

Higher Rank Tropical, Polyhedral and Analytic Geometry.

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Introduction

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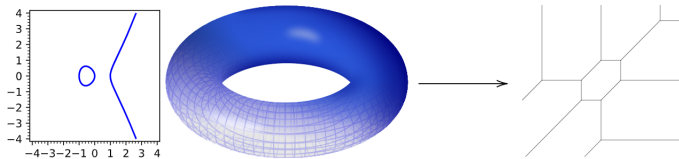


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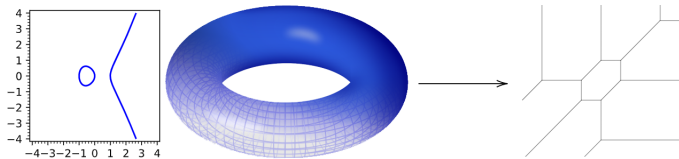


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This thesis is inspired by two applications of the tropical approach:

- 1 The study of degenerations of algebraic varieties.
- 2 The asymptotic study of polarizations of algebraic varieties.

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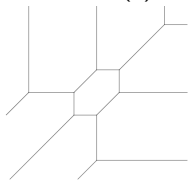
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What happens if we take families over more parameters?



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- As $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\nu(f)}{n} + \frac{\nu(g)}{n} \right) = \frac{\nu(fg)}{2n}$ it is a convex body.

We call $\Delta_\nu(E)$ the Okounkov body of E with respect to ν .

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In the following we will describe some developments in the direction of the first question.

Spaces of Valuations

What can be the domain of the map $\nu \mapsto \Delta_\nu(E)$?

- Riemann-Zariski space
- Huber Analytification (Adic Spaces)
- Berkovich Analytification
- The valuative tree

Analytic Geometry of Higher Rank

Monomial Valuations

Consider $X = \mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ and fix $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. Then, the map

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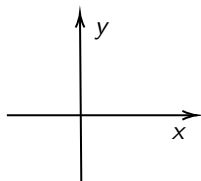
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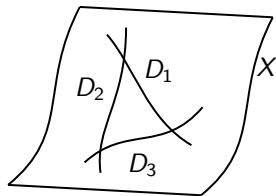
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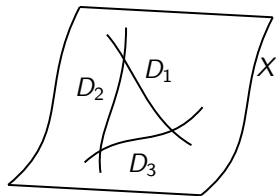
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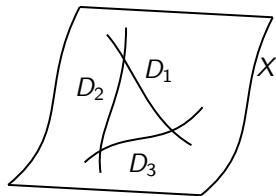
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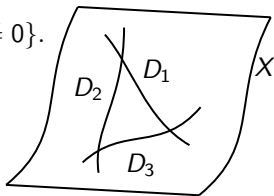
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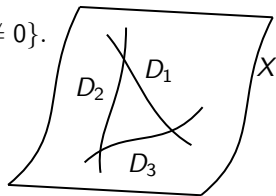
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$\mathcal{M}(D) :=$ set of all quasi-monomial valuations w.r.t D .



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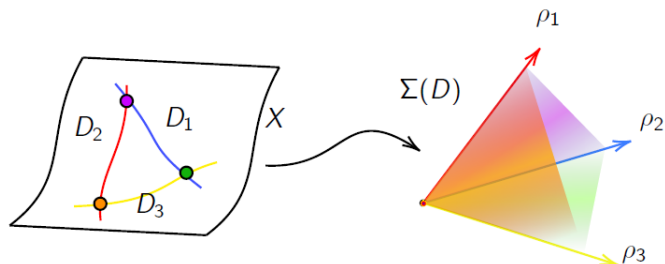
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Given an SNC divisor $D = \sum_{i=1}^r D_i$, we can construct a cone complex by

- 1 Taking one ray for each D_i
- 2 Taking one face for each intersection of D_i 's.

$$\Sigma(D) = \text{Dual cone complex of } D$$

Example:



Monomial Valuations Geometrically

Putting coordinates on each cone of $\Sigma(D)$ gives the equality

$$\mathcal{M}(D) \cong \Sigma(D)$$

So geometrically, the monomial valuations defined in terms of D with weights in $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ are parametrized by the dual complex!

Now, by changing the weights to $(\mathbb{R}^k)_{\geq_{\text{lex}} 0}$ with its lexicographic order, we can construct monomial valuations of higher rank. Let us denote by $\mathcal{M}^k(D)$ the set of all such valuations.

