

Thm Suppose  $n=2$ . Then  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{hal}}$  is finite  
 and  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{trop}} = N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{hal}}$

Mikhalkin's original proof  $\Rightarrow$  works in 2 dimension

✓ Proof by Nishinou & Siebert  $\Rightarrow$  works in all dimension.

Idea: ① Construct a 1-parameter degeneration of toric variety  $X_{\Sigma}$  adapted for the particular choice of pts  $P_1, \dots, P_s \in \text{MIR}$  used to define  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{trop}}$  ( $s = |\Sigma| - 1$ )

- ② Find a correspondence between
- (1) Trop curves passing through  $P_1, \dots, P_{|\Sigma|-1}$
  - (2) Log stable curves in the central fibre
  - (3) Ordinary stable curves in the general fibre.

\* For general points  $P_1, \dots, P_s \in \text{MIR}$ , we know that # (genus 0 trop curve passing through  $P_1, \dots, P_s$ ) is finite, but yet we do not know this # does not depend on  $P_1, \dots, P_s$ .

For general points  $Q_1, \dots, Q_s \in X_{\Sigma}$ , we do not know yet that  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{hal}}$  is finite but once we know this is finite we know that  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{hal}}$  does not depend on the choice of  $Q_1, \dots, Q_s$

we can find  $P_1, \dots, P_s \in \text{MIR}$  so that there are only finite # of marked genus 0 trop curve passing through  $P_1, \dots, P_s$  at the marking  $\Sigma$ . Furthermore, we can make all these curve simple & every curve has different combinatorial type.

( $\because$  the same proof of Lemma 1.20, Kansas note, works over  $\mathbb{Q}$ )

We denote the set of all these curves by  $M_{0,s}(\Sigma, \Delta, P_1, \dots, P_s)$

**Def** Given the data of  $\Sigma, \Delta$  &  $P_1, \dots, P_s \in \text{MIR}$  with  $\dim M_{0,s} = 2$

a finite polyhedral decomposition  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\text{MIR}$  is said to be good if it satisfies the following properties.

(1) For  $\sigma \in \mathcal{P}$  has faces of rational slopes and vertices in  $\text{MIR}$ . Furthermore, each  $\sigma$  has at least 1 vertex.

(2) If  $\sigma \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $\text{Asym}(\sigma)$ , the asymptotic cone to  $\sigma$  is an element of the fan  $\Sigma$ . Furthermore, every cone of  $\Sigma$  appears as the asymptotic cone of some  $\sigma \in \mathcal{P}$ .

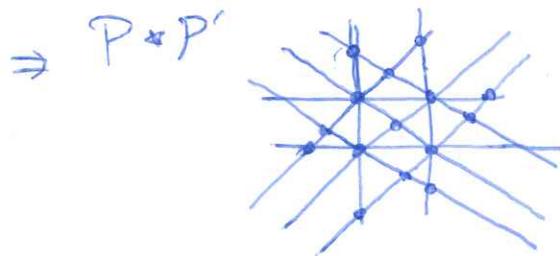
(3) The image of any  $h \in M_{0,s}(\Sigma, \Delta, P_1, \dots, P_s)$  lies in one-dimensional skeleton of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

(4) Each  $P_i$  is a vertex of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Prop** Given  $\Sigma, \Delta, P_i \sim P_s \in M_{\mathbb{R}}(\Sigma)$  (general).  
 there exists a good polyhedral decomposition for this data.

(proof) Define  $*$  a binary operation on polyhedral decompositions as

$$P * P' := \{ \sigma \cap \sigma' \mid \sigma \in P, \sigma' \in P' \}$$



\* ① If  $P, P'$  both satisfies (1), (2)  
 $\Rightarrow$  so does  $P * P'$

② If at least one of  $P, P'$  satisfies (3) (resp. (4)) then  $P * P'$  satisfies (3) (resp. (4)).

Strategy (a) construct  $\mathcal{P}$  that satisfies (1), (2), (3)  
 (b) construct  $\mathcal{P}'$  that satisfies (1), (2), (4)

then  $\mathcal{P} * \mathcal{P}'$  satisfies (1), (2), (3), (4).

(a) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a polyhedral decomp whose maximal cells are closure of the connected components of  $M_{\mathbb{R}} \setminus S$

where  $S$  is the union of images of parametrized top curves in  $M_{0,3}(\Sigma, \Delta, P_i, P_s)$  and elts of  $\Sigma^{\text{int}}$

$\rightarrow$  to make  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfy the latter part of the condition (2) in the def of good polyhedral decomp.

