

# Algorithms for Cox rings

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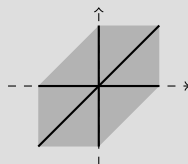
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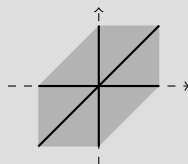
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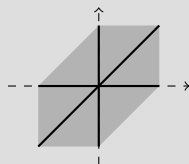
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**Features:** significant invariant,  $\text{Cl}(X)$ -factorial.

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The class of Mori dream spaces comprises

- toric varieties, spherical varieties,
- rational complexity-one  $T$ -varieties,
- smooth Fano varieties,
- general hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{P}_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ .

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### Remark:

- the vector  $w$  fixes a *GIT-cone*,
- this allows a treatment of Mori dream spaces in terms of commutative algebra and polyhedral combinatorics.

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Then  $\Sigma_X$  is the normalfan over the *fiber polytope*

$$B_w := Q^{-1}(w) \cap \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}^r - w' \subseteq \ker(Q) \cong M_{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

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# MDSpackage

Basic algorithms for Mori dream spaces implemented in MDSpackage (for Maple, with Hausen, LMS J. COMPUT. MATH.).

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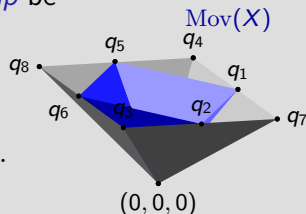
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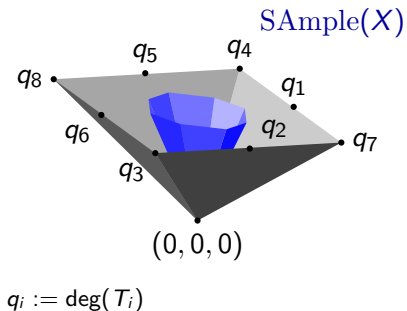


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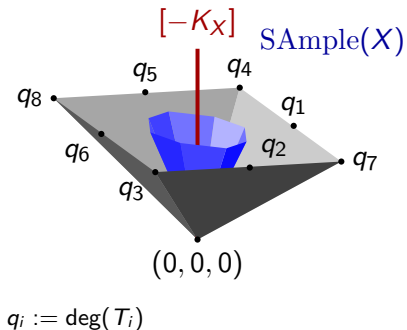


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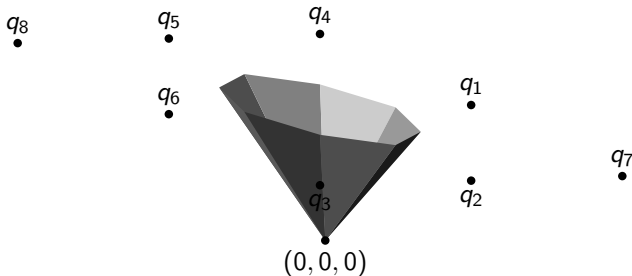


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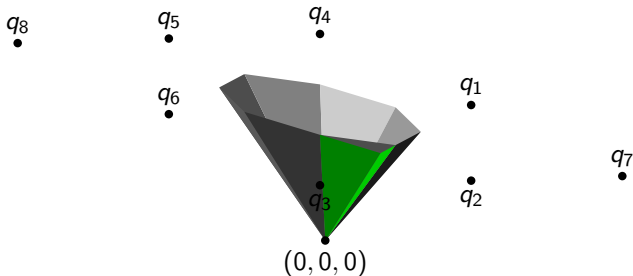


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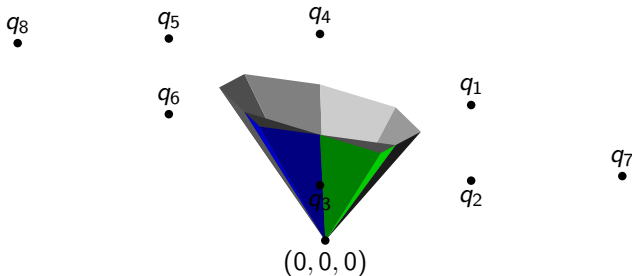


