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### L<sup>2</sup> EXTENSION OF ADJOINT LINE BUNDLE SECTIONS

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ABSTRACT. — We prove an extension theorem of Ohsawa-Takegoshi type for line bundle sections on a subvariety of general codimension in a normal projective variety. Our method of proof gives conditions to be satisfied for such extension in a general setting, while such conditions are satisfied when the subvariety is given by an appropriate multiplier ideal sheaf.

RÉSUMÉ. — Nous prouvons un théorème d'extension de type Ohsawa-Takegoshi pour les sections du fibré en droite de codimension générale dans une variété projective normale. Notre méthode donne des conditions qui doivent être satisfaites par de telles extensions dans un cadre général, alors qu'elles sont satisfaites quand la sous-variété est donnée par un faisceau d'idéaux multiplicateur approprié.

#### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to prove an  $L^2$  extension theorem (Theorem 4.2) of Ohsawa-Takegoshi type to lift line bundle sections from a closed subvariety of general codimension of a projective variety. For the moment, let  $Z \subset X$  be a complex submanifold of a complex manifold. Let L be a line bundle on X together with a norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  (see (2.6)) for holomorphic sections in  $\Gamma(X, L)$  and a norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$  for holomorphic sections in  $\Gamma(Z, L|_Z)$ .  $L^2$  extension is a statement of the following type (under suitable conditions on the quintuple  $\Lambda = (X, Z, L, \|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2)$  of the above data):

(\*) If a section  $s \in \Gamma(Z, L|_Z)$  has the finite norm  $||s||_2 < \infty$ , then there exists a section  $\tilde{s} \in \Gamma(X, L)$  such that  $\tilde{s}|_Z = s$  and its norm is bounded by  $||\tilde{s}||_1 \leq C ||s||_2$ ,

where C > 0 is a constant independent of s and independent of L (having L within a class of line bundles on X to be specified).

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First established by [24] in a prototypical case, results of  $L^2$  extension under various conditions on  $\Lambda$  (concerning, for example, 1) X non-compact or compact, 2) Z a hypersurface or of higher codimension, 3) positivity conditions on L) were given by [20], [23], [28], [2], [29], [30], [5], [21], [22], [34] and others. These results lead to numerous applications in algebraic geometry and complex analysis.

 $L^2$  extension theorems are comparable to the vanishing theorem of Kodaira type due to Kawamata, Viehweg and Nadel which has played a fundamental role in complex algebraic geometry. Both of them are consequences of  $L^2$  methods ([4][5.11]) and are used to extend line bundle sections from a subvariety. An algebraic geometer may view  $L^2$  extension as using the methods of proof for vanishing to obtain consequences of vanishing, not via sheaf cohomology.

While the Kodaira-type vanishing theorem requires certain strict positivity condition of the involved line bundle, the possibility of  $L^2$  extension to work under weaker positivity condition than vanishing and therefore to give stronger results was first realized by Siu [30] (see (4.1)). From the viewpoint of  $L^2$  methods, this is not too surprising since even the first instance of  $L^2$  extension was only possible with the innovation due to [24] of twisting  $\overline{\partial}$  operators, while vanishing follows from the earlier version of  $L^2$ methods for usual  $\overline{\partial}$  operators.

We want to see what this exciting new possibility from [30] will lead to in general beyond the particular setting of a local family in (4.1). On one hand, we simply ask what would be the most general condition on the quintuple  $\Lambda$  for (\*) above to hold. On the other hand, from the extensive experience of applying the vanishing theorem in algebraic geometry, we expect that the setting of a *log-canonical center* (Section 3.1) may be relevant. We will see how these two viewpoints fit together. Let us make the former question precise. It is natural to replace the line bundle L by an adjoint line bundle  $K_X + L$  and take  $\|\cdot\|_1$  as an *adjoint norm* (2.6).

**Question 1.** Let  $Z \subset X$  be a (smooth) irreducible subvariety of a (smooth) complex projective variety. For which quintuple  $\Lambda = (X, Z, K_X + L, \|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2)$ , does there exist a constant  $C_{\Lambda} > 0$  such that the following holds ?:

If (B, b) is any singular hermitian line bundle on X with nonnegative curvature current and  $s \in \Gamma(Z, (K_X + L)|_Z + B|_Z)$  is any holomorphic section satisfying

$$\|s\|_{2,b} < \infty,$$

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then there exists a holomorphic section  $\tilde{s} \in \Gamma(X, (K_X + L) + B)$  such that  $\tilde{s}|_Z = s$  and

$$\|\widetilde{s}\|_{1,b} \leqslant C_{\Lambda} \|s\|_{2,b}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{1,b}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{2,b}$  are the norms given by multiplication of the original metrics with b. The constant  $C_{\Lambda}$  is independent of (B, b) and of the section s. (end of Question 1)

Recall that a line bundle B has a hermitian metric b with nonnegative curvature current if and only if B is pseudo-effective ([4]). So the statement in **Question 1** says that if L is a *right* line bundle, then adding any pseudoeffective (B, b), L+B also admits the  $L^2$  extension. Though **Question 1** is for arbitrary  $(X, Z, K_X + L)$ , the setting of an lc center enters the picture through the following two main obstacles to be addressed for the question.

The first obstacle is that we need to identify the optimal positivity condition to put on L with respect to (the normal bundle of) Z. Applying Twisted Basic Estimate ([22], [30]) to Z of general codimension, the positivity of L we need turns out to be the existence of a real-valued function  $\lambda$  on (a Zariski open subset of) X satisfying the positivity conditions (4.6), (4.7). For a general subvariety Z, we do not see a natural way to guarantee the existence of such a function. But when Z is a maximal lc center (of  $D \sim L$ ), the function  $\lambda$  is given by using global multi-valued holomorphic sections of L generating the multiplier ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{J}(D)$  (on a Zariski open subset of X) by Siu's global generation theorem of multiplier ideal sheaves (4.4).

That is, the positivity of L we need against Z is essentially the existence of a **Q**-divisor D such that (X, D) has Z as an lc center. This is in accordance with the heuristic that when we try to find such a **Q**-divisor Dlinearly equivalent to given L, we need D to have high multiplicity along Z, which will become more difficult when the normal bundle of Z is higher.

The second obstacle for **Question 1** is that it is most natural to have the norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$  also as an adjoint norm, which means that we need a particular choice of a singular hermitian metric h of the line bundle M := $-K_Z + (K_X + L)|_Z$ . For a general subvariety Z, M does not seem to be a remarkable line bundle coming with such a particular metric. But when Z is an lc center, the fundamental subadjunction result of [15] gives an effective **Q**-divisor  $h_Z \sim M$  with certain properties, under some additional conditions. (Note that such effectiveness of the line bundle M is already highly non-trivial.) Essentially, the metric associated to  $h_Z$  turns out to give the metric we need in the proof of our  $L^2$  extension since it gives the first main inequality  $I \ge I^*$  via (3.2) (see also (1.1) (a)). To sort out the idea involved here, first consider the following simple approach of using Z to obtain a non-zero holomorphic section of  $K_X + L$ on X. On one hand, (a) we need a section  $\sigma$  of  $(K_X + L)|_Z$  from some inductive hypothesis on Z and on the other hand, (b) we need to extend  $\sigma$  to X. While the subadjunction [15] with  $h_Z$  itself is concerned with the former step (a), only a candidate divisor (not necessarily effective) for  $h_Z$  is enough to define our metric h of M for the purpose of the latter extension (b). We call this particular metric (M, h) (which is given by  $Q(R_1)$  in the setting of a refined log-resolution (3.3)) a **Kawamata metric** (3.1) of the log-canonical center. We only need h to be defined up to a proper closed subset of Z and therefore it is enough to have it defined on the level of Z', birational over Z. The definition of h does not use the positivity result [15][Theorem 2] which was the main technical part dealing with the issue of  $h_Z \ge 0$  on the level of Z.

These two obstacles and their resolution give our main theorem, which is an answer to **Question 1**.

MAIN THEOREM (SEE **Theorem 4.2** FOR THE FULL STATEMENT). — Let X be a normal projective variety and  $Z \subset X$  a subvariety which is not contained in  $X_{\text{sing}}$  and is a maximal log-canonical center of a log-canonical pair (X, D). Let  $K_X + L$  be the **Q**-line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(K_X + D + A)$  for any ample **Q**-line bundle A and let  $\|\cdot\|_1$  be the adjoint norm given by a Kawamata metric on Z (3.1). Then there exist an adjoint norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and a constant  $C_{\Lambda}$  such that we have the  $L^2$  extension as in **Question 1** for those B with  $K_X + L + B$  being an integral line bundle.

Note that, even though we formulated **Question 1** for the quintuple  $\Lambda$ , it turns out that for the triple  $(X, Z, K_X + L)$  coming from an lc center, there are natural choices of  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$ .

We give here a short outline of the proof (Section 4.2). Following [29], [30] and using (2.17), (2.18), we reduce obtaining the extended holomorphic section on X to solving a  $\overline{\partial}$  equation (4.8) on each member of an increasing sequence of bounded Stein open subsets of  $X \setminus H$  where H is a hyperplane section we choose. Solving the  $\overline{\partial}$  equation is equivalent to showing the inequality (4.9). Using Cauchy-Schwarz, inequality (4.9) reduces to two inequalities I  $\geq$  I\* and II  $\geq$  II\*. Up to this point, the setup is valid for a general subvariety  $Z \subset X$ . We proceed to prove I  $\geq$  I\* and II  $\geq$  II\* using the condition that Z is a maximal lc center. We use the main property (3.2) of the Kawamata metric for I  $\geq$  I\* and use the  $\lambda$  function satisfying (4.6), (4.7) for II  $\geq$  II\*. See also (4.6). Note that (4.5) with II  $\geq$  II\* is already a strong indication that the setting of an lc center is relevant, but it only works when combined with  $I \ge I^*$  and (3.2) which is another fundamental property of an lc center and is based on the work of Section 3.

*Remark 1.1.* — A different way to formulate Main Theorem could be to give it as a consequence of a statement of the following type:

We have  $L^2$  extension for  $(X, Z, K_X + L)$  if the following two are satisfied (in the setting of Section 4.2):

- (1) There exist  $\lambda_t = \lambda(t, \nu, \epsilon) : \Omega_t \to \mathbf{R}_{\geq 1}$  satisfying (4.6) and (4.7) and having  $-\lambda_t$  uniformly bounded above.
- (2) There exists a metric h of M such that (4.2) for s implies (4.14) for  $\widetilde{s}_{\ell}$ .

Having the two curvature conditions (4.6) and (4.7), this is more directly comparable to statements of previous results (for example [5]). Our Main Theorem is giving a reasonably general case where those conditions are naturally satisfied.

In the last section, we give pluriadjoint extension results which are by now standard consequences of  $L^2$  extension using the method of [25] (after [30]).

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#### Notation and Conventions

- (1) Let X be a reduced complex analytic space. We let  $X_{\text{sing}}$  denote the closed subset of singular points in X and let  $X_{\text{reg}} := X \setminus X_{\text{sing}}$ . When X is an algebraic variety (reduced and irreducible) defined over **C**, we often identify X with its associated complex analytic space and  $X_{\text{reg}}$  with its associated complex manifold.
- (2) Let X be a projective variety and F a **Q**-line bundle on X such that  $F|_{X_{\text{reg}}} \cong K_{X_{\text{reg}}} + L$  for a **Q**-line bundle L on  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . As a slight abuse of notation, we often denote F on X by  $K_X + L$  (2.5).

- (3) We define and use hermitian metrics (Definition 2.3) of **Q**-line bundles only on a complex manifold, for example, on an open subset of  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . Similarly, we use the multiplier ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{J}(D)$  of a **Q** divisor  $D \ge 0$  and a plurisubharmonic function only on a complex manifold.
- (4) We use additive notation for tensor products and powers of line bundles and multiplicative notation for hermitian metrics of line bundles. For example, (L, g), (M, h) and  $(L + M, g \cdot h)$ .
- (5) *lc*, *snc*, *psh* are abbreviations for *log-canonical*, *simple* normal crossings, plurisubharmonic, respectively. A **Q**-divisor  $D = \sum d_i D_i$  on a complex manifold is said to be *snc* if each  $D_i$  is smooth and they intersect everywhere transversally ([16]).

#### 2. Preliminaries

#### 2.1. Singular hermitian metrics

#### 2.1.1. The first kind

Let X be a reduced complex analytic space. An invertible sheaf L on X is identified with a line bundle L on X. Sections of the structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  are called holomorphic functions on X [[8] p.9]. A line bundle L is further identified with (an equivalence class in  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X^*)$  of) a collection of transition functions on an open covering of X [[12] (III, Ex. 4.5)]. Now we define a **Q**-line bundle on X (following [1] and others):

DEFINITION 2.1. — Let X be a reduced complex analytic space. A **Q**line bundle L on X is (an equivalence class of) a collection of holomorphic transition functions  $\{g_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \to \mathbf{C}\}$  on an open covering  $\{U_i\}$  of X such that there exists an integer  $m \ge 1$  and  $\{g_{ij}^m\}$  defines a line bundle on X (which we denote by mL).

If we can take m = 1, the **Q**-line bundle *L* is just a line bundle in the usual sense, which we call an integral line bundle. Along with a **Q**-line bundle, it is natural to define a multi-valued holomorphic section (following [1] and others):

DEFINITION 2.2. — Let L be a **Q**-line bundle with transition functions as in Definition 2.1 such that mL is an integral line bundle for an integer  $m \ge 1$ . A **multi-valued holomorphic section** (or a multi-valued section) s of L is a collection of holomorphic functions  $\{f_i \in \mathcal{O}_X(U_i)\}$  such that

$$g_{ij}^m f_j^m = f_i^m, \quad \forall i, j.$$

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Note that the collection  $\{f_i^m\}$  defines a holomorphic section of the integral line bundle mL, in the usual sense. We also note that even when L is an integral line bundle, multi-valued sections we obtain from the definition are more general than the usual holomorphic sections.

Now we recall a singular hermitian metric of a **Q**-line bundle. In this paper, we define and use a singular hermitian metric only over an open set of  $X_{\text{reg}}$ , in other words, over a complex manifold whereas we use a **Q**-line bundle over a reduced complex analytic space. First, we begin with the following general notion of a hermitian metric:

DEFINITION 2.3. — Let L be a **Q**-line bundle on a reduced complex analytic space X as in Definition 2.1. Let  $X_0$  be an open subset of smooth points  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . A hermitian metric of L on  $X_0$  is a collection of measurable functions  $\{\alpha_i : U'_i := U_i \cap X_0 \to \mathbf{R} \cup \{\pm \infty\}\}$  such that  $e^{-\alpha_i} = |g_{ij}|^2 e^{-\alpha_j}$ on  $U'_i \cap U'_j$ .

