

Tropical Severi Varieties and Applications

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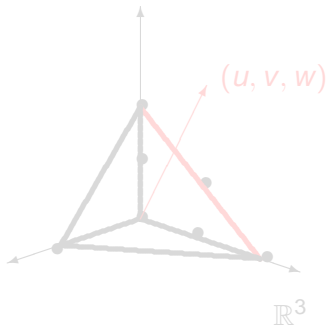
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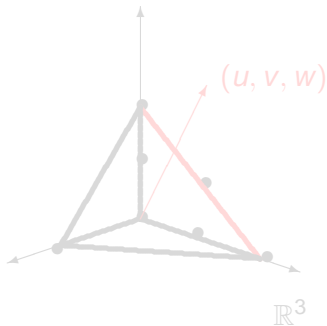
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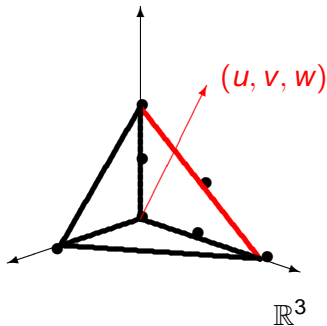
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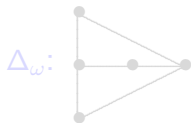
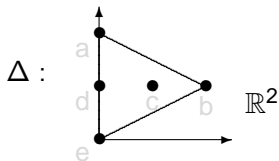
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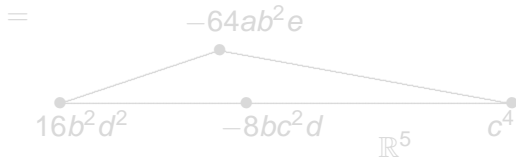
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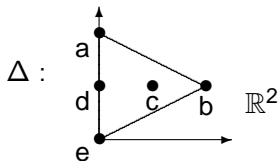
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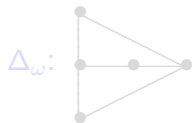
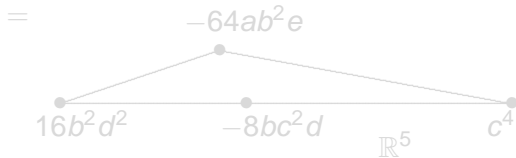


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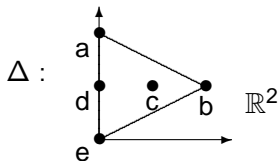
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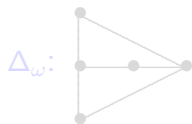
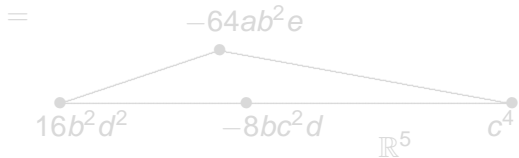


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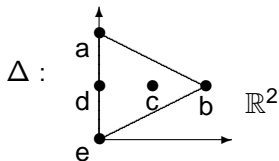
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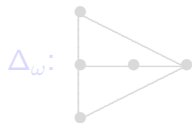
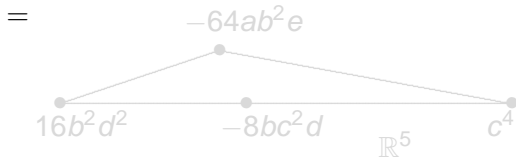


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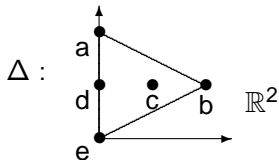
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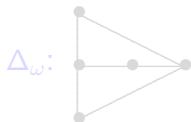
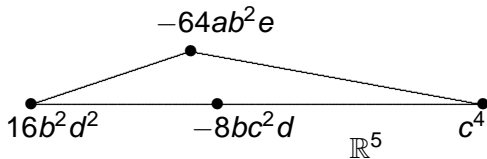
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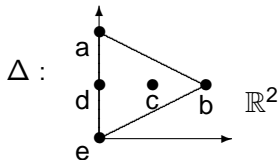
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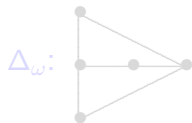
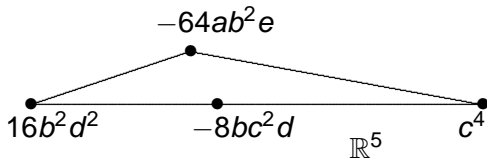
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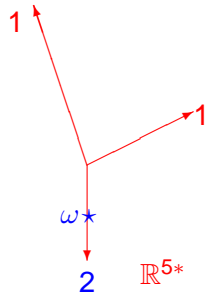
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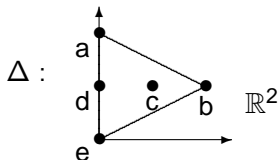