→ Is there any way to relate $\mathcal{M}^k(D)$ geometrically to the dual cone complex $\Sigma(D)$?

Answer: Yes, they are given by tangent directions in $\Sigma(D)$.

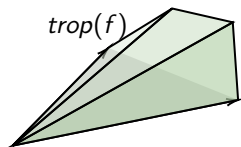
Tropicalization of rational functions

Given $f \in K(X)$ we define its tropicalization with respect to D as the map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trop}(f): \Sigma(D) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ p &\longmapsto \nu_p(f). \end{aligned}$$

In terms of coordinates, if $f = \sum_{ij} a_{ij} x^i y^j$ then

$$\text{trop}(f)(x, y) = \min_{i,j} \{ix + jy \mid a_{ij} \neq 0\}.$$



Notice that $\text{trop}(f)$ is continuous and piecewise linear.

Theorem 1. Approximation Theorem (Amini - I '20/'21)

Any continuous piecewise linear function in $\Sigma(D)$ is the tropicalization of some rational function.

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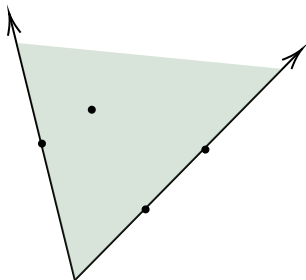
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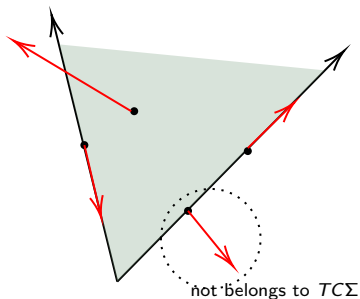
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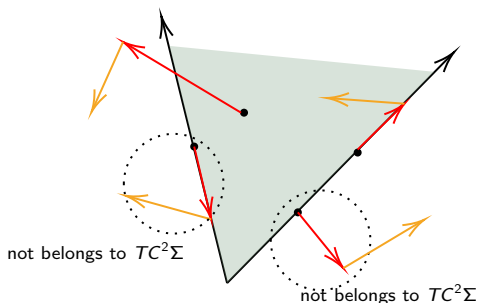
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Partial Derivative Operators

With respect to each element $(x; \underline{w}) \in TC^k \Sigma(D)$, we consider a partial derivative operator acting on tropical functions over $\Sigma(D)$. It is defined inductively as follows

$$\begin{aligned} D_{w_1} F(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x + hw_1) - F(x)}{h} \\ D_{w_1, w_2} F(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{D_{w_1 + hw_2} F(x) - D_{w_2} F(x)}{h} \\ &\vdots \\ D_{w_1, \dots, w_k} F(x) &= \frac{D_{w_1, \dots, w_{k-1} + hw_k} F(x) - D_{w_k} F(x)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Duality Theorem

Theorem 2, Duality Theorem (Amini - I '20-'21)

There is an isomorphism of bundles over $\mathcal{M}(D) \simeq \Sigma(D)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}^k(D) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & TC^{k-1} \Sigma(D) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{M}(D) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \Sigma(D) \end{array}$$

where $(x; \underline{w}) \in TC^{k-1} \Sigma(D)$ corresponds to the valuation

$$\nu_{(x; \underline{w})}(f) = (\text{trop}(f)(x), D_{w_1} \text{trop}(f), \dots, D_{\underline{w}} \text{trop}(f)(x))$$

which is a monomial valuation with respect to the weights

$$(x; \underline{w})^T = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \in (\mathbb{R}^k)_{\geq_{\text{lex}} 0}.$$

Tropical Topology and Variations of Okounkov Bodies

We introduce the **Tropical topology** as the smallest topology of $TC^k \Sigma(D)$ making all the evaluations maps $(x; \underline{w}) \mapsto \nu_{x; \underline{w}}(f)$ continuous for all $f \in K(X)$, where in \mathbb{R}^k we put its Euclidean topology.

This is second countable topology finer than the **Euclidean topology** on $TC^k \Sigma(D)$, which is not locally-compact in general. Although it is different from the Euclidean topology, they share the same dense sets.

Conjecture

For a big divisor E of X , the variation of Okounkov bodies $\nu \mapsto \Delta_\nu$ is continuous if we choose as domain $TC^{k-1} \Sigma(D)$.

