

ConstructionSymplecticGroup

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We start with a symmetric homogeneous equation of the tricuspidal quartic and we construct an affine one where the line at infinity is tangent to a cusp and the projection point is the intersection of the tangent lines at the cusps.

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[1]: R3.<x, y, z> = QQ[]  
R2.<u, v> = QQ[]  
f = (x + y + z)^2 - 4 * (x * y + y * z + x * z)  
f = f(x=y * z, y=z * x, z=x * y)  
f = f(x=x + y, z=y + z)  
g = f(x=u, y=v, z=1)  
g
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[1]: -4*u*v^3 - 3*v^4 - 6*u*v^2 - 4*v^3 + u^2
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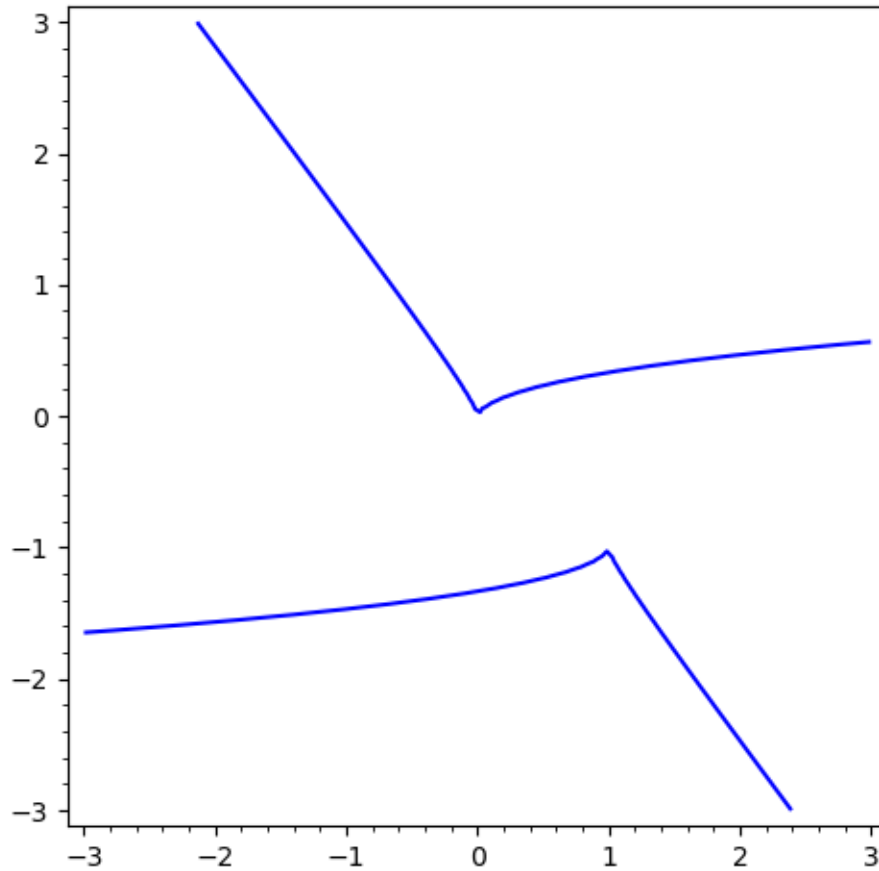
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[2]: g.discriminant(v).factor()
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[2]: (-6912) * u^4 * (u - 1)^4
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A real picture of the affine curve is useful since all the non-transversal vertical lines are real: the tangent lines to the cusps.

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[7]: P = implicit_plot(g, (u, -3, 3), (v, -3, 3))  
P
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In order to obtain the braid monodromy, we need to track the real part of the complex solutions. To do this we define a function 'sum_roots': Let $F \in \mathbb{C}[V]$ to get a polynomial F_1 having as roots the pairwise semi-sum of the roots of F .

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[4]: def sum_roots(F):
    if F == 0:
        return 0
    n = F.degree()
    ll = F.leading_coefficient()
    if not ll.is_unit():
        print("Cannot convert to a monic polynomial")
    F = F / ll
    cfs = [(-1)^(j + n) * a for j, a in enumerate(F.list())]
    sym = SymmetricFunctions(QQ).elementary()
    Rs = PolynomialRing(QQ, 's', n)
    Rst.<t> = Rs[]
    pol = prod(t - a0 - b0 for a0, b0 in Combinations(Rs.gens(), 2))
    cfs1 = [list(sym.from_polynomial(Rs(m))) for m in pol.list()]
    lst = []
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for term in cfs1:
    res = 0
    for mon, cf in term:
        if not mon or max(mon) < n + 1:
            res += cf * prod(cfs[n - j] for j in mon)
    lst.append(res)
lst = [2^(j - n.binomial(2)) * m for j, m in enumerate(lst)]
return F.parent()(lst)

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We convert g into a polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[t_0][t_1]$ to obtain the polynomial h , and we draw both polynomials, the red branch passing through the cusps correspond to the real parts of the complex imaginary solutions.

