

Some Ideas from the Birkar-Cascini-Hacon-McKernan Proof

MMP Learning Seminar

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Main Theorem

$R(X, K_X) = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{N}} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(mK_X))$ is finitely generated.

Goal

(X, Δ) : projective klt pair

Δ big

$K_X + \Delta$ pseudoeffective

Then $K_X + \Delta$ has log terminal model.

Remark

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log terminal model = minimal model

canonical model = ample model

Important terms

Our setting

X : normal variety

$D = \sum d_i D_i$: $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor on X

D_i : distinct, irreducible

$K_X + D$: $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier

$f: Y \rightarrow X$ proper birational morphism

Can write: $K_Y = f^*(K_X + D) + \sum_{\substack{E \subset Y \\ \text{prime divisor}}} a(E, D) E$

← the discrepancy of E w.r.t. (X, D)

discrepancy of (X, D)

↓ $\text{discrep}(X, D) := \inf_E \{ a(E, D) \text{ s.t. } E \text{ is an exceptional divisor over } X \}$

Assume D is a boundary (i.e., coeff.s of $D \in [0, 1]$).

Singularities of Pairs

Say (X, D) has

[Type of sing.s] singularities if $\text{discrep}(X, D)$ is

Klt	> -1 and $[D] = 0$
pIt	> -1
dIt	≥ -1 , $\text{center}_x E \subset \text{non s.n.c. of } (X, D)$
lc	≥ -1

dIt : If $a(E, D) = -1$, then $\text{center}_x E \subseteq \text{the s.n.c. locus of } (X, D)$.

(X, D) is $Klt / pIt / dIt / lc$ if it has $Klt / pIt / dIt / lc$ singularities.

Note $Klt \subsetneq pIt \subsetneq dIt \subsetneq lc$

(X, D) is dlt iff there exists a Zariski open $U \subseteq X$ s.t.

(1) U smooth, $D|_U$ is a s.n.c. divisor.

(2) Any log canonical center of (X, D) intersects U and is given by strata $[D]$.

The log discrepancy is $\alpha_E(X, D) := 1 + a(E, D)$

Note

$$a(E, D) > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_E(X, D) > 1$$

$$a(E, D) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_E(X, D) = 1$$

$$a(E, D) = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha_E(X, D) = 0 \quad \leadsto E \text{ is a } \underline{\text{log canonical place}}.$$

(X, D)

A subvariety $V \subseteq X$ is a log canonical center if there exists a

- proper birational morphism $\mu: Y \rightarrow X$
- prime divisor E on Y

with discrepancy $a(E, D) = -1$ s.t. $\mu(E) = V$.

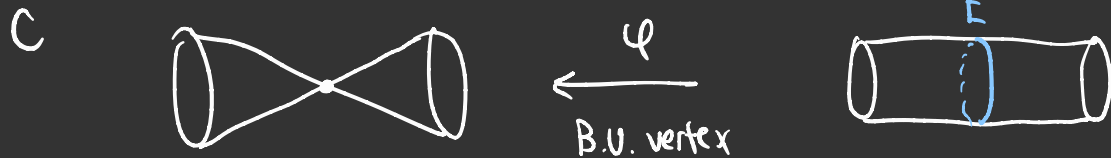
so $\alpha_E(X, D) = 0$ (i.e., E is a lc place)

i.e., a log canonical center is the image of a lc place.

A log resolution of (X, D) is a proper birational morphism $f: Y \rightarrow X$ s.t.

- 1) $\text{Exc}(f)$ is a divisor $E = \sum E_i \subset Y$; E_i 's : irreducible components
- 2) Y nonsing.
- 3) $\text{supp}(f^*(D) \cup E)$ is a snc divisor.

Ex C : Cone over an elliptic curve



$$\varphi^*(K_C) = K_Y + cE$$

$\downarrow$ adj.

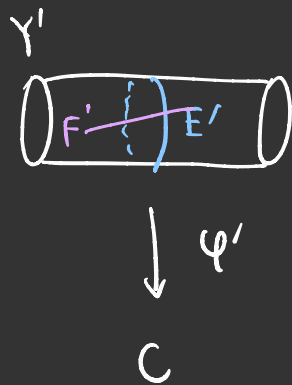
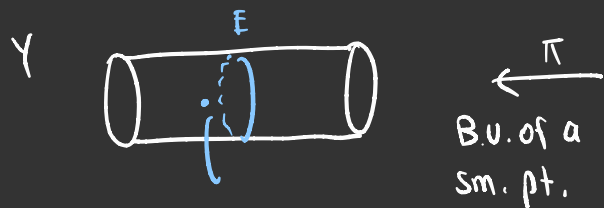
$$\varphi^*(K_C) = K_Y + E$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_E(X, D) = 1 + (-1) = 0$$

$$a(E, D) = -1$$

$\Rightarrow E$ is an lc place.

