Algebraic Dynamics and Dynamical Iitaka Theory

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

For simplicity, we assume that X is smooth.

Dynamical degree and arithmetic degree

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Definition: Arithmetic degree

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

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

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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 Iitaka Theory

Definition: Dynamical Iitaka dimension

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

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

Theorem: ref. [MZ23, Theorem 4.6]

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

$$f \circlearrowright X \dashrightarrow Y \circlearrowleft f|_Y$$

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

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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 $\pi : X \to Y$ 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.

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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.

Thank You!