

# Resolution and logarithmic resolution by weighted blowing up

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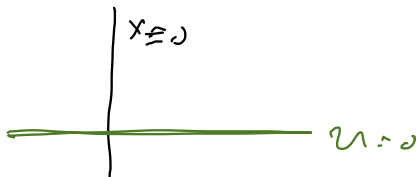
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- This is done by a sequence of logarithmic modifications,
- where in each step  $E$  becomes part of the divisor  $D_{Y'}$ .

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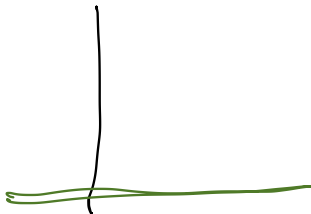
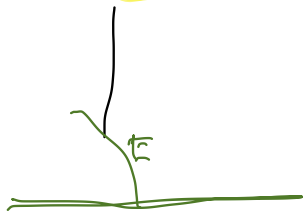


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- Blow up  $J_0 = (x, \sqrt{v})$
- Whatever  $J_0$  is, the blowup is a stack.

## Example 1/2: charts

$$(x, \sqrt{v})$$

- **x chart:**  $v = v'x^2$ :

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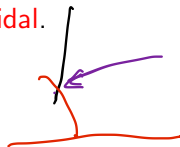
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- **$\sqrt{v}$  chart:**  $v = w^2$ ,  $x = x'w$ , with  $\pm 1$  action  $(x', w) \mapsto (-x', -w)$ :

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- The schematic quotient of the above is **not toroidal**.



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We read it from the degrees of terms.

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## Proposition

*The order is upper semicontinuous.*

## Proof.

$$V(\mathcal{D}^{a-1}\mathcal{I}) = \{p : \text{ord}_p(\mathcal{I}) \geq a\}.$$



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(or  $\alpha x + \text{h.o.t.}$  in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{I})$ ).

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$$C(\mathcal{I}, a_1) := \sum f(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{DI}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{a_1-1}\mathcal{I}),$$

where  $f$  runs over monomials  $f = t_0^{b_0} \cdots t_{a_1-1}^{b_{a_1-1}}$  with weights

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Write  $(a_1, \dots, a_k) = \ell(1/w_1, \dots, 1/w_k)$  with  $w_i, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\gcd(w_1, \dots, w_k) = 1$ . We set

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Given maximal contacts  $x_1, x'_1$  there are étale  $\pi, \pi' : \tilde{Y} \rightrightarrows Y$  such that  $\pi^* x_1 = \pi'^* x'_1 \dots$  and  $\pi^* C(\mathcal{I}, a_1) = \pi'^* C(\mathcal{I}, a_1)$ .

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- **Toric stack:** Consider  $\mathrm{Spec} k[x_1, \dots, x_n, T]$  with  $\mathbb{G}_m$  action with weights  $(w_1, \dots, w_n, -1)$ . Let  $U$  be the open set where one of the  $x_i$  is a unit. Then  $Y' = [U/\mathbb{G}_m]$ .  
It is an example of a *fantastack* [Geraschenko-Satriano], the stack quotient of a Cox construction.

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A center is in particular a valuative  $\mathbb{Q}$ -ideal. It is also an **idealistic exponent** or **graded sequence of ideals**.

$$v((x, y)^2)_v = v(x^2, y^2)_v$$

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Thank you for your attention