# On the Betti numbers of birationally isomorphic projective varieties with trivial canonical bundles

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#### Abstract

Let X and Y be two birationally isomorphic smooth projective n-dimensional algebraic varieties X and Y over  $\mathbb C$  having trivial canonical line bundles. Using methods of the p-adic analysis on algebraic varieties over local number fields, we prove that in the above situation the Betti numbers of X and Y must be the same.

## 1 Introduction

The purpose of this note is to show that the elementary theory of the p-adic integrals on algebraic varieties help to prove some cohomological properties of birationally isomorphic algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb{C}$ . We prove the following theorem which has been used by Beauville in his recent explanation of a Yau-Zaslow formula for the number of rational curves on a K3-surface [1] (see also [3, 10]):

**Theorem 1.1** Let X and Y be two irreducible birationally isomorphic smooth n-dimensional projective algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Assume that the canonical line bundles  $\Omega_X^n$  and  $\Omega_Y^n$  are trivial. Then X and Y must have the same Betti numbers, i.e.,

$$H^i(X, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^i(Y, \mathbb{C}) \quad \forall i \ge 0.$$

We remark that Theorem 1.1 is obvious for n = 1. In the case n = 2, Theorem 1.1 follows from the uniqueness of minimal models of surfaces of nonnegative Kodaira dimension, i.e. from the property that any birational isomorphism between two such minimal models extends to a biregular one [4]. The uniqueness of minimal models of n-dimensional algebraic varieties of nonnegative Kodaira dimension fails for  $n \geq 3$  in general. However, Theorem 1.1 for n = 3 can be proved using a result of

Kawamata ([5], §6), who has shown that any two birationally isomorphic minimal models of 3-folds are conected by a sequence of flops (see also [6]). By simple topological arguments, one can prove that if two 3-dimensional projective algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb C$  with at worst  $\mathbb Q$ -factorial terminal singularities are birationally isomorphic via a flop, then their singular Betti numbers are the same. Since one still knows very little about flops in dimension  $n \geq 4$ , it seems unlikely to expect that a consideration of flops could help to prove 1.1 in arbitary dimension  $n \geq 4$ . Moreover, for projective algebraic varieties with at worst  $\mathbb Q$ -factorial Gorenstein terminal singularities of dimension  $n \geq 4$  Theorem 1.1 is not true in general. For this reason the condition of smoothness for X and Y in 1.1 becomes very important in the case  $n \geq 4$ .

# 2 Gauge-forms and p-adic measures

Let F be a local number field, i.e., a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  for some prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $R \subset F$  be the maximal compact subring,  $\mathfrak{q} \subset R$  the maximal ideal,  $F_{\mathfrak{q}} = R/\mathfrak{q}$  the residue field with  $|F_{\mathfrak{q}}| = q = p^r$ . We denote by  $\|\cdot\| : F \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  the multiplicative p-adic norm:

$$a \mapsto ||a|| = p^{-Ord(N_{F/\mathbb{Q}_p}(a))},$$

where

$$N_{F/\mathbb{Q}_p}: F \to \mathbb{Q}_p$$

is the standard norm mapping.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be an arbitrary reduced algebraic S-scheme, where  $S = Spec\ R$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{X}(R)$  the set of S-morphisms  $S \to \mathfrak{X}$  (or sections of  $\mathfrak{X} \to S$ ). We call  $\mathfrak{X}(R)$  the set of R-integral points in  $\mathfrak{X}$ . The set of sections of the morphism  $\mathfrak{X} \times_S Spec\ F \to Spec\ F$  we denote by  $\mathfrak{X}(F)$  and call the set of F-rational points in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

**Remark 2.2** (i) If  $\mathfrak{X}$  is an affine S-scheme, then one can identify  $\mathfrak{X}(R)$  with the subset in  $\mathfrak{X}(F)$  consisting of all points  $x \in \mathfrak{X}(F)$  such that  $f(x) \in R$  for all  $f \in \Gamma(\mathfrak{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}})$ .

(ii) If  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a projective (or proper) S-scheme, then  $\mathfrak{X}(R) = \mathfrak{X}(F)$ .

