

# THE CHOW MOTIVES OF RELATIVE FULTON-MACPHERSON SPACE

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## Abstract

Suppose that  $X$  is a complex nonsingular projective variety and  $D$  is a smooth divisor. Compactifications of configuration spaces of distinct and non-distinct  $n$  points in  $X$  away from  $D$  were constructed by the author and B. Kim in “A generalization of Fulton-MacPherson configuration spaces” by using the method of wonderful compactification. In this paper, we give explicit presentations of Chow motives and Chow groups of these configuration spaces.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a complex connected nonsingular projective algebraic variety and let  $D$  be a smooth divisor. In [4], two generalizations of Fulton-MacPherson spaces were constructed by using the method of wonderful compactification [5]. These spaces were important because they were used to give simple constructions of moduli of relative stable maps and logarithmic stable maps [1], [3].

Two spaces are defined as following:

- (1) A compactification  $X_D^{[n]}$  of the configuration space of  $n$  labeled points in  $X \setminus D$ , i.e. “not allowing those points to meet  $D$ ”
- (2) A compactification  $X_D[n]$  of the configuration space of  $n$  distinct labeled points in  $X \setminus D$ , i.e. “not allowing those points to meet each other as well as  $D$ ”

The goal of this paper is to give an explicit presentation of Chow motives and Chow groups of these configuration spaces. Our main theorems are:

**THEOREM 1.1.** *We have the Chow group and motive decompositions*

$$A^*(X_D^{[n]}) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} A^{*-\|\vec{\mu}\|}(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}),$$

$$h(X_D^{[n]}) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} h(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}(\|\vec{\mu}\|)),$$

where  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}$  runs through all the chains of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}$  is the maximal element in  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the  $l_1$  norm.

**THEOREM 1.2.** *We have the Chow group and motive decompositions*

$$A^*(X_D[n]) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{N}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{N}}} \left( \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\lambda} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} A^{*-\|\vec{\mu}\|-\|\vec{\lambda}\|}(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}) \right),$$

$$h(X_D[n]) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{N}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{N}}} \left( \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\lambda} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} h(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}})(\|\vec{\mu}\| + \|\vec{\lambda}\|) \right),$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  runs through all the nests of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}$  runs through all the chains whose length is the number of connected components of the forest which corresponds to  $\mathcal{N}$ .

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we review theory of wonderful compactification and Chow motives after blow-up. In section 3, we review the construction of compactifications of  $n$  points in  $X \setminus D$ . In section 4, we compute Chow groups and motives explicitly.

### 1.1. Notation

- As in [2], for a subset  $I$  of  $N := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let

$$I^+ := I \cup \{n+1\}.$$

- Let  $\text{Bl}_Z Y$  be the blow-up of a nonsingular complex projective variety  $Y$  along a nonsingular closed subvariety  $Z$ .
- Let  $Y_1$  be the blow-up of a nonsingular complex projective variety  $Y_0$  along a nonsingular closed subvariety  $Z$ . If  $V$  is an irreducible subvariety of  $Y_0$ , we will use  $\tilde{V}$  or  $V(Y_1)$  to denote
  - the total transform of  $V$ , if  $V \subseteq Z$ ;
  - the proper transform of  $V$ , otherwise.

If there is no risk to cause confusion, we will use simply  $V$  to denote  $\tilde{V}$ . The space  $\text{Bl}_{\tilde{V}} Y_1$  will be called the iterated blow-ups of  $Y_0$  along centers  $Z$ ,  $V$  (with the order). When we want to indicate where an iterated transform of  $V$  lives explicitly, we will write it  $V(Y_n)$ .

- For a partition of  $I$  of  $N$ ,  $\Delta_I$  denotes the polydiagonal associated to  $I$ . And consider a binary operation  $I \wedge J$  on the set of all partitions satisfying

$$\Delta_I \cap \Delta_J = \Delta_{I \wedge J}.$$

We use  $\Delta_{I_0}$  instead of  $\Delta_I$  when  $I = \{I_0, I_1, \dots, I_l\}$  such that  $|I_i| = 1$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .

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## 2. Wonderful Compactification of Arrangements of Subvarieties

In this section, we review the theory of wonderful compactification of arrangements of subvarieties. See the detail and proofs in [5], [6].

