

THE TYPE OF THE BASE RING ASSOCIATED TO A PRODUCT OF TRANSVERSAL POLYMATROIDS

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ABSTRACT. A polymatroid is a generalization of the classical notion of matroid. The main results of this paper are formulas for computing the type of base ring associated to a product of transversal polymatroids. We also present some extensive computational experiments which were needed in order to deduce the formulas. The base ring associated to a product of transversal polymatroids has multiplicity very large in general. At this moment we have examples of base rings with multiplicity of order 10^{15} .

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1. INTRODUCTION

For the algorithms implemented in `Normaliz` see [3], [4], [5] and [7]. This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we fix the notation and recall some basic results related to finitely generated rational cones. The notion of polymatroid is a generalization of the classical notion of matroid, see [8], [9], [12], [13] and [20]. Associated with the base B of a discrete polymatroid \mathcal{P} one has a K -algebra $K[B]$, called the base ring of \mathcal{P} , defined to be the K -subalgebra of the polynomial ring in n indeterminates $K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ generated by the monomials x^u with $u \in B$. From [12], [19] the algebra $K[B]$ is known to be normal and hence Cohen-Macaulay. The type of normal ring is the minimal number of generators of the canonical module. Danilov Stanley theorem, see [10], [17] gives us a description of the canonical module in terms of relative interior of the cone.

If A_i are some nonempty subsets of $[n]$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$, $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$, then the set of the vectors $\sum_{k=1}^m e_{i_k}$ with $i_k \in A_k$ is the base of a polymatroid, called the transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} . The base ring of a transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} is the ring

$$K[\mathcal{A}] := K[x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_m} \mid i_j \in A_j, 1 \leq j \leq m].$$

In Section 4 we study the cone generated by a product of transversal polymatroids and we compute the type of the associated base ring. We end this section with the following conjecture:

Conjecture: Let $n \geq 4$, $A_i \subset [n]$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $K[\mathcal{A}]$ be the base ring associated to the transversal polymatroid presented by $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$. If the Hilbert series is:

$$H_{K[\mathcal{A}]}(t) = \frac{1 + h_1 t + \dots + h_{n-r} t^{n-r}}{(1-t)^n},$$

then we have the following:

- 1) If $r = 1$, then $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = 1 + h_{n-2} - h_1$.
- 2) If $2 \leq r \leq n$, then $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = h_{n-r}$.

The base ring associated to a product of transversal polymatroids has multiplicity very large in general. At this moment we have examples of base rings with multiplicity of order 10^{15} .

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2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we fix the notation and recall some basic results. For details we refer the reader to [1], [6], [2], [17], [18] and [21].

The subsets of elements ≥ 0 in $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ will be referred to by $\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathbb{Q}_+, \mathbb{R}_+$ and the subsets of elements > 0 by $\mathbb{Z}_{>}, \mathbb{Q}_{>}, \mathbb{R}_{>}$.

Fix an integer $n > 0$. If $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{Q}^n$, then H_a will denote the rational hyperplane of \mathbb{R}^n through the origin with normal vector a , that is,

$$H_a = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, a \rangle = 0\},$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the scalar product in \mathbb{R}^n . The two closed rational linear halfspaces bounded by H_a are:

$$H_a^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, a \rangle \geq 0\} \text{ and } H_a^- = H_{-a}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, a \rangle \leq 0\}.$$

The two open rational linear halfspaces bounded by H_a are:

$$H_a^{>} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, a \rangle > 0\} \text{ and } H_a^{<} = H_{-a}^{>} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle x, a \rangle < 0\}.$$

If $S \subset \mathbb{Q}^n$, then the set

$$\mathbb{R}_+ S = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r a_i v_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}_+, v_i \in S, r \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

is called the *rational cone* generated by S . The *dimension* of a cone is the dimension of the smallest vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^n which contains it.

By the theorem of Minkowski-Weyl, see [2], [11], [21], finitely generated rational cones can also be described as intersection of finitely many rational closed subspaces (of the form H_a^+). We further restrict this presentation to the class of finitely generated rational cones, which will be simply called cones. If a cone C is presented as

$$C = H_{a_1}^+ \cap \dots \cap H_{a_r}^+$$

such that no $H_{a_i}^+$ can be omitted, then we say that this is an *irredundant representation* of C . If $\dim(C) = n$, then the halfspaces $H_{a_1}^+, \dots, H_{a_r}^+$ in an irredundant representation of C are uniquely determined and we set

$$\text{relint}(C) = H_{a_1}^{>} \cap \dots \cap H_{a_r}^{>}$$

the *relative interior* of C . If $a_i = (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{in})$, then we call

$$H_{a_i}(x) := a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n = 0,$$

the *equations of the cone* C .

A hyperplane H is called a supporting hyperplane of a cone C if $C \cap H \neq \emptyset$ and C is contained in one of the closed halfspaces determined by H . If H is a supporting hyperplane of C , then $F = C \cap H$ is called a *proper face* of C . It is convenient to consider also the empty set and C as faces, the *improper faces*. The faces of a cone are themselves cones. A face F with $\dim(F) = \dim(C) - 1$ is called a *facet*. If $\dim \mathbb{R}_+ S = n$ and F is a facet defined by the supporting hyperplane H , then H is generated as a linear subspace by a linearly independent subset of S .

A cone C is *pointed* if 0 is a face of C . This equivalent to say that $x \in C$ and $-x \in C$ implies $x = 0$. The faces of dimension 1 of a pointed cone are called *extreme rays*.

In this section we introduce the notion of a discrete polymatroid and the particular case of transversal polymatroid. We further recall some results from [16] on the embedding cone and the type of a particular family of transversal polymatroids.

Discrete polymatroids. Fix an integer $n > 0$ and set $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The canonical basis vectors of \mathbb{R}^n will be denoted by e_1, \dots, e_n . For a vector $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, we set $|a| := a_1 + \dots + a_n$.

A nonempty finite set $B \subset \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ is the *set of bases* a discrete polymatroid \mathcal{P} if:

- (a) for every $u, v \in B$ one has $|u| = |v|$;
- (b) (the exchange property) if $u, v \in B$, then for all i such that $u_i > v_i$ there exists j such that $u_j < v_j$ and $u + e_j - e_i \in B$.

An element of B is called a *base* of the discrete polymatroid \mathcal{P} .

Let K be an infinite field. For $a \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$, $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ we denote by $x^a \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ the monomial $x^a := x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_n^{a_n}$ and we set $\log(x^a) = a$. Associated with the set of bases B of a discrete polymatroid \mathcal{P} one has a K -algebra $K[B]$, called the *base ring* of \mathcal{P} , defined to be the K -subalgebra of the polynomial ring in n indeterminates $K[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ generated by the monomials x^u with $u \in B$. From [12], [19] the monoid algebra $K[B]$ is known to be normal and we recall that by a well known result of Danilov and Stanley the canonical module $\omega_{K[B]}$ of $K[B]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[B]$ generated by monomials, that is $\omega_{K[B]} = (\{x^a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}_+ B \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+ B)\})$.

