Geometry of Holomorphic Curves and Distribution of Rational Points

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W. Schmidt (1971): *Subsum Theorem for S-units of an algebraic number field holds.*

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N.B.

- First Main Theorem $\iff$ Product Formula.
- Related topics: Kobayashi hyperbolicity.

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Theorem 2.2

(Faltings (91)-Vojta (96)). *Let X be defined over a number field k with $\bar{q}(X) > \dim X$.*
Then $X(k)$ is contained in a proper subvariety of X.

Theorem 2.3

Let
M *= a projective manifold of dimension* m*;*
$\{D_i\}_{i=1}^{l}$ *= a family of ample hypersurfaces of* M *in general position;*
$W(\subset M)$ *= a subvariety such that* $\exists$ *non-constant holomorphic curve*
$f : \mathbf{C} \to W \setminus \bigcup_{D_i \not\supset W} D_i$ *with Zariski dense image.*
Then we have
(i) $(l - m)\dim W \leqq m\left(\mathrm{rank}_{\mathbf{Z}}\{c_1(D_i)\}_{i=1}^{l} - q(W)\right)^{+}.$

(ii) *Let* $f : \mathbf{C} \to M$ *be a holomorphic curve such that for every* D_i, *either* $f(\mathbf{C}) \subset D_i$, *or* $f(\mathbf{C}) \cap D_i = \emptyset$.

Assume that $l > m$.

Then $f(\mathbf{C})$ *is contained in an algebraic subspace* W *of* M *such that*

$$\dim W \leqq \frac{m}{l-m} \mathrm{rank}_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathrm{NS}(M).$$

In particular, if $\mathrm{rank}_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathrm{NS}(M) = 1$ *(e.g.,* $M = \mathbf{P}^m(\mathbf{C})$*), then we have*

$$\dim W \leqq \frac{m}{l-m}; \quad W \text{ is finite for } l > 2m.$$

Theorem 2.4

Assume that everything is defined over a number field k, and Let
$S =$ a finite subset of inequivalent non-trivial places of k containing all infinite places;
$V =$ a projective smooth variety of dimension m;
$\{D_i\}_{i=1}^{l} =$ a family of ample hypersurfaces of V in general position;
$W(\subset V) =$ a subvariety of V.
Assume that there exists a Zariski dense $(\sum_{D_i \not\supset W} D_i \cap W, S)$-integral point set of $W(k)$ in W.
Then we have

1. $(l-m)\dim W \leqq m\left(\mathrm{rank}_{\mathbf{Z}}\{c_1(D_i)\}_{i=1}^{l} - q(W)\right)^{+}.$
2. *Let $D_i, 1 \leqq i \leqq l$, be ample divisors of V in general position.*
   Let Z be a subset of $V(k)$ such that for every D_i, either $Z \subset D_i$, or Z is a $(\sum_{D_i \not\supset A} D_i, S)$-integral point set.
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The Mandala of the analogues:

"Value Dist."		"Dist. of Rational Points"
$f : \mathbf{C} \to X$	$\Longleftrightarrow$	Infin. Family of Rat'l Pts
Kobay. Hyperbolic.	$\Longleftrightarrow$ Lang's Conj.	Finiteness of Rat'l Pts
$\Uparrow$		$\Uparrow$
Nevan. Theory	$\Longleftrightarrow$ Vojta's Dict.	Dioph. Approx.

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(3.2) $$\max\{|a|, |b|, |c|\} \leq C_\epsilon \prod_{\text{prime } p|(abc)} p^{1+\epsilon}.$$

N.B. The order of *abc* at every prime p is counted only by "$1 + \epsilon$" (truncation), when it is positive.

