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#### CYCLIC COVERS OF AFFINE T-VARIETIES

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ABSTRACT. We consider normal affine  $\mathbb{T}$ -varieties X endowed with an action of finite abelian group G commuting with the action of  $\mathbb{T}$ . For such varieties we establish the existence of G-equivariant geometricocombinatorial presentations in the sense of Altmann and Hausen. As an application, we determine explicit presentations of the Koras-Russell threefolds as bi-cyclic covers of  $\mathbb{A}^3$  equipped with a hyperbolic  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action.

#### INTRODUCTION

Every algebraic action of the one dimensional torus  $\mathbb{T} \simeq \mathbb{C}^*$  on a complex affine variety X is determined by a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading  $A = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} A_m$  of its coordinate ring A, the spaces  $A_m$  consisting of semi-invariant regular functions of weight m on X. One possible way to construct  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebras, which was studied by Demazure [2], is to start with a variety Y and a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor D on Y and to let  $A = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(mD))$ . For a well chosen pair (Y, D), this algebra is finitely generated, corresponding to the ring of regular functions of an affine variety,  $X = \mathbb{S}(Y, D)$  with a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action whose algebraic quotient is isomorphic to  $\text{Spec}(\Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y))$ . A slight variant of this construction [3] already enabled a complete description of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -actions on normal surfaces X: namely they correspond to graded algebras of the form:

$$A = \bigoplus_{m < 0} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(mD_-)) \oplus \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \oplus_{m > 0} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(mD_+)),$$

for suitably chosen triples  $(Y, D_+, D_-)$  consisting of a smooth curve Y and a pair of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisors  $D_+$  and  $D_-$  on it.

Demazure's construction was generalized by Altmann and Hausen [1] to give a description of all normal affine varieties X equipped with an effective action of an algebraic torus  $\mathbb{T} \simeq (\mathbb{C}^*)^k$ ,  $k \ge 1$ . Here the Z-grading is replaced by a grading by the lattice  $M \simeq \mathbb{Z}^k$  of characters of the torus, and the graded pieces are recovered from a datum consisting of a variety Y of dimension  $\dim(X) - \dim(\mathbb{T})$  and a so-called polyhedral divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  on Y, a generalization of Q-divisors for higher dimensional tori:  $\mathcal{D}$  can be considered as a collection of Q-divisors  $\mathcal{D}(u)$  parametrized by a "weight cone"  $\sigma^{\vee} \cap M$ , for which we have  $A = \bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(u)))$ . The T-variety associated to a pair  $(Y, \mathcal{D})$  is denoted by  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$ .

In this article, we consider affine  $\mathbb{T}$ -varieties X endowed with an additional action of a finite abelian group G commuting with the action of  $\mathbb{T}$ . The quotient X' = X//G is again an affine  $\mathbb{T}'$ -variety for a torus  $\mathbb{T}' \simeq \mathbb{T}$  obtained as a quotient of  $\mathbb{T}$  by an apporpriate finite group, and our aim is to understand the relation between the presentations  $X = \mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  of X and those of  $X' = \mathbb{S}(Y', \mathcal{D}')$ . A pair  $(Y, \mathcal{D})$  such that  $X = \mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  is not unique but we will show that it is always possible to choose a particular pair  $(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$  consisting of a variety Y endowed with a G-action and a G-invariant polyhedral divisor  $\mathcal{D}_G$  such that X is  $G \times \mathbb{T}$  equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$ . The G-invariant divisor  $\mathcal{D}_G$  corresponds in turn to a certain polyhedral divisor  $\mathcal{D}'$  on the quotient Y//G with property that  $X' = \mathbb{S}(Y//G, \mathcal{D}')$  as a  $\mathbb{T}'$ -variety.

More precisely, our main result reads as follows:

**Theorem.** Let X be a  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety and let G be a finite abelian group acting on X such that the two actions commute. Then the following hold:

1) There exist a semi-projective variety Y endowed with an action of G and a G-invariant pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}_G$  defined on Y such that X is  $\mathbb{T} \times G$  equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$ .

2) Moreover X//G is equivariantly isomorphic to the  $\mathbb{T}'$ -variety  $\mathbb{S}(Y//G, \mathcal{D}')$  where  $\mathcal{D}'$  can be chosen such that  $F_*(\mathcal{D}_G) = \varphi_G^*(\mathcal{D}')$ , where  $\varphi_G : Y \to Y//G$  denotes the quotient morphism and  $F : M^{\vee} \to M'^{\vee}$  is a linear map induced by the inclusion between the character lattices M' of  $\mathbb{T}'$  and M of  $\mathbb{T}$ .

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We then apply this result to determine presentations of a family of exotic affine spaces of dimension 3 with hyperbolic  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -actions: the Koras-Russell threefolds. We exploit the fact that these threefolds arise as equivariant bi-cyclic cover of the affine space  $\mathbb{A}^3$  equipped with a hyperbolic  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action.

The article is organized as follows. The first section is devoted to a short recollection on Altmann-Hausen representations, with a particular focus on the methods to construct pairs  $(Y, \mathcal{D})$  corresponding to a given graded algebra. The main theorem above is then established in section two. Finally, explicit Altmann-Hausen representations of the Koras-Russell threefolds are determined in section three.

#### 1. RECOLLECTION ON THE ALTMANN-HAUSEN REPRESENTATION

In this section, we introduce the correspondence between normal affine  $\mathbb{T}$ -varieties X and pairs  $(Y, \mathcal{D})$  composed of a normal semi-projective variety Y and a so-called polyhedral divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  established by Altmann-Hausen [1]. In particular, for a given X, we summarize a construction of a corresponding Y and explain a method to determine a possible  $\mathcal{D}$ .

