

# Symplectic Geometry: Reduction, Convexity, and Unimodularity

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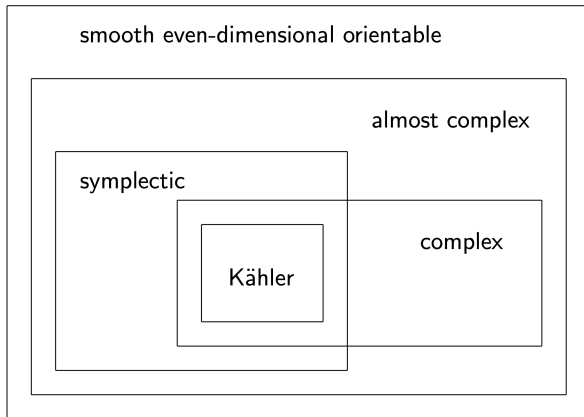
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# Symplectic Geometry

- $M$  a smooth manifold.  $E \rightarrow M$  a vector bundle. A **geometric structure** on  $M$  involves a smooth section  $T$  of a tensor bundle,  
 $T \in \Gamma\left(E^{\otimes_F^k} \otimes_F (E^*)^{\otimes_F^j}\right)$ , where  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ , or  $\mathbb{H}$ .
- Examples of geometric structures:
  - **Riemannian geometry**: Inner product at each point.
  - **Symplectic geometry**: closed nondegenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form  $\omega$ , i.e.,  $\ker \widetilde{\omega_p} = 0$  and  $d\omega = 0$ .
  - **Kähler geometry**: Compatible symplectic, complex, and Riemannian structures.
- Examples of symplectic manifolds:
  - $(\mathbb{C}^n, \omega_0) = (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_0)$ .
  - Cotangent bundles  $T^*M$ .
  - Flag  $\mathfrak{f}l(n) = \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})/B = \mathrm{U}(n)/\mathbb{T}^n$ .

# Symplectic Geometry



**Figure 1:** Geometries (Venn diagram from [1]).

# Hamiltonian Actions

A diffeomorphism  $\varphi : (M_1, \omega_1) \rightarrow (M_2, \omega_2)$  is called a **symplectomorphism** if

$$\varphi^* \omega_2 = \omega_1.$$

Suppose Lie group  $G$  acts on  $(M, \omega)$  via symplectomorphisms:

$$\Psi : G \rightarrow \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$$

$(M, \omega)$  is called a **Hamiltonian  $G$ -space** if it has a **moment map**  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  defined below.

- **Moment Map Characterization:**

- Hamiltonian condition: For any  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $d\mu^X = \iota_{X^\#} \omega$ , where  $\mu^X(p) = \langle \mu(p), X \rangle$  and  $X^\#$  = the vector field generated by one-parameter subgroup  $\exp tX$ .
- Equivariance condition:  $\mu \circ \Psi_g = \text{Ad}_g^* \circ \mu$ .

- **Comoment Map Characterization (for connected Lie groups):**

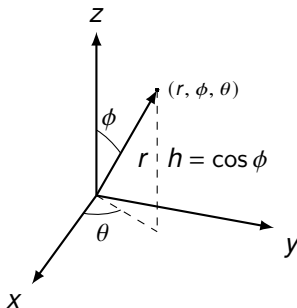
- Hamiltonian condition:  $\mu^*(X) := \mu^X$  is Hamiltonian for  $X^\#$ .
- Equivariance condition:  $\mu^*$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism, i.e.,  $\mu^*[X, Y] = \{\mu^*(X), \mu^*(Y)\}$ . where  $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$  is the Poisson bracket.

## Example 1 (Sphere)

Consider the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^2$ . A point  $P$  on it can be written as

$$(\sin \phi \cos \theta, \sin \phi \sin \theta, \cos \phi),$$

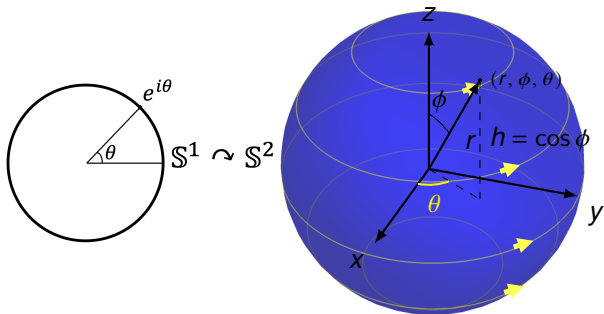
so it has “height”  $\cos \phi$ . We thus define the **height function** as  $H(\theta, h) = h$  on the sphere with symplectic form  $\omega = d\theta \wedge dh$ , the standard form for chart  $(U, (\theta, h))$ .



