

Realizing Tropical Curves

via
Mirror Symmetry

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A - symplectic
 X^A

(B - dg. geometry)
 X^B
 \mathbb{Q} affine spine.

Valuation

$$\text{val} \left(\sum_i a_i T^{z_i} \right) = \min_{a_i \neq 0} (z_i) \text{ s.t. } a_i > 0$$

$$\text{val}(0) = \infty$$

$$X^B = (\mathbb{A}^n)^n$$

Will give this coordinate,
(z_1, \dots, z_n).

Naukar Field

$$\Lambda := \left\{ \sum_i a_i T^{z_i} : a_i \in \mathbb{C}, z_i \in \mathbb{R} \atop \lim_{|z_i| \rightarrow \infty} a_i = 0 \right\}$$

B-tropicalization

$$\text{Trop}^B : X^B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto (\text{val}(z_1), \dots, \text{val}(z_n)).$$

Theorem (Grann-Pien)

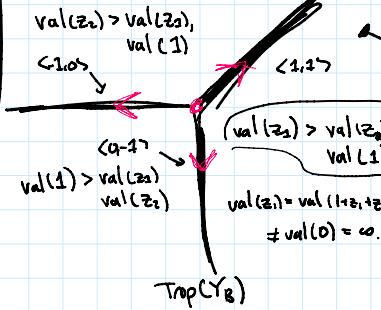
Given $Y^B \subset X^B$ a subvariety,

$\text{Trop}(Y^B) := \{ \text{Trop}(y) \mid y \in Y^B \}$
is a polyhedral complex of \mathbb{R}^n .
→ A union of convex rational polytopes.

Example: $Y = (z_1, 0) \subset (\mathbb{A}^n)^2$.
 $\text{Trop}(Y) = \text{the line } (q, 0) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

Example

$$Y^B = \{ z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 0 \} \subset (\mathbb{A}^3)^2$$



Tropical Curve

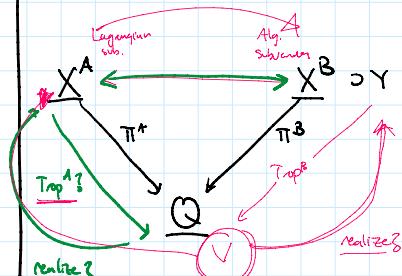
- A tropical curve is a piecewise linear graph in \mathbb{R}^n st. at every edge we have a primitive \mathbb{Z}^2 vector defining the direction of the edge, and at each vertex $\sum_{e \ni v} \vec{v}_e = 0$.

B-realizability

Question: For given tropical curve $V \subset Q$, does there exist $Y \subset X^B$ st. $\text{Trop}^B(Y) = V$.

A: Not always. Q: When?

Main idea of talk



Naive A-tropicalization

1st Attempt.

$L \subset X^A$, look at $\pi_A(L)$.

- ① This is very rarely tropical.
- ② Given L, L' which are Hamiltonian isotopic (a usual equivalence preserving symplectic geometry)

$$\pi_A(L) \neq \pi_A(L').$$

$$L : ((\mathbb{C}^*)^n \xrightarrow{\pi^A} \mathbb{R}^n \quad (z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto (\log(z_1)))$$

$$L' : ((\mathbb{C}^*)^n \xrightarrow{\pi^A} \mathbb{R}^n \quad (z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto (\log(z_1)))$$

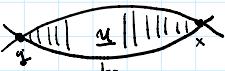
Floer Cohomology

Given Lagrangian submanifolds (not disjoint)

L_1, L_2 , the Lagrangian intersection
Floer cohomology is the chain complex

$$CF(L_1, L_2) := \bigoplus_{x \in L_1 \cap L_2} \Lambda \langle \underline{x} \rangle.$$

$$\langle d(x), y \rangle = \sum_{w \in M(x,y)} \pm T^w(x,y)$$



Example computations

$$\cdot CF(S^1, S^1) = C^*(S^1)$$

$$\Lambda \langle e \rangle$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow = 0$$

$$\Lambda \langle x \rangle$$

$$\cdot CF(S^1, R)$$

$$\Lambda \langle e \rangle$$

Upshot: $HF(L_1, L_2)$ is independent of Hamiltonian isotopy.

$$HF(L_1, L_2) = HF(L_1, L_2).$$

Example computations

$$X^A = ((\mathbb{C}^*)^2 \xrightarrow{\pi^A} \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (z_1, z_2) \mapsto \arg(z_1))$$

$$F_q = \pi^{-1}(q)$$

$$L \subset N^+V / N^-V$$

$$R^2 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R}^2 \quad q \in R^2$$

$$F_p \subset R^2 \quad p \in R^2$$

$$X^A \xrightarrow{\pi^A} F_p$$

$$z_1, z_2 \mapsto \arg(z_1)$$

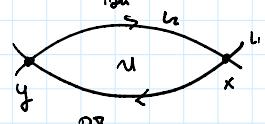
$$CF(L_2, F_p) = CF(S^1, S^1) \otimes CF(S^1, R)$$

$$C^*(S^1) \otimes \Lambda$$

Generalization: Local System:

- Given N_A -local systems on L_1, L_2, \dots we have

$$CF^*(L_1, v_1), (L_2, v_2)) = \bigoplus_{x \in L_1 \cap L_2} A(x)$$



$$\langle d(x), y \rangle = \sum_{\text{neighboring}} P_{y|z}^v \cdot P_{z|y}^{v^{-1}} \cdot T^{(x,y)}$$

Mirror Symmetry

Observation: Given $(C^*)^n \xrightarrow{\pi} R^n$ and $X^3 \rightarrow R^n$, we have a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pts on } \\ X^3 \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lagrangian trans} \\ (\mathbb{F}_q, \nabla) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z \subset X^3 & \xrightarrow{\pi} & X^4 \\ & \searrow & \downarrow (\mathbb{F}_q, \nabla) \\ & R^n & \xrightarrow{q} \end{array}$$

Thm (Abouzaid) Given a Lagrangian $L \subset X^4$ satisfying $\textcircled{1}$ then

$$\exists \text{ a sheet } F(L) \text{ on } X^3 \text{ st. } \text{hom}(F(L), \Theta_2) = HF^*(L, (\mathbb{F}_q, \nabla))$$

$$z \longleftrightarrow (\mathbb{F}_q, \nabla)$$

A-tropicalization

Given a Lagrangian Submanifold

$$L \subset X^4 \text{ satisfying } \textcircled{1} \text{ then}$$

$$\text{Trop}^A(L) := \left\{ q \in R^n \text{ st. } \exists \nabla \text{ a local system so that } HF(L, (\mathbb{F}_q, \nabla)) \neq 0 \right\}$$

"mirror to"

The set of points in $\text{Support}(F(L))$ with $\text{Trop}^B(z) = q$.

$$\text{Easy } \text{Trop}^A(L) \subset \Pi^+(L)$$

Proof: Suppose $q \notin \Pi^+(L)$. Then $F_q := \Pi^+(q)$ has no intersection with L , so $HF(L, (\mathbb{F}_q, \nabla)) = 0$.

Tropical Lagrangian Lift

Defn A Log. $L \subset X^4$ is a lift of tropical curve $V \subset Q$ if at every edge of V ,

L looks like N^+e / N^-e .

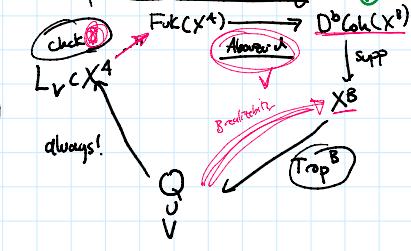
$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^n & \xrightarrow{\text{lift}} & L \\ \text{curve} & \mapsto & \text{curve} \end{array}$$

Thm (Makowski, Mikhalkin, H.)

Every V has a lift L_V .

Note: not all such Lagrangians satisfy $\textcircled{1}$

Roadmap to A-realizability



Thm (H) whenever L_V satisfies condition $\textcircled{1}$ then the above diagram commutes or! $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow B$ -realizability

What is $\textcircled{1}$ unobstructed?

- Exact
- $w(\text{Ti}_2(X^4_L))$.
- L is monotone Lagrangian submanifold.
- L is "unobstructed" $\textcircled{1}$

The curved A-in algebra $CF(L)$ constructed by Fukaya $\textcircled{1}$
homotopy of to a uncurved one.

Example Applications

Thm: If $L \subset X^4$ and $\dim(X^4) \leq 4$ then L is unobstructed.

\Rightarrow All tropical curves in $\dim(Q) = 2$ are realizable.

$Q = R^2$ known (Mikhalkin).

$Q = T^2 \rightarrow$ algebraic realizable Nielsen 21

analytic realizable new.

\Rightarrow Thm(H) All tropical hypersurfaces have L_V satisfying $\textcircled{1}$.

\dots If V is a tropical curve of genus 0, then L_V $\textcircled{1}$.

\rightarrow Proven by Siebert-Nishinou on the A-side.

$$L \rightarrow \underline{H(L)} \quad \dim(H(L))$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{HF(L)} \quad \dim(HF(L))$$

$\textcircled{1} \iff$ The holomorphic disks w/ boundary on your Lagrangian cancel out in homology.

\Rightarrow Minimum area disk must occur 2 times.



\exists a holomorphic disk.