

Bergman kernel for sections vanishing along a divisor and slope stability

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1 Introduction

The celebrated Kobayashi-Hitchin correspondance asserts that a holomorphic vector bundle over a projective manifold is Mumford polystable if and only if it can be equipped with a Hermitian-Einstein metric on it. The “easy” sense of this correspondance is the implication *existence of a Hermitian-Einstein metric* \Rightarrow *Mumford stability*. It has been proved in the Ph.D thesis of M. Lübke [Lub] and we refer to [LT, Th] as surveys on this correspondance and the notion of stabilities that we shall mention.

In the world of smooth projective manifolds, it is expected (Conjecture of Yau-Tian-Donaldson [Do1, Ya1, Ya2]) that a similar correspondance holds between K -stability and the existence of a constant scalar curvature metric. In [RT1, RT2], it is introduced a notion of slope stability (derived as a special case from the notion of K -stability) for a couple (M, L) where M is a manifold and L a polarization. We expect that a proof of the “easy” sense of the correspondance could be given in this context using the extra-notion of Bergman kernel. This idea is inspired by our new proof of Lübke’s result using the asymptotic for higher tensor powers L^k of the Bergman kernel. We introduce the notion of Bergman kernel vanishing on a divisor and study its behavior when k tends to infinity. Asymptotically this Bergman kernel behaves as a characteristic function of a certain canonical set, that we call the *non-vanishing set*. The complement of this set is a certain neighborhood of the divisor whose volume is given by the Riemann-Roch formula. Finally we give a proof of the “easy” sense of the correspondance for some simple cases.

2 The case of vector bundles and the Mumford stability

For any Kähler metric g on a manifold, we let $\omega = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} g_{i\bar{j}}(z) dz_i d\bar{z}_j$ denote its corresponding Kähler form, a closed positive (1,1)-form. Now, let M

be smooth projective manifold of complex dimension n , (L, h_L) an ample hermitian line bundle on M and we denote $\omega = -\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi}\partial\bar{\partial}\log h_L$ the curvature of h_L . Let E be a hermitian holomorphic vector bundle of rank r_E on M . We denote $N_k = \dim H^0(M, E \otimes L^k)$.

Definition 2.1. Fix a smooth hermitian metric $h_E \in \text{Met}(E)$ on E , and define the L^2 -inner product on $C^\infty(M, E \otimes L^k)$,

$$\int_M h_E \otimes h_L^k(\cdot, \cdot) \frac{\omega^n}{n!}.$$

Let $(S_i)_{i=1, \dots, N_k}$ be an orthonormal basis of $H^0(M, E \otimes L^k)$ with respect to this L^2 inner product. We define the Bergman kernel (also called Bergman function in the litterature) of $E \otimes L^k$ as

$$B_{h_E \otimes h_L^k}(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} S_i(p) S_i(p)^* \in \text{End}(E \otimes L^k)|_p$$

where $p \in M$. This is independent of the choice of the basis.

This can be seen as the restriction over the diagonal of $M \times M$ of

$$B_{h_E \otimes h_L^k}(p, q) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} S_i(p) \langle S_i(q), \cdot \rangle_{h_E \otimes h_L^k} \in \text{End}(E \otimes L^k)$$

which is the kernel of the natural L^2 -projection π_{hol} from the space of smooth sections $C^\infty(M, E \otimes L^k)$ to the space of holomorphic sections $H^0(M, E \otimes L^k)$, i.e

$$\pi_{hol}(s)(p) = \int_M B_{h_E \otimes h_L^k}(p, q) s(q) \frac{\omega^n}{n!}.$$

We note L_ω the natural contraction of $(1, 1)$ type associated to the Kähler metric, $L_\omega u = \omega \wedge u$ and $\Lambda_\omega := L_\omega^*$ the adjoint operator. When k tends to infinity, one obtains¹ the asymptotic for $B_{h_E \otimes h_L^k}$, given by

$$B_{h_E \otimes h_L^k} = k^n Id + k^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} scal(\omega) Id + \Lambda_\omega F_{h_E} \right) + O(k^{n-2})$$

where $scal(\omega)$ stands for the scalar curvature of the Riemannian metric g associated to ω and F_{h_E} for the curvature of h_E . This asymptotic is actually uniform in C^∞ sense. Note that the integrals of the first two terms of the asymptotic are given by the Riemann-Roch formula. This asymptotic expansion is the key argument of our heuristic proof of the implication *existence of a Hermitian-Einstein metric* \Rightarrow *Mumford semi-stability* that we describe now.

