

# Newton polygons for a variant of the Kloosterman family

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ABSTRACT. We study the  $p$ -adic valuations of roots of  $L$ -functions associated with certain families of exponential sums of Laurent polynomials  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$ . The families we consider are reflection and Kloosterman variants of diagonal polynomials. Using decomposition theorems of Wan, we determine the Newton and Hodge polygons of a non-degenerate Laurent polynomial in one of these families.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $q$  be a power of a prime  $p$  and  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be the finite field of  $q$  elements. Let  $\zeta_p \in \mathbb{C}$  be a fixed primitive  $p$ th root of unity. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider the trace homomorphism  $\text{Tr}_k : \mathbb{F}_{q^k} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$ . Given a Laurent polynomial  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$ , its  $k$ -th exponential sum is

$$S_k^*(f) = \sum_{x_i \in \mathbb{F}_{q^k}} \zeta_p^{\text{Tr}_k f(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p).$$

The  $L$ -function of the exponential sum of  $f$  is defined as

$$L^*(f, T) = \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k^*(f) \frac{T^k}{k} \right).$$

A theorem of Dwork-Bombieri-Grothendieck states that

$$L^*(f, T) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{d_1} (1 - \alpha_i T)}{\prod_{j=1}^{d_2} (1 - \beta_j T)},$$

where  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$  are non-zero algebraic integers for  $1 \leq i \leq d_1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq d_2$ . Thus

$$S_k^*(f) = \beta_1^k + \dots + \beta_{d_2}^k - \alpha_1^k - \dots - \alpha_{d_1}^k.$$

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The values  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  depend on geometric and cohomological properties of the motive defined by  $f$ . A theorem of Deligne [5] implies that the complex absolute values satisfy  $|\alpha_i| = q^{u_i/2}$  and  $|\beta_j| = q^{v_j/2}$  for some weights  $u_i, v_j \in \mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 2n]$ . Also, for each prime  $\ell \neq p$ , the values  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$  are  $\ell$ -adic units.

There are many open questions about the  $p$ -adic valuation of the roots and poles of  $L^*(f, T)$ . Write  $|\alpha_i|_p = q^{-r_i}, |\beta_j|_p = q^{-s_j}$ , where the  $p$ -adic valuation is normalized such that  $|q|_p = 1/q$ . Deligne's integrality theorem implies that  $r_i, s_j \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, n]$ . If  $f$  is diagonal, then  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$  are roots of products of Gauss sums and the slopes  $r_i, s_j$  can be determined using Stickelberger's theorem. In this paper, we use Wan's decomposition theory [12] to study two families of Laurent polynomials that are not diagonal. We briefly explain the results, referring to Section 2 for definitions and background material.

Given a Laurent polynomial  $f$ , one can define its Newton polytope  $\Delta$  which is an  $n$ -dimensional integral convex polyhedron in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  determined by the dominant terms of  $f$ . Using  $\Delta$ , one can define a non-degeneracy condition on  $f$ . Also, one can assign a weight function to lattice points of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . One can associate to  $\Delta$  its Hodge numbers and Hodge polygon  $\text{HP}(\Delta)$ , a lower convex polygon in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  starting at the origin, by counting the number of lattice points of a given weight.

If  $f$  is non-degenerate and  $\Delta$  is general enough, then  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  is a polynomial of degree  $n!V(\Delta)$  by results of Adolphson and Sperber [1]. In this case, information about the  $p$ -adic valuations of the roots of  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  is encapsulated in the Newton polygon  $\text{NP}(f)$ , another lower convex polygon in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  starting at the origin. Grothendieck's specialization theorem implies that there exists a generic Newton polygon  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) := \inf_f \text{NP}(f)$  where  $f$  ranges over all non-degenerate Laurent polynomials over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$  with Newton polytope  $\Delta$ . If  $f$  is nondegenerate and  $\dim(\Delta) = n$ , then by [1], the endpoints of the three polygons meet and

$$\text{NP}(f) \geq \text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \geq \text{HP}(\Delta).$$

There are important theorems and open questions about when  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  or  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$ , e.g., [1], [10]. In this paper, we consider two families of Laurent polynomials  $f$  that are deformations of diagonal polynomials. In Section 3, we apply Wan's decomposition theory [12] to determine congruence conditions on  $p$  for which  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$ . In Section 4, we compute the Hodge numbers of  $\text{HP}(f)$  under certain numeric restrictions.

Here are the two families we consider. Fix  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and let  $f_{n, \vec{m}} = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n}$ . For  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , define

$$G_{n, \vec{m}}^j = f_{n, \vec{m}} + x_1^{-m_1} + \dots + x_j^{-m_j},$$

and

$$K_{n, \vec{m}}^j = f_{n, \vec{m}} + (x_1 \cdots x_j)^{-1}.$$

An effective lower bound for the Newton polygon for  $\text{NP}(G_{n, \vec{m}}^j)$  is given by Hodge-Stickelberger polygon as described in [4, Theorem 6.4], see also further results in [3]. We say that  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  is a *reflection variant* of  $f_{n, \vec{m}}$  if  $\Delta(f) = \Delta(G_{n, \vec{m}}^j)$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . We say that  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  is a *Kloosterman variant* of  $f_{n, \vec{m}}$  if  $\Delta(f) = \Delta(K_{n, \vec{m}}^j)$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

Our motivation to study this problem came from the information that it yields about Newton polygons of varieties defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Consider the affine toric Artin-Schreier variety  $V_f$  in  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  defined by the affine equation  $y^p - y = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

where  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  as above. The  $p$ -adic Newton polygons of  $L(f/\mathbb{F}_q, T)$  and  $L(V_f/\mathbb{F}_q, T)$  are the same after scaling by a factor of  $p-1$ , denoted by  $\text{NP}(V_f) = (p-1)\text{NP}(f)$ .

Further decomposition methods for Newton polygons are developed in [9]. Other related work can be found in [6], [7].

## 2. Background material

Consider a Laurent polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$ . Then  $f$  is of the form  $f = \sum_{j=1}^J a_j \bar{x}^{V_j}$  where  $a_j \neq 0$ ,  $V_j = (v_{1,j}, \dots, v_{n,j}) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , and  $\bar{x}^{V_j} := x_1^{v_{1,j}} \dots x_n^{v_{n,j}}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq J$ .

