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Consider a rational selfmap  $f$  of a projective variety defined over the field  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$  of algebraic numbers. A fundamental invariant of  $f$  is the first dynamical degree  $\delta_f$ , measuring the asymptotic degree growth of  $f^n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In many instances, one expects there to be a nonnegative (but not identically zero) dynamical height function  $\hat{h}_f$  on  $X(\overline{\mathbf{Q}})$  satisfying the invariance relation  $\hat{h}_f \circ f = \delta_f \hat{h}_f$ . I will discuss some instances when this is known. (Received February 16, 2018)