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# The Fundamental Theorem of Tropical Partial Differential Algebraic Geometry

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# Introduction



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Purpose of the presentation : present the Fundamental Theorem of Tropical (Partial) Differential Algebraic Geometry.

This work is at the intersection of differential algebra and tropical geometry.

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It is known that for PDE such solutions can be impossible to compute.

**[DL84] thm 4.11**

There does not exist an algorithm to decide whether a linear PDE has a power series solution in  $\mathbf{C}[[t_1, \dots, t_r]]$  (for  $r$  large enough, say  $r \geq 9$ ).

# Differential algebra

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The ring we are going to work with is the following one :

$$k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]\{y_1, \dots, y_n\} = k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]][y_{i,J} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, J \in \mathbf{N}^m]$$

where  $k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]$  is to understand as a coefficient ring.

This ring is called the ring of **differential polynomials**.



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## Examples

1. If  $F = y' - y$  is an ODE with coefficients in  $k$ , the associated differential polynomial is  $y_1 - y_0$ .
2. If  $F = t_1 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} + t_2 \frac{\partial y}{\partial t_2} + y$  with coefficients in  $k[[t_1, t_2]]$  then the associated differential polynomial is  $t_1 y_{1,1} + t_2 y_{0,1} + y_{0,0}$ .

We endow the ring  $k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  with one or many derivations.

## Derivations

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. We say that  $\delta: R \rightarrow R$  is a **derivation** if  $\delta$  is linear for  $+$  and verifies

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2. On  $k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]$  the partial derivation  $\partial_{t_i}$  with respect to  $t_i$ .

Let  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ . We consider the ring

$$R_{m,n} = k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]][y_{i,J} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, J \in \mathbf{N}^m]$$

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2.  $\delta_i(y_{j,J}) = y_{j,J+e_i}$  where  $e_i$  stands for  $(0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$  where the 1 is at the  $i$ th position.

More generally if  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_m) \in \mathbf{N}^m$ , we denote

$$D(I)(y_{i,J}) := \delta_1^{i_1} \cdots \delta_m^{i_m}(y_{i,J}) = y_{i,J+I}$$

## Study object : the differential ring

$$R_{m,n} = k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]][y_{i,J} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, J \in \mathbf{N}^m]$$

with the derivations  $D = \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}$ .



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We say that  $I$  is a **differential ideal** if for every  $a \in I$  and for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$  we have  $\delta_i(a) \in I$ .

Let

$$F \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]][y_{i,J} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, J \in \mathbf{N}^m]$$

We say that  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]^n$  is a **solution** of  $F$  if

$$F((D(J)(\gamma_i))_{1 \leq i \leq n, J \in \mathbf{N}^m}) = 0.$$

We will denote it  $F(\gamma) = 0$ .

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Let  $I \subset k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]][y_{i,J} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, J \in \mathbf{N}^m]$  be a differential ideal. We denote by  $\text{Sol}(I)$  the set

$$\{\gamma \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]^n \mid \forall F \in I, F(\gamma) = 0\}.$$

# The fundamental theorem

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In this section we are first going to state the theorem for the ordinary case.

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Let  $\gamma = \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i t^i \in k[[t]]$ . We call the **support** of  $\gamma$  the subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N})$

$$\text{Supp}(\gamma) = \{i \in \mathbf{N} \mid a_i \neq 0\}.$$

### Example

If  $\gamma = t^5 + t + 3$  then  $\text{Supp}(\gamma) = \{5, 1, 0\}$ .

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The goal is to understand  $\text{Supp}(\text{Sol}(I))$  by looking at a certain system of tropical equations.

Let  $F = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}} a_m E_m \in k[[t]]\{y\}$  with  $a_m \in k[[t]]$  and  $E_m$  a monomial in  $y$  and its derivative. More precisely

$$E_m = \prod_{i \in \mathbf{N}} y_i^{m_i}.$$

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Here the tropicalization is a formal operation. Only the set where the coefficients of  $F$  live changes.

A tropical polynomial  $\text{trop}(F)$  can be seen as an evaluation map

$$\text{trop}(F): \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}).$$

The operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are replaced in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N})$  by  $\min$  and  $+$ .

