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Let K be an algebraically closed non-Archimedean field with a nontrivial valuation $K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The main example is the field of Puiseux series with complex coefficients. Consider two algebraic curves X and Y in the algebraic torus $(K^*)^2$. Assume that X and Y intersect in only finitely many points. The coordinatewise valuation map applied to the intersection points (with multiplicity) yields a divisor D inside the intersection $\text{Trop}(X) \cap \text{Trop}(Y)$ of the tropicalizations of the two curves.

The main result of the paper under review is that D is linearly equivalent on $\text{Trop}(X)$ to the stable intersection divisor E of $\text{Trop}(X)$ and $\text{Trop}(Y)$. I.e., $D - E$ is the divisor associated to a suitable tropical rational function on $\text{Trop}(X)$. Two proofs are given, one based on tropical modifications and one on Berkovich analytic spaces, although the latter proof requires an additional assumption on X .

The author conjectures that his result is the only restriction on D (in a suitable sense). Detailed examples are given as evidence supporting this conjecture.

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