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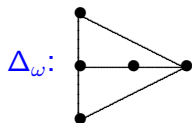
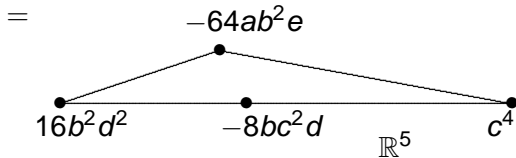


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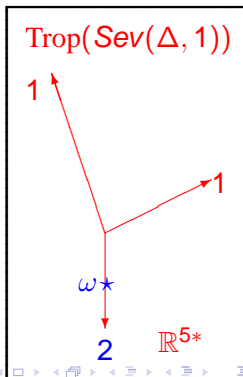
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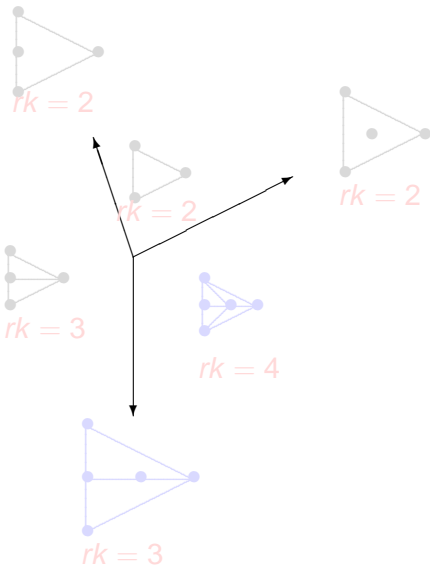


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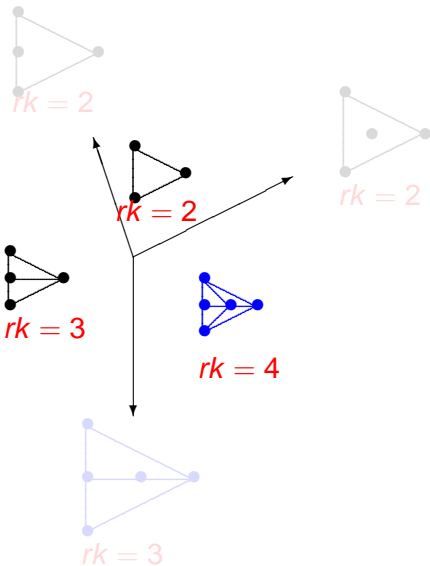
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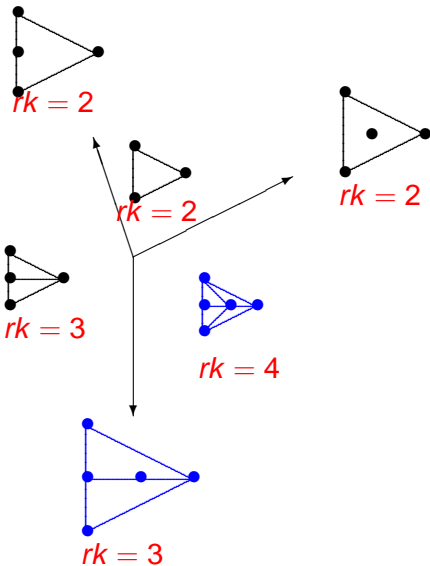
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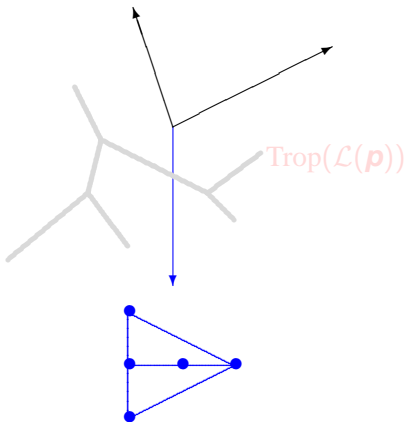


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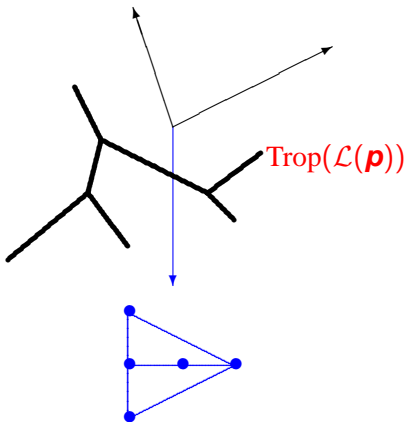


