

Geometria em Lisboa seminar

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A spherical Logarithm map

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Review of amoebas & trop. geo. :

$$T = \mathbb{R}^n \times (S^1)^n$$

$$T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \quad T_K = (S^1)^n \quad \log_t : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n = N_{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$\log_t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\log_t |x_1|, \dots, \log_t |x_n|)$$

$Y \subset T$ sub-variety e.g. hypersurface

$\log_t(Y) \longrightarrow \text{trop}(Y) = \text{supp of a polyhedral fan}$

$\underbrace{\log_t(Y)}_{\text{amoeba of } Y}$
[GKZ]



field of

Recall: $K = \mathbb{C}\{\{t\}\}$ Puiseux series = $\overline{\mathbb{C}((t))}$

$$\text{val} : (K^*)^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{trop}(Y) := \overline{\text{val}(Y(K))} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$



- $\text{Trop}(Y) =$ asymp. directions along which Y approaches infinity (exponentially).
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 also called logarithmic limit set.

Ex. $T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^2$ $Y = \{x+y+1=0\} \rightsquigarrow$ line

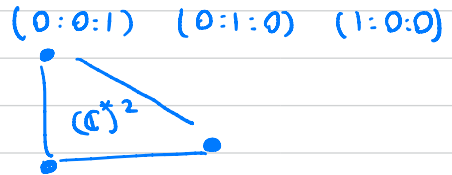


Relation with toric varieties: $|\Sigma| = \text{trop}(Y)$

X_Σ is the "smallest" toric variety s.t. $\bar{Y} \subset X_\Sigma$
 is compact/complete.

$\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus \{3 \text{ pts}\}$

• Some properties of amoebas:



- $\text{Log}_t(Y)$ closed.

- Every Conn. Comp. of $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \text{Log}_t(Y)$ is convex.

- Ronkin function \rightsquigarrow Convex function & affine on each Conn. Comp. of the amoeba complement.

Extension to non-abelian case

• $G = \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ $K = \text{U}(n)$ max. comp. subgp.

- More generally one can consider a reductive alg. gp. G / \mathbb{C} .

e.g. $G = GL_n(\mathbb{C}), SL_n(\mathbb{C}), SO_n(\mathbb{C}), Sp_{2n}(\mathbb{C}), \dots$

- Eliyashv: Geo. of generalized amoebas (2016).
 → I don't know the relation with the previous construction.

- $G \times G \curvearrowright G$ Cartan decomp. describes $K \times K$ -orbit space of G .

Beyond the group case

$G \curvearrowright X$
variety

$T \curvearrowright X$

None nothing to do with sphere!
 Comes from sph. functions/
 sph. harmonics

Def. X is a spherical G -variety if a Borel subgp. has a dense orbit.
 compact smooth

For symp. geo.: $G \curvearrowright X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$

K -inv. Hermitian product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on V

ω Kähler form induced from $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

Facts (M. Brion) \rightarrow "Sur l'image appl. moment...."

- X sph. iff X multi-free K -space (Symp. reds. = pt.)

- $K[X] \cong$ Kirwan polytope $= \mu(X) \cap \mathfrak{t}_+^*$

Book
 D. Timashev

$$G \curvearrowright G/H = \text{homog. space}$$

Ex. $SL_2(\mathbb{C}) / T$

$$G \times G \curvearrowright G \quad G = (G \times G) / G_{\text{diag.}} = \{(g, g)\}$$

$$SL_n(\mathbb{C}) / SO_n(\mathbb{C}) = \text{space of quadrics}$$

$$G/U \quad \text{e.g.} \quad GL_n(\mathbb{C}) / \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

\downarrow
 unipotent
 max. subgrp.

$$T \curvearrowright T \quad H = \{1\}$$

\cong
 G

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \times SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \times SL_2(\mathbb{C}) / SL_2(\mathbb{C})_{\text{diag.}} \\ K \backslash G/H = \text{space of hyperbolic triangles} \end{array} \right]$$

(non-Arch)

✓ Sph. tropicalization \rightsquigarrow Luna-Vust, Tevelev-Vojta, K.-Mason

$$Y \subset G/H$$

$$\text{val: } G/H(K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{V}_{G/H} = \text{valuation cone}$$

(Arch.)

? sph. log. map.