Transversal polymatroids. Consider another integer m such that $1 \leq m \leq n$. If A_i are some nonempty subsets of $[n]$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$, then the set of the vectors $\sum_{k=1}^m e_{i_k}$ with $i_k \in A_k$ is the set of bases of a polymatroid, called the *transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A}* . The base ring of the transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} is the ring

$$K[\mathcal{A}] := K[x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_m} \mid i_j \in A_j, 1 \leq j \leq m].$$

We denote by

$$A := \{\log(x_{j_1} \dots x_{j_n}) \mid j_k \in A_k, \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq n\} \subset \mathbb{N}^n$$

the set of the exponents of the generators of the associated base ring $K[\mathcal{A}]$. Further, for the transversal polymatroid presented by \mathcal{A} we associate a $(n \times n)$ square tiled by unit subsquares, called *boxes*, colored with white and black as follows: the box of coordinate (i, j) is white if $j \in A_i$, otherwise the box is black. We will call this square the *polymatroidal diagram* associated to the presentation $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ ([14], [15]).

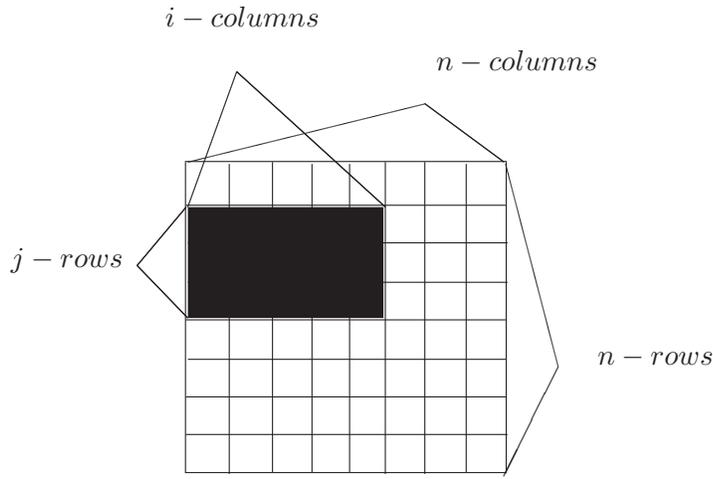
In the following we shall restrict our study to a special family of transversal polymatroids. Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $n \geq 3$, $1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ and $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ and consider the transversal polymatroid presented by $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1 = [n], A_2 = [n] \setminus [i], \dots, A_{j+1} = [n] \setminus [i], A_{j+2} = [n], \dots, A_n = [n]\}$.

We recall at this point some previous results contained in [16]. The cone generated by A has the irredundant representation

$$\mathbb{R}_+ A = \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+,$$

where $N = \{\nu_i^j\} \cup \{e_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ and

$$\nu_i^j := \sum_{k=1}^i -j e_k + \sum_{k=i+1}^n (n-j) e_k.$$



Polymatroidal diagram associated to the presentation

$$\mathcal{A} = \{A_1 = [n], A_2 = [n] \setminus [i], \dots, A_{j+1} = [n] \setminus [i], A_{j+2} = [n], \dots, A_n = [n]\}.$$

The extreme rays of the cone \mathbb{R}_+A are given by

$$E := \{ne_k \mid i+1 \leq k \leq n\} \cup \{(n-j)e_r + je_s \mid 1 \leq r \leq i \text{ and } i+1 \leq s \leq n\}.$$

The polynomial

$$P_d(k) = \binom{d+k-1}{d-1}$$

counts the number of monomials in degree k over the standard graded polynomial ring $K[x_1, \dots, x_d]$, i.e. $P_d(k)$ is the Hilbert function of $K[x_1, \dots, x_d]$. Then

$$P_d(k-d) = \binom{k-1}{d-1} = Q_d(k)$$

counts the number of monomials in degree k for which all the variables have nonzero powers, i.e. $Q_d(k)$ is the Hilbert function of the canonical module $\omega_{K[x_1, \dots, x_d]} = K[x_1, \dots, x_d](-d)$.

The main result of [16] is the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *With the above assumptions, the following holds:*

(a) *If $i+j \leq n-1$, then the type of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ is*

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = 1 + \sum_{t=1}^{n-i-j-1} Q_i(n+i-j+t)Q_{n-i}(n-i+j-t),$$

(b) *If $i+j \geq n$, then the type of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ is*

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = \sum_{t=1}^{r(n-j)-i} Q_i(r(n-j)-t)Q_{n-i}(rj+t),$$

where $r = \left\lceil \frac{i+1}{n-j} \right\rceil$ ($\lceil x \rceil$ is the least integer $\geq x$).

Further, from the proof of main theorem in [16], we get the following lemma:

Lemma 2. *The following holds:*

(a) Suppose $i + j \leq n - 1$. Let M be the set

$$M = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_>^n \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)| = n + i - j + t, \\ |(\alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n)| = n - i + j - t, t \in [n - i - j - 1]\}.$$

Then for any $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+ A \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+ A)$ with $|\beta| = sn \geq 2n$ and $t \in [n - i - j - 1]$ such that $H_{\nu_i^j}(\beta) = n(n - i - j - t)$ we can find $\alpha \in M$ with $H_{\nu_i^j}(\alpha) = n(n - i - j - t)$ and $\beta - \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+ A$.

(b) Suppose $i + j \geq n$ and set $r = \left\lceil \frac{i+1}{n-j} \right\rceil$. Let M be the set

$$M = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_>^n \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)| = r(n - j) - t, \\ |(\alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n)| = rj + t, t \in [r(n - j) - i]\}.$$

Then for any $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+ A \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+ A)$ with $|\beta| = sn \geq rn$ and $t \in [r(n - j) - i]$ such that $H_{\nu_i^j}(\beta) = nt$ we can find $\alpha \in M$ with $H_{\nu_i^j}(\alpha) = nt$ such that $\beta - \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+ A$.

