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Fundamental theorem:

TFAE:

- 1)  $w \in \text{trop}(X)$
- 2)  $w \in \text{cl}(\{w \in \mathbb{P}^n : \text{in}_w(I) \neq \langle 1 \rangle\})$
- 3)  $w \in \text{cl}(\text{Val}(X(K)))$

We showed  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$ .

$3 \Rightarrow 1$ .

Structure Theorem:

$\text{trop}(X)$  is the support of a polyhedral complex

(PF:  $I \rightsquigarrow I_{\text{proj}} \subseteq K(x_0, \dots, x_n)$   
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 depends on the choice of coords)

Idea of proof

- 1) First prove for hypersurface
- 2) Project general case to hypersurface case.

Hypersurface proof

Let  $X = V(f) \subseteq (K^*)^n$ , and

let  $\alpha \in V(\text{in}_w(f))$ . We want to show that  $\exists y \in X$  with  $\text{val}(y) = w$  and  $\frac{y}{f^w} = \alpha$   
 $(\frac{y_1}{f^w}, \dots, \frac{y_n}{f^w})$

The proof is by induction on  $n$ .

Suppose first  $n=1$ .

$$\text{Write } f = \sum_{i=0}^s a_i x^i = \prod_{j=1}^s (a_j x - b_j)$$

$a_i \neq 0$

$$\text{So } \text{in}_w(f) = \prod_{j=1}^s \text{in}_w(a_j x - b_j)$$

$\uparrow$   
easy case

So if  $w \in \text{trop}(V(f)) \cap \Gamma$

$$\text{then } \text{in}_w(a_j x - b_j) = a_j \overline{f^w} x - \overline{f^w} b_j$$

for some  $j$ .

Since  $\alpha \in V(\text{in}_w(f))$ , we can

$$\text{choose } j \text{ with } a_j \overline{f^w} \alpha = \overline{f^w} b_j$$

For this  $j$  we must have

$$\text{val}(a_j) + w = \text{val}(b_j)$$

Set  $y = \frac{b_j}{a_j}$ . Then  $y \in V(f)$

$$\text{and } \text{val}(y) = w \text{ and } \frac{y}{f^w} = \alpha$$

Now assume that  $n > 1$  & the theorem is true for  $n-1$ .

Case 1:  $\text{in}_w(f)|_{x_n = \alpha_n} \neq 0$

ex: always poss. Pick  $y_n \in K$  with  $\text{val}(y_n) = w_n$  and  $\frac{y_n}{f^w} = \alpha_n$

Set  $g(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in K(x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{\pm 1})$  to be  $g(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_n)$

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_n). \quad f = \sum c_{\alpha} x^{\alpha}$$

Then  $g = \sum_{\alpha' \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}} d_{\alpha'} x^{\alpha'}$

$$d_{\alpha'} = \sum_j c_{(\alpha', j)} y_n^j$$

Case I: These are not all zero

Let  $w' = (w_1, \dots, w_{n-1})$ .

Then  $(\exists \alpha')$

$$\text{in}_{w'}(g) = \text{in}_w(f)(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \alpha_n)$$

$$\text{So } \text{in}_{w'}(g)(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}) = 0$$

Since  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}) \in (\mathbb{k}^{\times})^{n-1}$ ,

$\text{in}_w(g)$  is not a monomial,

so  $w' \in \text{trop}(V(g))$ , so by

induction  $\exists y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}$  with

$\text{val}(y_i) = w_i$ ,  $\overline{y_i}^{F^{w_i}} = \alpha_i$ , and  $g(y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) = 0$

So  $y$  has the desired form.

Case II  $\text{in}_w(f)(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \alpha_n) = 0$ .

Idea: Change coords so that this is not the case.

Q, How does changing coords affect  $\text{trop}(X)$ ?

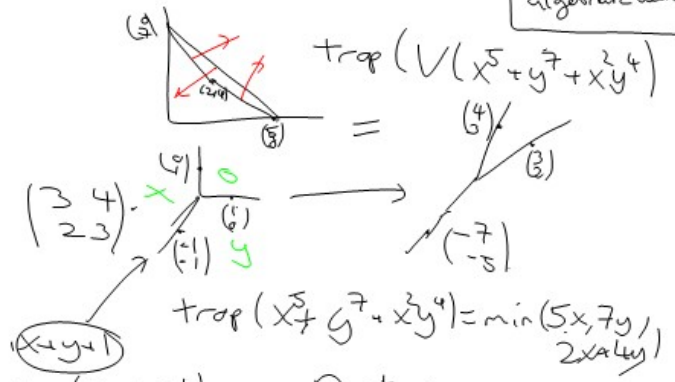
A, Let  $\varphi: (K^*)^n \rightarrow (K^*)^n$  be an automorphism, so  $\varphi^*: K[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}] \rightarrow K[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  is an isomorphism where  $\varphi^*(x_i) = x_i^{a_i}$   $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

