



# Embedding the Picard group inside the class group: the case of $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric varieties

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## Abstract

Let  $X$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety over an algebraic closed field of characteristic 0. There is a canonical injection of the Picard group  $\text{Pic}(X)$  in the group  $\text{Cl}(X)$  of classes of Weil divisors. These two groups are finitely generated abelian groups; while the first one is a free group, the second one may have torsion. We investigate algebraic and geometrical conditions under which the image of  $\text{Pic}(X)$  in  $\text{Cl}(X)$  is contained in a free part of the latter group.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $X$  be an irreducible and normal algebraic variety over an algebraic closed field  $k$  of characteristic 0. Then, the group  $H^0(X, \mathcal{K}^*/\mathcal{O}^*)$  of Cartier divisors of  $X$  can be represented as the subgroup of locally principal divisors of the group  $\text{Div}(X)$  of Weil divisors [5, Rem. II.6.11.2]. Quotienting both these groups by their subgroup of principal divisors one realizes the group  $\text{CaCl}(X)$  of classes of Cartier divisors as a subgroup of the group  $\text{Cl}(X)$  of classes of Weil divisors. In addition it turns out a canonical isomorphism between  $\text{CaCl}(X)$  and the Picard group  $\text{Pic}(X)$  of classes

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of isomorphic line bundles on  $X$  [5, Propositions II.6.13,15], so giving a canonical injection

$$\mathrm{Pic}(X) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Cl}(X) . \quad (1)$$

For this reason, in this paper we will not distinguish between linear equivalence classes of Cartier divisors and isomorphism classes of line bundles, so identifying  $\mathrm{CaCl}(X) = \mathrm{Pic}(X)$ .

Assume now that  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$  is finitely generated. It is well known that a finitely generated abelian group decomposes (noncanonically) in a direct sum of a free part and its torsion subgroup. Both  $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$  and  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$  may have nontrivial torsion, and clearly, (1) induces an injection  $\mathrm{Tors}(\mathrm{Pic}(X)) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Tors}(\mathrm{Cl}(X))$ . Then, the following natural question arises:

(\*) *under which conditions on  $X$  there exist free parts  $F_C$  and  $F_W$  of  $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$  and  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$ , respectively (see Definition 1), such that the injection (1) induces an injection*

$$F_C \hookrightarrow F_W ? \quad (2)$$

One should expect some geometric condition on  $X$  answering to question (\*), but we could not find anything, in the current literature. Motivated by algebraic considerations (see Proposition 2) we call *pure* a normal, irreducible algebraic variety  $X$  such that  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$  is finitely generated and there exist free parts  $F_C$  and  $F_W$  positively answering problem (\*) (see Definition 3). On the contrary if for each choice of free parts  $F_C$  and  $F_W$  the injection (1) does not induce any injection (2), then  $X$  is called *impure*. Obvious examples of pure varieties are given by those varieties  $X$  whose class group  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$  is finitely generated and free, and by smooth varieties admitting a finitely generated class group. Examples of impure varieties are in general more involved: Some of them are given in Sect. 3.3.

In the present paper we will consider the easier case of a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety  $X$ , essentially for three reasons:

- (a)  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$  is a finitely generated abelian group (see, e.g., [2, Thm. 4.1.3])
- (b)  $\mathrm{Pic}(X)$  is free, i.e.,  $\mathrm{Tors}(\mathrm{Pic}(X)) = 0$  (see, e.g., [2, Prop. 4.2.5])
- (c) locally principal divisors can be easily described by means of principal divisors on affine open subsets of  $X(\Sigma)$  associated with maximal cones of the fan  $\Sigma$ .

Conditions (a) and (b) translate problem (\*) in the following

(\*\*) *under which conditions on  $X$  there exists a free part  $F$  of  $\mathrm{Cl}(X)$  such that (1) induces an injection  $\mathrm{Pic}(X) \hookrightarrow F$  ?*

The main result of the present paper is a sufficient condition for a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety to be a pure variety. This is given by Theorem 2 and can be geometrically summarized as follows:

**Theorem 1** [see Theorem 2 and Remark 2] Let  $X(\Sigma)$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety of dimension  $n$ . Then, it admits a canonical covering  $Y(\widehat{\Sigma}) \twoheadrightarrow X(\Sigma)$ , unramified in codimension 1, such that the class group  $\text{Cl}(Y)$  is free (this follows by [8, Thm. 2.2]). Both  $X$  and  $Y$  are orbifolds [2, Thm. 3.1.19 (b)]; let

$$\{U_{\widehat{\sigma}}\}_{\widehat{\sigma} \in \widehat{\Sigma}(n)}$$

be the collection of affine charts given by the maximal cones and covering  $Y$ . Calling  $\text{mult}(\widehat{\sigma})$  the maximum order of a quotient singularity in the affine chart  $U_{\widehat{\sigma}}$  (i.e., the multiplicity of the cone  $\widehat{\sigma} \in \widehat{\Sigma}(n)$ , see Definition 4),  $X$  is a pure variety if  $m_{\Sigma} := \gcd\{\text{mult}(\widehat{\sigma}) \mid \widehat{\sigma} \in \widehat{\Sigma}(n)\}$  is coprime with the order of the Galois group of the covering  $Y \rightarrow X$ .

This is not a necessary condition: Example 2 gives a counterexample.

Section 3.3 is entirely devoted to give nontrivial examples of pure and impure varieties. A big class of nontrivial examples of pure varieties is exhibited in Sect. 3.4: Namely, it is given by

- all  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric varieties whose small  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial modifications ( $s\mathbb{Q}m$ ) are actually isomorphisms.

Here  $s\mathbb{Q}m$  of  $X$  means a birational map  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  such that  $f$  is an isomorphism in codimension 1 and  $Y$  is still a complete  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial toric variety. By the combinatorial point of view the previous geometric property translates in requiring that *there is a unique simplicial and complete fan  $\Sigma$  admitting 1-skeleton given by  $\Sigma(1)$* . Our proof that those varieties are pure (see Proposition 5) passes through showing that every maximal simplicial cone generated by rays in  $\Sigma(1)$  and not containing any further element of  $\Sigma(1)$  other than its generators (we call *minimal* such a maximal simplicial cone) is actually a cone of a complete and simplicial fan. This fact produces a completion procedure of fans looking to be of some interest by itself (see Lemma 4 and Sect. 3.4.1), when compared with standard completion procedures [3, Thm. III.2.8], [4,6].

Further results of the present paper are given by:

- algebraic considerations given in Sect. 2; apart from the definition of a pure submodule given in Definition 2 and some consequences appearing in Proposition 2, the rest of this section consists of original considerations, as far as we know;
- a characterization of  $\text{Pic}(X)$  as a subgroup of  $\text{Cl}(X)$ , when  $X$  is a pure,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial, complete, toric variety: In [7, Thm. 2.9.2] we gave a similar characterization in the case of a poly weighted space (PWS: see Notation 3.1), that is, when  $\text{Cl}(X)$  is free; a first generalization was given in [9, Thm. 3.2(3)] which is here improved in Sect. 4 and in particular by Theorem 3;
- an example of a four-dimensional simplicial fan whose completions necessarily require the addition of some new rays (see Example 3): Ewald, in his book [3], already announced the existence of examples of this kind (see the Appendix to Chapter III in [3]), but we were not able to recover it. We then believe that Example 3 may fill up a lack in the literature on these topics.

This paper is structured as follows: The first section gives all needed algebraic ingredients. Section 3 is devoted to state and prove the main result, given by Theorem 2, and produce examples of pure and impure varieties in the toric setup (see Sects. 3.3 and 3.4). Section 4 gives the above-mentioned characterization of  $\text{Pic}(X)$  as a subgroup of  $\text{Cl}(X)$  when  $X$  is a pure,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial, complete, toric variety.

## 2 Algebraic considerations

Let  $A$  be a PID,  $\mathcal{M}$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module of rank  $r$ , and  $T = \text{Tors}_A(\mathcal{M})$ .

**Definition 1** A free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  is a free submodule  $L \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mathcal{M} = L \oplus T$ .

It is well known that a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  always exists.

