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# Amoebas & Tropical Geometry

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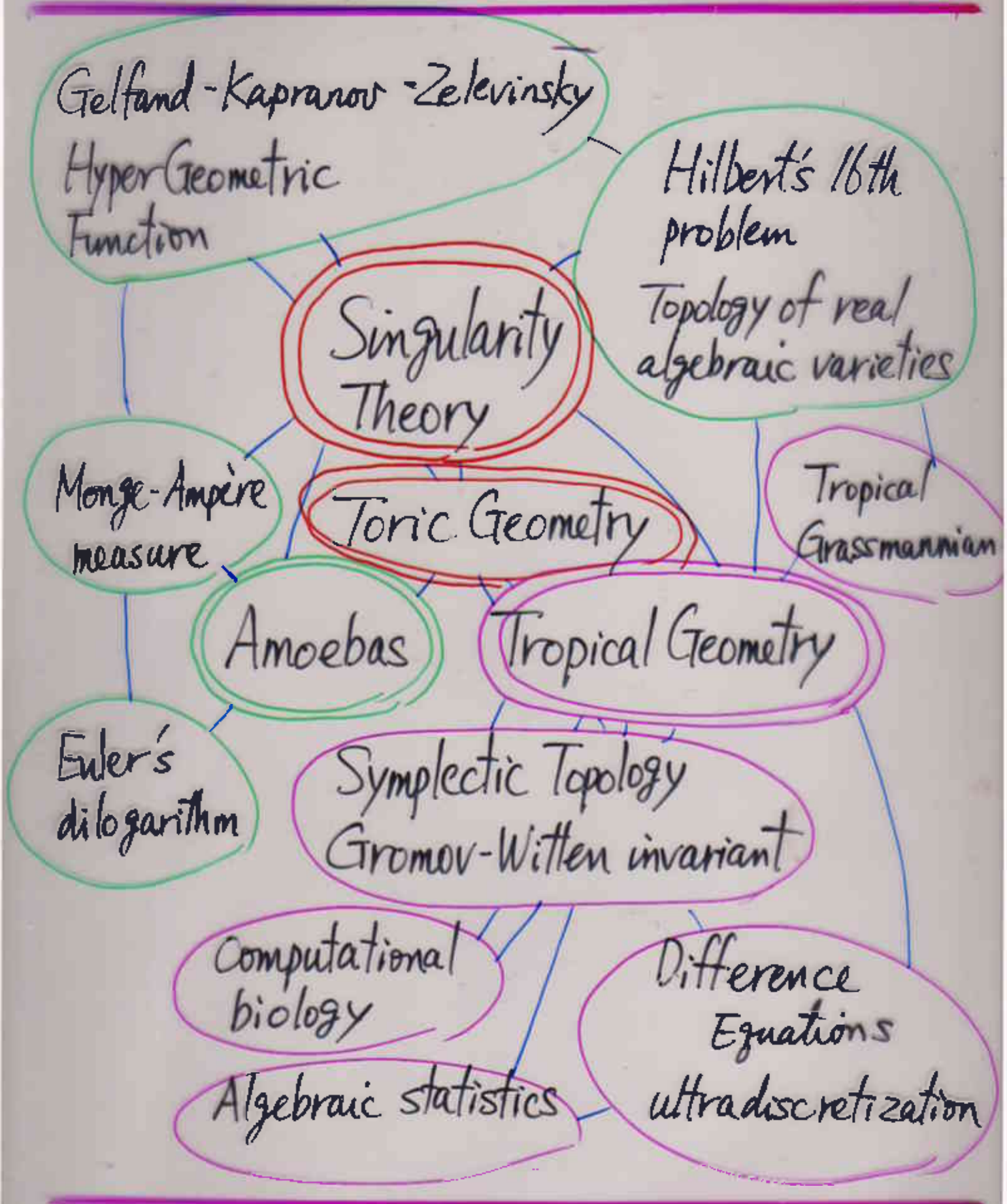
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Gelfand-Kapranov-Zelevinsky  
HyperGeometric  
Function

Hilbert's 16th  
problem  
Topology of real  
algebraic varieties

Singularity  
Theory

Monge-Ampère  
measure

Toric Geometry

Tropical  
Grassmannian

Amoebas

Tropical Geometry

Euler's  
dilogarithm

Symplectic Topology  
Gromov-Witten invariant

Computational  
biology

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Equations  
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Algebraic statistics

