

FINITENESS OF FUNDAMENTAL GROUP OF COMPACT CONVEX INTEGRAL POLYHEDRA

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§1. Introduction and statement of the result.

Let Δ_i , $i=1, \dots, k$, be given compact convex integral polyhedra in \mathbf{R}^m . We consider the following integer “combinatorial connectivity” $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ which is defined in [Ok6] by

$$\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = \min \left\{ \dim \left(\sum_{i \in I} \Delta_i \right) - |I| ; I \subset \{1, \dots, k\}, I \neq \emptyset \right\}.$$

We assume that $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 0$. For any integral covector P , we consider the restriction $P|_{\Delta_i}$ to Δ_i of the corresponding linear function associated with P . Let $\Delta(P; \Delta_i)$ be the face where $P|_{\Delta_i}$ takes its minimal value ([Ok5, 6]). We denote the lattice of the integral covectors by N . We define the subgroup $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ of N by

$$K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = \langle P \in N ; \alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_k)) \geq 0 \rangle.$$

Here $\langle P \in N ; P \in S \rangle$ is the subgroup of N which is generated by the covectors P in S . We also define $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) := N/K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$. We call $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ (respectively $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$) the *boundary lattice group* (resp. the *fundamental group*) of the k -ple of polyhedra $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$. The purpose of this paper is to prove:

MAIN THEOREM (1.1). *The boundary lattice group $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ has rank m if and only if $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 1$.*

The geometric interpretation is as follows. Let $h_1(\mathbf{u}), \dots, h_k(\mathbf{u})$ be Laurent polynomials such that the respective Newton polygon $\Delta(h_i)$ is equal to Δ_i , for $i=1, \dots, k$. Let us consider the variety:

$$Z^* = \{ \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}^{*m} ; h_1(\mathbf{u}) = \dots = h_k(\mathbf{u}) = 0 \}.$$

We can choose the coefficients of h_1, \dots, h_k so that Z^* is a non-degenerate complete intersection variety in the sense of [Kh1, 2, Ok4, 5]. See §4 for the existence of such Laurent polynomials $h_1(\mathbf{u}), \dots, h_k(\mathbf{u})$. Z^* is non-empty if and

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only if $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 0$ ([Ok4]). Let Σ^* be a regular simplicial cone subdivision of the dual Newton diagram $\Gamma^*(h_1, \dots, h_k) = \Gamma^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ and let X be the associated toric compactification of the ambient torus C^{*m} . Let \tilde{Z} be the compactification (=closure) of Z^* in X . Recall that for each vertex P of Σ^* , there exists a corresponding rational divisor $\hat{E}(P)$ of X so that X has the toric stratification

$$X = C^{*m} \coprod_{\text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_s) \in \Sigma^*} \hat{E}(P_1, \dots, P_s)^*$$

where $\hat{E}(P_1, \dots, P_s)^* = \bigcap_{i=1}^s \hat{E}(P_i) - \bigcup_{P \neq P_1, \dots, P_s} E(P)$. Let $E(P) = \hat{E}(P) \cap \tilde{Z}$. Note that $E(P)$ is non-empty if and only if $\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_k)) \geq 0$ (Proposition (5.4), [Ok4]). We will see in §2 that the above subgroup $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ is generated by those $P \in \text{Vertex}(\Sigma^*)$ such that $E(P) \neq \emptyset$ (Assertion (2.4), §2).

Let G be a finite abelian group. We denote by $\rho(G)$ the minimal number of generators of G . We say that Z^* is *full* if $\dim \Delta_i = m$ for each $i = 1, \dots, k$. By Lemma (4.1) and Theorem (4.2) of [Ok5], we have:

THEOREM (1.2). (1) *Assume that $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 0$. Then the fundamental group $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ is generated by at most k elements. That is, $\rho(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \leq k$.*

(2) *If $\pi_1(Z^*) \rightarrow \pi_1(C^{*m})$ is isomorphic, $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ is isomorphic to the fundamental group $\pi_1(\tilde{Z})$. In particular, this is the case if Z^* is full and $m - k \geq 2$.*

In [Ok6], we have generalized the second assertion for a non-degenerate complete intersection variety with $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 2$ which satisfies the monotone support condition:

$$(Mn) \quad \dim \left(\sum_{i=1}^j \Delta_i \right) = \dim \Delta_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Note that any full non-degenerate complete intersection variety with $m - k \geq 2$ satisfies the monotone support condition. As an immediate corollary of Theorem (1.1) and Theorem (1.2), we obtain the following.

THEOREM (1.3). (1) *Assume that $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 1$. Then the fundamental group $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ is a finite abelian group with $\rho(\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)) \leq k$.*

(2) *Assume that Z^* satisfies the monotone support condition and $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 2$. Then the fundamental group $\pi_1(\tilde{Z})$ is a finite abelian group and $\rho(\pi_1(\tilde{Z})) \leq k$.*

The finiteness for the case $k = 1$ has been proved by [Ok1] and the assertion for the general case has been conjectured in [Ok5, 6]. In §3, we will construct an algebraic surface whose fundamental group is isomorphic to an arbitrarily given finite abelian group.

§ 2. The proof of Main Theorem (1.1).

We first recall the construction of X ([K-K-M-S], [Kh1], [Dn2], [Eh], [Od1, 2], [Ok4, 5]). Let $A=(a_{i,j})\in GL(m, \mathbf{Z})$ with $\det A=\pm 1$. We associate to A a birational morphism

$$\phi_A: \mathbf{C}^{*m} \longrightarrow \mathbf{C}^{*m}$$

which is defined by $\phi_A(z)=(z_1^{a_{1,1}} \cdots z_m^{a_{1,m}}, \dots, z_1^{a_{m,1}} \cdots z_m^{a_{m,m}})$. The morphism ϕ_A satisfies the property: $\phi_A \circ \phi_B = \phi_{AB}$. In particular, $(\phi_A)^{-1} = \phi_{A^{-1}}$. Assume that $a_{i,j_0} \geq 0, i=1, \dots, m$ for some j_0 . Then ϕ_A extends to $\mathbf{C}^{*n} \cup \{z; z_{j_0}=0, z_i \neq 0, i \neq j_0\}$.

