

# The hypersimplex and the $m = 2$ amplituhedron

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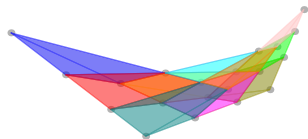
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- “The positive tropical Grassmannian, the hypersimplex, and the  $m = 2$  amplituhedron,” with Tomasz Lukowski and Matteo Parisi, arXiv:2002.06164
- “The positive Dressian equals the positive tropical Grassmannian,” with David Speyer, arXiv:2003.10231

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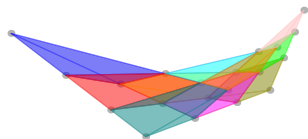


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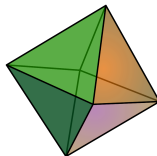
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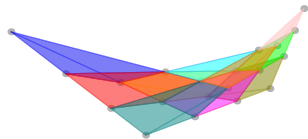
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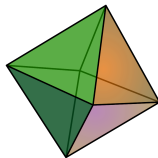
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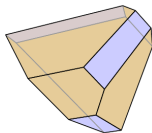
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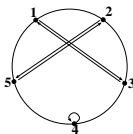
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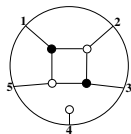
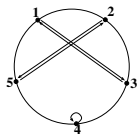
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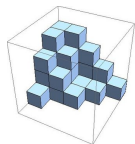
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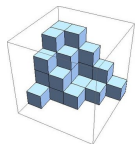
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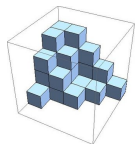
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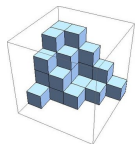
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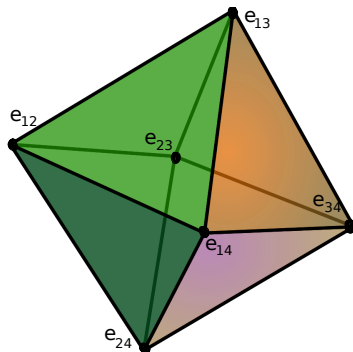
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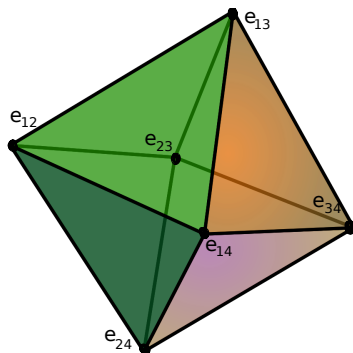
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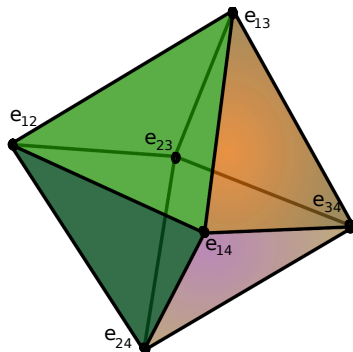
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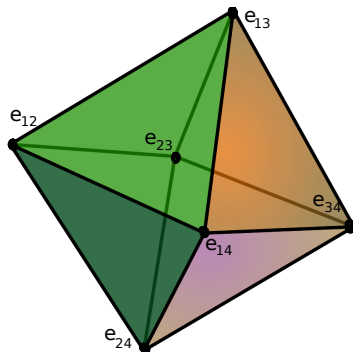
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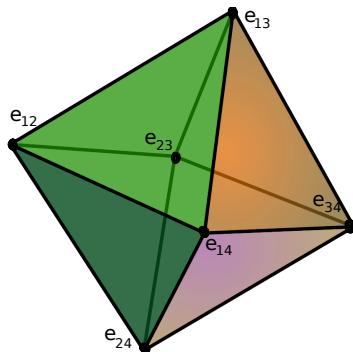
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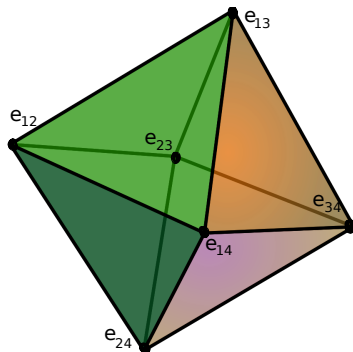


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where any fixed points declared to be loops. Call it **T-duality map**.

(The generalization of this map to  $m = 4$  is what physicists have already observed as a duality between the formulations of scattering amplitudes for  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM in momentum space and in momentum twistor space.)

