
MMPLS

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On the Existence of Flips

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Outline of this talk

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§ 1. Main thm & Cor

Main thm Assume the ^{boundary Δ is $\mathbb{R}$ -divisor} real MMP in dim $n-1$,
then flips exist in dim n .

Cor Assume termination of real flips in dim $n-1$,
then flips exist in dim n .

Pf follows from $\exists$ real flips in dim 3.

Cor Flips exist in dim 4

Pf clear as Shokurov proved termination of
real flips in dim 3.

§ 2. Some history

- Kulikov is the first to use codim 2 surgery systematically w/ the aim of constructing minimal models.
- In mid '80s Kawamata, Mori, Shokurov, Tsunoda all independently showed existence of semistable 3-fold flips.
 $\exists$ 3-fold flips in general
- In early '90s, Shokurov discovered a new approach to existence of 3-fold flips.

Shokurov's strategy consists of two stages:

- ① reduction of flips to pl flips
 - ② 3-fold pl flips were constructed by a lengthy explicit analysis.
- 2005, Hacon-McKernan follows Shokurov's strategy & proves $\exists$ pl flips in all dim, assuming real MMP in dim one less.
- In fact $\nearrow$ ① is the first of key steps in their proof.

Outline of proof of existence of flips:

$\exists$ flips

$\Uparrow$ reduction (Shokurov)

$\exists$ pl flips

$\Updownarrow$

f.g. of $R = R(X, K_X + S + B)$

$\Updownarrow$ Lemma ($\star$)

Shokurov
dim 2, 3 $\Rightarrow$

f.g. of
restricted algebra R_S

$\Leftarrow$ HM, all dim,
assuming real MMP
in dim one less

Main technical thm 4.3

• What is a pl flip?

• pl flipping contraction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \parallel \\
 \text{flipping contraction} \quad f \downarrow \quad (X, \Delta) \quad \text{with} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K_X + \Delta \quad \text{plt} \\ \parallel \\ \underline{S} + \underline{B} \\ \text{coeff one} \quad \text{fractional} \\ \text{irred} \end{array} \right. \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f \text{ small biratl} \\ \text{of } \rho(X/Z) = 1 \\ -(K_X + \Delta) \text{ f-ample} \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

• pl flip = the flip of pl flipping contraction.

Thm (Shokurov) To prove the existence of flips
it suffices to construct pl flips.

Recall (KM) $\exists$ flip of $D = K_X + S + B$
 $\uparrow$
 pl flipping contraction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 X \\
 f \downarrow \\
 Z
 \end{array}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\text{f.g. of } R(X, D) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} f_* \mathcal{O}_X(nD)$$

§ 3. f. g. of R

Goal Prove f. g. of

$$R(X, K_X + \underbrace{S}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{coeff } 1 \\ \text{intd}}} + B) = \bigoplus \underbrace{f_*}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ H^0}} \mathcal{O}_X(m(K_X + S + B))$$

fractional

idea Restrict to S & apply induction

Let $f \downarrow^X$ proj morphism of normal varieties
 $Z = \text{Spec } A$

Def Let $R = R(X, D)$, S : prime divisor.

The restricted algebra

$$R_S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{im} \left(\overset{R}{\underset{m}{\bigoplus}} f_* \mathcal{O}_X(mD) \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} \underset{m}{\bigoplus} f_* \mathcal{O}_S(mD) \right)$$

Lemma (*) R f.g. $\Rightarrow R_S$ f.g.

$$\text{---} \Leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{---} \\ S \sim dD, d \in \mathbb{N} \\ \text{where } D \geq 0 \text{ \& } D \not\sim S \end{cases}$$

To prove $(\star)$, need a basis

Def + lemma Let $R =$ graded A -algebra

A truncation of R is

$$R_{(d)} = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} R_{md}, \quad d \in \mathbb{N}$$

Then R is f.g. $(\Leftrightarrow) R_{(d)}$ is f.g.

(Ex. $R(x, D)$ f.g. $(\Rightarrow)$ $R(x, mD)$ f.g.)
pf $(\Rightarrow)$ $R_{(d)} =$ algebra of invariants $\left(\bigoplus_d \mathbb{Z}_d \curvearrowright \bigoplus_d R \right)$
 $\bigoplus_d \mathbb{Z}_d \curvearrowright \bigoplus_d f = \bigoplus_{\deg f} f$

$\leadsto R_{(d)}$ is f.g. by Noether's thm.

$(\Leftarrow)$ R is integral over $R_{(d)}$

$\left(\bigoplus_d f \text{ is a root of } x^d - f^d \in R_{(d)}[x] \right)$

$R_{(d)} \text{ f.g.} \Rightarrow R \text{ f.g.}$ by Noether's thm
on finiteness of integral closure.

Lemma (*) $R \text{ f.g.} \Rightarrow R_S \text{ f.g.}$

$$\text{---} \Leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{---} \\ S \sim dD, d \in \mathbb{N} \\ \text{where } D \geq 0 \text{ \& } D \nmid S \end{cases}$$

p.f. $(\Rightarrow)$

$$R \xrightarrow[\text{restriction}]{\phi} R_S \quad \checkmark$$

$$(\Leftarrow) \quad 0 \rightarrow \boxed{\text{Ker } \phi} \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{\phi} R_S \rightarrow D$$

f.g. ? f.g.