$\Rightarrow$  this  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfies (1), (2), (3)

(b) Let  $\mathcal{P}'$  be the polyhedral decomp. whose maximal cells are closures of the connected components of  $M_{\mathbb{R}} \setminus S'$

where  $S' = \bigcup_{P \in \Sigma^{\text{int}}} \bigcup_{i=1}^3 (P_i + p)$

$\rightarrow$  obtained by attaching 1-skeleton of the fan to every  $P_i \sim P_s$ .

$\Rightarrow$  this  $\mathcal{P}'$  satisfies (1), (2), (4)

$\therefore \mathcal{P} * \mathcal{P}'$  satisfies (1)  $\sim$  (4).

If  $q$  is the common denominator of coordinates of all the vertices of  $P$  by enlarging everything by  $(xq)$  we make  $P$  a lattice polyhedral decomp. (in particular, all the  $P_i, \nu P_i$  are in  $M$ ).

without changing  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{\text{trop}}$ .

So wlog we can assume  $P_1, \dots, P_s \in M$  and good polyhedral decomp for  $\Delta, \Sigma, P_i, \nu P_i$  is a lattice polyhedral decomp.

we introduce some notations.

$$\tilde{M} := M \oplus \mathbb{Z}, \quad \tilde{N} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\tilde{M}, \mathbb{Z})$$

For the good polyhedral decomposition  $\mathcal{P}$  we fixed, we define a fan  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}$  in  $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}}$  as follows.

For  $\sigma \in \mathcal{P}$ , let  $C(\sigma) := \overbrace{\{(rm, r) \mid r \geq 0, m \in \sigma\}}^{\text{cone over } \sigma}$ .

then  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}} := \{ \text{all the faces of } C(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in \mathcal{P} \}$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  this is indeed a fan in  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

\*  $C(\sigma) \cap (M_{\mathbb{R}} \oplus \{0\}) = \text{Asym}(\sigma) \in \Sigma$  and every cone in  $\Sigma$  arises in this way (by the def of good polyhed "decomp").

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \{ \tau \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{P}} \mid \tau \subseteq M_{\mathbb{R}} \oplus \{0\} \}$$

So we get a toric variety  $X := X_{\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}}$  given by the fan  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}$ .

Since every cone in  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}$  is contained in the upper half space  $M_{\mathbb{R}} \oplus \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , every dual cone contains  $z^{(0,1)}, (0,1) \in \tilde{N}$ .  $\therefore z^{(0,1)}$  is a global section of  $X$ .

So  $k[\mathbb{A}^1] \rightarrow T(X, O_X)$  induces  $t \mapsto z^{(0,1)}$ .

$$\pi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1_k$$

Central fibre

$$\pi^{-1}(0) = V(z^{(0,1)}).$$

Use the formula

$$(z^{(0,1)}) = \sum_{\rho \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}^{\text{co}}} \langle (0,1), m_{\rho} \rangle D_{\rho}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  primitive integral generator of  $\rho$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Union of  $D_{\rho}$ 's s.t.  $m_{\rho}$  has nonzero last coordinate.

$\Rightarrow$  Union of  $D_C(\nu)$ 's for  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}$  a vertex.

$\therefore \pi^{-1}(0)$  is a union of toric varieties.

# General fibre $X \setminus \pi^{-1}(0)$

$\Rightarrow$  Union of  $X_\sigma$  where  $z^{(0,1)}$  nonvanishes.

Have to find  $\sigma \in \Sigma_P$  s.t.

in  $\mathbb{k}[\sigma^\vee \cap \tilde{N}]$   $z^{(0,1)}$  is invertible.

$\Rightarrow \sigma^\vee$  should contain both  $z^{(0,1)}$  &  $z^{(0,-1)}$

$\Rightarrow \sigma \in \Sigma$ .

$\therefore$  toric variety corresponding to  $\Sigma$  as a fan not in  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$  but in  $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

So for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ ,  $\text{Spec}[\sigma^\vee \cap \tilde{N}]$  we glue

$\hookrightarrow$  dual is taken in  $\tilde{N}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

$$\otimes_{\tilde{N}} \sigma^\vee \cap \tilde{N} = \{ (n,0) \mid n \in \sigma^\vee \cap N \} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot (0,1).$$

dual is taken in  $\tilde{N}$

dual is taken in  $N$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Spec}[\sigma^\vee \cap \tilde{N}] \cong \text{Spec}[\sigma^\vee \cap N] \times \mathbb{G}_m$$

$\therefore$  after gluing we get

$$X \setminus \pi^{-1}(0) \cong X_\Sigma \times \mathbb{G}_m.$$

# ? Toric Strata

• we denote  $X_0 := \pi^{-1}(0)$ .