As in §1 we put $x = [a, -b] \in \mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{Q})$, and set

$$\mathrm{h}(x) = \log \max\{|a|, |b|\} \geq 0 \quad \text{(height)}, \tag{3.3}$$

$$N_1(x; \infty) = \sum_{p|a} \log p \quad \text{(counting function truncated to level 1)}, \tag{3.4}$$

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Then abc Conjecture (3.2) is rewritten as

$$\text{(3.5)} \qquad (1-\epsilon)\mathrm{h}(x) \leq N_1(x; 0) + N_1(x; \infty) + N_1(x; 1) + C_\epsilon, \ x \in \mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{Q}).$$

For q distinct points $a_i \in \mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{Q}), 1 \leq i \leq q$,

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Theorem 3.7

(Nevanlinna's S.M.T.) *Let f be a meromorphic function in $\mathbf{C}$. For q distinct points $a_i \in \mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C}), 1 \le i \le q$,*

$$(q-2)T_f(r) \le \sum_{i=1}^{q} N_1(r, f^* a_i) + O(\log^+(rT_f(r))||.$$

$$T_f(r) = \int_0^r \frac{dt}{t} \int_{|z|<t} f^*(\text{F.-S. metric}) \text{ (due to Shimizu)}.$$

If f is entire, $T_f(r) \sim \log \max_{|z| \le r} |f(z)|$.

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For the sake of notational convenience, we set

- $a = x_0, b = x_1, \dots, e = x_n$ ($n+1$ variables).
- $x = [x_0, \dots, x_n] \in \mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{Q})$.
- $\mathrm{h}(x) = \log\max_{0\le j\le n}\{|x_j|\}$: the height of x.
- $H_j = x_j, 0 \le j \le n$, $H_{n+1} = -\sum_{j=0}^{n} x_j$: $n+2$ linear forms in general position.
- $N_1(x; H_j)$: the counting function truncated to level 1.

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Let S be a finte set of primes and let $\lambda \leq \infty$.
We define an S-counting function truncated to level λ by

$$(4.3) \qquad N_\lambda(x; S, H_j) = \sum_{p \notin S,\, p | H_j(x)} \min\{\deg_p H_j(x)), \lambda\} \cdot \log p.$$

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Schmidt's Subspace Theorem is stated as follows.

Theorem 4.5

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For ${}^\forall\epsilon > 0$, ${}^\exists C_\epsilon$ *and a finite union* ${}^\exists E_\epsilon$ *of proper linear subspaces of* $\mathbf{P}^n_{\mathbf{Q}}$ *such that*

$$(q-n-1-\epsilon)\mathrm{h}(x) \le \sum_{j=1}^{q} N_\infty(x; S, H_j) + C_\epsilon, \quad x \in \mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{Q}) \setminus E_\epsilon.$$

N.B. When $n = 1$, this is Roth's Theorem.

Theorem 4.6

(H. Cartan's S.M.T., '33) *Let* $f : \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{C})$ *be a linearly non-degenerate holomorphic curve.*
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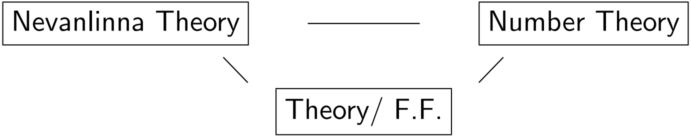

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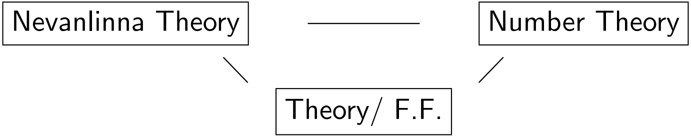

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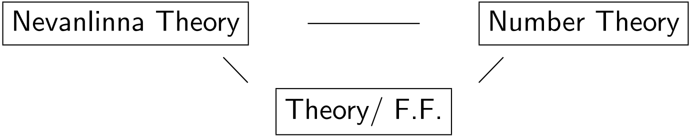

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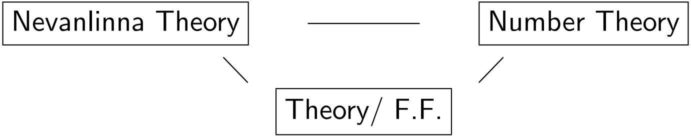

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By making use of the Kobayashi hyperbolic metric and the theory of harmonic maps we have

Theorem 5.1

(N. (88), Miyano-N. (91)). *For the simplicity, assume that* D/Γ *is smooth.*
(i) *The moduli space* $\mathrm{Hol}(B, D/\Gamma)$ *of all holomorphic maps from* B *into* D/Γ *is a smooth quasi-projective algebraic variety.*
For every component Z_1 *of* $\mathrm{Hol}(B, D/\Gamma)$*, the evaluation map at* $x \in B$

$$\Phi_x : y \in Z_1 \to y(x) \in D/\Gamma$$

is a proper holomorphic immersion onto a totally geodesic submanifold of D/Γ*, and hence*

$$Z_1 \cong D_1/\Gamma_1.$$

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Corollary 5.2

If D/Γ admits no non-trivial product structure of totally geodesic submanifolds, then every non-constant $y : B \to D/\Gamma$ is rigid.

