

Displacing Lagrangian toric fibers by extended probes

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In this paper we introduce a new way of displacing Lagrangian fibers in toric symplectic manifolds, a generalization of McDuff's original method of probes. Extended probes are formed by deflecting one probe by another auxiliary probe. Using them, we are able to displace all fibers in Hirzebruch surfaces except those already known to be nondisplaceable, and can also displace an open dense set of fibers in the weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ after resolving the singularities. We also investigate the displaceability question in sectors and their resolutions. There are still many cases in which there is an open set of fibers whose displaceability status is unknown.

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1 Introduction and main results

1.1 Introduction

Let (M, ω) be a connected, but possibly noncompact, symplectic manifold without boundary. A subset $X \subset M$ is said to be *displaceable* if there is a compactly supported Hamiltonian diffeomorphism $\phi \in \text{Ham}(M, \omega)$ such that $\phi(X) \cap \bar{X} = \emptyset$, and if no such ϕ exists, then X is said to be *nondisplaceable*. Ever since Arnold conjectured that certain Lagrangian submanifolds are nondisplaceable, a central theme in symplectic topology has been to determine what subsets are displaceable and what subsets are not.

We will work with symplectic toric manifolds, where a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic manifold (M^{2n}, ω) is *toric* if it is equipped with an effective Hamiltonian action of an n -torus \mathbb{T}^n . Associated to a toric manifold is a moment map

$$\Phi: M^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \Phi(x) = (\Phi_1(x), \dots, \Phi_n(x)),$$

where the Hamiltonian flow of Φ_k generates the action of the k^{th} component circle in \mathbb{T}^n , and if Φ is proper the image of Φ is a polytope $\Delta = \Phi(M)$, called the *moment polytope*. Symplectic toric manifolds come with a natural family of Lagrangian tori, namely for each $u \in \text{Int } \Phi(M)$ the fiber $L_u = \Phi^{-1}(u)$ is a Lagrangian torus and an

orbit of the \mathbb{T}^n -action. In this paper we will restrict ourselves to the study of the displaceability of the Lagrangian toric fibers in symplectic toric manifolds, and will assume unless explicit mention is made to the contrary that the moment map is proper.

Determining which Lagrangian fibers are nondisplaceable involves two complementary tasks: building and computing invariants that obstruct displaceability, and finding general sufficient criteria for when Lagrangian fibers are displaceable. There are now many well-developed Floer-theoretic tools that can be used to prove that certain Lagrangian fibers are nondisplaceable: quasistates from Hamiltonian Floer homology (see Borman [4], Entov and Polterovich [12; 13] and Fukaya, Oh, Ohta and Ono [15]), Lagrangian Floer homology (see Biran and Cornea [2], Cho [8] and Fukaya, Oh, Ohta and Ono [16; 17; 14]) and quasimap Floer homology (see Woodward [25] and Wilson and Woodward [24]). In contrast the only known general method for proving that a Lagrangian fiber is displaceable was introduced by McDuff in [21] and involves the affine geometric notion of a probe in the moment polytope. Chekanov and Schlenk [6] also used this method of displacement in a slightly different context. The method of probes was later reinterpreted by Abreu and Macarini in [1] in terms of symplectic reduction. However the main contribution of that paper was to the other side of the problem in that it allowed one to deduce many nondisplaceability results from a few basic examples.

For very simple examples the method of probes perfectly complements the proven nondisplaceability results. For instance if (M^{2n}, ω, Φ) is closed and monotone with $2n \leq 6$, then the method of probes displaces everything except an identified fiber L_{u_0} [21, Theorem 1.1], and L_{u_0} is known to be nondisplaceable.

However, in general the method of probes does not perfectly complement the proven nondisplaceability results. The simplest such example is a Hirzebruch surface F_{2k+1} for $k \geq 1$, which is the projectivization $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{2k+1} \oplus \mathbb{C})$, where $\mathcal{O}_{2k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ is a line bundle of Chern class $2k + 1$. Here these methods leave a line segment of points with unknown displaceability properties. The next basic example is (a blowup of) the weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$, the quotient of $\mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ by the group action

$$e^{2\pi it} \cdot (z_0, z_1, z_2) = (e^{2\pi it} z_0, e^{2\pi i 3t} z_1, e^{2\pi i 5t} z_2).$$

It was pointed out in [21] that it is possible to resolve the singularities of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ by small blowups in such a way that there is an open set of points not displaceable by probes. On the other hand for smooth toric 4-manifolds, the nondisplaceable fibers detected by the Floer theoretic methods of [14] lie on a finite number of line segments (cf the proof of Proposition 4.1.4). One expects that all fibers with vanishing invariants are displaceable. Our current methods do give better results than standard probes in many cases, but still are not powerful enough to prove this even in four dimensions.

As we show in [Proposition 4.1.4](#), the method of quasimap Floer homology, developed by Woodward [\[25\]](#), gives no more information than standard Floer theoretic methods in the closed smooth case. However, it applies also in the orbifold and noncompact cases and in those cases can give open sets of fibers that are nondisplaceable because they have nonvanishing quasimap invariants (called qW invariants, for short); see also the orbifold version of the standard approach by Cho and Poddar [\[10\]](#). [Figure 4.6.1](#) illustrates the current knowledge about the displaceability of points in $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$. Here the displaceable points are displaced by standard probes.¹ As we explain in [Section 4.1](#) the open set of nondisplaceable points comes from varying the position of certain “ghost” facets; cf also the proof of [Theorem 4.4.1\(i\)](#). These facets are precisely the ones that can be used to resolve the singular points, and once one has used them for this purpose, so that their position is fixed, the numbers of points with nonvanishing invariants decreases. Thus as one resolves singularities by blowing up, the set of points with nonvanishing qW invariants tends to decrease.

1.2 Main results

In this paper we will introduce a technique for extending a given probe by deflecting it by an auxiliary probe. In contrast to the nondisplaceability results explained above, this technique gives no new information for very simple orbifolds such as $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$. Instead it starts to displace more fibers as we resolve the singularities by blowup. Because it is a geometric method, it is very sensitive to the exact choice of blowup, ie to the choice of support constant that determines where the new facet is in relation to the others. In higher dimensions one could use this technique in more elaborate ways, for example by deflecting a probe several times in different directions. However, we will restrict to the 2–dimensional case since, even in this simple case, the results are quite complicated to work out precisely. The next paragraph describes our results rather informally. More complete definitions and statements are given later.

1.2.1 The method of extended probes We say that two integral vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 are *complementary* if they form a basis for the integral lattice \mathbb{Z}^2 . Let Δ be a rational polygon in \mathbb{R}^2 , ie the direction vectors d_F of the edges F are integral. We call it *smooth* if the direction vectors at each vertex are complementary. A *probe* P in Δ is a line segment in Δ starting at an interior point of some edge F (called its *base facet*), whose direction v_P is integral and complementary to d_F . By [\[21\]](#), if $u \in \Delta$ lies less than halfway along a probe P then the corresponding fiber L_u is displaceable. For short, we will say that the point u itself is displaceable.

¹As remarked in [Section 1.2.4](#) below, extended probes do not help in triangles.

A probe Q is said to be *symmetric* if it is also a probe when its direction is reversed. That means that its exit point also lies at an interior point of an edge F' and also that $d_{F'}$ is complementary to v_Q . All points other than the midpoint of a symmetric probe are displaceable. Moreover there is an affine reflection A_Q of a neighborhood of Q in Δ that reverses its direction.

In this paper we show how to lengthen a probe P so that it still has the property that points less than halfway along are displaceable. There are three basic methods whose effects are described in the following theorems.

- (a) **Theorem 2.2.6:** Deflecting P via a *symmetric probe*.
- (b) **Theorem 3.1.2:** Deflecting P by a *parallel probe* Q , ie one whose base facet F_Q is parallel to the direction v_P of P ; these probes have flags that are parallelograms.
- (c) **Theorem 5.2.3:** Deflecting P by an arbitrary probe Q ; these probes have trapezoidal flags.

In case (a), the extended probe \mathcal{P} (often denoted $S\mathcal{P}$ for clarity) is a union of line segments, and can be used to displace points less than halfway along it, whether these points lie before or after the intersection with Q . In cases (b) and (c), the extended probe \mathcal{P} (or more precisely $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}$) is the union of the initial segment of P together with a “flag” emanating from Q , a parallelogram in case (b) (cf Figure 3.1.1) or trapezoid in case (c) (cf Figure 5.2.1). One can only displace points less than halfway along $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}$ that also lie before the intersection with Q . Another difficulty with case (c) is that the flag may taper to a point, which severely restricts its length. In particular, if the ray in direction P meets the base facet F_Q of Q at y_{PQ} then $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}$ cannot be longer than the line segment from the initial point b_P of P to its intersection y_{PQ} with F_Q . Therefore this variant is less useful, though it does displace some new points in certain bounded regions; see Proposition 5.3.1.

1.2.2 Examples *Symmetric extended probes solve the displaceability problem for Hirzebruch surfaces* Previous results show that all Hirzebruch surfaces F_n for $n \geq 0$, with the exception of certain surfaces F_1 that are (small) blowups of $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$, have precisely one fiber with nonvanishing Floer homology. Proposition 2.3.1 shows that all the other fibers are displaceable by symmetric extended probes. (The case $n = 1$ can be fully understood using standard probes.)

Using parallel extended probes We next consider open regions of two elementary types. Section 3.2 considers the regions

$$U_{n,m}(\kappa) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid -n|z_1|^2 + m|z_2|^2 + \kappa > 0\},$$

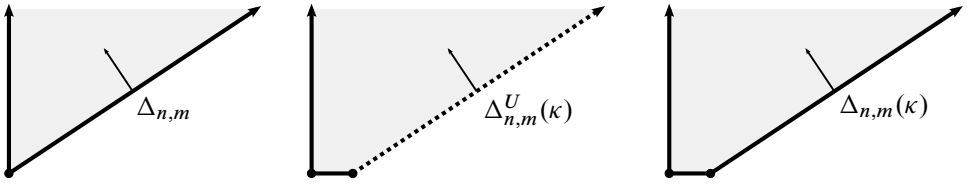


Figure 1.2.1: Three basic moment polytopes; in each case, the slant edge has normal vector $(-n, m)$

where $m > n \geq 1$ are relatively prime integers and $\kappa > 0$, with moment polytope

$$\Delta_{n,m}^U(\kappa) = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1, x_2 \geq 0, -nx_1 + mx_2 + \kappa > 0\},$$

as in Figure 1.2.1. Lemmas 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 specify the points that can be displaced by probes and extended probes. Figure 3.2.2 shows that there are open regions of points in the moment polytope of $U_{n,m}(\kappa)$ where extended probes are needed.

The second basic region represents the quotient $M_{n,m} = \mathbb{C}^2 / \Gamma$, where the generator $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/m}$ of $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ acts via

$$\zeta \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (\zeta^n z_1, \zeta z_2).$$

Its moment polytope is the sector

$$\Delta_{n,m} := \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1, x_2 \geq 0, -nx_1 + mx_2 \geq 0\};$$

cf Figure 1.2.1 and Section 4.3.1. Here we contrast the set of probe displaceable points with the set of points that are nondisplaceable because they have nonvanishing qW invariants. Theorem 4.4.1 states the precise result. There is an open set of points with unknown behavior whenever the Hirzebruch–Jung continued fraction

$$(1.2.1) \quad \frac{n}{m} := \frac{1}{E_1 - \frac{1}{E_2 - \dots - \frac{1}{E_k}}}$$

has at least one of E_1, E_k greater than 2.

Resolving a singular vertex: Unbounded case As one resolves the singular point of $\Delta_{n,m}$ by blowing up, the set of probe displaceable points increases while that of points with nontrivial invariants decreases. Proposition 4.4.4 explains what happens after a single blowup, with exceptional divisor corresponding to the horizontal edge $x_2 = \kappa$. The moment polytope is then $\Delta_{n,m}(\kappa)$, the closure of $\Delta_{n,m}^U(\kappa)$. Remark 4.4.5(ii) points out that usually there is an open set of unknown points.

In Section 4.5 we look at some complete minimal resolutions $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}$. In this case all qW invariants vanish, while typically there is still an open subset of points that we do

not know how to displace; cf [Figure 4.5.3](#). As we show in [Corollary 4.5.3](#), even in the easy case of an A_n singularity (which has all $E_i = 2$) there are $k - 1$ lines of points of unknown status, where k is as in [\(1.2.1\)](#).

Special cases of $\Delta_{n,m}$ and $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}$ The first, the case $n = 1$, is treated in [Section 4.2](#). Here the status of all interior points can be determined by our methods. In fact, [Lemmas 4.2.1](#) and [4.2.3](#) show that all points are displaceable except in the case of $\Delta_{1,m}$ with m odd, in which case there is a ray of points with nontrivial qW invariants; see [Figure 4.2.1](#).

The second is when $m/n = (E_1, E_2)$ in the notation of [\(1.2.1\)](#). Then, although there may be an open set of unknown points of $\Delta_{n,m}$, [Corollary 4.5.1](#) shows that there is at most one line of such points in the resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}$, namely the (affine) bisector of the angle between the two new edges; see [Figure 4.5.1](#).

Using general extended probes in regions of finite area The above results only use extended probes of types [\(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#), and it is easy to see that extended probes of type [\(c\)](#) would give nothing new. To demonstrate the use of this kind of extension, [Proposition 5.3.1](#) considers the resolution of an open finite volume A_n -singularity, ie one whose moment polytope has an open upper boundary $x_2 < K$. As shown in [Figure 5.3.1](#), there are some points that can be reached only by these new probes; however there is still an open set of unknown points.

1.2.3 Displaceability in compact toric orbifolds and their resolutions Finally, we discuss a simple family of examples with closed moment polytope, namely the weighted projective spaces $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$ (with $1 < p < q$ relatively prime) and its resolutions. The moment polytope of $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$ is a triangle with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(p, 0)$ and $(0, q)$. Thus it has two singular vertices, the one at $(p, 0)$ modelled on $\Delta_{p,q}$ and the one at $(0, q)$ modelled on $\Delta_{q-kp,p}$, where $0 < q - kp < p$. If these sectors (or their resolutions) have unknown points, and the new edges coming from the resolutions are sufficiently short, one would expect there to be corresponding unknown points in the compactification $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$ and its resolutions. This is the case for $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$ itself, since there are no symmetric or parallel extended probes and there are not enough edges for there to be any useful probes of type [\(c\)](#); cf [Section 1.2.4](#) below. [Figure 4.6.1](#) shows the situation for $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$: there is an open set of points with nonzero qW invariants, as well as an open set of points with unknown behavior.

One can always displace more points in the resolutions. Some of these newly displaceable points can be displaced by the same parallel extended probes that are used in the resolved sectors $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}$. However, there is another kind of extended probe, constructed using a symmetric probe Q , that always displaces at least a few more points, though typically there is still an open set of points with unknown behavior; cf [Proposition 4.6.4](#).

The case $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ is special since in this case one can reverse the direction of the deflected probes formed from Q . As illustrated in Figure 4.6.2, when the singularity of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ at $(3, 0)$ is resolved, one can displace an open dense set of fibers by probes or extended probes, leaving just a line segment of points together with one more point that cannot be determined by our methods. In particular, all points near $(3, 0)$ can be displaced with the help of the symmetric probes Q , though they are not all displaceable in the corresponding resolved sector $\bar{\Delta}_{3,5}$. The picture does not change significantly when one fully resolves both singular vertices in $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$; cf Proposition 4.6.2 and Figure 4.6.3.

1.2.4 General results Proposition 4.1.4 shows that qW invariants give no more information than standard Floer homology in the case where the moment polytope Δ is a smooth closed polytope of \mathbb{R}^n . If in addition Δ is compact and 2-dimensional, it is easy to understand geometrically when the qW invariant $qW(u)$ does not vanish. For a typical point with $qW(u) \neq 0$, the set of facets that are closest to it has at least three elements. The exception is when there are two closest facets that are parallel. Thus the set of points with nontrivial invariants is the union of a finite set together with at most one line segment.

By Remarks 2.2.7 and 5.2.4, one cannot lengthen a probe P by deflecting it by a probe Q that starts from the facet at which P exits Δ . Thus extended probes do not displace extra points in the sectors $\Delta_{n,m}$, since these have only two edges. It is also not hard to check that they also do not help in triangles such as $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$, though they do help with the blowup $\Delta_{n,m}(\kappa)$ of $\Delta_{n,m}$.

1.2.5 Organization of the paper After a brief introduction to affine geometry, we describe probes and symmetric extended probes. Theorem 2.2.6 explains which points can be displaced by these new probes, and the section ends by illustrating their use in the Hirzebruch surfaces F_n . Theorem 3.1.2 describes the points that can be displaced by parallel extended probes. The rest of Section 3 illustrates how to use this result to understand the displaceability of points in the open sectors $\Delta_{n,m}^U(\kappa)$. Next, in Section 4 we describe the qW invariants, and use them to prove the results stated above about closed sectors $\Delta_{n,m}$, weighted projective planes $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$, and their resolutions. Finally in Section 5 we describe extended probes with trapezoidal flags, and use them in an open polytope of finite area. The last section, Section 6, contains the proofs of all the main theorems about probes.

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2 Symmetric extended probes

2.1 Moment polytopes and integral affine geometry

Let $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T})$ be a toric symplectic manifold with moment map $\Phi: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$, where \mathfrak{t}^* is the dual of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{t} of the torus \mathbb{T} . We will identify \mathfrak{t} together with its integer lattice $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ with $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{Z}^n)$, and, using the natural pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, will also identify the pair $(\mathfrak{t}^*, \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)$ with $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{Z}^n)$. Thus we write

$$\mathfrak{t} \times \mathfrak{t}^* := \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (\eta, x) \mapsto \langle \eta, x \rangle.$$

For clarity, we use Greek letters for elements in \mathfrak{t} and Latin letters for elements of \mathfrak{t}^* .

A polytope $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{t}^* \equiv \mathbb{R}^n$ is *rational* if it is the finite intersection of half-spaces

$$\Delta = \bigcap_{i=1}^N \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle \eta_i, x \rangle + \kappa_i \geq 0\},$$

where $\eta_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ are primitive vectors and are the interior conormals for the half-spaces. A rational polytope $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is *simple* if each codimension k face of Δ meets exactly k facets. A rational simple polytope $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is *smooth*, if at each codimension k face, the k conormal vectors for the facets meeting at the face can be extended to an integral basis of $\mathbb{Z}^n \equiv \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$. Moment polytopes for symplectic toric manifolds are smooth. Delzant [11] proved that the moment map gives a bijective correspondence between closed symplectic toric manifolds of dimension $2n$, up to equivariant symplectomorphism, and smooth compact polytopes in \mathbb{R}^n , up to integral affine equivalences by elements of $\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$.

Remark 2.1.1 Lerman and Tolman [20] generalized Delzant's classification result to closed symplectic toric orbifolds, showing that these are uniquely determined by the image of their moment map, a rational simple compact polytope together with a positive integer *label* attached to each of its facets. Equivalently, we can allow the conormal vectors η_i to the facets to be nonprimitive, interpreting the label as the gcd of their entries. Using the convexity and connectedness results Lerman, Meinrenken, Tolman and Woodward in [19], Karshon and Lerman [18] have further extended this classification to the noncompact setting, provided one assumes that the moment map is *proper* as a map $\Phi: M^{2n} \rightarrow U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, where U is a convex open set. In this case $\Phi(M^{2n})$ is an open polytope as in [24, Definition 3.1]; cf the polytope $\Delta_{m,n}^U(\kappa)$ in Figure 1.2.1 above.

An affine hyperplane $A \subset \mathfrak{t}^* \equiv \mathbb{R}^n$ is *rational* if it has a primitive conormal vector $\eta \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, in which case $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle \eta, x \rangle + \kappa = 0\}$ for some $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$. The *affine distance* between a rational affine hyperplane A , as above, and a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$d_{\text{aff}}(x, A) := |\langle \eta, x \rangle + \kappa|.$$

For a rational hyperplane A , as above, a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is *parallel* to A if $\langle \eta, v \rangle = 0$, where η is the defining conormal for A . An integral vector v is *integrally transverse* to A if there is an integral basis of $\mathbb{Z}^n \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$ consisting of v and vectors $w \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ parallel to A , or equivalently if $|\langle \eta, v \rangle| = 1$. Note also that if v is integrally transverse to A , then there is an integral affine equivalence of \mathbb{R}^n taking A and v to $\{x_1 = 0\}$ and $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$.

An affine line $L = z + \mathbb{R}v$ in \mathbb{R}^n is *rational* if the direction vector v can be taken to be a primitive integral vector in \mathbb{Z}^n . Given a rational line L with primitive direction vector $v \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, the *affine distance* $d_{\text{aff}}(x, y)$ between two points $x, y \in L$ is defined by

$$d_{\text{aff}}(x, y) := |t|, \quad \text{where } t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is such that } x - y = tv \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For a primitive vector $v \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ and a rational hyperplane A , the *affine distance along* v between a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and A is defined as

$$d_v(x, A) := d_{\text{aff}}(x, y) \quad \text{if } y \in A \text{ is on the rational ray } x + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}v.$$

If $x + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}v$ does not meet A , then $d_v(x, A) := \infty$. If v_0 is integrally transverse to A and the ray $x + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}v_0$ meets A , then $d_{v_0}(x, A) = d_{\text{aff}}(x, A)$, but otherwise, somewhat paradoxically, we have

$$d_{v_0}(x, A) < d_{\text{aff}}(x, A).$$

For example, if $A = \{x_1 = 0\}$, $x = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ and $v_0 = (-2, 3)$, then $d_{\text{aff}}(x, A) = 1$ while $d_{v_0}(x, A) = \frac{1}{2}$.

2.2 Probes and extended probes

We now recall the definition of a probe in a rational polytope from [21] and state the method of probes.

Definition 2.2.1 A *probe* P in a rational polytope $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{t}^* \equiv \mathbb{R}^n$, is a directed rational line segment contained in Δ whose initial point b_P lies in the interior of a facet F_P of Δ and whose *direction vector* $v_P \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^* \equiv \mathbb{Z}^n$ is primitive and integrally transverse to the *base facet* F_P . If e_P is the endpoint of P , then the *length* $\ell(P)$ of P is defined as the affine distance $d_{\text{aff}}(e_P, b_P)$.

Note that if η_{F_P} is the interior conormal for the facet F_P , then the definition requires that $\langle \eta_{F_P}, v_P \rangle = 1$ since v_P needs to be integrally transverse and be inward pointing into Δ .

Lemma 2.2.2 [21, Lemma 2.4] *Let P be a probe in a moment polytope Δ for a toric symplectic orbifold (M^{2n}, ω, Φ) . If a point u on the probe P is less than halfway along P , meaning that $d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P) < \frac{1}{2}\ell(P)$, then the Lagrangian fiber $L_u = \Phi^{-1}(u)$ is displaceable.*

Since the inverse image of P by the moment map is symplectomorphic to the product of a disc \mathbb{D} of area $\ell(P)$ with \mathbb{T}^{n-1} , it is easy to construct a proof of this lemma from the remarks after Equation (6.0.2) below. To generalize this method, let us first introduce the notion of a symmetric probe and the associated reflections.

Definition 2.2.3 A probe Q in a rational polytope $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{t}^* \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ is *symmetric* if the endpoint e_Q lies on the interior of a facet F'_Q that is integrally transverse to v_Q .