Consider the circle action on the sphere below. What's its moment map  $\mu$ ? Hint: height function, but why?

$$\Psi : \mathbb{S}^1 \longrightarrow \text{Symp}(\mathbb{S}^2, \omega)$$

$$e^{i\theta} \longmapsto \text{rotation by angle } \theta \text{ around z-axis}$$



**Figure 2:** Circle action on a sphere and spherical coordinates.



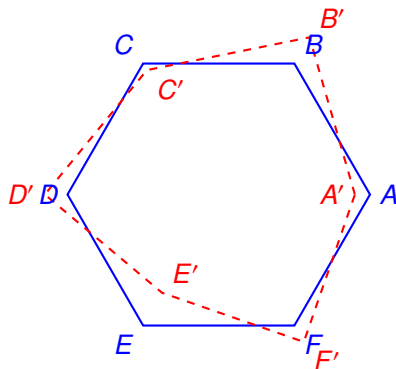
# Three Theorems: Reduction, Convexity, and Unimodularity

- Reduction Theorem (Meyer [2], Marsden-Weinstein [3])
  - Conserved quantities reduce phase space.
  - Applications: classical mechanics [4, 5].
- Convexity Theorem (Atiyah [6], Guillemin-Sternberg [7])
  - Image of the moment maps are convex polytopes.
  - Schur-Horn theorem and Horn's conjecture on Hermitian spectra.
  - Generalization to semisimple Lie group actions (Weinstein [8]).
- Unimodularity Theorem (Delzant [9])
  - $\{\text{Symplectic toric manifolds}\}/\sim \longleftrightarrow \{\text{Unimodular polytopes}\}/\sim$ .
  - Non-compact symplectic toric manifolds (Karshon-Lerman [10]).

# One Motivation: Counting Integer-points in Polytopes

Pukhlikov-Khovanskii ([11]): Let  $\Delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, v_i \rangle \geq \lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\Delta_h = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, v_i \rangle \geq \lambda_i + h_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ . Then

$$\#(\Delta \cap \mathbb{Z}^n) = \text{Todd}_h(\text{vol}(\Delta_h))|_{h=0}$$



**Figure 3:** Perturbation  $\Delta_h$  of a polytope  $\Delta$ .

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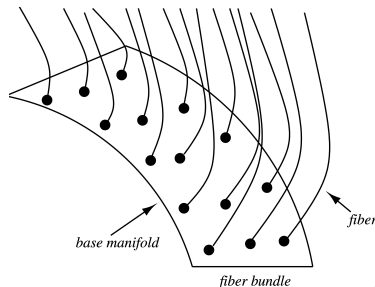
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# Marsden-Weinstein-Meyer Theorem

## Theorem 2 (Meyer [2], Marsden-Weinstein [3])

Let  $(M, \omega, G, \mu)$  be a Hamiltonian  $G$ -space for a compact Lie group  $G$ . Suppose  $G$  acts freely on  $\mu^{-1}(0)$ . Then:

- The quotient space  $M_{\text{red}} = \mu^{-1}(0)/G$  is a smooth manifold.
- The projection  $\pi : \mu^{-1}(0) \rightarrow M_{\text{red}}$  defines a principal  $G$ -bundle.
- There exists a symplectic form  $\omega_{\text{red}}$  on  $M_{\text{red}}$  such that  $i^* \omega = \pi^* \omega_{\text{red}}$ .