Now let X be a smooth n-dimensional algebraic variety over F. Denote by  $\Omega_X^n$  the canonical line bundle over X. We assume that X admits an extension  $\mathfrak{X}$  to a regular S-scheme.

Recall the following definition introduced by A. Weil in [9]:

**Definition 2.3** A global section  $\omega \in \Gamma(\mathfrak{X}, \Omega^n_{\mathfrak{X}/S})$  is called a **gauge-form** if the n-form  $\omega$  has no zeros in  $\mathfrak{X}$ . By definition, a gauge-form  $\omega$  defines an isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}} \cong \Omega^n_{\mathfrak{X}/S}$  which sends 1 to  $\omega$ , i.e., it exists if and only if  $\Omega^n_{\mathfrak{X}/S}$  is a trivial line bundle.

It was observed by A. Weil that a gauge form  $\omega$  determines a canonical p-adic measure  $d\mu_{\omega}$  on the locally compact p-adic topological space  $\mathfrak{X}(F)$  of F-rational points in  $\mathfrak{X}$ . The p-adic measure  $d\mu_{\omega}$  is defined as follows:

Let  $x \in \mathfrak{X}(F)$  be an F-point,  $t_1, \ldots, t_n$  local p-adic analytic parameters at x. Then  $t_1, \ldots, t_n$  define a p-adic homeomorphism  $\theta : U \to \mathbb{A}^n(F)$  of an open subset  $U \subset \mathcal{X}(F)$  containing x with an open subset  $\theta(U) \subset \mathbb{A}^n(F)$ . One should stress that both subsets  $U \subset \mathfrak{X}(F)$  and  $\theta(U) \subset \mathbb{A}^n(F)$  are considered to be open in p-adic topology, but not in Zariski topology. We write

$$\omega = \theta^* \left( g dt_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dt_n \right),\,$$

where g = g(t) is a p-adic analytic function on  $\theta(U)$  having no zeros. Then a p-adic measure  $d\mu_{\omega}$  on U is defined to be the pull-back with respect to  $\theta$  of the p-adic measure  $||g(t)||\mathbf{dt}$  on  $\theta(U)$ , where  $\mathbf{dt}$  is a standard p-adic Haar measure on  $\mathbb{A}^n(F)$  with the normalizing condition

$$\int_{\mathbb{A}^n(R)} \mathbf{dt} = 1.$$

It is a standard excercise with the Jacobian to check that two p-adic measures  $d\mu'_{\omega}, d\mu''_{\omega}$  constructed by the above method on any two open subsets  $U', U'' \subset \mathfrak{X}(F)$  coincide on the intersection  $U' \cap U''$ .

**Definition 2.4** The measure  $d\mu_{\omega}$  on  $\mathfrak{X}(F)$  constructed as above we call a *p*-adic measure of Weil associated with a gauge-form  $\omega$ .

**Theorem 2.5** ([9], Th. 2.2.5) Assume that  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a regular S-scheme as above,  $\omega$  is a gauge-form on  $\mathfrak{X}$ , and  $d\mu_{\omega}$  the corresponding p-adic measure of Weil on  $\mathfrak{X}(F)$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathfrak{X}(R)} d\mu_{\omega} = \frac{|\mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})|}{q^n},$$

where  $\mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})$  is the set of closed points of  $\mathfrak{X}$  over the finite residue field  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$\phi : \mathfrak{X}(R) \to \mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}}), \ x \mapsto \overline{x} \in \mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})$$

be the natural surjective mapping. The idea of proof of the theorem is based on the fact that if  $\overline{x} \in \mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})$  is a closed  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}$ -point of  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $g_1, \ldots, g_n$  are generators of the maximal ideal of  $\overline{x}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X},\overline{x}}$  modulo the ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$ , then the elements  $g_1, \ldots, g_n$  define a p-adic analytic homeomorphism

$$\gamma: \phi^{-1}(\overline{x}) \to \mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q}),$$

where  $\phi^{-1}(\overline{x})$  is the fiber of  $\phi$  over  $\overline{x}$  and  $\mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q})$  is the set of all R-integral points of  $\mathbb{A}^n$  whose coordinates belong to the ideal  $\mathfrak{q} \subset R$ . Moreover, the p-adic norm of the

