
Birational Geometry



“要知道你为什么出枪，你的心里有闷烧的火，那是大地上燃烧的煤矿，它的火焰终有一天烧破地面去点燃天空。你会吼叫，因为你若是不吐出那火焰，它会烧穿你的胸膛，它像是愤怒，又像是高亢的歌，龙虎的吼声让时间停止。”

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1 Kodaira Vanishing Theorem

1.1 Preliminary

Theorem 1.1 (Serre Duality). Let X be a Cohen-Macaulay projective variety of dimension n over k and D a divisor on X . Then there is an isomorphism

$$H^i(X, D) \cong H^{n-i}(X, K_X - D)^\vee, \quad \forall i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Theorem 1.2 (Log Resolution of Singularities). Let X be an irreducible reduced algebraic variety over \mathbb{C} (or a suitably small neighborhood of a compact set of an irreducible reduced analytic space) and $I \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ a coherent sheaf of ideals defining a closed subscheme (or subspace) Z . Then there is a smooth variety (or analytic space) Y and a projective morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ such that

- (a) f is an isomorphism over $X - (\text{Sing}(X) \cup \text{Supp } Z)$,
- (b) $f^*I \subset \mathcal{O}_Y$ is an invertible sheaf $\mathcal{O}_Y(-D)$ and
- (c) $\text{Exc}(f) \cup D$ is an snc divisor.

Theorem 1.3 (Lefschetz Hyperplane Theorem). Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over \mathbb{C} and Y a hyperplane section of X . Then the restriction map

$$H^k(X, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^k(Y, \mathbb{C})$$

is an isomorphism for $k < n - 1$ and an injection for $k = n - 1$.

Theorem 1.4 (Hodge Decomposition). Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over \mathbb{C} . Then for any k , there is a functorial decomposition

$$H^k(X, \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{p+q=k} H^p(X, \Omega_X^q).$$

Combine Theorem 1.3 and Theorem 1.4, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 1.5. Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over \mathbb{C} and Y a hyperplane section of X . Then the restriction map $r_k : H^k(X, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^k(Y, \mathbb{C})$ decomposes as

$$r_k = \bigoplus_{p+q=k} r_{p,q}, \quad r_{p,q} : H^p(X, \Omega_X^q) \rightarrow H^p(Y, \Omega_Y^q).$$

And $r_{p,q}$ is an isomorphism for $p + q < n - 1$ and an injection for $p + q = n - 1$. In particular,

$$H^p(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^p(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$$

is an isomorphism for $p < n - 1$ and an injection for $p = n - 1$.

Theorem 1.6 (Leray spectral sequence). Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a morphism of varieties and \mathcal{F} a coherent sheaf on Y . Then there is a spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(X, R^q f_* \mathcal{F}) \implies H^{p+q}(Y, \mathcal{F}).$$

1.2 Kodaira Vanishing Theorem

Lemma 1.7. Let X be a smooth projective variety over k and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on X . Suppose there is an integer m and a smooth divisor $D \in H^0(X, \mathcal{L}^m)$. Then there exists a finite surjective morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of smooth projective varieties such that $D' := f^{-1}(D)$ is smooth and satisfies that $bD' = af^*D$.

Proof. Let $s \in \mathcal{L}^m$ be the section defining D . It induces a homomorphism $\mathcal{L}^{-m} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$. Consider the \mathcal{O}_X -algebra

$$\mathcal{A} := \left(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}^{-i} \right) / (\mathcal{L}^{-m} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X) \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{L}^{-i}.$$

Then \mathcal{A} is a finite \mathcal{O}_X -algebra. Let $Y := \text{Spec}_X \mathcal{A}$. Then Y is a finite \mathcal{O}_X -scheme and the natural morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is finite and surjective.

For every $x \in X$, let \mathcal{L} locally generated by t near x . Then \mathcal{O}_Y locally equal to $\mathcal{O}_X[t]/(t^m - s)$. Let D' be the divisor locally given by $t = 0$ on Y . Since X and D are smooth, then Y is a smooth variety and D' is smooth. Since f is finite, it is proper. Then Y is proper and hence Y is projective. \square

Remark 1.8. Let D_i be reduced effective divisors on X such that $D + \sum_{i=1}^k D_i$ is snc. Set $D'_i = f^*(D_i)$. Then $D' + \sum_{i=1}^k D'_i$ is snc on Y by considering the local regular system of parameters.

Lemma 1.9. Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite surjective morphism of projective varieties and \mathcal{L} a line bundle on X . Suppose that X is normal. Then for any $i \geq 0$, $H^i(X, \mathcal{L})$ is a direct summand of $H^i(Y, f^*\mathcal{L})$.

