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## NADEL'S SUBSCHEMES OF FANO MANIFOLDS $X$ WITH A PICARD GROUP $\text{Pic}(X)$ ISOMORPHIC TO $\mathbf{Z}$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we find a global sufficient condition for suitable subschemes of Fano manifolds to be Nadel's subschemes. We apply this condition to one-dimensional subschemes of a projective space.

**1. Introduction and basic notations.** In this paper we consider Fano manifolds, i.e. compact complex manifolds  $X$  with positive First Chern class:  $c_1(X) > 1$ . A subscheme  $Y$  of such manifold is called Nadel's if for any Nakano semi-positive holomorphic vector bundle  $E$  on  $X$  all the higher cohomology groups

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}_Y)$$

vanish. (The definition of Nakano semi-positivity is given below). Here  $\mathcal{E}$  denotes the sheaf of germs of holomorphic sections of  $E$ , and  $\mathcal{I}_Y$  denotes the ideal sheaf on  $X$  which defines the subscheme  $Y$ . As was shown by A. M. Nadel [5] and by the author [9] the existence of Nadel's subschemes is related to the presence of Kähler-Einstein metrics on  $X$ :

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If there are no Nadel's subschemes on  $X$ ,  
then  $X$  is Kähler-Einstein.

Unfortunately, every reduced point on  $X$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $X$ . But often it is very useful to know that on a Fano manifold there are no any Nadel's subschemes of a certain type. For example, if the twisted cubic  $C_3$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is not a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , then the blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  in  $C_3$  is Kähler-Einstein.

Our main purpose in this paper is to investigate what global conditions on a subscheme  $Y$  of  $X$  are sufficient for  $Y$  to be a Nadel's subscheme of  $X$ . We find such conditions in case of reduced  $Y$  with smooth irreducible components which intersect each-other transversally, and with  $\text{Pic}(X)$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$  (Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.6). For proving this result we construct a fine resolution  $\mathcal{F}$  for the sheaf  $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}_Y$ , whose complex of global sections is acyclic in positive dimensions. The construction of  $\mathcal{F}$  uses classic methods of Andreotti-Vesentini and Hörmander about the existence of solutions of a  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem on a complex manifold. We conclude with some examples to which the results of this paper are applicable: Grassman manifolds and their smooth divisors. As a consequence we give a sufficient-and-necessary condition for a reduced curve of degree 3 in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  to be a Nadel's subscheme. For example,  $C_3$  is Nadel's in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

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The following basic notations we shall persistently use in the paper.

Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold and  $(E, h)$  be an Hermitian holomorphic vector bundle over  $X$ .

**Definition 1.1.** *With  $\Omega(h)$  we denote the following section of the vector bundle  $(E \otimes TX)^* \otimes (\overline{E \otimes TX})^*$ , which in local coordinates has the form*

$$\Omega(h) = -\partial\bar{\partial}h + \partial h \cdot h^{-1} \wedge \bar{\partial}h$$

**Remark 1.1.** If  $\nabla$  is the Hermitian connection in  $E$ , and  $\Theta = \nabla^2$  its curvature, then in local coordinates

$$\Omega(h) = {}^t \Theta \cdot h.$$

It's well known that  $\Omega(h)$  is a Hermitian form on  $E \otimes TX$ .

**Definition 1.2.** *A holomorphic vector bundle  $E$  over  $X$  is called Nakano (semi-)positive if there exists an Hermitian metric  $h$  on  $E$ , the corresponding Hermitian form  $\Omega(h)$  of which is (semi-)positive definite on  $E \otimes TX$ .*

In particular,  $X$  is a Fano manifold iff its anticanonical line bundle  $K_X^*$  is Nakano positive.

**Remark 1.2.** (i) Suppose  $L$  is a holomorphic line bundle over  $X$ , and  $l$  its Hermitian metric. Then locally  $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\Omega(l)}{l}$  represents the First Chern class of  $L : c_1(L)$ . Consequently,  $L$  is Nakano positive iff  $c_1(L) > 0$ . By the famous Kodaira theorem the latter is satisfied iff  $L$  is an ample line bundle.

(ii) For the connections between various notions of positivity of a vector bundle and the Nakano (semi-)positivity we refer to the book of Shiffman and Sommese [7].