Jacobian of  $\gamma$  is identically equal to 1 on the whole fiber  $\phi^{-1}(\overline{x})$ . The latter follows from the fact that if n formal power series

$$g_1(t),\ldots,g_n(t)\in R[[t_1,\ldots,t_n]]$$

are generators of the prime ideal  $(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ , then the series  $g_1(t), \ldots, g_n(t)$  converge absolutely in p-adic norm on the compact  $\mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q})$  and the Jacobian of the corresponding mapping

$$\mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q}) \to \mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q}), (t_1, \dots, t_n) \mapsto (g_1(t), \dots, g_n(t))$$

is equal to a nonzero element of  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{q}$  on the whole subset  $\mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q}) \subset \mathbb{A}^n(R)$ . So, using the *p*-adic analytic homeomorphism  $\gamma$ , one obtains

$$\int_{\phi^{-1}(\overline{x})} d\mu_{\omega} = \int_{\mathbb{A}^n(\mathfrak{q})} \mathbf{dt} = \frac{1}{q^n}$$

for each  $\overline{x} \in \mathcal{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})$ .

Now we consider a slightly more general situation. Let us only assume that  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a regular scheme over S, but do not assume the existence of a gauge-form on  $\mathfrak{X}$  (i.e. of an isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}} \cong \Omega^n_{\mathfrak{X}/S}$ ). Nevertheless under these weaker assumptions we can define a unique natural p-adic measure  $d\mu$  at least on the compact  $\mathfrak{X}(R) \subset \mathfrak{X}(F)$  (but may be not on the whole p-adic topological space  $\mathfrak{X}(F)$ !):

Let  $\mathcal{U}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{U}_k$  be a finite covering of  $\mathfrak{X}$  by Zariski open S-subschemes such that the restriction of  $\Omega^n_{\mathfrak{X}/S}$  on each  $\mathcal{U}_i$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{U}_i}$ . Then each  $\mathcal{U}_i$  admits a gauge-form  $\omega_i$  and we define a p-adic measure  $d\mu_i$  on each compact  $\mathcal{U}_i(R)$  as the restriction of the p-adic measure of Weil  $d\mu_{\omega_i}$  associated with  $\omega_i$  on  $\mathcal{U}_i(F)$ . We note that the gauge-forms  $\omega_i$  are defined uniquely up to elements  $s_i \in \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_i, \mathcal{O}^*_{\mathfrak{X}})$ . On the other hand, the p-adic norm  $||s_i(x)||$  equals 1 for any element  $s_i \in \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_i, \mathcal{O}^*_{\mathfrak{X}})$  and any R-rational point  $x \in \mathcal{U}_i(R)$ . Therefore, the constructed p-adic measure on  $\mathcal{U}_i(R)$  does not depend on the choice of a gauge-form  $\omega_i$ . Moreover, the p-adic measures  $d\mu_i$  on  $\mathcal{U}_i(R)$  glue together to a p-adic measure  $d\mu$  on the whole compact  $\mathfrak{X}(R)$ , since one has

$$\mathcal{U}_i(R) \cap \mathcal{U}_i(R) = (\mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j)(R) \ \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_1(R) \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{U}_k(R) = (\mathcal{U}_1 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{U}_k)(R) = \mathcal{X}(R).$$

**Definition 2.6** The constructed above p-adic measure defined on the set  $\mathfrak{X}(R)$  of R-integral points of a S-scheme  $\mathfrak{X}$  will be called the **canonical** p-adic measure.