Space of all Valuations

Given a variety X its birational analytification of bounded rank k is the set

$$X^{\text{bir}} := \{\nu: K(X)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \mid \nu \text{ is a valuation}\}$$

together with the initial topology given by evaluations where in \mathbb{R}^k we put the Euclidean topology. We consider two subsets X^{in} and X^{out} of all valuations with center inside and respectively outside X .

The inclusion $TC^{k-1} \Sigma(D) \rightarrow X^{\text{bir}}$ is continuous and it has a retraction

$$r_D: X^{\text{in}} \longrightarrow TC^{k-1} \Sigma(D).$$

- The continuity turns out to be not obvious because the lexicographic order is not compatible with the Euclidean topology.

Log-smooth Pairs and Compactifications

- A log-smooth pair (Y, D) over X is a variety Y together with a proper birational morphism $\varphi : Y \dashrightarrow X$ such that

$$\varphi|_{Y \setminus D} : Y \setminus D \xrightarrow{\sim} X \setminus f(D)$$

is an isomorphism.

- A log-smooth compactification of X is a variety Y containing X as an open subvariety such that $Y \setminus X$ is an SNC divisor on Y .

There are natural notions of morphism between log-smooth pairs and between log-smooth compactifications giving us the categories \mathbf{LSP}_X and \mathbf{LSC}_X respectively.

Limit Formulae

Theorem 3. Limit Formula (Amini - I, '20-'21)

For a log-smooth pair (Y, D) and a log-smooth compactifications Y there are retractions

$$\begin{aligned} r_{(Y,D)} : TC^{k-1}(Y, D) &\longrightarrow X^{\square} \\ r_Y : TC^{k-1}(Y, Y \setminus X) &\longrightarrow X^{\square} \end{aligned}$$

Wich are compatible and produce isomorphisms

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The Ring of Generalized Dual Numbers

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A polyhedra in \mathbb{D}^n is a set of the form

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{D}^n \mid f_1(x) \geq 0, \dots, f_r(x) \geq 0\}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_i : \mathbb{D}^n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{D} \\ x &\longmapsto \langle y_i, x \rangle + a_i \end{aligned}$$

are affine function with $y_i \in \mathbb{D}^n$ and $a_i \in \mathbb{D}$. If each $a_i = 0$ we call P a polyhedral cone.

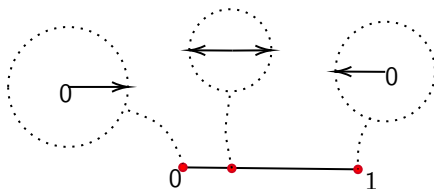
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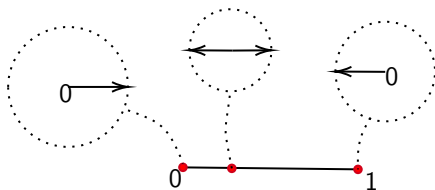
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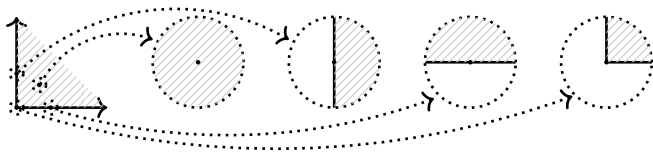
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- 2 $P = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{D}^2 \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$: Similarly as above



Real polyhedron and base change to \mathbb{D}

Theorem 4. Base change to \mathbb{D} (I, '21)

Consider the real polyhedron

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f_1(x) \geq 0, \dots, f_r(x) \geq 0\}$$

with $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ affine. If we interpret this inequalities over \mathbb{D} we obtain

$$TC^{k-1} P = \{x \in \mathbb{D}^n \mid f_1(x) \geq 0, \dots, f_r(x) \geq 0\}.$$

This analog to the equality $X\left(\frac{K[\varepsilon]}{(\varepsilon^2)}\right) = TX(K)$ for an algebraic variety X over K in algebraic geometry.

