

CHARACTERISTIC CLASSES OF SUBSETS OF TORI AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

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INTERSECTION NUMBERS IN HOMOGENEOUS SPACES

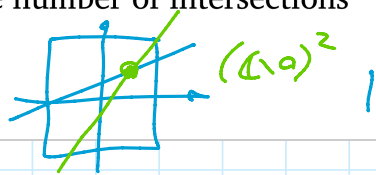
Let G be a reductive group, acting on a variety X
 (e.g. $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$ acting on itself, but not \mathbb{C}^n acting on itself)

Let $X \supset G$ be a spherical homogeneous space

Let U and $V \subset X$ have $\dim U + \dim V = \dim X$

DEFINITION The intersection number $U \circ V$ is the number of intersections of U and $gV = \{gv \mid v \in V\}$ for generic $g \in G$.

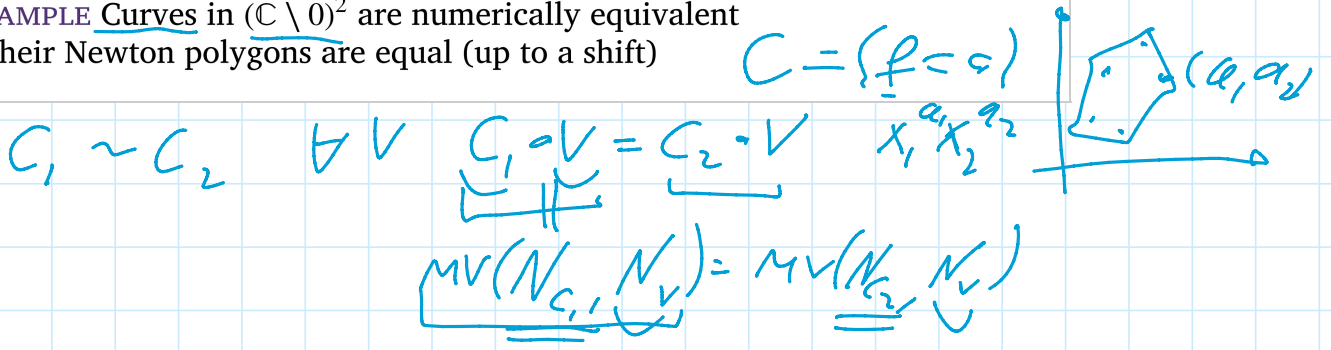
EXAMPLE Self-intersection of a line in $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^2$:



NUMERICAL EQUIVALENCE

DEFINITION $U_1 \sim U_2$ if $U_1 \circ V = U_2 \circ V$ for every $V \subset X$

EXAMPLE Curves in $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^2$ are numerically equivalent if their Newton polygons are equal (up to a shift)



RING OF CONDITIONS

$C^k := \{\text{linear combinations of codimension } k \text{ subvarieties of } X\} / \sim$

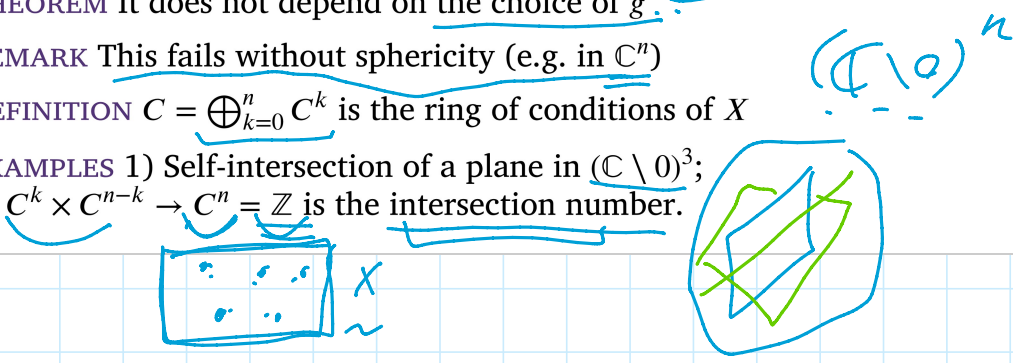
Multiplication $C^k \times C^m \rightarrow C^{k+m}$ sends $[U], [V] \mapsto [U \cap gV]$ for generic $g \in G$

THEOREM It does not depend on the choice of g .