Associated to a symmetric probe Q is an affine reflection $A_Q: \mathfrak{t}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$

$$(2.2.1) \quad A_Q(x) = x + \langle \eta_{F'_Q} - \eta_{F_Q}, x \rangle v_Q + (\kappa' - \kappa)v_Q$$

that swaps the two facets

$$F_Q = \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta_{F_Q}, x \rangle + \kappa = 0\}, \quad F'_Q = \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta_{F'_Q}, x \rangle + \kappa' = 0\},$$

since $\langle \eta_{F_Q}, v_Q \rangle = 1$ and $\langle \eta_{F'_Q}, v_Q \rangle = -1$. Let $\hat{A}_Q: \mathfrak{t}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ be the associated linear reflection

$$(2.2.2) \quad \hat{A}_Q(x) = x + \langle \eta_{F'_Q} - \eta_{F_Q}, x \rangle v_Q.$$

Observe that A_Q preserves Q setwise, $\hat{A}_Q(v_Q) = -v_Q$, and $\hat{A}_Q^*(\eta_{F_Q}) = \eta_{F'_Q}$.

Note that A_Q need not preserve the polytope Δ , but it does preserve a small neighborhood of Q . Our first generalization of the method of probes deflects a given probe by a symmetric probe.

Definition 2.2.4 Let Q be a symmetric probe in a rational polytope $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{t}^* \cong \mathbb{R}^n$, and let P be another probe with direction v_P such that P ends at the point x_{PQ} in the interior of Q . A *symmetric extended probe* \mathcal{SP} formed by deflecting P with Q is a union

$$\mathcal{SP} = P \cup Q \cup P' \subset \Delta,$$

where the extension P' is a rational line segment in Δ with direction $v_{P'}$ starting at x'_{PQ} , where

$$v_{P'} := \widehat{A}_Q(v_P), \quad x'_{PQ} := A_Q(x_{PQ}).$$

We define the *length* of the extended probe \mathcal{SP} to be $\ell(\mathcal{SP}) := \ell(P) + \ell(P')$. Thus the *endpoint* $e_{P'}$ of P' is $e_{P'} := x'_{PQ} + \ell(P')v_{P'}$.

Remark 2.2.5 A visual description of x'_{PQ} is that it is the unique point on Q so that

$$d_{\text{aff}}(x_{PQ}, F_Q) = d_{\text{aff}}(x'_{PQ}, F'_Q);$$

cf Figure 2.2.1. Note that if v_P is parallel to F_Q , then $\widehat{A}_Q(v_P)$ is parallel to F'_Q , being the projection of v_P to the linear hyperplane $\{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta_{F'_Q}, x \rangle = 0\}$ along $-v_Q$.

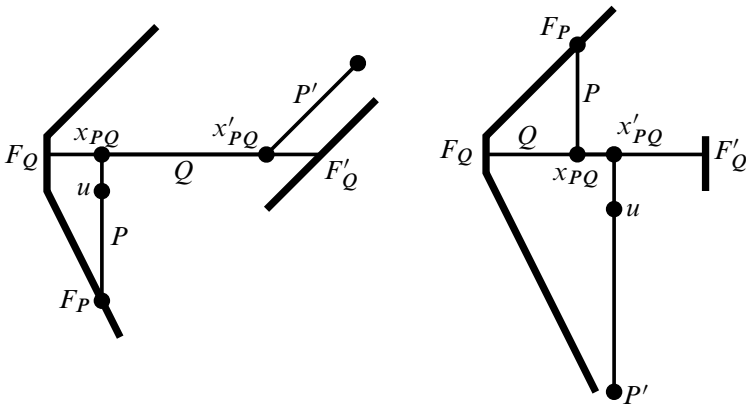


Figure 2.2.1: Two ways of using Theorem 2.2.6. Left: u is on P . Right: u is on P' .

Theorem 2.2.6 Let \mathcal{SP} be a symmetric extended probe formed by deflecting the probe P with the symmetric probe Q , in a moment polytope $\Delta = \Phi(M)$ for a toric symplectic orbifold $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$. For a point u in the moment polytope Δ ,

- if u is in the interior of P and $d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P) < \frac{1}{2}\ell(\mathcal{SP})$, or
- if u is in the interior of P' and $\ell(P) + d_{\text{aff}}(x'_{PQ}, u) < \frac{1}{2}\ell(\mathcal{SP})$,

then the Lagrangian torus fiber $L_u = \Phi^{-1}(u)$ is displaceable in (M, ω) .

See Section 6 for the proof. The idea is to join P to P' using a symplectomorphism of $\Phi^{-1}(\text{nbhd}Q) \subset M$ that equals the identity on one boundary component and the lift of the reflection A_Q on the other.

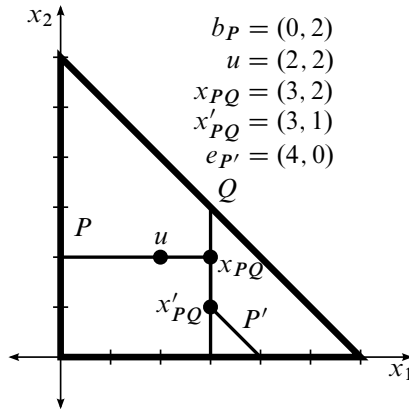


Figure 2.2.2: Illustration of Remark 2.2.7. If P were extended past x_{PQ} it would exit the polytope at the point $(4, 2)$, so its length is at most 4. This is not enough to displace u since $d_{\text{aff}}(b_P, u) = 2$. Using Q as a deflecting probe does not help; the length of the resulting extended probe is equal to 4. Of course the fiber L_u is nondisplaceable since it is the Clifford torus in $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$.

Remark 2.2.7 Let $S\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup P'$ be a symmetric extended probe. Because $e_{P'}$ must stay in Δ , which is convex, then $\ell(P') \leq d_{v_{P'}}(x'_{PQ}, F'_Q)$. Also because A_Q is an integral affine equivalence in $\mathfrak{t}^* \rtimes \text{GL}(\mathfrak{t}^*_\mathbb{Z})$, then $d_{v_P}(x_{PQ}, F_Q) = d_{v_{P'}}(x'_{PQ}, F'_Q)$. Combining these two we see that

$$\ell(S\mathcal{P}) \leq \ell(P) + d_{v_P}(x_{PQ}, F_Q) = d_{v_P}(b_P, F_Q);$$

the length of the extended probe $\ell(S\mathcal{P})$ is less than $d_{v_P}(b_P, F_Q)$, which is the maximum length the probe P can have before it hits the affine hyperplane F_Q . In particular, this means that one cannot make a probe P displace more points by deflecting it with a symmetric probe Q that is based at the facet on which P would exit Δ ; see Figure 2.2.2.

In the next section we will generalize the notion of extended probes to the case where Q is not a symmetric probe. But before that let us first explain how Theorem 2.2.6 suffices to settle the question of which Lagrangian fibers in Hirzebruch surfaces are displaceable.

2.3 Hirzebruch surfaces

Let $m \geq 0$ be an integer and κ a real number so that $\kappa > m$. The moment polytope for the m^{th} Hirzebruch surface is

$$\Delta_{1,m}(\kappa) = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, -x_2 + 2 \geq 0, -x_1 - mx_2 + \kappa + m \geq 0\}.$$

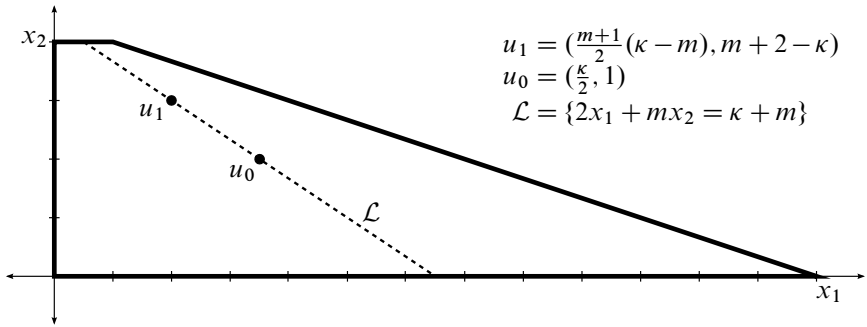


Figure 2.3.1: The moment polytope $\Delta_{1,m}(\kappa)$ for $m = 3$ and $\kappa = \frac{7}{2}$. Points not on the line \mathcal{L} can be displaced by horizontal probes. When m is even, probes with directions $(\mp \frac{m}{2}, \pm 1)$ based on the two horizontal facets displace everything on \mathcal{L} except u_0 .

When $m \neq 1$, the only known nondisplaceable fiber is $u_0 = (\frac{\kappa}{2}, 1)$ [1; 14; 25] and when m is even, standard probes displace every other fiber. However for odd m and $\kappa < m + 1$, [21, Lemma 4.1] proves that the point

$$u_1 = (\frac{m+1}{2}(\kappa - m), m + 2 - \kappa),$$

which is different from u_0 , cannot be displaced by probes, so in these cases probes do not perfectly complement the known nondisplaceability results. In fact, in these cases one cannot use probes to displace any of the points on a line segment that starts at u_1 and runs through and a bit past u_0 . We will now show that these unknown fibers can all be displaced using Theorem 2.2.6.

Proposition 2.3.1 *When $m \neq 1$, then every fiber in the polytope $\Delta_m(\kappa)$ of the m^{th} Hirzebruch surface is displaceable except for*

$$u_0 = (\frac{\kappa}{2}, 1) \in \Delta_m(\kappa).$$

Hence u_0 is a stem and therefore is nondisplaceable.

Recall that a fiber of a moment polytope is called a *stem* if every other fiber is displaceable. It is proven in [12, Theorem 2.1] using the theory of quasistates that every stem is nondisplaceable.

Proposition 2.3.1 stands in contrast to the well-studied case of $m = 1$, which corresponds to a toric blowup of $\mathbb{C}P^2$, where standard probes do complement the known nondisplaceability results. Methods in [1; 4; 8; 14; 25] prove that when $1 < \kappa < 2$, the fibers

$$u_0 = (\frac{\kappa}{2}, 1), \quad u_1 = (\kappa - 1, 3 - \kappa),$$

in $\Delta_1(\kappa)$ are nondisplaceable, and when $\kappa \geq 2$ only the fiber u_0 in $\Delta_1(\kappa)$ is nondisplaceable.

Proof of Proposition 2.3.1 The vector $(1, 0)$ is integrally transverse to $\{x_1 = 0\}$ and $(-1, 0)$ is integrally transverse to $\{x_1 + mx_2 = \kappa + m\}$. It is easy to check that probes in these directions displace every point $x \in \text{Int } \Delta_m(\kappa)$ not on the median

$$\mathcal{L} = \{2x_1 + mx_2 = \kappa + m\}.$$

When m is even, one can use a probe with direction $(\frac{m}{2}, -1)$ based on the facet $\{x_2 = 2\}$ and a probe with direction $(-\frac{m}{2}, 1)$ based on the facet $\{x_2 = 0\}$ to displace all the points on \mathcal{L} except u_0 .

When $m \geq 3$ is odd, we will use symmetric extended probes to show that every point on \mathcal{L} , except u_0 , is displaceable. Such points w can be written as

$$(2.3.1) \quad w = (\frac{1}{2}(\kappa + m(1 - w_2)), w_2), \quad w_2 \neq 1,$$

and we will divide this into two cases: $1 < w_2 < 2$ and $0 < w_2 < 1$. In both cases we will use the symmetric deflecting probe Q , where

$$b_Q = (\frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m), 2), \quad v_Q = (1, -1), \quad F_Q = \{x_2 = 2\}, \quad F'_Q = \{x_2 = 0\}.$$

We will use probes with direction $v_P = (\pm 1, 0)$, which are parallel to both F_Q and F'_Q , so it follows that $v_{P'} = \hat{A}_Q(v_P) = v_P$.

For $1 < w_2 < 2$, cf Figure 2.3.2, let P be the probe with

$$b_P = (\kappa + m(1 - w_2), w_2), \quad v_P = (-1, 0), \quad F_P = \{x_1 + mx_2 = \kappa + m\},$$

and let $\mathcal{SP} = P \cup Q \cup P'$ be the associated extended probe, where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{PQ} &= (\frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m) + 2 - w_2, w_2), & \ell(P) &= \frac{1}{2}(\kappa + 3m) + (1 - m)w_2 - 2, \\ x'_{PQ} &= (\frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m) + w_2, 2 - w_2), & \ell(P') &= \frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m) + w_2, \\ e_{P'} &= (0, 2 - w_2), & \ell(\mathcal{SP}) &= \kappa + (m - 2)(1 - w_2). \end{aligned}$$

The point w from (2.3.1) lies on P and therefore using $1 < w_2$ we have

$$d_{\text{aff}}(w, F_P) = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa + m(1 - w_2)) < \frac{1}{2}\ell(\mathcal{SP}).$$

Hence L_w is displaceable by Theorem 2.2.6.

For $0 < w_2 < 1$, cf Figure 2.3.3, let P be the probe with

$$b_P = (0, 2 - w_2), \quad v_P = (1, 0), \quad F_P = \{x_1 = 0\},$$

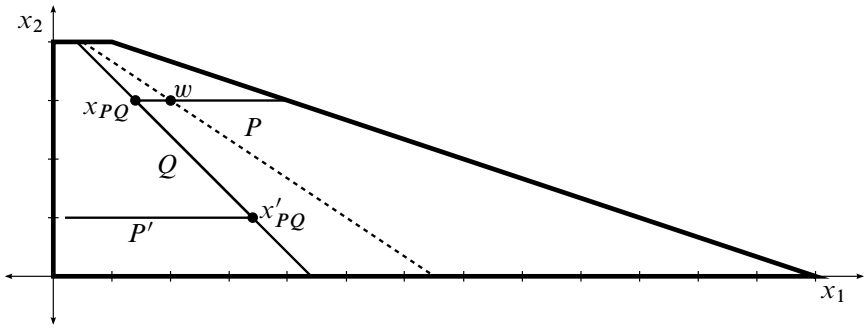


Figure 2.3.2: The symmetric extended probe \mathcal{SP} that displaces w when $1 < w_2 < 2$

and let $\mathcal{SP} = P \cup Q \cup P'$ be the associated extended probe, where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{PQ} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m) + w_2, 2 - w_2\right), & \ell(P) &= \frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m) + w_2, \\ x'_{PQ} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}(\kappa - m) + 2 - w_2, w_2\right), & \ell(P') &= \frac{1}{2}(\kappa + 3m) + (1 - m)w_2 - 2, \\ e_{P'} &= (\kappa + m(1 - w_2), w_2), & \ell(\mathcal{SP}) &= \kappa + m(1 - w_2) + 2(w_2 - 1), \end{aligned}$$

and the point w is on P' .

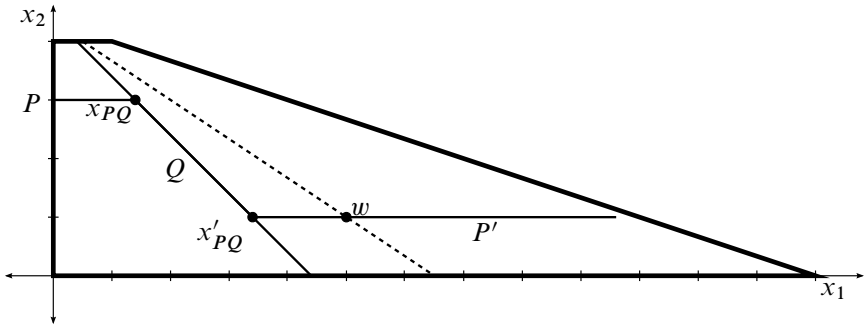


Figure 2.3.3: The symmetric extended probe \mathcal{SP} that displaces w when $0 < w_2 < 1$

Since $w_2 < 1$ we have

$$\ell(s_1) + d_{\text{aff}}(x'_{PQ}, w) = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa + m(1 - w_2)) + 2(w_2 - 1) < \frac{1}{2}\ell(\mathcal{SP}),$$

and therefore **Theorem 2.2.6** implies that L_w is displaceable. □

3 Extended probes with flags: Parallel case

The use of symmetric extended probes is fairly restrictive since a symmetric probe Q represents a torus bundle over S^2 . In cases where Q does not exit the polytope (or does so nontransversally) then the following construction can be used with Q to deflect probes.

3.1 The definition and the displaceability method

Definition 3.1.1 Let P and Q be probes in a rational polytope $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ where the probe P ends at the point x_{PQ} on Q , and suppose that v_P is parallel to the base facet F_Q of Q . The *parallel extended probe with flag \mathcal{FP}* formed by deflecting P with Q is the subset

$$\mathcal{FP} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F} \subset \Delta.$$

Here the flag \mathcal{F} is the convex hull of the points $\{x_{\mathcal{F}}, x'_{\mathcal{F}}, e_{\mathcal{F}}, e'_{\mathcal{F}}\}$, where $x_{\mathcal{F}}$ and $x'_{\mathcal{F}}$ lie on Q , and the vector $x_{\mathcal{F}} - e_{\mathcal{F}} = x'_{\mathcal{F}} - e'_{\mathcal{F}}$ is parallel to P (see Figure 3.1.1). The length of the flag $\ell(\mathcal{F})$ is $d_{\text{aff}}(x_{\mathcal{F}}, e_{\mathcal{F}})$ so that

$$(3.1.1) \quad x_{\mathcal{F}} - e_{\mathcal{F}} = x'_{\mathcal{F}} - e'_{\mathcal{F}} = \ell(\mathcal{F})v_P.$$

The length of the extended probe is $\ell(\mathcal{FP}) = \ell(P) + \ell(\mathcal{F})$.

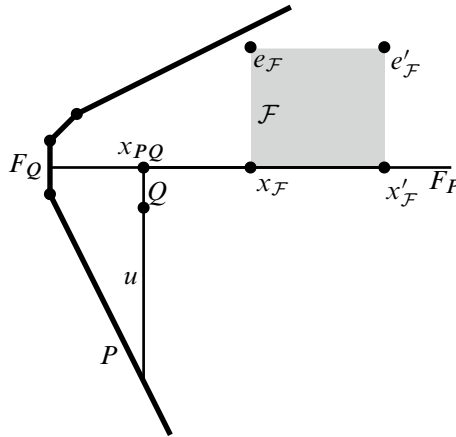


Figure 3.1.1: An extended probe with flag $\mathcal{FP} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}$

The following theorem explains how one can use parallel extended probes to displace Lagrangian torus fibers.

Theorem 3.1.2 *Let $\mathcal{FP} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F} \subset \Delta$ be a parallel extended probe in the moment polytope $\Delta = \Phi(M)$ of the toric symplectic orbifold $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$, and let $u \in \text{Int}(P) \subset \text{Int}(\Delta)$. Then the Lagrangian fiber $L_u = \Phi^{-1}(u)$ is displaceable if the following conditions both hold:*

- The affine distance from u to the facet F_P satisfies

$$(3.1.2) \quad d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P) < \frac{1}{2} \ell(\mathcal{FP}).$$

- The flag \mathcal{F} satisfies the inequality

$$(3.1.3) \quad d_{\text{aff}}(x_{PQ}, F_Q) < d_{\text{aff}}(x_{\mathcal{F}}, x'_{\mathcal{F}}).$$

In Section 5 we will further generalize this to the case where P is not parallel to the facet F_Q ; see Section 6 for the proofs.

3.2 Example: Displaceability in the open region $U_{n,m}(\kappa)$

Consider the standard toric structure $(\mathbb{C}^N, \omega_0, (S^1)^N, \Phi_0)$. The symplectic form is $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^N dx_k \wedge dy_k$, the torus action is

$$(t_1, \dots, t_N) \cdot (z_1, \dots, z_N) = (e^{2\pi i t_1} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i t_N} z_N),$$

where $t_k \in S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$, the moment map is

$$\Phi_0: \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N, \quad \Phi_0(z_1, \dots, z_N) = (|z_1|^2, \dots, |z_N|^2),$$

and the moment polytope is $\mathbb{R}_+^N \subset \mathbb{R}^N$.

For ease of notation let us now specialize to the case \mathbb{C}^2 . Let $m > n \geq 1$ be relatively prime integers and consider the open subset of \mathbb{C}^2

$$U_{n,m}(\kappa) = \{z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid -n|z_1|^2 + m|z_2|^2 + \kappa > 0\},$$

where $\kappa > 0$ is any positive constant. Its image under the moment map is

$$\Delta_{n,m}^U := \Phi_0(U_{n,m}) = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, -nx_1 + mx_2 + \kappa > 0\}.$$

We will now turn to the investigation of the displaceability of Lagrangian toric fibers in $(U_{n,m}(\kappa), \omega_0, \Delta_{n,m}^U(\kappa))$.

Let us first explain what is displaceable in $(U_{n,m}, \omega_0, \Delta_{n,m}^U)$ by standard probes.

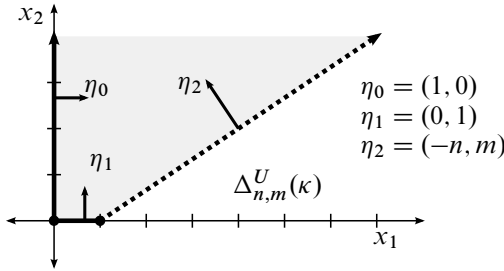


Figure 3.2.1: The moment polytope $\Delta_{n,m}^U(\kappa)$ for $(n, m) = (2, 3)$ and $\kappa = 2$

Lemma 3.2.1 *The following points $x \in \Delta_{n,m}^U$ can be displaced by probes based on the facet $\{x_1 = 0\} \subset \Delta_{n,m}^U$:*

- *Points in $\{x_1 < x_2\}$ by probes with direction $(1, 1)$.*
- *Points in $\{x_1 < \frac{m}{2n}x_2 + \frac{\kappa}{2n}\}$ by probes with direction $(1, 0)$.*

The following points $x \in \Delta_{n,m}^U$ can be displaced by probes based on $\{x_2 = 0\} \subset \Delta_{n,m}^U$:

$$\{cx_2 < x_1 < cx_2 + \kappa/n\}$$

by probes with direction $(c, 1)$ for $c = 0, 1, \dots, \lceil m/n \rceil - 1$.

Proof An elementary calculation. □

Here is what we can do with extended probes.

Lemma 3.2.2 *Let $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Delta_{n,m}^U$. If x is to the left of the line passing through $(\kappa/n, 0)$ with slope $1/(\lceil m/n \rceil - 1)$, that is*

$$(3.2.1) \quad x_1 < (\lceil m/n \rceil - 1)x_2 + \kappa/n,$$

then x can be displaced by a parallel extended probe with flag in $\Delta_{n,m}^U$.

Proof Let $d = \lceil m/n \rceil - 1$ and let $w = (w_1, w_2) \in \Delta_{n,m}^U$ be a point satisfying (3.2.1). Consider the probes P and Q where, for some small $\epsilon > 0$,

$$b_P = (0, w_2), \quad v_P = (1, 0), \quad b_Q = (\frac{\kappa}{n} - \epsilon, 0), \quad v_Q = (d, 1),$$

and P ends at the point x_{PQ} on Q . Observe that Q is parallel to the line defined by an equality sign in (3.2.1), so since w satisfies (3.2.1) it follows that w lies in the interior of P for sufficiently small ϵ .