**2.1. The Hodge polygon.** The *Newton polytope*  $\Delta(f)$  of  $f$  is the convex polygon generated by the origin  $\vec{0}$  and the lattice points  $V_j$ . Note that  $\Delta$  is an integral polytope, namely its vertices have integral coordinates. Without loss of generality, we assume that  $\dim(\Delta) = n$ . Let  $V(\Delta)$  denote the volume of  $\Delta$ . If  $\delta$  is a subset of  $\Delta(f)$ , let  $f^\delta = \sum_{V_j \in \delta} a_j x^{V_j}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.1.** *A Laurent polynomial  $f$  is non-degenerate with respect to  $\Delta$  and  $p$  if for each closed face  $\delta$  of  $\Delta(f)$  not containing  $\vec{0}$ , the partial derivatives  $\{\frac{\partial f^\delta}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f^\delta}{\partial x_n}\}$  have no common zeros with  $x_1 \dots x_n \neq 0$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$ .*

Let  $\mathbb{A}(\Delta)$  denote the space of all Laurent polynomials with Newton polytope  $\Delta$ , parametrized by their (non-vertex) coefficients  $(a_j)$ . It is a smooth irreducible affine variety defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The subspace  $\mathcal{M}_p(\Delta) \subset \mathbb{A}(\Delta)$  of all nondegenerate Laurent polynomials is the complement of a discriminant locus in  $\mathbb{A}(\Delta)$ . It is known that  $\mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  is Zariski dense and open in  $\mathbb{A}(\Delta)$  for each prime  $p$ ; in other words, a generic Laurent polynomial with Newton polytope  $\Delta$  is non-degenerate. We assume throughout that  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$ .

- DEFINITION 2.2.**
- (1) *The cone  $C(\Delta) = \sum_{v \in \Delta} v \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  of  $\Delta$  is the monoid generated by vectors in  $\Delta$ .*
  - (2) *If  $\delta$  is a codimension one face of  $\Delta$ , with equation  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i = 1$  for  $c_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ , the denominator  $D(\delta)$  is  $\min\{d \mid dc_i \in \mathbb{Z}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .*
  - (3) *The denominator  $D(\Delta)$  is the least common multiple of  $D(\delta)$  for all codimension one faces  $\delta$  of  $\Delta$  not containing  $\vec{0}$ .*
  - (4) *If  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{Q}^n$ , the weight  $w(u)$  is the smallest  $c \in \mathbb{Q}^{\geq 0}$  such that  $u \in c\Delta := \{c\vec{x} \mid \vec{x} \in \Delta\}$ . (If there is no such rational number  $c$ , then  $w(u) = \infty$ ).*

The weight  $w(u)$  is finite if and only if  $u \in C(\Delta)$ . Here is an equivalent way to define the weight. If  $u \in C(\Delta)$ , then the ray  $u \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  intersects a codimension one face of  $\Delta$  not containing  $\vec{0}$ . If  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i = 1$  is the equation of  $\delta$ , then  $w(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i u_i$ . Thus  $w(u) \in \frac{1}{D(\delta)} \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ .

We now define the Hodge numbers by counting the number of lattice points of a given weight  $k/D$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** *If  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ ,*

- (1) *let  $W_\Delta(k) = \#\{u \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid w(u) = \frac{k}{D(\Delta)}\}$  be the number of lattice points in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  with weight  $k/D(\Delta)$ .*

(2) let  $H_\Delta(k) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} W_\Delta(k - iD(\Delta))$  (the Hodge number).

For example, when  $n = 2$ ,  $H_\Delta(k) = W_\Delta(k) - 2W_\Delta(k - m) + W_\Delta(k - 2m)$ . The Hodge number  $H_\Delta(k)$  is the number of lattice points of weight  $k/D(\Delta)$  in a fundamental domain of  $\Delta$  which corresponds to a basis of the  $p$ -adic cohomology used to compute the  $L$ -polynomial. Therefore,  $H_\Delta(k) \geq 0$  if  $k \geq 0$  and  $H_\Delta(k) = 0$  if  $k > nD(\Delta)$ . Furthermore,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{nD(\Delta)} H_\Delta(k) = n!V(\Delta).$$

**DEFINITION 2.4.** *The Hodge polygon  $\text{HP}(\Delta)$  is the lower convex polygon in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that starts at  $\vec{0}$  and has a side of slope  $k/D$  with horizontal length  $H_\Delta(k)$  for  $0 \leq k \leq nD$ . In other words, it is the polygon with vertices at the origin and, for  $0 \leq j \leq nD$ , at the point*

$$\left( \sum_{k=0}^j H_\Delta(k), \frac{1}{D(\Delta)} \sum_{k=0}^j kH_\Delta(k) \right).$$

**2.2. Newton polygon.** When  $f$  is nondegenerate with respect to  $\Delta(f)$ , then  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  is a polynomial of degree  $N = n!V(\Delta)$  [1, Corollary 3.14]. Write  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}} = 1 + C_1T + \dots + C_NT^N$  with  $C_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$ . For  $C \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$ , write  $\text{ord}_q(C) = \text{ord}_p(C)/\log_p(q)$  where  $|C|_p = p^{-\text{ord}_p(C)}$ . The  $p$ -adic Newton polygon  $\text{NP}(f)$  of  $f$  is the lower convex hull in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of the points  $(i, \text{ord}_q(C_i))$  for  $0 \leq i \leq N$ . The Newton polygon  $\text{NP}(f)$  has a segment with slope  $\alpha$  and horizontal length  $\ell_\alpha$  if and only if  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  has a root of  $p$ -adic valuation  $r_i = \alpha$  with multiplicity  $\ell_\alpha$ . Results about the slopes of the Newton polygon of  $f$  yield results about the  $p$ -adic Riemann hypothesis on the distribution of the roots of  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ .

By Grothendieck's specialization theorem, for each prime  $p$ , there exists a generic Newton polygon  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) := \inf_f \text{NP}(f)$  where  $f$  ranges over all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  defined over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ .

**THEOREM 2.5.** [1, Corollary 3.11] *If  $p$  is prime and if  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$ , then the endpoints of the three polygons meet and*

$$\text{NP}(f) \geq \text{GNP}(\Delta; \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \geq \text{HP}(\Delta).$$

It is natural to ask what the slopes of  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, p)$  are and how they vary with  $p$ . In particular, it is natural to ask for which  $\Delta$  and  $p$  the generic Newton polygon equals the Hodge polygon. Also, one would like to understand when the Newton polygon of  $f$  equals the Hodge polygon. In this context, Wan proved:

**THEOREM 2.6.** [10, Theorem 3] *There is a computable integer  $D^*(\Delta) \equiv 0 \pmod{D(\Delta)}$  such that if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*(\Delta)}$  then  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$ .*

A non-degenerate Laurent polynomial  $f$  is *ordinary* if  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta(f))$ . In [12, Theorem 1.8], Wan gives conditions under which  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(f)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$ , in other words, for which all non-degenerate  $f$  with  $\Delta(f) = \Delta$  are ordinary.

