

94. The Kodaira Dimension of Certain Fiber Spaces

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In this paper we shall sketch a proof of the following theorem. Details will appear elsewhere.

Theorem. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of non-singular projective algebraic varieties defined over the complex number field \mathbf{C} with a general fiber F . We assume that F is irreducible and satisfies one of the following three conditions:*

- (1) $\dim F = 1$,
- (2) $\dim F = 2$ and $\kappa(F) \neq 2$,
- (3) F is an abelian variety.

Then $\kappa(X) \geq \kappa(Y) + \kappa(F)$. Moreover, if $\kappa(F) = 0$, then $\kappa(X/Y) \geq \text{Var}(f)$, where κ and Var denote the Kodaira dimension and the variation, respectively (cf. [3] and [7]).

In the cases (1) and (3) the above theorem was proved in [6] and [5], respectively. But our proof is different and does not use "good" compactifications of moduli spaces.

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Step 1. We assume that F is a K3 surface.

The period domain D of F is a bounded domain and its arithmetic quotient D/Γ has a Baily-Borel compactification $\overline{D/\Gamma}$ (cf. [1]). Of course the latter has nothing to do with the singular fibers of a family of F 's. Let L be a free \mathbf{Z} -module of rank 21 with a base $\{e_1, \dots, e_{21}\}$ and with a non-degenerate inner product defined by $e_1 e_{21} = e_2 e_{20} = 1$, $e_3^2 = e_4^2 = \dots = e_{19}^2 = -1$ and $e_i e_j = 0$, otherwise. Let Y_0 be a Zariski open subset of Y such that f is smooth on $X_0 = f^{-1}(Y_0)$. Let $F = F_y = f^{-1}(y)$ for a $y \in Y_0$. The polarization of X defines a homology class h on F_y and $H_2(F_y, \mathbf{C})/\langle h \rangle$ has a standard lattice isomorphic to L . A point p of D defines a 1-dimensional subspace in $\text{Hom}(L, \mathbf{C})$. Let ω_p be its element such that $\omega_p(e_{21}) = 1$. If F and some \mathbf{Z} -base of $H_2(F, \mathbf{Z})$ correspond to p , then ω_p defines a holomorphic 2-form on F , which we denote again by ω_p . If $q = \gamma p$ for some $\gamma \in \Gamma$, then $\omega_q = c\omega_p$, where $c = c(p)$ is an automorphic factor such that c^{19} is equal to the functional determinant. Thus each automorphic form $a(p)$ of weight k defines a

section $a(p)\omega_p^k$ of $K_{X_0/Y_0}^{\otimes k}$. We have only to prove that it can be extended to a section of $K_{X/Y}^{\otimes k}$. Using the reduction step as in [6], we may assume that the group Γ is small enough and $c(p)$ defines an invertible sheaf H on \overline{D}/Γ . Then a section $a(p)\omega_p^k$ of $H^{\otimes k}$ is locally a composition of sections of H and we can prove that they define sections of $K_{X/Y}$ locally by the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of non-singular projective algebraic varieties, let Y_0 be a Zariski open subset of Y , let $X_0 = f^{-1}(Y_0)$, and assume that $f|_{X_0}$ is smooth. Let F be an invertible sheaf on X and let ω be a holomorphic section of F on X_0 . We assume that for any non-singular curve C , any morphism $\varphi: C \rightarrow Y$ such that $\varphi(C) \cap Y_0 \neq \emptyset$ and any non-singular model X_c of the closure of $X_0 \times_{Y_0} \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(C) \cap Y_0)$ in $X \times_Y C$, the pull back of ω can be extended to a section ω_c of $F \times_X X_c$ over X_c . Then, ω can be extended to a section of F over X .*

Lemma 2 (cf. [2]). *Let X be a non-singular algebraic variety and let X_0 be a Zariski open subset of X . Let $\omega \in H^0(X_0, K_{X_0})$. If $\int_{X_0} \omega \wedge \bar{\omega} < \infty$, then ω can be extended to a section of K_X .*

Step 2. When F is an abelian variety, the proof is similar. In this case D is the Siegel upper half plane.

Step 3. F is assumed to be either an Enriques surface or a hyperelliptic surface.

An automorphic form of weight k defines a section of $K_{X_0/Y_0}^{\otimes mk}$ for some positive integer m . They are also extendable.

Step 4. F is a surface with $\kappa(F) = 1$.

The Iitaka fibering offers a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{g} & Z \\ f \downarrow & \searrow & \nearrow h \\ Y & & \end{array}$$

where g is an elliptic fiber space and h is a family of curves. The proof is an application of Kodaira's theory of elliptic fiber spaces as in [4].

Step 5. F is a curve.

The theorem follows from the case (3), Lemma 1 and the following

Lemma 3. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper morphism of non-singular algebraic varieties such that $\dim X = 2$, $\dim Y = 1$ and a general fiber F is an irreducible curve of genus $g \geq 2$. Then there is a canonically defined "Weierstrass section" of $K_{X/Y}^{\otimes g(g+1)/2} \otimes f^*(\wedge^g f_*(K_{X/Y}))^{-1}$.*

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