A smooth hermitian metric of L on  $X_0$  is such a collection with each  $e^{-\alpha_i}$  being a positive  $C^{\infty}$  function. Equivalently to the above definition, a hermitian metric h of L is given by  $h = h_0 \cdot e^{-\phi}$  (following S. Takayama in part) where  $h_0$  is a smooth hermitian metric of L and  $\phi : X_0 \to \mathbf{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  is any measurable function. Note that  $h_0$  can be taken as the *m*-th root of any usual smooth hermitian metric of mL in case mL is an integral line bundle. We call the pair (L, h) a singular hermitian  $\mathbf{Q}$ -line bundle (or simply a singular metric, meaning the obvious pair (L, h)). The open subset  $X_0 \subset X_{\text{reg}}$  is called the **domain** of (L, h). Usually, a singular hermitian metric is defined as a hermitian metric with the condition that the function  $\alpha_i$  is locally integrable for each i. Instead of this, we will have two different definitions, a singular hermitian metric of the first kind in (2.4) and a singular hermitian metric of the second kind after (2.6).

Now when  $\alpha_i \in L^1_{loc}(U_i)$  for each *i*, we define the **curvature current**  $\sqrt{-1}\Theta_h(L)$  of (L,h) to be  $\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\alpha_i$  on each  $U_i$ , which is then a globally well-defined (1,1) current on X (see, for instance, [4] or [18], (9.4.19)). Up to upper semicontinuous regularization (2.11), the curvature current is nonnegative if and only if  $\alpha_i$  is plurisubharmonic (2.9) (psh for short).

DEFINITION 2.4. — A hermitian metric (L, h) is called a **singular her**mitian metric of the first kind if each local weight function  $\alpha_i$  is plurisubharmonic.

Unless otherwise specified, the domain of a singular hermitian metric of the first kind is always assumed to be the largest possible one, that is,  $X_{\text{reg}}$ .

#### 2.1.2. The second kind and the adjoint norm

Let X be a complex manifold, (L, h) an integral line bundle with a singular hermitian metric of the first kind on X and s a holomorphic section of  $K_X + L$ . In [29], Siu defined and used the integral of the absolute-value squared of s viewed as a L-valued holomorphic n form, denoting the integral by  $\int_X |s|^2 \cdot h$ . We will call it the *adjoint norm* of s with respect to h. In this section, we generalize the definition of the adjoint norm using the notion of a singular hermitian metric of the second kind, in order to formulate the  $L^2$  extension in the more general setting as in Theorem 4.2.

Let X be a reduced complex analytic space and let L be a **Q**-line bundle on  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . The canonical line bundle  $K_{X_{\text{reg}}}$  may not extend as a line bundle on the whole of X.

DEFINITION 2.5. — If  $K_{X_{\text{reg}}} + L$  is extendible as a **Q**-line bundle, say F on X, then F is said to be an adjoint line bundle on X.

By a slight abuse of notation, we shall denote this adjoint line bundle F by  $K_X + L$  by fixing one L.

Let (L, h) be a hermitian metric with its domain  $X_0 \subset X_{\text{reg}}$ . Since each local weight function  $\alpha_i$  is measurable, the function  $e^{-\alpha_i}$  is also measurable. Let *s* be a multi-valued holomorphic section of *F*. When restricted to the open set  $X_{\text{reg}}$ , *s* gives a holomorphic *L*-valued *n*-form on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  (where  $n = \dim X$ ). We will define the adjoint norm of *s* with respect to *h* in this setting.

Let  $\xi \in \Gamma(U, L)$  be a local generating section on any given open neighborhood  $U \subset X_0$ . Following [33], choose local analytic coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  in U such that

$$s = f(z)\xi \otimes dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n$$

where f is a holomorphic function on U. Let  $\phi$  be a function on U with  $e^{-\phi} = h(\xi,\xi)$ , the squared length function of  $\xi$  with respect to the hermitian metric h. The collection of 2n-forms  $|f(z)|^2 e^{-\phi} (\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2})^n dz_1 \wedge d\overline{z}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dz_n \wedge d\overline{z}_n$  on each U defines a globally well-defined 2n-form  $\omega$  on  $X_0$  [33] (5.1.3).

DEFINITION 2.6. — Let  $K_X + L$  be an adjoint line bundle (2.5) on a reduced complex analytic space X and (L, h) a hermitian metric with its domain  $X_0 \subset X_{\text{reg}}$  as above. Let  $s \in \Gamma(X, K_X + L)$  be a multi-valued holomorphic section. The integral  $\int_{X_0} \omega$  of  $\omega$  given in the above paragraph is called the **adjoint norm** of s with respect to h and denoted by  $\int_X |s|^2 \cdot h$  (=  $\int_{X_0} |s|^2 \cdot h$ ). Note that  $\int_X |s|^2 \cdot h \in [0, \infty]$ . When a hermitian metric (L, h) is used to define adjoint norms, it is called a **singular hermitian metric of the second kind**. A (not necessarily effective) **Q**-divisor D on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  defines a singular hermitian metric of the second kind of the **Q**-line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(D)$  by its local equations. It is denoted by  $(\mathcal{O}(D), \eta_{(D)})$ . Note that for the purpose of local integrability as in Definition 2.6, a negative coefficient in D only helps since it gives a zero rather than a pole.

Let  $h_0$  be a smooth hermitian metric of L. Let  $\phi : X_0 \to \mathbf{R} \cup \{\pm \infty\}$ be the function defined by  $h = h_0 \cdot e^{-\phi}$ . If the function  $e^{\phi}$  is bounded above on  $X_0$ , we say the singular hermitian metric of the second kind h is bounded away from zero. This is independent of the choice of the smooth metric  $h_0$ . The point of this definition is the following. In general, when L is locally trivialized on an open subset U and  $f(s) \in \mathcal{O}_U$  is the holomorphic function on U corresponding to s, there is a measure  $d\mu$  on U such that  $\int_{U} |s|^2 \cdot g = \int_{U} |f(s)|^2 d\mu$ . Given a measure dV associated to a local euclidean volume form on U, this  $d\mu$  is a  $\mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$ -valued function (say  $e^{-\phi}$ ) times dV. If the metric h is bounded away from zero, then by definition  $e^{\phi}$  is bounded above on  $X_0$ , which gives  $e^{-\phi} \ge C > 0$  for some C > 0. Then up to scaling,  $d\mu$  itself can be taken as a measure associated to a local euclidean volume form. We will call such a measure a volume form, which we will use in a series of propositions (2.10), (2.17) and (2.18). We need the metric q in Theorem 4.2 to be bounded away from zero to apply these propositions. Note that, for example, when a metric h is given by a **Q**-divisor  $D_1 - D_2$   $(D_1 \neq D_2 \ge 0)$ , h is not bounded away from zero along the non-effective  $-D_2$  since it has zero along  $D_2$ .

For a metric given by an snc divisor, we have the following proposition, which we use in Section 3.

PROPOSITION 2.7. — Let X be a complex manifold. Let  $L_1$  be a **Q**-line bundle, given the singular hermitian metric of the second kind  $\eta_D$  where D is an snc **Q**-divisor and  $D \sim L_1$ . Let  $(L_2, g_{L_2})$  be another **Q**-line bundle with a smooth hermitian metric. Then the **C**-vector subspace

$$\left\{s \in \Gamma(X, K_X + L_1 + L_2) \middle| \int_X |s|^2 \cdot \eta_D \cdot g_{L_2} < \infty\right\}$$

is identified with  $\Gamma(X, K_X + L_1 + L_2 - \mathcal{O}(D_1))$  where  $D_1$  is an snc effective divisor whose support is contained in the support of D. More precisely, if a prime divisor S appears with the coefficient  $\alpha$  in D and  $\alpha \ge 1$ , then  $[\alpha]S$ appears in  $D_1$  where  $[\alpha]$  is the largest integer less than or equal to  $\alpha$ .

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Proof. — The above norm is finite for s if and only if the pair  $(X, -\operatorname{div}(s) + D)$  is klt, by (3.20) of [16]. It is precisely when s has zero along  $[\alpha]S$  when a prime divisor S appears with the coefficient  $\alpha$  in D and  $\alpha \ge 1$ .

#### 2.2. Plurisubharmonic functions

We recall definitions and properties of plurisubharmonic functions and quasi-plurisub-harmonic functions.

DEFINITION 2.8. — A function  $\psi : X \to [-\infty, \infty)$  on a topological space X is said to be **upper semicontinuous** if the sublevel set  $X_c := \{x \in X | \psi(x) < c\}$  is open in X for each  $c \in \mathbf{R}$ .

DEFINITION 2.9 ([4], (1.4)). — Let  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be an open subset. We say that a function  $\psi : U \to [-\infty, \infty)$  is **plurisubharmonic** if

- (a)  $\psi$  is upper semicontinuous.
- (b) For arbitrary  $p \in U$  and  $q \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we have

$$\psi(p) \leqslant \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \psi(p + q e^{\sqrt{-1}\theta}) d\theta$$

where the set  $\{p + q\lambda | \lambda \in \mathbf{C}, |\lambda| \leq 1\} \subset U$ .

Plurisubharmonic is abbreviated as *psh*. A pullback of a psh function under a holomorphic map is again psh, so it is straightforward to define a  $\mathbf{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ -valued function on a complex manifold to be *plurisubharmonic* if its pullback on a coordinate chart is psh.

The following proposition is application of the sub-mean-value property of a psh function ([4], (1.5)) and it will be used in the next section.

PROPOSITION 2.10. — Let  $W \in U \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be relatively compact open subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $d\mu$  a volume form on U such that U has the volume  $V(U) := \int_U 1d\mu < \infty$ . Then there exists a positive real number  $V \in (0, V(U))$  such that for any holomorphic function f on U with the finite norm  $N(U) = \int_U |f|^2 d\mu < \infty$ , we have

$$|f(z)|^2 \leqslant N(U)^{\frac{1}{V}}$$

for any  $z \in W$ . In particular, |f(z)| is bounded above on W.

Proof. — Since  $W \Subset U$ , we can find a family of open polydiscs  $\{U_z\}_{z \in W}$  of the same volume V (which is a sufficiently small positive number) such that each  $U_z$  is centered at the point z and contained in U. We learned from [7], this way of using the sub-mean-value property with respect to

two steps of open subsets, which will be also used later when the current proposition is applied.

Since the function  $\log |f|$  is plurisubharmonic on U, the sub-mean-value property for a plurisubharmonic function and the Jensen inequality for the concavity of logarithm give each of the following two inequalities:

$$\log|f(z)|^{2} \leq \frac{1}{V} \int_{U_{z}} \log|f|^{2} d\mu \leq \frac{1}{V} \log(\int_{U_{z}} |f|^{2} d\mu).$$

Taking the exponential, we get

$$|f(x)|^{2} \leq (\int_{U_{z}} |f|^{2} d\mu)^{\frac{1}{V}} \leq (\int_{U} |f|^{2} d\mu)^{\frac{1}{V}}.$$

Now we turn to discuss families of functions. An important basic property of psh functions is that the pointwise supremum function  $\sup(\psi_1, \psi_2)$  is psh if  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are psh. This will be generalized to the supremum over a family of locally uniformly bounded above psh functions. First we need the following general definition:

DEFINITION 2.11 ([26] (3.4.1)). — Let  $\psi : X \to [-\infty, \infty)$  be a function which is locally bounded above on a topological space X. We define its **upper semicontinuous regularization**  $\psi^* : X \to [-\infty, \infty)$  to be the function defined by

$$\psi^*(x) := \limsup_{y \to x} \psi(y)$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

A family of functions  $\{\psi_{\alpha} : X \to [-\infty, \infty)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is called **locally uni**formly bounded above if there exists an upper bound for the set  $\{\psi_{\alpha}(y) : \alpha \in A, x \in Y\}$  for each compact subset  $Y \subset X$ . The pointwise supremum function  $\psi_A(x) = \sup_{\alpha \in A} \psi_{\alpha}(x)$  is called the **upper envelope** of the family.

PROPOSITION 2.12. — [19, p.26] Let X be a complex manifold and  $\{\psi_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a locally uniformly bounded above family of psh functions. Then the upper semicontinuous regularization of the upper envelope of the family is also psh.

For simplicity, we will often use the term 'upper envelope' to mean its upper semicontinuous regularization. In Chapter 5, we will take the upper envelope of *quasi-plurisubharmonic* functions, defined as follows.

DEFINITION 2.13. —  $A [-\infty, \infty)$ -valued function  $\psi$  on a complex manifold X is **quasi-plurisubharmonic** (or quasi-psh) if there exists an open

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covering  $\{U_i\}(i \in J)$  of X such that, on each  $U_i$ ,  $\psi$  is the sum  $\psi = v_i + u_i$ of a plurisubharmonic function  $v_i$  and a **R**-valued  $C^{\infty}$  function  $u_i$ , both on  $U_i$ .

A family of quasi-psh functions  $\{\psi_{\alpha}\}$  is called **good** if there exists a common open covering  $\{U_i\}(i \in J)$  of X and **R**-valued functions  $u_i \in C^{\infty}(U_i)$  such that  $\psi_{\alpha} - u_i$  is psh on  $U_i$ , for any  $\alpha$  and any  $i \in J$ . An immediate consequence of (2.12) is the following

PROPOSITION 2.14. — If a good family of quasi-psh functions on a complex manifold X is locally uniformly bounded above, then its upper envelope is also quasi-psh.

#### 2.3. Stein manifolds

A Stein space  $\Omega$  is a complex analytic space (see Appendix B of [12]) which is characterized by the vanishing of the first cohomology of all coherent analytic sheaves on  $\Omega$ . (We refer to [11] for the standard definition of Stein spaces and the proof of this characterization originally due to Serre.) A Stein manifold is a smooth Stein space. An affine variety (or its associated complex analytic space) is an example of a Stein space. We will use the following fundamental result in the proof of (3.3).

PROPOSITION 2.15 (Cartan's Theorem A, [11] Chap. 8). — If  $\Omega$  is a Stein space and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a coherent analytic sheaf on  $\Omega$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is generated by  $\Gamma(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

On the other hand, we need another characterizing property of Stein manifolds, that is the existence of a smooth strictly psh exhaustion function. First we need the following :

DEFINITION 2.16. — A function  $\psi : X \to [-\infty, \infty)$  on a topological space X is said to be an exhaustion function if all sublevel sets  $X_c := \{x \in X | \psi(x) < c\}, c \in \mathbf{R}$  are relatively compact (i.e., their closures are compact).

A Stein manifold is strongly pseudoconvex, that is, it admits a smooth strictly psh([3], (5.20)) exhaustion function ([3] Chapter 1).

Now let  $X \subset \mathbf{P}^N$  be a projective variety and  $H \subset \mathbf{P}^N$  a hyperplane such that  $X_{\text{sing}} \subset H$ . Then  $X \setminus H$  is a smooth affine variety, which is a Stein manifold and therefore admits a smooth strictly psh exhaustion function  $\psi$ . The sublevel sets of  $\psi$  give us an increasing exhaustion sequence of

relatively compact Stein open subsets  $\{\Omega_t\}_{t\geq 1}$  of the affine variety  $X \setminus H$ : we take  $\Omega_t = \psi^{-1}(-\infty, c_t)$  for an increasing sequence  $\{c_t : t \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}\}$  going to infinity as  $t \to \infty$ . By Sard's theorem, we can assume that each  $\Omega_t$  has a smooth boundary  $\partial \Omega_t$ .

