

The extremal rays of blow-ups of projective spaces at points

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Abstract: In this paper, we study blow-ups of projective spaces at one, two, three or four torus invariant points. After some anti-flips, they become Fano varieties in some cases. We give the explicit description of extremal rays of them by using the notion of primitive relations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In [VK], the following smooth toric Fano d -folds are studied: Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_d\}$ be the standard basis for $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. The normal fan for the convex hull P of

$$\{\pm e_1, \dots, \pm e_d, \pm(e_1 + \dots + e_d)\}$$

determines the Gorenstein toric Fano d -fold X_P . X_P is smooth when d is even, and X_P looks like the blow-up of the d -dimensional projective space \mathbb{P}^d at $d + 1$ points. However, X_P is not a blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d when $d \geq 4$, and have more complicated structures. In this case, there exists a sequence of anti-flips

$$X_n \dashrightarrow Y_1 \dashrightarrow \dots \dashrightarrow Y_r = X_P,$$

where X_n is the blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d at $d + 1$ torus invariant points, while Y_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} are smooth projective toric d -folds which are not weak Fano varieties. We remark that X_P is V^d in [VK].

Related to this phenomenon, in this paper, we investigate anti-flips of the blow-up X_n of \mathbb{P}^d at n torus invariant points for $n \leq 4$. As results, we obtain even-dimensional smooth toric Fano varieties. These smooth toric Fano varieties have a structure of a $(\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ -bundle over \mathbb{P}^{d-n} without the three exceptional cases (see X_3^{3+} , X_4^{6+} and Y_4^{4+} in Section 3) where these Fano varieties have similar structures to V^d .

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2. BLOW-UPS OF PROJECTIVE SPACES AT POINTS

In this section, we describe the blow-ups of \mathbb{P}^d at n torus invariant points by using the toric geometry. We remark that there exist exactly $d + 1$ torus invariant points in \mathbb{P}^d . Thus, we have $n \leq d + 1$. For the basic theory of the toric geometry, see [CLS], [F] and [O]. For the toric Mori theory, see [FS], [M] and [R] (see also [Ba1], [Ba2] and [S]).

Let $X = X_\Sigma$ be the smooth projective toric d -fold associated to a fan Σ in $N = \mathbb{Z}^d$. Put

$$G(\Sigma) := \{\text{the primitive generators for 1-dimensional cones in } \Sigma\} \subset N.$$

The following notion is very important for our theory.

Definition 2.1. A non-empty subset $P \subset G(\Sigma)$ is a *primitive collection* in Σ (or X) if

- (1) P does not generate a cone in Σ , while
- (2) any proper subset of P generates a cone in Σ .

For a primitive collection $\{x_1, \dots, x_l\}$, there exists a unique cone in Σ which contains $x_1 + \dots + x_l$ in its relative interior. Let $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \subset G(\Sigma)$ be the generators for this cone. Then, we have a linear relation

$$x_1 + \dots + x_l = a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_m y_m,$$

where a_1, \dots, a_m are positive integers. We call this relation the *primitive relations* for $\{x_1, \dots, x_l\}$.

For any primitive collection P in X , we obtain a numerical 1-cycle on X by using its primitive relation. In particular, it is well-known that the numerical 1-cycles associated to primitive collections in X generate Mori cone $\text{NE}(X)$. So, we say that a primitive collection is *extremal* if the associated 1-cycle generates an extremal ray of $\text{NE}(X)$. We should remark that Σ can be recovered by all the primitive relations of Σ .

For blow-ups, the primitive collections can be calculated as follows:

Proposition 2.2. *Let $X = X_\Sigma$ be a smooth projective toric variety and $X' \rightarrow X$ be the blow-up with respect to a cone $\langle x_1, \dots, x_r \rangle$ in Σ . Put $z := x_1 + \dots + x_r$. Then, the primitive collections of X' are as follows:*

- (1) $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$.
- (2) Any primitive collection P in Σ such that $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\} \not\subset P$.
- (3) For any minimal element in

$$\begin{aligned} & \{P \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_r\} \mid P \text{ is a primitive collection in } \Sigma, P \cap \{x_1, \dots, x_r\} \neq \emptyset\}, \\ & (P \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_r\}) \cup \{z\}. \end{aligned}$$

By applying Proposition 2.2 n times, we can calculate the primitive relations of n points blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d .

