


Families of varieties of general type
as part of classification of algebraic varieties

(reduced schemes
(of finite type / field)) Restrict to $\text{char} = 0$
 X alg var

Def: model = a repr of a birational
equiv. class.

Two step process ① Find a "nice" model in every birat. class.
 ② Classify these models.

Expectations: ① • Should be relatively simple
 • should be unique
 • should be a way to find this model
② • Find invariants:
 • After finding enough invariants: the remaining objects form
 finitely many families.

Searching for "nice"

- the chosen model should be projective

Nagata: If variety \exists proper closure

Clow: \exists proj resolution of the proper closure.

Hiranoaka: \exists smooth, proj birational model. \Leftarrow

For curves we can stop here: a smooth proj curve
is unique in its birat.
class.

In higher dim \rightsquigarrow MMP

$$X \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{contraction} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{flip} \end{array} \rightsquigarrow X \sim_{\text{bir}} X_1 \xrightarrow{\quad} X_2$$

↑
Fano fibre space
(Mori fibration)

If $\kappa(X) \geq 0$ $\xrightarrow{\text{this is trivial}}$

After iterating up to bir equivalence

$$X \sim_{\text{bir}} X_1 \xrightarrow{\quad} X_2 \quad \kappa(X_2) \geq 0$$

↑
tower of Fano
fibrations

$$X_2 \quad \kappa(X_2) \geq 0$$

Mitsuba fibration

$$X_2 \sim_{\text{bir}} X_3 \longrightarrow X_4$$

$$\dim X_4 = \kappa(X_4)$$

~~$\dim X_4 = \kappa(X_4) = \kappa(X_2)$~~

Again, iterate this \rightsquigarrow

tower of fibrations
with the gen. fibre
having $\kappa = 0$

- the gen. fibre
has $\kappa = 0$

MMP again Run the MMP on X_4 (of gen type)

$$\begin{array}{c} \rightsquigarrow \\ \dim = \kappa \end{array} \quad X_4 \sim_{\text{bir}} X_{\min} \longrightarrow X_{\text{can}}$$

\uparrow
= gen. type

\exists a canonical model

Kodaira dim: X smooth proj $\rightarrow K_X$ canonical class
 (divisor)

ω_X - canonical sheaf T_X tangent bundle

$$\omega_X = (\det T_X)^\vee$$

$$m^{\kappa(X)} \sim^{\text{def}} H^0(X, \omega_X^{\otimes m}) : X \dashrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{P}^N} \supseteq \overline{\phi_m(X)}$$

$$\kappa(X) := \max_m \dim \overline{\phi_m(X)} \quad \kappa(\mathbb{P}^n) < 0 \quad \dim \emptyset = -1 \text{ or } -\infty$$

$$-1 \leq \kappa(X) \leq \dim X \quad \underline{\text{Def}}: \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is of general type} \\ \text{if } \kappa(X) = \dim X \end{array}$$

Example $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ is hypersurface of deg of

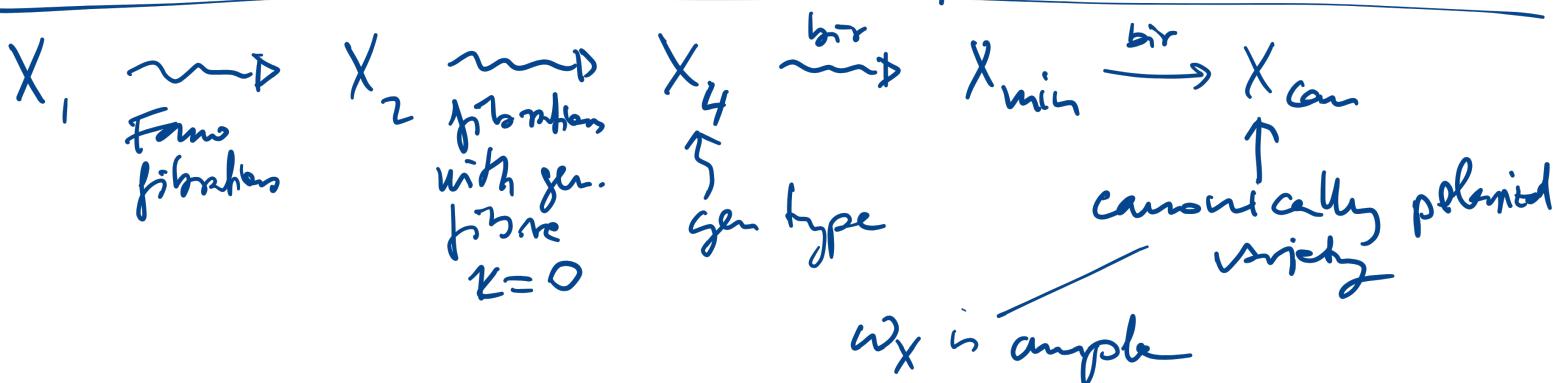
$$\kappa(X) < 0 \quad d \leq n$$

$$\kappa(X) = 0 \quad d = n+1$$

$$\kappa(X) = d \text{ if } X \quad d \geq n+2$$

H(W): do this

that: use adjunction
for K_X



For surfaces min models are smooth

Even for surfaces can. models behave better.