The proofs of these results are quite deep. Wan constructs an overconvergent  $\sigma$ -module  $\mathcal{E}(\Delta)$  of rank  $n! \mathbf{V}(\Delta)$  on  $\mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  such that the  $L$ -function of any non-degenerate  $f$  with Newton polytope  $\Delta$  can be computed on the fiber  $\mathcal{E}(\Delta)_f$  of  $\mathcal{E}(\Delta)$  at the corresponding point of  $\mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$ , i.e.,

$$L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}} = \det(I - TFrob_f | \mathcal{E}(\Delta)_f).$$

The Newton polygon of  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  can be computed from the ‘‘linear algebra data’’  $\mathcal{E}(\Delta)_f$ . A general theorem shows that for a family of  $F$ -crystals [8] or  $\sigma$ -modules [11], the Newton polygon goes up under specialization. This implies that there is a Zariski dense and open subspace  $U \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  such that for every  $f \in U$ , the Newton polygon of  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  equals  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, p)$ .

### 3. Newton polygons of non-diagonal Laurent polynomials

In this section, we apply Wan’s decomposition theory to study two families of non-diagonal Laurent polynomials. A Laurent polynomial  $f$  is *diagonal* if it is the sum of  $n$  monomials and  $n = \dim(\Delta(f))$ . We first survey some results about the diagonal case from [12, Section 2]. Suppose  $f = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \bar{x}^{V_j}$  where  $a_j \neq 0$ ,  $V_j = (v_{1,j}, \dots, v_{n,j}) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , and  $\bar{x}^{V_j} := x_1^{v_{1,j}} \dots x_n^{v_{n,j}}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Let  $\Delta = \Delta(f)$  and suppose  $\dim(\Delta) = n$ . We will need the following definition.

**DEFINITION 3.1.** *The polytope  $\Delta$  is indecomposable if the  $(n-1)$ -dimensional face generated by  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  contains no lattice points other than its vertices.*

Linear algebra techniques are useful for studying the Hodge polygon in the diagonal case. Let  $M$  be the non-singular  $n \times n$  matrix  $M = (V_1, \dots, V_n)$ . The Laurent polynomial  $f$  is non-degenerate with respect to  $\Delta$  and  $p$  if and only if  $p \nmid \det(M)$ . Integral lattice points  $\vec{u}$  of the fundamental domain

$$\Gamma = \mathbb{R}V_1 + \dots + \mathbb{R}V_n \bmod \mathbb{Z}V_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}V_n$$

are in bijection with the set  $S(\Delta)$  of solutions  $\vec{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$  of  $M\vec{r}^T \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  with  $r_j \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1)$ . This bijection preserves size in that the weight  $w(\vec{u})$  equals the norm  $|\vec{r}| = \sum_{j=1}^n r_j$ . Now  $S(\Delta)$  is a finite abelian group under addition modulo 1. Let  $D^*$  be its largest invariant factor. Consider the multiplication-by- $p$  automorphism  $[p]$  on  $S(\Delta)$ , denoted  $\vec{r} \rightarrow \{p\vec{r}\}$ . The automorphism  $[p]$  is weight-preserving if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .

Using Gauss sums and the Stickelberger theorem, one proves that the  $p$ -adic valuation of a root  $\alpha$  of  $L^*(f/\mathbb{F}_q, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  can be expressed in terms of the average norm of an element  $\vec{r} \in S(\Delta)$  under  $[p]$  [12, Corollary 2.3]. Specifically, the horizontal length of the slope  $s$  portion of the Newton polygon equals the number of elements  $r \in S(\Delta)$  whose average norm is  $s$  [12, Corollary 2.4]. This yields the following.

**THEOREM 3.2.** [12, Section 2.3] *Let  $\Delta$  be a simplex containing  $\vec{0}$  with  $\dim(\Delta) = n$ . Then*

- (1)  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  supported only on the interior and vertices of  $\Delta$  if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .
- (2)  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .

For the main result, we need to strengthen Theorem 3.2 in a certain case. Suppose  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $f_{n, \vec{m}} = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n}$ . Suppose  $f$  is a

Laurent polynomial such that  $\Delta(f) = \Delta(f_{n,\vec{m}})$ . Notice that  $f$  is non-degenerate with respect to  $\Delta$  and  $p$  if and only if  $p \nmid D^* = \text{LCM}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ .

LEMMA 3.3. *Let  $\Delta = \Delta(f_{n,\vec{m}})$  with  $f_{n,\vec{m}} = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n}$ .*

- (1) *Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  is supported only on the interior and vertices of  $\Delta$ . Then  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .*
- (2) *If  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  are pairwise relatively prime, then  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .*

PROOF. (1) The sufficiency statement follows from Theorem 3.2. For the other direction, if  $f$  is ordinary then each boundary restriction  $x_i^{m_i}$  is ordinary by Wan's boundary decomposition theorem [10, Section 5]. Hence  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  which implies  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .

(2) The polytope  $\Delta$  is indecomposable if and only if  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  are pairwise relatively prime. Then the statement follows from part (1) and Theorem 3.2. □

The facial decomposition theory of Wan allows one to study the Newton polygon of a non-diagonal Laurent polynomial by dividing  $\Delta$  into smaller diagonal polytopes.

THEOREM 3.4. [10, Theorem 8] *Suppose  $f$  is non-degenerate and  $\dim(\Delta(f)) = n$ . Let  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_h$  be the codimension 1 faces of  $\Delta(f)$  which do not contain  $\vec{0}$ . Then  $f$  is ordinary if and only if  $f^{\delta_i}$  is ordinary for each  $i$ .*

As illustrations of Wan's facial decomposition theory, we study two deformation families of basic diagonal polynomials.

DEFINITION 3.5. *Fix  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and let  $f_{n,\vec{m}} = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n}$ . A Laurent polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  is:*

- (1) *a reflection variant of  $f_{n,\vec{m}}$  if  $\Delta(f) = \Delta(G_{n,\vec{m}}^j)$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq n$  where*

$$G_{n,\vec{m}}^j = f_{n,\vec{m}} + x_1^{-m_1} + \dots + x_j^{-m_j}.$$

- (2) *a Kloosterman variant of  $f_{n,\vec{m}}$  if  $\Delta(f) = \Delta(K_{n,\vec{m}}^j)$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq n$  where*

$$K_{n,\vec{m}}^j = f_{n,\vec{m}} + (x_1 \cdots x_j)^{-1}.$$

If  $n = 2$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ , then  $K_{2,(1,1)}^2$  is the classical Kloosterman polynomial, and it is well-known in this case that the Newton polygon has slopes 0 and 1 each with multiplicity one. Pictures and basic facts about the polytopes for  $G_{n,\vec{m}}^j$  and  $K_{n,\vec{m}}^j$  can be found in Section 4. Here is our main result.

COROLLARY 3.6. *Suppose  $f$  is a reflection variant or a Kloosterman variant of  $f_{n,\vec{m}}$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Write  $\Delta = \Delta(G_{n,\vec{m}}^j)$  or  $\Delta = \Delta(K_{n,\vec{m}}^j)$  as appropriate.*

- (1) *Then  $f$  is non-degenerate if and only if  $p \nmid D^* = \text{LCM}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ .*
- (2)  *$\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$  supported only on the interior and vertices of  $\Delta$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .*
- (3) *If  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  are pairwise relatively prime, then  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$ .*

PROOF. This proof follows essentially from Lemma 3.3. The proof of each part relies on the decomposition of  $\Delta$  into different faces. By [10], one can measure whether  $f$  is non-degenerate, whether the generic Newton polygon and the Hodge polygon coincide, and whether the Newton polygon and the Hodge polygon coincide by seeing whether these properties are true for the restriction  $f^\delta$  of  $f$  to each face  $\delta$  of  $\Delta$ .

