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To Miles Reid on his 70th birthday.

ABSTRACT

Cluster algebras give rise to a class of Gorenstein rings which enjoy a large amount of symmetry. Concentrating on the rank 2 cases, we show how cluster varieties can be used to construct many interesting projective algebraic varieties. Our main application is then to construct hundreds of families of Fano 3-folds in codimensions 4 and 5. In particular, for Fano 3-folds in codimension 4 we construct at least one family for 187 of the 206 possible Hilbert polynomials contained in the Graded Ring Database.

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1. Introduction

Cluster algebras were originally introduced in a series of papers by Fomin and Zelevinsky, starting with [FZ02], and have since been found to appear in many diverse branches of mathematics. They enjoy many remarkable properties, two of the most important of which are the *Laurent phenomenon* (i.e. that any cluster variable can be expanded as a Laurent polynomial in some distinguished subset of the other cluster variables) and, for cluster algebras of *finite type*, a classification parallel to the Cartan–Killing classification of Lie groups. In particular, a cluster algebra of finite type is generated by a finite number of cluster variables.

In the language of the wider cluster algebra literature, in this paper we use the term ‘cluster algebra’ to mean a *generalised* cluster algebra \mathcal{A} with *universal geometric coefficients*, and ‘cluster variety’ to mean the affine variety $X = \text{Spec } \mathcal{A}$. However, as algebraic geometers we like to take a more geometric approach to defining cluster varieties, in terms of the families of log Calabi–Yau surfaces constructed by Gross, Hacking and Keel [GHK15a]. Taking this approach provides a much clearer way to generalise our methods.

1.1 Motivation

Our primary motivation comes from classification problems in low-dimensional algebraic geometry. In particular, we have chosen to concentrate on the classification of Fano 3-folds (a.k.a. \mathbb{Q} -Fano 3-folds with at worst terminal singularities), but the methods of this paper would be just as applicable to constructing other types of projective algebraic varieties, including Calabi–Yau 3-folds, surfaces and 3-folds of general type. Hyperplane sections of our Fano 3-folds are either K3 surfaces or del Pezzo surfaces, with cyclic quotient singularities.

1.1.1 *Gorenstein formats.* For a formal definition of Gorenstein formats and key varieties, we refer to § 2.5 or [BKZ19]. Informally, a Gorenstein format is a succinct representation of the generators, relations and syzygies of a Gorenstein ring R . A key variety V is the generic case of

a format, that is, $V = \text{Spec } R$. We construct $\phi^{-1}(V) \subset \mathbb{A}_{z_1, \dots, z_n}^n$ by substituting the generators x_1, \dots, x_m of R with polynomials $x_i = \phi_i(z_1, \dots, z_n)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. If ϕ preserves the format of $\phi^{-1}(V)$, then this is called a regular pullback of V . If R is graded and we choose ϕ appropriately, then we can divide $\phi^{-1}(V)$ by the \mathbb{C}^* -action to get (weighted) projective varieties. In the best cases, V has a large torus action so that there are several choices of grading available.

For example, the origin $V := V(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ in \mathbb{A}^m , together with the Koszul resolution of its defining ideal, is a format. Regular pullbacks of V give hypersurfaces ($m = 1$) or complete intersections of codimension $m \geq 2$. Another classic example is the affine cone over the Plücker embedding of the Grassmannian $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ (cf. [CR02]). This is an instance of the Buchsbaum–Eisenbud theorem for projectively Gorenstein varieties in codimension 3. Moreover, we note that $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ also appears as the simplest non-trivial cluster variety, associated to the A_2 root system. Brown, Kasprzyk and Zhu [BKZ19] make a detailed analysis of $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ format (or, in our notation, A_2 format) for constructing Calabi–Yau and canonical 3-folds.

Other symmetric spaces, such as the orthogonal Grassmannian $\text{OGr}(5, 10)$, were used by Mukai to construct canonical curves, K3 surfaces and smooth Fano 3-folds of genus $6 \leq g \leq 10, 12$, among other things. In particular, it seems that the weighted $\text{OGr}(5, 10)$ format does not yield any other constructions of Fano 3-folds [CR02], but is moderately successful for canonical 3-folds [BKZ19].

1.1.2 *Fano 3-folds.* Previous efforts to construct Fano 3-folds in codimension 4 or higher include Tom and Jerry [BKR12, BS07a, BS07b, PR16, BKQ18]. There are also non-existence results for Fanos of high Fano index due to Prokhorov [Pro13, Pro16]. The approach taken in most of these works is to construct Fano 3-folds by various types of *unprojection*, that is, by starting at the midpoint of a Sarkisov link and working backwards, or something similar. In her forthcoming PhD thesis, Taylor has developed new types of unprojection to construct many of the codimension 4 Fano 3-fold candidates.

Despite the geometrically appealing nature of these constructions, unfortunately it is difficult to construct birationally rigid varieties this way since the corresponding Sarkisov link gives a non-trivial birational map which must necessarily return to the variety you started with. Our cluster formats give uniform descriptions for special subfamilies of the Hilbert scheme of Fano 3-folds, with no predisposition to the birational geometry. One advantage of this approach is that we construct some examples which are expected¹ to be birationally rigid (see § 5.6).

1.1.3 *Similar constructions.* The C_2 and G_2 cluster varieties appearing in this paper have been used in the literature before as key varieties to construct several interesting algebraic varieties. Indeed, C_2 format appears in the construction of Godeaux surfaces by Reid [Rei1] (see also § 5.9.1) and a version of G_2 format appears in the explicit construction of 3-fold flips (in the guise of one of Brown and Reid’s diptych varieties [BR17, § 5.2]) and 3-fold divisorial contractions [Duc15, Example 7.2].

1.2 Rank 2 cluster formats

There are four rank 2 cluster varieties of finite type corresponding to the four rank 2 root systems of finite type: $A_1 \times A_1$, A_2 , C_2 and G_2 . In each case the cluster algebra has a distinguished set of generators, called cluster variables, which can be put into correspondence with the almost

¹ Since the first version of this article appeared, Okada has proven birational rigidity in the expected cases [Oka20].

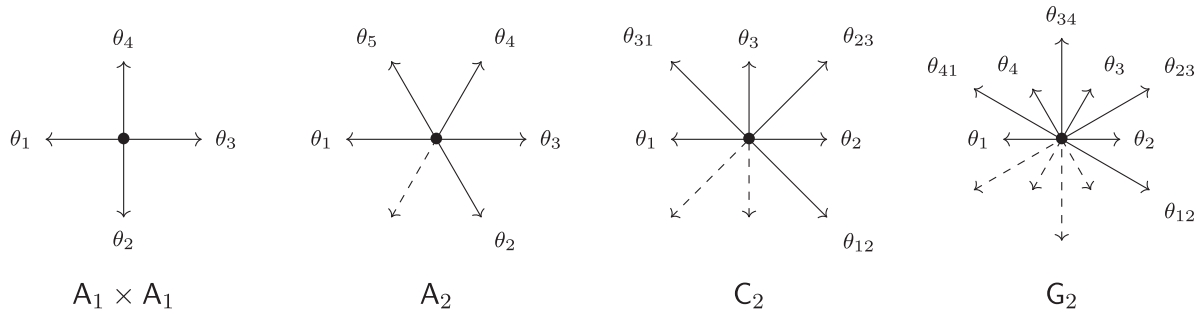


FIGURE 1. The almost positive roots in the root systems of rank 2.

positive roots of the corresponding root system, as shown in Figure 1.² Given two adjacent cluster variables, θ_1 and θ_2 say, any other cluster variable θ' can be written as a Laurent polynomial $\theta' = F(\theta_1, \theta_2)/\theta_1^{\alpha_1}\theta_2^{\alpha_2}$ where $\alpha_1 r_1 + \alpha_2 r_2$ is a positive root in the corresponding root system and r_1, r_2 are a basis of simple roots.

Given three consecutive cluster variables $\theta_{i-1}, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1}$ corresponding to roots r_{i-1}, r_i, r_{i+1} , say, the *tag* at θ_i is the integer d_i such that $r_{i-1} + r_{i+1} = d_i r_i$. As seen in (1.1) and (1.2) below, this tag records the degree of the exchange relation, $\theta_{i-1}\theta_{i+1} = f_i(\theta_i)$, where f_i is a polynomial of degree d_i over an appropriate coefficient ring.

The simplest rank 2 cluster variety, $A_1 \times A_1$ format, is a generic complete intersection of codimension 2. Moreover, as already mentioned, A_2 format coincides with $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ format (cf. §2.4). In this paper we concentrate on the C_2 case, which is a Gorenstein format of codimension 4, and the G_2 case, which is a Gorenstein format of codimension 6. Very concretely, the corresponding cluster varieties are the affine varieties given by the explicit equations appearing below. We will explain one way to derive these equations in §§3.1 and 4.1, but, for the applications we have in mind, we will essentially use them as black boxes with the nice properties described in §2.3.

1.2.1 C_2 format. The cluster variety $X_{C_2} = \text{Spec } \mathcal{A}_{C_2} \subset \mathbb{A}^{13}$ is an affine Gorenstein 9-fold of codimension 4, where \mathcal{A}_{C_2} is a \mathbb{Z}^6 -graded ring with 13 generators, 9 relations and 16 syzygies. The 13 generators are given by six *cluster variables* $\theta_1, \theta_{12}, \theta_2, \theta_{23}, \theta_3, \theta_{31}$, six *coefficients* $A_1, A_{12}, A_2, A_{23}, A_3, A_{31}$ and one *parameter* λ . The nine relations are:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i \theta_j &= A_{ij} \theta_{ij} + A_{jk} A_k A_{ki}, & (\times 3) \\ \theta_{ki} \theta_{ij} &= A_i \theta_i^2 + \lambda A_{jk} \theta_i + A_j A_{jk}^2 A_k, & (\times 3) \\ \theta_i \theta_{jk} &= A_{ij} A_j \theta_j + \lambda A_{ki} A_{ij} + A_k A_{ki} \theta_k, & (\times 3) \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where (i, j, k) are taken to vary over all Dih_6 -permutations of $(1, 2, 3)$.

1.2.2 G_2 format. The cluster variety $X_{G_2} = \text{Spec } \mathcal{A}_{G_2} \subset \mathbb{A}^{18}$ is an affine Gorenstein 12-fold of codimension 6, where \mathcal{A}_{G_2} is a \mathbb{Z}^8 -graded ring with 18 generators, 20 relations and 64 syzygies. The 18 generators are given by eight *cluster variables* $\theta_1, \theta_{12}, \theta_2, \theta_{23}, \theta_3, \theta_{34}, \theta_4, \theta_{41}$, eight

² We fix this as the notation we will use later on, where θ_i are attached to short roots and θ_{ij} are attached to long roots.

coefficients $A_1, A_{12}, A_2, A_{23}, A_3, A_{34}, A_4, A_{41}$ and two parameters $\lambda_{13}, \lambda_{24}$. The 20 relations are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta_i \theta_j &= A_{ij} \theta_{ij} + A_{jk} A_k A_{kl}^2 A_l A_{li}, & (\times 4) \\
 \theta_{ij} \theta_{jk} &= A_j \theta_j^3 + \lambda_{jl} A_{kl} A_{li} \theta_j^2 + \lambda_{ik} A_{kl}^2 A_l A_{li}^2 \theta_j + A_k A_{kl}^3 A_l^2 A_{li}^3 A_i, & (\times 4) \\
 \theta_i \theta_{jk} &= A_{ij} A_j \theta_j^2 + \lambda_{jl} A_{kl} A_{li} A_{ij} \theta_j + \lambda_{ik} A_{kl}^2 A_l A_{li}^2 A_{ij} + A_k A_{kl}^2 A_l A_{li} \theta_k, & (\times 8) \\
 \theta_i \theta_k &= A_{ij} A_j A_{jk} \theta_j + \lambda_{jl} A_{ij} A_{jk} A_{kl} A_{li} + A_{kl} A_l A_{li} \theta_l, & (\times 2) \\
 \theta_{ij} \theta_{kl} &= A_j A_{jk}^2 A_k \theta_j \theta_k + A_{li} A_{jk} (\lambda_{ik} \theta_i \theta_k + \lambda_{jl} \theta_j \theta_l) + A_l A_{li}^2 A_i \theta_l \theta_i + \dots & \\
 &+ A_{ij} A_{jk}^2 A_{kl} A_{li}^2 (A_i A_j A_k A_l - \lambda_{ik} \lambda_{jl}), & (\times 2)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.2}$$

where (i, j, k, l) are taken to vary over all Dih_8 -permutations of $(1, 2, 3, 4)$.

1.2.3 Relation to Gross, Hacking and Keel’s construction. Given a positive Looijenga pair (Y, D) (i.e. a rational surface Y and an ample anticanonical cycle $D \in |-K_Y|$), Gross, Hacking and Keel [GHK15a] define a family of mirror surfaces \mathcal{X} fibred over a toric base variety $B = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[\text{NE}(Y)]$. In this case, the family \mathcal{X}/B is a relatively Gorenstein affine scheme with nice properties, including a torus grading $\mathbb{T}^k \curvearrowright \mathcal{X}$. However, we are interested in working with (absolutely) Gorenstein varieties, so instead we consider a slightly different family. We first restrict \mathcal{X} to $\mathcal{X}|_{\mathbb{T}^n}$, over the dense torus orbit $\mathbb{T}^n \subset B$, and then extend this to an affine Gorenstein variety X/\mathbb{A}^n , corresponding to the closure of $\mathbb{T}^n \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ for some good choice of coordinates on \mathbb{T}^n . We take this X as our rank 2 cluster variety. In particular, the theta functions introduced by [GHK15a] play the role of the cluster variables. Our coefficients A_i correspond to coefficients (or frozen variables) in the language of cluster algebras. Our parameters, λ or λ_{ij} , do not appear in the original cluster algebra story; however, we see them to be unified with the other coefficients by taking this approach.

1.2.4 Unprojection structure. These cluster varieties come with a natural type I Gorenstein projection structure. The champion X_{G_2} has a projection to a complete intersection in codimension 2, given by eliminating the four tag 1 cluster variables $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{34}$ and θ_{41} . We get a projection cascade (part of which is shown in Figure 2) in which we see all of the other rank 2 cluster varieties, albeit not in their most natural presentation. In particular, this projection cascade also allows us to define two intermediate formats, $G_2^{(5)}$ and $G_2^{(4)}$, where the superscript denotes the codimension. The two codimension 4 formats behave like the two codimension 4 formats Tom and Jerry [BKR12]. Indeed, C_2 format can be written as a Tom unprojection from A_2 format, and $G_2^{(4)}$ format as a Jerry unprojection.

This should be an instance of the more general observation that whenever two Looijenga pairs are related by blowing down a (-1) -curve in the boundary divisor $\pi: (Y', D') \rightarrow (Y, D)$ then there is a relationship between the mirror families, described in [GHK15a, § 6.2]. The family \mathcal{X}/B for (Y, D) can be obtained from the family \mathcal{X}'/B' for (Y', D') as a pullback along the morphism of affine toric varieties $B \rightarrow B'$ induced by the inclusion of cones $\pi^*: \text{NE}(Y) \rightarrow \text{NE}(Y')$.

1.3 Main results

For definitions and notation concerning Fano 3-folds, we refer to § 5. The main result of this paper is the classification and construction of all families of quasismooth Fano 3-folds in C_2 or G_2 format. The full classification is available from [CD]. In total, we construct over 400 families in codimensions 4 and 5. There are none in codimension 6. About two-thirds of these families are prime. The following theorem highlights some more features of the classification.

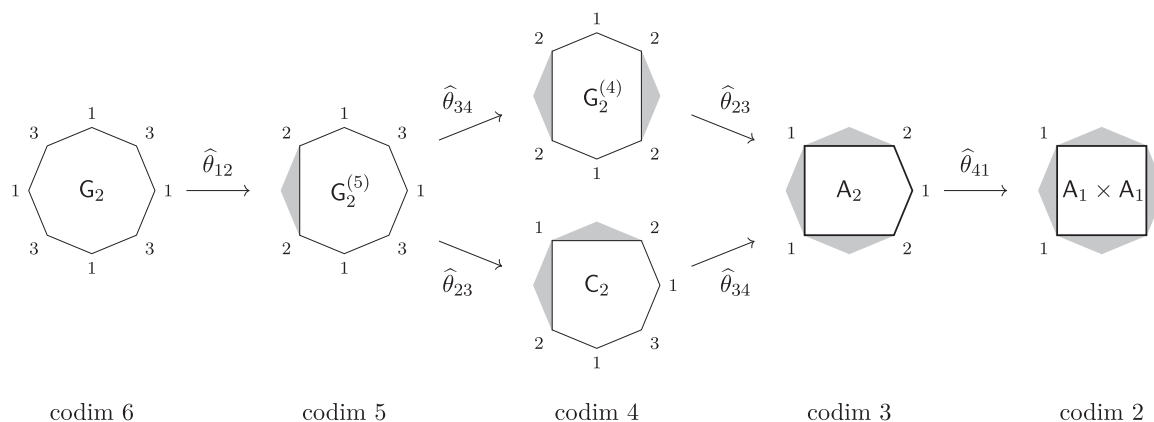


FIGURE 2. Part of the projection cascade for the G_2 cluster variety.

THEOREM 1.1.

- (i) *Of the 29 candidates in codimension 4 of index 1 and with no type I centre, 25 have at least one cluster format construction which is prime.*
- (ii) *Of the 61 candidates in codimension 4 of index at least 2, 45 have at least one cluster format construction which is prime.*
- (iii) *There are 50 families of codimension 5 Fano 3-folds in a cluster format.*

In particular, when combined with non-existence results of Prokhorov, part (ii) answers the question of existence of Fano 3-folds in codimension 4 with large Fano index.

COROLLARY 1.2. *For each candidate Fano 3-fold Hilbert series appearing in [GRDB] with codimension 4 and Fano index $q \geq 4$, then either there exists a prime Fano 3-fold with that Hilbert series or, by the work of Prokhorov, no such Fano 3-fold exists.*

Several of the codimension 4 candidates have constructions in both C_2 and $G_2^{(4)}$ formats, echoing Tom and Jerry [BKR12]. Around 270 of our constructions in codimension 4 have index 1 and a type I centre, and so are special subfamilies of those appearing in [BKR12].