### 2.1. Arrangement, building set and nest

**DEFINITION 2.1** (Of clean intersection). Let  $Y$  be a complex nonsingular projective algebraic variety and let  $U$  and  $V$  be two smooth subvarieties of  $Y$ . We say that  $U$  and  $V$  intersect cleanly if  $U \neq V$  and their scheme-theoretic intersection is nonsingular and the tangent bundles satisfy  $T(U \cap V) = TU \cap TV$ .

**REMARK 2.2.** If the intersection is transversal, then it is a clean intersection.

**DEFINITION 2.3** (Of simple arrangement). A simple arrangement of subvarieties of  $Y$  is a finite set  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i\}$  of nonsingular closed irreducible subvarieties of  $Y$  satisfying the following conditions

- (1)  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  intersect cleanly,
- (2)  $S_i \cap S_j$  is either empty or some  $S_k$ 's.

**DEFINITION 2.4** (Of building set). Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a simple arrangement of subvarieties of  $Y$ . A subset  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  is called a building set with respect to  $\mathcal{S}$ , if, for any  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ , the minimal elements in  $\mathcal{G}$  which contain  $S$  intersect transversally and their intersection is  $S$ . These minimal elements are called the  $\mathcal{G}$ -factors of  $S$ .

**DEFINITION 2.5** (Of  $\mathcal{G}$ -nest). A subset  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is called a  $\mathcal{G}$ -nest if there is a flag of elements in  $\mathcal{S}$ :  $S_1 \subset S_2 \subset \cdots \subset S_k$  such that

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{A : A \text{ is a } \mathcal{G}\text{-factor of } S_i\}.$$

## 2.2. Construction of $Y_{\mathcal{G}}$ by a sequence of blow-ups

Let  $Y$  be a complex nonsingular projective algebraic variety,  $\mathcal{S}$  be a simple arrangement of subvarieties of  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be a building set with respect to  $\mathcal{S}$ . Order  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, \dots, G_N\}$  such that  $i < j$  if  $G_i \subset G_j$ . We define  $(Y_k, \mathcal{S}^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}^{(k)})$  inductively, where  $Y_k$  is a blow-up of  $Y_{k-1}$  along a nonsingular variety,  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$  is a simple arrangement of subvarieties of  $Y_k$  and  $\mathcal{G}^{(k)}$  is a building set with respect to  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$ .

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Assume  $\mathcal{S}$  is a simple arrangement of subvarieties of  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a building set. Let  $G$  be a minimal element in  $\mathcal{G}$  and consider  $\pi : \tilde{Y} := \text{Bl}_G Y \rightarrow Y$ . Denote the exceptional divisor by  $E$ . For any nonsingular variety  $V$  in  $Y$ , we define  $\tilde{V} \subset \text{Bl}_G Y$ , the  $\sim$ -transform of  $V$ , to be the proper transform of  $V$  if  $V \not\subseteq G$ , and to be  $\pi^{-1}(V)$  if  $V \subseteq G$ .*

*For simplicity of notation, for a sequence of blow-ups, we use the same notation  $\tilde{V}$  to denote the iterated one.*

- (1) *The collection  $\mathcal{S}'$  of subvarieties in  $\tilde{Y}$  defined by*

$$\mathcal{S}' := \{\tilde{S}\}_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \cup \{\tilde{S} \cap E\}_{\emptyset \subset S \cap G \subset S}$$

*is a simple arrangement in  $\tilde{Y}$*

- (2)  *$\mathcal{G}' := \{\tilde{G}_i\}_{G_i \in \mathcal{G}}$  is a building set with respect to  $\mathcal{S}'$ .*  
 (3) *Given a subset  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ , define  $\mathcal{T}' := \{\tilde{A}\}_{A \in \mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{G}'$ .  $\mathcal{T}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -nest if and only if  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a  $\mathcal{G}'$ -nest.*

Let's go back to the construction of  $Y_{\mathcal{G}}$ .

