

# Additive Riemann–Hilbert Problem in Line Bundles Over $\mathbb{CP}^1$

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*Abstract.* In this note we consider  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem in line bundles over complex projective space  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  and prove that the equation can be solved for  $(0, 1)$  forms with compact support. As a consequence, any Cauchy–Riemann function on a compact real hypersurface in such line bundles is a jump of two holomorphic functions defined on the sides of the hypersurface. In particular, the results can be applied to  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  since by removing a point from it we get a line bundle over  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ .

## 1 Introduction and Definitions

Let  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  be the one-dimensional complex projective space. It is well known (e.g., [GH, Gu]) that all line bundles over  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  are  $E_k$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, 2, \dots$ , where the transition functions are  $z_2 = z_1^{-1}$  and  $w_2 = z_1^k w_1$ . We use the standard notation:  $\mathcal{O}$ , the sheaf of germs of holomorphic functions,  $H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O})$ , the first cohomology group of  $E_k$  with coefficients in  $\mathcal{O}$ , and  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O})$ , the cohomology group with compact support.

The main results of this note are the following:

**Theorem A** (Theorem 4.1) *In any  $E_k$ ,  $k = \pm 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$  can be solved for any closed  $(0, 1)$  form  $\omega$  with compact support. Additionally, if  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , the solution can be chosen to have compact support; if  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the solution exists even if the support of  $\omega$  is not compact.*

**Theorem B** (Theorem 3.1)

- (a)  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ;
- (b)  $H_c^1(E_0, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  and  $H^1(E_0, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ ;
- (c)  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  and  $H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  for  $k = -1, -2, \dots$ .

A smooth function defined on a real hypersurface in  $E_k$  is Cauchy–Riemann (CR) if it satisfies the tangential CR equations. As a consequence of Theorem A we have

**Corollary** (Corollary 4.3) *Let  $M = \partial U$  be the boundary (connected) of a relatively compact domain  $U$ ,  $U = U^+ \Subset E = E_k$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . Then any smooth CR function  $f$  on  $M$  can be represented as*

$$(1) \quad f = u^+ - u^-,$$

where  $u^+$  (resp.  $u^-$ ) is a holomorphic function in  $U^+$  (resp.  $U^- = E_k \setminus \bar{U}^+$ ) smooth on the closure  $\bar{U}^+$  (resp.  $\bar{U}^-$ ).

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In particular, the Corollary can be applied to  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ , since by removing a point from it we get a line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^1$ . In the  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  a stronger result can be obtained, namely that one of the functions  $u^+$  or  $u^-$  in (1) is constant under some weak hypothesis on  $M$  (global minimality); see [DM, S1, S2].

The  $\bar{\partial}$ -equation is intimately related to the first cohomology groups and also to the Hartogs and Hartogs–Bochner phenomena (see, for instance, [L]). Because of that we need the following definitions.

Let  $X$  be a connected complex manifold. By a domain  $U$  we always mean an open, connected, relatively compact set with smooth connected boundary. By *smooth* we mean  $C^\infty$ , however the differentiability class in the results of this note can be relaxed significantly.

**Definition 1.1** The *Hartogs phenomenon* ( $\mathcal{H}$  in short) holds in a complex manifold  $X$  if for any compact set  $K$  such that  $X \setminus K$  is connected, any holomorphic function defined on  $X \setminus K$  can be holomorphically extended to  $X$ .

**Definition 1.2** The *Hartogs–Bochner phenomenon for a domain  $U \Subset X$* , ( $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}\text{-}U$  in short), holds if any smooth CR function on  $\partial U$  can be holomorphically extended to  $U$  and smoothly up to the boundary.

**Definition 1.3** The *Hartogs–Bochner phenomenon* ( $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  in short) holds in a complex manifold  $X$  if  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}\text{-}U$  holds for any domain  $U \Subset X$ .

