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The Numerical Class of a Surface on a Toric Manifold

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In this paper, we give a method to describe the numerical class of a torus invariant surface on a projective toric manifold. As applications, we can classify toric 2-Fano manifolds of the Picard number 2 or of dimension at most 4.

1. Introduction

The classification of smooth toric Fano d -folds is an important and interesting problem. They are classified for $d = 3$ by [1, 2], for $d = 4$ by [3, 4], and for $d = 5$ by [5]. In Øbro's recent excellent paper [6], an algorithm which classifies all the smooth toric Fano d -folds for any given natural number d was constructed. So, we can say that the classification of smooth toric Fano varieties is completed.

On the other hand, de Jong and Starr defined a special class of Fano manifolds called *2-Fano manifolds* in [7] (see Definition 4.2). So, we consider the problem of the classification of toric 2-Fano manifolds as a next step. For this classification, we give a method to describe the numerical class of a 2-cycle on projective toric manifolds (see Section 3). This method makes calculations of intersection numbers much easier. As results, we obtain the classification of toric 2-Fano manifolds for the case of the Picard number $\rho(X) = 2$ and for the case of $\dim(X) \leq 4$. We remark that Nobile classified smooth toric 2-Fano 4-folds in [8] by using a Maple program.

The contents of this paper are as follows. In Section 2, we define the basic notation such as nef 2-cocycle and *2-Mori cone* for our theory. In Section 3, we define a polynomial $I_{Y/X}$ for a torus invariant subvariety $Y \subset X$. This polynomial has all the information of intersection numbers of Y on X . So, we can consider this polynomial as the numerical class

of Y . For a some special surface S , $I_{S/X}$ has a good property to calculate intersection numbers (see Theorems 3.4 and 3.5). As applications, we classify toric 2-Fano manifolds under some assumptions in Section 4.

Notation. We will work over an algebraically closed field k throughout this paper. We denote a projective toric d -fold by $X = X_\Sigma$, where Σ is the associated fan in $N := \mathbb{Z}^d$. $G(\Sigma) \subset N$ is the set of the primitive generators for the 1-dimensional cones in Σ .

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we explain the notation and some basic facts of the toric geometry and the birational geometry used in this paper. See [9–11] for the details.

Let X be a smooth projective toric d -fold. Put $Z^2(X)$ to be the free \mathbb{Z} -module of 2-cocycles on X and $Z_2(X)$ the free \mathbb{Z} -module of 2-cycles on X . We define the *numerical equivalence* “ \equiv ” on $Z^2(X)$ and $Z_2(X)$. A 2-cocycle $E \in Z^2(X)$ is *numerically equivalent to 0*; that is, $E \equiv 0$ if the intersection number $(E \cdot S) = 0$ for any 2-cycle $S \in Z_2(X)$, while a 2-cycle $S \in Z_2(X)$ is *numerically equivalent to 0*; that is, $S \equiv 0$ if the intersection number $(E \cdot S) = 0$ for any 2-cocycle $E \in Z^2(X)$. We define $N^2(X) := (Z^2(X)/\equiv) \otimes \mathbb{R}$ and $N_2(X) := (Z_2(X)/\equiv) \otimes \mathbb{R}$.

The following definitions are similar to the case of divisors and curves.

Definition 2.1. A 2-cocycle $E \in Z^2(X)$ is a nef 2-cocycle if $(E \cdot S) \geq 0$ for any effective 2-cycle $S \in Z_2(X)$.

Definition 2.2. For a projective toric manifold X , let $NE_2(X) \subset N_2(X)$ be the cone of effective 2-cycles; namely,

$$NE_2(X) := \left\{ \left[\sum_i a_i S_i \right] \in N_2(X) \mid a_i \geq 0 \right\}. \quad (2.1)$$

One calls $NE_2(X) \subset N_2(X)$ the *2-Mori cone* of X .

We should remark that $N^l(X)$, $N_l(X)$, and $NE_l(X)$ can be defined for any $1 \leq l \leq d$ similarly.

The following is an immediate consequence of the *projectivity* of X .

Proposition 2.3. $NE_2(X)$ is a strongly convex cone.

Proof. Let D be an ample divisor on X . Then, for any $S \in NE_2(X) \setminus \{0\}$, we have $(D^2 \cdot S) > 0$; namely, $NE_2(X)$ is strongly convex. \square

On the other hand, for the toric case, the following is obvious.

