-linear maps between two Newton–Okounkov polytopes $\Delta(A_{2,n}, g_s)$ and $\Delta(A_{2,n}, g_{s'})$ coincide with Escobar–Harada’s *algebraic wall-crossing* for Newton–Okounkov polytopes arising from adjacent maximal prime cones in the tropicalization of $\text{Gr}_2(\mathbb{C}^n)$.

Broken line convexity

In $\mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{R})$ we don't have straight lines, but piece-wise linear *broken lines*.

[Cheung–Magee–Nájera Chávez] introduce *broken line convexity*: a closed set $S \subset \mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{R})$ is broken line convex iff $\forall a, b \in S$ and any broken line segment ℓ between a, b we have $\ell \subset S$.



Lemma (Cheung–Magee–Nájera Chávez)

Under the identification $\mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{R}) \cong_s M_{\mathbb{R}}$ every broken line convex set is a convex set.

Intrinsic Newton–Okounkov body

For $f \in A_{k,n}$ we have $f = \sum c_m \vartheta_m$. Define

$$\text{New}_{\vartheta}(f) := \text{conv}_{BL}(m \in \mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{Z}) : c_m \neq 0) \subset \mathcal{X}_{k,n}^{\text{trop}}(\mathbb{R})$$

Then the *intrinsic Newton–Okounkov body* is

$$\Delta_{BL}(A_{k,n}) = \text{conv}_{BL} \left(\bigcup_{i \geq 1} \frac{\text{New}_{\vartheta}(f)}{i} : f \in (A_{k,n})_i \right).$$

Corollary (B.–Cheung–Magee–Nájera Chávez)

For every seed s we have

$$\Delta(A_{k,n}, g_s) = \text{conv}_{BL} \left(g_s(p_I) : I \in \binom{[n]}{k} \right)$$

In particular, $\Delta(A_{k,n}, g_s)$ is a rational polytope with integral vertices of form $g_s(p_I)$, and (depending on s) additional rational vertices in walls.

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