

Nonarchimedean globally valued fields  
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## Abstract

In a joint research project with **Itai Ben Yaacov**, we study a class of fields enriched with a global structure tying together their various valuations by a product formula. This is an elementary class in the sense of continuous logic; the field of algebraic functions  $\mathbb{C}(t)^{alg}$  is a prime example, and the Weil height function on projective space is a key example of a definable map into  $\mathbb{R}$ . I will describe some of the connections to algebraic geometry on the one hand, and stability theory on the other. This will also be the subject of a more extended class at IHP next semester.

# 1 Fields with a height function

Let  $F$  be a field. A *height-type function* is a function  $h : F \setminus (0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  satisfying:

$$ht(xy) \leq ht(x)+ht(y), ht(x^{-1}) = ht(x), ht(x+y) \leq ht(x)+ht(y)+ht(2)$$

The field may be enriched by additional functions  $\phi$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ , satisfying  $|f(x)| \leq O(1)ht(x)$ .

Standard examples of height:

- On  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $ht(\frac{a}{b}) = \max(\log |a|, \log |b|)$  for reduced fractions.
- For a number field  $L$ , Weil:  $ht(a) = \sum_v v(a)^+$  where  $v(a) = -\log |a|_v$ , ranges over appropriately normalized absolute values of  $L$ ,  $x^+ = \max(x, 0)$ .
- Let  $F = k(t)^{alg}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . Any element  $f \in F$  can be viewed as a morphism  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  for some curve  $C$  over  $k$ ; we also have  $t : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ .

$$ht(f) = \alpha \deg(f) / \deg(t)$$

Let  $(F_i, h_i, \phi_i : i \in I)$  be fields with height-type functions (and one additional  $\phi$  as above), and let  $u$  be an ultrafilter on  $I$ . Assume  $h_i(2)$  remains bounded. The *ultraproduct* is defined as follows. Let  $(F_u, h_u, \phi_u : F_u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_u)$  be the usual ultraproduct of fields; let  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be the convex hull of  $\mathbb{R}$  in  $\mathbb{R}_u$ , and  $st : \bar{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the standard part map; define

$$F = \{0\} \cup \{a \in F_u^* : h_u(a) \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}\}$$

$$h(a) = st(h_u(a)), \quad \phi(a) = st(\phi_u(a))$$

## 2 The language

The terms are polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ; equality is a  $\{0, 1\}$ -valued relation as usual.

**Basic relations  $R_t$ :** A symbol  $R_t$  for each *tropical term*  $t = \text{term}$  in the language  $+, \min, 0, \alpha \cdot x$  of divisible ordered Abelian groups. to be interpreted as functions  $(F^*)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Local interpretation of  $R_t$**  Let  $(K, v)$  be a valued field, or a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $v(x) = -\alpha \log |x|$ . For  $x$  with  $x_i \neq 0$ , interpret  $R_t^v(x)$  as  $t(vx_1, \dots, vx_n)$ .

**Global intended interpretation:** We think of  $R_t(x)$  as the *expected value* of  $R_t^v(x)$  with respect to an implied measure on valuations. Write a basic formula

$$R_t(f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x)) =: \int t(vf_1x, \dots, vf_nx) dv$$

Among them, the height:  $x^+ = -\min(-x, 0)$ .  
 $ht(x) = R_t(x) = \int v(x)^+ dv$

**Connectives**  $\min, \max, 0, +, \alpha \cdot x$ .

**Quantifiers** The analogue of quantifiers in real-valued logic is  $\inf$  and  $\sup$  operators. Let  $\psi_{n,\epsilon}(t)$  be 1 on  $[-n, n]$ , 0 on  $|t| > n + \epsilon$ , and a linear interpolation on  $[n, n + \epsilon]$ . Let  $\phi(x, y)$  be a formula. Then so is  $\sup_x \psi_{n,\epsilon}(ht(x))\phi(x, y)$ .

We view this as a quantifier over  $x$  of height up to about  $n$ .

All formulas are preserved by ultrapowers.

It will turn out that the height function suffices to generate the language, at least in the purely non-archimedean case.

