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Cyclic quotient singularities

Let $m > 1$ be an integer, and ξ a m -th primitive root of 1. Let $a, b > 0$ be integers coprime to m , and consider the action of $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ on \mathbb{C}^2 given by

$$T: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2, (x, y) \mapsto (\xi^a x, \xi^b y)$$

Definition 1.

A cyclic quotient singularity (c.q.s) is a singularity isomorphic to the germ at 0 of the quotient $\mathbb{C}^2/\langle T \rangle$ for some integers m , a and b . We will denote the singularity as $\frac{1}{m}(a, b)$.

It is enough to restrict our attention to the case $\frac{1}{m}(1, q)$. Its resolution is constructed with toric methods and it is summarized as follows:

Theorem 2.

Let $p \in X$ be a c.q.s $\frac{1}{m}(1, q)$, where X is a neighborhood of p and $\phi: Y \rightarrow X$ its minimal resolution. Then $\text{Exc}(\phi)$ is a collection of rational curves E_1, \dots, E_r such that $E_i \cdot E_{i+1} = 1$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, r-1\}$, $E_i^2 = -e_i$ and $E_i \cdot E_j = 0$ for any other case, where

$$\frac{m}{q} = [e_1, \dots, e_r] = e_1 - \frac{1}{e_2 - \frac{1}{\ddots \frac{1}{e_r}}}$$

is its Hirzebruch-Jung continued fraction (each e_i is an integer greater than 1).

T-singularities

Definition 3.

A T-singularity is a quotient singularity which admits a \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein one parameter smoothing.

Proposition 1.

T-singularities are either ADE or c.q.s $\frac{1}{dn^2}(1, dna - 1)$ with $0 < a < n$, $d \geq 1$ and $\gcd(n, a) = 1$. When $d = 1$, we call them Wahl singularities.

Definition 4.

A T-chain is the exceptional divisor of the minimal resolution of a T-singularity (non-ADE). For a Wahl singularity, we call it a W-chain.

A result of Wahl gives us an algorithm to obtain all (non-ADE) T-singularities. Furthermore, it tells us how a T-singularity can be recognized from its minimal resolution.

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Proposition 2 (Algorithm for T-chains).

For any (non-ADE) T-singularity $\frac{1}{dn^2}(1, dna - 1)$, we have:

- (i) If $n = 2$, then $[4]$ and $[3, 2, \dots, 2, 3]$ where the number of 2's in this expression is $d - 2$, are T-chains.
- (ii) If $[b_1, \dots, b_r]$ is a T-chain, then so are $[2, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}, b_r + 1]$ and $[b_1 + 1, b_2, \dots, b_r, 2]$.
- (iii) Any T-chain can be obtained by starting with one of the T-chains in (i) and iterating the steps described in (ii).

The T-chain associated with $\frac{1}{dn^2}(1, dna - 1)$ will be denoted as $[d \binom{n}{a}]$. The operations in (ii) will be called \mathcal{L} -operations and \mathcal{R} -operations, respectively. The proof of this result also shows that

$$\left[d \binom{2n-a}{n} \right] \xleftarrow{\mathcal{L}} \left[d \binom{n}{a} \right] \quad y \quad \left[d \binom{n}{a} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}} \left[d \binom{n+a}{a} \right]$$

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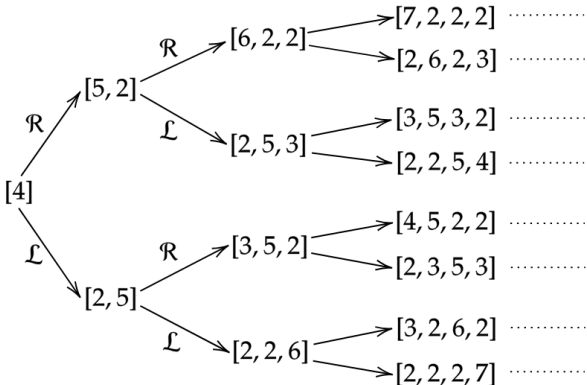


Figure: W-chains.

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Example 6 (Non-example of a P-resolution).