- (1) For  $k = 0$ ,  $Y_0 = Y$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^{(0)} = \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^{(0)} = \mathcal{G} = \{G_1, \dots, G_N\}$ ,  $G_i^{(0)} = G_i$ .  
 (2) Assume  $Y_{k-1}$  is already constructed. Let  $Y_k$  be the blow-up of  $Y_{k-1}$  along the nonsingular subvariety  $G_k^{(k-1)}$ . Define  $G_i^{(k)} := \tilde{G}_i^{(k-1)}$ . Since  $G_i^{(k-1)}$  for  $i < k$  are all divisors,  $G_k^{(k-1)}$  is minimal in  $\mathcal{G}^{(k-1)}$ . Thus there is a naturally induced simple arrangement  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$  and a building set  $\mathcal{G}^{(k)}$  by the Theorem 2.6.  
 (3) Continue the inductive construction to  $k = N$ , where all elements in the building set  $\mathcal{G}^{(N)}$  are divisors.

**THEOREM 2.7.** *Denote  $Y^\circ = Y \setminus \cup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} G$ . There is a natural locally closed embedding*

$$Y^\circ \hookrightarrow Y \times \prod_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \text{Bl}_G Y,$$

*and its closure is denoted by  $Y_{\mathcal{G}}$  and called the wonderful compactification of  $Y$  with respect to  $\mathcal{G}$ . Then  $Y_{\mathcal{G}}$  is isomorphic to  $Y_N$  which is constructed in the*

above. The variety  $Y_{\mathcal{G}}$  is nonsingular. For each  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ , there is a nonsingular divisor  $D_G \subset Y_{\mathcal{G}}$  such that

- (1) The union of these divisors is  $Y_{\mathcal{G}} \setminus Y^\circ$ .
- (2) Any set of these divisors meets transversally. An intersection of divisors  $D_{T_1} \cap \cdots \cap D_{T_i}$  is not empty exactly when  $\{T_1, \dots, T_i\}$  forms a  $\mathcal{G}$ -nest.

THEOREM 2.8 (Order of blow-ups).

- (1) Let  $\mathcal{I}_i$  be the ideal sheaf of  $G_i \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then

$$Y_{\mathcal{G}} \cong \text{Bl}_{\mathcal{I}_1 \dots \mathcal{I}_N} Y.$$

- (2) If we arrange  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, \dots, G_N\}$  in such an order that

- (\*) for any  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , the first  $i$  terms  $G_1, \dots, G_i$  form a building set.

Then

$$Y_{\mathcal{G}} \cong \text{Bl}_{\widetilde{G}_N} \dots \text{Bl}_{\widetilde{G}_2} \text{Bl}_{G_1} Y,$$

where each blow-up is along a smooth subvariety.

### 2.3. Chow group and motive of $Y_{\mathcal{G}}$

Let  $Y_0 := Y, Y_0 \mathcal{T} := \bigcap_{T \in \mathcal{T}} T$  where  $\mathcal{T}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -nest. Define  $r_{\mathcal{T}}(G) := \dim(\bigcap_{G \subset T \in \mathcal{T}} T) - \dim G$  (here we use a convention that  $\bigcap_{G \subset T \in \mathcal{T}} T = Y$  if no  $T$  strictly contains  $G$ ). Then define

$$M_{\mathcal{T}} := \{\vec{\mu} = \{\mu_G\}_{G \in \mathcal{G}} : 1 \leq \mu_G \leq r_{\mathcal{T}}(G) - 1\}.$$

Let  $\|\vec{\mu}\| := \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \mu_G$  for  $\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

THEOREM 2.9. We have the Chow group decomposition

$$A^*(Y_{\mathcal{G}}) = A^*(Y) \oplus \bigoplus_{\mathcal{T}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{T}}} A^{*- \|\vec{\mu}\|}(Y_0 \mathcal{T})$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  runs through all  $\mathcal{G}$ -nests. We also have the Chow motive decomposition

$$h(Y_{\mathcal{G}}) = h(Y) \oplus \bigoplus_{\mathcal{T}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{T}}} h(Y_0 \mathcal{T})(\|\vec{\mu}\|)$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  runs through all  $\mathcal{G}$ -nests.