### 3 Universal axioms

Let  $LVF$  be the set of pairs  $(\phi, t)$  of formulas  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in the language of rings implying  $\prod_i x_i \neq 0$ ,  $t$  a tropical term, such that the theory of valued fields implies  $t$  is positive on the amoeba of  $\phi$ :

$$VF \models (\forall x)(\phi(x) \implies t(v(x_1), \dots, v(x_n)) \geq 0)$$

Axioms GV for *purely non-archimedean globally valued domains*:

1.  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain.
2. The  $R_t$  are compatible with permutations of variables and dummy variables.
3. (Linearity:)  $R_{t_1+t_2} = R_{t_1} + R_{t_2}$ .  $R_{\alpha t} = \alpha R_t$ .
4. (Local-global positivity for amoebas) If  $(\phi, t) \in LVF$  and  $\phi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  then  $\int t(v(a_1), \dots, v(a_n)) dv \geq 0$ .
5. (Product formula)  $\int v(x) dv = 0$

Remarks:

A model of GV can be shown to admit the structure of an M-field in the sense of Gubler, meaning essentially that there is a measure  $\mu$  on a set of representatives for the valuations of  $F$ , validating

$$R_t(f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x)) =: \int t(v f_1 x, \dots, v f_n x) d\mu(v)$$

One can relax the *valued field* axiom to  $v(x + y) \geq \min v(x), v(y) - e$ , so as to allow archimedean valuations; obtaining  $LVF_e$  and correspondingly  $VF_e$ . In this talk we will concentrate on the non-archimedean case.



## 4 Classical structures

**Function fields:** over a constant field  $k$ :

$$L_{f_n} = k(t)^{alg} = \cup_C k(C)$$

For  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in k(C)$ ,

$$R_t(f_1, \dots, f_n) = [k(C) : k(t)]^{-1} \sum_{c \in C(k)} t(v_c(f_1), \dots, v_c(f_n))$$

Product axiom:  $\sum_{c \in C(k)} v_c(f) = 0$ .

We have  $ht(t) = 1$ .

For  $K = k(C)$ , and  $X$  a variety over  $k$ ,  $X(K)$  can be identified with the morphisms  $m : C \rightarrow X$ , informally with their image  $\bar{C} \leq X$ . Let  $Y$  be a subvariety; cut out by homogeneous  $g_1, \dots, g_m$  say. The field language only permits asking when  $\bar{C} \subset Y$  for a subvariety  $Y$ : the GVF language allows discussing whether or not  $\bar{C}$  intersects  $Y$ , or rather gives the intersection number:  $\sum_{c \in C} \min_i v_c g_i - \min_i v_c x_i$ . Indirectly, can discuss the homology class of  $\bar{C}$ .

**Lemma** (Artin-Whaples). *Let  $C$  be a curve of genus  $g$  over  $k$ . Let  $x \in k(C) \setminus k$ , and let  $r > 0$ . Then  $k(C)$  admits a unique GVF structure over  $k$  with  $ht(x) = r$ .*

*Proof.* The nontrivial valuations of  $k(C)$  over  $k$  can be identified with the points of  $C(k)$ , a discrete space. We have to show that if  $\mu$  is a measure on  $C(k)$  satisfying the product formula, then  $\mu$  gives equal weight to any two points  $a, b \in C$ . By Riemann-Roch  $(n + g)a - nb$  is effective,  $(n + g)a - nb + (f) = \sum m_i d_i$  with  $m_i \geq 0$ ; so

$$(n + g)\mu(a) \geq n\mu(b)$$

Thus  $(1 + g/n)\mu(a) \geq \mu(b)$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\mu(a) \geq \mu(b)$ .  $\square$

## Number fields, asymptotically in height

( $b_r$ ) The field  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}[r]$ . For  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in L$ ,  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = d$ ,

$$R_t(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \alpha \sum_v t(-\log |f_1|_v, \dots, -\log |f_n|_v)$$

where the  $v$  range over all absolute values of  $L$ , normalized so that the product formula holds, and  $ht(2) = \log 2/r$ .