Let  $H \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  be a free submodule of rank  $h$ . In general it is not true that  $H$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$ . For example, let  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $H = \langle (2, 1) \rangle$ .

**Proposition 1** *There exist elements  $a_1, \dots, a_h \in A$  such that  $a_1|a_2| \dots |a_h$  satisfying the following property: every free part  $L$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  has a basis  $\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_r$  such that  $a_1\mathbf{f}_1 + t_1, \dots, a_h\mathbf{f}_h + t_h$  is a basis of  $H$  for suitable  $t_1, \dots, t_h \in T$ .*

**Proof** Let  $\pi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}/T$  the quotient map. The group  $\mathcal{M}/T$  is free of rank  $r$ . The restriction of  $\pi$  to  $H$  is injective, since  $H$  is free and  $\ker(\pi) = T$ . Therefore,  $\pi(H)$  is a subgroup of rank  $h$  of the free group  $\mathcal{M}/T$ . By the elementary divisor theorem, there exist a basis  $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_r$  and element  $a_1, \dots, a_h \in A$  such that  $a_1|a_2| \dots |a_h$  and  $a_1\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1, \dots, a_h\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_h$  is a basis of  $\pi(H)$ . Let  $\mathbf{h}_1, \dots, \mathbf{h}_h$  be the basis of  $H$  such that  $\pi(\mathbf{h}_i) = a_i\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i$ .

Now let  $L$  be a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$ . The decomposition  $\mathcal{M} = L \oplus T$  gives rise to a section  $s : \mathcal{M}/T \rightarrow L$ , i.e.,  $\pi \circ s = id$ . By putting  $\mathbf{f}_i = s(\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i)$  we get a basis  $\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_r$  of  $L$  such that  $a_1\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, a_h\mathbf{f}_h$  is a basis of  $s(\pi(H))$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, h$  put  $t_i = \mathbf{h}_i - a_i\mathbf{f}_i$ . Then,  $t_i \in \ker(\pi) = T$ , so that the claim is proved.  $\square$

**Remark 1** When  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ , the objects whose existence is established by Proposition 1 are effectively computable. In fact, assume that  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T$ , where  $T$  is a finite group, and that  $\mathbf{g}_1 + s_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}_h + s_h$  is a basis of  $H$ , with  $\mathbf{g}_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}_h \in \mathbb{Z}^r$  and  $s_1, \dots, s_h \in T$ . Let  $G$  be the  $h \times r$  matrix having rows  $\mathbf{g}_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}_h$ . It is possible to compute the Smith normal form  $S$  of  $G$  and matrices  $U \in \text{GL}_h(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $V \in \text{GL}_r(\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $UGV = S$ . Then, the rows of  $V^{-1}$  give the basis  $\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_r$ , the diagonal entries of  $S$  give  $a_1, \dots, a_h \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, we recover the elements  $t_1, \dots, t_h$  by putting (with the obvious notation)

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ \vdots \\ t_h \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_h \end{pmatrix}.$$

The following definition is standard (see, for example, [10, Ex. B-3.6]):

**Definition 2** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $A$ -module. A submodule  $\mathcal{M}' \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  is said *pure* if the following property is satisfied:

if  $am \in \mathcal{M}'$  for some  $a \in A, m \in \mathcal{M}$ , then there is  $m' \in \mathcal{M}'$  such that  $am' = am$ .

**Proposition 2** *The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $H$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- (b) The image of  $T$  in  $\mathcal{M}/H$  is a free summand.
- (c) The image of  $T$  in  $\mathcal{M}/H$  is a pure submodule.
- (d) Let  $L$  be a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_r$  be a basis of  $L$  as in Proposition 1; then, for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , the element  $t_i$  is divisible by  $a_i$  in  $T$ , that is, there exists  $u_i \in T$  such that  $t_i = a_i u_i$ ;

**Proof** a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Let  $L$  be a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $H \subseteq L$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}/H = (L \oplus T)/H \cong (L/H) \oplus T$ .

The equivalence of (b) and (c) is the well-known fact that, for modules finitely generated over a PID, pure submodules and direct summands coincide (see, for example, [10, Ex. B-3.7 (ii)]).

c)  $\Rightarrow$  d): Since  $a_i \mathbf{f}_i + t_i \in H$ , the image of  $a_i \mathbf{f}_i$  in  $\mathcal{M}/H$  belongs to the image of  $T$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . By purity, there exists  $u_i \in T$  such that the images of  $a_i \mathbf{f}_i$  and  $-a_i u_i$  coincide in  $\mathcal{M}/H$ , that is  $a_i \mathbf{f}_i + a_i u_i \in H$ . But then  $t_i - a_i u_i \in H \cap T = \{0\}$ , because  $H$  is free.

c)  $\Rightarrow$  d): Let  $L'$  be the submodule of  $\mathcal{M}$  generated by  $\mathbf{f}_1 + u_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_h + u_h, \mathbf{f}_{h+1}, \dots, \mathbf{f}_r$ . Then,  $L'$  is a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  containing  $H$ . □

Notice that since  $H$  is free,  $H \cap T = \{0\}$ , so that the image of  $T$  in  $\mathcal{M}/H$  is isomorphic to  $T$ .

For every prime element  $p$  of  $A$ , we denote by  $A_{(p)}$  the localization of  $A$  at the prime ideal  $(p)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $A$ -module,  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}$  is the localized  $A_{(p)}$ -module.

The localization of  $T$  at  $(p)$  coincide with the  $p$ -torsion of  $T$ , and  $T = \bigoplus_p T_{(p)}$ .

If  $L$  is a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M} = L \oplus T$  is the corresponding decomposition, then  $L_{(p)}$  is a free part of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}$ , that is, there is a decomposition  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)} = L_{(p)} \oplus T_{(p)}$ . The natural map  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{(p)}$  is the sum of the injection  $L \rightarrow L_{(p)}$  and the surjection  $T \rightarrow T_{(p)}$ .

**Proposition 3**  *$H$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$  if and only if  $H_{(p)}$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}$  for every prime element  $p \in A$ .*

The proof of Proposition 3 is based on the next two lemmas:

**Lemma 1** *Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with unity,  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $A$ -module and  $N \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  be a submodule. Then,  $N$  is a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}$  if and only if there exists a map  $\varphi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow N$  such that  $\varphi|_N = id_N$ .*

**Proof** Assume that a map  $\varphi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow N$  as in the statement of the Lemma exists, and set  $K = \ker(\varphi)$ . Then,  $K \cap N = \{0\}$ , so that the map  $\theta : N \oplus K \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  given by the sum of the inclusions is injective. If  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ , put  $n = \varphi(m) = \varphi(n)$ ; then,  $m - n \in K$  and  $m = n + (m - n)$ , and this shows that  $\theta$  is surjective. The converse is obvious. □

**Lemma 2** *Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with unity,  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $A$ -module and  $N, K \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  be direct summands of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Assume that the two ideals  $Ann_A(N), Ann_A(K)$  are coprime. Then,  $N \oplus K$  is a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

**Proof** Firstly notice that by hypothesis there exist  $a \in \text{Ann}_A(N)$ ,  $b \in \text{Ann}_A(K)$  such that  $a + b = 1$ . This shows that  $N \cap K = \{0\}$ : If  $x \in N \cap K$ , then  $x = ax + bx = 0$ . Write  $\mathcal{M} = N \oplus N'$ ; let  $k \in K$  and write  $k = k_1 + k_2$ , with  $k_1 \in N$  and  $k_2 \in N'$ . Then, from  $bk = 0$  we deduce

$$0 = bk_1 = (1 - a)k_1 = k_1,$$

so that  $K \subseteq N'$ . The composition

$$N' \hookrightarrow K \oplus K' \rightarrow K$$

is the identity when restricted to  $K$  so that  $K$  is a direct summand of  $N'$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 3.* Since localization is an exact functor, we have

$$\mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)} \simeq (\mathcal{M}/H)_{(p)}.$$

Let  $T_{(p)}$  be the  $p$ -torsion of  $T$ ; it coincides with the localization at  $(p)$  of  $T$  and it is a direct summand of  $T$ . Moreover, the natural maps from  $T_{(p)}$  in  $\mathcal{M}/H$  and in  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)}$  are injective, so that we can regard  $T_{(p)}$  as a submodule of  $\mathcal{M}/H$  and of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)}$ .

