

Applications of stability of vector bundles and algebraic invariant theory

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1. Stability of Vector Bundles

X : projective complex manifold

$$X \subset \mathbb{P}^N, \quad \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = n$$

E : holomorphic vector bundle over X

$$\text{rank } E = r$$

H : hyperplane section on X

$$\text{deg } E = c_1(E)H^{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Definition: $\mathcal{F} \subset E$ is a subsheaf of E .

• E is semistable if for any \mathcal{F} ,

$$\frac{\text{deg } \mathcal{F}}{\text{rank } \mathcal{F}} \leq \frac{\text{deg } E}{\text{rank } E}$$

• E is stable if for any \mathcal{F} with $\text{rank } \mathcal{F} < r$,

$$\frac{\text{deg } \mathcal{F}}{\text{rank } \mathcal{F}} < \frac{\text{deg } E}{\text{rank } E}$$

2. Bogomolov's Inequality

1. **If** X is a surface, E is semistable, then

$$c_1^2(E) \leq \frac{2r}{r-1}c_2(E)$$

2. **If** $c_1^2(E) > \frac{2r}{r-1}c_2(E)$, then $\exists \mathcal{F} \subset E$,

$$\frac{\deg \mathcal{F}}{\operatorname{rk} \mathcal{F}} > \frac{\deg E}{r}, \quad (\operatorname{rk} \mathcal{F} < r).$$

3. ($r = 2$) **If** $c_1^2(E) > 4c_2(E)$, then $\exists L \subset E$,

$$\deg L > \frac{1}{2} \deg E, \quad (L \text{ is invertible.})$$

3. Applications of Rank 2 Case

1. **Miyaoka-Yau's Inequality** (1978)
2. **Vanishing Theorem** (Mumford 1982)
3. **Bombieri's Theorem** (Reider 1987)
4. **Fujita's Conjecture** (Reider 1987)

5. **Cayley-Bacharach Theorem** (2000)
6. **Effective Serre Theorem** (2003)
7. **Effective Matsusaka Theorem** (2003)
8. **Riemann-Roch Problem** (2003)
9. **Effective Artin Theorem** (2003)
10. **Effective Postulation** (2004)
11. **Existence of Curves with Prescribed Singularities** (2004)
12. **Seshadri's constants** (2004)

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X : smooth projective complex surface

$$X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$$

C : algebraic curve on X defined by

$$f(x, y) = 0.$$

Linear equivalence: $C_1 \equiv C_2 \iff$

$\frac{f_1}{f_2}$ is a meromorphic function on X

Linear system: $|D| = \{ C \mid C \equiv D \}$

$$H^0(D) = \{ f \mid f = 0 \text{ or } C_f \in |D| \}$$

$$\dim |D| = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^0(D) - 1 = h^0(D) - 1$$

Linear subsystem:

$$|D - p_1 - \cdots - p_k| = \left\{ C \in |D| \mid p_1, \cdots, p_k \in C \right\}$$

If $\{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_N\}$ is a base of $H^0(D)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_D : X &\longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N, \\ p &\longmapsto [f_0(p), \dots, f_N(p)] \end{aligned}$$

- Φ_D is well defined

\iff base point free

\iff 0-very ample

$\iff \forall p, \exists f \in H^0(D), f(p) \neq 0$

$\iff \forall p, \exists C \in |D|, p \notin C$

$$\dim |D - p| = \dim |D| - 1, \forall p \in X$$

- Φ_D is a holomorphic embedding

\iff very ample

\iff 1-very ample

$\iff \forall p, q \in X$ (not necessarily distinct)

$$\dim |D - p - q| = \dim |D| - 2, \forall p, q \in X$$

Definition I: $|D|$ or D is

- **(-1) -very ample** $\iff H^1(D) = 0$.
- **k -very ample** \iff any $k + 1$ points give
 $k + 1$ indep. conditions
 $\iff \forall p_1, \dots, p_{k+1}$
 $\dim |D - p_1 - \dots - p_{k+1}| = \dim |D| - (k + 1)$

Definition II:

- **H is ample** $\iff \exists n \gg 0, nH$ is very ample.
 $\iff H^2 > 0, HC > 0, \forall C$
- **A is nef** $\iff AC \geq 0, \forall C$
 $\implies A^2 \geq 0$.
- **A is big** $\iff A^2 > 0$.

4. Problems on Effectivity

Problems solved in surface case:

1. **Fujita's Conjecture (1987):**

If $n \geq k + \dim X + 1$, then $|nH + K_X|$ is k -very ample

2. **Effective Matsusaka Theorem (1993):**

If $n \geq M(X, H)$, then $|nH|$ is very ample.

