

A proof of the abc conjecture after Shinichi Mochizuki

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Abstract

We give a survey of S. Mochizuki's ingenious inter-universal Teichmüller theory and explain how it gives rise to Diophantine inequalities. The exposition was designed to be as self-contained as possible. (a complete part of (algebraic number theory papers part1- part 2))

1 Introduction

The author once heard the following observation, which was attributed to Grothendieck: There are two ways to crack a nut — one is to crack the nut in a single stroke by using a nutcracker; the other is to soak it in water for an extended period of time until its shell dissolves naturally. Grothendieck's mathematics may be regarded as an example of the latter approach.

Theorem 1. (*Vojta's Conjecture [Voj] for Curves, [IUTchIV, Corollary 2.3]*)

Let X be a proper, smooth, geometrically connected curve over a number field; $D \subset X$ a reduced divisor; $U_X := X \setminus D$. Write ω_X for the canonical sheaf on X . Suppose that U_X is a hyperbolic curve, i.e., $\deg(\omega_X(D)) > 0$. Then for any $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ we have :

$$ht_{\omega_X(D)} \lesssim (1 + \epsilon)(\log - \text{diff}_X + \log - \text{cond}_D) \quad (1)$$

Corollary 1. (0.2.)(The abc Conjecture of Masser and Oesterle [Mass1], [Oes])
for any $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ we have

$$\max(|a|, |b|, |c|) \leq \left(\prod_{p|abc} p \right)^{1+\epsilon} \quad (2)$$

Proof. We apply Theorem 0.1 in the case where
, $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1 \supset D = \{0, 1, \infty\}$, and $d=1$. We have $\omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}(D) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$, $\log\text{-diff}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-a/b) = 0$, $\log\text{-cond}_{\{0,1,\infty\}}(-a/b) = \sum_{p|a,b,a+b}(\log(p))$ and $ht_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}}(-a/b) = \log(\max(|a|, |b|)) \simeq \log(\max(|a|, |b|), |c|)$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0, \because |a+b| \leq 2\max(|a|, |b|)$. for $\epsilon > 0$, we take $\epsilon > \epsilon' > 0$. according to theorem 1. there exist a C , such that :
 $\log(\max(|a|, |b|, |c|)) \leq (1 + \epsilon') \sum_{p|abc} \log(p) + C$
 $(\log(\max(|a|, |b|, |c|)) \leq \frac{1+\epsilon}{\epsilon-\epsilon'})$
, with $a+b=c$. . And this gives us the corollary. \square

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