The proof of our main result Theorem 4.2 will use such an increasing sequence of Stein open subsets  $\{\Omega_t\}_{t\geq 1}$  with appropriate choice of the hyperplane H.  $L^2$  methods will give a holomorphic section on each  $\Omega_t$  and then we will use the following version of the Montel theorem.

PROPOSITION 2.17. — In the above setting, let  $K_X + L$  be an integral adjoint line bundle (2.5) on  $X \setminus H$  and (L, g) a singular metric of the second kind (on  $X \setminus H$ ) which is bounded away from zero. Suppose that for each t, we have a multi-valued section  $s_t \in \Gamma(\Omega_t, K_X + L)$  with

$$\int_{\Omega_t} |s_t|^2 \cdot g \leqslant C$$

where C > 0 is a constant which is independent of  $t \ge 1$ . Then there exists a holomorphic section  $s \in \Gamma(X \setminus H, K_X + L)$  such that

$$\int_{X \setminus H} |s|^2 \cdot g \leqslant C.$$

*Proof.* — We choose and fix a locally finite open covering  $\{W_i\}_{i \in J}$  of  $X \setminus H$  such that the following hold:

- For each  $i \in J$ , there exists an open subset  $U_i$  such that  $W_i \subseteq U_i \subseteq X$  and  $W_i \subseteq U_i$  are biholomorphic to open balls  $W'_i \subseteq U'_i \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  respectively, as the notation suggests.
- Each of the line bundles  $K_X$  and L is trivialized on every  $U_i$  ( $i \in J$ ). (Note that  $K_X$  is a line bundle on  $X \setminus H$ .) We also have transition functions  $g_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}(U_i \cap U_j)$  for the line bundle  $K_X + L$  on this open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$ .
- For each  $i \in J$ ,  $W_i \subset \Omega_{t(i)}$  where t(i) is the smallest positive integer t with  $W_i \subset \Omega_t$ .
- Each  $U_i$  is equipped with a volume form  $d\mu_i$  such that the volume  $V(U_i) := \int_{U_i} 1d\mu_i > 0$  is finite and also such that

$$\int_U |s|^2 \cdot g = \int_U |f_i|^2 d\mu_i$$

for any subset  $U \subset U_i$ , where  $f_i$  is the holomorphic function on  $U_i$  given by the fixed local trivialization of a section s of  $K_X + L$ .

We can indeed choose  $\{W_i\}$  to be locally finite, inductively on t as follows: For each  $t \ge 1$ , the closure  $\overline{\Omega_t}$  is a compact subset of  $\Omega_{t+1}$ . So one can find a finite number of open sets  $w_i \subset \Omega_{t+1}$  whose union contains  $\Omega_t \setminus \Omega_{t-1}$ . Take the open intersections  $W_i := w_i \cap \Omega_t$  and add them to the open covering.

Now for each  $i \in J$ , through the fixed local trivialization of  $K_X + L$ , the given sections  $s_t$  give a sequence of holomorphic functions  $f_{(i,t)} = f_t$ on  $U_i$  for  $t \ge t(i)$ . Since  $\int_{U_i} |f_t|^2 d\mu_i = \int_{U_i} |s_t|^2 \cdot g \le \int_{\Omega_t} |s_t|^2 \cdot g \le C$ , Proposition 2.10 gives the upper bound

$$|f_t|^2 \leqslant C^{\frac{1}{V(U_i)}}.$$

With these bounds, we use the Montel theorem to conclude that (on each  $U_i$ ) there is a subsequence of  $\{f_t = f_{(i,t)}\}_{t \ge t(i)}$  converging to  $f_i \in \mathcal{O}(W_i)$ . It is possible to choose those limit functions  $f_i \in \mathcal{O}(W_i)$  for  $i \in J$  such that the collection  $\{f_i\}_{i \in J}$  gives an element of  $\Gamma(X \setminus H, K_X + L)$  by the fact that the open cover  $\{W_i\}_{i \in J}$  is locally finite and the following reason:

For any two different intersecting open sets  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  ( $i, j \in J$ ), consider the union  $W_i \cup W_j \subset \Omega_{t(i,j)}$  where  $t(i, j) = \max(t(i), t(j))$ . The two sequences of holomorphic functions  $f_{(i,t)}$  on  $W_i$  and  $f_{(j,t)}$  on  $W_j$  come from the same sections  $s_t \in \Gamma(\Omega_t, K_X + L)$  for  $t \ge t(i, j)$ . Hence  $f_{(i,t)} - g_{ij}f_{(j,t)} = 0, \forall t \ge t(i, j)$ . By the Montel theorem, there is a converging subsequence of  $\{f_{(i,t)}\}$  given by an infinite subset of t indices  $T_i \subset \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . Now by the Montel theorem applied on  $W_j$ , there is a further subsequence (given by t indices in another infinite subset  $T_j \subset T_i$ ) of  $f_{(i,t)}$  for which the corresponding subsequence of  $f_{(j,t)}$  also converges. The last inequality clearly follows.  $\Box$ 

In the proof of Theorem 4.2, the use of the above proposition will be followed by the next proposition, a version of the Riemann extension theorem which extends a bounded holomorphic function across a divisor in a complex analytic space.

PROPOSITION 2.18. — Let X be a normal projective variety and  $K_X + L$ an integral adjoint line bundle on X (2.5). Let  $H_1 \subset X$  be an effective Cartier divisor containing  $X_{\text{sing}}$ . Let (L, g) be a singular hermitian metric of the second kind which is bounded away from zero and whose domain is  $X \setminus H_1$ . If a multi-valued section  $s \in \Gamma(X \setminus H_1, K_X + L)$  on the open complement satisfies

$$\int_{X \setminus H_1} |s|^2 \cdot g < \infty,$$

then there exists a holomorphic section  $\overline{s} \in \Gamma(X, K_X + L)$  such that  $\overline{s}|_{X \setminus H_1} = s$ .

*Proof.* — Since X is normal, it is sufficient to obtain  $\overline{s}$  on  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . For simplicity of notation, we assume  $X = X_{\text{reg}}$ . We take and fix a finite collection of open subsets  $V_1, \dots, V_{\mu}$  of X (not of  $X \setminus H_1$ !) satisfying that:

For each  $\ell = 1, \dots, \mu$ , there is an open subset  $U_{\ell}$  of  $X \setminus H_1$  such that  $V_{\ell} \setminus H_1 \Subset U_{\ell}$  and that  $U_{\ell}$  is biholomorphic to a connected open subset  $U'_{\ell} \Subset \mathbb{C}^n$ .

We take an open covering  $\{V_i\}_{i \in J}$  of X (with  $J \supset \{1, \dots, \mu\}$ ) such that

- 1. The line bundle  $K_X + L$  is given by transition functions  $g_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}(V_i \cap V_j)$ .
- 2. For  $i \notin \{1, \dots, \mu\}$ , we have  $V_i \cap H_1 = \emptyset$ .

Then the given section s on  $X \setminus H_1$  is represented by the collection of holomorphic functions  $\{f_i\}_{i \in J}$  where  $f_i$  is holomorphic on  $V_i \setminus H_1$  if  $i \in \{1, \dots, \mu\}$  and otherwise,  $f_i$  is holomorphic on  $V_i$ .

For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, \mu\}$ ,  $f_i$  on  $V_i \setminus H_1$  is  $L^2$  with respect to a metric which is bounded away from zero. Therefore  $f_i$  is extended to  $\overline{f_i} \in \mathcal{O}(V_i)$ across the divisor  $H_1 \cap V_i$  by a well-known lemma ([31, Lemme 2] or [10, (2.1)]).

Denoting  $\overline{f_i}$  by  $f_i$ , the new collection  $\{f_i\}_{i \in J}$  satisfies the compatibility condition  $f_i = g_{ij}f_j$  on  $V_i \cap V_j$  since  $f_i - g_{ij}f_j$  is identically zero on  $(V_i \cap V_j) \setminus H_1$ . This gives the section  $\overline{s}$  we want.

#### **2.4.** $\overline{\partial}$ operators on the Hilbert spaces of (p,q) forms

We first recall (from [13]) the Hilbert space of L-valued (p,q) forms on a complex manifold where L is a line bundle. Let  $\Omega$  be a complex manifold with a Hermitian metric  $\xi$  and (L, g) a singular hermitian **Q**-line bundle of the first kind on  $\Omega$ . Let dV denote the volume form defined by  $\xi$ .

Let  $V \subset \Omega$  be an open neighborhood of a point in  $\Omega$  with an orthonormal coframe  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  of type (1,0). We can also assume that there exists  $\theta_V$ , a local frame of L over V and put  $e^{-\varphi} = g(\theta_V, \theta_V)$ .

Following [13, p.121], we define  $\mathcal{L}^{2}_{(p,q)}(\Omega, L, g)$  as the Hilbert space completion of all smooth *L*-valued (p,q) forms square integrable with respect to the singular metric (L,g) in the sense that the following norm is finite :

$$\|u\|^2 := \int_{\Omega} |u|_g^2 dV < \infty$$

where  $|u|_g^2$  is well defined when we locally define it on each open subset  $V \subset \Omega$  to be

$$|u|_g^2 := \frac{1}{p!q!} \sum_{|I|=p,|J|=Q} |u_{I,J}|^2 \cdot e^{-\varphi}$$

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when the expression of u on V is given by  $u = \sum u_{I,J} \theta_V \otimes \omega^I \wedge \overline{\omega}^J$ . Similarly, the pointwise inner product  $\langle u, v \rangle_g$  and its integral  $\langle \langle u, v \rangle \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle u, v \rangle_g dV$  are defined.

From now on, we take p = n and q = 0, 1, 2. The complex manifold  $\Omega$ will always be a relatively compact Stein open subset in a smooth affine variety X and  $\xi$  a Kähler metric on X. In this setting of  $L^2$  methods for the  $\overline{\partial}$  operator, our operators between the Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{L}^2_{(n,q)}(\Omega, L, g)$  are taken as  $T = \overline{\partial}, S = \overline{\partial}$  or  $T = \overline{\partial}(\sqrt{\eta_1} \cdot), S = (\sqrt{\eta_2})\overline{\partial}(\cdot)$  where  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \ge 0$ are functions on  $\Omega$  to be multiplied to L-valued (n,q) forms. We note that the composition ST = 0 and  $\text{Dom}(T^*) = \text{Dom}(\overline{\partial}^*), \text{Dom}(S) = \text{Dom}(\overline{\partial})$  in either case.

There is a fundamental result (Proposition 2.19) giving a lower bound of  $||T^*u||^2 + ||Su||^2$  for  $u \in \mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{L}^2_{(n,1)}(\Omega, L, g)$ . To state it, first we need to define (for a  $C^2$  function  $\psi$  on  $\Omega$ ),

$$(2.1) \quad (\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\psi)(u,u)_g := \langle [\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\psi,\Lambda]u,u\rangle_g = \langle (\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\psi)(\Lambda u),u\rangle_g$$

where  $\Lambda$  is the adjoint of the operator  $\omega_{\xi} \wedge \cdot$  given by the Kähler form  $\omega_{\xi}$  of  $\xi$  and the inner product  $\langle , \rangle$  is taken pointwise as that of  $\mathcal{L}^2_{(n,q)}(\Omega, L, g)$ . Locally we have

$$(\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\psi)(u,u)_g = \sum \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial\overline{\omega}_i\partial\omega_j} u_i\overline{u_j} \cdot e^{-\varphi}$$

when  $u = \sum_{j=1}^{n} u_j \theta_V \otimes \omega^I \wedge \overline{\omega}^j$  on  $V \subset \Omega$  as above. (The first order linear differential operators  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{\omega}_i}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_j}$  are defined by the relation  $d\psi = \sum_{1}^{n} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \overline{\omega}_i} \overline{\omega}_i + \sum_{1}^{n} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \omega_i} \omega_i$  as in [13, p.122]) In the place of the (1, 1) form  $\sqrt{-1}\partial \overline{\partial} \psi$  in (2.1), we can also put any closed real semipositive (1, 1) form II, for which we can find  $\psi$  locally such that  $\Pi = \sqrt{-1}\partial \overline{\partial} \psi$ .

Now going back to the modified  $\overline{\partial}$  operators,  $T = \overline{\partial}(\sqrt{\eta_1} \cdot), S = (\sqrt{\eta_2})\overline{\partial}(\cdot)$ , we determine our functions  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  to work with, following McNeal and Varolin [22], [34]. Let  $\lambda$  be a  $C^2$  function defined on  $\Omega$ . Following [22], we first consider an auxiliary function  $r(x) = 2 - x + \log(2e^{x-1} - 1)$  for  $x \ge 1$ . Note that  $r'(x) = \frac{1}{2e^{x-1}-1} \in (0,1)$  for  $x \ge 1$ . We define functions

$$\eta = \lambda + r(\lambda)$$
 and  $\gamma = \frac{(1 + r'(\lambda))^2}{-r''(\lambda)}$ 

It is easy to see that  $\lambda + r(\lambda) \leq 1 + \log 2 + \lambda$  and  $\gamma = 2e^{\lambda - 1}$ . From Section 3.2 of [34], we have

(2.2) 
$$\eta \ge 1 + r'(\lambda) > 1$$

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and

(2.3) 
$$-\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\eta - \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\gamma}\partial\eta \wedge \overline{\partial}\eta = (1 + r'(\lambda))(-\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\lambda).$$

We put  $T := \overline{\partial}((\sqrt{\eta + \gamma}) \cdot)$ , composition of multiplication by the function  $\sqrt{\eta + \gamma}$  first and then taking  $\overline{\partial}$ . Similarly, we let  $S := (\sqrt{\eta})\overline{\partial}(\cdot)$ .

PROPOSITION 2.19 (Twisted Basic Estimate : Ohsawa-Takegoshi, Siu, McNeal-Varolin). — Let  $(\Omega, \xi)$  be a relatively compact Stein open subset of a Stein manifold, with the smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Let (L,g) be a smooth hermitian line bundle with the curvature (1,1) form  $\sqrt{-1}\Theta_g(L)$ . For the operators T and S defined above in terms of a  $C^2$  function  $\lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \|T^*u\|^2 + \|Su\|^2 &\ge \int_{\Omega} (\eta\sqrt{-1}\Theta_g(L) - \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\eta - \frac{1}{\gamma}\sqrt{-1}\partial\eta \wedge \overline{\partial}\eta)(u,u)_g dV \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (\eta\sqrt{-1}\Theta_g(L) + (1+r'(\lambda))(-\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\lambda))(u,u)_g dV \end{split}$$

for any  $u \in \text{Dom}(T^*) \cap \text{Dom}(S) \subset \mathcal{L}^2_{(n,1)}(\Omega, L, g).$ 

*Proof.* — See Proposition 3.4 [30] and Section 2.1 [22]. (2.3) was used for the equality.  $\hfill \Box$ 

#### 3. Kawamata metric on a log-canonical center

#### 3.1. A refined log-resolution and the Kawamata metric

In this section, we first recall the notion of a log-canonical center following [14], [15], [16] and [17]. Then we define the Kawamata metric on an lc center (Definition 3.1) and prove its main property Theorem 3.2, which is crucial in the proof of Theorem 4.2.

