Geometric realizations of the s-permutahedron

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s-decreasing trees (Ceballos-Pons '20)

Let $s = (s_1, \ldots, s_n)$ be a (weak) composition (i.e. $s_i \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ or in \mathbb{N}).

An *s*-decreasing tree is a planar rooted tree on *n* internal vertices (called nodes), labeled on [*n*] such that the node labeled *i* has $s_i + 1$ children and any descendant *j* of *i* satisfies j < i.



Figure: An (0, 0, 2, 1, 3)-decrasing tree.

s-decreasing trees and Stirling *s*-permutations (Ceballos-Pons '19)

Let $s = (s_1, \ldots, s_n)$ be a composition (i.e. $s_i \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$).

An *s*-decreasing tree is associated to a multipermutation of $1^{s_1} \dots n^{s_n}$ that avoids the pattern 121. Such multipermutations are called *Stirling s-permutations*.



Figure: An (1, 1, 2, 2)-decreasing tree and the corresponding Stirling *s*-permutation 313442.

The *s*-weak order



Figure: The (1, 2, 2)-weak order.

Conjecture 1 (Ceballos-Pons '19)

The *s*-permutahedron can be realized as a polyhedral subdivision of a polytope which is combinatorially isomorphic to a permutahedron.

Conjecture 2 (Ceballos-Pons '19)

If s has no zeros, there exists a geometric realization of the s-permutahedron such that the s-associahedron can be obtained from it by removing certain facets.



Credit: Ceballos-Pons '19

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s-oruga graph

Associated to a composition $s = (s_1, \ldots, s_n)$ we consider the graph G_s on vertices $v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_{n+1}$ with:

- two edges from v_i to v_{i+1} for $i \in [n]$ and one edge from v_0 to v_1 ,
- $s_{n+1-i} 1$ edges from v_0 to v_i for $i \in [n]$,
- the *framing* given by ordering incoming and outgoing edges from top top bottom on the drawing.



A route is a path from v_0 to v_{n+1} . The flow polytope $\mathcal{F}_{G_s} = \left\{ (f_e)_{e \in E} \text{ flow of } G \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^E$ is the convex hull of the indicator vectors of the routes of G_s .

DKK triangulation

We say that two routes P, Q of G are *coherent* with respect to the framing if they "do not cross".

For $C \in C^{\max}$ (set of maximal cliques of coherent routes), Δ_C denotes the simplex with vertices the indicator vectors of the routes in C.

Theorem (Danilov-Karzanov-Koshevoy, '12)

The simplices $\{\Delta_C \mid C \in C^{\max}(G, \preceq)\}$ form a (regular) triangulation of \mathcal{F}_G , called the DKK triangulation of \mathcal{F}_G with respect to the framing \preceq .

$$l_w^0 = \overbrace{l_w^3}^{1} = \overbrace{l_w^4}^{1} = \overbrace{l_w^4}^{2} = I_{w}^{2} = I_{w}^{w$$

Figure: The maximal clique $\{I_w^0, \ldots, I_w^4\}$ corresponding to the (1, 2, 1)-Stirling permutation w = 3221.

Theorem (GMPTY, '22)

The s-decreasing trees are in bijection with the simplices of the DKK triangulation of $(\mathcal{F}_{G_s}, \preceq)$.

Moreover, two simplices are adjacent if and only if there is a cover relation in the s-weak order for the corresponding s-decreasing trees.



Figure: Dual of the DKK triangulation for s = (1, 2, 1).

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Minkowski sums

- Given polytopes P_1, \ldots, P_k in \mathbb{R}^n , their *Minkowski sum* is the polytope $P_1 + \ldots + P_k := \{\sum x_i \mid x_i \in P_i\}.$
- The *Minkowski cells* of the sum are $\sum B_i$ where B_i is the convex hull of a subset of vertices of P_i .
- A mixed subdivision of a Minkowski sum is a collection of Minkowski cells such that their union covers the Minkowski sum and they intersect properly.
- A fine mixed subdivision is a minimal mixed subdivision via containment.



Credit: De Loera-Rambau-Santos '19

Figure: A (non fine) mixed subdivision of a sum of a square and a triangle.

Cayley Trick

 $C(P_1, \ldots, P_k) := \operatorname{conv}(\{e_1\} \times P_1, \ldots, \{e_k\} \times P_k) \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is the *Cayley embedding* of P_1, \ldots, P_k .

Proposition (The Cayley trick)

The (regular) polytopal subdivisions (resp. triangulations) of $C(P_1, \ldots, P_k)$ are in bijection with the (coherent) mixed subdivisions (resp. fine mixed subdivisions) of $P_1 + \ldots + P_k$.



Credit: De Loera-Rambau-Santos '19

Theorem (GMPTY, '22)

The s-decreasing trees are in bijection with the maximal cells of a fine mixed subdivision of the Minkowski sum of hypercubes in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} given by

$$(s_n+1)\square_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (s_i-1)\square_{i-1}.$$

Proof : The flow polytope of G_s is a Cayley embedding of hypercubes.



Mixed subdivision of hypercubes



Figure: (a) Summands of the Minkowski cell corresponding to w = 3221. (b) Mixed subdivision of $2\Box_2 + \Box_1$ realizing the (1, 2, 1)-permutahedron. The s-weak order and the s-permutahedron

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From the mixed subdivision to a dual polyhedral complex



The regular subdivision S of a point configuration $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ can be obtained as the lower faces of the points of \mathcal{A} lifted by an *admissible height function* α .



Credit: Rambau '96

Danilov-Karzanov-Koshevoy give an explicit admissible height function for DKK triangulations.

$$F(x) = \bigoplus_{i \in [m]} \alpha^{i} \odot x^{a^{i}} = \min \left\{ \alpha^{i} + \langle a^{i}, x \rangle \, | \, i \in [m] \right\},$$

that defines the *tropical hypersurface*:

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Theorem (folklore)

There is a bijection between the k-dimensional cells of S and the (n - k)-dimensional cells of T(F). The bounded cells of T(F) corresponds to the interior cells of S.



When the point configuration is a Cayley embedding, there is a factorization of the tropical polynomial of the mixed subdivision corresponding to S via the Cayley trick and we obtain an arrangement of tropical hypersurfaces.

Theorem (GMPTY, '22)

The s-permutahedron can be realized as the bounded cells of an arrangement of tropical hypersurfaces.

We have explicit coordinates for the vertices and all the faces!





Thank you for your attention !

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