

Polyhedral Reduction of Humbert forms over a totally real number field

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Notations

Let

\mathbf{k} = a totally real algebraic number field of degree r ,

∞ = the set of archimedean places of \mathbf{k} ,

\mathbf{k}_σ = the completion of \mathbf{k} at $\sigma \in \infty$,

$\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{k} \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{R} = \prod_{\sigma \in \infty} \mathbf{k}_\sigma \cong \mathbf{R}^r$,

For $x = (x_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \infty} \in \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{R}}$, the trace of x is defined by

$$\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{R}}}(x) = \sum_{\sigma} x_{\sigma}.$$

Humbert forms

Let

$M_n(\mathbf{k}_R) =$ the space of all $n \times n$ matrices with entries in \mathbf{k}_R ,

$GL_n(\mathbf{k}_R) =$ the unit group of $M_n(\mathbf{k}_R) = \prod_{\sigma \in \infty} GL_n(\mathbf{k}_\sigma)$,

$H_n = \{a \in M_n(\mathbf{k}_R) : {}^t a = a\} \cong \text{Sym}_n(\mathbf{R})^{\oplus r}$,

$P_n = \{{}^t g g : g \in GL_n(\mathbf{k}_R)\} \subset H_n(\mathbf{k}_R)$,

An element of P_n is called an Humbert form and denoted by $a = (a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \infty}$. Each component a_σ is a positive definite real symmetric matrix.

Purpose

Let \mathfrak{o} be the ring of integers of \mathbf{k} .

We fix a projective \mathfrak{o} -module $\Lambda \subset \mathbf{k}^n$ of rank n .

Λ is viewed as a lattice in $\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{R}}^n$ by a natural inclusion $\mathbf{k}^n \hookrightarrow \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{R}}^n$.

The discrete subgroup

$$GL(\Lambda) = \{\gamma \in GL_n(\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{R}}) : \gamma\Lambda = \Lambda\}$$

acts on P_n by

$$(a, \gamma) \mapsto a \cdot \gamma = {}^t\gamma a \gamma.$$

Our purpose is to construct a polyhedral fundamental domain of $P_n/GL(\Lambda)$.

Brief history

- Voronoï (1908) gave a polyhedral reduction of GL_n over \mathbf{Q} , i.e., of $GL_n(\mathbf{R})/GL_n(\mathbf{Z})$.
- Köcher (1960) extended Voronoï's reduction theory to self-dual homogeneous cones. In particular, Köcher's theory covers a polyhedral reduction of $GL_n(\mathbf{k}_R)/GL_n(\mathbf{o})$, i.e., the case of $\Lambda = \mathbf{o}^n$.
- Theory of perfect forms plays an important role in polyhedral reduction. Ong (1986), Leibak (2005), Gunnells and Yasaki (2010) studied perfect forms over \mathbf{k} .

Minimum function and minimal vectors

The minimum function $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}_\Lambda : P_n \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{m}(a) = \min_{0 \neq x \in \Lambda} (a, x^t x),$$

where

$$(a, x^t x) = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbf{k}_R}(\mathrm{tr}(a \cdot x^t x)) = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbf{k}_R}({}^t x a x).$$

For $a \in P_n$, put

$$S(a) = S_\Lambda(a) = \{x \in \Lambda : (a, x^t x) = \mathbf{m}(a)\}.$$

$S(a)$ is a finite subset.

Definition 1

$a \in P_n$ is said to be Λ -perfect if $\{x^t x : x \in S(a)\}$ spans H_n as an \mathbf{R} -vector space. Namely

$$\dim \text{Span}\{x^t x : x \in S(a)\} = r \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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K_1 is a locally finite polyhedron, i.e., the intersection of K_1 and any polytope is a polytope. \mathcal{F}_S gives a face of K_1 if $\mathcal{F}_S \neq \emptyset$. Conversely, any face of K_1 is of the form \mathcal{F}_S for some S .

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Theorem 2 (Hayashi–W–Yano–Okuda for general \mathbf{k})

1. $a \in \partial^0 K_1$ iff a is Λ -perfect with $m(a) = 1$.
2. If $a \in \partial^0 K_1$, then $a \in GL_n(\mathbf{k})$.
3. $\partial^0 K_1 / GL(\Lambda)$ is a finite set.
4. For $a, b \in \partial^0 K_1$, there exists a finite sequence of vertices $a_0, \dots, a_t \in \partial^0 K_1$ such that $a_0 = a$, $a_t = b$ and a_{i+1} is adjacent to a_i for $i = 0, \dots, t - 1$, i.e.,

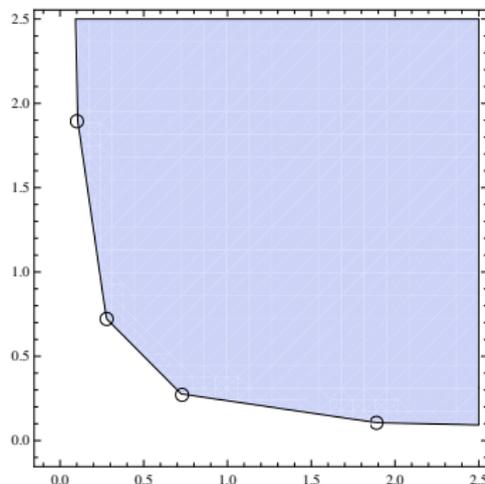
$$\overline{a_i a_{i+1}} = \{\lambda a_i + (1 - \lambda) a_{i+1} : 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1\}$$

is a 1-dimensional face of ∂K_1 .

Example

The case of $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, $n = 1$ and $\Lambda = \mathbf{o}$.