Let X be a normal variety and D a (not necessarily effective) Weil **Q**divisor such that the sum of the two Weil divisors  $K_X + D$  is **Q**-Cartier. By Hironaka's theorem, there exist log-resolutions  $f: X' \to X$  of the pair (X, D). Then as a **Q**-line bundle, we have the equality  $K_{X'} = f^*(K_X + D) - D' - \Delta$  where D' is the birational transform of D under f and  $\Delta$ a combination of exceptional divisors. We say the pair (X, D) is **klt** (or Kawamata log-terminal) if there exists such f with each prime divisor in  $-D' - \Delta$  has its coefficient (called the *discrepancy*) greater than -1. We say (X, D) is **lc** (or log-canonical) if each discrepancy is greater than or equal to -1. These are well-defined, independent of the choice of f. Let (X, D) be an lc pair. A **log-canonical center** (or an **lc center**) of (X, D) is an irreducible subvariety  $Z \subset X$  which is the image of an exceptional divisor with its discrepancy equal to -1 on a log-resolution of the pair (X, D). If (X, D) is lc but not klt, then it has at least one and at most a finite number of lc centers on X. If  $Z_1$  is an lc center and there is no other lc center  $Z_2$  such that  $Z_2 \supseteq Z_1$ , then  $Z_1$  is called a **maximal lc center** following [32].

After these basic notions, we recall a **refined log-resolution** of an lc pair with respect to an lc center, following [15] and [17]. We will use it to define the Kawamata metric (Definition 3.1). A refined log-resolution is a log-resolution where the morphism from an exceptional divisor E to an lc center Z is replaced by one from E to Z' (Z' is birational over Z) which satisfies better properties in terms of snc divisors.

More precisely, let Z be an (not necessarily minimal) lc center of an lc pair (X, D) and E an exceptional divisor with discrepancy -1 over Z. We choose a log-resolution  $f: X' \to X$  of (X, D) such that the following holds:

If we write the relative canonical divisor on X' as

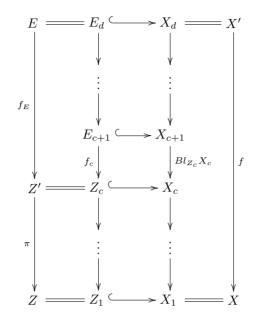
(3.1) 
$$K_{X'} = f^*(K_X + D) - E - D' - \Delta$$

(where D' is the birational transform of D and  $\Delta$  a combination of exceptional divisors whose coefficients are less than or equal to 1) and put

$$R_1 := (D' + \Delta)|_E,$$

then there exists a smooth variety Z', a morphism  $f_E: E \to Z'$ , a birational morphism  $\pi: Z' \to Z$  and a reduced (*i.e.*, all nonzero coefficients equal to 1) snc divisor  $Q_1$  on Z', satisfying the standard snc conditions (3.4) when we take  $f = f_E, X' = X = E, Y' = Y = Z', R = R_1$  and  $Q = Q_1$ .

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Then we apply Proposition 3.5 for a projective morphism satisfying the standard snc conditions, to the morphism  $f_E$  from the exceptional divisor E down to Z'. It follows that we can write

(3.2) 
$$K_E + R_1 = f_E^* (K_{Z'} + J + Q(R_1))$$

where J is a **Q**-line bundle and  $Q(R_1)$  is the unique smallest **Q**-divisor supported on  $Q_1$  among those satisfying

(3.3) 
$$(R_1)_v + f_E^*(Q_1 - Q(R_1)) \leqslant \operatorname{red}(f_E^*Q_1).$$

Note that  $Q(R_1)$  is not necessarily effective. Fix a smooth hermitian metric  $\gamma_J$  of the **Q**-line bundle J. We do not need any curvature property of  $\gamma_J$  or any property of the line bundle J. Let  $\eta_{Q(R_1)}$  be the singular metric associated to the divisor  $Q(R_1)$ . The product  $\gamma_J \cdot \eta_{Q(R_1)}$  gives a singular metric for the line bundle M' which is defined by  $K_{Z'} + M' = \pi^*(K_X + L)|_Z$  on  $\pi^{-1}(Z_{\text{reg}}) \subset Z'$ , when we denote the **Q**-line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(K_X + D)$  by  $K_X + L$ .

Let  $Z_0 \subset Z_{\text{reg}}$  be the largest open subset over which  $\pi$  is an isomorphism. There is a **Q**-line bundle M on  $Z_0$  such that  $K_{Z'} + M' = \pi^*(K_{Z_0} + M)$ . On  $Z_0$ , we can identify M' and M and define the following metric for M using  $Q(R_1)$  in (3.2).

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DEFINITION 3.1. — Let Z be an lc center of an lc pair (X, D) with  $D \ge 0$ . Choosing a refined log-resolution for Z as above and identifying  $M' \cong M$ , there is a singular hermitian metric h of M of the second kind (whose domain is  $Z_0$ ) given by  $(M, h) \cong (M', \gamma_J \cdot \eta_{Q(R_1)})$ . We call (M, h) a **Kawamata metric** on the lc center Z of the pair (X, D).

Note that a Kawamata metric depends on the choice of a log-resolution, the choice of  $\gamma_J$  and so on, which does not matter to our use of it. We use it to define the adjoint norm of a given section of  $(K_X + L)|_Z$  to be extended from Z, in the  $L^2$  extension Theorem 4.2.

The key property of a Kawamata metric is the next theorem, which shows that the adjoint norm in terms of a Kawamata metric is precisely what we need in formulating Theorem 4.2.

THEOREM 3.2. — Let  $Z \subset X$ ,  $K_X + L$  and h as in Definition 3.1. Let  $V \subset X_{\text{reg}}$  be a connected open Stein subset such that  $\emptyset \neq V \cap Z \subset Z_0$ . If given any singular hermitian line bundle (B, b) of the first kind on V and a section  $\tilde{s} \in \Gamma(V, K_X + L + B)$  with its restriction  $\tilde{s}|_Z$  on Z satisfying

$$\int_{V\cap Z} |\widetilde{s}|_Z|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z < \infty,$$

then the pullback  $f^*\tilde{s} \in \Gamma(f^{-1}(V), f^*(K_X + L + B))$  satisfies

$$\int_{f^{-1}(V)} |f^*\widetilde{s}|^2 \cdot \eta_{(D'+\Delta)} \cdot \gamma_{\mathcal{O}(E)} \cdot f^*b < \infty$$

where  $\eta_{(D'+\Delta)}$  is the singular metric associated to the divisor  $D' + \Delta$  in (3.1) and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}(E)}$  is any smooth hermitian metric of  $\mathcal{O}(E)$ .

*Proof.* — The idea of the proof is to use the relation between klt divisors and finiteness of adjoint norms (as in [16], (3.20)), especially for snc divisors.

Let L' be the line bundle on X' defined by the relation  $K_{X'} + L' = f^*(K_X + L)$ . We define **C**-vector subspaces  $\Gamma_1 \subset \Gamma(V, K_X + L + B)$  and  $\Gamma_2 \subset \Gamma(f^{-1}(V), K_{X'} + L' + f^*B)$  by

$$\Gamma_1 := \left\{ \widetilde{s} \in \Gamma(V, K_X + L + B) \middle| \int_{V \cap Z} |\widetilde{s}|_Z|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$\Gamma_2 := \left\{ \sigma \in \Gamma(f^{-1}(V), K_{X'} + L' + f^*B) \middle| \int_{f^{-1}(V)} |\sigma|^2 \cdot \eta_{(D'+\Delta)} \cdot \gamma_{\mathcal{O}(E)} \cdot f^*b \right\}$$
$$< \infty \right\}.$$

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We need to show that  $f^*\Gamma_1 \subset \Gamma_2$  as subspaces of  $\Gamma(f^{-1}(V), K_{X'}+L'+f^*B)$ . We will reduce this to showing the inclusion only of a dense subset of  $f^*\Gamma_1$  in a topology to be specified.

First using Demailly's approximation of psh functions by logarithms of holomorphic functions ([5], Section 6) on V, we can assume that the singular metric of the first kind b is given by an effective **Q**-divisor  $\beta$  (having  $\mathcal{J}(\beta) = \mathcal{J}(b)$ ). The divisor  $\beta$  itself is not necessarily snc. We replace the log-resolution f by another f, having additional intermediate blow-ups so that it factors through a log-resolution  $f_1: V' \to V$  of the pair  $(V, D + \beta)$ . We take this new log-resolution in such a way that

- (1) The divisor  $f_1^*\beta$  is snc.
- (2) The restriction of  $f_1^*\beta$  to the inverse image of  $V \cap Z$  (a subvariety in V') makes an snc divisor when it is added to the inverse image of  $Q(R_1)$  coming from  $\pi^{-1}(V \cap Z)$ .
- (3) The pullback  $f^*\beta$  makes an snc divisor when it is added to  $E + D' + \Delta$  on  $f^{-1}(V)$ . (This last condition is included in the fact that f is a log-resolution of the pair  $(V, D + \beta)$ .)

In the rest of the proof, we work with these snc divisors on  $f_1^{-1}\pi^{-1}(V \cap Z) \subset V'$  instead of on  $\pi^{-1}(V \cap Z) \cong V \cap Z \subset V$ . But for simplicity in notation, we will write under the notational assumption that the snc conditions as in 1),2) and 3) are being achieved at the level before going up by  $f_1$ .

Reduction of showing  $f^*\Gamma_1 \subset \Gamma_2$  to a dense subset of  $f^*\Gamma_1$  is given by the following lemma. First, we use the fact that the space of global sections  $\Gamma(V, \mathcal{F})$  is a topological vector space as a Fréchet space ([27], [3]) for a coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on a complex analytic space V. We always use this topology for **C**-vector spaces appearing as a subspace of some  $\Gamma(V, \mathcal{F})$ .

LEMMA 3.3. — The following subset of  $\Gamma_1$  is dense in  $\Gamma_1$ :

$$\{\widetilde{s} \in \Gamma_1 | \text{ The divisor } \pi^* \operatorname{div}(\widetilde{s}|_Z) + Q(R_1) + \pi^*(\beta|_Z) \text{ is snc} \\ \text{ on } \pi^{-1}(V \cap Z) \subset Z' \text{ and the divisor} \\ f^* \operatorname{div}(\widetilde{s}) + E + D' + \Delta \text{ is snc on } f^{-1}(V) \subset X' \}.$$

Proof. — Note that  $\pi : \pi^{-1}(V \cap Z) \to V \cap Z$  is isomorphism since  $V \cap Z \subset Z_0$ . We view  $V_1 := \pi^{-1}(V \cap Z)$  as a subvariety of V under this isomorphism.

The conclusion will follow from Proposition 2.15 and Corollary 3.7, once we have that  $\Gamma_1$  (being a subspace of  $\subset \Gamma(V, K_X + L + B)$ ) is itself given as the space of global sections of an invertible subsheaf of  $K_X + L + B$ . For Dano KIM

the restriction  $\Gamma_1|_{V_1}$ , this is given by Proposition 2.7. It then follows for  $\Gamma_1$  by extending the line bundle from  $V_1$  to V (which is given by the associated line bundle of a divisor extended from  $V_1$  to V). Since V is Stein, there is only one extension as a line bundle.

Using Lemma 3.3, it suffices to show that  $f^*\widetilde{s} \in \Gamma_2$  when the divisor  $\pi^* \operatorname{div}(\widetilde{s}|_Z) + Q(R_1) + \pi^*(\beta|_Z)$  is snc on  $\pi^{-1}(V \cap Z) \subset Z'$  and  $f^* \operatorname{div}(\widetilde{s}) + E + D' + \Delta$  is snc on  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X'$ . In that case, define  $s := \widetilde{s}|_Z$  and define **Q**-divisors

$$R_{2} := R_{1} - f^{*} \operatorname{div}(s) + f^{*}(\beta|_{Z})$$

$$Q_{2} := Q_{1} + \operatorname{red}(\pi^{*}(\operatorname{div}(s) + (\beta|_{Z}))) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\Theta := Q(R_{1}) - \pi^{*} \operatorname{div}(s) + \pi^{*}(\beta|_{Z}).$$

Then we have  $(R_2)_h = (R_1)_h$  and  $(R_2)_v = (R_1)_v - f^* \operatorname{div}(s) + f^*(\beta|_Z)$ . The following shows that  $Q(R_2) \leq \Theta$  (see the general definition of  $R \mapsto Q(R)$  in Proposition 3.5).

$$(R_{2})_{v} + f_{E}^{*}(Q_{2} - \Theta)$$

$$= (R_{1})_{v} - f^{*} \operatorname{div}(s) + f^{*}(\beta|_{Z}) + f_{E}^{*}(Q_{1} - Q(R_{1})) + f_{E}^{*}(\operatorname{red}(\pi^{*} \operatorname{div}(s) + \pi^{*}(\beta|_{Z}))) + f_{E}^{*}\pi^{*} \operatorname{div}(s) - f_{E}^{*}\pi^{*}(\beta|_{Z}))$$

$$\leq \operatorname{red}(f_{E}^{*}Q_{1}) + f_{E}^{*}(\operatorname{red}(\pi^{*} \operatorname{div}(s) + \pi^{*}(\beta|_{Z})))$$

$$= \operatorname{red}(f_{E}^{*}Q_{2})$$

where the inequality follows from (3.3) and the fact that  $f = f_E \circ \pi$  and the last equality from the fact that the divisor  $f_E^*(\operatorname{red}(\pi^* \operatorname{div}(s) + \pi^*(\beta|_Z)))$  is already reduced.

Now the finiteness of the norm with respect to the Kawamata metric

$$\int_{V \cap Z} |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z < \infty$$

implies that the pair  $(Z', \Theta = Q(R_1) - \pi^* \operatorname{div}(s) + \pi^*(\beta|_Z))$  is klt. Since  $Q(R_2) \leq \Theta$ , the pair  $(Z', Q(R_2))$  is also klt, which implies that  $(E, R_2)$  is klt by Proposition 3.5. Note that  $R_2$  on  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X'$  is the snc divisor  $R_2 = (D' + \Delta - f^* \operatorname{div}(\tilde{s}) + f^*(\beta))|_E$ . The kltness of an snc divisor is simply characterized by its coefficients [16, (3.19.3)], so the pair  $(X', D' + \Delta - f^* \operatorname{div}(\tilde{s}) + f^*(\beta))$  is klt by [16, (7.4)] (or also by [16, (7.2.1.2)]). Thus we have

$$\int_{f^{-1}(V)} |f^*\widetilde{s}|^2 \cdot \eta_{(D'+\Delta)} \cdot \gamma_{\mathcal{O}(E)} \cdot f^*b < \infty$$

Theorem 3.2 is proved.

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#### 3.2. Appendix

We first give the following definition of a property of a projective morphism f between complex analytic spaces given as analytic open subsets of varieties.