The dual Newton diagram $\Gamma^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ is the polyhedral cone subdivision of the space of covector which is induced by the equivalence relation: $P \sim Q \Leftrightarrow \Delta(P; \Delta_i) = \Delta(Q; \Delta_i), i=1, \dots, k$. Let Σ^* be a given regular simplicial cone subdivision of the dual Newton diagram $\Gamma^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$. Let \mathcal{M} be the set of m -dimensional simplicial cones in Σ^* . For each $\sigma = \text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_m) \in \mathcal{M}$, let \mathbf{C}_σ^m be the affine space of dimension m with coordinate $\mathbf{y}_\sigma = (y_{\sigma,1}, \dots, y_{\sigma,m})$. Here P_1, \dots, P_m are primitive integral covectors which generate σ and they are called the vertices of σ . Let $P_j = {}^t(p_{1,j}, \dots, p_{n,j})$ for $j=1, \dots, m$. We identify σ with the corresponding unimodular matrix $(P_1, \dots, P_m) = (p_{i,j})$. The original torus \mathbf{C}^{*m} is identified with the maximal torus $\mathbf{C}_\sigma^{*m} := \{\mathbf{y}_\sigma \in \mathbf{C}_\sigma^m; y_{\sigma,i} \neq 0, i=1, \dots, m\}$ of the coordinate space \mathbf{C}_σ^m through the isomorphism $\phi_\sigma: \mathbf{C}_\sigma^{*m} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{*m}$. X is covered by the affine coordinate charts $\{\mathbf{C}_\sigma^m; \sigma \in \mathcal{M}\}$. Let $\sigma = \text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_m), \tau = \text{Cone}(Q_1, \dots, Q_m) \in \mathcal{M}$. We recall the gluing of these coordinate spaces, as we use it later. Two points of the different coordinate spaces $\mathbf{u}_\sigma \in \mathbf{C}_\sigma^m$ and $\mathbf{u}_\tau \in \mathbf{C}_\tau^m$ are identified when and only when the birational map $\phi_{\sigma^{-1}\tau}: \mathbf{C}_\tau^m \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_\sigma^m$ is well-defined on $\mathbf{y}_\tau = \mathbf{u}_\tau \in \mathbf{C}_\tau^m$ and $\mathbf{u}_\sigma = \phi_{\sigma^{-1}\tau}(\mathbf{u}_\tau)$. Let $\sigma^{-1}\tau = (\lambda_{i,j})$. This implies that

$$(2.1) \quad Q_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_{i,j} P_i$$

Thus $\lambda_{i,j} \geq 0$ for each $i=1, \dots, m$ if and only if $Q_j \in \sigma$. This is the case if and only if $Q_j = P_l$ for some l . Changing the ordering of the vertices if necessary, we can assume that $\sigma \cap \tau = \text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_s)$ and $Q_i = P_i, 1 \leq i \leq s$. Then the matrix $\sigma^{-1}\tau$ can be written as

$$\sigma^{-1}\tau = \begin{pmatrix} I_s & A_{1,2} \\ 0 & A_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

where I_s is the $s \times s$ identity matrix and $\phi_{\sigma^{-1}\tau}$ is well defined precisely on $\{\mathbf{y}_\tau \in \mathbf{C}_\tau^m; y_{\tau,i} \neq 0, s+1 \leq i \leq m\}$. Thus applying the same argument for $\tau^{-1}\sigma$, we can see that

$$\phi_{\sigma^{-1}\tau}: \{\mathbf{y}_\tau \in \mathbf{C}_\tau^m; y_{\tau,i} \neq 0, s+1 \leq i \leq m\} \longrightarrow \{\mathbf{y}_\sigma \in \mathbf{C}_\sigma^m; y_{\sigma,i} \neq 0, s+1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

is biholomorphic. In particular,

$$(2.2) \quad C_\sigma^m - C_\tau^m = C_\sigma^m \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=s+1}^m \hat{E}(P_i) \right) = \{ \mathbf{y}_\sigma \in C_\sigma^m ; y_{\sigma, s+1} \cdots y_{\sigma, m} = 0 \}$$

Recall that in the coordinate space C_σ^m , $\hat{E}(P_i)$ and $E(P_i) := \tilde{Z} \cap \hat{E}(P_i)$ are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{E}(P_i) \cap C_\sigma^m &= \{ \mathbf{y}_\sigma \in C_\sigma^m ; y_{\sigma, i} = 0 \} \\ E(P_i) \cap C_\sigma^m &= \{ \mathbf{y}_\sigma \in C_\sigma^m ; y_{\sigma, i} = h_{1, P_i, \sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma) = \cdots = h_{k, P_i, \sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma) = 0 \} \end{aligned}$$

where $h_{\alpha, P_i, \sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma)$ is defined by the equality $h_{\alpha, P_i, \sigma}(\psi_\sigma(\mathbf{y}_\sigma)) = h_{\alpha, P_i, \sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^m y_{\sigma_j}^{d_j(P_j; \Delta_\alpha)}$. Here $d(P_j; \Delta_\alpha)$ is the minimal value of $P_j|_{\Delta_\alpha}$. Note that $\Delta(h_{\alpha, P_i}) = \Delta(P; \Delta_i)$ and $E(P)$ is a non-empty divisor if and only if $\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_k)) \geq 0$ by Proposition (5.4) of [Ok4].