## 2 Cohomology Groups and the Hartogs–Bochner Phenomenon

Let  $X$  be a complex manifold. We introduce the  $q$ -th cohomology group with compact support. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a sheaf of abelian groups over  $X$ , and let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a locally finite covering of  $X$  by relatively compact open sets  $U_i$  that are homeomorphic to a ball. In what follows, we always consider such coverings. We define the  $q$ -th compact cochain group of  $\mathcal{F}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{U}$ , denoted by  $C_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$ , as a collection

$$\Gamma(U_{i_0} \cap \cdots \cap U_{i_q}, \mathcal{F}) \ni \{\xi_{i_0, \dots, i_q}\}, \quad \xi_{i_0, \dots, i_q} \neq 0 \text{ for finitely many } i_0, \dots, i_q \in I.$$

We say that the  $q$ -cochain  $\{\xi_{i_0, \dots, i_q}\}$  as above has compact support. Obviously we have the standard coboundary operators:

$$\delta: C_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow C_c^{q+1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}).$$

Consequently we can define the group of compact  $q$ -cocycles and  $q$ -coboundaries

$$Z_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := \text{Ker}[C_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow C_c^{q+1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})]$$

$$B_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := \text{Im}[C_c^{q-1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow C_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})]$$

and the  $q$ -th cohomology group with respect to the covering  $\mathcal{U}$ , namely

$$H_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := Z_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})/B_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}).$$

The inductive limit

$$H_c^q(X, \mathcal{F}) = \varinjlim H_c^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$$

is called the  $q$ -th compact cohomology group of  $X$  with coefficients in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Later on we will work with  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O})$  or  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ , where  $\mathcal{O}$  is the sheaf of germs of holomorphic functions.

**Proposition 2.1** *Let  $X$  be a complex manifold.*

- (a)  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  if and only if for any smooth closed  $(0, 1)$  form  $\omega$  on  $X$  with compact support there exists a compactly supported solution  $u$  of  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$ .
- (b) The compact cohomology group  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O})$  is naturally mapped into the standard cohomology group  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ . If  $\mathcal{H}$  holds for  $X$  and moreover  $X$  has one end, then the mapping is injective.
- (c) Let  $X$  be a noncompact complex manifold. If  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  holds in  $X$ .
- (d) Let  $X$  be a noncompact complex manifold with one end. We suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  holds for  $X$  and that the  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem has always a solution. Then  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  holds in  $X$ .

**Example 2.2** The opposite implication in Proposition 2.1(c) is not true. Let  $X = \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  holds in  $X$  but  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$ .

**Problem** It would be interesting to prove or disprove whether there is equivalence between  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  and vanishing of the first cohomology group with compact support, excluding some obvious cases (as in Example 2.2).

**Proof of Proposition 2.1** (a) Assume that  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ . We take a closed  $(0, 1)$  form  $\omega$  on  $X$  with compact support. We choose a covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $X$  (the covering is as described above). In each  $U_i$  we can solve the equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega|_{U_i}$  and denote the solution by  $\eta_i$ . Moreover we choose  $\eta_i \equiv 0$  if  $U_i \cap \text{supp } \omega = \emptyset$ . We set

$$\xi_{ij} = \eta_j - \eta_i \quad \text{on } U_i \cap U_j, \quad i, j \in I.$$

Obviously  $\xi_{ij}$  are holomorphic functions and  $\xi_{ij} \equiv 0$  except for a finite number of indices. Since  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ , there exists a 0-cochain  $\{\xi_i\}_{i \in I}$  with compact support of holomorphic functions such that  $\xi_{ij} = \xi_j - \xi_i$ . So we have  $\eta_j - \eta_i = \xi_j - \xi_i$  or  $\eta_j - \xi_j = \eta_i - \xi_i$  on  $U_i \cap U_j$ . Consequently, we can define a global function  $u$

$$u = u_j = \eta_j - \xi_j \quad \text{on } U_j, \quad j \in I.$$

Also we have  $\bar{\partial}u = \bar{\partial}u_j = \bar{\partial}\eta_j = \omega$  on  $U_j$ . Moreover, the support of  $u$  is compact since  $u_j \equiv 0$  except for a finite number of  $j$ 's.

Now we prove the opposite implication. We assume that the equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$  can be solved as in (a) and we take a 1-cocycle  $\{\xi_{ij}\}_{i, j \in I}$  with compact support of

holomorphic functions. Let  $\{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a partition of unity by smooth functions. We define

$$\eta_i = \sum_{l \in I} \psi_l \xi_{li}.$$

We note that  $\psi_l \xi_{li}$  is a well-defined smooth function on  $U_i$  and  $\{\eta_i\}_{i \in I}$  has compact support. The summation makes sense because the covering is locally finite. We have

$$\eta_j - \eta_i = \sum_{l \in I} (\psi_l \xi_{lj} - \psi_l \xi_{li}) = \sum_{l \in I} \psi_l (\xi_{lj} - \xi_{li}) = \sum_{l \in I} \psi_l \xi_{ij} = \xi_{ij}.$$