¹See [DLM, Ke, Wa] for the computation of the terms and [Ca] for the existence of such an asymptotic in k .

Proposition 2.1. *Let E be a holomorphic vector bundle over the projective manifold (M, L) . Assume that there exists a ω -Hermitian-Einstein metric h_{HE} on E . Then E is semi-stable in the sense of Mumford.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{F} be a coherent subsheaf of E of rank $0 < r_{\mathcal{F}} < r_E$. Without loss of generality we can assume that \mathcal{F} is reflexive i.e torsion free and normal. We know that \mathcal{F} is a subbundle of E outside a Zariski open part of M . Moreover, it is non locally free on a set S of points with $\text{codim}(S) \geq 3$. Now, from the asymptotic result described previously,

$$B_{h_{HE} \otimes h_L^k} = k^n Id + k^{n-1} \left(\frac{\mu(E)}{\text{Vol}_L(M)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{scal}(\omega) \right) Id + O(k^{n-2}) \in \text{End}(E)$$

where $\mu(E) = \frac{\text{deg}_L(E)}{r_E}$ is the slope of E and $\text{deg}_L(E)$ is the degree of E with respect to L . As $H^0(M, \mathcal{F} \otimes L^k) \subset H^0(M, E \otimes L^k)$, one obtains by projecting over $M \setminus S$ and the subbundle $\mathcal{F}|_{M \setminus S}$ that pointwisely for any k sufficiently large,

$$k^n Id_{\mathcal{F}} + k^{n-1} \left(\mu(E) + \frac{1}{2} \text{scal}(\omega) \right) Id_{\mathcal{F}} + Q + O(k^{n-2}) = B_{h_{HE}|_{\mathcal{F}} \otimes h_L^k} \in \text{End}(\mathcal{F})$$

where Q is a positive auto-adjoint operator. Taking the trace, one gets directly by integration,

$$\begin{aligned} k^n \text{Vol}_L(M) r_{\mathcal{F}} + k^{n-1} \left(\mu(E) + \frac{1}{2} \int_M c_1(M) \frac{c_1(L)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \right) r_{\mathcal{F}} \\ \geq h^0(M, \mathcal{F} \otimes L^k) + O(k^{n-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, for any k sufficiently large, the Riemann-Roch formula leads to

$$k^n \text{Vol}_L(M) r_{\mathcal{F}} + k^{n-1} \mu(E) r_{\mathcal{F}} \geq k^n \text{Vol}_L(M) r_{\mathcal{F}} + k^{n-1} \text{deg}(\mathcal{F}) + O(k^{n-2})$$

and thus

$$\mu(E) \geq \frac{\text{deg}(\mathcal{F})}{r_{\mathcal{F}}} = \mu(\mathcal{F}).$$

Hence E is Mumford semi-stable. \square

3 The notion of Bergman kernel vanishing along a divisor

3.1 Non vanishing sets

Let (L, h_L) a hermitian ample line bundle on the Kähler manifold (M, ω) and D a smooth divisor. Let's assume that $\omega = c_1(h_L)$, i.e that ω is the

curvature of (L, h_L) . Let $\varepsilon(L, D)$ be the Seshadri constant of D with respect to L [De1]. By definition,

$$\varepsilon(L, D) = \sup\{c : L(-cD) \text{ is ample on the blow up } \tilde{M} \text{ of } M \text{ along } D\}.$$