Now we prove Main Theorem (1.1). Assume first that $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = 0$. There exists a non-empty subset $I \subset \{1, \dots, k\}$ so that $\dim(\sum_{i \in I} \Delta_i) - |I| = 0$. Take any integral covector P such that $\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_k)) \geq 0$. Then we must have $\Delta(P; \Delta_i) = \Delta_i$ for any $i \in I$ (Proposition (4.1), §4). This implies that K is orthogonal to the affine subspace generated by $\sum_{i \in I} \Delta_i$. Thus $\text{rank}(K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)) \leq m - |I|$. Now we assume that

$$(2.3) \quad \alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 1.$$

We have to show that $\text{rank}(K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)) = m$. Let \mathcal{CV} be the set of the vertices $P \in \text{Vertex}(\Sigma^*)$ such that $\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_k)) \geq 0$. It is obvious that $\langle P; P \in \mathcal{CV} \rangle \subset K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$.

ASSERTION (2.4). *The boundary lattice group $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ is equal to $\langle P; P \in \mathcal{CV} \rangle$.*

Proof. Assume that P is an integral covector such that $\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_k)) \geq 0$. P is not necessarily a vertex of Σ^* . Let $[P]$ be the closure of the equivalence class of P in $I^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$. It is easy to see that $\dim [P] = m - \dim(\sum_{i=1}^k \Delta(P; \Delta_i))$. Let $r = \dim [P]$. As Σ^* is a regular simplicial subdivision of $I^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$, there exists a simplicial cone $\sigma = \text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_r)$ in Σ^* such that $P_1, \dots, P_r \in [\bar{P}]$ (=the closure of $[P]$). Note that $P_i \in \mathcal{CV}$ for $i=1, \dots, r$ as $\Delta(P_i; \Delta_j) \supset \Delta(P; \Delta_j)$, $j=1, \dots, k$. It is obvious that we can write $P = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i P_i$ for some rational numbers a_1, \dots, a_r . We assert that $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ for $i=1, \dots, r$. Consider a_r for instance. Then the assertion follows from the equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} \ni \det(P_1, \dots, P_{r-1}, P) &= \det(P_1, \dots, P_{r-1}, \sum_{i=1}^r a_i P_i) \\ &= a_r \det(P_1, \dots, P_r) = a_r \end{aligned}$$

Here $\det(P_1, \dots, P_r)$ is the greatest common divisor of the $r \times r$ -minors of $n \times r$ -

matrix (P_1, \dots, P_r) as in § 3 of [Ok1]. Q. E. D.

Let $r = \text{rank}(K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k))$ and assume that $r \leq m - 1$. We will show that this gives a contradiction. Let $K_R = K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \otimes \mathbf{R}$ be the linear subspace of the real vector space of covectors $N_R = N \otimes \mathbf{R}$. Taking a regular subdivision if necessary, we may assume that the restriction of Σ^* to K_R is also a regular simplicial cone subdivision of K_R (§ 3, [Ok1]). We consider the subset \mathcal{M}' of coordinate charts \mathcal{M} which is defined by:

$$\tau = \text{Cone}(Q_1, \dots, Q_m) \in \mathcal{M}' \iff Q_i \in K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k), \quad 1 \leq i \leq r.$$

ASSERTION (2.5). *The subfamily $\{C_\sigma^m; \sigma \in \mathcal{M}'\}$ is a covering of \tilde{Z} .*

Proof. Take an arbitrary point $p \in \tilde{Z} \cap C_\sigma^m$ where $\sigma = \text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_m)$. Changing the ordering if necessary, we may assume that p corresponds to $(0, \dots, 0, \alpha_{t+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)$ with $\alpha_i \neq 0, t+1 \leq i \leq m$, in this coordinate chart. This implies that $P_j \in \mathcal{C}^V$ for $j \leq t$. In particular $t \leq r$. If $t = r, \sigma \in \mathcal{M}'$. Assume that $t < r$. We can find a simplicial cone $\tau = \text{Cone}(Q_1, \dots, Q_m)$ in \mathcal{M}' such that $Q_j = P_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, t$. Then we see easily that $p \in \tilde{Z} \cap C_\tau^m$ by (2.2). Q. E. D.

Let $\sigma = \text{Cone}(P_1, \dots, P_m)$ be a fixed simplicial cone in \mathcal{M}' . We consider the canonical extension of the coordinate function $y_{\sigma,j}$ for $r+1 \leq j \leq m$. They are rational functions on X . We assert:

LEMMA (2.6). *For any $j, r+1 \leq j \leq m$, the restriction of the rational function $y_{\sigma,j}$ to \tilde{Z} is holomorphic. In particular, it is constant on each connected component of \tilde{Z} .*

Proof. Take a coordinate chart $C_\tau^m, \tau = \text{Cone}(Q_1, \dots, Q_m) \in \mathcal{M}'$, and let $\sigma^{-1}\tau = (\lambda_{i,j})$. Recall that the rational function $y_{\sigma,j}$ is written in the coordinate chart C_τ^m as $y_{\sigma,j} = y_{\tau,1}^{\lambda_{1,j}} \dots y_{\tau,m}^{\lambda_{m,j}}$. By the assumption, both of $\{P_1, \dots, P_r\}$ and $\{Q_1, \dots, Q_r\}$ are the basis of $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$. Therefore the matrix $\sigma^{-1}\tau = (\lambda_{i,j})$ takes the following form:

$$\sigma^{-1}\tau = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ 0 & A_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Namely $\lambda_{i,j} = 0$ for $r+1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq r$. Therefore we have $y_{\sigma,j} = y_{\tau,r+1}^{\lambda_{r+1,j}} \dots y_{\tau,m}^{\lambda_{m,j}}$, for $r+1 \leq j \leq m$. As $\tilde{Z} \cap C_\tau^m \subset \{y_\tau; y_{\tau,i} \neq 0, i = r+1, \dots, m\}$, the above expression implies that $y_{\sigma,j}$ is a holomorphic function on $\tilde{Z} \cap C_\tau^m$. As \tilde{Z} is a compact complex manifold, the second assertion follows immediately. Q. E. D.