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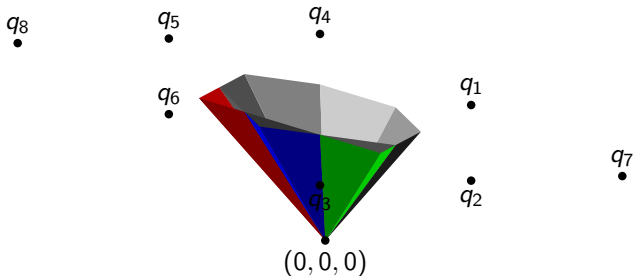


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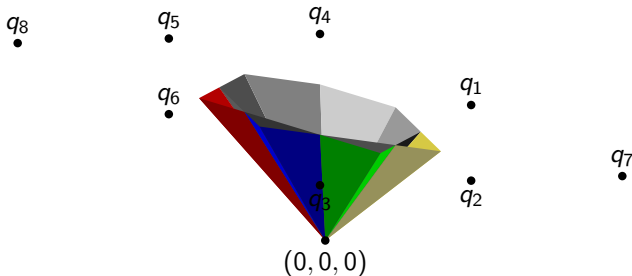


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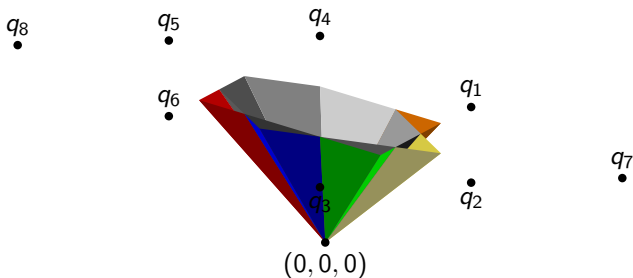


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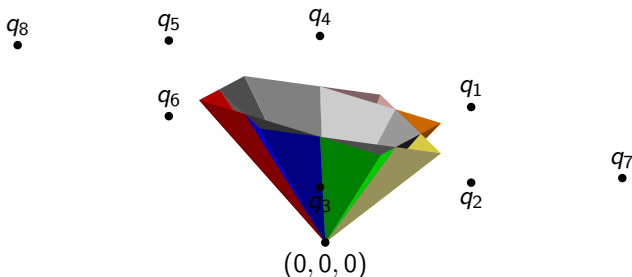


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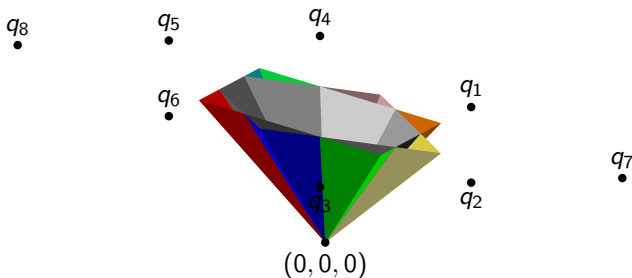


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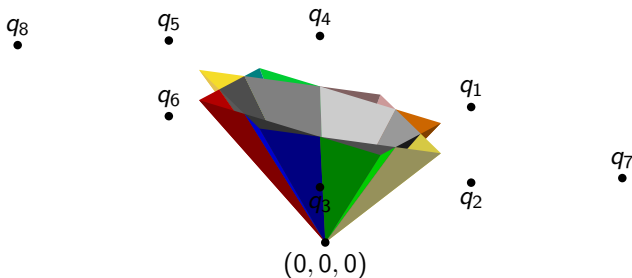


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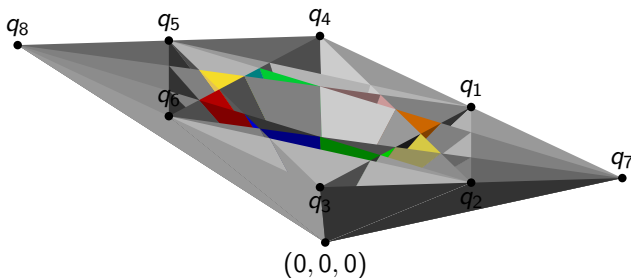


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# Advanced algorithms

**We present these recent, advanced algorithms:**

- ➊ Compute Cox rings of blow ups (with Hausen, Laface)
- ➋ Compute symmetries of Mori dream spaces (with Hausen, Wolf).