Ex (cont. ed)

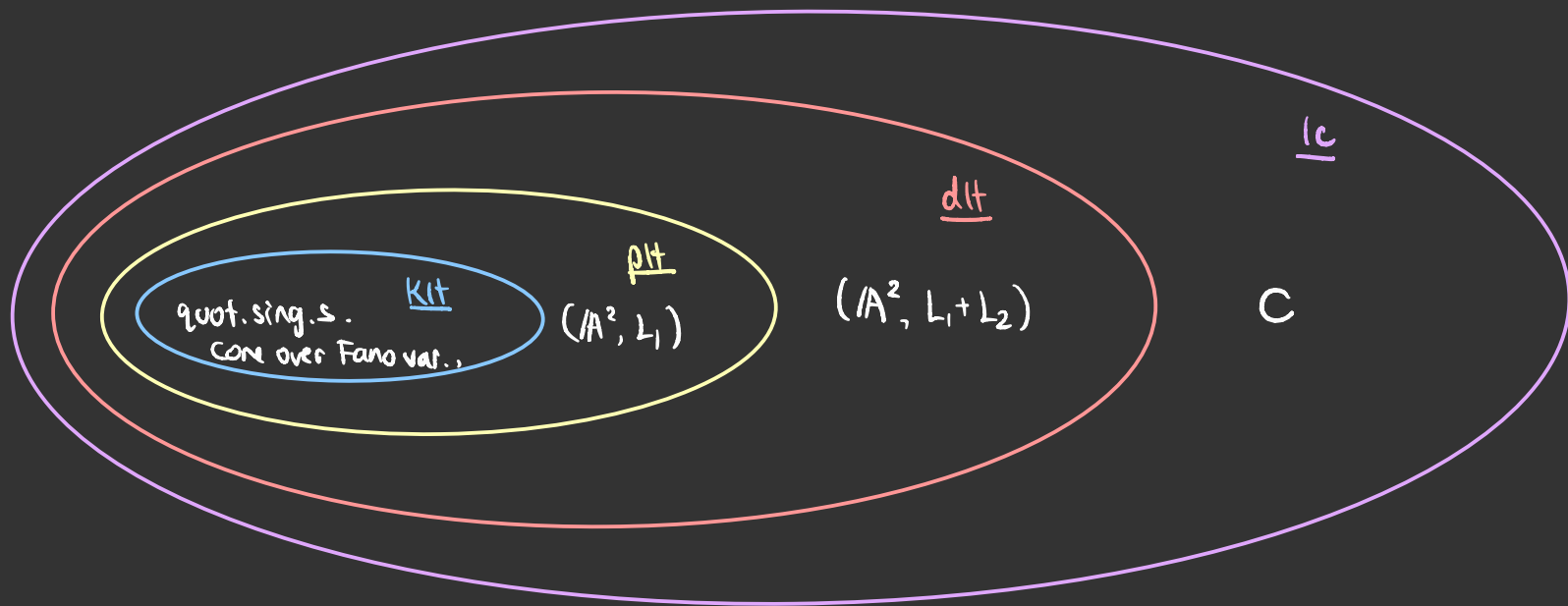


$$\begin{aligned}
 (\psi')^*(k_c) &= \pi^*(k_Y + E) \\
 &= \pi^*(k_Y) + \pi^*(E) \\
 &= (k_{Y'} - F') + (E' + F') \\
 &= k_{Y'} + E' + 0F'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_F(x, D) = 1 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow F'$ is not a lc place.

