

# Tropical Geometry: Finishing up orbits, multiplicities, intersections

## Orbits/homogeneity

↙ trivial valuation!

A polynomial  $f = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} \in \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is homog. w.r.t.  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $v$ -degree  $d$  if  $v^T \alpha = d \quad \forall \alpha$  with  $c_{\alpha} \neq 0$ . An ideal

$J \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is homog. w.r.t.  $v$  if  $J = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle$  where each  $f_i$  is homog. w.r.t.  $v$ .

Prop: If  $J \subseteq \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $\text{in}_v J = J$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

then  $J$  is homog. w.r.t.  $v$ . If  $a \in V(J)$  then for any  $t \in \mathbb{k}$ ,  $t^v \cdot a = (t^{v_1} a_1, \dots, t^{v_n} a_n) \in V(J)$ .  $(f(t^v \cdot a) = t^{\text{deg}_v(f)} f(a) = 0)$

Last time: If  $J$  doesn't contain a monomial and  $J$  is homog. w.r.t. all  $v \in L$  where  $L$  is a  $d$ -dim'l  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear space then  $\dim(V(J)) \geq d$ .  $\leftarrow$  applied to  $J = \text{in}_w I$

Take a basis  $v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(d)} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  for  $L$  and  $a \in V(J) \cap (\mathbb{k}^*)^n$ .

For  $t_1, \dots, t_d \in \mathbb{k}^*$ ,  $t_1^{v^{(1)}} \cdots t_d^{v^{(d)}} \cdot a$  belongs to  $V(J)$ .

Map  $(\mathbb{k}^*)^d \rightarrow V(J)$  finite-to-one  $\Rightarrow \dim(V(J)) \geq d$ .

Ex:  $f = x^2 y - z^3$  homog w.r.t.  $v \in L = \text{span}\{(1,1,1), (0,3,1)\}$

$a = (1,1,1) \in V(f) \Rightarrow t_1^{v^{(1)}} t_2^{v^{(2)}} \cdot a = (t_1, t_1 t_2^3, t_1 t_2) \in V(f)$ .

Cor: If  $w \in V(\text{trop}(I))$  and  $\text{in}_v(\text{in}_w I) = \text{in}_w I$  for all  $v$

in a  $d$ -dim'l subspace  $L$  then  $\dim V(\text{in}_w I) \geq d$ .

Recall: The multiplicity  $m(\sigma)$  of a maximal cell on  $V(\text{trop}(I))$  is  $\sum_P \text{mult}(P, \text{in}_w I)$  where  $P$  ranges over the minimal primes of  $\text{in}_w I \in K[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$ .

Claim: For  $I = \langle f \rangle$ , the multiplicity  $m(\sigma)$  of maximal cone  $\sigma$  of  $V(\text{trop}(f))$  is the lattice length of the edge of  $\text{Newt}(f)$  dual to  $\sigma$ .

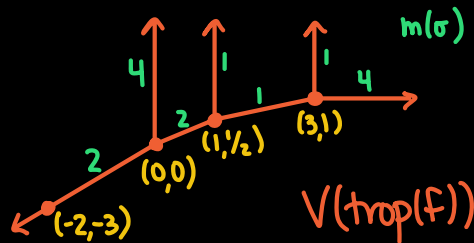
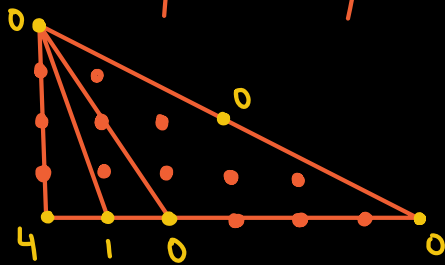
(Proof) The lattice points of the edge dual to  $\sigma$  are  $\alpha, \alpha + \beta, \dots, \alpha + l\beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  ( $l = \text{lattice length}$ ).

For  $w \in \text{relint}(\sigma)$ ,

$$\text{in}_w f = \sum_{j=0}^l c_j x^{\alpha + j\beta} = x^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^l c_j (x^\beta)^j \text{ for some } c_j \in k.$$

Minimal primes of  $V(\text{in}_w f)$  and multiplicities correspond to roots of the univariate poly.  $p(t) = \sum_{j=0}^l c_j t^j$ .

