

## Weak Positivity and the Additivity of the Kodaira Dimension for Certain Fibre Spaces

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Let  $V$  and  $W$  be non-singular projective varieties over the field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $n = \dim(V)$  and  $m = \dim(W)$ . Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be a fibre space (this simply means that  $f$  is surjective with connected general fibre  $V_w = V \times_W \text{Spec}(\overline{\mathbb{C}(W)})$ ). We denote the canonical sheaves of  $V$  and  $W$  by  $\omega_V$  and  $\omega_W$ , and we write  $\omega_{V/W} = \omega_V \otimes f^* \omega_W^{-1}$ .

S. Iitaka conjectured the following inequality for the Kodaira dimension to be true:

**Conjecture  $C_{n,m}$ .**  $\kappa(V) \geq \kappa(W) + \kappa(V_w)$ .

Being more optimistic, one might ask:

**Conjecture  $C_{n,m}^+$ .** If  $\kappa(W) \geq 0$  then

$$\kappa(V) \geq \text{Max} \{ \kappa(W) + \kappa(V_w), \text{Var}(f) + \kappa(V_w) \}.$$

$\text{Var}(f)$  is defined to be the minimal number  $k$ , such that there exists a subfield  $L$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{C}(W)}$  of transcendental degree  $k$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  and a variety  $F$  over  $L$  with  $F \times_{\text{Spec}(L)} \text{Spec}(\overline{\mathbb{C}(W)}) \sim V_w$  ( $\sim$  means "birational").

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