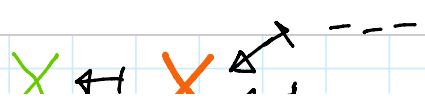
REMARK This fails without sphericity (e.g. in \mathbb{C}^n)

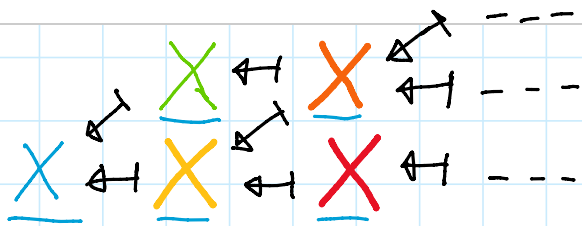
DEFINITION $C = \bigoplus_{k=0}^n C^k$ is the ring of conditions of X

EXAMPLES 1) Self-intersection of a plane in $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^3$;
 2) $C^k \times C^{n-k} \rightarrow C^n = \mathbb{Z}$ is the intersection number.



HOMOLOGY OF ALL SPHERICAL (E.G. TORIC) VARIETIES AT ONCE





$$[V] \mapsto [V]$$

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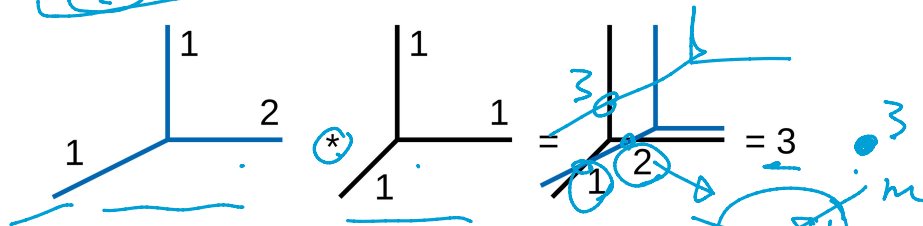
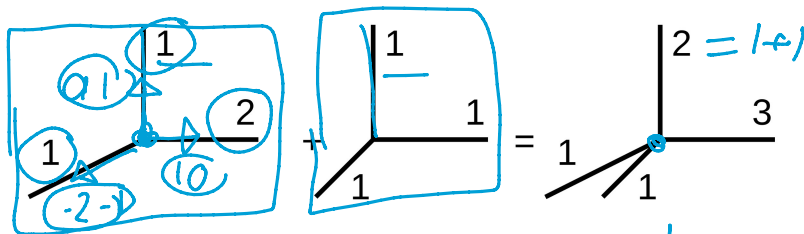
$$H^1(X) \hookrightarrow H^1(X) \hookrightarrow H^1(X) \hookrightarrow \dots \quad \bigcup H^1(X) = \mathbb{C}$$

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HOW IT WORKS IN THE TORIC CASE: TROPICAL FANS



K_m = vector space of codimension m tropical fans in \mathbb{R}^n .

$K = \bigoplus_m K_m$ - the graded ring of tropical fans with multiplication

$$K_m \times K_p \rightarrow K_{m+p}$$

EXAMPLE $K_m \times K_{n-m} \rightarrow K_n \simeq \mathbb{Z}$ is the intersection number.