$$Klt \subsetneq pIt \subsetneq dIt \subsetneq Ic$$



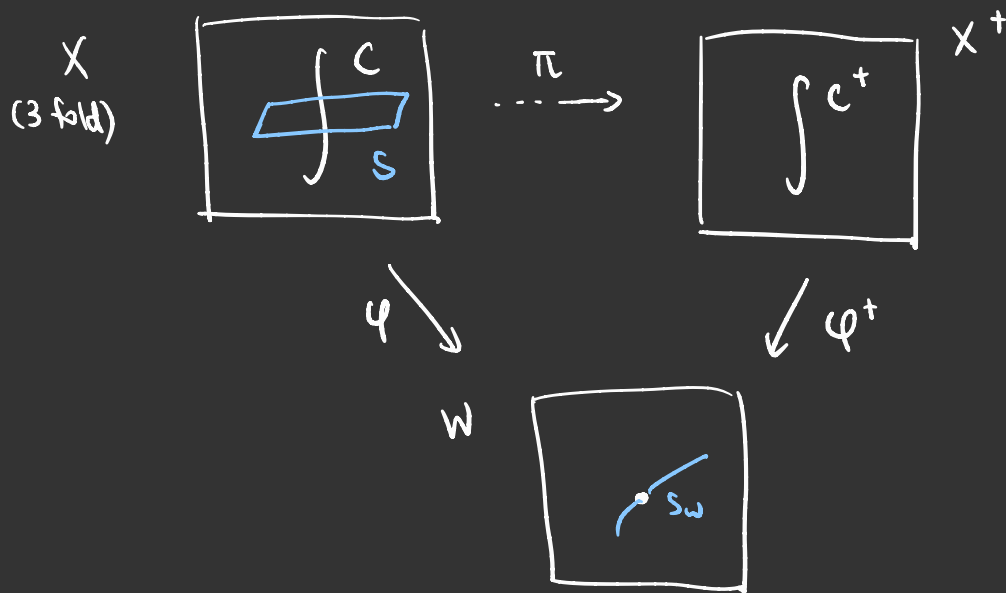
$f: X \rightarrow W$ a projective birational morphism, small

(X, D) : plt with $S = \lfloor D \rfloor$ irred.

$\text{Exc}(f)$ has $\text{codim} \geq 2$ in X

f is a pl-flipping contraction if $\ell(X/W) = 1$ and $-(K_X + D)$ is ample over W .

Picture



If we replace

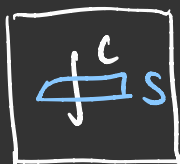
$$(X, \Delta) \rightsquigarrow (X, \Delta + S) \text{ where } S = \pi^* S_w :$$

$(X, \Delta + S)$ plt $\Rightarrow$ we still have a flip.

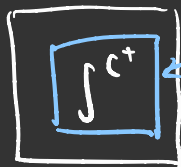
Moreover, if $S = \pi^* S_w$

$$\text{flip}(X, \Delta + S) \equiv \text{flip}(X, \Delta)$$

X
(3 fold)

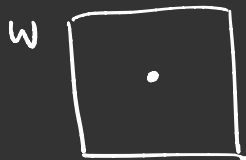


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φ^+
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Suppose $S \cdot C > 0$. WTS $S^+ \cdot C^+ < 0$.

Pf

$\exists \alpha > 0$ s.t. $(K_X + \Delta + \alpha S) \cdot C = 0$.

Conc Thm $\Rightarrow K_X + \Delta + \alpha S = \varphi^* L$

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\pi_* (K_X + \Delta + \alpha S)}_{\pi_* \varphi^* L} = K_X + \Delta^+ + \alpha S^+$
 $\pi_* \varphi^* L = (\varphi^+)^* L$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} C^+ (K_{X^+} + \Delta^+ + \alpha S^+) &= (\varphi^+)^* L \cdot C^+ \\ &= L \cdot [0] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$C^+ (K_{X^+} + \Delta^+) > 0$$

$$\text{So } \alpha S^+ \cdot C^+ < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S^+ \cdot C^+ < 0.$$

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Why are pl-flips important?

Recall WTS $\bigoplus H^0(m(K_X + \Delta))$ is f.g.

$e(X/W) = 1$: $\bigoplus H^0(m(K_X + \Delta + S))$ ****** f.g.



$e(S)$ $\bigoplus H^0(m(K_S + \Delta_S))$ **?** f.g.

Simplified Versions of Theorems Used

Thm A (Existence of pl-flips)

(X, Δ) plt

$f: X \rightarrow Z$ pl-flipping contraction

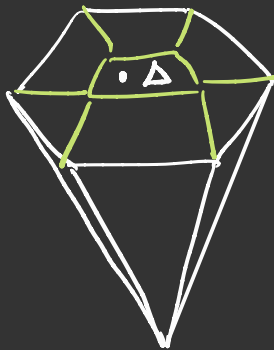
Then the flip $\pi: X \dashrightarrow X^+$ exists.

