

HARMONIC MAPS FROM THE RIEMANN SPHERE INTO THE COMPLEX PROJECTIVE SPACE AND THE HARMONIC SEQUENCES

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Abstract

When harmonic maps from the Riemann sphere into the complex projective space are energy bounded, it contains a subsequence converging to a bubble tree map $f^l : T^l \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$. We show that their ∂ -transforms and $\bar{\partial}$ -transforms are also energy bounded. Hence their subsequences converge to harmonic bubble tree maps $f_1^{l_1} : T^{l_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ and $f_{-1}^{l_{-1}} : T^{l_{-1}} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ respectively. In this paper, we show relations between f^l , $f_1^{l_1}$ and $f_{-1}^{l_{-1}}$.

1. Introduction

In [12], Sacks & Uhlenbeck have shown that any harmonic maps defined on a closed surface with bounded energy contains a subsequence weakly converging to a set of harmonic maps and that a bubbling phenomenon may occur in the convergence. Gromov ([6]) also noticed a bubbling phenomenon in the study of pseudo holomorphic maps.

In this paper, we concentrate on harmonic maps from the Riemann sphere S^2 , g_0 into the complex projective space $\mathbf{C}P^n$, g . Here we identify S^2 , g_0 with $\mathbf{C}P^1$, g and consider it as the complex manifold. Combining the results by Eells & Wood in [4, §6] with Wolfson in [14], for each full harmonic map $f : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$, we get a harmonic sequence

$$\text{seq}(f, r) : 0 \xleftarrow{\bar{\partial}} f_0 \xrightarrow{\partial} f_1 \xrightarrow{\partial} \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial} f_r \xrightarrow{\partial} \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial} f_n \xrightarrow{\partial} 0$$

with $f_r = f$.

Let $\mathcal{H}\text{arm}(\mathbf{C}P^n)$ be the set of harmonic maps in a Banach manifold $W^{1,p}(S^2, \mathbf{C}P^n)$ for $p > 2$. Refining the ‘‘Sacks-Uhlenbeck’’ limit, Parker & Wolfson ([11]) give a definition of ‘‘converging to a harmonic bubble tree map’’. Though their definition in [11] is for pseudo-holomorphic maps, as mentioned in it, the definition is applicable for harmonic maps. In [11] and [10], they have

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shown that, in this sense, harmonic maps with bounded energy contain a sequence converging to a harmonic bubble tree map satisfying appropriate conditions. Our main result is the following. As for details of notations or terminologies, we will define in the following sections.

MAIN THEOREM. *Let S^2, g_0 be the Riemann sphere and \mathbf{CP}^n, g be the complex projective space. Take a sequence $\{f^k\}_k$ in $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ which are energy bounded. Then both $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ and $\{\bar{\partial} f^k\}_k$ are also energy bounded. Passing through subsequences, $\{f^k\}_k, \{\partial f^k\}_k$ and $\{\bar{\partial} f^k\}_k$ converge to either trivial maps or harmonic bubble tree maps*

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^I &= \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n \\
 f_1^{I_1} &= \bigvee_{\ell' \in I_1} f_1^{(\ell')} : T^{I_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n \\
 f_{-1}^{I_{-1}} &= \bigvee_{\ell'' \in I_{-1}} f_{-1}^{(\ell'')} : T^{I_{-1}} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

respectively satisfying the followings:

- (1) If $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ is non-trivial, it is equivalent to $f_1^{(\ell')}$ for some $\ell' \in I_1$; $f_1^{(\ell')} = \partial f^{(\ell)} \circ \sigma_\ell$ satisfying $\sigma_\ell(B_{f_1^{(\ell')}}) \subset B_{f^{(\ell)}}$.
- (2) When $f_1^{(\ell')}$ is not equivalent to any $\partial f^{(\ell)}$, $f_1^{(\ell')}$ is a holomorphic map of the length no greater than $n - r - 1$.
- (3) If $\bar{\partial} f^{(\ell)}$ is non-trivial, it is equivalent to $f_{-1}^{(\ell'')}$ for some $\ell'' \in I_{-1}$; $f_{-1}^{(\ell'')} = \bar{\partial} f^{(\ell)} \circ \bar{\sigma}_\ell$ with $\bar{\sigma}_\ell(B_{f_{-1}^{(\ell'')}}) \subset B_{f^{(\ell)}}$.
- (4) When $f_{-1}^{(\ell'')}$ is not equivalent to any $\bar{\partial} f^{(\ell)}$, $f_{-1}^{(\ell'')}$ is an anti-holomorphic map of the length no greater than $r - 1$.

Here $r + 1$ is the $\bar{\partial}$ -order of f .

Here and throughout this paper, to simplify notation, we adopt the convention of immediately renaming subsequences and so a subsequence of $\{f^k\}$ is still denoted by the same way.

Contents are as follows. In §2, we begin to introduce harmonic maps defined on S^2, g_0 into \mathbf{CP}^n, g . Associated to each harmonic map, we consider its harmonic sequence. We refer related results. In §3, we define a harmonic bubble tree map introduced by Parker & Wolfson in [11]. Then we show Main Theorem. In §4, we consider when harmonic maps into either \mathbf{CP}^1 or \mathbf{CP}^2 are gluable. Lastly, in §5, we consider examples of gluable or non-gluable harmonic bubble tree maps and their harmonic sequences.

2. A harmonic map and a harmonic sequence

Let \mathbf{C}^{n+1} be the complex $(n + 1)$ -dimensional space equipped with the standard Hermitian inner product defined by

$$X \cdot Y = \sum_j x_j \bar{y}_j \quad \text{where } X = (x_j)_{0 \leq j \leq n}, Y = (y_j)_{0 \leq j \leq n} \in \mathbf{C}^{n+1}.$$

Put $|X| = \sqrt{X \cdot \bar{X}}$. We equip the Fubini-Study metric g on CP^n of constant holomorphic sectional curvature 4. As for the geometry of CP^n , refer [7, IX. 6. Example 6.3]. When $n = 1$, we get an isomorphism $S^2 \simeq CP^1$ through a stereographic projection

$$S^2 - \{\infty\} \rightarrow C \simeq U_0 = \{[z_0 : z_1] \in CP^1 \mid z_0 \neq 0\} = CP^1 - \{[0 : 1]\}$$

which takes the north pole to the origin, the south pole ∞ to infinity, and the equator to the unit circle. Here $[z_0 : z_1]$ is the homogeneous coordinate system of CP^1 . Let S^2, g_0 be the sphere with the Riemann metric g_0 induced from CP^1 . As mentioned in §1, we also equip the complex structure on S^2 induced from CP^1 . On a coordinate neighbourhood U_0 , the metric g_0 is customary represented by $ds_0^2 = \varphi \bar{\varphi} = \frac{dz d\bar{z}}{(1+|z|^2)^2}$ for $z = \frac{z_1}{z_0} \in C \simeq U_0$. Here φ is determined up to a complex factor of absolute value 1.