1.1. Normal affine T-varieties. Let  $N \simeq \mathbb{Z}^k$  be a lattice of rank k and let  $M = \text{Hom}(N, \mathbb{Z})$  be its dual. A pointed convex polyhedral cone  $\sigma \subseteq N_{\mathbb{Q}} = N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  is an intersection of finitely many closed linear half spaces in  $N_{\mathbb{Q}}$  which does not contain any line. Its dual:

$$\sigma^{\vee} := \{ v \in M_{\mathbb{Q}} \mid \forall u \in \sigma \ \langle u, v \rangle \ge 0 \} \subseteq M_{\mathbb{Q}} = M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q},$$

consists of all linear forms on  $M_{\mathbb{Q}}$  that are non-negative on  $\sigma$ . A polytope  $\Pi \subset N_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the convex hull of finitely many points in  $N_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , and a convex polyhedron  $\Delta \subseteq N_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the intersection of finitely many closed affine half spaces in  $N_{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Every polyhedron admits a decomposition:  $\Delta = \Pi_{\Delta} + \sigma$ , where  $\Pi_{\Delta}$  is a polytope and  $\sigma$  is a pointed convex polyhedral cone, called the tail cone of  $\Delta$ . The set of all polyhedra which admit the same tail cone is a semigroup with Minkowski addition, which we denote by  $\operatorname{Pol}^+_{\sigma}(N_{\mathbb{Q}})$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A  $\sigma$ -tailed polyhedral divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  on an algebraic variety Y is a formal finite sum

$$\mathcal{D} = \sum \Delta_i \otimes D_i \in \operatorname{Pol}_{\sigma}^+(N_{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{WDiv}(Y),$$

where  $D_i$  are prime divisors on Y and  $\Delta_i$  are  $\sigma$ -polyhedra.

Every element  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$  determines a map  $\operatorname{Pol}_{\sigma}^+(N_{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{WDiv}(Y) \to \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{WDiv}(Y)$  which associates to  $\mathcal{D} = \sum \Delta_i \otimes D_i$  the Weil  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $\mathcal{D}(u) = \sum \min_{v \in \Delta_i} \langle u, v \rangle D_i$  on Y.

Given a Weil Q-divisor D and a section  $s \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(D))$ , that is, an effective Weil divisor D' linearly equivalent to the round-down  $\lfloor D \rfloor$  of D, we denote by  $Y_s$  the open subset  $Y \setminus \text{Supp}(D')$  of Y.

**Definition 1.2.** ([1, Definition 2.5 and 2.7]) A proper-polyhedral divisor, noted pp-divisor, is a polyhedral divisor  $\mathcal{D} = \sum \Delta_i \otimes D_i$  on Y which satisfies the following properties:

1) Each  $D_i$  is an effective divisor and  $\mathcal{D}(u)$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier divisor on Y for every  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$ .

2)  $\mathcal{D}(u)$  is semi-ample for each  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$ , that is, for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  the open subsets  $Y_s$ , where  $s \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(nu)))$ , cover Y.

3)  $\mathcal{D}(u)$  is big for each  $u \in \operatorname{relint}(\sigma^{\vee}) \cap M$ , that is, for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  there exist a section  $s \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(nu)))$  such that  $Y_s$  is affine.

Recall [1, Definition 2.1] that a variety Y is said to be semi-projective if  $\Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  is finitely generated and Y is projective over  $Y_0 = \text{Spec}(\Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y))$ . Given a pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  on Y, the graded algebra

$$A = \bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M} A_u = \bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(u))).$$

is finitely generated, and  $\operatorname{Spec}(A)$  is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety for  $\mathbb{T} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[M]) \simeq (\mathbb{C}^*)^k$ . More precisely Altmann and Hausen, showed the following:

**Theorem 1.1.** [1] For any pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  on a normal semi-projective variety Y, the scheme

$$\mathbb{S}(Y,\mathcal{D}) = \operatorname{Spec}(\bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M} \Gamma(Y,\mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(u))))$$

is a normal affine  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety of dimension  $\dim(Y) + \dim(\mathbb{T})$ . Conversely any normal affine  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety is isomorphic to an  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  for suitable Y and  $\mathcal{D}$ .

1.2. Determining the semi-projective variety. The semi-projective variety Y is not unique, however there exists a natural construction, which we will use in the remainder of the article. It can be summarized as follows ([1, section 6]).

Let  $X = \operatorname{Spec}(\bigoplus_{u \in M} A_u)$  be an affine variety endowed with an effective action of the torus  $\mathbb{T} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[M])$ . For each  $u \in M$  the set of semistable points

 $X^{ss}(u) := \{ x \in X \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} and f \in A_{nu} such that f(x) \neq 0 \}$ 

is an open  $\mathbb{T}$ -invariant subset of X which admits a good  $\mathbb{T}$ -quotient

$$Y_u = X^{ss}(u) / / \mathbb{T} = \operatorname{Proj}_{A_0}(\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} A_{nu}).$$

Following [1, section 6], there exists a fan  $\Lambda \in M_{\mathbb{Q}}$  generated by a finite collection of cones  $\lambda$  such that the following holds:

1) For any u and u' in the relative interior of  $\lambda$ ,  $X^{ss}(u) = X^{ss}(u')$ . We denote  $W_{\lambda} = X^{ss}(u)$  for any  $u \in relint(\lambda)$ 

2) If  $\gamma$  is a face of  $\lambda$ ,  $W_{\lambda}$  is an open subset of  $W_{\gamma}$ . Let  $W = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} W_{\lambda} = \underset{\leftarrow}{lim} W_{\lambda}$ .

The quotient maps  $q_{\lambda} : W_{\lambda} \to W_{\lambda} / / \mathbb{T}$  form an inverse system indexed by the cones in  $\Lambda$ , whose inverse limit exist as a morphism  $q : W \longrightarrow Z = \underset{\leftarrow}{\lim} Y_{\lambda}$ . The desired semi-projective variety Y is the normalization of the closure of the image of W by q.



1.3. Maps of proper polyhedral divisor. Let Y and Y' be normal semi-projective varieties, N and N' be lattices and  $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $\sigma' \subset N'_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be pointed cones. Let  $\mathcal{D} = \sum \Delta_i \otimes D_i$  and  $\mathcal{D}' = \sum \Delta'_i \otimes D'_i$  be pp-divisors on Y and Y' respectively with corresponding tail cones  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma'$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [1, Definition 8.3 ]1) For a morphism  $\varphi : Y \to Y'$  such that  $\varphi(Y)$  is not contained in  $\operatorname{Supp}(D'_i)$  for any *i*, the polyhedral pull-back of  $\mathcal{D}'$  is defined by :

$$\varphi^*(\mathcal{D}') := \sum \Delta'_i \otimes \varphi^*(D'_i)$$

Where  $\varphi^*(D'_i)$  is the usual pull-back of  $D'_i$ . It is a polyhedral divisor on Y with tail cone  $\sigma'$ .

2) For a linear map  $F: N \to N'$  such that  $F(\sigma) \subset \sigma'$ , the polyhedral push forward is defined as :

$$F_*(\mathcal{D}) := \sum (F(\Delta_i) + \sigma') \otimes D_i$$

It is also a polyhedral divisor on Y with tail cone  $\sigma'$ .