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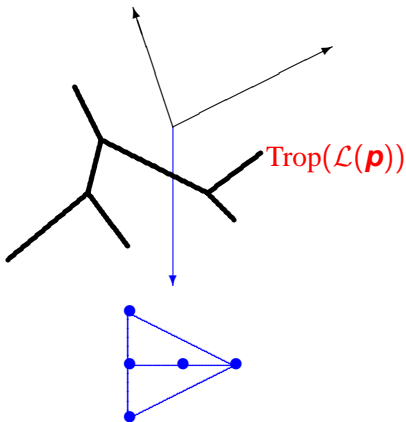
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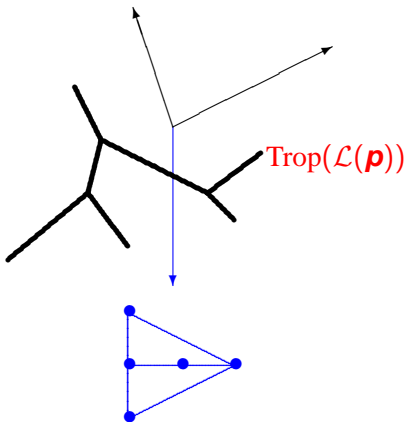


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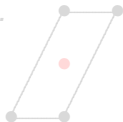
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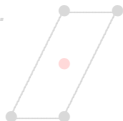


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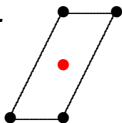


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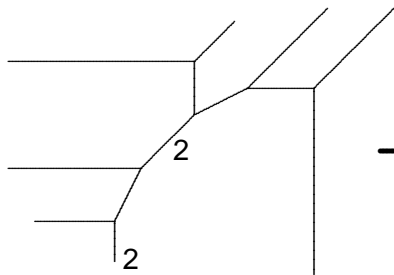


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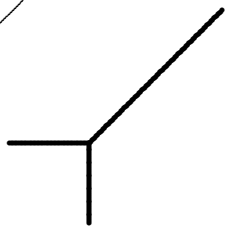
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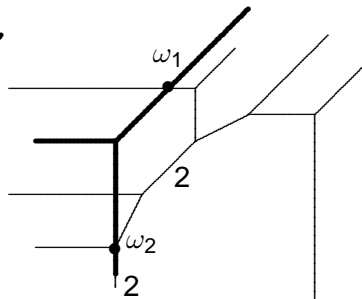
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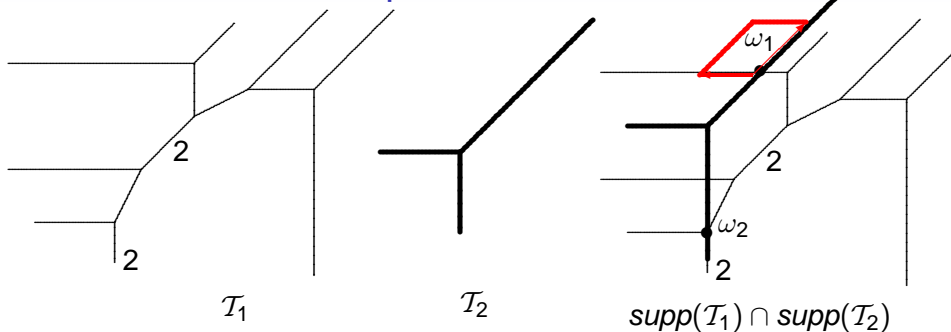


\mathcal{T}_2



$\text{supp}(\mathcal{T}_1) \cap \text{supp}(\mathcal{T}_2)$

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The **tropical intersection multiplicity** of \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 at ω is

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Algebraic Geometry	Tropical Geometry
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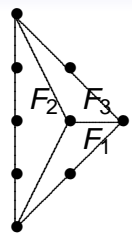
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$\mathbb{V}_{\mathcal{S}(\Delta), \omega, \text{nodal}}$ is a translation of a closed subgroup $\mathbb{G}_{\mathcal{S}(\Delta), \omega, \text{nodal}}$ of an algebraic torus.

$$M_{\partial S(\Delta)} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \xi_3 & \xi_4 & \xi_5 & \xi_6 \\ F_1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ F_2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ F_3 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{\partial\Delta, \mathbb{P}^1} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & \alpha_3 & \beta_3 \\ s_{12} & 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ s_{13} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ s_{23} & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$



The Smith Normal Forms of $M_{\partial S(\Delta)}$ and $M_{\partial S(\Delta), \mathbb{P}^1}$ coincide to each other as :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus $\mathbb{V}_{S(\Delta)}$ is a union of two translations of 3-dimensional subtorus of \mathbb{T}_Δ .