• For each  $\tau \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow C(\tau) \in \Sigma_P \Rightarrow$  toric stratum  $D_{C(\tau)}$

for simplicity we denote it  $D_\tau$ .

the fan  $\Sigma_\tau := \{ \tau \in \sigma / \tau \in \tau \mid \sigma \in \mathcal{P} \text{ s.t. } \tau \subseteq \sigma \}$  in  $M_{\mathbb{R}} / \tau^\vee$  defines  $D_\tau$ .

• we denote  $\partial X_0$  to be the union of 1-dim toric strata of  $X_0$  not contained in  $\text{Sing}(X_0)$

$\Rightarrow$  1-dim toric strata of  $X_0$  not contained in two irreducible components of  $X_0$ .

$\Rightarrow D_\omega$  where  $\omega \in \mathcal{P}^{[1]}$  ( $\because$  since  $C(\omega) \in \Sigma_P^{[2]} \Rightarrow D_\omega$  is codim 2 in  $\dim M_{\mathbb{R}} = 3$ ) where  $\omega$  is attached to only one vertex ( $\because$  there's an inclusion reversing correspondence btw cones & toric strata)

$$\therefore \partial X_0 = \bigcup_{\substack{\omega \in \mathcal{P}^{[1]} \\ \omega: \text{noncpet.}}} D_\omega$$

Alternatively,  $\partial X_0 = \overline{\partial X \setminus X_0} \cap X_0$

Now we specify points to the degeneration.  
 i.e. sections  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s: A_k^1 \rightarrow X$ .

Let  $L_i := \mathbb{Z} \cdot (P_i, 1) \subseteq \tilde{M}$  be the rank 1 sublattice generated by  $(P_i, 1)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \hat{N} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\tilde{M}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L_i, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\Rightarrow k[\hat{N}] \rightarrow k[\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L_i, \mathbb{Z})]$$

$$\Rightarrow G(L_i) \subseteq G(\tilde{M})$$

Now pick  $Q_1 \sim Q_s$  in the big torus orbit of  $X$ .

Let's consider  $\overline{G(L_i) \cdot Q_i}$ .

Let's define  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

$$k[\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L_i, \mathbb{Z})] \otimes_k k$$

$$\uparrow \alpha$$

$$k[\hat{N}] \otimes_k k[\hat{N}]$$

$$\uparrow \beta$$

$$k[\hat{N}]$$

$$\uparrow \gamma$$

$$k[\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z} \cdot (0,1), \mathbb{Z})]$$

So that if we take  $\text{Spec}(-)$

$$G(L_i) \times_k \{Q_i\} \\ \downarrow \alpha^*$$

$$G(\tilde{M}) \times_k G(\tilde{M}) \\ \downarrow \beta^*$$

$$G(\tilde{M})$$

$$\downarrow \gamma^*$$

$$G(\mathbb{Z})$$

we get  $\alpha^* =$  the product of inclusion maps

$$G(L_i) \hookrightarrow G(\tilde{M})$$

$$\{Q_i\} \hookrightarrow G(\tilde{M})$$

$\beta^* =$  the torus action map.

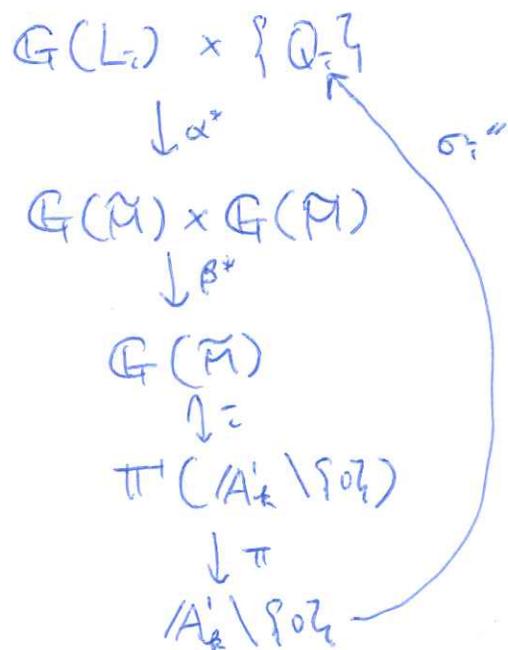
$\gamma^* = \pi$  (restricted).