An equivariant morphism from  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  to  $\mathbb{S}(Y', \mathcal{D}')$  is given by a homomorphism of algebraic groups  $\psi : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{T}'$  and a morphism  $\phi : \mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}) \to \mathbb{S}(Y', \mathcal{D}')$  satisfying  $\phi(\lambda . x) = \psi(\lambda).\phi(x)$ . Every such morphism is uniquely determined by a triple  $(\varphi, F, f)$  defined as above consisting of a dominant morphism  $\varphi : Y \to Y'$ , a linear map  $F : N \to N'$  as above and a *plurifunction*  $f \in N' \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}(Y)^*$  such that :

$$\varphi^*(\mathcal{D}') \le F_*(\mathcal{D}) + \operatorname{div}(f).$$

The identity map of a pp-divisor is the triple (id, id, 1) and the composition of two maps  $(\varphi, F, f)$  and  $(\varphi', F', f')$  is  $(\varphi' \circ \varphi, F' \circ F, F'_*(f).\varphi^*(f'))$ .

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1.4. Determining proper polyhedral divisors. A method to determine a possible pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  ([1, section 11]) associated to a T-variety X with  $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{C}^*)^k$  is to embed X as a T-stable subvariety of a toric variety. The calculation is then reduced to the toric case by considering an embedding in  $\mathbb{A}^m$  with linear action for m sufficiently large. In other words, X is realized as a  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^k$ -stable subvariety of a  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -toric variety. The inclusion of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^k$  corresponds to an inclusion of the lattice of characters  $\mathbb{Z}^k$  of T into  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ . We obtain the exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^k \xrightarrow[F]{s} \mathbb{Z}^m \xrightarrow{P} \mathbb{Z}^m / \mathbb{Z}^k \longrightarrow 0 ,$$

where F is given by the action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^k$  on  $\mathbb{A}^m$  and s is a section of F. The  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -toric variety is determined by the first integral vectors  $v_i$  of the unidimensional cone generated by the i-th column vector of P as rays in a  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  lattice, and each  $v_i$  correspond to a divisor. The support of  $D_i$  is the intersection between X and the divisor corresponding to  $v_i$ . The tail cone is  $\sigma := s(\mathbb{Q}^m_{>0} \cap F(\mathbb{Q}))$ , and the polytopes are  $\Pi_i = s(\mathbb{R}^m_{>0} \cap P^{-1}(v_i))$ .

#### 2. Actions of finite Abelian groups

Let  $X = \operatorname{Spec}(A)$  be a normal affine variety with an effective action of a torus  $\mathbb{T}$  and let G be a finite abelian group of order  $d \geq 2$  whose action on X commutes with that of  $\mathbb{T}$ . The goal of this section is to determine the relationship between the Altmann-Hausen representations of X and those of  $X//G = \operatorname{Spec}(A^G)$ .

Let Y be a semi-projective variety equipped with an action  $\psi : G \times Y \to Y$  of an algebraic group G. If  $\mathcal{D}_G$  is a G-invariant pp-divisor, i.e a pp-divisor such that  $\psi(g, \cdot)^* \mathcal{D}_G = \mathcal{D}_G$  for every  $g \in G$ , then for every  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$  the space  $A_u = \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}_G(u)))$  of global sections  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}_G(u))$  is endowed with a G-action. It follows that  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}_G) = \operatorname{Spec}(\bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(u))))$  admits an action of G commuting with that of  $\mathbb{T}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let X be a  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety and let G be a finite abelian group acting on X such that the two actions commute. Then the following hold:

1) There exist a semi-projective variety Y endowed with an action of G and a G-invariant pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}_G$ on Y such that X is  $\mathbb{T} \times G$  equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$ .

2) Moreover X//G is equivariantly isomorphic to the  $\mathbb{T}'$ -variety  $\mathbb{S}(Y//G, \mathcal{D}')$  where  $\mathcal{D}'$  can be chosen such that  $F_*(\mathcal{D}_G) = \varphi_G^*(\mathcal{D}')$ , where  $\varphi_G : Y \to Y//G$  denotes the quotient morphism and  $F : M^{\vee} \to M'^{\vee}$  is a linear map induced by the inclusion between the character lattices M' of  $\mathbb{T}'$  and M of  $\mathbb{T}$  (see 2.3).

We will divide the proof in several steps. First we will prove that the action of G on X induces an action of G on Y. Secondly we will consider the case where the orbits of the G-action are included in the orbits of the  $\mathbb{T}$ -action and finally we consider the case where the action of  $G \times \mathbb{T}$  is effective on X.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let Y a quasi-projective variety endowed with an action of a finite group G and let  $\widehat{Y} \to Y$  be the normalization of Y. Then the action of G lifts to an action on  $\widehat{Y}$  and the induced morphism  $\widehat{Y}//G \to Y//G$  is the normalization of Y//G.

*Proof.* Since Y is quasi-projective and G is finite, every  $x \in X$  admits a G-invariant affine open neighborhood. The normalization being a local operation, we may assume that Y is affine. Using the universal properties of the normalization and of the quotient we obtain the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} Y & \rightarrow & Y/\!/G \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \widehat{Y} & \rightarrow & \widehat{Y/\!/G} \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & & \widehat{Y}/\!/G \end{array}$$

Thus  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{Y//G}] \subset \mathbb{C}[\widehat{Y}]^G$ . Conversely, let  $f \in \mathbb{C}[\widehat{Y}]^G$ . Then g.f = f for all g in G and there exists a monic polynomial P with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}[Y]$  such that P(f) = 0. Since G is finite,  $Q = \prod_{g \in G} g.P$  is a monic

polynomial with G-invariant coefficients and G(f) = 0. So  $f \in \mathbb{C}[\widehat{Y//G}]$ .

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**Corollary 2.1.** Let X be a  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety and suppose that a finite abelian group G acts on X such the two actions commute. Then there exists a semi-projective variety Y and a pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  on Y such that X is  $G \times \mathbb{T}$  equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  and the action of G on  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  induces an action of G on Y.

*Proof.* We consider the construction of Y given in section 1.2. Since the action of G and  $\mathbb{T}$  commute, for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  the subset  $X^{ss}(u)$  with  $u \in relint(\lambda)$  is G-stable. Thus  $W := \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} W_{\lambda}$  is also G-stable. Since  $q': W \to Z$  is the quotient by  $\mathbb{T}$ , the action of G on W induces one on q'(W). The closure q'(W) is again G-stable, and since  $\overline{q'(W)}$  is quasi-projective it follows from lemma 2.1 that the action of G lifts to an action on Y.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $X = \operatorname{Spec}(A)$  be a  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety and let G a finite abelian group acting on X such that the two actions commute. Then there exists a G-invariant pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}_G$  defined on Y such that X is equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$ .