**Definition 1.3.** 1) *Suppose  $\varphi \in L^1_{loc}(X)$ , and  $(E, h)$  is an Hermitian vector bundle over  $X$ . The almost everywhere defined bilinear form*

$$\tilde{h} = h \cdot \exp(-\varphi)$$

*is called a singular metric on  $E$ . By definition*

$$\Omega(\tilde{h}) = \exp(-\varphi) \cdot (\Omega(h) + \partial\bar{\partial}\varphi \cdot h).$$

*The coefficients of  $\Omega(\tilde{h})$  are  $(1, 1)$ -currents.*

2) *For  $\varphi \in L^1_{loc}(X)$  we define  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  to be the sheaf of germs of holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $X$  for which*

$$|f|^2 \cdot \exp(-\varphi)$$

*is locally integrable (with respect to any smooth volume form on  $X$ ).*

As usual,  $\mathcal{O}_X$  denotes the structure sheaf of  $X$  as a complex manifold, and  $\mathcal{A}_X$  – the structure sheaf of  $X$  as a smooth manifold. If  $Y$  is a subscheme of (the complex manifold)  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_Y$  denotes the ideal sheaf which defines  $Y$ . We have

$$(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) = (\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}_Y), \mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}_Y).$$

For any holomorphic vector bundle  $E$  over  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  denotes the sheaf of germs of holomorphic sections of  $E$ .

**2. Singular metrics defining submanifolds of a complex manifold.**

Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold,  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_s$  be holomorphic line bundles over  $X$ , and  $Y$  – a subscheme of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** (i) We shall say that  $Y$  is scheme-theoretically determined by  $L_1, \dots, L_s$ , if there exist sections  $\sigma_i \in H^0(X, L_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , that satisfy the following property

For any  $x \in X$  there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that

$$\sigma_i|_U = f_i^U \cdot e_i, \quad (i = 1, \dots, s), \quad f_i^U \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$$

and

$$\mathcal{I}_Y(U) = (f_1^U, \dots, f_s^U) \cdot \mathcal{O}_X(U).$$

(ii)  $Y$  is called a globally complete intersection, if there exist  $L_1, \dots, L_s$  that determine  $Y$  scheme-theoretically, and  $s = \text{codim}_X Y$ .

**Remark 2.1.** If  $X$  is a projective manifold, then every subscheme of  $X$  is scheme-theoretically determined by some line bundles  $L_1, \dots, L_s$ .

Let's consider the following situation. Suppose  $Y$  is a smooth submanifold of  $X$  scheme-theoretically determined by  $L_1, \dots, L_s$  and

$$L_i = L^{\otimes n_i} \quad i = 1, \dots, s$$

for a very ample line bundle  $L$  over  $X$ . We shall construct a function  $\varphi \in L_{loc}^1(X)$ , for which

$$\mathcal{I}_Y = \mathcal{I}(\varphi).$$

**Remark 2.2.** In fact, for the construction of  $\varphi$  below  $L$  suffices to be ample, not very ample. Hence this construction is valid for any projective  $X$  with  $\text{Pic}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

The construction of  $\varphi$ .

$L$  is very ample, so there exists an embedding

$$\Phi_L : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, L)^*) =: \mathbb{P}^N,$$

such that  $\mathcal{L} \cong \Phi_L^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(1)$ .

Let  $(x_0, \dots, x_N)$  be homogeneous coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , and  $U_j = \{x_j \neq 0\}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ , be the standard affine open subsets of  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . Denote by  $V_j$  the preimage of  $U_j$  under  $\Phi_L$ . Then  $L_j$  is trivial over  $V_j$  for all possible  $i$  and  $j$ . By our assumption  $Y$  is scheme-theoretically determined by  $L_1, \dots, L_s$ . Hence there exist sections  $\sigma_i \in H^0(X, L_i)$ , ( $i = 1, \dots, s$ ), for which

$$\sigma_i|_{U_j} = f_i^j \cdot e_j^{\otimes n_i}$$

and

$$\mathcal{I}_Y(V_j) = (f_1^j, \dots, f_s^j) \cdot \mathcal{O}_X(V_j),$$

where  $e_j$  is a local frame for  $L_i|_{V_j}$ .

