

Mikhalkin: What are tropical counterparts of algebraic varieties?

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Tropical geometry: $\mathbb{T} = [-\infty, \infty)$

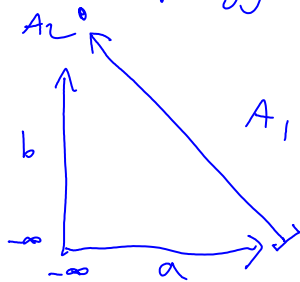
" $a+b$ " = $\max(a, b)$ " ab " = $a+b$

(Think asymptotics: $f^a + f^b \xrightarrow{f \rightarrow \infty} f^{\max(a,b)}$
 $f^a \cdot f^b \rightarrow f^{a+b}$)

$\mathbb{T}P^n := \{ (a_0, \dots, a_n) : \text{not all are } -\infty \} / \text{add the same quantity to all coords}$

$\mathbb{T}P^1 = \{ (0, a) \}_{a \in [-\infty, \infty)} \cup \{ (-\infty, 0) \} = [-\infty, \infty]$

$\mathbb{T}P^2 = \{ (0, a, b) \}_{a, b \in [-\infty, \infty)} \cup \{ (\infty, 0, b) \}_{b \in [-\infty, \infty)} \cup \{ (-\infty, \infty, 0) \}$
 with the topology



= a simplex.

what's a nice map $(-\infty, 0) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$?

ans $x \mapsto \log(-x)$

$(0, 1) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$

$x \mapsto \log x \rightarrow \log(-\log x)$
 $(0, 1) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$

map $\mathbb{T}P^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$ by

$(a_0, \dots, a_n) \mapsto (a_1 - a_0, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_n - a_{n-1})$

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