**Figure 4:** A line bundle. Pic. taken from [Wolfram](#).

# More Hamiltonian $G$ -spaces

## Theorem 3 (Commuting Actions)

*Let  $(M, \omega, G, \mu)$  be a Hamiltonian  $G$ -space and  $(M_{\text{red}}, \omega_{\text{red}})$  be the symplectic reduction. Suppose that another Lie group  $H$  acts on  $(M, \omega)$  in a Hamiltonian way with moment map  $\phi : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$ . If  $H$ -action commutes with the  $G$ -action and  $\phi$  is  $G$ -invariant, then the action of  $H$  on  $M_{\text{red}}$  admits a Hamiltonian action of  $H$  with moment map  $\phi_{\text{red}}$ .*

## Theorem 4 (Lie Subgroup Actions)

*Let  $G$  be any Lie group and  $H$  a closed subgroup of  $G$ , with  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  the respective Lie algebras. The projection  $i^* : \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$  is the map dual to the inclusion  $i : \mathfrak{h} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ . Suppose that  $(M, \omega, G, \phi)$  is a Hamiltonian  $G$ -space. The restriction of the  $G$ -action to  $H$  is Hamiltonian with moment map*

$$i^* \circ \phi : M \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$$

# Complex Projective Space

- The complex projective space  $\mathbb{CP}^n = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \mathbb{C}^*$  is obtained from  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  by making the identifications  $(z_0, \dots, z_n) \sim (\lambda z_0, \dots, \lambda z_n)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ;  $[z_0 : \dots : z_n]$  is the equivalence class of  $(z_0, \dots, z_n)$ . For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , let

$$\mathcal{U}_j = \{[z_0 : \dots : z_n] \in \mathbb{CP}^n \mid z_j \neq 0\}$$

$$\varphi_j : \mathcal{U}_j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \quad \varphi_j([z_0 : \dots : z_n]) = \left( \frac{z_0}{z_j}, \dots, \frac{z_{j-1}}{z_j}, \frac{z_{j+1}}{z_j}, \dots, \frac{z_n}{z_j} \right).$$

This gives a complex atlas for  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ . It can be shown that

$\omega = \frac{i}{2} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(\|z\|^2 + 1)$  is Kähler and thus symplectic on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and that  $\omega_k := \varphi_k^* \omega$  agrees with  $\omega_l$  on  $\mathcal{U}_k \cap \mathcal{U}_l$ . Thus, these  $\omega_j$ 's glue together to define a symplectic form  $\omega_{\text{FS}}$ , called **Fubini-Study form**, on  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ .

# Complex Projective Space

- $G = \mathbb{S}^1$ -Action  $\Phi_G$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ :

$$e^{i\theta} \cdot (z_0, \dots, z_n) = (e^{i\theta} z_0, \dots, e^{i\theta} z_n),$$

$$\mu(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}.$$

- $H = \mathbb{T}^{n+1}$ -Action  $\Phi_H$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ :

$$(t_0, \dots, t_n) \cdot (z_0, \dots, z_n) = (t_0 z_0, \dots, t_n z_n),$$

$$\phi(z) = -\frac{1}{2} (|z_0|^2, \dots, |z_n|^2) + (\text{constant})$$

- $(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \omega_0, \mathbb{S}^1, \mu)$  reduces to  $(\mathbb{S}^{2n+1}/\mathbb{S}^1, \omega_{\text{red}})$ , which is symplectomorphic to  $(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}})$  via an  $f$ . The other Hamiltonian group action over  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  descends naturally to the reduced space. The symplectomorphism  $f$  then transfers these data to the complex projective space  $(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}})$ . It is now a Hamiltonian  $\mathbb{T}^{n+1}$ -space.

# Complex Projective Space

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{SympI} & \xleftarrow{\text{Hamiltonian}} & \text{Grp} \\
 \\
 (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \omega_0) & \xleftarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{w}/\mu \\ \Phi \end{smallmatrix}]{\Phi_G} & \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \\
 \text{pr} \downarrow & \swarrow \mathbf{w}/\phi & \\
 (\mathbb{S}^{2n+1}/\mathbb{S}^1, \omega_{\text{red}}) & \xleftarrow[\mathbf{w}/\phi_{\text{red}}]{\Phi} & \mathbb{T}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \\
 f \uparrow \simeq & \swarrow \Psi & \\
 (\mathbb{CP}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}}) & \xleftarrow[\mathbf{w}/\phi_{\text{red}} \circ f]{} & 
 \end{array}$$



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# Atiyah-Guillemin-Sternberg Theorem

Any compact connected abelian Lie group must be a torus  $G = \mathbb{T}^m = \mathbb{R}^m / \mathbb{Z}^m$ .

