Recent results on jet differentials and entire holomorphic curves in algebraic varieties

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Our interest is the study of hyperbolicity for projective varieties.
In dim $n = 1$, X is hyperbolic iff genus $g \geq 2$.

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Consequence of CGT + GGL

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The initial proof of Brotbek did not provide effective bounds. Through various improvements, Deng Ya showed in his PhD thesis:

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In the above setting, a generic hypersurface $X_\sigma = \sigma^{-1}(0)$ is hyperbolic as soon as

$$d \geq d_n = (n+1)^{n+2}(n+2)^{2n+7} = O(n^{3n+9}).$$

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When V is nonsingular, i.e. a subbundle, one simply sets

$$K_V = \det(V^*) \quad \text{(as a line bundle)}.$$

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Consequence

If $\mu : \widetilde{X} \to X$ is a modification and $\widetilde{X}$ is equipped with the pull-back directed structure $\widetilde{V} = \overline{\tilde{\mu}^{-1}(V)}$, then

$${}^b\mathcal{K}_V \subset \mu_*({}^b\mathcal{K}_{\widetilde{V}}) \subset \mathcal{L}_V$$

and $\mu_*({}^b\mathcal{K}_{\widetilde{V}})$ increases with μ.

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Direct image formula

If $J^{\mathrm{nc}}_k V$ is the set of non constant k-jets, one defines the Green-Griffiths bundle to be $X^{\mathrm{GG}}_k = J^{\mathrm{nc}}_k V/\mathbb{C}^*$ and $\mathcal{O}_{X^{\mathrm{GG}}_k}(1)$ to be the associated tautological rank 1 sheaf. Then we have

$$\pi_k : X^{\mathrm{GG}}_k \to X, \qquad E^{\mathrm{GG}}_{k,m} V^* = (\pi_k)_* \mathcal{O}_{X^{\mathrm{GG}}_k}(m)$$

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Strategy : fundamental vanishing theorem

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Let (X, V) be a directed pair where X is projective algebraic. We say that (X, V) is "algebraically jet-hyperbolic" if for every irreducible alg. subvariety $Z \subsetneq X_k$ s.t. $X_k \not\subset D_k$, the induced directed structure $(Z, W) \subset (X_k, V_k)$ either has $W = 0$ or is of general type modulo $X_k \to X$.

Theorem (D-, 2014)

If (X, V) is algebraically jet-hyperbolic, then (X, V) is Kobayashi (or Brody) hyperbolic, i.e. there are no entire curves $f : (\mathbb{C}, T_{\mathbb{C}}) \to (X, V)$.

Now, the hope is that a (very) generic complete intersection $X = H_1 \cap \ldots \cap H_c \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+c}$ of codimension c and degrees $(d_1, \ldots, d_c)$ s.t. $\sum d_j \geq 2n + c$ yields (X, T_X) algebraically jet-hyperbolic.

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Question

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) \to S$ be a proper family of directed varieties over a base S, such that $\pi : \mathcal{X} \to S$ is a nonsingular deformation and the directed structure on $X_t = \pi^{-1}(t)$ is $V_t \subset T_{X_t}$, possibly singular. Under which conditions is

$$t \mapsto h^0(X_t, \mathcal{K}_{V_t}^{[m]})$$

locally constant over S ?

This would be very useful since one can easily produce jet sections for hypersurfaces $X \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ admitting meromorphic connections with low pole order (Siu, Nadel).

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A construction similar to Nadel's meromorphic connections with low pole orders then produces certain Wronskian operators, and one shows that for generic σ, a certain fonctorial blow-up $\mu_k : \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_k \to \mathcal{X}_k$ of the k-th stage carries an ample invertible sheaf

$$L_k = \mu_k^*\big(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_k}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k) \otimes \mathcal{J}_k \otimes \pi_{k,0} A^{-1}\big) \;\; \text{over } X_\sigma,$$

where $\mathcal{J}_k$ is the ideal sheaf associated with a suitable family of Wronkian operators. This is enough to prove the conjecture.

Happy birthday Hajime !