We give a criterion for checking primality in cluster formats. It turns out that the families which are not prime are related to $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$, $(\mathbb{P}^1)^3$ or rolling factors formats. In particular, this answers the question of primality for those cases which overlap with [BKR12].

1.4 Outline of the paper

In §2 we give a brief introduction to cluster varieties, including their important properties. We also give a crash course on Gorenstein formats. In §§3 and 4 we look at the C_2 and G_2 rank 2 cluster formats in more detail and explain some ways of constructing them. We make a detailed study of their singular loci and the singular loci of some hyperplane sections, since this plays a crucial part in excluding bad cases from consideration. In §5 we explain how we apply these formats to construct Fano 3-folds and give many examples. In §6 we explain the computer algorithm that we use to make our classification.

1.5 Conventions and terminology

- Cluster varieties can be defined as schemes over \mathbb{Z} but, since the applications we have in mind are constructing complex projective varieties, we choose to work over \mathbb{C} throughout.
- We write $\mathbb{T}^k = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^k$ for the torus of rank k .
- We write Dih_{2n} for the dihedral group of order $2n$, which acts on the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$ labelling the vertices of a regular n -gon cyclically. Our cluster formats have variables θ_i, θ_{ij} , etc. indexed by $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and an action of Dih_{2n} , where $\pi \in \text{Dih}_{2n}$ acts by $\theta_{ij} \mapsto \theta_{\pi(i)\pi(j)}$ etc. Throughout this paper we always consider our labellings to be *unordered*, for example $\theta_{ij} = \theta_{ji}$.
- We write $\text{CI}^{(c)}$ to denote a complete intersection of codimension c .
- We write down a skew-symmetric matrix M by specifying the strict upper triangular part only. We use $\text{Pf}_k M$ to denote the ideal generated by the $k \times k$ maximal Pfaffians of M .
- We make free reference to the terminology of Tom and Jerry [BKR12].
- A variety Y in weighted projective space is *quasismooth* if the affine cone \widehat{Y} has at worst an isolated singularity at the vertex.
- A variable x in a graded ring is *redundant* if it satisfies a relation of the form $x = \dots$, where \dots is an expression in terms of the other ring generators.

2. Cluster varieties of rank 2

We only give a very brief recap of the theory established by Gross, Hacking and Keel [GHK15a] since we are primarily interested in using our two cluster varieties X_{C_2} and X_{G_2} to construct examples of Fano 3-folds. In particular, we summarise the results of several calculations without providing many of the details. Hopefully this is enough to provide some motivation for their existence and basic properties, as well as giving some hints as to how other families of log Calabi–Yau surfaces (or higher-dimensional varieties) could be used as key varieties. The reader is perfectly entitled to ignore this section if they are willing to take our key varieties X_{C_2} and X_{G_2} as black boxes with the properties described in §§ 2.3 and 2.5.

2.1 Looijenga pairs

A *Looijenga pair* (Y, D) is a projective rational surface Y together with a reduced anticanonical cycle $D = \sum_{i=1}^k D_i \in |-K_Y|$.

2.1.1 *The A_2, C_2 and G_2 Looijenga pairs.* We will consider (Y, D) to be one of the following three cases.³

- (A_2) Let $k = 5$ and $(-D_i^2 : i = 1, \dots, 5) = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$.
- (C_2) Let $k = 6$ and $(-D_i^2 : i = 1, \dots, 6) = (2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1)$.
- (G_2) Let $k = 8$ and $(-D_i^2 : i = 1, \dots, 8) = (3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1)$.

For convenience, in the C_2 case we relabel the boundary divisors $D_1, D_{12}, D_2, \dots, D_{31}$, so that $D_i^2 = -2$ and $D_{ij}^2 = -1$, and similarly in the G_2 case.

2.1.2 *Toric models.* Any Looijenga pair can be obtained, possibly after a sequence of toric blow-ups, as the blow-up of a toric surface (\bar{Y}, \bar{D}) at points along the toric boundary divisor \bar{D} ,

³ We could also consider the $A_1 \times A_1$ case, with $k = 4$ and $(-D_i^2 : i = 1, \dots, 4) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$.

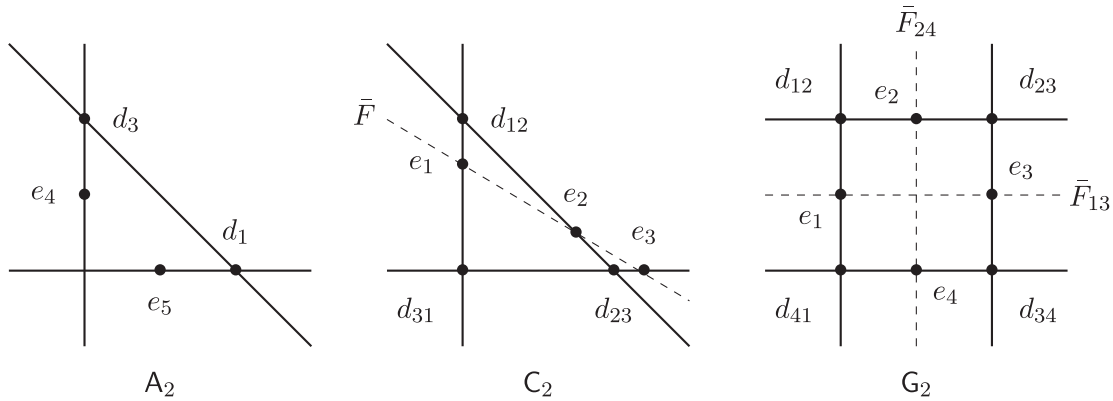


FIGURE 3. The configurations of points blown up to obtain Y_{A_2} , Y_{C_2} and Y_{G_2} .

such that $D \subset Y$ is the strict transform of $\bar{D} \subset \bar{Y}$ (cf. [GHK15a, Proposition 1.3]). We can realise special cases⁴ of the three examples above by considering blow-ups

$$\pi_{A_2}: Y_{A_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2, \quad \pi_{C_2}: Y_{C_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2, \quad \pi_{G_2}: Y_{G_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

at the configurations of points described below, and shown in Figure 3.

Let $\text{exc}(p)$ be the exceptional divisor above a point p , let $\pi^{-1}(\bar{C})$ be the strict transform of a curve \bar{C} under a birational map π , let $L_{p,q}$ be the line in \mathbb{P}^2 which passes through two points p, q , and let $M_{p,q,r}$ be the curve of bidegree $(1, 1)$ in $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ which passes through three points p, q, r . Then the blow-ups we consider are given by the following.

- (A₂) Let $\bar{D}_2 + \bar{D}_4 + \bar{D}_5$ be the toric boundary components of \mathbb{P}^2 . We obtain Y_{A_2} by blowing up the two intersection points $d_1 = \bar{D}_5 \cap \bar{D}_2$, $d_3 = \bar{D}_2 \cap \bar{D}_4$ and two general points $e_4 \in \bar{D}_4$, $e_5 \in \bar{D}_5$.

The anticanonical cycle $D \subset Y_{A_2}$ is given by $D_1 = \text{exc}(d_1)$, $D_2 = \pi^{-1}(\bar{D}_2)$, $D_3 = \text{exc}(d_3)$, $D_4 = \pi^{-1}(\bar{D}_4)$ and $D_5 = \pi^{-1}(\bar{D}_5)$. Moreover, we note that Y_{A_2} contains five interior (-1) -curves $E_1 = \pi^{-1}(L_{d_1,e_4})$, $E_2 = \pi^{-1}(L_{e_4,e_5})$, $E_3 = \pi^{-1}(L_{d_3,e_5})$, $E_4 = \text{exc}(e_4)$ and $E_5 = \text{exc}(e_5)$.

- (C₂) Let $\bar{D}_1 + \bar{D}_2 + \bar{D}_3$ be the toric boundary components of \mathbb{P}^2 . We obtain Y_{C_2} by blowing up the three intersection points $d_{ij} = \bar{D}_i \cap \bar{D}_j$ and three points $e_i \in \bar{D}_i \cap \bar{F}$, where \bar{F} is a line in general position with respect to \bar{D} .

Let (i, j, k) vary over all Dih_6 -permutations of $(1, 2, 3)$. Then the anticanonical cycle $D \subset Y_{A_2}$ is given by $D_i = \pi^{-1}(\bar{D}_i)$ and $D_{ij} = \text{exc}(d_{ij})$. Moreover, we note that Y_{C_2} contains six interior (-1) -curves $E_i = \text{exc}(e_i)$ and $E_{ij} = \pi^{-1}(L_{d_{ij},e_k})$, and one interior (-2) -curve $F = \pi^{-1}(\bar{F})$.

- (G₂) Let $\bar{D}_1 + \bar{D}_2 + \bar{D}_3 + \bar{D}_4$ be the toric boundary components of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. We obtain Y_{G_2} by blowing up the four intersection points $d_{ij} = \bar{D}_i \cap \bar{D}_j$ and four points $e_i \in \bar{D}_i \cap (\bar{F}_{13} \cup \bar{F}_{24})$, where \bar{F}_{13} and \bar{F}_{24} are two curves of bidegree $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ which are in general position with respect to \bar{D} .

Let (i, j, k, l) vary over all Dih_8 -permutations of $(1, 2, 3, 4)$. Then the anticanonical cycle $D \subset Y_{G_2}$ is given by $D_i = \pi^{-1}(\bar{D}_i)$ and $D_{ij} = \text{exc}(d_{ij})$. Moreover, we note that Y_{G_2}

⁴ More generally, we could consider blowing up points e_i which lie in general position along $\bar{D}_i \subset \bar{Y}$. However this does not change the final description of our cluster variety.

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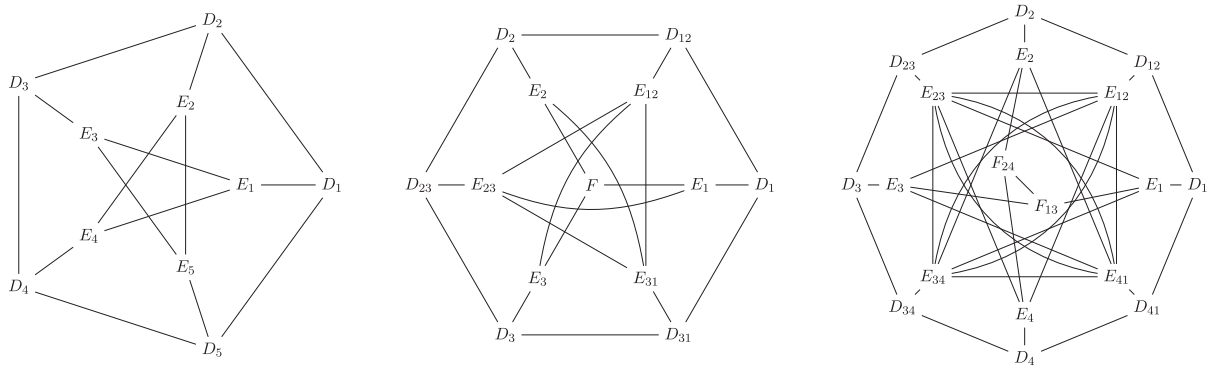


FIGURE 4. Dual intersection diagrams for the extremal curves on Y_{A_2} , Y_{C_2} and Y_{G_2} .

contains eight interior (-1) -curves $E_i = \text{exc}(e_i)$ and $E_{ij} = \pi^{-1}(M_{d_{ij}, e_k, e_l})$, and two interior (-2) -curves $F_{ik} = \pi^{-1}(\bar{F}_{ik})$.

2.1.3 *The Mori cone* $\text{NE}(Y)$. A Looijenga pair (Y, D) is said to be *positive* if the cycle D supports an ample divisor. In particular, this implies that the Mori cone $\text{NE}(Y) \subset N_1(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a closed finite polyhedral cone.

In the A_2 , C_2 and G_2 cases, (Y, D) is positive and the Mori cone $\text{NE}(Y)$ is spanned by 10, 13 and 18 extremal rays respectively, corresponding to the classes $[D_i], [D_{ij}], [E_i], [E_{ij}], [F], [F_{ik}]$ described above. A (-1) -curve contained in $Y \setminus D$ must intersect the boundary divisor D at precisely one point, in the interior of a component D_i or D_{ij} . In each of the three cases there is precisely one (-1) -curve E_i which intersects D_i and one (-1) -curve E_{ij} which intersects D_{ij} . Figure 4 depicts the dual intersection diagrams for the curves in Y belonging to the extremal rays of $\text{NE}(Y)$.⁵

2.1.4 *The intersection pairing and the Looijenga roots.* We have the usual intersection pairing

$$(\cdot, \cdot) : N_1(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}} \times N^1(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}.$$

Let $\mathbf{D} \subset N^1(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ be the sublattice $\mathbf{D} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathbb{Z}[D_i]$, spanned by the components of D . Then elements α of the subspace

$$\mathbf{D}^{\perp} = \{[C] \in N_1(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}} : [D] \cdot [C] = 0 \text{ for all } D \in \mathbf{D}\} \subset N_1(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

satisfying $\alpha^2 = -2$ are called *Looijenga roots*.⁶ In the A_2 case $\mathbf{D}^{\perp} = \emptyset$, in the C_2 case $\mathbf{D}^{\perp} = \mathbb{Z}[F]$ forms a root system of type A_1 , and in the G_2 case $\mathbf{D}^{\perp} = \mathbb{Z}\langle [F_{13}], [F_{24}] \rangle$ forms a root system of type A_2 .

2.2 The mirror family \mathcal{X} and the cluster variety X

We now describe the mirror family \mathcal{X} introduced by Gross, Hacking and Keel and the related cluster variety X . In both cases these are families of mildly singular (log canonical) surfaces.

⁵ There are two pairs of double edges in the G_2 graph since $E_{12} \cdot E_{34} = E_{23} \cdot E_{41} = 2$ in Y_{G_2} , but otherwise all of the (non-self-)intersection numbers are 0 or 1.

⁶ In general, for a Looijenga pair (Y, D) whose boundary divisor has a negative definite intersection matrix, there is a further condition to ensure that α corresponds to the parallel transport of the class of an internal (-2) -curve on a deformation equivalent pair; cf. [GHK15b, Theorem 3.3].

The first \mathcal{X} is defined over a singular base variety B , whereas X is defined over a much nicer base variety \mathbb{A}^n .

2.2.1 *The mirror family \mathcal{X} .* The mirror family \mathcal{X} , for a Looijenga pair (Y, D) , is a deformation of the *vertex*

$$\mathbb{V}_k = (\mathbb{A}_{\theta_1, \theta_2}^2 \cup \mathbb{A}_{\theta_2, \theta_3}^2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{A}_{\theta_{k-1}, \theta_k}^2 \cup \mathbb{A}_{\theta_k, \theta_1}^2) \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k}^k,$$

with k equal to the number of components of $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^k D_i$, defined by introducing theta functions and using the machinery of scattering diagrams. If (Y, D) is positive, then the construction yields an algebraic variety \mathcal{X} with the following nice properties.

- (i) \mathcal{X}/B is a deformation of \mathbb{V}_k over the affine toric variety:

$$B := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\text{NE}(Y)]) = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[z^C : [C] \in \text{NE}(Y)]).$$

- (ii) \mathcal{X}/B is a flat family of affine Gorenstein surfaces with at worst semi-log canonical singularities.
- (iii) The action of the torus $\mathbb{T}^D = \mathbf{D} \otimes \mathbb{C}^*$ on B , given by

$$\lambda_i \cdot (z^C) = \lambda_i^{D_i \cdot C} z^C \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k,$$

extends uniquely to a \mathbb{T}^D -action on \mathcal{X} .

Our only problem with trying to use \mathcal{X}/B as a key variety directly is that the total space \mathcal{X} is not Gorenstein, but only *relatively* Gorenstein.

2.2.2 *The cluster variety X .* For that reason we consider a slightly different family, by first taking the restriction $\mathcal{X}|_{\mathbb{T}^n}$ to the structure torus $\mathbb{T}^n \subset B$ and then considering the variety X/\mathbb{A}^n , obtained by the compactification $\mathbb{T}^n \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ with respect to some natural choice of coordinates on \mathbb{T}^n :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{X} & \longleftarrow & \mathcal{X}|_{\mathbb{T}^n} & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{T}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{A}^n \end{array}$$

This choice of coordinates is described in § 3.1 for the C_2 cluster variety and in § 4.1 for the G_2 cluster variety.

2.3 Basic properties

The cluster variety X inherits all of the good properties of the mirror family \mathcal{X} . In particular, X is a normal affine Gorenstein variety and has a \mathbb{T}^D action. We summarise some of the basic properties of the cluster variety X that will be important later on.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *The cluster variety $X = \text{Spec } \mathcal{A}$ has the following properties:*

- (i) X is a normal, prime, Gorenstein, affine variety;
- (ii) X has an action by $G \times \mathbb{T}^D$ for some finite symmetry group G .

Moreover, because of the nice structure of the equations we also have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.2. *The cluster variety X has a partial open covering by complete intersection affine hypersurfaces*

$$U_i = X \cap (\theta_i \neq 0) \quad \text{and} \quad U_{ij} = X \cap (\theta_{ij} \neq 0).$$

The complement of these pieces is called the *deep locus* of X and breaks up into a union of subvarieties of very high codimension. See §3.3 for an example.

Remark 2.3. These open sets make it possible to check the singular loci (see §6.2) and compute the rank of the divisor class group (see §5.2) of regular pullbacks from X .

2.4 The A_2 case

As a warm-up we explain how this works in the A_2 case.

2.4.1 *Equations for the mirror family \mathcal{X}_{A_2} .* The equations for $\mathcal{X}_{A_2}/B_{A_2}$ are worked out in [GHK15a, Example 3.7]. To simplify the notation we let $A_i = z^{[D_i]}$ and $B_i = z^{[E_i]}$. The base variety B_{A_2} is a toric variety defined by 10 equations,

$$A_i B_i = A_{i-2} A_{i+2} = B_{i-1} B_{i+1},$$

and there are five relative equations,

$$\theta_{i-1} \theta_{i+1} = A_i \theta_i + A_i B_i,$$

which define \mathcal{X}_{A_2} as a scheme over B_{A_2} . Therefore the total space $\mathcal{X}_{A_2} \subset \mathbb{A}_{\theta_i}^5 \times \mathbb{A}_{A_i, B_i}^{10}$ is an affine variety of codimension 8 defined by 15 equations. This variety is Cohen–Macaulay, but not Gorenstein.