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[5]: R1a.<t0> = QQ[]
      R1b.<t1> = R1a[]
      g0 = -g(u=t0, v=t1) / 3
      h0 = sum_roots(g0)
      h = sum(m(t0=u) * v^j for j, m in enumerate(h0.list()))

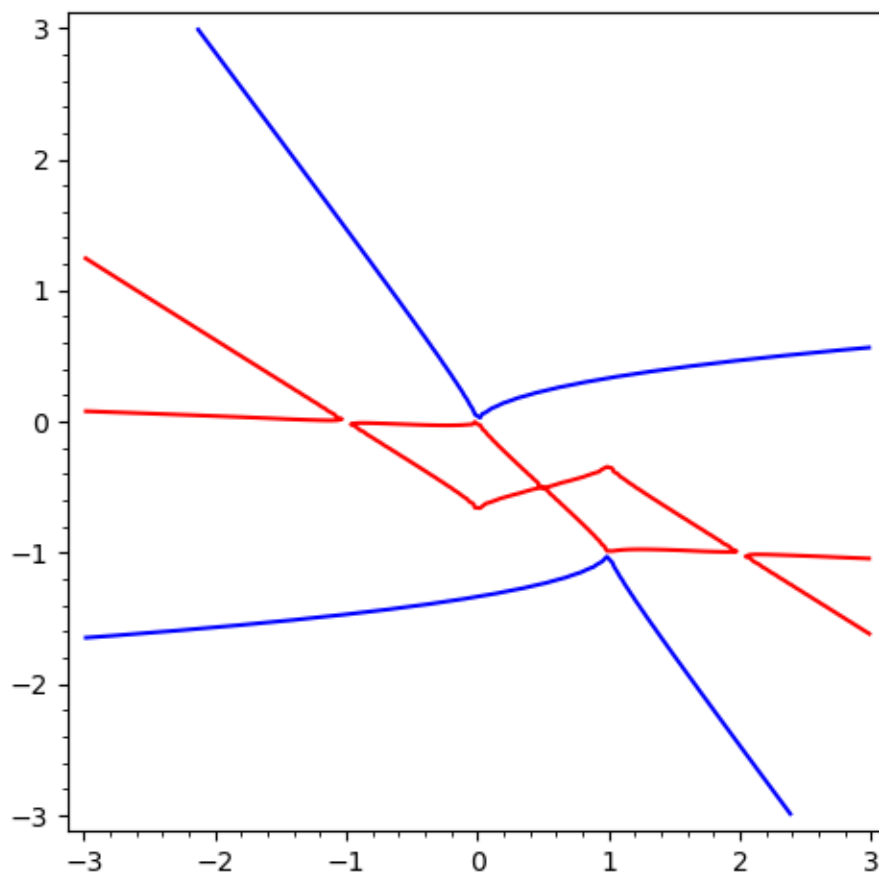
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[8]: Q = implicit_plot(h, (u, -3, 3), (v, -3, 3), color='red')
      P + Q

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[8]:



This picture is the source of the right-hand side of Figure 1. Choosing as base vertical line one between the two cusps, it is not hard to see that which are the associated braids.

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[9]: B = BraidGroup(4)
     b1 = B((2, 1))
     s1 = b1^2
     b2 = B((2, 3))
     s2 = b2^2
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We check that the local braid at infinity corresponds to a cusp tangent to the fiber.

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[10]: B.delta()^2 == s1 * s2 * b1 * s2 / b1
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[10]: True
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We want to compute the relations of in the normal subgroups of the distinct semidirect decompositions. For the one in Remark 1.3 there are no relations since it is a free group. For the one in Corollary 2.2 we compute the relations acquired by the commutation of the two braid actions.

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[11]: F4 = FreeGroup(4)
     for g in F4.gens():
         g0 = (g * s1 * s2) / (g * s2 * s1)
         aa = g0.Tietze()
         while len(aa) > 1 and aa[0] + aa[-1] == 0:

             aa = aa[1: -1]
         print(aa)
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(4, 3, 4, -3, -4, -3)
(3, 4, 3, -4, -3, -2, 1, 2, 3, 4, -3, -4, -3, 4, 1, -2, -1, -4)
(3, 4, 3, -4, -3, -4)
(2, 1, 2, -1, -2, -1)
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It is easily seen that only the last two relations count:

$$c_3 \cdot c_4 \cdot c_3 = c_4 \cdot c_3 \cdot c_4, \quad c_1 \cdot c_2 \cdot c_1 = c_2 \cdot c_1 \cdot c_2$$

We continue with Proposition 4.1, adding the relations coming from the fact that the braid actions must be of order 2.

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[12]: for g in F4.gens():
         g0 = (g * s2) / (g / s2)
         aa = g0.Tietze()
         while len(aa) > 1 and aa[0] + aa[-1] == 0:
             aa = aa[1: -1]
         print(aa)
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(2, 3, 4, 3, -4, -3, -2, -4)
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(2, 3, 4, -3, -2, -4, -3, -2, 3, 4)
 (2, -4, -3, -2, -3, 2, 3, 4)

Using the previous relations, the first non trivial one becomes: $-[c_2, c_4] = 1$.

Using also this one, the last relation becomes: $-[c_2, c_3] = 1$.

These relations imply the second non trivial one.

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[13]: for g in F4.gens():
      g0 = (g * s1) / (g / s1)
      aa = g0.Tietze()
      while len(aa) > 1 and aa[0] + aa[-1] == 0:
          aa = aa[1: -1]
      print(aa)
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(1, 2, 3, -2, -1, -3, -2, 3)
 (1, 2, 1, -2, -1, -3, -2, -3, 2, 3)
 (1, 2, -1, -3, -2, -1, 2, 3)
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The second relation is a consequence of the previous ones and the other two ones are equivalent.
 With a change of variable we obtain the relation in the statement of Proposition 4.1.

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