

MMP Learning Seminar

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- 1.- Bend and break,
- 2.- Finding rat curves when K_X is not nef,
- 3.- The Cone Theorem.

1. Bend and break: (B&B I)

Proposition: X proper, C smooth proper curve $p \in C$, $g_0: C \rightarrow X$ non-const.

$0 \in D$ pointed curve, $G: C \times D \rightarrow X$ s.t

- (1) $G|_{C \times \{0\}} = g_0$,
- (2) $G(\{p\} \times D) = g_0(p)$ and
- (3) $G|_{C \times \{t\}}$ is diff than from g_0 for general t .

There exists $g_1: C \rightarrow X$, $Z = \sum_{a_i > 0} a_i Z_i$ of rat curves so that

$$1) \quad (g_0)^* C \sim_{\text{alg}} (g_1)^* (C) + Z, \text{ and}$$

$$2) \quad g_0(c_p) \in U_i Z_i.$$

In particular there is a rat curve through $g_0(c_p)$.

Proof: $\bar{G}: C \times \bar{D} \dashrightarrow X$, is undefined at $\{p\} \times \bar{D}$ (Rigidity Lemma).

Let S the norm of the graph of $\bar{G}$, $\pi: S \rightarrow C \times \bar{D}$, $G_S: S \rightarrow X$.

$$h: S \rightarrow C \times \bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{D}.$$

There exists $(c_p, d) \in C \times \bar{D}$ so that π is not an isom over (c_p, d) .

$$h^{-1}(d) = C' + E, \quad C' \text{ bir transform of } C, \quad E \text{ } \pi\text{-exc.}$$

$$g_1: C \rightarrow X, \text{ restriction of } G_S \text{ to } C' \text{ and } Z = G_S(E).$$

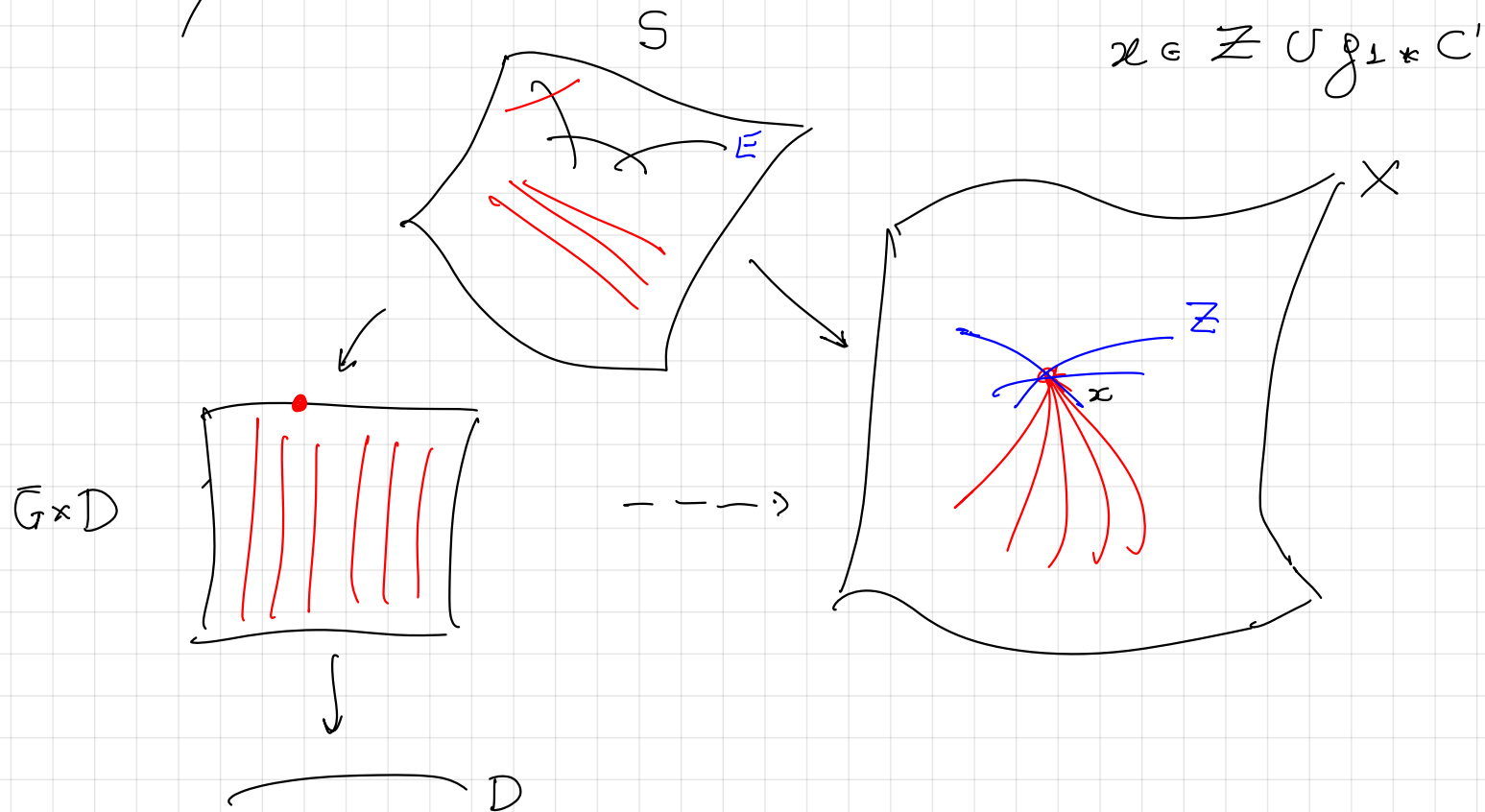
(Abhyankar Lemma): E is a union of rat curves.