Then we get that  $\alpha \circ \beta \circ \gamma$  is an isomorphism of  $k$ -algebras.

$\Rightarrow \gamma^* \circ \beta^* \circ \alpha^*$  is an isomorphism

$\Rightarrow$  has an inverse  $\sigma_i^{-1}$

So we get

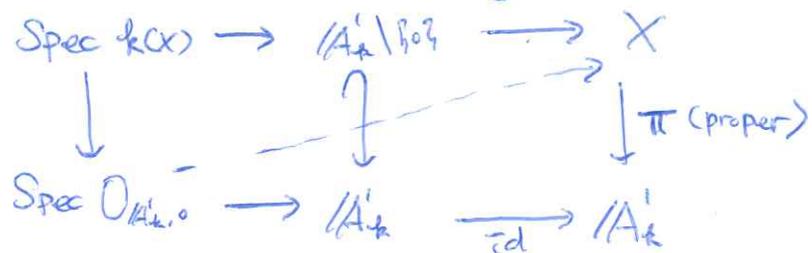


If we put  $\sigma_i' := \tilde{\iota} \circ \beta^* \circ \alpha^* \circ \sigma_i''$

this is a section of  $\pi$ .

with image  $G(L_i) \cdot Q_i$ .

So we get a diagram.



Since  $\pi$  is proper, by the valuative criterion, we get the dotted map.

Then we can explicitly construct a map

$\sigma_i : A'_k \rightarrow X$  that lifts both

$A'_k \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$  and

$\text{Spec } O_{A'_k, 0} \dashrightarrow X$ .

So we get sections  $\sigma_i : A'_k \rightarrow X$  for  $\pi$ .

Since  $\text{id} = \pi \circ \sigma_i$  is proper.

$\& \pi$  is separated.

$\Rightarrow \sigma_i$ 's are proper.

Then we can show that

$\text{Im } \sigma_i = \overline{G(L_i) \cdot Q_i}$ .

$\therefore \sigma_i(\overline{A'_k \setminus \{0\}}) \subseteq \overline{\sigma_i(A'_k \setminus \{0\})}$

and  $\sigma_i(A'_k \setminus \{0\}), \sigma_i(A'_k)$

differ by  $\text{lpt}$

and

$\sigma_i(A'_k)$  is closed.

## Objects in 3 worlds.

- ① Tropical world: Consists of marked parametrized tropical curves of genus 0 through  $P_1 \sim P_s$  in  $M_{g,R}$ .
- ② Log world: Consists of log morphisms  $f: (C^\dagger, x_1, \dots, x_s) \rightarrow X_0^\dagger$  from genus 0 log curves  $C^\dagger$  with marked points  $x_1, \dots, x_s$  such that  $f(x_i) = \sigma_i(0) \in X_0$  &  $X_0$  is given the log structure induced by the divisorial log structure coming from the inclusion.

## ③ The classical world

$N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{hol}}$  make sense over any algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. & do not depend on the choice of field.

Consider  $K = \overline{\mathbb{k}((t))}$  the algebraic closure of the field of formal Laurent series.

Then the inclusion

$$\mathbb{k}[t] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{k}[t]_t \hookrightarrow K$$

induces

$$\text{Spec } K \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_K^1 \setminus \{0\} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}_K^1$$

$$X_{\mathbb{A}_K^1} \times_K K \cong \left( X_{\mathbb{A}_K^1} (\mathbb{A}_K^1 \setminus \{0\}) \right) \times_{\mathbb{A}_K^1 \setminus \{0\}} K$$

$$\cong \left( X_{\Sigma} \times_{\mathbb{k}} \mathbb{G}_m \right) \times_{\mathbb{A}_K^1 \setminus \{0\}} K$$

$$\cong X_{\Sigma} \times_{\mathbb{k}} K$$

Also, if we base change sections

$$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s: \mathbb{A}_K^1 \rightarrow X$$

we get points  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s: \text{Spec } K \rightarrow X_{\Sigma} \times_{\mathbb{k}} K$

using these points we count torically transverse curve over  $K$  passing through  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s$  at the markings to get  $N_{\Delta, \Sigma}^{o, \text{hol}}$ .

# Diagram of the Proof