Proof. Since f is finite, we have $H^i(Y, f^*\mathcal{L}) \cong H^i(X, f_*\mathcal{O}_Y \otimes \mathcal{L})$. Since X are normal, the inclusion $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_Y$ splits by the trace map $(1/n) \text{Tr}_{Y/X}$. Thus we have $f_*\mathcal{O}_Y \cong \mathcal{O}_X \oplus \mathcal{F}$ and hence

$$H^i(X, f_*\mathcal{O}_Y \otimes \mathcal{L}) \cong H^i(X, \mathcal{L}) \oplus H^i(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}).$$

Then the conclusion follows. \square

Theorem 1.10 (Kodaira Vanishing Theorem). Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over k of characteristic 0 and A an ample divisor on X . Then

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-A)) = 0, \quad \forall i < n.$$

Equivalently, we have

$$H^i(X, K_X + A) = 0, \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Proof. By Lemma 1.7 and 1.9, after taking a multiple of A , we can assume that A is effective. Then we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-A) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_A \rightarrow 0.$$

Taking the long exact sequence of cohomology, we have

$$H^{i-1}(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^{i-1}(X, \mathcal{O}_A) \rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-A)) \rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_A).$$

Then the conclusion follows from Lemma 1.5 and Serre duality (Theorem 1.1). \square

1.3 Kawamata-Viehweg Vanishing Theorem

Lemma 1.11. Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over k of characteristic 0, A an ample divisor and E an snc divisor on X . Then

$$H^i(X, K_X + A + E) = 0, \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Proof. Let $E = \sum_{i=1}^k E_i$. We induct on k . Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-A - \sum_{i=1}^k E_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-A - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} E_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{E_k}(-A - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} E_i) \rightarrow 0.$$

Yang: To be completed. \square

Theorem 1.12 (Kawamata-Viehweg Vanishing Theorem I). Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over k of characteristic 0 and D a nef and big \mathbb{R} -divisor on X . Then

$$H^i(X, K_X + D) = 0, \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Proof. Yang: To be completed. □

Lemma 1.13. Let X be a projective variety, \mathcal{L} a line bundle on X and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Then there exists a finite surjective morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ and a line bundle \mathcal{L}' on Y such that $f^*\mathcal{L} \sim \mathcal{L}'^m$. If X is smooth, then we can take Y to be smooth. Moreover, if $D = \sum D_i$ is an snc divisor on X , then we can take f such that f^*D is an snc divisor on Y .

Proof. We can assume that \mathcal{L} is very ample by writing it as a difference of two very ample line bundles. Consider the fiber product $Y := \mathbb{P}^N \times_{\mathbb{P}^N} X$ as the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathbb{P}^N \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}} & \mathbb{P}^N \end{array}$$

where $g : [x_0 : \dots : x_N] \mapsto [x_0^m : \dots : x_N^m]$. The morphism f is finite and surjective since so is g . Let $\mathcal{L}' := \psi^*\mathcal{L}\mathcal{O}(1)$.

For smoothness, we can compose g with a general automorphism of \mathbb{P}^N . Then the conclusion follows from [Har77, Chapter III, Theorem 10.8]. □

Theorem 1.14 (Kawamata-Viehweg Vanishing Theorem II). Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n over k of characteristic 0 and D a nef and big \mathbb{Q} -divisor on X . Suppose that $\lceil D \rceil - D$ has snc support. Then

$$H^i(X, K_X + \lceil D \rceil) = 0, \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Proof. Set $M := \lceil D \rceil$. Let

$$B := \sum_{i=1}^k b_i B_i := \lceil D \rceil - D = M - A, \quad b_i \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}.$$

We do not require that B_i are irreducible but we require that B_i are smooth.

We induct on k . When $k = 0$, the conclusion follows from Theorem 1.12. Let $b_k = a/c$ with lowest terms. Then $a < c$. By Lemma 1.13 and 1.9, we can assume that $(1/c)B_k$ is a Cartier divisor (not necessarily effective). Applying Lemma 1.7 on B_k , we can find a finite surjective morphism $f : X' \rightarrow X$ such that $f^*B_k = cB'_k$, $B'_i = f^*B_i$ for $i < k$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k B'_i$ is an snc divisor on X' . Let $B' = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} B'_i$, $A' = f^*A$ and $M' = f^*M$. Then $A' + B' = M' - aB'_k$ is Cartier. Hence by induction hypothesis, $H^i(X', -A' - B')$ vanishes for $i > 0$. On the other hand, we have

$$\mathcal{O}_{X'}(-M' + aB'_k) \cong \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} f^*\mathcal{O}_X(-M + (a-i)B_k).$$

Hence $H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-M))$ is a direct summand of $H^i(X', \mathcal{O}_{X'}(-M' + aB'_k))$ by Lemma 1.9. □

Lemma 1.15 (ref. [KM98, Theorem 5.10, 5.22]). Let (X, B) be a klt pair over k of characteristic 0. Then X has rational singularities and is Cohen-Macaulay.