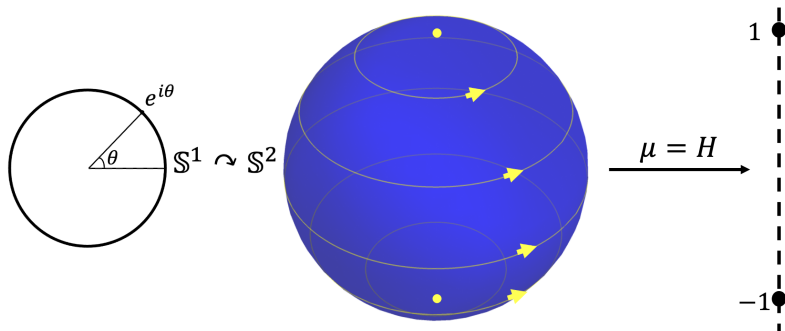
## Theorem 5 (Atiyah [6], Guillemin-Sternberg [7])

*Let  $(M, \omega)$  be a compact connected symplectic manifold, and let  $\mathbb{T}^m$  be an  $m$  torus. Suppose that  $\psi : \mathbb{T}^m \rightarrow \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$  is a Hamiltonian action with moment map  $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then:*

- (1) the levels of  $\mu$  are connected;*
- (2) the image of  $\mu$  is convex;*
- (3) the image of  $\mu$  is the convex hull of the images of the fixed points of the action.*

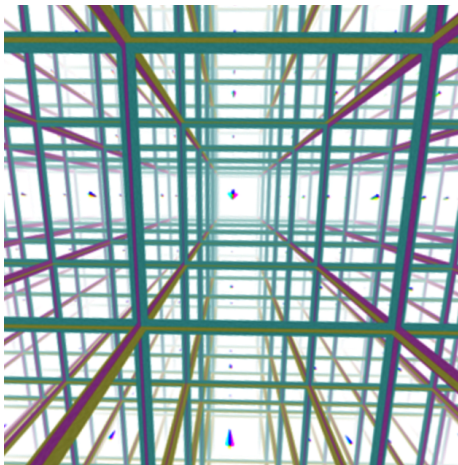
*The image  $\mu(M)$  of the moment map is hence called the **moment polytope**.*

# Atiyah-Guillemin-Sternberg Theorem



**Figure 5:** Circle action  $\mathbb{S}^1$  over sphere  $(\mathbb{S}^2, \omega = d\theta \wedge dh)$  by rotations with height function as the moment map  $\mu(\theta, h) = H(\theta, h) = h$ . The image polytope is  $\text{Im}(\mu) = [-1, 1]$ .

# Atiyah-Guillemin-Sternberg Theorem



**Figure 6:** A three-torus, where an observer sees the back of his own head. Pic. taken from [Wikipedia](#).

# Atiyah-Guillemin-Sternberg Theorem

*proof sketch.*

Atiyah's proof of theorem 5 uses induction over  $m = \dim \mathbb{T}^m$ . Consider the statements:

- $A_m$ : "the levels of  $\mu$  are connected, for any  $\mathbb{T}^m$ -action;"
- $B_m$ : "the image of  $\mu$  is convex, for any  $\mathbb{T}^m$ -action."

Then

- The connectedness statement  $(1) \iff A_m$  holds for all  $m$ ,
- The convexity statement  $(2) \iff B_m$  holds for all  $m$ .

The base case  $A_1$  uses the fact that  $\mu^X$  is a Morse-Bott function. For the induction  $A_{m-1} \implies A_m$ , see [12].

We show  $B_1$ , the induction  $B_{m-1} \implies B_m$ , and verify that the vertices supporting image polytope are the fixed points of the action.