(But the optimal bounds have not been found even for surfaces)

3. **Conjecture (1980's): K_X nef and big.**

If $n \geq \dim X + 2$, then $|nK_X|$ is free.

Problems NOT solved in surface case:

4. Effective Postulation (< 1949):

X is a surface. If $n \geq P(X, H)$, then

$$\dim |nH| = \chi(\mathcal{O}_X) - 1 + \frac{1}{2}nH(nH - K_X).$$

Namely $H^1(nH) = H^2(nH) = 0$.

5. Riemann-Roch Problem: $\dim |nD| = ?$

6. Effective Serre Theorem: $|nH + L|$

7. Effective Artin Theorem: $|nA|$

8. Effective Zariski Theorem: $|nA + L|$

9. Existence of Curves with Prescribed Singularities:

$$|nH|_T = |nH - S_1p_1 - \cdots - S_kp_k| \subset |nH|$$

Main Problem: When is the linear system

$$|nA + L|$$

k -very ample?

5. Main Theorem

$$\mathcal{B}(A, L) := \frac{((K_X - L)A + 2)^2}{4A^2} - \frac{(K_X - L)^2}{4}$$

$$\beta(A, L) := [\mathcal{B}(A, L)] \quad (\text{integral part})$$

Theorem 1. $k \geq 0$. **Assume that either**

- (1) $n \geq \beta(A, L) + k + 1$, **or**
 (2) $k = 0$, $A^2 = 1$, $nA + L \sim A + K_X$.

If $|nA + L|$ is not $(k - 1)$ -very ample, then there is a curve $D \neq 0$ such that

$$\begin{cases} LD - D^2 - K_X D \leq k, \\ DA = 0. \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

$$\alpha(A, L) = \begin{cases} +\infty, & A \text{ ample,} \\ \min_D \{ LD - K_X D - D^2 \}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = \alpha(A, L), \quad \beta = \beta(A, L).$$

Theorem 1: Assume that

$$\alpha \geq 1, \quad n \geq \beta + 1.$$

Then $|nA + L|$ is

$$\min\{\alpha - 2, n - \beta - 2\}$$

-very ample.

• **Fujita's Condition:** $|nA + K_X|$.

$$\alpha(A, K_X) = \min\{-D^2\} \geq 1.$$

• **Artin's Condition:** $|nA|$. $\alpha(A, 0) \leq 2$.

$$\alpha(A, 0) = 2 \iff D^2 + K_X D \leq -2, \quad (\forall D).$$

• **Ramanujan-Laufer's Condition:**

$$LD \geq K_X D, \quad (\forall D) \implies \alpha(A, L) \geq 1.$$

6. Effective Serre Theorem

$$\beta = \beta(H, L).$$

Effective Serre's Theorem.

- $|nH + L|$ is $(n - \beta - 2)$ -very ample if $n \geq \beta + 1$.
 - $|nH + L|$ is k -very ample if $n \geq \beta + k + 2$.
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Corollary 2. (Effective Serre's Theorem)

- $H^2(nH + L) = 0$, **if** $n \geq \beta + 1$
 - $H^1(nH + L) = 0$, **if** $n \geq \beta + 1$
 - $|nH + L|$ is free, **if** $n \geq \beta + 2$
 - $|nH + L|$ is very ample, **if** $n \geq \beta + 3$
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History : No bounds are found for surfaces

7. Effective Postulation

Corollary 3. (Effective Postulation)

If $n \geq \beta(H, L) + 1$, then

$$\dim |nH+L| = \chi(\mathcal{O}_X) - 1 + \frac{1}{2}(nH+L)(nH+L-K_X).$$

Problem (< 1949): Find k such that if $n \geq k$

$$\dim |nH| = \chi(\mathcal{O}_X) - 1 + \frac{1}{2}nH(nH - K_X). \quad (*)$$

[1] **J. G. Semple, L. Roth: Introduction to Algebraic Geometry, 1949. (Page 444)**

Classical Criterion: $C \in |H|$. If

$$H^1(\mathcal{O}_X(kH)) = H^1(\mathcal{O}_C(kH)) = 0,$$

then (*) holds for any $n \geq k$.