Ex:  $f = y^4 + 3x^3y^2 + 2x^6 + x^2 + tx + t^4 \in \mathbb{C}\{\{t\}\}[x_1, x_2]$



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} w \quad w = (-2, -3) \quad \text{in}_w f &= y^4 + 3y^2x^3 + x^6 = x^6 \left( \left(\frac{y^2}{x^3}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{y^2}{x^3}\right) + 2 \right) \\ &= x^6 \left( \frac{y^2}{x^3} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{y^2}{x^3} + 2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

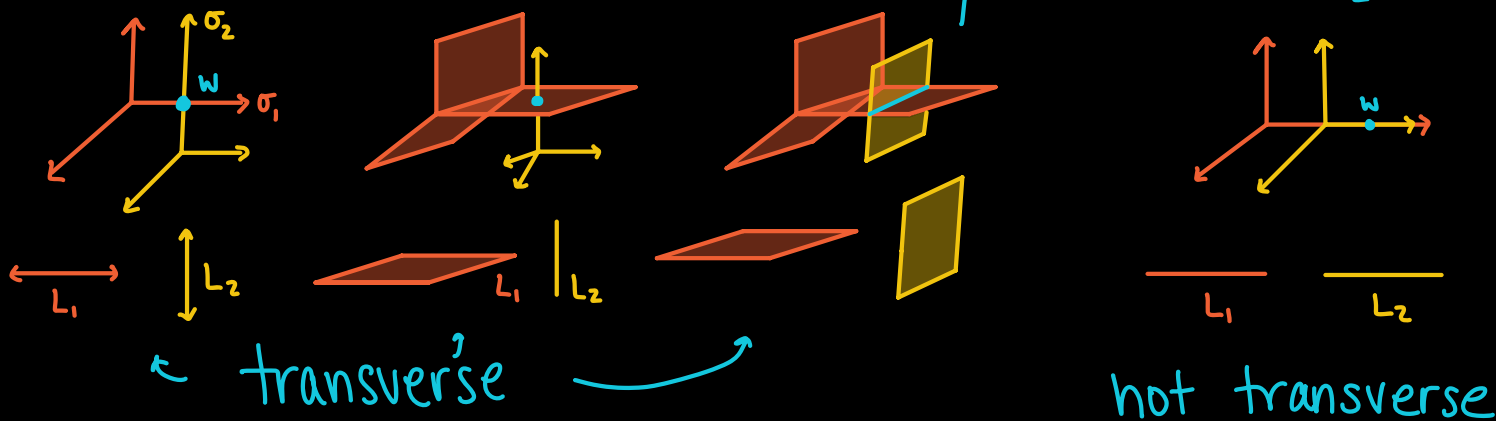
# Intersections (transverse, stable, multiplicities)

$\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  pure, weighted balanced  $\Gamma_{\text{val}}$ -rat. poly. complexes.

$w \in \text{supp}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{supp}(\Sigma_2)$ ,  $w \in \text{relint}(\sigma_i)$  for  $\sigma_i \in \Sigma_i$

$\text{aff span}(\sigma_i) = w + L_i$  for some linear subspace  $L_i$

$\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  intersect transversely at  $w$  if  $L_1 + L_2 = \mathbb{R}^n$ .



The tropical multiplicity of the intersection at  $w$  is

$\text{mult}_{\Sigma_1}(\sigma_1) \cdot \text{mult}_{\Sigma_2}(\sigma_2) \cdot [\mathbb{Z}^n : N_{\sigma_1} + N_{\sigma_2}]$  where  $N_{\sigma_i} = \mathbb{Z}^n \cap L_i$ .

Thm: If  $V(\text{trop}(I))$  and  $V(\text{trop}(J))$  intersect transversely

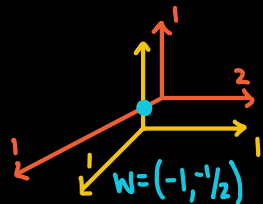
at  $w$ , then  $w \in V(\text{trop}(I+J))$  and  $\text{in}_w(I+J) = \text{in}_w I + \text{in}_w J$ .