*Proof.* By lemma 2.1 the action of G on X induces an action of G on Y. By the proof of Theorem 3.4 in [1], a pp-divisor on Y corresponding to X is determined by the choice of a homomorphism h from M into the fraction field of A with the property that for every  $u \in M$ , h(u) is semi-invariant of weight u. Namely, if  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$  is any saturated element, that is,  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$  such that  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{nu}$  is generated in degree 1, then there exist a unique Cartier divisor  $\mathcal{D}(u)$  such that  $A_u = h(u) \cdot \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(\mathcal{D}(u)))$ : its local equations on open subsets  $Y_s$  with  $s \in A_u$  are h(u)/s. By definition  $h(u) = \frac{f}{g}$  where f and g are both non zero and  $f \in A_{u_1}, g \in A_{u_2}$  such that  $u_1 - u_2 = u$ . Since  $A_u$  is G-stable for all  $u \in M$ , we can choose  $f \in A_{u_1}$ ,  $g \in A_{u_2}$  semi-invariant for the action of G with  $u_1 - u_2 = u$  so that h(u) = f/g is also semi-invariant for G. The corresponding divisor  $\mathcal{D}(u)$  is then G-invariant. In the case of a general  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$ , we can choose a saturated multiple nu and define  $\mathcal{D}(u) = \mathcal{D}(nu)/n$ . 

To complete the proof of Theorem 2.1, we divide the argument into two cases. First we consider the situation where G is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}$  and secondly where the action of  $G \times \mathbb{T}$  is effective.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let X be the  $\mathbb{T}$ -variety  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  and let G be a finite abelian subgroup of  $\mathbb{T} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[M])$ . Then X' = X//G is a  $\mathbb{T}'$ -variety where  $\mathbb{T}' \simeq \mathbb{T}//G$  and is equivariantly isomorphic to the  $\mathbb{S}(Y, F_*(\mathcal{D}))$  where  $F: N = M^{\vee} \to N' = (M')^{\vee}$  is the linear map induced by the inclusion between the character lattices M' of  $\mathbb{T}'$  and M of  $\mathbb{T}$ .

*Proof.* Let Y be as in 1.2. Since by hypothesis the G-orbits are contained in  $\mathbb{T}$ -orbits, the induced G-action on Y is trivial. In this case, for each  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$ ,  $A_u^G$  is either  $A_u$  or  $\{0\}$ . Letting M' be the sublattice M generated by the elements  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$  such that  $A_u^G \neq 0$ ,

$$X' = X / / G = \operatorname{Spec}(\bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M'} A_u^G)$$

is a  $\mathbb{T}'$ -variety where  $\mathbb{T}' = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[M'])$  is a torus of the same dimension as  $\mathbb{T}$ . The inclusion  $M' \hookrightarrow M$  gives rise the desired linear map  $F: N = M^{\vee} \to N' = M'^{\vee}$ . 

Remark 2.1. This case corresponds to the map of pp-divisors (id, F, 1) defined in as 1.3. Indeed the quotient morphism  $\varphi: Y \to Y//G$  is the identity.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let X be a normal affine variety with an effective action of  $G \times \mathbb{T}$  where G is a finite abelian group. Then there exists a semi-projective variety Y on which G acts and a G-invariant pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}_G$  on Y such that X is  $G \times \mathbb{T}$ -equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$ .

Moreover X//G is  $\mathbb{T}$ -equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(Y//G, \mathcal{D}')$  where  $\mathcal{D}_G = \varphi_G^*(\mathcal{D}')$ .

*Proof.* By lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, Y is endowed with an action of G, and we can assume that X is equivariantly isomorphic to  $S(Y, \mathcal{D}_G)$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}_G$  is G-stable, for each  $u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$ ,  $\Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}_G(u)))$  is a G-invariant submodule of  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and moreover there exists  $\mathcal{D}'$  satisfies  $\varphi_G^*(\mathcal{D}') = \mathcal{D}_G$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma(X//G, \mathcal{O}_{X//G}) = \mathcal{O}_G$ .  $(\bigoplus_{u\in\sigma^{\vee}\cap M} \Gamma(Y,\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}_{G}(u))))^{G} = \bigoplus_{u\in\sigma^{\vee}\cap M} \Gamma(Y,\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}_{G}(u)))^{G}.$ By assumption,  $\varphi: Y \to Y//G$  is the quotient morphism, and  $\mathcal{D}'$  satisfying  $\varphi_{G}^{*}(\mathcal{D}') = \mathcal{D}_{G}.$  Thus

$$\Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}_G(u)))^G = \{f \in \mathbb{C}(Y)^G, div(f) + \mathcal{D}_G(u) \ge 0\} \cup \{0\}$$
  
=  $\{h \in \mathbb{C}(Y//G), \varphi^*(div(h) + \mathcal{D}'(u)) \ge 0\} \cup \{0\}$   
=  $\{h \in \mathbb{C}(Y//G), div(h) + \mathcal{D}'(u) \ge 0\} \cup \{0\}.$ 

We conclude that  $X//G \simeq \operatorname{Spec}(\bigoplus_{u \in \sigma^{\vee} \cap M} \Gamma(Y//G, \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{D}'(u)))).$ 

Remark 2.2. This lemma is the analogue of 4.1 in [2], in which Demazure established a similar result for algebras constructed from  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisors. This case corresponds to the map of proper polyhedral divisors ( $\varphi_G$ , id, 1) defined as in 1.3.

Proof. (of Theorem 2.1) Consider a finite abelian group G acting on  $X = \mathbb{S}(Y, \mathcal{D})$  whose action commutes with that of  $\mathbb{T}$ . By virtue of lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we may assume that G acts on Y and that  $\mathcal{D}$  is G-invariant. Then we let H be the subgroup of  $G \times \mathbb{T}$  consisting of elements which act trivially on X. We let  $G_0 \subset G$ and  $\mathbb{T}_0 \subset \mathbb{T}$  be the images of H by the two projections and we let  $G' = G/G_0$  and  $\mathbb{T}' = \mathbb{T}/\mathbb{T}_0$ . Applying lemma 2.3 to X equipped with the action of  $G_0$ , we obtain a variety  $X//G_0$  endowed with an effective action of  $G' \times \mathbb{T}'$  to which the lemma 2.4 can be applied. Any map  $(\varphi_G, F, 1)$  is obtained by composing maps of the two types above.

