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ON THE EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL HOLOMORPHIC
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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let S be a Stein manifold, Ω be a Stein subdomain of the product manifold $\mathbb{C} \times S$ of the complex plane \mathbb{C} and S , \mathcal{O} be the sheaf of germs of holomorphic functions in Ω and m be a positive integer. Let $a_{jk}(z, x)$ be holomorphic functions in Ω for $j, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. We define a homomorphism T of \mathcal{O}^m in \mathcal{O}^m by putting

$$(1) \quad T(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) = \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial z} + \sum_{j=1}^m a_{1j}(z, x) u_j, \right. \\ \left. \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial z} + \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2j}(z, x) u_j, \dots, \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial z} + \sum_{j=1}^m a_{mj}(z, x) u_j \right)$$

for $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \in \mathcal{O}^m$. Let \mathbf{A} be the kernel of T . The short exact sequence

$$(2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^m \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{O}^m \rightarrow 0$$

of sheaves over Ω gives the long exact sequence

$$(3) \quad \dots \rightarrow H^0(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m) \xrightarrow{T} H^0(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m) \rightarrow \dots$$

of cohomology groups. Since Ω is a Stein manifold, we have $H^1(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m) = 0$. Hence we have

$$(4) \quad H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = H^0(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m) / TH^0(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m)$$

by (3). In other words, the necessary and sufficient condition that for any $v \in H^0(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m)$ there is $u \in H^0(\Omega, \mathcal{O}^m)$ satisfying the inhomogeneous equation

$$(5) \quad Tu = v$$

is that there holds

$$(6) \quad H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0.$$

Recently SUZUKI [6] has obtained the necessary and sufficient condition for (6) in case that $m = 1$ and $Tu = \partial u / \partial z$. On the other hand, one of the authors KAJIWARA [4] obtained the necessary and sufficient condition for (6) in case that S consists of a single point. In the present paper we shall study the condition for (6) making use of the methods of the above Suzuki [6] and Kajiwara [4].

2. ONE DIMENSIONAL SECTION OF Ω

For any point x of S and for any analytic set M in S , we put

$$(7) \quad \Omega(x) = (C \times \{x\}) \cap \Omega, \quad \Omega(M) = (C \times M) \cap \Omega.$$

For any point (z, x) of Ω we put

$$(8) \quad \Omega(z, x) = \text{the connected component of } \Omega(x) \text{ containing } (z, x).$$

Lemma 1. *If $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, we have $H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any analytic set M in S .*

Proof. By the exact sequence (2) of sheaves over $\Omega(M)$ we have the long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m) \xrightarrow{T} H^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since $\Omega(M)$ is a Stein space, we have $H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m) = 0$. Hence we have

$$(9) \quad H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) = H^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m) / TH^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m).$$

Let v be any element of $H^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m)$. Since $\Omega(M)$ is an analytic set in a Stein manifold Ω , v can be extended to an element V of $H^0(\Omega, \mathbf{O}^m)$. Since $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, we have $H^0(\Omega, \mathbf{O}^m) = TH^0(\Omega, \mathbf{O}^m)$ by (3). Hence there is an element U of $H^0(\Omega, \mathbf{O}^m)$ such that $TU = V$. Since the variable x plays only the role of a parameter in the differential operator T given in (1), the restriction $u \in H^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m)$ of U to $\Omega(M)$ satisfies $Tu = v$. Thus we have proved $H^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m) = TH^0(\Omega(M), \mathbf{O}^m)$. By (9) we have $H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) = 0$.

Lemma 2. *If $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, we have $H^1(\Omega(z, x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any point (z, x) of Ω .*

Proof. Since $\{x\}$ is an analytic set in S , we have Lemma 2 by Lemma 1.

By Kajiwara [4] we have the following Lemma.

Lemma 3. Let (z, x) be a point of Ω . The necessary and sufficient condition for $H^1(\Omega(z, x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ is that either $\Omega(z, x)$ is simply connected or $\Omega(z, x)$ is a doubly connected domain with $H^0(\Omega(z, x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$.