Now we are ready to finish the proof of Theorem (1.1). We assume that $r < m$. (Recall that $r = \text{rank}(K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k))$.) By Assertion (2.6), the restriction $y_{\sigma,m}|_{\tilde{Z}}$ is constant on each connected component of \tilde{Z} . Let $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_i\}$ be the values of $y_{\sigma,m}|_{\tilde{Z}}$. Let $h_{\sigma,k+1}(y_\sigma) := y_{\sigma,m} - \delta$ for $\delta \in C$. We can choose δ so that

$\delta \neq \delta_1, \dots, \delta_l$ and the subvariety of Z^*

$$V^* := \{ \mathbf{y}_\sigma \in C_\sigma^{*m}; h_{1,\sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma) = \dots = h_{k,\sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma) = h_{k+1,\sigma}(\mathbf{y}_\sigma) = 0 \}$$

is a non-degenerate complete intersection variety. See the Appendix in §4 for the existence of such a δ . By the assumption $\delta \neq \delta_1, \dots, \delta_l$, V^* is empty. Let $\Delta'_i = \Delta(h_{i,\sigma})$ for $i=1, \dots, k+1$. The assumption (2.3) implies that $\alpha(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_k) \geq 1$. We assert that $\alpha(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_{k+1}) \geq 0$. In fact, for any subset $I \subset \{1, \dots, k+1\}$, we have

$$\dim \left(\sum_{i \in I} \Delta'_i \right) - |I| \begin{cases} \geq 1 & \text{if } k+1 \notin I \\ \geq 0 & \text{if } k+1 \in I, |I| \geq 2 \\ = 0 & \text{if } I = \{k+1\}. \end{cases}$$

Thus again by Proposition (5.4) in [Ok4], V^* is non-empty. This is a contradiction to the emptiness $V^* = \emptyset$. This completes the proof of Theorem (1.1).

§ 3. Construction of an algebraic surface with a given fundamental group.

In this section, we will construct an algebraic surface which has an arbitrary given fundamental group. We first give several basic properties of the boundary lattice group $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ and the fundamental group $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$.

(3.1) Let $\Delta_i, \Delta'_i, i=1, \dots, k$, be compact convex integral polyhedra. We say that $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$ and $\{\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_k\}$ are similar if there exist integral vectors A_1, \dots, A_k and positive rational numbers r_1, \dots, r_k so that $\Delta'_i = r_i \Delta_i + A_i, i=1, \dots, k$, and we write $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\} \overset{s}{\sim} \{\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_k\}$. Assume that $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\} \overset{s}{\sim} \{\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_k\}$. Then it is immediate from the definition that

$$(3.1.1) \quad K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = K(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_k), \quad \Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = \Pi_1(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_k)$$

(3.2) There is a canonical action of the unimodular matrices $SL(m; \mathbf{Z})$ to the set of compact convex integral polyhedra. Let ξ be a unimodular matrix and let Δ be a compact convex integral polyhedron. We denote the image of Δ by the action of ξ by Δ^ξ . Then we have canonical isomorphisms which are induced by the equality $\Delta(\xi P; \Delta) = \Delta(P; \Delta^\xi)$

$$(3.2.1) \quad K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \cong K(\Delta_1^\xi, \dots, \Delta_k^\xi), \quad \Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \cong \Pi_1(\Delta_1^\xi, \dots, \Delta_k^\xi),$$

$$\xi \in SL(m; \mathbf{Z})$$

(3.3) Let $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ be a subset of $\{1, \dots, k\}$. Then we have the canonical inclusion: $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \subset K(\Delta_{i_1}, \dots, \Delta_{i_s})$. This gives the canonical surjective homomorphism:

$$(3.3.1) \quad \Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \longrightarrow \Pi_1(\Delta_{i_1}, \dots, \Delta_{i_s}) \longrightarrow 0$$

(3.4) Let us consider the case: $\Delta_1 = \dots = \Delta_k = \Delta$. The corresponding variety is called a strictly similar complete intersection variety ([Ok5, 6]). By the definition, $K(\Delta, \dots, \Delta)$ is generated by the $(m-k)$ -skeleton of the dual Newton diagram $\Gamma^*(\Delta)$. Thus the calculation of $K(\Delta, \dots, \Delta)$ and $\Pi_1(\Delta, \dots, \Delta)$ is easy.

Let G be an arbitrary finite abelian group. Now we construct an algebraic surface M such that $\pi_1(M) \cong G$.

Example (3.5). We first consider the case $\rho(G)=1$. Then we can write $G \cong \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$. We consider the algebraic surface \tilde{M}_n which is the compactification of

$$M_n^* = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{C}^{*3}; h(x, y, z) = x^{6n}z^3 + y^{2n}z^2 + z + 1 = 0\}$$

and let $\Delta_n := \Delta(h)$. The dual Newton diagram is generated by four vertices:

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2n \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -6n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus $K(\Delta_n)$ is generated by integral covectors in $\text{Cone}(P_i, P_j)$, $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$. Let $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$ be the subgroup which is generated by the integral covectors in $\text{Cone}(P_i, P_j)$. Note that $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$ is generated by P_i and P_j if and only if $\det(P_i, P_j) = 1$. Otherwise $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_i, T \rangle$ where T is an integral covector $T \in \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j)$ such that $\det(P_i, T) = 1$. See the proof of Assertion (2.4). In our case, $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_i, P_j \rangle$ for $(i, j) = (1, 2), (2, 3)$. As $\det(P_1, P_3) = 2$, $\det(P_1, P_4) = 3$ and $\det(P_2, P_4) = 2$, $\langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_3) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, T \rangle$, $\langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_4) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, S \rangle$ and $\langle \text{Cone}(P_2, P_4) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_2, R \rangle$ where

$$T := (P_1 + P_3)/2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ n \end{pmatrix}, \quad S := (P_4 + P_1)/3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2n \end{pmatrix}, \quad R := (P_4 + P_2)/2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus $K(\Delta_n)$ is generated by covectors P_1, \dots, P_4, T, S, R and we can easily see that

$$K(\Delta_n) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ cn \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z} \right\}, \quad \Pi_1(\Delta_n) = \pi_1(\tilde{M}_n) = \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$$

Remark (3.6). To construct an explicit algebraic surface with fundamental group $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$ whose topological Euler characteristic or geometric genus is as small as possible, the above example is not the best for n relatively coprime to 6. Let

$$N_n^* = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{C}^{*3}; x^n z^3 + y^n z^2 + z + 1\}.$$

Then we have $\pi_1(\tilde{N}_n) = \mathbf{z}/n'\mathbf{Z}$ where $n' = n/\text{gcd}(n, 6)$. This series contains many interesting surfaces. For example, \tilde{N}_4 is called an Enriques surface and

$\pi_1(\tilde{N}_4) = \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$. \tilde{N}_5 has the fundamental group $\mathbf{Z}/5\mathbf{Z}$ and it is called a Godeaux surface. We have studied these cases in [Ok3, Ok2].