# Convexity

- Base case  $B_1$ : For  $m = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{T}^m = \mathbb{S}^1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^* = \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $M$  is connected,  $\mu(M)$  is also connected. In  $\mathbb{R}$ , connectedness implies convexity.
- Induction  $B_{m-1} \implies B_m$ : Denote  $H = \mathbb{T}^{m-1}$  and  $G = \mathbb{T}^m$ , so  $\text{Lie}(H) = \mathfrak{h}^*$  and  $\text{Lie}(G) = \mathfrak{g}^*$ . Choose an injective matrix  $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times (m-1)}$ , so it can be either seen as a map  $A : \mathbb{R}^{m-1} \cong \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \cong \mathbb{R}^m$  (so  $A^t : \mathbb{R}^m \cong \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^* \cong \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$ ) or as a map

$$A : \mathbb{T}^{m-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{T}^m$$

$$\left( e^{2\pi i \theta_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i \theta_{m-1}} \right) \longmapsto \left( e^{2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} a_{1j} \theta_j}, \dots, e^{2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} a_{mj} \theta_j} \right).$$

Consider the action of an  $(m-1)$ -subtorus

$$\psi_A : \mathbb{T}^{m-1} \longrightarrow \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$$

$$\theta \longmapsto \psi_{A\theta}$$

- Reduced Hamiltonian action: The  $(m-1)$ -torus action  $\psi_A$  on  $M$  has a moment map  $\mu_A = A^t \mu$ .

# Convexity

- Connected level set: Fix  $p_0 \in \mu_A^{-1}(\xi)$ . The level set

$$\mu_A^{-1}(\xi) = \{p \in M \mid \mu(p) - \mu(p_0) \in \ker A^t\}$$

is connected and  $\ker A^t$  is 1-dimensional. This will force the convexity.

- Rational approximation:  $p, q \in M$  arbitrary. Use compactness of  $\mu(M)$  to choose sequences approaching them. Then use rationality to choose  $A$ .

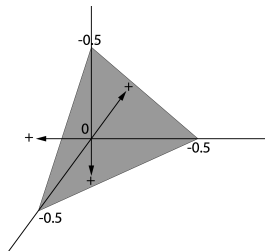
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## Example 6

$(\mathbb{CP}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}}, \mathbb{T}^{n+1}, \phi_{\text{red}} \circ f)$  has action

$$(t_0, \dots, t_n) \cdot [z_0 : \dots : z_n] \mapsto [t_0 z_0 : \dots : t_n z_n]$$

with moment map  $\phi_{\text{red}} \circ f([z_0 : \dots : z_n]) = -\frac{1}{2\|z\|^2} (|z_0|^2, \dots, |z_n|^2)$ .



**Figure 7:** Moment polytope  $\text{Im}(\phi_{\text{red}} \circ f)$  when  $n = 2$ .



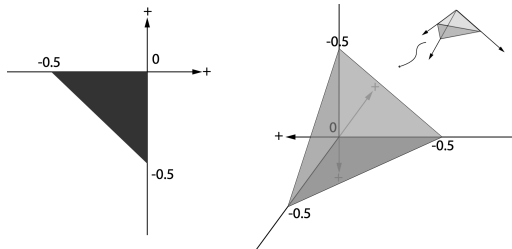
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## Example 7

$(\mathbb{CP}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}}, \mathbb{T}^n, \nu)$

$$(e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, e^{i\theta_n}) \cdot [z_0 : z_1 : \dots : z_n] = [z_0 : e^{i\theta_1} z_1 : \dots : e^{i\theta_n} z_n]$$

with moment map  $\nu([z_0 : z_1 : \dots : z_n]) = -\frac{1}{2\|z\|^2} (|z_1|^2, \dots, |z_n|^2) = -\frac{1}{2}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$



**Figure 8:** Moment polytopes  $\text{Im}(\nu)$  when  $n = 2, 3$ .

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# Symplectic Toric Manifolds

An action of a group  $G$  on a manifold  $M$  is called **effective** if each group element  $g \neq e$  moves at least one  $p \in M$ , that is,

$$\bigcap_{p \in M} G_p = \{e\}$$

where  $G_p = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot p = p\}$  is the stabilizer of  $p$ .

## Theorem 8

*Let  $(M, \omega, \mathbb{T}^m, \mu)$  be a Hamiltonian  $\mathbb{T}^m$ -space. If the  $\mathbb{T}^m$ -action is effective, then  $\dim M \geq 2m$ .*

# Symplectic Toric Manifolds

A **(symplectic) toric manifold** is a compact connected symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$  equipped with an effective Hamiltonian action of a torus  $\mathbb{T}$  of dimension equal to half the dimension of the manifold:

$$\dim \mathbb{T} = \frac{1}{2} \dim M$$

and with a choice of a corresponding moment map  $\mu$ .