Since  $\bar{\partial}\eta_j - \bar{\partial}\eta_i = \bar{\partial}\xi_{ij} = 0$  on  $U_{ij}$ , we have a globally defined  $(0, 1)$  form  $\omega = \bar{\partial}\eta_j$  on  $M$  with compact support. By our assumption, the equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$  can be solved with compactly supported  $u$ . Now we take

$$\{\xi_i\}_{i \in I}, \quad \xi_i = \eta_i - u, \quad i \in I,$$

which also has compact support. Moreover,  $\bar{\partial}\xi_i = \bar{\partial}\eta_i - \bar{\partial}u = 0$ , and obviously  $\xi_j - \xi_i = \xi_{ij}$ . Part (a) is proved.

(b) We take an element  $\xi \in H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O})$  which is represented by a 1-cocycle  $\{\xi_{ij}\}$  with compact support. Obviously it determines an element in  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ . Such mapping does not depend on the representing element chosen.

To prove that the mapping is injective, it is enough to prove that only the zero element of  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O})$  is mapped at the zero element of  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ . Assume that there exists  $\xi \in H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ ,  $\xi \neq 0$ , which is mapped at zero in  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ . Let  $\{\xi_{ij}\}$  be a compactly supported cocycle which represents  $\xi$  and which determines the zero element in  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ . This means that there exists a 0-cochain  $\{\eta_i\}_{i \in I}$  of holomorphic functions such that

$$\xi_{ij} = \eta_j - \eta_i, \quad i, j \in I.$$

Since  $\xi_{ij} \equiv 0$  except for a finite number of indices, we have that  $\eta_i = \eta_j$  for almost all  $i, j \in I$ . It means that we have a function  $f$  defined on  $X \setminus K$ , where  $K$  is a compact set. Since  $X$  has one end, there is only one unbounded component of  $X \setminus K$ . This and the assumption that  $\mathcal{H}$  holds in  $X$  gives that the function  $f$  can be holomorphically extended to a function  $F$  on  $X$ . Now replacing  $\{\eta_i\}$  by  $\{\eta_i - F\}$  we obtain that  $\{\xi_{ij}\}$  determines the zero element in  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O})$ , which contradicts  $\xi \neq 0$ . Part (b) is proved.

(c) This part is very well known in the literature (see, for instance, [AH]). Let  $f$  be a CR function defined on the boundary  $\partial U$  of a domain  $U$ . We can extend  $f$  smoothly to  $\tilde{f}$  on  $X$  in such a way that  $\bar{\partial}\tilde{f}$  vanishes to infinite order on  $\partial U$ . We consider the  $(0, 1)$  form

$$\omega = \begin{cases} \bar{\partial}\tilde{f} & \text{on } \bar{U}, \\ 0 & \text{on } X \setminus \bar{U}. \end{cases}$$

The form  $\omega$  is smooth. By our assumption, there is a smooth, compactly supported function  $u$  such that  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$ . The function  $u$  is holomorphic on  $X \setminus \bar{U}$ , and since  $u$  has compact support, it must be zero on  $X \setminus \bar{U}$  because it is connected. The function

$F = \tilde{f} - u$  is holomorphic on  $U$  and  $F|_{\partial U} = f|_{\partial U}$ . This means that the Hartogs–Bochner phenomenon holds. Part (c) is proved.

(d) Let  $\omega$  be a  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $(0, 1)$  form with compact support on  $X$ . By the assumption, there exists a solution  $u$  of  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$ , and obviously  $u$  is holomorphic on  $X \setminus \text{supp } \omega$ . Since  $X$  has one end, there is only one unbounded component of  $X \setminus \text{supp } \omega$ . Because the Hartogs phenomenon holds, there exists a holomorphic extension  $u_0$  of  $u|_{X \setminus \text{supp } \omega}$  to  $X$ . So we have that  $\bar{\partial}(u - u_0) = \bar{\partial}u = \omega$  and  $\text{supp } (u - u_0)$  is compact. Consequently  $H_c^1(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  and, from (c),  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  holds in  $X$ . This proves part (d) and completes the proof of the proposition. ■