Example (3.7). Let l, n be a given positive integer. We consider the case that $G \cong \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/nl\mathbf{Z}$. We consider a strictly similar non-degenerate complete intersection variety $M_{n,l}^* = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}^{*4}; h_1(\mathbf{u}) = h_2(\mathbf{u}) = 0\}$ whose dual Newton diagram is generated by five vertices:

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ n \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -2n \\ 2ln \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3n \\ -6ln \end{pmatrix}.$$

For example, we can take

$$h_i(\mathbf{u}) = a_{i,1}u_1^{4ln}u_3^{4l}u_4^4 + a_{i,2}u_2^{4ln}u_3^{4l}u_4^4 + a_{i,3}u_3^{4ln}u_4^4 + a_{i,4}u_4^4 + 1, \quad i=1, 2.$$

Let $\Delta_{n,i} = \Delta(h_i(\mathbf{u}))$. As $\det(P_1, P_4) = 2$, $\det(P_1, P_5) = 3$ and $\det(P_3, P_5) = 2$, we have $\langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_4) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, T \rangle$, $\langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_5) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, S_1 \rangle$ and $\langle \text{Cone}(P_3, P_5) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_3, R \rangle$ where $T = (P_1 + P_4)/2 = {}^t(0, -1, -n, ln)$, $S = (P_5 + 2P_1)/3 = {}^t(1, 1, n, -2ln)$ and $R = (P_5 + P_3)/2 = {}^t(0, 1, 2n, -3ln)$. Thus $K(\Delta_{n,i}, \Delta_{n,i})$ is generated by those vertices and we have

$$K(\Delta_{n,i}, \Delta_{n,i}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ cn \\ dln \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z} \right\},$$

$$\Pi_1(\Delta_{n,i}, \Delta_{n,i}) = \pi_1(\tilde{M}_{n,i}) = \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/ln\mathbf{Z}.$$

Now we consider $K(\Delta_{n,i})$. As $K(\Delta_{n,i})$ is generated by 3-skeleton of $\Gamma^*(\Delta_{n,i})$, we have to add $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j, P_k) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$ to $K(\Delta_{n,i}, \Delta_{n,i})$. First we have $E_3 := (P_1 + P_2 + P_3)/n = {}^t(0, 0, 1, 0) \in \text{Cone}(P_1, P_2, P_3)$. Secondly $-E_4 := (P_1 + 3P_4 + 2P_5)/6ln = {}^t(0, 0, 0, -1)$. Thus we have $K(\Delta_{n,i}) = N$ and $\Pi_1(\Delta_{n,i}) = 0$.

Example (3.8). Let n, m, l be given positive integers and assume that $G \cong \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/nm\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/nml\mathbf{Z}$. We consider an algebraic surface $\tilde{M}_{n,m,l}$ which is the compactification of the non-degenerate complete intersection variety

$$M_{n,m,l}^* = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}^{*6}; h_1(\mathbf{u}) = h_2(\mathbf{u}) = h_3(\mathbf{u}) = 0\}$$

whose dual Newton diagram is generated by six vertices

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ n \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -2n \\ 2nm \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ -3n \\ -6nm \\ 6nml \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 8n \\ 12nm \\ -24nml \end{pmatrix}.$$

For example, we can take

$$h_i(\mathbf{u}) = a_{i,1}(u_1^n u_3)^{288ml} u_4^{432l} u_5^{624} + a_{i,2}(u_2^n u_3)^{200ml} u_4^{400l} u_5^{600} \\ + a_{i,3}(u_3^m u_4)^{450l} u_5^{675} + a_{i,4}(u_4^l u_5)^{600} + a_{i,5} u_5^{300} + 1, \quad i=1, 2, 3.$$

Let $\Delta = \Delta(h_i)$. As $\det(P_1, P_4) = 2$, $\det(P_1, P_5) = 3$, $\det(P_1, P_6) = 4$, $\det(P_3, P_5) = 2$, $\det(P_3, P_6) = 3$ and $\det(P_4, P_6) = 2$, we have

$$\langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_4) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, P_{1,4} \rangle, \quad \langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_5) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, P_{1,5} \rangle, \\ \langle \text{Cone}(P_1, P_6) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_1, P_{1,6} \rangle, \quad \langle \text{Cone}(P_3, P_5) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_3, P_{3,5} \rangle, \\ \langle \text{Cone}(P_3, P_6) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_3, P_{3,6} \rangle, \quad \langle \text{Cone}(P_4, P_6) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_4, P_{4,6} \rangle$$

and $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}} = \langle P_i, P_j \rangle$ for other (i, j) as $\det(P_i, P_j) = 1$. Here $P_{1,4}, \dots, P_{4,6}$ are defined by

$$P_{1,4} = (P_1 + P_4)/2 = {}^t(0, -1, -n, nm, 0) \\ P_{1,5} = (P_1 + P_5)/3 = {}^t(0, -1, -n, -2nm, 2nml) \\ P_{1,6} = (3P_1 + P_6)/4 = {}^t(1, 1, 2n, 3nm, -6nml) \\ P_{3,5} = (P_3 + P_5)/2 = {}^t(-1, -2, -n, -3nm, 3nml) \\ P_{3,6} = (P_3 + P_6)/3 = {}^t(0, 1, 3n, 4nm, -8nml) \\ P_{4,6} = (P_4 + P_6)/2 = {}^t(0, 1, 3n, 7nm, -12nml).$$