8. Effective Matsusaka Theorem

Corollary 4. (Effective Matsusaka THM)

$|nH|$ is very ample if $n \geq \beta(H, 0) + 3$, i.e.,

$$n > \frac{(K_X H + 2)^2}{4H^2} - \frac{K_X^2}{4} + 2$$

- **Curve:** $n \geq (2g(X) + 1)/\deg H$
- **Surface:** (1) Fernandez del Busto, 96
(2) Beltrametti-Sommese, 98

$$n > \frac{(4H^2 + HK_X + 1)^2}{2H^2} + \frac{3}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$n > \frac{(2H^2 + HK_X + 1)^2}{2H^2} + \frac{7}{2} \quad (2)$$

Problem (Ein, 95): Find optimal bound.

- **Y. T. Siu, 1993, 2002:** $d = \dim X$

$$n \geq N(d, H^d, K_X H^{d-1}).$$

9. Fujita's Conjecture

Fujita's Conjecture: $\dim X = d$,

- (1) $|nH + K_X|$ is base point free if $n \geq d + 1$.**
 - (2) $|nH + K_X|$ is very ample if $n \geq d + 2$.**
 - (3) $|nH + K_X|$ is $(n - d - 1)$ -very ample.**
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- $d = 1$: (1), (2), (3) **Riemann-Roch Thm**
- $d = 2$: (1), (2) **Reider 88**
 - (3) **Beltrametti-Sommese 91**
- $d = 3$: (1) **Ein-Lazarsfeld, 1993**
 $d = 4$: (1) **Kawamata, 1997**
- (1) **Angehrn-Siu 95:** $n \geq \frac{1}{2}(d^2 + d + 2)$
 - (1) **Heier 02:** $n > \left(e + \frac{1}{2}\right) d^{4/3} + \frac{1}{2}d^{2/3} + 1$

Example 1: $(L = K_X)$ $\mathcal{B}(H, K_X) = \frac{1}{H^2} \leq 1$

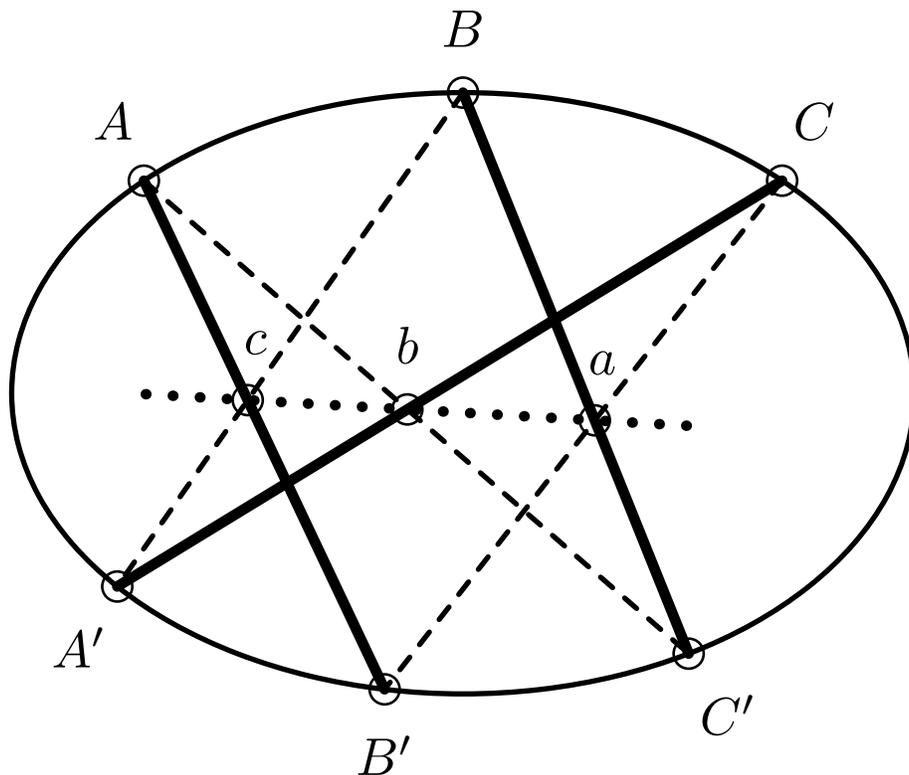
$$\beta(H, K_X) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } H^2 > 1, \\ 1, & \text{if } H^2 = 1. \end{cases}$$

Fujita's Conjecture: If H is ample, then

- $|nH + K_X|$ is $(n - 3)$ -very ample.
 - $|nH + K_X|$ is $(n - 2)$ -very ample if $H^2 > 1$.
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10. Cayley-Bacharach Theorem

Pascal Theorem:



C_1 : Three fat lines

C_2 : Three dotted lines

C_3 : Conic + line passing through a and b

$$C_1 \cap C_2 = \{A, B, C, A', B', C', a, b, c\}$$

Chasles Theorem: C_1, C_2, C_3 cubic curves.

$$C_1 \cap C_2 = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_9\}.$$

If C_3 passes through p_1, \dots, p_8 , then it passes through p_9 .