Proposition 2.4. Let X be a smooth projective toric d -fold. Then, $NE_2(X)$ is a polyhedral cone.

Thus, $NE_2(X)$ is a strongly convex polyhedral rational cone similarly as $NE(X)$.

We end this section by giving the following simple examples.

Example 2.5. (1) If $X = \mathbb{P}^d$, then

$$NE_2(X) = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[S], \tag{2.2}$$

where S is a plane in X .

(2) If $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^3$, then

$$NE_2(X) = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[(\text{a point}) \times \mathbb{P}^2] + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1]. \tag{2.3}$$

(3) If $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$, then

$$NE_2(X) = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[(\text{a point}) \times \mathbb{P}^2] + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1] + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[\mathbb{P}^2 \times (\text{a point})]. \tag{2.4}$$

3. Combinatorial Descriptions

In this section, we establish a method to describe the numerical class of a torus invariant subvariety. We assume that $X = X_\Sigma$ is a *smooth* projective toric variety.

Let $Y = Y_\sigma \subset X$ be a torus invariant subvariety of $\dim Y = l$ associated to a cone $\sigma \in \Sigma$ and $G(\Sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$. Put

$$I_{Y/X} = I_{Y/X}(X_1, \dots, X_m) := \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_l \leq m} (D_{x_{i_1}} \cdots D_{x_{i_l}} \cdot Y) X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_l} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_m],$$

where D_{x_i} is the torus invariant prime divisor corresponding to x_i , while X_i is defined to be the independent variable corresponding to x_i . We will use this notation throughout this paper.

Remark 3.1. $I_{Y/X}$ has all the informations of intersection numbers of Y on X . So, we can consider $I_{Y/X}$ as the numerical class of $Y \in N_l(X)$.

Example 3.2. Let $C = C_\tau \subset X$ be a torus invariant curve, where τ is a $(d - 1)$ -dimensional cone, that is, a wall in Σ . In this case,

$$I_{C/X} = \sum_i (D_i \cdot C) X_i \tag{3.2}$$

is a polynomial of degree 1. On the other hand,

$$\sum_i (D_i \cdot C) x_i = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

is the so-called *Reid's wall relation* associated to the wall τ (see [12]); namely, $I_{C/X}$ is calculated from the wall relation immediately.

Example 3.3. When $Y = X$, $I_{X/X}$ sometimes becomes a simple shape as follows.

- (1) *Projective spaces.* Let X be the d -dimensional projective space \mathbb{P}^d and $G(\Sigma) = \{x_1 := e_1, \dots, x_d := e_d, x_{d+1} := -(e_1 + \dots + e_d)\}$. Then,

$$I_{X/X} = (X_1 + \dots + X_{d+1})^d. \quad (3.4)$$

- (2) *Hirzebruch surfaces.* Let X be the Hirzebruch surface F_α of degree α and $G(\Sigma) = \{x_1 := e_1, x_2 := e_2, x_3 := -e_1 + \alpha e_2, x_4 := -e_2\}$. Then,

$$I_{X/X} = \alpha(X_2 + X_4)^2 + 2(X_2 + X_4)(X_1 + X_3 - \alpha X_2). \quad (3.5)$$

Let X be a smooth projective toric variety and $S \subset X$ a torus invariant surface. For some special cases, $I_{S/X}$ is simply calculated as follows. These are the main theorems of this paper.

Theorem 3.4. *Suppose $S \cong \mathbb{P}^2$. Let $C \subset S$ be a torus invariant curve. Then, $I_{S/X} = (I_{C/X})^2$.*

Proof. Let $\tau = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} x_1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} x_{d-2} \in \Sigma$ be the $(d-2)$ -dimensional cone associated to $S = S_\tau$, where $\tau \cap G(\Sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d-2}\}$. Then, there exist exactly three maximal cones $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} y_1$, $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} y_2$, and $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} y_3 \in \Sigma$ which contain τ . Put

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_{d-2} x_{d-2} = 0 \quad (3.6)$$

to be the wall relation corresponding to C . For the proof, it is sufficient to show that

$$D_z D_w S = a_z a_w, \quad (3.7)$$

for any $z, w \in G(\Sigma)$, where D_z is the prime torus invariant divisor corresponding to z , while a_z is the coefficient of z in the above wall relation.