Let  $l$  be the standard metric on  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(1)$  lifted to  $L$  via the map  $\Phi_L$ , and  $l_j$  – its local representation over  $V_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N$ ). We set

$$\varphi_j := r \cdot \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{|f_i^j|^2}{l_j^{n_i}} \right) \quad j = 1, \dots, N,$$

where  $r = \text{codim}_X Y$ .

Obviously,

$$\varphi_j|_{V_j \cap V_i} = \varphi_i|_{V_j \cap V_i},$$

and  $\varphi_i$  is an almost pluri-subharmonic function, i.e. it can be represented locally as a sum of a smooth and a pluri-subharmonic function. Consequently,  $\varphi = \{\varphi_j\}_j$  as a function belongs to  $L_{loc}^1(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *For the function just defined we have*

$$\mathcal{I}_Y = \mathcal{I}(\varphi).$$

First we shall prove the following general result about almost pluri-subharmonic functions.

**Proposition 2.4.** *For every almost pluri-subharmonic function  $\varphi$  the sheaf  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  is a coherent ideal sheaf in  $\mathcal{O}_X$ .*

*Proof.* (We follow Demailly, [1]) The assertion is local, so we may assume that  $X$  is a Stein manifold.

Let  $S$  denote the set of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $X$  for which

$$|f|^2 \cdot \exp(-\varphi)$$

is locally integrable (with respect to some smooth and bounded measure). Since  $S$  is an ideal in  $\mathcal{O}_X$ , which is a Noetherian sheaf, then  $S$  defines a coherent ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{S}$  on  $X$  by a standard way. We have

$$\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{I}(\varphi).$$

We shall prove that  $\mathcal{S}_x = \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x$  for each  $x \in X$  from which the Proposition 2.4 will follow immediately.

Let  $m_x$  be the maximal ideal in the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ . By the Krull Intersection Theorem we have

$$\bigcap_{k \geq 0} (\mathcal{S}_x + m_x^k \cdot \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x) = \mathcal{S}_x,$$

hence it suffices to prove that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x \subseteq \mathcal{S}_x + m_x^k \cdot \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x.$$

Let  $f_x \in \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x$  be the representative of a holomorphic function  $f \in \mathcal{I}(\varphi)(V)$ , i.e.  $|f|^2 \cdot \exp(-\varphi)$  is integrable over  $V$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that over  $V$

$$\varphi = \psi + \psi',$$

where  $\psi$  is pluri-subharmonic, and  $\psi'$  is smooth over  $V$ . Set

$$\tilde{\varphi}(z) = \psi(z) + 2 \cdot (n + k) \cdot \log(|z - x|) + |z|^2,$$

where  $z \in V$ ,  $n = \dim X$ . Let  $W \subset V$  be an open neighbourhood of  $x$ , and let  $\rho$  be a cut off function in  $V$  for which

$$\rho(z) = 1 \text{ for } z \in W, \quad \rho(z) = 0 \text{ for } z \notin W.$$

Since the  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed form  $\alpha = \bar{\partial}(\rho \cdot f)$  is integrable over  $V$ , and since

$$\partial \bar{\partial}(\tilde{\varphi}) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n dz^i \wedge d\bar{z}^i,$$

we can apply the Hörmander Existence Theorem (see Nadel [5], Proposition 1.1):

There exists a smooth function  $g$  over  $V$  such that  $\bar{\partial}g = \alpha$ , and

$$\int_V |g|^2 \cdot \exp(-\tilde{\varphi}) dV \leq \int_V |\alpha|^2 \exp(-\tilde{\varphi}) dV.$$

Here  $dV = \left(\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2}\right)^n \cdot \frac{(\sum dz^i \wedge \bar{z}^i)^n}{n!}$ .

