

# Algebraic Dynamics and Dynamical Itaka Theory

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The fundamental objects in algebraic dynamics are  $(X, f)$ , where  $X$  is a variety and  $f : X \dashrightarrow X$  is a dominant rational self-map.

Here we focus on the case  $X$  is projective and  $f$  is a surjective endomorphism.

For simplicity, we assume that  $X$  is smooth.



## Definition (First dynamical degree)

The *first dynamical degree*  $\delta_f$  of  $f$  is defined to be the following limit

$$\delta_f := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((f^n)^* H \cdot H^{\dim X - 1})^{1/n} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 1},$$

where  $H$  is an ample Cartier divisor on  $X$ .

## Definition (Arithmetic degree)

Let  $h : X(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the height function associated to an ample divisor on  $X$ . Then for every  $x \in X(\mathbb{k})$ , we define the *arithmetic degree of  $f$  at  $x$*  by

$$\alpha_f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{h(f^n(x)), 1\}^{1/n} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 1}.$$



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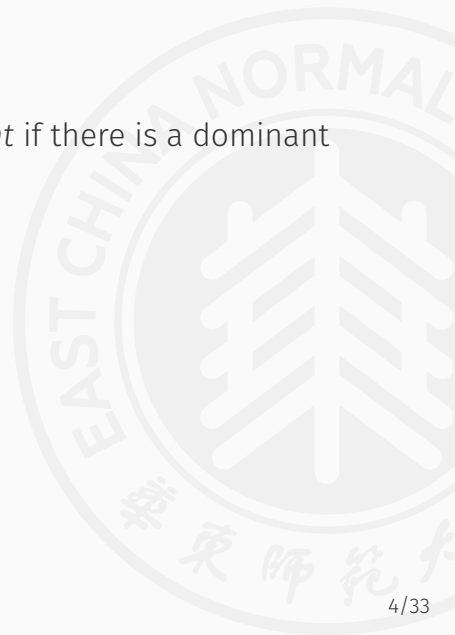
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If we have an equivariant surjective  $(X, f) \dashrightarrow (Y, g)$  such that  $\delta_f = \delta_g$ , then KSC for  $(Y, g)$  implies KSC for  $(X, f)$ .



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What about the case when  $L$  is only effective or when  $f^*L$  is not proportional to  $L$ ?

# Dynamical Itaka Theory

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## Definition (Dynamical Iitaka dimension)

Let  $D$  be a Cartier divisor on  $X$ . The *dynamical  $f$ -Iitaka dimension* of  $D$  is defined as

$$\kappa_f(X, D) := \max\{\kappa(X, D') \mid D' = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i (f^*)^i D, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$



## Theorem (ref. [MZ23b])

Suppose that  $\kappa_f(X, D) \geq 0$ . Then there is an  $f$ -equivariant dominant rational map

$$f \circ X \dashrightarrow Y \circ f|_Y$$

with  $Y$  normal projective of dimension  $\kappa_f(X, D)$  and  $f|_Y$  a surjective endomorphism.



The *ramification divisor*  $R_f$  is defined by

$$R_f := \sum_E (\text{mult}_E f^*(f(E)) - 1)E$$

where the sum runs over all prime divisors  $E$  of  $X$ .

It is effective and satisfies the ramification formula

$$K_X = f^*K_X + R_f.$$



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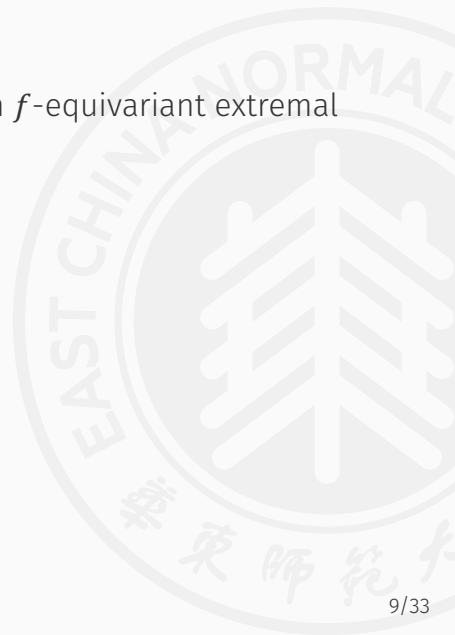
## About our paper

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Further assume that the base  $Y$  is either an abelian variety or a smooth projective variety of Picard number one, we get our main results.