We shall induce an equivalence relation \sim in Ω . We say that two points (z, x) and (z', x') of Ω satisfy $(z, x) \sim (z', x')$ if and only if $x = x'$ and $\Omega(z, x) = \Omega(z', x')$. Let $\tilde{\Omega}$ be the factor space of Ω by the equivalence relation \sim . Any point \tilde{x} of $\tilde{\Omega}$ is an equivalence class in Ω . Let (z, x) be a representative of the class \tilde{x} . Then the subset $\Omega(z, x)$ of Ω coincides with the equivalence class \tilde{x} . Therefore we have

$$(10) \quad \tilde{\Omega} = \{ \Omega(z, x); (z, x) \in \Omega \}.$$

We put

$$(11) \quad \tilde{\Omega}_1 = \text{the set of all simply connected } \Omega(z, x) \text{ for points } (z, x) \text{ of } \Omega$$

and

$$(12) \quad \tilde{\Omega}_2 = \text{the set of all doubly connected } \Omega(z, x) \text{ for points } (z, x) \text{ of } \Omega.$$

If $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, we have $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1 \cup \tilde{\Omega}_2$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_1 \cap \tilde{\Omega}_2 = \emptyset$ by Lemma 3.

Lemma 4. If $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, $\tilde{\Omega}_2$ is an open subset of $\tilde{\Omega}$.

Proof. Let (z, x) be a point of Ω such that $\Omega(z, x)$ is doubly connected. $C \times \{x\} - \Omega(z, x)$ has a compact connected component K . Let (z', x) be any point of $\Omega(z, x)$. There is a closed curve γ through z' in C such that $\gamma \times \{x\}$ is a closed curve in $\Omega(z, x)$ and K is contained in $\Gamma \times \{x\}$ where Γ is the domain in C surrounded by γ . Since $\gamma \times \{x\} \subset \Omega$, there is an open connected neighborhood U of x such that $\gamma \times U \subset \Omega$. If $\Omega(z', x')$ were not doubly connected for a point x' of U , $\Omega(z', x')$ would be simply connected by Lemma 3. Then the domain $\Gamma \times \{x'\}$ in $C \times \{x'\}$ surrounded by the closed curve $\gamma \times \{x'\}$ in $\Omega(z', x')$ is contained in $\Omega(z', x')$. There is an open connected neighbourhood U' of x' in S such that $\Gamma \times U' \subset \Omega$ and $U' \subset U$. By the theorem of continuity, any holomorphic function in $(\gamma \times U) \cup (\Gamma \times U')$ is continued to a holomorphic function in $\bar{\Gamma} \times U$. Since Ω is a Stein manifold, we have $\bar{\Gamma} \times U \subset \Omega$. Especially we have $K \subset \Gamma \times \{x\} \subset \Omega$. But this is a contradiction. Thus we have proved that $\Omega(z', x')$ is doubly connected for any point x' of U . Since $\{ \Omega(z', x') \in \tilde{\Omega}; x' \in U \}$ is a neighbourhood of $\Omega(z, x)$ in $\tilde{\Omega}$, $\tilde{\Omega}_2$ is an open subset of $\tilde{\Omega}$.

Lemma 5. Assume that $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$. Then either $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$ or $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$. In case that $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}_2$, we have $H^0(\Omega(z, x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any point (z, x) of Ω .

Proof. By Lemma 3 it suffices to prove that either $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$ or $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$. Assume that there were two points (z_1, x_1) and (z_2, x_2) of Ω such that $\Omega(z_1, x_1) \in \tilde{\Omega}_1$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_2) \in \tilde{\Omega}_2$. There is an open connected neighborhood U of x_1 in S such that $\{z_1\} \times U \subset \Omega$. For any point x of U , either $\Omega(z_1, x)$ is simply connected or doubly

connected by Lemma 3. Hence, there is a family $\{\Omega'(x); x \in U\}$ of subsets of Ω such that $\Omega'(x)$ is a simply connected subdomain containing (z_1, x) of $\Omega(z_1, x)$ for any $x \in U$, $\Omega' = \bigcup_{x \in U} \Omega'(x)$ is an open connected subset of Ω and $\Omega'(x_1) = \Omega(z_1, x_1)$. We put $\Omega'' = \Omega - \Omega(z_1, x_1)$. Then $\{\Omega', \Omega''\}$ is an open covering of Ω . For arbitrary but fixed point x of U , the initial value problem

$$(13) \quad Tu = 0, \quad u = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \quad \text{at} \quad z = z_1$$

of a system of linear ordinary differential equations has a holomorphic solution $b(z, x)$ in the simply connected domain $\Omega'(x)$. Then $b(z, x)$ is holomorphic in Ω' as functions in z and the parameter x , that is, $b(z, x) \in H^0(\Omega', \mathbf{A})$.

