

3) Canonical heights for endomorphisms of  $\mathbb{P}^k$ .

## 1) Introduction

Goal:  $K$  number field,  $f \in K(T)$ ,  $\deg(f) = d \geq 2$

We want to show that  $\text{Preper}(f, K) = \{x \in \mathbb{P}^1(K), \mathcal{O}_p(x) \text{ is finite}\}$  is finite.

We will discuss higher dimensional dynamical systems.

↳ dynamical heights.

• What is a height? tool introduced by Weil (when working on the Mordell conjecture: bound torsion points of abelian varieties over a number field).

It is a function  $h: \mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  (or more generally  $h: X(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ) that measures the "complexity" of a point  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}$ .

• Canonical height: "height function" such that  $h_p \circ f(x) = d \cdot h_p(x)$

Observation: suppose that you know that  $\{x \in \mathbb{P}^1(K), h_p(x) = 0\}$  is finite.

Then  $\text{Preper}(f, K) \subseteq \{h \circ f = 0\} \cap \mathbb{P}^1(K)$  is also finite.

↑  
NORTHCOOT  
PROPERTY.

Hence to prove our result, it suffices to construct a height associated to  $f$ , and with the Northcott property.

Standard height (o.k.e naive)

$x \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $x = \frac{a}{b}$   $a, b \neq 0$   $h(x) = \log \max\{|a|, |b|\}$ .

$h(x) = \# \{ \text{digits necessary to define } x \} \left( \text{if } \log b, \text{ in base } b \right)$ .

Goal: extend  $h$  to  $\mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}$ .

Idea 1:  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}$ , take its minimal polynomial  $/ \mathbb{Q}$ :

$P(T) = a_0 T^d + \dots + a_d$   $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\gcd(a_i) = 1$ ,  $a_0 \neq 0$ .

We can set  $\bar{h}(x) = \frac{1}{d} \log \max\{|a_i|\}$

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Lemme:  $\bar{h}(x) = h(x)$  if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

$\bar{h}(\sigma(x)) = \bar{h}(x) \quad \forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}/\mathbb{Q})$

• Northcott  $N < +\infty, H < +\infty$ .

$\mathcal{E}(N, H) := \{x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}, \deg(x) \leq N, \bar{h}(x) \leq H\}$  is finite

Proof.  $x \in \mathcal{E}(N, H)$ .  $P, z_i$  as above. Then  $|z_i| \leq \exp(NH)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Card } \mathcal{E}(N, H) \leq (2e^{NH} + 1)^{d+1} < +\infty \quad \square$

Problem:  $\bar{h}$  is hard to handle, and to relate  $\bar{h}$  to arithmetic properties of  $x$ .

Idea 2: interpretation of  $h(x)$  with  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  in terms of  $p$ -adic norms.

Recall:  $x = \frac{a}{b} p^n, a \wedge p = b \wedge p = 1 \rightsquigarrow |x|_p := p^{-n}$ .

Lemme:  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then

$h(x) = \log^+ |x|_\infty + \sum_{p \in P} \log^+ |x|_p$   $\log^+ t = \max\{0, \log t\}$   
 $H(x) := |x|_\infty$   $|x|_\infty = \text{euclidean norm. } P = \{\text{primes}\}$

Proof:  $x = \prod_{p \in P} p^{v_p(x)} \quad v_p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$  (for all but finitely many  $p, v_p(x) = 0$ ).

$\log^+ |x|_\infty + \sum_{p \in P} \log^+ |x|_p = \log^+ |x|_\infty - \sum_{v_p(x) < 0} v_p(x) \log p$

since  $|p^{v_p(x)}| = p^{-v_p(x)} \quad \log^+ |x|_p = \begin{cases} 0 & v_p(x) \geq 0 \\ -v_p(x) \log p & v_p(x) < 0 \end{cases}$

Hence  $H(x) = \begin{cases} \log |x|_\infty - \sum_{v_p(x) < 0} v_p(x) \log p & |x|_\infty \geq 1 \\ - \sum_{v_p(x) < 0} v_p(x) \log p & |x|_\infty < 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} ? \\ ? \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \log |a| \\ \log |b| \end{matrix}$

We conclude by observing that  $b = \prod_{v_p(x) < 0} p^{-v_p(x)}$ .  $\square$

Aim: extend this formula to any number field  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .

