

Seshadri constants on rational surfaces with anticanonical pencils

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Abstract: We provide an explicit formula for Seshadri constants of any polarizations on rational surfaces X such that $\dim |K_X| = 1$. As an application, we discuss relationship between singularities of log del Pezzo surfaces and Seshadri constants of their anticanonical divisors.

1 Def. & Motivation

Def. X : proj. var., L : ample l.b. on X , $x \in X$.

Seshadri constant of L at x is

$$(L, x) := \inf_{C \text{ irred. curve } \ni x} \frac{L \cdot C}{\text{mult}_x(C)}; C \subset X$$

$$\stackrel{\text{well-known}}{=} \max\{s \in \mathbb{R}; \text{mult}_x(L - sE_x) \geq 0\}$$

where $\pi : \tilde{X}(x) \rightarrow X$: blow-up at x , $E_x := \pi^{-1}(x)$: excep. div..

1st properties

Fix L . Then,

1. $\inf(L) := \inf_{x \in X} (L, x) > 0$ (by Seshadri's ampleness criterion)
2. $L : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; x \mapsto (L, x)$ takes constant value $\text{gen}(L)$ at very general points (L : lower semiconti. if X is smooth.).

Ex. $X = \mathbb{P}^n, L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k) \Rightarrow (L, x) = k (\forall x \in X)$.

Seshadri constants are related to various topics, e.g.;

- generation of jets of adjoint bundles $K_X + L$
- splitting of Abelian varieties into product
- Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity

Unfortunately, Seshadri constants are very hard to compute, even for rational surfaces.

Nagata conj. $r = 10, \pi : X_r \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$: blow-up at $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$: very general. Put $E_i^{(r)} := \pi^{-1}(x_i)$. Then,

$$\Rightarrow \pi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{i=1}^r E_i^{(r)} \text{ is nef}$$

↑

$$\text{Conj.} \quad \text{gen}(\pi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} E_i^{(r-1)}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

2 An explicit formula for "special" rational surfaces

$\pi : X_r \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$: blow-up at $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$.

- If $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$: very general $\Rightarrow |K_X| = \emptyset$. (Difficulty)
- If $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$: "special" $\Rightarrow \dim |K_X| = 1 \Rightarrow$ easy to compute (L, x)

Main Thm. $\pi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$: blow-up at $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$ s.t.

$\dim |K_X| = 1$. $L := \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(a) - \sum_{i=1}^r b_i E_i$: ample on X .

1. If $r = 9$ and $\sum_{i=1}^r b_i + \sqrt{a^2 - \sum_{i=1}^r b_i^2} = 3a$, then

$$\text{gen}(L) = 3a - \sum_{i=1}^r b_i$$

2. Otherwise, $\exists M_L > 0$ s.t

$$\text{gen}(L) = \min \left\{ \frac{\alpha a - \sum_{i=1}^r \beta_i b_i}{\beta_{r+1}}; (\alpha; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r+1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{r+2}, \alpha \leq M_L \right\}$$

$$\alpha^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} \beta_i^2 = 1, 3\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} \beta_i = 1, \beta_{r+1} = 1 \right\}$$

↑ + some calculation

Key Fact Let X be a rational surface s.t. $|K_X| \neq \emptyset$. Then

$$1. \overline{NE}(X) = \mathbb{R}_0[|K_X|] + \sum_{\substack{C \subset X: \text{irred. curve,} \\ C^2 < 0}} \mathbb{R}_0[C].$$

2. $C \subset X$: irred. curve s.t. $C^2 < 0 \Rightarrow C$: (1)-curve, (2)-curve, or fix. comp. of $|K_X|$.

3 Application: criterion for mildly singular del Pezzo surfaces via $\text{gen}(|K_X|)$

X : log del Pezzo surf. i.e. normal klt proj. surf. s.t. $|K_X|$: ample. Assume X has \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein smoothing $f : \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T \ni 0$ with $\mathfrak{X}_0 \simeq X$. By lower semiconti. of Seshadri constants in family,

$$\text{gen}(|K_{\mathfrak{X}_0}|) = \text{gen}(|K_{\mathfrak{X}_t}|) \quad (\star).$$

Assume $4 \leq K_X^2 \leq 9$. We can determine when the equality hold in the inequality (\star) .

Theorem. X : a log del Pezzo surface.

1. Assume $K_X^2 = 3$. Then

$$\text{gen}(|K_X|) = 3 \Leftrightarrow X \simeq \mathbb{P}^2.$$

2. Assume $K_X^2 = 4, 5, 6, 7$ or 8 . Then

$$\text{gen}(|K_X|) = 2 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} X \text{ has only Du Val sing.} \\ \text{or} \\ X \simeq Z(5) \end{cases}$$

where $Z(5)$ is a partition of 5 i.e.

$$Z(5) = (5), (1, 4), (2, 3), (1, 1, 3), (1, 2, 2), (1, 1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 1, 1, 1).$$