(a) *In case that the dimension of S is one.* Since there holds $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ in the Mayer-Vietoris sequence

$$(14) \quad \dots \rightarrow H^0(\Omega', \mathbf{A}) + H^0(\Omega'', \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow H^0(\Omega' \cap \Omega'', \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \dots,$$

for $(x - x_1)^{-1} b(z, x) \in H^0(\Omega' \cap \Omega'', \mathbf{A})$ there are $u_1 \in H^0(\Omega', \mathbf{A})$ and $u_2 \in H^0(\Omega'', \mathbf{A})$ such that

$$(15) \quad \frac{b(z, x)}{x - x_1} = u_1(z, x) - u_2(z, x)$$

in $\Omega' \cap \Omega''$. By Lemma 3 $u_2(z, x) = 0$ for any point (z, x) of Ω'' such that $\Omega(z, x) \in \tilde{\Omega}_2$. By Lemma 4 such points (z, x) of Ω'' form an open subset of Ω'' containing (z_2, x_2) . Hence $u_2(z, x)$ is identically zero in Ω'' by the theorem of identity. By (15) we have $(x - x_1)^{-1} b(z, x) \in H^0(\Omega', \mathbf{A})$. Since $b(z_1, x_1) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$, this means that $(x - x_1)^{-1}$ is holomorphic in $x = x_1$. But this is a contradiction.

(b) *In case that the dimension of S is larger than one.* There is an analytic set M in S containing x_1 and x_2 such that M is regular and one dimensional in a neighborhood of x_1 . By Lemma 1 we have $H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) = 0$. By the argument given in (a), we also arrive at a contradiction.

Any way, we have proved under the assumption $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ that either $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$, or $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$.

3. IF $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ AND $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$, $\tilde{\Omega}$ IS A HAUSDORFF SPACE

We define mappings π of Ω onto $\tilde{\Omega}$ and φ of Ω in S by putting

$$(16) \quad \pi(z, x) = \Omega(z, x), \quad \varphi(\Omega(z, x)) = x \quad \text{for} \quad (z, x) \in \Omega$$

π and φ are continuous. Moreover φ is a locally homeomorphic mapping. For the projection p of $C \times S$ onto S , the restriction $p|_{\Omega}$ of p to Ω satisfies $p|_{\Omega} = \varphi \circ \pi$. The fact that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space means that the singular number of connected

components of $\Omega(x)$ never forks to the plural number of connected components of $\Omega(x)$ as x varies in S . If $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space, we can induce a complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$ such that φ is a locally biholomorphic mapping of $\tilde{\Omega}$ in S . We call this complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$ the *natural complex structure* in $\tilde{\Omega}$. Then the pair $(\tilde{\Omega}, \varphi)$ of $\tilde{\Omega}$ and φ is an unramified domain over the Stein manifold S and Docquier-Grauert's theory [1] is applicable for this $(\tilde{\Omega}, \varphi)$.

Lemma 6. *If $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$, $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space.*

Proof. If $\tilde{\Omega}$ were not a Hausdorff space, there would be two points $\Omega(z_1, x_1)$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_2)$ of $\tilde{\Omega}$ such that the set \mathbf{B} of all intersections of neighborhoods of $\Omega(z_1, x_1)$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_2)$ in $\tilde{\Omega}$ forms a base of a filter in $\tilde{\Omega}$. Then \mathbf{B} converges to points $\Omega(z_1, x_1)$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_2)$ in $\tilde{\Omega}$. Since φ is continuous, $\varphi(\mathbf{B})$ converges also to $x_1 = \varphi(\Omega(z_1, x_1))$ and $x_2 = \varphi(\Omega(z_2, x_2))$ in the Hausdorff space S . Hence we have $x_1 = x_2$. In other words, $\Omega(z_1, x_1)$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_2)$ are two distinct connected components of the same open set $\Omega(x_1)$ in $\mathbf{C} \times \{x_1\}$ and in any neighborhood of x_1 there is a point x' such that $\Omega(z_1, x')$ and $\Omega(z_2, x')$ are the same connected component of $\Omega(x')$ in $\mathbf{C} \times \{x'\}$. Since each $\Omega(z_i, x_1)$ is a doubly connected domain in $\mathbf{C} \times \{x_1\}$, $\mathbf{C} \times \{x_1\} - \Omega(z_i, x_1)$ has a compact connected components K_i for $i = 1, 2$. There is a closed curve γ_i in the complex plane \mathbf{C} for $i = 1, 2$ such that $\gamma_i \times \{x_1\}$ is a closed curve in $\Omega(z_i, x_1)$ and K_i is contained in $\Gamma_i \times \{x_1\}$ where Γ_i is the domain in \mathbf{C} surrounded by γ_i for $i = 1, 2$. Since $\gamma_i \times \{x_1\} \subset \Omega$, there is an open connected neighbourhood U of x_1 such that $\gamma_i \times U \subset \Omega$ for $i = 1, 2$. Since \mathbf{B} is a base of a filter in $\tilde{\Omega}$, there is a point x' of U such that $\gamma_1 \times \{x'\}$ and $\gamma_2 \times \{x'\}$ are contained in the same connected component $\Omega(z_1, x') = \Omega(z_2, x')$ of $\Omega(x')$ which is a doubly connected domain in $\mathbf{C} \times \{x'\}$. Hence one of $\gamma_1 \times \{x'\}$ and $\gamma_2 \times \{x'\}$ is contained in $\Omega(z_1, x') = \Omega(z_2, x')$. We may assume that $\gamma_1 \times \{x'\} \subset \Omega(z_1, x') = \Omega(z_2, x')$. Any holomorphic function in $(\gamma_1 \times U) \cup (\bar{\Gamma}_1 \times \{x'\})$ is continued to a holomorphic function in $\bar{\Gamma}_1 \times U$ by the theorem of identity. Since Ω is a Stein manifold, we have $\bar{\Gamma}_1 \times U \subset \Omega$. This means that $K_1 \subset \bar{\Gamma}_1 \times \{x_1\} \subset \Omega$. But this is a contradiction. Thus we have proved that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space.