2.4.2 *The cluster variety X_{A_2} .* To recover the Grassmannian $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ we restrict \mathcal{X} to the locus $\mathcal{X}|_{\mathbb{T}^5} \subset \mathcal{X}$ over the structure torus $\mathbb{T}^5 \subset B$. After writing all of the elements of $N_1(Y)$ in terms of the basis $[D_i]$, the equations become

$$\theta_{i-1} \theta_{i+1} = A_i \theta_i + A_{i-2} A_{i+2}$$

which we see to be ideal, given by the 4×4 maximal Pfaffians of a 5×5 skew-symmetric matrix

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} A_5 & \theta_1 & \theta_2 & A_3 \\ & A_2 & \theta_3 & \theta_4 \\ & & A_4 & \theta_5 \\ & & & A_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Taking the closure of $\mathcal{X}|_{\mathbb{T}^5}$ over $\mathbb{T}^5 \subset \mathbb{A}_{A_i}^5$ gives the cluster variety X_{A_2} . Indeed, we see that X_{A_2} is nothing other than the affine cone over the Grassmannian $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ in its Plücker embedding.

2.4.3 *Symmetries.* X_{A_2} has the action of the group $\text{Dih}_{10} \times \mathbb{T}^D$, where Dih_{10} permutes the indices $\{1, \dots, 5\}$. The characters for the \mathbb{T}^D -action are given by $\chi_i(z^C) = D_i \cdot C$, as shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1. The character table for $\mathbb{T}^D \curvearrowright X_{\mathbb{A}_2}$.

	θ_1	θ_2	θ_3	θ_4	θ_5	A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4	A_5
χ_1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	1
χ_2	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	0
χ_3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0
χ_4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	1
χ_5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-1

2.5 Cluster varieties as key varieties

Suppose that $X = \text{Spec } \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ is an affine cluster variety with torus action $\mathbb{T}^k \times X \rightarrow X$. Define the character lattice $M = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}^k, \mathbb{T}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^k$ and the dual lattice of one-parameter subgroups $M^\vee = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T}^k)$, together with the perfect pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: M \times M^\vee \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. The following objects are all endowed with an M -grading induced by the torus action: the coordinate ring $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{\chi \in M} \mathcal{A}_\chi$, the ambient ring $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n}$, the minimal free resolution \mathbb{F} of \mathcal{A} as an $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n}$ -module and the Hilbert series of X ,

$$P_X(t_1, \dots, t_k) = \sum_{\chi \in M} \dim(\mathcal{A}_\chi) t_1^{\chi_1} \cdots t_k^{\chi_k}.$$

Following the definition of a Gorenstein format by Brown, Kasprzyk and Zhu [BKZ19], we make the following definition.

DEFINITION 2.4. A cluster format is a triple (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) where $X \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ is a cluster variety, μ is the character of an action $\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright X$ and \mathbb{F} is a \mathbb{Z} -graded resolution of \mathcal{A} as an $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n}$ -module. If X is the cluster variety of finite type \mathbb{T} we also call this \mathbb{T} format.

In this set-up, a cluster format is determined by the choice of cluster variety X and a one-parameter subgroup $\rho \in M^\vee$. For such a ρ , the action of $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}$ on $v_\chi \in \mathcal{A}_\chi$ is given by $\lambda \cdot v_\chi \mapsto \lambda^{\langle \rho, \chi \rangle} v_\chi$, and extended to all of \mathcal{A} linearly. The degree of v_χ is this exponent, denoted by $d(v_\chi) := \langle \rho, \chi \rangle$. Thus ρ induces a \mathbb{Z} -grading on $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{A}_d$, where $\mathcal{A}_d = \bigoplus_{\{\chi \in M: \langle \chi, \rho \rangle = d\}} \mathcal{A}_\chi$. The polynomial ring $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n}$ is \mathbb{Z} -graded in a similar way, which determines the character $\mu = \langle \rho, \cdot \rangle$ of the \mathbb{T} -action and a \mathbb{Z} -grading on \mathbb{F} .

Fix a cluster format (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) of codimension c and consider the polynomial ring $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^m} = \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_m]$ with a (positive) \mathbb{Z} -grading (a_1, \dots, a_m) . Let $\phi: \mathbb{A}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$ be a homogeneous morphism of degree 0 with respect to the given grading on $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^m}$ and the μ -grading on $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^n}$ (i.e. ϕ is \mathbb{T} -equivariant).

PROPOSITION-DEFINITION 2.5 (Cf. [Rei2, Proposition 1.3]). Let $\widehat{Y} = \phi^{-1}(X) \subset \mathbb{A}^m$ for a morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$ homogeneous of degree 0, as above. Then \widehat{Y} is called a regular pullback of X if one of the following equivalent conditions holds.

- (i) $\widehat{Y} \subset \mathbb{A}^m$ has codimension c .
- (ii) The pullback of \mathbb{F} by ϕ is a free resolution of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^m}$ -modules.
- (iii) If x_i are coordinates on \mathbb{A}^n , then $x_i - \phi^*(x_i)$ form a regular sequence on $\mathbb{A}^m \times \mathbb{A}^n$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

The point of the definition is that all of the equations, the syzygies, the Hilbert series, etc. of \widehat{Y} come from the cluster format (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) together with the morphism ϕ . Since ϕ is \mathbb{T} -equivariant, we may define the weighted projective variety associated to (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) and ϕ by taking the geometric invariant theory (GIT) quotient

$$Y = (\widehat{Y} //_{\mu} \mathbb{T}) \subset \mathbb{P}(a_1, \dots, a_m).$$

See [Examples 3.4](#) and [4.4](#) for details.

Remark 2.6.

(i) The character μ is allowed to have non-positive weights, since if x_i is a coordinate with $d(x_i) < 0$ then $\phi^*(x_i) = 0$.

(ii) By considering larger torus actions \mathbb{T}^d for $d \leq k$, we could also use X as a key variety for the Cox ring of some variation of geometric invariant theory (VGIT) quotient, for example to construct 3-fold flips as with Brown and Reid’s diptych varieties [\[BR17\]](#), divisorial extractions as in [\[Duc15\]](#), or Sarkisov links in the style of Brown and Zucconi [\[BZ10\]](#).

In this paper we consider the first generalisation. Our convention is always to assume that ϕ is a generic morphism, and therefore that $\phi^*(v) \neq 0$ is a non-zero constant if $d(v) = 0$.

We end this section with a useful lemma.

LEMMA 2.7 (Singularity avoidance lemma). *Let $\widehat{Y} = \phi^{-1}(X)$ be a regular pullback where $\phi: \mathbb{A}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$ is a morphism of graded degree 0.*

- (i) $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing}(X)) \subseteq \text{sing}(\widehat{Y})$.
- (ii) Let $\Pi = V(f_1, \dots, f_c) \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ be a homogeneous complete intersection of codimension $c \leq m$. Then either
 - (a) $\phi^{-1}(\Pi) = \emptyset$, which happens if and only if $d(f_i) = 0$ and $\phi^*(f_i) \neq 0$ for some i , or
 - (b) $\dim \phi^{-1}(\Pi) \geq m - c$.
- (iii) If \widehat{Y} is the affine cone over a quasismooth weighted projective variety Y , then $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing}(X))$ is at worst the cone point $P \in \widehat{Y}$. Moreover, if $\Pi \subseteq \text{sing}(X)$ is a homogeneous complete intersection in \mathbb{A}^n of codimension less than m , then $d(f) = 0$ and $\phi^*(f) \neq 0$ for some generator $f \in I(\Pi)$.

Proof. Suppose X is defined by equations g_1, \dots, g_d in variables x_1, \dots, x_n and \widehat{Y} is defined by equations h_1, \dots, h_d in variables y_1, \dots, y_m , where $h_i(y_1, \dots, y_m) = g_i(\phi^*(x_1), \dots, \phi^*(x_n))$ for all i . Now, by the chain rule for differentiation, we have

$$\text{Jac}(\widehat{Y}) = \left(\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial y_j} \right) = \phi^* \left(\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_k} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \phi^*(x_k)}{\partial y_j} \right) = \phi^*(\text{Jac}(X)) \cdot \text{Jac}(\phi),$$

and when the rank of $\text{Jac}(X)$ is less than c then the rank of $\text{Jac}(\widehat{Y})$ must be less than c . This proves statement (i).

Statement (ii) follows from $\phi^{-1}(\Pi) = V(\phi^*(f_1), \dots, \phi^*(f_c)) \subset \mathbb{A}^m$, which is an intersection of c homogeneous polynomials in \mathbb{A}^m . These define a locus of dimension at least $m - c$, unless one $\phi^*(f_i)$ is identically non-zero. This can only happen if $d(f_i) = 0$ and $\phi^*(f_i) \neq 0$.

Statement (iii) follows directly from (i) and (ii). □

Remark 2.8. In our situation, $\phi: \mathbb{A}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$ is usually a generic immersion. One might ask whether $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing}(X))$ being empty implies that $\text{sing}(\widehat{Y})$ is empty. This is not true; the rank of $\text{Jac}(\widehat{Y})$ may drop if the image of $\text{Jac}(\phi)$ intersects too much of the kernel of $\phi^*(\text{Jac}(X))$. See § 6.3 for examples.

Remark 2.9. Our codimension 4 cluster formats determine certain loci inside SpH_8 , the Spin-Hom variety introduced by Reid in [Rei15]. The main theorem of [Rei15] puts codimension 4 Gorenstein ideals I into correspondence with regular pullbacks by suitable morphisms $\varphi: \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \text{SpH}_k$, thus SpH_k acts as a key variety for the $(k + 1) \times 2k$ first syzygy matrix of I . We specify a grading on $\text{Mor}(\mathbb{A}^8, \text{SpH}_8)$ and only consider those morphisms landing in the cluster locus. We classify the components of this space which correspond to quasismooth varieties. This is a tractable case of a question raised in [Rei15, § 4.8].

3. C₂ cluster format

Recall that the cluster variety $X_{C_2} \subset \mathbb{A}^{13}$ is the affine Gorenstein 9-fold in codimension 4 described in § 1.2.1. We now describe how to derive equations (1.1) defining X_{C_2} from the mirror family \mathcal{X}_{C_2} . Throughout the whole of this section we consider subscripts (i, j, k) in all formulae to vary over all of the Dih_6 -permutations of $(1, 2, 3)$.

3.1 The equations for C₂ format

Recall that the mirror family \mathcal{X}_{C_2} is defined over a toric basic variety $B_{C_2} = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\text{NE}(Y_{C_2})])$.

3.1.1 *The toric base B_{C_2} .* In this case B_{C_2} is a singular affine toric variety with 18 equations of the form $z^X = z^Y$, where $X = Y$ is a linear relation in $N_1(Y_{C_2})$ for some classes $X, Y \in \text{NE}(Y_{C_2})$. We only write down six of these 18 equations, which will be relevant to the following calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} [D_i] + 2[E_i] + [F] &= [D_j] + 2[D_{jk}] + [D_k], \\ [D_{ij}] + [E_{ij}] &= [D_{jk}] + [D_k] + [D_{ki}]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

3.1.2 *The mirror family \mathcal{X}_{C_2} .* In this case, the mirror family $\mathcal{X}_{C_2}/B_{C_2}$ is defined by nine relative equations. These nine equations are determined by the six tag equations

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i \theta_j &= z^{D_{ij}} (\theta_{ij} + z^{E_{ij}}), \\ \theta_{ij} \theta_{jk} &= z^{D_j} (\theta_j + z^{E_j}) (\theta_j + z^{E_j + F}), \end{aligned}$$

where the monomials appearing in the right-hand side of these equations come from counting certain classes of rational curves on Y_{C_2} . In general, the expectation that the coefficients appearing in the mirror algebra can be interpreted in terms of the enumerative geometry of Y is described in [GS18].

In the case above, the first tag equation is of the form $\theta_i \theta_j = \sum_{m=1}^2 z^{[\Sigma_m]} \theta_{ij}^{-D_{ij} \cdot \Sigma_m}$, where $[\Sigma_1] = [D_{ij}]$ and $[\Sigma_2] = [D_{ij}] + [E_{ij}]$ are the two classes of an effective rational curve $\Sigma \subset Y_{C_2}$ such that $\Sigma \cdot D_i = \Sigma \cdot D_j = 1$, and $\Sigma \cdot D' = 0$ for all other irreducible components in the boundary $D' \subset D$. Similarly, the second tag equation is $\theta_{ij} \theta_{jk} = \sum_{m=1}^4 z^{[\Sigma_m]} \theta_j^{-D_j \cdot \Sigma_m}$, where $[\Sigma_1] = [D_j]$, $[\Sigma_2] = [D_j] + [E_j]$, $[\Sigma_3] = [D_j] + [E_j] + [F]$ and $[\Sigma_4] = [D_j] + 2[E_j] + [F]$ are the four classes of an effective rational curve $\Sigma \subset Y_{C_2}$ such that $\Sigma \cdot D_{ij} = \Sigma \cdot D_{jk} = 1$, and $\Sigma \cdot D' = 0$ for all other

TABLE 2. The character table for $\mathbb{T}^D \curvearrowright X_{C_2}$.

	θ_1	θ_{12}	θ_2	θ_{23}	θ_3	θ_{31}	A_1	A_{12}	A_2	A_{23}	A_3	A_{31}	λ
χ_1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	1	0	0	0	1	-1
χ_{12}	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	1
χ_2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-2	1	0	0	-1
χ_{23}	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	1
χ_3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-2	1	-1
χ_{31}	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	-1	1

irreducible components in the boundary $D' \subset D$. The remaining equations, which are of the form $\theta_i \theta_{jk} = \dots$, can be obtained either by a similar calculation (i.e. finding the relevant classes of rational curves passing between D_i and D_{jk}) or by simply calculating the relation which is implied birationally from the tag equations.⁷

Remark 3.1. Since we are primarily concerned with the existence of X_{C_2} we do not take the time to give a rigorous proof of this description. To do that one would either have to calculate the relevant Gromov–Witten invariants for Y or (similarly to [GHK15a, Example 3.7]) show that there is a consistent scattering diagram with six rays, corresponding to the six cluster variables, with the attached functions $z^{D_{ij}}(1 + z^{E_{ij}}\theta_{ij}^{-1})$ and $z^{D_j}(1 + z^{E_j}\theta_j^{-1})(1 + z^{E_j+F}\theta_j^{-1})$.

3.1.3 *The cluster variety X_{C_2} .* We write $N_1(Y_{C_2}) = \mathbf{D} \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\delta]$, according to the \mathbb{Q} -basis $[D_1], \dots, [D_{31}], \delta$, where

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2}([D_1] + [D_2] + [D_3] - [F]) = \pi_{C_2}^* H - D_{12} - D_{23} - D_{31},$$

in which π_{C_2} is as in § 2.1.2 and H is the hyperplane class on \mathbb{P}^2 . The reason for this choice of basis is that, by the equations for B_{C_2} (3.1), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [E_i] &= [D_{jk}] - [D_i] + \delta, \\ [E_{ij}] &= [D_{jk}] + [D_k] + [D_{ki}] - [D_{ij}], \end{aligned}$$

which allows us to eliminate the coefficients $z^{E_i}, z^{E_{ij}}$ in a Dih_6 -invariant way. After doing this, and setting $A_i := z^{D_i}, A_{ij} := z^{D_{ij}}$ and $\lambda := z^\delta(1 + z^F)$ to simplify the notation, we arrive at our desired equations (1.1), albeit defined over the torus $\mathbb{T}_{A_1, \dots, A_{31}, \lambda}^7$. Since all the exponents that appear in the equations are positive and integral, the equations defining $\mathcal{X}_{C_2}|_{\mathbb{T}^7}$ immediately extend to obtain the cluster variety X_{C_2}/\mathbb{A}^7 .

3.1.4 *Symmetries.* The cluster variety X_{C_2} has the action of $\text{Dih}_6 \times \mathbb{T}^6$, where Dih_6 permutes the indices $\{1, 2, 3\}$. The torus action $\mathbb{T}^6 = \mathbb{T}^D \curvearrowright X_{C_2}$ is determined by the six characters χ_i, χ_{ij} , as defined in § 2.2.1. Since $\delta \cdot [D_i] = -1$ for all i and $\delta \cdot [D_{ij}] = 1$ for all i, j , the character table for $\mathbb{T}^D \curvearrowright X_{C_2}$ is given by Table 2.

3.2 Alternative presentations for C_2 format

The nine equations (1.1) can be presented in a number of different ways.

⁷ In much the same way that the tag equations of a toric variety determine all of the other equations.

3.2.1 *Crazy Pfaffian format.* The equations can be written in a 6×6 *crazy Pfaffian* format:

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} A_3A_{31} & \theta_1 & \theta_{12} & A_2\theta_2 + \lambda A_{31} & A_2A_{23}A_3 + \lambda\theta_1 \\ & A_{12} & \theta_2 & \theta_{23} & A_3\theta_3 + \lambda A_{12} \\ & & A_{23} & \theta_3 & \theta_{31} \\ & & & A_{31}A_1 & A_1\theta_1 \\ & & & & A_1A_{12}A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where the variables A_1, A_2, A_3 are *floating factors*. In other words, after expanding these Pfaffians some of the relations are found to be divisible by A_1, A_2 or A_3 . In crazy Pfaffian format we allow ourselves to divide by these floating factors wherever possible. In particular, if we set $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 1$ and $\lambda = 0$ then we recover the codimension 4 *extrasymmetric format* which first appeared in Dicks’ thesis [Dic88], and now in many other places.