For the reflection case, after a change of variables of the form  $x_i \mapsto x_i^{\pm 1}$ , one can restrict to the face of  $f_{n, \vec{m}} = G_{n, \vec{m}}^0$  not containing  $\vec{0}$ . The result then follows from Lemma 3.3.

For the Kloosterman case, there is a unique face not containing  $-\vec{1}_j = -\sum_{i=1}^j e_i = (-1, \dots, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . It is the same face as in Lemma 3.3; in particular,  $D^* = \text{LCM}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  for this face and its vertices are the only lattice points with integral coordinates on this face if and only if  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  are pairwise relatively prime.

There are  $j$  other faces of  $\Delta$  not containing  $\vec{0}$ . We consider the face  $\delta$  through  $-\vec{1}_j$  and  $v_i = m_i e_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ . The argument for the other faces is similar. By Lemma 4.8,  $\delta$  is contained in the hyperplane

$$\frac{1}{m_2}x_2 + \dots + \frac{1}{m_n}x_n - \frac{m+n-1}{m}x_1 = 1.$$

The integral lattice points  $\vec{u}$  of the fundamental domain

$$\Gamma = \mathbb{R}(-\vec{1}_j) + \mathbb{R}v_2 + \dots + \mathbb{R}v_n \bmod \mathbb{Z}(-\vec{1}_j) + \mathbb{Z}v_2 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}v_n$$

are the set

$$\{(0, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid 0 \leq u_i < m_i\}.$$

Thus  $\Gamma \simeq \times_{i=2}^n \mathbb{Z}/m_i$  and  $D_1^* = \text{LCM}(m_2, \dots, m_n)$  is the largest invariant factor of  $\Gamma$ . The multiplication-by- $p$  map on  $\Gamma$  is thus weight-preserving if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D_1^*}$ . Since  $D_1^*$  divides  $D^*$ , the face  $\delta$  places no new constraints on the condition  $\text{GNP}(\Delta, \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$ . Furthermore, if  $\delta$  does not contain  $\vec{0}$ , then there are no lattice points on  $\delta$  other than the vertices. Thus the face  $\delta$  places no new constraints on the condition  $\text{NP}(f) = \text{HP}(\Delta)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{M}_p(\Delta)$ .

Conversely, if  $f$  is ordinary then its restriction to each face  $f^\delta$  is ordinary. Then  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{D^*}$  by Lemma 3.3.  $\square$

REMARK 3.7. By [1, Corollary 3.14], if  $f$  is non-degenerate, then  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  is a polynomial of degree  $n!V(\Delta)$ . In the reflection case,

$$V(\Delta(G_{n, \vec{m}}^j)) = 2^j V(G_{n, \vec{m}}^0) = 2^j \prod_{j=1}^n m_j/n!.$$

For the Kloosterman case, write  $s_k$  for the  $k$ th symmetric product in  $m_1, \dots, m_j$ . For example,  $s_j = \prod_{i=1}^j m_i$ . Then, see Lemma 4.8,

$$V(\Delta(K_{n, \vec{m}}^j)) = \left( s_j + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} (-1)^i i s_{j-1-i} \right) \prod_{i=j+1}^n m_i/n!.$$

#### 4. Computation of Hodge polygons

In this section, we describe the Hodge polygons for two types of Laurent polynomials: the reflection variants  $G_{n,\vec{m}}^j$  in Section 4.2; and the Kloosterman variants  $K_{n,\vec{m}}^j$  in Section 4.3. Each of these is a generalization of the diagonal case which we review in Section 4.1. We give explicit formulae for the Hodge numbers under certain numeric restrictions on  $\vec{m}$ .

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Let  $v_i = m_i \vec{e}_i$  where  $\vec{e}_i$  is the standard basis vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; in other words,  $v_1 = (m_1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, m_2, 0, \dots, 0)$ , etc. Write  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

**4.1. Diagonal Case.** Recall that a Laurent polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  is diagonal if it is the sum of  $n$  monomials and  $\dim(\Delta(f)) = n$ . If  $f$  is diagonal, each reciprocal zero of its  $L$ -function can be computed using Gauss sums, yielding a theoretical understanding of the Newton Polygon of the diagonal case. The diagonal case is still interesting, however, since nontrivial combinatorial and arithmetic problems arise in computing the Newton Polygon.

Let  $f = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j x^{V_j}$ , with  $a_j \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , be a diagonal, non-degenerate Laurent polynomial. Let's recall the definition of Gauss sums.

**DEFINITION 4.1.** Let  $\chi$  be the Teichmüller character of  $\mathbb{F}_q^*$ . For  $0 \leq k \leq q-2$ , the Gauss sum  $G_k(q)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is defined as:

$$G_k(q) = - \sum_{a \in \mathbb{F}_q^*} \chi(a)^{-k} \zeta_p^{\text{Tr}(a)}.$$

Gauss sums satisfy certain interpolation relations which yield formulas for the exponential sums  $S_k^*(f)$  [12, 16]. For example,

$$S_1^*(f) = \sum_{x_j \in \mathbb{F}_q^*} \zeta_p^{\text{Tr}(f(x))} = (-1)^n \sum_{k_1 V_1 + \dots + k_n V_n \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}} \prod_{i=1}^n \chi(a_i)^{k_i} G_{k_i}(q).$$

Combining this with the Hasse-Davenport relation, Wan obtains an explicit formula for  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$  in [12, Theorem 2.1]. By applying Stickelberger's Theorem, it is possible to determine the  $p$ -adic absolute values of the reciprocal zeros of  $L^*(f, T)^{(-1)^{n-1}}$ . In particular, the Newton Polygon is independent of the coefficients  $a_j$  and one can suppose  $f = \sum_{j=1}^n x^{V_j}$  without loss of generality.

We now restrict to the special case of Laurent polynomials of the form  $f_{n,\vec{m}} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{m_i}$ . The vertices of the polytope  $\Delta := \Delta(f_{n,\vec{m}})$  are  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n, \vec{0}\}$  and the volume is  $V(\Delta) = \prod_{j=1}^n m_j/n!$ . The denominator is  $D(\Delta) = \text{LCM}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ . The numeric restriction in Section 4.1.1 is that  $m_i = m_j$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and in Section 4.1.2 is that  $n = 2$  and  $\text{gcd}(m_1, m_2) = 1$ .