4. SUFFICIENCY IN CASE THAT $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$

Lemma 7. *If $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$, $H^0(\Omega(x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any point x of S and $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space, then $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$.*

Proof. Let (z_0, x_0) be any point of Ω . Since $\Omega(z_0, x_0)$ is doubly connected, $\mathbf{C} \times \{x_0\} - \Omega(z_0, x_0)$ has a compact connected component K . There is a closed curve γ in \mathbf{C} such that $\gamma \times \{x_0\}$ is a closed curve in $\Omega(z_0, x_0)$ and $\gamma \times \{x_0\}$ goes round K just once. There are an open simply connected neighbourhood V of z_0 and an open connected neighborhood U of x_0 such that $\gamma \times U \subset \Omega$, $V \times U \subset \Omega$. Let f^i be the holomorphic solution in $V \times U$ of the initial value problem

$$(17) \quad T(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) = 0, \quad u_j = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{at} \quad z = z_0 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. For arbitrary but fixed point x of U , each $f^i(z, x)$ is analytically continued along the closed curve $\gamma \times \{x\}$. Let $g^i(z, x) = (g_1^i, g_2^i, \dots, g_m^i)$ be the element of $H^0(V \times \{x\}, \mathbf{A})$ obtained after one round of analytic continuation of $f^i(z, x)$ along $\gamma \times \{x\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Since $f^1(z, x), f^2(z, x), \dots, f^m(z, x)$ form a base of the vector space $H^0(V \times \{x\}, \mathbf{A})$ for $x \in U$, $g^1(z, x), g^2(z, x), \dots, g^m(z, x)$ are represented as their linear combinations

$$(18) \quad g^i(z, x) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij}(x) f^j(z, x)$$

in V for $x \in U$. Substituting $z = z_0$ in (18), we have

$$(19) \quad c_{ij}(x) = g_j^i(z_0, x).$$

Since each $g_j^i(z, x)$ is a holomorphic function in $V \times U$, each $c_{ij}(x)$ is a holomorphic function in U . Since $H^0(\Omega(x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any point x of U , we have

$$(20) \quad \det(c_{ij}(x) - \delta_{ij}) \neq 0$$

for any point x of U as we see it at p.102 of Kajiwara [4]. Let Δ be the connected component of $\pi^{-1}(U)$ containing (z_0, x_0) .

Now let $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)$ be any element of $H^0(\Omega, \mathbf{O}^m)$. Since V is simply connected, $Tu = v$ has a holomorphic solution $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)$ in $V \times U$. u is analytically continued along the closed curve $\gamma \times \{x\}$ for arbitrary but fixed point x of U . Let $u' = (u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_m)$ be the element of $H^0(V \times \{x\}, \mathbf{O}^m)$ obtained after one round of analytic continuation of $u(z, x)$ along $\gamma \times \{x\}$. $u'(z, x)$ is holomorphic in $V \times U$ as functions in z and the parameter x . u' satisfies $Tu' = v$ by the theorem of identity. $u - u'$ is an element of $H^0(V \times \{x\}, \mathbf{A})$ for any $x \in U$. By the above argument there are $a_1(x), a_2(x), \dots, a_m(x) \in H^0(U, \mathbf{O})$ such that