Then  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}[r] \models GV_e$  for  $e = \log 2/r$ . However, let  $u$  be an ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{R}^{>0}$ , concentrating on  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $L_{\#,u}$  be an ultraproduct of  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}[r]$ . Then  $L_{\#,u} \models GV$ .

The GVF language allows sampling  $\mathbb{Q}^a$  at one or two height scales, near 1 and near  $r$ . If  $r$  is kept bounded we need the theory with absolute values; if  $r \rightarrow \infty$  the non-archimedean theory applies.

## Example of global algebraic closure

In diophantine approximations, e.g. Roth's theorem, one considers rational approximations  $b$  to  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_{v_0} \cap L$  at a place  $v_0$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ :

$$(1) \quad v_0(b - \alpha) \geq \kappa h(b), \quad \kappa > 2$$

Here  $L$  is a number field, Galois over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Letting  $S$  be the lifts of  $v_0$  to  $L$  and  $\alpha_v$  the corresponding conjugates of  $\alpha$ , we obtain a **glueing problem** viewpoint:

$$(2) \quad v(b - \alpha_v) \geq \kappa_v h(b), \quad \sum_{v \in S} \kappa_v = \kappa > 2$$

But *we will let  $b$  range over  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$* . We are interested in  $b$  of height  $h$  above a certain height threshold,  $h_0$  so that  $(\kappa - 2)h > ht(2)$ .

Assume the *height  $h$*  of  $b$  is fixed. Then *there are at most finitely many solutions  $b$  of (2), even in a GVF extension*. All are in fact definable over a base  $A$  of definition for the data.  
<sup>1</sup> For suppose  $b, b'$  are two solutions with the same type over  $A$ . Then and  $v(b - \alpha_v), v(b' - \alpha_v) \geq \kappa_v h$  for  $v \in S$ , so

$$ht(b - b') \geq \sum_v v(b - b')^+ \geq \sum_{v \in S} \kappa_v h = \kappa h > 2h + ht(2)$$

a contradiction.

This exemplifies *global algebraicity*; GV qf algebraic closure is not just ACF algebraic closure. .

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<sup>1</sup>additional parameters of height  $O(h)$  is required to capture the  $\alpha_v, v_i \in S, \kappa_i h'$ .

## A baby curve selection theorem

Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; let  $Y, Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  be subschemes.

If  $L$  is a number field and  $x \in X(L)$ , let  $\delta(x, Y)^L = \int \delta_v(x, Y) dv$  be the weighted sum of the local distances from  $x$  to  $Y$ , over all valuations (and  $-\log |\cdot|$ )  $v$  of  $L$ .

Note that  $\delta(x, Y)^L$  is the  $L$ -value of a certain quantifier-free formula  $\phi_Y(x)$  in the language of GVF's.

**Proposition.** *Assume  $a_n \in X(\mathbb{Q}^a)$ ,  $ht(a_n) \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_{Y_k}(a_n)/ht(a_n) = e_k$ ; let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a curve  $C$  on  $X$  such that for any sequence  $a'_n \in C(\mathbb{Q}^a)$ ,  $ht(a'_n) \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\delta_{Y_k}(a'_n)/ht(a'_n) - e_k| < \epsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Choose  $r_i = ht(2)/ht(a_i)$  so that  $\mathbb{Q}^a[r_i]$  gives  $a_i$  height 1. Consider any non-principal ultrafilter  $u$  on the index set  $\mathbb{N}$ , and let  $(L, a)$  be the GVF ultraproduct of  $(\mathbb{Q}^a[r_i], a_i)$ . Then  $(L, a)$  is a purely non-archimedean GVF, and  $\delta_{Y_k}(a) = \phi(a)^L = e$ . There exists  $a' \in K = k(t)^{alg}$  with  $e' = \phi(a')^K$

satisfying  $|e' - e| < \epsilon$ . In fact  $a' \in k(C)$  for some curve  $C$ , so  $a'$  corresponds to a morphism  $g : C \rightarrow X$ . We may choose  $a'$  so that  $g(C)$  avoids any given proper subvariety of  $X$ . By computing the meaning of  $\phi$  in  $k(t)^{alg}$  we see that  $\bar{i}(C, Y_k) = e'$ .