## Theorem

Let  $f$  be a surjective endomorphism of a smooth projective variety  $X$  admitting an extremal Fano contraction  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  to an abelian variety  $Y$  of positive dimension. Suppose  $f$  admits a Zariski dense orbit and  $\delta_f > \delta_{f|_Y}$ . Then the following hold.

1. The ramification divisor satisfies  $f^*R_f \equiv \delta_f R_f$ .
2. There exists an  $f$ -equivariant dominant rational map  $\varphi : X \dashrightarrow Z$ , which is the  $f$ -Iitaka fibration of  $R_f$ , such that  $0 < \dim Z < \dim X$  and  $f|_Z$  is  $\delta_f$ -polarized.





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Let  $f$  be a surjective endomorphism of a smooth projective variety  $X$  admitting an  $f$ -equivariant **smooth** extremal Fano contraction  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $\rho(Y) = 1$ . Suppose  $\delta_f > \delta_{f|_Y} = 1$ . Then the following hold.

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2. There exists an  $f$ -equivariant dominant rational map  $\varphi : X \dashrightarrow Z$ , which is the  $f$ -Iitaka fibration of  $R_f$ , such that  $0 < \dim Z < \dim X$  and  $f|_Z$  is  $\delta_f$ -polarized.



## Corollary

*KSC holds for any smooth projective variety  $X$  admitting an extremal Fano contraction to an abelian variety.*

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*KSC holds for any  $\mathbb{P}^n$ -bundle over either a  $Q$ -abelian variety or a smooth projective variety of Picard number one.*

# 引言

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这个模版基于 Beamer 的 **METROPOLIS** 包，魔改自 overleaf 上已有的模版，部分参考了潘建瑜教授的 **LaTeX** 模版（主要是最后的简笔画）。

笔者叠加了很多华东师大的元素在模版中，因此看起来比较花里胡哨。

好像没有什么需要特意在引言中交待的，笔者在奇怪的代码中都写了注释。

本模版目前有一些已知的 Bug，在本文档中一一记录。欢迎用户报告新错误。

如果对模版有疑问，或者对模版有 bug 反馈，可以用邮件联系笔者：  
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## 标题样式

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METROPOLIS 支持四种英文标题样式：

- Regular
- SMALLCAPS
- ALLSMALLCAPS
- ALLCAPS

它们既可以每页幻灯片设置，也可以单独设置。





这一页幻灯片用了 *smallcaps* 样式。

### 潜在的问题

请注意，并非所有字体都支持 *smallcaps* 样式。例如，若您使用 pdf $\text{\LaTeX}$  排版演示文稿并选用 Computer Modern Sans Serif 字体，所有 *smallcaps* 文本都将被替换为 Computer Modern Serif 字体进行排版。



这一页幻灯片用了 *allsmallcaps* 样式。

### 潜在的问题

由于此样式同样使用了 *smallcaps*，因此会出现与 *smallcaps* 标题格式相同的问题。此外，该样式还可能引发其他问题，请参阅相关文档说明。

经验：只在纯文本标题中使用它。

这个样式会使右上角的华师大 Logo 异常上浮，这是一个 Bug，待修改。





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该样式虽不如 *allsmallcaps* 样式问题严重，但基本存在相同缺陷。若需使用，请查阅相关文档。

# 元素

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## 代码

本模版提供 `\emph{强调}`、`\alert{标注}` 与 `\textbf{粗体}`。

## 编译为

本模版提供强调、**标注**与**粗体**。



- Regular 常规
- *Italic* 斜体
- SMALLCAPS 小大写
- Bold **粗体**
- ***Bold Italic*** 粗斜体
- BOLD SMALLCAPS **粗小大写**
- *Monospace* 等宽
- *Monospace Italic* 等宽斜体
- **Monospace Bold** 等宽粗体
- *Monospace Bold Italic* 等宽粗斜体

中文字体中粗斜体的斜体去哪了？这是一个 Bug，待修改。



## Items

- Milk
- Eggs
- Potatos

## Enumerations

1. First,
2. Second and
3. Last.

## Descriptions

**PowerPoint** Meeh.

**Beamer** Yeeeha.



· 这个很重要!





- 这个很重要!
- 现在这个很重要。





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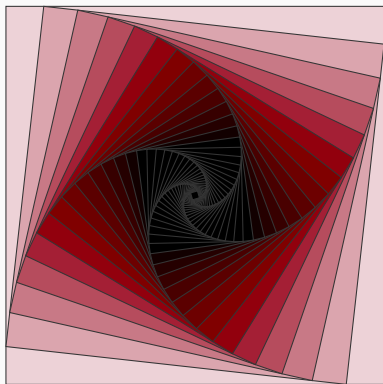


Figure 1: 旋转正方形，非常帅。来自 [texample.net](http://texample.net).



