

Algebraic Geometry Seminar

Reduction of manifolds with semi-negative holomorphic sectional curvature

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Abstract: The interplay of various notions of hyperbolicity and the geometry and structure of a projective manifold is an important topic in complex geometry. In this spirit, we investigate a projective Kaehler manifold M of semi-negative holomorphic sectional curvature H . We will begin with an overview of the recent progress on this topic. We will then introduce a new differential geometric numerical rank invariant which measures the number of linearly independent truly flat directions of H in the tangent spaces. This invariant turns out to be bounded above by the nef dimension and bounded below by the numerical Kodaira dimension of M . We will also discuss a splitting theorem for M in terms of the nef dimension and, under some additional hypotheses, in terms of the new rank invariant. This is joint work with S. Lu, B. Wong and F. Zheng.

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