(If  $x_i \mapsto f \leftarrow$  not mono, then for  $a \in (K^*)^n$   $f(a) = 0$  we would have  $\varphi(a)_i = 0$ )

Claim:  $\text{trop}(\overline{\varphi(X)}) = A \text{trop}(X)$

eg  $f = x + y + 1$   
 $\varphi: (K^*)^2 \rightarrow (K^*)^2$   
 given by  $\varphi^*: K[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}] \rightarrow K[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}]$   
 $\varphi^*(x) = x^3 y^4$   $\varphi^*(y) = x^2 y^3$   $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\varphi^{-1}(x) = x^3 y^4$   $\varphi^{-1}(y) = x^2 y^3$   
 (if  $\varphi$  is an automorphism)

$\overline{\varphi(X)} = V(\varphi^{-1}(f)) = \{y \in (K^*)^2 : \varphi^{-1}(f)(y) = 0\}$   
 $= V\left(\frac{x^3}{y^4} + \frac{y^3}{x^2} + 1\right) = \{y : \varphi^*(y) = 0\}$   
 $\varphi^* f = f \circ \varphi = x^5 + y^7 + x^2 y^4$   
 $\overline{\varphi(X)} = V(x^5 + y^7 + x^2 y^4)$   
 Hassett algebraic geometry



Note:  $A = \text{trop}(\varphi)$   
 $\text{trop}(x^5 + y^7 + x^2 y^4) = \min(5x, 7y, 2x + 4y)$   
 $\text{trop}(x + y + 1) = \min(x, y, 0)$

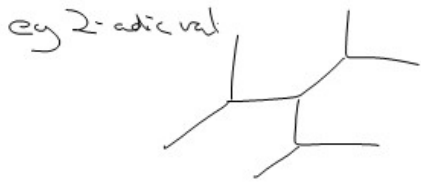
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 $= \text{trop}(\varphi)(X)$

PF Since  $\varphi^*$  is given by  $\varphi^*(x_i) = \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{(A^{-1})_{ij}}$

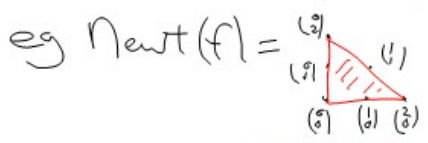
it suffices to prove  $\supseteq$ .  
 For this, it suffices to show that if  $I \subseteq K[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$  then  $\varphi^*(\text{in}_{A_w}(\varphi^{-1}(I))) \subseteq \text{in}_w(I)$ .  
 Then if  $\text{in}_w(I) \neq \langle 1 \rangle$ , then  $\text{in}_{A_w}(\varphi^{-1}(I)) \neq \langle 1 \rangle$ .  
 This follows from  $\varphi^*(\text{in}_{A_w}(f)) = \text{in}_w(f)$   $f \in I$

Drawing plane curves  
(and hypersurfaces)

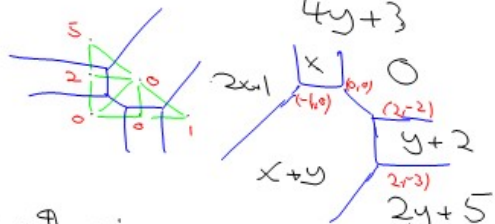
eg  $f = 4x^2 + 5xy + 6y^2 + 3x - y + 8 \in \mathbb{Q}[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}]$



Defn Let  $f = \sum c_u x^u \in K[x^{\pm 1}, y^{\pm 1}]$   
The Newton polytope of  $f$  is  $\text{conv}(u : c_u \neq 0) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$



eg  $2x^2 + xy + 3y^2 + x + 4y + 3$



- Algorithm:
- 1) Form  $\text{conv}(u, \text{val}(c_u)) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$
  - 2) Project the lower faces to get a polyhedral complex with support  $\text{Newt}(f)$
  - 3) Draw the dual graph vertex for each triangle edge for each edge
  - 4) Flip  $(x, y) \mapsto (-x, -y)$

Prop Output is  $\text{trop}(V(f))$ .

Defn For a polyhedron  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   
The normal fan  $N(P)$  is the polyhedral fan is the cone for which  $\sigma \in N(P)$ ,  $w, w' \in \text{relint}(\sigma)$ , then  $\text{face}_w(P) = \text{face}_{w'}(P) = \{y \in P : w' \cdot y \leq w' \cdot x \forall x \in P\}$



Defn Fix  $u_1, \dots, u_s \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \in \mathbb{R}^s$   
The regular subdivision of  $\text{conv}(u_i)$  with respect  $v$  is the projectio. to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of the lower faces of  $\text{conv}((u_i, v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq s) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$   
 $\text{face}_{(u,v)}(\cdot)$