I'd like to have,  $\forall x \in K$ , " $h(x) = \sum \log^+ |x|_v$ ."  $M_K = \{ \text{set of norms on } K \}$ .  
 $\neq M_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (not exactly)

## 2) Metrised fields.

Def: A metrised (normed) field is a pair  $(K, |\cdot|)$ , with  $K$  a field,

and  $|\cdot|: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , s.t.

$$\begin{cases} |x| = 0 \iff x = 0 \\ |xy| = |x| \cdot |y| \\ |x+y| \leq |x| + |y| \end{cases}$$

Example: trivial norm  $|x|_0 = \begin{cases} 1 & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

Def: A metrised field is archimedean if for all  $x \neq 0 \exists n > 0$  s.t.  $|nx| > 1$ .

Examples:  $K = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\cdot|_{\infty}$  = euclidean norm  
 (or any subfield of  $(\mathbb{C}, |\cdot|_{\infty})$ )

Thm (Gelfand - Masur)  $(K, |\cdot|)$  complete archimedean metrised field.

Then  $(K, |\cdot|) \cong (\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|_{\infty}^{\varepsilon})$  or  $\cong (\mathbb{C}, |\cdot|_{\infty}^{\varepsilon})$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$

Sketch of proof:  $|nx| > 1 \Rightarrow \text{char}(K) = 0 \Rightarrow K \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$ . Ostrowski  $\Rightarrow$

$|\cdot|_{\mathbb{Q}} = |\cdot|_{\infty}^{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow K$  is an extension of  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|_{\infty}^{\varepsilon})$   $M_{\mathbb{Q}} = \{ |\cdot|_p, p \in \mathbb{P} \}$

Gelfand - Masur  $\Rightarrow K = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $\square$

Lemma  $(K, |\cdot|)$  metrised field. TFAE:

(i)  $(K, |\cdot|)$  is not archimedean

(ii)  $(K, |\cdot|)$  is non-archimedean:  $|x+y| \leq \max\{|x|, |y|\}$

Proof: (ii  $\Rightarrow$  i)  $|nx| \leq |x|$  by induction on  $n$ .

(i  $\Rightarrow$  ii) Take  $x, y \in K$ .

$$|x+y| = |(x+y)^n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} x^j y^{n-j} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$|\binom{n}{j}| \leq C \text{ (bounded)}$$

(by not archimedean assumption)

$$\leq \left( \sum_{j=0}^n |x|^j |y|^{n-j} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} C^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad (\text{by not archimedean assumption})$$

$$\exists x, |nx| \leq 1 \Rightarrow |n| \leq \frac{1}{|x|}.$$

$$\leq \left( (n+1) \max\{|x|, |y|\}^n \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} C^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow \max\{|x|, |y|\} \quad \square$$

Remark:  $(K, |\cdot|)$  is non-archimedean (NA), then  $|x| < |y| \Rightarrow |x+y| = |y|$

Example:  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  (prime).  $|\cdot|_p = p$ -adic norm on  $\mathbb{Q}$  is N.A  
(easy to check, consequence of the fact that  $\forall p$  is a valuation:  $v_p(0) = \infty$ ,  
 $v_p(xy) = v_p(x) + v_p(y)$ ,  $v_p(x+y) \geq \min\{v_p(x), v_p(y)\}$ ).

Set  $\mathbb{Q}_p =$  completion of  $(\mathbb{Q}, |\cdot|_p)$ .