Consider the cyclic quotient singularity $\frac{1}{13}(1, 3)$ on X , and $\phi: Y \rightarrow X$ its minimal resolution. In the chain corresponding to the H-J continued fraction $\frac{13}{3} = [5, 2, 2]$ we can do 3 blow-ups to get the following chain of \mathbb{P}^1 's

$$[6, 2, 2, 1, 5, 2]$$

on a surface Z . After contracting these W-chains onto a surface W , it defines a partial resolution $f: W \rightarrow X$ that is not a P-resolution of the singularity $\frac{1}{13}(1, 3)$ (K_X is not ample relative to f).

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From the Riemenschneider's dot diagram, if we write

$$\frac{m}{q} = [\underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{a_1}, b_1, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{a_2}, b_2, \dots, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{a_{c-1}}, b_{c-1}, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{a_c}]$$

where $a_i \geq 0$ and $b_i \geq 3$ for all i , then

$$\frac{m}{m-q} = [a_1 + 2, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{b_1-3}, a_2 + 3, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{b_2-3}, a_3 + 3, \dots, a_{c-1} + 3, \underbrace{2, \dots, 2}_{b_{c-1}-3}, a_c + 2]$$

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Given a triangulated $(s+1)$ -gon with vertices P_0, \dots, P_s , one defines the index of a vertex P_i as

$$v_i := (\text{number of diagonals from the vertex } P_i) + 1.$$

Definition 9.

We say that a triangulated polygon \mathcal{P} is a **framed triangulated polygon** if we specify a hidden index.

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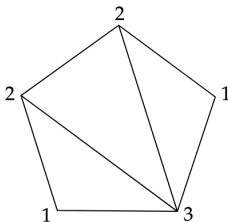


Figure: Triangulated pentagon.

We have the 0-fractions: $[3, 1, 2, 2]$, $[1, 2, 2, 1]$, $[2, 2, 1, 3]$, $[2, 1, 3, 1]$, and $[1, 3, 1, 2]$.

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Lemma 10.

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By the relation (1), the number b_0 is completely determined by the linear relation

$$b_0 := 3(s - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^s b_i.$$

Therefore, we can write the zero continued fraction $[b_1, \dots, b_s]$ as $[b_1, \dots, b_s \mid b_0]$. The latter notation is the extended zero chain.

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A sequence $\{b_1, \dots, b_s\}$, $b_i > 1$ is a WW-sequence if there exists $1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq s$ such that

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The numbers α and β are called the indices of the WW-sequence, and we say that the zero continued fraction $0 = [b_1, \dots, b_{\alpha} - 1, \dots, b_{\beta} - 1, \dots, b_s]$ is a WW-decomposition of the Hirzebruch-Jung continued fraction $[b_1, \dots, b_s]$.

Wormholes

Definition 14.

A wormhole singularity is a cyclic quotient singularity $\frac{1}{m}(1, q)$ with $0 < q < m$ coprime integers, which admits at least two distinct extremal P -resolutions. Equivalently, the Hirzebruch-Jung continued fraction of $\frac{m}{m-q}$ has at least two different WW-decompositions.

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- $-(3) - \left[\binom{17}{4} \right]$ associated with $[1, 3, 2, 2, 5, 1, 2, 2, 2, 5] = 0$.

- $\left[\binom{5}{2} \right] - (2) - \left[\binom{5}{1} \right]$ associated with $[2, 3, 1, 2, 5, 2, 2, 2, 1, 5] = 0$.

Computing the hidden index b_0 , we get that $b_0 = 2$ for this pair.

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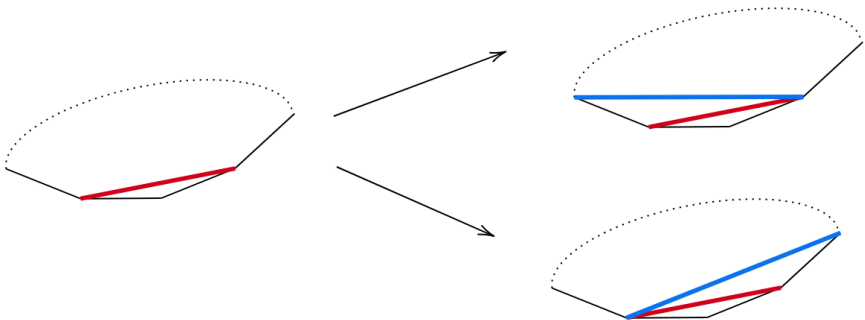


Figure: Construction of an accordion triangulation.

