

# Hamiltonian Toric Manifolds

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**1 Notation** Throughout  $T$  is a torus,  $T_{\mathbf{C}}$  is its complexification,

$$V = L(T)$$

is its Lie algebra, and  $\Lambda \subset V$  is the kernel of the exponential map so that

$$T = V/\Lambda, \quad T_{\mathbf{C}} = V \otimes \mathbf{C}/\Lambda.$$

The **standard  $n$ -torus**  $T^n$  has  $V = \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\Lambda = \mathbf{Z}^n$  and any torus is isomorphic to a standard one. Denote by  $L(T)^*$  the dual space of  $L(T)$  (as a vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

**2** Let  $(M, \omega)$  a symplectic manifold, and  $H : M \rightarrow L(T)^*$  a smooth map. Each element  $u \in L(T)$  determines a Hamiltonian function  $H_u : M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  via the formula

$$H_u(x) = \langle H(x), u \rangle.$$

Let  $X_u \in \mathcal{X}(M)$  be the corresponding Hamiltonian vectorfield on  $M$ . A **Hamiltonian  $T$ -manifold** is a triple  $(M, \omega, H)$  such that the map

$$L(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(M) : u \mapsto X_u$$

is the derivative of a (necessarily symplectic) group action  $T \rightarrow \text{Diff}(M)$ . The map  $H$  is called the **moment map**.

**3 Example.** Consider the  $2n$  dimensional manifold

$$M_0 = T^k \times \mathbf{R}^k \times \mathbf{C}^{n-k}$$

and define the coordinates by

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k) \in T^k, \quad a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbf{R}^k,$$

$$z = (z_{k+1}, z_{k+2}, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbf{C}^{n-k}.$$

(The  $\alpha_i$  are only defined modulo one.) Introduce the symplectic form

$$\omega_0 = \sum_{j=1}^k d\alpha_j \wedge da_j + \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=k+1}^n dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_j.$$

Define  $H_0 : M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  by

$$H_0((\alpha, a), z, w) = \left( (a_1, \dots, a_k), \frac{|z_{k+1}|^2}{2}, \dots, \frac{|z_n|^2}{2} \right).$$

This is the moment map for an action of  $T^n$  on  $M_0$  given by

$$\theta \cdot ((\alpha, a), z) = ((\alpha + \theta', a), \exp(\theta'')z)$$

where

$$\theta' = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k), \quad \theta'' = (\theta_{k+1}, \theta_{k+2}, \dots, \theta_n)$$

for  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n) \in T^n$ . The image of moment map is

$$H_0(M_0) = \{0\} \times \mathbf{R}^k \times [0, \infty)^{n-k}$$

and the isotropy group of the point  $((\alpha, a), z)$  is  $\{0\} \times T^I \subset T^k \times T^{n-k}$  where

$$I = \{i : z_i = 0\}, \quad T^I = \{\theta'' \in T^{n-k} : \theta_i = 0 \text{ for } i \notin I\}.$$

**4 (Local Normal Form)** Let  $(M, \omega, H)$  be a Hamiltonian  $T$  manifold and  $o \in M$ . Then there is a neighborhood  $U$  of the  $T$  orbit  $To$  of  $o$  in  $M$ , a neighborhood  $U_0$  of  $(T^k \times 0) \times 0$  in  $M_0$ , a diffeomorphism  $f : U_0 \rightarrow U$  carrying  $((0, 0), 0)$  to  $o$ , a homomorphism  $\eta : T \rightarrow T^n$ , and a constant  $c \in L(T)^*$  such that

$$\omega_0 = f^*\omega, \quad H \circ f = (\eta^*H_0) + c.$$

Here we denoted by  $\eta : L(T) \rightarrow L(T^n)$  the derivative of  $\eta : T \rightarrow T^n$  and by  $\eta^* : L(T^n)^* \rightarrow L(T)^*$  its adjoint. If the action is effective then  $\eta$  is injective, and for a toric manifold (see below)  $\eta$  is an isomorphism.

**5 (AGS Convexity Theorem)** For a compact connected Hamiltonian  $T^n$  manifold we have

(A<sub>n</sub>) The preimage  $H^{-1}(p)$  of a point  $p \in H(M)$  is connected;

(B<sub>n</sub>) The image  $H(M)$  is a convex polytope whose vertices are the images under  $H$  of the fixed points of the action.

**6 A polytope** in  $V^*$  is a compact set  $\Delta \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  of form

$$\Delta = \bigcap_{i=1}^d \{x \in V^* : \langle x, u_i \rangle \geq c_i\}.$$

The vectors  $u_i \in L(T)$  are the normal vectors to the faces of the polytope. A polytope  $\Delta \subset V$  is called **Delzant** iff at each vertex the normal vectors of the faces through the vertex may be chosen to be  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\Lambda$ . (Thus there are exactly  $n = \dim(T)$  faces at each vertex.) A **Hamiltonian toric Manifold** is a compact connected Hamiltonian  $T$  manifold  $M$  with  $\dim(M) = 2 \dim(T)$  and such that the  $T$  action is effective.