## Example 9

Complex projective space  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  is a symplectic toric manifold through the action  $\mathbb{T}^n$  but not  $\mathbb{T}^{n+1}$ .

# Delzant's Classification Theorem

## Definition 10 (Unimodular Polytope)

A convex polytope  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is called **Delzant**, or **unimodular** if it satisfies

- (Simplicity) there are  $n$  edges meeting at each vertex,
- (Rationality) the edges meeting at the vertex  $p$  are rational in the sense that every edge  $E_k$  is of the form  $p + tu_k$  where  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $u_k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,
- (Smoothness) for each vertex with edges  $E_1, \dots, E_n$  the corresponding vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  spanning the edges can be chosen to form a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ .

## Example 11 (Examples of Unimodular Polytopes)

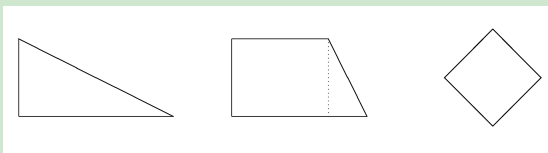
The following examples of unimodular polytopes are from [1].



# Delzant's Classification Theorem

## Example 12 (Non-examples of Unimodular Polytopes)

The following non-examples of unimodular polytopes are from [1].



## Definition 13 (Symplectic Toric Isomorphisms)

Two symplectic toric manifolds,  $(M_k, \omega_k, \mathbb{T}^n, \mu_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , are **isomorphic** if there exists an equivariant symplectomorphism  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ , i.e., a symplectomorphism  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi([\theta] \cdot p) = [\theta] \cdot \varphi(p)$ .

# Delzant's Classification Theorem

## Theorem 14 (Delzant, [9])

*Symplectic toric manifolds are classified by Delzant polytopes. More specifically, the bijective correspondence between these two sets is given by the moment map:*

$$\frac{\{\text{symplectic toric manifolds}\}}{\{\text{isomorphisms}\}} \longleftrightarrow \frac{\{\text{Delzant polytopes}\}}{\{\text{translations}\}}$$

$$(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}^n, \mu) \longmapsto \mu(M).$$

*Steps of the proof.*

- 1 The map is well-defined:  $M$  is toric  $\implies \mu(M)$  is Delzant. This is a consequence of the equivariant Darboux theorem (see [13] for example).

# Delzant's Classification Theorem

- ② The map is surjective: let  $M \mapsto \mu(M)$  be denoted by  $f$  and define  $g : \Delta \rightarrow M_\Delta$  where  $\Delta$  is Delzant and  $M_\Delta$  is toric with  $\omega_\Delta, \mathbb{T}^n, \mu_\Delta$ . The constant involved in  $\mu_\Delta$  can be chosen such that  $\mu(M_\Delta) = \Delta$ , i.e.,  $f \circ g = \text{id}$ . This will prove the surjectivity of  $f$ . This part follows from Delzant's construction of  $M_\Delta$ .
- ③ The map is injective: we also need to show  $g \circ f = \text{id}$ . [13, Sections 2.4 and 2.5] show how Lerman did a different construction, i.e., a symplectic toric manifold  $E^\Delta$  from a given  $\Delta$  such that  $\mu(E^\Delta) = \Delta$  (so surjectivity is fulfilled); but also that if we start with  $M$  and let  $\Delta = \mu(M)$ , then  $E^\Delta$  is isomorphic to  $M$  (this shows injectivity). We will not include Lerman's construction here.



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# Hermitian Spectra

## Theorem 15 (Schur-Horn Theorem, [14])

*Let  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be real numbers. There is an  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrix with diagonal entries  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  if and only if the vector  $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  lies in the convex hull of the set of vectors whose coordinates are all possible permutations of  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ .*

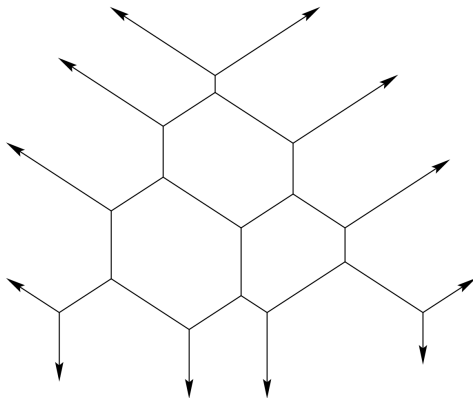
## Theorem 16 (Birkhoff-von Neumann Theorem)