#### 3. Applications in the case $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{C}^*$

3.1. **Basic examples of**  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -actions. The coordinate ring of a normal affine variety X = Spec(A) equipped with an effective  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded in a natural way via  $A = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n$  where  $A_n := \{f \in A/f(\lambda \cdot x) = \lambda^n f(x)\}$ . The semi-projective variety associated to the Altmann-Hausen representation of X is the irreducible component which correspond to the normalization of the closure of the image of W by q' (see 1.2) in the fiber product :

$$Y(X) := Y_{-}(X) \underset{Y_{0}(X)}{\times} Y_{+}(X)$$
 where  $Y_{0}(X) = X//\mathbb{C}^{*} = \operatorname{Spec}(A_{0})$ ,  $Y_{\pm}(X) = \operatorname{Proj}_{A_{0}}(\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} A_{\pm n}).$ 

A  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action said to be hyperbolic if there is at least one  $n_1 < 0$  and one  $n_2 > 0$  such that  $A_{n_1}$  and  $A_{n_2}$  are nonzero. In this case, the tail cone  $\sigma$  is equal to  $\{0\}$  (see 1.4 ). If in addition X is smooth, then Y(X) is in fact equal to the fiber product which is itself isomorphic to the blow-up of  $Y_0(X)$  with center at the closed suscheme defined by the ideal  $\mathcal{I} = \langle A_d A_{-d} \rangle$  where d > 0 is chosen so that  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_{dn}$  is generated by  $A_0$  and  $A_{\pm d}$  ([8] Theorem 1.9 and proposition 1.4).

In what follows, we denote by  $\pi : \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^n_{(I)} \to \mathbb{A}^n$  the blow-up of the ideal (I) in  $\mathbb{A}^n_{(x_1,...,x_n)} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x_1,...,x_n])$ .

Given an irreducible and reduced hypersurface  $H = \{f(x_1, ..., x_n) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^n$  containing the origin, the hypersurface  $X_{n,p,f}$  of  $\mathbb{A}^{n+2} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x_1, ..., x_n][y, t])$  defined by the equation

$$\frac{f(x_1y,\dots,x_ny)}{y} + t^p = 0$$

comes equipped with an effective  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action induced by the linear one  $\lambda \cdot (x_1, ..., x_n, y, t) = (\lambda^p x_1, ..., \lambda^p x_n, \lambda^{-p} y, \lambda t)$ on  $\mathbb{A}^{n+2}$ . We have  $\mathbb{A}^{n+2} / / \mathbb{C}^* \simeq \mathbb{A}^{n+1} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[u_1, ..., u_{n+1}])$  via  $u_i = x_i y$  for i = 1, ..., n and  $u_{n+1} = y t^p$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** The variety  $X_{n,p,f}$  is equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^n_{(u_1,\ldots,u_n)}, \mathcal{D})$  for with  $\mathcal{D} = \left\{\frac{1}{p}\right\} D + [0, \frac{1}{p}]E$ , where E is the exceptional divisor of the blow up and D is the strict transform of the hypersurface  $H \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ .

*Proof.* We determine  $Y(X_{n,p,f})$  and the pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  using the method described in sections 1.2 and 1.3. We consider the exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{s}_{F} \mathbb{Z}^{n+2} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} \longrightarrow 0$$
  
where  $F = {}^{t}(p, ..., p, -p, 1), P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ I_{n} & \vdots & \vdots \\ & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & p \end{pmatrix}$   $I_{n}$  being the identity matrix of rank  $n \times n$  and  $s = (0, ..., 0, 1).$ 

The fan in  $\mathbb{Z}^{n+2}$  is generated by the rays  $\{v_i\}_{i=1,..,n+2}$  where  $v_i$  is the first integral vector of the unidimensional cone generated by the i-th column vector of P. It corresponds to the blow up of the origin in  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ , as a toric variety.

The variety Y is equal to the strict transform by  $\pi : \tilde{\mathbb{A}}_{(u_1,...,u_n)}^{n+1} \to \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \simeq \mathbb{A}^{n+2} / / \mathbb{C}^*$  of  $\{f(u_1,...,u_n) + u_{n+1} = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ , thus  $Y \simeq \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^n$ .

Since  $\sigma := s(\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}^m \cap F(\mathbb{Q}))$  is  $\{0\}$ , applying the formula  $\Pi_i = s(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \cap P^{-1}(v_i))$ , we deduce that  $\mathcal{D}$  has the form  $\left\{\frac{1}{p}\right\} D + [0, \frac{1}{p}]E$ , where D corresponds to the restriction to Y of the toric divisor given by the ray  $v_{n+2}$ . It is the restriction of  $\{u_{n+1} = yt^p = 0\}$  to Y thus D is the strict transforms of the hypersurface  $H \subset \mathbb{A}^n$ . The divisor E corresponds to the restriction to Y of the toric divisor given by  $v_{n+1}$ , that is, the exceptional divisor.

**Example 3.1.** Specializing the above construction we obtain examples of linear hyperbolic  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -actions on  $\mathbb{A}^3$  which will be building blocks for further applications :

a) Choosing n = 2 and  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1$ , we obtain that  $X_{2,x_1,p}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D})$  with  $\mathcal{D} = \left\{\frac{1}{p}\right\} D + [0, \frac{1}{p}]E$ , where E is the exceptional divisor of the blow up and D is the strict transform of the line  $\{u = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^2$ . Thus  $X_{2,x_1,p} \subset \mathbb{A}^4$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^3$  equipped with the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action :  $\lambda \cdot (x_2, y, t) = (\lambda^p x_2, \lambda^{-p} y, \lambda t)$ .

b) In particular, if p = 1 then  $X_{2,x_{1,1}}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^{2}_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D})$  with  $\mathcal{D} = \{1\} D + [0,1]E$ . Since  $\mathcal{D} = \{1\} D + [0,1]E$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{D}' = [-1,0]E$ , we have that  $X_{2,x_{1,1}}$  is equivariantly isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^{2}_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D}')$ .

