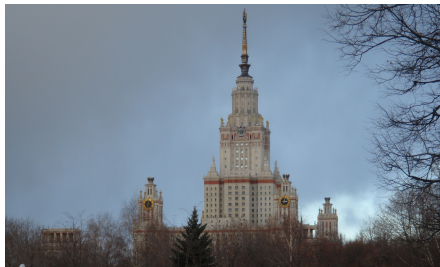


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Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety and  $L$  a big line bundle. Assume that  $\Lambda_{\text{eff}}(X)$  is finite polyhedral and that

$$D = a(X, L)L + K_X$$

is semi-ample. Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  be the semi-ample fibration of  $D$ . Then

$$b(X, L) = \text{rk NS}(X) - \text{rk NS}_\pi(X),$$

where  $\text{NS}_\pi(X)$  is the lattice generated by  $\pi$ -vertical divisors, i.e., divisors  $M \subset X$  such that  $\pi(M) \subsetneq Y$ .

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## Rigidity (de Fernex-Hacon 2009)

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- the degree  $d(X) := (-K_X)^3$ ;
- the Mori invariant  $m(X)$  which is the smallest integer  $m$  such that through every point of  $X$  passes a rational curve  $C$  with  $(-K_X, C) \leq m$ .

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Finer classification:

$\text{rk Pic}(X) = 1$ : We have the following possibilities for  $X$ :

- $\mathbb{P}^3$ , or a quadric, or
- $r(X) = 2$  and  $d(X) \in \{8, 16, 24, 32, 40\}$ , or
- $r(X) = 1$  and  $d(X) \in \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22\}$ .

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$-K_X$ -conics dominating  $X$  are surfaces of general type which embed into their Albanese varieties. By Faltings' theorem, conics defined over a **fixed** number field are contained in a proper subvariety, and cannot dominate  $X$ .

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# Balanced line bundles

## Summary

Let  $X$  be a Fano threefold. Then  $-K_X$  is **balanced more or less** when  $X$  is a homogeneous space or an equivariant compactification of a  $H \backslash G$ .

# Equivariant geometry

Let  $G$  a connected linear algebraic group,  $H \subset G$  a closed subgroup, and  $X$  a projective equivariant compactification of  $X^\circ := H \backslash G$ . We will assume that  $X$  is smooth and that the boundary

$$\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_X} D_\alpha = X \setminus X^\circ$$

is a divisor with normal crossings. If  $H$  is a parabolic subgroup of a semi-simple group  $G$ , then there is no boundary, i.e.,  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_X$  is empty, and  $H \backslash G$  is a generalized flag variety. Throughout, we will assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is not empty.

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Let  $\text{Pic}^G(X)$  be the group of equivalence classes of  $G$ -linearized line bundles on  $X$  and  $\text{Pic}(X)$  the Picard group of  $X$ . For  $L \in \text{Pic}^G(X)$ , the subgroup  $H \subset G$  acts linearly on the fiber  $L_x$  at  $x = H \in H \backslash G$ . This defines a homomorphism

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## Example

Let  $G = \mathbb{G}_a^n$  and  $M = \mathbb{G}_a^d \subset G$ . Let  $X$  be a smooth projective equivariant compactification of  $G$  and  $Y$  the induced compactification of  $M$ . If  $a(Y, -K_X|_Y) = 1$  then the number of irreducible boundary components of  $Y$  is strictly smaller than the number of boundary components of  $X$ .

## Equivariant geometry

Let  $G = \mathrm{PGL}_2$ ,  $M = B$ , the Borel subgroup of  $G$  and  $H = 1$ . Let  $X = \mathbb{P}^3 \supset G$ , with boundary  $D := \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Then  $Y = \mathbb{P}^2$ ; with boundary  $D_Y = Y \setminus B = \ell_1 \cup \ell_2$ , a union of two intersecting lines. Put  $X' := B \setminus G = \mathbb{P}^1$ . Then  $\pi : X \dashrightarrow X'$  has indeterminacy along  $D_Y := D \cap Y$ . Resolving the indeterminacy, we obtain a fibration

$$\tilde{\pi} : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1.$$

We have

$$a(\tilde{X}, -K_{\tilde{X}}) = a(\tilde{Y}, -K_{\tilde{X}}|_{\tilde{Y}}) = a(\tilde{Y}, -K_{\tilde{Y}}).$$

The proof of Theorem shows that

$$\#\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{Y}} = \#\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}} = \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic}(\tilde{X}).$$

However,  $\mathfrak{X}(B)^* = \mathbb{Z}$ , and in particular,  $\mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic}(\tilde{Y}) = \#\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{Y}} - 1$  so that

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This constant appears in the constant  $c = c(-\mathcal{K}_X)$  in Manin's conjecture above.

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## Example

When  $X$  is an equivariant compactification of an algebraic group  $G$  and  $\omega$  a left-invariant differential form on  $G$ , we have  $\operatorname{div}(\omega) = -D$ , so that  $K_X(D)$  is a trivial line bundle, equipped with a **canonical** metrization. We may assume that its section  $\omega f_D$  has norm 1. Then

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Let

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# Global theory

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$$H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0.$$

Let

$$\text{EP}(U) = \Gamma(U_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{O}_X^*) / \bar{F}^* - \text{Pic}(U_{\bar{F}}) / \text{torsion}$$

be the virtual Galois module. Put

$$\lambda_v = L_v(1, \text{EP}(U)), \quad v \nmid \infty, \quad \lambda_v = 1, \quad v \mid \infty.$$

We have a global measure on  $U(\mathbb{A}_F)$  given by

$$\tau_{(X,D)} = L^*(1, \text{EP}(U))^{-1} \cdot \prod_v \lambda_v \tau_{(X,D),v}$$

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To compute the volume of the **height ball**

$$\text{vol}(B) := \{x \in U(\mathbb{A}_F) \mid H_{\mathcal{L}}(x) \leq B\},$$

for  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\tau_{(X,D)}$ , we use the **adelic** Mellin transform:

$$Z(s) = \int_0^\infty t^{-s} d\text{vol}(t) = \int_{U(\mathbb{A}_F)} H_{\mathcal{L}}(x)^{-s} d\tau_{(X,D)}(x) = \prod_v \int_{U(F_v)} \dots$$

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For almost all  $v$  and  $\Re(s) > (\rho_\alpha - 1)/\lambda_\alpha$ , one has

$$Z_v(s) = \sum_A \frac{\#D_A^\circ(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q^{\dim X}} \prod_{\alpha \in A} \frac{q-1}{q^{s\lambda_\alpha - \rho_\alpha + 1} - 1}.$$

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A Tauberian theorem implies the volume asymptotics with respect to  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\tau_{(X, D)}$ , for  $B \rightarrow \infty$ , of the form

$$B^a \log(B)^{b-1} \left( a(b-1)! \prod_{\alpha \in A(L, D)} \lambda_\alpha \right)^{-1} \int_{X(\mathbb{A}_F)} H_E(x)^{-1} d\tau_X(x).$$

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The  $n = 2$  case has been treated by Shalika–Takloo-Bighash-T. using spectral techniques and by Gorodnik-Maucourant-Oh using ergodic theory.