$G \curvearrowright G/H$ sph. homog. space

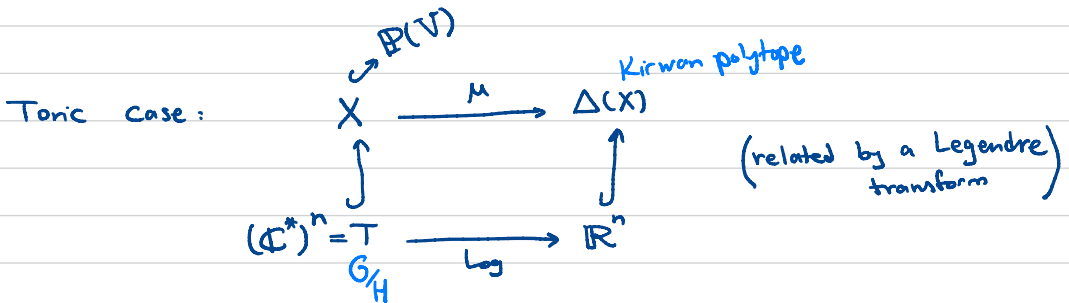
(G -equiv. Compactifications \rightsquigarrow Luna-Vust theory)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{val: } (K^*)^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}^n & \rightsquigarrow & \text{val: } G/H(K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{V}_{G/H} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{G/H} \\ \text{"} = T(K) & & \begin{array}{l} \text{valuation co} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{co-simplicial} \\ \text{Cone} \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{V}_{G/H} = \{G\text{-inv. val. } v: \mathbb{C}(G/H) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}\} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{r-dim} \\ \mathbb{Q}\text{-v.s.} \end{array} \end{array}$$

Batyrev: describe $K \backslash G/H$

\rightarrow stated in [BHKK]

Batyrev's Conj.: $K \backslash G/H$ is a stratified manifold with corners where the boundary strata are in natural bijection with the faces σ of the val. cone $\mathcal{V}_{G/H}$ & one can recover K -stabilizer of each strata as the max. comp. subgrp. in the Satellite subgrp. of σ .



Question: Can we define a sph. Log. map which extends the above diagram to G/H in place of T ?

$$G/H \xrightarrow{?} \mathbb{R}^r = \mathcal{O}_{G/H}$$

parametrizing K-orbit?

Akhiezer's sph. functions

$\lambda \in \Lambda_{G/H}$ = wt. of B-eigen functions in $\mathbb{C}(G/H)$. $\subset \Lambda_G$
 lattice weight of G/H wt lattice of G

- Suppose G/H quasi-affine $\rightarrow \mathbb{C}[G/H]$ multi-free G -module
 $\oplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda_{G/H}^+} V_\lambda$
 $V_\lambda \subset \mathbb{C}[G/H]$ $\{f_{\lambda,i}\}$ orth. normal basis w.r.t. K -inv. Herm. prod. for V_λ

Def.

$$\phi_\lambda(x) = \sum_i |f_{\lambda,i}(x)|^2$$

Normalize ϕ_λ by requiring $\phi_\lambda(eH) = 1$.

(Akhiezer)

Prop. $(\mathbb{C}[G/H] \cdot \overline{\mathbb{C}[G/H]})^K = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda_{G/H}^+} \mathbb{C}\phi_\lambda$

Prop. $\phi_\lambda, \lambda \in \Lambda_{G/H}^+$ separate K -orbits in G/H . [BHHK]

+ other properties.

• $\Gamma = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}$ gen. $\Lambda^+_{G/H}$ as a monoid / semigrp. \Rightarrow

We propose :

$$\text{sLog}_{\Gamma, t} : G/H \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^s \quad \text{as an analogue of the } \log_t \text{ map on torus.}$$
$$x \longmapsto (\log_t \phi_{\lambda_1}(x), \dots, \log_t \phi_{\lambda_s}(x))$$

• We prove some partial results in regard to $\text{sLog}_{\Gamma, t}$.

e.g. $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \text{sLog}_{\Gamma, t}(G/H) \supset \mathcal{V}_{G/H}$.

we expect equality to hold

4.1. Two small examples with $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$.

4.1.1. *The case of $X = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/T = (\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1) \setminus \Delta$.* Let $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ and let $H = T$, the maximal (diagonal) torus of G . Consider the action of G on \mathbb{P}^1 by left multiplication, and the corresponding diagonal action of G on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. Then it is not hard to see that the stabilizer of the point $x_0 = (1 : 0, [0 : 1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ is precisely T , and that the orbit of x_0 under the G -action is $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \Delta$, where Δ denotes the diagonal copy of \mathbb{P}^1 in the direct product. The compact group K is $SU(2)$ in this case. The (diagonal) action of $SU(2)$ on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ has moment map

$$\Phi([z], [w]) = \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{z\bar{z}^*}{\|z\|^2} + \frac{w\bar{w}^*}{\|w\|^2} \right) - \left(\frac{i}{4\|z\|^2} \mathrm{tr}(z\bar{z}^*) + \frac{i}{4\|w\|^2} \mathrm{tr}(w\bar{w}^*) \right) \cdot I_{2 \times 2} \in \mathfrak{su}(2)^*$$