### 3 Some Cohomology Groups of $E_k$

Now a few words about line bundles over  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ . Any line bundle  $E$  over  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$  can be identified with an element of  $H^1(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}^*) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$  (see [GH, Gu]). In practice, this means that we can choose the atlas  $(U_1, (z_1, w_1)), (U_2, (z_2, w_2))$  of  $E$  such that

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} U_1 &\simeq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}, (z_1, w_1), \\ U_2 &\simeq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}, (z_2, w_2), \end{aligned} \quad z_2 = \frac{1}{z_1}, \quad w_2 = z_1^k w_1.$$

We denote by  $E_k$  the line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$  which is determined by the transition function  $\xi_{21}(z_1) = z_1^k$ ,  $k = \pm 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , i.e., an element of  $H^1(\{U_1, U_2\}, \mathcal{O}^*)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $E_k$ ,  $k = \pm 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , be a line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ . Then*

- (a)  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ;
- (b)  $H_c^1(E_0, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  and  $H^1(E_0, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ ;
- (c)  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  and  $H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  for  $k = -1, -2, \dots$

**Corollary 3.2** *Let  $\omega$  be a  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $(0, 1)$  form on  $E_k$ . Then*

- (a) *The equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$  has a solution in  $E_k$  for  $k \geq 1$ . Moreover, if  $\text{supp } \omega$  is compact, then  $u$  can be chosen with compact support. Consequently,  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  holds in  $E_k$ .*
- (b) *The equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$  has a solution in  $E_0$ , but  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{B}$  does not hold in  $E_0$ .*

**Proof of Theorem 3.1** First we prove that  $H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Since the covering  $\{U_1, U_2\}$  is a Leray covering, we have the equality

$$H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = H^1(\{U_1, U_2\}, \mathcal{O}),$$

so it is enough to show that the latter cohomology group is zero. To prove this, we take a holomorphic function  $g_{21}(z_1, w_1)$  defined on  $\mathbb{C}_* \times \mathbb{C}$  and write its Laurent

expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{21}(z_1, w_1) &= \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} c_{\alpha\beta} z_1^\alpha w_1^\beta = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} c_{\alpha\beta} z_1^\alpha w_1^\beta + \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{-1} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} c_{\alpha\beta} z_1^\alpha w_1^\beta \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} c_{\alpha\beta} z_1^\alpha w_1^\beta + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} c_{(-\alpha)\beta} z_2^{\alpha+k\beta} w_2^\beta \\ &= g_1(z, w) - g_2(z_2, w_2), \end{aligned}$$

where the functions  $g_1, g_2$  are holomorphic on  $U_1, U_2$ , respectively, which gives that  $H^1(\{U_1, U_2\}, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ .

Next we prove that  $H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  for  $k = -1, -2, \dots$ . To see this, we take as  $g_{21}(z_1, w_1)$  the function

$$g_{21}(z_1, w_1) = z_1^{2k+1} w_1^2.$$

We assume that  $g_{21}(z_1, w_1) = g_1(z_1, w_1) - g_2(z_2, w_2)$ , *i.e.*,

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^{2k+1} w_1^2 &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} a_{\alpha\beta} z_1^\alpha w_1^\beta - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} b_{\alpha\beta} z_2^\alpha w_2^\beta \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} a_{\alpha\beta} z_1^\alpha w_1^\beta - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} b_{\alpha\beta} z_1^{k\beta-\alpha} w_1^\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have

$$z_1^{2k+1} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} a_{\alpha 2} z_1^\alpha - \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} b_{\alpha 2} z_1^{2k-\alpha},$$

and in both sums there are no powers of  $z_1$  of order  $2k < \alpha < 0$ , which gives a contradiction. The claim is proved.

Finally, let  $k$  be arbitrary and consider the *cohomology groups with compact support*. We take an arbitrary holomorphic function  $u$  defined in a “ring neighborhood” of the zero section of  $E_k$ , which in local coordinates on  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(z_1, w_1) &= \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_{1\alpha}(z_1) w_1^\alpha \quad \text{on } \{(z_1, w_1) ; r_1(z_1) < |w_1| < R_1(z_1)\}, \\ u_2(z_2, w_2) &= \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_{2,\alpha}(z_2) w_2^\alpha \quad \text{on } \{(z_2, w_2) ; r_2(z_2) < |w_2| < R_2(z_2)\} \end{aligned}$$

for some smooth functions  $R_1(z_1) > r_1(z_1) > 0$  and  $R_2(z_2) > r_2(z_2) > 0$ . Because these two functions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  should be the same in the common domain, therefore we have

$$a_{2\alpha}(1/z_1) = z_1^{-k\alpha} a_{1\alpha}(z_1), \quad \alpha = \pm 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We have three cases with respect to  $k$ :