Note that v_P is parallel to the base facet $F_Q = \{x_2 = 0\}$ of Q .

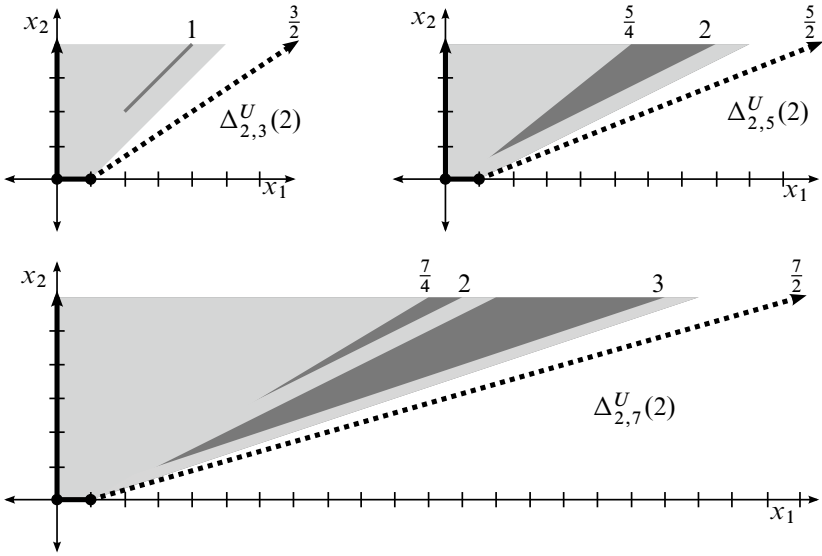


Figure 3.2.2: Comparing Lemmas 3.2.1 and 3.2.2. The points in the gray regions are displaceable, but extended probes are needed for points in the dark gray regions; see Remark 3.2.3. In this figure and others the numbers $1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, 2, \dots$ refer to the slope λ for the line $x_1 = \lambda x_2 + b$ defining the boundary between differently shaded regions.

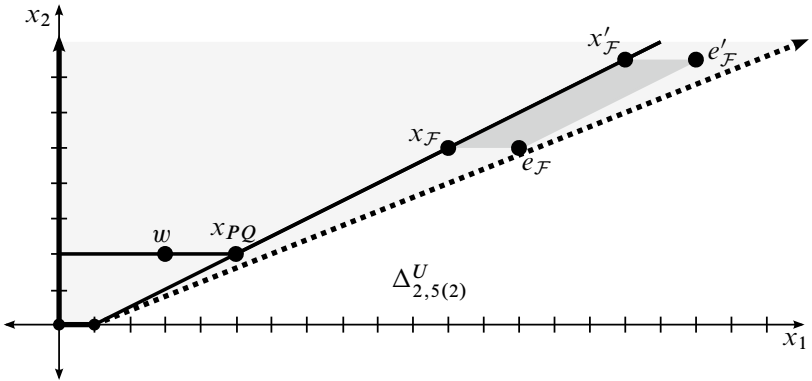


Figure 3.2.3: An extended probe with flag used in the proof of Lemma 3.2.2

For the three parameters $\alpha, \alpha', \ell_{\mathcal{F}} > 0$, consider the parallel extended probe with flag $\mathcal{FP} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 5x_{PQ} &= b_Q + w_2(d, 1), & x_{\mathcal{F}} &= b_Q + \alpha(d, 1), & x'_{\mathcal{F}} &= b_Q + \alpha'(d, 1), \\
 \ell(P) &= \frac{\kappa}{n} + w_2d, & \ell(\mathcal{F}) &= \ell_{\mathcal{F}}, & \ell(\mathcal{FP}) &= \frac{\kappa}{n} + w_2d + \ell_{\mathcal{F}};
 \end{aligned}$$

see Figure 3.2.3 for an example. First take $\ell_{\mathcal{F}}$ sufficiently large so that (3.1.2) is satisfied as

$$d_{\text{aff}}(w, b_{\mathcal{P}}) = w_1 < \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\kappa}{n} + w_2 d + \ell_{\mathcal{F}}) = \frac{1}{2}\ell(\mathcal{FP}).$$

Then take $\alpha, \alpha' > \frac{n}{m-nd}\ell_{\mathcal{F}}$ to ensure that the endpoints of the flag

$$e_{\mathcal{F}} = b_Q + \alpha(d, 1) + \ell_{\mathcal{F}}(1, 0), \quad e'_{\mathcal{F}} = b_Q + \alpha'(d, 1) + \ell_{\mathcal{F}}(1, 0) = (\frac{\kappa}{n} + \alpha' d + \ell_{\mathcal{F}}, \alpha'),$$

stay in $\Delta_{n,m}^U$. Finally taking $\alpha' > \alpha + w_2$ ensures that condition (3.1.3) in Theorem 3.1.2 is satisfied. Therefore for these parameter values the extended probe \mathcal{FP} displaces the Lagrangian fiber $L_w \subset U_{n,m}$. □

Remark 3.2.3 If $\lceil m/n \rceil > 2$, then there are $\lceil m/n \rceil - \lceil m/2n \rceil$ regions of infinite measure in $\Delta_{n,m}^U$ consisting of points that can be displaced by extended probes but not by standard probes. If $\lceil m/n \rceil = 2$, then the only points in $\Delta_{n,m}^U$ where extended probes are needed are the points on a ray with direction $(1, 1)$; see Figure 3.2.2 for examples.

4 Displaceability in toric orbifolds and their resolutions

Wilson and Woodward [24] recently observed that the quasimap Floer homology developed in [25], can be used in orbifold and noncompact settings to obtain large families of nondisplaceable Lagrangian fibers. As we will see, after (partially) resolving an orbifold singularity, many of these nondisplaceable fibers become displaceable by extended probes. In this section we investigate this phenomenon.

4.1 Proving nondisplaceability results with potential functions

Given a presentation of a rational simple polytope

$$(4.1.1) \quad \Delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \ell_i(x) \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, N\} \quad \text{with } \ell_i(x) = \langle \eta_i, x \rangle + \kappa_i,$$

where $\kappa_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\eta_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ are integer vectors, one can build a symplectic toric orbifold $(M_{\Delta}^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}^n, \Phi)$ such that $\Phi: M_{\Delta} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is proper and $\Delta = \Phi(M_{\Delta})$, which is unique up to equivariant symplectomorphism by [18].

By [25, Proposition 6.8], Δ has at least one vertex exactly if M_{Δ} can be represented as a symplectic reduction $\mathbb{C}^N // G$ of the standard $(\mathbb{C}^N, \omega_0, (S^1)^N, \Phi_0)$, where $G \subset (S^1)^N$ is a suitable $(N - n)$ -dimensional subtorus and $\Phi: M_{\Delta} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \equiv \mathfrak{t}^*$ is the moment map for the action of $\mathbb{T} = (S^1)^N / G$ on M_{Δ} . If Δ does not have a vertex, then, as was noted in [25, Corollary 6.9], $\Delta \cong \Delta' \times V$, where Δ' is a rational simple

polytope with a vertex, $V = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle \eta_i, x \rangle = 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N\}$, and one can take $M_\Delta = M_{\Delta'} \times (T^*S^1)^r$, where $r = \dim(V)$. By [25, Proposition 6.10], the results of [25; 24] hold in both cases.

Consider the field of generalized Laurent series in the variable q ,

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \sum_{d \in \mathbb{R}} a_d q^d \mid a_d \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \{d \mid a_d \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R} \text{ is discrete and bounded below} \right\}.$$

The field Λ is complete with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\| = e^{-\nu(\cdot)}$ induced by the non-Archimedean valuation

$$\nu: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \quad \nu\left(\sum_d a_d q^d\right) = \min(d \mid a_d \neq 0),$$

with the convention that $\nu(0) = \infty$, and ν satisfies

$$\nu(xy) = \nu(x) + \nu(y), \quad \nu(x + y) \geq \min(\nu(x), \nu(y)),$$

where the inequality is an equality if $\nu(x) \neq \nu(y)$. The subring of elements with only nonnegative powers of q , $\Lambda_0 = \{\nu \geq 0\}$ is a local ring with maximum ideal $\Lambda_+ = \{\nu > 0\}$. Completeness gives that the exponential function $\exp: \Lambda_0 \rightarrow \Lambda_0$, defined via the standard power series, is surjective onto the units $\Lambda_0^\times = \{\nu = 0\}$.

Associated to a rational simple polytope Δ there is the *bulk deformed potential* that for each $x \in \text{Int } \Delta$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \Lambda_0^N$ is a function

$$(4.1.2) \quad W_{x,\alpha}: \Lambda_0^N \rightarrow \Lambda_0, \quad W_{x,\alpha}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \exp(\langle \eta_i, \beta \rangle + \alpha_i) q^{\ell_i(x)},$$

where η_i and ℓ_i are from (4.1.1).

The following theorem allows one to prove nondisplaceability results merely by finding critical points of the potential function $W_{x,\alpha}$. It was proved by Fukaya, Oh, Ohta and Ono [14, Theorem 9.6] for smooth closed toric manifolds (and for geometric W), by Woodward [25, Proposition 6.10 and Theorem 7.1] for rational simple polytopes, and by Wilson and Woodward [24, Theorem 4.7] for rational simple polytopes for open symplectic toric orbifolds.

Theorem 4.1.1 *For a toric orbifold (M_Δ, ω, Φ) as above and $x \in \text{Int}(\Delta)$, if there exists $\alpha \in \Lambda_0^N$ such that $W_{x,\alpha}: \Lambda_0^N \rightarrow \Lambda_0$ has a critical point, then the Lagrangian torus fiber $\Phi^{-1}(x) = L_x \subset (M_\Delta, \omega)$ is nondisplaceable.*

The basic idea is due to Cho and Oh [9], where the holomorphic disks used to define the A_∞ -structure associated to the Lagrangian Floer homology and quasimap Floer homology for L_x are explicitly classified. It turns out that if β is a critical point for $W_{x,\alpha}$ then, in the smooth case, Lagrangian Floer homology with differential d^β depending on β is defined and nonzero for L_x , so that L_x is nondisplaceable. For general $W_{x,\alpha}$ a similar statement holds for the quasimap Floer homology of L_x . Note that the parameters α and β correspond to bulk deformations and weak bounding cochains, in the language of Fukaya, Oh, Ohta and Ono. If $x \in \text{Int}(\Delta)$ is a critical point of $W_{x,\alpha}$ we will say that it has *nontrivial (or nonzero) qW invariants*.

Remark 4.1.2 (i) Observe that the potential function $W_{x,\alpha}$ depends on the presentation of Δ in (4.1.1) as a polytope and not just on Δ as a subset of \mathbb{R}^n . Equivalently $W_{x,\alpha}$ depends on the presentation of M_Δ as a reduction of \mathbb{C}^N and not just on M_Δ as a symplectic toric orbifold. In papers such as [9; 14] that work in the context of Lagrangian Floer homology on smooth manifolds it is assumed that the polytope Δ has precisely N facets, and one builds the invariant by counting holomorphic discs in M_Δ that intersect these facets. In this case, we call $W_{x,\alpha}$ the “geometric” potential function. However, in the quasimap approach of Woodward [25], the invariant is built from holomorphic discs in \mathbb{C}^N , that intersect the N facets of \mathbb{R}_+^N . Since the geometry takes place in \mathbb{C}^N there is no need for each of these N facets to descend to a geometric facet of Δ ; some of them may be “ghosts” with constants κ_i chosen so large that $\ell_i(x) > 0$ for all $x \in \Delta \setminus f$ where f is a (possibly empty) face of dimension less than $n - 1$.

(ii) It is clear from Equation (4.1.2) above, that if a ghost facet is parallel to a geometric facet of Δ then we can amalgamate the two corresponding terms in $W_{x,\alpha}$: if the geometric facet has $\ell_1(x) = \langle \eta_1, x \rangle + \kappa_1$ then the ghost facet is $\langle \eta_1, x \rangle + \kappa'_1 = 0$ where $\kappa'_1 > \kappa_1$, so that if W is the original potential and W' is the potential with the ghost facet, we have that $W'_{x,\alpha'} = W_{x,\alpha}$, where

$$\alpha' = (\alpha'_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N), \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1 + \log(1 + \exp(\alpha'_1 - \alpha_1)q^{\kappa'_1 - \kappa_1}), \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N).$$

Thus, the parallel ghost facet affects the terms in α with positive q weight; in the language of [17] it is a bulk deformation.

Remark 4.1.3 If Δ is a smooth compact moment polytope with rational support constants, it follows from [16, Proposition 4.7] and [17, Theorem 4.5] that there is always a $u \in \text{Int}(\Delta)$ such that the geometric potential $W_{u,\alpha}$ has a critical point for some $\alpha \in \Lambda_0^N$.

In [24], Wilson and Woodward observed that ghost facets can give new information if Δ has singularities or corresponds to an open symplectic toric orbifold. Lemma 4.2.1 and Remark 4.2.2 below show precisely how ghost facets may create lines with nontrivial invariants and Theorem 4.4.1(i) is an example where ghost facets create open sets with nontrivial invariants. In contrast to this we will now prove that ghost facets give no new information if the polytope is smooth and closed, which explains [25, Remark 6.11]. Note that part (i) of the next proposition has analogs in all dimensions, but we restrict to dimension 2 for simplicity.

Proposition 4.1.4 *Let Δ be a smooth closed polytope in \mathbb{R}^n .*

- (i) *If Δ is compact and 2-dimensional, the set of points in Δ with nontrivial qW invariants is the union of a finite number of points with at most one line segment.*
- (ii) *In any dimension, adding ghost facets to the potential does not change the set of points $u \in \text{Int } \Delta$ such that $W_{u,\alpha}$ has a critical point for some $\alpha \in \Lambda_0^N$.*

Proof We use the notation of (4.1.1). We first prove (i) in the case of the geometric qW potential to explain the idea in a simple case. We then prove (ii), which implies (i) in the general case.

For each point $u \in \Delta$ define $s(u) := \min_{i \leq N} \ell_i(u)$ and denote the set of edges that are closest to u by $E_1(u) = \{i \in \{1, \dots, N\} \mid \ell_i(u) = s(u)\}$. If $\#E_1(u) = 2$, and the edges in $E_1(u)$ are not parallel then we can choose coordinates so that one edge in $E_1(u)$ has equation $x_1 = 0$, while the other has the form $ax_1 + bx_2 = 0$, where $b \neq 0$. Then, because for all $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$ we have $e^\alpha = z +$ positive powers of q , where $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$, we find that

$$\partial_{\beta_2} W_{u,\alpha} = zbe^{a\beta_1 + b\beta_2} q^{s(u)} + O(q^c), \quad c > s(u),$$

which means that u is not a critical point of $W_{u,\alpha}$. A similar argument shows that u is not critical when $\#E_1(u) = 1$. On the other hand if the two edges in $E_1(u)$ are parallel and we choose coordinates so that these have equations $\pm x_1 + \kappa = 0$, then $\partial_{\beta_1} W_{u,\alpha} = 0$ can be solved to lowest order in q . Further the equation $\partial_{\beta_2} W_{u,\alpha} = 0$ starts with terms involving q^c where $c > s(u)$, and its lowest order terms also have a solution if at least two of these involve the same power of q . Equivalently, we need $\#E_2(u) > 1$, where $E_2(u)$ consists of those facets not in $E_1(u)$ that are closest to u . We may now appeal to [17, Theorem 4.5] which says that if the system of lowest order equations has a solution, then one can choose the higher order terms in α, β to obtain a solution of the full system of equations $\partial_{\beta_1} W_{u,\alpha}(\beta) = 0, \partial_{\beta_2} W_{u,\alpha}(\beta) = 0$.

All the other critical points have $\#E_1(u) \geq 3$. Since there are only finitely many such points, it remains to check that there is at most one line segment consisting of points with $\#E_1(u) = 2$.

To see this, note first that for any two parallel edges, the set of points equidistant from them is convex. Hence if there are two such line segments, Δ must have two sets of parallel sides, and hence be the blowup of a rectangle. But in a rectangle only one set of parallel lines can appear as $E_1(u)$, and if it is a square there are no points with $\#E_1(u) = 2$. This proves (i).

Now consider (ii). Remark 4.1.2 deals with the case when the ghost facet is parallel to some facet of Δ . Therefore suppose it is not. Without loss of generality, we may suppose that $\ell_g(x) + \epsilon \geq 0$ defines a ghost facet for $\epsilon \geq 0$ that intersects Δ when $\epsilon = 0$ in a codimension d face $\{\ell_g = \ell_1 = \dots = \ell_d = 0\}$. Then we may choose coordinates so that $\ell_i(x) = x_i$ and $\ell_g(x) = a_1x_1 + \dots + a_dx_d$ where $a_i \geq 1$. So in particular we see that for any interior point x and any $\epsilon \geq 0$,

$$(4.1.3) \quad 0 < \ell_i(x) < \ell_g(x) + \epsilon \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, d.$$

The potential with the ghost facet added is given by $W(g)_{u,\alpha} = W_{u,\alpha} + e^{\ell_g(\beta) + \alpha_g} q^{\ell_g(u)}$. Observe for $j > d$ that $\partial_{\beta_j} W$ is unaffected by the ghost term. For $j \leq d$, it follows from (4.1.3) that the leading order terms in $\partial_{\beta_j} W$ are unaffected by the ghost term. Therefore the leading order term critical point equation for $W(g)_{u,\alpha}$ and $W_{u,\alpha}$ are the same, so again by [17, Theorem 4.5] both potentials have the same set of points $u \in \text{Int}(\Delta)$ that give rise to critical points. This proves (ii). \square

4.2 A simple example and its resolution to $\mathcal{O}(-m)$, for $m \geq 2$

For an integer $m \geq 2$, consider the orbifold (M_m, ω, Φ_m) whose moment polytope is the sector

$$\Delta_{1,m} = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell_0(x) := x_1 \geq 0, \ell_2(x) := -x_1 + mx_2 \geq 0\}.$$

Here $M_m = \mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_m$ where the generator in the cyclic group acts by diagonal multiplication by $e^{2\pi i/m}$. If the torus \mathbb{T}^2 acts via

$$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 z_1, \lambda_2 z_2),$$

the moment map is given by

$$\Phi_{1,m}(z_1, z_2) = (|z_1|^2, \frac{1}{m}|z_1|^2 + \frac{1}{m}|z_2|^2).$$

The orbifold singularity at the origin can be resolved with the facet

$$\{\ell_1^\kappa(x) := x_2 + \kappa \geq 0\}, \quad \kappa < 0.$$

In fact, if $\kappa < 0$, then the polytope

$$(4.2.1) \quad \bar{\Delta}_{1,m}(\kappa) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell_0(x) \geq 0, \ell_1^\kappa(x) \geq 0, \ell_2(x) \geq 0\}$$

is smooth and is the moment polytope for the standard toric structure on the line bundle $\mathcal{O}(-m) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$. On the other hand if $\kappa \geq 0$ then $\bar{\Delta}_{1,m}(\kappa) = \Delta_{1,m}$ as subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 , so $\{\ell_1^\kappa(x) \geq 0\}$ defines a ghost facet in the presentation (4.2.1). The effect of resolving the orbifold singularity in this case is easy to explain, while the answers become more complicated for the later examples.

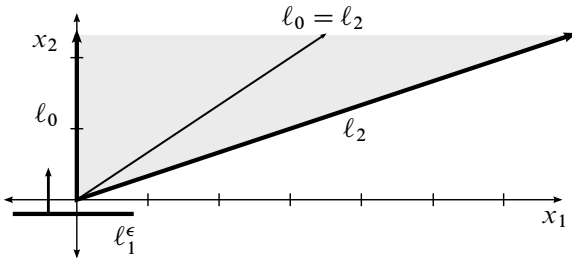


Figure 4.2.1: The moment polytope $\Delta_{1,m}$ when $m = 3$. The displaceable points are in light gray and the nondisplaceable points are on the line $\ell_0 = \ell_2$. The nondisplaceability proof uses ghost facets $\{\ell_1^\epsilon(x) \geq 0\}$ for varying $\epsilon \geq 0$.

4.2.1 The displaceable and nondisplaceable fibers before resolving

Lemma 4.2.1 *If $x \in \Delta_{1,m}$ is on the line $\ell_0(x) = \ell_2(x)$, then the Lagrangian fiber L_x is nondisplaceable. If x is not on the line $\ell_0(x) = \ell_2(x)$, then L_x is displaceable by a horizontal probe.*

Proof The displaceability statement is straightforward.

For each $x \in \Delta_{1,m}$ on the line $\ell_0(x) = \ell_2(x)$, there is some $\epsilon \geq 0$ such that

$$(4.2.2) \quad \ell_0(x) = \ell_2(x) = \ell_1^\epsilon(x).$$

For a given x and the associated $\epsilon \geq 0$, consider the presentation $\bar{\Delta}_{1,m}(\epsilon)$ from (4.2.1), which has the ghost facet $\{\ell_1^\epsilon(x) \geq 0\}$. Its potential function is

$$W_{x,\alpha}(\beta_1, \beta_2) = e^{\beta_1} q^{\ell_0(x)} + e^{-\beta_1 + m\beta_2} q^{\ell_2(x)} + e^{\beta_2 + \alpha} q^{\ell_1^\epsilon(x)}.$$

By setting $\partial_{\beta_1} W_{x,\alpha} = \partial_{\beta_2} W_{x,\alpha} = 0$ and using (4.2.2) to cancel out the powers of q , we get

$$(4.2.3) \quad e^{\beta_1} - e^{-\beta_1 + m\beta_2} = 0, \quad m e^{-\beta_1 + m\beta_2} + e^{\beta_2 + \alpha} = 0.$$

These equations are solved by $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha) = (0, 0, \log(-m))$ over \mathbb{C} . Therefore by [Theorem 4.1.1](#), the Lagrangian fiber L_x is nondisplaceable. \square

Remark 4.2.2 (i) The ghost facet was needed, for without it the potential function is

$$W_{x,\alpha}(\beta_1, \beta_2) = e^{\beta_1 + \alpha_2} q^{x_1} + e^{-\beta_1 + m\beta_2 + \alpha_1} q^{-x_1 + mx_2},$$

which has no critical points since $\partial_{\beta_2} W_{x,\alpha}$ has just one nonzero term for all x and α .

(ii) The bulk deformation e^α is also needed when $m = 2$. To see this, note that under the substitution $y_1 = e^{\beta_1}$ and $y_2 = e^{\beta_2}$ [\(4.2.3\)](#) becomes

$$y_1^2 = y_2^m, \quad y_1 = -my_2^{m-1}.$$

For $m = 2$ this says

$$y_1^2 = y_2^2, \quad y_1 = -2y_2,$$

which has no solution except $y_1 = y_2 = 0$.

4.2.2 Resolving $\Delta_{1,m}$ to $\mathcal{O}(-m)$ If $\kappa < 0$, then $\bar{\Delta}_{1,m}(\kappa)$ is a resolution of $\Delta_{1,m}$. The next result shows that all the previously nondisplaceable fibers can now be displaced, either by standard probes based on the new facet $\{\ell_1^\kappa(x) = 0\}$ or by parallel extended probes deflected by a probe Q that is based on the new facet.