Motivation for Thm B

Want: finiteness of ample models.

- Start with $K_X + \Delta$
- Consider all perturbations of Δ
 $\left. \vphantom{\text{Consider all perturbations of } \Delta} \right\}$ give

polyhedra



$K_X + \Delta + \varepsilon D$: stabilize at some point.

Note only those that keep $K_X + \Delta$ Klt.

By finiteness of ample models:

As we perturb Δ , get finitely many ample models, i.e.,

finitely many of $\text{Proj} \left(\bigoplus_{m \geq 0} H^0(m(K_X + \Delta)) \right)$

$\leadsto$ chamber decomposition where

Proj (elts in same chamber) are equal

Thm B (special finiteness)

(X, Δ) klt

$(X, \Delta + S)$ plt

$S =$ sum of finitely many prime divisors

$\lfloor \Delta + S \rfloor = S$: irred

Then there are finitely many ample models for perturbations of $K_X + \Delta + S$, so that any other ample model of a perturbation of $K_X + \Delta + S$ is isomorphic to one of the previous ones around S .

Thm C (Existence of log terminal models)

(X, Δ) klt

$K_X + \Delta$ big

Then there exists a MMP that terminates with a log terminal model,

i.e., $\exists$ a $(K_X + \Delta)$ -negative contraction $(X \dashrightarrow X_{\min})$ s.t.

$K_{X_{\min}} + \Delta_{\min}$ is nef,

where $\Delta_{\min} = \varphi_* \Delta$.

Fact $K_X + \Delta$ big $\rightsquigarrow \Delta$ big

Trick:

$$(1+\varepsilon)(K_X + \Delta) = K_X + \Delta + \varepsilon(K_X + \Delta)$$

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 $H \geq 0$

Fact big $\Rightarrow$ effective

Thm D (Nonvanishing Thm)

(X, Δ) Klt

Δ big

$K_X + \Delta$ pseudoeffective

Then $K_X + \Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} D \geq 0$.

Thm E (Finiteness of Models)

The global version of Thm B.

Thm F

$K_X + \Delta$ $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier $\Rightarrow R(X, K_X + \Delta)$ is f.g.

$(X, \Delta) : \text{Klt}$

$$\bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{N}} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X \lfloor m(K_X + \Delta) \rfloor)$$

Some main ideas of proof

$K_X + \Delta$ big

WTS: $R(X, K_X + \Delta)$ is f.g.

Approach Construct a log terminal model for X .

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Existence and term.} \\ \text{of flips in dim } (n-1) \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Existence of pl-flips} \\ \text{in dim. } n \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Existence of Klt-flips} \\ \text{in dim. } n \end{array} \right]$$

Hacon and McBernon '05

WMA pl-flips in dim n exist

Suppose $K_X + \Delta$ big.

Run MMP in dim. n .

$$\rightsquigarrow (X, \Delta) \dashrightarrow (X_1, \Delta_1) \dashrightarrow \dots \dashrightarrow (X_{\min}, \Delta_{\min})$$

$$K_{X_{\min}} + \Delta_{\min} \text{ big and nef} \xRightarrow[\text{(Basepoint free thm)}]{\text{Kollár}} K_{X_{\min}} + \Delta_{\min} \text{ semiample}$$

so $\exists$ morphism $X_{\min} \rightarrow X_{\text{can}}$

$$R(X, K_X + \Delta) \cong R(X, K_{X_{\min}} + \Delta_{\min}) \cong R(X, K_{\text{can}} + \Delta_{\text{can}})$$

MMP with scaling

$K_X + \Delta$ s.t. (X, Δ) klt

A : ample divisor

$K_X + \Delta + \lambda A$ nef for some $\lambda \geq 0$

choose minimal such λ

If $\lambda = 0$ stop; since $K_X + \Delta + \lambda A$ is nef.

Otherwise There exists a $(K_X + \Delta)$ -external ray R s.t. R is a $(K_X + \Delta + \lambda A)$ -trivial ray.

Contraction associated to ray is a $(K_X + \Delta)$ -flip $\equiv (K_X + \Delta + \lambda A)$ -flop

$\Rightarrow X$ is a min. model for $K_X + \Delta + \lambda A$.