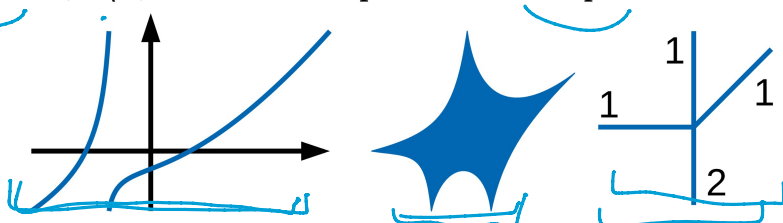
$$|\det(u, v)| = k \cdot n$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$$

TROPICALIZATION (FOR $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{k}$)

A variety $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n \mapsto$ its tropicalization $\text{Trop } V \in K$.



$$\log | \cdot | : (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

THEOREM Sending $[V]$ to $\text{Trop } V$ is an isomorphism $\mathbb{C} = K$

COROLLARIES

If varieties U and V are in general position, then

$$\text{Trop}(U \cup V) = \text{Trop } U + \text{Trop } V$$

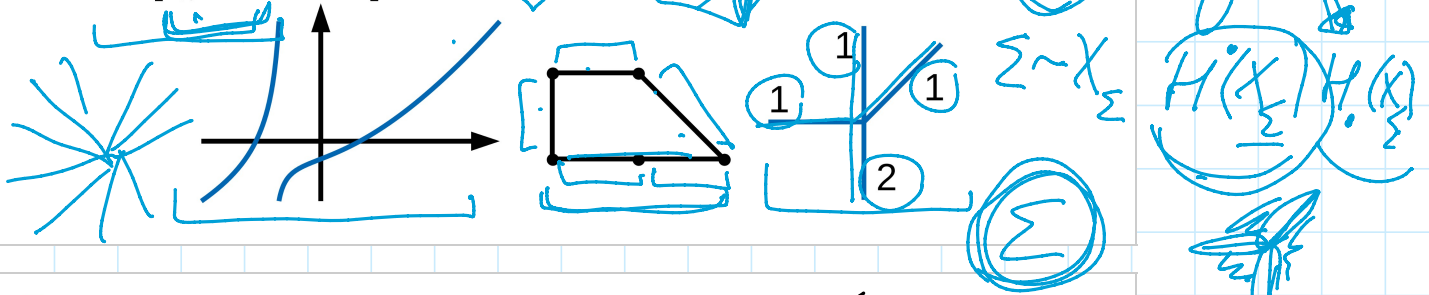
$$\text{Trop}(U \cap V) = \text{Trop } U \star \text{Trop } V$$

$$\dim U + \dim V = n \Rightarrow U \circ V = \text{Trop } U \circ \text{Trop } V$$

RELATION TO NEWTON POLYTOPES (TROP GENERALIZES N_f)

Consider a Laurent polynomial $f : (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, its Newton polytope $N \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and its dual fan $\text{Trop } N$.

