

# Introduction to K-stability @ Nankai by Yuchen Liu.

## Lecture 1. Basic Concepts.

K-stability : introduced by Tian ('97)

algebraic reformulation by Donaldson ('02)

characterize  $\exists$  of Kähler-Einstein metrics on Fano mfd.

$(X, \omega)$  Kähler mfd, KE metric :  $\text{Ric}(\omega) = \lambda \cdot \omega$ .

$[\text{Ric}(\omega)] = c_1(X) \in H^2(X, \mathbb{R})$ .  $\exists$  KE?

$\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow c_1(X) > 0$ ,  $X$  is Fano. Not always

$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow c_1(X) = 0$ ,  $X$  is Calabi-Yau ✓ Yau

$\lambda < 0 \Rightarrow c_1(X) < 0$ ,  $X$  is of general type ✓ Aubin, Yau

K-moduli theory : a well-behaved moduli theory for Fano var.

### § Original definition

- $X$  is a Fano variety if  $X$  is a normal proj. var. / $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $-K_X$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier ample.

A smooth Fano variety is a Fano manifold.

Ex.  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $Q^n = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} x_i^2 = 0 \right) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ ,  $\text{Gr}(k, n)$ .

$X_d = (f(x_0, \dots, x_{n+1}) = 0) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ ,  $\deg f = d \leq n+1$ .

$K_{X_d} = \mathcal{O}(-n-2+d)$  by adjunction.

del Pezzo surfaces (10 families), Fano 3-folds (105 families).

Ex. Weighted proj. spaces  $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathbb{P}(a_0, \dots, a_n) = \mathbb{A}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} / \mathbb{G}_m$$

$\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$ :  $t \cdot (x_0, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (t^{a_0} x_0, t^{a_1} x_1, \dots, t^{a_n} x_n)$ .

$$-K_{\mathbb{P}(a_0, \dots, a_n)} = \mathcal{O}(a_0 + \dots + a_n) \text{ ample.}$$

weighted hypersurface, ...

( test the theory on examples! )

Def. A test configuration  $^{(\pi)} \mathcal{L}$  of  $(X, L)$  is  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$   
 together with  $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ . s.t.

(i)  $\mathcal{X}$  is normal,  $\pi$  is a flat proj. morphism  
 and  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $\pi$ -ample like bundle.

(ii)  $\exists$  a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $\mathcal{X}$  s.t.  $\pi$  is  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant  
 w.r.t. standard  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $\mathbb{A}^1$   
 $t \cdot x = tx$ .

(iii)  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$  s.t.  $-rK_X$  is an ample like bundle,  
 and  $(\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0, \mathcal{L}|_{\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{G}_m\text{-equiv}} (X, -rK_X) \times (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\})$   
 where  $\mathbb{G}_m$  acts trivially on  $(X, -rK_X)$ , standard on  $\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}$ .

Ex. • Trivial TC:  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\text{Gm-equiv}} (X, -rK_X) \times \mathbb{A}^1$

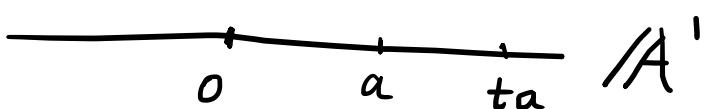
$\mathbb{G}_{\text{m}}$  acts trivially on  $X$ .

• Product TC:  $\mathcal{X} \cong X \times \mathbb{A}^1$ , but different  $\mathbb{G}_{\text{m}}$ -action.

$\lambda$ :  $\mathbb{G}_{\text{m}}$ -action on  $(X, -rK_X)$ .

$\lambda$  induces an action on  $\mathcal{X}$ :

$$t \cdot (x, a) = (\lambda(t)x, ta).$$



- Non-product TC with nice fiber.

$$\mathcal{X} = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + a^2 w^2 = 0) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{[x:y:z:w]}^3 \times \mathbb{A}_a^1.$$

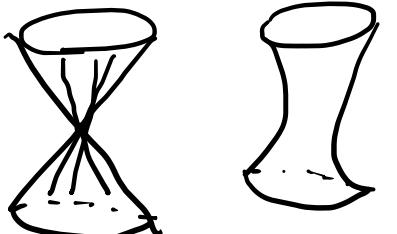
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(1), \quad r = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$a \neq 0$  :  $\mathcal{X}_a$  is a smooth quadric surface

$a = 0$  :  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is a cone over conic curve.