3.2.2 *Triple unprojection structure.* Eliminating $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{31}$ from \mathcal{A}_{C_2} gives a Gorenstein projection $X_{C_2} \dashrightarrow Z$ where Z is the hypersurface:

$$\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 = A_{31}A_1A_{12}\theta_1 + A_{12}A_2A_{23}\theta_2 + A_{23}A_3A_{31}\theta_3 + \lambda A_{12}A_{23}A_{31}.$$

This variety Z is a family of affine cubic surfaces over $\mathbb{A}_{A_i, A_{ij}, \lambda}^7$ whose general member has three lines at infinity meeting at three $\frac{1}{2}(1, 1)$ singularities, obtained by contracting the three (-2) -curves in the boundary divisor of Y_{C_2} . The variable θ_{ij} can be recovered from Z as a serial Gorenstein type I unprojection of the divisor $\Pi_{ij} = V(A_{ij}, \theta_k)$. This gives rise to the following description as an interlaced 4×4 -Pfaffian format for the three matrices:

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} A_kA_{ki} & \theta_i & \theta_{ij} & A_j\theta_j + \lambda A_{ki} \\ & A_{ij} & \theta_j & \theta_{jk} \\ & & A_{jk} & \theta_k \\ & & & A_{ki}A_i \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.2}$$

where two Pfaffian equations in each matrix are repeated in one of the other two matrices. From any one of these three matrices, X_{C_2} is given by unprojecting the Tom_3 ideal $(A_{ki}, \theta_{ij}, \theta_j, \theta_{jk})$ with unprojection variable θ_{ki} .

3.2.3 *Papadakis and Neves’ $\binom{n}{2}$ Pfaffian format.* Papadakis and Neves [PN09] define the $\binom{n}{2}$ *Pfaffian format* as a series of parallel type I unprojections from a certain codimension 1 ring. When $n = 3$ (and in different notation from [PN09]) it is given by the parallel unprojection of the three ideals $(u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2), (u_3, v_3)$ contained in the hypersurface:

$$Cu_1u_2u_3 - D_1v_1u_2u_3 - D_2u_1v_2u_3 - D_3u_1u_2v_3 + E_1u_1v_2v_3 + E_2v_1u_2v_3 + E_3v_1v_2u_3 - Fv_1v_2v_3 = 0.$$

The result is a Gorenstein ring in codimension 4 with 9×16 equations and syzygies. For (i, j, k) any Dih_6 -permutation of $(1, 2, 3)$, the nine equations are

$$w_iu_i = D_iu_ju_k - E_ju_jv_k - E_ku_kv_j + Fv_jv_k, \tag{\times 3}$$

$$w_iv_i = Cu_ju_k - D_ju_kv_j - D_ku_jv_k + E_iv_jv_k, \tag{\times 3}$$

$$w_jw_k = (D_jD_k - CE_i)u_i^2 + (CF + D_iE_i - D_jE_j - D_kE_k)u_iv_i + (E_jE_k - D_iF)v_i^2, \tag{\times 3}$$

and (as can be seen from the hypersurface model Z of § 3.2.2) if we set

$$(u_i, v_i, w_i; C, D_i, E_i, F) \mapsto (\theta_i, A_{jk}, \theta_{jk}; 1, 0, -A_i, \lambda)$$

then we recover X_{C_2} . The $\binom{3}{2}$ Pfaffians ring has symmetry group⁸ $\text{BDih}_6 \times \mathbb{T}^7$ which is slightly larger than $\text{Dih}_6 \times \mathbb{T}^6$, the symmetry group of X_{C_2} .

Remark 3.2. The reason why we stick to the cluster algebra format and do not consider this more general format is mainly due to computational advantage. Even though this ring is not that much bigger than \mathcal{A}_{C_2} (and has greater symmetry) in almost all computations the computer has a much harder time working with it. For example, the decomposition of $\binom{3}{2}$ Pfaffian format into affine charts is more complicated than for X_{C_2} , which is worked out next.

Question: Can we also obtain the $\binom{3}{2}$ Pfaffians variety from \mathcal{X}_{C_2} ? It seems a little suspicious that the rank of the torus action is now bigger, and that part of the symmetry switches cluster variables θ_{ij} with coefficients A_{ij} .

3.3 Affine pieces and the deep locus

We explain in more detail the partial covering of the C_2 cluster variety from Lemma 2.2. In the locus where the cluster variable θ_{12} does not vanish, the equations defining $X_{C_2} \cap (\theta_{12} \neq 0)$ reduce to $\text{CI}^{(4)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{31}\theta_{12} &= A_1\theta_1^2 + \lambda A_{23}\theta_1 + A_2A_{23}^2A_3, \\ \theta_{12}\theta_{23} &= A_2\theta_2^2 + \lambda A_{31}\theta_2 + A_3A_{31}^2A_1, \\ \theta_1\theta_2 &= A_{12}\theta_{12} + A_{23}A_3A_{31}, \\ \theta_3\theta_{12} &= A_{31}A_1\theta_1 + \lambda A_{23}A_{31} + A_2A_{23}\theta_2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if any of the other cluster variables θ_i, θ_{ij} are non-vanishing, the equations also reduce to $\text{CI}^{(4)}$. Therefore X_{C_2} is partly covered by six affine $\text{CI}^{(4)}$ charts and the remaining ‘deep locus’ $X_0 = X \cap V(\theta_1, \theta_{12}, \theta_2, \theta_{23}, \theta_3, \theta_{31})$ decomposes into 11 pieces. Up to the Dih_6 symmetry, these are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}_{A_1, A_2, A_3, \lambda}^4 &= V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{31}, A_{12}, A_{23}, A_{31}), & (\times 1) \\ \mathbb{A}_{A_{23}, A_{31}, A_1, A_2}^4 &= V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{31}, A_3, A_{12}, \lambda), & (\times 3) \\ \mathbb{A}_{A_{31}, A_2, A_3, \lambda}^4 &= V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{31}, A_1, A_{12}, A_{23}), & (\times 6) \\ \mathbb{A}_{A_{12}, A_{23}, A_{31}}^3 &= V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{31}, A_1, A_2, A_3, \lambda). & (\times 1) \end{aligned}$$

3.4 Regular pullbacks from C_2 format

Let $(X_{C_2}, \mu, \mathbb{F})$ be a C_2 format determined by the one-parameter subgroup

$$\rho = (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_{31}): \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^D.$$

The action on X_{C_2} is readily computed from Table 2; we just multiply the matrix of torus weights on the left by ρ to obtain $d(\theta_i) = \rho_i, d(\theta_{ij}) = \rho_{ij}, d(A_i) = \rho_{ki} - 2\rho_i + \rho_{ij}, d(A_{ij}) = \rho_i - \rho_{ij} + \rho_j$ and $d(\lambda) = \rho_{12} + \rho_{23} + \rho_{31} - \rho_1 - \rho_2 - \rho_3$.

⁸ BDih_6 is the binary dihedral group (i.e. a central extension of D_6 of order 2). In this case the extra involution switches $u_i \leftrightarrow v_i, D_i \leftrightarrow E_i$ and $C \leftrightarrow F$.

We use the shorthand

$$C_2 \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \phi^*(\theta_{12}) & \phi^*(\theta_{23}) & \phi^*(\theta_{31}) & \phi^*(\theta_1) & \phi^*(\theta_2) & \phi^*(\theta_3) \\ \phi^*(A_{12}) & \phi^*(A_{23}) & \phi^*(A_{31}) & \phi^*(A_1) & \phi^*(A_2) & \phi^*(A_3) \end{array} \middle| \phi^*(\lambda) \right)$$

to write down a regular pullback from C_2 format, and the same array with integer entries if we wish to denote a generic pullback with given degrees.

The M -graded Hilbert series of X_{C_2} can be computed using Macaulay2 (or even by hand), and we can easily translate this into the \mathbb{Z} -graded Hilbert series of $(X_{C_2}, \mu, \mathbb{F})$:

$$P_{(X_{C_2}, \mu, \mathbb{F})}(t) = P_{X_{C_2}}(t^{\rho_1}, t^{\rho_{12}}, t^{\rho_2}, t^{\rho_{23}}, t^{\rho_3}, t^{\rho_{31}}).$$

The resolution \mathbb{F} is Gorenstein codimension 4 with nine relations and 16 syzygies, and the Hilbert numerator is of the form

$$1 - \sum (t^{\rho_i + \rho_j} + t^{\rho_{ij} + \rho_{jk}} + t^{\rho_i + \rho_{jk}}) + \dots + t^\alpha,$$

where the adjunction number is $\alpha = \rho_1 + \rho_{12} + \rho_2 + \rho_{23} + \rho_3 + \rho_{31}$.

3.5 Singular locus

We want to construct quasismooth three-dimensional varieties via regular pullback from a key variety X that turns out to be rather singular. According to Lemma 2.7, we have to control the dimension of the pullback of $\text{sing}(X)$, so we first compute the singular locus of X_{C_2} and of some distinguished subvarieties of X_{C_2} .

LEMMA 3.3. *The reduced singular locus of X_{C_2} is contained in the deep locus*

$$\text{sing}(X_{C_2}) \subset X_0 = X_{C_2} \cap V(\theta_1, \theta_{12}, \theta_2, \theta_{23}, \theta_3, \theta_{31})$$

and decomposes into four irreducible linear subvarieties, given by

$$\mathbb{A}_{A_1, A_2, A_3, \lambda}^4 = X_0 \cap V(A_{12}, A_{23}, A_{31}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{A}_{A_i, A_{jk}}^2 = X_0 \cap V(A_{ij}, A_j, A_k, A_{ki}, \lambda).$$

In particular, all components of the singular locus have codimension at least 5 in X_{C_2} .

Moreover, the singular locus of the hyperplane section $X^z := X_{C_2} \cap V(z)$ contains the following bad components of codimension at least 3.

- (i) $\text{sing}(X^{\theta_i})$ is contained in the locus $X_0^{\theta_i} := X^{\theta_i} \cap V(\theta_{ij}, \theta_j, \theta_k, \theta_{ki})$ and contains the following component which has codimension 3 in X^{θ_i} :

$$\mathbb{A}_{\theta_{jk}, A_i, A_j, A_k, \lambda}^5 = X_0^{\theta_i} \cap V(A_{ij}, A_{jk}, A_{ki}).$$

- (ii) $\text{sing}(X^{\theta_{ij}})$ contains the following component which has codimension 1 in $X^{\theta_{ij}}$:

$$X^{\theta_{ij}} \cap V(\theta_i, \theta_j, A_{jk}, A_{ki}).$$

- (iii) $\text{sing}(X^{A_i})$ is contained in the locus $X_0^{A_i} := X^{A_i} \cap V(\theta_{ij}, \theta_j, \theta_{jk}, \theta_k, \theta_{ki})$ and contains the following component which has codimension 3 in X^{A_i} :

$$\mathbb{A}_{\theta_i, A_{ij}, A_j, A_k, A_{ki}}^5 = X_0^{A_i} \cap V(A_i, A_{jk}, \lambda).$$

(iv) $\text{sing}(X^{A_{ij}})$ is contained in the locus $X_0^{A_{ij}} := X^{A_{ij}} \cap V(\theta_j, \theta_{jk}, \theta_k, \theta_{ki}, \theta_i)$ and contains the following component which has codimension 3 in $X^{A_{ij}}$:

$$\mathbb{A}_{\theta_{ij}, A_i, A_j, A_k, \lambda}^5 = X_0^{A_{ij}} \cap V(A_{ij}, A_{jk}, A_{ki}).$$

Proof. The statements about singular loci can easily be checked by using Macaulay2 or Magma (cf. [Rei1, Theorem 1.1]). Note that if $\theta_{ij} = 0$ then $T = A_i\theta_i/A_{jk} = A_j\theta_j/A_{ki}$ are solutions to the equation $T^2 + \lambda T + A_1A_2A_3 = 0$ in the ring $\mathcal{O}_{X^{\theta_{ij}}}$, so $X^{\theta_{ij}}$ is not normal. Since $X^{\theta_{ij}}$ is Gorenstein, and hence S_2 , it must be singular in codimension 1. \square

3.6 Quasismoothness conditions

Let $\widehat{Y} \subset \mathbb{A}^8$ be the four-dimensional affine cone over a quasismooth weighted projective 3-fold $Y \subset w\mathbb{P}^7$ given as a regular pullback of the C_2 cluster variety. The following proposition lists the conditions imposed on the format by avoiding large components in the singular locus of X_{C_2} .

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Suppose that $\widehat{Y} := \phi^{-1}(X_{C_2})$ is a regular pullback and is not a complete intersection. Then, for all i, j , we must have $d(\theta_i) > 0$, $d(\theta_{ij}) > 0$ and one of the following conditions must hold.*

- (i) *If $d(A_{ij}) > 0$ for all i, j and $d(\lambda) > 0$, then we say \widehat{Y} is in C_2 format. In this case, $d(A_i) \geq 0$ for all i .*
- (ii) *If $d(A_{ij}) > 0$ for all i, j and $d(\lambda) = 0$, then we say \widehat{Y} is in $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format. In this case, either*
 - (a) $d(A_1) = d(A_2) = d(A_3) = 0$, or
 - (b) $d(A_i) < 0$ for some i .
- (iii) *If $d(A_{ij}) = 0$ then we say \widehat{Y} is in $A_2 + \text{CI}^{(1)}$ format. In this case, all of $A_i, A_{jk}, A_{ki}, A_j, \lambda$ have positive degree.*

Proof. If $d(\theta_i) = 0$ for some i , or if $d(\theta_{ij}) = 0$ for some i, j , then we can eliminate most of the equations to be left with a $\text{CI}^{(4)}$. Therefore we may assume that $d(\theta_i) \neq 0$ and $d(\theta_{ij}) \neq 0$ for all i, j .

We now prove that the stated conditions on the degrees of the variables hold through the following series of claims. We repeatedly use the following argument: if a variable z has degree $d(z) < 0$ then $\phi^*(z) = 0$, and hence ϕ must factor as a regular pullback from X^z . Then, by Lemma 2.7(iii), some of the other variables must be non-vanishing and constant in order to avoid pulling back the bad components in $\text{sing}(X^z)$ of codimension at least 3, listed in Lemma 3.3.

CLAIM 1. Any one of $d(\theta_i) < 0$, $d(\theta_{ij}) < 0$ or $d(A_{ij}) < 0$ cannot happen.

If $d(\theta_i) < 0$ then ϕ factors through X^{θ_i} and, in order to avoid pulling back the bad component of Lemma 3.3(i), we must have $d(A_{ij}) = 0$, $d(A_{jk}) = 0$ or $d(A_{ki}) = 0$. This puts us in case (iii) below, but with a zero entry appearing in the Pfaffian matrix. Hence \widehat{Y} will fail to be quasismooth, by [BKZ19, Proposition 2.7]. Similarly for the cases $d(\theta_{ij}) < 0$ and $d(A_{ij}) < 0$.

CLAIM 2. If $d(A_i) < 0$ for some i , then we are either in case (ii)(b) or case (iii).

To avoid pulling back the bad component of $\text{sing}(X^{A_i})$ we need either $d(\lambda) = 0$, which puts us in case (ii)(b), or $d(A_{jk}) = 0$, which puts us in case (iii).

CLAIM 3. If $d(\lambda) = 0$ then we are in case (ii), and $d(\lambda) < 0$ cannot happen.

From Table 2 we have the relation $2d(\lambda) = d(A_1) + d(A_2) + d(A_3)$. Therefore $d(\lambda) = 0$ implies either that $d(A_1) = d(A_2) = d(A_3) = 0$ or that $d(A_i) < 0$ for some i , which are the two conditions of case (ii). If $d(\lambda) < 0$ then $d(A_i) < 0$ for some i and by Claim 2 we end up in case (iii), but with a zero entry in the Pfaffian matrix. Hence \widehat{Y} will not be quasismooth, as in the conclusion of Claim 1.

This completes the analysis of the allowed degrees in cases (i)–(iii). We now show that case (ii) is equivalent to $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format and case (iii) is equivalent to $A_2 + \text{CI}^{(1)}$ format. \square

Case (ii) is $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format. In case (ii)(a), ϕ factors through the regular pullback of X_{C_2} by the morphism $\phi_1: \mathbb{A}^9 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{13}$, given by $\phi_1^*(\lambda) = \phi_1^*(A_1) = \phi_1^*(A_2) = \phi_1^*(A_3) = 1$ and $\phi_1^*(z) = z$ for all other variables. If we make the change of variables $X_i = (1 + \omega)(\theta_i - \omega A_{jk})$ and $Y_i = (1 + \omega^2)(\theta_i - \omega^2 A_{jk})$ for ω a primitive third root of unity, the equations defining $\phi_1^{-1}(X_{C_2})$ can be written as

$$\bigwedge^2 \begin{pmatrix} -\theta_{12} & X_2 & Y_1 \\ Y_2 & -\theta_{23} & X_3 \\ X_1 & Y_3 & -\theta_{31} \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

so that $\phi_1^{-1}(X_{C_2})$ is a regular pullback from $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format.

In case (ii)(b), pulling back X_{C_2} by the morphism $\phi_2: \mathbb{A}^{11} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{13}$ given by $\phi_2^*(\lambda) = 1$, $\phi_2^*(A_i) = 0$ and $\phi_2^*(z) = z$ for all other variables, gives

$$\bigwedge^2 \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{ij} & A_j\theta_j + A_{ki} & A_jA_{jk}A_k + \theta_i \\ \theta_j & \theta_{jk} & A_k\theta_k + A_{ij} \\ A_{jk} & \theta_k & \theta_{ki} \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

so that $\phi_2^{-1}(X_{C_2})$ can also be rewritten as a regular pullback from $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format.

Case (iii) is $A_2 + \text{CI}^{(1)}$ format. In case (iii), pulling back X_{C_2} by the morphism $\phi_3: \mathbb{A}^{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{13}$ given by $\phi_3^*(A_{ij}) = 1$ and $\phi_3^*(z) = z$ for all other variables, gives

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} A_i & \theta_j & \theta_{jk} & A_k\theta_k + \lambda \\ & A_{jk} & \theta_k & \theta_{ki} \\ & & A_{ki} & \theta_i \\ & & & A_j \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_{ij} = \theta_i\theta_j - A_{jk}A_kA_{ki}.$$

Therefore, $\phi_3^{-1}(X_{C_2})$ can be rewritten as a regular pullback from a hypersurface inside $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ format. Note that all entries in the Pfaffian matrix must have degree at least 0, else \widehat{Y} is too singular to be the affine cone over a quasismooth 3-fold Y , and if any entry has degree 0 then \widehat{Y} is a $\text{CI}^{(4)}$.