Conversely, if  $C$  is a curve on  $X$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}^a$ , then for any sequence of distinct  $a_i \in C(\mathbb{Q}^a)$  of bounded degree over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\delta_Y(a) \rightarrow i_Y(C)$ . This follows upon taking normalized ultraproducts as above, from the uniqueness of the GVF structure on  $k(C)$ .  $\square$

In particular, there exists such a sequence  $a'_i$  of bounded degree over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



## Value distribution theory

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the field of meromorphic functions. (Or a countably generated algebraically closed subfield.) Fix a function  $\eta(r)$  (say  $\log(r)$  or  $r^d$ ), and also an ultrafilter  $u$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{>0}$ , avoiding finite measure sets.

Let  $\mu_r$  be the measure space on  $\{a : 0 < |a| \leq r\}$  giving mass  $\log(r/a)/\eta(r)$  to each point  $0 < |a| < r$ , and the uniform measure of mass  $1/\eta(r)$  to the circle  $|t| = r$ . Define

$$v_a(f) = \text{ord}_a f \text{ for } |a| < r, \quad v_t(f) = -\log |f(t)|$$

$$ht_{\eta,u}(f) = \lim_{r \rightarrow u} \max(v_a f, 0) d\mu_r a$$

$$\mathcal{M}[\eta, u] = \{f \in \mathcal{M} : ht_{\eta,u}(f) < \infty\}$$

$$R_t(f_1, \dots, f_n) := \lim_{r \rightarrow u} \int t(v_a f_1, \dots, v_a f_n) d\mu_r a$$

The product axiom is Jensen's formula:

$$\sum_{0 < |a| < r} \log \frac{r}{a} \operatorname{ord}_a(f) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} -\log |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta = O(1)$$

- Not a GVF for fixed  $r$  ( $O(1)$  term in Jensen's formula.)
- $\mathcal{M}[\eta, u]$  is a purely non-archimedean GVF.
- Vojta's dictionary: number theory  $\leftrightarrow$  Nevanlinna theory.
- In GVF language,  $\mathcal{M}[\eta]$ , has the same *universal* theory as the ultraproduct of the  $\mathbb{Q}^a[r]$ , and also as  $\mathbb{C}(t)^{\text{alg}}[1]$ .
- Conjecturally the same *theory*: a GVF *isomorphism of ultrapowers*.
- We will show this for the universal theory. This explains a *part* of Vojta's dictionary. But the GVF language will not permit e.g. *truncations*, *support*, *discriminants*.

## 5 Geometry: Divisors and curves

Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety over  $k = k^{alg}$ .

$H$  will denote an irreducible hypersurface.

$NS(X) = Pic(X)/Pic^0(X)$  is the group of formal combinations  $\sum n_i H_i$  up to algebraic equivalence; by Lang-Néron 1951, it is finitely generated. Let  $N^1(X) = NS(X) \otimes \mathbb{R}$ . A finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . The *effective cone of divisors*  $N_{eff}^1(X)$  consists of elements  $\sum \alpha_i [H_i]$  with  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ .

**Duality of divisors and curves:** given a (Cartier) divisor  $D$  and a curve  $C$  not lying on  $D$ , define  $D \cdot C$  to be the number of intersection points, with multiplicity. If  $D = (f)$  is principal, then  $D \cdot C = 0$ .

Let  $N_1(X) = N^1(X)^*$  be the dual space, = space of 1-cycles. Let

$$N_1^+(X) = \{c \in N_1(X) : (\forall H)(c, H) \geq 0\}$$

## 6 Curves on $X$ and qf types

Fix a constant field  $k = k^{alg}$ .  $K = k(X)$ ,  $X$  a smooth projective variety over  $k$ .

Basic objects: pairs  $\mathbf{X} = (X, e)$ ,  $e \in N_1^+(X)$ .

For each irreducible hypersurfaces  $H$  of  $X$  we have a valuation on  $K$ :  $v_H(f)$  is the order of vanishing of  $f$  at  $H$ .

A *GVF structure on  $X$*  is a GVF structure on  $K$ , given by a measure concentraing on the valuations  $v_H$ .

