

## OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXISTENCE OF KÄHLER STRUCTURES ON COMPACT COMPLEX MANIFOLDS

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**ABSTRACT.** We prove that a manifold in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  which supports a  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -closed metric is Kähler. This result implies that on a compact complex manifold in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  which is not Kähler there exists a nonzero  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact, positive current of bidimension  $(1, 1)$ .

### INTRODUCTION

In [HaLa], Harvey and Lawson proved that the obstruction to the existence of a Kähler metric on a given compact complex manifold  $X$  of dimension  $n$  is a positive, nonzero current of bidegree  $(n-1, n-1)$  which is the  $(n-1, n-1)$  component of a  $d$ -exact current on  $X$ . In general, such currents are not  $d$ -closed, therefore the theory of closed positive currents cannot be used to study them (although some results extending this theory to the case of  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -closed, positive currents do exist). The main result of this paper is that, in the case when  $X$  is a manifold in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ , the obstruction current can be chosen to be  $d$ -closed:

**Theorem 0.1.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  and which is not Kähler. Then there exists a positive, nonzero current  $T$  of bidegree  $(n-1, n-1)$  which is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact.*

Theorem 0.1 follows immediately from

**Theorem 0.2.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  and suppose there exists  $\omega$  a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$  form on  $X$  such that  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ . Then  $X$  is a Kähler manifold.*

The two theorems are generalizations to the analytic case of the algebraic case which was proved by Peternell [Pe]. Theorem 0.2 is similar to Moishezon's theorem which states that a Moishezon manifold which is Kähler is in fact projective.

A  $(1, 1)$  form  $\omega$  as in Theorem 0.2 (i.e., positive defined, and  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -closed) is called a *strong Kähler with torsion (SKT) metric*. See for instance [FiTo] for an introduction to SKT metrics. Therefore, Theorem 0.2 states that a manifold in Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  which supports an SKT metric is in fact Kähler.

On surfaces, Theorems 0.1 and 0.2 are vacuous since any surface in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  is Kähler. But on 3-folds, Theorem 0.1 implies that any closed obstruction contains a nonzero curve:

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**Theorem 0.3.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex 3-fold in class  $\mathcal{C}$  which is not Kähler and let  $T$  be a positive, nonzero  $(2, 2)$  current which is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact. Then there exist  $C$  an irreducible curve in  $X$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $R$  a closed positive  $(2, 2)$  current on  $X$  such that  $T = \lambda[C] + R$ .*

Theorem 0.1, combined with a result of Lamari [La], Théorème 3.2 (see Theorem 1.5 below) implies the following general existence theorem, which is a refined version of the Harvey and Lawson theorem:

**Theorem 0.4.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  such that:*

- (i) *there is no nontrivial nef pluriharmonic current on  $X$  of bidegree  $(n - 1, n - 1)$ , which is the  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  component of a boundary,*
- (ii) *there is no nontrivial positive,  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact current of bidegree  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  on  $X$ .*

*Then  $X$  is Kähler.*

Therefore, on a non-Kähler manifold, the obstruction is either nef (when the manifold is not in  $\mathcal{C}$ ) or closed (when the manifold is in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ ).

For the proof of Theorem 0.2, we first show that the cohomology class of the  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -closed form satisfies the numerical conditions of a Kähler class. The main result of [DePă] then implies that the cohomology class contains a Kähler current. We then proceed by induction on the dimension of the manifold to show that the cohomology class contains a Kähler form.

Theorem 0.1 follows at once from Theorem 0.2 by using a result of Harvey and Lawson [HaLa].

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we gather some results needed for the proof of the above results.

**1.1. Intrinsic characterization of Kähler manifolds.** The main result of [HaLa] is the following:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $X$  be a compact manifold of dimension  $n$ . Then  $X$  is non-Kähler iff there exists a nonzero positive current which is the  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  component of a boundary.*

In the same paper, the authors prove that the obstruction to the closedness of the obstruction current involves a strictly positive,  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $(1, 1)$  form:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Suppose  $X$  is a compact manifold of dimension  $n$ . Then  $X$  admits a closed real  $(1, 1)$  form  $\eta = \bar{\partial}\alpha + \omega + \partial\bar{\alpha}$ , where  $\omega$  is a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$  form and  $\alpha$  is a  $(1, 0)$  form on  $X$  iff  $X$  does not support a nonzero,  $d$ -closed, positive current which is the  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  component of a boundary.*