Idea of MMP with scaling

Do flips:

$$\underbrace{(x, \Delta)}_{\substack{\text{min. model for} \\ Kx + \Delta + \lambda A}} \dashrightarrow \underbrace{(x_1, \Delta_1)}_{\substack{\text{min mod for} \\ Kx_1 + \Delta_1 + \lambda A_1}} \dashrightarrow \dots \dashrightarrow (x_j, \Delta_j)$$

Eventually, λ is no longer the min value s.t. $Kx_j + \Delta_j + \lambda A_j$ is ref.

λ decreases say $\lambda \rightsquigarrow \lambda'$

: (Repeat)

Process: MMP with scaling

Quasi MMP with scaling

$(X, \Delta + S)$: plt

Want S : $0 \leq S \sim aK_X + \Delta$

Then $K_X + \Delta + S|_S = K_S + \Delta_S$

Consider 2 sequences of flips $\textcircled{A}$ and $\textcircled{B}$:

$\textcircled{B} \quad (X, \Delta + S) \dashrightarrow (X, \Delta_1 + S_1) \dashrightarrow \dots \quad \textcircled{B} \text{ terminates around } S$

$\Uparrow$ B.C.H.M.

$\textcircled{A} \quad (S, \Delta_S) \dashrightarrow (S_1, \Delta_{S_1}) \dashrightarrow \dots \quad \text{If } \textcircled{A} \text{ terminates}$

$(S, \Delta_S) \text{ Klt} \Rightarrow \exists$ finitely many divisors over (S, Δ_S) w/ log discrepancy in $(0, 1)$

Then blowups in $\textcircled{A}$ eventually terminate.

Want C s.t.

- $K_X + \Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} D + \alpha C$
- $K_X + \Delta + C$ is dlt, nef
- $\text{Supp}(D) \subseteq \underbrace{|\Delta|}_S$

The point:

R : extremal ray $(K_X + \Delta) \cdot R < 0$

$K_X + \Delta + C$ nef and $C \cdot R \geq 0 \Rightarrow (K_X + \Delta + C) \cdot R \geq 0$

So $(K_X + \Delta) \cdot R < 0 \Rightarrow (D + \alpha C) \cdot R \leq 0$ (also $D \cdot R < 0$)

$\Rightarrow [R] \subseteq \text{Supp}(D)$

Done $D \subseteq S$ so every $(K_X + \Delta)$ negative curve lies in S .
 $\Rightarrow$ a min. model for $K_X + \Delta$ around S is
a min mod for $K_X + \Delta$.

Then construct $D + \alpha C$ s.t. $K_X + \Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} D + \alpha C$

Note Since $K_X + \Delta$ is big, we have $K_X + \Delta = A + E$ (A is ample)

Write $D = D_1 + D_2$: $D_1 \subseteq S$, $D_2 \not\subseteq S$

Do induction on # components of D_2 .

If $D_2 = \emptyset$, then $D \subseteq S$ and done by previous page

If $D_2 \neq \emptyset$: done by induction and adjunction.

This finishes proof if $K_X + \Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} D \geq 0$

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Sketch of Effectivity

$K_X + \Delta$ pseudoeff. and Δ big $\Rightarrow K_X + \Delta \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} D \geq 0$ (+)

If $K_X + \Delta$ big, then conclusion of (+) holds.

For any ample H ,

$h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(L_m(K_X + \Delta) + H))$ is a bdd fn. of m .

If this is $\leq c$ for all m , then $K_X + \Delta \equiv N_\sigma(K_X + \Delta) \geq 0$.

i.e., $K_X + \Delta$ has no positive part in
the Nakayama decomposition

Next trick:

produce a lc center for $K_X + \Delta + \frac{H}{m}$

$$\hookrightarrow \underbrace{N_\sigma}_{\text{neg}} + P_\sigma$$

Then: do adjunction to the lc center: $K_X + \Delta + \frac{H}{m} \Big|_S = K_S + \Delta_S + \frac{H_S}{m_S}$.

Idea of next steps

- Show $K_S + \Delta_S$ is pseudoeffective w/ Δ_S big
- S has lesser dim. because its a lc center

$\Rightarrow K_S + \Delta_S$ has a section

lift to a section of $K_X + \Delta$ using
Kawamata-Viehweg Vanishing:

If $\textcircled{H} - (K_X + \Delta)$ is big and nef, then $h^1(\textcircled{H}) = 0$.

$\uparrow$
take $\textcircled{H} = m(K_X + \Delta) - S$.

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