Obviously,

$$u := \rho \cdot f - g \in \mathcal{S}(V), \quad g \in \mathcal{O}_X(W)$$

and

$$f_x = u_x + g_x \in \mathcal{S}_x + \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x \cap m_x^{k+1}.$$

Hence  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x \subset \mathcal{S}_x + \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x \cap m_x^k$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5** *Let  $(E, h)$  be an Hermitian vector bundle over  $X$ , and  $\varphi$  be an almost pluri-subharmonic function on  $E$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the sheaf of germs of holomorphic sections of  $E$ , which are locally  $\tilde{h} = h \cdot \exp(-\varphi)$ -integrable. Then  $\mathcal{S}$  is a coherent sheaf and*

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi).$$

$\triangleleft$  The assertion is local and, since  $X$  is locally compact, easily reduces to the case of a trivial  $E$  with the standard Hermitian metric. Corollary 2.5 then follows from Proposition 2.4.  $\triangleright$

**Proof of Theorem 2.3.** It follows from Proposition 2.4 that  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  defines a subscheme of  $X$ . Obviously,

$$\text{Supp}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}(\varphi)) \cap V_j = \{f_1^j = 0, \dots, f_s^j = 0\} = Y \cap V_j.$$

Since  $Y$  is reduced we have

$$\mathcal{I}(\varphi) \subset \mathcal{I}_Y.$$

It remains to prove that

**Lemma 2.6.** *For every  $x \in X$   $(\mathcal{I}_Y)_x \subset \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x$ .*

$\triangleleft$  If  $x \notin Y$ , then  $(\mathcal{I}_Y)_x = \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x = \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ .

Let  $x \in Y \cap V_j$ . Since  $Y$  is smooth at  $x$ , within the set  $\{f_1^j, \dots, f_s^j\}$  there exist  $r (= \text{codim}_X Y)$  functions which are a part of a parameter system of  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ . Suppose these functions are  $f_1^j, \dots, f_r^j$ . Moreover, we have

$$\{(f_{r+1}^j)_x, \dots, (f_s^j)_x\} \subset ((f_1^j)_x, \dots, (f_r^j)_x) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{X,x}.$$

Hence we must prove that  $(f_i^j)_x \in \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , or, in other words, that  $f_1^j, \dots, f_r^j$  are integrable at  $x$  with respect to the weight function  $\varphi$ .

After an appropriate change of the local coordinates at  $x$ , the last assertion is equivalent to the fact that the functions

$$\frac{|z_i|^2}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{|z_j|^2}{g_j} + G\right)^r} \quad i = 1, \dots, r$$

are integrable at  $z = 0$ , where  $g_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ) is a smooth and positive at  $x$  function, and  $G = \sum |G_j|^2$  for  $G_j \in (z_1, \dots, z_r) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{X,x}$ .  $\triangleright$



This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

From now on we shall work with projective  $X$  for which  $\text{Pic}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose that  $Y$  is a subscheme of  $X$  and

$$Y = Y_1 \cup \dots \cup Y_m$$

is its decomposition into irreducible components. We shall say that  $Y$  is *suitable* for our considerations if the following holds:

- i) each  $Y_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ) is smooth,
- ii) if  $x \in X$  and  $Y_{i_1}, \dots, Y_{i_k}$  are all the components of  $Y$  passing through  $x$ , then

$$Y_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap Y_{i_j} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{i_{j+1}} \quad j = 1, \dots, k - 1,$$

intersect each other transversally.

By Theorem 2.3 we can construct almost pluri-subharmonic functions  $\{\varphi\}_{i=1}^m$  with the property

$$\mathcal{I}(\varphi_i) = \mathcal{I}_{Y_i} \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Denote by  $\varphi$  the sum  $\varphi_1 + \dots + \varphi_m$ . Obviously, this function is almost pluri-subharmonic.

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $Y$  is a suitable subscheme of  $X$ , and  $\varphi$  is the almost pluri-subharmonic function defined above, then*

$$\mathcal{I}(\varphi) = \mathcal{I}_Y.$$

**Proof.** We shall prove this theorem for  $m = 2$ . After that the general case will be clear.

By Theorem 2.3 we have that  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  defines  $Y \setminus Y_1 \cap Y_2$  on  $X \setminus Y_1 \cap Y_2$ . Suppose that  $x \in Y_1 \cap Y_2$  and at  $x$  the functions  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are represented by

$$\varphi_1 = r_1 \cdot \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \frac{|f_i|^2}{l^{\nu_i}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_2 = r_2 \cdot \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{|g_j|^2}{l^{\mu_j}} \right),$$

where  $r_i = \text{codim}_X Y_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . (See the construction of  $\varphi$  before Theorem 2.3).