### 3. Construction of $X_D^{[n]}$ and $X_D[n]$

Fix a nonsingular divisor  $D$  of a complex nonsingular projective algebraic variety  $X$  of dimension  $m$ . In this section, we review constructions of a compactification of configuration space of  $n$  points in  $X \setminus D$ ,  $X_D^{[n]}$ , and a compactification of configuration space of  $n$  distinct points in  $X \setminus D$ ,  $X_D[n]$ . In this paper, we assume that  $D$  is a divisor but every thing will work in the case where  $D$  is a smooth subvariety after some adjustment. See the details in [4].

#### 3.1. Construction

For a subset  $S$  of  $N := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  define a nonsingular subvariety in  $X^n$

$$D_S := \{\mathbf{x} \in X^n \mid \mathbf{x}_i \in D, \forall i \in S\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the collection of  $D_S$  for all  $S \subseteq N := \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $|S| \geq 2$ . It is clear that the collection is a simple arrangement of smooth subvarieties of  $X^n$ . Take a building set  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{A}$ . Then define  $X_D^{[n]}$  to be the closure of  $X^n \setminus \bigcup_S D_S$  in

$$X^n \times \prod_S \text{Bl}_{D_S} X^n$$

It can be constructed by a successive blow-ups by Theorem 2.7. In particular we may order  $\mathcal{G}$  as  $D_{12}; D_{123}; D_{13}, D_{23}; \dots; D_{12\dots n}; D_{U \cup \{n\}}$  with  $|U| = n - 2$  and  $U \subset N \setminus \{n\}; \dots; D_{i_n}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$  by Theorem 2.8.

For  $I \subseteq N$  with  $|I| \geq 2$ ,  $\{\Delta_I(X_D^{[n]})\}$  forms a building set of nonsingular subvarieties of  $X_D^{[n]}$  with respect to the set of  $\sim$ -transforms of all polydiagonals. So we define  $X_D[n]$  as followings.

DEFINITION 3.1. Define  $X_D[n]$  to be the closure of  $X_D^{[n]} \setminus \bigcup_{|I| \geq 2} \Delta_I(X_D^{[n]})$  in

$$X_D^{[n]} \times \prod_{|I| \geq 2} \text{Bl}_{\Delta_I(X_D^{[n]})} X_D^{[n]}$$

Then, it satisfies the following properties.

#### THEOREM 3.2.

- (1)  $X_D[n]$  is a nonsingular variety. There is a natural projection from  $X_D[n]$  to  $X_D[|I|]$  for any subset  $I$  of  $N$ . There is a natural  $S_n$ -action on  $X_D[n]$ .
- (2) The boundary is the union of divisors  $\widetilde{D}_S$  with  $|S| \geq 1$ , and  $\widetilde{\Delta}_I$  with  $|I| \geq 2$  of normal crossings.
- (3) The intersections of boundary divisors are nonempty if and only if they are nested. Here  $\{D_{S_i}, \Delta_{I_j}\}$  is nested if each pair  $S_i$  and  $S_{i'}$  ( $I_j$  and  $I_{j'}$ ) is either disjoint or one is contained in the other and each pair  $S_i$  and  $I_j$  is either disjoint or  $I_j$  is contained in  $S_i$ .

- (4) We may take a following order of blow-ups:  $D_S$ ;  $\Delta_I$  for  $n \notin S$ ,  $I$ ;  $D_T$  with  $n \in T$ ;  $\Delta_J$  with  $n \in J$ .

This is a summary of Theorem 1 and 2 in [4].

#### 4. Chow groups and motives

In this section, we will apply Theorem 2.9 to  $X_D^{[n]}$  and  $X_D[n]$ .

##### 4.1. Chow group and motive of $X_D^{[n]}$

In this case, our  $Y = X^n$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{G} = \{D_S : S \subseteq N \text{ with } |S| \geq 2\}$  where  $D_S = \{\mathbf{x} \in X^n \mid \mathbf{x}_i \in D, \forall i \in S\}$ . We have  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{G}$ , so a  $\mathcal{G}$ -nest  $\mathcal{T}$  is just a chain of elements in  $\mathcal{S}$ , that is  $\mathcal{T} = \{D_{S_1} \subset D_{S_2} \subset \cdots \subset D_{S_k}\}$ . Thus  $Y_0\mathcal{T} = D_{S_1}$ .