Theorem 1.16 (Kawamata-Viehweg Vanishing Theorem III). Let (X, B) be a klt pair over k of characteristic 0. Let D be a nef \mathbb{R} -divisor on X such that $D + K_{(X,B)}$ is a Cartier divisor. Then

$$H^i(X, K_{(X,B)} + D) = 0, \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Proof. Let $f : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a resolution such that $\text{Supp } f^*B \cup \text{Exc } f$ is snc. We can write

$$f^*(K_{(X,B)} + D) + E = K_{(\tilde{X}, \tilde{B})} + f^*D,$$

where $\tilde{B} \in (0, 1)$ has snc support and E is an effective exceptional divisor.

Claim 1.17. The higher direct image sheaves $R^i f_*(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}(f^*(K_{(X,B)} + D)) + E)$ vanish for $i > 0$ and $f_*(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}(f^*(K_{(X,B)} + D) + E)) \cong \mathcal{O}_X(K_{(X,B)} + D)$.

By the Claim, we have

$$H^i(\tilde{X}, K_{(\tilde{X}, \tilde{B})} + f^*D) = H^i(X, K_{(X,B)} + D),$$

and the left hand vanishes by Theorem 1.14. □

Proof of Claim 1.17. Let $\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}(f^*(K_{(X,B)} + D) + E)$. **Yang: To be completed.** □

2 Cone Theorem

2.1 Preliminary

Theorem 2.1 (Iitaka fibration, semiample case, ref. [Laz04, Theorem 2.1.27]). Let X be a projective variety and \mathcal{L} an semiample line bundle on X . Then there exists a fibration $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$ of projective varieties such that for any $m \gg 0$ with \mathcal{L}^m base point free, we have that the morphism $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}^m}$ induced by \mathcal{L}^m is isomorphic to φ . Such a fibration is called the *Iitaka fibration* associated to \mathcal{L} .

Theorem 2.2 (Rigidity Lemma, ref. [Deb01, Lemma 1.15]). Let $\pi_i : X \rightarrow Y_i$ be proper morphisms of varieties over a field k for $i = 1, 2$. Suppose that π_1 is a fibration and π_2 contracts $\pi_1^{-1}(y_0)$. Then there exists a rational map $\varphi : Y_1 \dashrightarrow Y_2$ such that $\pi_2 \circ \varphi = \pi_1$ and φ is well-defined near $Y_1 \setminus \{y_0\}$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be disjoint convex sets. Then there exists a linear functional $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f|_A \leq c$ and $f|_B \geq c$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

2.2 Non-vanishing Theorem

Theorem 2.4 (Non-vanishing Theorem). Let (X, B) be a projective klt pair and D a Cartier divisor on X . Suppose that D is nef and $aD - K_{(X,B)}$ is nef and big for some $a > 0$. Then for $m \gg 0$, we have

$$H^0(X, mD) \neq 0.$$

2.3 Base Point Free Theorem

Theorem 2.5 (Base Point Free Theorem). Let (X, B) be a projective klt pair and D a Cartier divisor on X . Suppose that D is nef and $aD - K_{(X,B)}$ is nef and big for some $a > 0$. Then for $m \gg 0$, mD is base point free.

Remark 2.6. In general, we say that a Cartier divisor D is *semiample* if there exists a positive integer m such that mD is base point free. The statement in Base Point Free Theorem ([Theorem 2.5](#)) is strictly stronger than the semiample condition. For example, let \mathcal{L} be a torsion line bundle, then \mathcal{L} is semiample but there exists no positive integer M such that $m\mathcal{L}$ is base point free for all $m > M$.

