



Plane curves and the symmetry of values

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Parametrization

Let $C = C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_p \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ be a plane curve germ defined by a reduced equation $f(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}\{x, y\}$, with parametrization $(\varphi_1(t_1), \dots, \varphi_p(t_p))$ and ring $\mathcal{O}_C = \mathbb{C}\{x, y\}/(f(x, y))$.

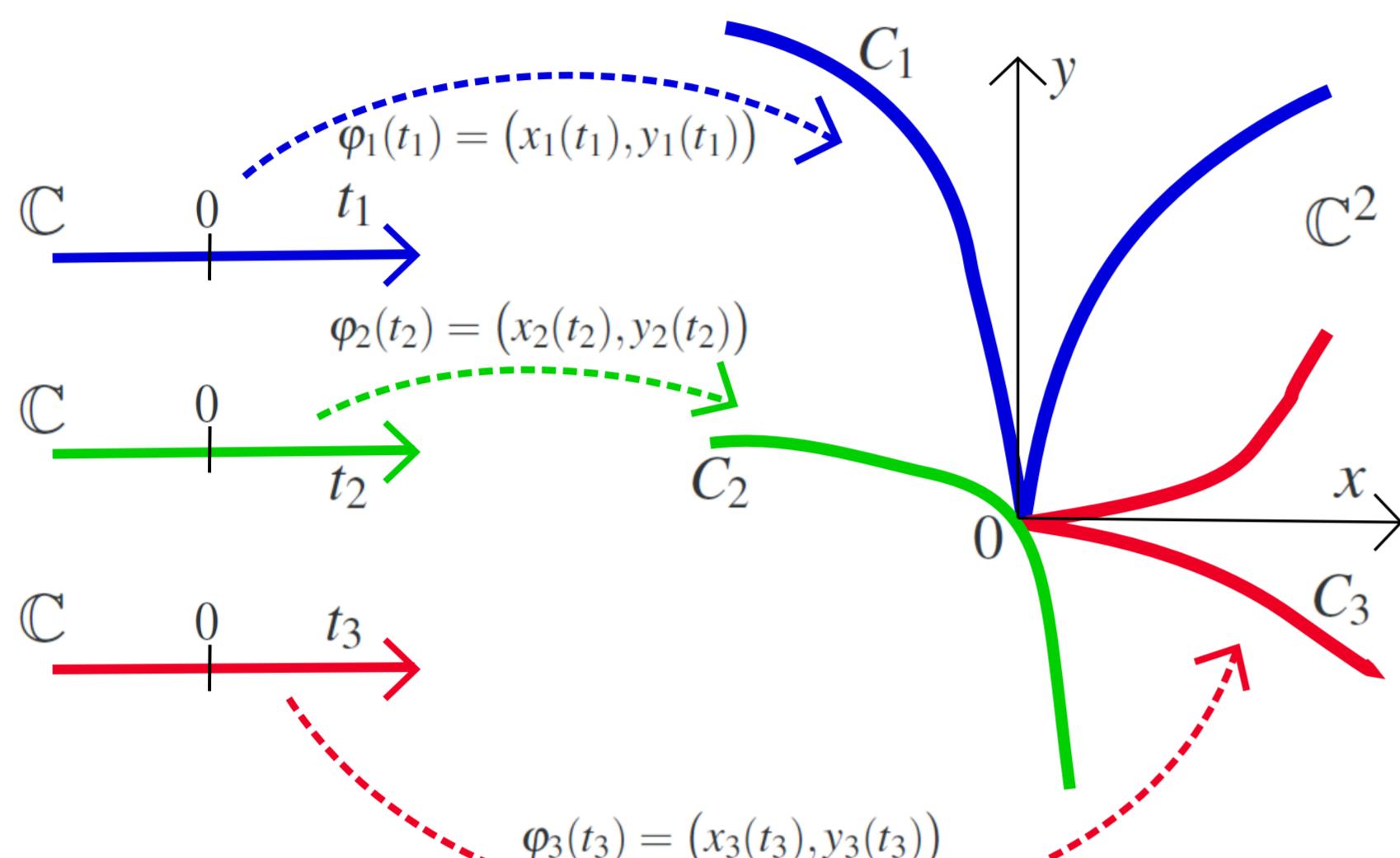


Figure : Parametrization of a reducible plane curve

Initial statement

Definition : Value and conductor

• Let $g \in \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_C)$ be a fraction. We define :

$$\text{val}_i(g) = \text{lowest power of } t_i \text{ in } g(\varphi_i(t_i))$$

$$\text{val}(g) = (\text{val}_1(g), \dots, \text{val}_p(g)) \in \mathbb{Z}^p$$

• The conductor is the lowest $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}^p$ such that

$$\gamma + \mathbb{N}^p \subseteq \text{val}(\mathcal{O}_C)$$

Definition : Dual of an ideal $I \subseteq \mathcal{O}_C$

The dual of I is : $I^\vee := \{m \in \text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_C) ; mI \subseteq \mathcal{O}_C\}$.