We set

$$A^r = \{\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n \mid \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^r \beta_i \text{ where } \beta_i \in A\}$$

and

$$A^{(r)} = A^r \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+ A).$$

Lemma 3. *The following holds:*

(a) *The cardinal of A^r is*

$$\#(A^r) = \sum_{t=0}^{r(n-j)} P_i(t) P_{n-i}(rn - t);$$

(b) *The cardinal of $A^{(r)}$ is*

$$\#(A^{(r)}) = \sum_{t=i}^{r(n-j)} Q_i(t) Q_{n-i}(rn - t).$$

Proof. Since the cone generated by A has the irreducible representation

$$\mathbb{R}_+ A = \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+$$

and the monoid generated by A is normal it follows that

$$A^r = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n \mid |\alpha| = rn, \sum_{k=1}^i -j\alpha_k + \sum_{k=i+1}^n (n-j)\alpha_k \geq 0\} \\ = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n \mid |\alpha| = rn, 0 \leq \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_i \leq r(n-j)\}$$

and

$$A^{(r)} = \{(\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_>^n \mid |\alpha| = rn, \sum_{k=1}^i -j\alpha_k + \sum_{k=i+1}^n (n-j)\alpha_k > 0\} \\ = \{(\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_>^n \mid |\alpha| = rn, i \leq \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_i < r(n-j)\}.$$

a) For any $0 \leq t \leq r(n-j)$, the equation $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_i = t$ has $P_i(t)$ distinct nonnegative integer solutions, respectively $\alpha_{i+1} + \dots + \alpha_n = rn - t$ has $P_{n-i}(rn - t)$ distinct nonnegative integer solutions. Thus, the cardinal of A^r is

$$\#(A^r) = \sum_{t=0}^{r(n-j)} P_i(t)P_{n-i}(rn - t).$$

b) For any $i \leq t \leq r(n-j)-1$, the equation $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_i = t$ has $Q_i(t)$ distinct nonnegative integer solutions with $\alpha_k \geq 1$, for any $k \in [i]$, respectively $\alpha_{i+1} + \dots + \alpha_n = rn - t$ has $Q_{n-i}(rn - t)$ distinct nonnegative integer solutions with $\alpha_k \geq 1$ for any $k \in [n] \setminus [i]$. Thus, the cardinal of $A^{(r)}$ is

$$\#(A^{(r)}) = \sum_{t=i}^{r(n-j)} Q_i(t)Q_{n-i}(rn - t).$$

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4. THE CONE AND THE TYPE OF THE BASE RING ASSOCIATED TO A PRODUCT OF TRANSVERSAL POLYMATROIDS

This section contains the main results of this paper. We study the cone generated by a product of transversal polymatroids and the type of the associated base ring.

The product of transversal polymatroids. Fix $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $n_1, n_2 \geq 3$, $n = n_1 + n_2$, $i_1 \in [n_1 - 2]$, $i_2 \in [n_2 - 2]$, $j_1 \in [n_1 - 1]$ and $j_2 \in [n_2 - 1]$. For the vectors $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1}$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_2}$ we denote by $\tilde{\alpha}, \bar{\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1+n_2}$ the vectors

$$\tilde{\alpha} = (\underbrace{\alpha, 0, \dots, 0}_{n_2 \text{ times}}) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1+n_2}, \quad \bar{\beta} = (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \beta) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1+n_2}.$$

If $S \subset \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1}$ and $P \subset \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_2}$ we denote by $\tilde{S}, \bar{P} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1+n_2}$ the following sets

$$\tilde{S} = \{\tilde{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in S\} \text{ and } \bar{P} = \{\bar{\beta} \mid \beta \in P\}.$$

Next, we consider the K -algebras $K[\mathcal{A}]$ and $K[\mathcal{B}]$ which are the base rings of the transversal polymatroids presented by \mathcal{A} , respectively \mathcal{B} , where:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{A_1 = [n_1], A_2 = [n_1] \setminus [i_1], \dots, A_{j_1+1} = [n_1] \setminus [i_1], A_{j_1+2} = [n_1], \dots, A_{n_1} = [n_1]\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{B} = \{A_{n_1+1} = [n] \setminus [n_1], A_{n_1+2} = [n] \setminus [n_1 + i_2], \dots, A_{n_1+j_2+1} = [n] \setminus [n_1 + i_2], \\ A_{n_1+j_2+2} = [n] \setminus [n_1], \dots, A_{n_1+n_2} = [n] \setminus [n_1]\}.$$

Let

$$A = \{\log(x_{t_1} \cdots x_{t_{n_1}}) \mid j_k \in A_k, \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq n_1\} \subset \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1}$$

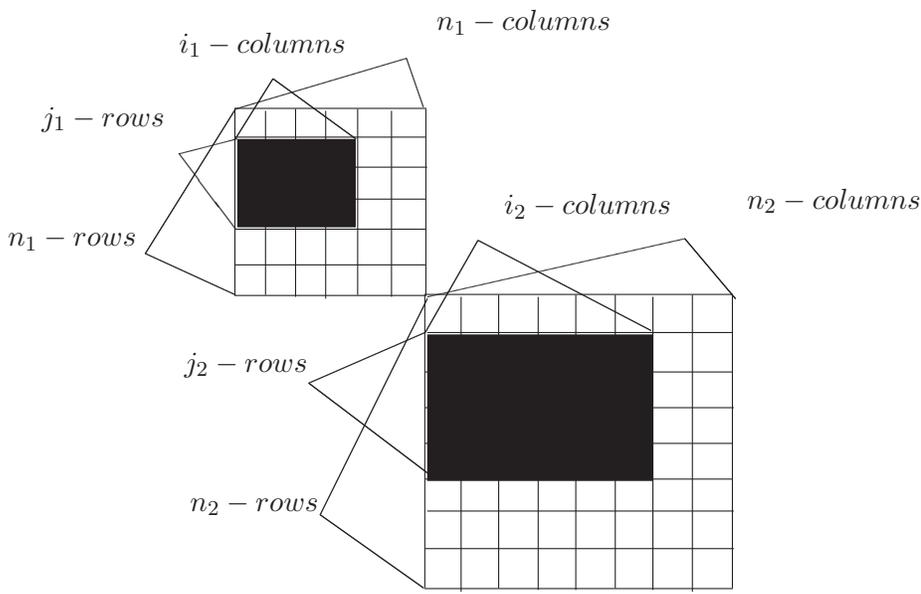
be the exponent set of generators of K -algebra $K[\mathcal{A}]$ and

$$B = \{\log(x_{t_1} \cdots x_{t_{n_2}}) \mid j_k \in A_k, \text{ for all } n_1 + 1 \leq k \leq n_1 + n_2\} \subset \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_2}$$

be the exponent set of generators of K -algebra $K[\mathcal{B}]$. We denote by $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ the K -algebra $K[x^{\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{\beta}} \mid \alpha \in A, \beta \in B]$ and by $A \diamond B$ the exponent set of generators of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$.