**4.1.1. General dimension, equilateral.** For later use, we review some results about the Hodge numbers of the diagonal polynomials

$$G_{n,m}^0 = x_1^m + \dots + x_n^m.$$

**LEMMA 4.2.** The weight numbers for  $G_{n,m}^0$  are:

$$W(k) = \binom{n-1+k}{n-1}.$$



The Hodge numbers for  $G_{n,m}^0$  are:

$$H(k) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-1+k-im}{n-1}.$$

PROOF. The face of  $\Delta$  not containing  $\vec{0}$  is the hyperplane

$$\frac{1}{m}x_1 + \cdots + \frac{1}{m}x_n = 1.$$

Thus  $D(\Delta) = m$ . The cone  $c(\Delta)$  is  $\{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_i \geq 0\}$ . The weight of a vector is given by the formula:  $w(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{m}x_1 + \cdots + \frac{1}{m}x_n$ . The number  $W(k)$  of points in  $c(\Delta)$  with weight  $k/m$  is the number of solutions to

$$x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = k,$$

which yields the formula for  $W(k)$ . The formula for  $H(k)$  follows from Definition 2.3.  $\square$

REMARK 4.3. The vertices of  $\text{HP}(\Delta(G_{n,m}^0))$  are at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(x_j, y_j)$  where

$$x_j = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor j/m \rfloor} (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \binom{n+j-im}{n},$$

and

$$y_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor j/m \rfloor} (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \left( n \cdot \binom{n+j-im}{n+1} + im \cdot \binom{n+j-im}{n} \right).$$

4.1.2. *Dimension two, non-equilateral.* Suppose  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  with  $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N}$  pairwise relatively prime. Let  $W_{n,\vec{m}}^0(k) := W_{\Delta(f_{n,\vec{m}})}(k)$ . Let  $M_j := \prod_{i=1, i \neq j}^n m_i$ . Then

$$W_{n,\vec{m}}^0(k) = \#\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n M_i x_i = k\}.$$

These restricted partition functions can be computed using Dedekind sums [2].

Restricting to the case  $n = 2$ , then

$$W_{2,\vec{m}}^0(k) = \#\{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid m_2 x_1 + m_1 x_2 = k\}.$$

Consider the generating function:

$$\frac{1}{1-z^{m_1}} \frac{1}{1-z^{m_2}} = \sum_{x_2=0}^{\infty} z^{m_1 x_2} \sum_{x_1=0}^{\infty} z^{m_2 x_1} = \sum_{k \geq 0} W_{2,\vec{m}}^0(k) z^k.$$

In this case, Popoviciu used partial fractions to give the following formula for  $W_{2,\vec{m}}^0(k)$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , let  $\{x\} = [x] - x$  denote the fractional part of  $x$ .

THEOREM 4.4. [2, Section 1.4] *Given  $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$ , let  $m_1^{-1}, m_2^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that:*

- (1)  $1 \leq m_1^{-1} < m_2$  and  $m_1 m_1^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_2}$  and
- (2)  $1 \leq m_2^{-1} < m_1$  and  $m_2 m_2^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_1}$ .

Then

$$W_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^0(k) = \frac{k}{m_1 m_2} - \left\{ \frac{m_2^{-1} k}{m_1} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{m_1^{-1} k}{m_2} \right\} + 1.$$

Using Theorem 4.4, one can explicitly compute all Hodge numbers  $H^0(k)$  for  $W_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^0 = x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2}$  when  $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$ . Note that the sum of the Hodge numbers is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2m_1 m_2} H^0(k) = m_1 m_2 = 2V(\Delta(f_{2,(m_1,m_2)})).$$

| $k$      | $0, 1, \dots, m_1 m_2 - 1$ | $m_1 m_2$ | $m_1 m_2 + t; 0 < t < m_1 m_2$ | $2m_1 m_2$ |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| $H^0(k)$ | $W_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^0(k)$     | 0         | $1 - W_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^0(t)$     | 0          |

TABLE 1. Hodge Numbers for  $x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2}$  if  $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$

REMARK 4.5. *The method for  $n = 2$  can be generalized to higher dimensions; complicated formulas for  $W_{n,\vec{m}}^0(k)$  can be found in terms of Dedekind sums [2, Theorem 1.7]. For instance, when  $n = 3$  and  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  are pairwise relatively prime then*

$$\begin{aligned} W_{3,(m_1,m_2,m_3)}^0(k) &= \frac{k^2}{m_1 m_2 m_3} + \frac{k}{2} \left( \frac{1}{m_1 m_2} + \frac{1}{m_1 m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2 m_3} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{3}{m_1} + \frac{3}{m_2} + \frac{3}{m_3} + \frac{m_1}{m_2 m_3} + \frac{m_2}{m_1 m_3} + \frac{m_3}{m_1 m_2} \right) \\ &+ \varphi_{m_1}(m_2, m_3)(k) + \varphi_{m_2}(m_1, m_3)(k) + \varphi_{m_3}(m_1, m_2)(k), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_a(b, c)(k) := \frac{1}{c} \sum_{i=1}^{c-1} [(1 - \zeta_c^{ib})(1 - \zeta_c^{ia})\zeta_c^{ik}]^{-1}$ .

**4.2. Reflection variant Laurent polynomials.** Suppose  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and let

$$G_{n,\vec{m}}^0 = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n}.$$

The polytope  $\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^0$  for  $G_{n,\vec{m}}^0$  has vertices  $\vec{0}$  and  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

We consider reflections of  $\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^0$  across coordinate hyperplanes. After a permutation of the variables, it is no loss of generality to reflect across the hyperplanes  $x_i = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq j$ . Let

$$G_{n,\vec{m}}^j = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n} + x_1^{-m_1} + \dots + x_j^{-m_j}.$$

Let  $\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^j$  be the polytope of  $G_{n,\vec{m}}^j$ . For example,  $G_{n,\vec{m}}^1 = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n} + x_1^{-m_1}$  and  $\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^1$  is the polygon in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with vertices  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $-v_1$ . Then  $\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^j$  has  $n + j$  vertices other than  $\vec{0}$  and

$$\text{Vol}(\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^j) = 2^j \cdot \text{Vol}(\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^0) = 2^j \prod_{i=1}^n m_i / n!.$$

Using the inclusion-exclusion principle, there is a recursive formula for the weight numbers of  $\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^j$ :

$$(1) \quad W_{\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^j}^0(k) = 2W_{\Delta_{n,\vec{m}}^{j-1}}^0(k) - W_{\Delta_{n-1,(m_1,\dots,\hat{m}_j,\dots,m_n)}^{j-1}}^0(k),$$

where the notation  $\hat{m}_j$  means that the  $j$ th variable is omitted. Using this recursive formula, it is possible to obtain the weights for a general reflection case in terms of the weights for the base case  $j = 0$ .