$\mathbb{G}_m$ -action :

$$t \cdot ([x:y:z:w], a) = ([x:y:z:t^{-1}w], ta).$$



$$X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{O}(1,1)} \mathbb{P}^3$$

$$\mathcal{X}_0 = \mathbb{P}(1,1,2) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{O}(2)} \mathbb{P}^3$$

$$\mathcal{X}_0 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3.$$

$$\cong (xy - z^2 = 0).$$

$$\mathbb{P}(1,1,2) \xrightarrow{\phi(z)} \mathbb{P}^3$$

$$[u, v, s] \longmapsto [u^2, v^2, uv, s] = [x, y, z, w]$$

$$\text{image} = (xy - z^2 = 0).$$

$[0, 0, 1] \in \mathbb{P}(1, 1, 2)$  locally  $\mathbb{C}^2/\{\pm 1\}$  A<sub>1</sub>-singularity.

## Futaki invariant

$n = \dim X$

Def.  $X$  Fano var.,  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  a test config. of  $(X, \overset{\parallel}{\mathcal{L}})$ .

Riemann-Roch:  $N_m = h^0(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = h^0(\mathcal{X}_0, \mathcal{L}_0^{\otimes m})$

$$= a_0 m^n + a_1 m^{n-1} + O(m^{n-2}).$$

$w_m = \text{total Gm-weight on } H^0(\mathcal{X}_0, \mathcal{L}_0^{\otimes m})$

$$= b_0 m^{n+1} + b_1 m^n + O(m^{n-1}).$$

The generalized Futaki invariant of  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  is

$$\text{Fut}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) = \frac{2(a_1 b_0 - a_0 b_1)}{a_0^2}.$$

\* Intersection formula (X. Wang, Odaka)

$$\text{Fut}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) = \frac{1}{(-K_X)^n} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \frac{(\bar{\mathcal{L}})^{n+1}}{r^{n+1}} + \frac{(\bar{\mathcal{L}} \cdot K_{\bar{\mathcal{X}}/\mathbb{P}^1})}{r^n} \right).$$

$$(\bar{\mathcal{X}}, \bar{\mathcal{L}}) = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) \cup (X, L) \times (\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0\})$$

$$\downarrow \\ \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$\uparrow \\ (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0, \mathcal{L}|_{\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0}) \cong (X, L) \times (A^1 \setminus \{0\})$$

Rmk.  $(\mathcal{X}_\lambda, \mathcal{L}_\lambda)$  product TC,  $(\mathcal{X}_{\lambda^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{\lambda^{-1}})$  product TC.

$$\text{Fut}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda, \mathcal{L}_\lambda) + \text{Fut}(\mathcal{X}_{\lambda^{-1}}, \mathcal{L}_{\lambda^{-1}}) = 0.$$

Def. A Fano variety  $X$  is

- K-semistable if  $\text{Fut}(X, \mathcal{L}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \text{TC } (X, \mathcal{L}) \quad (\forall r)$ .
- K-stable if  $\text{Fut}(X, \mathcal{L}) > 0 \quad \forall \text{non-trivial TC } (X, \mathcal{L})$ .
- K-polystable if  $\text{Fut}(X, \mathcal{L}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \text{TC } (X, \mathcal{L}),$   
 $\Updownarrow \text{RTD}$  and " $=$ " iff  $(X, \mathcal{L})$  is product TC.  
 $\exists$  KE metric.

( Historically, Futaki showed that  $X$  admits KE  
 $\Rightarrow$  Futaki-invariant for all  $\omega_0$ -vector field  $= 0$  ).

§ Fujita-Li's valuative criteria.

Def.  $X$  a Fano var.

$\mu: Y \rightarrow X$  proper birational morphism,  $Y$  normal

$E \subseteq Y$  is a prime divisor

We say  $E$  is prime divisor over  $X$ .

$\text{ord}_E : K(Y)^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  discrete valuation

lks

$K(X)^\times$

Def.  $E$  : prime div over  $X$ .

Log discrepancy :  $A_X(E) := 1 + \text{coeff}_E(K_Y - \mu^*K_X)$

$p_{\text{eff}}$  threshold :  $T_X(E) := \sup \{ t \geq 0 \mid \mu^*(-K_X) - tE \text{ is big} \}$   
 $(T\text{-invariant})$

Expected vanishing order  
 $(S\text{-invariant})$  :  $S_X(E) := \frac{1}{(-K_X)^n} \int_0^{T_X(E)} \text{vol}_Y(\mu^*(-K_X) - tE) dt$

$\beta$ -invariant :  $\beta_X(E) := A_X(E) - S_X(E)$

Recall.  $D$  divisor on  $Y$ .  $m \mapsto h^0(Y, mD)$  polynomial growth

$\text{vol}_Y(D) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h^0(Y, mD)}{m^n/n!}$

- If  $D$  is nef, then  $\text{vol}_Y(D) = (D^n)$ .
- $D$  is big iff  $\text{vol}(D) > 0$ .

Thm (Fujita-Li's relative criteria)  $X$ : a Fano var.