It is easy to see that K -algebra $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is the base ring associated to the transversal polymatroid presented by

$$\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B} = \{A_1 = [n_1], A_2 = [n_1] \setminus [i_1], \dots, A_{j_1+1} = [n_1] \setminus [i_1], A_{j_1+2} = [n_1], \dots, A_{n_1} = [n_1], \\ A_{n_1+1} = [n] \setminus [n_1], A_{n_1+2} = [n] \setminus [n_1 + i_2], \dots, A_{n_1+j_2+1} = [n] \setminus [n_1 + i_2], \\ A_{n_1+j_2+2} = [n] \setminus [n_1], \dots, A_{n_1+n_2} = [n] \setminus [n_1]\}.$$



Polymatroidal diagram associated to the presentation $\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}$.

The cone generated by a product of transversal polymatroids. The following proposition describes the cone generated by $A \diamond B$.

Proposition 4. *With the notations from above, the cone generated by $A \diamond B$ has the irreducible representation*

$$\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B) = \Pi \cap \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+,$$

where Π is the hyperplane described by the equation

$$-n_2x_1 - \cdots - n_2x_{n_1} + n_1x_{n_1+1} + \cdots + n_1x_{n_1+n_2} = 0$$

and $N = \{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}, \tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}\} \cup \{e_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq n\}$.

Proof. Since $A \diamond B = \{\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{\beta} \mid \alpha \in A, \beta \in B\}$ and $|\tilde{\alpha}| = n_1, |\tilde{\beta}| = n_2$, it is clear that $\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B) \subset \Pi$. It is also clear that

$$\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B) \subset \mathbb{R}_+(\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{\mathbb{R}}^{n_2}) \cap \mathbb{R}_+(\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^{n_1} \cup \tilde{B}).$$

From the irredundant representation presented in [16] (see Section 3) for the cone generated by A and B we deduce that

$$\mathbb{R}_+(\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{\mathbb{R}}^{n_2}) = \bigcap_{a \in \tilde{N}_1} H_a^+, \quad \mathbb{R}_+(\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^{n_1} \cup \tilde{B}) = \bigcap_{a \in \tilde{N}_2} H_a^+$$

where $\tilde{N}_1 = \{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}\} \cup \{e_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq n_1\}$ and $\tilde{N}_2 = \{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}\} \cup \{e_k \mid n_1 + 1 \leq k \leq n\}$. We get

$$\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B) \subset \Pi \cap \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+.$$

Let

$$C = \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+.$$

It is clear that C is a pointed cone of dimension n so $\Pi \cap C$ is pointed of dimension $n - 1$. Consider an extremal ray v of the cone $\Pi \cap C$. Then $v \in \Pi$ so it is not possible that all

entries γ_i are 0 for all $1 \leq i \leq n_1$ or for all $n_1 + 1 \leq i \leq n$. Moreover v is contained in at least $n - 2$ hyperplanes H_a so v is contained in at least $n - 4$ hyperplanes of type H_{e_k} .

- 1) If v is contained in $n - 4$ hyperplanes of type H_{e_k} then $v \in H_{\tilde{v}_{i_1}^{j_1}}$ and $v \in H_{\tilde{v}_{i_2}^{j_2}}$
- 2) If v is contained in $n - 3$ hyperplanes of type H_{e_k} then $v \in H_{\tilde{v}_{i_1}^{j_1}}$ or $v \in H_{\tilde{v}_{i_2}^{j_2}}$
- 3) If v is contained in $n - 2$ hyperplanes of type H_{e_k} then $v \notin H_{\tilde{v}_{i_1}^{j_1}}$ and $v \notin H_{\tilde{v}_{i_2}^{j_2}}$

First case.

Let $1 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_{n-4} \leq n$ be a sequence of integers and $\{r_1, s_1, r_2, s_2\} = [n] \setminus \{k_1, \dots, k_{n-4}\}$. If $1 \leq r_1 \leq i_1, i_1 + 1 \leq s_1 \leq n_1, n_1 + 1 \leq r_2 \leq n_1 + i_2$ and $n_1 + i_2 + 1 \leq s_2 \leq n$ then $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ with $x_t = (n_1 - j_1)\delta_{tr_1} + j_1\delta_{ts_1} + (n_2 - j_2)\delta_{tr_2} + j_2\delta_{ts_2}$ (δ_{tk} is the Kronecker symbol) is a solution of the system of equations

$$(*) \begin{cases} z_{k_1} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ z_{k_{n-4}} = 0 \\ -j_1 z_1 - \dots - j_1 z_{i_1} + (n_1 - j_1)z_{i_1+1} + \dots + (n_1 - j_1)z_{n_1} = 0 \\ -j_2 z_{n_1+1} - \dots - j_2 z_{n_1+i_2} + (n_2 - j_2)z_{n_1+i_2+1} + \dots + (n_2 - j_2)z_n = 0. \end{cases}$$

fulfilling also the condition $\Pi(x) = 0$. Else, there exists no solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ for the system of equations (*) with $\Pi(x) = 0$ because either $H_{\tilde{v}_{i_1}^{j_1}}(x) \neq 0$ or $H_{\tilde{v}_{i_2}^{j_2}}(x) \neq 0$.

Thus, there are $i_1 i_2 (n_1 - i_1)(n_2 - i_2)$ sequences $1 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_{n-4} \leq n$ such that the system of equations (*) has a solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ with $\Pi(x) = 0$, and they induce the set of extremal rays:

$$\{(n_1 - j_1)e_{r_1} + j_1 e_{s_1} + (n_2 - j_2)e_{r_2} + j_2 e_{s_2} \mid 1 \leq r_1 \leq i_1, i_1 + 1 \leq s_1 \leq n_1, \\ n_1 + 1 \leq r_2 \leq n_1 + i_2, n_1 + i_2 + 1 \leq s_2 \leq n\}.$$

Second case.

Let $1 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_{n-3} \leq n$ be a sequence of integers and $\{r_1, s_1, p\} = [n] \setminus \{k_1, \dots, k_{n-3}\}$. If $1 \leq r_1 \leq i_1, i_1 + 1 \leq s_1 \leq n_1$ and $n_1 + 1 \leq p \leq n$ then $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ with $x_t = (n_1 - j_1)\delta_{tr_1} + j_1 \delta_{ts_1} + n_2 \delta_{tp}$ is a solution of the system of equations

$$(**) \begin{cases} z_{k_1} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ z_{k_{n-3}} = 0 \\ -j_1 z_1 - \dots - j_1 z_{i_1} + (n_1 - j_1)z_{i_1+1} + \dots + (n_1 - j_1)z_{n_1} = 0. \end{cases}$$

fulfilling also the condition $\Pi(x) = 0$. Else, there exists no solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ for the system of equations (**) with $\Pi(x) = 0$.

