1088-14-110 **Melody Chan*** (mtchan@math.harvard.edu). *Combinatorics of the tropical moduli space of curves.*

A tropical curve is a metric graph marked with integer vertex weights obtained as a metrized dual graph of a semistable model of a curve over a valued field. We will review the construction tropical moduli space $M_{g,n}^{trop}$ of genus g tropical curves with n marked points and report on some combinatorial properties of these spaces. (Received February 05, 2013)