We must prove that

$$f_i \cdot g_j \quad \text{is } \varphi\text{-integrable for all } i = 1, \dots, n_1, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_2.$$

Similar to the proof of Lemma 2.6. we can choose

$$f_1, \dots, f_{r_1}, g_1, \dots, g_{r_2}$$

to be a part of a parameter system of  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  with

$$(\mathcal{I}_{Y_1})_x = ((f_1)_x, \dots, (f_{r_1})_x) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{I}_{Y_2})_x = ((g_1)_x, \dots, (g_{r_2})_x) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{X,x}.$$

By the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 2.3 we must prove that

$$(f_i \cdot g_j)_x \in \mathcal{I}(\varphi)_x \quad \text{for all possible } i, j$$

This last, by an appropriate change of the coordinates at  $x$ , is equivalent to the fact that for  $k = 1, \dots, r_1, \quad l = 1, \dots, r_2$  the function

$$\frac{|z'_k|^2 \cdot |z''_l|^2}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \frac{|z'_i|^2}{g'_i} + G' \right)^{r_1} \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r_2} \frac{|z''_j|^2}{g''_j} + G'' \right)^{r_2}}$$

is integrable at  $z = 0$  with respect to the standard volume form in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , where

$$g'_i > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, r_1, \quad G' = \sum |G'_i|^2 \quad G'_i \in (z'_1, \dots, z'_{r_1}) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{X,x},$$

$$g''_j > 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, r_2, \quad G'' = \sum |G''_j|^2, \quad G''_j \in (z''_1, \dots, z''_{r_2}) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{X,x}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.7.  $\square$

**3. Vanishing theorems and Nadel's subschemes.** Suppose we are given the following data:

- $X$  is a complex manifold with  $\text{Pic}(X) \cong \mathbf{Z}$ ,
- $Y \hookrightarrow X$  is a suitable subscheme,
- $\varphi$  is the almost pluri-subharmonic function corresponding to  $Y$  by means of Theorem 2.7,
- $g$  is a Kähler metric on  $X$  with  $k$  - the induced metric on the anticanonical line bundle  $K_X^*$ ,
- $(E, h)$  is an Hermitian vector bundle over  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\tilde{h}$  be the singular metric on  $E$ , defined by*

$$\tilde{h} = h \cdot \exp(-\varphi).$$

*Suppose that there exists a positive number  $\epsilon$  and a Kähler form  $\omega$  on  $X$ , for which*

$$k \cdot \exp(\varphi) \cdot \Omega(\tilde{h}) + \Omega(k) \cdot h \geq \epsilon \cdot \omega \cdot h,$$

(as an inequality between Hermitian forms with currents as coefficients). Then for each positive  $q$

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}_Y) = 0.$$

**Proof.** The idea of the proof is in constructing of a fine resolution  $\mathcal{F}$  for  $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$ , the corresponding complex  $\{\Gamma(\mathcal{F}^\cdot)\}$  of which is acyclic in positive dimensions. Theorem 3.1 follows then from the fact that  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi) = \mathcal{I}_Y$  (Theorem 2.7).

Let  $\mathcal{F}^q \subset \mathcal{A}^{0,q}(E)$  denote the sheaf of germs of those smooth  $(0, q)$ -forms  $\alpha$  with coefficients in  $E$ , for which both  $\alpha$  and  $\bar{\partial}\alpha$  are locally integrable with respect to the metric induced by  $\tilde{h}$  and  $g$ . Then  $\{\mathcal{F}^q, d^q = \bar{\partial}\}_{q \geq 0}$  is a differential complex with  $\ker d^0 = \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  (by Corollary 2.5).

**Lemma 3.2.** *The complex  $\{F^q = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F}^q), d^q = \bar{\partial}\}_{q \geq 0}$  is acyclic in positive dimensions, i.e.*

$$\text{Ker}d^q = \text{Im}d^{q-1}$$

for  $q \geq 1$ .

◁ In the notations of the proof of Theorem 2.7 let

$$\varphi_i = r_i \cdot \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \frac{|f_{ij}|^2}{l^{\nu_{ij}}} \right).$$

We have (a global) regularization of  $\varphi_i$ :

$$\varphi_{i,n} = r_i \cdot \log \left( \frac{1}{n} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \frac{|f_{ij}|^2}{l^{\nu_{ij}}} \right).$$

Hence the following pluri-subharmonic functions

$$\varphi_n = \varphi_{1,n} + \dots + \varphi_{m,n}$$

form a regularization of a  $\varphi$ , and  $\varphi_n \searrow_n \varphi$ .