Now assume that  $H$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then,  $T$  is a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}/H$ , by Proposition 2, so that there is a map  $\mathcal{M}/H \rightarrow T$  which is the identity over  $T$ . Let  $p$  be a prime element in  $A$ ; by localizing at  $(p)$  we find a map  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)} \rightarrow T_{(p)}$  which is the identity over  $T_{(p)}$ , so that  $T_{(p)}$  results to be a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)}$ ; therefore,  $H_{(p)}$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $H_{(p)}$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}$ , for every prime element  $p$  of  $A$ . Then,  $T_{(p)}$  is a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)}$ , so that there is a map  $(\mathcal{M}/H)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{M}_{(p)}/H_{(p)} \rightarrow T_{(p)}$  which is the identity when restricted to  $T_{(p)}$ . If we compose with the natural map  $\mathcal{M}/H \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}/H)_{(p)}$  we get a map  $\mathcal{M}/H \rightarrow T_{(p)}$  which is the identity over  $T_{(p)}$ . Then,  $T_{(p)}$  is a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}/H$  for every prime  $p$ . By Lemma 2,  $T = \prod_p T_{(p)}$  is a direct summand of  $\mathcal{M}/H$ , so that  $H$  is contained in a free part of  $\mathcal{M}$ , again by Proposition 2. (Notice that the product above is in fact a finite product since by hypothesis  $\mathcal{M}$  and hence  $T$ , are finitely generated modules.)

### 3 Application to toric varieties

As already mentioned in the Introduction, we put the following

**Definition 3** Let  $X$  be an irreducible and normal algebraic variety such that  $\text{Cl}(X)$  is finitely generated. Then,  $X$  is called *pure* if there exist free parts  $F_C$  and  $F_W$  of  $\text{Pic}(X)$  and  $\text{Cl}(X)$ , respectively, such that the canonical injection  $\text{Pic}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Cl}(X)$  descends to give the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Pic}(X) & \hookrightarrow & \text{Cl}(X) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 F_C & \hookrightarrow & F_W
 \end{array}$$

In particular, if  $X = X(\Sigma)$  is a  $n$ -dimensional toric variety whose  $n$ -skeleton  $\Sigma(n)$  is not empty (see the following Sect. 3.1 for notation), then  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is free (see, e.g., [2, Prop. 4.2.5]), meaning that  $X$  is pure if and only if  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is contained in a free part of  $\text{Cl}(X)$ .

If  $X$  is not pure, it is called *impure*.

Of course, if  $\text{Cl}(X)$  is free, then  $X$  is pure; moreover if  $X$  is smooth and  $\text{Cl}(X)$  is finitely generated, then it is pure, because the injection  $\text{Pic}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Cl}(X)$  is an isomorphism.

Conversely, producing examples of impure varieties is definitely more complicated (see Example 1).

### 3.1 Notation on toric varieties

Let  $X = X(\Sigma)$  be a  $n$ -dimensional toric variety associated with a fan  $\Sigma$ . Calling  $\mathbb{T} \cong (k^*)^n$  the torus acting on  $X$ , we use the standard notation  $M$ , for the characters group of  $\mathbb{T}$ , and  $N := \text{Hom}(M, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then,  $\Sigma$  is a collection of cones in  $N_{\mathbb{R}} := N \otimes \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\Sigma(i)$  denotes the  $i$ -skeleton of  $\Sigma$ , that is, the collection of  $i$ -dimensional cones in the fan  $\Sigma$ . We shall use the notation  $\tau \preceq \sigma$  to indicate that the cone  $\tau$  is a face of  $\sigma$ .

Given a toric variety  $X(\Sigma)$  we will denote by  $\mathcal{W}_T(X) \subseteq \text{Div}(X)$  the subgroup of *torus invariant* Weil divisors and by  $\mathcal{C}_T(X) \subseteq \mathcal{W}_T(X)$  the subgroup of Cartier torus invariant divisors. It is well known that

$$\mathcal{W}_T(X) = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \Sigma(1)} \mathbb{Z} \cdot D_\rho \quad \text{where} \quad D_\rho := \overline{\mathbb{T} \cdot x_\rho}$$

the latter being the closure of the torus orbit of the *distinguished point*  $x_\rho$  of the ray  $\rho$  [2, § 3.2, § 4.1]. In particular the homomorphism  $D \mapsto [D]$ , sending a Weil divisor to its linear equivalence class, when restricted to torus invariant divisors still gives an epimorphism  $d_X : \mathcal{W}_T(X) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Cl}(X)$  [2, Thm. 4.1.3].

In [7, Def. 2.7] we introduced the notion of a *poly weighted space* (PWS), which is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety  $Y$  whose class group  $\text{Cl}(Y)$  is free. This is equivalent to say that  $Y$  is connected in codimension 1 (1-connected); when  $k = \mathbb{C}$  this means that the regular locus  $Y_{\text{reg}}$  of  $Y$  is simply connected, as  $Y$  is a normal variety: Recall that  $\pi_1(Y_{\text{reg}}) \cong \text{Tors}(\text{Cl}(Y)) = 0$  [8, Cor. 1.8, Thm. 2.1]. As proved in [8, Thm. 2.2], every  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety  $X(\Sigma)$  is a finite quotient of a unique PWS  $Y(\widehat{\Sigma})$ , which is its universal *covering unramified in codimension 1* (1-covering). The Galois group of the torus equivariant covering  $Y \twoheadrightarrow X$  is precisely the dual group  $\mu(X) = \text{Hom}(\text{Tors}(\text{Cl}(X)), k^*)$ . At lattice level, the equivariant surjection  $Y \twoheadrightarrow X$  induces an injective automorphism  $\beta : N \hookrightarrow N$  whose  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear extension

$\beta_{\mathbb{R}} : N_{\mathbb{R}} \hookrightarrow N_{\mathbb{R}}$  identifies the associated fans, that is  $\beta_{\mathbb{R}}(\widehat{\Sigma}) = \Sigma$ . Recall that one has the following commutative diagram (see diagram (5) in [9])

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & 0 \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & \ker(\bar{\alpha}) = T \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow[\widehat{V}^T]{div_X} & \mathcal{W}_T(X) = \mathbb{Z}^{|\Sigma(1)|} & \xrightarrow[\mathcal{Q} \oplus \Gamma]{d_X} & \text{Cl}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \beta^T & & \downarrow \mathbf{I}_{n+r} \alpha & & \downarrow \bar{\alpha} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow[\widehat{V}^T]{div_Y} & \mathcal{W}_T(Y) = \mathbb{Z}^{|\widehat{\Sigma}(1)|} & \xrightarrow[\mathcal{Q}]{d_Y} & \text{Cl}(Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \text{coker}(\beta^T) \cong T & & \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow 0 \\
 & & & & & & 0
 \end{array} \tag{3}$$

where

- $T = \text{Tors}(\text{Cl}(X))$ ;
- $div_X, div_Y$  are the morphisms sending a character in  $M$  to the associated principal divisor in  $\mathcal{W}_T(X), \mathcal{W}_T(Y)$ , respectively;
- $d_X, d_Y$  are the morphisms sending a torus invariant divisor in  $\mathcal{W}_T(X), \mathcal{W}_T(Y)$ , respectively, to its class in  $\text{Cl}(X), \text{Cl}(Y)$ , respectively;
- $\alpha$  is the identification  $\mathcal{W}_T(X) \cong \mathcal{W}_T(Y)$  induced by inverse images of rays by  $\beta_{\mathbb{R}}$ , that is,

$$\alpha \left( \sum_{\rho \in \Sigma(1)} a_{\rho} D_{\rho} \right) = \sum_{\beta_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}(\rho) \in \widehat{\Sigma}(1)} a_{\rho} D_{\beta_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}(\rho)};$$