By analogy with the case of Bergman kernel for subbundles, we consider the restriction over the diagonal of the integral kernel of the projection from the smooth sections of L^k vanishing at order ck on D onto the space of holomorphic sections $H^0(L^k(-ckD))$, i.e

$$\tilde{B}_h(p) = \tilde{B}_{h,k,\omega,D,M,L,c}(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{h^0(L^k(-ckD))} |S_i(p)|_{h_k}^2$$

for a point $p \in M$. Here $(S_i)_i$ is an orthonormal basis of $H^0(L^k(-ckD))$ for the inner product $\int_M h_k(\cdot, \cdot) dV$ with $dV = \frac{\omega^n}{n!}$ and $h_k = h_L^{\otimes k}$ is the induced metric from h_L on L^k (we see S_i as an element of $H^0(L^k)$). We denote by $\|\cdot\|_{h_k}$ the L^2 norm associated to this inner product and we notice by Riemann-Roch theorem that

$$N = h^0(L^k(-ckD)) = k^n \int_{\tilde{M}} c_1(L(-cD))^n + \dots$$

Remark 3.1. *Considering the operator norm of the composition of the projection $\pi : L^2(M, L^k - ckD) \rightarrow H^0(M, L^k - ckD)$ with the evaluation fiber-wise ev_p , one gets that for $p \in M$,*

$$\tilde{B}_h(p) = \|\|ev_p \circ \pi\|\|^2 = \sup_{s \in H^0(L^k(-ckD))} \frac{|s(p)|_{h_k}^2}{\|s\|_{h_k}^2}.$$

An element realizing this extremum will be said to represent the Bergman kernel at the point p (or to be extremal at p), and is unique up to a complex constant of unit norm.

We are interested to find the asymptotic outside of D of \tilde{B} when k tends to infinity.

Definition 3.1. *We define the nonvanishing set of the Bergman kernel as*

$$NV_c = \{x \in M : \frac{\tilde{B}(x)}{N} \text{ converges when } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ and its limit is non zero}\}$$

A priori this depends (of course on M) on D, c and h_L . Some natural questions arise at this stage.

Question 3.1. *Does $\frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}$ converges almost everywhere ? When $\frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}(x)$ converges, can we prove that this limit is 0 or 1 ? Does the Bergman kernel have a probabilistic interpretation ? What does happen on the boundary ∂NV_c ?*

Definition 3.2. We set

$$\mathcal{NV}_c^1 = \{x \in M : \text{for all } k \gg 0 \quad \tilde{B}_h(x) = \frac{|s_x(x)|_h^2}{\|s_x\|_h^2}, \text{ with}$$

$$\left| \sup_p |s_x(p)|_h^2 - |s_x(x)|_h^2 \right| < \epsilon(k),$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon(k) = 0\}$$

Remark 3.2. This set depends on D, c and h_L . It is closed².

Definition 3.3. We set

$$\mathcal{NV}_c^2 = \left\{ x \in M, \text{ s.t.} \quad \begin{aligned} &\exists h_D \in \text{Met}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(D)), \\ &\omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_D}^{2c} > 0 \\ &|s_D|_{h_D} \text{ attains its maximum at } x \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Remark 3.3. This set depends on D, c and h_L . It is open because around $x \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$, if one sets some coordinates z , $|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c} e^{-\epsilon \log(1+|z-x|^2)}$ admits its maximum on a small ball around x and still

$$\omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \left(\log \left(|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c} - \epsilon \log(1+|z-x|^2) \right) \right) > 0$$

for ϵ small enough.

Remark 3.4. Clearly \mathcal{NV}_c^2 is non empty. This will show later that \mathcal{NV}_c^1 is not empty too³.

3.2 First term of the asymptotic formula for the Bergman kernel on \mathcal{NV}_c^2

We aim to show in this section the following result.

Theorem 1. For all compact subset $K \subset \mathcal{NV}_c^2$, there exists $k_0 > 0$ such that for all points $p \in K$ and $k > k_0$, one can construct at p a section s_k satisfying the following properties⁴:

- $s_k \in H^0(L^k - ckD)$, $\|s_k\|_{h_k}(p) = 1$,
- locally at p , $s_k(z) = \lambda_0(1 + O(|z|^2)) (1 + O(\frac{1}{k^{2l}})) e^{\otimes k}$ for any $l \geq 0$,

²We can think of that space as the set of points where the representing section for the Bergman kernel at x has its maximum at x' with x' very close to x .

³We can think of \mathcal{NV}_c^2 as an open bounded part of the ‘‘anti-Kähler’’ cone depending on a point of M or a condition on all the positive curvatures for $L - cD$.

⁴as expected these sections do not depend on h_D . Note that for the applications we will just need $l = 1$.