*A bistochastic matrix = a convex combination of permutation matrices.*

Consider  $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathfrak{u}(n)^*$ ;  $\xi \mapsto \text{tr}(i\xi \cdot)$ . Then  $T$  is an intertwining operator or  $U(n)$ -equivariant isomorphism for conjugation representation and coadjoint representation of unitary group, i.e.,  $\forall A \in U(n)$ ,  $\text{Ad}^*(A) \circ T = T \circ \Psi(A)$ . Lie group theory gives orbits  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$ 's  $C^\infty$ -structures and KKS-form gives it symplectic structures.  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  is a Hamiltonian  $U(n)$ -space. Now apply AGS theorem.

# Hermitian Spectra

More general Hermitian spectra problems like  $\{(\lambda, \mu, \nu) | \mathcal{H}_\lambda + \mathcal{H}_\mu + \mathcal{H}_\nu = 0\}$ ; see Knutson and Tao's work [15, 16].



**Figure 9:** A honeycomb. Pic. taken from [16].

# Semisimple Lie Group Actions

Knutson used in his paper [15] the following Kirwan's generalization of AGS theorem for nonabelian Lie groups.

## Theorem 17 (Kirwan, [17])

*Let  $(M, \omega, G, \phi)$  be a compact Hamiltonian  $G$ -manifold with  $G$  a compact Lie group. Then the intersection of the image  $\phi(M)$  with the positive Weyl chamber  $\mathfrak{t}_+^*$  is a convex polytope.*

Weinstein generalized that to noncompact cases.

## Theorem 18 (Weinstein, [8])

*Let  $G$  be a semisimple Lie group, let  $\mathfrak{t}_+^*$  be a positive Weyl chamber for a maximal compact subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ , and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a coadjoint-invariant open subset of the set  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathfrak{t}_+^*$  is convex. If  $(M, \mu)$  is a connected, proper, Hamiltonian  $(G, \mathcal{U})$ -space, then  $\mu(M) \cap \mathfrak{t}_+^*$  is a closed, convex, locally polyhedral subset of  $\mathfrak{t}_+^* \cap \mathcal{U}$ , and  $\mu^{-1}(\xi)$  is connected for each  $\xi \in \mathcal{U}$ .*

# Geometric Representation Theory

Kirillov-Kostant Souriau form on coadjoint orbit.

Symplectic toric manifolds.

$(M, \omega)$  is **prequantizable** if there is a Hermitian line bundle  $\mathbb{L} \rightarrow M$  and a connection  $\nabla$  on  $\mathbb{L}$  whose curvature form is  $\omega$ . Geometric quantization associates  $M$  with a prequantum Hilbert space  $Q(M, \omega)$  that satisfies several axioms:

- (1) Multiplicity:  $Q(M_1 \times M_2) = Q(M_1) \otimes Q(M_2)$ ;
- (2) Duality:  $Q(M, -\omega) = Q^*(M, \omega)$ ;
- (3) Finiteness:  $M$  compact  $\implies \dim Q(M) < \infty$ ;
- (4) Functoriality:  $G$  compact Lie group. To every Hamiltonian action  $\Phi : G \rightarrow \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$  corresponds a unitary representation  $\rho$  of  $G$  on  $Q(M)$ . This is illustrated by the following Kostant's formulation of Bott-Borel-Weil theorem.

# Geometric Representation Theory

## Theorem 19 (Bott-Borel-Weil Theorem; Kostant's Formulation)

*For a compact connected Lie group, there is a one-to-one correspondence between irreducible unitary representations of  $G$  and prequantizable coadjoint orbits.*

There is another axiom:

- (5) Reduction:  $(M, \omega, G, \mu)$  Hamiltonian.  $X = \mu^{-1}(0)/G$  reduced space.  $\rho$  be the corresponded BBW representation. Then let  $Q(M)_G$  be the invariant subspace  $\{v \in Q(M) \mid \rho_g(v) = v, \forall g\}$ . Then the axiom is that  $Q(X) = Q(M)_G$ .