- $\bar{\alpha}$  is what induced by  $\alpha$  on classes groups;
- $V, \widehat{V}$  are matrices whose transposed represent  $div_X, div_Y$ , respectively, w.r.t. a chosen a basis of  $M$  and standard bases of torus orbits of rays of  $\mathcal{W}_T(X)$  and  $\mathcal{W}_T(Y)$ , respectively; since  $|\Sigma(1)| = |\widehat{\Sigma}(1)| = n + r$ , where

$$r = \text{rk}(\text{Cl}(Y)) = \text{rk}(\text{Cl}(X))$$

both  $V$  and  $\widehat{V}$  are  $n \times (n + r)$  integer matrices called *fan matrices* of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively; they turn out to be *F-matrices*, in the sense of [7, Def. 3.10], and  $\widehat{V}$  is also a CF-matrix; notice that, still calling  $\beta$  the representative matrix of the homonymous morphism  $\beta : N \hookrightarrow N$  w.r.t. the basis dual to that chosen in  $M$ , there is the relation



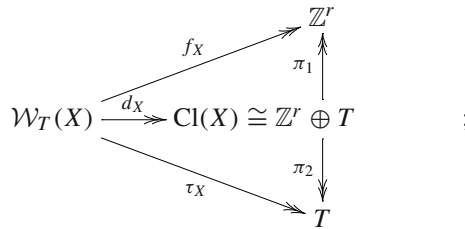
$$V = \beta \cdot \widehat{V}$$

(see [7, Prop. 3.1 (3)] and [8, Rem. 2.4]); concretely, both  $V$  and  $\widehat{V}$  can be obtained as matrices whose columns represent primitive generators of rays in  $\Sigma(1)$  and  $\widehat{\Sigma}(1)$ , respectively, w.r.t. the dual basis, i.e.,

$$V = (\mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \mathbf{v}_{n+r}) , \quad \widehat{V} = (\widehat{\mathbf{v}}_1 \cdots \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{n+r})$$

where  $\Sigma(1) = \{\langle \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{v}_{n+r} \rangle\}$ ,  $\widehat{\Sigma}(1) = \{\langle \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{n+r} \rangle\}$ , being  $\langle \mathbf{v} \rangle$  the ray generated by  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \cong N_{\mathbb{R}}$ ;

- $Q$  is a matrix representing  $d_Y$  w.r.t. a chosen basis of  $\text{Cl}(Y)$ ; it is a  $r \times (n+r)$  integer matrix which turns out to be a *Gale dual matrix* of both  $V$  and  $\widehat{V}$ , in the sense of [7, § 3.1] and a *W-matrix*, in the sense of [7, Def. 3.9]; it is called a *weight matrix* of both  $X$  and  $Y$ ;
- the choice of a basis of  $\text{Cl}(Y)$  as above determines a basis of a free part of  $\text{Cl}(X)$ ; complete such a basis with a set of generators of the torsion subgroup  $T \subseteq \text{Cl}(X)$ ; then,  $d_X$  decomposes as  $d_X = f_X \oplus \tau_X$  where



with respect to these choices, the weight matrix  $Q$  turns out to be a representative matrix of  $f_X$ , too, while morphism  $\tau_X$  is represented by a *torsion matrix*  $\Gamma$  [9, Thm. 3.2(6)].

### 3.1.1 Some further notation

Let  $A \in \mathbf{M}(d, m; \mathbb{Z})$  be a  $d \times m$  integer matrix, then

$\mathcal{L}_r(A) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^m$  denotes the sublattice spanned by the rows of  $A$ ;

$\mathcal{L}_c(A) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^d$  denotes the sublattice spanned by the columns of  $A$ ;

$A_I, A^I$  for any  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ , the former is the submatrix of  $A$  given by the columns indexed by  $I$  and the latter is the submatrix of  $A$  whose columns are indexed by the complementary subset  $\{1, \dots, m\} \setminus I$ ;

Given a fan matrix  $V = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n+r}) \in \mathbf{M}(n, n+r; \mathbb{Z})$  then

$\langle V \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n+r} \rangle \subseteq N_{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes the cone generated by the columns of  $V$ ;

$\mathcal{SF}(V) = \mathcal{SF}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n+r})$  is the set of all rational simplicial and complete fans  $\Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma(1) = \{\langle \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{v}_{n+r} \rangle\} \subset N_{\mathbb{R}}$  (see [7, Def. 1.3]).

Given a fan  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{SF}(V)$  we put

$$\mathcal{I}^{\Sigma} = \{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n+r\} : \langle V^I \rangle \in \Sigma(n)\}.$$

### 3.2 A sufficient condition

This section is aimed to give a sufficient condition for a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety to be a pure variety. Let us, first of all, outline some equivalent facts.

**Proposition 4** *Let  $X(\Sigma)$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety,  $Y(\widehat{\Sigma}) \rightarrow X(\Sigma)$  be its universal 1-covering,  $V$  and  $\widehat{V}$  be fan matrices of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Assuming notation as in diagram (3), the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $X$  is a pure variety;
- (b) there is a decomposition  $\mathcal{W}_T(X) = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V}) \oplus F$  such that  $\mathcal{C}_T(X) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_r(V) \oplus F$ ;
- (c) for every prime  $p$  there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -module  $F_p$  and a decomposition

$$\mathcal{W}_T(X)_{(p)} = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})_{(p)} \oplus F_p$$

such that  $\mathcal{C}_T(X)_{(p)} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_r(V)_{(p)} \oplus F_p$ .

**Proof** a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): If  $X$  is a pure variety, let  $\text{Cl}(X) = L \oplus T$  be a decomposition such that  $L$  is a free part and  $\text{Pic}(X) \subseteq L$ . We can identify  $L$  with  $\mathbb{Z}^r$  in the first row of diagram (3). Let  $s : L \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_T(X)$  be any section (i.e.,  $Q \circ s = id_L$ ) and put  $F = s(L)$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{W}_T(X)$ , write  $d_X(x) = a + b$ , with  $a \in L$  and  $b \in T$ . Then,  $Q(x - s(a)) = 0$  so that  $x - s(a) \in \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$ ; this proves that  $\mathcal{W}_T(X) = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V}) \oplus F$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{C}_T(X)$ , then write  $x = a + b$  with  $a \in \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$  and  $b \in F$ ; since  $d_X(x) \in L$ , we have  $\Gamma \cdot x = \Gamma \cdot a = 0$ , so that  $a \in \mathcal{L}_r(V)$ .

b)  $\Rightarrow$  c) is obvious.

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Let  $p$  be a prime and put  $F'_p = F_p \cap \mathcal{C}_T(X)_{(p)}$ . We have

$$\mathcal{C}_T(X)_{(p)} = \mathcal{L}_r(V)_{(p)} \oplus F'_p$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cl}(X)_{(p)} / \text{Pic}(X)_{(p)} &= \mathcal{W}_T(X)_{(p)} / \mathcal{C}_T(X)_{(p)} \cong (\mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})_{(p)} / \mathcal{L}_r(V)_{(p)}) \oplus (F_p / F'_p) \\ &\cong T_{(p)} \oplus (F_p / F'_p) \end{aligned}$$

Then, we see that the image of  $T_{(p)}$  is a direct summand in  $\text{Cl}(X)_{(p)} / \text{Pic}(X)_{(p)}$ , so that  $\text{Pic}(X)_{(p)}$  is contained in a free part of  $\text{Cl}(X)_{(p)}$  by Proposition 2 b). Since this

holds for every  $p$  we can apply Proposition 3 and deduce that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is contained in a free part of  $\text{Cl}(X)$ , so that  $X$  is pure. □

**Definition 4** Let  $\Sigma$  be a fan in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For every simplicial cone  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , let  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  be the set of minimal generators of  $\sigma$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  generated by  $\sigma$ , and  $L = \mathcal{V} \cap \mathbb{Z}^n$ . The *multiplicity* of  $\sigma$  is the index

$$\text{mult}(\sigma) = [L : \mathbb{Z}\mathbf{w}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}\mathbf{w}_k].$$

If  $\Sigma$  is a simplicial fan we put

$$m_\Sigma = \text{gcd}\{\text{mult}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \text{ is a maximal cone in } \Sigma\}.$$

Set, once for all, the following notation:

$$\forall I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n+r\} \quad E_I := \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+r}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+r} \mid x_i = 0, \forall i \notin I\}. \quad (4)$$