$$(21) \quad u(z, x) - u'(z, x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i(x) f^i(z, x)$$

in $V \times U$. By (20) there are $b_1(x), b_2(x), \dots, b_m(x) \in H^0(U, \mathbf{O})$ such that

$$(22) \quad b_j(x) - \sum_{k=1}^m b_k(x) c_{kj}(x) = a_j(x) \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$$

in U . We put

$$(23) \quad w(z, x) = u(z, x) - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j(x) f^j(z, x)$$

in $V \times U$. Then for arbitrary but fixed point x of U , $w(z, x)$ is continued to

$$\begin{aligned}
(24) \quad u'(z, x) - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j(x) \sum_{k=1}^m c_{jk}(x) f^k(z, x) &= u'(z, x) - \sum_{k=1}^m (b_k(x) - a_k(x)) f^k(z, x) = \\
&= u(z, x) - \sum_{k=1}^m b_k(x) f^k(z, x) = w(z, x)
\end{aligned}$$

by (22) and (23) after one round of analytic continuation along $\gamma \times \{x\}$. This means that $w(z, x)$ is single-valued along $\gamma \times \{x\}$ for any $x \in U$. Hence $w(z, x) \in H^0(V \times U, \mathbf{O}^m)$ is continued to an element of $H^0(\Delta, \mathbf{O}^m)$ which is the holomorphic solution in Δ of $Tw = v$.

Now let $\{\Delta_j\}$ be an open covering of Ω consisting of open sets given in the above argument and let u^j be a solution of $Tu^j = v$ in Δ_j . If $\Delta_j \cap \Delta_k \neq \emptyset$, $u^j - u^k$ satisfies $T(u^j - u^k) = 0$ in $\Delta_j \cap \Delta_k$. Since $H^0(\Omega(x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any point x of S , we have $u^j = u^k$ in $\Delta_j \cap \Delta_k$. If we put $u = u^j$ in Δ_j , we obtain a well-defined element u of $H^0(\Omega, \mathbf{O}^m)$ which satisfies $Tu = v$. We have $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ by (4).

5. SUFFICIENT CONDITION IN CASE THAT $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$

Lemma 8. *If $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$, $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space and $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$, then $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$.*

Proof. Let (z_0, x_0) be any point of Ω . Let V and U be, respectively, an open simply connected neighborhood of z_0 and a connected Stein neighborhood of x_0 as in the proof of Lemma 7. Let Δ be the connected component of $p^{-1}(U)$ containing (z_0, x_0) . We put $\tilde{\Delta} = \pi(\Delta)$. Moreover, let $f_1^\Delta, f_2^\Delta, \dots, f_m^\Delta$ be elements of $H^0(V \times U, \mathbf{A})$ obtained in the proof of Lemma 7. Since $\Omega(z_0, x)$ is simply connected for any point x of U , $f_1^\Delta(z, x), f_2^\Delta(z, x), \dots, f_m^\Delta(z, x)$ are continued to elements of $H^0(\Delta, \mathbf{A})$ which are denoted by the same symbols. Since $\Omega(z_0, x)$ is simply connected for any point x of U , we have $H^0(\Delta, \mathbf{O}^m) = TH^0(\Delta, \mathbf{O}^m)$. Hence we have $H^1(\Delta, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ by (4) as Δ is a Stein manifold. Let V', U', Δ' be other such open sets and $f_1^{\Delta'}, f_2^{\Delta'}, \dots, f_m^{\Delta'}$ be the corresponding elements of $H^0(\Delta', \mathbf{A})$. Let $\tilde{x} = \Omega(z, x)$ be any point of $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$. For the fixed point x of $U \cap U'$, $f_1^\Delta(z', x), f_2^\Delta(z', x), \dots, f_m^\Delta(z', x)$ and $f_1^{\Delta'}(z', x), f_2^{\Delta'}(z', x), \dots, f_m^{\Delta'}(z', x)$ are bases of the vector space $H^0(\Omega(z, x), \mathbf{A})$ as functions in z' . There are complex numbers $c_{ij}^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x})$ ($i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) such that

$$(25) \quad f_i^\Delta(z', x) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij}^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}) f_j^{\Delta'}(z', x)$$

for any $(z', x) \in \Omega(z, x)$. Then $c^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}) = (c_{ij}^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}))$ is a regular matrix and $c^{\Delta, \Delta'}$ is a holomorphic mapping of $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$ in the space $GL(m, \mathbf{C})$ of regular $m \times m$ matrices by the arguments as in the proof of Lemma 7.