Suppose that z or $w \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_{d-2}, y_1, y_2, y_3\}$; namely, $a_z = 0$ or $a_w = 0$. In this case, trivially, $D_z S = 0$ or $D_w S = 0$. So, $D_z D_w S = a_z a_w = 0$.

For any $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$,

$$D_{y_i} D_{y_j} S = (D_{y_i}|_S)(D_{y_j}|_S) = C^2 = 1. \quad (3.8)$$

So, the remaining case is z or $w \in \{x_1, \dots, x_{d-2}\}$. By calculating the rational functions associated to a \mathbb{Z} -basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_{d-2}, y_1, y_2\}$ for N , we have the relations

$$\begin{aligned} D_{x_1} - a_1 D_{y_3} + E_1 = 0, \dots, D_{x_{d-2}} - a_{d-2} D_{y_3} + E_{d-2} = 0, \\ D_{y_1} - D_{y_3} + E_{d-1} = 0, \quad D_{y_1} - D_{y_3} + E_d = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

in $\text{Pic}X$, where E_1, \dots, E_d are torus invariant divisors such that $\text{Supp } E_i \cap S = \emptyset$ for any $1 \leq i \leq d$. Therefore, we have

$$D_{x_1}S = a_1D_{y_3}S, \dots, D_{x_{d-2}}S = a_{d-2}D_{y_3}S. \tag{3.10}$$

By these relations, the equality $D_zD_wS = a_z a_w$ is obvious. □

Theorem 3.5. *Suppose $S \cong F_\alpha$, that is, a Hirzebruch surface of degree α . Let $C_{\text{fib}} \subset S$ be a fiber of the projection $S = F_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$, while let C_{neg} be the negative section of S . Then, $I_{S/X} = \alpha(I_{C_{\text{fib}}/X})^2 + 2I_{C_{\text{fib}}/X}I_{C_{\text{neg}}/X}$.*

Proof. Let $\tau = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}x_1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}x_{d-2} \in \Sigma$ be the $(d-2)$ -dimensional cone associated to $S = S_\tau$, where $\tau \cap G(\Sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d-2}\}$. Then, there exist exactly four maximal cones $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}y_1$, $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}y_2$, $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}y_3$, and $\tau + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}y_4 \in \Sigma$ which contain τ . Put

$$y_1 + y_3 - \alpha y_2 + a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{d-2}x_{d-2} = 0 \tag{3.11}$$

to be the wall relation corresponding to C_{neg} , while

$$y_2 + y_4 + b_1x_1 + \dots + b_{d-2}x_{d-2} = 0 \tag{3.12}$$

to be the wall relation corresponding to C_{fib} . As in the proof of Theorem 3.4, by calculating the rational functions associated to a \mathbb{Z} -basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_{d-2}, y_1, y_2\}$ for N , we have the relations

$$\begin{aligned} D_{x_1}S &= a_1D_{y_3}S + b_1D_{y_4}S, \dots, D_{x_{d-2}}S = a_{d-2}D_{y_3}S + b_{d-2}D_{y_4}S, \\ D_{y_1}S &= D_{y_3}S, \quad D_{y_2} = -\alpha D_{y_3}S + D_{y_4}S. \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

First, we remark that, for any $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$,

$$D_{y_i}D_{y_j}S = (D_{y_i}|_S)(D_{y_j}|_S) \tag{3.14}$$

on S . So, these intersection numbers can be recovered from $I_{S/S}$ (see Example 3.3).

The above relations say that, for any $1 \leq i, j \leq d-2$,

$$D_{x_i}D_{x_j}S = ab_i b_j + a_i b_j + a_j b_i, \tag{3.15}$$

while for any $1 \leq i \leq d-2$,

$$D_{y_1}D_{x_i} = b_i, \quad D_{y_2}D_{x_i} = a_i, \quad D_{y_3}D_{x_i} = b_i, \quad D_{y_4}D_{x_i} = a_i + ab_i. \tag{3.16}$$