We are now in a position to state and prove the main result of the present paper.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $X = X(\Sigma)$  be a complete  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial toric variety and  $Y = Y(\widehat{\Sigma})$  be its universal 1-covering; let  $\widehat{V}$  be a fan matrix associated with  $Y$ , and  $V = \beta \cdot \widehat{V}$  be a fan matrix associated with  $X$ . Suppose that  $(\det(\beta), m_{\widehat{\Sigma}}) = 1$ . Then,  $X$  is a pure variety.*

**Proof** By Proposition 4, it suffices to show that for every prime  $p$  there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -module  $F_p$  and a decomposition  $\mathcal{W}_T(X)_{(p)} = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})_{(p)} \oplus F_p$  such that  $\mathcal{C}_T(X)_{(p)} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_r(V)_{(p)} \oplus F_p$ . If  $p \nmid \det(\beta)$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_r(V)_{(p)} = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})_{(p)}$  and we are done. Assume that  $p \mid \det(\beta)$ ; by hypothesis there exists a maximal cone  $\widehat{\sigma} = \widehat{\sigma}^I \in \widehat{\Sigma}$  such that  $p \nmid \text{mult}(\widehat{\sigma}) = \det(Q_I)$ . Put  $F_p = E_{I,(p)}$ , where  $E_I$  is defined in (4). By definition  $\mathcal{C}_T(X) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_r(V) \oplus E_I$ , so that  $\mathcal{C}_T(X)_{(p)} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_r(V)_{(p)} \oplus F_p$ . We claim that  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}^{n+r} = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})_{(p)} \oplus F_p$ . The inclusion  $\supseteq$  being obvious, assume that  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}^{n+r}$ . Since  $\det(Q_I)$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ , there exists  $\mathbf{y} \in E_I$  such that  $Q\mathbf{x} = Q\mathbf{y}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \in \ker(Q) = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$ . □

**Corollary 1** *Let  $Y = Y(\widehat{\Sigma})$  be a poly weighted projective space such that  $m_{\widehat{\Sigma}} = 1$ . Then, every  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety having  $Y$  as universal 1-covering is pure.*

**Remark 2** Geometrically the previous Theorem 2 translates precisely in Theorem 1 stated in the introduction. In fact a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety is an orbifold (see [2, Thm. 3.1.19(b)]) whose  $n$ -skeleton parameterizes a covering by affine charts. In particular  $Y$  has only finite quotient singularities whose order is necessarily a divisor of some multiplicity  $\text{mult}(\widehat{\sigma})$ , for  $\widehat{\sigma} \in \widehat{\Sigma}(n)$ . Moreover, the affine chart  $U_{\widehat{\sigma}}$  has always a quotient singularity of maximum order  $\text{mult}(\widehat{\sigma})$ . Hence Theorem 1 follows.

In particular the previous Corollary 1 gives the following

**Corollary 2** *Let  $Y$  be a  $n$ -dimensional,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial, complete toric variety admitting a torus invariant, Zariski open subset  $U \subseteq Y$ , biregular to  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Then,  $Y$  is a PWS and every  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety having  $Y$  as universal 1-covering is pure.*

### 3.3 Examples

The present section is devoted to give some examples of pure and impure  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric varieties.

**Example 1** Consider the fan matrix

$$\widehat{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

The corresponding weight matrix is

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 10 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can check that  $|\mathcal{SF}(\widehat{V})| = 2$ . These two fans are given by taking all the faces of the following lists of maximal cones:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\Sigma}_1 &= \{\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 4, 5 \rangle, \langle 1, 4, 5 \rangle, \langle 2, 3, 5 \rangle, \langle 1, 3, 5 \rangle\} \\ \widehat{\Sigma}_2 &= \{\langle 1, 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 4, 5 \rangle, \langle 1, 4, 5 \rangle, \langle 2, 3, 5 \rangle, \langle 1, 3, 5 \rangle\} \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $\langle i, j, k \rangle$  the cone generated by the columns  $\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_k$  of the matrix  $\widehat{V}$ . The list of multiplicities of maximal cones for the two fans is, respectively,

$$6, 10, 30, 20, 18, 12 \text{ and } 7, 9, 30, 20, 18, 12,$$

so that

$$m_{\widehat{\Sigma}_1} = 2, \quad m_{\widehat{\Sigma}_2} = 1.$$

Define

$$\beta := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$V := \beta \cdot \widehat{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & -10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A torsion matrix  $\Gamma$  with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $Q \oplus \Gamma$  represents the morphism assigning to each divisor its class, as in the previous diagram (3), is given by

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\Sigma_1$  be the fan in  $\mathcal{SF}(V)$  corresponding to  $\widehat{\Sigma}_1$ . We show that  $X(\Sigma_1)$  is an impure variety. Using methods explained in [9, Thm. 3.2(2)], we obtain that a basis of  $\mathcal{C}_T(X)$  is given by the rows of the following matrix

$$C_X = \begin{pmatrix} 40 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 60 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -24 & -24 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & -47 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$Q \cdot C_X^T = \begin{pmatrix} 120 & 60 & 30 & -90 & -90 \\ 120 & 120 & 0 & -120 & -120 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Gamma \cdot C_X^T = (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)$$

Then, we see that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is generated in  $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  by elements

$$(120, 120), (60, 120), (30, 0) + [1]_2, (90, 120) + [1]_2.$$

the first and the last of them are obviously generated by the remaining two elements, so that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is generated by  $(60, 120)$  and  $(30, 0) + [1]_2$ . Every free part of  $\text{Cl}(X)$  contains an element  $z$  of the form  $(15, 0) + [a]_2$  for some  $a \in \{0, 1\}$ ; therefore, it must contain  $2z = (30, 0)$ ; then,  $(30, 0) + [1]_2$  cannot belong to any free part, meaning that  $X(\Sigma_1)$  is impure.

Notice that purity is a property depending on the fan choice. In fact  $\Sigma_2$  satisfies hypothesis of Theorem 2, as  $m_{\Sigma_2} = 1$ . Then,  $X(\Sigma_2)$  is pure.

The following is a counterexample showing that a converse of Theorem 2 cannot hold.

**Example 2** Let  $\widehat{V}$  be the fan matrix of Example 1. Consider the matrix

$$\beta' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and put

$$V' := \beta' \cdot \widehat{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A torsion matrix  $\Gamma'$  with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $Q \oplus \Gamma'$  represents the morphism assigning to each divisor its class is given by

$$\Gamma' = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1). \tag{5}$$

Let  $\Sigma'_1$  be the fan in  $\mathcal{SF}(V)$  corresponding to  $\widehat{\Sigma}_1$  and  $X' = X(\Sigma'_1)$ . In this case  $X'$  is a pure variety. In fact, a basis of  $C_T(X')$  is given by the rows of the following matrix

$$C_{X'} = \begin{pmatrix} 40 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 60 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -20 & -30 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & -48 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 15 & 37 & -2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$Q \cdot C_{X'}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 120 & 60 & -60 & -60 & 60 \\ 120 & 120 & -120 & -120 & 120 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I' \cdot C_{X'}^T = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$$

Then, we see that  $\text{Pic}(X')$  is generated in  $\text{Cl}(X') \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  by the elements

$$(120, 120), (60, 120)$$

so that  $X'$  is pure. On the other hand  $m_{\widehat{\Sigma}_1} = 2 = \det(\beta')$ , so proving that a converse of Theorem 2 cannot hold.

### 3.4 The case $|\mathcal{SF}(V)| = 1$

The aim of this section is to exhibit a large class of pure toric varieties, by establishing the purity of every  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety  $X = X(\Sigma)$  whose fan matrix  $V$  admits a unique simplicial and complete fan given by  $\Sigma$  itself. Geometrically, this property means that a small  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial modification of  $X$  is necessarily an isomorphism, as explained in the Introduction.

We need a few preliminary lemmas. If  $V$  is an  $F$ -matrix we put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{tot}} &= \{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n+r\} \mid |I| = r \text{ and } \det(V^I) \neq 0\} \\ \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{min}} &= \{I \in \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{tot}} \mid \langle V^I \rangle \text{ does not contain any column of } V \\ &\quad \text{apart from its generators}\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3** *Put*

$$\begin{aligned} m_{V,\text{tot}} &= \gcd\{\det(V^I) \mid I \in \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{tot}}\} \\ m_{V,\text{min}} &= \gcd\{\det(V^I) \mid I \in \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{min}}\}; \end{aligned}$$

then  $m_{V,\text{min}} = m_{V,\text{tot}}$ .