Proposition 2.3. *Let $f : X_n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$ be the toric blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d at n torus invariant points for $1 \leq n \leq d + 1$ and Σ_n the fan associated to X_n . Then, the primitive relations of Σ_n are as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} & x_i + y_i = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \quad x_1 + \dots + \check{x}_i + \dots + x_{d+1} = y_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq n) \text{ and} \\ & y_i + y_j = x_1 + \dots + \check{x}_i + \dots + \check{x}_j + \dots + x_{d+1} \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq n), \end{aligned}$$

where $G(\Sigma_n) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}, y_1, \dots, y_n\}$. In particular, Σ_n has exactly $\frac{n(n+3)}{2}$ primitive collections.

Conversely, we can calculate the primitive collections of the blow-down of a toric variety.

Proposition 2.4. *Let X be a smooth projective toric variety and $X \rightarrow \overline{X}$ the blow-down with respect to an extremal primitive relation*

$$x_1 + \cdots + x_m = z$$

of X . Then, the primitive collections of \overline{X} are as follows:

- (1) Any primitive collection P in X such that $P \neq \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ and $z \notin P$.
- (2) For a primitive collection P in X such that $z \in P$ and $(P \setminus \{z\}) \cup S$ is not a primitive collection in X for any proper subset $S \subset \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$,

$$(P \setminus \{z\}) \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}.$$

By using Propositions 2.2 and 2.4, we obtain the following. This theorem is essential in the calculations in Section 3.

Theorem 2.5. *Let $X = X_\Sigma$ and $X^+ = X_{\Sigma^+}$ be smooth projective toric varieties, and $X \dashrightarrow X^+$ the anti-flip with respect to an extremal primitive relation*

$$x_1 + \cdots + x_l = y_1 + \cdots + y_m,$$

where $\{x_1, \dots, x_l, y_1, \dots, y_m\} \subset G(\Sigma)$. Then, the primitive collections of Σ^+ are as follows:

- (1) $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ whose primitive relation is

$$y_1 + \cdots + y_m = x_1 + \cdots + x_l.$$

- (2) Any primitive collection P in Σ such that $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \not\subset P$ and $P \neq \{x_1, \dots, x_l\}$.
- (3) For any minimal element in

$$\{P \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \mid P \text{ is a primitive collection in } \Sigma, P \cap \{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \neq \emptyset\}$$

such that $(P \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}) \cup S$ does not contain a primitive collection for any proper subset $S \subset \{x_1, \dots, x_l\}$,

$$(P \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}) \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_l\}.$$

Proof. X^+ is obtained by blowing-up X with respect to the cone $\langle y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle$ and by blowing-down with respect to the extremal primitive relation

$$x_1 + \cdots + x_l = z,$$

where $z := y_1 + \cdots + y_m$. Therefore, we can apply Propositions 2.2 and 2.4. \square

Remark 2.6. Obviously, Theorem 2.5 is available for flips and flops, too.

Here, we give the characterization of Fano varieties using the notion of primitive relations for the reader's convenience:

Proposition 2.7. *Let $X = X_\Sigma$ be a smooth projective toric variety. Then, X is Fano if and only if for any primitive relation*

$$x_1 + \cdots + x_l = a_1 y_1 + \cdots + a_m y_m$$

in Σ , $l - (a_1 + \cdots + a_m) > 0$ holds.

3. ANTI-FLIPS

In this section, we consider anti-flips of X_n in Proposition 2.3 in order to obtain Fano varieties. We deal with the cases where $n = 1, 2, 3$ and 4. For calculations of anti-flips, we use Theorem 2.5.

[I] 1 point blow-up. Proposition 2.3 says that the primitive relations of Σ_1 are

$$x_1 + y_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1,$$

where $G(\Sigma_1) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}, y_1\}$. So, X_1 itself is a Fano variety (see [Bo]).

[II] 2 points blow-up. Proposition 2.3 says that the primitive relations of Σ_2 are

$$(2.1) \ x_1 + y_1 = 0, \quad (2.2) \ x_2 + y_2 = 0,$$

$$(2.3) \ x_2 + x_3 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1, \quad (2.4) \ x_1 + x_3 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2 \text{ and}$$

$$(2.5) \ y_1 + y_2 = x_3 + \cdots + x_{d+1},$$

where $G(\Sigma_2) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}, y_1, y_2\}$. One can easily see that X_2 is Fano if and only if $d = 2$. If $d = 3$, then X_2 has a flopping contraction. So, let $d \geq 4$.

Only we have to do is to do the anti-flip with respect to the primitive relation (2.5). Let $X_2 \dashrightarrow X_2^+$ be this anti-flip. Then, the primitive relations of X_2^+ are

$$(2.1) \ x_1 + y_1 = 0, \quad (2.2) \ x_2 + y_2 = 0 \text{ and } (2.5^+) \ x_3 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2.$$

X_2^+ is a toric Fano variety. Thus, we obtain the following:

Theorem 3.1. *Let X_2 be a blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d at 2 torus invariant points. Then, the following hold:*

- (1) X_2 is Fano if and only if $d = 2$.
- (2) If $d \geq 4$, then after one anti-flip, we obtain a Fano variety X_2^+ . Moreover, X_2^+ is a $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ -bundle over \mathbb{P}^{d-2} .