Throughout this paper, take and fix a real $p > 2$. As $1 > \frac{2}{p}$, we can get a Banach manifold $W^{1,p}(S^2, CP^n)$ consisting of maps $f : S^2 \rightarrow CP^n$ whose derivatives of order ≤ 1 are L_p integrable. A map $f \in W^{1,p}(S^2, CP^n)$ is harmonic if it is a critical point of the energy functional $E : W^{1,p}(S^2, CP^n) \rightarrow R$ defined by

$$E(f) = \int_{S^2} |df|^2 \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \varphi \wedge \bar{\varphi}$$

where $|df|^2$ is the Hilbert-Schmidt norm $\langle g_0, f^*g \rangle_{HS}$. Thus we consider the set $\mathcal{H}arm(CP^n)$ of harmonic maps as a subspace of $W^{1,p}(S^2, CP^n)$. Because of the regularity and the Sobolev embedding theorem $C^0 \supset W^{1,p}$, $\mathcal{H}arm(CP^n)$ is contained in the set $C^s(S^2, CP^n)$ of all C^s maps for any $s \geq 0$. Since f is defined between Kähler manifolds, any holomorphic or anti-holomorphic map is harmonic. Refer [9] and also [3, (8.15) Corollary]. Denote by $\mathcal{H}ol(CP^n)$ the subspace of $\mathcal{H}arm(CP^n)$ consisting of holomorphic maps.

Now we introduce a ∂ transform and a $\bar{\partial}$ transform in [1] which is the same correspondence given in [4, §3]. For a smooth map $f : S^2 \rightarrow CP^n$, let $\pi_f : V(f) \rightarrow S^2$ be the tautological complex line bundle whose fiber at $z \in S^2$ is $f(z)$. For a C -line X in C^{n+1} , denote by X^\perp the orthogonal complement of X in C^{n+1} . Define a smooth map $f^\perp : S^2 \rightarrow G(n, n+1)$ by $f^\perp(z) = f(z)^\perp$. Here $G(n, n+1)$ is the complex Grassmann manifold consisting of n -dimensional subspaces in C^{n+1} . We equip the standard Riemann metric g_n and the complex structure on it. Refer [7, IX, Example 6.4]. f^\perp also defines the tautological bundle $V(f^\perp) \rightarrow S^2$. By [1, §2], both $V(f)$ and $V(f^\perp)$ are holomorphic bundles over S^2 .

Take a unitary frame Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_n of C^{n+1} so that Z_0 defines f . Then put

$$dZ_0 = \omega_0 Z_0 + \sum_{r \geq 1} \omega_r Z_r, \quad f^* \omega_r = a_r \varphi + b_r \bar{\varphi}$$

and define maps

$$\begin{aligned}\partial : V(f) &\rightarrow V(f^\perp) \otimes T^{(1,0)}, & \partial(\xi^0 Z_0) &= \left(\xi^0 \sum_r a_r Z_r \right) \otimes \varphi, \\ \bar{\partial} : V(f) &\rightarrow V(f^\perp) \otimes T^{(0,1)}, & \bar{\partial}(\xi^0 Z_0) &= \left(\xi^0 \sum_r b_r Z_r \right) \otimes \bar{\varphi}.\end{aligned}$$

Here $T^{(1,0)}$ (resp. $T^{(0,1)}$) is the cotangent bundle on S^2 of type $(1,0)$ (resp. $(0,1)$). We get the followings.

THEOREM 1 ([1], §2). *If $f \in \mathcal{Harm}(\mathbf{C}P^n)$, ∂ is a holomorphic bundle map and $\bar{\partial}$ is an anti-holomorphic bundle map.*

Denote by $[V(f)]$ the projectivization of $V(f)$. Though φ is determined only up to a complex factor of absolute value 1, we get the fundamental colliniation of f

$$[V(f)] \ni [f(z)] \rightarrow [\partial f(z)] \in [V(f^\perp)]$$

if $\partial f(z) \neq 0$. As mentioned in [1, §2], when f is harmonic, by Theorem 1, we can get a well-defined non-trivial map $\partial f : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ as far as f is not anti-holomorphic. We call it the ∂ transform of f . When f is anti-holomorphic, we define the ∂ transform of f as a zero map. Similarly we also get the fundamental colliniation

$$[V(f)] \ni [f(z)] \rightarrow [\bar{\partial} f(z)] \in [V(f^\perp)]$$

if $\bar{\partial} f(z) \neq 0$. If f is not holomorphic, this defines a non-trivial map $\bar{\partial} f : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ which we call the $\bar{\partial}$ transform of f . When f is holomorphic, the $\bar{\partial}$ transform of f is defined as a zero map.

THEOREM 2 ([1], Theorem 2.2). *Take $f \in \mathcal{Harm}(\mathbf{C}P^n)$. Then we get the followings.*

- (1) $f^\perp : S^2 \rightarrow G(n, n+1)$ is harmonic.
- (2) Both the ∂ transform of f and its $\bar{\partial}$ transform are harmonic.
- (3) If ∂f is non-trivial, $\bar{\partial} \partial f = f$.
- (4) If $\bar{\partial} f$ is non-trivial, $\partial \bar{\partial} f = f$.

We say that $f \in \mathcal{Harm}(\mathbf{C}P^n)$ is full if its image lies in no proper projective subspace of $\mathbf{C}P^n$. Associated to a full map $f \in \mathcal{Hol}(\mathbf{C}P^n)$, take a lift $Z : S^2 \supset U \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{n+1} - \{0\}$ over a chart U . Classically we get the Frenet frame $\{Z_r\}_{r \geq 0}$ of f which is obtained by the Gram-Schmidt's orthogonalization of $\{\frac{\partial^r}{\partial z^r} Z\}_r$ except at finite point of S^2 . Since the zeros of

$$Z \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial z} Z \wedge \cdots \wedge \frac{\partial^n}{\partial z^n} Z$$

are finite and are removable, this frame can be uniquely extended over S^2 . Refer [15, §4]. We get

$$dZ_r = -\bar{a}_{r-1}\bar{\varphi}Z_{r-1} + \omega_r Z_r + a_r \varphi Z_{r+1}$$

for $0 \leq r \leq n$ where $a_{-1} = a_n = 0$. For $0 \leq r \leq n$, let $f_r : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ be the non-trivial map defined by Z_r . By definition, f_{r+1} is the ∂ transform of f_r and f_{r-1} is the $\bar{\partial}$ transform of f_r . Hence, by Theorem 2, f_r is harmonic for any r . We call the sequence of harmonic maps

$$seq(f, 0) : 0 \xleftarrow{\bar{\partial}} f_0 = f \xrightarrow{\partial_0} f_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{r-1}} f_r \xrightarrow{\partial_r} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} f_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} 0$$

a harmonic sequence of f with the length n .