If  $k \geq 1$ , then  $a_{1\alpha} \equiv a_{2\alpha} \equiv 0$  for  $\alpha = -1, -2, \dots$  and

$$u_1(z_1, w_1) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{+\infty} a_{1\alpha}(z_1) w_1^\alpha, \quad u_2(z_2, w_2) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{+\infty} a_{2\alpha}(z_2) w_2^\alpha.$$

This means that the Hartogs phenomenon holds on  $E_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Combining this information with  $H^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and Proposition 2.1(b) we get that  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

If  $k = 0$ , then  $a_{1\alpha} = a_{2\alpha} \equiv \text{const}$  for  $\alpha = \pm 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and

$$u_1(z_1, w_1) = \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_{1\alpha} w_1^\alpha, \quad u_2(z_2, w_2) = \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_{2\alpha} w_2^\alpha.$$

From the form of the function  $u$  we see that the Hartogs–Bochner phenomenon does not hold in this case. Thus, applying Proposition 2.1(c) we get  $H_c^1(E_0, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$ .

If  $k \leq -1$ , then  $a_{1\alpha} \equiv a_{2\alpha} \equiv 0$  for  $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots$  and

$$u_1(z_1, w_1) = \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^0 a_{1\alpha}(z_1) w_1^\alpha, \quad u_2(z_2, w_2) = \sum_{\alpha=-\infty}^0 a_{2\alpha}(z_2) w_2^\alpha.$$

Again it is obvious that the Hartogs–Bochner phenomenon does not hold in this case. Consequently, we have that  $H_c^1(E_k, \mathcal{O}) \neq 0$  for  $k \leq -1$ .

#### 4 The $\bar{\partial}$ -Equation in Line Bundles Over $\mathbb{C}P^1$

In this section we deal with the line bundles  $E_k$  over  $\mathbb{C}P^1$  for  $k = -1, -2, \dots$ , unless otherwise stated. The main theorem of this section is:

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $\omega$  be a smooth ( $C^\infty$ ),  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $(0, 1)$  form on  $E = E_k$  with compact support. Then there is a smooth solution of the equation*

$$\bar{\partial}u = \omega,$$

and moreover the function  $u$  is determined uniquely up to a constant.

**Remark 4.2** In general, the solution  $u$  in the proposition does not have compact support.

**Corollary 4.3** *Let  $M$  be the boundary of a domain  $U$ ,  $M = \partial U$  smooth,  $U = U^+ \Subset E = E_k$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . Then any smooth CR function  $f$  on  $M$  can be represented as*

$$f = u^+ - u^-,$$

where  $u^+$  (resp.  $u^-$ ) is a holomorphic function in  $U^+$  (resp.  $U^- = E \setminus \bar{U}^+$ ) smooth on  $\bar{U}^+$  (resp.  $\bar{U}^-$ ).

**Proof of Corollary 4.3** We can extend  $f$  to a  $C^\infty$  function  $F$  in such a way that  $\text{supp } F$  lies in an arbitrarily small neighborhood of  $M$  and  $\bar{\partial}F|_M = 0$  to the infinite order. We define

$$\omega = \begin{cases} \bar{\partial}F & \text{on } U^+, \\ 0 & \text{on } U^-. \end{cases}$$

The form  $\omega$  is of class  $C^\infty$  and with compact support. From Theorem 4.1 we can solve the equation  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$  in  $E_k$  for  $k \leq -1$  and from Corollary 3.2 in  $E_k$  for  $k \geq 0$ , and  $u$  is of class  $C^\infty$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\partial}(F - u) &= 0 \text{ on } U^+ \quad \text{i.e., } F - u \text{ is holomorphic on } U^+, \\ \bar{\partial}u &= 0 \text{ on } U^- \quad \text{i.e., } u \text{ is holomorphic on } U^-, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$F = (F - u) - (-u), \quad F|_M = f.$$

Obviously the components of the decomposition are of class  $C^\infty$ . The corollary is proved.

