## 1. INTUITION

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose all the items in the principle. Suppose given  $\sigma, C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$M(\varphi) \ge \sigma \ d_1(\varphi, 0) - C$$

for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}_0^1 := \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{E}^1 | \sup \varphi = 0 \}$ . Then, for any  $\sigma' < \sigma$ , there exist  $C' \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $j_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that

$$M_i(\varphi) \ge \sigma' d_i(\varphi, 0) - C'$$

for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}_{i,0}^1 := \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{E}_i^1 | \sup \varphi = 0 \}$  and any  $j \geq j_0$ . Moreover, we assume the following items

- (1) convexity of  $M_i$
- (2) lower semi-continuity
- (3) entropy growth gives two estimates
  - $M_i + C(d(0, \varphi) + 1) \ge \delta H_j$  for some  $\delta > 0$
  - Since  $H_j$  is uniformly bounded below, then  $M_j \geq -C(d(0,\varphi)+1)$  for C large enough.
- (4) normalization

*Proof.* We proceed by contradition, there exist  $\sigma'$  such that for any C and any  $j_0$  there is a  $j \geq j_0$  such that  $M_j(\varphi_j) \leq \sigma' d(0, \varphi_j) - C$ . In particular, we assume

- (1)  $M_j(\varphi_j) \leq \sigma' T_j C_j$ , where  $C_j \to +\infty$  and  $T_j := d(0, \varphi_j)$
- (2) Let  $T_i \geq t > 0$ , and  $\varphi_{i,t}$  is the unit speed geodesic connecting 0 and  $\varphi_i$ . By convexity of  $M_i$  along geodesics,

$$M_j(\varphi_{j,t}) \le \frac{t}{T_j} M_j(\varphi_j) < t\sigma',$$
 (1.1)

- (3) the entropy growth condition implies that  $\sup_{j} H_{j}(\varphi_{j,t}) < (\sigma' t + C'(t+1))/\delta$  and  $d_{1,i}(\varphi_{i,t},0) = t$  is bounded,
- (4) Passing to subsequence,  $\varphi_{i,t}$  converges strongly to  $\varphi_t \in \mathcal{E}_0^1$
- (5) lower semicontinuity implies

$$t\sigma' \ge \liminf_{j \to +\infty} M_j(\varphi_{j,t}) \ge M(\varphi_t) \ge \sigma \, d_{1,G}(\varphi_t,0) - C = t\sigma - C$$

(6) it only remains to chose  $t > C/(\sigma - \sigma')$ . This is a consequence of  $M_i \ge -Cd(0,\varphi)$ .

2. Setup

functionals

$$M_j : \mathcal{E}_j^{1,T} \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}, \quad M : \pi^* \mathcal{E}_X^{1,T} \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

respectively defined by

$$M_j(\varphi) := \mathcal{M}_j^{\mathrm{rel}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{H}_{j,v}(\varphi) + \mathcal{R}_{j,v}(\varphi) + \mathcal{E}_{j,vw\ell_j}(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{E}_j^{1,T},$$

and

$$M(\pi^{\star}\psi) := \mathcal{M}_X^{\mathrm{rel}}(\psi) = \mathcal{H}_{X,v}(\psi) + \mathcal{R}_{X,v}(\psi) + \mathcal{E}_{vw\ell_X}(\psi), \quad \psi \in \mathcal{E}_X^{1,T}.$$

$$\mathcal{E}_j^{1,T} := \{ \varphi \in \mathrm{PSH}^T(\omega_j) | d_{1,j}(\varphi,0) < +\infty \}$$

## 3. Entropy growth

**Lemma 3.1.** There exists  $\delta, C > 0$  such that

$$M_i^{\text{rel}}(\varphi) \ge \delta H_i(\varphi) - C (d_{1,i}(\varphi, 0) + 1)$$

for all j large enough and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}_{j}^{1,T}$ .

#### Lemma 3.2.

$$H_{j,v}(\varphi) + R_{j,v}(\varphi) + E_j(\varphi) \ge \delta H_j(\varphi) - C (d_{1,j}(\varphi,0) + 1)$$

# Lemma 3.3.

$$|\mathcal{E}_v(\varphi) - \mathcal{E}_v(\psi)| \le A(v) \, \mathrm{d}_1(\varphi, \psi)$$
 (3.1)

(1)

$$\left| \mathbf{E}_{j,vw\xi_j^{\mathrm{ext}}}(\varphi) \right| \le C \, \mathbf{d}_{1,j}(\varphi,0).$$

(2) assume  $\nu_Y = \hat{\nu}_Y$  and lemma 4.22 yields

$$R_{j,v} \ge -C(d_{1,j}(\varphi,0) + 1).$$
 (3.2)

- (3) it is enough to show the  $(1 \delta) H_{j,v}(\varphi)$  is bounded below.
- (4) Two way to show:

$$\operatorname{Ent}(\mu|\nu) = \sup_{g \in C^0(X)} \left\{ \int g \, d\mu - \mu(X) \log \int e^g d\nu \right\} + \mu(X) \log \mu(X), \tag{3.3}$$

$$\operatorname{Ent}(\mu|\nu) \ge \mu(X) \log \frac{\mu(X)}{\nu(X)}. \tag{3.4}$$

(5) Pick a quasi-psh function f on Y such that  $\widehat{\nu}_Y = e^{-2f}\nu_Y$  has finite total mass and  $\mathrm{Ric}(\widehat{\nu}_Y) = \mathrm{Ric}(\nu_Y) + dd^c f$  is  $\pi$ -semipositive.