When $f \in \mathcal{H}ol(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ is not full, we can choose an isometry $T^A : \mathbb{C}P^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ induced from a unitary transformation $A : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ so that

$$f = T^A \circ \iota \circ f^A : S^2 \xrightarrow{f^A} \mathbb{C}P^{n_0} \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbb{C}P^n \xrightarrow{T^A} \mathbb{C}P^n$$

by a full $f^A \in \mathcal{H}ol(\mathbb{C}P^{n_0})$ and the inclusion ι . We define a harmonic sequence of f of the length n_0

$$seq(f, 0) : 0 \xleftarrow{\bar{\partial}} f_0 = f \xrightarrow{\partial_0} f_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{r-1}} f_r \xrightarrow{\partial_r} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{n_0-1}} f_{n_0} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n_0}} 0$$

by compositions $f_r = T^A \circ \iota \circ f_r^A$;

$$seq(f^A, 0) : 0 \xleftarrow{\bar{\partial}} f_0^A = f^A \xrightarrow{\partial_0} f_1^A \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{r-1}} f_r^A \xrightarrow{\partial_r} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{n_0-1}} f_{n_0}^A \xrightarrow{\partial_{n_0}} 0.$$

Here $seq(f, 0)$ is defined independently on the choice of a unitary matrix A . Following to [4, Definition 5.1], we define the ∂ -order of $f \in \mathcal{H}arm(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ by

$$\max_U \max_{z \in U} \dim span\{\partial^\alpha Z_U(z) \mid 0 \leq \alpha\}$$

and also the $\bar{\partial}$ -order of f by

$$\max_U \max_{z \in U} \dim span\{\bar{\partial}^\beta Z_U(z) \mid 0 \leq \beta\}.$$

Here $Z_U : S^2 \supset U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ is a lift of f over a chart U and $span\{\mathbf{v}^\alpha\}_\alpha$ is the subspace of \mathbb{C}^{n+1} spanned by vectors $\{\mathbf{v}^\alpha\}_\alpha$. These orders are determined independently on the choice of a lift Z_U . By [14, Theorem 3.1 & Theorem 3.4], we get the following.

THEOREM 3. *For any non-trivial $f \in \mathcal{H}arm(\mathbb{C}P^n)$, we get $f_0 \in \mathcal{H}ol(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ so that the harmonic sequence of f_0 contains f ;*

$$seq(f, r) : 0 \xleftarrow{\bar{\partial}} f_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} f_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{r-1}} f_r = f \xrightarrow{\partial_r} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_r} f_{n_0} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n_0}} 0$$

where $1 \leq n_0 \leq n$, $r + 1$ is the $\bar{\partial}$ -order of f and $n_0 - r + 1$ is its ∂ -order.

We also call $seq(f, r)$ the harmonic sequence of f with the length n_0 . Obviously $f \in \mathcal{H}arm(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ is full exactly when the length of $seq(f, r)$ is n . Let $\mathcal{H}arm^*(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ be the subspace of $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ consisting of full maps. Correspondingly $\mathcal{H}ol^*(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ is denoted for the space of all full maps in $\mathcal{H}ol(\mathbb{C}P^n)$.

Essentially, by [4, Theorem 6.9], we get the following. Theorem 3 gives the correspondence of the following theorem.

THEOREM 4. *There is a bijective correspondence between $f \in \mathcal{Harm}^*(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ and pairs (f_0, r) where $f_0 \in \mathcal{Hol}^*(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ and r is an integer with $0 \leq r \leq n$.*

For a smooth map $f \in W^{1,p}(S^2, \mathbf{CP}^n)$, we denote by $c_1(f)$ the first Chern number of the tautological bundle $V(f) \rightarrow S^2$. By [14], we get the followings.

LEMMA 2.1 [14, §2 & §3]. *For $f \in \mathcal{Hol}^*(\mathbf{CP}^n)$, choose the Frenet frame $\{Z_r\}_r$ of f and put*

$$dZ_r = -\bar{a}_{r-1}\bar{\varphi}Z_{r-1} + \omega_r Z_r + a_r \varphi Z_{r+1}$$

for $0 \leq r \leq n$ where $a_{-1} = a_n = 0$. Then each f_r defined by Z_r holds

$$E(f_r) = \int (|a_{r-1}|^2 + |a_r|^2) \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \varphi \wedge \bar{\varphi},$$

$$c_1(f_r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \int (|a_{r-1}|^2 - |a_r|^2) \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \varphi \wedge \bar{\varphi}.$$

Denote by $R_\partial(f)$ the ramification index of $\partial : V(f) \rightarrow V(\partial f) \otimes T^{(1,0)}$ which is the number of zeros of ∂ counted according to multiplicity. Similarly $R_{\bar{\partial}}(f)$ is the ramification index of $\bar{\partial} : V(f) \rightarrow V(\bar{\partial} f) \otimes T^{(0,1)}$. As for the following lemma, we refer [5] and also [14, §3].

LEMMA 2.2. *For $f \in \mathcal{Harm}(\mathbf{CP}^n)$, if ∂f is non trivial, we get*

$$c_1(\partial f) = c_1(f) + R_\partial(f) + 2.$$

When $\bar{\partial} f$ is non-trivial, we also get $c_1(\bar{\partial} f) = c_1(f) - R_{\bar{\partial}}(f) - 2$.

By Lemma 2.1 and 2.2, we get the following inequalities.

LEMMA 2.3 [14, Theorem 3.1]. *For $f \in \mathcal{Hol}^*(\mathbf{CP}^n)$, choose the Frenet frame $\{Z_r\}_r$ as in Lemma 2.1. Then we get the followings for any r .*

- (1) $\sum_{r+1 \leq q \leq n} \sum_{r \leq s \leq q-1} R_\partial(f_s) < \frac{1}{\pi} E(f_r) + (n+1) \cdot |c_1(f_r)|.$
- (2) $\sum_{0 \leq q \leq r-1} \sum_{q \leq s \leq r-1} R_{\bar{\partial}}(f_s) < \frac{1}{\pi} E(f_r) + (n+1) \cdot |c_1(f_r)|.$

3. Harmonic bubble tree maps

It is well-known that $\mathcal{Harm}(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ may be non-compact with respect to $W^{1,2}$ -topology. To consider this bubbling phenomenon, we refer Parker & Wolfson ([11]) and Parker ([10]).