There is a 1-1 correspondence  $e \mapsto k(X, e)$  between  $N_1^+(X)$  and GVF structures on  $X$ .

Given  $e \in N_1^+(X)$ , define a measure concentrating on  $\{v_H\}$ , and giving  $v_H$  mass  $e \cdot H$ .

Positivity:  $e \in N_1^+$ .

Product formula:  $e \cdot (f) = 0$  for a principal divisor  $(f)$ .

The GVF structures on varieties over  $k$  are dense in the space of quantifier-free types over  $k$ .

If  $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ ,  $\pi_* e_Y = e_X$ , write  $\pi : \mathbf{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$ . *Do not expect  $K_{\mathbf{X}} \leq K_{\mathbf{Y}}$ ! But they agree on Cartier divisors of  $X$ .*

For  $L$  a GVF over  $k$ , define  $\mathbf{X}(L)$  to be the set of points  $b$  of  $X(L)$  such that for  $f \in L$ ,  $(e, (f)_X^+) = ht_L(f)$ . I.e.  $L$  is the limit of  $K_{e_i}$  over an inverse system  $(X_i, e_i)$  of blowups converging to the field  $K$ , with  $(\pi_{ij})e_i = e_j$  for  $i > j$ .

The field  $k(\mathbf{X})$  can be viewed as a "generic point" of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

## Geometric description of quantifier-free types over $k$

Let  $K$  be a finitely generated field over  $k = k^{alg}$ . Let  $N_1^+(K)$  be the inverse limit of the cones  $N_1(X)^+$ ,  $K = k(X)$ . It sits in the dual space to the direct limit  $N^1(K)$  of the  $N^1(X)$ . Let  $S_K$  be the set of all GVF structures on  $K$  over  $k$ .

We define a map  $\alpha : S_K \rightarrow N_1^+(K)$  via the pairing

$$S_K \times N^1(K) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(p, D) \mapsto \int v(D) d_p(v)$$

**Theorem.**  $\alpha : S_K \rightarrow N_1^+(K)$  is a homeomorphism.

Comparing the topologies:

If  $D$  is a Cartier divisor, can find a very ample.  $A$  such that  $D + A$  is also very ample. Then  $D + A = (f)_\infty$  and  $A = (g)_\infty$ . Thus  $ht(f) = e \cdot (D + A)$  and  $ht(g) = e \cdot A$ ; so  $e \cdot D = ht(f) - ht(g)$ .

A similar description of quantifier-free types holds over  $k' = k(C)$ ,  $C$  a curve.

But over a general base field, the description using 1-cycles is difficult to work with. How to amalgamate 1-cycles  $e, e'$  of  $X, X'$  over  $U$ ?

## 7 Relative dimension one.

### Representation of qf types

Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$ ,  $n = \dim(X) = \dim(U) + 1$ .

**Theorem.** *For all  $e \in N_1^+(U)$  away from a lower-dimensional semi-algebraic set, any GVF structure on  $X$  above  $\mathbf{U} = (U, e)$  is given by some  $Q \in N^1(X)$ , by:*

$$D \mapsto e \cdot \pi_*(Q \cdot D)$$

*Proof.* Awkward proof using Hodge index on surfaces in  $X$ , hard Lefschetz. There should be a soft one.  $\square$

But once we have this representation, the quantifier-free type over  $k(U)$  more precisely a functorial map base change map.

## Extendible qf types

Let  $\mathbf{X}/\mathbf{U}$  be given by the divisor  $Q$ . Given  $\mathbf{U}' \rightarrow \mathbf{U}$ , pull back  $Q$  to a resolution  $X'$  of  $X \times_{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{U}'$  and use the same formula over  $\mathbf{U}'$  to obtain a candidate GVF structure  $\mathbf{X}'_Q$ . Is it positive?

At the limit, given any GVF  $L$  and  $b \in \mathbf{U}(L)$ , we obtain a candidate GVF structure on  $L(X_b)$ .

**Duality criterion** Let  $M \models GV$ , and let  $b \in \mathbf{U}(M)$ . Let  $Q \in N^1(X)$ , giving a GVF structure  $\mathbf{X}/\mathbf{U}$ .