**Proof** Since  $\mathcal{I}_{V,\text{min}} \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{tot}}$  we have  $m_{V,\text{tot}} \mid m_{V,\text{min}}$ . We firstly show that the assertion is true when  $m_{V,\text{tot}} = 1$ . Otherwise, there would exist a prime number  $p$  dividing  $\det(V^I)$  for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{V,\text{min}}$ ; and there would exist  $I_0 \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{tot}}$  such that  $p \nmid \det(I_0)$ . We choose such an  $I_0$  with the property that the number  $n_0$  of columns of  $V$  belonging to

$\langle V^{I_0} \rangle$  is minimum. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  be the columns of  $V^{I_0}$  and let  $\mathbf{v}^* \in \langle V^{I_0} \rangle$  be a column of  $V$  different from  $\mathbf{v}_i$  for every  $i$ ; then, we can write  $\mathbf{v}^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{b} \mathbf{v}_i$  with  $a_i, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(a_1, \dots, a_n, b) = 1$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, n$  let  $\sigma_i = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}, \mathbf{v}^*, \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \rangle$ . Then,  $|\det(\sigma_i)| = (\frac{a_i}{b})^n |\det(V^{I_0})|$  and  $p$  divides  $\det(\sigma_i)$  by the minimality hypothesis on  $I_0$ . It follows that  $p$  divides  $a_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ; therefore,  $\mathbf{v}^* \in p\mathbb{Z}^n$  and this is a contradiction because  $V$  is a fan matrix, hence reduced (see [7, Def. 3.13]).

Suppose now that  $m_{V, \text{tot}} \neq 1$ . Then, by [7, Prop. 3.1 (3)] there exist a  $CF$ -matrix  $\widehat{V}$  such that  $V = \beta \widehat{V}$  for some  $\beta \in \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{Z}) \cap \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q})$ ; and  $m_{\widehat{V}, \text{tot}} = 1$  by [7, Prop. 2.6], so that we can apply the first part of the proof to  $\widehat{V}$  and deduce that  $m_{\widehat{V}, \text{min}} = 1$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{I}_{V, \text{tot}} = \mathcal{I}_{\widehat{V}, \text{tot}}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_{V, \text{min}} = \mathcal{I}_{\widehat{V}, \text{min}}$  and  $\det(V^I) = \det(\beta) \det(\widehat{V}^I)$  for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{V, \text{tot}}$ , so that  $m_{V, \text{min}} = \det(\beta) m_{\widehat{V}, \text{min}}$  and  $m_{V, \text{tot}} = \det(\beta) m_{\widehat{V}, \text{tot}}$ . It follows that  $m_{V, \text{min}} = m_{V, \text{tot}} = \det(\beta)$ . □

**Lemma 4** *Let  $\Sigma_0$  be a simplicial fan in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\sigma = |\Sigma_0|$  is a full dimensional convex cone. Let  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be such that  $\mathbf{w}_i \notin \sigma$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . There exists a simplicial fan  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that*

- (a)  $|\Sigma| = \sigma + \langle \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$ ;
- (b)  $\Sigma(1) = \Sigma_0(1) \cup \{ \langle \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{w}_k \rangle \}$ ;
- (c)  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$ .

**Proof** By induction on  $k$ . For the case  $k = 0$ , we take  $\Sigma = \Sigma_0$ . Assume that the result holds true for  $k - 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{W}' = \sigma + \langle \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{k-1} \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{W} = \sigma + \langle \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$ . By inductive hypothesis there exists a simplicial fan  $\Sigma'$  such that  $|\Sigma'| = \mathcal{W}'$ ,  $\Sigma'(1) = \Sigma_0(1) \cup \{ \langle \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{w}_{k-1} \rangle \}$  and  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma'$ . We distinguish two cases:

- **Case 1:**  $\mathbf{w}_k \in \mathcal{W}'$ , so that  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}'$ ; let  $\tau$  be the minimal cone in  $\Sigma'$  containing  $\mathbf{w}_k$ . We take  $\Sigma = s(\mathbf{w}_k, \tau)\Sigma'$ , the stellar subdivision of  $\Sigma'$  in direction  $\mathbf{w}_k$  (see [3, Def. III.2.1]). Concretely, every  $m$ -dimensional cone  $\mu = \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m \rangle \in \Sigma$  containing  $\mathbf{w}_k$  is replaced by the set of the  $m$ -dimensional cones of the form  $\langle \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i-1}, \mathbf{w}_k, \mathbf{x}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m \rangle$ . Conditions a) and b) are immediately verified. For condition c) notice that, since  $\mathbf{w}_k \notin \sigma$ ,  $\tau$  is not a face of any cone in  $\Sigma_0$ ; therefore,  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$ .
- **Case 2:**  $\mathbf{w}_k \notin \mathcal{W}'$ , so that  $\mathcal{W}' \subsetneq \mathcal{W}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of facets  $f$  in  $\Sigma'(n - 1)$  which are cut out by an hyperplane strictly separating  $\mathcal{W}'$  and  $\mathbf{w}_k$ ; that is  $f \subseteq \partial\mathcal{W}'$ ,  $f \not\subseteq \partial\mathcal{W}$  and the cone  $\tau_f = \langle f, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$  is  $n$  dimensional. Notice that  $\mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$ : In fact  $\mathcal{W}'$  is a convex polyhedral cone and  $\mathbf{w}_k \notin \mathcal{W}'$ ; then, there is an hyperplane  $H$  cutting a facet  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{W}'$  and strictly separating  $\mathcal{W}'$  and  $\mathbf{w}_k$ ; let  $f$  be a facet of  $\Sigma'$  contained in  $\varphi$ ; then,  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Consider the set of simplicial cones

$$\Sigma = \Sigma' \cup \{ \tau \mid \tau \preceq \tau_f \text{ for some } f \in \mathcal{F} \}.$$

We claim that  $\Sigma$  is a fan. By construction it is closed by faces, so that it suffices to show that  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  is a face of both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ , whenever  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \Sigma$ . Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \Sigma$ . If they are both in  $\Sigma'$ , then  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  is a face of  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  because  $\Sigma'$  is a fan. Assume that  $\tau_1 \in \Sigma'$  and  $\tau_2 \notin \Sigma'$ ; then,  $\tau_2 = \langle \tau, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$ , where  $\tau$  is a face of some  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $H$  be the hyperplane

cutting  $f$ ; then,  $\mathbf{w}_k$  lies on the other side of  $H$  with respect to  $\mathcal{W}'$ , so that  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2 \subseteq f$ . Therefore,  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2 = \tau_1 \cap \tau \in \Sigma'$ , so that it is a face of both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau$  by induction hypothesis; but  $\tau \preceq \tau_1$  so that  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2 \preceq \tau_2$ . Finally, assume that both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are not in  $\Sigma'$ . This means that there are facets  $f_1, f_2$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  and faces  $\mu_1 \preceq f_1, \mu_2 \preceq f_2$  such that  $\tau_1 = \langle \mu_1, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$  and  $\tau_2 = \langle \mu_2, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$ . We show that  $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2 = \langle \mu_1 \cap \mu_2, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle \in \Sigma$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \tau_1 \cap \tau_2$ : Then, we can write  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}_1 + \lambda_1 \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{y}_2 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{w}_k$ , where  $\mathbf{y}_1 \in \mu_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \in \mu_2$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ . Without loss of generality we can assume  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$ ; put  $\lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$ ; then,  $\mathbf{y}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{y}_2$ . Let  $H$  be the hyperplane cutting  $f_1$ ; since  $f_1 \in \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{w}_k \notin H$ , so that there exists a vector  $\mathbf{n}$  be a normal to  $H$  such that  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x} \leq 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}'$  and  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{w}_k > 0$ . Then,  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y}_2 \leq 0$  and  $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{y}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{w}_k) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \lambda \mathbf{w}_k \geq 0$ , so that  $\lambda = 0$ ; this implies  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}_2 \in \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \langle \mu_1 \cap \mu_2, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle$ .