A chain  $\mathcal{CH}$  is a chain of proper subset of  $N$ ,  $S_k \subset \cdots \subset S_2 \subset S_1$ , such that  $S_k$  is not a singleton. Obviously, there is one-to-one correspondence between a set of chains of  $\mathcal{S}$  and a set of chains of  $N$ . We say  $\emptyset$  is also a chain. We define  $\max_{\mathcal{CH}(\mathcal{T})} S$  as the maximal element of  $\mathcal{CH}(\mathcal{T})$  which is strictly contained in  $S$ , where  $\mathcal{CH}(\mathcal{T})$  is the chain of  $N$  which corresponds to  $\mathcal{T}$ . If there is no such element, then we define  $\max_{\mathcal{CH}(\mathcal{T})} S = \emptyset$ .

Now let  $G = D_S$  and let's compute  $r_{\mathcal{T}}(G)$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\mathcal{T}}(G) &= \dim\left(\bigcap_{G \subset T \in \mathcal{T}} T\right) - \dim G \\ &= \dim(D_{\max_{\mathcal{CH}(\mathcal{T})} S}) - \dim D_S \\ &= |S| - |\max_{\mathcal{CH}(\mathcal{T})} S|. \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 4.1 (When  $D$  is not a divisor). When  $D$  is not a divisor, then we also blow up along  $D_{\{i\}}$ . So we will not exclude the case such that  $S_k$  is a singleton for  $\{S_k \subset \cdots \subset S_2 \subset S_1\}$ . The definition of  $r_{\mathcal{T}}(G)$  will be also changed. It will be multiplied by the codimension of  $D$  in  $X$ . See more details in [6].

For a chain  $\mathcal{CH} (\neq \emptyset)$ , define

$$M_{\mathcal{CH}} := \{\vec{\mu} = \{\mu_S\}_{S \in \mathcal{CH}} : 1 \leq \mu_S \leq |S| - |\max_{\mathcal{CH}} S| - 1\}.$$

For  $\mathcal{CH} = \emptyset$ , define  $M_{\mathcal{CH}}$  to be the set consisting of one  $\vec{\mu}$  with  $\|\vec{\mu}\| = 0$  and  $D_{\emptyset} = X^n$ .

THEOREM 4.2 (Theorem 1.1). *We have the Chow group and motive decompositions*

$$A^*(X_D^{[n]}) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} A^{*- \|\vec{\mu}\|}(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}),$$

$$h(X_D^{[n]}) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} h(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}(\|\vec{\mu}\|)),$$

where  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}$  runs through all the chains of  $N$  and  $S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}$  is the maximal element in  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}$ .

#### 4.2. Chow group and motive of $X_D[n]$

We use the same notation as [6].

(1) We call two subsets  $I, J \subseteq N$  are overlapped if  $I \cap J$  is not a nonempty proper subset of both  $I$  and  $J$ . For a set  $\mathcal{N}$  of subsets of  $N$ , we call  $I$  is compatible with  $\mathcal{N}$ , denoted by  $I \sim \mathcal{N}$ , if  $I$  does not overlap any elements of  $\mathcal{N}$ . A nest  $\mathcal{N}$  is a set of subset of  $N$  such that any pair  $I \neq J \in \mathcal{N}$  are not overlapped and contains all singletons. For a given nest  $\mathcal{N}$ , define  $\mathcal{N}^\circ := \mathcal{N} \setminus \{\{1\}, \dots, \{n\}\}$ . A nest  $\mathcal{N}$  naturally corresponds to a tree (which may not be connected) with each node being labeled by an element of  $\mathcal{N}$ . Let  $c(\mathcal{N})$  be the number of connected components of the forest which corresponds to  $\mathcal{N}$ . Denote by  $c_I(\mathcal{N})$  the number of maximal elements of the set  $\{J \in \mathcal{N} : J \subset I\}$ , which is called the number of sons of the node  $I$ . Let  $\overline{\Delta_{\mathcal{N}}} := \bigcap_{I \in \mathcal{N}} \Delta_I(X_D^{[n]})$  in this section.