(Luroth Thm): $\mathbb{A}^1$ is union of rat curves.

$$(g_*)_* C \sim_{\text{alg}} (g_*)_* C + \mathbb{A}^1.$$

smooth

Abhyankar Lemma: X has mild sing and $Y \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ proper birational morphism. For any $x \in X$, either $\pi^{-1}(x)$ is a point or is covered by rat curves.



(B&B II).

Proposition: Let X be a proj var, $g_0: \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow X$ non-const.

D smooth point curve. $G: \mathbb{P}^1 \times D \rightarrow X$ st:

1) $G|_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \{0\}} = g_0$

2) $G(\{0\} \times D) = g_0(0)$, $G(\{\infty\} \times D) = g_0(\infty)$, and

3) $G(\mathbb{P}^1 \times D)$ is a surface

Then $(g_0)_* \mathbb{P}^1$ is $\sim_{\text{alg}}$ to a reducible curve or a multiple curve



Proof: $\tilde{G}: \tilde{S} \dashrightarrow X$, S is a $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle containing $\mathbb{P}^1 \times D$.

$\tilde{G}: \tilde{S} \rightarrow X$, do induction on $\rho(\tilde{S}/S) = \rho$

$$\tilde{S} \rightarrow S$$

Case 1: $\rho = 0$, C_0 and C_{∞} two sections at $\{0\}$ and $\{\infty\}$

H ample on X , $(\tilde{G}^* H)^2 > 0$ and $(C_0 \cdot \tilde{G}^* H) = (C_{\infty} \cdot \tilde{G}^* H) = 0$.

Proj formula:

$$f: Y \longrightarrow X$$

$$C \subseteq Y$$

$\mathcal{L}$ line bundle

$$f^* \mathcal{L} \cdot C = \mathcal{L} \cdot f_* C$$

$$C_0^2 < 0, \quad C_{\infty}^2 < 0$$

$$C_0 \cdot C_{\infty} = 0$$

Hodge index Thm: if $H^2 > 0$ for some curve.
then the self int form
is neg def in H^1 .