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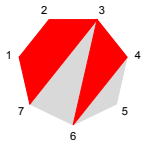
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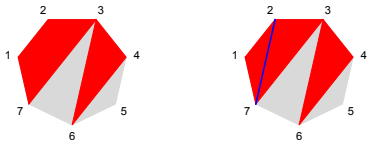
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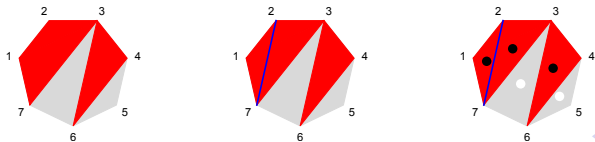
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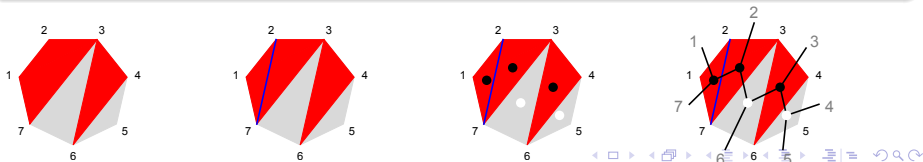
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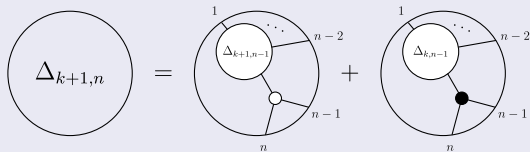
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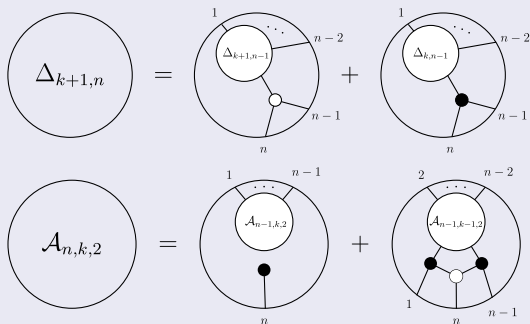


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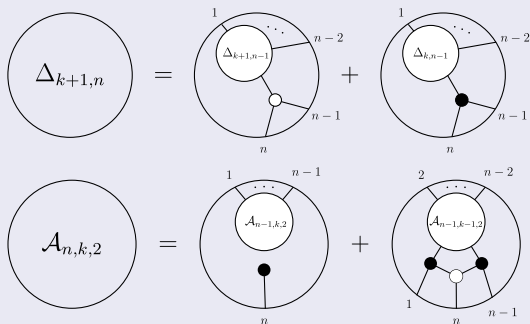