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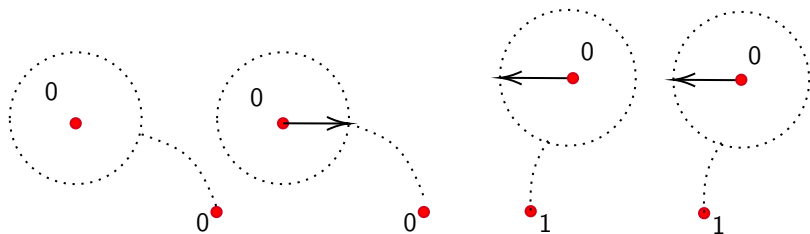
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The map

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Remark: In general, $|\text{NF}(P)|$ is not convex.

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Some characterizations of polyhedra

Theorem 8. Characterization of Polytopes and Minkowski-Weil decompositions

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$$P = Q + C \quad \text{with } Q \text{ a polytope and } C \text{ a polyhedral cone.}$$

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Tropical Geometry of Higher Rank

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We consider the Tropical Semifield of rank k

$$\mathbb{T}_k = (\mathbb{D} \cup \{\infty\}, +, \min).$$

A tropical Laurent polynomial is an expression of the form

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with finite support, where “ $\langle \rangle$ ” means we are using tropical operations, that is, $+$ instead of multiplication and \min instead of addition.

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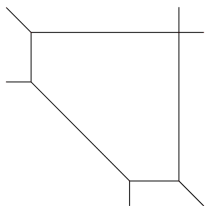
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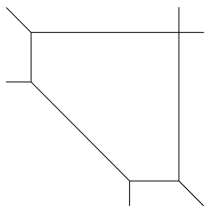
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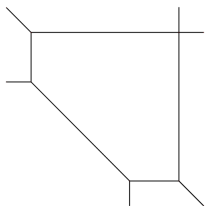
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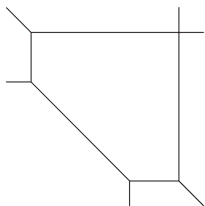
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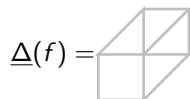
We can obtain the shape of $V(f)$ as follows:

- 1 Draw $\text{New}(f) = \text{conv}_{\mathbb{R}}(\text{Supp}(f))$ the Newton polytope of f .
- 2 Subdivide $\text{New}(f)$ with respect to the coefficients of f .
- 3 $V(f)$ is a polyhedral complex whose cells are dual to this subdivision followed by a rotation by 180° degrees.

In particular, this result gives us a duality between tropical hypersurfaces and regular subdivisions of lattice polytopes.

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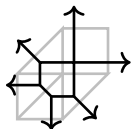
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If we do a point reflection of it we get



Hence, the shape of the tropical hypersurface in this case is



Higher Rank Hypersurface Duality

Theorem (Higher Rank Hypersurface Duality I. '21)

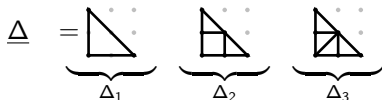
- 1 $V(f)$ is a locally constant iterated fibration of rank one tropical hypersurfaces.
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- 3 $V(f)$ can be endowed with a polyhedral structure over \mathbb{D} compatible with the duality above.

Example of the Higher Rank Hypersurface Duality

Consider $k = 3$, $M = \mathbb{Z}^2$ and the polynomial

$$f(x, y) = (0, 1, 2) + (0, 1, 1)x + (0, 1, 1)y + (0, 1, 2)xy + (0, 0, 0)x^2 + (0, 0, 0)y^2$$

The Newton polytope of f is $\text{New } f = \text{conv}_{\mathbb{R}}((0, 0), (2, 0), (0, 2))$ and its associated layered subdivision is the following:



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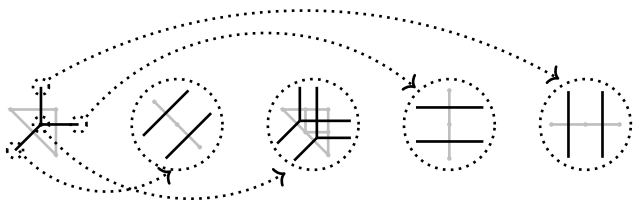


Therefore, the base of the fibration $V(f^{[1]})$ has the shape



Example of Higher Rank Hypersurface Duality

And over each point of the base, there are 4 possible shapes for the fibers of $V(f^{[2]})$, represented in the following diagram:



Moreover, each of these fibers is the base for a fibration determined by $V(f^{[3]})$. As an example, the fiber corresponding to the subdivision of the square is:



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