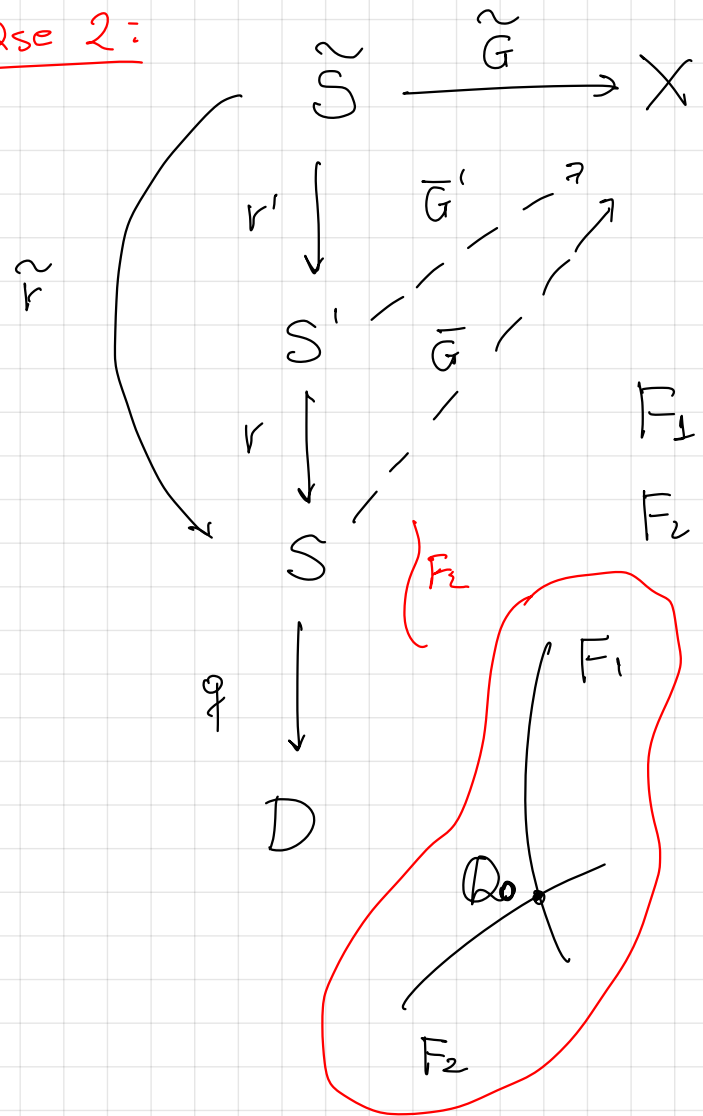
$\tilde{G}^* H$, C_0 and C_{∞} are l.i.

$$a \tilde{G}^* H + b C_0 + c C_{\infty} = 0.$$

$$\rho(S) = 2.$$



Case 2:



r is the first blow-up in $\tilde{S} \rightarrow S_{\mathcal{O}_P}$

$y \in D$ will be the point s.t. $\phi^{-1}(y) \ni P$

F_1 is the exc of r .

F_2 is the strict trans of $\phi^{-1}(y)$ in S' .

Claim: $\bar{G}'$ is a morphism around F_2

$$j_0 * P' \sim \tilde{G}_* (\phi \circ r^* (y))$$

irreducible
+
red.

Assume $\bar{G}$ is not defined at $Q \neq P$.

$$\tilde{G}_* ((\phi \circ r)^* (y)) = \tilde{G}_* \text{red}(\tilde{r}^{-1}(P)) + \tilde{G}_* \text{red}(\tilde{r}^{-1}(Q)) + \text{eff}$$

Assume $\bar{G}'$ is not defined at Q_0 , in this case we need to blow-up Q_0 .
so $(\phi \circ r)^* (y)$ contains a comp of mult ≥ 2 .

Theorem: X smooth proj, $-K_X$ ample. For every $x \in X$, there exists a rat curve C through x s.t.

$$0 < -K_X \cdot C \leq \dim X + 1$$

Proof: Pick $C \subseteq X$ through x .