Denote by  $h_n$  the Hermitian metric  $h \cdot \exp(-\varphi_n)$ . It follows that there exists an integer  $n_0$  and a positive number  $\epsilon'$ , less then  $\epsilon$  such that

$$k \cdot \exp(\varphi_n) \cdot \Omega(h_n) + \Omega(k) \cdot h \geq \epsilon' \cdot \omega \cdot h.$$

for each  $n \geq n_0$ .

Denote by  $\|\cdot\|_{\tilde{h}}$  ( $\|\cdot\|_{h_n}$ ) the norm in  $\mathcal{A}^{0,q}(E)$  induced by the metrics  $\tilde{h}$  and  $g$  (respectively  $h_n$  and  $g$ ).

Suppose now that  $\alpha \in F^q$  and  $d^q\alpha = 0$  for some  $q \geq 1$ . By definition the number

$$C = \|\alpha\|_h^2$$

is finite. Since  $\|\alpha\|_{h_n}^2 \leq \|\alpha\|_h^2$  for each  $n$ , then the sequence  $\{\|\alpha\|_{h_n}^2\}_n$  is bounded from above by  $C$ . On the other hand, by using the classic methods of Andreotti-Vesentini and Hörmander, for each  $n \geq n_0$  there exists a smooth  $(0, q)$ -form  $\beta_n$  such that

$$\tilde{\partial}\beta_n = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \|\beta_n\|_{h_n}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon'.q} \|\alpha\|_{h_n}^2.$$

Hence  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \geq n_0}$  is uniformly bounded on the compact subsets of  $X$ . We can choose a subsequence  $\{\beta_{n_k}\}_{k \geq 1}$  which has a limit in the weak topology of  $L^{0,q-1}(E)$ :

$$\beta_{n_k} \rightarrow_k \beta.$$

Since  $\bar{\partial}$  is a continuous and regular operator we have

$$\alpha = \bar{\partial}\beta = d^{q-1}\beta$$

and  $\beta$  is smooth. Finally

$$\frac{C}{\epsilon'.q} \geq \|\beta_{n_k}\|_{h_{n_k}}^2 \rightarrow_k \|\beta\|_h^2,$$

and we get that

$$\beta \in F^{q-1} \quad \text{and} \quad d^{q-1}\beta = \alpha,$$

which proves our lemma.  $\triangleright$

**Lemma 3.3.** *The complex of sheaves  $\{\mathcal{F}^q, d^q\}_{q \geq 0}$  is a resolution for  $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$ .*

$\triangleleft$  The proof is identical with that of Lemma 3.2 but for Stein open subsets of  $X$  instead of  $X$ .  $\triangleright$

Obviously  $\{\mathcal{F}^q, d^q\}_{q \geq 0}$  is a fine resolution for  $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  and so

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi)) \cong H^q(F^\cdot, d^\cdot).$$

Lemma 3.2 gives us that  $H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}(\varphi)) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$   $\triangleright$

**Remark 3.4.** The assertion in Theorem 3.1 is a special case of the following more general result

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $X$  be a compact complex manifold with a Kähler metric  $g$ ; let  $k$  be the induced metric on  $K_X^*$ . Suppose  $(E, h)$  is an Hermitian*

vector bundle over  $X$ , and  $\varphi$  is an almost pluri-subharmonic function on  $X$  with  $Y$  the corresponding to  $\varphi$  subscheme of  $X$ . If

$$k. \exp(\varphi). \Omega(\tilde{h}) + \Omega(k).h \geq \epsilon. \omega. h$$

where  $\tilde{h} = h. \exp(-\varphi)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $\omega$  is a Kähler form on  $X$ , then for all  $q > 0$

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}_Y) = 0.$$

In this paper we don't need this general result.

Now we want to apply Theorem 3.1 to Fano manifolds.

**Definition.** A subscheme  $Y$  of a Fano manifold  $X$  is called Nadel's subscheme of  $X$  if for every Nakano semi-positive vector bundle  $E$

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}_Y) = 0$$

for each positive  $q$ .