DEFINITION 3.4 (Standard snc conditions ([17] (8.3.6)). — We say that  $f: X \to Y$ , a divisor  $R \subset X$  and a reduced divisor  $Q \subset Y$  satisfy the standard snc conditions if the following hold :

- (1) f is the restriction of a surjective projective morphism  $f : X' \to Y'$  between smooth varieties on a connected open (in the analytic topology) subset  $Y \subseteq Y'$ ,
- (2)  $R + f^*Q$  and Q are snc divisors,
- (3) f is smooth over  $Y \setminus Q$ ,
- (4)  $R_v$  is supported in  $f^{-1}(Q)$ , and
- (5)  $R_h$  is a relative snc divisor <sup>(1)</sup> over  $Y \setminus Q$ , that is:

for each closed point x of X, there exists an open neighborhood U and  $u_1, \dots, u_k \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  inducing a regular system of parameters on  $f^{-1}(f(x))$  at x where  $k = \dim_x f^{-1}(f(x))$  such that  $R_h \cap U = \{u_1 \cdots u_l = 0\}$  for some l such that  $0 \leq l \leq k$  ([6]).

PROPOSITION 3.5. — Let  $f: X \to Y$  and R, Q satisfy the standard snc conditions (Definition 3.4). Assume that the **Q**-line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(K_X + R)$  is the pullback under f of a **Q**-line bundle on Y. Let  $R = R_h + R_v$  be the horizontal and the vertical parts of R. Assume that  $R_h \ge 0$  and that each coefficient of a component of  $R_h$  is less than 1.

Then there is the unique smallest  $\mathbf{Q}$ -divisor supported on Q among those satisfying

$$R_v + f^*(Q - Q(R)) \leqslant \operatorname{red}(f^*Q)$$

and we denote the divisor by Q(R). Moreover, the pair (Y, Q(R)) is klt if and only if (X, R) is klt.

*Proof.* — See Theorem 8.3.7 of [17].

On the other hand, the following is the analogue of the Bertini theorem on a complex manifold and its corollary, which we used in the proof of Theorem 3.2.

PROPOSITION 3.6. — Let W be a complex manifold and M a holomorphic line bundle on W. Suppose that a vector subspace  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma(W, M)$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> We note that according to [15], (8.3.6.4) of [17] should read that  $R_h$  is a relative snc divisor instead of R.

generates the line bundle M. Then the subset of smooth divisors in the topological vector space  $\Gamma$  is dense.

Proof. — As in the statement, we will often identify a section in  $\Gamma$  with the divisor defined by the section. We will show how the argument in the proof of the original Bertini theorem in [9, pp.137-138] is adapted in our situation. Suppose that the subset of smooth divisors in  $\Gamma$  is not dense. (\*): Then there exists an open subset  $f + \Omega$  of the topological vector space  $\Gamma$ , where  $f \in \Gamma$  is an element and  $\Omega$  is an open neighborhood of the origin, such that each divisor in  $f + \Omega$  has a singular point.

By definition of a topological vector space, for any  $x \in \Gamma$ , the scalar multiplication map  $\mathbf{C} \to \Gamma$  sending  $\alpha$  to  $\alpha x$  is continuous. Therefore the set  $\{\alpha \in \mathbf{C} | \alpha x \in \Omega\}$  is an open set in  $\mathbf{C}$  containing 0. It follows that any  $x \in \Gamma$  has some scalar multiple  $\alpha x \in \Omega$  for some  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Now define a set V of points on W as  $V := \{P \in W | \text{there exists a divisor } D_P \in \Gamma \text{ such that } P \text{ is a singular point of } D_P \}.$ 

For each finite dimensional subspace  $\Gamma_1$  of  $\Gamma$ , the subset of V given by singular points of divisors in  $\Gamma_1$  is an analytic subset of W, as is explained in [9, p.138] for the case of a pencil. So V is the countable union of analytic subsets of W.

Since  $\Gamma$  generates the line bundle M, there exists a section  $g \in \Gamma$  which is nonzero at (at least) one singular point of  $\operatorname{div}(f)$ . (By definition of  $f + \Omega$ ,  $\operatorname{div}(f)$  has a singular point.) Consider the linear system  $\Gamma_{f,g}$  generated by f and g. Let  $V_1 \subset W$  be the analytic subset which is precisely composed of singular points of divisors in  $\Gamma_{f,g}$ . Let B be the base locus of  $\Gamma_{f,g}$ , that is, the analytic subset of W given by f = g = 0. By the above choice of g, we have  $V_1 \subsetneq \operatorname{div}(g)$ . By the calculation with local equations of f and g in [9, pp.137-138], the ratio function  $\frac{f}{g}$  is constant on every connected component of  $V_1 - B$ .

Considering those divisors  $f + \lambda g \in f + \Omega$  arising from (\*), we get contradiction since  $V_1 - B$  meets infinitely many divisors given by those  $f + \lambda g$ 's.

COROLLARY 3.7. — Let W be a complex manifold and  $\sum S_i$  a reduced snc divisor on W. Let M be a line bundle on W which is generated by its global sections. Then the subset in  $\Gamma(W, M)$  of those sections s having  $\operatorname{div}(s) + \sum S_i$  snc, is dense.

*Proof.* — This immediately follows from Proposition 3.6, as in [18, (9.1.9)]. Note that when a line bundle M is generated by Γ(W, M), the restricted line bundle  $M|_S$  to a submanifold S ⊂ W is not only generated by Γ(S,  $M|_S$ ), but also generated by the restricted sections (Γ(W, M))|<sub>S</sub>. □

#### 4. $L^2$ extension

In this section, we prove our main result Theorem 4.2.

#### 4.1. Statement of the main theorem

First we recall the following  $L^2$  extension theorem of Siu [30] which he used in his proof of invariance of plurigenera for smooth projective varieties not necessarily of general type.

THEOREM 4.1 (Siu, [30]). — Let  $\pi : \mathcal{X} \to \Delta$  be a smooth family of projective varieties over the unit disk  $\Delta \subset \mathbf{C}$ . Let  $\mathcal{X}_0$  be the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(0)$ over the point  $0 \in \Delta$ , which is a smooth projective variety. Let (B, b) be any line bundle having a singular metric with nonnegative curvature current on  $\mathcal{X}$  and let  $K_{\mathcal{X}}$  be the canonical line bundle of  $\mathcal{X}$ . If  $s \in H^0(K_{\mathcal{X}_0} + B|_{\mathcal{X}_0})$  is a holomorphic section with

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}_0} |s|^2 \cdot b|_{\mathcal{X}_0} < \infty,$$

then it can be extended to a holomorphic section  $\tilde{s} \in H^0(K_{\mathcal{X}} + B)$  (that is,  $\tilde{s}|_{\mathcal{X}_0} = s$ ) such that

(4.1) 
$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} |\widetilde{s}|^2 \cdot b \leqslant C \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} |s|^2 \cdot b|_{X_0}$$

where C is a universal constant.

In the proof of Theorem 4.1, an important role is played by a real-valued function of the type  $\log(|\omega|^2 + \epsilon^2)$  where  $\omega$  is the global equation for the divisor  $\mathcal{X}_0$  in  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\epsilon$  is an auxiliary variable (for which we will take  $\epsilon \to 0$ ). In our setting of  $Z \subset X$ , a subvariety of codimension k of a projective variety, we need a similar function replacing  $|\omega|^2$  by  $|\omega_1|^2 + \cdots + |\omega_k|^2$ where  $\omega_1 = \cdots = \omega_k = 0$  give the equations for Z in X. Of course, we cannot have one set of such global equations. Instead, we only need the existence of a globally defined function  $\lambda$  which satisfies conditions (4.6) and (4.7) with respect to local equations of Z. Such a function  $\lambda$  can be constructed in the following setting of a maximal log-canonical center which gives our main result Theorem 4.2.

Let X be a normal projective variety and  $D \ge 0$  an effective **Q**-divisor such that the pair (X, D) is log-canonical. Let Z be an irreducible subvariety of X which is a maximal log-canonical center of (X, D). Let A be any ample **Q**-line bundle. There is an effective **Q**-divisor (which we also denote Dano KIM

by A) whose associated line bundle is A such that we still have the pair (X, D + A) log-canonical and  $Z \subset X$  a maximal log-canonical center of (X, D + A). Let L be the **Q**-line bundle on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  given by  $\mathcal{O}(D + A)$  on  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . We denote the **Q**-line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(K_X + D) \otimes \mathcal{O}(A)$  on X by  $K_X + L$ . Let  $D_1 = D + A$ .

THEOREM 4.2 ( $L^2$  extension). — Let  $Z \subset X$  be a maximal log-canonical center of a log-canonical pair  $(X, D_1)$  where  $D_1$  is an effective **Q**-divisor as above. Assume that Z is not contained in  $X_{\text{sing}}$ . Let h be a Kawamata metric (Definition 3.1) of the log-canonical center Z of the pair  $(X, D_1)$ . Then there exist

- a constant  $C = C_{((X,D_1),Z)}$  and
- a singular metric of the second kind  $g = g_{((X,D_1),Z)}$  of L which is bounded away from zero and whose domain is  $X_{reg}$

such that the following holds: If given any **Q**-line bundle B on X with  $(K_X + L) + B$  being an integral line bundle, any singular hermitian metric b of the first kind of B on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  and any holomorphic section  $s \in \Gamma(Z, (K_X + L)|_Z + B|_Z)$  satisfying

(4.2) 
$$\int_{Z} |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_{Z} < \infty,$$

then there exists a holomorphic section  $\tilde{s} \in \Gamma(X, (K_X + L) + B)$  such that  $\tilde{s}|_Z = s$  and

$$\int_X |\widetilde{s}|^2 \cdot g \cdot b \leqslant C \int_Z |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z.$$

The constant  $C = C_{((X,D_1),Z)}$  and the singular metric  $g = g_{((X,D_1),Z)}$  of L are independent of (B,b) and the section s. (end of the statement)

The condition on g to be bounded away from zero is precisely what we need in the proof of this theorem (in Step 7) and in its application (for example, in (5.1)).

The proof of Theorem 4.2 is in the next section. To construct the function  $\lambda$  mentioned before the statement, we apply Siu's theorem on global generation of multiplier ideal sheaves to the sheaf (4.4). We take the *q*-th roots  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  of *k* of the generating global sections and take (4.5) in Step 2. The use of an arbitrary ample **Q**-line bundle *A* in the statement is completely limited to this step. We note that, for any positive integer  $a \ge 1$ , we can use  $\frac{1}{a}A$  the same way : for the line bundle  $K_X + L_a = \mathcal{O}(K_X + D + \frac{1}{a}A)$ , we take *aq*-th roots of sections of

(4.3) 
$$aqL_a \otimes \mathcal{J}(aqD) = \mathcal{O}(K_X + pA_0 + aqD) \otimes \mathcal{J}(aqD)$$

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instead of (4.4). This gives a sequence of functions  $\{\lambda_a\}$   $(a \ge 1)$  except the special case of the lc center Z being a Cartier divisor in X. For a simple example, suppose that Z is a smooth divisor and D = Z. Then the multiplier ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{J}(aqD)$  is equal to the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(-aqD)$  and the sheaf in (4.3) is constantly  $\mathcal{O}(K_X + pA_0)$  for any aq. So there is no sequence whose limit to take: on the other hand, for a divisor case without A, we have the following example where  $L^2$  extension cannot be obtained (since  $L^2$  extension as in Theorem 4.2 implies pluriadjoint extension as in Theorem 5.3 as we will see in Section 5).

Example 4.3. — Let Y be a smooth projective variety which is a fiber of the product  $X := Y \times \mathbf{P}^1$ . Then no multiple  $\mathcal{O}(m(K_X + Y))$  has a nonzero holomorphic section while we can take Y to be one with many sections of  $\mathcal{O}_Y(mK_Y)$  for  $m \ge 1$ . So we do not have surjectivity of the restriction map  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}(m(K_X + Y))) \to \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}(mK_Y))$  for any  $m \ge 1$ .

In typical application of  $L^2$  extension in algebraic geometry, the interest is in the existence of a section of  $K_X + L$ . The special case of L being equivalent to Z + D' where Z is a Cartier divisor and  $D' \ge 0$ , is either essentially equivalent to the existence of a section or reduces the existence of a section to a smaller line bundle. Such a case will be excluded in a modified setting of lc centers.

#### 4.2. Proof of the main theorem

The proof of Theorem 4.2 is divided into the following steps.

- Step 0. Choice of a hyperplane section  $H \subset X$
- Step 1. A tubular neighborhood of Z given by the union of open sets  $W_{\ell}$  or  $V_{\ell}$
- Step 2. Construction of the function  $\lambda : \Omega_t \to \mathbf{R}$
- Step 3. Setup of the  $\partial$  equation
- Step 4. Introducing two factors  $\mathrm{I}^*$  and  $\mathrm{II}^*$
- Step 5. Inequality II  $\geqslant$  II\*
- Step 6. Inequality  $I \geqslant I^*$
- Step 7. From each  $\Omega_t$  to  $X \setminus H$ , to X

In Step 0, we first choose multi-valued holomorphic sections  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  of L cutting out  $\mathcal{J}(D)$  on a Zariski open subset of  $X_{\text{reg}}$ , which will be used in Step 2, as explained in the previous section. Then we choose a hyperplane section  $H \subset X$  satisfying appropriate conditions and most of our steps in this proof will be on the complement  $X \setminus H$  to obtain the wanted extension on  $X \setminus H$  in Step 7. At the end of Step 7, we apply our version of the

Riemann extension theorem, Proposition 2.18, to extend the section on  $X \setminus H$  across H, to X.

More precisely, the  $\overline{\partial}$  equation is defined and solved (Steps 2,3,4,5,6) on each  $\Omega_t$ , a member of an increasing exhaustion sequence of relatively compact Stein open subsets so that  $\cup_{t \ge 1} \Omega_t = X \setminus H$  (as in the setup before Proposition 2.17).

4.2.1. Setup of the  $\overline{\partial}$  equation

**Step 0**. Choice of a hyperplane section  $H \subset X$ 

First we fix a very ample integral line bundle  $A_0$  on X. For the ample **Q**line bundle A, we can write  $A = \frac{p}{q}A_0 + \frac{1}{q}K_X$  with some integers  $p \ge n+1$ and q > 1. Then by Siu's theorem on global generation of multiplier ideal sheaves ([29] Proposition 1, also [18] (9.4.26)), the sheaf on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  (with qLan integral line bundle )

(4.4) 
$$qL \otimes \mathcal{J}(qD) = \mathcal{O}(K_X + pA_0 + qD) \otimes \mathcal{J}(qD)$$

is generated by its global sections  $\Gamma$  on  $X_{\text{reg}}$ . We have the subadditivity property ([18] (9.5.20))  $\mathcal{J}(qD) \subseteq (\mathcal{J}(D))^q$ . Then there is a proper (possibly reducible) subvariety  $X_1 \subsetneq X$  given by the image of some exceptional divisors under the log resolution of (X, D), such that  $\mathcal{J}(qD) = (\mathcal{J}(D))^q$ on the open complement  $X \setminus X_1$ . Moreover, we can choose k multi-valued sections  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  (being the q-th roots of k sections of  $\Gamma$ ) such that they give the local equations of  $Z_{\text{reg}}$  around each point of  $Z_{\text{reg}} \setminus (X_1 \cup X_2)$  where  $X_2 \subsetneq X$  is another proper (possibly reducible) subvariety of X. Recall that the open subset  $Z_0 \subset Z$  is the domain of the Kawamata metric h.