Thus, there exist $i_1(n_1 - i_1)n_2$ sequences $1 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_{n-3} \leq n$ such that the system of equations (**) has a solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ with $\Pi(x) = 0$, and they induce the set of extremal rays:

$$\{(n_1 - j_1)e_{r_1} + j_1 e_{s_1} + n_2 e_p \mid 1 \leq r_1 \leq i_1, i_1 + 1 \leq s_1 \leq n_1, n_1 + 1 \leq p \leq n\}.$$

Analog one obtains the set of extremal rays induced by $v \in H_{\tilde{v}_{i_2}^{j_2}}$:

$$\{n_1 e_p + (n_2 - j_2)e_{r_2} + j_2 e_{s_2} \mid 1 \leq p \leq n_1, n_1 + 1 \leq r_2 \leq n_1 + i_2, n_1 + i_2 + 1 \leq s_2 \leq n\}.$$

The third case.

It is easy to see that there are $(n_1 - i_1)(n_2 - i_2)$ induced extremal rays in this case:

$$\{n_1 e_r + n_2 e_s \mid i_1 + 1 \leq r \leq n_1, n_1 + i_2 + 1 \leq s \leq n\}.$$

In conclusion, $E := \{v_1 + v_2 \mid v_1 \in E_1, v_2 \in E_2\}$ is the set of extremal rays of the cone $\Pi \cap C$ where

$$E_1 := \{n_1 e_k \mid i_1 + 1 \leq k \leq n_1\} \cup \{(n_1 - j_1)e_r + j_1 e_s \mid 1 \leq r \leq i_1 \text{ and } i_1 + 1 \leq s \leq n_1\}$$

and

$$E_2 := \{n_2 e_k \mid n_1 + i_1 + 1 \leq k \leq n\} \cup \{(n_2 - j_2)e_r + j_2 e_s \mid n_1 + 1 \leq r \leq n_1 + i_2 \text{ and } n_1 + i_2 + 1 \leq s \leq n\}.$$

It clear that $E \subset \mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)$ and we get

$$\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B) \supset \Pi \cap \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+.$$

□

The type of the base ring. The next theorem is the main result of this paper. It contains formulas for computing the type of the base ring associated to a product of transversal polymatroids.

Theorem 5. *Let $K[\mathcal{A}]$ and $K[\mathcal{B}]$ the base rings of the transversal polymatroids presented by \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} from above. Then:*

a) *If $i_1 + j_1 \leq n_1 - 1$ and $i_2 + j_2 \leq n_2 - 1$, then the type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is*

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = 1 + (\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}] - 1)Q_2 + (\text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}] - 1)Q_1 - (\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}] - 1)(\text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}] - 1))),$$

where

$$Q_r = \sum_{t=i_r}^{2(n_r-j_r)-1} Q_{i_r}(t)Q_{n_r-i_r}(2n_r-t), \text{ for } r \in [2].$$

b) *If $i_1 + j_1 \geq n_1$ and $i_2 + j_2 \geq n_2$ such that $r_1 \leq r_2$ where $r_1 = \left\lceil \frac{i_1+1}{n_1-j_1} \right\rceil$, $r_2 = \left\lceil \frac{i_2+1}{n_2-j_2} \right\rceil$ then the type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is*

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = \left[\sum_{t=i_1}^{r_2(n_1-j_1)-1} Q_{i_1}(t)Q_{n_1-i_1}(r_2 n_1 - t) \right] \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]).$$

c) *If $i_1 + j_1 \leq n_1 - 1$, $i_2 + j_2 \geq n_2$ and $r_2 = \left\lceil \frac{i_2+1}{n_2-j_2} \right\rceil$, then the type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is*

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = [G + E] \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]),$$

where

$$G = \sum_{t=0}^{(r_2-1)(n_1-j_1)} P_{i_1}(t)P_{n_1-i_1}((r_2-1)n_1-t),$$

$$E = \sum_{t=1}^{n_1-i_1-j_1-1} Q_{i_1}(i_1 + (r_2-1)(n_1-j_1) + t)Q_{n_1-i_1}(n_1 - i_1 + (r_2-1)j_1 - t).$$

Proof. Since $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is normal ([12]), the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}],$$

where $A \diamond B$ is the exponent set of the K -algebra $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ and $\text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$ denotes the relative interior of $\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)$. By Proposition 4 the cone generated by $A \diamond B$ has the irreducible representation

$$\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B) = \Pi \cap \bigcap_{a \in N} H_a^+,$$

where $\Pi : -n_2x_1 - \dots - n_2x_{n_1} + n_1x_{n_1+1} + \dots + n_1x_{n_1+n_2} = 0$,

$N = \{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}, \tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}, e_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq n_1 + n_2\}$ and $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n_1+n_2}$ is the canonical base of $\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}$.

a) Let $i_1 \in [n_1 - 2]$, $j_1 \in [n_1 - 1]$, $i_2 \in [n_2 - 2]$, $j_2 \in [n_2 - 1]$ be such that $i_1 + j_1 \leq n_1 - 1$ and $i_2 + j_2 \leq n_2 - 1$. If we denote by $M_{\mathcal{A}}, M_{\mathcal{B}}$ the sets

$$M_{\mathcal{A}} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>}^{n_1} \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i_1})| = n_1 + i_1 - j_1 + t, |(\alpha_{i_1+1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_1})| = n_1 - i_1 + j_1 - t \text{ for any } t \in [n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1]\},$$

$$M_{\mathcal{B}} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>}^{n_2} \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i_2})| = n_2 + i_2 - j_2 + t, |(\alpha_{i_2+1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_2})| = n_2 - i_2 + j_2 - t \text{ for any } t \in [n_2 - i_2 - j_2 - 1]\}$$

we know from [16] that the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ (respectively, $\omega_{K[\mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{B}]$) with respect to the standard grading can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ (respectively, $K[\mathcal{B}]$) generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A}]} = (\{x_1 \cdots x_n, x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A}}\})K[\mathcal{A}],$$

respectively

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{B}]} = (\{x_1 \cdots x_n, x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{B}].$$

We will denote by $M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}$ the set

$$M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}} = \{\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{q}, \bar{\beta} + \tilde{p} \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A}}, \beta \in M_{\mathcal{B}}, p \in A^{(2)}, q \in B^{(2)}\}.$$

We will show that the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x_1 \cdots x_n, x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}].$$

This fact is equivalent to show that

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) = \{(1, \dots, 1) + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

