

## Problems suggested by J.-P. Demailly.

PROBLEM 1: *Kawamata-Viehweg vanishing theorem for compact Kähler manifolds.*

Let  $L$  a line bundle over a compact Kähler manifold  $(X, \omega)$  of complex dimension  $n$ .

**Definition.**  $L$  is a numerically effective line bundle, nef for short, if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a smooth metric  $h_\epsilon$  on  $L$  such that, its hermitian curvature  $i\Theta_{h_\epsilon}$  satisfies  $i\Theta_{h_\epsilon} \geq -\epsilon\omega$ . Let  $L$  a nef line bundle on  $X$ . One defines the numerical dimension of  $L$  to be

$$\nu(L) = \max\{k \in \mathbb{N} ; c_1(L)^k \neq 0 \text{ in } H^{2k}(X, \mathbb{R})\}$$

where  $K_X$  denotes the canonical bundle of  $X$ .

If  $D = \sum \alpha_j D_j \geq 0$  is an effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor, we define the multiplier ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}(D)$  to be equal to  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  (for a precise definition of the multiplier ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$ , we refer to the quoted article of J.-P. Demailly) where  $\varphi = \sum \alpha_j \log |g_j|$  is the locally defined plurisubharmonic function defined by generators  $g_j$  of  $\mathcal{O}(D_j)$ .

Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a Kähler manifold and  $F$  a line bundle over  $X$  such that some positive multiple  $mF$  can be written  $mF = L \otimes D$ , where  $L$  is nef and  $D$  is an effective divisor.

Is it true that  $H^q(X, K_X \otimes F \otimes \mathcal{I}(m^{-1}D)) = 0$  for all  $q > n - \nu(L)$  ? For projective manifolds, this is a consequence of the Kawamata-Viehweg vanishing theorem and a trivial slicing argument by hyperplane sections (see e.g. Theorem 6.12 in J.-P. Demailly, Lecture Notes in Math. n° 1646).

PROBLEM 2: *Towards a Mori theory for Kähler varieties.*

Assume that the Kähler manifold  $(X, \omega)$  is such that its canonical bundle  $K_X$  is not nef. Does there exist a rational curve  $C$  in  $X$  such that  $-K_X \cdot C \leq n + 1$  ? Again, if  $X$  is projective, the answer is known to be positive.

PROBLEM 3: *Deformations of varieties in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

Recall that a compact complex space is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{C}$  if it is bimeromorphic to some compact complex Kähler manifold. It follows from the theory of Kodaira and Spencer (see Ann. of Math. 71, 1960) that small deformations of a compact Kähler manifold are again Kähler. However an example of F. Campana (see F. Campana, Math. Ann. 290, (1991)) shows that there exists a Moishezon (hence in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ ), non Kähler threefold, which has arbitrarily small deformations which are not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta$  a deformation of compact complex manifolds over the unit disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Assume that  $X_s$ , the fiber over  $s$ , is Kähler for every  $s \in \Delta \setminus \{0\}$ . Does this imply that  $X_0$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{C}$  ?

A positive answer is known under some restrictive assumptions on the family of Kähler metrics  $\omega_s$  on the fibers  $X_s$ ,  $s \in \Delta \setminus 0$ . Namely, the metrics should remain uniformly bounded, while their volume is bounded away from 0 when approaching the central fiber. Can one remove these restrictive assumptions ?