**1.2. Positive classes on compact manifolds.** The main result of [DePă] is the following:

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $(X, \lambda)$  be a compact Kähler manifold and let  $\{\eta\}$  be a  $(1, 1)$  cohomology class on  $X$ . Then  $\{\eta\}$  is a Kähler cohomology class iff for every irreducible analytic set  $Z \subset X$ ,  $\dim Z = p$ , and every  $k = \overline{1, p}$ ,*

$$(1.1) \quad \int_Z \eta^k \wedge \lambda^{p-k} > 0.$$

In order to construct a Kähler metric, we will need the following result from [DePă]:

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex space and let  $\{\eta\}$  be a cohomology class of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $X$ . Assume that  $\{\eta\}$  contains a Kähler current  $T$  and that the restriction  $\{\eta\}|_Y$  to every irreducible component  $Y$  in the Lelong sublevel sets  $E_c(T)$  is a Kähler cohomology class. Then  $\{\eta\}$  is a Kähler cohomology class on  $X$ .*

**1.3. Manifolds in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ .** The manifolds in class  $\mathcal{C}$  were first introduced by Fujiki as manifolds which are meromorphic images of Kähler manifolds [Fu]:

**Definition 1.1.** A compact complex manifold  $X$  is in class  $\mathcal{C}$  if there exists a complex Kähler space  $Y$  and a surjective meromorphic map  $h: Y \rightarrow X$ .

There are several other ways of characterizing the manifolds in the Fujiki class. A current  $T$  of bidegree  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  on a compact complex manifold  $X$  of dimension  $n$  is nef pluriharmonic if it is a weak limit of Gauduchon metrics. A closed current of bidegree  $(1, 1)$  is a Kähler current if it dominates some strictly positive, smooth  $(1, 1)$  form. Then we have:

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  is in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ ,
- (ii) there exists  $Y$  a Kähler manifold and  $h: Y \rightarrow X$  a proper transform of  $X$  ([Va]),
- (iii) there exists  $T$  a Kähler current on  $X$  ([DePă]),
- (iv) if  $R$  is an  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  nef pluriharmonic current on  $X$  which is the  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  component of a boundary, then  $R = 0$  ([La]).

The Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  is stable under most natural operations, except under small deformations. The Hodge decomposition is valid on manifolds in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ ; in particular, the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$  lemma is valid on such manifolds.

## 2. NON-KÄHLER MANIFOLDS IN THE FUJIKI CLASS $\mathcal{C}$

In this section we prove Theorems 0.1 and 0.2. We first need the following lemma, which will be used later to show that a certain cohomology class satisfies the numerical inequalities of a Kähler class:

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$ ,  $\eta = \partial\bar{\alpha} + \omega + \bar{\partial}\alpha$  be a closed  $(1, 1)$  form where  $\alpha$  is a  $(1, 0)$  form on  $X$  and  $\omega$  is a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$  form on  $X$ , and  $\lambda$  be a closed real  $(n - k, n - k)$  form on  $X$ . Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \int_X \eta^k \wedge \lambda = \sum_{2i+j=k} \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\alpha)^i \wedge \lambda.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\eta$  is closed, it follows that  $\partial\omega = \bar{\partial}\partial\alpha$  and  $\bar{\partial}\omega = \partial\bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha}$ . We prove the statement by induction on  $k$ . For  $k = 1$ , the above equation becomes

$$\int_X \eta \wedge \lambda = \int_X \omega \wedge \lambda$$

and it follows from Stokes' theorem since  $\lambda$  is closed. Suppose the formula is true for  $k$ . Then for  $k + 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_X \eta^{k+1} \wedge \lambda = \int_X \eta^k \wedge \eta \wedge \lambda \\ &= \sum_{2i+j=k} \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \wedge (\bar{\partial}\alpha + \omega + \partial\bar{\alpha}) \wedge \lambda \\ &= \sum_{2i+j=k} \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \omega^{j+1} \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \wedge \lambda \\ &+ \sum_{2i+j=k} \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \bar{\partial}\alpha \wedge \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \wedge \lambda \\ &+ \sum_{2i+j=k} \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \partial\bar{\alpha} \wedge \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \wedge \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