- $\int_{M \setminus B(p, \log(k)/\sqrt{k})} |s_k|_{h_k}^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{k^{2l}}\right)$, and

$$\lambda_0^{-2} = \int_{B(p, \frac{\log k}{\sqrt{k}})} e^{-kK_p(z)} dV$$

Essentially, we use Tian's idea of constructing peak sections. Remark that here the problem is not anymore local in nature because of the existence of the divisor D .

Let's fix some notations. Define $\eta \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+, [0, 1])$ a cut-off function with $\eta(r) = 1$ for $0 \leq r \leq r_\eta^{min}$, $\eta(r) = 0$ for $r \geq 1$. The choice of r_η^{min} will be made clear during the proof. On a trivialisation around $x \in M$ we can write $h_L^k(\cdot, \cdot) = e^{-k\phi(x)} \cdot | \cdot |_0^2$ where ϕ is psh (will be the potential of our csk metric later). We choose a point $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$, call h_D the associated metric and assume that for the defining section, one has $|s_D|_{h_D}(p) = 1$. Finally $B(x, r)$ will denote a geodesic ball of radius r around the point $x \in M$.

Now one can define a Kähler potential⁵ $K_p(z)$ for ω which has locally the following Taylor expansion around p (Böchner holomorphic coordinates):

$$K_p(z) = |z|^2 - \frac{1}{4} R_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} z_i \bar{z}_j z_k \bar{z}_l + O(|z|^5)$$

Around p , consider \mathbf{e} holomorphic canonical section of L with $h_L(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e}) = e^{-K_p(z)}$.

Let's begin the proof of the theorem by considering $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$ and h_D the associated metric on $\mathcal{O}(D)$, i.e for which $|s_D|_{h_D}$ has its maximum at p and value 1. Consider the smooth section

$$\sigma = \eta \left(\frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \mathbf{e}^{\otimes k} \in C^\infty(M, L^k)$$

Define the singular metrics

$$\tilde{h} := \frac{h_L}{|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c}}$$

and

$$\tilde{h}'_k := \tilde{h}^{\otimes k} e^{-\eta \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{min}} \frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \log \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{min}} \frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right)^{(n+2)}}$$

A computation [Ti] shows that for k sufficiently large, the curvature of \tilde{h}'_k is strictly positive, i.e if we set $\psi = \eta \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{min}} \frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \log \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{min}} \frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right)^{(n+2)}$ then $\sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} \psi \geq -\frac{Ck}{\log(k)} (\omega + \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_D}^{2c})$.

⁵In fact we just need for the following computations the first term of the Taylor expansion.

Remark 3.5. *The weight ψ is to ensure that the section we are going to build later vanishes at p , and thus is not going to destroy the peak of σ at p . In fact the term $\sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}\psi$ is going to be bounded independently of k .*

Now, $\alpha_k = \bar{\partial}\sigma$ is a smooth $(0,1)$ -form with value in L^k .

Lemma 3.1. *One has the estimate⁶*

$$\|\alpha_k\|_{h'_k}^2 = O\left(e^{-\delta \log(k)^2} \frac{1}{k^{n-1}}\right),$$

for a certain constant $\delta > 0$.

Proof. We denote $U(p, k) = B\left(p, \frac{\log(k)}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \setminus B\left(p, r_\eta^{\min} \frac{\log(k)}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$. To get an upper bound of $\|\alpha_k\|_{h'_k}^2$, one has to control

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \left| \bar{\partial}\eta \left(\frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \right|^2 e^{-kK_p(z)} e^{-\psi} \frac{1}{|s_D|_{h_D}^{2ck}} dV \\ & \leq cc'_\eta \int_{U(p,k)} \left| \eta' \left(\frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \right|^2 \frac{k2}{\log(k)^4} |z| \frac{1}{|s_D|_{h_D}^{2kc}} e^{-kK_p(z)} dV \end{aligned}$$

since $\psi(z) = 0$ for $|z| \geq r_\eta^{\min} \frac{\log(k)}{\sqrt{k}}$. Note that we have $|z| \leq \frac{\log(k)^2}{k}$ for $z \in U(p, k)$. Using the fact that $|s_D|_{h_D}$ has its maximum at p with value 1, one gets that there exists a constant $c_{h_D} > 0$ depending on the curvature of h_D such that for all $z \in U(p, k)$,