Let $U = \{\Delta\}$ be an open covering of Ω consisting of such Δ . Then $\{\tilde{\Delta}\}$ is an open covering of $\tilde{\Omega}$ and $c^{\Delta, \Delta'}$ is a holomorphic mapping of $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$ in $GL(m, \mathbf{C})$ for any Δ and Δ' of U . In the sum space $\bigcup_{\Delta \in U} \tilde{\Delta} \times \mathbf{C}^m$ we shall induce an equivalence relation \sim .

Let (\tilde{x}, w) and (\tilde{x}', w') be, respectively, points of $\tilde{\Delta} \times \mathbf{C}^m$ and $\tilde{\Delta}' \times \mathbf{C}^m$. We say that $(\tilde{x}, w) \sim (\tilde{x}', w')$ if and only if $\tilde{x} = \tilde{x}'$ and

$$(26) \quad w'_j = \sum_{i=1}^m c_{ij}^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}) w_i.$$

Then the factor space \mathbf{B} of $\bigcup \tilde{\Delta} \times \mathbf{C}^m$ by the equivalence relation \sim is regarded as a complex analytic vector bundle over $\tilde{\Omega}$. Let π_{Δ} be the canonical mapping of $\tilde{\Delta} \times \mathbf{C}^m$ in \mathbf{B} and q_i be the projection of $\tilde{\Delta} \times \mathbf{C}^m$ onto \mathbf{C} defined by $q_i(\tilde{x}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m) = w_i$ for $(\tilde{x}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m) \in \mathbf{C}^m$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$). Let $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ be the sheaf of germs of holomorphic sections of \mathbf{B} over $\tilde{\Omega}$. Since $\{\Delta\}$ is a Leray covering of Ω with respect to the sheaf \mathbf{A} , we have

$$(27) \quad H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = H^1(\{\Delta\}, \mathbf{A}).$$

Let $\{g_{\Delta, \Delta'}\}$ be any element of $Z^1(\{\Delta\}, \mathbf{A})$. Let $\tilde{x} = \Omega(z, x)$ be any point of $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$. There are complex numbers $a_1^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}), a_2^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}), \dots, a_m^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x})$ such that there holds

$$(28) \quad g_{\Delta, \Delta'}(z', x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}) f_i^{\Delta'}(z', x)$$

for any point z' of $\Omega(z, x)$. We define a mapping $s^{\Delta, \Delta'}$ of $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$ in \mathbf{B} by putting

$$(29) \quad s^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}) = \pi_{\Delta}(\tilde{x}, a_1^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}), a_2^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}), \dots, a_m^{\Delta, \Delta'}(\tilde{x}))$$

for any \tilde{x} in $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$. Then $s^{\Delta, \Delta'} \in H^0(\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}', \tilde{\mathbf{A}})$. Since $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ is an analytic coherent sheaf over the Stein manifold $\tilde{\Omega}$, we have

$$(30) \quad \{s^{\Delta, \Delta'}\} \in Z^1(\{\tilde{\Delta}\}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}) = B^1(\{\tilde{\Delta}\}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}).$$

There is an element $\{s^{\Delta}\}$ of $C^0(\{\tilde{\Delta}\}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}})$ such that

$$(31) \quad s^{\Delta, \Delta'} = s^{\Delta'} - s^{\Delta}$$

in $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \tilde{\Delta}'$. We put

$$(32) \quad g_{\Delta}(z, x) = \sum_{i=1}^m (q_i \circ (\pi_{\Delta}^{-1}) \circ s^{\Delta})(\Omega(z, x)) f_i^{\Delta}(z, x)$$

for $(z, x) \in \Delta$. Then $\{g_{\Delta, \Delta'}\}$ is the coboundary of $\{g_{\Delta}\} \in C^0(\{\Delta\}, \mathbf{A})$. Hence we have $H^1(\{\Delta\}, \mathbf{A}) = 0$. By (27) we have $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$.

6. NECESSITY IN CASE THAT $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$

Lastly we want to prove that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space and $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$ in case that $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$. We shall do it under the following incidental assumption (A) concerning Ω and T .