4.2.1. *General dimension, equilateral.* Suppose  $\vec{m} = (m, \dots, m)$  and write

$$G_{n,m}^j = x_1^m + \dots + x_n^m + x_1^{-m} + \dots + x_j^{-m}.$$

The polytope  $\Delta_{n,m}^j = \Delta(G_{n,m}^j)$  is obtained by reflecting  $\Delta_{n,m}^0$  across the hyperplanes  $x_i = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq j$ , see Figure 1.

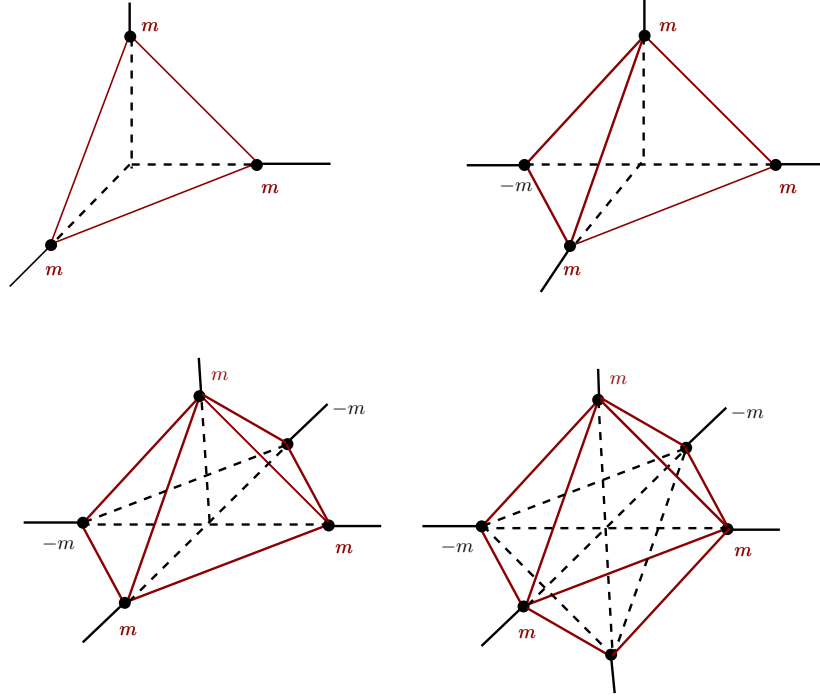


FIGURE 1.  $\Delta_{3,m}^j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq 3$

In this case,  $\text{Vol}(\Delta_{n,m}^j) = 2^j m^n / n!$  and Equation (1) yields the recursive formula

$$(2) \quad W_{\Delta_{n,m}^j}(k) = 2W_{\Delta_{n,m}^{j-1}}(k) - W_{\Delta_{n-1,m}^{j-1}}(k).$$

We obtain the following closed form for the weight numbers:

PROPOSITION 4.6. *The weight numbers for  $G_{n,m}^j$  are given by:*

$$W_{\Delta_{n,m}^j}(k) = \sum_{i=0}^j 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \binom{j}{i} W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k).$$

PROOF. First, the formula holds when  $j = 0$ .

To show the formula satisfies the recursion in (2), we compute

$$2W_{\Delta_{n,m}^{j-1}}(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \binom{j-1}{i} W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
-W_{\Delta_{n-1,m}^{j-1}}(k) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} 2^{j-1-i} (-1)^{i+1} \binom{j-1}{i} W_{\Delta_{n-1-i,m}^0}(k) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} 2^{j-(i+1)} (-1)^{i+1} \binom{j-1}{i} W_{\Delta_{n-(i+1),m}^0}(k) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \binom{j-1}{i-1} W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k).
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $2W_{\Delta_{n,m}^{j-1}}(k) - W_{\Delta_{n-1,m}^{j-1}}(k)$  equals

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \binom{j-1}{i} W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k) + \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \binom{j-1}{i-1} W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k) \\
&= 2^j W_{\Delta_{n,m}^0}(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \left( \binom{j-1}{i} + \binom{j-1}{i-1} \right) W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k) + (-1)^j W_{\Delta_{n-j,m}^0}(k) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^j 2^{j-i} (-1)^i \binom{j}{i} W_{\Delta_{n-i,m}^0}(k) = W_{\Delta_{n,m}^j}(k).
\end{aligned}$$

□

EXAMPLE 4.7. *Weight and Hodge numbers for  $G_{2,m}^j$  with  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ .*

| $k$    | 0 | 1 | ... | $m-1$ | $m$   | $m+1$ | ... | $2m-1$ | $2m$   |
|--------|---|---|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------|--------|
| $W(k)$ | 1 | 2 | ... | $m$   | $m+1$ | $m+2$ | ... | $2m$   | $2m+1$ |
| $H(k)$ | 1 | 2 | ... | $m$   | $m-1$ | $m-2$ | ... | 0      | 0      |

TABLE 2. Hodge Numbers for  $G_{2,m}^0 = x_1^m + x_2^m$

| $k$    | 0 | 1 | ... | $m-1$  | $m$    | $m+1$  | ... | $2m-1$ | $2m$   |
|--------|---|---|-----|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------|--------|
| $W(k)$ | 1 | 3 | ... | $2m-1$ | $2m+1$ | $2m+3$ | ... | $4m-1$ | $4m+1$ |
| $H(k)$ | 1 | 3 | ... | $2m-1$ | $2m-1$ | $2m-3$ | ... | 1      | 0      |

TABLE 3. Hodge Numbers for  $G_{2,m}^1 = x_1^m + x_2^m + x_1^{-m}$

| $k$    | 0 | 1 | ... | $m-1$    | $m$      | $m+1$    | ... | $2m-1$    | $2m$ |
|--------|---|---|-----|----------|----------|----------|-----|-----------|------|
| $W(k)$ | 1 | 4 | ... | $4(m-1)$ | $4(m+1)$ | $4(m+3)$ | ... | $4(2m-1)$ | $8m$ |
| $H(k)$ | 1 | 4 | ... | $4(m-1)$ | $4m-2$   | $4(m-1)$ | ... | 4         | 1    |

TABLE 4. Hodge Numbers for  $G_{2,m}^2 = x_1^m + x_2^m + x_1^{-m} + x_2^{-m}$ .

4.2.2. *Dimension two, non-equilateral.* Suppose  $n = 2$  and  $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$ . Let  $W^j(k) := W_{\Delta_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^j}(k)$  for  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ . Then  $W^0(k)$  can be computed using Theorem 4.4. Equation (1) gives recursive formulae  $W^1(k) = 2W^0(k) - 1$  and  $W^2(k) = 2W^1(k) - 2 = 4W^0(k) - 4$ .