$(\mathbb{Q}_p, |\cdot|_p)$  is a NA complete metrized field.

Lemma  $(K, |\cdot|)$  NA complete metrized field.

$\mathbb{K}^\circ := \{x \in K, |x| \leq 1\}$  is a ring (the ring of integers of  $K$ )

$\mathbb{K}^{\circ\circ} := \{x \in K, |x| < 1\}$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{K}^\circ$

(in particular,  $\mathbb{K}^\circ$  is a local ring).

One may consider:  $\tilde{K} = \mathbb{K}^\circ / \mathbb{K}^{\circ\circ}$ , it is a field, called the residue field of  $K$ .

$\pi: \mathbb{K}^\circ \rightarrow \tilde{K}$  the projection map is called the residue map.

For  $x \in \mathbb{K}^\circ$ , we denote  $\pi(x) =: \tilde{x}$  its class.

Proof of Lemma:

$\mathbb{K}^\circ$  is a ring:  $0 \in \mathbb{K}^\circ$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{K}^\circ \Rightarrow x, y \in \mathbb{K}^\circ$  (this holds  $\forall |\cdot|$ )  
-  $x+y \in \mathbb{K}^\circ$  by  $|x+y| \leq \max\{|x|, |y|\}$  (N.A).

$\mathbb{K}^{\circ\circ}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{K}^\circ$  and it is the unique maximal ideal, because  $\mathbb{K}^\circ \setminus \mathbb{K}^{\circ\circ} = \{x \in \mathbb{K}^\circ \mid |x| = 1\}$  consists of units in  $\mathbb{K}^\circ$ .  $\square$

Example:  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p, |\cdot|_p$

$|K^\times| = \text{value group of } (K, |\cdot|) = \{ |x| : x \in K^\times \}$ .

$|\mathbb{Q}^\times|_p = p^{\mathbb{Z}}, |\mathbb{Q}_p^\times|_p = p^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . In fact  $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times, \exists x_n \in \mathbb{Q}, |x_n - x|_p \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \forall n \gg 1, |x_n - x|_p < |x|_p \Rightarrow |x_n|_p = |x_n - x + x|_p = |x|_p$ .

$\cdot \mathbb{Z}_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{Q}_p^{\circ} = \{ x \in \mathbb{Q}_p : |x|_p \leq 1 \}$

Claim:  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is the closure of  $\mathbb{Z}$  in  $(\mathbb{Q}_p, |\cdot|_p)$ .

Proof:  $x \in \mathbb{Z}, |x| \leq 1, |x|_p < 1 \Leftrightarrow p|x \Rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

$x \in \mathbb{Z}_p, |x|_p \leq 1, x = \lim_n x_n, x_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ . (want to pick  $x_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$x_n = \frac{z_n}{b_n}, |x_n| \leq 1 \Rightarrow p \nmid b_n = 1$  find  $\beta_n, \beta_n b_n \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{n^2}}$

$$|x - z_n \beta_n|_p \leq \max \left\{ |x - x_n|, \left| \frac{z_n}{b_n} \right| |1 - \beta_n b_n| \right\}$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $0 \qquad \qquad \qquad 0$

$$\mathbb{Q}_p^{\circ\circ} = \{ |x|_p < 1 \} = \{ |x|_p \leq \frac{1}{p} \} = p\mathbb{Z}_p.$$

$$\tilde{\mathbb{Q}}_p = \mathbb{Q}_p^{\circ} / \mathbb{Q}_p^{\circ\circ} \simeq \frac{\mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{Z}_p}{\mathbb{Q} \cap p\mathbb{Z}_p} = \frac{\left\{ \frac{a}{b} : b \nmid p \right\}}{\left\{ \frac{a}{b} : b \nmid p, p \nmid a \right\}}$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{isomorphism}$   
 $\frac{\mathbb{Q}}{p} \qquad \mathbb{F}_p := \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$

Lemma:  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, |\cdot|_p)$  is compact.