(1)  $X$  is K-semistable iff  $\beta_X(E) \geq 0 \quad \forall E \text{ prime div}/X$

(2)  $X$  is K-stable iff  $\beta_X(E) > 0 \quad \forall E \text{ prime div}/X$

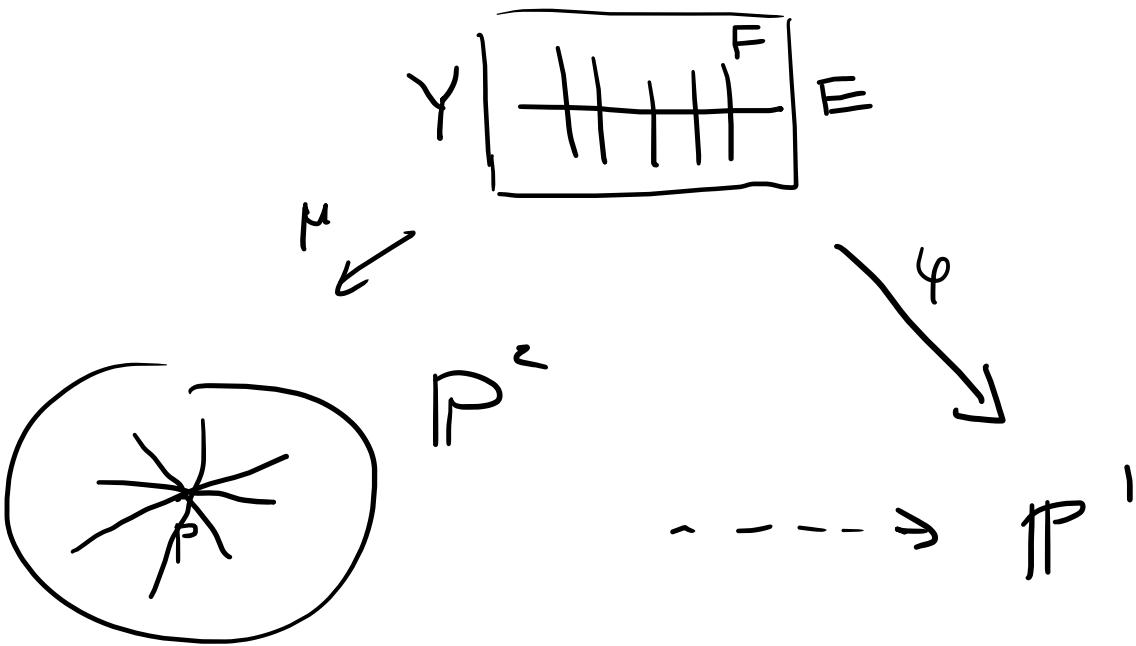
Ex!  $X = \mathbb{P}^2$ .  $Y = \text{Bl}_p \mathbb{P}^2 \xrightarrow{\mu} X$ ,  $E \subseteq Y : \mu\text{-exc. curve.}$

$$A_X(E) = 1 + \text{coeff}_E(K_Y - \mu^*K_X) = 2.$$

$$K_Y = \mu^*K_X + E.$$

$$-K_X = \mathcal{O}(3). \quad (-K_X)^2 = \mathcal{O}(3)^2 = 9.$$

$$\mu^*(-K_X) - tE = \mu^*\mathcal{O}(3) - tE.$$



$$\begin{aligned} F &= \varphi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \\ &= \mu^* \mathcal{O}(1) - E. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{vol}(F) = 0$$

$\mu^* \mathcal{O}(3) - tE$  is nef when  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ .

(one of curves on Y is generated by  $E \& F$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{vol}_Y(\mu^* \mathcal{O}(3) - tE) &= (\mu^* \mathcal{O}(3) - tE)^2 \\ &= 9 + t^2(E^2) = 9 - t^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$S_x(E) = \frac{1}{(-K_X)^2} \int_0^{T_x(E)} \text{vol}(\mathbb{P}(K_X) - tE) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \int_0^3 (9 - t^2) dt = \frac{1}{9} \left( 27 - \frac{27}{3} \right) = 2.$$

$$\beta_x(E) = A_x(E) - S_x(E) = 2 - 2 = 0.$$

In the end,  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is not  $K$ -stable.

(In fact,  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is  $K$ -polystable).