Let $TS^2 \rightarrow S^2$ be the complex tangent bundle over the complex manifold S^2 , g_0 . Compactifying each vertical fiber, we get a bundle $\Sigma(S^2) \rightarrow S^2$ with fibers

$S_z = S^2$ where we identify z of S_z with the south pole ∞ of S^2 and equip the complex structure on $\Sigma(S^2)$. By the induction on $k \geq 1$, we define a bundle

$$\Sigma^k(S^2) := \Sigma(\Sigma^{k-1}(S^2)) \rightarrow \Sigma^{k-1}(S^2).$$

A bubble domain at level k is a fiber $S_z^k = S^2$ of $\Sigma^k(S^2) \rightarrow \Sigma^{k-1}(S^2)$ and a bubble domain tower is a union $T^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} S^{(\ell)}$ of the base space $S^{(0)}$ of $\Sigma(S^2) \rightarrow S^2$ and finite number of bubble domains $S^{(\ell)}$ ($\ell \in I, \ell \geq 1$) with

$$\pi_\ell : \Sigma S^{(\ell')} \supset S^{(\ell)} = S_{z_\ell}^{k_\ell} = \pi_\ell^{-1}(z_\ell) \rightarrow z_\ell \in S^{(\ell')}.$$

We denote by ∞_ℓ the south pole of $S^{(\ell)}$. Motivated by Parker [10], if a map

$$f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} S^{(\ell)} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$$

consists of non-trivial maps $f^{(\ell)}$ satisfying $f^{(\ell)}(\infty_\ell) = f^{(\ell)}(z_\ell)$ when $\pi_\ell^{-1}(z_\ell) = S^{(\ell)}$, we call f^I a bubble tree map, $f^{(0)}$ a base map, $f^{(\ell)}$ a bubble map for $\ell \in I - \{0\}$ and $z_\ell \in S^{(\ell')}$ a bubble point of $f^{(\ell')}$. Denote by $B_{f^{(\ell)}}$ the set of bubble points of $f^{(\ell)}$.

We call f^I a harmonic bubble tree map if $f^{(\ell)}$ is a harmonic map for each $\ell \in I$. Similarly we call f^I a holomorphic (resp. anti-holomorphic) bubble tree map if $f^{(\ell)}$ is holomorphic (resp. anti-holomorphic) for any $\ell \in I$.

We say that a sequence $\{f^k\}_{k \geq 1}$ in $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{C}P^n)$ converges to a harmonic bubble tree map $f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ if each f^k defines a bubble tree map $f^{k,I} = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{k,\ell} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ by the iterated renormalization procedure and if $\{f^{k,I}\}_k$ converges to f^I uniformly in $C^0 \cap W^{1,2}$ and uniformly in C^r ($r \geq 1$) on any compact set of $T^I - \bigcup_{\ell} (\{\infty_\ell\} \cup B_{f^{(\ell)}})$. Here $f^{k,\ell} = f^k \circ \sigma_{k,\ell}$ by a fractional linear transformation $\sigma_{k,\ell}$ of $S^{(\ell)} = S^2$ fixing the south pole on a compact set of $S^{(\ell)} - \{\infty_\ell\} \cup B_{f^{(\ell)}}$ for k large enough. For details, refer [11, §4]. By [10, Theorem 2.2 & Corollary 2.3], we get the following.

THEOREM 5. *Let $\{f^k\}_k$ be a sequence in $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{C}P^n)$ with $\sup_k E(f^k) < \infty$. Then a subsequence converges to a harmonic bubble tree map $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$ satisfying*

$$\lim_k E(f^k) = \sum_{\ell} E(f^{(\ell)}) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = \lim_k c_1(f^k) = \sum_{\ell} c_1(f^{(\ell)}).$$

For $\mathbf{C}P^n, g$, we get a constant B_0 so that any $f \in \mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{C}P^n)$ with $E(f) < 2B_0$ is trivial (refer [12]). We choose B_0 as a scaling constant. Put $H^+ = \{z \mid |z| \geq 1\} \subset \mathbf{C}$. By the choice of the translation and the rescaling in the renormalization, if a sequence of harmonic maps converges to a harmonic bubble tree map $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^n$, each bubble map $f^{(\ell)}$ is parametrized satisfying

$$(BC) \quad \int_{H^+} |df^{(\ell)}|^2 \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} dzd\bar{z} = B_0$$

and $B_{f^{(\ell)}}$ is contained in the northern hemisphere of $f^{(\ell)}$ when $\ell \neq 0$.

In the case of \mathbf{CP}^n , the map

$$c_1 : \pi_2(\mathbf{CP}^n) \simeq H_2(\mathbf{CP}^n; \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$$

defined by $c_1([f]) = c_1(f)$ is an isomorphism. Let $\mathcal{H}arm_\alpha(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ be the subspace of $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ consisting of f with $c_1(f) = \alpha$. For each $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}$, $\mathcal{H}arm_\alpha(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ is non-empty. By Theorem 5, if $\{f^k\}_k$ in $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ converges to a harmonic bubble tree map, $f^k \in \mathcal{H}arm_\alpha(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ for any k large enough.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let $\{f^k\}_k$ be a sequence in $\mathcal{H}arm_\alpha(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ with $E(f^k) \leq E$ for any k . Then we get*

$$E(\partial f^k) + E(\bar{\partial} f^k) \leq 4E + 2\pi\{2 + (n + 3) \cdot |\alpha|\}$$

for any k .

Proof. By Lemma 2.2, $c_1(\partial f^k) = c_1(f^k) + R_\partial(f^k) + 2$ and, by Lemma 2.3,

$$R_\partial(f^k) < \frac{1}{\pi} E(f^k) + (n + 1)|c_1(f^k)|.$$

Hence

$$|c_1(\partial f^k)| \leq |c_1(f^k)|(n + 2) + 2 + \frac{E}{\pi}.$$

As $c_1(f^k) = \alpha$, by Lemma 2.1, we get

$$E(\partial f^k) = E(f^k) - \pi c_1(f^k) - \pi c_1(\partial f^k) \leq 2E + \pi\{2 + (n + 3)|\alpha|\}.$$

As for $E(\bar{\partial} f^k)$, we can show similarly. □

We say that f_0 is equivalent to f_1 in $W^{1,p}(S^2, \mathbf{CP}^n)$ if $f_1 = f_0 \circ \sigma$ by some linear fractional transformation $\sigma : S^2 \rightarrow S^2$ fixing the south pole. We also say that $\tilde{f}^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \tilde{f}^{(\ell)} : \tilde{T}^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ is equivalent to $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ if $\tilde{f}^{(\ell)}$ is equivalent to $f^{(\ell)}$;

$$\tilde{f}^{(\ell)} = f^{(\ell)} \circ \sigma_\ell : \tilde{S}^{(\ell)} = \tilde{S}_{\tilde{z}_\ell}^{(\ell)} \xrightarrow{\sigma_\ell} S^{(\ell)} = S_{z_\ell}^{(\ell)} \xrightarrow{f^{(\ell)}} \mathbf{CP}^n$$

with $\sigma_\ell(\tilde{z}_\ell) = z_\ell$ for each $\ell \in I$. Here $\tilde{T}^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \tilde{S}^{(\ell)}$ and σ_0 is necessary the identity.