Now we show that condition *a*) holds for  $\Sigma$ . By construction  $|\Sigma| = |\Sigma'| \cup \bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \tau_f \subseteq \mathcal{W}' + \langle \mathbf{w}_k \rangle = \mathcal{W}$ ; conversely, let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}$ ; if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{W}'$ , then  $\mathbf{x} \in |\Sigma'| \subseteq |\Sigma|$ ; if  $\mathbf{x} \notin \mathcal{W}'$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} + \lambda \mathbf{w}_k$  for some  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{W}'$  and  $\lambda > 0$ ; up to replacing  $\mathbf{y}$  by  $\mathbf{y} + \mu \mathbf{w}_k$  for some  $0 \leq \mu < \lambda$  we can assume that  $\mathbf{y} + \epsilon \mathbf{w}_k \notin \mathcal{W}'$  if  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, for every  $\epsilon$  there exists an hyperplane  $H_\epsilon$  cutting a facet  $\varphi_\epsilon$  of  $\mathcal{W}'$  which separates  $\mathcal{W}'$  and  $\mathbf{y} + \epsilon \mathbf{w}_k$ ; since the facets of  $\mathcal{W}'$  are finitely many, by the pigeonhole principle  $H_\epsilon, \varphi_\epsilon$  do not depend on  $\epsilon$  for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ; call them  $H, \varphi$ , respectively. Let  $\mathbf{n}$  be a normal vector to  $H$  such that  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y} \leq 0$  and  $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{y} + \epsilon \mathbf{w}_k) > 0$  for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ; the existence of such  $\mathbf{n}$  implies  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{w}_k > 0$ , so that  $\mathbf{y} \in \varphi$  and  $\mathbf{w}_k \notin H$ . Then, there is a facet  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathbf{y} \in f$ ; therefore,  $\mathbf{x} \in \tau_f$ , and *a*) is proved. We showed that  $\Sigma \setminus \Sigma' \neq \emptyset$ ; and every cone in  $\Sigma \setminus \Sigma'$  has  $\mathbf{w}_k$  as a vertex and all other vertices in  $\Sigma'(1)$ . Then, condition *b*) is verified. Condition *c*) is obvious since  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$ . □

**Corollary 3** *Let  $V$  be a fan matrix. Then, for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{V, \min}$  the cone  $\langle V^I \rangle$  belongs to a fan in  $\mathcal{SF}(V)$ .*

**Proof** It suffices to apply Lemma 4 in the case  $\Sigma_0 = \{\tau \mid \tau \preceq \langle V^I \rangle\}$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$  are the columns of  $V_I$ . □

Corollary 3 has the following immediate consequence:

**Corollary 4** *Let  $V$  be a fan matrix such that  $\mathcal{SF}(V)$  contains a unique fan  $\Sigma$ . Then, for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{V, \min}$  the cone  $\langle V^I \rangle$  belongs to  $\Sigma$ .*

We are now in position to prove our purity condition:

**Proposition 5** *Let  $X$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety and let  $V$  be a fan matrix of  $X$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{SF}(V)$  contains a unique fan. Then,  $X$  is pure.*

**Proof** Let  $Y = Y(\widehat{\Sigma})$  be the universal 1-covering of  $X$  and let  $\widehat{V}$  be a fan matrix associated with  $Y$ . Then,  $\widehat{V}$  is a  $CF$ -matrix, so that  $m_{\widehat{V}, \text{tot}} = 1$  by [7, Prop. 2.6 and Def. 2.7]. By Corollary 4,  $\mathcal{I}^{\widehat{\Sigma}} = \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma} = \mathcal{I}_{\widehat{V}, \min}$  so that  $m_{\widehat{\Sigma}} = m_{\widehat{V}, \min}$  and, by Lemma 3, the latter is equal to  $m_{\widehat{V}, \text{tot}} = 1$ . Then,  $X$  is pure by Corollary 1. □

**Remark 3** Proposition 5 implies that the following toric varieties are pure:

- two-dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric varieties



- toric varieties whose universal 1-covering is a product of weighted projective spaces.

**Remark 4** In the case  $|\mathcal{SF}(V)| = 1$  the unique complete and  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial toric variety  $X$  whose fan matrix is  $V$  is necessarily projective. This is a consequence of the fact that  $\text{Nef}(X) = \overline{\text{Mov}}(X)$ , recalling that the latter is a full dimensional cone, by [1, Thm. 2.2.2.6].

### 3.4.1 An application to completions of fans

Lemma 4 can be applied to give a complete refinement  $\Sigma$  of a given fan  $\Sigma_0$  satisfying the further additional hypothesis:

(\*) assume that  $|\Sigma| = \Sigma_0 + \langle \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k \rangle = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

In particular, if we consider the fan  $\Sigma' = \Sigma_0 \cup \{ \langle \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{w}_k \rangle \}$ , then Lemma 4 gives a completion  $\Sigma$  of  $\Sigma'$  without adding any new ray.

The latter seems to us an original result. In fact, it is actually well known that every fan  $\Sigma'$  can be refined to a complete fan  $\Sigma$  (see [3, Thm. III.2.8], [4] and the more recent [6]). Anyway, in general the known completion procedures need the addition of some new ray, so giving  $\Sigma'(1) \subsetneq \Sigma(1)$ . As observed in the Remark following the proof of [3, Thm. III.2.8], just for  $n = 3$  “completion without additional 1-cones can be found,” but this fact does no more hold for  $n \geq 4$ : At this purpose, Ewald refers the reader to the Appendix to section III, where he is further referred to a number of references. Unfortunately we were not able to recover, from those references and, more generally, from the current literature, as far as we know, an explicit example of a four-dimensional fan which cannot be completed without adding some new ray. For this reason, we believe that the following example may fill up a lack in the literature on these topics.

**Example 3** Consider the fan matrix

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and consider the fan  $\Sigma$  given by taking all the faces of the following three maximal cones generated by columns of  $V$

$$\Sigma(4) = \{ \langle 2, 3, 4, 6 \rangle, \langle 2, 4, 5, 7 \rangle, \langle 1, 4, 5, 6 \rangle \}$$

The fact that  $\Sigma$  is a fan follows immediately by easily checking that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 2, 3, 4, 6 \rangle \cap \langle 2, 4, 5, 7 \rangle &= \langle 2, 4 \rangle \\ \langle 2, 3, 4, 6 \rangle \cap \langle 1, 4, 5, 6 \rangle &= \langle 4, 6 \rangle \\ \langle 1, 4, 5, 6 \rangle \cap \langle 2, 4, 5, 7 \rangle &= \langle 4, 5 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\Sigma$  is not a complete fan since, e.g., the three-dimensional cone

$$\langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

is a facet of the unique cone

$$\langle 2, 3, 4, 6 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \in \Sigma(4).$$

Moreover, it cannot be completed since every further maximal cone admitting  $\langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle$  as a facet does not intersect correctly the remaining cones in  $\Sigma(4)$ . In fact

–  $\langle 1, 2, 3, 6 \rangle \cap \langle 2, 4, 5, 7 \rangle \supsetneq \langle 2 \rangle$ : Consider, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{v} = (1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0)^T \in \langle 1, 2 \rangle \cap \langle 5, 7 \rangle$$

–  $\langle 2, 3, 5, 6 \rangle \cap \langle 1, 4, 5, 6 \rangle \supsetneq \langle 5, 6 \rangle$ : Consider, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{w} = (0 \ -2 \ -1 \ -2)^T \in \langle 3, 5 \rangle \cap \langle 1, 5, 6 \rangle \text{ but } \mathbf{w} \notin \langle 5, 6 \rangle$$

–  $\langle 2, 3, 6, 7 \rangle$  is not a maximal cone.

