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Effective Divisor Classes on Graphs

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Graphs can be viewed as (non-Archimedean or tropical) analogues of Riemann surfaces. For example, there are well-behaved (and useful) notions of divisors, Riemann-Roch, and Abel-Jacobi theory on graphs. I introduce the notion of semibreak divisors, which provide nice representatives for effective divisor classes on graphs. I then discuss a few applications about the generic behavior of effective divisor classes, analogous to some classical results on Riemann surfaces. Proofs in this tropical setting are more subtle.

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