2.4 Rationality Theorem

Theorem 2.7 (Rationality Theorem). Let (X, B) be a projective klt pair, $a = a(X) \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $aK_{(X,B)}$ Cartier and H an ample divisor on X . Let

$$t := \inf\{s \geq 0 : K_{(X,B)} + sH \text{ is nef}\}$$

be the nef threshold of (X, B) with respect to H . Then $t = u/v \in \mathbb{Q}$ and

$$0 \leq u \leq a(X) \cdot (\dim X + 1).$$

2.5 Cone Theorem and Contraction Theorem

Theorem 2.8 (Cone Theorem). Let (X, B) be a projective klt pair. Then there exist countably many rational curves $C_i \subset X$ with

$$0 < -K_{(X,B)} \cdot C_i \leq 2 \dim X$$

such that

(a) we have a decomposition of cones

$$\text{Psef}_1(X) = \text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} \geq 0} + \sum \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[C_i];$$

(b) and for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and an ample divisor H on X , we have

$$\text{Psef}_1(X) = \text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} + \varepsilon H \geq 0} + \sum_{\text{finite}} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[C_i].$$

Proof. Let $F_D := \text{Psef}_1(X) \cap D^\perp$ for a nef divisor D on X . If $\dim F_D = 1$, we also write $R_D := F_D$. Let $H_1, \dots, H_{\rho-1}$ be ample divisors on X such that they together with $K_{(X,B)}$ form a basis of $N^1(X)_\mathbb{R}$. Let $S^{\rho-1} := S(N_1(X)_\mathbb{R})$ be the unit sphere in $N_1(X)_\mathbb{R}$.

Step 1. Let $\Phi : N_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} < 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\rho-1}$ be the map defined by

$$[C] \mapsto \left(\frac{H_1 \cdot C}{K_{(X,B)} \cdot C}, \dots, \frac{H_{\rho-1} \cdot C}{K_{(X,B)} \cdot C} \right).$$

We show that the image of R_D under Φ lying a \mathbb{Z} -lattice in $\mathbb{R}^{\rho-1}$.

Yang: To be completed.

Step 2. We show that every $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative extremal ray of $\text{Psef}_1(X)$ is of the form R_D for some nef divisor D on X .

Yang: To be completed.

Step 3. We show that any $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative extremal ray R_D contains the class of a rational curve C with $0 < -K_{(X,B)} \cdot C \leq 2 \dim X$.

Yang: To be completed.

Step 4. Proof of the theorem.

Given an ample divisor H on X , note that εH has positive minimum δ on $\text{Psef}_1(X) \cap S^{\rho-1}$. Note that the set $\{\alpha \in \text{Psef}_1(X) \cap S^{\rho-1} : K_{(X,B)} \cdot H \leq \delta/2\}$ is compact. By Steps 1 and 2, there are only finitely many extremal rays on $\text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} + \varepsilon H \leq 0}$. By Step 3, we get (b).

For (a), note that any closed cone is equal to the closure of the cone generated by its extremal ray. We only need to show that the cone

$$\mathcal{C} := \text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} \geq 0} + \sum \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[C_i]$$

is closed. Choose a Cauchy sequence $\{\alpha_n\} \subset \mathcal{C}$ such that $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha \in N_1(X)_\mathbb{R}$. Note that $\text{Psef}_1(X)$ is closed, hence $\alpha \in \text{Psef}_1(X)$. We only need to consider the case $\alpha \cdot K_{(X,B)} < 0$. We can choose an ample divisor and $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\alpha \cdot (K_{(X,B)} + \varepsilon H) < 0$. Then $\alpha_n \cdot (K_{(X,B)} + \varepsilon H) < 0$ for all n large enough. Note that $\mathcal{C} \cap \{K_{(X,B)} + \varepsilon H \leq 0\}$ is a polyhedral cone by Step 1 and hence is closed. Then $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$ and the conclusion follows. \square

Theorem 2.9 (Contraction Theorem). Let (X, B) be a projective klt pair and $F \subset \text{Psef}_1(X)$ a $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative extremal face of $\text{Psef}_1(X)$. Then there exists a fibration $\varphi_F : X \rightarrow Y$ of projective varieties such that

(a) an irreducible curve $C \subset X$ is contracted by φ_F if and only if $[C] \in F$;

(b) up to linearly equivalence, any Cartier divisor G with $F \subset G^\perp = \{\alpha \in N_1(X) : \alpha \cdot G = 0\}$

comes from a Cartier divisor on Y , i.e., there exists a Cartier divisor G_Y on Y such that $G \sim \varphi_F^* G_Y$.

Proof. We follow the following steps to prove the theorem.

Step 1. We show that there exists a nef divisor D on X such that $F = D^\perp \cap \text{Psef}_1(X)$. In other words, F is defined on $N_1(X)_\mathbb{Q}$.