The space of def of C on X fixing x has $\dim \geq$

$$h^0(C, f^* T_x) - h^1(C, f^* T_x) = -f_* C \cdot K_X - g(C) \dim X - \dim X$$

(1) $g(C) = 0, \checkmark$

(2) $g(C) = 1, \quad C \xrightarrow{h} C$

$$-((f \circ h)_* C \cdot K_x) - \dim X = -n^2 \left(f_* (C) \cdot K_x \right) - \dim X > 0$$

(3) $g(C) \geq 2$. (no endomorphisms of pos degree).

Assume X and C are defined over $\mathbb{Z}$.

X_p and C_p reduction to $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$.

$$(Y_0, \dots, Y_m) \xrightarrow{F_p} (Y_0^p, \dots, Y_m^p)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

inj endomorphism self-ths but is a morphism of degree p .

By generic flatness, $(f_p)_*(C_p) \cdot K_{X_p}$, $g(C_p)$, $\chi(T_{X/C_p})$ for almost all p are the same

$$C_p \xrightarrow{F_p^m} C_p \xrightarrow{f_p} X_p.$$

Defom space has dim $-p^m ((f_p)_*(C_p) \cdot K_{X_p}) - g(C_p) \cdot \dim(X) \geq 0$

We produce a rational curve A_p on X_p through the point.

If $A_p \cdot (-K_{Xp}) > \dim X + 1$, then A_p deforms with two fixed pts by B&B II, $A_p \sim_{\text{alg}} A_p' + A_p''$, so that A_p' and A_p'' are rat, pass through the point and have less "degree".

In X_p , we have the curve C_p through the pt with $-(K_{Xp}) \cdot C_p \leq \dim X + 1$.

Principle: If a homogeneous system of alg eqs with coeff on $\mathbb{Z}$ has non-trivial sols over $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ for ∞ many p 's, then it has a solution over any alg closed field

Idea: $Z \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{\text{Spec } R}^{\mathbb{N}}$, $\pi: \mathbb{A}_{\text{Spec } R}^{\mathbb{N}} \longrightarrow \text{Spec } R$, proper.

$\pi(Z)$ is closed. If $\pi(Z)$ contains a Zariski dense set,

we have that $\pi(Z) = \text{Spec } R$

Theorem: X smooth proj variety and H ample on X .

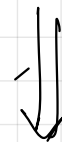
Assume there exists $C' \subseteq X$ st. $-(C', K_X) > 0$.

Then there exists E rational such that.

$$i) \quad \dim X + 1 \geq -(E, K_X) \geq 0$$

$$ii) \quad \frac{-(E, K_X)}{E \cdot H} \geq \frac{-(C', K_X)}{C' \cdot H}.$$

K_X is not nef



there are rat curves

Theorem (Cone Theorem): X smooth proj.

There exists countably many curves $C_i \subseteq X$:

$$i) \quad 0 < -K_X \cdot C_i \leq \dim X + 1.$$

and

$$\overline{NE}(X) = \overline{NE}(X)_{K_X \geq 0} + \sum_i \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} [C_i].$$

K_X - neg part
of the cone of
curves is

locally polyhedral

away from $K_X^\perp$.

Proof: Choose G (combable) with $0 < -(C \cdot K_X) \leq \dim X + 1$.

$$W = \text{closure} \left(\overline{NE}_{K_X \geq 0} + \sum_i \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} [G_i] \right)$$

$$\overline{NE}(X) \not\supseteq W$$

D positive on $W \setminus \{0\}$ and neg somewhere on $\overline{NE}(X)$.