Thus we can easily conclude that

$$K(\Delta, \Delta, \Delta) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ cn \\ dnm \\ enml \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbf{Z} \right\} \text{ and}$$

$$\Pi_1(\Delta, \Delta, \Delta) = \pi_1(\tilde{M}_{n,m,l}) = \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/nm\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/nml\mathbf{Z}.$$

Now we consider $K(\Delta, \Delta)$ and $K(\Delta)$. As generators of $K(\Delta, \Delta)$ (respectively of $K(\Delta)$) we need to add $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j, P_k) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$ (resp. $\langle \text{Cone}(P_i, P_j, P_k, P_l) \rangle_{\mathbf{Z}}$). For

brevity, we assume that $m \not\equiv 0$ modulo 2, 3 and $l \not\equiv 0$ modulo 3. In addition to the generators of $K(\Delta, \Delta, \Delta)$, we have the following in $K(\Delta, \Delta)$:

$$P_{1,2,3} := {}^t(0, 0, 1, 0, 0) = (P_1 + P_2 + P_3)/n$$

$$P_{1,3,4} := {}^t(0, -1, -2+n, m, 0) = (P_4 + (2n-2)P_3 + (2n-1)P_1)/2n$$

$$P_{3,4,6} := {}^t(-1, -1, n, 3, -4l) = (P_6 + 3P_4 + (6nm-2)P_3)/6nm$$

$$P_{1,3,5} := {}^t(0, -1, -1+n, -m, ml) = (P_5 + (6n-3)P_3 + (6n-2)P_1)/6n$$

$$P_{1,4,5} := {}^t(0, -1, n, -3+nm, 2l) = (P_5 + (3nm-3)P_{1,4} + P_1)/3nm$$

and the following is also contained in $K(\Delta)$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^t(0, -1, n, 0, -1) &= (P_6 + (12nml - 12n + 4)P_3 \\ &\quad + (12nml - 12n + 3)P_1 + 12nP_{1,3,5})/12nml. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\Pi_1(\Delta, \Delta) = \mathbf{Z}/l\mathbf{Z}$ and $\Pi_1(\Delta) = 0$. We leave the details for the calculation of this assertion to the reader.

Example (3.9). A polynomial $h(\mathbf{u})$ is called *strongly full* if for any subset $I \subset \{1, \dots, k\}$, the restriction $h^I := h|_{\mathcal{C}^I}$ is not constantly zero and $\dim(\Delta(h^I)) = |I|$ ([Ok6]). We also call $\Delta(h)$ a *strongly full polyhedron*. Assume that $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k$ are *strongly full* and $m-k \geq 2$. Then it is easy to see that $E_i := {}^t(0, \dots, \overset{\circ}{1}, \dots, 0)$ is in $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ for any $i=1, \dots, m$. Therefore we have that $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = N$ and $\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) = 0$. In particular, any non-degenerate *strongly full complete intersection variety* of dimension $m-k \geq 2$ is always simply-connected. The simply connectedness of a smooth complete intersection variety, with dimension greater than 1, in the projective space \mathbf{P}^n can be reduced to this criterion.

General Case (3.10). Let n_1, \dots, n_s be given positive integers. We will construct an algebraic surface whose fundamental group is isomorphic to $\mathbf{Z}/n_1\mathbf{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/n_s\mathbf{Z}$. Probably we can construct such a surface as a *strongly similar non-degenerate complete intersection variety* as we have constructed in the case of $s \leq 3$ in Example (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8). However to give a uniform series at a time seems fairly complicated as is already the case in Example (3.8). We propose a slightly different point of view. We start from the product variety of dimension $2s$

$$W^* = M_{n_1}^* \times \dots \times M_{n_s}^* = \{(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_s) \in \mathbf{C}^{*3s}; h_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = 0, i=1, \dots, s\}$$

where $\mathbf{u}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ and $h_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = x_i^{6n_i} z_i^3 + y_i^{2n_i} z_i^2 + z_i + 1$. The surface $M_{n_i}^* = \{\mathbf{u}_i \in \mathbf{C}^{*3}; h_i(\mathbf{u}_i) = 0\}$ is studied in Example (3.6). The surfaces \tilde{N}_n in Remark (3.6) can be equally used for the following construction. Let $\Delta_i = \Delta(h_i)$. It is

easy to see that

$$K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s) = K_s(\Delta_1) \times \dots \times K_s(\Delta_s), \quad \Gamma^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s) = \Gamma_3^*(\Delta_1) \times \dots \times \Gamma_3^*(\Delta_s)$$

where $K_s(\Delta_i)$ and $\Gamma_3^*(\Delta_i)$ are the boundary lattice group and the dual Newton diagram of Δ_i as a polyhedron in \mathbf{R}^3 . Taking the product compactification $X = X_1 \times \dots \times X_s$ associated with a product regular simplicial cone subdivision $\Sigma^* = \Sigma_1 \times \dots \times \Sigma_s$ of $\Gamma_3^*(\Delta_1) \times \dots \times \Gamma_3^*(\Delta_s)$, we can see that the compactification \tilde{W} of W^* is nothing but the product $\tilde{M}_{n_1} \times \dots \times \tilde{M}_{n_s}$. Therefore

$$(3.10.1) \quad \pi_1(\tilde{W}) = \Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s) = \mathbf{Z}/n_1\mathbf{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/n_s\mathbf{Z}.$$

Let $\mathcal{E} = \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_s$. Note that $\mathcal{E} = \Delta_1 \times \dots \times \Delta_s$ if we consider $\Delta_i \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ and that $\dim \mathcal{E} = 3s$. Now we consider the following non-degenerate complete intersection variety of dimension 2 (= a surface) which is given as an iterated admissible hypersurface section of W^* in the sense of [Ok6]:

$$M^* = \{ \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}^{*3s}; k_j(\mathbf{u}) = 0, j = 1, \dots, 3s-2 \}$$

where $k_j(\mathbf{u}) = h_j(\mathbf{u}_j)$ for $j = 1, \dots, s$ and $\{k_{s+1}(\mathbf{u}), \dots, k_{3s-2}(\mathbf{u})\}$ are generic polynomials with $\Delta(k_j) = \mathcal{E}$, for $j, s+1 \leq j \leq 3s-2$. Let \tilde{M} be the corresponding compactification. The following lemma and Theorem (1.2) implies that $\pi_1(\tilde{M}) = \mathbf{z}/n_1\mathbf{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/n_s\mathbf{Z}$. Thus \tilde{M} is a surface which we are looking for.