Let  $H \subset X$  be a hyperplane section in a projective embedding of  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ such that

- $Z \nsubseteq H$ .
- $(X_{\text{sing}} \cup Z_{\text{sing}} \cup (Z \setminus Z_0) \cup X_1 \cup X_2) \subset H.$
- *H* contains the divisor  $\operatorname{div}(s)$  (*i.e.*, the zero set and the pole set) of a meromorphic section *s* of *L* on *X* so that the line bundle is trivialized on  $X \setminus H$ . We choose *s* such that  $Z \not\subseteq \operatorname{div}(s)$ .

In addition, take another divisor  $H_B \subset X$ , a hyperplane section in a projective embedding of  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  such that

- $Z \nsubseteq H_B$ .
- $H_B$  contains the divisor div(s) (*i.e.*, the zero set and the pole set) of a meromorphic section s of B on X so that the line bundle is trivialized on  $X \setminus H_B$ . We choose s such that  $Z \nsubseteq \operatorname{div}(s)$ .

We fix an increasing exhaustion sequence of relatively compact Stein open subsets  $\{\Omega_t\}_{t \ge 1}$  of the affine variety  $X \setminus (H \cup H_B)$  as in Section 2.3.

Now let  $g_1$  be the singular metric of the first kind on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  associated to the effective **Q**-divisor  $D_1$ . Since the line bundle L is trivialized on  $X \setminus (H \cup H_B)$ ,  $g_1$  is given by a single function  $e^{-\varphi}$  where  $\varphi$  is a psh function on  $X \setminus H$ . On each  $\Omega_t$ , one can use the holomorphic tangent vector fields to regularize the psh function  $\varphi$  by [29]. We fix one such sequence  $g_{\nu}(=g_{1,t,\nu})$ of regularizing smooth hermitian metrics of  $g_1$  on  $\Omega_t$  such that the weight function of  $g_{\nu}$  converges to that of  $g_1$  as the index  $\nu \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  goes to  $\infty$ . Similarly to  $(L, g_1)$ , we regularize the singular metric (B, b) on each  $\Omega_t$  and denote the sequence of regularized metrics by  $b_{\nu}(\nu = 1, 2, 3, \cdots)$  converging to b as  $\nu \to \infty$ .

**Step 1**. A tubular neighborhood of Z given by the union of open sets  $W_{\ell}$  or  $V_{\ell}$ 

To setup our  $\overline{\partial}$  equation, we need to choose and fix a finite collection of open subsets of  $X \setminus H$  whose union contains  $Z \setminus H$ . We will have two different kinds (W's and V's) of such collection of open subsets, both of which can be regarded as giving a tubular neighborhood of the subvariety  $Z \setminus H$ .

First, we take and fix a finite collection of open sets  $W_1, \dots, W_{\mu_0}$  of  $X \setminus H$  such that  $W_{\ell} \cap Z \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\ell$  and  $(Z \setminus H) \subset W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_{\mu_0}$ . On each  $W_{\ell}$ , we take a local analytic coordinate system  $(z_1^{(\ell)}, \dots, z_n^{(\ell)})$  where the solution set of  $\{z_1^{(\ell)} = 0, \dots, z_k^{(\ell)} = 0\}$  gives  $Z \cap W_{\ell}$  and moreover we can assume that

$$W_{\ell} = \left\{ (z_1^{(\ell)}, \cdots, z_n^{(\ell)}) \ \middle| \quad \sum_{i=1}^k |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2 < \epsilon_0^{k+1}, \sum_{j=k+1}^n |z_j^{(\ell)}|^2 < 1 \right\}$$

for  $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ . For each choice of such an analytic coordinate system, we let

$$W_{\ell}(\epsilon) := \left\{ (z_1^{(\ell)}, \cdots, z_n^{(\ell)}) \ \middle| \quad \sum_{i=1}^k |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2 < \epsilon^{k+1}, \sum_{j=k+1}^n |z_j^{(\ell)}|^2 < 1 \right\}$$

for  $\epsilon < \epsilon_0$ . Note that  $W_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  is a Stein manifold since it is the product of two Stein manifolds.

Second, for  $\epsilon < \epsilon_0$ , we take another finite collection of open subsets  $V_1(\epsilon), \dots, V_{\mu}(\epsilon)$  such that each  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  is contained in some  $W_{\ell'}(\epsilon)$  and moreover,  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  is the product of the set  $\{\sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_i^{(\ell')}|^2 < \epsilon^{k+1}\}$  and an open subset of  $\{\sum_{j=k+1}^{n} |z_j^{(\ell')}|^2 < 1\}$ . Unlike  $W_{\ell'}$ 's, we do not need  $V_{\ell}$  to be Stein but we require the overlaps between different  $V_{\ell}$ 's to be sufficiently small. More precisely, let  $\omega$  be the volume of the set of points in  $V_1(\epsilon) \cup \cdots \cup V_{\mu}(\epsilon)$  belonging to more than one  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon)$ . Then  $\omega$  is a function of  $\epsilon$ , and  $\omega$  is sufficiently small when we take the limit  $\epsilon \to 0$  later. We use the fact that  $\omega$  is sufficiently small at one point, when we use the Twisted Basic Estimate after Lemma 4.4. We note that we can obtain these  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon)$ 's by replacing each  $W_{\ell'}$  by the union of small enough open sets  $V_{\ell}$  of the above product type, whose union may leave some part of  $W_{\ell'}$  uncovered. We will often use the same  $\ell$  to denote the index both for W's and for V's, which will not cause confusion. The index  $\ell$  for  $V_{\ell}$  should also be interpreted as equal to the index  $\ell'$  for one  $W_{\ell'}$  containing  $V_{\ell}$ , thus allowing  $\ell'$  to be denoted by  $\ell$ .

To define the right hand side of our  $\overline{\partial}$  equation in Step 3, we need to take unconditioned local extension of the given section  $s \in \Gamma(Z, (K_X + L)|_Z + B|_Z)$  from each  $Z \cap W_\ell$  to  $W_\ell$ . So we fix the following data, the first for W's and the second for V's:

- First, on each  $W_{\ell}$ , a local frame (*i.e.*, a local nonvanishing section)  $\theta_{\ell}^{L}$  of L, a local frame  $\theta_{\ell}^{B}$  of B for each  $\ell \in \{1, \dots, \mu_{0}\}$ . Also the local frame  $\theta_{\ell}^{K}$  of  $K_{X}$  determined by an orthonormal coframe  $\overline{\omega}_{1}, \dots, \overline{\omega}_{n}$ in  $W_{\ell}$ , as in Section 2.4. Denote the product  $\theta_{\ell}^{L} \theta_{\ell}^{B}$  by  $\theta_{\ell}$ . We have the local frame  $\theta_{\ell}^{K} \theta_{\ell}$  of the line bundle  $K_{X} + L + B$  on  $W_{\ell}$ .
- Second, a  $C^{\infty}$  partition of unity  $\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_{\mu}$  subordinate to the covering  $\{V_{\ell}\}$  such that  $\sum \vartheta_{\ell} = 1$  in a neighborhood of  $Z \setminus H$ .

If the given section s is represented by a holomorphic function  $a \in \mathcal{O}_{Z \cap W_{\ell}}$ up to the above local frames in  $W_{\ell}$ , that is, if  $s|_{V_{\ell}} = a \cdot \theta_{\ell}^{K} \theta_{\ell}|_{Z}$ , then we set the local extension on  $W_{\ell}$  to be

$$\widetilde{s}_{\ell} := \widetilde{a}_{\ell} \cdot \theta_{\ell}^{K} \theta_{\ell}$$

where  $\tilde{a}_{\ell} \in \mathcal{O}_{W_{\ell}}$  is a holomorphic extension of a (that is,  $\tilde{a}_{\ell}|_{Z} = a$ ) in  $W_{\ell}$  which simply exists since  $W_{\ell}$  is Stein. We do not need any particular condition on this local extension  $\tilde{s}_{\ell}$ . Now using the above partition of unity, we define a (L+B)-valued (n,0) form on  $V_{\ell}$  (note our convention of using the index  $\ell$  between V's and W's as in the above ) by

$$\sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon) := \chi\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_{i}^{(\ell)}|^{2}}{\epsilon^{k+1}}\right) \cdot \vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s_{\ell}}$$

where  $\chi$  is a fixed cut-off function of one real variable as in [30], p.246. That is, the support of  $\chi$  is in [0,1],  $\chi \equiv 1$  on  $[0, \frac{\delta}{2}]$  and  $|\chi'(x)| \leq 1 + \delta$  for  $x \in [0,1]$  where  $0 < \delta \ll 1$  is a constant. We do not need to let  $\delta \to 0$ .

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**Step 2**. Construction of the function  $\lambda = \lambda(t, \nu, \epsilon) : \Omega_t \to \mathbf{R}_{\geq 1}$ 

Since  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  from Step 0 generate  $\mathcal{J}(D)$  on  $X \setminus H$ , there exists a constant  $\tau_0 > 0$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^k |s_j|_{g_\nu}^2 \leq \tau_0$  for all  $\nu \ge 1$ . We take the following family of **R**-valued functions

(4.5) 
$$\lambda = \lambda(t,\nu,\epsilon,\tau) = \tau - \log\left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} |s_j|_{g_{\nu}}^2 + \hat{\epsilon}^2\right)$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon \cdot g_{\nu}$  (note that the metric  $g_{\nu}$  is given as a single function, say  $e^{-\varphi_{\nu}}$  on  $\Omega_t$ ),  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $\tau \ge 1 + \log(\tau_0 + \hat{\epsilon_0}^2)$ . Then for all  $(t, \nu, \epsilon, \tau)$ , the function satisfies  $\lambda(t, \nu, \epsilon, \tau) \ge 1$  on  $\Omega_t$  and also as real smooth (1, 1) forms

(4.6) 
$$\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{g_{\nu}}(L) + \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}(-\lambda(t,\nu,\epsilon,\tau)) \ge 0$$

on  $\Omega_t$  and

$$(4.7) \ \sqrt{-1}\Theta_{g_{\nu}}(L) + \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}(-\lambda(t,\nu,\epsilon,\tau)) \ge \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\log\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_{i}^{(\ell)}|^{2} + \epsilon^{2}\right)$$

on  $\Omega_t \cap V_\ell$  for each  $\ell$ .

#### **Step 3**. Setup of the $\overline{\partial}$ equation

We formulate our main  $\overline{\partial}$  equation in terms of Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_q :=$ 

 $\mathcal{L}^{2}_{(n,q)}(\Omega_{t}, L+B, g_{\nu}b_{\nu})$  for q=0, 1, 2. The  $\overline{\partial}$  equation and its solution is in terms of the indices  $(t, \nu, \epsilon)$ , fixing one value of  $\tau$  for which we do not take a limit. Later we take the limit involving the solution as  $\epsilon \to 0, \nu \to \infty$ and  $t \to \infty$ .

Following [22], [34], we use the functions  $\eta = \lambda + r(\lambda)$  and  $\gamma = \frac{(1+r'(\lambda))^2}{-r''(\lambda)}$ for each case of  $\lambda = \lambda(t, \nu, \epsilon, \tau)$  to define the modified  $\overline{\partial}$  operators  $T := \overline{\partial}((\sqrt{\eta + \gamma}) \cdot)$  and  $S := (\sqrt{\eta})\overline{\partial}(\cdot)$  as in the discussion before Proposition 2.19. Note the domains and ranges:  $T : \mathcal{H}_0 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $S : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$ . Now our  $\overline{\partial}$  equation is

(4.8) 
$$Tv = \alpha_{\epsilon} := \overline{\partial} \Big( \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon) \Big).$$

where the (L+B)-valued (n, 0) form  $\sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  is as defined at the end of Step 1.

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#### 4.2.2. Two main inequalities and the extension

#### Step 4. Introducing two factors $I^*$ and $II^*$

It is a standard lemma from functional analysis [30, (3.2)] that solving (4.8) is equivalent to showing that there exists a constant  $C_2$  satisfying the inequality

(4.9) 
$$|\langle\!\langle u, \alpha_{\epsilon} \rangle\!\rangle|^2 \leq (C_2 \int_Z |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z) \cdot (||T^*u||^2 + ||Su||^2) =: \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{II}$$

for all  $u \in \text{Dom}(T^*) \cap \text{Dom}(S) \subset \mathcal{H}_1$ . We will do this for all sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ . We denote the first factor of (4.9) by I and the second by II.

First, we have the following inequalities for the left hand side of (4.9) by the fact that  $\sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  is supported on  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle\!\langle u, \alpha_{\epsilon} \rangle\!\rangle|^{2} &= |\int_{\Omega_{t}} \langle u, \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \overline{\partial} \sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon) \rangle_{g_{\nu}b_{\nu}} dV|^{2} \\ &\leqslant |\int_{V_{1}(\epsilon) \cap \Omega_{t}} \langle u, \overline{\partial} \sigma_{1}(\epsilon) \rangle_{g_{\nu}b_{\nu}} dV + \dots + \int_{V_{\mu}(\epsilon) \cap \Omega_{t}} \langle u, \overline{\partial} \sigma_{\mu}(\epsilon) \rangle_{g_{\nu}b_{\nu}} dV|^{2} \\ (4.10) &\leqslant \mu \cdot \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} |\int_{V_{\ell}(\epsilon) \cap \Omega_{t}} \langle u, \overline{\partial} \sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon) \rangle_{g_{\nu}b_{\nu}} dV|^{2} =: \mu \cdot \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} S_{\ell} . \end{aligned}$$

In order to take a local expression in  $V_{\ell}$  of each summand  $S_{\ell}$  of the last line, we fix an orthonormal basis of (n, 1) forms  $\omega_I \wedge \overline{\omega}_1, \dots, \omega_I \wedge \overline{\omega}_n$  where  $\omega_I$ is the (n, 0) form  $\omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_n$ . We then write  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \theta_\ell \otimes \omega_I \wedge \overline{\omega}_i$  in  $V_{\ell}$ where  $\theta_\ell$  is a local frame of L + B we fixed before. Let  $e^{-\varphi} = g_{\nu} b_{\nu}(\theta_{\ell}, \theta_{\ell})$ . Now we consider

$$(4.11) \ \overline{\partial}\sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon^{k+1}} \cdot \chi' \cdot \overline{\partial} \Big( \sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_{i}^{(\ell)}|^{2} \Big) \cdot \vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s}_{\ell} + \chi \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_{i}^{(\ell)}|^{2}}{\epsilon^{k+1}} \right) \cdot \overline{\partial}(\vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s}_{\ell}).$$

Determine the component functions  $\zeta_i$ 's by writing

$$\overline{\partial}(\sum_{i=1}^k |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2) = \sum_{i=1}^k z_i d\overline{z}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \zeta_i \overline{\omega}_i.$$