Proof, reasons:  $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times$  is discrete.  
 $\tilde{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  is finite

We will check that it is sequentially compact ( $\Leftrightarrow$  compact) <sup>metric spaces</sup>

$x_n \in \mathbb{Z}_p, \tilde{x}_n \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . For all  $n \geq 2$ , may assume that  $\tilde{x}_n = \tilde{x}_0 \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ . (up to subsequences). But then  $|x_n - c_0|_p < 1 \forall n \geq 2$ , and  $|x_n - c_0|_p \leq \frac{1}{p}$ .

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Proceed by recursion & diagonal extraction:

Here  $\frac{x_n - z_0}{p} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , may assume  $\frac{x_n - z_0}{p} = \tilde{z}_1, \dots$

By induction we get  $x_n \rightarrow z_0 + p z_1 + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} z_i p^i$ ,  $z_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\} \subset \mathbb{Z}_p$ .  $\square$

Def: A  $p$ -adic field is a complete metrised field of char 0  $(K, |\cdot|)$  such that  $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{Q}} = |\cdot|_p$ .

Ex:  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ .

Thm: let  $K$  be a finite field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

Then there exists a unique extension of the  $p$ -adic norm  $|\cdot|_p$  to  $K$ .

Moreover,  $(K, |\cdot|_p)$  is complete.

Proof: (!) let  $|\cdot|_1$  and  $|\cdot|_2$  be two norms on  $K$  whose restriction to  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  are equal to  $|\cdot|_p$ . We first show that they are equivalent.

Write  $K = e_1 \mathbb{Q}_p + \dots + e_n \mathbb{Q}_p$  (being  $K$  a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ).

Consider the product norm  $\|x\| = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i \right\| := \max_i |x_i|_p$ .

$|x|_1 = \left| \sum x_i e_i \right|_1 \leq \max |e_i|_1 \cdot |x|_p \leq C_i \|x\|$ .

$\Rightarrow x \mapsto |x|_1$  is continuous for  $\|\cdot\|$ .

Set  $\alpha := \inf_{\|x\|=1} |x|_1$ . We show that  $\alpha > 0$ . In fact,  $\{\|x\|=1\}$  is compact, being a closed subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$ , which is compact.

Then  $|x|_1 \geq \alpha \|x\|$  and  $|\cdot|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  are equivalent.

Repeating the argument for  $|\cdot|_2$ , we get that  $|\cdot|_1$  and  $|\cdot|_2$  are equivalent. In particular  $|x|_1 \leq C |x|_2$  ( $C$  constant).

$\Rightarrow |x|_1 = |x^n|_1^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (C |x^n|_2)^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow |x|_2 \Rightarrow |\cdot|_1 \leq |\cdot|_2$ .

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③ one uses the relative norm:

$$N_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p} : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \text{ (isomorphism)}$$

$$x \mapsto \det \begin{pmatrix} y & \dots & xy \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{seen in } K = e_1 \mathbb{Q}_p + \dots + e_n \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

$y \mapsto xy$  is linear.

If  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is Galois,  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}(x) = \prod_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_p)} \sigma(x)$ .

Define  $|x|_K := \left| N_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}(x) \right|_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , where  $n = [K:\mathbb{Q}_p]$ .

It is a norm:

$$|x|_K = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \quad ; \quad | \cdot |_K|_{\mathbb{Q}_p} = | \cdot |_p, \quad |xy|_K = |x|_K |y|_K \text{ are cons.}$$

The point is to prove the triangular inequality.