Now we begin to show Main Theorem. As $E(f^k) \leq E$ for any k , a subsequence of $\{f^k\}_k$ converges and so we can assume that $f^k \in \mathcal{H}arm_\alpha(\mathbf{CP}^n)$ for any k . Hence, by Lemma 3.1, we get $E(\partial f^k) \leq E_1$ for any k . Therefore, passing through subsequences, both $\{f^k\}_k$ and $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ converge to $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ and $f_1^{I_1} = \bigvee_{\ell' \in I_1} f_1^{(\ell')} : T^{I_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ respectively. More precisely, consider the renormalization $f^{k,I} = \bigvee_{\ell} f^{k,\ell} : T^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} S^{(\ell)} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ of f^k converging to $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell} f^{(\ell)}$. Put $f_1^k = \partial f^k$ and consider again its renormalization

$$f_1^{k,I_1} = \bigvee_{\ell' \in I_1} f_1^{k,\ell'} : T^{I_1} = \bigvee_{\ell' \in I_1} S^{(\ell')} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$$

whose subsequence converges to $f_1^I = \bigvee_{\ell' \in I_1} f_1^{(\ell')}$. If

$$f_1^{k, \ell'} = \partial f^k \circ \sigma_1^{k, \ell'} = \partial f^{k, \ell} \circ \bar{\sigma}_1^{k, \ell'}$$

on a geodesic disc D' in $S^{(\ell')} - B_{f_1^{(\ell')}} \cup \{\infty_{\ell'}\}$ for any k large enough, $\{f_1^{k, \ell'}\}_k$ converges to $f_1^{(\ell')}$ which is either equal to non-trivial $\partial f^{(0)}$ or equivalent to non-trivial $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ for some $\ell \in I - \{0\}$. On the other hand, if $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ is non-trivial, we can get $f_1^{(\ell')}$ equivalent to $\partial f^{(\ell)}$. As the convergence of $\{f^{k, \ell}\}_k$ is with respect to C^s -norm for any $s \geq 0$, if $f_1^{(\ell')} = \partial f^{(\ell)} \circ \sigma_{\ell}$, we get

$$\sigma_{\ell}(B_{f_1^{(\ell')}}) \subset B_{f^{(\ell)}}.$$

Now suppose that $\{f_1^{k, \ell'}\}_k$ converges to $f_1^{(\ell')}$ which is not equivalent to any $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ for $\ell \in I$. As $\sigma_1^{k, \ell'} : S^2 \rightarrow S^2$ is a holomorphic map given by

$$z = \sigma_1^{k, \ell'}(w) = \alpha_1^{k, \ell'} w + \beta_1^{k, \ell'},$$

$\bar{\partial}_{wz}$ is a non-zero constant $\alpha_1^{k, \ell'}$. Hence

$$\bar{\partial} f_1^{k, \ell'} = \bar{\partial}((\partial f^k) \circ \sigma_1^{k, \ell'}) = (\bar{\partial} \partial f^k) \circ \sigma_1^{k, \ell'} = f^k \circ \sigma_1^{k, \ell'}$$

on D' for any k large enough where the constant $\alpha_1^{k, \ell'}$ vanishes because of the homogeneous coordinate. A subsequence of $\{\bar{\partial} f_1^{k, \ell'}\}_k$ converges to zero on D' . By the uniqueness continuation theorem ([13]), this means the holomorphicity of $f_1^{(\ell')}$. The length of $f_1^{(\ell')}$ is obvious.

By replacing ∂ transform with $\bar{\partial}$ transform, we can show the corresponding assertion. This completes the proof of Main Theorem.

4. $\mathcal{H}arm_{\alpha}(\mathbf{CP}^1)$ and $\mathcal{H}arm_{\alpha}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$

We say that a harmonic bubble tree map $f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ is gluable if a sequence of harmonic maps converges to a harmonic bubble tree map $\tilde{f}^I : \tilde{T}^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$ equivalent to $f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$. Firstly we consider the case when $n = 1$. Note that any map in $\mathcal{H}arm(\mathbf{CP}^1)$ is either holomorphic or anti-holomorphic.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$ be a holomorphic bubble tree map. Then $\partial f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \partial f^{(\ell)}$ is a well-defined anti-holomorphic bubble tree map defined on T^I . If f^I is gluable, so is ∂f^I .*

Proof. Let $f = [p_0 : p_1] \in \mathcal{H}ol(\mathbf{CP}^1)$ be non-trivial where p_0 and p_1 have no common zero. Then, by calculations,

$$\partial f = [(p_1 p'_0 - p'_1 p_0) \bar{p}_1 : -(p_1 p'_0 - p'_1 p_0) \bar{p}_0].$$

If $p_1 p'_0 - p'_1 p_0 = 0$ on a domain, $p_0 \equiv K \cdot p_1$ and so we deduce a contradiction. Hence $\partial f = [\bar{p}_1 : -\bar{p}_0]$.

Now take a holomorphic bubble tree map $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^1$. As shown above, when $f^{(\ell)}(\infty) = f^{(\ell')}(z_{\ell'})$, $\partial f^{(\ell)}(\infty) = \partial f^{(\ell')}(z_{\ell'})$. This shows the first assertion.

When a sequence $\{f^k\}_k$ in $\mathcal{Hol}(\mathbf{CP}^1)$ converges to f^I , by calculations, $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ converges to ∂f^I . □

Now we consider the case when $n = 2$. We start to refer results of existence theorems. Denote by $\mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ the subspace of $\mathcal{Hol}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ consisting of f with $c_1(f) = \alpha$ and $R_{\hat{\sigma}}(f) = r$. We also put $\mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}^*(\mathbf{CP}^2) = \mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2) \cap \mathcal{Hol}^*(\mathbf{CP}^2)$. Obviously $\mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}^*(\mathbf{CP}^2) = \mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ if $2\alpha + r + 2 < 0$.

We also consider the subspace $\mathcal{Harm}_{\alpha,E}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ of $\mathcal{Harm}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ consisting of f with $E(f) = \pi E$. Note that any map in $\mathcal{Harm}_{\alpha,E}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ is full when $E \neq 0$, $|\alpha|$. We get the followings.

THEOREM 6 ([2], Lemma 1.3 & Theorem 1.4). *For $0 \leq r \leq -\alpha - 2$, $\mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ is a smooth connected complex submanifold of $\mathcal{Hol}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ of complex dimension $2 - 3\alpha - r$. Moreover there is a homeomorphism*

$$\mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2) \ni f \rightarrow \partial f \in \mathcal{Harm}_{\alpha+2+r, -(3\alpha+r+2)}(\mathbf{CP}^2).$$

Remark 4.1. By [8, Proposition 2.7], $\mathcal{Hol}_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ is non-empty exactly when $0 \leq r \leq -\frac{3}{2}\alpha - 3$.

As for the gluing, we get the following.