LEMMA (3.11). *We have $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s, \mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E}) = K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s)$. (Here there are $(2s-2)$ -copies of \mathcal{E} in the left side.) Therefore*

$$\Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s, \mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E}) = \Pi_1(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s) = \mathbf{Z}/n_1\mathbf{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/n_s\mathbf{Z}.$$

Proof. We have seen that $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s, \mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E}) \subset K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s)$ in (3.3). We have to show the opposite inclusion. Let N_i be the lattice of covectors corresponding to the variable \mathbf{u}_i and let $p_i: N \rightarrow N_i$ be the canonical projection and let $\iota_i: N_i \rightarrow N$ be the canonical inclusion. Then $\phi: N \rightarrow N_1 \oplus \dots \oplus N_s$ is an isomorphism where $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^s p_i$ and $\phi^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^s \iota_i$. Let $P \in N$ and let $P_i = p_i(P)$. Then we have that

$$\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_s)) \geq 0 \iff \dim(\Delta(P_i; \Delta_i)) \geq 1.$$

Assume that $P \in N$ satisfies $\alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_s)) \geq 0$. Let $P_i \in N_i$ be as above and let $P'_i = \iota_i(P_i) \in N$. Note that $p_j(P'_i) = 0$ for $j \neq i$ and $p_i(P'_i) = P_i$. Thus it is easy to see that

$$\Delta(P'_i; \Delta_j) = \begin{cases} \Delta_j, & j \neq i \\ \Delta(P_i; \Delta_i), & j = i \end{cases} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\Delta(P'_i; \mathcal{E}) = \Delta(P_i; \Delta_i) + \sum_{j \neq i} \Delta_j.$$

Thus $\dim \Delta(P'_i; \mathcal{E}) \geq 3s-2$ and it is easy to see that

$$\alpha(\Delta(P'_i; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P'_i; \Delta_s), \Delta(P'_i; \mathcal{E}), \dots, \Delta(P'_i; \mathcal{E})) \geq 0.$$

This implies that $P'_i \in K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s, \mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E})$. Thus $P = \sum_{i=1}^s P'_i$ is also contained in $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s, \mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E})$. As $\{P \in N; \alpha(\Delta(P; \Delta_1), \dots, \Delta(P; \Delta_s)) \geq 0\}$ generate the boundary lattice group $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s)$, this shows the opposite inclusion: $K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s) \subset K(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_s, \mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E})$. This completes the proof.

§ 4. Appendix.

We consider arbitrary integral convex polyhedra $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k$ in \mathbf{R}^m . An integral point A of a convex polyhedron Δ is called a *vertex* of Δ if A is not on any face of Δ of dimension greater than 0. Let $\{A_{i,1}, \dots, A_{i,e_i}\}$ be the vertices of Δ_i and let $\{A_{i,e_i+1}, \dots, A_{i,d_i}\}$ be the other integral points of Δ_i for $i=1, \dots, k$. Put

$$h_i(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_i) = h_{i,\mathbf{t}_i}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{j=1}^{d_i} t_{i,j} \mathbf{u}^{A_{i,j}}$$

where $\mathbf{t}_i = (t_{i,1}, \dots, t_{i,d_i})$. For each $\mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_k) \in C^{d_1 + \dots + d_k}$, we define

$$Z_i^* = \{\mathbf{u} \in C^{*m}; h_i(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_i) = \dots = h_k(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_k) = 0\}$$

$$W_i^* = \{\mathbf{u} \in C^{*m}; h_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_1) = \dots = h_{k-1}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_{k-1}) = 0\}.$$

Let us consider the subset $\mathcal{U} := \mathcal{U}(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ of the parameter space $C^{d_1} \times \dots \times C^{d_k}$ which is defined by $\mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_k) \in \mathcal{U}$ if and only if

(1) (Stability of Newton Polyhedra) $\Delta(h_{i,\mathbf{t}_i}) = \Delta_i$, $i=1, \dots, k$ and

(2) (Non-degeneracy) Z_i^* is a non-degenerate complete intersection variety.

(1) is equivalent to $t_{i,j} \neq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq e_i$, $1 \leq i \leq k$. Let P be an integral covector. We say that P is *trivial* on $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$ if $\Delta(P; \Delta_i) = \Delta_i$ for each $i=1, \dots, k$. In other words, P is trivial on $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$ if and only if P is a constant function on $\Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_k$. Thus

PROPOSITION (4.1). *If P is non-trivial on $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$, we have the inequality:*

$$\dim \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \Delta(P; \Delta_i) \right) < \dim \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \Delta_i \right).$$

This is obvious from the general equality: $\sum_{i=1}^k \Delta(P; \Delta_i) = \Delta(P; \sum_{i=1}^k \Delta_i)$. For a non-trivial integral covector P , we define

$$Z_i^*(P) := \{\mathbf{u} \in C^{*m}; h_{1,P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_1) = \dots = h_{k,P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_k) = 0\}$$

where $h_{i,P}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_i) = \sum_{A_{i,j} \in \Delta(P; \Delta_i)} t_{i,j} \mathbf{u}^{A_{i,j}}$.