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### Example

If  $S = \{0, 1, 5, 8, 9\}$  then  $y_3(S) = \min\{-3, -2, 2, 5, 6\}_+ = 2$

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$$E_m(S) = \min_{i \in \mathbf{N}} \sum m_i \cdot y_i(S)$$

and

$$\text{trop}(F)(S) = \min_{m \in \mathbf{N}} \{ \min \text{Supp}(a_m) + E_m(S) \}$$



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### Example

If  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 4\}$  then

$$(y_1^2 - ty_0)(S) = \min(2 \min\{-1, 0, 1, 3\}_+, 1 + \min\{0, 1, 2, 4\}) = 0.$$

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Let  $E_m = \prod_{i \in \mathbf{N}} y_i^{m_i}$  and  $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N})$ . Let  $\varphi \in k[[t]]$  be a formal serie of support  $S$ .

## Property

$$\text{trop}(E_m)(S) = \text{Supp}(E_m(\varphi)).$$

**Remark**

If  $F \in k[[t]]\{y\}$ , in general

$$\text{trop}(F)(S) \neq \text{Supp}(F(\varphi)).$$

**Example**

If  $F = y_1 - y_0$ ,  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $\varphi = e^t$  then

$$\text{trop}(F)(S) = 0$$

but

$$\text{Supp}(F(\varphi)) = \text{Supp}(0) = \emptyset.$$

### Solution of a tropical equation

Let  $F = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}} a_m E_m \in k[[t]]\{y\}$  and  $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N})$ . We say that  $S$  is a solution of  $\text{trop}(F)$  if  $\text{trop}(F)(S) = \emptyset$  or if there exists  $m_1 \neq m_2 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$\text{trop}(F)(S) = \text{trop}(a_{m_1} E_{m_1})(S) = \text{trop}(a_{m_2} E_{m_2})(S).$$

To sum up :  $S$  is a solution if the min is obtained at least twice (or comes from at least two different monomials).

## Examples

1. If  $F = y_1 - y_0$ ,  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  then

$$\text{trop}(F)(S) = \min(0, 0) = 0$$

and  $S$  is a solution of  $F$ .

2. If  $F = y_3$  and  $S = \{0, 1\}$  then  $\text{trop}(F)(S) = \emptyset$  and  $S$  is a solution of  $F$ .

Let's denote  $\mathbb{T}$  the semi-ring  $(\mathbf{N}, \min, +)$ . And let's  $\varphi \in k[[t]]$  of support  $S$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 k[[t]]\{y\} & \xrightarrow{\text{trop}} & \mathbb{T}\{y\} \\
 \text{ev}_\varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev}_S \\
 k[[t]] & \xrightarrow{\text{min Supp}} & \mathbb{T}
 \end{array}$$

**Warning** : this diagram is, in general, **not** commutative

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Statement of the fundamental theorem

Let  $k$  be an uncountable field, algebraically closed and of characteristic zero. Let  $I$  be a differential ideal of  $k[[t]]\{y\}$ .

**Aroca, Garay-López, Toghani**

The fundamental theorem of tropical differential algebraic geometry is the following statement:

$$\text{Supp}(\text{Sol}(I)) = \text{Sol}(\text{trop}(I))$$

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Let  $\varphi \in \text{Sol}(I)$  and  $F \in I$  with  $F = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}} a_m E_m$ . Let's consider  $a_{m_1} E_{m_1}$  such that

$$\min(\text{Supp}(a_{m_1} E_{m_1}(\varphi))) = \min_{m \in \mathbf{N}}(\min(\text{Supp}(a_m E_m(\varphi)))).$$

Since  $F(\varphi) = 0$  there exists  $m_2 \neq m_1 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$\min(\text{Supp}(a_{m_1} E_{m_1}(\varphi))) = \min(\text{Supp}(a_{m_2} E_{m_2}(\varphi)))$$

Other direction #1:

- Thanks to the Taylor's formula, it can proven that finding a solution of  $I$  is the same as finding a solution of a certain  $J_I$  ideal of  $k[y_0, y_1, \dots]$  in  $k^{\mathbb{N}}$ .
- Let  $S$  be a support. Consider

$$V_{S,m} = \{(x_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m} \in k^m \mid x_i = 0 \text{ if and only if } i \notin S\}.$$

Then  $\text{Sol}(J_I) \cap V_{S,\infty}$  are in bijection with the solutions of  $I$  of support  $S$ .