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Let $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ be a harmonic bubble tree map with $f^{(\ell)} \in \mathcal{Harm}_{\alpha_{\ell}, E_{\ell}}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ and $E_{\ell} \neq |\alpha_{\ell}|$ for any $\ell \in I$. If f^I is gluable, both $\partial f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \partial f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ and $\bar{\partial} f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \bar{\partial} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ are well-defined gluable bubble tree maps.*

Proof. If necessary, replace f^I by an equivalent harmonic bubble tree map (which we denote by the same way) and take a sequence $\{f^k\}_k$ in $\mathcal{Harm}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ converging to f^I . Without loss of generality, we can assume that $f^k \in \mathcal{Harm}_{\alpha,E}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ with $E \neq |\alpha|$ for any k . We get a harmonic sequence

$$\text{seq}(f^k, 1) : 0 \xleftarrow{\bar{\partial}} \bar{\partial} f^k \xrightarrow{\partial} f^k \xrightarrow{\partial} \partial f^k \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} 0.$$

Passing through a subsequence, $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ converges to $f_1^{I_1} = \bigvee_{\ell \in I_1} f_1^{(\ell)} : T^{I_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$. When $f_1^{(\ell')}$ is not equivalent to any $\partial f^{(\ell)}$, by Main Theorem, $f_1^{(\ell')}$ is a holomorphic map whose $\hat{\sigma}$ transform is trivial. Then $f_1^{(\ell')}$ becomes trivial and we deduce a contradiction. By the assumption, $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ is non-trivial. Hence $I_1 = I$ and each $f_1^{(\ell)}$ is equivalent to $\partial f^{(\ell)}$. This implies that $\partial f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \partial f^{(\ell)}$ is a well-defined anti-holomorphic bubble tree map. Moreover, by Main Theorem again, ∂f^I is defined on T^I . Similarly we can show the corresponding result for $\bar{\partial} f^I$. □

PROPOSITION 4.3. For $0 \leq r \leq -\alpha - 2$, let $\{f^k\}_k$ be a sequence in $\mathcal{H}ol_{\alpha,r}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ converging to $f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ with $f^{(\ell)} \in \mathcal{H}ol_{\alpha_\ell, r_\ell}^*(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ for any ℓ . Suppose that $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ converges to a harmonic bubble tree map $f_1^{I_1} : T^{I_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$. Then $f_1^{I_1}$ is equivalent to a well-defined harmonic bubble tree map $\partial f^I = \bigvee_{\ell \in I} \partial f^{(\ell)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ exactly when

$$\sum_{\ell} R_{\partial}(f^{(\ell)}) = r - 2 \times (|I| - 1).$$

Here $|I|$ is denoted for the number of elements of I .

Proof. Since $E(\partial f^k) = (-3\alpha - 2 - r)\pi > 0$, by Main Theorem, a subsequence of $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ converges to $f_1^{I_1} : T^{I_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$.

Firstly we note that $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ is non-trivial. As $E(f^k) = \sum_{\ell} E(f^{(\ell)})$, by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we get

$$E(\partial f^k) - \sum_{\ell} E(\partial f^{(\ell)}) = \pi \left\{ \sum_{\ell} R_{\partial}(f^{(\ell)}) - R_{\partial}(f^k) + 2 \cdot |I| - 2 \right\} \geq 0.$$

Here this is equal to zero exactly when $\{\partial f^k\}_k$ converges to a bubble tree map equivalent to a well-defined bubble tree map ∂f^I . \square

5. Example

In this section, we show examples to consider relations between a harmonic bubble tree map f^I and its ∂ transform. We consider the case when $n = 2$.

For any $f \in \mathcal{H}ol(\mathbf{CP}^2)$, put $f = [p_0 : p_1 : p_2]$ where $[p_0 : p_1 : p_2]$ are homogeneous coordinates of \mathbf{CP}^2 . Put $h_f = [h_0 : h_1 : h_2]$ where

$$(h_0, h_1, h_2) = (p'_1 p_2 - p_1 p'_2, -p'_0 p_2 + p_0 p'_2, p'_0 p_1 - p_0 p'_1).$$

When p_0, p_1, p_2 have no common zeros, $R_{\partial}(f)$ is the number of common zeros of three holomorphic maps h_0, h_1, h_2 as far as $2 \cdot \max_j \deg p_j - 2 = \max_j \deg h_j$. For details, refer [2, §2].

From now on, we denote by $T^I = S^{(0)} \vee S^{(1)}$ the bubble domain tower defined by the base space $S^{(0)} = S^2$ and a bubble domain $S^{(1)} = \pi_1^{-1}(0) \subset \Sigma S^{(0)}$. Denote by

$$\mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2) * \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$$

the set of holomorphic bubble tree maps $f^I = f^{(0)} \vee f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ with $f^{(\ell)} \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ for $\ell = 0, 1$. Since $\mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}^*(\mathbf{CP}^2) = \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$, by Theorem 6, $\mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ is a complex manifold of the complex dimension 8.

Example 5.1. Take $f^I \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2) * \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$. By Proposition 4.3, if a sequence of $f_k \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-4,2}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ converges to f^I , a subsequence of $\{\partial f_k\}_k$

converges to a harmonic bubble tree map equivalent to $\partial f^I := \partial f^{(0)} \vee \partial f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$.

In this case, we also get $E(\partial^2 f_k) = 4\pi$ and $E(\partial^2 f^{(\ell)}) = 2\pi$ for $\ell = 0, 1$. Hence, by Main Theorem, passing through a subsequence, $\{\partial^2 f_k\}_k$ converges to a harmonic bubble tree map equivalent to $\partial^2 f^I := \partial^2 f^{(0)} \vee \partial^2 f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$.

Example 5.2. Let $f^I = f^{(0)} \vee f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ be the holomorphic bubble tree map defined by

$$f^{(0)}(z) = [1 : z : z^2], \quad f^{(1)}(z) = [z^2 : z : 1].$$

As $R_\partial(f^{(\ell)}) = 0$ for $\ell = 0, 1$, $f^I \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2) * \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$.

A sequence of harmonic maps

$$f_R(z) = \left[1 : z + \frac{1}{Rz} : z^2 + \frac{1}{R^2 z^2} \right]$$

converges to a holomorphic bubble tree map equivalent to $f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$. By calculations, we also get $R_\partial(f_R) = 2$. Hence, by Proposition 4.3, $\{\partial f_R\}_R$ converges to a harmonic bubble tree map equivalent to a well-defined harmonic bubble tree map $\partial f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$. Moreover

$$\partial^2 f_R(z) = \left[\bar{z}^2 + \frac{1}{R^2 \bar{z}^2} + \frac{4}{R} : -2\bar{z} - \frac{2}{R\bar{z}} : 1 \right]$$

converge to an anti-holomorphic bubble tree map equivalent to a well-defined $\partial^2 f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^n$. In fact, by using ‘‘Mathematica Ver.6.0’’, we can calculate

$$\partial f^{(0)}(z) = [-\bar{z} - 2z\bar{z}^2 : 1 - z^2\bar{z}^2 : 2z + z^2\bar{z}],$$

$$\partial f^{(1)}(z) = [2z + z^2\bar{z} : 1 - z^2\bar{z}^2 : -\bar{z} - 2z\bar{z}^2]$$

and

$$\partial^2 f^{(0)}(z) = [\bar{z}^2 : -2\bar{z} : 1], \quad \partial^2 f^{(1)}(z) = [1 : -2\bar{z} : \bar{z}^2].$$

Hence both $\partial f^I = \partial f^{(0)} \vee \partial f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ and $\partial^2 f^I = \partial^2 f^{(0)} \vee \partial^2 f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ are well-defined.