We can choose an ample divisor H and $n > 0$ such that $K_{(X,B)} + (1/n)H$ is negative on F since $F \cap S^{\rho-1}$ is compact and $K_{(X,B)}$ is strictly negative on it, where $S^{\rho-1}$ is the unit sphere in $N_1(X)_\mathbb{R}$. Then by Cone Theorem ([Theorem 2.8](#)), F is an extremal face of a rational polyhedral cone, namely $\text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} + (1/n)H \leq 0}$. It follows that $F^\perp \subset N^1(X)_\mathbb{R}$ is defined on \mathbb{Q} . Since F is extremal and $K_{(X,B)} + (1/n)H$ -negative, the set $\{L \in F^\perp : L|_{\text{Psef}_1(X) \setminus F} > 0\}$ has non-empty interior in F^\perp by [Theorems 2.3](#) and [2.8](#). Then there exists a Cartier divisor D such that $D \in F^\perp$ and $D|_{\text{Psef}_1(X) \setminus F} > 0$. It follows that D is nef and $F = D^\perp \cap \text{Psef}_1(X)$.

Step 2. Let $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$ be the Iitaka fibration associated to D by [Theorem 2.1](#). We show that φ is the desired fibration.

Note that $\text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} \geq 0} \cap S^{\rho-1}$ is compact and D is strictly positive on it. Then there exist $a \geq 0$ such that $aD - K_{(X,B)}$ is strictly positive on $\text{Psef}_1(X)_{K_{(X,B)} \geq 0} \cap S^{\rho-1}$. And $K_{(X,B)}$ is strictly negative on $F \setminus \{0\}$ since F is $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative. Then by Base Point Free Theorem ([Theorem 2.5](#)), we know that mD is base point free for all $m \gg 0$. Hence we can apply [Theorem 2.1](#) to get a fibration $\varphi_D : X \rightarrow Y$.

First we show that D comes from Y . Note that mD and $(m+1)D$ induces the same fibration φ_D for $m \gg 0$. Then there exists $D_{Y,m}$ and $D_{Y,m+1}$ such that $\varphi_D^* D_{Y,m} \sim mD$ and $\varphi_D^* D_{Y,m+1} \sim (m+1)D$. Then set $D_Y = D_{Y,m+1} - D_{Y,m}$, we have $\varphi_D^* D_Y \sim D$.

Note that $D_Y \equiv (1/m)D_{Y,m}$ and $D_{Y,m}$ is ample. Hence D_Y is ample. Then for any curve $C \subset X$, we have

$$D \cdot C = \varphi_D^* D_Y \cdot C = D_Y \cdot (\varphi_D)_* C.$$

It follows that C is contracted by φ_D if and only if $D \cdot C = 0$, which is equivalent to $[C] \in F$.

Let G be arbitrary Cartier divisor on X such that $F \subset G^\perp$. Since D is strictly positive on $\text{Psef}_1(X) \setminus F$, for $m \gg 0$, let $D' := mD + G$, we have $D'^\perp \cap \text{Psef}_1(X) = F$. Then by the same argument as above, we get an other fibration $\varphi_{D'} : X \rightarrow Y'$ such that a curve C is contracted by $\varphi_{D'}$ if and only if $[C] \in F$. Then by Rigidity Lemma ([Theorem 2.2](#)), we see that $\varphi_D = \varphi_{D'}$ up to an isomorphism on Y . In particular, $D' \sim \varphi_D^* D'_Y$ for some Cartier divisor D'_Y on Y . Then $G = D' - mD$ also comes from Y . \square

Remark 2.10. The [Step 1](#) is amazing. If F is not $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative, then it may not be rational. For example, let $X = E \times E$ for a general elliptic curve E . By [\[Laz04, Lemma 1.5.4\]](#), we know that $\text{Psef}_1(X)$ is a circular cone. Then we see there indeed exist some irrational extremal faces of $\text{Psef}_1(X)$.

Definition 2.11. Let (X, B) be a projective klt pair and R a $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative extremal ray of $\text{Psef}_1(X)$ with contraction $\varphi_R : X \rightarrow Y$. There are three types of contractions:

- (a) *Divisorial contraction*: if $\dim X = \dim Y$ and the exceptional locus of φ_R is of codimension one;
- (b) *Small contraction*: if $\dim X = \dim Y$ and the exceptional locus of φ_R is of codimension at least two;
- (c) *Mori fiber space*: if $\dim X > \dim Y$.

Proposition 2.12. Let (X, B) be a \mathbb{Q} -factorial projective klt pair and R a $K_{(X,B)}$ -negative extremal ray of $\text{Psef}_1(X)$. Suppose that the contraction $\varphi_R : X \rightarrow Y$ associated to R is either divisorial or a Mori fiber space. Then Y is \mathbb{Q} -factorial.

| *Proof.* Yang: To be completed. □

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