For the canonical p-adic measure  $d\mu$ , we obtain the same property as for the p-adic measure of Weil  $d\mu_{\omega}$ :

#### Theorem 2.7

$$\int_{\mathfrak{X}(R)} d\mu = \frac{|\mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})|}{q^n}.$$

*Proof.* Using a covering of  $\mathfrak{X}$  by some Zariski open subsets  $\mathcal{U}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{U}_k$ , we obtain

$$\int_{\mathfrak{X}(R)} d\mu = \sum_{i_1} \int_{\mathcal{U}_{i_1}(R)} d\mu - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} \int_{(\mathcal{U}_{i_1} \cap \mathcal{U}_{i_2})(R)} d\mu + \dots + (-1)^k \int_{(\mathcal{U}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{U}_k)(R)} d\mu$$

and

$$|\mathfrak{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})| = \sum_{i_1} |\mathcal{U}_{i_1}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})| - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} |(\mathcal{U}_{i_1} \cap \mathcal{U}_{i_2})(F_{\mathfrak{q}})| + \dots + (-1)^k |(\mathcal{U}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{U}_k)(F_{\mathfrak{q}})|.$$

It remains to apply 2.5 to every intersection  $\mathcal{U}_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{U}_{i_s}$ .

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a regular integral S-scheme and  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathfrak{X}$  is a closed reduced subscheme of codimension 1. Then the subset  $\mathcal{Z}(R) \subset \mathfrak{X}(R)$  has zero measure with respect to the canonical p-adic measure  $d\mu$  on  $\mathfrak{X}(R)$ .

*Proof.* Using a covering of  $\mathfrak{X}$  by some Zariski open affine subsets  $\mathcal{U}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{U}_k$ , one can always reduce the situation to the case when  $\mathfrak{X}$  is an affine regular integral S-scheme and  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathfrak{X}$  is an irreducible principal divisor defined by an equation f = 0, where f is a prime element of  $A = \Gamma(\mathfrak{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}})$ .

Let us consider a special case  $\mathfrak{X} = \mathbb{A}_S^n = Spec R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and  $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{A}_S^{n-1} = Spec R[X_2, \dots, X_n]$ , i.e.,  $f = X_1$ . For every positive integer m, we denote by  $\mathcal{Z}_m(R)$  the subset in  $\mathbb{A}^n(R)$  consisting of all points  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in R^n$  such that the  $x_1$  belongs to the m-th power of  $\mathfrak{q}$ . One computes straightforward the p-adic integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{Z}_m(R)} \mathbf{dx} = \int_{\mathbb{A}^1(\mathfrak{q}^m)} dx_1 \prod_{i=2}^n \left( \int_{\mathbb{A}^1(R)} dx_i \right) = \frac{1}{q^m}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\mathcal{Z}(R) = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Z}_m(R).$$

Hence

$$\int_{\mathcal{Z}(R)}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{x}=\lim_{m\to\infty}\int_{\mathcal{Z}_m(R)}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{x}=0,$$

and in this case the statement is proved. Using the Noether normalization theorem, one reduces the more general case to the above special one.  $\Box$ 

## 3 The Betti numbers

**Proposition 3.1** Let X and Y be two birationally isomorphic smooth projective n-dimensional algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb{C}$  having trivial canonical line bundles. Then there exist two Zariski open dense subsets  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  such that U is biregularly isomorphic to V and  $codim_X(X \setminus U)$ ,  $codim_Y(Y \setminus V) \geq 2$ .