Example 5.3. We consider a bubble tree map $f^I = f^{(0)} \vee f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ defined by

$$f^{(0)}(z) = [1 : z^2 : z], \quad f^{(1)}(z) = [z^2 : z : 1]$$

which is contained in $\mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2) * \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$. For $R > 1$ large enough, we define holomorphic maps $f_R \in W^{1,p}(S^2, \mathbf{CP}^2)$ by

$$f_R(z) = \left[1 : z^2 + \frac{1}{Rz} : z + \frac{1}{R^2 z^2} \right]$$

which converge to a holomorphic bubble tree map equivalent to $f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ if $R \rightarrow \infty$. Here $R_{\partial}(f_R) = 0$ and so $\{\partial f_R\}_R$ does not converge to a harmonic map equivalent to ∂f^I . In fact, we calculate $\partial f^{(\ell)}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial f^{(0)}(z) &= [-\bar{z} - 2z\bar{z}^2 : 2z + z^2\bar{z} : 1 - z^2\bar{z}^2], \\ \partial f^{(1)}(z) &= [2z + z^2\bar{z} : 1 - z^2\bar{z}^2 : -\bar{z} - 2z\bar{z}^2] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\partial f^{(0)}(0) = [0 : 0 : 1], \quad \partial f^{(1)}(\infty) = [0 : 1 : 0].$$

Hence these cannot define a bubble tree map on T^I . In fact, when $R \rightarrow +\infty$, ∂f_R converge to a harmonic bubble tree map

$$f_1^{I_1} = \partial f^{(0)} \vee f_1^{(01)} \vee f_1^{(1)} : T^{I_1} = S^{(0)} \vee S^{(01)} \vee S^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$$

where $f_1^{(1)}$ is equivalent to $\partial f^{(1)}$ and the map $f_1^{(01)} : S^{(01)} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ is equivalent to $\tilde{f}_1^{(01)}$;

$$\tilde{f}_1^{(01)}(z) = [0 : 1 : -z^2].$$

Since the center of mass of $f_1^{(01)}$ is the north pole, we can define T^{I_1} by

$$S^{(01)} = S_0^{(0)} \subset \Sigma S^{(0)}, \quad S^{(1)} = S_0^{(01)} \subset \Sigma S^{(01)}$$

and choose $f_1^{(01)}$ with $f_1^{(01)}(0) = \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}(0)$. We have

$$E(\partial f_R) = E(\partial f^{(0)}) + E(\partial f^{(1)}) + E(f_1^{(01)}) = 10\pi.$$

When $R \rightarrow +\infty$, $\partial^2 f_R$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^2 f_R(z) &= [1 - 2R^2\bar{z}^3 + 4R\bar{z}^3 + R^3\bar{z}^6 : -2R\bar{z} + R^3\bar{z}^4 : R^2\bar{z}^2 - 2R^3\bar{z}^5] \\ &= \left[\bar{z}^3 + \frac{4}{R^2} - \frac{2}{R} + \frac{1}{R^3\bar{z}^3} : \bar{z} - \frac{2}{R^2\bar{z}^2} : -2\bar{z}^2 + \frac{1}{R\bar{z}} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{R} + \frac{4}{R^3\bar{z}^3} - \frac{2}{R^2\bar{z}^3} + \frac{1}{R^4\bar{z}^6} : \frac{1}{R\bar{z}^2} - \frac{2}{R^3\bar{z}^5} : -\frac{2}{R\bar{z}} + \frac{1}{R^2\bar{z}^4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

also converges to an anti-holomorphic bubble tree map

$$f_2^{I_1} = \partial^2 f^{(0)} \vee f_2^{(01)} \vee f_2^{(1)} : T^{I_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$$

where $f_2^{(1)}$ and $f_2^{(01)}$ are equivalent to $\partial^2 f^{(1)}$ and $\partial \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}$ respectively;

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^2 f^{(0)}(z) &= [\bar{z}^2 : 1 : -2\bar{z}], \\ \partial \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}(z) &= [0 : \bar{z}^2 : 1], \\ \partial^2 f^{(1)}(z) &= [1 : -2\bar{z} : \bar{z}^2]. \end{aligned}$$

These satisfy $E(\partial^2 f_R) = E(\partial^2 f^{(0)}) + E(\partial f_1^{(01)}) + E(\partial^2 f^{(1)}) = 6\pi$.

Example 5.4. Let $f^I = f^{(0)} \vee f^{(1)} \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2) * \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(0)}(z) &= [p_0 : p_1 : p_2] = [1 : z^2 : 1 + z] \quad \text{and} \\ f^{(1)}(z) &= [q_0 : q_1 : q_2] = [z^2 : 1 : z + z^2]. \end{aligned}$$

We can get $f_R \in \mathcal{H}ol^*_{-4}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ defined by

$$f_R(z) = \left[1 : \frac{1}{R^2 z^2} + z^2 : 1 + z + \frac{1}{Rz} \right]$$

converging to a harmonic bubble tree map equivalent to f^I when $R \rightarrow +\infty$. Since $R_\partial(f_R) = 2$, by Proposition 4.3, both $\{\partial f_R\}_R$ and $\{\partial^2 f_R\}_R$ converge to harmonic bubble tree maps equivalent to well-defined bubble tree maps $\partial f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ and $\partial^2 f^I : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ respectively.

For $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2$ and $q(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2$, put $|p - q| = \sum_k |a_k - b_k|$.

LEMMA 5.1. *Let $f^I = f^{(0)} \vee f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ be a holomorphic bubble tree map in Example 5.4 with*

$$f^{(0)} = [p_0 : p_1 : p_2], \quad f^{(1)} = [q_0 : q_1 : q_2].$$

*Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, we can choose a holomorphic bubble tree map $\tilde{f}^I = \tilde{f}^{(0)} \vee \tilde{f}^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ in $\mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2) * \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ with*

$$\tilde{f}^{(0)} = [\tilde{p}_0 : \tilde{p}_1 : \tilde{p}_2], \quad \tilde{f}^{(1)} = [\tilde{q}_0 : \tilde{q}_1 : \tilde{q}_2]$$

so that $\sum_\ell (|\tilde{p}_\ell - p_\ell| + |\tilde{q}_\ell - q_\ell|) < \varepsilon$ and that $\partial \tilde{f}^I = \partial \tilde{f}^{(0)} \vee \partial \tilde{f}^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{CP}^2$ is well-defined but non-gluable.