$$\begin{aligned} |s_D|_{h_D}^{2c}(z) & \geq (1 - c_{(h_D, s_D)}|z|^2) + O(|z|^3) \\ & \geq \left(1 - c_{(h_D, s_D)} \frac{\log(k)^2}{k}\right) \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\log(k)^3}{k^{3/2}}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

and we notice that this constant $c_{(h_D, s_D)}$ is strictly less than 1 because $\sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}K_p(z) + \sqrt{-1}\partial\bar{\partial}\log|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c} > 0$. Thus we get for a certain constant C_1 independent of k ,

$$\frac{1}{|s_D|_{h_D}^{2kc}(z)} \leq C_1 e^{c' \log(k)^2}$$

for all point $z \in B\left(p, \frac{\log(k)}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$ with $1 > c' > 0$ independant of k . Hence, one just needs to evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{c' \log(k)^2} \int_{U(p,k)} \frac{k}{\log(k)^2} e^{-kK_p(z)} dV \\ & \leq e^{c' \log(k)^2} \frac{k}{\log(k)^2} \left(\frac{\log(k)^2}{k}\right)^n e^{-k(r_\eta^{\min})^2 \frac{\log(k)^2}{k}} \\ & \leq Ce^{(c' - (r_\eta^{\min})^2) \log(k)^2} \left(\frac{\log(k)^2}{k}\right)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

⁶one has to keep in mind that $\|\alpha_k\|$ controls the defect for σ to be holomorphic.

and we can choose r_η^{min} such that $r_\eta^{min} > c'$. This ensures that we get the expected inequality. \square

Corollary 3.1. *For any $l \geq 0$, one has*

$$\|\alpha_k\|_{\tilde{h}'_k}^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{k^l}\right).$$

Now, we can apply L^2 -Hörmander estimates with respect to the metric \tilde{h}'_k . From [De1] one gets the existence of a section u_k of L^k such that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\partial}u_k &= \alpha_k \\ \|u_k\|_{\tilde{h}'_k} &\leq \frac{C}{k} \|\alpha_k\|_{\tilde{h}'_k} < +\infty \end{aligned}$$

The choice of \tilde{h}'_k forces u_k to vanish at p and D at order kc , and moreover from the lemma,

$$\int_M |u_k|_{\tilde{h}'_k}^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{k^{n+2}}\right).$$

Consequently $|u_k| = O(|z|^2)$ on $B(p, \log k/\sqrt{k})$. Of course, we also have $\|u_k\|_h \leq \|u_k\|_{\tilde{h}} \leq \|u_k\|_{\tilde{h}'} < +\infty^7$. Define

$$\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma - u_k,$$

which is holomorphic, vanishes on D at order kc and satisfies $|\tilde{\sigma}(p)|_{h_k} = 1$.

We know from [Ru] the following expansions when k tends to infinity:

Lemma 3.2.

$$\int_{B_{\mathbb{C}^n}(0, \log k/\sqrt{k})} |z_1^{p_1} \dots z_n^{p_n}|^2 e^{-k|z|^2} dz \wedge d\bar{z} = \left(\frac{\pi}{k}\right)^n \frac{p_1! \dots p_n!}{k^{p_1 + \dots + p_n}} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^{2p'}}\right)$$

for any $p' > p_1 + \dots + p_n$.

With the two previous lemmas, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{\sigma}\|_{h_k}^2 &= \int_M \left| \eta \left(\frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \right|^2 e^{-kK_p(z)} dV \\ &\quad - 2\operatorname{Re} \left(\int_M \left\langle \eta \left(\frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \mathbf{e}^{\otimes k}, u_k \right\rangle_{h_L} dV \right) + \|u_k\|_{h_k}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from last corollary, $\|u_k\|_{h_k}^2 \leq \|u_k\|_{\tilde{h}'_k}^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{k^l}\right)$ for any $l \geq 0$. Moreover, by Cauchy-Schwartz

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_M \left\langle \eta \left(\frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \mathbf{e}^{\otimes k}, u_k \right\rangle_{h_L} dV \right| &\leq \left(\int_{B(p, \frac{\log k}{\sqrt{k}})} e^{-k|z|^2} dV \right)^{1/2} \|u_k\|_{\tilde{h}'_k} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \right) \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{k^l}\right) \end{aligned}$$

⁷This is here where we use the fact that $|s_D|_{h_D}$ has its global maximum at p .

for any $l \geq 0$.