Since for any $\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A}}, \beta \in M_{\mathcal{B}}, p \in A^{(2)}, q \in B^{(2)}$

$$H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{q}) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha) = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1 + t) > 0, H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\bar{\beta} + \tilde{p}) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(p) > 0$$

and

$$H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\bar{\beta} + \tilde{p}) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\beta) = n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2 + t) > 0, H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{q}) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(q) > 0$$

it follows that

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) \supseteq \{(1, \dots, 1) + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$, then $\gamma_k \geq 1$ for any $k \in [n_1 + n_2]$. Since $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1) > 0$ and $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2) > 0$ it follows that $(1, \dots, 1) \in \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$. Let $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1+n_2}$, $\delta = \gamma - (1, \dots, 1)$. It is

clear that $\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) = \mathbb{Z}_+\tilde{A} + \mathbb{Z}_+\tilde{B}$. So, we have $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\delta) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma) - n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') - n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1)$ and $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\delta) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma) - n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') - n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2)$ where $\gamma = (\gamma', \gamma'')$, $\gamma' \in \mathbb{Z}_+A$ and $\gamma'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$. If $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') \geq n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1)$ and $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') \geq n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2)$ then $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\delta) \geq 0$ and $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\delta) \geq 0$. Thus $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$ and $\gamma \in \{(1, \dots, 1) + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}$. If $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') < n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1)$ or $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') < n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2)$, then let $t_1 \in [n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1]$ and $t_2 \in [n_2 - i_2 - j_2 - 1]$ such that $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - t_1)$ or $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2 - t_2)$. Using Lemma 2 we can find $\eta' \in M_{\mathcal{A}}$ with $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\eta')$ and $\gamma' - \eta' \in \mathbb{Z}_+A$, respectively we can find $\eta'' \in M_{\mathcal{B}}$ with $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\eta'')$ and $\gamma'' - \eta'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$. Thus for any $p \in A^{(2)}$ and $q \in B^{(2)}$ we have $\gamma - (\eta' + \bar{q}) \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$, $\gamma - (\eta'' + \bar{p}) \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$ and so there exists $\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}$ such that $\gamma \in \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}$. If $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') \geq n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1)$ and $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') < n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2)$, then $\gamma' \in (1, \dots, 1) + \mathbb{Z}_+A$ and we can find $\eta'' \in M_{\mathcal{B}}$ with $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\eta'')$ and $\gamma'' - \eta'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$. Thus, $\gamma \in (\tilde{p} + \eta'') + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$, where $p = \underbrace{(2, \dots, 2)}_{n_1\text{-times}}$. So there exists $\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}$ such that $\gamma \in \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}$. Analog the another case: $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma') < n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1)$ and $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') \geq n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2)$.

Thus

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) = \{(1, \dots, 1) + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

So, the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x_1 \cdots x_n, x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}].$$

The type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is the minimal number of generators of the canonical module. So, $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = 1 + \#(M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}})$, where

$$\#(M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}) = \#(M_{\mathcal{A}})\#(B^{(2)}) + \#(M_{\mathcal{B}})\#(A^{(2)}) - \#(M_{\mathcal{A}})\#(M_{\mathcal{B}}).$$

Using lemma 3 and since $\#(M_{\mathcal{A}}) = \text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) - 1$, $\#(M_{\mathcal{B}}) = \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]) - 1$ we get that

$$\#(M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}) = (\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}] - 1)Q_2 + (\text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}] - 1)Q_1 - (\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}] - 1)(\text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}] - 1))),$$

where $\#(A^{(2)}) = Q_1$, $\#(B^{(2)}) = Q_2$,

$$Q_r = \sum_{t=i_r}^{2(n_r-j_r)-1} Q_{i_r}(t)Q_{n_r-i_r}(2n_r-t), \text{ for } r \in [2].$$

b) Let $i_1 \in [n_1 - 2]$, $j_1 \in [n_1 - 1]$, $i_2 \in [n_2 - 2]$, $j_2 \in [n_2 - 1]$ be such that $i_1 + j_1 \geq n_1$, $i_2 + j_2 \geq n_2$, $r_1 = \left\lceil \frac{i_1+1}{n_1-j_1} \right\rceil$ and $r_2 = \left\lceil \frac{i_2+1}{n_2-j_2} \right\rceil$.

If we denote by $M'_{\mathcal{A}}, M'_{\mathcal{B}}$ the sets

$$\begin{aligned} M'_{\mathcal{A}} &= \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>}^{n_1} \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i_1})| = r_1(n_1 - j_1) - t, |(\alpha_{i_1+1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_1})| = \\ &\quad r_1 j_1 + t \text{ for any } t \in [r_1(n_1 - j_1) - i_1]\}, \\ M'_{\mathcal{B}} &= \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>}^{n_2} \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i_2})| = r_2(n_2 - j_2) - t, |(\alpha_{i_2+1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_2})| = \end{aligned}$$

$$r_2 j_2 + t \text{ for any } t \in [r_2(n_2 - j_2) - i_2]$$

we know from [16] that the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ (respectively, $\omega_{K[\mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{B}]$) with respect to the standard grading can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ (respectively, $K[\mathcal{B}]$) generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A}]} = (\{x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M'_\mathcal{A}\})K[\mathcal{A}],$$

respectively

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M'_\mathcal{B}\})K[\mathcal{B}].$$

We will denote by $M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}$ the set $M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}} = \{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta} \mid p \in A^{(r_2)}, \beta \in M'_\mathcal{B}\}$. We will show that the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}].$$

This fact is equivalent to show that

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

Since for any $p \in A^{(r_2)}$, $\beta \in M'_\mathcal{B}$ we have $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_1}(\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(p) > 0$,

$H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_2}(\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\beta) = n_2 t > 0$ it follows that

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) \supseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

Since $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_1}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1) \leq 0$ and $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_2}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2) \leq 0$ it follows that $(1, \dots, 1) \notin \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$. Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$, then $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_1}(\gamma) > 0$, $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_2}(\gamma) > 0$ and $\gamma_k \geq 1$ for any $k \in [n_1 + n_2]$. We claim that $|\gamma| \geq r_2(n_1 + n_2)$.

