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## §2. Variational structure.

By definition,  $E, J, E_g, H, M$  can be extended to  $\Sigma^1$ .

On  $\mathcal{A}^1$ , we have the variational formula along a path

$$u_t = u + t v \in \mathcal{A}^1$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} E(u_t) = V^{-1} \int_X v \omega_n^n$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} M(u_t) = \int_M v (\bar{s} - s(u)) \omega_n^n.$$

The convexity of K-energy along geodesic is a very crucial question to understand this functional and find its critical pts.

Berman-Berntsson (17):  $M$  is convex along  $C^{1,1}$ -geodesic.

Berman-Darros-Lin (17):  $M$  is convex along psh geodesic.

Rmk: •  $M$  is not continuous in  $\Sigma^1$  w.r.t. strong topology, just l.s.c..

• In general,  $\Sigma^1$  has no differential structure. So we can not do variation on  $\Sigma^1$  for those functionals.

But for  $E$ , we have.

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} E(pu + tv) = V^{-1} \int_X v \omega_n^n, \quad v \in C^0, u \in \Sigma^1.$$

where  $P(u) := \sup \{ \varphi \mid \varphi \in PSH, \varphi \leq u\}$

Thm (Chen-Cheng 17)

$(X, \omega)$  admits a cscK metric if  $M$  is coercive i.e.  $\exists \delta, C > 0$ .

$$\text{s.t. } M \geq \delta J - C \text{ on } \mathcal{H}.$$

Thm (Berman-Davies-Lu 17, Chen-Cheng 17)

TFAF:

(i)  $M$  is not coercive on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

(ii)  $\forall u \in \Sigma^1$  with  $M(u) < +\infty$ , there is a non-trivial path generic ray starting at  $u$ , s.t.  $M$  is non-increasing along the ray.

correct the def of K-energy (previous note).

$$M(u) = H(u) + \bar{s} E(u) - E_{Ric(\phi_0)}(u).$$

### §3. Non-Archimedean approach

From now on, fix a polarised smooth variety  $(X, L)$  with  $c_1(L) = [\omega_X]$ .

Recall: test configuration  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$  proj. flat. ( $\mathcal{X}$ : normal)

$\downarrow \pi$  -  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  admits a  $\mathbb{G}^*$ -action equivariantly  
 $\mathbb{C}$  -  $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{L}_t) = (\pi^{-1}(t), \mathcal{L}|_{\pi^{-1}(t)}) \cong (X, L)$ .  $t \neq 0$   
 $\cdot \mathcal{L}$  is  $\pi$ -semiample.

If  $L$  is not  $\pi$ -semiample,  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  is called a model of  $(X, L)$

Two model  $(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{L}_1) \sim (\mathcal{X}_2, \mathcal{L}_2)$  if  $\exists$  a model  $(\mathcal{X}_3, \mathcal{L}_3)$  with two  $\mathbb{G}^*$ -equiv.

Birational morphism  $\mu_i : \mathcal{X}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_i$ , s.t.  $\mu_i^* \mathcal{L}_3 = \mathcal{L}_i$

If there is a  $\mathbb{G}^*$ -equivariant birational morphism  $\nu_{\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2} : \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$  of two model, then

we say  $\mathcal{X}_1$  dominates  $\mathcal{X}_2$  and write  $\mathcal{X}_1 \geq \mathcal{X}_2$ .  $\mathcal{X}$  is dominating if  $\mathcal{X} \geq X$ .

### Berkovich analytification

$k = \mathbb{C}$  equipped with the trivial absolute value.

The Berkovich analytification  $X^{\text{an}}$  of  $X$  consists of all pairs  $x = (\xi, |\cdot|)$ , where  $\xi \in X$  be a point and  $|\cdot| = |\cdot|_x$  is a multiplicative norm on the residue field  $\kappa(\xi)$  extending the trivial norm on  $k$ .

We denoted by  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  the completion of  $\kappa(\xi)$  w.r.t. this norm. The surjective map  $\ker : X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow X$  sending  $(\xi, |\cdot|)$  to the  $\xi$  is called the *kernel map*.

$$X^{\text{val}} = \{x = (\xi, |\cdot|) : \xi \text{ is the generic point of } X\}.$$

The point in  $X^{\text{val}}$  are the valuations of the function field of  $X$  that are trivial on  $k$ .

The *Berkovich topology*: for any open affine  $U = \text{Spec}(A) \subset X$  and any  $f \in A$ , the function  $\ker^{-1}(U) \ni x \mapsto |f(x)| \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is continuous, where  $f(x)$  denote the image of  $f$  in  $\kappa(\xi) \subset \mathcal{H}(x)$ , so that  $|f(x)| = |f|_x$ .