- Suppose $S \sim dD$.
- May assume $d=1$ by passing to a truncation: $R_{(d)} \longrightarrow (R_S)_{(d)}$.

• So $S = D + (g_1)$, $g_1 \in R_1$, by identifying $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sections of} \\ R_m = f_* \mathcal{O}_X(mD) \end{array} \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rat'l functions } g \\ (g) + mD \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Claim $\text{Ker } \phi = \langle g_1 \rangle$

$\uparrow$
p.f. Let $g \in R_m$ w./ $\phi(g) = 0$.

$$\rightarrow \text{Supp}((g) + mD) \supset S$$

$$\rightarrow (g) + mD = S + \underbrace{S'}_{\substack{\parallel \\ D+(g_1)}} + \underbrace{0}_{\substack{\vee \\ 0}}$$

$$\rightarrow (g/g_1) + (m-1)D = S' \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow g/g_1 \in R_{m-1} \text{ i.e. } g \in \langle g_1 \rangle \quad *$$

Now want f.g. of restricted alg. R_S .

In general $R_S \neq \bigoplus_m f_* \mathcal{O}_S(mD)$, but we'll show $\rightarrow$

$$\bigoplus f_* \mathcal{O}_S(B_m) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{geometric} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{additive} \end{array}$$

Def. A geometric algebra is any $\mathcal{O}_Z$ -algebra

$$R(X, B_\bullet) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} f_* \mathcal{O}_X(B_n)$$

where $B_\bullet$ is additive seq.

• a seq. of $\mathbb{R}$ -divisors $B_\bullet$ is

additive if $B_i + B_j \leq B_{i+j}$

convex if $\frac{i}{i+j} B_i + \frac{j}{i+j} B_j \leq B_{i+j}$

note:

$B_\bullet$ additive
 $\Downarrow$
 $\frac{B_\bullet}{i}$ convex

Key pt f.g. of geometric algebra depends only on mobile part in each degree, even up to a biratl map:

Lemma Let $Y \xrightarrow{g} X$ biratl.

$R = R(X, B.)$, $R' = R(Y, B'.)$ geo. alg.

If $\text{mob}(g^* B_m) = \text{mob}(B'_m)$,

then $R \simeq R'$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pf. } R' &= \bigoplus H^0(Y, \text{mob}(B'_m)) \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &\quad \underbrace{\text{mob}(g^* B_m)}_{\parallel} \\ &\quad H^0(X, \text{mob}(B_m)) \simeq R \quad * \end{aligned}$$

In fact, if mobile parts are free & "stabilize" $\} \Rightarrow$ f.g.
(next lemma)

Let $R = R(X, B.)$ geo. alg

Write $B_m = M_m + F_m$
mobile fixed
part part

Def. The seq. $M_\bullet$ is called mobile seq. ^{additive}

$$\therefore D_m = \frac{M_m}{m} \quad \therefore \text{characteristic seq.}$$

^{convex}

R is semiample if $D = \lim D_m$ semiample.

Lemma $R = \text{semiample geo. alg on } X$.

If $D = D_k$, some $k > 0$,
then R is f.g.

Pf. Passing to a truncation, may assume $D = D_1$.

$$\text{Then } mD = mD_1 = \underline{mM_1} \leq M_m = mD_m \leq mD$$

So $M_m = mD$ semiample, all m .

Truncate further, may assume M_m free

Let $X \xrightarrow{h} W$ contraction st. $M_1 = h^* \underline{H}$
v. ample

$$\text{Then } R = \bigoplus H^0(X, M_m) = \bigoplus H^0(W, mH)$$

$\begin{matrix} \parallel \\ mM_1 \\ \parallel \\ h^* mH \end{matrix}$

f.g. $\otimes$

To apply this lemma, need

① improve how S sits inside X by
changing models
(run real MMP) $\rightarrow$ semiample

② subtle saturation property $\rightarrow D_K$ stabilises

§ 4. Main technical thm

Thm 4.3 (X, Δ) , $R = R(X, D)$
 $f \downarrow$ $\mathbb{Z}$ affine $\parallel$ $K(K_X + \Delta)$ Cartier

pl flipping contraction
 ((satisfies
 1) f small biratl
 $\rho(X/2) \geq 1$ $X: \mathbb{Q}$ -fac.
 2) $K_X + \Delta$ plt
 $S = L\Delta$ irred
 3) $-(K_X + \Delta) \otimes S$
 are ample
 Assume (1) $K_X + \Delta$ plt
 (2) $S = L\Delta$ irred
 (3) $\exists G \in |D|$, $\text{Supp } G \not\supset S$
 (4) $\Delta - S \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} A + B$, $\text{Supp } B \not\supset S$
 $\text{ample } \frac{1}{6}$
 (5) $-(K_X + \Delta)$ ample.

If real MMP holds in dim $n-1$,
 then R_S is f.g.

Rk The only interesting case = f biratl
 (otherwise, (5) $\Rightarrow K(X, K_X + \Delta) \geq -\infty$
 $\rightarrow R_S = 0$)

Lemma 4.3 $\Rightarrow$ Main thm.

pf. suffice to prove pl flipping contraction satisfies
 hypothesis of 4.3.

For (3) & (4),

Point: Every Cartier on X is mobile

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