*Either*

the canonical lift  $\mathbf{X}'_Q$  to any  $\mathbf{U}'$  realized in  $M$  is a GVF,

*or*

there exists a GVF structure  $\mathbf{X}''$  on  $X$  over  $\mathbf{U}$  realized in  $M$ ,  
*with  $\mathbf{X}'(Q)$  negative.*



Why not both? Diagonal on  $\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{X}''$ .

Note that the duality gives an axiom of the form: *if*  $p|M$  is consistent, then  $p|A$  is realized.

Why is this enough? *qf stability*: every qf type  $p$  over a large  $M$  is the canonical extension of  $p|A$  for some  $A$ . :

## 8 G and TM

**Theorem (TM).**  $K = k(t)^{alg}[1]$  is existentially closed. In other words if  $K \leq L$  then for any qf formula  $\phi(x)$  over  $K$ , for any  $b \in L$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $a \in K$  with  $|\phi(b) - \phi(a)| < \epsilon$ . In particular, all algebraically closed, nontrivial purely non-archimedean globally valued fields share the same universal theory.

A **weighted curve class** in  $N_1(X)$  is one of the form  $\alpha[C] = (D \mapsto \alpha D \cdot C)$   $C$  an irreducible curve on  $X$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Theorem (G).** Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety over  $k$ . Then the weighted curve classes in  $N_1^+(X)$  (not contained in a prescribed hypersurface) are dense in  $N_1^+(X)$ .

In fact the density in (G) is already true for rational push-forwards of  $n - 1$ -fold products of very ample divisors. This is a strong version of a theorem of Boucksom, Demailly, Paun, Peternell (BDPP) to the effect that the moveable curves generate a *dense convex subcone* of  $N_1^+(X)$ .

**G implies TM for  $\phi$  over  $k$ :** Assume  $G$ . The topologies are the same; so an arbitrary GVF structure on  $K \supset \mathbb{Q}^a$  can be approximated by one of the form  $\mathbb{Q}^a(X, e)$ ; and moreover by (G), one can take  $e$  to be  $\alpha \cdot$  the class of an irreducible curve  $c : C \rightarrow X$ , avoiding some given subvarieties. We can also assume that  $\phi$  involves only  $v(f(x))$  with  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  a morphism. Now view  $c$  as a  $k(C)$ -point of  $X$ , and give  $k(C)$  the GVF structure with weight  $\alpha$  points. Check that  $\phi$  has the same value in  $k(C)$  and in  $k(X, e)$ .

**TM implies G** An element  $0 \neq c \in N_1^+(X)$  endows  $k(X)$  with a GVF structure; extend it to  $L = k(X)^{alg}$ . So  $X(k(X)) \leq X(L)$  has a tautological point  $b$  realizing the corresponding qf type. Choose  $t \in L$  which is not constant (i.e.  $c \cdot t^{-1}(\infty) \neq 0$ .) Using (A), find  $a \in K = k(t)^{alg}$ . We can approximate the GVF  $L$  by an element  $X(c')$  with  $c' \in k(C)$ ,  $C$  a curve,  $t : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ . . It corresponds to a morphism  $f : C \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ ,  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  finite; composing with  $\pi$  we can assume  $f : C \rightarrow X$ . Then  $\frac{\deg(f)}{\deg t|_C} [fC]$  is as close as we wish to  $c$ .

## 9 Proof of theorem G

The proof follows Boucksom, Favre, Jonsson, with an additional convexity ingredient gleaned from Gromov.

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### Okounkov's picture

$K = k(X)$ ,  $d = \dim(X)$ . Fix an auxiliary valuation  $w : K \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d \leq \mathbb{R}^d$ .

Let  $D$  be a divisor in the interior of the effective cone. Let

$$K(nD) = \{f \in K^* : (f)_\infty \leq nD\}$$

$W_n = \frac{1}{n}w(K(nD))$  - a finite set of size  $\dim K(nD)$ . Let  $\omega_n$  be the measure giving each point mass  $n^{-d}$ .