- (A) (1) There is an element $b^1(z, x)$ of $H^0(\Omega, \mathbf{A})$ such that the restriction $b^1 | \Omega(z, x)$ of b^1 to $\Omega(z, x)$ is not a zero vector in the vector space $H^0(\Omega(z, x), \mathbf{A})$ for any point (z, x) of Ω .
- (2) For any point (z_0, x_0) of $\partial\Omega$ in $C \times S$, there is an open neighborhood $U(x_0)$ of x_0 as following: For any connected component Δ of $p^{-1}(U(x_0))$ there are elements $b^2(z, x), b^3(z, x), \dots, b^m(z, x)$ of $H^0(\Delta, \mathbf{A})$ such that $b^1 | \Omega(x) \cap \Delta, b^2 | \Omega(x) \cap \Delta, \dots, b^m | \Omega(x) \cap \Delta$ form a base in the vector space $H^0(\Omega(x) \cap \Delta, \mathbf{A})$ for any point x of $U(x_0)$.

Lemma 9. *If $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ and $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$, then under the assumption (A) $\tilde{\Delta} = \varphi(\Delta)$ is a Hausdorff space and $\tilde{\Delta}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Delta}$.*

Proof. Although we have not proved that $\tilde{\Delta}$ is a Hausdorff space, we can speak of the sheaf \mathbf{O} over $\tilde{\Delta}$. A continuous function g in an open set \tilde{U} of $\tilde{\Delta}$ is said to be holomorphic in \tilde{U} if and only if $g(\pi(z, x))$ is a holomorphic function in $\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U})$. For any open covering $\tilde{U} = \{\tilde{U}_j\}$ of $\tilde{\Delta}$ and for any element $\{g_{jk}\}$ of $Z^1(\tilde{U}, \mathbf{O})$, $\{g_{jk}(\pi(z, x)) b^1(z, x)\}$ is an element of $Z^1(\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}), \mathbf{A})$. Since $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, we have $Z(\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}), \mathbf{A}) = B(\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}), \mathbf{A})$. Hence there is an element $\{u_j(z, x)\}$ of $C^0(\pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}), \mathbf{A})$ such that $\{g_{jk}(\pi(z, x)) b^1(z, x)\}$ is a coboundary of $\{u_j(z, x)\}$. Let $\tilde{x} = \Omega(z, x)$ be a point of \tilde{U}_j . Since $b^1 | \Omega(z, x) \cap \Delta, b^2 | \Omega(z, x) \cap \Delta, \dots, b^m | \Omega(z, x) \cap \Delta$ form a base of the vector space $H^0(\Omega(z, x) \cap \Delta, \mathbf{A})$, each $u_j | \Omega(z, x) \cap \pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}_j)$ of $H^0(\Omega(z, x) \cap \pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}_j), \mathbf{A})$ is represented as a linear combination

$$(33) \quad u_j(z', x) = g_j(\tilde{x}) b^1(z', x) + \dots$$

of $b^1(z', x), b^2(z', x), \dots, b^m(z', x)$ for $z' \in \Omega(z, x) \cap \pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}_j)$. Each g_j is a holomorphic function in $\tilde{U}_j \cap \tilde{\Delta}$. We put $\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{\Delta} = \{\tilde{U}_j \cap \tilde{\Delta}\}$. Then, for the restriction $g_{jk} | \tilde{\Delta}$ of g_{jk} to $\tilde{U}_j \cap \tilde{U}_k \cap \tilde{\Delta}$, the restriction $\{g_{jk} | \tilde{\Delta}\} \in Z^1(\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{\Delta}, \mathbf{O})$ of $\{g_{jk}\} \in Z^1(\tilde{U}, \mathbf{O})$ to $\tilde{\Delta}$ is a coboundary of the element $\{g_j\}$ of $C^0(\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{\Delta}, \mathbf{O})$.

If $\tilde{\Delta}$ were not a Hausdorff space, there would be a point x_0 of S and two distinct points $\Omega(z_1, x_0)$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_0)$ of $\tilde{\Omega}$ such that the set \mathbf{B} of all intersections of neighborhoods of $\Omega(z_1, x_0)$ and $\Omega(z_2, x_0)$ forms a base in $\tilde{\Omega}$ as we have seen it in the proof of Lemma 6.