Lemma 4.2.3 *If $\kappa < 0$, then the Lagrangian fiber $L_u \subset \mathcal{O}(-m)$ is displaceable by extended probes for all $u \in \bar{\Delta}_{1,m}(\kappa)$.*

Proof Just as in the Hirzebruch surface case, for even $m \geq 2$ standard probes displace everything. When $m > 2$ is odd, horizontal probes displace everything except the points $x \in \bar{\Delta}_{1,m}(\kappa)$ on the line $\ell_0(x) = \ell_2(x)$, which up to translation is identified with

$$(4.2.4) \quad \{x_1 = \frac{m}{2}x_2 + \frac{-\kappa}{2}\} \subset \{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \mid -x_1 + mx_2 - \kappa > 0\} =: \Delta_{1,m}^U(-\kappa).$$

So it suffices to prove that points on the line in [\(4.2.4\)](#) are displaceable and this follows from [Lemma 3.2.2](#) since $m/2 < m - 1$. \square

4.3 Cyclic surface singularities and their Hirzebruch–Jung resolutions

4.3.1 The orbifolds For relatively prime positive integers $m > n \geq 2$ consider the complex orbifold $M_{n,m} = \mathbb{C}^2 / \Gamma$, where $\Gamma = \Gamma_{n,m}$ is the cyclic subgroup of $U(2)$ generated by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \exp(2\pi i n/m) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(2\pi i/m) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The standard symplectic toric structure on $(\mathbb{C}^2, \omega_0, (S^1)^2, \Phi_0)$ induces a symplectic toric orbifold structure on $(M_{n,m}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi_{n,m})$ with an orbifold singularity at the origin, where

$$\Phi_{n,m}([z_1, z_2]) = (|z_1|^2, \frac{n}{m}|z_1|^2 + \frac{1}{m}|z_2|^2)$$

and the moment polytope is $\Phi_{n,m}(M_{n,m})$

$$(4.3.1) \quad \Delta_{n,m} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell^v(x) := x_1 \geq 0, \ell^s(x) := -nx_1 + mx_2 \geq 0\}.$$

Note that interior conormals for $\Delta_{n,m}$ are

$$\ell^v(x) = \langle \eta^v, x \rangle, \text{ where } \eta^v = (1, 0), \quad \ell^s(x) = \langle \eta^s, x \rangle, \text{ where } \eta^s = (-n, m),$$

and we will call $\{\ell^v = 0\}$ the *vertical edge* and $\{\ell^s = 0\}$ the *slant edge*. Note $\{\ell^v(x) = \ell^s(x)\}$ defines the line $\{x_1 = \frac{m}{n+1}x_2\}$, which we will call the *midline*.

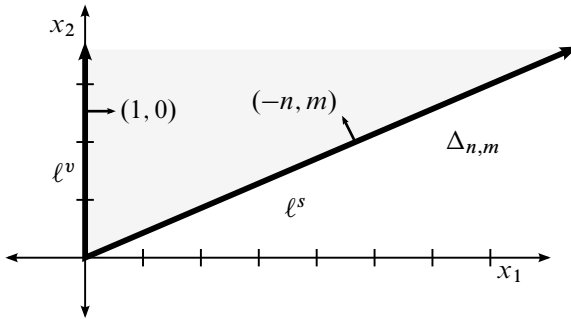


Figure 4.3.1: The moment polytope $\Delta_{n,m}$ for $(n, m) = (3, 7)$

In terms of the polytope, the assumption that $m > n$ is harmless since if $n > m \geq 2$, then by applying a shear $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto (x_1, -x_1 + x_2)$, which is in $GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we see that $(M_{n,m}, \Delta_{n,m})$ is equivalent to $(M_{(n-m),m}, \Delta_{(n-m),m})$.

4.3.2 Hirzebruch–Jung resolutions Associated to $(M_{n,m}, \Delta_{n,m})$ is a minimal resolution of the symplectic toric orbifold singularity at the origin which is known in algebraic geometry as a Hirzebruch–Jung resolution. The version in the symplectic toric setting is due to Orlik and Raymond [23]; see also Calderbank and Singer [5]. To find the resolution, one writes n/m as a continued fraction using positive integers $E_j \geq 2$:

$$(4.3.2) \quad \frac{n}{m} = \frac{1}{E_1 - \frac{1}{E_2 - \dots - \frac{1}{E_k}}}$$

The positive integers E_j are given by the Euclidean algorithm where $0 \leq r_{j+1} < r_j$,

$$(4.3.3) \quad r_{-1} = m, \quad r_0 = n, \quad E_{j+1} = \left\lceil \frac{r_{j-1}}{r_j} \right\rceil, \quad r_{j+1} = E_{j+1}r_j - r_{j-1},$$

and k is the smallest number such that $r_k = 0$. The sequence of integers E_1, \dots, E_k determine a sequence of $k + 2$ interior conormals in $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$, starting with the conormal for the vertical edge

$$\eta_0 = \eta^v = (1, 0), \quad \text{then } \eta_1 = (0, 1),$$

and then defined recursively for $1 \leq j \leq k$ by

$$\eta_{j+1} = E_j \eta_j - \eta_{j-1},$$

where the last one is the conormal for the slant edge

$$\eta_{k+1} = \eta^s = (-n, m).$$

These conormals are such that if $\eta_{j+1} = (-n_j, m_j)$, then

$$\frac{n_{j+1}}{m_{j+1}} = \frac{1}{E_1 - \frac{1}{E_2 - \dots - \frac{1}{E_j}}} = (E_1, \dots, E_j).$$

For appropriate support constants $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k) \in \mathbb{R}_{<0}^k$ the polytope

$$(4.3.4) \quad \bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell_0(x) \geq 0, \ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) \geq 0, \dots, \ell_k^{\kappa_k}(x) \geq 0, \ell_{k+1}(x) \geq 0\},$$

where

$$\ell_0(x) = \ell^v(x) = x_1, \quad \ell_j^{\kappa_j}(x) := \langle \eta_j, x \rangle + \kappa_j, \quad \ell_{k+1}(x) = \ell^s(x) = -nx_1 + mx_2,$$

has $k + 2$ edges, is smooth, and corresponds to a symplectic toric manifold

$$(\bar{M}_{n,m}, \bar{\omega}_{\kappa}, \bar{\Phi}_{n,m})$$

that is called a *minimal resolution* of $(M_{n,m}, \Delta_{n,m})$.

4.3.3 Symmetries The class of examples $(M_{n,m}, \Delta_{n,m})$ where $m > n \geq 2$ has the following symmetry, which we will exploit to shorten the proofs below. Let (\tilde{n}, q) be the integers that solve

$$(4.3.5) \quad mq - n\tilde{n} = -1 \quad \text{for minimum positive } \tilde{n},$$

so that $1 < \tilde{n} < m$ and $0 < q < \tilde{n}$. Then the matrix

$$(4.3.6) \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{n} & m \\ -q & n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } S \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and } S \begin{pmatrix} m \\ \tilde{n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

has $\det S = -1$ and $S(\Delta_{\tilde{n},m}) = \Delta_{n,m}$. Furthermore, S interchanges the roles of the vertical edge and the slant edge, while mapping the midline to the midline.

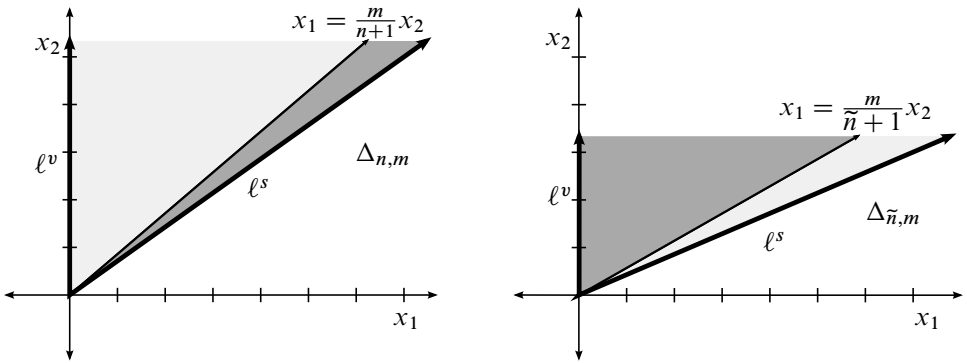


Figure 4.3.2: Left: $\Delta_{n,m}$. Right: $\Delta_{\tilde{n},m}$. The matrix S in (4.3.6) maps $\Delta_{\tilde{n},m}$ to $\Delta_{n,m}$, mapping the light gray region to the light gray region, and likewise for the dark grey regions. Here $(n, m) = (5, 7)$ and $(\tilde{n}, q) = (3, 2)$.

Therefore we will often only need to prove a result for points to the left of the midline: the properties of the points to the right of the midline will be deduced by applying the matrix S .

This symmetry provided by $S \in \text{GL}(t_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)$ is compatible with the resolution given by the continued fraction expansion. Namely if E_1, \dots, E_k are associated with the pair (n, m) , then

$$\frac{\tilde{n}}{m} = (E_k, \dots, E_1),$$

so that (\tilde{n}, m) is given by reversing the order of the E_j . If $\eta_0, \dots, \eta_{k+1}$ are the conormals associated with $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}$, and $\tilde{\eta}_0, \dots, \tilde{\eta}_{k+1}$ are the conormals associated with $\bar{\Delta}_{\tilde{n},m}$, then one can check that

$$S^* \eta_j = \tilde{\eta}_{k+1-j},$$

where $S^* \in \text{GL}(t_{\mathbb{Z}})$ is the transpose. Therefore S maps one minimal resolution from (4.3.4) to the other:

$$S(\bar{\Delta}_{\tilde{n},m}(\tilde{\kappa})) = \bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa), \quad \tilde{\kappa}_{k+1-j} = \kappa_j$$

In particular we have that the first three and the last three conormals for $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}$ are

$$(4.3.7) \quad \eta_0 = (1, 0), \quad \eta_1 = (0, 1), \quad \eta_2 = (-1, E_1),$$

$$(4.3.8) \quad \eta_{k+1} = (-n, m), \quad \eta_k = (-q, \tilde{n}), \quad \eta_{k-1} = -(E_k q - n), E_k \tilde{n} - m).$$

4.4 Displaceability in sectors and their blowups

For relatively prime positive integers $m > n \geq 2$, consider the symplectic toric orbifold $(M_{n,m}, \Delta_{n,m})$ from (4.3.1). Let \tilde{n}, q be given by (4.3.5) and let E_1, \dots, E_k be the sequence of integers from (4.3.3) associated to (n, m) . In this section we will use the notation

$$E = E_1 := \lceil \frac{m}{n} \rceil, \quad \tilde{E} = E_k := \lceil \frac{m}{\tilde{n}} \rceil.$$

4.4.1 The displaceable and nondisplaceable fibers in $\Delta_{n,m}$

Theorem 4.4.1 *Let $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Delta_{n,m}$.*

(i) *The Lagrangian fiber L_x is nondisplaceable if*

$$(4.4.1) \quad \frac{E}{2}x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{2m - \tilde{E}\tilde{n}}{2n - \tilde{E}q}x_2.$$

(ii) *If $E = \tilde{E} = 2$, then all other fibers L_x are displaceable.*

(iii) *If $E > 2$, then all fibers with $x_1 < \frac{E}{2}x_2$ are displaceable except possibly for those with $\frac{m}{2n}x_2 \leq x_1 < \frac{E}{2}x_2$.*

(iv) *If $\tilde{E} > 2$, then all fibers with $((2m - \tilde{E}\tilde{n})/(2n - \tilde{E}q))x_2 < x_1$ are displaceable except possibly for those with*

$$\frac{2m - \tilde{E}\tilde{n}}{2n - \tilde{E}q}x_2 < x_1 \leq \frac{m\tilde{n}}{n\tilde{n} + 1}x_2.$$

Proof of Theorem 4.4.1(i) Recall that $\Delta_{n,m} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell^v(x) \geq 0, \ell^s(x) \geq 0\}$, where

$$\ell^v(x) := x_1, \quad \ell^s(x) := -nx_1 + mx_2.$$

For ghost facets, we will use the first two conormals $\eta_1 = (0, 1)$ and $\eta_2 = (-1, E)$ associated with the Hirzebruch–Jung resolution. Thus we take

$$\ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) := x_2 + \kappa_1, \quad \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(x) := -x_1 + Ex_2 + \kappa_2,$$

which define ghost facets for $\Delta_{n,m}$ when $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \geq 0$ are nonnegative.

Observe that if the point $x \in \Delta_{n,m}$ satisfies

$$\frac{E}{2}x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{m}{n+1}x_2$$

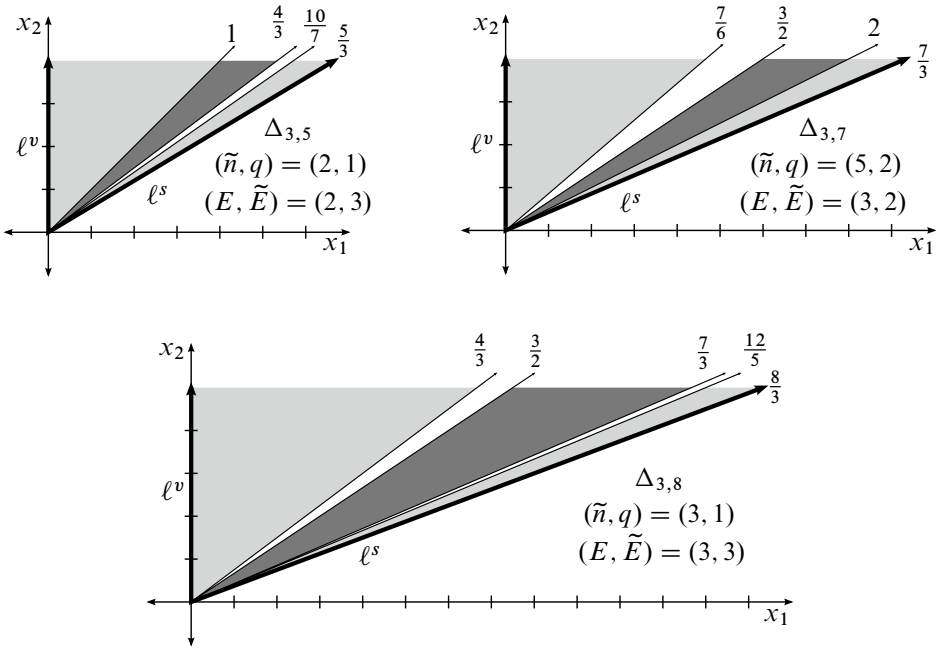


Figure 4.4.1: Examples of Theorem 4.4.1. The dark grey regions are closed and nondisplaceable, the light grey regions are open and displaceable, and the white regions are unknown.

then

$$(4.4.2) \quad \ell^v(x) = \ell_1^{\epsilon_1}(x) = \ell_2^{\epsilon_2}(x) \leq \ell^s(x)$$

for suitable $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \geq 0$. The potential function of $\Delta_{n,m}$ with the added ghost facets $\{\ell_1^{\epsilon_1} \geq 0\}$ and $\{\ell_2^{\epsilon_2} \geq 0\}$ is

$$W_{x,\alpha}(\beta) = e^{\beta_1 + \alpha_1} q^{\ell^v(x)} + e^{-n\beta_1 + m\beta_2} q^{\ell^s(x)} + e^{\beta_2 + \alpha_2} q^{\ell_1^{\epsilon_1}(x)} + e^{-\beta_1 + E\beta_2} q^{\ell_2^{\epsilon_2}(x)}.$$

Changing variable so that $y_1 = e^{\beta_1}$ and $y_2 = e^{\beta_2}$ and using (4.4.2), the critical point equation becomes

$$(4.4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} y_1 \partial_{y_1} W_{x,\alpha} &= (e^{\alpha_1} y_1 - y_1^{-1} y_2^E - n y_1^{-n} y_2^m q^{\ell^s(x) - \ell^v(x)}) q^{\ell^v(x)} = 0, \\ y_2 \partial_{y_2} W_{x,\alpha} &= (e^{\alpha_2} y_2 + E y_1^{-1} y_2^E + m y_1^{-n} y_2^m q^{\ell^s(x) - \ell^v(x)}) q^{\ell^v(x)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then $(y_1, y_2) = (1, 1)$ is a critical point of $W_{x,\alpha}$ when

$$(4.4.4) \quad e^{\alpha_1} = 1 + n q^{\ell^s(x) - \ell^v(x)}, \quad e^{\alpha_2} = -E - m q^{\ell^s(x) - \ell^v(x)}.$$

These equations are solvable by $\alpha \in \Lambda_0^2$ since $\ell^s(x) \geq \ell^v(x)$ and neither term in (4.4.4) is zero. Hence L_x is nondisplaceable by Theorem 4.1.1.

So far we have proved that for $x \in \Delta_{n,m}$ such that

$$(4.4.5) \quad \frac{E}{2}x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{m}{n+1}x_2,$$

the fiber L_x is nondisplaceable. Likewise, for $y \in \Delta_{\tilde{n},m}$, L_y is nondisplaceable if

$$\frac{\tilde{E}}{2}y_2 \leq y_1 \leq \frac{m}{\tilde{n}+1}y_2.$$

The image of this region under the symmetry S from (4.3.6) is the subset of $\text{Int } \Delta_{n,m}$ where

$$(4.4.6) \quad \frac{m}{n+1}x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{2m - \tilde{E}\tilde{n}}{2n - \tilde{E}q}x_2.$$

Piecing (4.4.5) and (4.4.6) together, we have proved that if $x \in \Delta_{n,m}$ satisfies (4.4.1), then L_x is nondisplaceable. □

The proof of Theorem 4.4.1 is completed by the following lemma.

Lemma 4.4.2 *Probes based on the vertical edge in $\Delta_{n,m}$ displace the following points:*

- Points in $\{x_1 < x_2\}$ by probes with direction $(1, 1)$.
- Points in $\{x_1 < \frac{m}{2n}x_2\}$ by probes with direction $(1, 0)$.

Probes based on the slant edge in $\Delta_{n,m}$ displace the following points:

- Points in $\{x_1 > \frac{m-\tilde{n}}{n-q}x_2\}$ by probes with direction $(m - \tilde{n}, n - q)$.
- Points in $\{x_1 > \frac{m\tilde{n}}{n\tilde{n}+1}x_2\}$ by probes with direction $(-\tilde{n}, -q)$.

Proof of Lemma 4.4.2 The first two claims are similar to Lemma 3.2.1, and are straightforward to check. The last two claims are the transform under the symmetry S of the first two claims for the sector $\Delta_{\tilde{n},m}$. □

We next show that the lower bound $\frac{E}{2}$ in Theorem 4.4.1(i) is optimal with our current methods.

Lemma 4.4.3 *The qW invariants vanish for points in $\Delta_{n,m}$ with $x_1 < \frac{E}{2}x_2$.*

Proof If the potential function $W_{x,\alpha}$ has a critical point at a point $x \in \Delta_{n,m}$ left of the midline, there must be at least one ghost facet $\ell^\epsilon(x) = \langle \eta, x \rangle + \epsilon$ such that (4.4.2) holds for support constants $\epsilon \geq 0$. If $\eta = (-b, a)$ for some nonnegative integers, then $b/a \leq n/m$ must hold in order for ℓ^ϵ to define a ghost facet. Since $\ell^\epsilon(x) = \ell^v(x)$ implies $(a/(b + 1))x_2 \leq x_1$, this gives a potentially new lower bound. The choice $\eta_1 = (0, 1)$ is optimal since it gives the bound $x_2 \leq x_1$. However, adding just this ghost facet by itself is not enough since the second equation in (4.4.3) would then have just one term and so have no solution. Any other of η must have $a, b > 0$ positive, and we claim that in this case $E/2 \leq a/(b + 1)$, so that the lower bound is no better than before.

To see this, recall that $E = \lceil m/n \rceil$. If $a = b + 1$, then $2 \geq a/b \geq m/n$, so $E = 2$ and hence $E/2 = a/(b + 1)$. Suppose $a \geq b + 2$, then since $E - 1 < m/n \leq a/b$, we have that $E/2 \leq \frac{1}{2}((a/b) + 1)$ and hence it suffices to prove $\frac{1}{2}((a/b) + 1) \leq a/(b + 1)$. This is equivalent to $a(b - 1) \geq b^2 + b$, which holds since $a \geq b + 2$. \square

4.4.2 Displaceable fibers after a blowup Recall that in the proof of Theorem 4.4.1(i) we used the ghost facets with conormal $(0, 1)$ to prove the nondisplaceability of the points in (4.4.5), which are to the left of the midline, and implicitly we used their transforms under the symmetry in (4.3.6) with conormal $S^*(0, 1) = (-q, \tilde{n})$ to deal with the points to the right of the midline. Hence, if we partially resolve the orbifold singularity with these two edges, many fibers with previously nonzero qW invariants now have vanishing invariants. At the same time, since probes with direction $(1, 0)$ based on the vertical edge, are parallel to the new edge with conormal $(0, 1)$ (and likewise on the right), this partial resolution also causes many fibers to become displaceable using parallel extended probes with flags.

Proposition 4.4.4 For the polytope $\Delta_{n,m}$ as in (4.3.1), consider a minimal resolution $(\bar{M}_{n,m}, \bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa))$ given by (4.3.4), where $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k) \in \mathbb{R}_{<0}^k$ are the support constants. If $x \in \text{Int } \bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa)$ is not in the region

$$(E_1 - 1)x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{m - (E_k - 1)\tilde{n}}{n - (E_k - 1)q}x_2$$

then the Lagrangian fiber $L_x \subset (\bar{M}_{n,m}, \bar{\omega}_\kappa)$ can be displaced by extended probes in $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa)$, provided that the terms in κ are sufficiently close to zero.

Proof For $x_1 < (E_1 - 1)x_2$, it follows from Lemma 3.2.2 that L_x can be displaced by a parallel extended probe with flag $\mathcal{FP} = P \cup Q \cup F$ in $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa)$. Here P is based on the vertical edge with direction $v_P = (1, 0)$ and Q is based on the new edge $\{\ell_1^{\kappa_1} = 0\}$ with direction $v_Q = (E - 1, 1)$.

Observe that

$$x_1 > \frac{m - (E_k - 1)\tilde{n}}{n - (E_k - 1)q}x_2$$

is the transform of $x_1 < (\tilde{E}_1 - 1)x_2$ for $\Delta_{\tilde{n},m}$ under the transformation S from (4.3.6). In $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa)$ one builds an extended probe where P is based on the slant edge, which has direction $v_P = (-q, -\tilde{n})$, and the deflecting probe Q has direction $v_Q = (m - (\tilde{E} - 1)\tilde{n}, n - (\tilde{E} - 1)q)$ and is based on the new edge $\{\ell_k^{\kappa k} = 0\}$. \square

Remark 4.4.5 (i) Unwrapping how Proposition 4.4.4 uses Lemma 3.2.2 gives the following more precise version. Suppose that a (partial) resolution $\tilde{\Delta}_{n,m}$ of $\Delta_{n,m}$ contains an edge $\{\ell_1^{\kappa 1} = 0\}$ with one endpoint on the vertical edge $\{\ell^v = 0\}$ and the other at (y_1, y_2) , where $y_1 > 0$. Then the points $x \in \tilde{\Delta}_{n,m}$ such that

$$x_1 - y_1 < (E_1 - 1)(x_2 - y_2)$$

are displaceable by extended probes using Lemma 3.2.2. The analogous statement holds when $\{\ell_k^{\kappa k} = 0\}$ appears next to the slant edge $\{\ell^s = 0\}$.

