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THREE ANGLES ON TROPICAL GEOMETRY

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ABSTRACT:

The field of tropical geometry is relatively young and developed in several areas of mathematics and computer science independently. I begin with a classical source of tropical geometry: Newton's work on "sketching" polynomials. This motivates two different, but related viewpoints that are useful to describe limits of geometric objects, and to compute and enumerate algebraic sets. I also describe how Thurston's compactification of Teichmüller space fits into this framework and provides a blueprint for other applications.

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