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$$\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$f(z) = \sum_{j \in A} a_j z^j \in \mathbb{C}[z_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, z_n^{\pm 1}]$$

Laurent polynomial  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$   
finite.

$$V_f := \{f(z) = 0\} \subset (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$$

$$\text{Log} : (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{Log}(z_1, \dots, z_n) := (\log|z_1|, \dots, \log|z_n|)$$

$$\{ A := \text{Log}(V_f) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

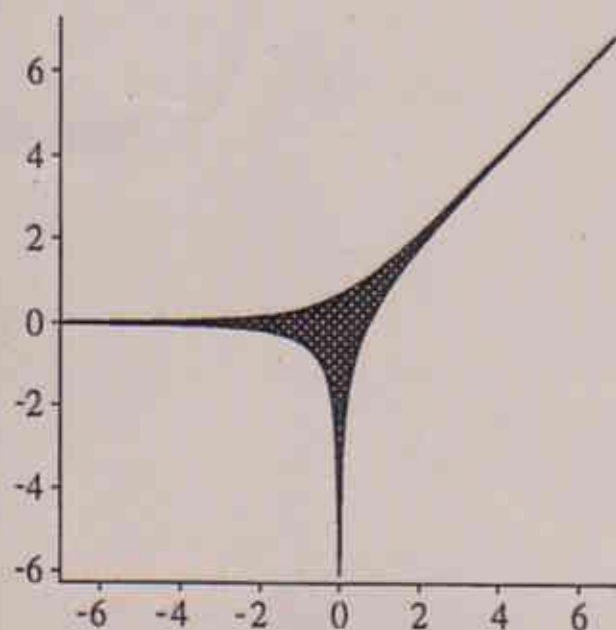
Amoeba of  $V_f$

(Gelfand - Kapranov - Zelevinski)

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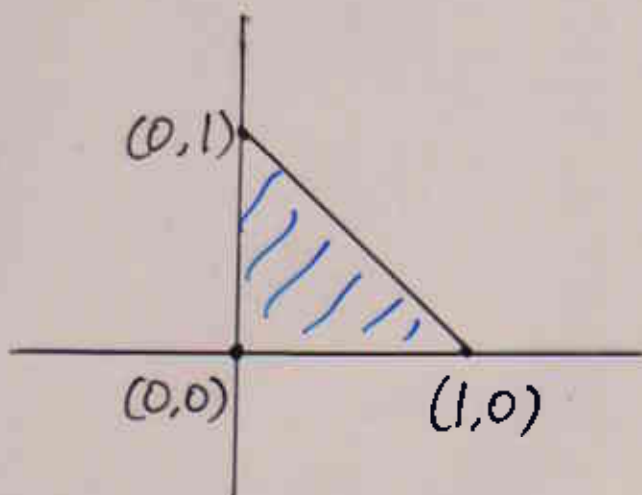
Example  $f(z_1, z_2) = z_1 + z_2 + 1$

Amoeba



$$V = \{z_1 + z_2 + 1 = 0\} \subset (\mathbb{C}^*)^2$$

Newton polytope



Newton polytope (polyhedron)

$$f(z) = \sum_{j \in A} a_j z^j \quad a_j \in \mathbb{C}, A \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$\Delta = \Delta(f) =$$