The subset  $X^{\text{val}} \subset X^{\text{an}}$  is dense.  $X^{\text{an}}$  is Hausdorff, locally compact, and locally path connected; it is compact iff  $X$  is proper.

$$\| \cdot \| : K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

Seminorm: -  $\|0\|=0$

(non-Archi.) -  $\|f+g\| \leq \max\{\|f\|, \|g\|\}$

-  $\|f \cdot g\| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|g\|$ . (multiplicative)

valuation  $\rightarrow$  norm.

$$v(f) \rightarrow e^{-v(f)} =: \|f\|.$$

Valuation:  $K = k(X) \supseteq k$ .

$$\rightarrow v(f,g) = v(f) + v(g)$$

a (real) valuation  $v$  is a gp homomorphism:  $v: K^* \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$ . s.t.

- $v|_{K^*} = 0$

- $v(f+g) \geq \min\{v(f), v(g)\}$

- Trivial valuation:  $v_{triv}(f) := 0$ .  $\forall f \in K^*$

$X_{\mathbb{Q}}^{div}$  := the set of rational divisorial valuations on  $X$ .

i.e.  $v \in X_{\mathbb{Q}}^{div}: k(X)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\exists$  prime div.  $E \subset Y \xrightarrow{\pi_{bir}} X$ , s.t.

$$v = c \text{ord}_E \quad \text{for some } c \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$$

In particular,  $X_{\mathbb{Q}}^{div} \subseteq X^{an}$  is dense.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p_1: X_C := X \times \mathbb{C} & \longrightarrow & X \\ \sim \sim \sim & & \downarrow \\ (X_C)^{an} & \longrightarrow & X^{an} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{there exists a canonical cont.} \\ \text{section.} \end{array}$$

F. finness extension.

$\forall v \in X_{\mathbb{Q}}^{div}$ .  $v(v) \left( \sum_i f_i t^i \right) = \min_i \{v(f_i) + i\}$  for finite  $f_0, \dots, f_r \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ .

$$Im(\mathfrak{o}) := \left\{ w \in (X_C)^{an}_{\mathbb{Q}} \mid C^* - \text{inv. } w(t) = 1 \right\}$$

where.  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action:  $\forall f \in K(E)$ .  $(a \cdot f)(t) = f(a^{-1}t)$ . for  $a \in \mathbb{C}^*$

$$w(a \cdot f) = w(f)$$

Any dominating t.f.  $P_{\mathcal{L}}: (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow X_C$  defines a positive non-Archimedean metric  $\rho_{(t.f.)}$  on  $(X^{an}, L^{an})$ , represented as a function on  $X^{an}$  as follows: for any  $v \in X^{an}$

$$\rho_{(t.f.)}(v) = f(v)(\mathcal{L} - P_{\mathcal{L}}^* L_C)$$

In fact, by definition of test.config.,  $\mathcal{L} - P_{\mathcal{L}}^* L_C = D$  for a unique  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier div  $D$  supported on the central fiber.

$\mathcal{H}^{NA} := \mathcal{H}^{NA}(L)$  the set of (sm. positive) non-Archimedean metrics defined by test configuration.

Def.: A psh metric on  $L^{an}$  is a function  $\phi: X^{an} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ , ( $\not\equiv -\infty$ ) that can be written as the limit of a decreasing sequence in  $\mathcal{H}^{NA}$ . Denoted by  $PSH^{NA}$ .

### Definition

For any  $\phi \in PSH^{NA}$ , define

$$\mathbf{E}^{NA}(\phi) = \inf \{\mathbf{E}^{NA}(\psi); \psi \in \mathcal{H}^{NA} \text{ and } \psi \geq \phi\}.$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{1,NA} := \mathcal{E}^{1,NA}(L) = \{\phi \in PSH^{NA}(L); \mathbf{E}^{NA}(\phi) > -\infty\}.$$

where  $\mathbf{E}^{NA}(\psi) := \frac{1}{n+1}(\bar{\mathcal{L}}^{n+1})$  and  $\psi = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$ .

A sequence  $\{\phi_m\}$  in  $\mathcal{E}^{1,NA}$  converges strongly to  $\phi \in \mathcal{E}^{1,NA}$  if  
 $\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} (\phi_m - \phi) = 0$  on  $X^{qm}$  (set of quasi-monomial points in  $X^{NA}$ )  
and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbf{E}^{NA}(\phi_m) = \mathbf{E}^{NA}(\phi)$ .