On the other hand, put $f_1 = f_1(X_1, \dots, X_{d-2}) := a_1X_1 + \dots + a_{d-2}X_{d-2}$ and $f_2 = f_2(X_1, \dots, X_{d-2}) := b_1X_1 + \dots + b_{d-2}X_{d-2}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(I_{C_{\text{fib}}/X})^2 + 2I_{C_{\text{fib}}/X}I_{C_{\text{neg}}/X} &= \alpha(Y_2 + Y_4 + f_1)^2 + 2(Y_2 + Y_4 + f_1)(Y_1 + Y_3 - \alpha Y_2 + f_2) \\ &= I_{S/S}(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) + \alpha f_2^2 + 2f_1f_2 \\ &\quad + 2Y_1f_2 + 2Y_2f_1 + 2Y_3f_2 + Y_4(2f_1 + 2\alpha f_2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

This coincides with $I_{S/X}$ by the above calculations. \square

4. 2-Fano Manifolds

As an application of Section 3, we study on *toric 2-Fano manifolds* in this section. The notion of 2-Fano manifolds was introduced in [7].

Definition 4.1. A smooth projective algebraic variety X is a *Fano manifold* if its first Chern class $c_1(X) = -K_X$ is an ample divisor.

Definition 4.2 (see [7]). A Fano manifold X is a *2-Fano manifold* if its second Chern character $\text{ch}_2(X) = (1/2)(c_1(X))^2 - 2c_2(X)$ is a nef 2-cycle.

Remark 4.3. Since a 2-Fano manifold is a Fano manifold by the definition, for the classification of toric 2-Fano manifolds, all we have to do is to check the list of toric Fano manifolds. The classification of toric Fano manifolds can be done by the algorithm of Øbro [6] for any dimension.

For a projective toric manifold X , one can easily see that $\text{ch}_2(X) = (1/2) \sum_{i=1}^m D_i^2$, where D_1, \dots, D_m are the torus invariant prime divisors. So, the following is immediate.

Proposition 4.4. For a torus invariant surface $S \subset X$, put $I_{S/X} := \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}X_iX_j$. Then, $(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S) = (1/2) \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ii}$.

First of all, we classify toric 2-Fano manifolds of Picard number 2. So, let X be a complete toric manifold of $\rho(X) = 2$. In this case, the structure of X is very simple as follows.

Theorem 4.5 (see [13]). *Every complete toric manifold of the Picard number 2 is a projective space bundle over a projective space.*

By Theorem 4.5, we can put

$$X = X_\Sigma = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{O}(a_{m-1})), \quad (4.1)$$

where $a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_{m-1} \geq 0$, $m + n - 2 = d := \dim X$. Let

$$x_1 + \dots + x_m = 0, \quad (4.2)$$

$$y_1 + \dots + y_n = a_1x_1 + \dots + a_{m-1}x_{m-1} \quad (4.3)$$

be the wall relations of Σ which correspond to the extremal rays of $NE(X)$, where

$$G(\Sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n\}. \tag{4.4}$$

Let C_1 and C_2 be the extremal torus invariant curves corresponding to the wall relations (4.2) and (4.3), respectively.

First, we determine the extremal rays of $NE_2(X)$. By calculating the rational functions for a \mathbb{Z} -basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$, we have the relations

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 - D_m + a_1 E_n = 0, \dots, D_{m-1} - D_m + a_{m-1} E_n = 0, \\ E_1 - E_n = 0, \dots, E_{n-1} - E_n = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

in $N^1(X)$, where $D_1, \dots, D_m, E_1, \dots, E_n$ are torus invariant prime divisors corresponding to $x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n$. Therefore, for $1 \leq i, j \leq m - 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} D_j &= D_i + (a_i - a_j) E_n, \\ E_1 &= E_2 = \dots = E_n. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

On the other hand, every $(d - 2)$ -dimensional cone $\tau \in \Sigma$ is expressed as

$$\tau = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} x_{i_1} + \dots + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} x_{i_k} + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} y_{j_1} + \dots + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} y_{j_l}, \tag{4.7}$$

for some $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq m, 1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_l \leq n$ such that $k < m, l < n$, and $k + l = d - 2$. So, the corresponding torus invariant surface S_τ is expressed as

$$S_\tau = D_{i_1} \dots D_{i_k} E_{j_1} \dots E_{j_l} \in N_2(X). \tag{4.8}$$

By using (4.6), any S_τ is expressed as a linear combination of 2-cycles:

$$D_1 \dots D_p E^q \quad (p \leq m - 1, q \leq n - 1, p + q = d - 2), \tag{4.9}$$

whose coefficients are nonnegative, because $i < j$ implies $a_i - a_j \geq 0$. Moreover, since $D_1 \dots D_m = E_1 \dots E_n = 0$ by wall relations (4.2) and (4.3), the possibilities for the generators of $NE_2(X)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &:= D_1 \dots D_{m-3} E^{n-1}, \quad S_2 := D_1 \dots D_{m-2} E^{n-2}, \quad \text{or} \\ S_3 &:= D_1 \dots D_{m-1} E^{n-3}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