#### 4 A characterization of $\text{Pic}(X)$ for some pure toric variety

Let  $X = X(\Sigma)$  be a complete  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial toric variety having  $V$  as a fan matrix; let  $Y$  be its universal 1-covering,  $\widehat{V}$  be a fan matrix associated with  $Y$  and  $V = \beta \widehat{V}$ . Recall that a Weil divisor  $L = \sum_{j=1}^{n+r} a_j D_j$  is a Cartier divisor if it is locally principal, that is,

$$\forall I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma \exists \mathbf{m}_I \in M \text{ such that } \mathbf{m}_I \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = a_j, \forall j \notin I.$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}_T(X)$  be the group of torus invariant Cartier divisors of  $X$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{C}_T(X) = \bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma} \mathcal{L}_r(V^I) = \bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma} (\mathcal{L}_r(V) \oplus E_I)$$

recalling notation (4). The Picard group  $\text{Pic}(X)$  of  $X$  is the image of  $\mathcal{C}_T(X)$  in  $\text{Cl}(X)$ , via morphism  $d_X$  (recall here and in the following, notation introduced in diagram (3)).

In [7, Thm. 2.9.2] we showed that if  $Y$  is a PWS, then we can identify

$$\text{Pic}(Y) = \bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma} \mathcal{L}_c(Q_I) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^r. \tag{6}$$

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Pic}(Y)$ . For  $I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  we can write  $\mathbf{x} = Q \cdot \mathbf{a}_I$  where  $\mathbf{a}_I \in E_I$ . If  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  put

$$\mathbf{u}_{IJ} = \mathbf{a}_I - \mathbf{a}_J \in \ker(Q) = \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V}). \tag{7}$$

Let  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}_T(Y)$  such that  $Q \cdot \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}$ . By definition, for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  there is a unique decomposition  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{t}(I) + \mathbf{a}_I$  with  $\mathbf{t}(I) \in \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$ . Moreover,

$$\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}_T(X) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{t}(I) \in \mathcal{L}_r(V), \forall I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma. \tag{8}$$

**Proposition 6**  $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{\alpha}(\text{Pic}(X))$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Pic}(Y)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ} \in \mathcal{L}_r(V)$ , for every  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ}$  is defined by (7).

**Proof** Suppose that  $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{\alpha}(\text{Pic}(X))$ . Then, there exists  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}_T(X)$  such that  $Q \cdot \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}$ . For every  $I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  consider the decomposition  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{t}(I) + \mathbf{a}_I$  with  $\mathbf{t}(I) \in \mathcal{L}_r(V)$ . Then,  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ} = \mathbf{a}_I - \mathbf{a}_J = \mathbf{t}(J) - \mathbf{t}(I) \in \mathcal{L}_r(V)$  for every  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ} \in \mathcal{L}_r(V)$  for every  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$ . Let  $\mathbf{z}' \in \mathcal{C}_T(Y)$  be such that  $Q \cdot \mathbf{z}' = \mathbf{x}$ . For every  $I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  there is a decomposition  $\mathbf{z}' = \mathbf{t}'(I) + \mathbf{a}_I$  with  $\mathbf{t}'(I) \in \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$ . Fix  $I_0 \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  and put  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}' - \mathbf{t}'(I_0)$ . We claim that  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}_T(X)$ . Indeed, let  $I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$  and decompose  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{t}(I) + \mathbf{a}_I$  with  $\mathbf{t}(I) \in \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$  and  $\mathbf{t}(I_0) = \mathbf{0}$ . It follows that for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma$

$$\mathbf{t}(I) = \mathbf{t}(I) - \mathbf{t}(I_0) = \mathbf{a}_{I_0} - \mathbf{a}_I = \mathbf{u}_{I_0I} \in \mathcal{L}_r(V).$$

□

**Theorem 3** Let  $X$  be a pure  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial complete toric variety and choose an isomorphism  $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T$  such that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is mapped in  $\mathbb{Z}^r$ . Then, the following characterization of  $\text{Pic}(X)$  holds:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \text{Pic}(X) \Leftrightarrow \forall I, J \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma \quad \mathbf{x} \in \bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{I}^\Sigma} \mathcal{L}_c(Q_I) \text{ and } \mathbf{u}_{IJ} \in \mathcal{L}_r(V)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ}$  is defined by (7).

**Proof** Define  $s : \mathbb{Z}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T$  by  $s(a) = (a, 0)$ . Then,  $\overline{\alpha} \circ s = id_{\mathbb{Z}^r}$  and  $s \circ \overline{\alpha}|_{\text{Pic}(X)} = id_{\text{Pic}(X)}$ . Then, we have for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \overline{\alpha}(\text{Pic}(X)) \Leftrightarrow s(\mathbf{x}) \in \text{Pic}(X).$$

The result follows from Proposition 6 by identifying  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $s(\mathbf{x})$ . □

**Example 4** Let  $\Sigma'_1$  be the fan defined in Example 2. Then,

$$\mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1} = \mathcal{I}^{\widehat{\Sigma}_1} = \{\{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 5\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{4, 5\}\}.$$

so that

$$\bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1}} \mathcal{L}_c(Q_I) = \mathbb{Z}(30, 0) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(0, 60).$$

Let  $\mathbf{x} = (30x, 60y) \in \bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1}} \mathcal{L}_c(Q_I)$ , with  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $I \in \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1}$  we can write  $\mathbf{x} = Q \cdot \mathbf{a}_I$  where  $\mathbf{a}_I \in E_I$ . The  $\mathbf{a}_I$ 's are easily calculated:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{\{1,3\}} &= (20y \ 0 \ 3x - 6y \ 0 \ 0) \\ \mathbf{a}_{\{2,3\}} &= (0 \ 30y \ 3x - 3y \ 0 \ 0) \\ \mathbf{a}_{\{3,5\}} &= (0 \ 0 \ 3x - 24y \ 0 \ 60y) \\ \mathbf{a}_{\{1,4\}} &= (20y \ 0 \ 0 \ 5x - 10y \ 0) \\ \mathbf{a}_{\{2,4\}} &= (0 \ 30y \ 0 \ 5x - 5y \ 0) \\ \mathbf{a}_{\{4,5\}} &= (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 5x - 40y \ 60y) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, with the notation of (7),  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ} = \mathbf{u}_{IK} - \mathbf{u}_{KJ}$ ; then, in order to calculate  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ}$  for every  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1}$  it suffices to compute  $\mathbf{u}_{I_j I_{j+1}}$  for a sequence  $I_1, \dots, I_s$  such that  $\langle Q_{I_j} \rangle$  and  $\langle Q_{I_{j+1}} \rangle$  have a common facet and  $\mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1} = \{I_1, \dots, I_s\}$ ; in this way, we obtain vectors having at most  $r + 1 = 3$  nonzero components:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{\{1,3\}\{2,3\}} &= (20y \ -30y \ -3y \ 0 \ 0) \\ \mathbf{u}_{\{2,3\}\{3,5\}} &= (0 \ 30y \ 21y \ 0 \ -60y) \\ \mathbf{u}_{\{3,5\}\{4,5\}} &= (0 \ 0 \ 3x - 24y \ -5x + 40y \ 0) \\ \mathbf{u}_{\{4,5\}\{1,4\}} &= (-20y \ 0 \ 0 \ -30y \ 60y) \\ \mathbf{u}_{\{1,4\}\{2,4\}} &= (20y \ -30y \ 0 \ -5y \ 0) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by the matrix  $\Gamma'$  found in (5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma' \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\{1,3\}\{2,3\}}^T &= 0; & \Gamma' \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\{2,3\}\{3,5\}}^T &= -60y; & \Gamma' \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\{3,5\}\{4,5\}}^T &= -5x + 40y; \\ \Gamma' \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\{4,5\}\{1,4\}}^T &= 30y; & \Gamma' \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\{1,4\}\{2,4\}}^T &= -5y. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $\Gamma'$  takes values in  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  and that for every  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{L}_r(\widehat{V})$

$$\Gamma' \cdot \mathbf{u}^T = 0 \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{L}_r(V');$$

then, we see that  $\mathbf{u}_{IJ} \in \ker(\Gamma')$  for every  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma'_1}$  if and only if  $x, y \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ , that is, if and only if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}(60, 0) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(0, 120)$ . By Theorem 3,  $\text{Pic}(X')$  can be identified with the subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}(60, 0) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(0, 120)$  in  $\text{Cl}(X') \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , according to what we established in Example 2.

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