Proof. When the degrees of polynomials p and q are no greater than 2, we can choose $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ so that p and q have no common zeros as far as $|p - p_0| + |q - q_0| < \varepsilon_0$. Here $p_0(z) = 1$ and $q_0(z) = z^2$. Hence we can choose $\varepsilon > 0$ so that $\tilde{f}^{(\ell)} \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{CP}^2)$ for $\ell = 0, 1$ if

$$\sum_{0 \leq j \leq 2} (|\tilde{p}_j - p_j| + |\tilde{q}_j - q_j|) < \varepsilon.$$

Put

$$\tilde{p}_\ell(z) = \alpha_{\ell 0} + \alpha_{\ell 1} z + \alpha_{\ell 2} z^2, \quad \tilde{q}_\ell(z) = \beta_{\ell 0} + \beta_{\ell 1} z + \beta_{\ell 2} z^2$$

with $\alpha_{00} = 1$ and $\beta_{02} = 1$. Since $\alpha_{00} = \beta_{02} = 1$, $\tilde{f}^{(0)}(0) = \tilde{f}^{(1)}(\infty)$ exactly when $\alpha_{\ell 0} = \beta_{\ell 2}$ for $\ell = 0, 1, 2$. Moreover the complex conjugates of $h_{\tilde{f}^{(\ell)}}$ is equal to $\partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(\ell)}$. Since $\tilde{f}^{(\ell)}$ is full, $\partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(\ell)}$ is non-trivial with $c_1(\partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(\ell)}) = 2$. Moreover $\partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(0)}(0) = \partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(1)}(+\infty)$ exactly when $\alpha_{\ell k}$ and $\beta_{\ell k}$ additionally satisfy

$$\beta_{11}(\alpha_{01} \alpha_{20} - \alpha_{21}) = \beta_{21}(\alpha_{01} \alpha_{10} - \alpha_{11}) - \beta_{01}(\alpha_{10} \alpha_{21} - \alpha_{11} \alpha_{20}).$$

If necessary, we rechoose $\varepsilon > 0$ so small that

$$\alpha_{20} > \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{2} > \alpha_{01}\alpha_{20} - \alpha_{21}.$$

Denote by \tilde{U}_ε the set of all $(\tilde{f}^{(0)}, \tilde{f}^{(1)})$ whose polynomials have coefficients $\alpha_{\ell k}, \beta_{\ell k}$ satisfying above conditions. By definition, both $\tilde{f}^I = \tilde{f}^{(0)} \vee \tilde{f}^{(1)}$ and $\partial^2 \tilde{f}^I = \partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(0)} \vee \partial^2 \tilde{f}^{(1)}$ are well-defined bubble tree maps defined on T^I . Moreover, in such a case, we can calculate to show that $\partial \tilde{f}^I = \partial \tilde{f}^{(0)} \vee \partial \tilde{f}^{(1)}$ are well-defined harmonic bubble tree map defined on T^I .

As the complex dimension of \tilde{U}_ε is equal to 13 and that of $\mathcal{H}ol_{-4,2}(\mathbf{C}P^2)$ is 12 by Theorem 6, there is $\tilde{f}^I \in \tilde{U}_\varepsilon$ so that $\partial \tilde{f}^I$ is well-defined but not gluable. □

Example 5.5. We consider a holomorphic bubble tree map which contains a non-full map. Let $f^I = f^{(0)} \vee f^{(1)} : T^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^2$ be the holomorphic bubble tree map defined by

$$f^{(0)}(z) = [1 : z : 0], \quad f^{(1)}(z) = [z : 1 : 1].$$

Then $f_R \in \mathcal{H}ol_{-2,0}(\mathbf{C}P^2)$ defined by

$$f_R(z) = \left[1 : z + \frac{1}{R^2 z} : \frac{1}{R^2 z} \right]$$

converge to f^I when $R \rightarrow +\infty$. We get $E(f_R) = E(f^{(0)}) + E(f^{(1)}) = 2\pi$. By calculations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial f_R(z) &= \left[-\bar{z} - \frac{1}{R^2 \bar{z}} + \frac{2}{R^4 z^2 \bar{z}} + \frac{\bar{z}}{R^2 z^2} : 1 - \frac{1}{R^2 z^2} + \frac{2}{R^4 z \bar{z}} : -\frac{1}{R^2 z^2} - \frac{2}{R^4 z \bar{z}} - \frac{2\bar{z}}{R^2 z} \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{\bar{z}}{R^2} - \frac{1}{R^4 \bar{z}} + \frac{2}{R^6 z^2 \bar{z}} + \frac{\bar{z}}{R^4 z^2} : \frac{1}{R^2} - \frac{1}{R^4 z^2} + \frac{2}{R^6 z \bar{z}} : -\frac{1}{R^4 z^2} - \frac{2}{R^6 z \bar{z}} - \frac{2\bar{z}}{R^4 z} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which converge to

$$f_1^{I_1} = \partial f^{(0)} \vee f_1^{(01)} \vee f_1^{(1)} : T^{I_1} = S^{(0)} \vee S^{(01)} \vee S^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^2$$

if $R \rightarrow +\infty$. Here T^{I_1} is the same bubble domain tower in Example 5.3 and, $f_1^{(01)}$ and $f_1^{(1)}$ are equivalent to $\tilde{f}_1^{(01)}$ and $\partial f^{(1)}$ respectively;

$$\begin{aligned} \partial f^{(0)}(z) &= [-\bar{z} : 1 : 0], \\ \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}(z) &= [0 : 1 - z^2 : 1], \\ \partial f^{(1)}(z) &= [2 : -\bar{z} : -\bar{z}]. \end{aligned}$$

In fact, making calculations, we can show that the center of mass of $\tilde{f}_1^{(01)}$ is the north pole. We also get

$$E(\partial f_R) = E(\partial f^{(0)}) + E(\partial f^{(1)}) + E(f_1^{(01)}) = \pi + \pi + 2\pi.$$

Moreover

$$\partial^2 f_R(z) = \left[-\frac{2}{R^2 \bar{z}} : \frac{1}{R^2 \bar{z}^2} : 1 - \frac{1}{R^2 \bar{z}^2} \right]$$

converges to $f_2^{I_2} = \partial \tilde{f}_1^{(01)} : T^{I_2} = S^{(01)} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}P^2$;

$$\partial \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}(z) = [0 : 1 : -1 + \bar{z}^2].$$

In this case, $\partial \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}$ is the base map and $E(\partial^2 f_R) = E(\partial \tilde{f}_1^{(01)}) = 2\pi$.

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