**Example 3.2.** Choosing n = 2 and  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + (x_1^d + x_2^d)^l$  yields that

$$X_{2,p,f} = \{x_1 + y^{dl-1}(x_1^d + x_2^d)^l + t^p = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^4$$

is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}_{(u,v)}^2, \mathcal{D} = \left\{\frac{1}{p}\right\} D + [0, \frac{1}{p}]E)$ , where E is the exceptional divisor of the blow up and D is the strict transform of the curve  $\{v + (v^d + u^d)^l = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^2$ . Note that in contrast with the previous example,  $X_{2,p,f}$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^3$ . Indeed, if it were, then by the result of Koras-Russell [7], the  $\mathbb{C}^*$  action on  $X_{2,p,f}$  would be linearizable. By considering the linear action induced on the tangent space of the fixed point, we find that  $X_{2,p,f}$  would have to be equivariantly isomorphic to  $X_{2,x_1,p}$  for some p. On the other hand it follows from [1, corollary 8.12] that two pp-divisors  $\mathcal{D}_i$ , defined on  $Y_i$  respectively with the same tail cone, define equivariantly isomorphic varieties  $\mathbb{S}(Y_i, \mathcal{D}_i)$  if and only if there exist projective birational morphisms  $\psi_i : Y_i \to Y$  and a pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$  on Y such that  $\mathcal{D}_i \simeq \psi_i^*(\mathcal{D})$  i = 1, 2. This would induce an automorphism  $\phi$ of  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2$ , such that  $\phi^*(f) = x_1$ , which is not possible, since a general fiber of f is singular.

3.2. Koras-Russell threefolds. Smooth affine, contractible threefolds with a hyperbolic  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action whose quotient is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^2/G$  where G is a finite cyclic group have been classified by Koras and Russell [5], in the context of the linearization problem for  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -actions on  $\mathbb{A}^3$  [7]. These threefolds, which we call Koras-Russell threefolds, provide examples of T-varieties of complexity two. According to [6] they admit the following description:

Let a',b' and c' be pairwise prime natural numbers with  $b' \geq c'$  and let  $\mu_{a'}$ , the group of a'-th roots of unity, act on  $\mathbb{A}^2 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[u,v])$  by  $(u,v) \to (\lambda^{c'}u,\lambda^{b'}v)$  where  $\lambda \in \mu_{a'}$ . Consider a semi-invariant polynomial f of weight congruent to b' modulo a' and with the property that  $L = \{f = 0\}$  is isomorphic to a line and meets the axis u = 0 transversely at the origin and at  $r - 1 \geq 1$  other points. With these assumptions the polynomial  $s^{-c'}f(s^{c'}u,s^{b'}v)$  can be rewritten in the form F(w,u,v) with  $w = s^{a'}$  where F is semi-invariant of weight b' for the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action  $(w,u,v) \longmapsto (\lambda^{-a'}w,\lambda^{c'}u,\lambda^{b'}v)$ . Then for any choice of pairwise prime integers  $(\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\alpha_3)$  such that  $\operatorname{gcd}(\alpha_1,a') = \operatorname{gcd}(\alpha_2,b') = \operatorname{gcd}(\alpha_2,c') = 1$ , the hypersurface  $X = \{(x,y,z,t) \in \mathbb{A}^4/t^{\alpha_3} + F(y^{\alpha_1},z^{\alpha_2},x) = 0\}$  is a Koras-Russell threefold.

Here we mainly consider two families of such threefolds:

$$\{x + x^d y + z^{\alpha_2} + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\},\$$

where  $2 \leq d$ ,  $2 \leq \alpha_2 < \alpha_3$  with  $gcd(\alpha_2, \alpha_3) = 1$  and equipped with the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action induced by the linear one on  $\mathbb{A}^4$  with weights  $(\alpha_2\alpha_3, -(d-1)\alpha_2\alpha_3, \alpha_3, \alpha_2)$ . These correspond to the choice of  $f = u + v + v^d$ .

2) The second type is defined by

$$\{x + y(x^d + z^{\alpha_2})^l + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$$

where  $2 \leq d, 1 \leq l$ ,  $2 \leq \alpha_2 < \alpha_3$  with  $gcd(\alpha_2, d) = gcd(\alpha_2, \alpha_3) = 1$  and equipped with the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action induced by the linear one on  $\mathbb{A}^4$  with weights  $(\alpha_2\alpha_3, -(dl-1)\alpha_2\alpha_3, d\alpha_3, \alpha_2)$ . These correspond to the choice of  $f = v + (u + v^d)^l$ .

To obtain the Altmann-Hausen representation for these threefolds, we will exploit the fact that they arise as  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -equivariant bi-cyclic covers of  $\mathbb{A}^3$ . We will see that the polyhedral coefficients are related with the choice of  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$  and the divisors are related with the choice of the fiber  $L = \{f = 0\}$  in the construction above.

3.3. The Russell Cubic. We begin with the Russell cubic  $X = \{x + x^2y + z^2 + t^3 = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z, t])$  which corresponds to the choice a' = b' = c' = 1,  $\alpha_1 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 2$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 3$  and  $f(u, v) = u + v + v^2$  in the construction above. By construction X is equiped with the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action induced by the linear one on  $\mathbb{A}^4$  with weights (6, -6, 3, 2). The algebraic quotient  $X//\mathbb{C}^*$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^2_{(u,v)} = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[u, v])$  where  $u = yz^2$  and v = yx.

**Proposition 3.2.** (see also [4]) The Russell Cubic X is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D})$  for

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\} D_3 + \left\{-\frac{1}{3}\right\} D_2 + \left[0, \frac{1}{6}\right] E,$$

where E is the exceptional divisor of  $\pi : \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)} \to \mathbb{A}^2$ , and where  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  are the strict transforms of the curves  $\{u = 0\}$  and  $\{u + v + v^2 = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^2$  respectively.

Proof. The two projections  $\Phi_2 = \operatorname{pr}_{x,y,t} : X \to X_2 = \mathbb{A}^3$  and  $\Phi_3 = \operatorname{pr}_{x,y,z} : X \to X_3 = \mathbb{A}^3$  express X as cyclic Galois covers of  $\mathbb{A}^3$  of degrees 2 and 3 respectively, whose Galois groups  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  act on X by  $\xi \cdot (x, y, z, t) = (x, y, \xi z, t)$  and  $\zeta \cdot (x, y, z, t) = (x, y, z, \zeta t)$  respectively. Furthermore these two actions commute and the quotient  $X_6 = X//(\mu_2 \times \mu_3)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^3 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z^2])$ . Letting  $A = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n$ 

be the coordinate ring of X equipped with the grading corresponding to the given  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action, we have in fact  $X_{\ell} = \operatorname{Spec}(\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_{\ell n}), \ \ell = 2, 3, 6$ . This yields a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -equivariant commutative diagram



where  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acts linearly on  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_6$  with weights (3, -3, 1), (2, -2, 1) and (1, -1, 1) respectively.