(ii) Comparing the results of Proposition 4.4.4 to Theorem 4.4.1, if $E = E_1 > 2$ then the points $x \in \Delta_{n,m}$ in the region

$$\frac{E}{2}x_2 \leq x_1 < (E - 1)x_2$$

can be displaced after we partially resolve $\Delta_{n,m}$ with $\{\ell_1^{\kappa 1} \geq 0\}$ and are nondisplaceable before partially resolving. If $E_1 = 2$, then this region is empty.

4.5 Examples of minimal resolutions

In this section we discuss a few of the minimal resolutions $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa)$ in (4.3.4). We will use standard probes as well as the extended probes described in Proposition 4.4.4 and Remark 4.4.5.²

In general for minimal resolutions $(\bar{M}_{n,m}, \bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa))$ there is no known nondisplaceable fiber. In Section 4.2.2, where $k = 1$ and hence $(n, m) = (1, m)$, we showed in Lemma 4.2.3 that every fiber is displaceable in a minimal resolution $\mathcal{O}(-m) = \bar{M}_{1,m}$. In every other case there will be fibers that we cannot displace with extended probes.

²We leave it to the reader to check that the probes with trapezoidal flags defined in Section 5 displace no new points.

4.5.1 The case $k = 2$ Suppose the continued fraction expansion for (n, m) has length $k = 2$ given by E_1 and E_2 . Then

$$(n, m) = (E_2, E_1 E_2 - 1), \quad (\tilde{n}, q) = (E_1, 1),$$

and the facets for a minimal resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{(E_2, E_1 E_2 - 1)}$ have interior conormals

$$\eta_0 = (1, 0), \quad \eta_1 = (0, 1), \quad \eta_2 = (-1, E_1), \quad \eta_3 = (-E_2, E_1 E_2 - 1).$$

Note that in this case the upper and lower bounds of [Proposition 4.4.4](#) coincide, so we have the following corollary taking into account [Remark 4.4.5](#).

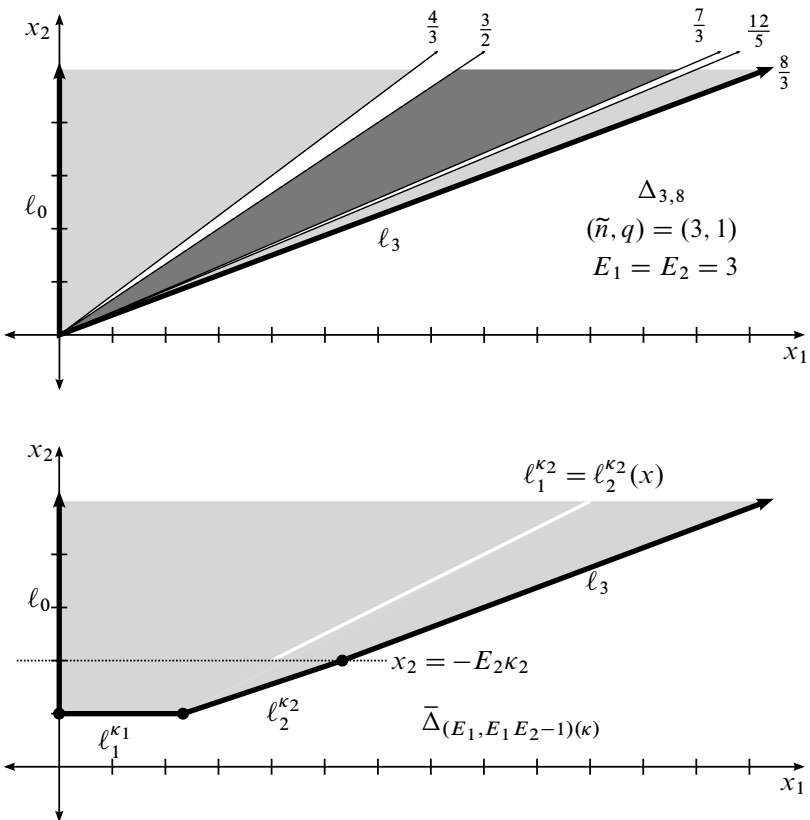


Figure 4.5.1: Illustration of [Corollary 4.5.1](#). Above: $\Delta_{3,8}$ before resolving. Below: The resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{(E_1, E_1 E_2 - 1)}$ drawn in the case $(n, m) = (3, 8)$. The light gray regions are displaceable and the dark grey regions are nondisplaceable. It is unknown if the points on the ray with slope $E_1 - 1$ are displaceable.

Corollary 4.5.1 *Let $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 < 0$ be such that $\bar{\Delta}_{(E_2, E_1 E_2-1)}(\kappa)$ is a minimal resolution from (4.3.4). A Lagrangian fiber L_x in $\bar{\Delta}_{(E_2, E_1 E_2-1)}(\kappa)$ is displaceable by probes provided it is not on the ray given by*

$$\ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) = \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(x), \quad \ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) \geq \max\{\ell_1^{\kappa_1}(y) \mid y \in \bar{\Delta}_{(E_2, E_1 E_2-1)}(\kappa), \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(y) = 0\},$$

that is

$$(4.5.1) \quad x_1 = (E_1 - 1)x_2 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_1, \quad x_2 \geq -E_2\kappa_2.$$

Proof We only need to prove that if x is on the line (4.5.1) and $x_2 < -E_2\kappa_2$, then L_x is displaceable. These points can be displaced by probes with direction $(-1, 0)$ based on the edge $\{\ell_2^{\kappa_2} = 0\}$; see Figure 4.5.1. □

Remark 4.5.2 If x lies on the line in (4.5.1), then

$$\ell_0(x) > \ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x), \quad \ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) = \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(x), \quad \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(x) < \ell_3(x),$$

and hence the potential function $W_{x,\alpha}(\beta_1, \beta_2)$ from (4.1.2) will not have a critical point. In particular one can check that $\partial_{\beta_1} W_{x,\alpha}(\beta) \neq 0$ for all $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2) \in (\Lambda_0)^2$. So Theorem 4.1.1 cannot be used to prove L_x is nondisplaceable.

4.5.2 A_n -singularities The A_n -singularity is \mathbb{C}^2/Γ , where Γ is the subgroup of $SU(2)$ generated by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/(n+1)}$. Comparing with Section 4.3.1, we see that the A_n -singularity is given by $(M_{(n,n+1)}, \omega, \Delta_{(n,n+1)})$ and note the associated $(\tilde{n}, q) = (n, n - 1)$. The continued fraction expansion for $(n, n + 1)$ has length $k = n$ and is given by

$$E_1 = \dots = E_n = 2$$

and the facets for a minimal resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{(n,n+1)}(\kappa)$ have interior conormals

$$\eta_0=(1, 0), \quad \eta_1=(0, 1), \quad \eta_2=(-1, 2), \quad \eta_3=(-2, 3), \quad \dots, \quad \eta_{n+1}=(-n, n + 1).$$

Note that in this case the upper and lower bounds of Proposition 4.4.4 coincide, so we have the following corollary taking into account Remark 4.4.5.

Corollary 4.5.3 *Let $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}_{<0}^n$ be such that $\bar{\Delta}_{(n,n+1)}(\kappa)$ is a minimal resolution from (4.3.4). A point $x \in \bar{\Delta}_{(n,n+1)}(\kappa)$ is displaceable by probes if it does not belong to one of the $(n - 1)$ rays given by*

$$\ell_j^{\kappa_j}(x) = \ell_{j+1}^{\kappa_{j+1}}(x), \quad \ell_j^{\kappa_j}(x) \geq \max\{\ell_j^{\kappa_j}(y) \mid y \in \bar{\Delta}_{(n,n+1)}(\kappa), \ell_{j+1}^{\kappa_{j+1}}(y) = 0\},$$

for $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$.

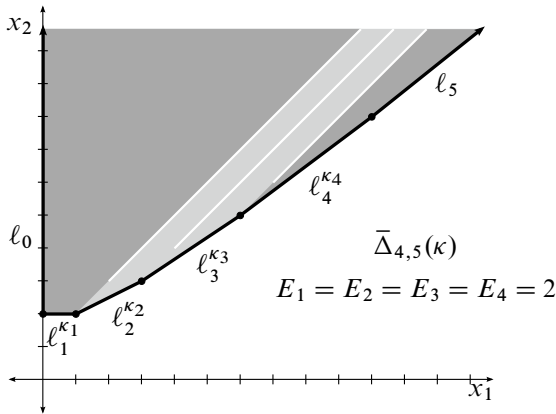


Figure 4.5.2: Minimal resolution of A_n -singularity. The light grey regions are displaceable by standard probes with direction $(1,1)$ or parallel to one of the added facets. The medium grey regions are displaceable by extended probes from Proposition 4.4.4. Displaceability for the white rays is unknown.

4.5.3 Open regions of unknown points If E_1, \dots, E_k is the continued fraction decomposition of (n, m) , suppose that its length is at least $k \geq 3$ and some $E_j \geq 3$ for $j \neq 1, k$. Then in any minimal resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{n,m}(\kappa)$ there will be open regions of points that extended probes do not displace.

Example 4.5.4 Consider a minimal resolution of $\bar{\Delta}_{5,8}(\kappa)$. Since $(n, m) = (5, 8)$ we have $(\tilde{n}, q) = (5, 3)$ and the upper and lower bounds in Proposition 4.4.4 do not coincide. Since the continued fraction expansion of $(5, 8)$ is given by $E_1 = 2, E_2 = 3,$ and $E_3 = 2,$ the conormals for $\bar{\Delta}_{5,8}(\kappa)$ are

$$\eta_0 = (1, 0), \quad \eta_1 = (0, 1), \quad \eta_2 = (-1, 2), \quad \eta_3 = (-3, 5), \quad \eta_4 = (-5, 8).$$

The displaceable fibers in $\bar{\Delta}_{5,8}(\kappa)$ are displayed in Figure 4.5.3; as we can see there is an open region of unknown fibers.

4.6 The weighted projective planes $\mathbb{P}(1, p, q)$

Consider the weighted projective plane $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$, with moment polytope

$$(4.6.1) \quad \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell_1(x) := x_1 \geq 0, \ell_2(x) := x_2 \geq 0, \ell_3(x) := -5x_1 - 3x_2 + 15 \geq 0\}.$$

McDuff showed in [21, Lemma 4.4] that Δ has an open subset of points that cannot be displaceable by probes; moreover, this open subset persists even after resolving the orbifold singularities. Wilson and Woodward showed in [24, Example 4.11] that many, but not all, of the fibers that cannot be displaced by probes are actually nondisplaceable

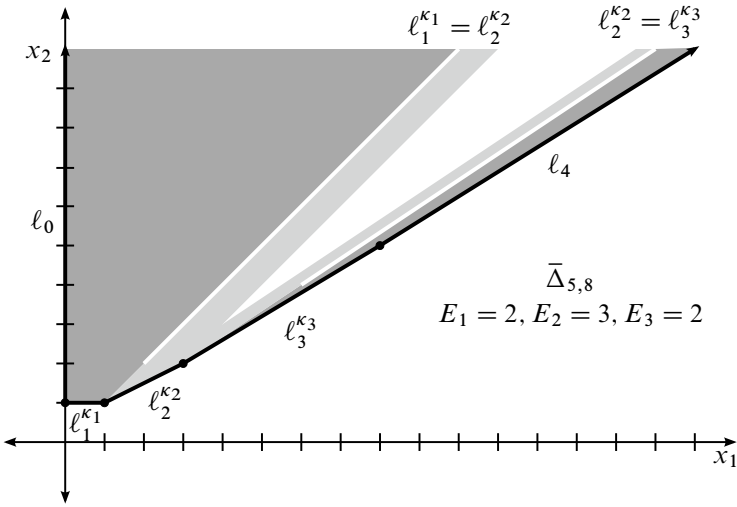


Figure 4.5.3: Displaceable fibers in $\bar{\Delta}_{5,8}(\kappa)$. The light grey regions are displaceable by standard probes with direction $(1, 1)$, $(3, 2)$, or parallel to one of the added facets. The medium gray regions are displaceable by extended probes from Proposition 4.4.4. Displaceability is unknown for points in the white rays and regions.

in Δ . Figure 4.6.1 summarizes their results. Using Remarks 2.2.7 and 5.2.4(ii), one can see that one cannot do better by using extended probes. In this section we work out which points can be displaced by extended probes when we resolve the singularities.

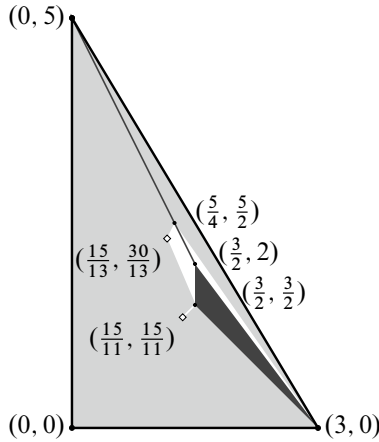


Figure 4.6.1: The moment polytope for $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$. The probe displaceable points in light gray, the nondisplaceable points in dark gray, and the unknown points in white.

Observe that Δ near the vertex $(3, 0)$ is locally equivariantly symplectomorphic to a neighborhood of the origin in $\Delta_{3,5}$, and hence locally the results in Figure 4.6.1 match those in Figure 4.4.1. The region near $(0, 5)$ in Δ is literally of the form $\Delta_{5,3}$, which by shearing is equivalent to $\Delta_{2,3}$ and Theorem 4.4.1 says that in $\Delta_{2,3}$ there is one line of nondisplaceable fibers and everything else is displaceable. This is what we see in the region near $(0, 5)$ in Figure 4.6.1.

The normals for $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ are given by

$$\eta_1 = (1, 0), \quad \eta_2 = (0, 1), \quad \eta_3 = (-5, -3),$$

and the interior conormals for a minimal resolution of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ are given by

$$(4.6.2) \quad \eta_4 = (-1, -1), \quad \eta_5 = (-3, -2), \quad \eta_6 = (-2, -1), \quad \eta_7 = (-1, 0).$$

In what follows we include facets

$$F_j = \{\ell_j^{\kappa_j}(x) := \langle \eta_j, x \rangle + \kappa_j \geq 0\}$$

for $j = 4, 5, 6, 7$ into the presentation of Δ from (4.6.1). For reference let us note that these half spaces define ghost facets in Δ when

$$\kappa_4 \geq 5, \quad \kappa_5 \geq 10, \quad \kappa_6 \geq 6, \quad \kappa_7 \geq 3.$$

4.6.1 Resolution of singularity at $(3, 0)$ in $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ Consider the resolution of the singularity at $(3, 0)$ which is given by $\Delta \cap \{\ell_6^{\kappa_6} \geq 0, \ell_7^{\kappa_7} \geq 0\}$, and which we assume has vertices

$$(4.6.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (0, 0), \quad (0, 5), \quad a_4 = (3(\kappa_6 - 5), 5(6 - \kappa_6)), \\ a_5 = (\kappa_7, \kappa_6 - 2\kappa_7), \quad a_6 = (\kappa_7, 0). \end{aligned}$$

This resolution corresponds to a minimal resolution of the sector $\Delta_{3,5}$. Since the continued fraction expansion of $\frac{5}{3}$ is given by $(E_1, E_2) = (2, 3)$, it follows from Corollary 4.5.1 that there is a line of nondisplaceable points near the resolved vertex lying on the bisector of the edges F_6, F_7 and hence in direction $(-1, 1)$. These points cannot be displaced in the minimal resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{3,5}$ because, although we can deflect a vertical probe P starting on the horizontal base facet F_2 by a $(-1, 0)$ probe Q starting on F_6 , the resulting deflected probe \mathcal{F} is not parallel. Rather it has a trapezoidal flag and tapers to a point as it reaches this line; cf Remark 5.2.4(ii). However because of the vertical edge F_1 , the probe Q is symmetric in the partial resolution of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ so that the deflected probe \mathcal{F} has no flag. Moreover, in the case $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ (but not in other $\mathbb{P}(1, n, m)$), the deflected probe \mathcal{F} is symmetric, ie it exits the polygon transversally so that its direction can be reversed. Hence this type of probe displaces all but a codimension-1 subset; see Figure 4.6.2. Proposition 4.6.1 gives the details.

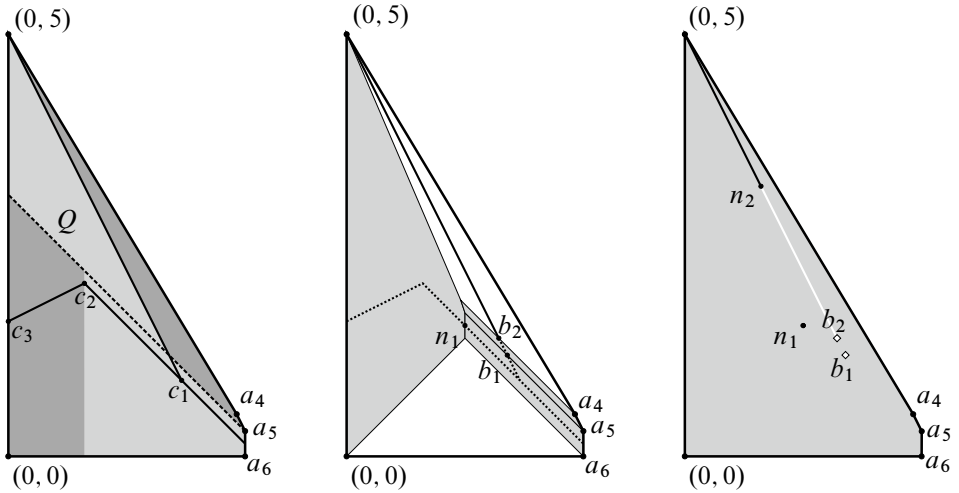


Figure 4.6.2: Displaceable and nondisplaceable fibers when the singularity at $(3, 0)$ in $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ is resolved as in (4.6.4). Left: In grey, points displaceable by symmetric extended probes deflected by a probe Q , that is based on the edge F_6 with conormal $(-2, -1)$. Middle: Displacing some more points with standard probes that have direction $\pm(1, -1)$. Right: In light grey are the fibers that were displaced in the previous two pictures. The point n_1 and the points on the black line segment connecting $(0, 5)$ and n_2 are nondisplaceable. Displaceability is unknown for points on the white line segment, and the points b_1 , and b_2 .

Proposition 4.6.1 *In the resolution of the singularity at $(3, 0)$ in Δ from (4.6.1), where*

$$(4.6.4) \quad \Delta \cap \{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) := -2x_1 - x_2 + \kappa_6 \geq 0\} \cap \{\ell_7^{\kappa_7}(x) := -x_1 + \kappa_7 \geq 0\},$$

let κ_6, κ_7 be such that the vertices of (4.6.4) are given by (4.6.3).

- (i) *There is an open dense set of points in $\Delta \cap \{\ell_6^{\kappa_6} \geq 0, \ell_7^{\kappa_7} \geq 0\}$, whose Lagrangian fibers are displaceable by probes or extended probes.*
- (ii) *If x is on the line segment connecting*

$$(4.6.5) \quad (0, 5) \quad \text{and} \quad n_2 = (\kappa_6 - 5, 15 - 2\kappa_6)$$

or the point $n_1 = (\kappa_7/2, \kappa_6/2 - \kappa_7/2)$ then the Lagrangian fiber L_x is nondisplaceable.

Proof of Proposition 4.6.1(ii) If x is on the segment (4.6.5), then for some $\kappa_4 \geq 5$ one can add a ghost facet $\{\ell_4^{\kappa_4}(x) := -x_1 - x_2 + \kappa_4 \geq 0\}$ to (4.6.4) so that

$$(4.6.6) \quad \ell_1(x) = \ell_3(x) = \ell_4^{\kappa_4}(x) \leq \ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x), \quad \ell_1(x) < \ell_2(x), \quad \ell_1(x) < \ell_7^{\kappa_7}(x).$$

Using (4.6.6) and the change of variables $y_1 = e^{\beta_1}$ and $y_2 = e^{-\beta_1 - \beta_2}$, the potential function with the ghost facet added is

$$W_{x,\alpha} = (e^{\alpha_1} y_1 + e^{\alpha_2} y_2 + y_1^{-2} y_2^3 + y_1^{-1} y_2 q^{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) - \ell_1(x)} + y_1^{-1} y_2^{-1} q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)} + y_1^{-1} q^{\ell_7^{\kappa_7}(x) - \ell_1(x)}) q^{\ell_1(x)}.$$

Hence the critical point equations at $(y_1, y_2) = (1, 1)$ are

$$\partial_{y_1} W_{x,\alpha} = (e^{\alpha_1} - 2 - q^{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) - \ell_1(x)} - q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)} - q^{\ell_7^{\kappa_7}(x) - \ell_1(x)}) q^{\ell_1(x)} = 0,$$

$$\partial_{y_2} W_{x,\alpha} = (e^{\alpha_2} + 3 + q^{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) - \ell_1(x)} - q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)}) q^{\ell_1(x)} = 0,$$

and therefore $(y_1, y_2) = (1, 1)$ is a critical point of $W_{x,\alpha}$ when

$$e^{\alpha_1} = 2 + q^{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) - \ell_1(x)} + q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)} + q^{\ell_7^{\kappa_7}(x) - \ell_1(x)},$$

$$e^{\alpha_2} = -3 - q^{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) - \ell_1(x)} + q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)}.$$

It follows from (4.6.6) that such $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \Lambda_0$ exist. Hence L_x is nondisplaceable by Theorem 4.1.1. Points between n_2 and b_1 (see Figure 4.6.2) are closer to the facet $\{\ell_6^{\kappa_6} = 0\}$ than any other facet, so we cannot prove they are nondisplaceable with a potential; cf Proposition 4.1.4.