[III] 3 points blow-up. Proposition 2.3 says that the primitive relations of Σ_3 are

$$(3.1) \ x_1 + y_1 = 0, \quad (3.2) \ x_2 + y_2 = 0, \quad (3.3) \ x_3 + y_3 = 0,$$

$$(3.4) \ x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1, \quad (3.5) \ x_1 + x_3 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2,$$

$$(3.6) \ x_1 + x_2 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_3,$$

$$(3.7) \ y_1 + y_2 = x_3 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1}, \quad (3.8) \ y_1 + y_3 = x_2 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} \text{ and}$$

$$(3.9) \ y_2 + y_3 = x_1 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1},$$

where $G(\Sigma_3) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}, y_1, y_2, y_3\}$. One can easily see that X_3 is Fano if and only if $d = 2$. If $d = 3$, then X_3 has flopping contractions. So, let $d \geq 4$.

First of all, we do 3 anti-flips φ_1, φ_2 and φ_3 with respect to (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9), respectively. Let

$$X_3 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} X_3^{1+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} X_3^{2+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_3} X_3^{3+}$$

be the sequence of the anti-flips. Then, we have the following:

- The primitive relations of X_3^{1+} are

$$(3.7^+) \ x_3 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2,$$

$$(3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.6), (3.8) \text{ and } (3.9).$$

- The primitive relations of X_3^{2+} are

$$(3.8^+) x_2 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_3,$$

$$(3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.7^+) \text{ and } (3.9).$$

- The primitive relations of X_3^{3+} are

$$(3.9^+) x_1 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2 + y_3,$$

$$(3.1) x_1 + y_1 = 0, (3.2) x_2 + y_2 = 0, (3.3) x_3 + y_3 = 0,$$

$$(3.7^+) x_3 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2, (3.8^+) x_2 + x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_3 \text{ and}$$

$$(3.10) y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1}.$$

X_3^{3+} is Fano if $d = 4$. This toric Fano 4-fold is of type M_1 in the list of [Ba2] (see also [S]). If $d = 5$, then X_3^{3+} has a flopping contraction. So, let $d \geq 6$.

Next, we do the anti-flip $\varphi_4 : X_3^{3+} \dashrightarrow Y_3^+$ with respect to (3.10). The primitive relations of Y_3^+ are

$$(3.10^+) x_4 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2 + y_3,$$

$$(3.1) x_1 + y_1 = 0, (3.2) x_2 + y_2 = 0 \text{ and } (3.3) x_3 + y_3 = 0.$$

Y_3^+ is a Fano variety. Thus, we have the following:

Theorem 3.2. *Let X_3 be a blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d at 3 torus invariant points. Then, the following hold:*

- (1) X_3 is Fano if and only if $d = 2$.
- (2) If $d = 4$, then after 3 anti-flips, we obtain a Fano variety X_3^{3+} .
- (3) If $d \geq 6$, then after 4 anti-flips, we obtain a Fano variety Y_3^+ . Moreover, Y_3^+ is a $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ -bundle over \mathbb{P}^{d-3} .

[IV] 4 points blow-up. Proposition 2.3 says that the primitive relations of Σ_4 are

$$(4.1) x_1 + y_1 = 0, (4.2) x_2 + y_2 = 0, (4.3) x_3 + y_3 = 0, (4.4) x_4 + y_4 = 0,$$

$$(4.5) x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1, (4.6) x_1 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2,$$

$$(4.7) x_1 + x_2 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_3, (4.8) x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_4,$$

$$(4.9) y_1 + y_2 = x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}, (4.10) y_1 + y_3 = x_2 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1},$$

$$(4.11) y_1 + y_4 = x_2 + x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}, (4.12) y_2 + y_3 = x_1 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1},$$

$$(4.13) y_2 + y_4 = x_1 + x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} \text{ and } (4.14) y_3 + y_4 = x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1},$$

where $G(\Sigma_4) = \{x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4\}$. If $d = 3$, then X_4 has flopping contractions. So, let $d \geq 4$.