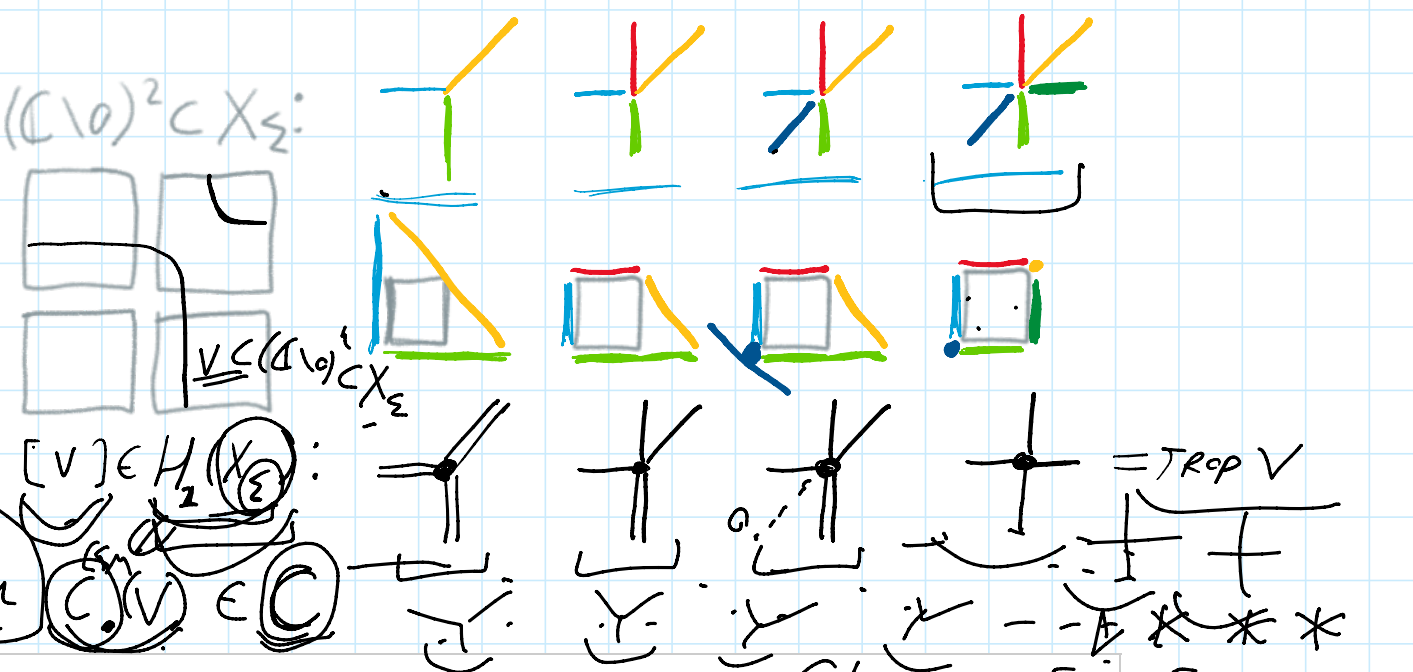
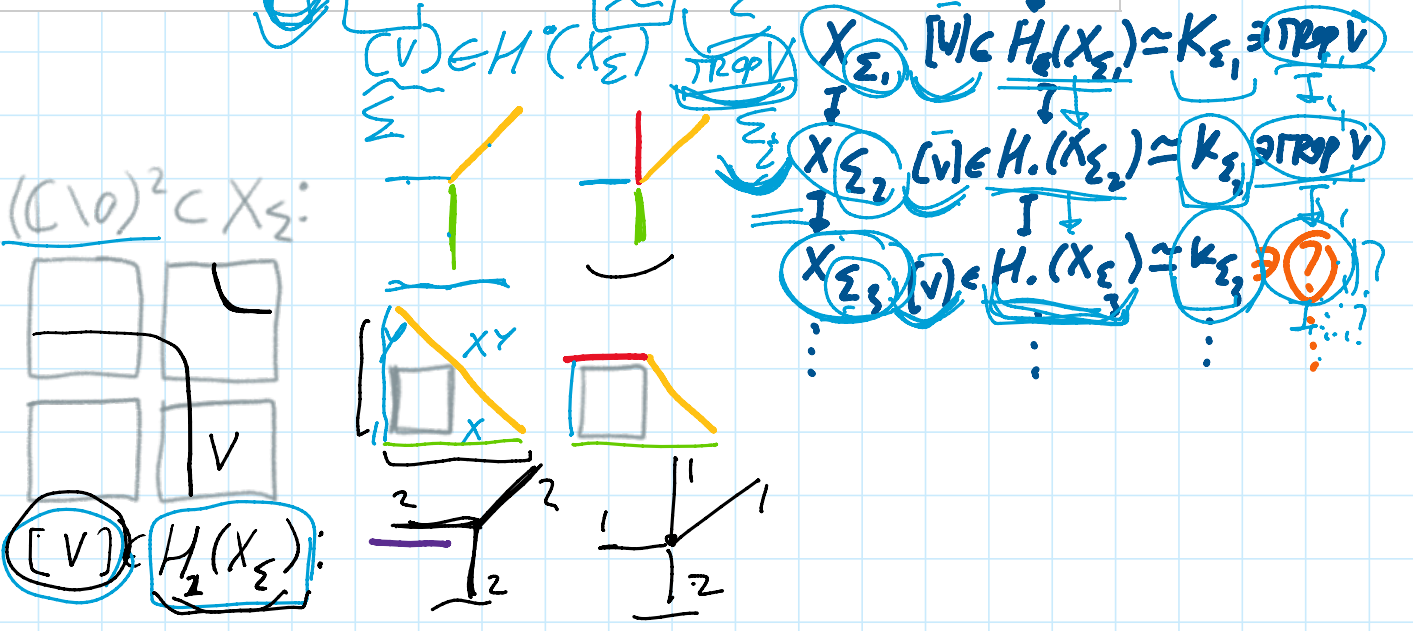
Then $\text{Trop}\{f=0\} = \text{Trop } N$:



RELATION TO HOMOLOGY OF TORIC VARIETIES ($k = \mathbb{C}$ DOES NOT HOLD.)

For a toric variety $X_\Sigma \supset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$, the subring $H^*(X_\Sigma) \subset K$ equals {all tropical fans consisting of cones of the fan Σ }

EXAMPLE: FIX $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$, VARY Σ



CSM CLASSES AND THEIR STABILIZATION

OBSERVATION For any $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$, its CSM classes stabilize in the same way! (But maybe later!)

THEOREM Given smooth compact M , there exists a correspondence

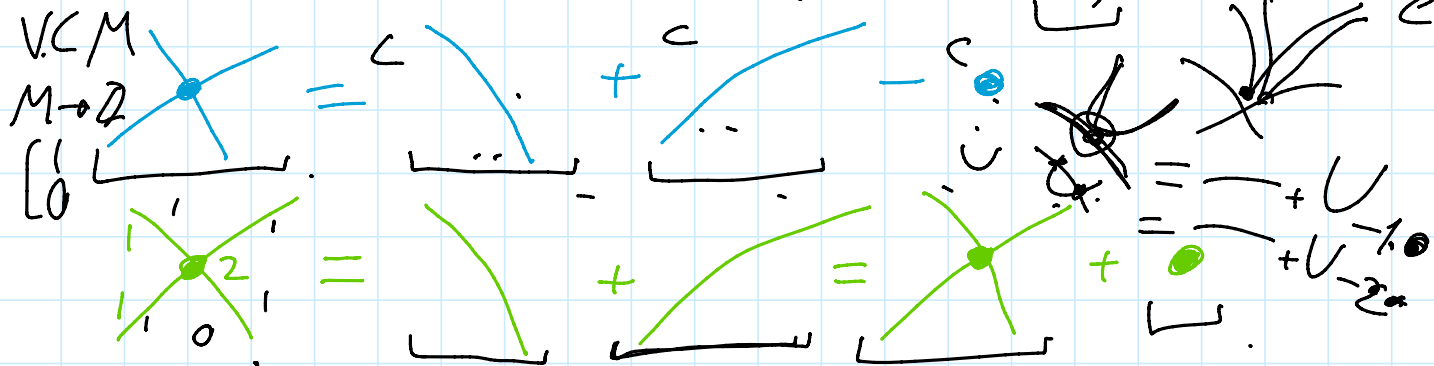
(a semialgebraic set $V \subset M$) \mapsto its class $c_i^{CSM}(V) \in H_i(M)$ with the properties:

- 1) If V is closed and smooth, then $c^{CSM}_i =$ (Chern class) $\in H_i(V) \subset H_i(M)$

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with the properties:

- 1) If V is closed and smooth, then $c^{CSM} = \text{(Chern class)}$ $\langle V \rangle \in H_*(V) \subset H_*(M)$
- 2) Additivity: $c^{CSM}(U \cup V) = c^{CSM}(U) + c^{CSM}(V) - c^{CSM}(U \cap V)$; $e(V) = c_0^{CSM} \in H_*(M) \Rightarrow$