If $x = n_1 = (\kappa_7/2, \kappa_6/2 - \kappa_7/2)$, then

$$(4.6.7) \quad \ell_7^{\kappa_7}(x) = \ell_1(x) < \ell_2(x) = \ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) < \ell_3(x).$$

By (4.6.7) and the change of variables $y_1 = e^{\beta_1}$ and $y_2 = e^{\beta_2}$, the potential function is

$$W_{x,\alpha} = (e^{\alpha_1} y_1 + y_1^{-1}) q^{\ell_1(x)} + (e^{\alpha_2} y_2 + y_1^{-2} y_1^{-1}) q^{\ell_2(x)} + y_1^{-5} y_2^{-3} q^{\ell_3(x)}.$$

Hence the critical point equations at $(y_1, y_2) = (1, 1)$ are

$$\partial_{y_1} W_{x,\alpha} = (e^{\alpha_1} - 1 - 2q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)} - 5q^{\ell_3(x) - \ell_1(x)}) q^{\ell_1(x)} = 0,$$

$$\partial_{y_2} W_{x,\alpha} = (e^{\alpha_2} - 1 - 3q^{\ell_3(x) - \ell_2(x)}) q^{\ell_2(x)} = 0,$$

and therefore $(y_1, y_2) = (1, 1)$ is a critical point of $W_{x,\alpha}$ when

$$e^{\alpha_1} = 1 + 2q^{\ell_2(x) - \ell_1(x)} + 5q^{\ell_3(x) - \ell_1(x)}, \quad e^{\alpha_2} = 1 + 3q^{\ell_3(x) - \ell_2(x)}.$$

By (4.6.7), such $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \Lambda_0$ exist. Therefore, we have that L_x is nondisplaceable by Theorem 4.1.1. \square

Proof of Proposition 4.6.1(i) Symmetric extended probes We will displace everything except the points on the black solid lines on the left in Figure 4.6.2. The points are

$$c_1 = (5 - \kappa_6/2, \kappa_6 - 5), \quad c_2 = (\kappa_6 - 5, 5 - \kappa_6/2), \quad c_3 = (0, 15/2 - \kappa_6).$$

We will use a symmetric probe Q based arbitrarily close to a_5 on $\{\ell_6^{\kappa_6}(x) = 0\}$, with direction $v_Q = (-1, 1)$ and in particular lies on the line $\{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6 + \kappa_7 - \epsilon = 0\}$ for $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$. The associated reflection is given by

$$A_Q(x_1, x_2) = (-2x_1 - x_2 + \kappa_6, 3x_1 + 2x_2 - \kappa_6).$$

Part 1 Let P be based at $b_P(\lambda) = (\lambda, 0)$ for $\kappa_6 - 5 \leq \lambda < \kappa_7$, with direction $v_P = (0, 1)$ and form the symmetric extended probe $\mathcal{S}P = P \cup Q \cup P'$, where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{PQ}(\lambda) &= (\lambda, \kappa_6 - \kappa_7 - \lambda + \epsilon), & \ell(P) &= \kappa_6 - \kappa_7 - \lambda + \epsilon, \\ x'_{PQ}(\lambda) &= (\kappa_7 - \lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \kappa_6 - 2\kappa_7 + 2\epsilon), & \ell(P') &= \kappa_7 - \lambda - \epsilon, \\ e_{P'}(\lambda) &= (0, \kappa_6 - \lambda), & \ell(\mathcal{S}P) &= \kappa_6 - 2\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

where the direction $v_{P'} = \widehat{A}_Q(v_P) = (-1, 2)$. The assumption on λ ensures that $e_{P'}$ exists the polytope on $\{\ell_2 = 0\}$. One can check that $\ell(P') < \ell(P)$ so the midpoint of the extended probe always lies on P , in fact it lies on the line $\{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6/2 = 0\}$, which appears as the line connecting c_1 and c_2 on the left in Figure 4.6.2.

Therefore by Theorem 2.2.6, every point on P before the midpoint is displaceable. Now observe that since $v_{P'} = (1, -2)$ is integrally transverse to the facet $\{\ell_1 = 0\}$, on which P' exits the polytope, we can swap the roles of P and P' . Hence everything on these extended probes past the midpoint are displaceable as well, with the exception of when $e_{P'} = (0, 5)$, since then $e_{P'}$ is not on the interior of a facet. As λ and ϵ vary, this sweeps out the points in the regions

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x_1 \geq \kappa_6 - 5\} \cap \{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6 + \kappa_7 \leq 0\}, \\ &\{2x_1 + x_2 - 5 < 0\} \cap \{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6 + \kappa_7 \geq 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

that are not on the line $\{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6/2 = 0\}$. These are the light gray regions on the left in Figure 4.6.2.

Part 2 Now let P be based at $b_P(\lambda) = (\lambda, 0)$, with direction $v_P = (0, 1)$ for $0 < \lambda \leq \kappa_6 - 5$ and form the associated symmetric extended probe $\mathcal{S}P = P \cup Q \cup P'$

given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{PQ}(\lambda) &= (\lambda, \kappa_6 - \kappa_7 - \lambda + \epsilon), & \ell(P) &= \kappa_6 - \kappa_7 - \lambda + \epsilon, \\ x'_{PQ}(\lambda) &= (\kappa_7 - \lambda - \epsilon, \lambda + \kappa_6 - 2\kappa_7 + 2\epsilon), & \ell(P') &= 15 + 2\lambda - 3\kappa_6 + \kappa_7 - \epsilon, \\ e_{P'}(\lambda) &= (3(\kappa_6 - 5 - \lambda), 5(6 - \kappa_6 + \lambda)), & \ell(P) &= 15 - \lambda - 2\kappa_6, \end{aligned}$$

where the direction $v_{P'} = \widehat{A}_Q(v_P) = (-1, 2)$. Note that the restriction on λ is to ensure that $e_{P'}(\lambda)$ lies on $\{\ell_3 = 0\}$. One can check that $\ell(P') < \ell(P)$ so the midpoint of the extended probe always lies on P .

Therefore by [Theorem 2.2.6](#), every point on P before the midpoint is displaceable. Now observe that since $v_{P'} = (1, -2)$ is integrally transverse to the facet $\{\ell_1 = 0\}$, on which P' exits the polytope, we can swap the roles of P and P' . Hence everything on these extended probes past the midpoint are displaceable as well, with the exception of when $e_{P'} = (0, 5)$, since then $e_{P'}$ is not on the interior of a facet. As λ and ϵ vary, this sweeps out the points in the regions

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x_1 \leq \kappa_6 - 5\} \cap \{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6 + \kappa_7 \leq 0\}, \\ &\{2x_1 + x_2 - 5 < 0\} \cap \{x_1 + x_2 - \kappa_6 + \kappa_7 \geq 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

that are not on the line segment connecting c_2 and c_3 . These are the dark gray regions on the left in [Figure 4.6.2](#).

Standard probes It is straightforward to check that standard probes with directions $\pm(-1, 1)$ displace everything not already displaced except the points

$$(4.6.8) \quad n_1 = (\kappa_7/2, \kappa_6/2 - \kappa_7/2), \quad \text{where } \ell_1 = \ell_7^{\kappa_7}, \ell_2 = \ell_6^{\kappa_6},$$

$$(4.6.9) \quad b_2 = (5 - \kappa_6 + \kappa_7, 2\kappa_6 - 2\kappa_7 - 5), \quad \text{where } \ell_1 = \ell_3, \ell_6^{\kappa_6} = \ell_7^{\kappa_7},$$

and the points on the line $\{2x_1 + x_2 = 5\}$ such that $(x - a_4) \cdot (1, 1) \geq 0$, whose endpoint is denoted b_2 in [Figure 4.6.2](#); see the middle polytope in [Figure 4.6.2](#). \square

4.6.2 Resolution of both singularities of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ One can carry out a similar analysis of the points in the full minimal resolution of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$. The result is qualitatively the same: there are 4 isolated points that are known to be nondisplaceable because their qW invariants are nonzero, there are a finite number of line segments of unknown properties (more than before because there are more vertices), and otherwise everything is displaceable. Here are the details.

The polytope is given by

$$(4.6.10) \quad \bar{\Delta}(\kappa) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell_1 \geq 0, \ell_2 \geq 0, \ell_3 \geq 0, \ell_j^{\kappa_j} \geq 0 \text{ for } j = 4, 5, 6, 7\},$$

where $\ell_j^{\kappa_j}(x)$ are from (4.6.2), and the support constants satisfy

$$0 < 5 - \kappa_4 \ll 1, \quad 0 < 10 - \kappa_5 \ll 1, \quad 0 < 6 - \kappa_6 \ll 1, \quad 0 < 3 - \kappa_7 \ll 1,$$

and are such that the vertices of $\bar{\Delta}(\kappa)$ are

$$(0, 0), \quad a_1 = (0, \kappa_4), \quad a_2 = (\kappa_5 - 2\kappa_4, 3\kappa_4 - \kappa_5), \\ a_3 = (3(10 - \kappa_5), 5(\kappa_5 - 9)), \quad a_4, \quad a_5, \quad a_6,$$

where a_4, a_5, a_6 are given in (4.6.3).

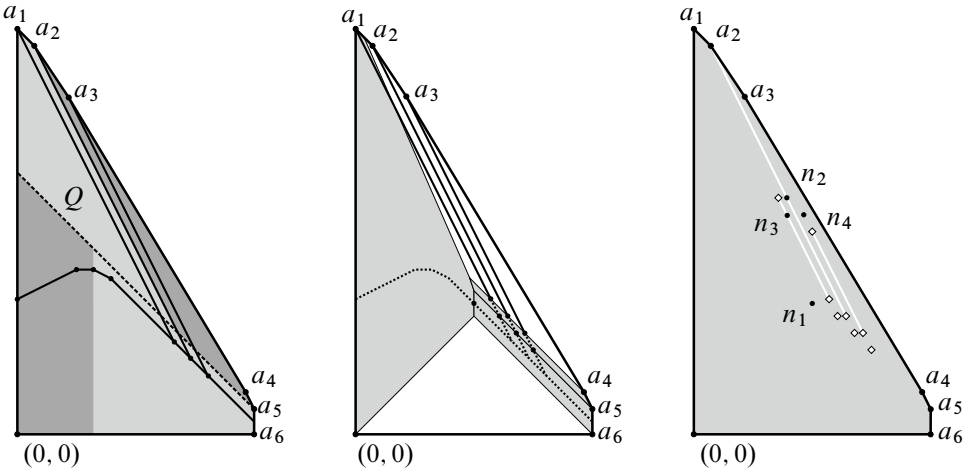


Figure 4.6.3: Displaceable and nondisplaceable fibers when both singularities in $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ are resolved as in (4.6.10). Left: In grey, points displaceable by symmetric extended probes that use Q , which is based on $\{\ell_6^{\kappa_6} = 0\}$, as the deflecting probe. Middle: Displacing some more points with standard probes that have direction $\pm(1, -1)$. Right: In light grey are the fibers that were displaced in the previous two pictures. The white line segments are on the lines from (4.6.11). The point n_1 is nondisplaceable just as in Proposition 4.6.1. The point n_3 satisfies $\ell_1 = \ell_4^{\kappa_4} = \ell_6^{\kappa_6}$, the point n_2 satisfies $\ell_4^{\kappa_4} = \ell_5^{\kappa_5} = \ell_6^{\kappa_6}$, the point n_4 satisfies $\ell_5^{\kappa_5} = \ell_3 = \ell_6^{\kappa_6}$, and all three points are nondisplaceable. Displaceability is unknown for points on the white line segments and the points marked with white diamonds; see Remark 4.6.3.

Proposition 4.6.2 *In a resolution of $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ given by $\bar{\Delta}(\kappa)$, if $x \in \bar{\Delta}(\kappa)$ does not lie on one of the lines*

$$(4.6.11) \quad \{\ell_1 = \ell_4^{\kappa_4}\}, \quad \{\ell_4^{\kappa_4} = \ell_5^{\kappa_5}\} \quad \text{or} \quad \{\ell_5^{\kappa_5} = \ell_3\}$$

and is not the point $n_1 = (\kappa_7/2, \kappa_6/2 - \kappa_7/2)$, then L_x is displaceable by probes or extended probes.

Proof The proof is the same as the proof of Proposition 4.6.1(i); see Figure 4.6.3. \square

Remark 4.6.3 The polytope on the right in Figure 4.6.3 depicts stronger displaceability results than Proposition 4.6.2. They are obtained by using the extended probes with trapezoidal flags which are introduced in the next section. One can reach some points on $\ell_1 = \ell_4^{K_4}$ above n_3 by a probe formed by deflecting P based on $\ell_1 = 0$ with direction $v_P = (1, -1)$ by Q based on $\ell_5^{K_5} = 0$ with direction $v_Q = (1, -2)$. Also, points on $\ell_5^{K_5} = \ell_3$ above and slightly below n_4 , are displaceable by probes formed by deflecting P , based on $\ell_3 = 0$ or $\ell_6^{K_6} = 0$ with direction $v_P = (2, 3)$, with a probe Q based on $\ell_5^{K_5} = 0$ with direction $v_Q = (1, -2)$.

4.6.3 Resolving $\mathbb{P}(1, 5, 8)$

Proposition 4.6.4 *The full minimal resolution of $\mathbb{P}(1, 5, 8)$ has an open set of points with trivial qW invariants that cannot be displaced by extended probes.*

Proof As illustrated in Figure 4.5.3, the full resolution $\bar{\Delta}_{5,8}$ has an open set of unknown points. In the resolution $\bar{\mathbb{P}}(1, 5, 8)$, these would lie near the vertex $(5, 0)$ in the region above the ray with direction $(-1, 1)$. Therefore, when we resolve at $(5, 0)$ they would lie above the symmetric probes Q starting on the facet F with conormal $(-2, 1)$. In the case $\mathbb{P}(1, 3, 5)$ such points were reached by probes starting on the slant edge with direction $(1, -2)$ and then deflected by Q to be vertical. But the corresponding probes do not exist in $\bar{\mathbb{P}}(1, 5, 8)$ because $(1, -2)$ is not complementary to $(5, -8)$. Points in this region do lie on the extensions of vertical probes from the base that are deflected by Q , but they lie more than halfway along such probes. Therefore these points cannot be displaced. On the other hand, by Proposition 4.1.4, there are at most finitely many points in this region with nonvanishing qW invariants. \square

Similarly, the singularity of $\mathbb{P}(1, 8, 13)$ at $(0, 13)$ is modelled on $\Delta_{5,8}$ and has a nearby open set of points that are not probe-displaceable. These arguments generalize to show that typically the resolution of $\mathbb{P}(1, q, p)$ has an open set of points with unknown properties.

5 Extended probes with flags: General case

In this section we will generalize extended probes with flags, Definition 3.1.1 and Theorem 3.1.2, to the case where the probe P is not parallel to the base facet F_Q of Q .

5.1 Cautionary counterexample

Before diving into the more complicated notation for the nonparallel extended probes, let us first demonstrate that [Theorem 3.1.2](#) is not valid as stated when the probe P is not parallel to F_Q . We will do this by showing that if it was valid, then we could displace the Clifford torus in $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$, which is known to be nondisplaceable; see Biran, Entov and Polterovich [\[3\]](#) and Cho [\[7\]](#). If the moment polytope for $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$ is given by

$$\Delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, -x_1 - x_2 + 6 \geq 0\},$$

then the fiber L_u over $u = (2, 2)$ is the Clifford torus. What follows is similar to [Remark 2.2.7](#) for symmetric extended probes.

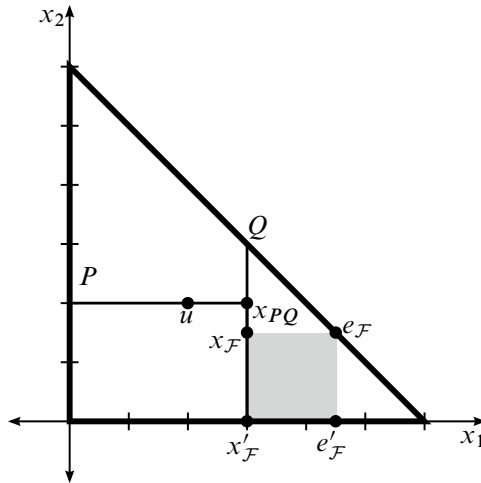


Figure 5.1.1: Illustration of [Example 5.1.1](#). Why [Theorem 3.1.2](#) is not valid if P is not parallel to F_Q , the facet on which the deflecting probe is based.

Example 5.1.1 Let P and Q be the probes where

$$b_P = (0, 2), \quad v_P = (1, 0), \quad b_Q = (3, 3), \quad v_Q = (0, -1).$$

Form the ‘parallel’ extended probe with flag $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}$ where

$$x_{PQ} = (3, 2), \quad x_{\mathcal{F}} = (3, \frac{3}{2}), \quad x'_F = (3, 0), \quad \ell_{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

We have that $P = [b_P, x_{PQ}]$ has length $\ell(P) = 3$ and passes through u . Since

$$d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P) = 2, \quad \ell(\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}) = \frac{9}{2}$$

if [Theorem 3.1.2](#) applied then $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}$ would displace the fiber L_u . Of course it does not apply since P is not parallel to F_Q .

5.2 The definition and the displaceability method

Despite the above failure, the parallel condition in [Theorem 3.1.2](#) can be restrictive and in trying to relax it we are led to the following general notion of *extended probes with flags*.

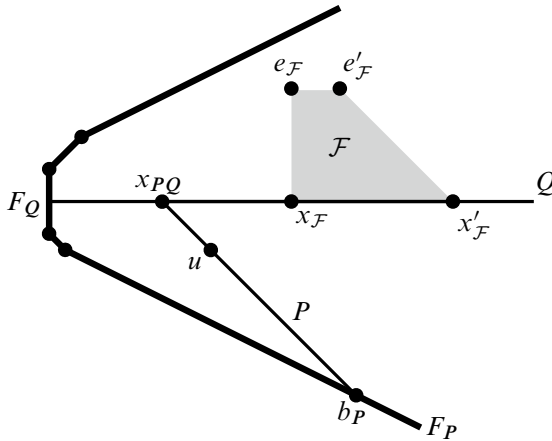


Figure 5.2.1: An extended probe with flag $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}_\mu$, where the flag parameter $\mu = 0$

Definition 5.2.1 Let P and Q be probes in a rational polytope $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ where the probe P ends at the point x_{PQ} on Q . The *extended probe with flag $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}$* formed by deflecting P with Q is the subset

$$\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}_\mu \subset \Delta,$$

where the flag \mathcal{F}_μ is the convex hull of the points $\{x_F, x'_F, e_F, e'_F\}$ in Δ . The points x_F and x'_F are on Q , while

$$\begin{aligned} e_F &= x_F + \ell(\mathcal{F})v_{\mathcal{F}_\mu}, & \text{where } v_{\mathcal{F}_\mu} &= v_P - (1 + \mu)\langle \eta_Q, v_P \rangle v_Q, \\ e'_F &= x'_F + \ell(\mathcal{F})v'_{\mathcal{F}_\mu}, & \text{where } v'_{\mathcal{F}_\mu} &= v_P - \mu\langle \eta_Q, v_P \rangle v_Q. \end{aligned}$$

The parameter $\mu \in [0, 1]$ affects the shape of the flag, and the length of the flag $\ell(\mathcal{F}) \geq 0$ must be small enough so that e_F and e'_F stay in Δ .

The *length* of the extended probe with flag \mathcal{P} is $\ell(\mathcal{P}) = \ell(P) + \ell(\mathcal{F})$. We also assume that the line segment $[x_F, e_F]$ does not cross the line segment $[x'_F, e'_F]$, so that they are boundaries of the flag as in [Figure 5.2.1](#).

Remark 5.2.2 (i) If v_P is parallel to the facet F_Q where v_Q is based, then we have $\langle \eta_Q, v_P \rangle = 0$ and hence by (3.1.1), the shape of the flag \mathcal{F} is independent of the parameter μ . In this case we recover the definition of a parallel extended probe with flag, Definition 3.1.1.

(ii) When v_P is not parallel to the facet F_Q the parameter μ affects the shape of the flag. For the hyperplane $H_Q = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle \eta_Q, x \rangle = 0\}$, the projection $\pi_Q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow H_Q$ along v_Q is

$$\pi_Q(w) = w - \langle \eta_Q, w \rangle v_Q$$

and the reflection $r_Q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ across H_Q via v_Q is

$$r_Q(w) = w - 2\langle \eta_Q, w \rangle v_Q.$$

So as $\mu \in [0, 1]$ varies the shape of the flag \mathcal{F}_μ linearly interpolates between

- \mathcal{F}_0 : where $v_{\mathcal{F}_0} = \pi_Q(v_P)$ and $v'_{\mathcal{F}_0} = v_P$,
- \mathcal{F}_1 : where $v_{\mathcal{F}_1} = r_Q(v_P)$ and $v'_{\mathcal{F}_1} = \pi_Q(v_P)$.

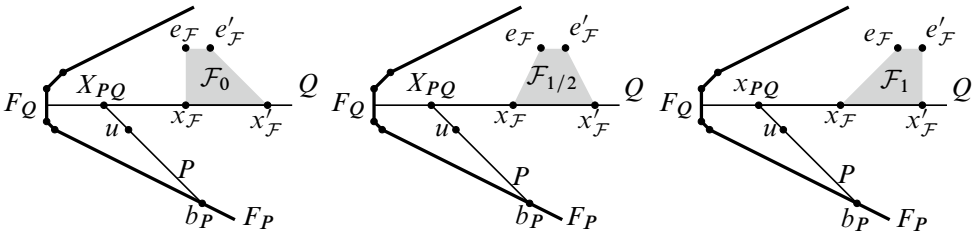


Figure 5.2.2: Extended probes with flags $\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}_\mu$ for varying flag parameters, as per Remark 5.2.2(ii)

The following theorem explains how one can use extended probes with flags to displace Lagrangian torus fibers.

Theorem 5.2.3 Let $\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}$ be an extended probe with a flag constructed from probes P and Q as above, in a moment polytope $\Delta = \Phi(M)$ for a toric symplectic orbifold $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$.

For a point $u \in \Delta$, if u is in the interior of P , the affine distance from u to the facet F_P satisfies

$$d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P) < \frac{1}{2} \ell(\mathcal{P})$$

and the flag \mathcal{F} satisfies both inequalities

$$(5.2.1) \quad d_{\text{aff}}(x_{PQ}, F_Q) < d_{\text{aff}}(x_{\mathcal{F}}, x'_{\mathcal{F}}), \quad \ell(\mathcal{F}) < d_{v_P}(x_{PQ}, F_Q),$$

then the Lagrangian fiber $L_u = \Phi^{-1}(u)$ is displaceable.

The second condition in (5.2.1) did not appear in Theorem 3.1.2, for there it is trivially satisfied since if v_P is parallel to F_Q , then $d_{v_P}(x_{PQ}, F_Q) = \infty$. Compare the following remark with Remark 2.2.7.

Remark 5.2.4 (i) If F_P and F_Q were the only facets in the polytope, then we have that $d_{v_P}(b_P, F_Q)$ represents the maximum length P could be extended to before it hit the facet F_Q . The second condition in (5.2.1) implies that this maximum length is an *a priori* upper bound

$$(5.2.2) \quad \ell(\mathcal{P}) < d_{v_P}(b_P, F_Q)$$

on the length $\ell(\mathcal{P})$ for an extended probe with flag \mathcal{P} formed with probes P and Q .

(ii) This a priori upper bound (5.2.2) has the following consequence: Suppose a probe P exits the polytope Δ through the facet F . Then the displaceability results given by using P as a standard probe cannot be improved on by using Theorem 5.2.3 with a deflecting probe Q based on F .

(iii) In the counterexample in Section 5.1, the deflecting probe Q is based on the facet through which the probe P would exit the polytope. So in this example, (5.2.2) is violated and hence the second condition in (5.2.1) is as well.

5.3 Resolution of a finite volume A_n -singularity

Let us consider a minimal resolution of an A_2 -singularity that now has finite volume, so the moment polytope is given by

$$(5.3.1) \quad \tilde{\Delta}_{2,3}(\kappa) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \ell^v(x) \geq 0, \ell^s(x) \geq 0, \ell_\infty(x) > 0, \ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) \geq 0, \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(x) \geq 0\},$$

where the finite volume A_2 -singularity is defined by

$$\ell^v(x) := x_1, \quad \ell^s(x) := -2x_1 + 3x_2, \quad \ell_\infty(x) := -x_2 + 2$$

and the minimal resolution at the origin uses

$$\ell_1^{\kappa_1}(x) := x_2 - \kappa_1, \quad \ell_2^{\kappa_2}(x) := -x_1 + 2x_2 - \kappa_2.$$

Figure 5.3.1 depicts the polytope $\tilde{\Delta}_{2,3}(\kappa)$ when

$$0 < \kappa_1 < 2, \quad 0 < \kappa_2 < 1, \quad \kappa_2 < 2\kappa_1, \quad \kappa_1 < 2\kappa_2.$$

In this example there remains an open region of unknown points, even after using extended probes.