As a consequence of the proposition we may easily discard cases with $d(\lambda) < 0$, and if $d(\lambda) = 0$ we could search with a simpler algorithm for $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format (or just appeal to Brown, Kasprzyk and Qureshi’s work on Fano 3-folds in $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format [BKQ18]).

Example 3.5 (Hypersurface inside Pfaffians). The reason why we call case (iii) of the proposition ‘ $A_2 + \text{CI}^{(1)}$ format’ (and not simply ‘ A_2 format’) is that if $\phi_3^*(\theta_{ij})$ cannot be used

to eliminate a variable then the variety we construct by regular pullback will be a genuine hypersurface inside $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$ format. This happens for Fano 3-fold #29374, classically constructed as $Y = Q_2 \cap \text{Gr}(2, 5) \cap \mathbb{P}^7$, where Q_2 is a quadric hypersurface. We construct Y in format $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} | \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} | 1)$. Here $d(A_{12}) = 0$ but, since there are no variables of degree $d(\theta_{12}) = 2$ to eliminate, the equation involving θ_{12} defines a quadric hypersurface. A similar phenomenon occurs for G_2 format. Indeed, #29374 is also constructed as $G_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} | \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} | 1)$ (see [Example 4.4](#) for notation). This format commonly occurs in constructions of general type 3-folds [BKZ19].

4. G_2 cluster format

The cluster variety $X_{G_2} \subset \mathbb{A}^{18}$ is the affine Gorenstein 12-fold in codimension 6 described in §1.2.2. We now describe how to derive the equations (1.2) defining X_{G_2} from the mirror family \mathcal{X}_{G_2} . Throughout this section we consider subscripts (i, j, k, l) in all formulae to vary over all Dih_8 -permutations of $(1, 2, 3, 4)$. We give a parallel treatment to the previous section on X_{C_2} , but the situation for X_{G_2} is more involved. Indeed, we realise X_{C_2} as a special case of X_{G_2} .

4.1 The equations for G_2 format

Recall that the mirror family \mathcal{X}_{G_2} is defined over a toric basic variety $B_{G_2} = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\text{NE}(Y_{G_2})])$.

4.1.1 *The toric base.* The base variety B_{G_2} is a singular affine toric variety with 40 equations of the form $z^X = z^Y$, where $X = Y$ is a linear relation for some classes $X, Y \in \text{NE}(Y_{G_2})$. We only write down eight of the 40 equations, which will be relevant to our calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} [D_i] + 3[E_i] + 2[F_{ik}] + [F_{jl}] &= [D_j] + 3[D_{jk}] + 2[D_k] + 3[D_{kl}] + [D_l], \\ [D_{ij}] + [E_{ij}] &= [D_{jk}] + [D_k] + 2[D_{kl}] + [D_l] + [D_{li}]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

4.1.2 *The mirror family.* In this case $\mathcal{X}_{G_2}/B_{G_2}$ is given by 20 relative equations, determined by eight tag equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i \theta_j &= z^{D_{ij}}(\theta_{ij} + z^{E_{ij}}), \\ \theta_{ij} \theta_{jk} &= z^{D_j}(\theta_j + z^{E_j})(\theta_j + z^{E_j + F_{jl}})(\theta_j + z^{E_j + F_{jl} + F_{ik}}), \end{aligned}$$

where the monomials appearing in the equations are counting certain classes of rational curves on Y_{G_2} . More precisely, the first tag equation is derived from $\theta_i \theta_j = \sum_{m=1}^2 z^{[\Sigma_m]} \theta_{ij}^{-D_{ij} \cdot \Sigma_m}$, where $[\Sigma_1] = [D_{ij}]$ and $[\Sigma_2] = [D_{ij}] + [E_{ij}]$ are the two classes of an effective rational curve $\Sigma \subset Y_{G_2}$ such that $\Sigma \cdot D_i = \Sigma \cdot D_j = 1$, and $\Sigma \cdot D' = 0$ for all other irreducible components in the boundary $D' \subset D$. The second tag equation comes from $\theta_{ij} \theta_{jk} = \sum_m z^{[\Sigma_m]} \theta_j^{-D_j \cdot \Sigma_m}$, where $[\Sigma_m]$ runs over the classes of an effective rational curve $\Sigma \subset Y_{G_2}$ such that $\Sigma \cdot D_{ij} = \Sigma \cdot D_{jk} = 1$, and $\Sigma \cdot D' = 0$ for all other irreducible components in the boundary $D' \subset D$. As before, the other 14 equations defining \mathcal{X}_{G_2} can be found from the tag equations by working birationally.

As explained in Remark 3.1, to give a rigorous proof that this description holds we could use the machinery of scattering diagrams. However, we skip this since we are only interested in the existence of X_{G_2} in order for us to use it as a key variety.

TABLE 3. The character table for $\mathbb{T}^D \curvearrowright X_{G_2}$.

	θ_1	θ_{12}	θ_2	θ_{23}	θ_3	θ_{34}	θ_4	θ_{41}	A_1	A_{12}	A_2	A_{23}	A_3	A_{34}	A_4	A_{41}	λ_{13}	λ_{24}
χ_1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	-1
χ_{12}	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
χ_2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-3	1	0	0	0	0	-1	-2
χ_{23}	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	1	1
χ_3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-3	1	0	0	-2	-1
χ_{34}	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	1	1
χ_4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-3	1	-1	-2
χ_{41}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	1

4.1.3 *The cluster variety.* We write $N_1(Y) = \mathbf{D} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\langle \delta_{13}, \delta_{24} \rangle$, according to the \mathbb{Q} -basis $[D_1], \dots, [D_{41}], \delta_{13}, \delta_{24}$, where

$$\delta_{ik} = \frac{1}{3}(2[D_i] + [D_j] + 2[D_k] + [D_l] - 2[F_{ik}] - [F_{jl}]).$$

The δ_{ik} were chosen so that

$$\begin{aligned} [E_i] &= [D_{jk}] + [D_{kl}] - [D_i] + \delta_{ik}, \\ [E_{ij}] &= [D_{jk}] + [D_k] + 2[D_{kl}] + [D_l] + [D_{li}] - [D_{ij}], \end{aligned}$$

and therefore we can eliminate all of the coefficients $z^{E_i}, z^{E_{ij}}$ in a Dih_8 -equivariant way. Writing $A_i := z^{D_i}, A_{ij} := z^{D_{ij}}, \lambda_{ik} := z^{\delta_{ik}}(1 + z^{F_{ik}} + z^{F_{ik}+F_{jl}})$, and noting that

$$2\delta_{ik} = \delta_{jl} + [D_i] + [D_k] - [F_{ik}],$$

we recover our desired equations (1.2). Since all powers are positive and integral we can easily extend all these equations to get an irreducible affine Gorenstein variety X_{G_2}/\mathbb{A}^{10} .

4.1.4 *Symmetries.* The cluster variety X_{G_2} has the action of $\text{Dih}_8 \times \mathbb{T}^8$, where Dih_8 permutes the indices $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. By calculating $D_i \cdot \delta_{ik} = 1$ etc., we get the character table for the torus action $\mathbb{T}^8 \curvearrowright X_{G_2}$, as shown in Table 3.

4.2 Alternative formats for X_{G_2}

We discuss some of the possible formats and useful subformats for X_{G_2} .

4.2.1 *Quadruple unprojection structure.* Eliminating $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{34}, \theta_{41}$ from \mathcal{A}_{G_2} gives a Gorenstein projection $X_{G_2} \dashrightarrow Z$ where Z is the following complete intersection of codimension 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1\theta_3 &= A_{12}A_2A_{23}\theta_2 + \lambda_{24}A_{12}A_{23}A_{34}A_{41} + A_{34}A_4A_{41}\theta_4, \\ \theta_2\theta_4 &= A_{41}A_1A_{12}\theta_1 + \lambda_{13}A_{12}A_{23}A_{34}A_{41} + A_{23}A_3A_{34}\theta_3. \end{aligned}$$

This variety Z is a family of affine surfaces over $\mathbb{A}_{A_i, A_{ij}, \lambda_{ik}}^{10}$ whose general member has a compactification to a singular Del Pezzo surface with four lines at infinity meeting at four $\frac{1}{3}(1, 1)$ singularities; see [CH17, §2.2.1]. These four $\frac{1}{3}(1, 1)$ singularities are obtained by contracting the four (-3) -curves in Y_{G_2} . Each variable θ_{ij} can be recovered from Z as a serial Gorenstein type I unprojection of the divisor $D_{ij} = V(A_{ij}, \theta_k, \theta_l)$, giving the following codimension 3 Pfaffian

format $\text{Pf}_4(M_{ij}) = 0$, where M_{ij} is the matrix

$$M_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{jk}A_kA_{kl} & \theta_l & \theta_i & A_{ij} \\ & A_{li}(A_i\theta_i + \lambda_{ik}A_{jk}A_{kl}) & \theta_{ij} & \theta_j \\ & & A_{jk}(A_j\theta_j + \lambda_{jl}A_{kl}A_{li}) & \theta_k \\ & & & A_{kl}A_lA_{li} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.2}$$

We note that M_{ij} contains three unprojection divisors:

- (i) the Tom_5 ideal $(\theta_l, \theta_i, \theta_{ij}, A_{jk})$ for the unprojection variable θ_{jk} ;
- (ii) the Jer_{24} ideal $(\theta_i, \theta_{ij}, \theta_j, A_{kl})$ for the unprojection variable θ_{kl} ;
- (iii) the Tom_1 ideal $(\theta_{ij}, \theta_j, \theta_k, A_{li})$ for the unprojection variable θ_{li} .

Taken all together, these variables give an unprojection cascade, partly shown in [Figure 2](#).

4.2.2 *The $G_2^{(5)}$ and $G_2^{(4)}$ subformats.* It is clear from equations (1.2) that if $\phi^*(A_{ij}) = 1$ for some regular pullback ϕ from X_{G_2} , then the variable θ_{ij} becomes *redundant*.

DEFINITION 4.1. We define the $G_2^{(5)}$ *format of codimension 5* by making the specialisation $A_{12} = 1$ and eliminating the redundant variable θ_{12} . We define the $G_2^{(4)}$ *format of codimension 4* by making the specialisation $A_{12} = A_{34} = 1$ and eliminating the redundant variables θ_{12} and θ_{34} .⁹

4.2.3 $G_2^{(5)}$ *format.* This is a *triple Jerry* format. In terms of the matrices M_{ij} defined above, the 14 equations are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf}_4(M_{23}|_{A_{12}=1}) = 0, \quad \text{Pf}_4(M_{34}|_{A_{12}=1}) = 0, \quad \text{Pf}_4(M_{41}|_{A_{12}=1}) = 0, \\ \theta_{23}\theta_{34} = (\text{long equation}), \quad \theta_{34}\theta_{41} = (\text{long equation}), \quad \theta_{41}\theta_{12} = (\text{long equation}). \end{aligned}$$

If we wish to keep the variable θ_{12} with the equation $\theta_{12} = \theta_1\theta_2 - A_{23}A_3A_{34}^2A_4A_{41}$, then we call this $G_2^{(5)} + \text{CI}^{(1)}$ format.

4.2.4 $G_2^{(4)}$ *format.* This is a *double Jerry* format (cf. [BKR12, §9]). The nine equations are:

$$\text{Pf}_4(M_{23}|_{A_{12}=A_{34}=1}) = 0, \quad \text{Pf}_4(M_{41}|_{A_{12}=A_{34}=1}) = 0, \quad \theta_{23}\theta_{41} = (\text{long equation}).$$

If we wish to keep the variables θ_{12}, θ_{34} and their tag equations, then we call this $G_2^{(4)} + \text{CI}^{(2)}$ format.

4.3 Affine pieces and the deep locus

Similarly to the C_2 cluster variety X_{C_2} , the G_2 cluster variety X_{G_2} is partly covered by eight affine $\text{CI}^{(6)}$ charts where one of each of the cluster variables θ_i or θ_{ij} does not vanish. The deep locus $X_0 = X_{G_2} \cap V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41})$ breaks up into the following 28 linear subvarieties.

$$\mathbb{A}^8 \cong V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41}, A_{ij}, A_{kl}), \tag{\times 2}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^7 \cong V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41}, A_i, A_{ij}, A_{jk}), \tag{\times 8}$$

⁹ These could also be obtained in a fancy way, by considering the mirror family for a log Calabi–Yau surface (Y, D) whose anticanonical cycle has negative intersection degrees $(2, 2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1)$ or $(2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1)$, respectively.

$$\mathbb{A}^7 \cong V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41}, A_i, A_{jk}, \lambda_{ik}), \tag{\times 8}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^7 \cong V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41}, A_i, A_{jk}, A_{kl}), \tag{\times 4}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^7 \cong V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41}, A_{ij}, A_k, A_l), \tag{\times 4}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^6 \cong V(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{41}, A_i, A_k, \lambda_{ik}, \lambda_{jl}). \tag{\times 2}$$

4.4 Regular pullbacks from G_2 format

Let $(X_{G_2}, \mu, \mathbb{F})$ be a G_2 cluster format determined by the one-parameter subgroup

$$\rho = (\rho_1, \rho_{12}, \dots, \rho_4, \rho_{41}) : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^D.$$

From Table 3,

$$\begin{aligned} d(\theta_i) &= \rho_i, & d(\theta_{ij}) &= \rho_{ij}, & d(A_i) &= \rho_{li} - 3\rho_i + \rho_{ij}, & d(A_{ij}) &= \rho_i - \rho_{ij} + \rho_j, \\ d(\lambda_{ik}) &= -2\rho_i + \rho_{ij} - \rho_j + \rho_{jk} - 2\rho_k + \rho_{kl} - \rho_l + \rho_{li}. \end{aligned}$$

We use the shorthand

$$G_2 \left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|c} \phi^*(\theta_{12}) & \phi^*(\theta_{23}) & \phi^*(\theta_{34}) & \phi^*(\theta_{41}) & \phi^*(\theta_1) & \phi^*(\theta_2) & \phi^*(\theta_3) & \phi^*(\theta_4) & \phi^*(\lambda_{13}) \\ \phi^*(A_{12}) & \phi^*(A_{23}) & \phi^*(A_{34}) & \phi^*(A_{41}) & \phi^*(A_1) & \phi^*(A_2) & \phi^*(A_3) & \phi^*(A_4) & \phi^*(\lambda_{24}) \end{array} \right)$$

to write down a regular pullback from G_2 format, or the same array with integer entries if we just wish to denote the degrees.

As with the regular pullbacks from X_{C_2} , it is easy to use the M -graded Hilbert series of X_{G_2} to get the \mathbb{Z} -graded Hilbert series of $(X_{G_2}, \mu, \mathbb{F})$. Again, the Hilbert numerator has adjunction number $\alpha = \rho_1 + \rho_{12} + \rho_2 + \rho_{23} + \rho_3 + \rho_{34} + \rho_4 + \rho_{41}$.

4.5 Singular locus

As we did with the C_2 cluster variety X_{C_2} we now describe the singular locus of X_{G_2} and some of the hyperplane sections of X_{G_2} .

LEMMA 4.2. *The reduced singular locus $\text{sing}(X_{G_2})$ is contained inside the deep locus*

$$\text{sing}(X_{G_2}) \subset X_0 := X_{G_2} \cap V(\theta_1, \theta_{12}, \theta_2, \theta_{23}, \theta_3, \theta_{34}, \theta_4, \theta_{41})$$

and decomposes into 14 irreducible linear subvarieties, given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}^8 &= X_0 \cap V(A_{ij}, A_{kl}), & \mathbb{A}^7 &= X_0 \cap V(A_i, A_{jk}, A_{kl}), \\ \mathbb{A}^5 &= X_0 \cap V(A_i, A_{ij}, A_{jk}, A_k, \lambda_{ik}), & \mathbb{A}^5 &= X_0 \cap V(A_i, A_j, A_{kl}, \lambda_{ik}, \lambda_{jl}). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, all components of the singular locus have codimension at least 4 in X_{G_2} .

The hyperplane section $X^z = X_{G_2} \cap V(z)$ is singular in codimension 1 if $z = \theta_i$ or $z = \theta_{ij}$. In other cases,

- (i) $\text{sing}(X^{A_i})$ is contained in the locus $X_0^{A_i} := V_{X^{A_i}}(\theta_{ij}, \theta_j, \theta_{jk}, \theta_k, \theta_{kl}, \theta_l, \theta_{li})$ and contains the components

$$\mathbb{A}^8 = X_0^{A_i} \cap V(A_{jk}, A_{kl}), \quad \mathbb{A}^8 = X_0^{A_i} \cap V(A_{jk}, \lambda_{ik}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{A}^8 = X_0^{A_i} \cap V(A_{kl}, \lambda_{ik}),$$

which have codimension 3 in X^{A_i} ;

- (ii) $\text{sing}(X^{A_{ij}})$ is contained in the locus $X_0^{A_{ij}} := V_{X^{A_{ij}}}(\theta_j, \theta_{jk}, \theta_k, \theta_{kl}, \theta_l, \theta_{li}, \theta_i)$ and contains the components

$$\mathbb{A}^9 = X_0^{A_{ij}} \cap V(A_{kl}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{A}^8 = X_0^{A_{ij}} \cap V(A_{jk}, A_{li}),$$

which have codimension ≤ 3 in $X^{A_{ij}}$.

Proof. This is slightly more delicate than the computation of $\text{sing}(X_{G_2})$, since asking the computer to compute the 6×6 minors of the 18×20 Jacobian matrix J is fairly hopeless. First of all, if one of the cluster variables θ_i or θ_{ij} is non-zero we are in one of the affine complete intersection charts of Lemma 2.2 and it is easy to check that these are smooth. Therefore $\text{sing}(X_{G_2})$ is contained in the deep locus $\text{sing}(X_{G_2}) \subseteq X_0$. Let Π be one of the 28 irreducible components of X_0 listed in § 4.3, and take the restriction $J|_{\Pi}$. It turns out that $J|_{\Pi}$ is rather sparse, and it is then much easier to compute $\text{sing}(X_{G_2})|_{\Pi}$ for each Π . Finally, we take the union of all of these singular subloci and compute the irreducible components of this union. We see that $\text{sing}(X_{G_2})$ has the 14 irreducible components above.