PROPOSITION : If C is irreducible ($p = 1$),

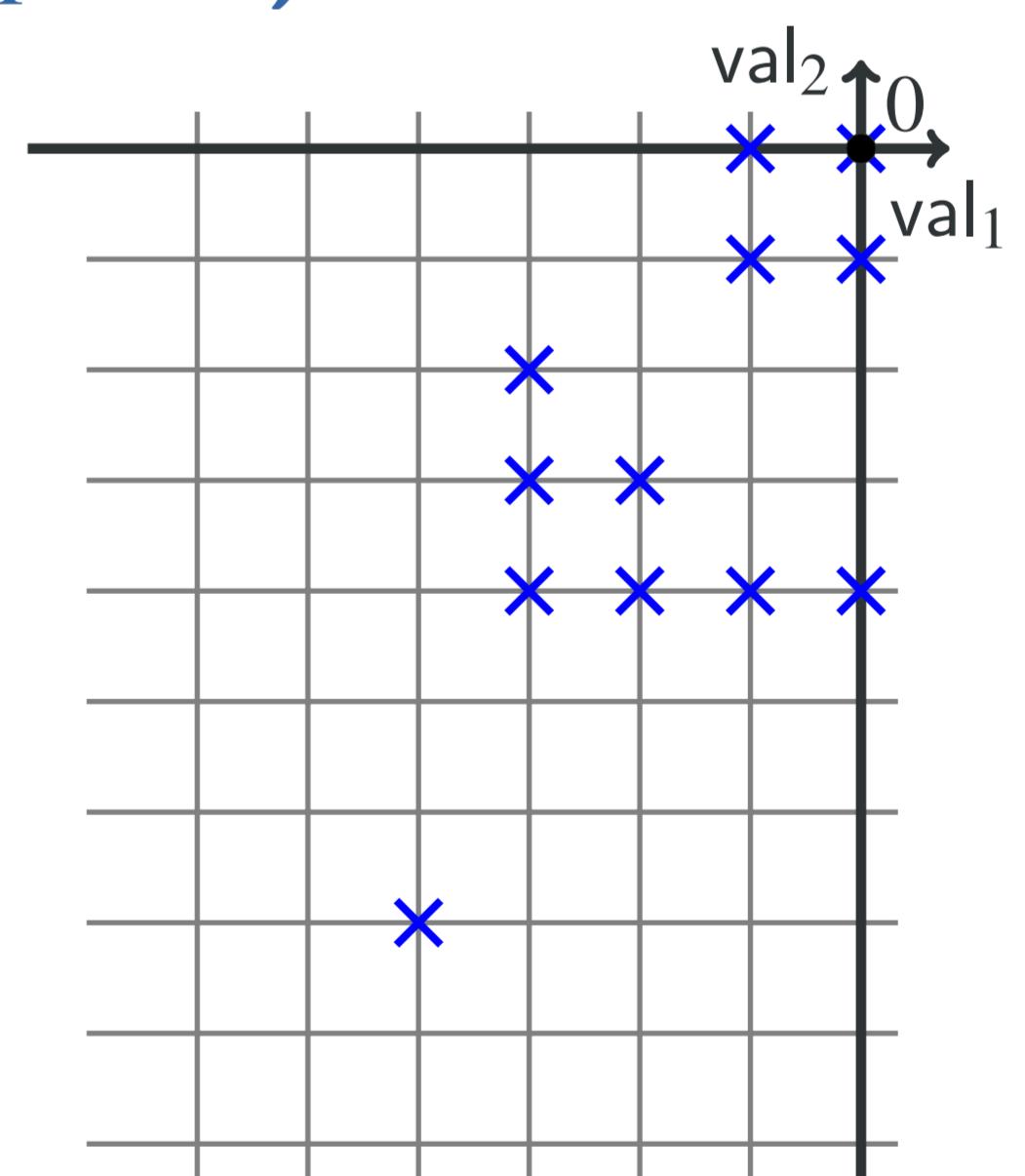
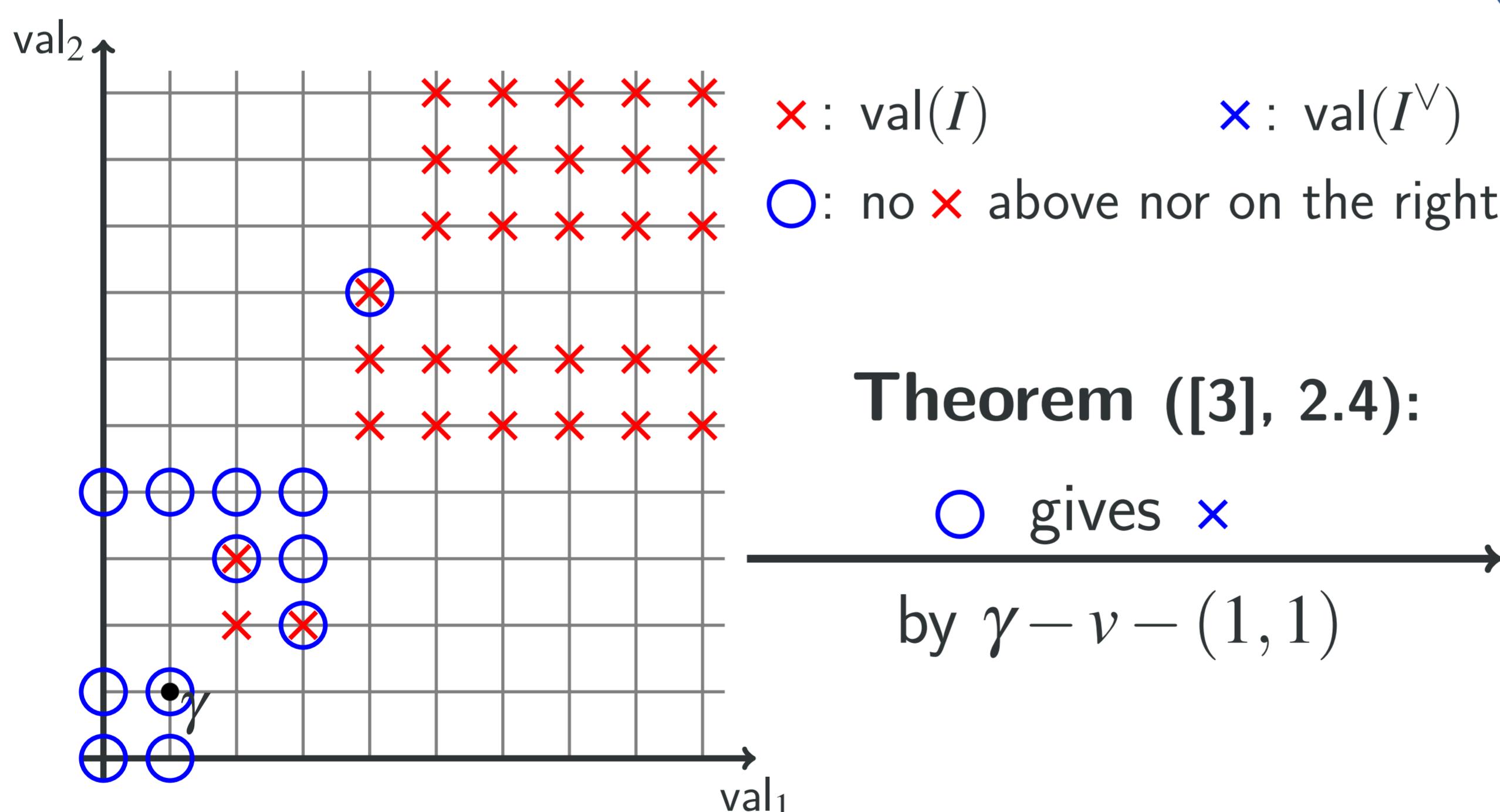
$$v \in \text{val}(\mathcal{O}_C) \iff \gamma - v - 1 \notin \text{val}(\mathcal{O}_C)$$



Question

Is there an analogous relation between the values of an ideal and the values of its dual ?

The statement for two branches ($p = 2$)



Conclusion and perspectives

- In fact, there is a symmetry property for all $p \geq 1$. The proof is based on a computation of dimensions from the values.
- This result is useful to study the behaviour of the Jacobian ideal and its dual, the logarithmic residues in deformations of curves.
- It implies also an interesting relation between logarithmic residues and the problem of analytic classification of plane curves.

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