(6)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{j,v}(\varphi) := -\mathbf{E}_{j,v}^{\mathrm{Ric}^T(\widehat{\nu}_Y)}(\varphi), \quad \widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{Y,v}(\pi^{\star}\psi) := -\mathbf{E}_{Y,v}^{\mathrm{Ric}^T(\widehat{\nu}_Y)}(\pi^{\star}\psi)$$

(7)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{j,v}(\varphi) = \mathbf{R}_{j,v}(\varphi) - \int_{Y} f \, \mathbf{M} \mathbf{A}_{j,v}(\varphi) + c_j, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{E}_j^{1,T}, \tag{3.5}$$

where

$$c_j := \int_Y f \operatorname{MA}_{j,v}(0) \to \int_Y f \operatorname{MA}_{Y,v}(0) = 0,$$

(8)  $\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{j,v}(\varphi) \geq -C(\mathbf{d}_{1,j}(\varphi,0)+1)$  for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}_j^{1,T}$ , where C>0 denotes a uniform constant that is allowed to vary from line to line. Combined with (3.5) this yields

$$R_{j,v}(\varphi) \ge \int_{Y} f MA_{j,v}(\varphi) - C_j(d_{1,j}(\varphi,0) + 1). \tag{3.6}$$

(9)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}}_{j,v}(\varphi) := \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Ent} \left( \operatorname{MA}_{j,v}(\varphi) | \widehat{\nu}_Y \right), \mathbf{H}_{j,v}(\varphi) = \widehat{\mathbf{H}}_{j,v}(\varphi) - \int_Y f \operatorname{MA}_{j,v}(\varphi)$$

(10)
$$\frac{1}{p} \operatorname{H}_{j,v}(\varphi) = \frac{1}{p} \operatorname{Ent}(\operatorname{MA}(\varphi)|e^{-f}\nu_{Y}) = \frac{1}{p} \operatorname{Ent}\left(\operatorname{MA}_{j,v}(\varphi)|e^{-pf}\nu_{Y}\right) - \int_{Y} f \operatorname{MA}_{j,v}(\varphi) \ge -C - \int_{Y} f \operatorname{MA}_{j,v}(\varphi)$$
(11)
$$\operatorname{M}_{j}^{\operatorname{rel}}(\varphi) = \operatorname{H}_{j,v}(\varphi) + \operatorname{R}_{j,v}(\varphi) + \operatorname{E}_{j,vw\xi_{j}^{\operatorname{ext}}}(\varphi)$$

$$\ge (1 - p^{-1}) \operatorname{H}_{j,v}(\varphi) - C\left(\operatorname{d}_{1,j}(\varphi, 0) + 1\right).$$

4. Lower semicontinuity property  $\liminf_{j} M_{j}(\varphi_{j}) \geq M(\pi^{\star}\psi)$ ,

Assume strong convergence

# Lemma 4.1.

$$\lim_{j} \inf \widehat{H}_{j,v}(\varphi_j) \ge \widehat{H}_{Y,v}(\pi^* \psi),$$

$$\operatorname{Ent}(\mu|\nu) = \sup_{g \in C^0(X)} \left\{ \int g \, d\mu - \mu(X) \log \int e^g d\nu \right\} + \mu(X) \log \mu(X),$$
(4.1)

- (1)  $\left\{ \int g \, d\mu \mu(X) \log \int e^g d\nu \right\}$  and  $\mu(X) \log \mu(X)$  are continuous according to  $\mu$
- (2) is convex and lsc on the space  $\mathcal{M}$  of positive Radon measures (equipped with the weak topology)

(3)

$$\operatorname{Ent}(\cdot|\nu) \colon \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

Lemma 4.2. while Lemma 4.22 implies

$$\liminf_{j} \widehat{R}_{j,v}(\varphi_j) \ge \widehat{R}_{Y,v}(\pi^*\psi).$$

On the other hand, since  $\ell_j \to \ell_X$  smoothly, uniform Lipschitz estimate 1 $\Rightarrow$  by Lemma 2.13 strong convergence

$$\lim_{j} E_{j,vw\ell_j}(\varphi_j) = E_{X,vw\ell_X}(\psi).$$