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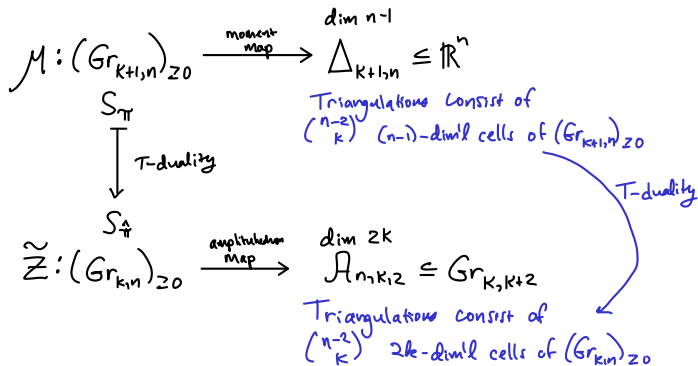
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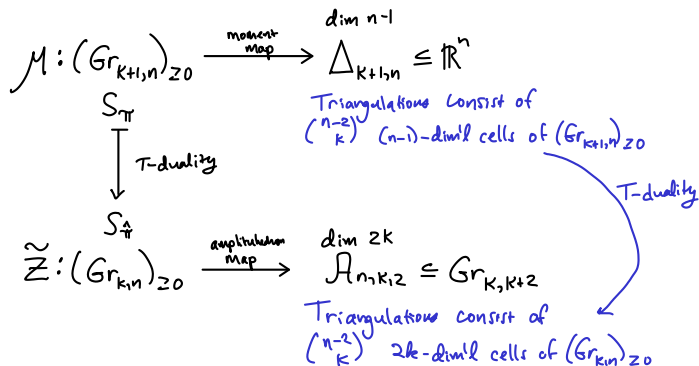
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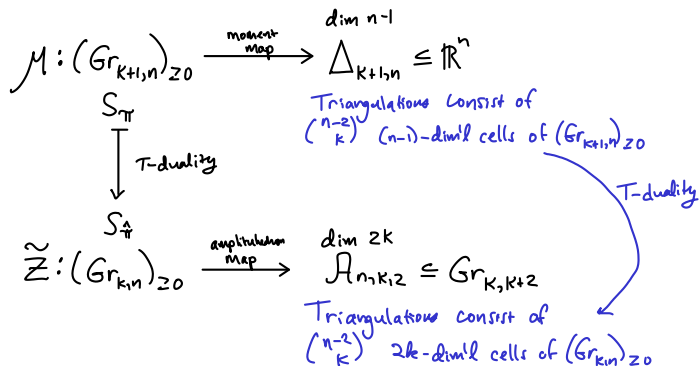
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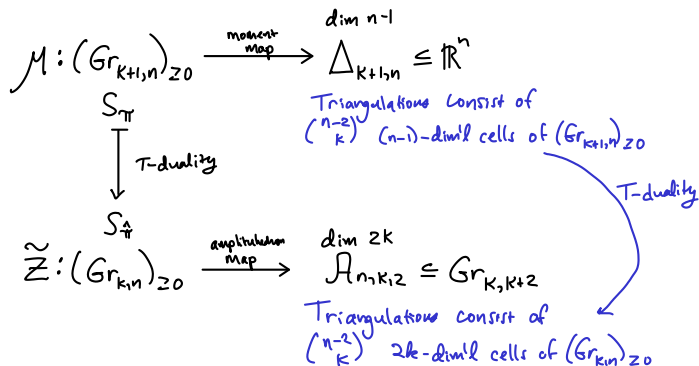
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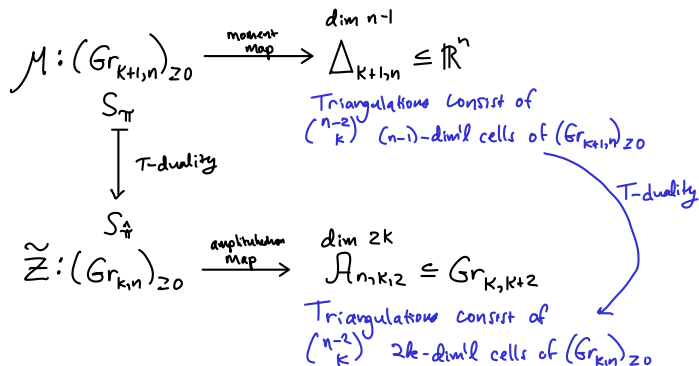
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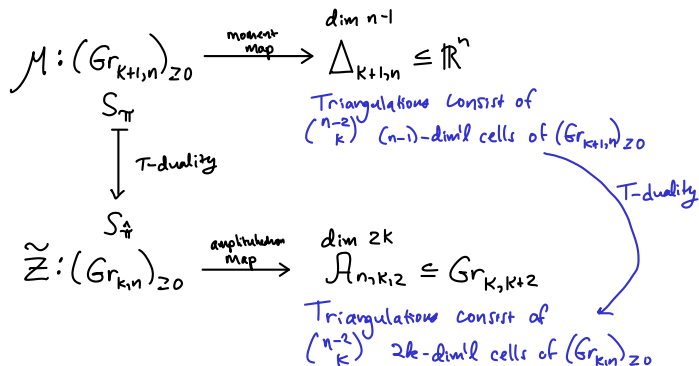


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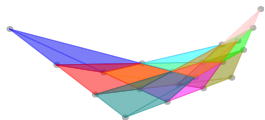
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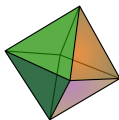
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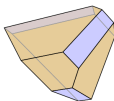
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- We set  $\pi(i) := j$  to be the label of the first column  $j$  such that  $c_i \in \text{span}\{c_{i+1}, c_{i+2}, \dots, c_j\}$ .
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defined by

$$\Phi_{\tilde{\Lambda}, \Lambda}(\langle v_1, \dots, v_{k+\frac{m}{2}} \rangle) := \left( \langle \tilde{\Lambda}(v_1), \dots, \tilde{\Lambda}(v_{k+\frac{m}{2}}) \rangle, \langle \Lambda(v_1^\perp), \dots, \Lambda(v_{n-k-\frac{m}{2}}^\perp) \rangle \right)$$

where  $\langle v_1, \dots, v_{k+\frac{m}{2}} \rangle \in \text{Gr}_{k+\frac{m}{2},n}^+$  is written as the span of basis vectors and  $\langle v_1^\perp, \dots, v_{n-k-\frac{m}{2}}^\perp \rangle := \langle v_1, \dots, v_{k+\frac{m}{2}} \rangle^\perp \in \text{Gr}_{n-k-\frac{m}{2},n}^{+,\tau}$  (also written as span).

## Definition

The *momentum amplituhedron*  $\mathcal{M}_{n,k,m}(\Lambda, \tilde{\Lambda})$  is defined as the image  $\Phi_{\tilde{\Lambda}, \Lambda}(\text{Gr}_{k+\frac{m}{2},n}^+)$  inside  $\text{Gr}_{k+\frac{m}{2},k+m} \times \text{Gr}_{n-k-\frac{m}{2},n-k}$ .