Since  $\int_{V_{\ell}(\epsilon)\cap\Omega_{t}} |\langle u, \chi\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k}|z_{i}^{(\ell)}|^{2}}{\epsilon^{k+1}}\right) \cdot \overline{\partial}(\vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s}_{\ell}) \rangle_{g} | dV$  goes to zero as  $\epsilon \to 0$ , it suffices to consider only the first term of the right hand side of (4.11) to be taken inner product with u for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ . So we have the following, for a constant  $0.9 < C_{7} < 1$  which is independent of u and

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 $(t,\nu,\epsilon)$  (also defining  $\widetilde{s}'_{\ell}$  by  $\widetilde{s}_{\ell} = \widetilde{s}'_{\ell}\omega_I$  and  $\hat{V} := V_{\ell}(\epsilon) \cap \Omega_t$ ):

$$C_{7} \cdot S_{\ell} \leqslant \left( \int_{\hat{V}} \sum_{i=1}^{k} |u_{i}\zeta_{i} \frac{\chi' \cdot \vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s}'_{\ell}}{\epsilon^{k+1}} |e^{-\varphi} dV \right)^{2}$$

$$(4.12)$$

$$\leqslant \left( \int_{\hat{V}} |\widetilde{s}'_{\ell}|^{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k} |\zeta_{i}|^{2} \right) \frac{|\chi'|^{2}}{\epsilon^{2k+2}} |\vartheta_{\ell}|^{2} \frac{K^{2}}{\epsilon^{2}} e^{-\varphi} dV \right) \left( \int_{\hat{V}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k} |u_{i}|^{2} \right) \frac{\epsilon^{2}}{K^{2}} e^{-\varphi} dV \right)$$

$$(4.13)$$

$$\leqslant \left( \frac{C_{1}}{\epsilon^{2k}} \int_{\hat{V}} |\widetilde{s}'_{\ell}|^{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k} |\zeta_{i}|^{2} \right) e^{-\varphi} dV \right) \left( \int_{\hat{V}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k} |u_{i}|^{2} \right) \frac{\epsilon^{2}}{K^{2}} e^{-\varphi} dV \right) =: \frac{1}{\mu} I_{\ell}^{*} \cdot II_{\ell}^{*}$$

for a positive constant  $C_1$ , using Cauchy-Schwarz and introducing the factor  $\frac{K^2}{\epsilon^2}$  where  $K := \sum_{i=1}^k |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2 + \epsilon^2$ . We call  $\mu$  times the first factor of (4.13) as  $I_{\ell}^*$  and the second factor as  $II_{\ell}^*$ . We will show the inequalities of the types  $I \ge I_{\ell}^*$  and  $II \ge II^* := \sum_{\ell} II_{\ell}^*$  (up to some constants multiplied) relating (4.13) and (4.9).

#### **Step 5**. Inequality $II \ge II^*$

The actual inequality we will have is not  $\Pi \ge \Pi^*$ , but  $\Pi \ge C_6 \cdot \Pi^*$  for a constant  $C_6$  as we will see below. We start with the following lemma, which is local calculation in  $V_{\ell}$ .

LEMMA 4.4. — Let  $\kappa(\epsilon)$  be the function  $\log(\sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2 + \epsilon^2) = \log K$ . Then we have the inequality

$$(\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}(\kappa(\epsilon))(u,u)_{g_{\nu}b_{\nu}} \ge \frac{\epsilon^2}{K^2} \cdot (|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_k|^2)e^{-\varphi}.$$

Proof. — For simplicity in notation, we suppress the notation of the metric  $g_{\nu}b_{\nu} = e^{-\varphi}$  in the following. Using the second derivatives (for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j$ )

$$\frac{\partial^2 \kappa(\epsilon)}{\partial \overline{\omega}_i \partial \omega_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k |z_i|^2 + \epsilon^2 - \overline{\zeta}_i \cdot \zeta_i}{K^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \kappa(\epsilon)}{\partial \overline{\omega}_j \partial \omega_i} = \frac{-\overline{\zeta}_i \cdot \zeta_j}{K^2},$$

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we have the left hand side equal to

$$\begin{split} &= \sum_{j=1}^{k} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} |z_i|^2 + \epsilon^2 - |\zeta_j|^2}{K^2} \cdot |u_j|^2 - \frac{1}{K^2} \cdot \sum_{1 \leqslant i < j \leqslant k} (\zeta_i \overline{\zeta}_j u_i \overline{u}_j + \overline{\zeta}_i \zeta_j \overline{u}_i u_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \cdot (|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_k|^2) - \frac{1}{K^2} \cdot |\sum_{j=1}^{k} u_j \zeta_j|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{K^2} \cdot \left( (|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_k|^2) \cdot \epsilon^2 + (|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_k|^2) (|\zeta_1|^2 + \dots + |\zeta_k|^2) \right. \\ &\quad - |\sum_{j=1}^{k} u_j \zeta_j|^2 \right) \\ &\geqslant \frac{1}{K^2} \cdot \left( (|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_k|^2) \cdot \epsilon^2 \right), \end{split}$$

where the inequality holds by Cauchy-Schwarz. Note that the inequality degenerates to an equality when Z is of codimension 1.  $\square$ 

Next, we use Proposition 2.19 (Twisted Basic Estimate of [22]) for each regularized metric  $g_{\nu}b_{\nu}$  of L+B and  $\epsilon > 0$  (so that  $\lambda$  and  $\eta$  are  $C^2$ ) to get:

$$\begin{split} \|T^*u\|^2 + \|Su\|^2 \\ &\geqslant \int_{\Omega_t} (\eta\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{g_\nu b_\nu}(L+B) - \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\eta - \frac{1}{\gamma}\sqrt{-1}\partial\eta \wedge \overline{\partial}\eta)(u,u)_{g_\nu b_\nu}dV \\ &= \int_{\Omega_t} (\eta\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{b_\nu}(B) + \eta\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{g_\nu}(L) + (1+r'(\lambda))(-\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\lambda))(u,u)_{g_\nu b_\nu}dV \\ &\geqslant C_6 \cdot \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \int_{V_\ell(\epsilon)\cap\Omega_t} (\sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\log(\sum_{i=1}^k |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2 + \epsilon^2))(u,u)_{g_\nu b_\nu}dV \\ &\geqslant C_6 \cdot \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \int_{V_\ell(\epsilon)\cap\Omega_t} (|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_k|^2) \cdot \frac{\epsilon^2}{K^2} e^{-\varphi}dV \\ &= C_6 \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} II_\ell^* = C_6 \cdot II^* \end{split}$$

which gives II  $\ge C_6$  II\*, where  $0.9 < C_6 < 1$  is a constant which appears from the fact that there is a small overlap between  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon)$ 's for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ , as mentioned in Step 1.  $C_6$  is independent of u and  $(t, \nu, \epsilon)$ . For the second inequality, we used (2.2), (4.6), (4.7) and  $\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{b_{\nu}}(B) \ge$ 0,  $\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{g_{\nu}}(L) \ge 0$ . For the third inequality, we used Lemma 4.4.

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#### **Step 6**. Inequality $I \ge I^*$

The actual inequality we will have is not  $I \ge I_{\ell}^*$ , but  $I \ge \frac{1}{C_7 C_6} \cdot I_{\ell}^*$  for  $C_7$  from Step 4. The inequality is in the sense that we can choose a constant  $C_2$ . First, for  $\frac{1}{\mu}I_{\ell}^*$  of (4.13), we have the inequality

(4.14) 
$$\frac{C_1}{\epsilon^{2k}} \int_{V_\ell(\epsilon) \cap \Omega_t} |\tilde{s}_\ell|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_\nu b_\nu \leqslant \frac{C_1}{\epsilon^{2k}} \int_{W_\ell(\epsilon)} |\tilde{s}_\ell|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_1 b_\nu$$

where  $\hat{g}_{\nu} := g_{\nu} \cdot (|\zeta_1|^2 + \cdots + |\zeta_k|^2)$  as a metric of L over  $W_{\ell}$ . Recall that the sequence of smooth hermitian metrics  $g_{\nu}$  gives regularization of the singular hermitian metric  $g_1$  as in Step 0. Since regularization of a psh function converges from the above, we have  $|\tilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_{\nu} b_{\nu} \leq |\tilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_1 b$ . We also used  $V_{\ell}(\epsilon) \cap \Omega_t \subset W_{\ell}(\epsilon)$ .

The key in this step is to show that (the right hand side of) (4.14) is finite. By change of variables [4, (5.8)], we first have  $\int_{W_{\ell}(\epsilon)} |\tilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_1 b = \int_{f^{-1}(W_{\ell}(\epsilon))} |f^*\tilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot (\hat{g}_1 b)'$  where f is a log-resolution of  $(X, D_1)$  as in (3.1). Then we will apply Theorem 3.2 to the lc center Z of the pair  $(X, D_1)$  putting  $W_{\ell}(\epsilon)$  in the place of V, an open Stein subset of X. Following the notation in Section 3 and (3.1), we write

(4.15) 
$$K_{X'} = f^*(K_X + D_1) - E - (D_1)' - \Delta$$

where  $(D_1)'$  is the birational transform of  $D_1$  under f,  $\Delta$  a combination of exceptional divisors and E the exceptional divisor over Z.

Note that the section  $\tilde{s}_{\ell}$  restricts to  $s \in H^0(W_{\ell} \cap Z, (K_X + L)|_Z)$  on Z which satisfies  $\int_{W_{\ell} \cap Z} |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z < \infty$ . Thus Theorem 3.2 gives

$$\int_{f^{-1}(W_{\ell}(\epsilon))} |f^* \widetilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot \eta_{((D_1)' + \Delta)} \cdot \gamma_{\mathcal{O}(E)} \cdot f^* b < \infty$$

where  $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}(E)}$  is any smooth metric of the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(E)$ . It follows from this and (4.15) that

$$\int_{f^{-1}(W_{\ell}(\epsilon))} |f^* \widetilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot f^*(g_1) f^*(|\zeta_1|^2 + \dots + |\zeta_k|^2) \cdot f^* b < \infty$$

where  $f^*(g_1)$  is the singular metric associated to the divisor  $f^*D_1$  and  $f^*(|\zeta_1|^2 + \cdots + |\zeta_k|^2)$  gives the multiplication of a local equation of E. Thus (4.14) is finite.

Once the finiteness is shown, we only need to observe the following: Up to local frames, the sections  $\tilde{s}_{\ell}$  and s are given by holomorphic functions a and  $a|_Z$ , respectively  $(a \in \mathcal{O}_{W_{\ell}(\epsilon)})$ . Then  $\int_{V_{\ell}(\epsilon)} |\tilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_1 b < \infty$  is integrating |a| with respect to a 2n dimensional measure while  $\int_{Z \cap V_{\ell}(\epsilon)} |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z$  is integrating  $|a||_Z$  with respect to a 2(n-k) dimensional measure. Since the

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latter measure is not zero (that is, zero times the measure associated to a local euclidean volume form) in any open subset, there exists a constant  $C'_{\ell}$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^{2k}} \int_{W_{\ell}(\epsilon)} |\widetilde{s}_{\ell}|^2 \cdot \hat{g}_1 b \leqslant C'_{\ell} \int_{Z \cap W_{\ell}(\epsilon)} |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z \leqslant C'_{\ell} \int_Z |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z$$

for  $\epsilon \ll 1$ . Taking  $C_2 = \frac{\mu}{C_7 C_6} C_1 \cdot \left( \max_{1 \leq \ell \leq \mu} C'_\ell \right)$ , we have the inequality  $I \geq \frac{\mu}{C_7 C_6} \frac{1}{\mu} I^*_\ell = \frac{1}{C_7 C_6} I^*_\ell$ .

**Step 7.** From each  $\Omega_t$  to  $X \setminus H$ , to XNow the inequalities  $I \ge \frac{1}{C_7 C_6} I_\ell^*$  and  $II \ge C_6 II^*$  give (4.9):

$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{II} \geqslant \frac{1}{C_7 C_6} \cdot C_6 \sum_{\ell} \mathbf{I}_{\ell}^* \mathbf{II}_{\ell}^* \geqslant \mu \sum_{\ell} S_{\ell} \geqslant |\langle\!\langle u, \alpha_{\epsilon} \rangle\!\rangle|^2$$

where we used (4.13) for the second inequality and (4.10) for the third inequality. By the standard functional analysis lemma [30, (3.2)], this solves the  $\overline{\partial}$  equation (4.8), together with the estimate of the solution  $v_{\epsilon}$ ,  $||v_{\epsilon}||^2 \leq C_2 \int_Z |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z$ . We recall that the solution  $v_{\epsilon}$  is actually indexed by  $(t, \nu, \epsilon)$ , not only by  $\epsilon$ . The right hand side of the estimate is independent of the index  $(t, \nu, \epsilon)$ . We rewrite (4.8) as

$$\overline{\partial} \left( -\sqrt{\eta + \gamma} \cdot v_{\epsilon} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \sigma_{\ell}(\epsilon) \right) = \overline{\partial} \left( -\sqrt{\eta + \gamma} \cdot v_{\epsilon} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \chi \left( \frac{\sum |z_{i}^{(\ell)}|^{2}}{\epsilon^{k+1}} \right) \cdot \vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s}_{\ell} \right) = 0,$$

and put  $F_{(t,\nu,\epsilon)} := -\sqrt{\eta + \gamma} \cdot v_{\epsilon} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mu} \chi \left( \frac{\sum |z_i^{(\ell)}|^2}{\epsilon^{k+1}} \right) \cdot \vartheta_{\ell} \cdot \widetilde{s}_{\ell}$ , which is a (L+B)-valued holomorphic (n,0) form, hence a holomorphic section of  $\Gamma(\Omega_t, K_X + L + B)$  and satisfies  $F_{(t,\nu,\epsilon)}|_Z = s$ .

Now we define a singular metric of the second kind g on  $X \setminus H$  for L by

$$g := \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \to 0, \ \nu \to \infty, \\ t \to \infty}} \frac{g'_1}{\sqrt{\eta + \gamma}}$$

where  $g'_1$  is the metric  $e^{-\varphi}$  of L given by  $\varphi = \log(\sum_{j=1}^k |s_j|^2)$ . Note that  $g_1$  and  $g'_1$  have equivalent singularities on  $X \setminus H$ .

LEMMA 4.5. — The singular hermitian metrics of the second kind g and  $g \cdot b$  are bounded away from zero.

Proof. — The statement for  $g \cdot b$  follows from the one for g since b is of the first kind and a psh function is locally bounded above. We denote the local weight function of  $g'_1$  by  $\varphi$  so that  $g'_1 = e^{-\varphi}$  locally. Writing  $g'_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta+\gamma}} = \exp(-\varphi - \frac{1}{2}\log(\eta+\gamma))$ , it suffices to show that  $\varphi + \frac{1}{2}\log(\eta+\gamma)$ 

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is bounded above, taking the limit in the definition of g. Let  $\hat{Z}$  be the closed subset of  $X_{\text{reg}}$  given by  $s_1 = \cdots = s_k = 0$ . Note that  $\hat{Z} \setminus H = Z \setminus H$ .