Other direction #2:

- If  $\text{Sol}(J_I) \cap V_{S,\infty}$  is empty, then there exists some integer  $m$  and ideal  $J_{I,m}$  of  $k[y_0, \dots, y_m]$  such that  $\text{Sol}(J_{I,m}) \cap V_{S,m}$  is empty.

- Assume that there exists no solution of  $I$  of support  $S$ .

Thanks to some arguments (the Nullstellensatz for example) it's possible to construct an element  $F \in I$  such that  $S$  is not a solution of  $\text{trop}(F)$ .

# Partial fundamental theorem

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The goal is to generalize the fundamental theorem to PDE.

**Difficulty** : The major difficulty of this generalization was to find adequate definitions for notions of **tropicalization** of a partial differential polynomial and **evaluation** of these tropicalizations.

As we have seen before the tropicalization of a certain  $F = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}} a_m E_m \in k[[t]]\{y\}$  consists of

$$\text{trop}(F) = \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}} \min(\text{Supp}(a_m)) E_m.$$

If  $a \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]$  is a formal series in  $m$  variables then  $\text{Supp}(a) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m)$ . In  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m)$  the notion of **min** can be generalized in different ways.

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### Example

Si  $\gamma = t_1^3 t_2^2 + t_1^4 + t_2^2$  alors  $\text{Supp}(\gamma) = \{(3, 2), (4, 0), (0, 2)\}$

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As before the goal is to understand  $\text{Supp}(\text{Sol}(I))$  where  $I$  is a differential ideal of  $k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ .

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Tropicalization

In order to tropicalization a differential polynomial, we have to define the tropicalization of a formal serie. Let

$\gamma \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]$ , we define

$$\text{trop}(\gamma) = \text{Vert}(\text{Supp}(\gamma)).$$

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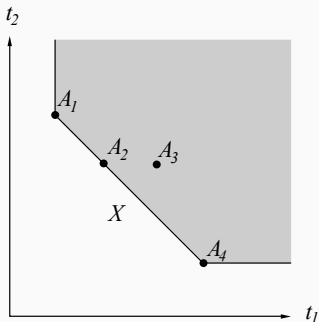
$\gamma \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]$ , we define

$$\text{trop}(\gamma) = \text{Vert}(\text{Supp}(\gamma)).$$

With  $\text{Vert}(S)$  the **vertex** of the Newton polytope associated with  $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m)$ .

## Example

Examples in  $\mathbb{N}^2$  of the notion of Vert.



Newton polytope of  $X =$   
Convex hull of  $X + \mathbb{N}^m$

Si  $X = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$  alors  
 $\text{Vert}(S) = \{A_1, A_4\}$  .

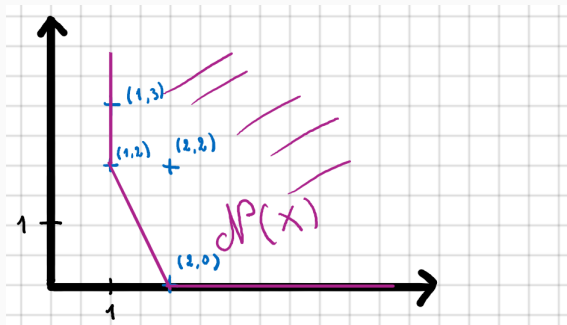
- If  $m = 1$  then  $\text{Vert}(S) = \min(S)$  for  $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ .

## Tropicalization

**Example**

If  $\gamma = t_1 t_2^2 + t_1^2 + t_1 t_2^3 + t_1^2 t_2^2$  then

$$\text{trop}(\gamma) = \text{Vert}\{(1, 2) \cup (2, 0) \cup (1, 3) \cup (2, 2)\} = \{(1, 2) \cup (2, 0)\}$$



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Tropicalization

## Tropicalization of differentials polynomials

Let  $F \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]\{y\}$ . If  $F = \sum_M a_M E_M$  with  $a_M \in k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]]$  and  $E_M$  a monomial in  $y$  and its derivative.

Then

$$\text{trop}(F) = \sum_M \text{trop}(a_M) E_M.$$

With  $\text{trop}(a_M) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m)$ .