The third term in the above sum is the conjugate of the second term, so we focus only on the second term, call it  $I_2$ . Stokes' theorem implies that it is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \sum_{2i+j=k} j \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \alpha \wedge \partial\bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha} \wedge \omega^{j-1} \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \wedge \lambda \\ &+ \sum_{2i+j=k} i \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \alpha \wedge \partial\omega \wedge \omega^j \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha} \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^{i-1} \wedge \lambda, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $\bar{\partial}\omega = \partial\bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{\partial}\partial\alpha = \partial\omega$ . Now notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial \left[ \sum_{2i+j=k-1} \frac{j+1}{i+1} \binom{k}{j+1} \binom{2i}{i} \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha} \wedge \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \right] \\ &= \sum_{2i+j=k} j \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \partial\bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha} \wedge \omega^{j-1} \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \\ &+ \sum_{2i+j=k} i \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \partial\omega \wedge \omega^j \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha} \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^{i-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and again Stokes' theorem implies that the second term is equal to

$$I_2 = \sum_{2i+j=k-1} \frac{j+1}{i+1} \binom{k}{j+1} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^{i+1} \wedge \lambda.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X \eta^{k+1} \wedge \lambda &= \sum_{2i+j=k} \binom{k}{j} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \omega^{j+1} \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^i \wedge \lambda \\ &+ 2 \sum_{2i+j=k-1} \frac{j+1}{i+1} \binom{k}{j+1} \binom{2i}{i} \int_X \omega^j \wedge (\partial\alpha \wedge \bar{\partial}\bar{\alpha})^{i+1} \wedge \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Now the formula for  $k + 1$  follows from rearranging the terms of the sums, along with the trivial identity

$$\binom{k + 1}{j} \binom{2i}{i} = \binom{k}{j - 1} \binom{2i}{i} + 2 \frac{j + 1}{i} \binom{k}{j + 1} \binom{2i - 2}{i - 1}$$

for  $2i + j = k + 1$ . □

Now we can prove

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  and suppose there exists  $\omega$  a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$  form on  $X$  such that  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ . Then  $X$  is a Kähler manifold.*

*Proof.* Note that since  $X$  is in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ , the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$  lemma is valid on  $\tilde{X}$ , and therefore the condition  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$  implies the existence of  $\alpha$  and  $\eta$  as in Lemma 2.1 (apply the  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma to the  $d$ -closed and  $\partial$ -exact form  $\partial\omega$ ). We prove by induction on  $n$  that  $\{\eta\}$  is a Kähler cohomology class.

First assume that  $X$  can be made Kähler by a single blow-up along a smooth submanifold  $Y \subset X$ ,  $\dim Y \leq n - 2$ . Denote by  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  the blow-up of  $X$  along  $Y$ , denote by  $\tilde{Y} \subset \tilde{X}$  the exceptional divisor and suppose that  $\tilde{\lambda}$  is a Kähler form on  $\tilde{X}$ . It is well-known that there exists a smooth  $d$ -closed  $(1, 1)$  form  $\tilde{u}$  on  $\tilde{X}$ , in the cohomology class of  $[\tilde{Y}]$ , such that  $\tilde{\omega} = \pi^*\omega - \varepsilon\tilde{u}$  is strictly positive on  $\tilde{X}$  for some small  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Moreover,  $\tilde{u} = [\tilde{Y}] + i\partial\bar{\partial}\tilde{\psi}$ , where  $\tilde{\psi}$  is smooth on  $\tilde{X} \setminus \tilde{Y}$ . Set  $\tilde{\alpha} = \pi^*\alpha$  and  $\tilde{\eta} = \partial\bar{\partial}\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{\omega} + \bar{\partial}\tilde{\alpha}$ . Then we can use Lemma 2.1 for  $\tilde{\eta}$  on  $\tilde{X}$ .

Note that

$$(\partial\tilde{\alpha} \wedge \bar{\partial}\tilde{\alpha})^i = (\partial\tilde{\alpha})^i \wedge (\bar{\partial}\tilde{\alpha})^i$$

is a weakly positive  $(2i, 2i)$  form on  $\tilde{X}$ . Hence, when we multiply it with the strongly positive form  $\tilde{\omega}^j \wedge \tilde{\lambda}^k$ , we obtain a positive multiple of the volume form. Therefore we obtain that

$$(2.2) \quad \int_{\tilde{Z}} \tilde{\eta}^k \wedge \tilde{\lambda}^{p-k} > 0$$

for every irreducible analytic subset  $\tilde{Z} \subset \tilde{X}$ ,  $\dim \tilde{Z} = p$  and every  $k = \overline{1, p}$ . Indeed, when  $\tilde{Z}$  is smooth, this follows from Lemma 2.1.

In the case when  $\tilde{Z}$  is not smooth, we use Hironaka’s resolution of singularities, and we obtain a manifold  $\tilde{X}'$  which is a sequence of blow-ups with smooth centers of  $\tilde{X}$ , and a smooth submanifold  $\tilde{Z}'$  which resolves the singularities of  $\tilde{Z}$ . It is clear that the integral in (2.2) is equal to the corresponding integral over  $\tilde{Z}'$  and hence is nonnegative.