THE PROJECTION PROPERTY

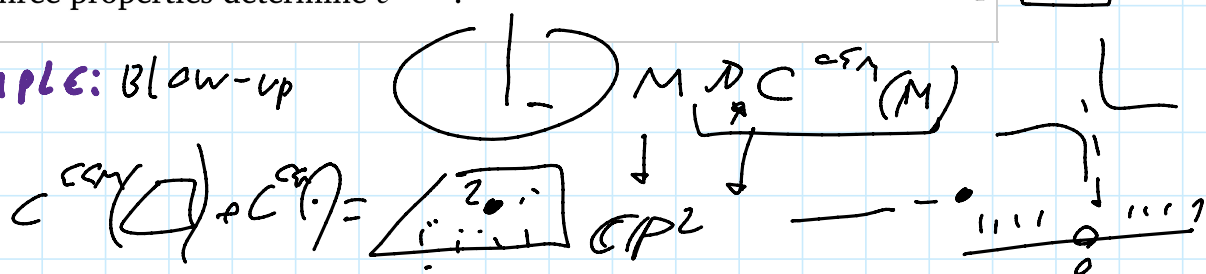
REMARK c^{CSM} extends by additivity to constructive functions $M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

3) For a projection $\pi : M \rightarrow M'$, we have $\pi_* c^{CSM}(V) = c^{CSM}(\pi_* V)$.

REMARKS

- a) $\pi_* V$ is the CSM-image: $(M') \xrightarrow{(\mathbb{Z})} y \mapsto$ the Euler char. of $\pi^{-1}(y)$.
- b) The three properties determine c^{CSM} .

EXAMPLE: Blow-up



TROPICAL CHARACTERISTIC CLASSES

THEOREM ([E'13, JEMS'18])

A codimension m variety $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n \mapsto$ its tropical char. classes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle V \rangle_0 &= 0 && \in (K_0) \\ &\dots && \\ \langle V \rangle_{m-1} &= 0 && \in (K_{m-1}) \\ \langle V \rangle_m &= \text{Trop } V && \in (K_m) \\ \langle V \rangle_{m+1} &= ? && \in K_{m+1} \\ &\dots && \\ \langle V \rangle_{n-1} &= ? && \in K_{n-1} \\ \langle V \rangle_n &= e(V) && \in (K_n) = \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

such that the total char. class $\langle V \rangle = \sum_j \langle V \rangle_j \in K$ satisfies the following...

PROPERTIES

- $\langle U \rangle \times \langle V \rangle = \langle U \times V \rangle$ for all $U \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^m$ and $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$
- $\langle U \rangle \star \langle V \rangle = \langle U \cap g \cdot V \rangle$ for all U and V and generic g in $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$
- $\langle U \rangle + \langle V \rangle = \langle U \cup V \rangle + \langle U \cap V \rangle$ for all U and $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$
- $\pi_* \langle V \rangle_{n-\bullet} = \langle \pi_* V \rangle_{m-\bullet}$ for $V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n \xrightarrow{\pi} (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^m$.

EXAMPLE 1

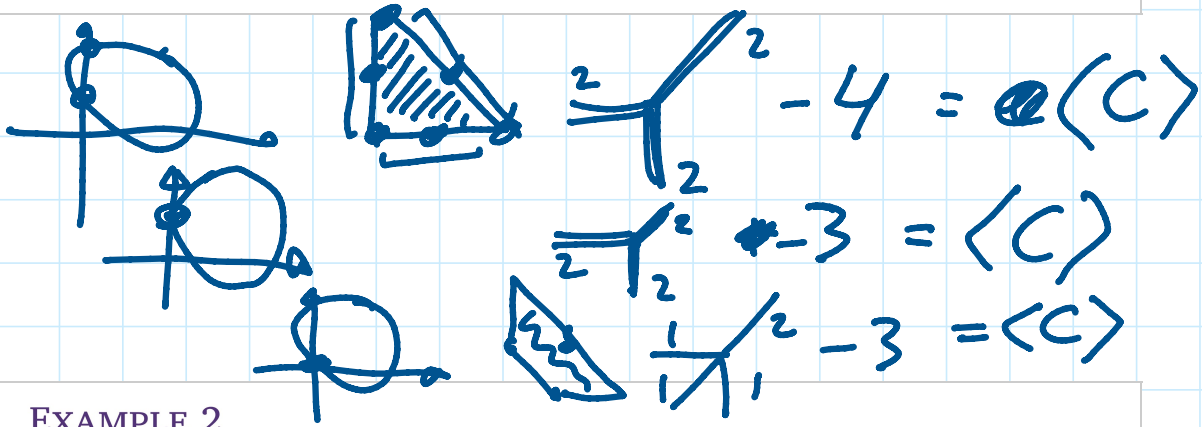
$C \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^2$ - a curve with the Newton polygon N .