At the point p , we have constructed a global holomorphic section $\tilde{\sigma}$ vanishing at order kc on D and for any $l \geq 0$,⁸

$$\frac{|\tilde{\sigma}|_h^2(p)}{\|\tilde{\sigma}\|_h^2} = \frac{1}{\int_{B(p, \frac{\log k}{\sqrt{k}})} e^{-kK_p(z)} dV} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^l}\right) = k^n + O(k^{n-1})$$

Hence, we get that the first term of the asymptotic of is bounded from below by k^n , i.e that at $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$,

$$\tilde{B}_k(p) = k^n + O(k^{n-1}).$$

3.3 Second term of the asymptotic formula for the Bergman kernel

With the same reasoning as before but using the weight

$$\psi_P = (n + 2p')\eta \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{\min}} \frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \log \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{\min}} \frac{k|z|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right),$$

one can construct global sections $s_{k,P}$ satisfying the following properties:

- $s_{k,P} \in H^0(L^k - ckD)$, $\|s_{k,P}\|_h(p) = 1$,
- locally at p , $s_k(z) = \lambda_P(z_1^{p_1} \dots z_n^{p_n} + O(|z|^{2p'})) e^{\otimes k} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{k^{2p'}}\right) \right)$ for any $p' > p_1 + \dots + p_n$ and the p_i are integers,
- $\int_{M \setminus B(p, \log(k)/\sqrt{k})} |s_k|^2 = O(1/k^{2p'})$ and

$$\lambda_P^{-2} = \int_{B(p, \frac{\log k}{\sqrt{k}})} |z_1^{p_1} \dots z_n^{p_n}|^2 e^{-kK_p(z)} dV$$

Therefore, the second term of the asymptotic can be computed exactly by following the lines⁹ of Tian's paper [Ti, Lu] for a point $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$, and at $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$,

$$\tilde{B}_h(p) = k^n + \frac{k^{n-1}}{2} \text{Scal}(h)(p) + O(k^{n-2}).$$

Finally, we note that our construction gives a section that has at $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$ the property to be close to its maximum, i.e

$$\mathcal{NV}_c^2 \subset \mathcal{NV}_c^1.$$

⁸The term in k^{n-1} appears because of the taylor expansion of $K_p(z)$ and $\det(g_{ij})$.

⁹In Tian's paper, even if it is not said, it is sufficient to use Thm 1 to get the second term because of the Riemann Roch formula, but in our case we don't know the volume of \mathcal{NV}_c^2 yet.

Indeed, $\frac{|\tilde{\sigma}(p)|_{h_k}^2}{\|\sigma\|_{h_k}^2} = k^n(1 + O(k^{n-1}))$ and we know (for instance from the asymptotic on the classical Bergman kernel) that for any holomorphic section $s \in H^0(L^k)$ with $\|s\|_{h_k} = 1$, $\sup |s|_{h_k}^2 \leq k^n + O(k^{n-1})$, so $\left| \frac{|\tilde{\sigma}(p)|_{h_k}^2}{\|\sigma\|_{h_k}^2} - \frac{\sup_{x \in M} |\tilde{\sigma}(x)|_{h_k}^2}{\|\sigma\|_{h_k}^2} \right| = O(1/k)$.

Note that for a point p in \mathcal{NV}_c^1 and a sequence of peaked sections s_k at p constructed as before, if the sequence $|s_k|_{h_k}^{2/k}$ converges to a smooth limit which is positive on $M \setminus D$, then it gives a smooth metric $\left(\frac{|s_k|_{h_k}^2}{|s_D|_0^{2kc}} \right)^{1/k} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0$ on $\mathcal{O}(D)$ (for which the norm of s_D takes its maximum at x) and since the log of the norm of a holomorphic section is psh, p belongs to \mathcal{NV}_{c,h_D}^2 ¹⁰.