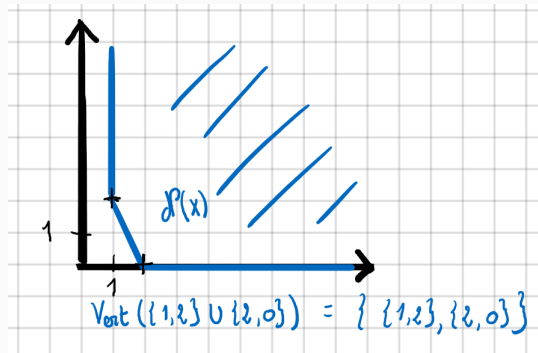
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## Example

If  $f = (t_1 t_2^2 + t_1^2) \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t_1^2} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t_2} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2}$  then

$\text{trop}(t_1 t_2^2 + t_1^2) = \text{Vert}\{(1, 2) \cup (2, 0)\}$  et

$\text{trop}(f) = \{(1, 2), (2, 0)\} \cdot y_{2,0} y_{0,1} + \{(0, 0)\} \cdot y_{1,1}$ .





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The operations are in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m), \text{Vert}, +)$ .

Let  $J \in \mathbf{N}^m$ , we define  $y_J(S) = (S - J)_+$ . If  $E_M = \prod_J y_J^{m_J}$ , then

$$E_M(S) = \sum_J m_J \cdot y_J(S)$$

where  $\sum$  is the Minkowski sum of sets.

## Examples

1. If  $S = \{(1, 0), (2, 1)\}$  then

$$y_{(1,1)}^2(S) = 2 \cdot (\{(0, -1), (1, 0)\})_+ = \{(2, 0)\}.$$

2. If  $S = \{(0, 0)\}$  then  $y_{1,0}(S) = (\{(-1, 0)\})_+ = \emptyset$ .

Let  $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m)$  et  $P = \sum_M a_M E_M \in R_{m,n}$ .

## Evaluation

$$\text{trop}(P)(S) = \text{Vert} \left( \bigcup_M (\text{trop}(a_M) + E_M(S)) \right)$$

## Example

If  $S = \{(2, 0), (0, 2)\}$  then

$$(y_{1,0} + 2y_{0,1})(S) = \text{Vert}(y_{1,0}(S) \cup y_{0,1}(S)) =$$

$$\text{Vert}((S - (1, 0))_+ \cup (S - (0, 1))_+) = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$$

**Solutions**

Let  $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{N}^m)$  et  $P = \sum_M a_M E_M \in R_{m,n}$ . We have

$$\text{trop}(P)(S) = \text{Vert} \left( \bigcup_M (\text{trop}(a_M) + E_M(S)) \right)$$

We say that  $S$  is a **solution** of  $\text{trop}(P)$  if, for every  $A \in \text{trop}(P)(S)$ , there exists  $M_1$  et  $M_2$  such that

$$A \in \text{trop}(a_{M_1} E_{M_1})(S)$$

and

$$A \in \text{trop}(a_{M_2} E_{M_2})(S)$$

**Exemple**

If  $f = t_1 \frac{\partial y}{\partial t_1} + t_2 \frac{\partial y}{\partial t_2}$  et  $S = \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$ .

A formal serie of the form  $\gamma = \beta + \alpha t_1 t_2$  has  $S$  as support.

Then

$$\text{trop}(f) = (1, 0) \cdot y_{1,0} + (0, 1) \cdot y_{0,1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trop}(f)(S) &= \text{Vert} \{(1, 0) + (S - (1, 0))_+ \cup (0, 1) + (S - (0, 1))_+\} \\ &= \text{Vert} \{(1, 0) + (0, 1) \cup (0, 1) + (1, 0)\} \\ &= \text{Vert} \{(1, 1) \cup (1, 1)\} \\ &= \{(1, 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

## Partial fundamental theorem

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Let  $k$  be an uncountable field, algebraically closed and of characteristic zero. Let  $I$  be a differential ideal of  $k[[t_1, \dots, t_m]][y_1, \dots, y_n]$ . Then

$$\text{Supp}(\text{Sol}(I)) = \text{Sol}(\text{trop}(I)).$$

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