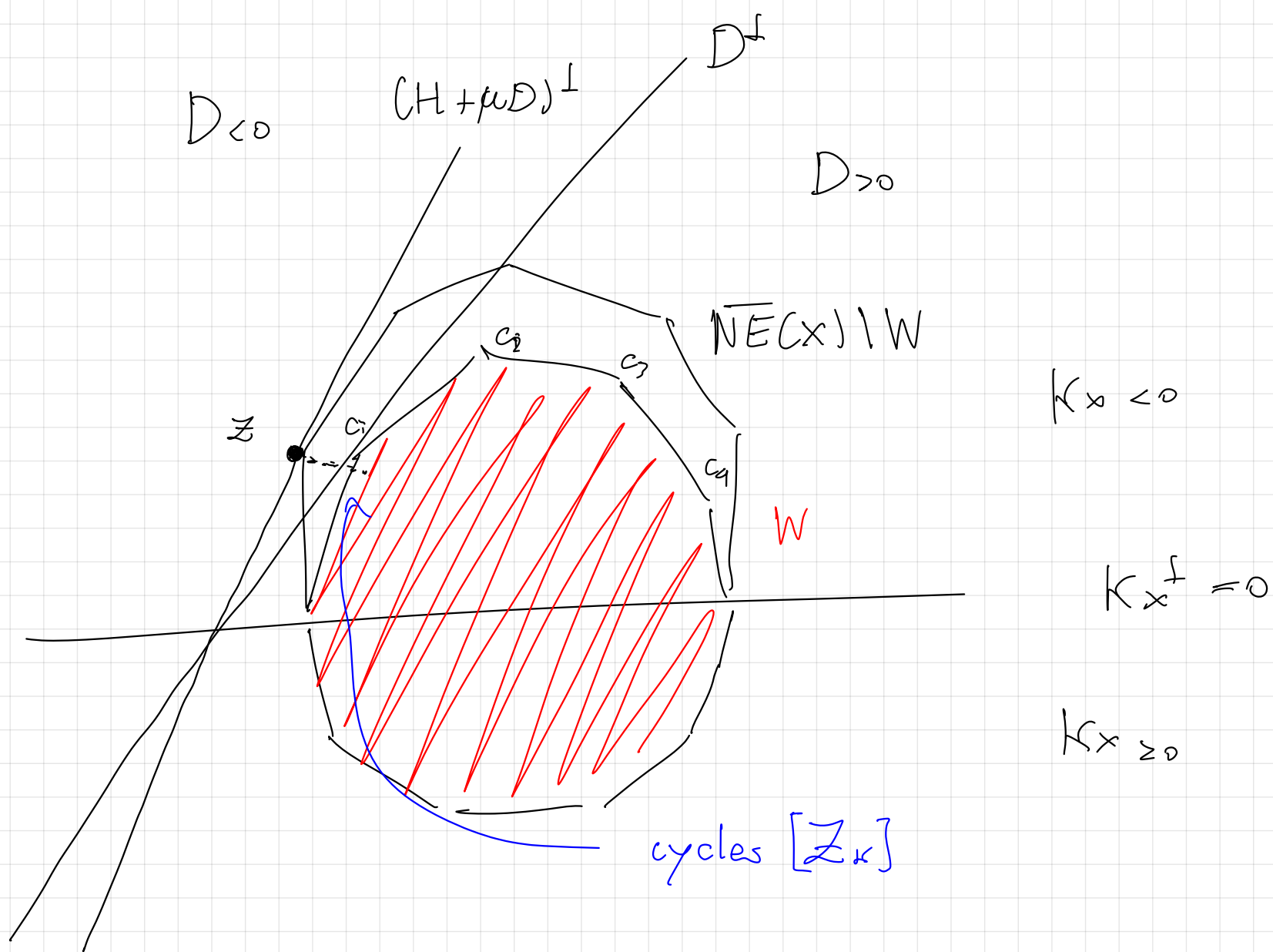
H ample. $\mu = \max \{ \mu' \mid H + \mu' D \text{ is nef} \}$.

$H + \mu D$ is nef, $H + \mu' D$ is ample
for $\mu' < \mu$.

$$0 \neq z \in \overline{NE}(X). \quad (H + \mu D) \cdot z = 0.$$

Then $K_X \cdot z < 0$, since $\overline{NE}_{K_X \geq 0} \subseteq W$.

$$z_K = \sum_j \alpha_{K_j} z_{K_j}, \quad [z_K] \longrightarrow z.$$



$$\max_s \frac{-(Z_{k_j} \cdot K_X)}{(Z_{k_j} \cdot (H + \mu D))} \geq \frac{-Z_k \cdot K_X}{(Z_k \cdot (H + \mu D))}$$

max attained by Z_{k_0} .