Furthermore since the action of  $\mu_2 \times \mu_3$  on X factors through that of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  we deduce from Theorem 2.1 that  $\Phi_2$  corresponds to the map of proper polyhedral divisors (id,  $F_2$ , 1) and  $\Phi_3$  corresponds to the map of proper polyhedral divisors (id,  $F_3$ , 1) where  $F_\ell^*(\mathcal{D}) = \ell \mathcal{D}, \ \ell = 2, 3, 6$ . The semi-projective varieties Y(X) and  $Y(X_\ell), \ \ell = 2, 3, 6$  are all isomorphic. As observed earlier,  $A_0 = \mathbb{C}[u, v]$  with u = yz and v = yx so that  $Y_0(X_6) \simeq Y_0(X) = \mathbb{A}^2_{(u,v)}$ . We further observe that  $A_{-6n} = A_0 \cdot y^n \subset A$  because all semi-invariant polynomials of negative weights divisible by 6 are divisible by y. This implies that  $Y_-(X_6) \simeq \operatorname{Proj}(\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} A_0 \cdot y^n) \simeq Y_0(X)$ .

Finally,  $\bigoplus_{n \in \geq 0} A_{6n} \simeq \text{Sym}_{A_0} A_6$  where  $A_6$  is the free  $A_0$ -submodule of A generated by x and z. Therefore

$$Y(X) \simeq Y(X_6) = Y_-(X_6) \times_{Y_0(X_6)} Y_+(X_6) \simeq Y_+(X_6)$$

is isomorphic to the blow-up  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}$  of  $Y_0(X) = \mathbb{A}^2$  at the origin. It remains to determine the pp-divisor  $\mathcal{D}$ . We will construct it from those  $\mathcal{D}_2$  and  $\mathcal{D}_3$  corresponding to  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  respectively. By Proposition 3.1,  $X_2 = \mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D}_2 = \{\frac{1}{3}\}D_2 + [0,\frac{1}{3}]E)$  where  $D_2$  is the strict transform of the curve  $\{u = 0\}$  and E is the exceptional divisor and  $X_3 = \mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u',v)}, \mathcal{D}_3 = \{\frac{1}{2}\}D_3 + [0,\frac{1}{2}]E)$  where  $D_3$  is the strict transform of the curve  $\{u' = 0\}$  and E is the exceptional divisor. Theorem 2.1 implies in turn that  $2\mathcal{D} \sim \mathcal{D}_2 = \{\frac{1}{3}\}D_2 + [0,\frac{1}{3}]E$  and  $3\mathcal{D} \sim \mathcal{D}_3 = \{\frac{1}{2}\}D_3 + [0,\frac{1}{2}]E$ . Thus  $\mathcal{D}_2 + \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_3$  and we conclude that  $\mathcal{D} = \{\frac{1}{2}\}D_3 + \{-\frac{1}{3}\}D_2 + [0,\frac{1}{6}]E$ .

*Remark.* The choice of the coefficients is not unique since  $\mathcal{D}' \sim \mathcal{D} + \operatorname{div}(f)$  for any rational function f on Y. This corresponds for example to  $\mathcal{D}' \sim \mathcal{D} + D_3 + E$  and more generally for any pair  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  such that 3a + 2b = 1 we have that  $\mathcal{D} \sim \left\{\frac{a}{2}\right\} D_3 + \left\{\frac{b}{3}\right\} D_2 + \left[0, \frac{1}{6}\right] E$ .

3.4. Koras Russell threefolds of the first kind. Now we will show that a similar method can be used to present all Koras-Russell threefolds of the form  $X = \{x + x^d y + z^{\alpha_2} + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z, t])$ . Namely, we consider a cyclic cover V of X with algebraic quotient  $V//\mathbb{C}^*$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^2 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[u, v])$ where  $u = yz^{\alpha_2}$  and v = yx. A representation of V is obtained by the same method as in the previous case and the representation of X is deduced by applying again Theorem 2.1.

The categorical quotient  $X//\mathbb{C}^*$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^2_{(u,v)}//\mu_{d-1}$  where  $\mu_{d-1}$  acts by  $\xi \cdot (u,v) = (\xi u, \xi v)$ . So we consider V a finite cyclic cover of X given by the equation  $X = \{x + x^d y^{d-1} + z^{\alpha_2} + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$ in  $\mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z, t])$ , equipped with the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action induced by the linear one on  $\mathbb{A}^4$  with weights  $(\alpha_2 \alpha_3, -\alpha_2 \alpha_3, \alpha_3, \alpha_2)$ . Furthermore  $\mu_{\alpha_2} \times \mu_{\alpha_3} \times \mu_{d-1}$  acts on V by  $(\zeta, \epsilon, \xi) \cdot (x, y, z, t) \to (x, \xi y, \zeta z, \epsilon t)$ . Observe that the action of  $\mu_{\alpha_2} \times \mu_{\alpha_3}$  factors through that of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ . This yields the following diagram of quotient morphisms:



By Theorem 2.1,  $\Phi_{\alpha_2}$  corresponds to the map of proper polyhedral divisors (id,  $F_{\alpha_2}$ , 1) and  $\Phi_{\alpha_3}$  corresponds to the map of proper polyhedral divisor (id,  $F_{\alpha_3}$ , 1) where  $F_{\ell}^*(\mathcal{D}) = \ell \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\ell = 2, 3, 6$ . In addition we obtain that Y(V) is isomorphic to the blow-up  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}$  of  $\mathbb{A}^2$  at the origin on which  $\mu_{\alpha_2} \times \mu_{\alpha_3} \times \mu_{d-1}$  acts by  $(\zeta, \epsilon, \xi) \cdot (u, v) = (\xi u, \xi v)$ . This leads to the following diagram:



Using example 3.1 we obtain Altmann-Hausen representations of  $V//\mu_{\alpha_2}$  and  $V//\mu_{\alpha_3}$  in the form  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_2} = \{\frac{1}{\alpha_3}\}D_{\alpha_2} + [0, \frac{1}{\alpha_3}]E)$  where  $D_{\alpha_2}$  is the strict transform of the curve  $\{u = 0\}$ , E is the exceptional divisor and  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u',v)}, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_3} = \{\frac{1}{\alpha_2}\}D_{\alpha_3} + [0, \frac{1}{\alpha_2}]E)$  where  $D_{\alpha_3}$  is the strict transform of the curve  $\{u' = 0\}$ , E is the exceptional divisor. This implies that V is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D})$  for

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{\frac{a}{\alpha_2}\right\} D_{\alpha_3} + \left\{\frac{b}{\alpha_3}\right\} D_{\alpha_2} + \left[0, \frac{1}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3}\right] E(*),$$

where E is the exceptional divisor of  $\pi : \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)} \to \mathbb{A}^2$ ,  $D_{\alpha_2}$  and  $D_{\alpha_3}$  are the strict transforms of the curves  $\{u=0\}$  and  $\{u+v+v^d=0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^2_{(u,v)}$  respectively, and  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  are chosen such that  $a\alpha_3 + b\alpha_2 = 1$ . Applying Theorem 2.1 we obtain