Proof. Consider a birational rational map  $\varphi: X - - > Y$ . Since X is smooth, there exists a Zariski open dense subset  $U_0 \subset X$  with  $codim_X(X \setminus U_0) \geq 2$  such that  $\varphi$  extends to a regular morphism  $\varphi_0: U_0 \to Y$ . Define  $Z \subset U$  to be the Zariski closed subset consisting of all points  $x \in X$  such that  $\varphi_0^{-1}(\varphi_0(x)) \neq x$ . Since both line bundles  $\Omega_X^n$  and  $\Omega_Y^n$  are trivial, Z can not be a divisor in U: otherwise Z would be the set of zeros of the  $\varphi_0$ -pullback of nowhere vanishing holomorphic differential n-form  $\omega \in H^0(Y, \Omega_Y^n)$ . If we set  $U_1 = U_0 \setminus Z$ , then the restriction of  $\varphi_0$  on  $U_1$  is a regular injective birational morphism  $\varphi_1: U_1 \to Y$ . Again we have  $codim_X(X \setminus U_1) \geq 2$ . Let  $\psi := \varphi^{-1}: Y - - > X$  be the inverse birational rational map. By the same arguments as above, there exists a a Zariski open dense subset  $V_1 \subset Y$  with  $codim_Y(Y \setminus V_1) \geq 2$  such that  $\psi$  extends to a regular injective birational morphism  $\psi_1: V_1 \to X$ . Now we define  $U := \varphi_1^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $V := \psi_1^{-1}(U)$ . By the construction, both  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  are Zariski open subsets whose complements have codimensions at least 2. Moreover, the restriction  $\Phi$  of  $\varphi_1$  on U induces a biregular isomorphism between U and V.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let X and Y be two smooth projective birationally isomorphic varieties of dimension n over  $\mathbb C$  with the trivial canonical bundles. By 3.1, there exist two Zariski open dense subsets  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  with  $codim_X(X \setminus U) \geq 2$  and  $codim_Y(Y \setminus V) \geq 2$  and a biregular isomorphism  $\varphi : U \to V$ .

By standard arguments, one can choose a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that the projective varieties X and Y and the Zariski open subsets  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  can be obtained by the base change  $* \times_{\mathcal{S}} Spec \mathbb{C}$  from some regular projective  $\mathcal{S}$ -schemes  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  together with Zariski open  $\mathcal{S}$ -subschemes  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{Y}$ , where  $\mathcal{S} := Spec \mathcal{R}$ . Moreover, one can choose  $\mathcal{R}$  in such a way that both relative canonical line bundles  $\Omega^n_{\mathcal{X}/\mathcal{S}}$  and  $\Omega^n_{\mathcal{Y}/\mathcal{S}}$  are trivial, both codimensiona  $codim_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{U})$  and  $codim_{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{Y} \setminus \mathcal{V})$  are at least 2, and the biregular isomorphism  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{V}$  is obtained by the base change from a biregular  $\mathcal{S}$ -isomorphism  $\Phi : \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{V}$ .

For almost all prime numbers  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist a regular R-integral point  $\pi \in \mathcal{S} \times_{Spec\mathbb{Z}} Spec\mathbb{Z}_p$ , where R is the maximal compact subring with a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  in some local p-adic field F. By an appropriate choice of  $\pi \in \mathcal{S} \times_{Spec\mathbb{Z}} Spec\mathbb{Z}_p$ , we can get that both  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  have good reduction modulo  $\mathfrak{q}$ . Moreover, we can assume that the maximal ideal  $I(\overline{\pi})$  of the unique closed point in

$$S := Spec \, R \stackrel{\pi}{\hookrightarrow} \mathcal{S} \times_{Spec \, \mathbb{Z}} Spec \, \mathbb{Z}_p$$

is obtained by the base change from some maximal ideal  $J(\overline{\pi}) \subset \mathcal{R}$  over the prime ideal  $(p) \subset \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $\omega_{\mathcal{X}}$  and  $\omega_{\mathcal{Y}}$  be gauge-forms on  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  respectively. We denote by  $\omega_{\mathcal{U}}$  (resp. by  $\omega_{\mathcal{V}}$ ) the restriction of  $\omega_{\mathcal{X}}$  to  $\mathcal{U}$  (resp. of  $\omega_{\mathcal{Y}}$  to  $\mathcal{V}$ ). Since  $\Phi^*$  is a biregular  $\mathcal{S}$ -morphism,  $\Phi^*\omega_{\mathcal{Y}}$  is another gauge-form on  $\mathcal{U}$ . Hence there exists a nowhere vanishing regular function  $h \in \Gamma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}^*)$  such that

$$\Phi^*\omega_{\mathcal{V}} = h\omega_{\mathcal{U}}.$$

The property  $codim_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{U}) \geq 2$  implies that h is an element of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}^*) = \mathcal{R}^*$ . Hence, one has ||h(x)|| = 1 for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}(F)$ , i.e., the p-adic measures of Weil on  $\mathcal{U}(F)$  associated with  $\Phi^*\omega_{\mathcal{V}}$  and  $\omega_{\mathcal{U}}$  are the same. The latter implies the following equality of the p-adic integrals

$$\int_{\mathcal{U}(F)} d\mu_{\mathcal{X}} = \int_{\mathcal{V}(F)} d\mu_{\mathcal{Y}}.$$