The singular loci of X^{A_i} and $X^{A_{ij}}$ can be computed in a similar way (with the appropriate adjustments to X_0), although it is easier just to check the inclusion of the components claimed in the statement of the proposition directly.

If $\theta_{12} = 0$, then $T = A_1\theta_1/A_{23}A_{34}$ is a solution to the monic polynomial equation

$$T^3 + \mu T^2 + \lambda A_1 A_3 T + A_1^2 A_2 A_3^2 A_4 = 0$$

over the ring $\mathcal{O}_{X^{\theta_{12}}}$, and hence $\mathcal{O}_{X^{\theta_{12}}}$ is not integrally closed. Moreover, since θ_{12} is not a zero divisor in \mathcal{A}_{G_2} we know that $X^{\theta_{12}}$ is Gorenstein (hence S_2) and therefore must be singular in codimension 1. By a similar argument, because $U = A_{12}A_2\theta_2/A_{34}$ solves the monic equation

$$U^2 + \lambda_{24}A_{41}A_{12}U + \lambda_{13}A_2A_4A_{12}^2A_{41}^2 + A_2A_3A_4A_{12}A_{41}\theta_3 = 0$$

over the ring $\mathcal{O}_{X^{\theta_1}}$, X^{θ_1} is also singular in codimension 1. □

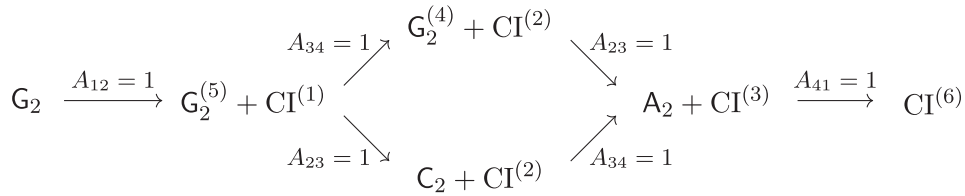
4.6 Quasismoothness conditions

Let $\widehat{Y} \subset \mathbb{A}^{10}$ be the four-dimensional affine cone over a quasismooth weighted projective 3-fold Y .

PROPOSITION 4.3. *Suppose that $\widehat{Y} = \phi^{-1}(X_{G_2})$ is a regular pullback and is not a complete intersection. Then, for any i, j , we must have $d(\theta_i) > 0$, $d(\theta_{ij}) > 0$, and one of the following conditions must hold, up to Dih_8 symmetry.*

- (i) $G_2^{(6)}$ format: $d(A_{ij}) > 0$ for all i, j . Then $d(A_i) \geq 0$ for all i and $d(\lambda_{13}), d(\lambda_{24}) \geq 0$.
- (ii) $G_2^{(5)} + \text{CI}^{(1)}$ format: $d(A_{12}) = 0$ and $d(A_{ij}) > 0$ for all other i, j . Then $d(A_1), d(A_2) \geq 0$ and $d(\lambda_{13}), d(\lambda_{24}) \geq 0$. (See Corollary 4.4 for further analysis.)
- (iii) $G_2^{(4)} + \text{CI}^{(2)}$ format: $d(A_{12}) = d(A_{34}) = 0$ and $d(A_{23}), d(A_{41}) > 0$. (See Corollary 4.6 for further analysis.)
- (iv) $C_2 + \text{CI}^{(2)}$ format: $d(A_{12}) = d(A_{23}) = 0$ and $d(A_{34}), d(A_{41}) > 0$. (See Proposition 3.4.)
- (v) $A_2 + \text{CI}^{(3)}$ format: $d(A_{12}) = d(A_{23}) = d(A_{34}) = 0$ and $d(A_{41}) > 0$.

If all four $d(A_{ij}) = 0$ then we are in $\text{CI}^{(6)}$ format. In other words, we consider cases according to the following cascade of specialisations (cf. Figure 2):



(Note that, after making the specialisation, we do not automatically assume that the redundant variables are eliminated.)

Proof. There are two things to prove: first, that the claimed inequalities on the degrees are necessary in each case; and second, that \mathbb{C}_2 and \mathbb{A}_2 format appear as claimed in case (iv) and case (v), respectively.

We obtain the degree inequalities in each case by considering what happens if one of the variables is allowed to take a negative degree. Up to the Dih_8 symmetry we can reduce to one of the following cases.

CLAIM 1. $d(\theta_1) < 0$ and $d(\theta_{12}) < 0$ cannot happen.

Using Lemma 4.2, we see that $d(\theta_1) \geq 0$ and $d(\theta_{12}) \geq 0$. A single equality $d(\theta_1) = 0$ or $d(\theta_{12}) = 0$ would reduce \hat{Y} to a complete intersection $\text{CI}^{(6)}$ by Lemma 2.2. Thus from now on, we assume $d(\theta_i) > 0$, $d(\theta_{ij}) > 0$.

CLAIM 2. $d(A_{12}) < 0$ cannot happen.

If $d(A_{12}) < 0$ then we must have $d(A_{34}) = 0$ and either $d(A_{23}) = 0$ or $d(A_{41}) = 0$ to avoid pulling back the two bad components of Lemma 4.2(ii). This puts us in case (iv), which is $\mathbb{C}_2^{(4)} + \text{CI}^{(2)}$ format. Proposition 3.4, combined with the coordinate change described below, implies that $d(A_{12})$ cannot be negative.

CLAIM 3. $d(A_1) < 0$ puts us in case (ii).

If $d(A_1) < 0$ we need either $d(A_{23}) = 0$ or $d(A_{34}) = 0$, which puts us in case (ii). Assume the former case. Then if one of $d(A_2) < 0$ or $d(A_3) < 0$ holds, this forces one of $d(A_{34}) = 0$, $d(A_{41}) = 0$ or $d(A_{12}) = 0$, and so we are either in case (iii) or case (iv).

CLAIM 4. $d(\lambda_{13}) < 0$ puts us in case (iv).

Table 3 can be used to obtain the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 3d(\lambda_{13}) &= 2d(A_1) + d(A_2) + 2d(A_3) + d(A_4), \\
 3d(\lambda_{24}) &= d(A_1) + 2d(A_2) + d(A_3) + 2d(A_4), \\
 d(\lambda_{13}) + d(\lambda_{24}) &= d(A_1) + d(A_2) + d(A_3) + d(A_4).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{†}$$

If $d(\lambda_{13}) < 0$ the first of these implies that $d(A_i) < 0$ for some i —without loss of generality either A_1 or A_2 .

If $d(A_1) < 0$ then, to avoid pulling back the big components of $\text{sing}(X^{A_1})$, we need

$$(d(A_{23}) = 0 \text{ or } d(A_{34}) = 0) \text{ and } (d(A_{23}) = 0 \text{ or } d(\lambda_{13}) = 0) \text{ and } (d(A_{34}) = 0 \text{ or } d(\lambda_{13}) = 0). \tag{\dagger}$$

Since $d(\lambda_{13}) < 0$, this implies $d(A_{23}) = d(A_{34}) = 0$ and we are in case (iv).

If $d(A_2) < 0$ then, to avoid pulling back the big components of $\text{sing}(X^{A_2})$, we need

$$(d(A_{34}) = 0 \text{ or } d(A_{41}) = 0) \text{ and } (d(A_{41}) = 0 \text{ or } d(\lambda_{24}) = 0) \text{ and } (d(A_{34}) = 0 \text{ or } d(\lambda_{24}) = 0).$$

If $d(A_{34}) = d(A_{41}) = 0$ then we go to case (iv), otherwise $d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$ and the relations (\dagger) imply $d(A_1) + d(A_3) = 2d(\lambda_{13}) < 0$, so either $d(A_1) < 0$ or $d(A_3) < 0$. This again forces two consecutive A_{ij} to have degree 0, and we go to case (iv).

This completes our rough analysis of the admissible degrees in cases (i)–(v). We now show that C_2 format and A_2 format appear in cases (iv) and (v). By definition, case (ii) is $G_2^{(5)}$ format and case (iii) is $G_2^{(4)}$ format.

Case (iv) is $C_2 + CI^{(2)}$ format. Pulling back X_{G_2} by the morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^{16} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{18}$ given by $\phi^*(A_{12}) = \phi^*(A_{23}) = 1$, and $\phi^*(z) = z$ for all other variables, gives a complete intersection of codimension 2,

$$\theta_{12} = \theta_1\theta_2 - A_3A_{34}^2A_4A_{41}, \quad \theta_{23} = \theta_2\theta_3 - A_{34}A_4A_{41}^2A_1,$$

inside the following generic pullback from C_2 format:

$$C_2 \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} \theta_{41} & \theta_2 & \theta_{34} & \theta_1 & \theta_3 & \theta_4 & \\ A_{41} & A_2 & A_{34} & A_1 & A_3 & A_4\theta_4 + \lambda_{24} & \lambda_{13} \end{array} \right),$$

that is, inside $\mathbb{A}_{\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}}^2 \times X_{C_2}$. Under this coordinate change, the degrees of all variables must satisfy the conditions of Proposition 3.4.

Case (v) is $A_2 + CI^{(3)}$ format. Pulling back X_{G_2} by the morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^{15} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{18}$ given by $\phi^*(A_{12}) = \phi^*(A_{23}) = \phi^*(A_{34}) = 1$, and $\phi^*(z) = z$ for all other variables, gives

$$\text{Pf}_4 \left(\begin{array}{cccc} A_2 & \theta_3 & \theta_4 & A_{41} \\ & A_4\theta_4 + \lambda_{24} & \theta_{41} & \theta_1 \\ & & A_1\theta_1 + \lambda_{13} & \theta_2 \\ & & & A_3 \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \theta_{12} = \theta_1\theta_2 - A_3A_4A_{41}, \\ \theta_{23} = \theta_2\theta_3 - A_4A_{41}^2A_1, \\ \theta_{34} = \theta_3\theta_4 - A_{41}A_1A_2. \end{array}$$

If \widehat{Y} is quasismooth and not a complete intersection, then the entries of this matrix must all have positive degrees [BKZ19, Proposition 2.7]. □

4.6.1 *Some further subformats.* Let $\widehat{Y} \subset \mathbb{A}^{10}$ be the four-dimensional affine cone over a quasismooth weighted projective 3-fold Y . We refine cases (ii) and (iii) of Proposition 4.3.

COROLLARY 4.4 (Subformats for $G_2^{(5)}$). *Suppose that \widehat{Y} is in $G_2^{(5)}$ format, that is, $d(A_{12}) = 0$, all other $d(A_{ij}) > 0$, $d(A_1), d(A_2) \geq 0$ and $d(\lambda_{13}), d(\lambda_{24}) \geq 0$. There are three possibilities.*

- (i) $d(A_3), d(A_4) \geq 0$.
- (ii) $d(A_3) < 0$ and $d(\lambda_{13}) = 0$.
- (iii) $d(A_3), d(A_4) < 0$ and $d(\lambda_{13}) = d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$.

Proof. From (\dagger) and its translates under Dih_8 , if $d(A_3) < 0$ then $d(\lambda_{13}) = 0$, and if $d(A_4) < 0$ then $d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$. This completes the proof. □

Remark 4.5. We do not have special formats for cases (ii) and (iii), but their divisor class group has rank greater than 1.

COROLLARY 4.6 (Subformats for $G_2^{(4)}$). *Suppose that \widehat{Y} is in $G_2^{(4)}$ format, that is, $d(A_{12}) = d(A_{34}) = 0$ and $d(A_{23}), d(A_{41}) > 0$. There are three possibilities (up to symmetry).*

- (i) *If $d(\lambda_{13}), d(\lambda_{24}) > 0$, then $d(A_i) \geq 0$ for all i and \widehat{Y} is in (strict) $G_2^{(4)}$ format.*
- (ii) *If $d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$ and $d(\lambda_{13}) > 0$, then \widehat{Y} is in rolling factors format.*
- (iii) *If $d(\lambda_{13}) = d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$, then \widehat{Y} is in $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ format.*

Proof. We have that $d(A_{12}) = d(A_{34}) = 0$, so we assume that $\phi^*(A_{12}) = \phi^*(A_{34}) = 1$. By equation (†), if $d(A_1) < 0$ or $d(A_3) < 0$ then we must have $d(\lambda_{13}) = 0$. Similarly, if $d(A_2) < 0$ or $d(A_4) < 0$ then we must have $d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$.

Suppose we are in case (ii). Then equations (†), combined with the above, imply that at least one of $d(A_2) < 0$ or $d(A_4) < 0$ is negative, and $d(A_1), d(A_3) \geq 0$. Say $d(A_2) < 0$ and let $\phi: \mathbb{A}^{14} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{18}$ be defined by $\phi^*(A_2) = 0, \phi^*(\lambda_{24}) = \phi^*(A_{12}) = \phi^*(A_{34}) = 1$, and $\phi^*(z) = z$ otherwise. Since $d(\lambda_{24}) = 0$, the coordinate changes

$$A'_{23} = A_4\theta_4 + A_{23}, \quad \theta'_2 = \theta_2 + \lambda_{13}A_4A_{41} + A_3A_4\theta_3$$

are homogeneous, and the ideal defining $\phi^*X_{G_2}$ is in rolling factors format:

$$\bigwedge^2 \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{23} & \theta_3 & \theta_4 & A_{41} \\ \theta'_2 & A'_{23} & \theta_{41} & \theta_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_{23}\theta_4 &= A_3\theta_3^2 + \lambda_{13}A_{41}\theta_3 + A_1A_{41}^2, \\ \theta_{23}\theta_{41} &= A_3A'_{23}\theta_3 + \lambda_{13}A_{41}A'_{23} + A_1A_{41}\theta_1, \\ \theta'_2\theta_{41} &= A_3A_{23}^2 + \lambda_{13}\theta_1A'_{23} + A_1\theta_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

If we are in case (iii), then equations (†) reduce to $d(\lambda_{13}) = d(A_1) + d(A_3)$ and $d(\lambda_{24}) = d(A_2) + d(A_4)$. Thus $d(A_1) = -d(A_3)$ and $d(A_2) = -d(A_4)$. So either two consecutive A_i have negative degree, or $d(A_i) = 0$ for all i .

For the former case, suppose $\phi^*(A_2) = \phi^*(A_3) = 0, \phi^*(\lambda_{13}) = \phi^*(\lambda_{24}) = \phi^*(A_{12}) = \phi^*(A_{34}) = 1$ and $\phi^*(z) = z$ otherwise. Then $\phi^*(X_{G_2}) \subset \mathbb{A}^{12}$ is in $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ format, defined by the 2×2 minors of the following cube after the displayed coordinate changes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \theta_{41} & \text{---} & \theta_4 \\ & / & & / \\ A'_{23} & \text{---} & \theta'_3 & \text{---} & \theta_4 \\ & \backslash & & \backslash \\ & \theta_1 & \text{---} & A_{41} \\ & / & & / \\ \theta'_2 & \text{---} & \theta_{23} & & \end{array} \quad \begin{aligned} \theta'_2 &= \theta_2 + A_4A_{41}, \\ \theta'_3 &= \theta_3 + A_{41}A_1, \\ A'_{23} &= A_{23} + A_4\theta_4 + A_1\theta_1. \end{aligned}$$

In the latter case, $\phi^*(A_i) = \phi^*(\lambda_{13}) = \phi^*(\lambda_{24}) = \phi^*(A_{12}) = \phi^*(A_{34}) = 1$ for all A_i , and $\phi^*(z) = z$ otherwise. Then $\phi^*(X_{G_2}) \subset \mathbb{A}^{12}$ is in $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ format, defined by the 2×2 minors

of the cube after the displayed coordinate changes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \theta_{41} & \text{---} & \theta'_4 \\
 & / & & / \\
 A'_{23} & \text{---} & \theta'_3 & \text{---} & \\
 & \backslash & & \backslash & \\
 & \theta'_1 & \text{---} & A'_{41} & \\
 & / & & / & \\
 \theta'_2 & \text{---} & \theta_{23} & &
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \theta'_2 = \theta_2 + \theta_3, \\
 \theta'_4 = \theta_4 + \theta_1, \\
 \theta'_1 = \epsilon\theta_1 + \epsilon^3\theta_4 + \sqrt{2}\epsilon^2 A_{23}, \\
 -A'_{23} = \epsilon^3\theta_1 + \epsilon\theta_4 + \sqrt{2}\epsilon^2 A_{23}, \\
 -\theta'_3 = \epsilon\theta_3 + \epsilon^3\theta_2 + \sqrt{2}\epsilon^2 A_{41}, \\
 A'_{41} = \epsilon^3\theta_3 + \epsilon\theta_2 + \sqrt{2}\epsilon^2 A_{41}.
 \end{array}$$

where ϵ is a primitive eighth root of unity. □

5. Applications to constructing Fano 3-folds

5.1 Introduction to Fano 3-folds

A *Fano 3-fold* is a normal projective 3-fold Y with at worst \mathbb{Q} -factorial terminal singularities and whose anticanonical divisor $-K_Y$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier and ample. The *Fano index* of Y is the largest positive integer q such that $-K_Y = qA$ for some ample Weil divisor A . If the Weil divisor class group $\text{Cl}(Y) = \mathbb{Z}$, then Y is called *prime*. The discrete invariants of Y are q , $h^0(Y, A)$ and the basket of terminal quotient singularities \mathcal{B} . There are a finite number of numerical possibilities for $(q, h^0(Y, A), \mathcal{B})$, and approximately 50 000 such are listed in [GRDB], produced using [ABR02, BS07a, BS07b]. We refer to any one such numerical possibility as a *candidate* Fano 3-fold.

The next stage of the classification is to prove whether a given candidate Y exists, and then to investigate the structure of the Hilbert scheme of Y . We construct Y by taking Proj of the finitely generated Gorenstein graded ring $R(Y, A) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H^0(Y, nA)$. A choice of generators for $R(Y, A)$ gives an embedding of Y into weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$. From now on, we assume that Y is quasismooth with at worst terminal quotient singularities. The expected codimension of Y may be computed from the Hilbert series $P_{(Y,A)}(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} h^0(Y, nA)t^n$, which is in turn computed using the above invariants. Since our cluster formats have codimension 4, 5 or 6, we only consider those candidates whose expected dimension lies in this range. We further assume that $R(Y, A)$ is generated as simply as possible; that is, we do not consider specialisations of A (e.g. hyperelliptic, trigonal) which may also have cluster format constructions, but in higher than expected codimension.