We refer to Nadel [5] and Yotov [9] for the properties of Nadel's subschemes.

Let  $Y = Y_1 \cup \dots \cup Y_m$  be the decomposition of a suitable subscheme of a Fano manifold  $X$  into irreducible components. Let  $\text{Pic}(X) = \mathbb{Z}.L$ , where  $L$  is ample. Then each  $Y_i$  is scheme-theoretically determined by  $L_{ij} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ , ( $j = 1, \dots, m_i$ ), for which

$$L_{ij} = L^{\otimes n_{ij}} \text{ where } n_{ij} \text{ are positive integers.}$$

Denote by  $n_i$  the maximum of  $n_{i1}, \dots, n_{im_i}$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $r_i = \text{codim}_X Y_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $K_X^* = L^{\otimes s}$ . If

$$\sum_{i=1}^m r_i. n_i + 1 \leq s,$$

then  $Y$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Since  $L$  is ample, then there exists a metric  $l$  on  $L$  with  $\Omega(l) > 0$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $l$  is induced by a Kähler metric on  $X$ .

Let  $(E, h)$  be an Hermitian vector bundle over  $X$  for which  $\Omega(h) \geq 0$ , and let  $\tilde{h} = h. \exp(-\varphi)$ , where  $\varphi$  is the almost pluri-subharmonic function corresponding to  $Y$  via Theorem 2.7. We have

$$l^s. \exp(\varphi). \Omega(\tilde{h}) + \Omega(l^s).h \geq \Omega(h) + \left( s - \sum_{i=1}^m r_i n_i \right) \Omega(l).h \geq \Omega(l).h.$$

Now we can apply Theorem 3.1 to deduce that

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{I}_Y) = 0 \text{ for } q \geq 1.$$

This proves the Corollary 3.6.  $\square$

**4. Some examples.** Let  $X$  be the Grassman manifold  $\mathbf{G}(k, n)$  of  $k$ -planes in  $\mathbf{P}^n$ . It's well known that  $\text{Pic}(X) = \mathbf{Z}\mathcal{L}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the pull-back of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^N}(1)$  via the Plücker map

$$Pl : X \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}^N, \quad N = \binom{n+1}{k+1} - 1.$$

Here  $K_X^* \cong \mathcal{L}^{\otimes(n+1)}$ . The Theorem 3.1 is applicable to  $X$ . The special case of  $k = 0$  is very interesting.

1. Let  $Y$  be an equidimensional *suitable* subscheme of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  of codimension 1. In this case Theorem 3.1 doesn't give anything new:

*If  $\text{deg}Y \leq n$ , then  $Y$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbf{P}^n$ .*

In fact,  $\text{deg}Y \leq n$  is sufficient-and-necessary condition for a divisor on  $\mathbf{P}^n$  to be a Nadel's subscheme.

2. Another interesting case is when  $Y$  is a (suitable) complete intersection of codimension 2. Now  $Y$  is determined by  $\mathcal{O}(d_1)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(d_2)$ , and  $\text{deg}Y = d_1 \cdot d_2$ . If  $Y$  is nondegenerate, which is the only interesting case ( as we shall see later on), we get

*If  $\text{deg}Y \leq n$ , then  $Y$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbf{P}^n$ .*

3. The third case we want to apply Theorem 3.1 to is of one-dimensional subscheme  $Y$ , and  $n \geq 3$ . Here  $Y$  is suitable iff  $Y$  is smooth, i.e.  $Y$  is a disjoint union of its smooth components.

These are some well known facts about Nadel's subschemes we shall use in what follows (see Nadel [5]):

**Fact 1.** Every Nadel's subscheme is connected as a topological space.

**Fact 2.** If  $Y$  is 1-dimensional Nadel's subscheme, then  $Y_{red}$  consists of smooth rational curves which intersect each-other at most once. Moreover, there must not be any circles of lines in  $Y_{red}$ .

It follows from Fact 2 that if  $Y$  is smooth, then it is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{P}^1$ . Suppose that  $Y$  is smooth and  $\text{deg}Y = d$ .