# (1) Computing Cox rings of modifications

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What is  $\text{Cox}(X_2)$ ?

## Cox rings of blow ups (with Hausen, Laface)

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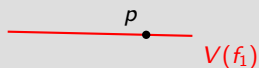
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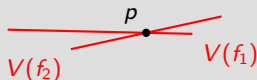
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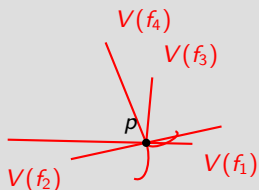
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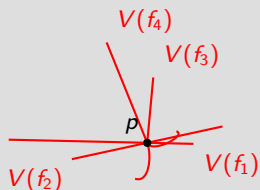
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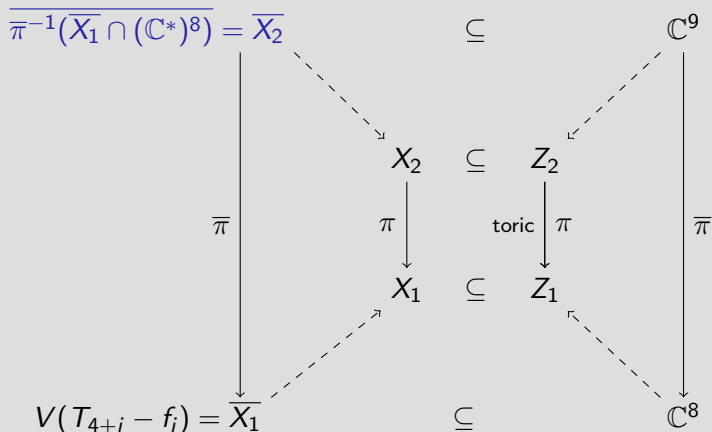
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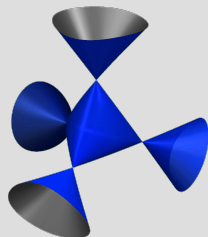
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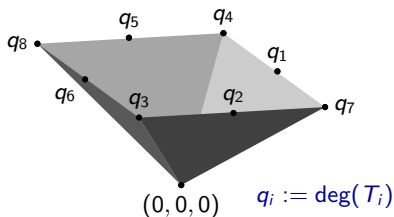
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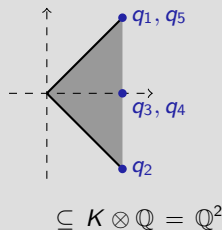
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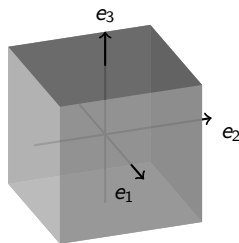
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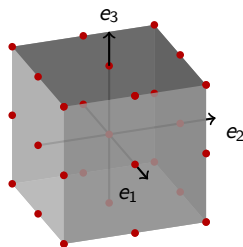
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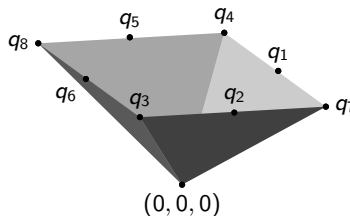
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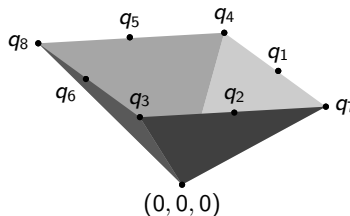
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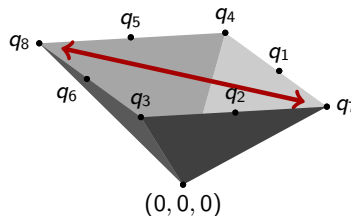
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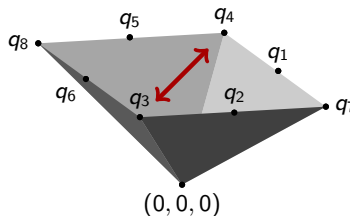
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# Applications and software

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