First, consider (\*) away from  $\hat{Z}$ , that is, in each open subset of  $X_{\text{reg}}$ , disjoint from  $\hat{Z}$ . The function  $\varphi$  is locally bounded above since it is psh. On the other hand, we have  $\eta + \gamma \leq 1 + \log 2 + \lambda + 2e^{\lambda - 1} \leq 1 + \lambda + e^{\lambda}$  from before (2.2), thus it only remains to show that  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon, \nu, t)$  is locally bounded above taking the limit, away from  $\hat{Z}$ . This follows from the definition of  $\lambda$ , (4.5).

Next, consider (\*) near  $\hat{Z}$ , say, in an open neighborhood U of a point of  $\hat{Z}$ . The function  $\lambda$  becomes large enough and goes to  $+\infty$  as one approaches  $\hat{Z}$  and as  $\epsilon \to 0$ . Thus, we have  $\frac{1}{2}\log(\eta+\gamma) \leq \frac{1}{2}\log(1+\lambda+e^{\lambda}) \leq \frac{1}{2}\log(2e^{\lambda}) \leq \lambda$  on U. So it remains to show that  $\varphi + \lambda$  is bounded above on U taking the limit. From the choice of H in Step 0, we have (modulo a bounded (both above and below) function on U)  $\varphi = \log(\sum_{j=1}^{k} |s_j|^2)$  whereas  $\lambda = \tau - \log(\sum_{j=1}^{k} |s_j|^2_{g_{\nu}} + \hat{\epsilon}^2)$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.

Since the volume of the support of  $F_{(t,\nu,\epsilon)} - \sqrt{\eta + \gamma} \cdot v_{\epsilon}$  goes to zero as  $\epsilon \to 0$  and  $\int_{X \setminus H} |\sqrt{\eta_{\epsilon} + \gamma_{\epsilon}} \cdot v_{\epsilon}|^2 \cdot \frac{g_1}{\sqrt{\eta_{\epsilon} + \gamma_{\epsilon}}} \cdot b = ||v_{\epsilon}||^2$ , there exists a sequence of pairs  $(\nu_t, \epsilon_t)$  for  $t = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$  such that the sequence of sections  $s_t = F_{(t,\nu_t,\epsilon_t)}$  satisfies

$$\int_{X \backslash (H \cup H_B)} \lvert s_t \rvert^2 \cdot g \cdot b \leqslant C \int_Z \lvert s \rvert^2 \cdot h \cdot b \rvert_Z$$

for a constant C > 0, independent of t. We apply (2.17) to this sequence to obtain a section  $\tilde{s}_0$  on  $X \setminus (H \cup H_B)$ . Since X is normal, we can then apply (2.18) to extend  $\tilde{s}_0$  across the divisor  $H \cup H_B$  to obtain the wanted section  $\tilde{s}$  with (4.1):

$$\int_X |\widetilde{s}|^2 \cdot g \cdot b \leqslant C \int_Z |s|^2 \cdot h \cdot b|_Z.$$

Considering the sequence of sections  $s_t|_Z - s$  on Z, it is easy to see that  $\tilde{s}|_Z - s = 0$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2.

Remark 4.6. — One of the key points in the proof was (4.12) where we introduced two factors by Cauchy-Schwarz. Note that the particular choice of the two factors made it possible to use two different fundamental properties of a (maximal) log-canonical center. Our use of Cauchy-Schwarz is adaptation to general codimension of the one in [30] for which [30] comments (before (3.1)): ...replaces the strictly positive (curvature) in all directions by the strictly positive (curvature) just for the direction normal to the hypersurface from which the holomorphic section is extended. The reader

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may also find it helpful to compare our use to the use of Cauchy-Schwarz in, for example, [5] (3.1).

#### 5. Pluriadjoint extension

Siu ([30], [29]) invented and used an ingenious inductive argument of applying  $L^2$  extension in order to extend pluricanonical and pluriadjoint sections. Păun [25] found a simplified and strengthened version of the argument, which we call the *tower argument* and apply to Theorem 4.2.

Let  $Z \subset X$ , a **Q**-line bundle  $K_X + L$  on X and the Kawamata metric h be as in Theorem 4.2. Let  $m \ge 1$  be an integer such that  $m(K_X + L)$  is an integral line bundle. On  $X_{\text{reg}}$ , we fix a smooth metric for each of the line bundles  $(K_X, g_K), (L, g_L)$  and  $(A, g_A)$ . Let  $g^{(km+p)}$  denote the product smooth metric of the line bundle  $(km+p)(K_X + L) + A$  given by products of  $g_K, g_L$  and  $g_A$ .

Throughout this section, we fix a global holomorphic section  $\sigma \in H^0(Z, m(K_X + L)|_Z)$  such that its *m*-th root  $\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}$  as a multi-valued section of  $(K_X + L)|_Z$  satisfies

(5.1) 
$$\int_{Z} |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^2 \cdot h < \infty.$$

Let  $m_0 \ge 1$  be the smallest integer such that  $m_0(K_X + L)$  is an integral line bundle. We (can always) choose an ample integral line bundle A which is sufficiently ample such that the following hold:

For each  $p = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ , there exist multi-valued sections  $\tilde{s}_j^{(p)}$   $(j = 1, \dots, N_p)$  of the **Q**-line bundle  $p(K_X + L) + A$  such that

(A1) Each  $\tilde{s}_{i}^{(p)}$  is divided by  $\sigma^{\frac{p}{m}}$ , and

(A2) The  $m_0$ -th powers of  $\frac{\widetilde{s}_j^{(p)}}{\sigma m}$ 's generate the line bundle  $m_0(p(K_X + L) + A - p(K_X + L)) = m_0 A$ .

It would be helpful for the reader also to interpret these properties for multi-valued sections in terms of their associated **Q**-divisors. Now, in order to extend  $\sigma$  from Z to X, we need to be able to continue this sequence of sections  $\tilde{s}_{i}^{(p)}$  beyond  $0 \leq p \leq m - 1$  as follows.

PROPOSITION 5.1. — If  $\sigma \in H^0(Z, m(K_X + L)|_Z)$  satisfies the condition (\*) below (in addition to (5.1), (A1) and (A2)), then  $\sigma$  lies in the image of the natural restriction map

$$H^0(X, m(K_X + L)) \to H^0(Z, m(K_X + L)|_Z).$$

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(\*) There exist a constant  $C_{\diamond}$  and (for each  $k \ge 1$ ,  $p = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ and  $j = 1, \dots, N_p$ ) multi-valued sections  $\tilde{s}_j^{(km+p)}$  of the **Q**-line bundle  $(km+p)(K_X+L) + A$  such that the following hold (let  $N_{-1} := N_{m-1}$ ): (1)

$$\widetilde{s}_{j}^{(km+p)}|_{Z} = \sigma^{\otimes k} \otimes \widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p)}|_{Z}$$

(2)

$$\int_X \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_p} |\tilde{s}_j^{(km+p)}|_{g^{(km+p)}}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p-1}} |\tilde{s}_j^{(km+p-1)}|_{g^{(km+p-1)}}^2} dV \leqslant C_{\diamondsuit}.$$

*Proof.* — We would like to apply the  $L^2$  extension Theorem 4.2 with  $B = (m-1)(K_X + L)$ , for which we need the existence of a singular metric (B, b) such that

(5.2) 
$$\int_{Z} |\sigma|^2 \cdot b \cdot h < \infty.$$

We will construct b using sections given in (\*). Consider the following function defined on  $X_{\text{reg}}$ :

$$f_{km+p} := \log\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_p} |\tilde{s}_j^{(km+p)}|_{g^{(km+p)}}^2\right)$$

for each  $k \ge 1$  and  $0 \le p \le m-1$ . It is well known from [30] and [7] that the sequence of quasi-psh functions  $\frac{1}{k}f_{km}(k\ge 1)$  is locally uniformly bounded above. Since the sequence is a good family of quasi-psh functions (Definition 2.13), its upper envelope is also a quasi-psh function on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  by Proposition 2.14. We denote the upper envelope function by  $f_{\infty}$ . We note that

$$\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{(g_Kg_L)^m}(m(K_X+L)) + \frac{1}{k}\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{g_A}(A) + \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}\left(\frac{1}{k}f_{km}\right) \ge 0.$$

Therefore, when we define a singular metric  $h_{\infty}$  of  $m(K_X + L)$  on  $X_{\text{reg}}$  by

$$h_{\infty} := (g_K g_L)^m \cdot e^{-f_{\infty}},$$

we have

$$\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{h_{\infty}}(m(K_X+L)) = \sqrt{-1}\Theta_{(g_Kg_L)^m}(m(K_X+L)) + \sqrt{-1}\partial\overline{\partial}f_{\infty} \ge 0.$$

Take  $b = h_{\infty}^{\frac{m-1}{m}}$  and we will show (5.2). We first have the upper bound of the following pointwise length with respect to the metric  $h_{\infty}|_{Z}$ :

LEMMA 5.2. — 
$$|\sigma|^2_{h_{\infty}|_Z} \leq C_{\clubsuit}$$
 on  $Z \cap X_{\text{reg}}$ , for some  $C_{\clubsuit} > 0$ .

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Proof. — Note that

$$\binom{1}{k} f_{km} |_{Z} = \frac{1}{k} \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_0} |(\widetilde{s}_j^{(km)})|_{Z}|_{g^{(km)}}^2 \right) = \frac{1}{k} \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_0} |\sigma^k \cdot (\widetilde{s}_j^{(0)})|_{Z}|_{g^{(km)}}^2 \right)$$
$$= \log(|\sigma|_{(g_K g_L)^m}^2) + \frac{1}{k} \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_0} |(\widetilde{s}_j^{(0)})|_{Z}|_{g^{(0)}}^2 \right).$$

From (A1) in the beginning, the sections  $\tilde{s}_j^{(0)}$  are base-point-free. So there is a lower bound  $C_0 > 0$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^{N_0} |(\tilde{s}_j^{(0)})|_{g^{(0)}}^2 \ge C_0 > 0$  for everywhere in X, in particular for everywhere in Z. Thus,

$$\log\left(|\sigma|^{2}_{(g_{K}g_{L})^{m}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{k}f_{km}\right)\Big|_{Z} = -\frac{1}{k}\log\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_{0}}\left|\widetilde{s}^{(0)}_{j}\right|_{Z}\Big|^{2}_{g^{(0)}}\right)$$
$$\leqslant -\frac{1}{k}\log(C_{0})\leqslant C_{1}$$

where  $C_1$  is a constant independent of k, defined by  $C_1 := 0$  if  $C_0 \ge 1$ and by  $C_1 := -\log(C_0)$  if  $C_0 < 1$ . The lemma is proved by taking the exponential of the last inequality.

Using this lemma,

$$\int_{Z} |\sigma|^2 \cdot h_{\infty}^{\frac{m-1}{m}} \cdot h = \int_{Z} (|\sigma|_{h_{\infty}}^2)^{\frac{m-1}{m}} |\sigma|^{\frac{2}{m}} \cdot h \leqslant C_{\clubsuit}^{\frac{m-1}{m}} \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^2 \cdot h < \infty$$

where  $\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}$  gives a multi-valued holomorphic section of  $(K_X + L)|_Z$  whose adjoint norm with respect to h is finite. We do not use the Hölder inequality here. Then by Theorem 4.2,  $\sigma$  is extended to  $H^0(X, m(K_X + L))$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 5.1.

THEOREM 5.3. — In the setting of Proposition 5.1, suppose that L is an integral line bundle. Then (\*) of (5.1) holds and therefore  $\sigma$  in (5.1) is extended to X.

*Proof.* — We first note that there exists a constant  $C_1 > 0$  such that

$$\max_{0 \leqslant p \leqslant m-1} \sup_{Z} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_p} |\tilde{s}_j^{(p)}|_Z|_{g^{(p)}}^2}{|\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}| (\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p-1}} |\tilde{s}_j^{(p-1)}|_Z|_{g^{(p-1)}}^2)} = C_1$$

thanks to the properties (A1) and (A2) of A.

We will use induction on km+p to construct the required sections in (\*). Suppose  $k \ge 1$  and assume that we have the required sections for km+p-1. The induction begins with k = 1 and p = 0. We will apply the  $L^2$  extension

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Theorem 4.2, to extend  $\sigma^{\otimes k} \otimes \widetilde{s}_j^{(p)}|_Z$  by taking  $B = (km+p-1)(K_X+L)+A$ and b to be the singular metric given by the sections just constructed, *i.e.*,

$$b = \frac{g^{(km+p-1)}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p-1}} |\tilde{s}_j^{(km+p-1)}|_{g^{(km+p-1)}}^2}$$

Then the section on Z to be extended satisfies the finiteness

$$\begin{split} \int_{Z} &|\sigma^{\otimes k} \otimes \widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p)}|_{Z}|^{2} \cdot h \cdot b|_{Z} = \frac{|\widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p)}|_{Z}|_{g(p)}^{2}}{|\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p-1}}|\widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p-1)}|_{Z}|_{g(p-1)}^{2}} \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^{2} \cdot h \\ &\leqslant \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}}|\widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p)}|_{Z}|_{g(p)}^{2}}{|\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p-1}}|\widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p-1)}|_{Z}|_{g(p-1)}^{2}} \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^{2} \cdot h \\ &\leqslant C_{1} \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^{2} \cdot h < \infty \end{split}$$

when  $1 \leq p \leq m-1$ . Note that we have the cancellation of the length of  $\sigma^k$  in the fraction of the first equality. For the case of p = 0, we have the same finiteness having  $C_1 \int_Z |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^2 \cdot h$  multiplied by  $\max_Z |\sigma|^2_{(g_K g_L)^m}$ .

Thus, by Theorem 4.2, there exists  $\tilde{s}_{j}^{(km+p)}$  on X satisfying (1) such that

$$\int_{X} |\widetilde{s}_{j}^{(km+p)}|^{2} \cdot g \cdot b \leqslant C \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\otimes k} \otimes \widetilde{s}_{j}^{(p)}|_{Z}|^{2} \cdot h \cdot b|_{Z}$$

Summing over j, we get the following for  $1 \le p \le m-1$  (with the obvious modification when p = 0):

$$\int_{X} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}} |\tilde{s}_{j}^{(km+p)}|_{g^{(km+p)}}^{2}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{p-1}} |\tilde{s}_{j}^{(km+p-1)}|_{g^{(km+p-1)}}^{2}} dV \leqslant C \sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}} \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\otimes k} \otimes \tilde{s}_{j}^{(p)}|_{Z} |^{2} \cdot h \cdot b|_{Z}$$
$$\leqslant C \cdot C_{1} \int_{Z} |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^{2} \cdot h$$

where dV is a volume form on  $X \setminus H$  given by the fact that g is bounded away from zero. Take the constant  $C_{\diamondsuit} := \max(1, \max_Z |\sigma|^2_{(g_K g_L)^m}) \cdot C \cdot C_1 \int_Z |\sigma^{\frac{1}{m}}|^2 \cdot h$  for (\*) in Proposition 5.1.

Remark 5.4. — In an earlier version of this paper, Theorem 5.3 was stated without the hypothesis of L being an integral line bundle, which was incorrect. It had resulted from an incorrect statement of Theorem 4.2 (now corrected) without the hypothesis of L + B being an integral line bundle, which we actually needed to define the  $\overline{\partial}$  operators in the proof.

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