First of all, we do 6 anti-flips $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5$ and φ_6 with respect to (4.9), (4.10), (4.11), (4.12), (4.13) and (4.14), respectively. Let

$$X_4 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} X_4^{1+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} X_4^{2+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_3} X_4^{3+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_4} X_4^{4+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_5} X_4^{5+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_6} X_4^{6+}$$

be the sequence of the anti-flips. Then, we have the following:

- The primitive relations of X_4^{1+} are

$$(4.9^+) x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2,$$

$$(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.7), (4.8), (4.10), (4.11), (4.12), (4.13) \text{ and } (4.14).$$

- The primitive relations of X_4^{2+} are

$$(4.10^+) x_2 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_3,$$

$$(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.8), (4.9^+), (4.11), (4.12), (4.13) \text{ and } (4.14).$$

- The primitive relations of X_4^{3+} are

$$(4.11^+) \quad x_2 + x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.9⁺), (4.10⁺), (4.12), (4.13) and (4.14).

- The primitive relations of X_4^{4+} are

$$(4.12^+) \quad x_1 + x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2 + y_3,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.9⁺), (4.10⁺), (4.11⁺), (4.13), (4.14) and

$$(4.15) \quad y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}.$$

- The primitive relations of X_4^{5+} are

$$(4.13^+) \quad x_1 + x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.9⁺), (4.10⁺), (4.11⁺), (4.12⁺), (4.14), (4.15) and

$$(4.16) \quad y_1 + y_2 + y_4 = x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}.$$

- The primitive relations of X_4^{6+} are

$$(4.14^+) \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_3 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.9⁺), (4.10⁺), (4.11⁺), (4.12⁺), (4.13⁺), (4.15), (4.16),

(4.17) $y_1 + y_3 + y_4 = x_2 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}$ and (4.18) $y_2 + y_3 + y_4 = x_1 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}$.

X_4^{6+} is Fano if $d = 4$. In this case, X_4^{6+} is isomorphic to \tilde{V}^4 in [E] (see also [Ba2], [S] and [VK]). If $d = 5$, then X_4^{6+} has flopping contractions. So, let $d \geq 6$.

Next, we do 4 anti-flips $\varphi_7, \varphi_8, \varphi_9$ and φ_{10} with respect to (4.15), (4.16), (4.17) and (4.18), respectively. Let

$$X_4^{6+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_7} Y_4^{1+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_8} Y_4^{2+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_9} Y_4^{3+} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{10}} Y_4^{4+}$$

be the sequence of the anti-flips. Then, we have the following:

- The primitive relations of Y_4^{1+} are

$$(4.15^+) \quad x_4 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2 + y_3,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.11⁺), (4.13⁺), (4.14⁺), (4.16), (4.17) and (4.18).

- The primitive relations of Y_4^{2+} are

$$(4.16^+) \quad x_3 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.14⁺), (4.15⁺), (4.17) and (4.18).

- The primitive relations of Y_4^{3+} are

$$(4.17^+) \quad x_2 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_3 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.15⁺), (4.16⁺) and (4.18).

- The primitive relations of Y_4^{4+} are

$$(4.18^+) \quad x_1 + x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_2 + y_3 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.15⁺), (4.16⁺), (4.17⁺) and

$$(4.19) \quad y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 = x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1}.$$

Y_4^{4+} is Fano if $d = 6$. If $d = 7$, then Y_4^{4+} has a flopping contraction. So, let $d \geq 8$.

Finally, we do the anti-flip $\varphi_{11} : Y_4^{4+} \dashrightarrow Z_4^+$ with respect to the primitive relation (4.19). The primitive relations of Z_4^+ are

$$(4.19^+) \quad x_5 + \cdots + x_{d+1} = y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4,$$

(4.1), (4.2), (4.3) and (4.4).

Thus, we can easily see that Z_4^+ is a Fano variety, and obtain the following:

Theorem 3.3. *Let X_4 be a blow-up of \mathbb{P}^d at 4 torus invariant points. Then, the following hold:*

- (1) *If $d = 4$, then after 6 anti-flips, we obtain a Fano variety X_4^{6+} .*
- (2) *If $d = 6$, then after 10 anti-flips, we obtain a Fano variety Y_4^{4+} .*
- (3) *If $d \geq 8$, then after 11 anti-flips, we obtain a Fano variety Z_4^+ . Moreover, Z_4^+ is a $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ -bundle over \mathbb{P}^{d-4} .*

By considering Theorems 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, we end this section by giving the following conjecture:

Conjecture 3.4. *For the blow-up X_n of \mathbb{P}^d at n torus invariant points, the following hold: Put $d = 2e$ when d is even, while $d = 2e + 1$ when d is odd for a positive integer e .*

- (1) *If $n \leq e$, then after anti-flips, we obtain a smooth toric Fano variety which has a structure of $(\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ -bundle over \mathbb{P}^{d-n} .*
- (2) *If $e + 1 \leq n \leq d + 1$ and d is even, then after anti-flips, we obtain a smooth toric Fano variety which does not admit any bundle structure.*

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