# Geometric Representation Theory

Guillemin and Sternberg [18] proposed a counting formula on corresponded unitary irreducible representations. Before that, we recall the familiar version of Schur's lemma in finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  that the subspace of all intertwining operators between irreducible representations  $\varphi$  and  $\rho$  is

$$\mathrm{Hom}_G(\varphi, \rho) = \begin{cases} 0, & \varphi \neq \rho & (1) \\ \mathbb{C} \mathrm{id}, & \varphi = \rho & (2) \end{cases}$$

Note that (2) requires  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$  and finite dimension while (1) do not need that. (2) says that  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathrm{Hom}_G(\varphi, \varphi) = 1$ .

**Lemma 20** (Schur's lemma for a Hilbert space representation; see [here](#))

*Let  $\varphi$  be an irreducible representation of group  $G$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . The subspace of all bounded operators in  $\mathrm{Hom}_G(\varphi, \varphi)$  is  $\mathbb{C} \mathrm{id}$ .*

# Geometric Representation Theory

- **Multiplicity conjecture:** For compact connected Lie group  $G$  and Hamiltonian  $G$ -space  $(M, \omega, G, \mu)$  and  $M_O =$  reduced space of  $M \times O^-$ ,

Multiplicity of  $\rho_O$  in  $Q(M) =$  Riemann-Roch number of  $M_O$

- **Toric case:**  $M = \mathbb{C}^d$ ,  $G$  abelian, i.e.,  $= \mathbb{T}^n$ , coadjoint orbits  $O$  are just constants  $\xi$  in  $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ . Let  $\Delta$  be a Delzant polytope by eqs.  $\langle x, u_i \rangle \geq \lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$  and  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $e_i \mapsto u_i$ . There induce a map  $\pi : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$  with kernel  $N$ .  $(\mathbb{C}^d, \omega_0, \mathbb{T}^d, \mu)$  restricts to  $(\mathbb{C}^d, \omega_0, N, i^* \circ \mu)$ . Let  $\lambda^0 = i^*(\lambda)$ . Reduce  $(\mathbb{C}^d, \omega_0, N, i^* \circ \mu)$  at level  $-\lambda^0$  will get us Delzant's construction  $(M_\Delta, \mu_\Delta)$ . This is the symplectic manifold such that  $\mu_\Delta(M_\Delta) = \Delta$ . In previous context,  $M_O = M_\Delta$ .
- **RHS** is defined using Chern class from which Todd class is extracted, and this is equal to  $\text{Todd}_h(\text{vol}(\Delta_h))|_{h=0}$ .
- **LHS** is  $\# \rho_{\lambda^0}$  in  $Q(\mathbb{C}^d) = \#(\Delta \cap (\mathbb{Z}^n)^*) = \#(\Delta \cap \mathbb{Z}^n)$ .



# Geometric Representation Theory

- Pukhlikov-Khovanskii [11] equated these two:

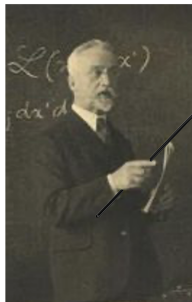
$$\#(\Delta \cap \mathbb{Z}^n) = \text{Todd}_h(\text{vol}(\Delta_h))|_{h=0}$$

- So the Multiplicity conjecture is true for symplectic toric case.
- This was conjectured in 1980s by Guillemin and Sternberg [18] and was proven in 1990s by Eckhard Meinrenken as well as Youliang Tian and Weiping Zhang. It is now known as quantization commutes with reduction.

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# Questions?



Cartan's magic formula

$$\mathcal{L}_X = d\iota_X + \iota_X d$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_f} g = \iota_{X_f} dg$$

$$= \iota_{X_f} \iota_{X_g} \omega$$

$$= \omega(X_g, X_f)$$

$$= -\{f, g\}$$



Schur–Horn theorem

$$d_1 \leq \lambda_1$$

$$d_2 + d_1 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$\vdots \leq \vdots$$

$$d_{N-1} + \cdots + d_2 + d_1 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{N-1}$$

$$d_N + d_{N-1} + \cdots + d_2 + d_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{N-1} + \lambda_N$$