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 ω 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 ω 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 ω is a strictly positive $(1, 1)$ form and α 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, λ) 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 α is a $(1, 0)$ form on X and ω is a strictly positive $(1, 1)$ form on X , and λ 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 η 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 λ is closed. Suppose the formula is true for k . Then for $k + 1$ we have

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 $2i + j = k + 1$. $\square$

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 ω 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 α and η as in Lemma 2.1 (apply the $i\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma to the d -closed and ∂ -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 $\tilde{\eta} = \partial\tilde{\alpha} + \tilde{\omega} + \bar{\partial}\tilde{\alpha}$. 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 $\tilde{\varphi} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\tilde{X}, \mathbb{R})$ 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 ω_{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 ω 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 γ 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 ω_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 $\lambda \geq 0$. $\square$

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 ≤ 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. $\square$

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