Cayley-Bacharach Theorem: ($\ell = 3$)

$$\deg C_1 = m, \deg C_2 = n, \deg C_3 = m + n - 3.$$

$$C_1 \cap C_2 = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{mn}\}$$

If C_3 passes through $mn - 1$ points, then it passes through the last one.

Theorem (2000): ($\ell \geq 3$). $C_1, C_2 \subset X$.
 $\#(C_1 \cap C_2) < +\infty$.

$$C_3 \in |C_1 + C_2 - \ell H|$$

If C_3 passes through $\#(C_1 \cap C_2) - (\ell - 2)$ points, then it passes through all of them.

$\dim X \geq 2$:

C-B Problem = Fujita's Conjecture

11. Effective Riemann-Roch Problem

Riemann-Roch Problem: Find the function

$$n \longmapsto \dim |nD| = h^0(nD) - 1$$

In particular, for $n \gg 0$.

1. **Castelnuovo 1897:** Assume $|D|$ is free, $\dim |D| \geq 2$. If $n \gg 0$, then

$$\dim |nD| = \chi(\mathcal{O}_X) - 1 + \frac{1}{2}nD(nD - K_X) + s$$

where $s = h^1(nD)$ is a constant.

2. **Zariski 1962 (Cutkosky-Srinivas 1993):** There is a quadratic polynomial $P(n)$,

$$h^0(nD) = P(n) + s(n),$$

where $s(n)$ is periodic when $n \gg 0$.

12. Linear Systems in Classical Sense

S : a curve singularity

m_1, \dots, m_r : multiplicity sequence of S

$$\mathcal{B}(S) := \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(m_i + 1)^2}{4},$$
$$\ell(S) := \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{m_i(m_i + 1)}{2}.$$

$$T = p_1^{S_1} \cdots p_k^{S_k}$$

$$|C|_T = |C - S_1 p_1 - \cdots - S_k p_k|.$$

Theorem: If $n \gg 0$, then

1. $\dim |nH + L|_T = \dim |nH + L| - \sum_{i=1}^k \ell(S_i)$
2. **Generic curves in $|nH + L|_T$ are irreducible, and have exactly curve singularity at p_i of type S_i .**

Problem: What is the effective bound?

(Cayley, Noether, Hilbert, Zariski, ...)

Our Solutions:

$$1) \quad n > \mathcal{B}(H, L) + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{B}(S_i)$$

$$2) \quad n > \mathcal{B}(H, L) + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{B}(S_i) + 1$$

Severi Variety: $V = V_{|nH+L|}(S_1, \dots, S_k)$

$$2) \implies \dim V = \dim |nH + L| - \sum_{i=1}^k c(S_i),$$

$c(S_i) = \#$ of conditions given by S_i

$\implies V$ is a Zariski open set of a variety

$$\bar{V} = \bar{V}_{|nH+L|}(S_1, \dots, S_k)$$

which is a \mathbb{P}^N -fibration.

13. About Vector Bundle Method

$$\dim X = d \geq 2.$$

Theorem (Tan 2000). (1), (2) equivalent

(1) $|K_X + L|$ is $(k - 1)$ -very ample. (Any k -points give k independent conditions)

(2) $Z = F_1 \cap \cdots \cap F_d = \{p_1, \cdots, p_m\}$.

$$F_0 \in |F_1 + \cdots + F_d - L|.$$

If F_0 passes through $m - k$ points of Z , then F passes through all.

Translate it to a problem on vector bundles

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^d \mathcal{O}_X(-F_i) \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{O}_X$$

$$(x_0, \dots, x_d) \mapsto f_0 x_0 + \dots + f_d x_d$$

$d = 2$: \mathcal{F} is a rank 2 vector bundle.

$d \geq 3$: \mathcal{F} is a rank d reflexive sheaf, with at most a finite number of singular points.

Problem: Find numerical conditions such that \mathcal{F} admits an invertible subsheaf $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{F}$ satisfying

$$\deg \mathcal{L} > \frac{\deg \mathcal{F}}{d}$$

In surface case, i.e., rank two vector bundle case, Bogomolov's inequality $c_1^2 > 4c_2$ gives us a solution.