5.2 Primality of Fano 3-folds

We give a criterion for checking primality of quasismooth varieties in cluster format.

LEMMA 5.1. *Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Suppose that $Y = \phi^{-1}(X)$ is a quasismooth variety defined over k , of dimension at least 3 in cluster format. Choose one of the cluster variables θ_i or θ_{ij} and denote it by θ . If $\phi^*(\theta)$ is a prime element of $k[Y]$, then every Weil divisor on Y is of the form $\mathcal{O}_Y(n)$ for some n .*

Proof. We show that the coordinate ring $k[\widehat{Y}]$ is factorial. If $\tau = \phi^*(\theta)$ is a prime element of $k[\widehat{Y}]$, then by Nagata’s lemma [Mat89, Theorem 20.2], it suffices to show that the localisation $k[\widehat{Y}]_\tau$ is factorial. The open set $\widehat{Y} \cap (\tau \neq 0)$ is a complete intersection, because the localisation at τ factors through the open subset $\widehat{X} \cap (\theta \neq 0)$, which is a complete intersection by Lemma 2.2.

Since complete intersections of dimension at least 4 are parafactorial and \widehat{Y} is regular outside the vertex (by quasismoothness), it follows that $k[\widehat{Y}]_\tau$ is factorial (see [SGA2, XI 3.10, 3.13]). \square

The following theorem summarises the application of this criterion to our list of Fano 3-folds in cluster formats.

THEOREM 5.2.

- (i) *If Y is in C_2 format and not $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ subformat, then Y is prime.*
- (ii) *If Y is in $G_2^{(4)}$ format and not rolling factors or $(\mathbb{P}^1)^3$ subformat, then Y is prime.*
- (iii) *If Y is in $G_2^{(5)}$ format, and in case (i) of Corollary 4.4, then Y is prime.*

Proof. Primality depends on the format and on ϕ , so we apply the above lemma to each construction individually, using the computer. We do not check primality of $\tau = \phi^*(\theta)$ in $k[\widehat{Y}]$ directly, as the computer does this over \mathbb{Q} , and τ could still be non-prime over \mathbb{C} . Instead, we check that $Y \cap V(\tau)$ is non-singular in codimension 1 (this computation is valid over \mathbb{C}). Since $R_1 + S_2$ is equivalent to normality, the fact that Y is Gorenstein implies that $Y \cap V(\tau)$ is normal over \mathbb{C} and hence geometrically normal. Thus by [EGA, IV §4.6], $Y \cap V(\tau)$ is geometrically irreducible—in particular, irreducible over \mathbb{C} .

Moreover, it follows from Lemmas 3.3 and 4.2 that $Y \cap V(\theta)$ is necessarily singular in codimension 1 for certain choices of θ . Thus for C_2 format, we need only check $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$, for $G_2^{(4)}$ format only θ_1, θ_3 , and for $G_2^{(5)}$ format only θ_3 . \square

5.3 Comparison with Tom and Jerry

In this subsection we suppose that Y is a Fano 3-fold in codimension 4 with a type I centre. The definitive guide to this situation is [BKR12], according to which each Y has at least two constructions: one Tom and one Jerry. In total, 274 of the 322 families from [BKR12] contain a subfamily which is in a cluster format.

Based on analysis of our classification [CD], we make the following observation.

Up to symmetry of the cluster format and choice of coordinates,
the type I centre is positioned at the coordinate point $P_{\phi^*(\theta_{12})}$. (TJ)

Thus if Y is in C_2 format, then the projection is the Tom₃ matrix (3.2), and if Y is in $G_2^{(4)}$ format, then the projection is the Jerry₂₄ matrix (4.2).

Under assumption (TJ), we can transform the output of [BKR12] into a short list of possible cluster formats for Y , by permuting the row-columns of the skew-symmetric weight matrix appropriately. We work through a representative example.

Example 5.3. According to [BKR12], candidate #5000 $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 9)$ has Tom₄ and Jerry₂₄ projections from the type I centre $\frac{1}{9}(1, 4, 5)$, leading to an unprojection divisor $\mathbb{P}(1, 4, 5)$ inside a Fano 3-fold $\bar{Y} \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5)$ defined by the Pfaffians of a 5×5 skew matrix.

TABLE 4. Fano 3-folds with $q \geq 2$.

Fano index q	2	3	4	5	6	7	>7
GRDB candidates in codimension 4	37	11	5	2	3	3	0
Candidates which do not exist	?	1	1	0	1	1	0
Candidates with cluster format constructions	27	8	4	2	2	2	0

We assume that \bar{Y} is a Tom_4 . The weights of this skew matrix (m_{ij}) are then

$$(m_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 \\ & 5 & 4 & 5 \\ & & 5 & 6 \\ & & & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

after swapping row-columns 3 and 4, to match up with (3.2). According to (3.2), the one-parameter subgroup $\rho: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^D$ (see 3.4) corresponding to (m_{ij}) is $\rho = (d(\theta_{12}), m_{14}, m_{25}, m_{35}, m_{13}, m_{24})$. Further permutations fixing row-column 3 lead to different possibilities for ρ . After removing those which are invalid according to Proposition 3.4, we get four possible \mathbb{C}_2 -formats matching Tom_4 , indexed by the corresponding permutation:

$$\rho = (9, 3, 5, 6, 4, 4), \quad \rho_{(1,2)} = (9, 4, 5, 6, 5, 3), \quad \rho_{(4,5)} = (9, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5), \quad \rho_{(1,2)(4,5)} = (9, 5, 3, 5, 5, 5).$$

Of these, $\rho \mapsto \mathbb{C}_2 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 9 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 6 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3 \right)$ gives a working construction for Y , corresponding to a subfamily of that constructed by [BKR12]. The other three fail because the adjunction number is wrong. We carried out a similar analysis for Jerry_{24} . There is no $\mathbb{G}_2^{(4)}$ construction for candidate #5000.

Thus cluster format constructions do not exist for some of the families constructed by [BKR12]. Heuristically, the cluster format restricts the monomials available to the 5×5 matrix, and this sometimes imposes worse than allowed singularities on \bar{Y} and therefore Y .

5.4 Fano 3-folds of large Fano index

Table 4 presents the data of [GRDB] for prime Fano 3-folds with $q \geq 2$ in codimension 4, and its refinement using results of Prokhorov [Pro13, § 1] on the non-existence of certain candidates. The last row lists our cluster format constructions which are prime.

Thus the question of existence is now settled in codimension 4 and Fano index at least 4. In particular, the constructions of two index 7 candidates provide an answer to a question of Prokhorov [Pro16, § 1.4]. For index 3, the missing candidates are #41058 and #41245. It would be interesting to know whether these exist. Brown and Suzuki [BS07a] constructed 33 of the index 2 candidates, although it is not clear to us whether these constructions are prime. We have prime cluster format constructions corresponding to 27 of these 33 candidates. Thus there remain at least four candidates for which is it not known whether there is a prime construction, hence the ‘?’ in the table.

The finer question of describing the Hilbert scheme for each of the candidates with $q \geq 2$ remains open. For some candidates, we get two distinct cluster constructions, often both prime. Perhaps the general phenomenon from [BKR12] persists, and there are always at least two components to the Hilbert scheme, if we relax the requirement that Y be prime.

5.5 Fano 3-folds with empty $|-K_Y|$

We use C_2 cluster format to construct two codimension 4 candidates with $|-K_Y|$ empty. These both have extrasymmetric descriptions induced by the C_2 format. We explain #25 in some detail; #38 is rather similar.

Example 5.4. Candidate #25 is $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)$. Let p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w be coordinates on the ambient space. With the notation established in [Example 3.4](#), the cluster format is $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 7 & 9 & \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 10 & 6 & 11 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3)$, and after coordinate choices, the general morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^8 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{13}$ of degree 0 is

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} R_8 & v & P_{12} & Q_{10} & S_6 & w \\ t & s & u & 1 & r & 1 \end{array} \mid 0 \right),$$

where P_{12}, Q_{10}, R_8, S_6 are general weighted homogeneous forms of degree given by the subscript. Since $d(\lambda) = 3$ forces $\phi^*(\lambda) = 0$ for degree reasons, and $\phi^*(B_{23}) = \phi^*(B_{31}) = 1$, the equations defining Y have a nice extrasymmetric format with floating factor r (see [3.2.1](#)):

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} t & S_6 & v & w & u \\ & s & w & P_{12} & Q_{10} \\ & & u & Q_{10} & R_8 \\ & & & rt & rS_6 \\ & & & & rs \end{pmatrix}.$$

The third codimension 4 candidate with $|-K_Y|$ empty, #166, does not have a cluster format construction. Indeed, a proposed construction for #166 is as a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -quotient of a complete intersection Fano 3-fold [\[AR\]](#). This proposed construction has expected embedding codimension greater than 4. There are a handful of further candidates with $|-K_Y|$ empty in codimension 5 and 6, but none of these have cluster format constructions.

5.6 Fano 3-folds with no projections

According to [\[AO18\]](#), the candidates that are most likely to give rise to birationally rigid Fano 3-folds are those with no centres of projection. In codimension 4 and Fano index 1, there are five such candidates, of which we construct three: #25 has $|-K_Y|$ empty, and is treated above; #29374 is a del Pezzo 3-fold, classically known; #282 has two constructions, which we describe here.

Example 5.5. Candidate #282 is $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)$. Let p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w be coordinates on the ambient space. We first consider the cluster format $G_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 & 9 & 21 & 12 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & 8 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 9 & 6 & 10 & 11 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 2)$, which is in $G_2^{(4)}$ subformat, because $d(A_{12}) = d(A_{34}) = 0$ (see [§ 4.4](#) for notation). The general morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^8 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{18}$ is

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} \theta_{12} & Q_9 & \theta_{34} & P_{12} & u & q & v & w \\ 1 & s & 1 & t & 1 & r & 1 & 1 \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{c} p^2 \\ p^4 \end{array} \right),$$

where the redundant variables θ_{12} and θ_{34} are eliminated, so we do not consider their images. The equations of Y can be expressed as a double Jerry format following § 4.2.2:

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} t & u & q & s \\ & qr + p^4t & Q_9 & v \\ & & v + p^2t & w \\ & & & t \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} rs & v & w & t \\ & w + p^4s & P_{12} & u \\ & & u + p^2s & q \\ & & & s \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P_{12}Q_9 = vw + p^4qw + p^2uv + uqr + str - stp^6.$$

The other construction of #282 uses exactly the same C_2 cluster format as #25 above (Example 5.4), giving an extrasymmetric construction whose explication we leave to the reader.

5.7 Fano 3-folds in codimension 5

There are 50 Fano 3-folds in $G_2^{(5)}$ format. Three of these have Fano index 3, one has index 2 and the remainder have index 1. Moreover, all of the index 1 candidates that we construct in codimension 5 have type I centres.

Example 5.6. Consider the index 3 candidate #41117 given by $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7)$ with coordinates $p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x$. From [CD], Y has a $G_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 11 & 4 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 3 \end{smallmatrix} | \begin{smallmatrix} 6 & 5 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} | \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix})$ cluster format construction. The general morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^9 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{18}$ is

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|c} \theta_{12} & P_4 & u & x & w & v & q & t & R_2 \\ 1 & r & p & s & 1 & 1 & Q_3 & 1 & S_1 \end{array} \right),$$

where P_4, Q_3, R_2, S_1 are general polynomials of degree denoted by the subscript, and the redundant variable θ_{12} is eliminated. Following § 4.2.2, Y is a triple Jerry format with 14 equations:

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} ps & w & v & r \\ & v + Sps & P & q \\ & & p(Qq + Rs) & t \\ & & & s \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} s & v & q & p \\ & r(Qq + Rs) & u & t \\ & & s(t + Sr) & w \\ & & & r \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{Pf}_4 \begin{pmatrix} r & q & t & s \\ & p(t + Sr) & x & w \\ & & w + Rrp & v \\ & & & Qrp \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} Pu &= Qq^3 + Rsq^2 + Ss^2q + s^3, \\ ux &= Qr^3 + Rr^2t + Srt^2 + t^3, \\ Px &= (Qqt + (Q - RS)rs)p^2 + p(Stv + Rqw) + vw. \end{aligned}$$

5.8 Why no Fano 3-folds in codimension 6 cluster format?

There are no codimension 6 Fano 3-folds in $G_2^{(6)}$ format. According to Lemma 4.2 and Proposition 4.3, if Y is in strict $G_2^{(6)}$ format, then $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing } X_{G_2})$ contains two components of expected dimension 0. These must therefore be supported at the vertex of \hat{Y} , and this imposes rather strong numerical conditions on the available $G_2^{(6)}$ formats. Indeed, the first part of our classification algorithm (see § 6) outputs 33 numerical $G_2^{(6)}$ formats for Fano 3-folds in codimension 6. In each case, we have $d(A_i) < 0$ for all i and $d(\lambda_{13}), d(\lambda_{24}) < 0$ as well. This implies that the $G_2^{(6)}$ format is highly reducible.

5.9 Fano 3-folds with Dih_6 symmetry in C_2 format

The Dih_6 invariant characters of non-negative degree are generated by $\chi_1^{Dih_6} = \sum \chi_i + \sum \chi_{ij}$ and $\chi_2^{Dih_6} = \sum \chi_i + 2 \sum \chi_{ij}$:

	θ_i	θ_{ij}	A_i	A_{ij}	λ
$\chi_1^{Dih_6}$	1	1	0	1	0
$\chi_2^{Dih_6}$	1	2	2	0	3

With respect to these two characters X_{C_2} has multigraded Hilbert series

$$P_X(s, t) = \frac{1 - 3s^2t^2 - 3s^2t^3 - 3s^2t^4 + 2s^3t^3 + 6s^3t^4 + 6s^3t^5 + 2s^3t^6 - 3s^4t^5 - 3s^4t^6 - 3s^4t^8 + s^6t^9}{(1 - s)^3(1 - t^2)^3(1 - t^3)(1 - st)^3(1 - st^2)^3}.$$

Let $X_{(a,b)}$ be the C_2 format $(X_{C_2}, \chi_{a,b}, \mathbb{F})$, where $\chi_{a,b} = a\chi_1^{Dih_6} + b\chi_2^{Dih_6}$. In other words $X_{(a,b)}$ is the generic regular pullback with degrees $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} a+2b & a+2b & a+2b \\ a & a & a \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} a+b & a+b & a+b \\ 2b & 2b & 2b \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3b)$. Now

$$X_{(a,b)} \subset \mathbb{P}^{12}((a)^3, (2b)^3, 3b, (a + b)^3, (a + 2b)^3)$$

is a Fano 8-fold with $-K_X = \mathcal{O}_X(3a + 9b)$. We can construct the following projective varieties as Dih_6 -invariant hyperplane sections of $X_{(a,b)}$, which therefore all carry the action of Dih_6 .

From [CD] the possible symmetric constructions are as follows.

- (i) $X_{(0,1)}$ is a 5-fold complete intersection of codimension 4, $X_{2,2,2,3} \subset \mathbb{P}^9(1^3, 2^6, 3)$:

$$\theta_i\theta_j = \theta_{ij} + A_k \quad (\times 3), \quad \theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 = A_1\theta_{23} + A_2\theta_{31} + A_3\theta_{12} + \lambda.$$

- (ii) $X_{(1,0)}$ is $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 0)$, the Segre embedding $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^8$, by Proposition 3.4(ii)(a). This gives a Dih_6 -symmetric construction for

$$\#41028 \quad Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) \quad -K_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(2).$$

(but *not* for #12960).

- (iii) $X_{(1,1)}$ is $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3)$, giving Dih_6 -symmetric constructions for

$$\begin{aligned} \#11222 \quad Y_1 &\subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) & -K_{Y_1} &= \mathcal{O}_{Y_1}(1), \\ \#40407 \quad Y_2 &\subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) & -K_{Y_2} &= \mathcal{O}_{Y_2}(2). \end{aligned}$$

- (iv) $X_{(2,1)}$ is $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3)$, giving no Dih_6 -symmetric constructions. (We do not consider #2511 or #5410, since $X_{(2,1)}$ does not have variables of weight 1.)

- (v) $X_{(3,1)}$ is $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3)$, giving possibly symmetric constructions for

$$\begin{aligned} \#5052 \quad Y_1 &\subset \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5) & -K_{Y_1} &= \mathcal{O}_{Y_1}(1), \\ \#39934 \quad Y_2 &\subset \mathbb{P}(1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5) & -K_{Y_2} &= \mathcal{O}_{Y_2}(2). \end{aligned}$$

(We do not consider #1405, #39678 or #41297, since $X_{(3,1)}$ does not have two variables of weight 3.)

5.9.1 *Reid's $\mathbb{Z}/3$ -Godeaux surface.* For (iii), note that $X_{(1,1)} \subset \mathbb{P}^{12}(1^3, 2^6, 3^4)$ is the regular pullback $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} | \begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix} | 3)$. We get a Fano 8-fold of index 12 with Hilbert series

$$P_{(2,3)}(t) = \frac{1 - 3t^4 - 3t^5 - t^6 + 6t^7 + 6t^8 - t^9 - 3t^{10} - 3t^{11} + t^{15}}{(1 - t)^3(1 - t^2)^6(1 - t^3)^4}.$$

This variety was considered by Reid in [Reil, Theorem 1.1]. If we take Dih_6 -invariant hyperplane sections

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = \theta_{12} + \theta_{23} + \theta_{31} = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 = 0$$

then we cut down to a Fano 5-fold $W \subset \mathbb{P}(1^3, 2^4, 3^3)$ of index 5. Now we find the Fano 3-folds

$$\begin{array}{ll} \#11222 & Y_1 \subset \mathbb{P}(1^3, 2^2, 3^3) \quad -K_{Y_1} = \mathcal{O}_{Y_1}(1), \\ \#40407 & Y_2 \subset \mathbb{P}(1^2, 2^3, 3^3) \quad -K_{Y_2} = \mathcal{O}_{Y_2}(2) \end{array}$$

as hyperplane sections of W . (It is tempting to think we may also cut W by hyperplanes of degrees 1 and 3 to construct Fano 3-fold #8051 given by $Y_3 \subset \mathbb{P}(1^2, 2^4, 3^2)$, with $-K_{Y_3} = \mathcal{O}_{Y_3}(1)$. Alas, this construction turns out to be too singular.)