where $([z], [w])$ are homogeneous coordinates on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ (so z, w are considered as elements of \mathbb{C}^2) and $I_{2 \times 2}$ denotes the 2×2 identity matrix. Composing this with the map which quotients by the coadjoint action of $SU(2)$ on $\mathfrak{su}(2)^*$, i.e. the so-called "sweeping map" $\mathfrak{su}(2)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \mathfrak{su}(2)/SU(2)$, yields that the Kirwan map $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is given by

$$([z], [w]) \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{|z_1|^2}{\|z\|^2} + \frac{|w_1|^2}{\|w\|^2} - 1 \right)^2} + \left(\frac{|z_1|^2|z_2|^2}{\|z\|^4} + \frac{2\mathrm{Re}(z_1\bar{w}_1z_2\bar{w}_2)}{\|z\|^2\|w\|^2} + \frac{|w_1|^2|w_2|^2}{\|w\|^4} \right).$$

The Kirwan polytope (i.e. the image of $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ under the above map) is the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and the image of the diagonal is straightforwardly computed to be $\frac{1}{2}$, so the distinguished K -orbit (the diagonal) corresponds to the boundary value.

There is also another natural parametrization of K -orbits which can be described in terms of the angle between two complex lines in \mathbb{C}^2 . More specifically, given $([z], [w]) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ where $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}$, we may define

$$\rho([z], [w]) := 1 - \frac{|(z, w)|^2}{\|z\|^2\|w\|^2},$$

where (z, w) is the standard Hermitian product on \mathbb{C}^2 . Geometrically, ρ is the quantity $\sin^2(\theta)$ where θ is the angle between the two complex lines spanned by z and w , or equivalently, the spherical distance between two distinct points $p, q \in \mathbb{P}^1 = S^2$ if we represent p, q by complex vectors $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^2$ with $\|z\| = \|w\| = 1$. It turns out that $\rho([z], [w]) = \rho([z'], [w'])$ if and only if the two pairs $([z], [w]), ([z'], [w'])$ are in the same $K = SU(2)$ -orbit, so the function ρ provides a parametrization of K -orbits in G/T . It follows from the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality that the image of ρ is the interval $(0, 1]$. Thus, composing ρ with $-\log$, i.e. $([z], [w]) \mapsto -\log(\rho([z], [w]))$, we obtain an identification of the K -orbit space with the valuation cone (which in this case is $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$).

Finally, there is also our spherical function ϕ_2 corresponding to the irreducible representation of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ of highest weight 2 in $\mathbb{C}[\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/T]$. This can be computed to be

$$\phi_2([z], [w]) = \frac{1}{|z_1w_2 - z_2w_1|^2} \left(|z_1w_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|z_1w_2 + w_1z_2|^2 + |z_2w_2|^2 \right).$$

One can show that $\phi_2([z], [w]) \geq 1/2$. On the other hand, $\phi_2((1 : 1), (-1 : 1)) = 1/2$. This shows that the image of ϕ_2 is $[1/2, \infty)$. Hence we have a parametrization of the K -orbits by the points in this interval. One can obtain a parametrization of the K -orbit space by $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ (the valuation cone) by taking the limit, as $t \rightarrow 0$, of the image of $-\log_t(\phi_2)$.

The above computations show that, in this case, we have three parametrizations of the space of K -orbits $SU(2) \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/T$ by (half open) intervals in \mathbb{R} , namely: the spherical function ϕ_2 above, the Kirwan map computed above, and the map ρ as above.

4.1.2. *The case of $X = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/N(T)$.* As in the last section, we take $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ but this time we take $H = N(T)$. In this situation we have $N(T)/T \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ so there is a natural map $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/T \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/N(T)$. The homogeneous space $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/N(T)$ can be identified with $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q$ where Q is a smooth conic, as follows: consider the map $\mathrm{Sym}^1(\mathbb{C}^2) \times \mathrm{Sym}^1(\mathbb{C}^2) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)$ given by multiplication. Note that $\mathrm{Sym}^1(\mathbb{C}^2) \cong \mathbb{C}^2$ and $\mathrm{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2) \cong \mathbb{C}^3$. This product map induces a morphism $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1) \setminus \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q$, where Q is the smooth conic defined by the vanishing of the discriminant on $\mathrm{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2) \cong \mathbb{C}^3$. One sees that the natural projection $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/T \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/N(T)$ is then identified with $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1) \setminus \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q$. The non-identity element in the quotient $N(T)/T \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ corresponds to the involution on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ exchanging the two factors. This