Replace Z_k with

$E_{i(k)}$ rational with

$$K_X \cdot Z_k < 0$$

by existence of rat
curves when K_X
is not nef

$$1) \dim X + 1 \geq -E_{i(k)} \cdot K_X > 0.$$

$$2) \frac{-E_{i(k)} \cdot K_X}{E_{i(k)} \cdot (H + \mu' D)} \geq \frac{-Z_{k_0} \cdot K_X}{Z_{k_0} \cdot (H + \mu' D)} \geq \frac{-Z_k \cdot K_X}{Z_k \cdot (H + \mu' D)}.$$

by max of
 Z_{k_0} .

because $E_{i(k)} \cdot D \geq 0$, we have

$$\frac{-E_{i(k)} \cdot K_X}{E_{i(k)} \cdot H} \geq \frac{-Z_k \cdot K_X}{(Z_k \cdot (H + \mu' D))}$$

Fix $M \gg 0$ such that $MH + K_X$ ample.

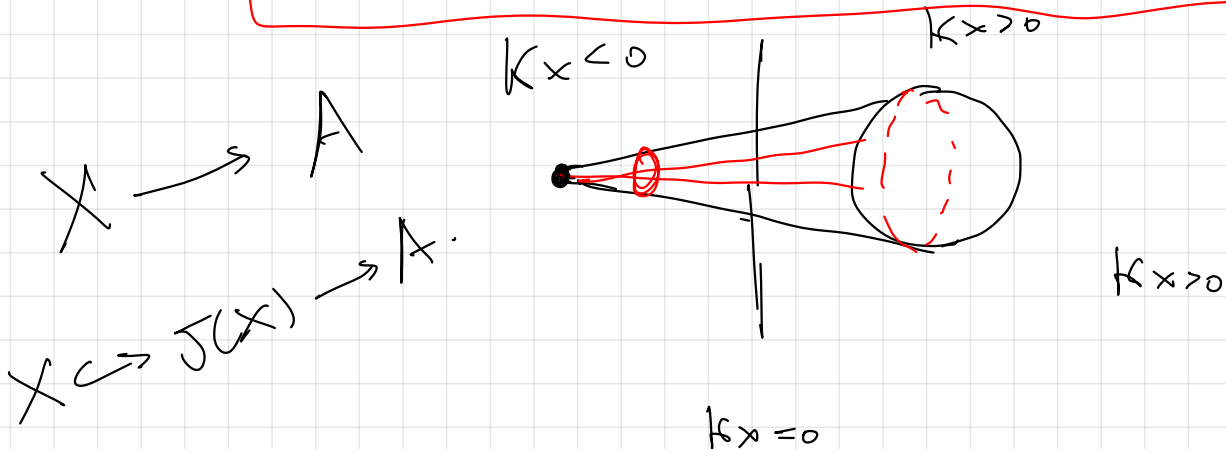
$$(MH + K_X) \cdot E_{i(k)} > 0$$

$$M > \frac{-E_{i(k)} \cdot K_x}{E_{i(k)} \cdot H} \geq \frac{-Z_k \cdot K_x}{Z_k \cdot (H + \mu'D)}$$

Take $k \rightarrow \infty$.
 $\mu' \rightarrow \mu$.

$$M > \frac{Z \cdot K_x}{Z \cdot (H + \mu'D)} \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$\overline{NE}(X) = \overline{NE}(X)_{K_x \geq 0} + \sum_{i \text{ countable}} R_{20}[C_i]$$



$$A = E \times E$$

$\overline{NE}(A)$ is rounded

[Existence of rlt curves. K_x no neg $\Rightarrow$ no rlt curves.