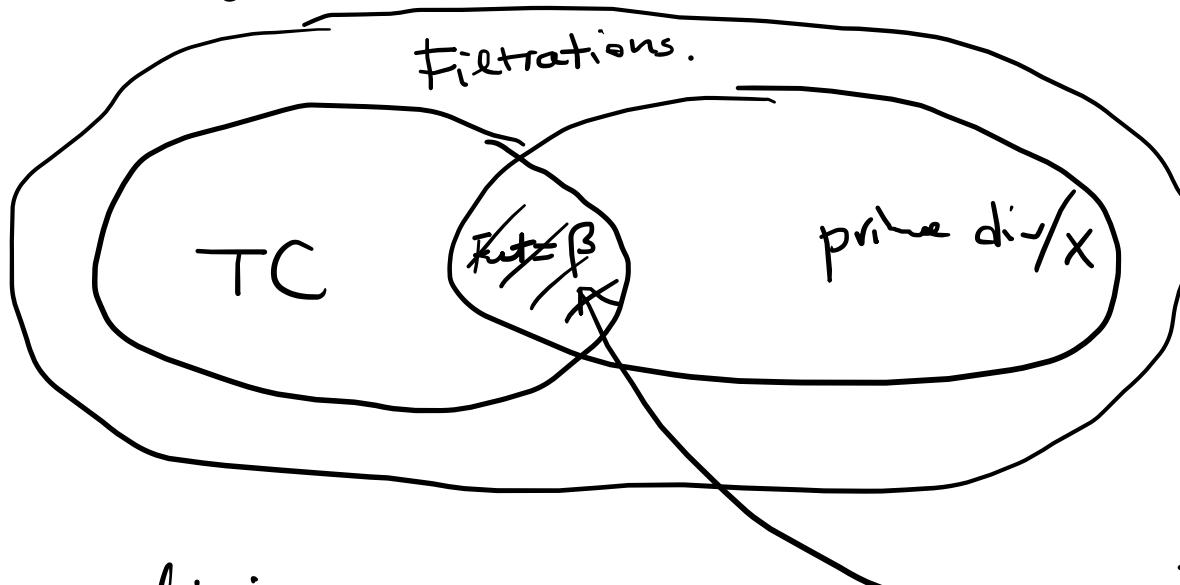
Ex 2.  $X = \text{Bl}_p \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $Y = X$ ,  $E = (-1)$ -curve.

$$A_x(E) = 1. \quad S_x(E) = \frac{7}{6} \Rightarrow \beta_x(E) = -\frac{1}{6} < 0$$

Conclusion:  $\text{Bl}_p \mathbb{P}^2$  is  $K$ -unstable, i.e. not  $K$ -semistable.

Homework. Check  $\text{Bl}_p \mathbb{P}^n$  is K-stable.

Understand original def & valuation criteria.



①  $TC \rightarrow$  divisors. TC with  $\mathcal{X}_0$  integral scheme

$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z})$  TC with  $\mathcal{X}_0$  integral.  $\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0 \cong X \times (A' \setminus \{0\})$

$\text{ord}_{\mathcal{X}_0} : K(\mathcal{X})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  discrete valuation.

$\Downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{X} \leftarrow^{\text{bir}} X \times A'$

$$\text{ord}_{x_0} : K(X)^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

is

$$K(X \times A^1) = K(X)(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ord}_{x_0} \Big|_{K(X)} : K(X)^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{is also a discrete valuation.}$$

Boucksom-Hisamoto-Jonsson:  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \exists E \text{ prime div}/X$

$$\text{s.t. } \text{ord}_{x_0} \Big|_{K(X)} = b \cdot \text{ord}_E$$

② From divisors to filtrations.

$E$  prime div/ $X$ .

$$\text{section ring} \quad R = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} H^0(X, -mK_X). \quad \text{Proj } R = X.$$

$$\mathcal{F}^P R_m := \{ s \in H^0(-mK_X) \mid \text{ord}_E(s) \geq p \}$$

$$\cong H^0(Y, \mu^*(-mK_X) - pE).$$

$$R_m = \mathcal{F}^0 R_m \supseteq \mathcal{F}^1 R_m \supseteq \mathcal{F}^2 R_m \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathcal{F}^{p_{\max}} R_m \supseteq \mathcal{F}^{p_{\max}+1} R_m = 0.$$

③ Filtrations  $\rightarrow$  TC.

$\mathcal{F}$  : filtration on  $R$ .

Rees algebra:

$$\text{Rees}(\mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} \bigoplus_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} t^{-p} \mathcal{F}^p R_m \subseteq R[t, t^{-1}].$$

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is finitely generated, then  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Proj } \text{Rees}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow A'_t$   
 $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  is a TC.  
 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(1)$ .

Def. A prime divisor  $E/X$  is called dreamy  
if  $\oplus_{m,p \geq 0} H^0(Y, \mu^*(-mK_X) - pE)$  is finitely generated.  
( $\Leftarrow$ )  $\mathcal{F}$  induced by  $E$  is f.g.).

Then :  $\{ \text{TC with integral } \mathcal{X}_0 \} \xrightleftharpoons{1-1} \{ \text{dreamy divisors } / X \}$   
(up to rescaling).

Lem .  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  TC with  $\mathcal{X}_0$  integral  $\Rightarrow \text{ord}_{\mathcal{X}_0}|_{K(X)} = b \cdot \text{ord}_E$ .

Then  $\text{Fut}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) = b \cdot \beta_X(E)$ .