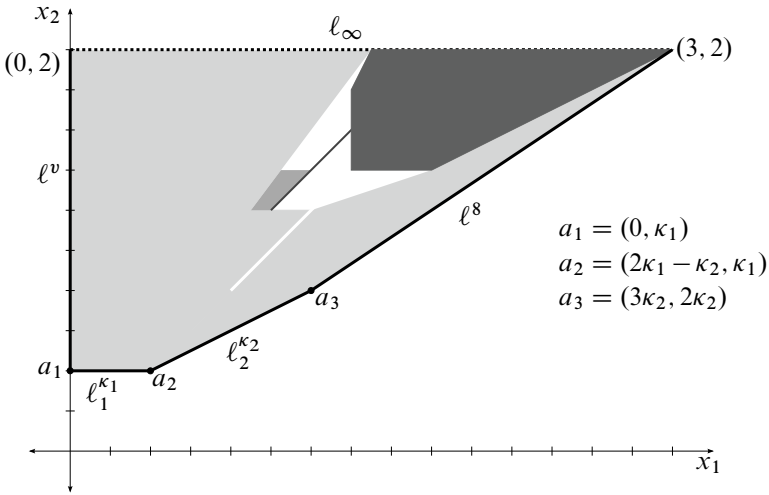


Figure 5.3.1: Displaceable and nondisplaceable fibers in $\tilde{\Delta}_{2,3}(\kappa)$. In light gray are points displaceable by probes, in medium gray are points displaceable by extended probes with trapezoidal flags, and in dark gray are nondisplaceable points.

Proposition 5.3.1 *In the resolution of the finite volume A_2 -singularity given in (5.3.1), then in the polytope $\tilde{\Delta}_{2,3}(\kappa)$:*

(i) *The Lagrangian fiber L_x is displaceable by probes if x is in one of the regions $\{4x_1 - 3x_2 < 0\}$, $\{x_2 < 1 + \kappa_1/2\}$, $\{-x_1 + 3x_2 < 2 + \kappa_2\}$, $\{-x_1 + 2x_2 < 2\}$, and not on the line segment $\{x_1 - x_2 = \kappa_1 - \kappa_2, x_2 \geq 2\kappa_2\}$.*

(ii) *The Lagrangian fiber L_x is displaceable by an extended probe with trapezoidal flag if x is in the region*

$$\{x_2 < 1 + \kappa_2, x_1 - x_2 < \kappa_2/2\}.$$

(iii) *The Lagrangian fiber L_x is nondisplaceable if x is in the region*

$$\{2x_1 - x_2 \geq 1, x_1 \geq 1 + \kappa_1, x_2 \geq 1 + \kappa_2, -x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 1\}$$

or on the line segment $\{x_1 - x_2 = \kappa_2/2, x_2 \geq 1 + \kappa_2/2\}$.

Proof Part (i) is straightforward with using probes with direction $(1, 0)$ on $\{\ell^v = 0\}$, direction $(1, 1)$ on $\{\ell_1^{\kappa_1} = 0\}$ and $\{\ell_2^{\kappa_2} = 0\}$, direction $(-1, 0)$ on $\{\ell_2^{\kappa_2} = 0\}$ and direction $(-2, -1)$ on $\{\ell^s = 0\}$.

Part (iii) is also straightforward. For the points in the region one uses the ghost facets $\{\ell_\infty^{\kappa_\infty}(x) := -x_2 + \kappa_\infty \geq 0\}$ and $\{\ell_g^{\kappa_g}(x) := -x_1 + x_2 + \kappa_g \geq 0\}$ for varying $\kappa_\infty \geq 2$ and $\kappa_g \geq 1$.

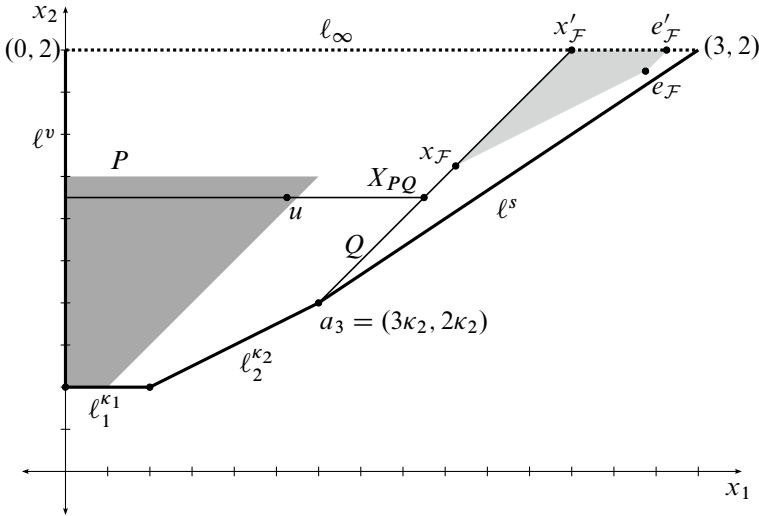


Figure 5.3.2: The nonparallel extended probe with flag from part (ii) of Proposition 5.3.1 displacing the point u . Points in the dark grey region can be displaced with these types of extended probes.

For part (ii), let Q be a probe with direction $v_Q = (1, 1)$ based on $\{\ell_2^{\kappa_2} = 0\}$ arbitrary close to $a_3 = (3\kappa_2, 2\kappa_2)$. Let P be based at $b_P = (0, \lambda)$ for $\kappa_1 < \lambda < 1 + \kappa_2$, with direction $v_P = (1, 0)$, and form the extended probe with flag $\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}_0$ where $\mu = 0$ is the flag parameter. The flag is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{PQ} &= (\lambda + \kappa_2, \lambda), & \ell(P) &= \lambda + \kappa_2, \\ x_{\mathcal{F}} &= (2 - \lambda + 3\kappa_2, 2 + 2\kappa_2 - \lambda), & x'_{\mathcal{F}} &= (2 + \kappa_2, 2), \\ e_{\mathcal{F}} &= x_{\mathcal{F}} + \ell(\mathcal{F})(2, 1), & e'_{\mathcal{F}} &= x'_{\mathcal{F}} + \ell(\mathcal{F})(1, 0), \\ \ell(\mathcal{F}) &< \lambda - 2\kappa_2, & \ell(\mathcal{P}) &< 2\lambda - \kappa_2, \end{aligned}$$

where the upper bound on $\ell(\mathcal{F})$ comes from the second condition in (5.2.1) and $x_{\mathcal{F}}$ should be moved slightly closer to x_{PQ} so that the first condition in (5.2.1) is satisfied. By Theorem 5.2.3, this extended probe displaces everything on P between $b_P = (0, \lambda)$ and $(\lambda - \kappa_2, \lambda)$. As λ ranges over $\kappa_1 < \lambda < 1 + \kappa_2$, these extended probes displace precisely the region in (ii). \square

6 Proofs of results about probes

Consider the symplectic form $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} dx \wedge dy$ on \mathbb{C} . For this symplectic form, the standard $\mathbb{T}^1 = S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ action on \mathbb{C} by $t \cdot z = e^{2\pi i t} z$ is given by the moment map $\Phi_0: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $\Phi_0(z) = |z|^2$. The symplectic form ω_0 is also normalized so that

$$\text{Int}_{\mathbb{D}(a)} \omega_0 = a,$$

where $\mathbb{D}(a)$ is the disc

$$\mathbb{D}(a) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z|^2 \leq a\} \subset (\mathbb{C}, \omega_0).$$

We will denote its boundary by

$$S^1(a) = \partial\mathbb{D}(a) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z|^2 = a\},$$

and the annulus by

$$\mathbb{A}(b, c) = \mathbb{D}(c) \setminus \text{Int } \mathbb{D}(b) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq b < c.$$

For each theorem, we have an extended probe \mathcal{P} which is in a toric symplectic orbifold $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$ and our goal is to displace the Lagrangian torus fiber $L_u = \Phi^{-1}(u)$. To displace L_u , it suffices to build an embedding

$$(6.0.2) \quad \psi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathbb{D}(\ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega)$$

such that for some $a < \frac{1}{2}\ell$,

$$(6.0.3) \quad \psi_{\mathcal{P}}^* \omega = \pi^* \omega_0, \quad \psi_{\mathcal{P}}(S^1(a) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1}) = L_u,$$

where $\pi: \mathbb{D}(\ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}(\ell)$ is the projection. Since $a < \frac{1}{2}\ell$ there is a Hamiltonian isotopy of $\mathbb{D}(\ell)$ supported away from the boundary that displaces $S^1(a)$, and therefore the embedding can be used to extend this to a Hamiltonian isotopy of (M, ω) that displaces L_u .

While the precise details for building $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}$ vary depending on the type of extended probe, the following outline describes the general process. Here P, Q, \mathcal{E} are the three parts of the extended probe \mathcal{P} , where \mathcal{E} is either P', \mathcal{F} , or \mathcal{F}_μ depending on the type of extended probe.

Stage 1 For $\ell_P = \ell(P)$, produce an embedding

$$(6.0.4) \quad \psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega) \quad \text{with } \psi_P^* \omega = \pi^* \omega_0, \text{Im}(\psi_P) \subset \Phi^{-1}(P).$$

Except for the second version of [Theorem 2.2.6](#), we have $u \in \text{Int } P$ and we will show

$$\psi_P(S^1(a) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1}) = L_u$$

for $a = d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P)$ where by assumption $a < \frac{1}{2}\ell$.

Stage 2 For $\ell = \ell(\mathcal{P})$, produce an embedding

$$(6.0.5) \quad \psi_{\mathcal{E}}: \mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega) \quad \text{with } \psi_{\mathcal{E}}^* \omega = \pi^* \omega_0, \text{Im}(\psi_{\mathcal{E}}) \subset \Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{E}).$$

In the second version of [Theorem 2.2.6](#), we have $u \in \text{Int } P'$ and we will show

$$\psi_{P'}(S^1(a) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1}) = L_u$$

for $a = d_{\text{aff}}(u, x'_{PQ}) + \ell_P$ where by assumption $a < \frac{1}{2}\ell$.

Stage 3 Use the deflecting probe Q to build a symplectomorphism Ψ of (M^{2n}, ω) such that $\Psi \circ \psi_P$ and $\psi_{\mathcal{E}}$ glue together to form an embedding

$$\psi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathbb{D}(\ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega)$$

that satisfies [\(6.0.3\)](#). Since the fiber L_u is disjoint from $\Phi^{-1}(Q)$, to ensure $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}$ satisfies the second condition in [\(6.0.3\)](#) it suffices to prove that Ψ can be built to be supported in any given neighborhood of $\Phi^{-1}(Q) \subset M$.

6.1 Action-angle coordinates

The canonical symplectic form $d\lambda$ on $T^*\mathbb{T} = \mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T}$ is

$$(6.1.1) \quad d\lambda((v, \eta), (v', \eta')) = \langle \eta', v \rangle - \langle \eta, v' \rangle.$$

If $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n\} \subset \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ are dual bases, then in the associated coordinates $(x, \theta) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) \in \mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T}$ the canonical symplectic form is $d\lambda = dx \wedge d\theta$ and it is clear that the projection $\pi_{\mathfrak{t}^*}: \mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ is the moment map for the obvious \mathbb{T} -action. Now let $\Delta \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$ be the moment polytope for a symplectic toric orbifold $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$. Then $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$ can be modeled by

$$(\Delta \times \mathbb{T}, d\lambda, \mathbb{T}, \pi_{\mathfrak{t}^*})$$

by performing a symplectic cut along $F \times \mathbb{T} \subset \Delta \times \mathbb{T}$ for each facet $F \subset \Delta$. If $f \in \text{Int}(F)$, then this amounts to replacing $f \times \mathbb{T}$ with $f \times \mathbb{T} / \mathbb{T}_{\eta_F}^1$, where $\mathbb{T}_{\eta_F}^1 \subset \mathbb{T}$ is the circle generated by F 's primitive interior conormal $\eta_F \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$. In this way we can consider the action-angle coordinates $(x, \theta) \in \Delta \times \mathbb{T}$ as a global coordinate system on $(M, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$.

For example the disk $(\mathbb{D}(a), \omega_0)$ has action-angle coordinates $(s, \phi) \in [0, a] \times \mathbb{T}^1$ where the circle $\{(0, \phi) \mid \phi \in \mathbb{T}^1\}$ is collapsed to a point. The explicit identification $(s, \phi) \mapsto e^{2\pi i \phi} \sqrt{s}$ pulls ω_0 back to $ds \wedge d\phi$. Likewise the annulus $(\mathbb{A}(b, c), \omega_0)$ has action-angle coordinates $(s, \phi) \in [b, c] \times \mathbb{T}^1$ with $\omega_0 = ds \wedge d\phi$.

6.1.1 Coisotropic embeddings from probes Let P be a probe with direction $v_P \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$, length ℓ_P , and based at the point b_P on the interior of a facet F_P , which has primitive interior conormal $\eta_{F_P} \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$. Since v_P is integrally transverse to η_{F_P} and inward pointing, there is a lattice basis for $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ of the form $\{\eta'_1 = \eta_{F_P}, \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_n\}$, where

$$(6.1.2) \quad \langle \eta'_1, v_P \rangle = 1, \quad \langle \eta'_k, v_P \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.$$

Using the model $(\Delta \times \mathbb{T}, d\lambda, \mathbb{T}, \pi_{\mathfrak{t}^*})$ for $(M, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$ define the embedding

$$\psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega),$$

where if $(s, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$ are coordinates for $\mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1}$ such that (s, ϕ_1) are action-angle coordinates for $(\mathbb{D}(\ell_P), \omega_0)$, then ψ_P is given by

$$(6.1.3) \quad \psi_P(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = (b_P + sv_P, \phi_1 \eta_{F_P} + \phi_2 \eta'_2 + \dots + \phi_n \eta'_n) \in \Delta \times \mathbb{T}.$$

This map is well-defined since for fixed $(\phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) \in \mathbb{T}^{n-1}$, the image of the map

$$\phi_1 \mapsto \psi_P(0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = (b_P, \phi_1 \eta_{F_P} + \phi_2 \eta'_2 + \dots + \phi_n \eta'_n)$$

lies in $F_P \times \mathbb{T}$, which in (M, ω) is replaced with $F_P \times \mathbb{T} / \mathbb{T}_{\eta_{F_P}}^1$. By design,

$$\psi_P^* \omega = \pi^* \omega_0, \quad \psi_P(S^1(a) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1}) = L_{u(a)},$$

as in (6.0.3), where $u(a) = b_P + av_P$ is the point on P such that $d_{\text{aff}}(u(a), b_P) = a$. This embedding ψ_P will serve as (6.0.4) in Stage 1 for all the extended probe theorems.

6.1.2 Coisotropic embeddings from rational line segments Let $S \subset \Delta$ be a rational line segment starting at b_S and ending at e_S in $\text{Int } \Delta$, with length $\ell_S = d_{\text{aff}}(b_S, e_S)$ and direction $v_S \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$. Let $\{\eta'_1, \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_n\}$ be an integral basis for $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ that satisfies (6.1.2) with respect to v_S . Then similarly to the case of a probe, using the model $(\Delta \times \mathbb{T}^n, d\lambda, \mathbb{T}, \pi_{\mathfrak{t}^*})$ for $(M, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$ we can define an embedding

$$\psi_S: \mathbb{A}(b, b + \ell_S) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega)$$

for any $b > 0$, such that

$$(6.1.4) \quad \psi_S(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = (b_S + (s-b)v_S, \phi_1 \eta'_1 + \phi_2 \eta'_2 + \dots + \phi_n \eta'_n) \in \Delta \times \mathbb{T},$$

where $(s, \phi_1) \in [b, b + \ell_S] \times \mathbb{T}^1$ are action-angle coordinates for $(\mathbb{A}(b, b + \ell_P), \omega_0)$. Again we have

$$\psi_S^* \omega = \pi^* \omega_0, \quad \psi_S(S^1(a) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1}) = L_{u(a)},$$

where $u(a) = b_S + (a-b)v_S$ is the point on S such that $d_{\text{aff}}(u(a), b_S) = a - b$. For $S = P'$, this embedding $\psi_{P'}$ will serve as (6.0.5) in Stage 2 for Theorem 2.2.6.

6.2 Proving Theorem 2.2.6: Symmetric extended probes

Let $\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup P'$ be a symmetric extended probe. Let $A_Q, \hat{A}_Q: \mathfrak{t}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ be the affine and linear reflections from (2.2.1) and (2.2.2) associated to the symmetric probe Q .

6.2.1 Stage 1 and 2 for Theorem 2.2.6 The probe P has length ℓ_P , direction $v_P \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$, starts at $b_P \in \text{Int } F_P$, ends at the point $x_{PQ} = b_P + \ell_P v_P \in \text{Int } Q$. For a choice of lattice basis $\{\eta_{F_P}, \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_n\}$ for $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ that satisfies (6.1.2), define the embedding for Stage 1

$$\psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega)$$

so that for $(s, \phi_1) \in [0, \ell_P] \times \mathbb{T}^1$,

$$(6.2.1) \quad \psi_P(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = \left(b_P + s v_P, \phi_1 \eta_{F_P} + \sum_{k=2}^n \phi_k \eta'_k \right),$$

as in (6.1.3).

The rational line segment P' has length $\ell_{P'}$, direction $v_{P'} = \hat{A}_Q(v_P) \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$, starts at the point $x'_{PQ} = A_Q(x_{PQ}) \in \text{Int } Q$, and ends at $e_{P'} = x'_{PQ} + \ell_{P'} v_{P'} \in \text{Int } \Delta$. Since \hat{A}_Q is an element of $\text{GL}(\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*)$, the image under \hat{A}_Q^* , the dual of \hat{A}_Q , of the lattice basis of $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ used for ψ_P ,

$$\{\hat{A}_Q^*(\eta_{F_P}), \hat{A}_Q^*(\eta'_2), \dots, \hat{A}_Q^*(\eta'_n)\} \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}},$$

is still a lattice basis. This new basis satisfies (6.1.2) with respect to $v_{P'} = \hat{A}_Q(v_P)$ since $(\hat{A}_Q)^2 = \text{id}$. Define the embedding for Stage 2, where $\ell = \ell_P + \ell_{P'}$,

$$\psi_{P'}: \mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega)$$

so that for $(s, \phi_1) \in [\ell_P, \ell] \times \mathbb{T}^1$,

$$(6.2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi_{P'}(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) &= \left(x'_{PQ} + (s - \ell_P) v_{P'}, \phi_1 \hat{A}_Q^*(\eta_{F_P}) + \sum_{k=2}^n \phi_k \hat{A}_Q^*(\eta'_k) \right) \\ &= \left(A_Q(x_{PQ} + (s - \ell_P) v_P), \hat{A}_Q^* \left(\phi_1 \eta_{F_P} + \sum_{k=2}^n \phi_k \eta'_k \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

as in (6.1.4).

6.2.2 Stage 3 for Theorem 2.2.6 Recall that for our symmetric probe $Q \subset \Delta$, we have the affine reflection $A_Q: \mathfrak{t}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ and the linear version $\widehat{A}_Q: \mathfrak{t}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$ from (2.2.1) and (2.2.2). Observe that since $(\widehat{A}_Q)^2 = \text{id}$ it follows that

$$(6.2.3) \quad \Psi_{A_Q}: (\mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T}, d\lambda) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T}, d\lambda), \quad \Psi_{A_Q}(v, \eta) = (A_Q(v), \widehat{A}_Q^*(\eta))$$

is a symplectomorphism with respect to the canonical symplectic form (6.1.1). Comparing (6.2.1) and (6.2.2) we see that to establish Stage 3 it suffices to prove the following proposition, which can be seen as a local version of McDuff and Tolman [22, Proposition 5.5].

Proposition 6.2.1 *Let $Q \subset \Delta$ be a symmetric probe in the moment polytope for a symplectic toric orbifold $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$. Then for any neighborhood of \mathcal{N} of $\Phi^{-1}(Q) \subset M$, there is a Hamiltonian isotopy of (M, ω) supported in \mathcal{N} with time one map Ψ such that*

$$\Psi|_{\mathcal{U}} = \Psi_{A_Q}|_{\mathcal{U}}$$

for a smaller neighborhood $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{N}$ of $\Phi^{-1}(Q)$, where Ψ_{A_Q} is given by (6.2.3).

Proof of special case of Proposition 6.2.1 Consider the special case where v_Q is parallel to every facet except F_Q and F'_Q , meaning $\langle \eta_F, v_Q \rangle = 0$ for all other interior conormals $\eta_F \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$. We have that

$$\Delta = \bigcap_{j=1}^N \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta_j, x \rangle + \kappa_j \geq 0\},$$

where without loss of generality, we can assume that $\{\eta_1 = \eta_{F_Q}, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n\}$ is a lattice basis for $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\eta_{n+1} = \eta'_{F_Q}$. Let $\{v_1 = v_Q, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a dual basis for $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$. We have that

$$\eta_{n+1} = -\eta_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+1}^i \eta_i, \quad \eta_{n+j} = \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+j}^i \eta_i \quad \text{for } j \geq 2,$$

since $\langle \eta_1, v_Q \rangle = 1 = \langle -\eta_{n+1}, v_Q \rangle$ and $\langle \eta_j, v_Q \rangle = 0$ otherwise.

We can identify $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$ with $(M_{\Delta}, \omega_{\Delta}, \mathbb{T}, \Phi_{\Delta})$, which is built by performing symplectic reduction on the standard $(\mathbb{C}^N, \omega_0, (S^1)^N, \Phi_0)$. In particular it has the form $(M_{\Delta}, \omega_{\Delta}) = (Z/K, \bar{\omega}_0)$ where the level set

$$Z = \{H_{n+1}(z) = c_{n+1}, \dots, H_N(z) = c_N\} \subset (\mathbb{C}^N, \omega_0)$$

for the Hamiltonians

$$(6.2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} H_{n+1}(z) &:= |z_1|^2 + |z_{n+1}|^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+1}^i |z_i|^2, & c_{n+1} &:= \kappa_1 + \kappa_{n+1} - \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+1}^i \kappa_i, \\ H_{n+j}(z) &:= |z_{n+j}|^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+j}^i |z_i|^2, & c_{n+j} &:= \kappa_{n+j} - \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+j}^i \kappa_i, \end{aligned}$$

for $j \geq 2$, is symplectically reduced using the action of the $(N - n)$ -dimensional subtorus $K \subset (S^1)^N$ whose action is given by the Hamiltonians H_{n+1}, \dots, H_N on \mathbb{C}^N . The moment map for the action of \mathbb{T} on Z/K is given by

$$\Phi_\Delta(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n (|z_j|^2 - \kappa_j) v_j \in \mathfrak{t}^*.$$

For a point q on the probe Q , since $v_1 = v_Q$ and $\langle \eta_j, v_Q \rangle = 0$ for $j = 2, \dots, n$, it follows that

$$Q = \left\{ \mathbb{R}v_1 + \sum_{k=2}^n \langle \eta_k, q \rangle v_k \right\} \cap \Delta \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$$

and hence $\Phi_\Delta^{-1}(Q)$ is

$$(6.2.5) \quad \{z \in Z \mid |z_2|^2 = \langle \eta_2, q \rangle + \kappa_2, \dots, |z_n|^2 = \langle \eta_n, q \rangle + \kappa_n\} / K \subset M_\Delta.$$

Now the standard Hamiltonian $U(2)$ action on $\mathbb{C}e_1 \times \mathbb{C}e_{n+1} \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ preserves the level set Z and commutes with the action of K , so it descends to a Hamiltonian $U(2)$ action on $M_\Delta = Z/K$. Consider the element $B \in U(2)$ so that $B(z_1, z_{n+1}) = (z_{n+1}, z_1)$. Since

$$A_Q(x) = x + \left\langle -2\eta_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+1}^i \eta_i, x \right\rangle v_1 + (\kappa_{n+1} - \kappa_1) v_1$$

it follows for $z \in Z \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ that we have

$$\begin{aligned} (A_Q \circ \Phi_\Delta)(z) &= A_Q \left(\sum_{j=1}^n (|z_j|^2 - \kappa_j) v_j \right) \\ &= (-|z_1|^2 + \kappa_{n+1} + \sum_{i=2}^n a_{n+1}^i (|z_i|^2 - \kappa_i)) v_1 + \sum_{j=2}^n (|z_j|^2 - \kappa_j) v_j \\ &= (|z_{n+1}|^2 - \kappa_1) v_1 + \sum_{j=2}^n (|z_j|^2 - \kappa_j) v_j = (\Phi_\Delta \circ B)(z), \end{aligned}$$

where the second to last equality uses that $H_{n+1}(z) = c_{n+1}$ from (6.2.4) for points on Z . Therefore up to applying a uniform rotation using the toric action, we have that $B \in U(2)$ acts on $(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta)$ as the Hamiltonian diffeomorphism $\Psi_{A_Q} \in \text{Ham}(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta)$ from (6.2.3).