In this case, $P_1 = \mathbf{R}_{>0}^2 \supset K_1$ is given by



$$a = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} \right), \quad \#(\partial^0 K_1 / GL(\Lambda)) = 1$$

Rational closure of P_n

Let P_n^- be the closure of P_n in H_n .

For $a \in P_n^-$, the radical of a is defined by

$$\text{rad}(a) = \{x \in \mathbf{k}_R^n : (a, x^t x) = 0\}.$$

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Proposition 2

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \left\{ \sum_i \lambda_i (x_i^t x_i) : \lambda_i \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}, x_i \in \mathbf{k}^n \right\}.$$

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For any $a \in \Omega_k \setminus \{0\}$, there exists $b_0 \in \partial^0 K_1$ such that

$$\inf_{b \in K_1} (a, b) = (a, b_0),$$

and then $a \in D_{b_0}$.

Therefore, we have

$$\Omega_k = \bigcup_{b \in \partial^0 K_1} D_b.$$

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Theorem 3

$$\Omega_k/GL(\Lambda) = \bigcup_{i=1}^t D_{b_i}/\Gamma_i.$$

The case of $n = 1$

If $n = 1$ and $\Lambda = \mathfrak{o}$, then

$$\Omega_{\mathfrak{k}} \setminus \{0\} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ := \{(\alpha_{\sigma})_{\sigma \in \infty} \in \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} : \alpha_{\sigma} > 0 \text{ for all } \sigma \in \infty\}$$

and $GL(\Lambda) = E_{\mathfrak{k}}$ the unit group of \mathfrak{o} . The action of $E_{\mathfrak{k}}$ on $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ is given by $x \cdot u = u^2 x$ for $(x, u) \in \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ \times E_{\mathfrak{k}}$.

Let $\{b_1, \dots, b_t\}$ be a set of representatives of $\partial^0 K_1 / E_{\mathfrak{k}}$. Since $\Gamma_i = \{\pm 1\}$ trivially acts on D_{b_i} , we have

$$\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ / E_{\mathfrak{k}} = E_{\mathfrak{k}}^2 \setminus \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ = \bigcup_{i=1}^t D_{b_i}^*, \quad \text{where } D_{b_i}^* = D_{b_i} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Namely, a fundamental domain of $E_{\mathfrak{k}}^2 \setminus \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ decomposes into a union of perfect cones. This result is viewed as a refinement of Shintani's unit theorem for $E_{\mathfrak{k}}^2$.

Example: the case of $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$, $n = 1$ and $\Lambda = \mathbf{o}$

Let

$d \geq 2$ be a square free positive integer,

$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ a real quadratic field,

τ = the Galois involution of \mathbf{k}/\mathbf{Q} ,

$\omega = \sqrt{d}$ if $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ or $(1 + \sqrt{d})/2$ if $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$,

ϵ = a fundamental unit with $\epsilon^2 < 1$.

In the case of $n = 1$ and $\Lambda = \mathbf{o} = \mathbf{Z}[\omega]$, the Ryshkov polyhedron

K_1 is a convex domain in $\mathbf{k}_R^+ = \mathbf{R}_{>0}^2$ with infinite vertices.

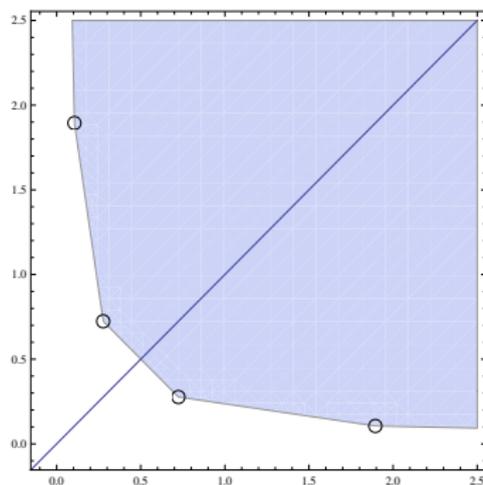
For $a \in \partial^0 K_1$, the equivalent class of a is given by

$$\{\epsilon^{2n} a : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

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It is easy to check

- K_1 is invariant by τ , i.e., K_1 is symmetric with respect to the diagonal line $\ell = \mathbf{R}_{>0}(1, 1)$.
- If $a \in \partial^0 K_1$, then $a \in \mathbf{k}_R^+ \cap \mathbf{k}$ and $\tau(a) \in \partial^0 K_1$.
- There is no \mathbf{o} -perfect form on ℓ .



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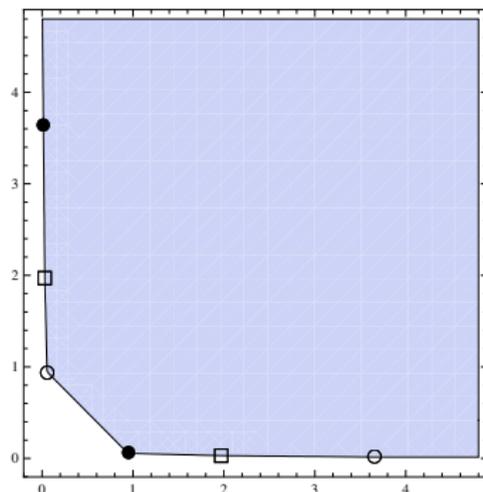
Recently, Dan Yasaki proved the following theorem.

Theorem 4 (Yasaki)

There exists infinitely many quadratic fields \mathbf{k} such that $t_{\mathbf{k}} = 1$.

Example of k with $t_k = 3$

$k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{17})$. In this case, $t_k = 3$.



$$o = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{11\sqrt{17}}{102}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{11\sqrt{17}}{102} \right).$$