- $\langle C \rangle_0 = 0$
- $\langle C \rangle_1 = \text{Trop } C = \text{Trop } N$
- $\langle C \rangle_2 = e(C) [= -\text{Vol } N = -\text{Trop } N^2 \text{ if } C \text{ is non-degenerate}]$
- $\langle C \rangle = \text{Trop } N - \text{Trop } N^2 = \frac{\text{Trop } N}{1 + \text{Trop } N}$

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EXAMPLE 2

$S \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^3$ – a surface with the Newton polytope N .

$\langle S \rangle_0 = 0$

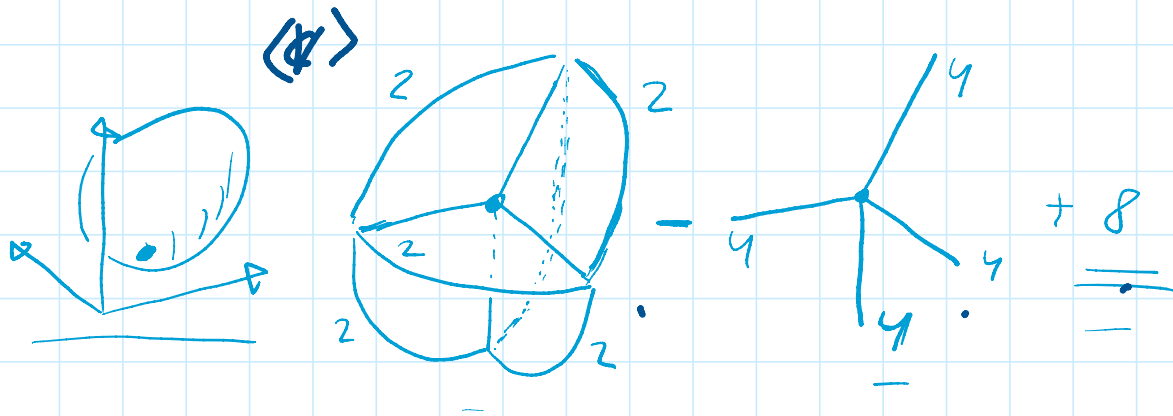
$\langle S \rangle_1 = \text{Trop } S = \text{Trop } N$

$\langle S \rangle_2 = (\text{some 1-dim fan})$ [= $-\text{Trop } N^2$ if S is non-degenerate]

Exercise Deduce this from properties 1&2 of $\langle \cdot \rangle$ (the ones on \times and \star)

$\langle S \rangle_3 = e(S)$ [= $\text{Vol } N = \text{Trop } N^3$ if S is non-degenerate]

$\langle S \rangle = \text{Trop } N - \text{Trop } N^2 + \text{Trop } N^3 = \frac{\text{Trop } N}{1 + \text{Trop } N}$. The case of a quadric:



WHY IT EXISTS

APPROACH 1 ([A.E., arXiv:1305:3234])

$V \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n \mapsto$ conormal variety $NV \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^{2n} \mapsto \langle V \rangle$
 (no need for resolutions of singularities!)