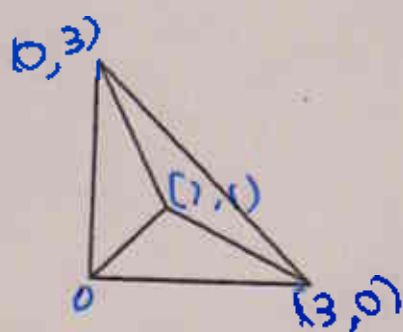
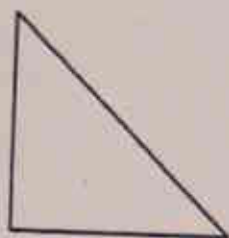
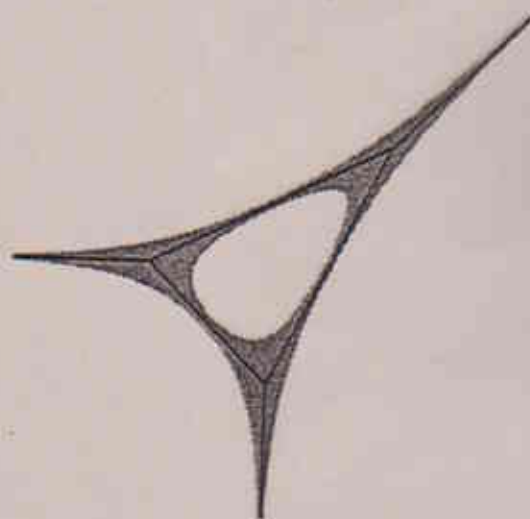
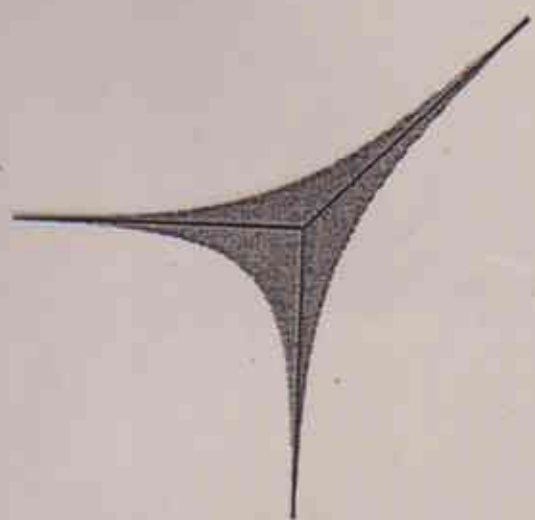
convex hull of  $\{j \mid a_j \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

# conn. comp. of  $(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathcal{A})$

$$\leq \#(\Delta \cap \mathbb{Z}^n)$$

(Forsberg-Passare-Tsikh)

# Amoeba and Newton polytope



$$f(z_1, z_2)$$

$$= z_1^3 + z_2^3 + 1$$

$$g(z_1, z_2)$$

$$= z_1^3 + z_2^3 - 6z_1z_2 + 1$$

# Tropical Geometry

tropical semiring  $\mathbb{R}_{\text{trop}}$

$$\mathbb{R} \quad \begin{aligned} "x+y" &:= \max\{x, y\} \\ "xy" &:= x+y \end{aligned}$$

Imre Simon (São Paulo)

tropical polynomial  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$   $A \subset (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^n$   
finite

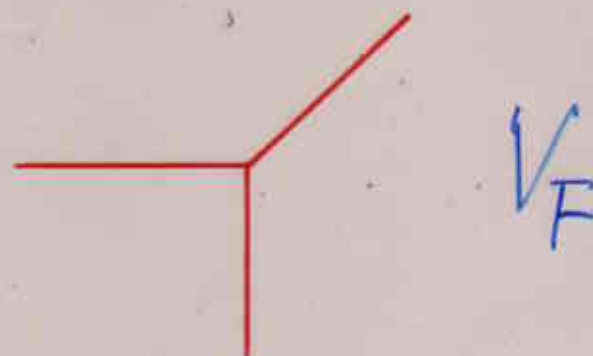
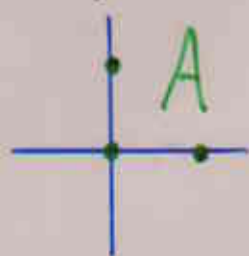
$$F(x) = \max_{j \in A} (a_j x^j) = \max_{j \in A} (j_1 x_1 + \dots + j_n x_n + a_j)$$

tropical hypersurface

$$V_F := \text{non-smooth loci of } F \\ \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