In higher dimensions : min models are not unique

(in $\dim \geq 3$)

min models are singular

Canonical models are always unique

⇒ For varieties of gen. type "nice" = canonical model

In order to do a classification
we need to understand

- families of Fano varieties (ω_X^{-1} angle)
- families of varieties with $\kappa = \sigma$ (ex: $\omega_X \approx \mathcal{O}_X$
e.g. CY, Abelian)

- families of canonically polarized varieties

Curves : $M_g \subseteq \overline{M}_g \leftarrow$ compactification of M_g
it is actually projective

Goal : do this in higher dim's

main objects : stable curves

a proj curve C is stable if

local: • the sing of C are nodes \times ($\Rightarrow C$ is Gorenst.)

global: • w_C is ample \leftarrow this is what we want in
all dimensions.

Stable extension \mathcal{B} smooth curve \rightarrow base

$\mathcal{B}^{\circ} \subset \mathcal{B}$ dense open subset

$\exists \mathcal{B}' \xrightarrow{G} \mathcal{B}$ finite surj

\mathcal{X}

X^0

flat family of smooth proj
curves of genus ≥ 2

$X^0 \times \mathcal{B}'$

X_B^{ss}

X_B^{stab}

flat family
of reduced
model
curves

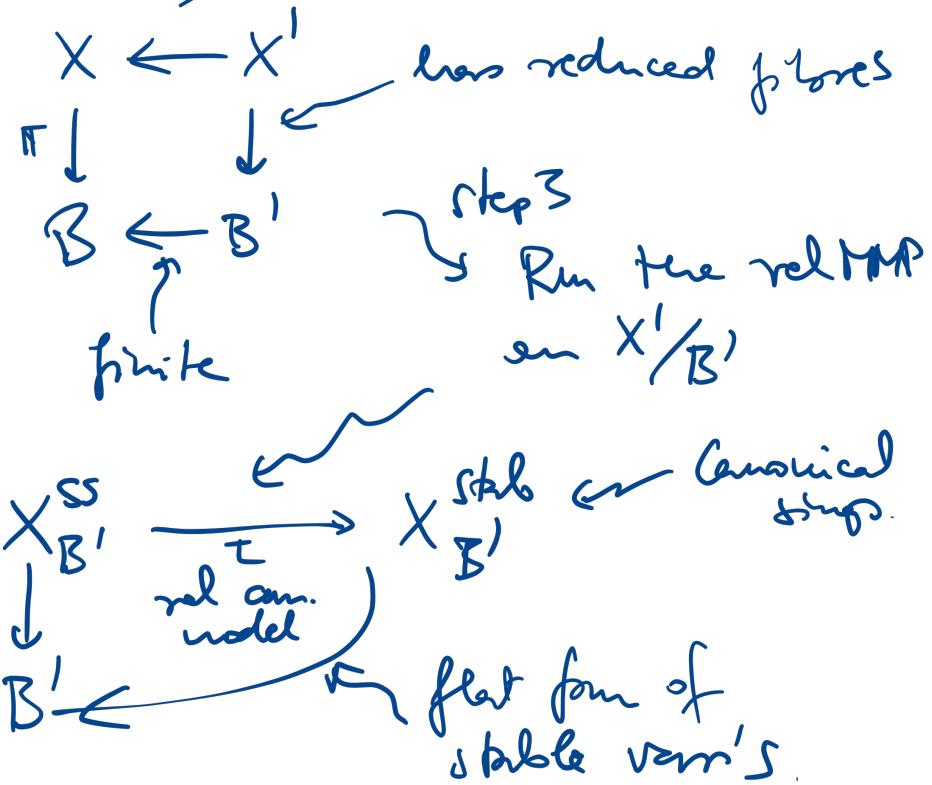
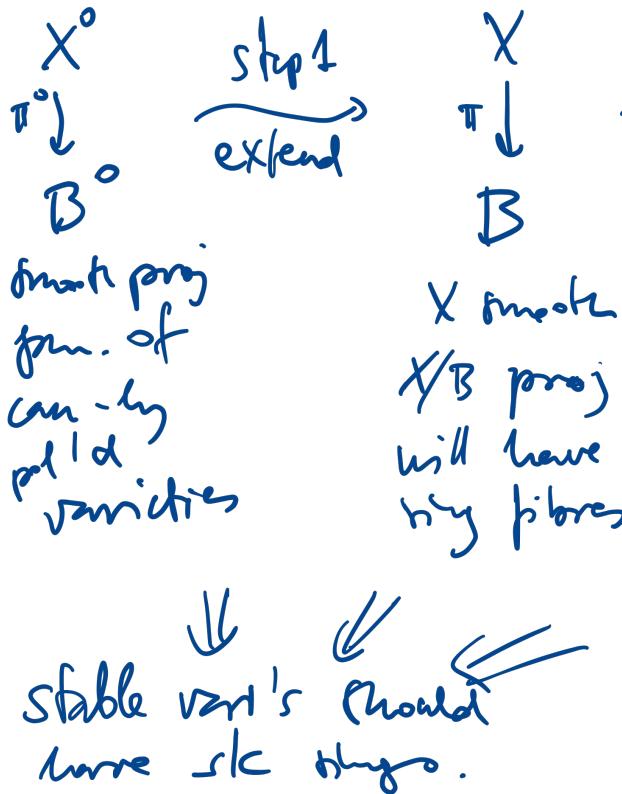
flat fam
of stable
curves