Indeed, since $\gamma = (\gamma', \gamma'') \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$, $|\gamma| = s(n_1 + n_2)$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) = \mathbb{Z}_+\tilde{A} + \mathbb{Z}_+\tilde{B}$, it follows that $\gamma' \in \mathbb{Z}_+A$, $\gamma'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$ with $|\gamma'| = sn_1$, $|\gamma''| = sn_2$ and

$$H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\beta}}^{j_2}(\gamma) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = -j_2 \sum_{k=1}^{i_2} \gamma''_k + (n_2 - j_2)(sn_2 - \sum_{k=1}^{i_2} \gamma''_k) > 0 \iff \sum_{k=1}^{i_2} \gamma''_k < (n_2 - j_2)s.$$

Hence $i_2 + 1 \leq s(n_2 - j_2)$ and so $r_2 = \left\lceil \frac{i_2 + 1}{n_2 - j_2} \right\rceil \leq s$. Using Lemma 2 we can find $\eta'' \in M'_\mathcal{B}$ with $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\eta'')$ and $\gamma'' - \eta'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$. Since for any $p \in A^{(r_2)}$, we have $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\eta}''}^{j_1}(\tilde{p} + \bar{\eta}'') = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(p) > 0$, $H_{\tilde{p} + \bar{\eta}''}^{j_2}(\tilde{p} + \bar{\eta}'') = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\eta'') = n_2 t > 0$ it follows that $\gamma \in \tilde{p} + \bar{\eta}'' + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$. Thus,

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

So, the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}].$$

The type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is the minimal number of generators of the canonical module. So, $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = \#(M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}) = \#(A^{(r_2)})\#(M'_\mathcal{B})$. Using Lemma 3 and since $\#(M'_\mathcal{B}) = \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}])$ we get that

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = \left[\sum_{t=i_1}^{r_2(n_1 - j_1) - 1} Q_{i_1}(t) Q_{n_1 - i_1}(r_2 n_1 - t) \right] \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]).$$

c) Let $i_1 \in [n_1 - 2]$, $j_1 \in [n_1 - 1]$, $i_2 \in [n_2 - 2]$, $j_2 \in [n_2 - 1]$, $r_2 = \left\lceil \frac{i_2+1}{n_2-j_2} \right\rceil$ be such that $i_1 + j_1 \leq n_1$ and $i_2 + j_2 \geq n_2$. If we denote by $M_{\mathcal{A}}, M'_{\mathcal{B}}$ the sets

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mathcal{A}} &= \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>}^{n_1} \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i_1})| = n_1 + i_1 - j_1 + t, |(\alpha_{i_1+1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_1})| = \\ &\quad n_1 - i_1 + j_1 - t \text{ for any } t \in [n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1]\}, \\ M'_{\mathcal{B}} &= \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{>}^{n_2} \mid |(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i_2})| = r_2(n_2 - j_2) - t, |(\alpha_{i_2+1}, \dots, \alpha_{n_2})| = \\ &\quad r_2 j_2 + t \text{ for any } t \in [r_2(n_2 - j_2) - i_2]\} \end{aligned}$$

we know from [16] that the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ (respectively, $\omega_{K[\mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{B}]$) with respect to the standard grading can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A}]$ (respectively, $K[\mathcal{B}]$) generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A}]} = (\{x_1 \cdots x_n, x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M_{\mathcal{A}}\})K[\mathcal{A}],$$

respectively

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^\alpha \mid \alpha \in M'_{\mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{B}].$$

We will denote by $M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}$ the set $M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}} = \{\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{\beta} \mid \beta \in M'_{\mathcal{B}}, \alpha = (1, \dots, 1) + \alpha' \text{ with } \alpha' \in A^{r_2-1} \text{ or } \alpha = \gamma + \alpha'' \text{ with } \alpha'' \in A^{r_2-2}, \gamma \in M_{\mathcal{A}}\}$. We will show that the canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^a \mid a \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}].$$

This fact is equivalent to show that

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) = \bigcup_{a \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{a + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

Since for any $\beta \in M'_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{n_1}$ such that $\alpha = (1, \dots, 1) + \alpha'$ with $\alpha' \in A^{r_2-1}$ or $\alpha = \gamma + \alpha''$ with $\gamma \in M_{\mathcal{A}}, \alpha'' \in A^{r_2-2}$ we have $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{\beta}) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(1, \dots, 1) + H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha') = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1) + H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha') > 0$ or $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{\beta}) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha) = H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma) + H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha'') = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - t) + H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\alpha'') > 0$ and $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\tilde{\alpha} + \bar{\beta}) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\beta) = n_2 t > 0$ for any $t \in [n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1]$, it follows that

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) \supseteq \bigcup_{a \in M_{\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}}} \{a + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

Since $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1) > 0$ and $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_2(n_2 - i_2 - j_2) \leq 0$ it follows that $(1, \dots, 1) \notin \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$. Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$, then $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\gamma) > 0$, $H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma) > 0$ and $\gamma_k \geq 1$ for any $k \in [n_1 + n_2]$. We claim that $|\gamma| \geq r_2(n_1 + n_2)$. Indeed, since $\gamma = (\gamma', \gamma'') \in \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B))$, $|\gamma| = s(n_1 + n_2)$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) = \mathbb{Z}_+\tilde{A} + \mathbb{Z}_+\bar{B}$, it follows that $\gamma' \in \mathbb{Z}_+A$, $\gamma'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$ with $|\gamma'| = sn_1$, $|\gamma''| = sn_2$ and

$$H_{\tilde{\nu}_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma) = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = -j_2 \sum_{k=1}^{i_2} \gamma''_k + (n_2 - j_2)(sn_2 - \sum_{k=1}^{i_2} \gamma''_k) > 0 \iff \sum_{k=1}^{i_2} \gamma''_k < (n_2 - j_2)s.$$

Hence $i_2 + 1 \leq s(n_2 - j_2)$ and so $r_2 = \left\lceil \frac{i_2+1}{n_2-j_2} \right\rceil \leq s$. Since $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}((1, \dots, 1)) = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1) > 0$ and for any $\delta \in M_{\mathcal{A}}$ we have $H_{\nu_{i_1}^{j_1}}(\delta) = n_1(n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - t) > 0$ it follows that for $\gamma' \in \mathbb{Z}_+A \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+A)$ such that $|\gamma'| = sn_1$ with $s \geq r_2$ there exists $\alpha' \in A^{r_2-1}$ and $\alpha'' \in A^{r_2-2}$ such that $\gamma' \in (1, \dots, 1) + \alpha' + \mathbb{Z}_+A$ or $\gamma' \in \delta + \alpha'' + \mathbb{Z}_+A$. Using

Lemma 2 we can find $\eta'' \in M'_B$ such that $H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\gamma'') = H_{\nu_{i_2}^{j_2}}(\eta'')$ and $\gamma'' - \eta'' \in \mathbb{Z}_+B$. Thus, $\gamma = (\gamma', \gamma'') \in ((1, \dots, 1) + \alpha', \eta'') + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$ with $\alpha' \in A^{r_2-1}$, $\eta'' \in M'_B$ or $\gamma = (\gamma', \gamma'') \in (\delta + \alpha'', \eta'') + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)$ with $\delta \in M_A$, $\alpha'' \in A^{r_2-2}$, $\eta'' \in M'_B$ and so

$$\mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B) \cap \text{relint}(\mathbb{R}_+(A \diamond B)) \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in M_{A \diamond B}} \{a + \mathbb{Z}_+(A \diamond B)\}.$$

