

Dynamical Mordell-Lang Conjecture on Fano Contractions

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Algebraic Dynamics

We work over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$. The fundamental objects in algebraic dynamics are (X, f) , where X is a projective variety and $f : X \dashrightarrow X$ is a dominant rational self-map. Here we focus on the case f is a surjective endomorphism.

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In general, if H is a very ample Cartier divisor on X associated to a closed immersion $\varphi : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$, one can define the Weil height function h_H by

$$h_H(x) = h_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(1)}(\varphi(x)).$$

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Moreover, $\alpha_f(x)$ is equal to norm of an eigenvalue of $f^*|_{N^1(X)_{\mathbb{C}}}$. In particular, $\alpha_f(x) \leq \delta_f$.

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- Suppose that there is an equivariant fibration $\pi : (X, f) \dashrightarrow (Y, g)$ such that $\delta_f = \delta_g$. If KSC holds for (Y, g) , then KSC holds for (X, f) .

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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.

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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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Dynamical litaka fibration

Theorem ([MZ23, Theorem 4.6])

Let f be a surjective endomorphism of a normal projective variety X . Let D be a \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisor with $\kappa_f(X, D) \geq 0$. Then there is an f -equivariant dominant rational map $\phi_{f,D} : X \dashrightarrow Y$ to a normal projective variety Y (with $f|_Y$ a surjective endomorphism too) satisfying the following conditions.

- 1** $\dim Y = \kappa_f(X, D)$.
- 2** Let Γ be the graph of $\phi_{f,D}$. Then the induced projection $\Gamma \rightarrow Y$ is equi-dimensional.
- 3** $\phi_{f,D}$ is birational to the litaka fibration of any $D' \in V_f(D)$ with $\kappa(X, D') = \kappa_f(X, D)$.

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Question ([MZ23, Question 6.9])

Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be a surjective endomorphism of a smooth projective variety. Suppose R_f is big. Is f int-amplified?

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By the dynamical litaka fibration, we hope to show that $f^*R_f \equiv \delta_f R_f$ and $0 < \kappa_f(X, R_f) < \dim X$ under the assumption of main theorems.

Decomposition of cones

First we show that $f^*R_f \equiv \delta_f R_f$. It follows from the following decomposition of the cone.

Decomposition of cones

Theorem (Cone Decomposition)

Let $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$ be an f -equivariant surjective morphism to a \mathbb{Q} -factorial normal projective variety Y with $\rho(X) = \rho(Y) + 1$ and $\delta_f > \delta_{f|_Y}$. Suppose further either one of the following two assumptions holds.

- 1** $\text{Nef}(Y) = \text{Psef}(Y)$.
- 2** X and Y are smooth and π is equi-dimensional.

Then we have the decompositions:

$$\text{Nef}(X) = \pi^* \text{Nef}(Y) \oplus \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} D, \quad \text{Psef}(X) = \pi^* \text{Psef}(Y) \oplus \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} D,$$

*for some nef and π -ample Cartier divisor D with $f^*D \equiv \delta_f D$.*

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- Under the assumption that $\text{Nef}(Y) = \text{Psef}(Y)$. Note that $\pi^* \text{Nef}(Y) + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} D$ is a closed subcone of $\text{Nef}(X)$ and it also spans $N^1(X)$. Then it suffices to show $D + \pi^* B$ is not big for any nef and non-ample \mathbb{R} -Cartier divisor B on Y . Note that $(D + \pi^* B)^{\dim X} = 0$ because $D^i \equiv_w 0$ for any $i > \dim X - \dim Y$ and $(\pi^* B)^j \equiv_w 0$ for any $j \geq \dim Y$.

Proof of the decomposition of cones

- Under the assumption that X and Y are smooth and π is equi-dimensional.

Let $B \in \text{Psef}(X)$ and write $B = \pi^*B_Y + aD$. Let C be a nef 1-cycle on Y . Note that π^*C is a nef $(d+1)$ -cycle on X by the projection formula. Then $B \cdot D^d \cdot \pi^*C \geq 0$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_*(B \cdot D^d \cdot \pi^*C) &= \pi_*(\pi^*(B_Y \cdot C) \cdot D^d) + \pi_*(\pi^*C \cdot D^{d+1}) \\ &= B_Y \cdot C \cdot \pi_*(D^d) \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

and hence B_Y is pseudo-effective. This gives

$$\text{Psef}(X) = \pi^* \text{Psef}(Y) + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}D$$

and the nef case is similar.