**7 Theorem (Delzant)** There is a bijective correspondence between Delzant polytopes and Hamiltonian toric manifolds as follows:

- (I) If  $(M, \omega, H)$  is a Hamiltonian toric manifold, the image  $H(M)$  of the moment map is a Delzant polytope.
- (II) The construction given below assigns to every Delzant polytope  $\Delta$  a compact connected Hamiltonian toric manifold

$$(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta, H_\Delta)$$

such that  $H_\Delta(M_\Delta) = \Delta$ .

- (III) If  $(M, \omega, H)$  is a compact Hamiltonian toric manifold and  $\Delta = H(M)$ , then  $(M, \omega, H)$  is isomorphic to  $(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta, H_\Delta)$  in the sense that there is a diffeomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M_\Delta$  such that

$$\omega_\Delta = f^*\omega \quad \text{and} \quad H_\Delta = H \circ f.$$

**8** A Delzant polytope  $\Delta \subset L(T)^*$  determines an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\iota} T^d \xrightarrow{\pi} T \rightarrow 0$$

by the condition that the derivative  $\pi : L(T^d) \rightarrow L(T)$  satisfies

$$\pi(e_i) = u_i$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$  where  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_d$  are the standard basis for  $\mathbf{R}^d = L(T^d)$ . Let  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_d$  denote the dual basis for  $L(T^d)^*$  and  $H_0 : \mathbf{C}^d \rightarrow L(T^d)^*$  the map given by

$$H_0(z) = \sum_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{|z_i|^2}{2} + c_i \right) \varepsilon_i$$

so that  $H_0$  is a moment map for the standard multiplicative action of  $T^d$  on  $\mathbf{C}^d$ . Define

$$H_N = \iota^* \circ H_0, \quad Z = H_N^{-1}(0).$$

Then  $H_N : \mathbf{C}^d \rightarrow L(N)^*$  is a moment map for the restriction of the  $T^d$  action to  $N \subset T^d$ .

**9 Theorem (Delzant)**

- (1)  $N$  acts freely on  $Z$ .
- (2)  $0$  is a regular value of  $H_N$  so  $Z$  is a manifold.
- (3) **(Marsden Weinstein Reduction)** *There is a unique Hamiltonian  $T^n$  space  $(M_\Delta, \omega_\Delta, H_\Delta)$  such that  $M_\Delta = Z/N$  is the orbit space,  $\omega_0|_Z = q^*\omega_\Delta$  where  $q : Z \rightarrow M_\Delta$  is the quotient map, and  $\pi^* \circ H_\Delta = H_0 \circ q$ .*

(4) The image  $H_\Delta(M_\Delta)$  is  $\Delta$ .

(5)  $M_\Delta$  is compact.

**10 Projective space.** Let  $d = n + 1$  and  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . Let

$$u_0 = e_0 - e_n, \quad u_i = e_i - e_{i-1}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The  $\mathbf{R}$ -span of  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n$  is the hyperplane  $L(T) = \nu^\perp$  where  $\nu = e_0 + e_1 + \dots + e_n$ . The vectors  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n$  generate a lattice  $\Lambda$  and deleting any  $u_i$  gives a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\Lambda$ . Take  $c_0 = -1$  and  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ . The inclusion  $\iota : N = \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}/\mathbf{Z}^{n+1}$  sends  $1 \in \mathbf{R}$  to  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . Then  $Z = S^{2n+1} \subset \mathbf{C}^{n+1}$ ,  $N$  acts via scalar multiplication,  $\Delta$  is the standard  $n$ -simplex  $0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq 1$ , and  $T$  on acts  $M_\Delta = \mathbf{C}P^n$  via diagonal unitary matrices of determinant one. The form  $\omega_\Delta$  is (a multiple of) the Fubini Study form.

**11** Each subset  $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$  determines a set

$$\mathbf{C}_I^d = \{z \in \mathbf{C}^d : z_i = 0 \iff i \in I\}.$$

The sets  $\mathbf{C}_I^d$  are precisely the  $T_{\mathbf{C}}^d$  orbits of the standard action. Define

$$F_I = \{x \in \Delta : \langle x, u_i \rangle = c_i \iff i \in I\}.$$

If nonempty,  $F_I$  is a face of  $\Delta$  and it is an open subset of its linear span. Let

$$\mathbf{C}_\Delta = \bigcup_{F_I \neq \emptyset} \mathbf{C}_I^d.$$

**12 Theorem (Delzant)**  $\mathbf{C}_\Delta$  is an open subset of  $\mathbf{C}^d$  on which  $N_{\mathbf{C}}$  acts freely.  $Z \subset \mathbf{C}_\Delta$  and every  $N_{\mathbf{C}}$  orbit in  $\mathbf{C}_\Delta$  intersects  $Z$  in a  $N$  orbit. Hence there is a natural isomorphism

$$M_\Delta = Z/N \simeq \mathbf{C}_\Delta/N_\Delta.$$

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