Table 1: 世界上的大城市 (来源: Wikipedia)

City	Population
Mexico City	20,116,842
Shanghai	19,210,000
Peking	15,796,450
Istanbul	14,160,467

本模版预设了三种不同的框，可通过可选背景颜色进行样式设置。

注意：即使是左边的框，也会有白色条状物把背景的 logo 遮住。这可能不是一个 Bug，但仍然需要修改。

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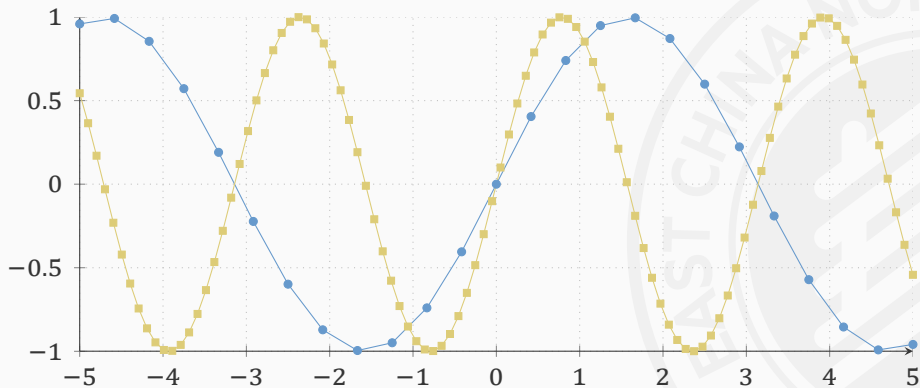
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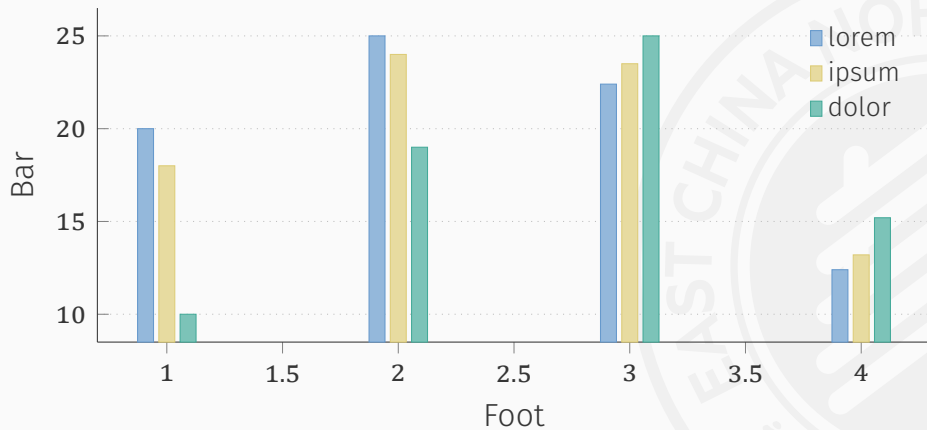
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

## Proof.

令  $g(x) = e^x - x - 1$ 。则当  $x > 1$  时, 有  $g'(x) = e^x - 1 > 0$ , 因此  $g(x) > g(1) = 0$ 。即有  $x > 1$  时  $e^x > 1 + x$ 。□

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$







*I can eat glass, it doesn't hurt me.*

我能吞下玻璃而不伤身体。

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METROPOLIS 定义了一个自定义的 beamer 模板，用于在页脚添加文本。可通过以下方式设置：

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部分参考文献展示: [knuth92; ConcreteMath; Simpson; Er01; greenwade93]



## 总结

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访问 [github.com/matze/mtheme](https://github.com/matze/mtheme) 以获取 METROPOLIS 主题。

要获取本魔改包，可以在微信公众号：**73Dsi 的小站**下留言。

本主题遵守 知识共享署名-相同方式共享 4.0 国际许可协议。



Questions?



有时，在文档末尾添加幻灯片以便在观众提问时参考会很有用。  
引用 `appendixnumberbeamer` 包，并在备用幻灯片前调用 `\appendix`。  
METROPOLIS 将自动关闭附录中幻灯片的编号和进度条。

# Thank You!