(2) For a nest  $\mathcal{N}$  ( $\neq \{\{1\}, \dots, \{n\}\}$ ), define

$$M_{\mathcal{N}} := \{\vec{\mu} = \{\mu_I\}_{I \in \mathcal{N}} : 1 \leq \mu_I \leq m(c_I(\mathcal{N}) - 1) - 1\}$$

where  $m = \dim X$ . For  $\mathcal{N} = \{\{1\}, \dots, \{n\}\}$ , define  $M_{\mathcal{N}} = \{\vec{\mu}\}$  with  $\|\vec{\mu}\| = 0$ .

As in [6], we have

PROPOSITION 4.3. *We have the Chow group and motive decompositions*

$$A^*(X_D[n]) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{N}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{N}}} A^{*- \|\vec{\mu}\|}(\overline{\Delta_{\mathcal{N}}}),$$

$$h(X_D[n]) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{N}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{N}}} h(\overline{\Delta_{\mathcal{N}}})(\|\vec{\mu}\|),$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  runs through all the nests of  $N$



Now we need to simplify  $A^*(\overline{\Delta_{\mathcal{N}}})$  and  $h(\overline{\Delta_{\mathcal{N}}})$ .

LEMMA 4.4.  $D_S$  and  $\Delta_I$  intersect cleanly.

PROOF. We only need to prove that  $TD_S \cap T\Delta_I \subset T(D_S \cap \Delta_I)$ . An arc in  $\Delta_I$  have a coordinate representative  $(\mathbf{x}_i) \in X^n$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_j$  for  $i, j \in I$ . For an arc in  $\Delta_I$  to be an arc in  $D_S$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_i \in D$  for all  $i \in S$ . Thus the arc should be an arc in  $D_S \cap \Delta_I$ .

PROPOSITION 4.5.  $\overline{\Delta_I}$  is isomorphic to  $X_D^{\lfloor |I^c|+1 \rfloor}$ .

PROOF. We need to know which blow-ups along  $D_S$  have an effect to  $\Delta_I$  in a specific order of blow-ups. We can assume that  $I = \{l, \dots, n\}$  by arranging the order. Then denote  $a = |I^c|$  and  $b = |I|$ . We will denote  $\Delta_I$  by  $X^a \times \Delta$  ( $\cong X^{\lfloor |I^c|+1 \rfloor}$ ). Then we have two different kinds of  $D_S$ . The first one is that  $S \subset I^c$ , which we call the first kind, the second one is that  $S \not\subset I^c$ , which we call the second kind. We will change the order of blow-ups so that we first blow up along  $D_S$ 's of the first kind, and then along the second kind. More precisely, we order  $D_{I^c} \times X^b, D_{1, \dots, \hat{i}, \dots, l} \times X^b, \dots, D_{i, j} \times X^b$  ( $i, j \in \{1, \dots, a\}$ ) and then  $D_{I^c} \times D^b, \dots, D_{S'} \times D_{S''}, \dots$  ( $|S''| > 0$  and  $(|S'|, |S''|)$  : non-increasing in lexicographical order). This order satisfies  $(*)$ -condition in Theorem 2.6, so that we can blow up in this order. In this order of blow-ups, notice that  $X^a \times \Delta$  and  $D_{S'} \times D_{S''}$  for  $S'' \subset I$  are separated when we blow up along  $D_{S'} \times D^b$ . Thus we can forget the process of blow-ups by  $D_{S'} \times D_{S''}$  where  $S'' \subset I$  i.e. we only need to care about  $D_{S'} \times D^b$  for the second kind. Under the isomorphism  $X^a \times \Delta \cong X^{a+1}$ , they are just  $D_{S'} \times D$ .

We can also apply the same technique to polydiagonals term by term. Thus we can go further from proposition 4.3.

THEOREM 4.6 (Theorem 1.2). *We have the Chow group and motive decompositions*

$$A^*(X_D[n]) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{N}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{N}}} \left( \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\lambda} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} A^{*- \|\vec{\mu}\| - \|\vec{\lambda}\|} (D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}) \right),$$

$$h(X_D[n]) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{N}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\mu} \in M_{\mathcal{N}}} \left( \bigoplus_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}} \bigoplus_{\vec{\lambda} \in M_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}} h(D_{S_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}}}) (\|\vec{\mu}\| + \|\vec{\lambda}\|) \right),$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  runs through all the nests of  $N$  and  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{H}$  runs through all the chains whose length is  $c(\mathcal{N})$ .

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