Let $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k)$ be a fixed parameter which satisfies the stability condition (1) and take and fix an l , $1 \leq l \leq d_k$. Put $\mathbf{t}(\tau) = (\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{k-1}, \mathbf{a}_k(\tau))$ and $\mathbf{a}_k(\tau) = (a_{k,1}, \dots, a_{k,l+\tau}, \dots, a_{k,d_k})$. We consider the line in the parameter space

$L_l(\mathbf{a})$ which is defined by $L_l(\mathbf{a}) = \{\mathbf{t}(\tau); \tau \in C\}$.

THEOREM (4.2). *Assume that we have chosen the coefficients $\mathbf{t}_i = \mathbf{a}_i = (a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,d_i})$ of h_i for $i=1, \dots, k$ so that $W_{\mathbf{a}}^*$ and $Z_{\mathbf{a}}^*(P)$ are non-degenerate complete intersection varieties for any non-trivial covector P on $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$. Then for any fixed $l, 1 \leq l \leq d_k, L_l(\mathbf{a}) - \mathcal{U} \cap L_l(\mathbf{a})$ is a finite set where $L_l(\mathbf{a})$ is the complex line as above.*

COROLLARY (4.2.1). *\mathcal{U} is a non-empty Zariski open set.*

Proof of Theorem (4.2). Let $m' = \dim(\sum_{i=1}^k \Delta_i)$. By a change of Laurent coordinates if necessary, we can assume that $m = m'$. We fix a regular simplicial cone subdivision Σ^* of $\Gamma^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ and let X be the corresponding compactification of the torus C^{*m} . As we have assumed $m = m'$, P is non-trivial for $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k\}$ if and only if P is a non-zero covector. Assume that the coefficients $\{t_{i,j} = a_{i,j}; 1 \leq j \leq d_i, 1 \leq i \leq k\}$ are given so that $W_{\mathbf{a}}^*$ and $Z_{\mathbf{a}}^*(P)$ are non-degenerate complete intersection varieties for any non-zero covector. We take an arbitrary $l, 1 \leq l \leq d_k$, and we consider the one-dimensional family $\{\tilde{Z}_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}; \tau \in C\}$ of the divisors in $\tilde{W}_{\mathbf{a}}$. Recall that

$$(4.2.2) \quad \tilde{Z}_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)} - Z_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}^* = \bigcup_{P \in \text{Vertex}(\Sigma^*)} E_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}(P)$$

where $E_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}(P) := \hat{E}(P) \cap \tilde{Z}_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}$. The base point locus of this family is the union of the divisors $E_{\mathbf{a}}(P)$ such that $A_{k,l} \notin \Delta(P; \Delta_k)$. The assumption that $Z_{\mathbf{a}}^*(P)$ is non-degenerate implies that $E_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}(P) = E_{\mathbf{a}}(P)$ is also non-singular for any vertex $P \in \text{Vertex}(\Sigma^*)$. Applying Bertini's theorem ([G-H]) or Curve Selection Lemma ([M]), we conclude that $\{\tilde{Z}_{\mathbf{t}(\tau)}^*\}$ are smooth except a finite number of exceptions $\tau = \tau_1, \dots, \tau_{\mu}$. Q. E. D.

Proof of Corollary (4.2.1). By a change of Laurent coordinates if necessary, we can assume that $m = m'$. Let $\pi: C^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times C^{d_k-1} \rightarrow P^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times P^{d_k-1}$ be the canonical projection and let $\bar{\mathcal{U}} = \pi(\mathcal{U})$. As $\mathcal{U} = \pi^{-1}(\bar{\mathcal{U}})$, it suffices to show that $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$ is a non-empty Zariski open set. Let

$$\mathcal{Z}^* = \{(\mathbf{u}, \pi(\mathbf{t})) \in C^{*m} \times (P^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times P^{d_k-1}); h_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_1) = \dots = h_k(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{t}_k) = 0\}.$$

We fix a regular simplicial cone subdivision Σ^* of $\Gamma^*(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k)$ and let X be the corresponding compactification of the torus C^{*m} . Let $\mathcal{X} = X \times P^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times P^{d_k-1}$ and let $p: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow P^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times P^{d_k-1}$ be the projection. Let \mathcal{Z} be the compactification (=closure in \mathcal{X}) of \mathcal{Z}^* in \mathcal{X} . For each vertex P , let $\hat{E}(P) = \hat{E}(P) \times P^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times P^{d_k-1}$ and let $\mathcal{E}(P) = \tilde{\mathcal{Z}} \cap \hat{E}(P)$. Let $S(P)$ be the set of singular points of $\mathcal{E}(P)$ as a complete intersection variety in $\hat{E}(P)$ and let S be the union $\bigcup_{P \in \text{Vertex}(\Sigma^*)} S(P)$. Let $D = p(S)$ and $D' = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \bigcup_{j=1}^{d_i} \{t_{i,j} = 0\}$. By the proper mapping theorem ([Re]), $p(\mathcal{Z})$ and D are analytic subsets of $P^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times P^{d_k-1}$. Thus they are also algebraic by Chow's theorem. If $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) < 0$ and Z^*

is non-degenerate, $Z^*(P) = \emptyset$ for any covector P . Thus $\mathcal{U} = \mathbf{P}^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times \mathbf{P}^{d_k-1} - p(\tilde{\mathcal{Z}})$. If $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 0$ and Z^* is non-degenerate, $Z^* \neq \emptyset$ (Proposition (5.4), [Ok4]). Therefore $\mathcal{U} = p(\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}) - (D \cup D')$. Assume that $\mathcal{U} \neq \emptyset$. Then the transversality argument shows that \mathcal{U} is an open set in the strong topology. Thus if $\mathcal{U} \neq \emptyset$ and $\alpha(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k) \geq 0$, $p(\mathcal{Z}) = \mathbf{P}^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times \mathbf{P}^{d_k-1}$ as $\mathbf{P}^{d_1-1} \times \dots \times \mathbf{P}^{d_k-1}$ is irreducible. Thus in any case \mathcal{U} is a Zariski open set. Therefore it suffices to show that $\mathcal{U} \neq \emptyset$. Now the non-emptiness $\mathcal{U} \neq \emptyset$ follows easily from Theorem (4.2) using the induction on k and m' .

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