If  $V(\text{trop}(I))$  and  $V(\text{trop}(J))$  meet transversely at every point of their intersection, then

$$V(\text{trop}(I+J)) = V(\text{trop}(I)) \cap V(\text{trop}(J)).$$

Ex:  $I = \langle 1+x+y^2 \rangle$

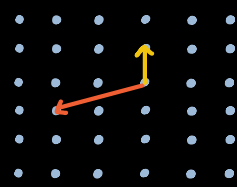
$J = \langle 1+tx+ty \rangle$



$N_{\sigma_1} = \mathbb{Z}(-2, -1)$     $N_{\sigma_2} = \mathbb{Z}(0, 1)$

$[\mathbb{Z}^2 : N_{\sigma_1} + N_{\sigma_2}]$

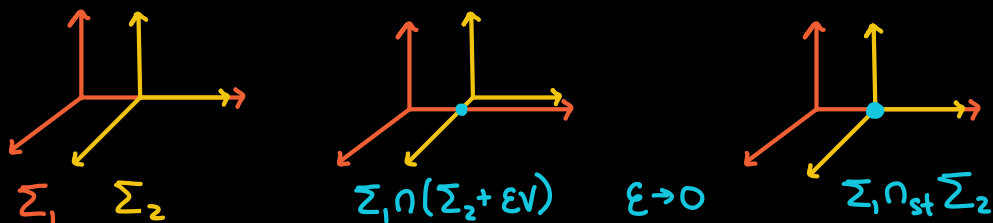
$= |\det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}| = 2$



$$\text{in}_w(I+J) = \text{in}_w I + \text{in}_w J = \langle x+y^2, 1+x \rangle = \langle 1+y, 1+x \rangle \cap \langle 1-y, 1+x \rangle$$

If the intersection  $\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2$  is not transverse, we can define the stable intersection of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ :

$$\Sigma_1 \cap_{\text{st}} \Sigma_2 = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\Sigma_1 \cap (\Sigma_2 + \varepsilon v)) \text{ for } v \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ generic.}$$



Remark: any two tropical lines in the plane stably intersect in a unique point.

Thm If  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  are pure, weighted balanced  $\Gamma_{\text{val}}$ -rat. poly. complexes of codim  $d$  and  $e$ , resp., then  $\Sigma_1 \cap_{\text{st}} \Sigma_2$  is either empty or a pure weighted balanced poly. complex of codim  $d+e$ .

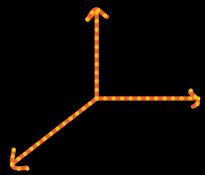
Thm 3.6.1 Let  $X_1, X_2$  be subvarieties of  $(K^*)^n$ .

There is a Zariski dense set  $U$  of points

$t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in (K^*)^n$  with  $\text{val}(t) = (0, \dots, 0)$  for which

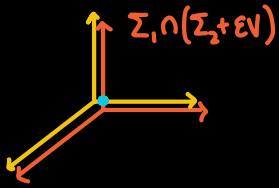
$$\text{trop}(X_1 \cap t \cdot X_2) = \text{trop}(X_1) \cap_{\text{st}} \text{trop}(X_2).$$

Ex:  $X_1 = X_2 = V(1-x-y)$      $t \cdot X_2 = V(1-t_1^{-1}x - t_2^{-1}y)$  for  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0,1\}^*$



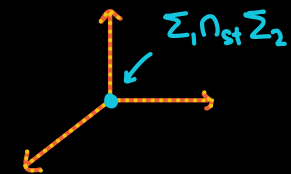
Take  $t_1 = (a+t)^{-1}$ ,  $t_2 = (b+t)^{-1}$  with  $a \neq b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0,1\}$ .

Then  $\text{val}(t_1, t_2) = (0,0)$ ,  $\det \begin{pmatrix} t_1^{-1} & t_2^{-1} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a+t & b+t \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = a-b \neq 0$



Unique pt in  $X_1 \cap t \cdot X_2 : (x,y) = \frac{1}{a-b} (1-b-t, a-1+t)$

$$\text{val}(x,y) = (0,0)$$



$X_1 \cap_{st} X_2$  is a single pt of  $\text{val} = (0,0)$