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If $\Delta \not\equiv 0$, we can assume that Δ is an integral Cartier divisor. Fix an ample Cartier divisor H on Y . We have

$$B \cdot H^{\dim X - 1} \geq (B - (g^{n+1})^*B) \cdot H^{\dim X - 1} = \sum_{i=0}^n (g^i)^*\Delta \cdot H^{\dim X - 1} \geq n$$

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Theorem

*Let f be a surjective endomorphism of smooth projective variety X . Let $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$ be an f -equivariant Fano fibration. Suppose there is a reduced divisor D such that $K_X + D$ is π -trivial and $f^*D = qD$ for some $q > 1$. Then $(X_y, D|_{X_y})$ is a toric pair for general $y \in Y$.*

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- [GKP16] shows that under some mild condition (X_y is smooth and Fano), a reflexive and μ -slope semi-stable coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} with vanishing intersection numbers

$$c_1(\mathcal{F}) \cdot H^{n-1} = 0, \quad c_1(\mathcal{F})^2 \cdot H^{n-2} = 0, \quad c_2(\mathcal{F}) \cdot H^{n-2} = 0$$

is trivial.

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This implies the vanishing intersection numbers for $\hat{\Omega}_X^1(\log D)|_{X_y}$.

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- Let $\mathcal{G} \subset \hat{\Omega}_X^1(\log D)$ be the relative maximal destabilizing subsheaf. By eq. (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}(f^*\mathcal{G})|_{X_y} &= (f|_{X_y})^*(\mathcal{G}|_{X_{g(y)}}) \\ &\subset (f|_{X_y})^*(\hat{\Omega}_X^1(\log D)|_{X_{g(y)}}) \cong \hat{\Omega}_X^1(\log D)|_{X_y}.\end{aligned}$$

By the similar argument, we have

$$\mu_H(\mathcal{G}|_{X_y}) = \frac{c_1(\mathcal{G}|_{X_y}) \cdot H|_{X_y}^{d-1}}{\text{rank } \mathcal{G}|_{X_y}} = 0.$$

Sketch of proof of toric fibrations

- By the fundamental exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_y}^{\oplus m} \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}_X^1(\log D)|_{X_y} \rightarrow \hat{\Omega}_{X_y}^1(\log D|_{X_y}) \rightarrow 0,$$

we have the vanishing intersection numbers for $\hat{\Omega}_{X_y}^1(\log D|_{X_y})$.
For every subsheaf $\mathcal{E} \subset \hat{\Omega}_{X_y}^1(\log D|_{X_y})$, we can consider its preimage in $\hat{\Omega}_X^1(\log D)|_{X_y}$. This shows that $\hat{\Omega}_{X_y}^1(\log D|_{X_y})$ is μ -slope semi-stable.

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Consider the equivariant dynamics $(D^\nu, f|_{D^\nu}) \rightarrow (Y, g)$, where D^ν is the normalization of D . Let $(\hat{Y}, \hat{g}) \rightarrow (Y, g)$ be the Stein factorization of it. Let $\hat{X} := X \times_Y \hat{Y}$. Then we have an equivariant diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \hat{f} \circlearrowleft & \hat{X} & \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} & \hat{Y} & \circlearrowleft \hat{g} \\ p_X \downarrow & & & \downarrow p_Y & \\ f \circlearrowleft & X & \xrightarrow{\pi} & Y & \circlearrowleft g \end{array}$$

Repeating this process, we can assume that $p_X^* D$ has $\rho(X) + \dim X$ components.

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Since $\delta_f > \delta_g$, we have $\kappa(\hat{X}, p_X^*D) > 0$. Then $\kappa(X, D) = \kappa_f(\hat{X}, p_X^*D) > 0$.

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Note that our g is étale and hence the branch divisor B_{p_Y} is g^{-1} -invariant.

However, if an endomorphism of an abelian variety has Zariski dense orbit, then it has no totally invariant prime divisor (by the fact that all periodic subvariety of an abelian variety is a translation of an abelian subvariety).