1067-14-1003 Alan Stapledon* (astapldn@math.ubc.ca), The University of British Columbia, Room 121, 1984 Mathematics Road, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2, Canada. The tropical motivic nearby fiber.
We construct motivic invariants of a subvariety of an algebraic torus from its tropicalization and initial degenerations. More specifically, we introduce an invariant of a compactification of such a variety called the 'tropical motivic nearby fiber'. Under suitable conditions, this invariant specializes to the Hodge-Deligne polynomial of the limit mixed Hodge structure of a corresponding degeneration. We deduce a formula for the Euler characteristic of a general fiber of the degeneration. This is joint work with Eric Katz. (Received September 17, 2010)