By 2.8 and 2.2(ii), we obtain

$$\int_{\mathcal{U}(F)} d\mu_{\mathcal{X}} = \int_{\mathcal{X}(F)} d\mu_{\mathcal{X}} = \int_{\mathcal{X}(R)} d\mu_{\mathcal{X}}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{F})} d\mu_{\mathcal{Y}} = \int_{\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{F})} d\mu_{\mathcal{Y}} = \int_{\mathcal{Y}(R)} d\mu_{\mathcal{Y}}.$$

Now, applying the formula in 2.7, we come to the equality

$$\frac{|\mathcal{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})|}{q^n} = \frac{|\mathcal{Y}(F_{\mathfrak{q}})|}{q^n}.$$

This shows that the numbers of  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}$ -rational points in  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  modulo the ideal  $J(\overline{\pi}) \subset \mathcal{R}$  are the same. By the consideration of a cyclotomic extension  $\mathcal{R}^{(r)} \subset \mathbb{C}$  containing all complex  $(q^r-1)$ -th roots of unity, we can repeat the same arguments and obtain that both projective schemes  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  have the same number of  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}^{(r)}$ -rational points, where  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}^{(r)}$  is the degree-r extension of the finite field  $F_{\mathfrak{q}}$ . In particular, we obtain that the zeta-functions of Weil

$$Z(\mathcal{X}, p, t) = \exp\left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} |\mathcal{X}(F_{\mathfrak{q}}^{(r)})| \frac{t^r}{r}\right)$$

and

$$Z(\mathcal{Y}, p, t) = \exp\left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} |\mathcal{Y}(F_{\mathfrak{q}}^{(r)})| \frac{t^r}{r}\right)$$

are the same. Using the Weil's conjectures proved by Deligne [8] and the comparison theorem between the étale and singular cohomology, we obtain

$$Z(\mathcal{X}, p, t) = \frac{P_1(t)P_3(t)\cdots P_{2n-1}(t)}{P_0(t)P_2(t)\cdots P_{2n}(t)}$$

and

$$Z(\mathcal{Y}, p, t) = \frac{Q_1(t)Q_3(t)\cdots Q_{2n-1}(t)}{Q_0(t)Q_2(t)\cdots Q_{2n}(t)},$$

where  $P_i(t)$  and  $Q_i(t)$  are polynomials with integer coefficients having the properties

$$deg P_i(t) = dim H^i(X, \mathbb{C}), \quad deg Q_i(t) = dim H^i(Y, \mathbb{C}) \quad \forall i \geq 0.$$

Since the standart archimedian absolute value of each root of polynomials  $P_i(t)$  and  $Q_i(t)$  must be  $q^{-i/2}$  and  $P_i(0) = Q_i(0) = 1$   $\forall i \geq 0$ , the equality  $Z(\mathcal{X}, p, t) = Z(\mathcal{Y}, p, t)$  implies  $P_i(t) = Q_i(t)$   $\forall i \geq 0$ . Therefore, we have  $\dim H^i(X, \mathbb{C}) = \dim H^i(Y, \mathbb{C})$   $\forall i \geq 0$ .

## 4 Remarks

As we have seen from the proof of Theorem 3.1, the zeta-fuctions of Weil  $Z(\mathcal{X}, p, t)$  and  $Z(\mathcal{Y}, p, t)$  are the same for almost all primes  $p \in Spec \mathbb{Z}$ . This fact being expressed in terms of the associated L-functions indicates that the established isomorphism  $H^i(X, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^i(Y, \mathbb{C})$  for all  $i \geq 0$  must have some more deep motivic nature. Recently Kontsevich suggested an idea of a motivic integration [7], which has been developed by Denef and Loeser [2]. In particular, this technique allows to prove that not only the Betti numbers, but also the Hodge numbers of X and Y in 1.1 must be the same.

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