

Recall:

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$$* \quad r(D) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } D \text{ unwinnable} \\ \max \{ k : \underbrace{D-E}_{|D-E| \neq \emptyset} \text{ winnable} \mid \forall E \in \text{Div}_{\geq 0}^k(G) \} \end{cases}$$

$|D| = \emptyset$

$$* \quad D \text{ max'l unwinnable} \iff D \sim c - q \text{ w/ } c \text{ max'l superstable}$$
$$\iff D = \mathbb{D}(\mathcal{O}) \text{ for some acyclic orientation } \mathcal{O} \text{ with unique source}$$

* If $\mathcal{O}$ is any acyclic orientation, the $\mathbb{D}(\mathcal{O})$ is max'l unwinnable.

$$* \quad \text{Canonical divisor: } K := \mathbb{D}(\mathcal{O}) + \mathbb{D}(\mathcal{O}^{\text{rev}}) = \sum_{v \in V} (\deg_G(v) - 2)v$$

$$\deg K = 2g - 2$$

Theorem (Riemann-Roch theorem for graphs; Baker + Norine, 2007)

$$r(D) - r(K-D) = \deg D + 1 - g$$

Pf/ As in book.

Cor. N max'l unwinnable iff $K-N$ maximal unwinnable.

Pf/ As in book, $\square$

Exercise. $r(K) = g-1$.

Cor. (Clifford's theorem.) Suppose $r(D) \geq 0$ and $r(K-D) \geq 0$. Then

$$r(D) \leq \frac{1}{2} \deg D$$

Pf/ As in book: $r(D) + r(K-D) \leq r(K) = g-1$ + RR. $\square$

Cor. (1) $\deg D < 0 \Rightarrow r(D) = -1$

(2) $0 \leq \deg D \leq 2g-2 \Rightarrow r(D) \leq \frac{1}{2} \deg D$

(3) $\deg D > 2g-2 \Rightarrow r(D) = \deg D - g.$

Pf / As in book. $\square$

Extra time: talk about tropical curves & 2-d grid sandpile paper that was posted on the arXiv yesterday.