Theorem 1.3 implies that  $\{\tilde{\eta}\}$  is a Kähler cohomology class on  $\tilde{X}$ ; i.e., there exists  $\tilde{\varphi} \in C^\infty(\tilde{X}, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\tilde{\eta} + i\partial\bar{\partial}\tilde{\varphi} > 0$ .

Now we push everything forward to  $X$ . At the cohomology level, we have on  $\tilde{X}$  that

$$\{\tilde{\eta}\} = \pi^*\{\eta\} - \varepsilon\{[\tilde{Y}]\}.$$

The push-forward of  $[\tilde{Y}]$  is 0, so it follows that  $\pi_*\{\tilde{\eta}\} = \{\eta\}$  contains a Kähler current which is smooth on  $X \setminus Y$ .

Note that a smooth submanifold of a manifold in Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  is also in Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ . Hence, by induction, we obtain that the restriction of  $\{\eta\}$  to  $Y$  is a Kähler cohomology class, and by Theorem 1.4 it follows that  $\{\eta\}$  is a Kähler cohomology class.

In general, suppose that  $X$  can be made Kähler by a sequence of blow-ups with smooth centers  $X_r \rightarrow X_{r-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 = X$ , choose  $r$  to be minimal, and suppose  $r \geq 1$ . We can easily construct a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$ -form  $\omega_{r-1}$  on  $X_{r-1}$  such that  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega_{r-1} = 0$ . Then  $X_{r-1}$  is Kähler, contradicting the minimality of  $r$ .  $\square$

On 3-folds we can prove a stronger result:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a 3-fold in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\omega$  a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$  form on  $X$  such that either  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega \geq 0$  or  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega \leq 0$ . Then  $X$  is Kähler.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ , there exists  $T \geq \gamma$  a Kähler current on  $X$ , where  $\gamma$  is a strictly positive  $(1, 1)$  form on  $X$ . If  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega \geq 0$ , then

$$(2.3) \quad \langle i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega, \gamma \rangle \leq \langle i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega, T \rangle = \langle \omega, i\partial\bar{\partial}T \rangle = 0;$$

hence  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$  and similarly when  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega \leq 0$ . Therefore  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$  and the conclusion follows from Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

Now we can easily prove

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$  and which is not Kähler. Then there exists a positive, nonzero current  $T$  of bidegree  $(n - 1, n - 1)$ , which is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.2, it is enough to prove that if  $X$  supports a strictly positive,  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -closed,  $(1, 1)$  form, then  $X$  is Kähler. But this is just the statement of Theorem 2.2. The  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exactness of  $T$  follows immediately from the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$  lemma.  $\square$

### 3. NON-KÄHLER 3-FOLDS

In this section we show that on any 3-fold in class  $\mathcal{C}$  which is not Kähler there exists a curve which is part of the obstruction.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a 3-fold in class  $\mathcal{C}$  which is not Kähler and let  $T$  be a closed, positive, nonzero  $(2, 2)$  current which is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact. Then there exist  $C$  an irreducible curve in  $X$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $R$  a closed positive  $(2, 2)$  current on  $X$  such that  $T = \lambda[C] + R$ .*

*Remark 3.1.* The above theorem is no longer true in higher dimensions. For instance, let  $Y$  be the 3-fold constructed by Hironaka [Hi] which is a proper modification of the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^3$  and which contains a positive linear combination of curves which is homologous to 0. Denote this obstruction by  $C$ . Let  $S$  be an arbitrary Riemann surface and  $\omega_S$  a positive  $(1, 1)$  form on  $S$ . Let  $X = Y \times S$  and let  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  the two projections. Set  $T = p_1^*C \wedge p_2^*\omega_S$ . Then  $T$  is a closed positive  $(3, 3)$  current, which is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact, and it is a residual current.

*Remark 3.2.* Theorem 3.1 states that on 3-folds, **any** closed obstruction contains a curve. The above example shows that in higher dimensions there are obstructions which do not contain any curves. It is not clear whether on any manifold in class  $\mathcal{C}$  there are obstructions which contain curves.