(c) A gap theorem. The problem for abelian varieties was first dealt with by A. Buium.

Theorem 5.3

(Buium-98). *Let*
$A =$ *an abelian variety;*
$D =$ *a reduced divisor on* A *which is Kobayashi hyperbolic;*
$C =$ *a smooth compact curve.*
Then $\exists N \in \mathbf{N}$ *depending on* C, A *and* D *such that for every morphism* $f : C \to A$, *either* $\mathrm{mult}_x f^* D \le N \quad (\forall x \in C)$, *or* $f(C) \subset D$.

Corollary 5.4

Let the notation be as in Theorem 5.3. If $f(C) \not\subset D$, *then*

$$\text{“height}\,(f)\text{”} = \deg(f) \le N|f^{-1}(D)|.$$

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$\bar{D}$ = an effective reduced ample divisor on $\bar{A}$, and $D = \bar{D} \cap A$;
C = a smooth algebraic curve with smooth compactification $C \hookrightarrow \bar{C}$.
Then $\exists N \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for every morphism $f : C \to A$ either

$$f(C) \subset D \quad \text{or} \quad \mathrm{mult}_x f^* D \leq N \quad (\forall x \in C).$$

Furthermore, the number N depends only on the numerical data involved as follows:

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Corollary 5.6

If $f(C) \not\subset \mathrm{Supp}\, D$*, then*

$$\deg f^* D \,(\mathrm{height}) \leq N \cdot |\mathrm{Supp}\, f^* D|.$$

In particular, if we let A, $\bar{A}$, C and D vary within a flat connected family, then we can find a uniform bound for N.

As an application, a *finiteness theorem* was obtained for morphisms from a non-compact curve into an abelian variety omitting an ample divisor.

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The universal covering $\tilde{A} \cong \mathbf{C}^n$, $n = \dim A$. Let

- $f : \mathbf{C} \longrightarrow A$, be a holomorphic curve ;
- $J_k(A) =$ k-jet bundle over A; $J_k(A) \cong A \times \mathbf{C}^{nk}$;
- $J_k(f) : \mathbf{C} \to J_k(A)$, k-jet lift of f;
- $X_k(f) =$ Zariski closure of the image $J_k(f)(\mathbf{C})$.
- $I_k : J_k(A) \cong A \times \mathbf{C}^{nk} \longrightarrow \mathbf{C}^{nk}$, jet projection.

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(ii) *For* $f : \mathbf{C} \to \bar{A}$ *(compactification),*

$$m(r; I_k \circ J_k(f)) \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \|I_k \circ J_k(f)(z)\| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = O(\log^+(rT_f(r))) \,||.$$

N.B. This is Lemma on logarithmic derivatives in higher dimension.

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Because of the trunction level 1, we have the following interesting application.

Theorem 6.6

(Conjectured by M. Green, '74) *Assume that $f : \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{P}^2(\mathbf{C})$ omits two lines $\{x_i = 0\}, i = 1, 2$, and the conic $\{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0\}$. Then f is algebraically degenerate.*

Lately, Corvaja-Zannier obtained some corresponding result over algebraic function fields (J.A.G. 2008).

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N.B. (1) The case "$\bar{q}(X) > \dim X$" was known as Log Bloch-Ochiai's Theorem (N. '77-'81). The proof for the case "$\bar{q}(X) = \dim X$" requires our new Theorem 6.2.

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Question. Let $D = \sum_{i=1}^{q} D_i \subset \mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{C})$ be a divisor in general position (the codimensions of intersections of D_i's decrease exactly as the number of D_i's), possibly with singularities.

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Then, is $\bar{\kappa}(\mathbf{P}^n(\mathbf{C}) \setminus D) > 0$?