$Ok(D)$  is the closed convex hull of  $\cup_n W_n$ . The  $\omega_n$  converge to Lebesgue measure;

$$\text{vol}(D) := d! \text{vol}(Ok(D))$$

So the volume measures the growth of the dimension of the space of sections of  $nD$ .

From Brunn-Minkowski we obtain a fundamental hyperbolicity:

$\text{vol}^{1/d}$  is concave on the interior of the effective cone.

Restricted to the ample cone when  $d = 2$ , this is equivalent to the Hodge index theorem; the intersection pairing has signature  $(1, -1, \dots, -1)$ . (Weil, Hodge, ... Khovanskii, Tessier, ... Lazarsfeld, Mustata...)

There is also Okounkov's finiteness principle:

A compact  $C \subset Ok(D)^\circ$  is contained in image of a finitely generated subalgebra.

From this it is easy to deduce Fujita's approximation theorem.

*Let  $D$  be an effective divisor on  $X$ , and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a birational morphism  $\phi : X' \rightarrow X$ ,  $D' = \phi^*D$ , with  $D' \geq A/m$  for some divisor  $A$  generated by global sections, with  $\text{vol}(A/m) > (1 - \epsilon)\text{vol}(D)$ . Also  $A$  is  $\epsilon$ -close to an ample divisor.*

$$Fuj(X, D) = \{(f, A) : f : X' \rightarrow X \text{ birational}, A \text{ ample on } X', A \leq f^*(D)\}$$

Fujita's theorem expresses the volume as a *positive intersection product (BFJ)*:

$$\text{vol}(D) = \sup\{A^d : (f, A) \in Fuj(X, D)\}$$

Let  $U$  be the interior of the effective cone of divisors.

**Theorem (BFJ).** *vol is differentiable on  $U$ , continuous on  $cl(U)$  and vanishes on the boundary. On  $U$  we have*

$$d\text{vol}(x)/d = \psi(x) := \sup\{f_*y^{d-1} : (f, y) \in Fuj(X, x)\}$$

**Proposition.** *The interior of the moveable cone of curves lies in the image of  $\psi$ .*

Let  $\phi = \text{vol}^{1/d}$ , so  $\phi$  is concave and  $d\phi$  is proportional to  $\psi$ . The differential  $l$  of  $\phi$  at a point  $u$  defines a linear function  $l$  on  $U$ ; by concavity of  $\phi$ ,  $l$  lies above the graph of  $\phi$  on  $U$ . Conversely if a linear function  $l$  lies above  $\phi$  on  $U$ , we can tilt to  $\gamma l$  ( $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ ) until it first meets the graph of  $\phi$ ; then  $\gamma l$  is in the image of  $d\phi$ . It follows that  $\text{Im}(\psi) = \mathbb{R}^{>0} \text{Im}(d\phi) \supset (U^*)^\circ = N_1^+(X)^\circ$ .  $\square$

Theorem (G) follows at once from this Yau-type result: approximate the ample in  $Fuj(X, D)$  by rational multiples of very ample Cartier divisors; Bertini.

# 10 Beyond the universal theory

13/01/2016, at 10am, IHP room 314, and subsequent Wednesdays.

## Working goals

$GV$  has a model companion  $\widetilde{GVF}$ .

$\widetilde{GVF}$  admits quantifier-elimination to the level of algebraically closed sets (model theoretically).

Stability: basic geometric types; qf types (blowing ups); bounded quantifiers.

## global relative modularity

**Proposition.** *Assume  $(a_i)$  forms an indiscernible sequence over  $K$ , in  $L$ . Assume it is a Morley sequence locally almost everywhere. Also assume it is pairwise independent. Then it is independent.*



A Morley sequence locally almost everywhere: for almost all choices of nontrivial valuations  $v$  of  $K$  (if any) and  $v_i$  of  $K(a_i)$  over  $v$ , the measure  $\mu_L$  relative to  $(v_i)$  concentrates on the independent amalgam

## Abelian varieties

Let  $A$  be an Abelian variety, and let  $M$  be the group of points of height 0. There is a natural Hilbert space structure on  $A/M$ . On the other hand the structure on  $M$  can be conjectured to be stable of finite U-rank, when the variety has no isotrivial components over the constants. (related to Bogomolov conjecture.)