Before we prove Theorem 3.1, we need the following:

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  in the Fujiki class  $\mathcal{C}$ , let  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be the blow-up of  $X$  along a smooth submanifold  $Y$  of dimension  $\leq n - 2$  and let  $\tilde{Y}$  the exceptional divisor. Let  $T$  be a closed positive  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  current on  $X$  such that  $\chi_Y T = 0$ . Then there exists  $\tilde{T}$  a closed positive  $(n - 1, n - 1)$  current on  $\tilde{X}$  such that  $\chi_{\tilde{Y}} \tilde{T} = 0$  and  $\pi_* \tilde{T} = T$ . Moreover,  $\{\tilde{T}\} = \pi^*\{T\} - \lambda\{[F]\}$ , where  $F$  is a curve in the fibre of  $\pi|_{\tilde{Y}} : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* The existence of  $\tilde{T}$  (the strict transform of  $T$ ) is proved in [AlBa2]. Let  $F$  be a curve in a fibre of  $\pi|_{\tilde{Y}} : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$ . We prove that there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\{\tilde{T}\} = \pi^*\{T\} - \lambda\{[F]\}$  by duality. Let  $\{\tilde{\alpha}\} \in H^{1,1}(\tilde{X})$ ; it is well-known that  $\{\tilde{\alpha}\} = \pi^*\{\alpha\} + \gamma\{\{\tilde{Y}\}\}$ , where  $\{\alpha\} \in H^{1,1}(X)$ . Then

$$\langle \{\tilde{T}\} - \pi^*\{T\} - \lambda\{[F]\}, \{\tilde{\alpha}\} \rangle = \gamma \left( \langle \{\tilde{T}\}, \{\{\tilde{Y}\}\} \rangle + \lambda \langle \{[F]\}, \{\{\tilde{Y}\}\} \rangle \right).$$

It follows that for

$$\lambda = - \frac{\langle \{\tilde{T}\}, \{\{\tilde{Y}\}\} \rangle}{\langle \{[F]\}, \{\{\tilde{Y}\}\} \rangle}$$

we have  $\{\tilde{T}\} = \pi^*\{T\} + \lambda\{[F]\}$ . Since  $\chi_{\tilde{Y}} \tilde{T} = 0$ , it follows (see [AlBa1]) that  $\langle \{\tilde{T}\}, \{\{\tilde{Y}\}\} \rangle \leq 0$ . Now  $\langle \{[F]\}, \{\{\tilde{Y}\}\} \rangle < 0$  and therefore  $\lambda \geq 0$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* By Siu’s decomposition theorem,  $T$  can be written  $T = \sum_j \lambda_j [C_j] + R$ , where  $C_j$  are curves in  $X$ ,  $\lambda_j > 0$  and  $R$  is a residual current; i.e., the Lelong sublevel sets  $E_c(R)$  are 0 dimensional for every  $c > 0$ . So it is enough to prove that  $T$  cannot be residual. Suppose  $T$  is residual. Then, if  $Y$  is a submanifold of  $X$  of dimension  $\leq 1$ , then  $\chi_Y T = 0$ . Now suppose that  $X$  can be made Kähler by a sequence of blow-ups with smooth centers  $X = X_0 \leftarrow X_1 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow X_r$  where  $X_r$  is Kähler. Denote by  $Y_s$  the center of the blow-up  $X_{s+1} \rightarrow X_s$ . The centers of the blow-ups are either smooth curves or points. Start off with the current  $T = T_0$  on  $X = X_0$ . Clearly  $\chi_{Y_0} T = 0$ . We construct by induction  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact, positive currents  $T_s$  on  $X_s$  such that  $\chi_{Y_s} T_s = 0$  and  $(\pi_s)_* T_s = T_{s-1}$ . Suppose  $T_s$  has been constructed. From Proposition 3.2 we obtain a closed positive current  $T'_{s+1}$  on  $X_{s+1}$  and  $\lambda_{s+1} \geq 0$  such that  $T'_{s+1} + \lambda_{s+1}[F_{s+1}]$  is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact and its push-forward is  $T_s$ . If  $Y_{s+1} \neq F_{s+1}$ , we set  $T_{s+1} = T'_{s+1} + \lambda_{s+1}[F_{s+1}]$ . If  $Y_{s+1} = F_{s+1}$ , we set  $T_{s+1} = T'_{s+1} + \lambda_{s+1}[F'_{s+1}]$ , where  $F'_{s+1} \neq F_{s+1}$  is another curve in the cohomology class  $\{[F_{s+1}]\}$ . It is clear that  $\chi_{Y_{s+1}} T_{s+1} = 0$  and that  $(\pi_{s+1})_* T_{s+1} = T_s$ . On  $X_r$  we obtain a closed positive current  $T_r$  which is  $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact. Since  $X_r$  is Kähler, it follows that  $T_r = 0$  and therefore  $T_0 = T = 0$ . Contradiction. □

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