APPROACH 2 ([A. Gross, arXiv:1705.05719], only for smooth V so far)

$V \mapsto$ (not necessarily toric compactification $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n \supset M \supset \bar{V}$ and resolution $M' \rightarrow M, V' \rightarrow \bar{V}$) $\mapsto \langle V \rangle$

$\langle V \rangle \subset \mathbb{C}$

$NV = \{(x, z) \mid x \in V, z \perp T_x V\}$

$\sum z_i \cdot \log z_i = 0 \iff \log z = 0 \iff z = 1$

$e(V \cap \{z=0\}) = \sum \langle V \rangle \cdot (\text{Trop } N)$

$e(V \cap \{z=0\}) - e(V) = (-1)^{\dim V} \cdot \# \ker \tau|_V = \langle NV \rangle \cdot (\text{Trop } N)$

$= NV \circ (\text{graph of } \log z) \subset \mathbb{C}$

NON-COMPACT CHARACTERISTIC CLASSES

Let X be a G -spherical variety.

CONJECTURE A codimension m variety $V \subset X \mapsto$ its char. classes

$\langle V \rangle_0 = 0 \in \mathbb{C}^0$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \langle V \rangle_0 = 0 \in C^0 \\ \dots \\ \langle V \rangle_{m-1} = 0 \in C^{m-1} \\ \langle V \rangle_m = [V] \in C^m \\ \langle V \rangle_{m+1} = ? \in C^{m+1} \\ \dots \\ \langle V \rangle_{n-1} = ? \in C^{n-1} \\ \langle V \rangle_n = e(V) \in C^n = \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right]$$

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- 3) $\langle U \rangle + \langle V \rangle = \langle U \cup V \rangle + \langle U \cap V \rangle$ for all U and $V \subset X$
- 4) Given a smooth equivariant compactification $\bar{X} \supset X$, the image of $\langle V \rangle \in C$ under $C \rightarrow H_*(\bar{X})$ equals the CSM class of $V \subset \bar{X}$.

REMARK

The class $\langle X \rangle$ is constructed in [Kiritchenko'04], [Brion&Kausz'05], [Brion&Joshua'07], and still not computed even for $X = SL_n$ with large n .

APPLICATIONS OF TROPICAL CHARACTERISTIC CLASSES

TO ENUMERATIVE GEOMETRY (TROPICAL CORRESPONDENCE THEOREMS)

A. E. *Characteristic classes of affine varieties and Plücker formulas for affine morphisms* J. of the EMS, 20 (2018) 15–59 arXiv:1305.3234

TO ADDITIVE INVARIANTS OF ALGEBRAIC VARIETIES (HIRZEBRUCH GENUS)

A. Gross

Refined Tropicalizations for Schön Subvarieties of Tori arXiv:1705.05719

TO MATROID THEORY (g-POLYNOMIAL)

L. López de Medrano, F. Rincón, K. Shaw. *Chern-Schwartz-MacPherson cycles of matroids* Proc. LMS 120 (2020) 1–27 arXiv:1707.07303

TO SINGULARITY THEORY (THE MONODROMY CONJECTURE)

A. E. *Tropical nearby monodromy eigenvalues* arXiv:1807.00609

A. E., A. Lemahieu, K. Takeuchi *On the monodromy conjecture for non-degenerate hypersurfaces* to appear in J. EMS, arXiv:1309.0630

THANK YOU!

EXAMPLE 3

$V = \{f_1 = \dots = f_k = 0\} \subset (\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$ – a generic complete intersection with the Newton polytopes N_1, \dots, N_k in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\langle V \rangle = \langle \bigcap \{f_i = 0\} \rangle = \star_i \langle f_i = 0 \rangle = \frac{\text{Trop } N_1}{1 + \text{Trop } N_1} \star \dots \star \frac{\text{Trop } N_k}{1 + \text{Trop } N_k}$$

$$e(V) = \langle V \rangle_n = \left(\text{the 0-dim component of } \frac{\text{Trop } N_1}{1 + \text{Trop } N_1} \star \dots \star \frac{\text{Trop } N_k}{1 + \text{Trop } N_k} \right)$$

[KHOVANSKII'76, FUNC.AN&APPL] уравнения $f_1 = \dots = f_k = 0$ в $(\mathbb{C} \setminus 0)^n$. Тогда $E(X) = \prod \Delta_i (1 + \Delta_i)^{-1}$. И $E(V) = \dots$