The Hodge numbers are computed in Tables 5 and 6. Note that the sum of the Hodge numbers in Table 5 is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2m_1m_2} H^1(k) = 2m_1m_2 = 2V(\Delta_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^1),$$

and in Table 6 is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2m_1m_2} H^2(k) = 4m_1m_2 = 2V(\Delta_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^2).$$

|          |                           |          |                              |           |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| $k$      | $0, 1, \dots, m_1m_2 - 1$ | $m_1m_2$ | $m_1m_2 + t; 0 < t < m_1m_2$ | $2m_1m_2$ |
| $H^1(k)$ | $2W^0(k) - 1$             | 1        | $3 - 2W^0(t)$                | 0         |

TABLE 5. Hodge Numbers for  $G_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^1 = x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + x_1^{-m_1}$

|          |                           |          |                              |           |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| $k$      | $0, 1, \dots, m_1m_2 - 1$ | $m_1m_2$ | $m_1m_2 + t; 0 < t < m_1m_2$ | $2m_1m_2$ |
| $H^2(k)$ | $4W^0(k) - 4$             | 4        | $8 - 4W^0(t)$                | 0         |

TABLE 6. Hodge Numbers for  $G_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^2 (x_i^{m_i} + x_i^{-m_i})$

**4.3. Kloosterman variant Laurent polynomials.** Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . In this section, let  $\Delta$  denote the polytope of the Laurent polynomial

$$K_{n,\vec{m}}^j = x_1^{m_1} + \dots + x_n^{m_n} + (x_1 \cdots x_j)^{-1}.$$

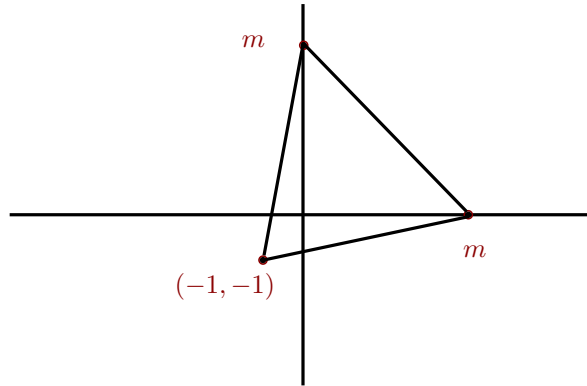


FIGURE 2. The polytope  $\Delta(K_{2,(m,m)}^2)$

The vertices of  $\Delta$  are  $-\vec{1}_j := -\sum_{i=1}^j e_i = (-1, \dots, -1, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . The cone is  $c(\Delta) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_i \geq 0, j+1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

The vectors with initial point  $-\vec{1}_j$  along the edges of  $\Delta$  are, for  $1 \leq \ell \leq n$ ,

$$w_\ell = \sum_{i=1}^j e_j + m_\ell e_\ell.$$

The volume of the polytope  $\Delta = \Delta(K_{n, \vec{m}}^j)$  is  $V(\Delta) = \frac{1}{n!} \det(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . Write  $s_k$  for the  $k$ th symmetric product in  $m_1, \dots, m_j$ . Then

$$V(\Delta(K_{n, \vec{m}}^j)) = [s_j + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} (-1)^i s_{j-1-i}] \prod_{i=j+1}^n m_i/n!.$$

The denominator of  $\Delta$  is  $D = \text{LCM}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ .

LEMMA 4.8. (1) *Suppose  $1 \leq \ell \leq j$ . Let  $\delta_\ell$  be the face of  $\Delta$  containing the vertices  $-\vec{1}_j$  and  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $i \neq \ell$ . Then  $\delta_\ell$  is contained in the hyperplane:*

$$\sum_{i \neq \ell} \frac{1}{m_i} x_i - (1 + \sum_{i \neq \ell} \frac{1}{m_i}) x_\ell = 1.$$

(2) *The other faces of  $\Delta$  are contained in the hyperplanes  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{m_i} x_i = 1$  and  $x_i = 0$  for  $j+1 \leq i \leq n$ .*

4.3.1. *General dimension, equilateral case.* Suppose  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$  and write  $K_{n, m}^j := K_{n, \vec{m}}^j$ .

PROPOSITION 4.9. *For  $0 \leq k \leq nm$ , the weight numbers for  $K_{n, m}^j$  are:*

$$W(k) = \binom{n-1+k}{n-1} + \sum_{s=1}^j \beta(j, s) \sum_{\ell=1}^n \binom{k-\ell m + (n-j-1)}{n-s-1} + \alpha(j, k),$$

where  $\beta(j, s) = \binom{j}{s}$  unless  $j = s = n$  in which case  $\beta(n, n) = 0$  and  $\alpha(j, k) = 0$  unless  $j = n$  and  $0 < k \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  in which case  $\alpha(j, k) = 1$ .

PROOF. The lattice points  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid x_i \geq 0\}$  have the same weight as in the diagonal case. This contributes  $\binom{n-1+k}{n-1}$  to  $W(k)$ .

Thus it suffices to consider the weight of  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  when at least one coordinate is negative. By symmetry, it suffices to first focus on the points  $\vec{x}$  closest to the face  $\delta$  of  $\Delta$  containing the vertices  $-\vec{1}_j$  and  $v_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ . This face is contained in the hyperplane

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=2}^n x_i - \frac{m+(j-1)}{m} x_1 = 1.$$

These points satisfy the conditions:  $x_1 < 0$  and  $x_i \geq x_1$  for  $2 \leq i \leq j$ , and  $x_i \geq 0$  for  $j+1 \leq i \leq n$ .

The condition  $k \leq nm$  implies that  $x_1 \in \{-1, \dots, -n\}$ . Fix  $-\ell \in \{-1, \dots, -n\}$  and let  $x_1 = -\ell$ . First suppose  $x_i > x_1$  for all  $2 \leq i \leq j$ . The smallest weight  $k$  possible for this set of points is

$$-(j-1)(\ell-1) + (m+j-1)(\ell) + (n-j)(0) = m\ell + j - 1,$$

occurring when  $x_i = -(\ell - 1)$  for  $2 \leq i \leq j$  and  $x_i = 0$  for  $j + 1 \leq i \leq n$ . To increase this value to  $k$ , one needs to add a combined total of  $k - (m\ell + j - 1)$  to  $\{x_i \mid i \geq 2\}$ . For  $1 \leq \ell \leq n$ , there are

$$\binom{k - (m\ell + j - 1) + (n - 2)}{n - 2} = \binom{k - m\ell + n - j - 1}{n - 2}$$

ways to do this, which is the number of points of weight  $k$  with  $x_1 = -\ell$ ,  $x_i > x_1$  for  $2 \leq i \leq j$  and  $x_i \geq 0$  for  $j + 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Next, let  $2 \leq s \leq j$  and suppose  $\#\{i \leq j \mid x_i = -\ell\} = s$ . Recall that  $-\ell \in \{-1, \dots, -n\}$ . (This is the case where  $\vec{x}$  is equidistant to more than one face of  $\Delta$  containing  $-\vec{1}_j$ .) For ease of notation, suppose  $x_i = -\ell$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ . Recall that  $-\ell \in \{-1, \dots, -n\}$ , and  $x_i \geq -(\ell - 1)$  for  $s + 1 \leq i \leq j$  and  $x_i > 0$  for  $j + 1 \leq i \leq n$ . The smallest weight  $k$  possible for this set of points is