Now let $X \in \mathfrak{u}(2)$ be such that $\exp(X) = B$ and let $H(z_1, z_{n+1})$ be the autonomous Hamiltonian whose corresponding Hamiltonian flow φ_t^H on (\mathbb{C}^N, ω_0) is the action of $\exp(tX) \in U(2)$. Since H Poisson commutes with $|z_j|^2$ for $j = 2, \dots, n$, it follows that φ_t^H in $\text{Ham}(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta)$ preserves level sets of the form

$$\{z \in Z \mid |z_2|^2 = b_2, \dots, |z_n|^2 = b_n\} / K \subset M_\Delta;$$

in particular $\Phi_\Delta^{-1}(Q)$ is preserved. Now let $\mathcal{N} \subset M_\Delta$ be any neighborhood of $\Phi_\Delta^{-1}(Q)$ and let $\rho = \rho(|z_2|^2, \dots, |z_n|^2)$ be a bump function that is a constant 1 near the level set (6.2.5) and $\text{supp}(\rho) \subset \mathcal{N}$. Then the time one flow $\Psi = \varphi_1^{\rho H}$ for the Hamiltonian $\rho H: M_\Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the desired element of $\text{Ham}(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta)$. □

Proof of general case of Proposition 6.2.1 Let $\{\eta'_1 = \eta_{F_Q}, \eta'_2, \dots, \eta'_n\} \in \mathfrak{t}_\mathbb{Z}$ be a lattice basis satisfying (6.1.2) with respect to v_Q . If q is a point on Q , then for $\epsilon > 0$ define the rational half-spaces

$$\mathcal{H}_{2k-1} = \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta'_k, x - q \rangle + \epsilon \geq 0\}, \quad \mathcal{H}_{2k} = \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle -\eta'_k, x - q \rangle + \epsilon \geq 0\},$$

for $k = 2, \dots, n$. Since Q starts and ends at points in the interior of the facets F_Q and F'_Q of Δ , respectively, for $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small,

$$\Delta_{Q,\epsilon} = \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta_{F_Q}, x \rangle + \kappa \geq 0\} \cap \{x \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \langle \eta_{F'_Q}, x \rangle + \kappa' \geq 0\} \cap \bigcap_{j=3}^{2n} \mathcal{H}_j \subset \Delta$$

is a neighborhood of $\Delta_{Q,0} = Q \subset \Delta$. Furthermore $\Delta_{Q,\epsilon}$ is the moment polytope for a symplectic toric manifold $(Y_\epsilon^{2n}, \omega_\epsilon, \mathbb{T}, \Phi)$, that satisfies the special condition that all facets except F_Q and F'_Q are parallel to v_Q . By the special case of Proposition 6.2.1 we can build the desired Hamiltonian isotopy Ψ in $\text{Ham}(Y_\epsilon^{2n}, \omega_\epsilon)$ that is generated by an autonomous Hamiltonian supported in $\mathcal{N}_\epsilon = \Phi^{-1}(\Delta_{Q,\epsilon/2}) \subset Y_\epsilon^{2n}$. Since \mathcal{N}_ϵ canonically embeds into (M, ω) , preserving the toric structure, we can see $\Psi \in \text{Ham}(M, \omega)$ as our desired Hamiltonian isotopy. □

6.3 Proving Theorem 3.1.2: Parallel extended probes with flags

Let $\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}$ be a parallel extended probe with flag. Since the direction v_P of P is parallel to the facet F_Q , we can pick dual lattice bases $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n\}$ for $\mathfrak{t}_\mathbb{Z}$

and $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ for $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{Z}}^*$ so that

$$v_P = e_1, \quad v_Q = e_2, \quad \eta_{F_P} = \eta_1 + \sum_{k=2}^n a_k \eta_k, \quad \eta_{F_Q} = \eta_2.$$

Picking action-angle coordinates (x, θ) on $\mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T}$ with respect to these bases, we can let the points on the probe $P \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$ have coordinates

$$b_P = (0, r_{PQ}, b_3, \dots, b_n), \quad u = (a, r_{PQ}, b_3, \dots, b_n), \quad x_{PQ} = (\ell_P, r_{PQ}, b_3, \dots, b_n),$$

where ℓ_P is the length of P and $0 < a < \ell_P$ is $a = d_{\text{aff}}(u, F_P) = d_{v_P}(u, b_P)$. Besides x_{PQ} , let the other points on $Q \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$ be

$$(6.3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} b_Q &= (\ell_P, 0, b_3, \dots, b_n), \\ x_{\mathcal{F}} &= (\ell_P, r_{\mathcal{F}}, b_3, \dots, b_n), \\ x'_{\mathcal{F}} &= (\ell_P, r'_{\mathcal{F}}, b_3, \dots, b_n), \end{aligned}$$

where $r_{PQ}, r_{\mathcal{F}}, r'_{\mathcal{F}}$ are positive and $r_{\mathcal{F}} < r'_{\mathcal{F}}$. By (6.3.1), the end points of \mathcal{F} are

$$e_{\mathcal{F}} = (\ell, r_{\mathcal{F}}, b_3, \dots, b_n), \quad e'_{\mathcal{F}} = (\ell, r'_{\mathcal{F}}, b_3, \dots, b_n),$$

where $\ell = \ell_P + \ell_{\mathcal{F}}$ is the length of the extended probe \mathcal{P} and $\ell_{\mathcal{F}}$ is the length of the flag \mathcal{F} . In our coordinates for \mathfrak{t}^* the flag \mathcal{F} is given by

$$\mathcal{F} = \{(x_1, x_2, b_3, \dots, b_n) \in \mathfrak{t}^* \mid \ell_P \leq x_1 \leq \ell, r_{\mathcal{F}} \leq x_2 \leq r'_{\mathcal{F}}\}.$$

6.3.1 Stage 1 for Theorem 3.1.2 In the action-angle coordinates (x, θ) for (M, ω) , the embedding for the probe P

$$\psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega)$$

from (6.1.3) has the form

$$(6.3.2) \quad \psi_P(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = \begin{pmatrix} s & r_{PQ} & b_3 & \cdots & b_n \\ \phi_1 & a_2\phi_1 + \phi_2 & a_3\phi_1 + \phi_3 & \cdots & a_n\phi_1 + \phi_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

6.3.2 Stage 2 for Theorem 3.1.2 It follows from (3.1.3) that $r_{PQ} < r'_{\mathcal{F}} - r_{\mathcal{F}}$ and therefore by Lemma 6.4.2 there is a Hamiltonian isotopy ρ of $(\mathbb{D}(r'_{\mathcal{F}}), \omega_0)$ supported in the interior so that

$$(6.3.3) \quad \rho(S^1(r_{PQ})) \subset \mathbb{A}(r_{\mathcal{F}}, r'_{\mathcal{F}}).$$

If $(x_2, \theta_2) \in [0, r'_{\mathcal{F}}] \times \mathbb{T}^1$ are action-angle coordinates on $(\mathbb{D}(r'_{\mathcal{F}}), \omega_0)$, then write this Hamiltonian diffeomorphisms as $\rho = (\rho_{x_2}, \rho_{\theta_2})$.

Now let $(s, \phi_1) \in [\ell_P, \ell] \times \mathbb{T}^1$ be action-angle coordinates on $(\mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell), \omega_0)$ and using the action-angle coordinates (x, θ) on (M, ω) define the embedding

$$(6.3.4) \quad \psi_{\mathcal{F}}: \mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega),$$

$$\psi_{\mathcal{F}}(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = \begin{pmatrix} s & \rho_{x_2}(r_{PQ}, a_2\phi_1 + \phi_2) & b_3 & \cdots & b_n \\ \phi_1 & \rho_{\theta_2}(r_{PQ}, a_2\phi_1 + \phi_2) & a_3\phi_1 + \phi_3 & \cdots & a_n\phi_1 + \phi_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe that the formula for $\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is just the result of applying ρ to the (x_2, θ_2) coordinates in the formula (6.3.2) for ψ_P . It is straightforward to check that this embedding $\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ satisfies the conditions for (6.0.5).

6.3.3 Stage 3 for Theorem 3.1.2 In the standard toric structure $(\mathbb{C}^n, \omega_0, (S^1)^n, \Phi_0)$, consider the probe $Q_0 \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$ given by

$$Q_0 = \{(b_1, x_2, b_3, \dots, b_n) \mid x_2 \in [0, q]\},$$

where b_k are positive, then

$$(6.3.5) \quad \Phi_0^{-1}(Q_0) = S^1(b_1) \times \mathbb{D}(q) \times \prod_{k \geq 3} (S^1(b_k)) \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^{n-2}.$$

For small $\epsilon \gg \delta \geq 0$ we define the subsets of \mathbb{R}_+^n

$$\mathcal{N}^{\epsilon, \delta} := [b_1 - \epsilon, b_1 + \epsilon] \times [0, q - \delta] \times \prod_{k \geq 3} [b_k - \epsilon, b_k + \epsilon],$$

$$X^\epsilon := [b_1 - \epsilon, b_1 + \epsilon] \times [0, q] \times (b_3, \dots, b_n).$$

Lemma 6.3.1 *Let ρ be any area preserving diffeomorphism of $\mathbb{D}(q)$ that is the identity near $\partial\mathbb{D}(q)$. If $\mathcal{N}_0 := \mathcal{N}^{\epsilon, \delta}$ for $\delta > 0$ sufficiently small, then there exists a Hamiltonian isotopy of \mathbb{C}^n supported in $\text{Int}(\Phi_0^{-1}(\mathcal{N}_0))$ such that the time one map of the isotopy Ψ in a small neighborhood \mathcal{U} of $\Phi_0^{-1}(Q_0) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ is given by*

$$(6.3.6) \quad (\Psi^\rho)|_{\mathcal{U}} = (\text{id}_{\mathbb{C}} \times \rho \times \text{id}_{\mathbb{C}^{n-2}})|_{\mathcal{U}}$$

in terms of the decomposition in (6.3.5) and in particular $\Psi^\rho(\Phi_0^{-1}(X^\epsilon)) = \Phi_0^{-1}(X^\epsilon)$.

Proof The map ρ is the time one map of a Hamiltonian isotopy, generated by some time-dependent Hamiltonian H with support in $\text{Int } \mathbb{D}(q)$. Simply multiply H by a cutoff function $\alpha: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ that is a function of the variable $y := \sum_{k \neq 2} (x_k - b_k)^2$ and $\alpha(y) \equiv 1$ near $y = 0$. The time one map Ψ^ρ of the Hamiltonian isotopy generated by αH has the desired properties. □

Take now $Q_0 \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$ with $b_1 = \ell_P$ and $q = r'_F$ to be a local model for our probe $Q \subset \Delta$. By applying [Lemma 6.3.1](#) to the Hamiltonian diffeomorphism ρ of $\mathbb{D}(r'_F)$ from [\(6.3.3\)](#) in Stage 2, the resulting Hamiltonian diffeomorphism Ψ^ρ can be extended by the identity outside its support to be an element of $\text{Ham}(M, \omega)$. It follows from [\(6.3.6\)](#) that near $\Phi^{-1}(Q)$ the Hamiltonian diffeomorphism Ψ^ρ has the form

$$(6.3.7) \quad \Psi^\rho \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \rho_{x_2}(x_2, \theta_2) & x_3 & \cdots & x_n \\ \theta_1 & \rho_{\theta_2}(x_2, \theta_2) & \theta_3 & \cdots & \theta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

in our action-angle coordinates (x, θ) .

Comparing [\(6.3.2\)](#) and [\(6.3.4\)](#), it is clear that

$$\Psi^\rho \circ \psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega), \quad \psi_F: \mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega),$$

glue together to form an embedding ψ_P as in [\(6.0.2\)](#).

6.4 Proving [Theorem 5.2.3](#): Extended probes with flags

Let $\mathcal{P} = P \cup Q \cup \mathcal{F}_\mu$ be an extended probe with flag. We can pick dual lattice bases $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n\}$ for $\mathfrak{t}_\mathbb{Z}$ and $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ for $\mathfrak{t}_\mathbb{Z}^*$ so that

$$v_P = c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2, \quad v_Q = e_2, \quad \eta_{F_P} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \eta_k, \quad \eta_{F_Q} = \eta_2,$$

where $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ are relatively prime and without loss of generality $c_1 > 0$. Picking action-angle coordinates (x, θ) on $\mathfrak{t}^* \times \mathbb{T}$ with respect to these bases, we can let the points on the probe $P \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$ have coordinates

$$b_P = (0, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n), \quad u = b_P + a(c_1, c_2, 0, \dots, 0), \\ x_{PQ} = b_P + \ell_P(c_1, c_2, 0, \dots, 0) = (\ell_P c_1, r_{PQ}, b_3, \dots, b_n),$$

where ℓ_P is the length of the probe P . The points on $Q \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$ are

$$(6.4.1) \quad b_Q = (\ell_P c_1, 0, b_3, \dots, b_n), \quad x_{PQ} = (\ell_P c_1, r_{PQ}, b_3, \dots, b_n), \\ x_F = (\ell_P c_1, r_F, b_3, \dots, b_n), \quad x'_F = (\ell_P c_1, r'_F, b_3, \dots, b_n),$$

where r_{PQ}, r_F, r'_F are positive and $r_F < r'_F$. By [\(6.4.1\)](#), the end points of \mathcal{F}_μ are

$$e_{\mathcal{F}_\mu} = (\ell c_1, r_F - \ell_F \mu c_2, b_3, \dots, b_n), \\ e'_{\mathcal{F}_\mu} = (\ell c_1, r'_F + \ell_F(1 - \mu)c_2, b_3, \dots, b_n),$$

where $\ell = \ell_P + \ell_F$ is the length of the extended probe \mathcal{P} and ℓ_F is the length of the flag \mathcal{F} .

6.4.1 Stage 1 for Theorem 5.2.3 In action-angle coordinates (x, θ) for (M, ω) the embedding associated to the probe P

$$\psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega)$$

from (6.1.3) has the form

$$(6.4.2) \quad \psi_P(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} sc_1 & b_2 + sc_2 & b_3 & \cdots & b_n \\ \theta_1(\phi) & \theta_2(\phi) & \theta_3(\phi) & \cdots & \theta_n(\phi) \end{pmatrix}.$$

6.4.2 Stage 2 for Theorem 5.2.3 Assume now that $c_2 \leq 0$, so that v_P points towards F_Q . By Lemma 6.4.2 there is a compactly supported Hamiltonian isotopy ρ of $(\mathbb{D}(r'_F), \omega_0)$ such that

$$\rho(\mathbb{D}(t)) \subset \mathbb{A}(a_\mu(t), a_\mu(t) + t + \epsilon) \quad \text{for } \epsilon \leq t \leq r'_F - r_F - \epsilon,$$

where

$$a_\mu(t) = r_F - \mu t + \mu(r'_F - r_F).$$

By (5.2.1), we have that $r_{PQ} < r'_F - r_F$ and hence

$$(6.4.3) \quad \rho(S^1(r_{PQ} + \lambda c_2)) \subset \mathbb{A}(r_F - \lambda c_2 \mu, r'_F + \lambda(1 - \mu)c_2) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \lambda \leq \ell_F.$$

Assume that $c_2 \geq 0$, so that v_P points away from F_Q . By Lemma 6.4.2 there is a compactly supported Hamiltonian isotopy ρ of $(\mathbb{D}(r'_F + \ell_F(1 - \mu)c_2), \omega_0)$ such that

$$\rho(\mathbb{D}(t)) \subset \mathbb{A}(a_\mu(t), a_\mu(t) + t + \epsilon) \quad \text{for } \epsilon \leq t \leq r'_F - r_F + \ell_F c_2 - \epsilon,$$

where

$$a_\mu(t) = r_F - \mu t + \mu(r'_F - r_F).$$

By (5.2.1), we have that $r_{PQ} < r'_F - r_F$ and hence

$$(6.4.4) \quad \rho(S^1(r_{PQ} + \lambda c_2)) \subset \mathbb{A}(r_F - \lambda c_2 \mu, r'_F + \lambda(1 - \mu)c_2) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \lambda \leq \ell_F.$$

Now let $(s, \phi_1) \in [\ell_P, \ell] \times \mathbb{T}^1$ be action-angle coordinates on $(\mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell), \omega_0)$ and using the action-angle coordinates (x, θ) on (M, ω) define the embedding

$$\psi_{F_\mu}: \mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M^{2n}, \omega),$$

$$\psi_{F_\mu}(s, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = \begin{pmatrix} sc_1 & \rho_{x_2}(b_2 + sc_2, \theta_2(\phi)) & b_3 & \cdots & b_n \\ \theta_1(\phi) & \rho_{\theta_2}(b_2 + sc_2, \theta_2(\phi)) & \theta_3(\phi) & \cdots & \theta_n(\phi) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe that the formula for ψ_{F_μ} is just the result of applying ρ to the (x_2, θ_2) coordinates in the formula (6.4.2) for ψ_P . It is straightforward to check that this embedding ψ_{F_μ} satisfies the conditions for (6.0.5), in particular $\text{Im}(\psi_{F_\mu}) \subset \Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\mu)$ follows from (6.4.3) and (6.4.4).

Remark 6.4.1 When $c_2 < 0$, note that $-r_{PQ}/c_2 = d_{v_P}(x_{PQ}, F_Q)$. So the second assumption in (5.2.1), ie $\ell_{\mathcal{F}} < d_{v_P}(x_{PQ}, F_Q)$, ensures that $S^1(r_{PQ} + \lambda c_2)$ in (6.4.3) does not collapse to a point. If it did collapse to a point, then $\psi_{\mathcal{F}\mu}$ would no longer be an embedding and this is necessary for our proof.

6.4.3 Stage 3 for Theorem 5.2.3 The rest of the proof is now the same as in the parallel case. By applying Lemma 6.3.1 to the Hamiltonian diffeomorphism ρ of $\mathbb{D}(r'_{\mathcal{F}})$ from in Stage 2, the resulting Hamiltonian diffeomorphism Ψ^ρ can be extended by the identity outside its support to be an element of $\text{Ham}(M, \omega)$. It follows from (6.3.6) that near $\Phi^{-1}(Q)$ the Hamiltonian diffeomorphism Ψ^ρ has the form

$$\Psi^\rho \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \rho_{x_2}(x_2, \theta_2) & x_3 & \cdots & x_n \\ \theta_1 & \rho_{\theta_2}(x_2, \theta_2) & \theta_3 & \cdots & \theta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

in our action-angle coordinates (x, θ) .

Comparing (6.3.2) and (6.3.4), it is clear that

$$\Psi^\rho \circ \psi_P: \mathbb{D}(\ell_P) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega), \quad \psi_{\mathcal{F}}: \mathbb{A}(\ell_P, \ell) \times \mathbb{T}^{n-1} \rightarrow (M, \omega),$$

glue together to form an embedding $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}$ as in (6.0.2).

6.4.4 Hamiltonian diffeomorphisms of the disk and the associated flags The area preserving diffeomorphisms of a disk to which we applied Lemma 6.3.1 come from the following lemma.

For real numbers $0 < A < B$, pick a smooth function $a: [0, B - A] \rightarrow [A, B]$ that is nonincreasing, is such that

$$A \leq a(s) + s \leq B, \quad a(B - A) = A,$$

and the function $b(s) := a(s) + s$ is nondecreasing for $s \in [0, B - A]$. Above we picked a to have the form

$$a_\mu(s) = A - \mu s + \mu(B - A) \quad \text{for } \mu \in [0, 1],$$

where the parameter μ corresponds with the flag parameter.

Lemma 6.4.2 For any function $a(s)$ as above and any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a compactly supported Hamiltonian diffeomorphism $\rho: \text{Int } \mathbb{D}(B) \rightarrow \text{Int } \mathbb{D}(B)$ such that

$$\rho(\mathbb{D}(s)) \subset \mathbb{A}(a(s), a(s) + s + \epsilon) \quad \text{for all } \epsilon \leq s \leq B - A - \epsilon.$$

Proof Choose a smooth family of disjoint, contractible closed curves

$$\gamma_s \subset \mathbb{A}(a(s), a(s) + s + \epsilon), \quad s \in [\epsilon, B - A - \epsilon],$$

that each enclose a region of area s . This is possible because $\epsilon > 0$. Next pick a compactly supported diffeomorphism ψ of $\text{Int } \mathbb{D}(B)$ such that each circle $\partial \mathbb{D}(s)$ is mapped to γ_s for all $s \in (\epsilon, B - A - \epsilon)$. Finally isotope ψ to an area preserving ρ via Moser's method. Using that γ_s encloses the same amount of area as $\partial \mathbb{D}(s)$, it is not hard to check that the isotopy is given by flowing along a vector field X_t that at each time t is tangent to the curves γ_s . \square

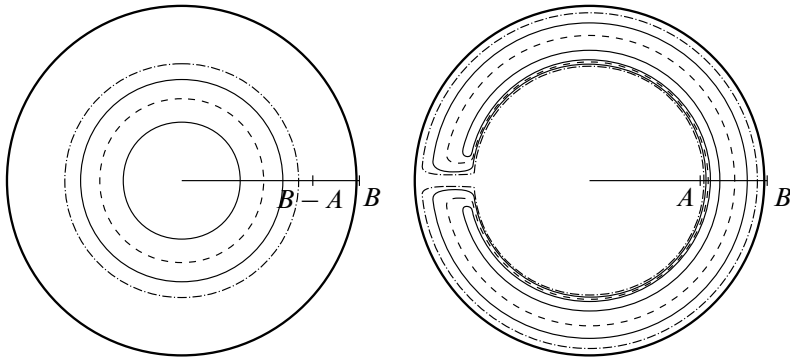


Figure 6.4.1: The family of circles that build the Hamiltonian diffeomorphism ρ associated to a_0 , drawn with $A = 4$ and $B = 9$

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