$x \mapsto |x|_K$  is  $C^0$  for  $\| \cdot \|$  (exercise, it is polynomial in coordinates.)

by compactness  $\exists C, |x|_K \geq \frac{1}{C} > 0 \quad \forall x, \|x\| = 1$ .  
 $|x|_K \leq C \quad \forall x, \|x\| \leq 1$

$$|x+y|_K = \left| y \left( 1 + \frac{x}{y} \right) \right|_K \leq C |y|_K \quad \|x\| \leq \|y\|$$

$$|x+y|_K \leq C \max \{ |x|_K, |y|_K \} \therefore$$

$$|x+y|_K = \left| (xy)^n \right|_K^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq C^{\frac{1}{n}} \max \{ |x|, |y| \} \quad \square$$

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Consequence:  $\forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $|\sigma(x)| = |x| \quad \forall x \in K$ .  
(by uniqueness of the extension).

Lemme: Assume  $[K; \mathbb{Q}_p] < +\infty$ . Then:

- $\tilde{K}$  is a finite field extension of  $\tilde{\mathbb{Q}}_p = \mathbb{F}_p$ .
- $f_K = [K; \tilde{\mathbb{Q}}_p] \geq 1$  is called the residual degree.
- $|K^\times| = p^{z_p/e_K}$ ,  $e_K \geq 1$ ,  $e_K = \text{ramification index}$ .
- $[K; \mathbb{Q}_p] = e_K \cdot f_K$

Proof (ROBERT, "A course in p-adic analysis", pp 98-100).

$\rightarrow (K, |\cdot|) \underset{\text{equivalent}}{\simeq} (\mathbb{Q}_p, \|\cdot\|)$ ,  $n = [K; \mathbb{Q}_p]$ .  $\rightarrow$  locally compact & complete.  
 $\Rightarrow K^\circ = \overline{B(0,1)} = \{|x| \leq 1\}$  is compact.

claim:  $K^{\circ\circ} = \overset{\circ}{B}(0,1) = \{|x| < 1\}$  is also compact, since  $K^\circ$  is compact, and  $K^{\circ\circ}$  is closed in  $K^\circ$ :  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $\forall n > \epsilon$ ,  $|x_n| = |x_\infty|$ .

For any residue class  $\tilde{\xi} \in \tilde{K}$ , choose an element  $\xi$  in  $K$ . We get the open cover

$$K^\circ = B(0,1) \sqcup_{\tilde{\xi} \in \tilde{K}} B(\xi, 1)$$

$$B(\xi, 1) = \{x \in K, |x - \xi| < 1\} = \{x \in K^\circ, \tilde{x} = \tilde{\xi}\}.$$

By compactness of  $K^\circ$ , the cover  $B(0,1) \sqcup_{\tilde{\xi} \in \tilde{K}} B(\xi, 1)$  admits a finite subcover  $\Rightarrow \tilde{K}$  is finite ( $\xi$  belongs only to  $B(\xi, 1)$  in the covering).

$|K^\times|$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R}_+^\times, \times)$   $\begin{cases} \text{discrete} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{dense} \end{cases}$

Since  $K^{\circ\circ}$  is compact,  $\sup_{\substack{x \neq 0 \\ |x| < 1}} |x|$  is attained.  $\Rightarrow |K^\times|$  is discrete

$$\text{M.o.} \dots |K^\times| \sim |\mathbb{A}^\times| \Rightarrow |K^\times| = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{e_K}$$

Moreover  $|K^*| \geq |Q_p^*| \stackrel{|x| < 1}{\Rightarrow} |K^*| = p^{n/e_K}$ .

How to prove  $n = [K:Q_p] = [K^*:Q_p] \times e_K$

choose  $\pi \in K^{\circ\circ}$   $|\pi| = p^{1/e_K}$ .

$f = f_K \rightarrow \begin{cases} s_1, \dots, s_f \in K^{\circ} \text{ s.t. } \tilde{s}_1, \dots, \tilde{s}_f \text{ generate } \tilde{K} \text{ over } \mathbb{F}_p \end{cases}$

The family  $(s_i, \pi^j)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq f \\ 1 \leq j \leq e}}$  is a basis of  $K/Q_p$  (not easy, see [Robert])