#### 4.1 Properties of Compactly Supported $(0, 1)$ Forms on $E_k$

Any  $(0, 1)$  form on  $E_k$  can be written

$$\omega = \begin{cases} \omega(z_1, w_1) = a_1(z_1, w_1) d\bar{z}_1 + b_1(z_1, w_1) d\bar{w}_1 & \text{in } U_1, \\ \omega(z_2, w_2) = a_2(z_2, w_2) d\bar{z}_2 + b_2(z_2, w_2) d\bar{w}_2 & \text{in } U_2. \end{cases}$$

Since

$$d\bar{z}_2 = -\bar{z}_1^{-2} d\bar{z}_1, \quad d\bar{w}_2 = k\bar{z}_1^{k-1} \bar{w}_1 d\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_1^k d\bar{w}_1,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} &a_1(z_1, w_1) d\bar{z}_1 + b_1(z_1, w_1) d\bar{w}_1 \\ &= -a_2(z_1^{-1}, z_1^k w_1) \bar{z}_1^{-2} d\bar{z}_1 + b_2(z_1^{-1}, z_1^k w_1) [k\bar{z}_1^{k-1} \bar{w}_1 d\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_1^k d\bar{w}_1], \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad a_1(z_1, w_1) &= -\bar{z}_1^{-2} a_2(z_1^{-1}, z_1^k w_1) + k\bar{z}_1^{k-1} \bar{w}_1 b_2(z_1^{-1}, z_1^k w_1) \\ b_1(z_1, w_1) &= \bar{z}_1^k b_2(z_1^{-1}, z_1^k w_1). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4.2 Proof of Theorem 4.1

Let  $\omega$  be a  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $(0, 1)$  form with compact support. We define

$$u_1(z_1, w_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\xi} b_1(z_1, \xi) \frac{1}{\xi - w_1} d\xi \wedge d\bar{\xi} \quad \text{for } (z_1, w_1) \in U_1$$

and

$$u_2(z_2, w_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\xi} b_2(z_2, \xi) \frac{1}{\xi - w_2} d\xi \wedge d\bar{\xi} \quad \text{for } (z_2, w_2) \in U_2.$$

It is clear that the functions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are smooth in  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  respectively. Since for fixed  $z_1$  the support of  $w_1 \rightarrow b_1(z_1, w_1)$  is compact, and the same with the second function  $b_2$ , therefore (see e.g., [N]) we have

$$(4) \quad \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \bar{w}_1}(z_1, w_1) = b_1(z_1, w_1) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \bar{w}_2}(z_2, w_2) = b_2(z_2, w_2)$$

Now, using (3) and (4), we show that the pair  $u_1, u_2$  determines a global smooth function on  $E_k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(z_1, w_1) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\xi} b_1(z_1, \xi) \frac{1}{\xi - w_1} d\xi \wedge d\bar{\xi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\xi} \bar{z}_1^k b_2(1/z_1, z_1^k \xi) \frac{1}{\xi - w_1} d\xi \wedge d\bar{\xi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\zeta} \bar{z}_1^k b_2(1/z_1, \zeta) \frac{1}{\frac{\zeta}{z_1^k} - w_1} z_1^{-k} \bar{z}_1^{-k} d\zeta \wedge d\bar{\zeta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\zeta} b_2(z_2, \zeta) \frac{1}{\zeta - w_2} d\zeta \wedge d\bar{\zeta} \\ &= u_2(z_2, w_2). \end{aligned}$$

We note that the coefficients  $b_1 = b_1(z_1, w_1)$  and  $b_2 = b_2(z_2, w_2)$  uniquely determine the  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  coefficients of  $\omega$ . To see this, assume that two forms have the same  $b$ 's coefficients, so subtracting the forms we get a closed form on  $E_k = U_1 \cup U_2$

$$c_1(z_1, w_1) d\bar{z}_1 = c_2(z_2, w_2) d\bar{z}_2$$

with

$$\frac{\partial c_1}{\partial \bar{w}_1} \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial \bar{w}_2} \equiv 0,$$

which means that the functions

$$w_1 \rightarrow c_1(z_1, w_1) \quad \text{and} \quad w_2 \rightarrow c_2(z_2, w_2)$$

are holomorphic. Since the supports of these functions are compact, they are identically zero. On the other hand, the form  $\bar{\partial}u$  is closed and because of (4) we get  $\bar{\partial}u = \omega$ . The theorem is proved.

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