Arithmetics of one-codimensional cycles in toric varieties

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For a one-codimensional cycle Z in a toric variety, its Newton polytope NP(Z) contains enough information to describe its intersection theoretical properties. Namely, the degree of Z with respect to a nef toric divisor can be expressed in terms of the mixed volume of NP(Z) and the polytope associated to the divisor.

When the toric variety is defined over an adelic field, we associate to Z a collection of real functions on a real vector space, the Ronkin functions of Z, which capture enough of the arithmetic nature of Z. Building on the recent results obtained by Burgos Gil, Philippon and Sombra, we show that the height of Z with respect to a semipositive toric metrized divisor can be expressed as the mixed integral of such Ronkin functions and the functions associated to the metrized divisor.

A well-known result by V. Maillot for the canonical height of hypersurfaces in toric varieties follows from our general approach.

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