## Example Tropical line

$$F(x_1, x_2) = "ax_1 + bx_2 + c" = "0"$$

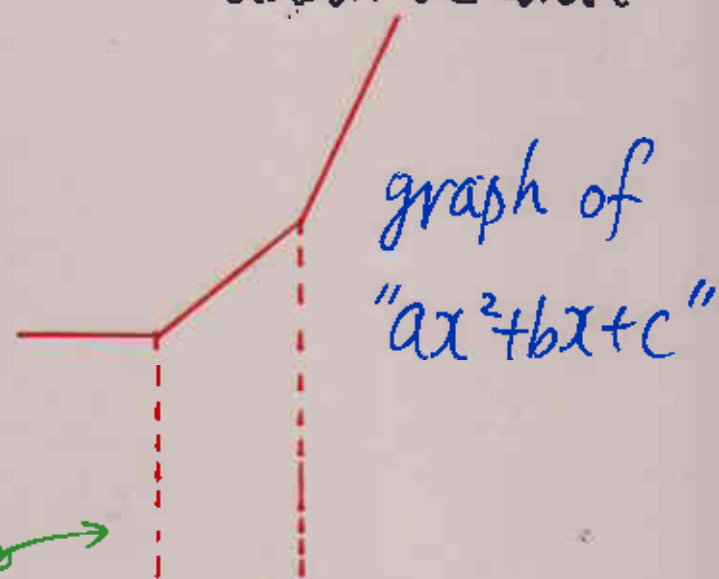


$$"ax_1 + bx_2 + c" = \max\{x_1 + a, x_2 + b, c\}$$

Remark "0" =  $-\infty$  additive unit

$$"ax^2 + bx + c" = "0"$$

$$\max\{2x + a, x + b, c\} = -\infty$$



tropical closure  $\rightarrow$

$\rightsquigarrow$  non-smooth loci.

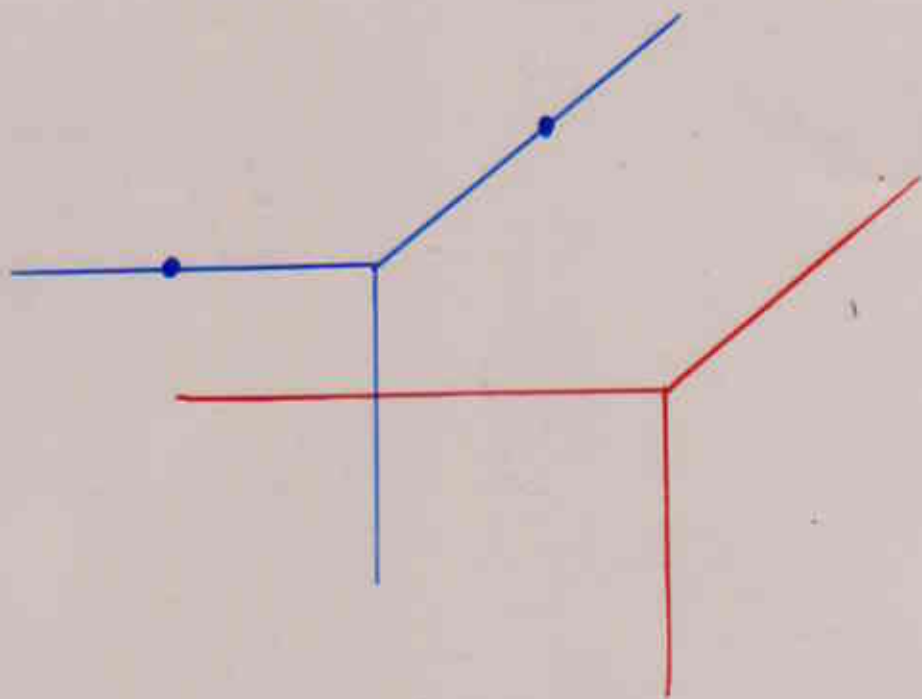


$\forall P, P' \in \mathbb{R}^2, \exists$  tropical line passing through  $P, P'$ .

If  $P, P'$  generic,  $\exists$  unique line.

$\forall l, l'$  trop. line,  $\exists$  intersection point

If  $l, l'$  generic,  $\exists$  unique int. pt.



# Tropical Bézout-Bernstein Theorem

Generic tropical curves of degree  $d$ , degree  $r$ , intersect in  $dr$ -points.

Generic tropical curves with Newton polytopes  $\Delta, \Delta'$  resp.

intersect in

$$\text{Area}(\Delta + \Delta') - \text{Area}(\Delta) - \text{Area}(\Delta')$$

points.

$\Delta = \text{convex hull of } A \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2$

$$F(x) = \sum_{j \in A} a_j x^j$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(d+r)^2 - \frac{1}{2}d^2 - \frac{1}{2}r^2 = dr$$

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Example: quadratic curve

$$F(x_1, x_2) = "0x_1^2 + 1x_1x_2 + 0x_2^2 + 1x_1 + 1x_2 + 0"$$

$$G(x_1, x_2) = "2x_1^2 + \frac{5}{2}x_1x_2 + 1x_2^2 + 2x_1 + \frac{3}{2}x_2 + 0"$$