Moreover, following Reid again, we may cut down this second Fano 3-fold Y_2 by a Dih_6 -invariant section of degree 3 to get a surface of general type S with $p_g = 2$, $K_S^2 = 3$ and an action of Dih_6 . Taking the quotient S/C_3 by the cyclic subgroup $C_3 \subset \text{Dih}_6$ gives a $\mathbb{Z}/3$ -Godeaux surface with an involution. See also [CU18] for a detailed study of this surface using Reid's construction.

Remark 5.7. We do not consider the case of Dih_8 -invariant constructions from G_2 format since, for dimensional reasons (see § 5.8), the full codimension 6 G_2 format does not give us any quasismooth Fano 3-folds. However it may well still be possible to obtain interesting surfaces, similar to Reid's Godeaux surface, from G_2 format.

6. Proof of the classification

Let $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(a)$ be a candidate Fano 3-fold from [GRDB] with expected codimension 4, 5 or 6, and let (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) be a cluster format as in Definition 2.4. As explained in § 2.5, the character μ is determined by the choice of ρ in $M^\vee \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$. We write R for the polynomial ring generated by variables with weights a_i , such that $\mathbb{P}(a) = \text{Proj}(R)$.

6.1 The computer search

The algorithm proceeds in two stages. First, we search over all ρ inside a certain finite polytope in \mathbb{Z}^m and check the Hilbert series of the corresponding cluster format against the candidate Hilbert series. This gives a list of potential cluster formats whose numerical invariants match those of Y . Second, for each such numerical cluster format, we consider homogeneous maps $\phi^* : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow R$ of degree 0. Such ϕ must satisfy certain further conditions in order that Y be quasismooth. If these conditions are satisfied, we construct a variety Y' as the projectivised regular pullback of X under ϕ , and check whether Y' is really quasismooth and has the correct basket. The details are as follows.

6.1.1 *Part 1 (Finding numerical cluster formats).* We search through all ρ in \mathbb{Z}^m for numerical cluster formats (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) matching the Hilbert series data of the candidate Y .

- (i) According to § 2.5, the adjunction number of the cluster format X is $\alpha_X = \sum_i \rho_i$. Thus we only consider ρ lying on the hyperplane $(\sum \rho_i = \alpha_Y) \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$, where α_Y is the adjunction number of the candidate Y .
- (ii) Propositions 3.4 and 4.3 determine several half-spaces in which ρ must lie, in particular all $\rho_i > 0$. The intersection of all these half spaces determines our finite search polytope P .
- (iii) If the cluster format is G_2 and Y has codimension 4, then we assume that Y is in $G_2^{(4)}$ subformat. According to Proposition 4.3, this cuts P by two further hyperplanes. For codimension 5, the $G_2^{(5)}$ subformat cuts P by one hyperplane.
- (iv) For each ρ in P , we compute the Hilbert series of the corresponding cluster format and compare that with the Hilbert series of Y . This is computationally expensive, so we do it in two stages.
 - (a) Compute equation degrees of X and check whether the predicted equation degrees of Y are a subset thereof.
 - (b) For each ρ satisfying (a), we compute the Hilbert numerator and compare it with that of Y .
- (v) Each ρ has an orbit under the dihedral group action, and elements of the same orbit give the same cluster format up to a coordinate change. Thus we choose a representative ρ for each orbit. Sometimes there are extra symmetries. For example, when ρ lies on a certain facet of P , the cluster format specialises to $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ format. Such a ρ has an orbit under the octahedral group.

The output from Part 1 is a list of numerical cluster formats (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) for the candidate Y .

6.1.2 *Part 2 (Checking quasismoothness)*. We work through necessary conditions on ρ and ϕ imposed by the assumption that Y is quasismooth.

- (i) For each potential ρ , we run through the *reasons for failure* (see § 6.3) to remove those cluster formats which it would be impossible for $\phi^{-1}(X)$ to be quasismooth.
- (ii) We construct a general homogeneous map $\phi^*: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow R$ of degree 0. Wherever possible, we use coordinate changes to optimise ϕ (see, e.g., Example 5.4).
- (iii) We construct a test variety Y' , the regular pullback of X along ϕ . Depending on ρ , we may know a subformat for Y' (e.g. $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$), in which case we use this subformat to construct Y' .
- (iv) We check the quasismoothness of Y' . This is by far the most computationally expensive part of the algorithm. We use the strategy outlined in § 6.2.
- (v) If quasismoothness fails, we try again—accidents happen! There is a chance that Y' is not quasismooth for a bad random choice of ϕ . The fact that Y' is eventually quasismooth proves that our reasons for failure are sharp.
- (vi) We check that the basket of Y' matches the basket of the candidate Y —this is a non-trivial condition in general (see § 6.3.4).

6.2 Strategy for testing quasismoothness

We exploit the structure of the cluster variety to produce an efficient way of testing quasismoothness of a regular pullback $Y = \phi^{-1}(X_{\top})$. First we compute $\bigwedge^c(\text{Jac}(Y)|_{\phi^{-1}(\Pi)})$, for each linear subspace Π in the deep locus. This is fast because the Jacobian matrix is very sparse. Then we compute non-singularity for each affine piece of the partial covering from Lemma 2.2. Let F_1, \dots, F_c be the homogeneous equations whose restriction to $(\phi^*(\theta) \neq 0)$ defines the $\text{CI}^{(c)}$ chart $Y_{\theta} = \phi^{-1}(X \cap (\theta \neq 0))$ corresponding to cluster variable x . We verify the inclusion of ideals

TABLE 5. Table of failures.

Codimension	Numerical candidates	Failures				Working constructions
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
4	1220	464	338	3	28	387
5	199	112	36	0	1	50
6	33	3	30	–	–	0

$(\phi^*(\theta)^k) \subset (\bigwedge^c(\text{Jac}(F_i)))$ for large enough k , which implies that the reduced singular locus of the chart Y_θ is empty.

Remark 6.1. Naïvely checking the rank of $\text{Jac}(Y)$ directly is not feasible in codimension greater than 4 because of the size of the matrix. We have compared output of both methods in codimension 4, to ensure correct implementation.

6.3 Reasons for failure

We summarise the results on Part 2 of the algorithm in Table 5.

The ‘Numerical candidates’ column refers to the numerical cluster constructions output from Part 1. Part 2 removes those cluster formats which fail to construct a quasismooth Fano 3-fold Y , and outputs those which do give a working construction. The reasons for failure listed in the table are explained in the rest of this subsection:

- (1) $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing } X)$ is non-empty, § 6.3.1;
- (2) Y is not quasismooth at a coordinate point, § 6.3.2;
- (3) Y fails for some ad hoc reason, § 6.3.3;
- (4) Y is quasismooth but has a false basket, § 6.3.4.

Throughout this subsection, \hat{Y} in \mathbb{A}^n is the affine cone over a quasismooth 3-fold $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(a)$ in cluster format (X, μ, \mathbb{F}) , and we denote the coordinates on \mathbb{A}^n by z_1, \dots, z_n . The reasons for failure are conditions on the morphism $\phi: \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^N$ which are necessary for Y to be quasismooth. These conditions are independent of the choice of ϕ .

6.3.1 *Pullback singular locus of the cluster variety.* The search polytope P from Part 1 of the search is defined by certain numerical conditions on ρ implied by the requirement that $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing } X)$ is supported at the vertex or empty. By analysing ϕ more closely, we can sharpen the conditions on ρ .

LEMMA 6.2. *Suppose that Π is a component of the singular locus of X , with defining ideal $I_\Pi = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$. If \hat{Y} is the affine cone over a quasismooth 3-fold, then one of the following two conditions must hold.*

- (i) (Empty) For some i , $d(w_i) = 0$.
- (ii) (Vertex) For each $i = 1, \dots, n$, there exists j_i such that $d(z_i)$ divides $d(w_{j_i})$.

Proof. (i) If $d(w_i) = 0$ for some i , then we are done, because $\phi^*(w_i) = 1$ by convention, and $\phi^{-1}(\Pi)$ is empty. (ii) Otherwise, $\phi^{-1}(\Pi)$ is supported at the vertex, which implies that for each i , some power of z_i is in $\phi^*(I_\Pi)$. Thus for each i , there exists j_i such that some power of z_i appears in $\phi^*(w_{j_i})$. □

LEMMA 6.3. Suppose we are in case (ii) of Lemma 6.2. Choose coordinates and reorder them $z_1, \dots, z_p, z_{p+1}, \dots, z_n$ so that for $i = p + 1, \dots, n$, we have $\phi^*(w_{j_i}) = z_i$ for some w_{j_i} . Then at least p of the $\phi^*(w_i)$ must be non-trivial modulo (z_{p+1}, \dots, z_n) .

Proof. We work on the affine subspace $V(z_{p+1}, \dots, z_n) = \mathbb{A}^p \subset \mathbb{A}^n$. It remains to show that the ideal quotient $I' = \phi^*(I_\Pi)/(z_{p+1}, \dots, z_n)$ is supported on the vertex $V(z_1, \dots, z_p)$ in \mathbb{A}^p . For this, we need at least $\dim \mathbb{A}^p$ non-trivial generators for I' . □

Example 6.4 (Pullback of $\text{sing } X_{C_2}$ is non-empty). Consider #25, $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)$. Part 1 of the algorithm gives five numerical C_2 formats for Y :

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 7 & 9 & 13 & 7 & 11 & 10 \\ 10 & 9 & 8 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \middle| 1 \right), \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 9 & 13 & 7 & 11 & 9 \\ 8 & 9 & 7 & 3 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \middle| 3 \right), \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 11 & 9 & 11 & 7 & 10 & 9 \\ 5 & 8 & 8 & 6 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \middle| 5 \right), \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 10 & 12 & 6 & 11 & 10 \\ 8 & 7 & 9 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \middle| 3 \right), \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 10 & 9 & 12 & 8 & 10 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 & 6 & 3 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \middle| 5 \right).$$

By Lemma 3.3, the largest component of $\text{sing } X_{C_2}$ is $V(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{31}, A_{12}, A_{23}, A_{31})$. We can read the degrees of the ideal generators directly from the cluster format. For example, in the first displayed case, we have $(7, 9, 13, 7, 11, 10, 10, 9, 8)$. Since none of these is divisible by $d(z_3) = 6$, this case fails Lemma 6.2. Similarly for the second and third cases, while the fifth case also fails, because there is no space for z_4 which has degree 7. The fourth case is actually a working construction; see Example 5.4 above.

Example 6.5. Consider #166, $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5)$ with coordinates p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w and C_2 format $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 5 & 5 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \middle| 3 \right)$. After choosing coordinates, ϕ takes the form

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} v & w & P_5 & t & u & Q_4 \\ r & s & R_3 & p & q & S_2 \end{array} \middle| T_3 \right),$$

which passes Lemma 6.2(ii), so we test Lemma 6.3. For the component

$$\Pi = V(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{31}, A_{12}, A_{23}, A_{31}) \subset \text{sing}(X_{C_2}),$$

the variables r, s, t, u, v, w appear as pullbacks of $A_{12}, A_{23}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}$, respectively. Thus we need only consider $\phi^{-1}(\Pi) \cap \mathbb{A}_{p,q}^2 = V(P_5, Q_4, R_3)|_{\mathbb{A}_{p,q}^2}$. For degree reasons, $P|_{\mathbb{A}_{p,q}^2} \equiv R|_{\mathbb{A}_{p,q}^2} \equiv 0$ and so $Q|_{\mathbb{A}_{p,q}^2}$ cuts out two lines. Thus $\phi^{-1}(\Pi)$ must be non-empty along the pq -plane.

6.3.2 Quasismoothness at coordinate points. It may still happen that Y is singular even though $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing } X) = \emptyset$. The following lemma gives a necessary condition for Y to be quasismooth at all coordinate points of $\mathbb{P}(a)$.

LEMMA 6.6. Let $\phi^*(I_X) = (\phi^*(f_1), \dots, \phi^*(f_m))$ be the ideal defining \hat{Y} under regular pullback, and suppose that P_i is the coordinate point corresponding to z_i . Then for each i , one of the following conditions must hold.

- (i) ($P_i \notin Y$) There exists an integer j such that $\phi^*(f_j)$ contains the monomial z_i^k for some $k > 0$.
- (ii) ($P_i \in Y$) There exists $S \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ of cardinality $c = \text{codim}_{\mathbb{P}(a)} Y$ and a permutation σ on n elements, such that for all j in S , $\phi^*(f_j)$ contains the monomial $z_{\sigma(j)} z_i^{m_j}$ for some $m_j > 0$.

Proof. Clearly, condition (i) implies that P_i is not contained in Y . So we assume that P_i is in Y . Let J denote the Jacobian matrix $\text{Jac}(Y)$ evaluated at P_i . If Y is quasismooth, then J contains

a $c \times c$ submatrix J_c of rank c . Since P_i is a coordinate point, this implies condition (ii) of the lemma. Indeed, the row numbers of J_c make up the subset S , and σ is some suitable permutation whose restriction to S maps rows of J_c to linearly independent columns of J_c . \square

Example 6.7. Consider #308, $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)$, with coordinates p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w in C_2 format $(\begin{smallmatrix} 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 7 & 6 & 8 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 9 & 5 & 10 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 3)$. The general form of ϕ is

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} t & v & P_{11} & Q_9 & q & w \\ R_7 & r & u & 1 & s & 1 \end{array} \mid p^3 \right).$$

Here $Y = \phi^{-1}(X)$ is always singular at the coordinate point P_s , even though ϕ is generically an immersion, and $\phi^{-1}(\text{sing } X)$ is empty. Indeed, for degree reasons, s only appears as $\phi^*(A_2)$ and possibly in P_{11}, Q_9, R_7 . A quick examination of the equations shows that the tangent cone to $\phi^{-1}(X)$ at P_s must be singular.

6.3.3 Ad hoc reasons for failure. We document the failures appearing in column (3) of [Table 5](#).

(#360) $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^7(1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9)$ in $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 & 8 & 10 \\ 7 & 6 & 7 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 2)$ format is always singular at one point in $\mathbb{P}(4, 8)$.

(#393) $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^7(1, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)$ in $C_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 & 7 & 9 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 5 & 10 & 7 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \mid 0)$ format (i.e. $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ subformat) has a singular curve supported on $\mathbb{P}(5, 5)$ and a singular point in $\mathbb{P}(4, 8)$.

(#878) $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^7(1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6)$ in $G_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 9 & 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 4 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix})$ format is singular along a curve in $\mathbb{P}(3, 3, 6)$.

6.3.4 False baskets and ice cream. Let $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ be a candidate Fano 3-fold from [\[GRDB\]](#) with basket of terminal quotient singularities \mathcal{B} . Suppose Y' is a quasismooth 3-fold in weighted projective space with Hilbert series matching Y . We say that Y' has a false basket if the quotient singularities of Y' are not terminal. Such Y' are discarded.

Example 6.8. #569, $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 9)$ of Fano index $q = 1$ in $G_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 15 & 5 & 10 & 9 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 7 & 3 & 7 & 8 \\ -1 & 6 & -2 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix})$ format has $\frac{1}{5}(1, 1, 4)$ and $\frac{1}{5}(3, 4, 4)$ singularities instead of a single $\frac{1}{5}(1, 2, 3)$ singularity.

Example 6.9. #2410, $Y \subset \mathbb{P}(1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6)$ in $G_2(\begin{smallmatrix} 6 & 5 & 9 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 & -3 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \mid \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix})$ format (i.e. $A_2 + CI^{(1)}$ subformat) has a curve of index 2 singularities. This is the only quasismooth Fano 3-fold with non-isolated singularities that we find.

Remark 6.10. There is a misprint in [\[BKQ18, Table 1\]](#): #577 has a working construction in $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$ format, while #645 is quasismooth but not terminal.

Let \mathcal{B} denote either the basket of a candidate Fano 3-fold Y , or the set of isolated singularities on a quasismooth Fano 3-fold Y' . Define the *basket vector* of \mathcal{B} to be $v(\mathcal{B}) = (v_2, \dots, v_{a_n})$ where v_r is the number of quotient singularities in \mathcal{B} with index divisible by r , for $2 \leq r \leq a_n$.

Example 6.11. According to [\[GRDB\]](#), #569 has basket vector $v(\mathcal{B}) = (0, 3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1)$, while the construction of [Example 6.8](#) has basket vector $v(\mathcal{B}') = (0, 3, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1)$.

LEMMA 6.12. *Suppose Y is a candidate Fano 3-fold from [GRDB] in codimension 4, 5 or 6 and Y' is a quasismooth 3-fold with isolated singularities such that $P_Y(t) = P_{Y'}(t)$. Then $\mathcal{B}(Y) = \mathcal{B}(Y')$ if and only if $v(\mathcal{B}(Y)) = v(\mathcal{B}(Y'))$.*

Proof. The ‘only if’ part is obvious. For the ‘if’ part, we use ice cream. Define $k_Y = -q(Y) < 0$ so that $\omega_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(k_Y)$. By [BRZ13], the Hilbert series of Y can be expressed as

$$P_Y(t) = P_I(t) + \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{B}} P_{\text{orb}}(Q, k_Y)(t)$$

where $P_I(t)$ is uniquely determined by k_Y and the first $\lfloor (k_Y + 2)/2 \rfloor$ terms of $P_Y(t)$. In particular, the orbifold contributions to $P_Y(t)$ and $P_{Y'}(t)$ are equal.

Using a computer, we calculate the orbifold contribution to the Hilbert series for all baskets \mathcal{B}' with basket vector $v(\mathcal{B}') = v(\mathcal{B}(Y))$. Since Y' is quasismooth with isolated singularities, one of these baskets must be the set of singularities of Y' . We find that the only possibilities for \mathcal{B}' whose orbifold contribution matches that of Y are permutations of \mathcal{B} , so the lemma is proven. \square

We discard any constructions Y' whose basket vector does not match that of the candidate Y , or which has non-isolated singularities. The basket vector is quite easy for the computer to determine. According to the above lemma, the remainder are terminal quasismooth Fano 3-folds.

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