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model

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Kollar - Shepherd-Barron (1988)



KSB stability X is KSB stable

iE (local) X has slc sing

(global) K_X is ample

(K_X is not a Cartier div
but \mathbb{Q} -Cartier)

Stable families

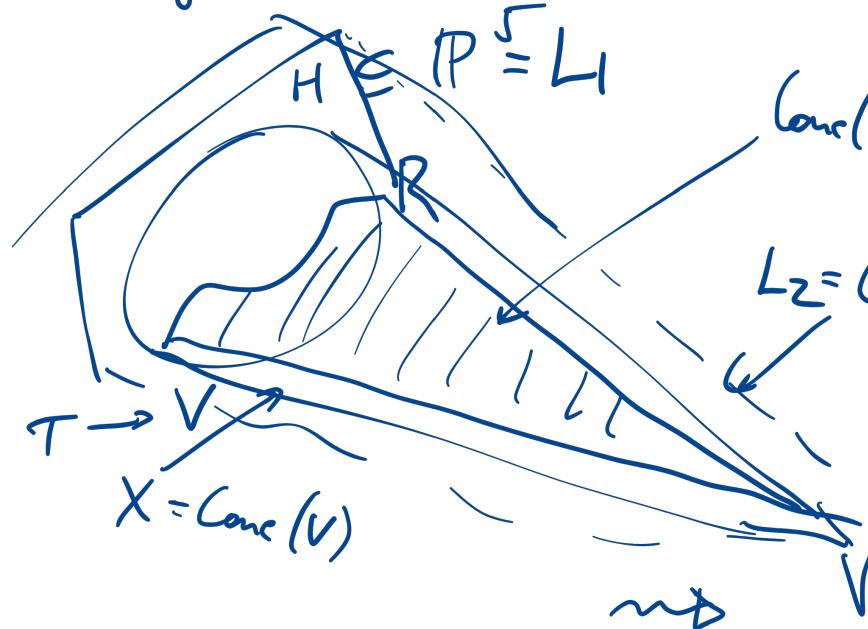
Curves : Stable family = flat fm of stable curves

rigid fm :

$\mathbb{P}^2 \xrightarrow{\cong} V \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$ Veronese embedding

$\deg V = H \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$ gen hyp. plane

$$V \cap H = R \subseteq H \cong \mathbb{P}^4$$



\approx real normal quartic curve
 $\text{cone}(R)$ [image of $[t^4 : t^3u : tu^3 : u^4]$]

$$X := \text{cone}(V) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$$

$$L_2 = \text{cone}(H) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$$

hyperplane

$$V = X \cap L_1$$

$$\text{cone}(R) = X \cap L_2$$

V can be deformed into $\text{cone}(R)$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \xrightarrow{(z, 1)} \mathbb{P}^5 \\
 (0(2)) \quad (0(1)) \searrow \simeq \downarrow \cup \\
 T
 \end{array}
 \quad \deg T = 4 \quad T \cap H = R' \leq H$$

$H \subseteq \mathbb{P}^5$ gen. h.p.

T can be deformed into Cone (R) $\rightsquigarrow \checkmark$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \quad K_T^2 = -8 \\
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 \end{array}
 \quad K_V^2 = -9 \quad \mathbb{P}^2$$

Young person's guide to moduli theory