$$-(j - s)(\ell - 1) - (s - 1)(\ell) + (m + j - 1)(\ell) + 0(n - j) = m\ell + j - s,$$

occurring when  $x_i = -(\ell - 1)$  for  $s + 1 \leq i \leq j$  and  $x_i = 0$  for  $j + 1 \leq i \leq n$ . To increase this value to  $k$ , one needs to add a combined total of  $k - (m\ell + j - s)$  to  $\{x_i \mid i \geq s + 1\}$ . Thus, for  $1 \leq \ell \leq n$ , outside the case  $s = j = n$ , there are

$$\binom{k - (m\ell + j - s) + (n - s - 1)}{n - s - 1} = \binom{k - m\ell + n - j - 1}{n - 1 - s}$$

ways to do this, which is the number of points of weight  $k$  with  $x_i = -\ell$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , and  $x_i > -\ell$  for  $s + 1 \leq i \leq j$ , and  $x_i \geq 0$  for  $j + 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $C_s(k)$  denote the set of lattice points  $\vec{x}$  of weight  $k$  such that  $\#\{i \mid x_i = \min(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} = s$ . The conclusion is that, outside the case  $s = j = n$ ,

$$\#C_s(k) = \binom{j}{s} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \binom{k - m\ell + n - j - 1}{n - s - 1}.$$

If  $s = j = n$ , none of the sets  $C_s$  include the points  $\vec{x}$  which are a multiple of  $-\vec{1}_j$ . There is one such point of weight  $m\ell$  for each  $1 \leq \ell \leq n$ . This contributes one point of weight  $k$  only when  $0 < k \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ . This is accounted for by the definitions of  $\beta(j, s)$  and  $\alpha(j, k)$ .  $\square$

EXAMPLE 4.10. *Let  $n = 2$ . The difference between the number of lattice points of weight  $k/m$  for  $K_{2,m}^2$  and  $G_{2,m}^0$  is zero if  $0 \leq k < m$ , is one if  $k = m$ , is two if  $m < k < 2m$ , and is three if  $k = 2m$ .*

|        |   |   |     |         |         |         |         |     |          |          |
|--------|---|---|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|----------|----------|
| $k$    | 0 | 1 | ... | $m - 1$ | $m$     | $m + 1$ | $m + 2$ | ... | $2m - 1$ | $2m$     |
| $W(k)$ | 1 | 2 | ... | $m$     | $m + 2$ | $m + 4$ | $m + 5$ | ... | $2m + 2$ | $2m + 4$ |
| $H(k)$ | 1 | 2 | ... | $m$     | $m$     | $m$     | $m - 1$ | ... | 2        | 1        |

TABLE 7. Hodge Numbers for  $K_{2,m}^2 = x_1^m + x_2^m + (x_1x_2)^{-1}$

EXAMPLE 4.11. *Let  $n = 3$ . Table 8 shows the difference  $\tau(k, m)$  between the number of lattice points of weight  $k/m$  for  $K_{3,m}^3$  and  $G_{3,m}^0$ .*

| $k$          | $0 \leq k < m$ | $k = m$ | $k = m + \epsilon$<br>$0 < \epsilon < m$ | $k = 2m$ | $k = 2m + \epsilon$<br>$0 < \epsilon < m$ | $k = 3m$ |
|--------------|----------------|---------|--|----------|---|----------|
| $\tau(k, m)$ | 0              | 1       | $3\epsilon$                              | $3m + 1$ | $3m + 6\epsilon$                          | $9m + 1$ |

TABLE 8. The difference between  $W_{K_{3,m}^3}(k)$  and  $W_{G_{3,m}^0}(k)$ 

4.3.2. *Dimension two, non-equilateral case.* Let  $n = 2$  and  $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$ . Recall that one can explicitly compute the weight number for the diagonal polytope  $x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2}$  from Theorem 4.4 and Table 1. In this section, we denote that weight number by  $d(k)$ .

Let  $\Delta^2$  denote the polytope of  $K_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^2 = x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + (x_1x_2)^{-1}$ . It has vertices at  $(m_1, 0)$ ,  $(0, m_2)$ , and  $(-1, -1)$  and denominator  $D = m_1m_2$ . Similarly, let  $\Delta^1$  denote the polytope of  $K_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^1 = x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2} + (x_1)^{-1}$  which has vertices at  $(m_1, 0)$ ,  $(0, m_2)$  and  $(-1, 0)$  and denominator  $D = m_1m_2$ .

We compute the weight numbers  $W(k)$  for  $K_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^j$  for  $j = 1, 2$ .

PROPOSITION 4.12. *Let  $d(k)$  denote the weight number for the diagonal polytope  $x_1^{m_1} + x_2^{m_2}$ . For  $0 \leq k \leq 2m_1m_2$  and  $1 \leq j \leq 2$ , the weight numbers for  $K_{2,(m_1,m_2)}^j$  are*

$$W_j(k) = d(k) + \begin{cases} 1 + j & \text{if } k = 2m_1m_2, \\ 1 & \text{if } m_1m_2 \leq k < 2m_1m_2 \text{ and } \gcd(k, m_1m_2) > 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

PROOF. The contribution to  $W_j(k) - d(k)$  comes from points  $(x_1, x_2)$  with at least one negative coordinate. Then  $x_1, x_2 \geq -2$  since  $k \leq 2m_1m_2$ .

When  $j = 2$ , there are  $2 + m_1 + m_2$  new lattice points having at least one negative coordinate:  $(-1, -1)$  with weight 1,  $(-2, -2)$  with weight 2,  $(-1, \ell)$  for  $0 \leq \ell < m_2$  and  $(\ell, -1)$  for  $0 \leq \ell < m_1$ . The equation of the face  $\delta$  through the vertices  $(-1, -1)$  and  $(m_1, 0)$  is  $\frac{1}{m_1}x_1 - \frac{m_1+1}{m_1}x_2 = 1$ . Using this, the weight of  $(\ell, -1)$  is  $k/m_1m_2$  with  $k = m_1m_2 + (\ell + 1)m_2$ . Similarly, the weight of  $(-1, \ell)$  is  $k/m_1m_2$  with  $k = m_1m_2 + (\ell + 1)m_1$ .

When  $j = 1$ , there are exactly  $m_2 + 2$  new lattice points having at least one negative coordinate:  $(-1, 0)$  with weight 1,  $(-2, 0)$  with weight 2, and the points  $(-1, \ell)$  for  $1 \leq \ell \leq m_2$ . Using the equation  $-x_1 + \frac{1}{m_2}x_2 = 1$  of the corresponding face  $\delta$ , the weight of  $(-1, \ell)$  is  $k/m_1m_2$  with  $k = m_1m_2 + m_1\ell$ .  $\square$

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