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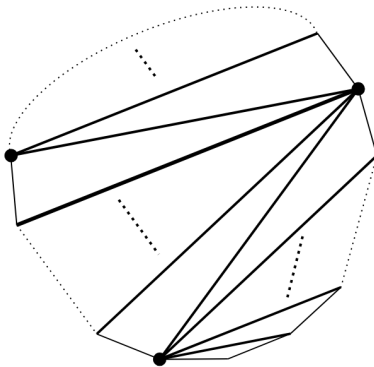


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Figure: UGA main library bus stop.

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Now we introduce the key definition of coherent graph of a framed triangulated polygon.

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Let $\mathcal{P} = [b_1, \dots, b_s \mid b_0]$ be a framed triangulated $(s + 1)$ -gon. Reading the vector $v = (b_1, \dots, b_s, b_0)$ from left to right, define x_i as the i -th entry that is greater than 2, and j_i as the position such that $b_{j_i} = x_i$. Let n be the number of x_i 's associated with the vector v . For each $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$, define y_i as $j_{i+1} - j_i - 1$. Define y_n as the number $(s + 1) - n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i$. Construct the coherent graph $G_{\mathcal{P}}$ as follows:

- **Vertices:** $G_{\mathcal{P}}$ has n vertices, one for each x_i . The vertex associated with x_i is denoted by x_i .
- **Edges:** For $1 \leq i \leq n$, there is an edge between x_i and x_{i+1} , labeled with y_i . Additionally, there is an edge between x_n and x_1 , labeled with y_n .

The vertices of \mathcal{P} corresponding to the x_i 's are called the weights of \mathcal{P} . We denote the coherent graph of \mathcal{P} by $G_{\mathcal{P}} = ([x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \mid x_n], (y_1, \dots, y_n))$. If only the weights of \mathcal{P} are relevant, we use the simplified notation $G_{\mathcal{P}} = [x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \mid x_n]$.

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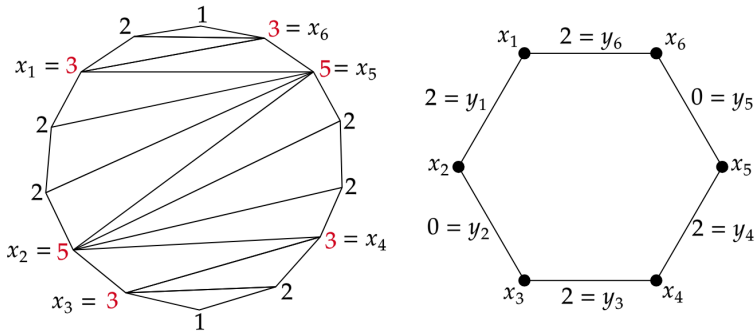


Figure: An example of a framed accordion triangulation \mathcal{P} and its coherent graph $G_{\mathcal{P}}$.

Note that $\mathcal{P} = [1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 5 \mid 3]$,
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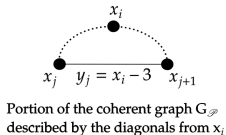
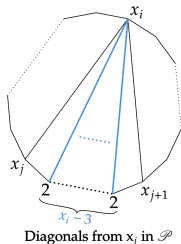
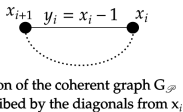
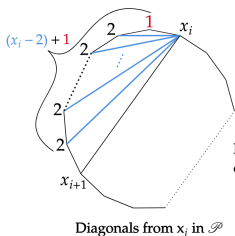


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This is the key lemma. It tells us that the condition of being a basic wormhole triangulation is equivalent to the consistency of two system of linear equations!

Thank you!