14. Invariant Theory of Binary Forms

(= Theory of Rank 2 Vector Bundles)

Binary Form:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = a_0 x_1^n + \binom{n}{1} a_1 x_1^{n-1} x_2 + \binom{n}{2} a_2 x_1^{n-2} x_2^2 + \cdots + a_n x_2^n$$

Linear Transformation $\varphi \in G = GL(2, k)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}_1 \\ \bar{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (*)$$

New form: $f(c_{11}\bar{x}_1 + c_{12}\bar{x}_2, c_{21}\bar{x}_1 + c_{22}\bar{x}_2)$:

$$\bar{f}(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) = \bar{a}_0 \bar{x}_1^n + \binom{n}{1} \bar{a}_1 \bar{x}_1^{n-1} \bar{x}_2 + \binom{n}{2} \bar{a}_2 \bar{x}_1^{n-2} \bar{x}_2^2 + \cdots + \bar{a}_n \bar{x}_2^n$$

$$\begin{cases} \bar{a}_0 = \bar{a}_0(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n), \\ \bar{a}_1 = \bar{a}_1(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n), \\ \vdots \\ \bar{a}_n = \bar{a}_n(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n). \end{cases} \quad (\text{Polynomials}) \quad (**)$$

Covariant: Homogeneous Polynomial
(in a and x)

$$I(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n; x_1, x_2) =$$

$$C_0 x_1^m + \binom{m}{1} C_1 x_1^{m-1} x_2 + \dots + C_m x_2^m$$

satisfying

$$I(\bar{a}_0, \dots, \bar{a}_n; \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2) = (\det \varphi)^p I(a_0, \dots, a_n; x_1, x_2).$$

Invariant: A covariant with $m = 0$.

Nullform $f \iff$ for any invariant I , $I(f) = 0$.

$$\iff f = \ell^h f_1, \quad (h > n/2). \quad (\text{Hilbert, 1897}).$$

15. Stability of Vector Bundles

E : Rank two vector bundle over X .

x_1, x_2 : Local coordinates (or base).

L : Line bundle over X .

Binary Form: A section f of $S^n E \otimes L$.

Covariant: An algebraic map

$$I : S^n E \otimes L \rightarrow S^m E \otimes (\det E)^p \otimes L^g$$
$$f \mapsto I(f)$$

Invariant: An algebraic map

$$I : S^n E \otimes L \rightarrow (\det E)^p \otimes L^g = \left((\det E)^{n/2} \otimes L \right)^g$$

Nullforms: = Unstable Points

16. Proof of Bogomolov's Inequality

$$c_1^2 > 4c_2 \implies L \subset E, \quad \deg L > \frac{1}{2} \deg E.$$

Idea of Proof: $E_n := S^n E \left(-\frac{n}{2} \det E\right)$.

Step 1: By R-R Theorem, for any D

$$h^0(E_n(-D)) = \frac{n^3}{12} (c_1^2 - 4c_2) + O(n^2).$$

Step 2: n is a minimal positive integer such that there is a D satisfying

$$H^0(E_n(-D)) \neq 0, \quad DH > 0.$$

Step 3: Any form $0 \neq f \in H^0(E_n(-D))$ is a nullform. \forall invariant I ,

$$\begin{aligned} I : H^0(E_n(-D)) &\longrightarrow H^0(-gD) = 0, \\ f &\longmapsto I(f) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies f$ nullform

$\implies f = \ell^h f_1 \neq 0, \left(\frac{n}{2} < h \leq n\right)$ **(Hilbert)**

$\implies \begin{cases} 0 \neq \ell \in H^0(E(-L)), & \implies L \subset E \\ 0 \neq f_1 \in H^0(E_{n-h}(-D_1)), & \implies \end{cases}$

$$D_1 = D + h(-L + c_1/2).$$

By the minimality of n , $D_1 H \leq 0$, thus

$$DH + h(-LH + c_1 H/2) \leq 0$$

and

$$\deg L = LH > \frac{1}{2}c_1 H = \frac{1}{2} \deg E.$$

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(1) Riemann-Roch Theorem

(2) Hilbert's factorization of nullform

(3) We use $\text{Sym}^n E$ and $\det E$

17. Possible Generalization

H. Weyl:

- (1) All geometric facts are expressed by the vanishing of invariants.
- (2) All invariants are invariants of tensors.

E : Rank d vector bundle

$$E^{\otimes n} = S^n E \oplus \Lambda^n E \oplus E^{T_1} \oplus E^{T_2} \oplus \dots$$

Usual stability comes from $S^n E$ and $\Lambda^m E$.

What kind of stability can we get from E^T ?

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