In fact, the following hold:

$$\begin{aligned} NE_2(X) &= \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_1 + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_2 + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_3 \quad \text{if } m \geq 3, n \geq 3. \\ NE_2(X) &= \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_2 + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_3 \quad \text{if } m = 2, n \geq 3. \\ NE_2(X) &= \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_1 + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} S_2 \quad \text{if } m \geq 3, n = 2. \end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

For each case, $\dim N_2(X) = 3$, $\dim N_2(X) = 2$, and $\dim N_2(X) = 2$, respectively. So, $NE_2(X)$ is a *simplicial* cone for each case, and S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 are extremal surfaces.

Next, we will check when X becomes a 2-Fano manifold.

So, let C_2 be the torus invariant curve which generates the extremal ray corresponding to the wall relation (4.3). Then,

$$(-K_X \cdot C_2) = n - (a_1 + \cdots + a_{m-1}). \quad (4.12)$$

Therefore, X is a Fano manifold if and only if

$$n - (a_1 + \cdots + a_{m-1}) > 0. \quad (4.13)$$

Since $S_1 \cong S_3 \cong \mathbb{P}^2$, $(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S_1) \geq 0$ and $(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S_3) \geq 0$ are trivial by Theorem 3.4.

On the other hand, we can easily check that $S_2 \cong F_{a_{m-1}}$. By Theorem 3.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{S_2} &= a_{m-1}(I_{C_1})^2 + 2I_{C_1}I_{C_2} = a_{m-1}(X_1 + \cdots + X_m)^2 \\ &\quad + 2(X_1 + \cdots + X_m)(Y_1 + \cdots + Y_n - (a_1X_1 + \cdots + a_{m-1}X_{m-1})). \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

So, we obtain

$$(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S_2) = ma_{m-1} - 2(a_1 + \cdots + a_{m-1}). \quad (4.15)$$

In (4.15), suppose that $m \geq 3$ and $(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S_2) \geq 0$. Then,

$$(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S_2) = (m-2)a_{m-1} - 2(a_1 + \cdots + a_{m-2}). \quad (4.16)$$

The assumption $a_1 \geq \cdots \geq a_{m-1} \geq 0$ says that $a_1 = \cdots = a_{m-1} = 0$; that is, $X \cong \mathbb{P}^{m-1} \times \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$. On the other hand, suppose that $m = 2$ in (4.15). Then, $(\text{ch}_2(X) \cdot S_2) = 0$; that is, $\text{ch}_2(X)$ is nef.

By (4.13), we can summarize as follows.

Theorem 4.6. *If X is a toric 2-Fano manifold of the Picard number 2, then X is one of the following:*

- (1) *a direct product of projective spaces,*
- (2) $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^{d-1}}(\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(a))$ ($1 \leq a \leq d-1$).

Remark 4.7. This calculation shows that there exist infinitely many projective toric manifolds of fixed dimension d whose second Chern character is nef.

Next, we consider the classification of toric 2-Fano manifolds of a fixed dimension d . For $d \leq 4$, fortunately, these classifications can be done by only Theorems 3.4 and 3.5. Table 1 is the classification list (see [8] for the detail).

Since there exist 124 smooth toric Fano 4-folds, it is hard to check all the smooth toric Fano 4-folds. However, by using the following trivial Lemma 4.8, we can omit a large part of the calculations.

Table 1

d	1	2	3	4
# of toric Fano	1	5	18	124
# of toric 2-Fano	1	3	8	25

Lemma 4.8. *Let X be a 4-dimensional toric 2-Fano manifold. Then,*

$$c_1^4(X) - 2c_1^2(X)c_2(X) \geq 0. \quad (4.17)$$

For any smooth toric Fano 4-fold X , $c_1^4(X)$ and $c_1^2(X)c_2(X)$ are calculated in [3]. One can see that for 52 smooth toric Fano 4-folds, they are not 2-Fano manifolds by Lemma 4.8.

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