**Proposition 3.3.** The Koras-Russell threefold  $X = \{x + x^d y + z^{\alpha_2} + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z, t])$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)})/(\mu_{d-1}, \mathcal{D}')$  for

$$\mathcal{D}' = \left\{\frac{a}{\alpha_2}\right\} D'_{\alpha_3} + \left\{\frac{b}{\alpha_3}\right\} D'_{\alpha_2} + \left[0, \frac{1}{(d-1)\alpha_2\alpha_3}\right] E'$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = \varphi^*_{\mu_{d-1}}(\mathcal{D}')$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  is defined in the relation (\*) and  $D'_{\alpha_3}, D'_{\alpha_2}$  are prime divisors and E' is the exceptional divisor of the blow-up of the singularity in  $\mathbb{A}^2//\mu_{d-1}$ .

3.5. Koras Russell threefolds of the second kind. For Koras-Russell threefolds of the second kind  $X = \{x + y(x^d + z^{\alpha_2})^l + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z, t])$  the construction will be slightly different due to the fact that the variables z and t do no longer play symmetric roles. We will consider again a cyclic cover V of X, but in this case  $V//\mu_{\alpha_2}$  will not be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}^3$ . Recall that by definition,  $\alpha_2$  and d are coprime. We consider a bi-cyclic cover  $V = \{x + y^{dl-1}(x^d + z^{d\alpha_2})^l + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$  of X of order  $d \times (dl - 1)$ , which we decompose as a cyclic cover  $\phi_d : V \to V_d = \{x + y^{dl-1}(x^d + z^{\alpha_2})^l + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$  of degree d, followed by a cyclic cover  $\phi_{dl-1} : V_d \to X$  of degree dl - 1. The hypersurface V is equipped with the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action induced by the linear one on  $\mathbb{A}^4$  with weights  $(\alpha_2\alpha_3, -\alpha_2\alpha_3, \alpha_3, \alpha_2)$  and with the action of  $\mu_{\alpha_2} \times \mu_{\alpha_3} \times \mu_{dl-1} \times \mu_d$  defined by  $(\zeta, \epsilon, \xi, \delta) \cdot (x, y, z, t) = (x, \xi y, \zeta \delta z, \epsilon t)$ . The action of  $\mu_{\alpha_2} \times \mu_{\alpha_3}$  on V factors through that of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  and we obtain the following diagram:



By Theorem 2.1, considering  $\Phi_{\alpha_3}$ , we obtain that Y(V) is isomorphic to the blow-up  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}$  of  $\mathbb{A}^2$  where  $u = yz^{\alpha_2}$  and v = yx on which  $\mu_{\alpha_2} \times \mu_{\alpha_3} \times \mu_{dl-1} \times \mu_d$  acts by  $(\zeta, \epsilon, \xi, \delta) \cdot (u, v) = (\xi \delta^{\alpha_2} u, \xi v)$ . We obtain the following quotient diagram:



Now by Proposition 3.1  $V_{\alpha_2} = \mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_2} = \{\frac{1}{\alpha_3}\}D_{\alpha_2} + [0, \frac{1}{\alpha_3}]E)$  where  $D_{\alpha_2}$  is the strict transform of the curve  $\{v + (v^d + u^d)^l) = 0\}$  and E is the exceptional divisor, and  $V_{\alpha_3} = \mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_3} = \{\frac{1}{\alpha_2}\}D_{\alpha_3} + [0, \frac{1}{\alpha_2}]E)$  where  $D_{\alpha_3}$  is the strict transform of the curve  $\{u = 0\}$  and E is the exceptional divisor. Thus  $V = \mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)}, \mathcal{D})$  for

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{\frac{a}{\alpha_2}\right\} D_{\alpha_3} + \left\{\frac{b}{\alpha_3}\right\} D_{\alpha_2} + \left[0, \frac{1}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3}\right] E_{\alpha_3}$$

where E is the exceptional divisor of  $\pi : \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u,v)} \to \mathbb{A}^2$ , and where  $D_{\alpha_2}$  and  $D_{\alpha_3}$  are the respective strict transforms of the curves  $\{v + (v^d + u^d)^l) = 0\}$  and  $\{u = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^2$  and  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$   $a\alpha_3 + b\alpha_2 = 1$ . Note that the choice of  $\mathcal{D}$  up to linear equivalence does not depend of the choice on  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ .

Now we deduce from Theorem 2.1 that  $V_d = \mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u',v'^d)}, \mathcal{D}_d)$  for

$$\mathcal{D}_d = \left\{\frac{a'}{\alpha_2}\right\} D_{d,\alpha_3} + \left\{\frac{b'}{\alpha_3}\right\} D_{d,\alpha_2} + \left[0, \frac{1}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3}\right] E_d (**),$$

where a' = a/d, b' = b,  $E_d$  is the exceptional divisor of  $\pi : \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u',v'^d)} \to \mathbb{A}^2$  due to the fact that  $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u',v')}//\mu_d \simeq \tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u',v'^d)}$  for the action of  $\mu_d$  as above, and where  $D_{d,\alpha_2}$  and  $D_{d,\alpha_3}$  are the strict transforms of the curves  $\{v' + (u' + v'^d)^l) = 0\}$  and  $\{u' = 0\}$  ( $u' = \varphi_d(u^d)$ ) in  $\mathbb{A}^2 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[u',v'])$  respectively. Applying again Theorem 2.1 we obtain :

**Proposition 3.4.** A Koras-Russell threefold  $X = \{x + y(x^d + z^{\alpha_2})^l + t^{\alpha_3} = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y, z, t])$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{A}}^2_{(u', v'^d)})/|\mu_{dl-1}, \mathcal{D}_{d(dl-1)})$  for

$$\mathcal{D}_{d(dl-1)} = \left\{\frac{a'}{\alpha_2}\right\} D_{d(dl-1),\alpha_3} + \left\{\frac{b'}{\alpha_3}\right\} D_{d(dl-1),\alpha_2} + \left[0, \frac{1}{(dl-1)\alpha_2\alpha_3}\right] E_{d(dl-1)},$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_d = \varphi^*_{\mu_{dl-1}}(\mathcal{D}_{d(dl-1)})$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_d$  is defined in the relation (\*\*) and  $E_{d(dl-1)}$  is the exceptional divisor of the blow-up of the singularity in  $\mathbb{A}^2 / / \mu_{dl-1}$ .

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