3.1. Let  $d \geq n + 1$ . It is easy to see that  $Y$  is not Nadel's. Indeed, let  $E$  be the line bundle  $[H]$ , where  $H$  is a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . Since  $E$  is ample, it is Nakano positive. The short exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_Y \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y \longrightarrow 0$$

gives that

$$h^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)) = n + 1, \quad h^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y) = d + 1 \geq n + 2.$$

Hence,

$$h^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_Y \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)) \neq 0,$$

and  $Y$  is not a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

3.2. Let  $d \leq n - 1$ . In this case  $Y$  is degenerate (i.e.,  $Y$  lies in a proper linear subspace of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ). Let  $\mathbb{P}^m$  be a subspace of minimal dimension in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  containing  $Y$ . Hence,  $d \geq m$ . The short exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{P}^m}(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^m}(1) \longrightarrow 0,$$

combined with the Bott formula about the cohomology groups of a projective space, gives us that

$$h^i(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{P}^m}(1)) \leq h^i(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

On the other hand, from the exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{P}^m}(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_Y(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_Y \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^m}(1) \longrightarrow 0$$

we get that

$$h^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_Y(1)) = h^1(\mathbb{P}^m, \mathcal{I}_Y(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^m}).$$

Hence, if  $d \geq m + 1$ , then  $Y$  is not a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

3.3. The only essential case is when  $Y = C_n$  is a rational normal curve of degree  $n$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

**Claim 1.** *There exists one-dimensional smooth deformation of a non-degenerate  $Y = C_{n-1} \cup l \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  with rational normal curves  $C_n$  outside the central fibre.*

Indeed, the corresponding deformation is given in  $\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{C}^1$  by the equations

$$rk \begin{pmatrix} z_0 & \cdots & z_{n-2} & t \cdot z_{n-1} \\ z_1 & \cdots & z_{n-1} & z_n \end{pmatrix} \leq 1.$$

Here  $C_{n-1}$  is a rational normal curve in  $\{z_n = 0\}$ , and  $l$  is the line  $\{z_0 = z_1 = \dots = z_{n-2} = 0\}$ . Let  $Y_t$  denote the fiber of this deformation over  $t$ . Hence,  $Y$  is isomorphic to  $Y_0$ .

**Claim 2.** For each Nakano semi-positive  $E$   $h^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{Y_0} \otimes \mathcal{E}) = 0$ .

Let  $H_n$  be the hyperplane  $\{z_n = 0\}$ . Obviously,  $H_n \cup l$  is a suitable subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  to which we can apply Corollary 3.6. We get

$$H^q(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{H_n \cup l} \otimes \mathcal{E}) = 0, \text{ for } q > 0.$$

On the other hand, we have an exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_{H_n \cup l} \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_{Y_0} \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_{C_{n-1}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{H_n} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Tensoring this sequence by  $E$ , the corresponding long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \longrightarrow H^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{H_n \cup l} \otimes \mathcal{E}) &\longrightarrow H^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{Y_0} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow H^1(H_n, \mathcal{I}_{C_{n-1}} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \\ &\longrightarrow H^2(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{H_n \cup l} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

gives us that

$$H^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{Y_0} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \cong H^1(H_n, \mathcal{I}_{C_{n-1}} \otimes \mathcal{E}).$$

It is a well known fact that Nakano semi-positivity of a vector bundle remains valid when restricting on submanifolds. So, we can proceed by induction. The fact that  $C_2$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  completes the proof of our claim.

Since the deformation of  $Y_0$  in **Claim 1.** is flat and proper we can apply the theorem of semicontinuity of cohomology groups

$$h^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{Y_t} \otimes \mathcal{E}) \leq h^1(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{Y_0} \otimes \mathcal{E}).$$

But  $Y_t$  ( $t \neq 0$ ) is isomorphic to  $C_n$ , and we conclude that

**Proposition 4.1.** The rational normal curve  $C_n$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

By using the method of the proof of **Claim 2.** one easily can prove the following

**Proposition 4.2.** Suppose that  $Y$  is a reduced curve in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  of degree 3 ( $n \geq 3$ ). If  $Y$  is a Nadel's subscheme of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , then either

- 1)  $Y$  is a rational normal curve in some three-dimensional projective subspace or



- 2)  $Y$  is a noncomplanar connected union of a conic with a line  $q \cup l$   
 or  
 3)  $Y$  is a noncomplanar connected union of three lines  $l_1 \cup l_2 \cup l_3$ .

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