(a) *In case that the dimension of S is one.* There is an open connected neighbourhood $\tilde{\Omega}_1$ of $\Omega(z_1, x_0)$ such that $\Omega(z_2, x_0) \notin \tilde{\Omega}_1$. We put $\tilde{\Omega}_2 = \tilde{\Omega} - \{\Omega(z_1, x_0)\}$. Then $\{\tilde{\Omega}_1, \tilde{\Omega}_2\}$ is an open covering of $\tilde{\Omega}$. By the above argument, for $(\varphi(\Omega(z, x)) - x_0)^{-1} \in H^0(\tilde{\Omega}_1 \cap \tilde{\Omega}_2, \mathbf{O})$, there are $f_1(\tilde{x}) \in H^0(\tilde{\Omega}_1, \mathbf{O})$ and $f_2(\tilde{x}) \in H^0(\tilde{\Omega}_2, \mathbf{O})$ such that there holds

$$(34) \quad \frac{1}{\varphi(\Omega(z, x)) - x_0} = f_1(\tilde{x}) - f_2(\tilde{x})$$

for $\tilde{x} = \Omega(z, x)$ of $\tilde{\Omega}_1 \cap \tilde{\Omega}_2 = \tilde{\Omega}_1 - \{\Omega(z_1, x_0)\}$. Since the right-hand side of (34) has a limit with respect to the trace $\mathbf{B} \cap (\tilde{\Omega}_1 \cap \tilde{\Omega}_2)$ of the filter \mathbf{B} to $\tilde{\Omega}_1 \cap \tilde{\Omega}_2$ and since the left-hand side $(x - x_0)^{-1}$ has not it, this is a contradiction.

(b) *In case that the dimension of S is larger than one.* There is an analytic set M in S such that M is regular and one dimensional in a neighborhood of x_0 . By Lemma 1 we have $H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) = 0$. By the argument in (a) we arrive at a contradiction.

Any way, we have proved that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space. Next we shall prove that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$.

(c) *In case that the dimension of S is two.* Since the restriction to $\tilde{\Delta}$ of any element of $Z^1(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{O})$ is a coboundary of an element of $C^0(\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \cap \tilde{\Delta}, \mathbf{O})$, $\tilde{\Delta}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Delta}$ by the proof of (3) of Lemma 11 of Kajiwara-Kazama [5]. $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold by Docquier-Grauert [1].

(d) *In case that the dimension of S is larger than two.* If $\tilde{\Delta}$ were not p_7^* -convex in the sense of Docquier-Grauert [1] there are a Stein subdomain U of S and an analytic set M in S such that $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \varphi^{-1}(U \cap M)$ is not p_7 -convex in the sense of Docquier-Grauert and M is regular and two dimensional in U . By Lemma 1 we have $H^1(\Omega(M), \mathbf{A}) = 0$. By the argument in (c) $\tilde{\Delta} \cap \varphi^{-1}(U \cap M)$ is a Stein manifold. But this is a contradiction. $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold by Docquier-Grauert [1].

Any way, we have proved that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold.

7. STATEMENT OF THE THEOREM

Theorem. *Let S be a Stein manifold and Ω be a Stein subdomain of $C \times S$. For any point x of S we put $\Omega(x) = \Omega \cap (C \times \{x\})$. For any point (z, x) of Ω let $\Omega(z, x)$ be the connected component of $\Omega(x)$ containing (z, x) . Let $\tilde{\Omega}$ be the set of all $\Omega(z, x)$ for $(z, x) \in \Omega$. In the factor set $\tilde{\Omega}$ of Ω we induce a factor topology of Ω . Let $\tilde{\Omega}_1$ be the set of all simply connected $\Omega(z, x)$ for $(z, x) \in \Omega$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_2$ be the set of all doubly connected $\Omega(z, x)$ for $(z, x) \in \Omega$. Let \mathbf{O} be the sheaf of all germs of holomorphic functions in Ω , m be a positive integer and $a_{jk}(z, x)$ be holomorphic functions in Ω for $j, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Let \mathbf{A} be the kernel of the homomorphism of \mathbf{O}^m in \mathbf{O}^m defined by*

$$T(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) = \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial z} + \sum_{k=1}^m a_{1k}(z, x) u_k, \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial z} + \sum_{k=1}^m a_{2k}(z, x) u_k, \dots, \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial z} + \sum_{k=1}^m a_{mk}(z, x) u_k \right)$$

for $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \in \mathbf{O}^m$.

If $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, either $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$ or $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$. In case that $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_2$, the necessary and sufficient condition that $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$ is that $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space and $H^0(\Omega(x), \mathbf{A}) = 0$ for any point x of S . In case that $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$, if $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff

space and $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$, we have $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$. In case that $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\Omega}_1$, under the assumption (A) if $H^1(\Omega, \mathbf{A}) = 0$, $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Hausdorff space and $\tilde{\Omega}$ is a Stein manifold for the natural complex structure in $\tilde{\Omega}$.

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