The canonical module $\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}$ of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, with respect to standard grading, can be expressed as an ideal of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$, generated by monomials

$$\omega_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]} = (\{x^a \mid a \in M_{A \diamond B}\})K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}].$$

The type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is the minimal number of generators of the canonical module,

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = \#(M_{A \diamond B}) = [\#(A^{r_2-1}) + \#(\{M_A + A^{r_2-2}\} \setminus \{(1, \dots, 1) + A^{r_2-1}\})] \#(M'_B).$$

We denote

$$E^{(r_2-2)} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{r_2 n_1} \mid \alpha_k \geq 1, \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{i_1} = i_1 + (r_2 - 1)(n_1 - j_1) + t,$$

$$\alpha_{i_1+1} + \dots + \alpha_{n_1} = n_1 - i_1 + (r_2 - 1)j_1 - t, \text{ for any } k \in [n] \text{ and } t \in [n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1]\}.$$

It is easy to see that $E^{(r_2-2)} \supseteq \{M_A + A^{r_2-2}\} \setminus \{(1, \dots, 1) + A^{r_2-1}\}$. Since for any $\alpha \in E^{(r_2-2)}$ we have $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{i_1} = n_1 + i_1 - j_1 + t + (r_2 - 2)(n_1 - j_1)$, $\alpha_{i_1+1} + \dots + \alpha_{n_1} = n_1 - i_1 + j_1 - t + (r_2 - 2)j_1$ for $t \in [n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1]$ and the set $\{(n_1 - j_1)e_r + j_1 e_s \mid 1 \leq r \leq i_1 \text{ and } i_1 + 1 \leq s \leq n_1\} \subset A$ are extremal rays of the cone \mathbb{R}_+A it follows that $\{M_A + A^{r_2-2}\} \setminus \{(1, \dots, 1) + A^{r_2-1}\} = E^{(r_2-2)}$. For any $1 \leq t \leq n_1 - i_1 - j_1 - 1$, the equation $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{i_1} = i_1 + (r_2 - 1)(n_1 - j_1) + t$ has $Q_{i_1}(i_1 + (r_2 - 1)(n_1 - j_1) + t)$ distinct nonnegative integer solutions with $\alpha_k \geq 1$, for any $k \in [i_1]$, respectively $\alpha_{i_1+1} + \dots + \alpha_{n_1} = n_1 - i_1 + (r_2 - 1)j_1 - t$ has $Q_{n_1-i_1}(n_1 - i_1 + (r_2 - 1)j_1 - t)$ distinct nonnegative integer solutions with $\alpha_k \geq 1$ for any $k \in [n_1] \setminus [i_1]$. Thus, the cardinal of $E^{(r_2-2)}$ is

$$\#(E^{(r_2-2)}) = \sum_{t=1}^{n_1-i_1-j_1-1} Q_{i_1}(i_1 + (r_2 - 1)(n_1 - j_1) + t) Q_{n_1-i_1}(n_1 - i_1 + (r_2 - 1)j_1 - t).$$

So,

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = [\#(A^{r_2-1}) + \#(E^{(r_2-2)})] \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]).$$

□

Corollary 6. *Let $K[\mathcal{A}]$ and $K[\mathcal{B}]$ the base rings of the transversal polymatroids presented by \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} and $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ the base ring of the transversal polymatroid presented by $\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}$, then: $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is Gorenstein ring if and only if $K[\mathcal{A}]$ and $K[\mathcal{B}]$ are Gorenstein rings.*

Next we will give some examples.

Let $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_5\}$, $\mathcal{B} = \{A_6, \dots, A_{12}\}$ and $\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B} = \{A_1, \dots, A_{12}\}$, where $A_1 = A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = [5]$, $A_2 = [5] \setminus [2]$, $A_6 = A_9 = A_{10} = A_{11} = A_{12} = [12] \setminus [5]$, $A_7 = A_8 = [12] \setminus [8]$.

The type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = 1 + (7 - 1)1680 + (113 - 1)126 - (7 - 1)(113 - 1) = 23521,$$

where

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = 7, \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]) = 113, Q_1 = 126, Q_2 = 1680.$$

The Hilbert series of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is

$$H_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}(t) = \frac{1 + 188149t + 32250295t^2 + \dots + 34608475t^8 + 211669t^9 + t^{10}}{(1 - t)^{11}}.$$

Note that $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = 1 + h_9 - h_1 = 23521$.

Let $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_7\}$, $\mathcal{B} = \{A_8, \dots, A_{15}\}$ and $\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B} = \{A_1, \dots, A_{15}\}$, where $A_1 = A_6 = A_7 = [7]$, $A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = [7] \setminus [5]$, $A_8 = A_{15} = [15] \setminus [7]$, $A_9 = A_{10} = A_{11} = A_{12} = A_{13} = A_{14} = [15] \setminus [13]$.

The type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = \left(\sum_{t=5}^{11} \binom{t-1}{4} \binom{27-t}{1} \right) 169 = 1327326,$$

where

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]) = 169.$$

The Hilbert series of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is

$$H_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}(t) = \frac{1 + 62818t + 12287443t^2 + \dots + 91435344t^9 + 1327326t^{10}}{(1-t)^{14}}.$$

Note that $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = h_{10} = 1327326$.

Let $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_8\}$, $\mathcal{B} = \{A_9, \dots, A_{16}\}$ and $\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B} = \{A_1, \dots, A_{16}\}$, where $A_1 = A_4 = A_5 = A_6 = A_7 = A_8 = [8]$, $A_2 = A_3 = [8] \setminus [3]$, $A_9 = A_{16} = [16] \setminus [8]$, $A_{10} = A_{11} = A_{12} = A_{13} = A_{14} = A_{15} = [16] \setminus [14]$.

The type of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = (2572125 + 42630)169 = 441893595,$$

where

$$\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = 226, \text{type}(K[\mathcal{B}]) = 169, G = 2572125, E = 42630.$$

The Hilbert series of $K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]$ is

$$H_{K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]}(t) = \frac{1 + 1266825t + 661717155t^2 + \dots + 32407888815t^{10} + 441893595t^{11}}{(1-t)^{15}}.$$

Note that $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{B}]) = h_{11} = 441893595$.

We end this section with the following conjecture:

Conjecture: Let $n \geq 4$, $A_i \subset [n]$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $K[\mathcal{A}]$ be the base ring associated to the transversal polymatroid presented by $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$. If the Hilbert series is:

$$H_{K[\mathcal{A}]}(t) = \frac{1 + h_1 t + \dots + h_{n-r} t^{n-r}}{(1-t)^n},$$

then we have the following:

- 1) If $r = 1$, then $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = 1 + h_{n-2} - h_1$.
- 2) If $2 \leq r \leq n$, then $\text{type}(K[\mathcal{A}]) = h_{n-r}$.

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