Hence, we have seen that on compact subsets of \mathcal{NV}_c^2 , we can get by the procedure developed in [Ti, Ru] an asymptotic expansion of \tilde{B}_k in the C^∞ topology.

4 The 0-1 law for the Bergman function $\frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}$

4.1 A uniqueness result for peaked sections

We aim to show that if one has a section $S \in H^0(M, L^k - ckD)$ with a ‘‘peak’’ at a point p , and with L^2 norm 1, then the L^2 norm of S is concentrated around p . This is completely elementary.

Lemma 4.1. *Suppose $s_k \in H^0(M, L^k - ckD)$ is the peak section at $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$ constructed as above in Theorem 1. Let s_0 be another section of L^k such that s_0 vanishes at p . Then*

$$\int_M \langle s_k, s_0 \rangle_{h_k} = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \|s_0\|_{h_k}$$

Proof. See [Ru]. □

Suppose that $|S(p)|_{h_k}^2 = k^n + O(k^{n-1})$. It is clear from Lemma 3.2 that

$$\int_M \langle s_k - S, S \rangle_{h_k} = \int_M O(k^{n-1}) O(|z|^2) e^{-k|z|^2} dV = O(1/k).$$

Using previous lemma with $s_0 = s_k - S$ one gets

Proposition 4.1. *Assume that $S \in H^0(M, L^k - ckD)$ with $\|S\|_{h_k} = 1$ satisfies $|S(p)|_{h_k}^2 = k^n + O(k^{n-1})$ for $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$. Then*

$$\|S - s_k\|_{h_k}^2 = O(1/k)$$

for s_k the peaked section constructed at p as before.

¹⁰One expects at this stage $\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2} = \mathcal{NV}_c^1$ as we shall prove later.

Since we know that at each point of the non-vanishing set, we can construct a peak section, we obtain:

Corollary 4.1. *Let p be a point in \mathcal{NV}_c^2 . Then the representing section $S_{c',p}$ at p for $\tilde{B}_{k,c'}$ converges in L^2 norm to the representing section $S_{c,p}$.*

4.2 Some natural inclusions

Since $\sup_M |S|_{h_k}^2 \geq 1/V$ for a section $S \in H^0(L^k)$ with L^2 norm equal to 1, one has directly

$$\mathcal{NV}_c^1 \subset NV_c$$

and from last section we know $\mathcal{NV}_c^2 \subset \mathcal{NV}_c^1$. Also, it is clear that

$$\mathcal{NV}_0^1 = \mathcal{NV}_0^2 = NV_0 = M$$

and

$$\mathcal{NV}_{\varepsilon(L,D)}^1 = \mathcal{NV}_{\varepsilon(L,D)}^2 = \emptyset.$$

From another part, it is clear that for $c' > c$,

$$\mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2 \subset \mathcal{NV}_c^2$$

Moreover, if $\omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_D}^{2c} > 0$ then we still have $\omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_D}^{2c'} > 0$ for $c < c' < c + \varepsilon$ for ε small enough one gets that

$$\cup_{c' > c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2 = \mathcal{NV}_c^2.$$

Proposition 4.2. *One has $\cap_{c' < c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2 = \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$.*

Proof. The only difficult part is to show that $\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2} \subset \cap_{c' < c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2$. Suppose that there exists a metric $h_\infty \in \text{Met}(\mathcal{O}(D))$ non necessarily smooth such that $\omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_\infty}^{2c} \geq 0$ with $|s_D|_{h_\infty}$ has its maximum at x . Then, since $\omega > 0$, for $c' < c$ one gets directly

$$\omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_\infty}^{2c'} = i\partial\bar{\partial} \left(\phi_L + \log |s_D|_{h_\infty}^{2c'} \right) > 0.$$

Now, using [De1] one can approximate locally (i.e we use a finite covering Ω_i of M by pseudoconvex open sets) the psh function $\phi_L + \log |s_D|_{h_\infty}^{2c'}$ using a sequence of psh function $\phi_{m,i} = \frac{1}{2m} \log \sum_j |\sigma_j|^2$ for $(\sigma_j)_j$ a Hilbert basis of sections of L^k in $L_{\Omega_i}^2 \left(m\phi_L + m \log |s_D|_{h_\infty}^{2c'} \right)$. Note that on compact subsets of Ω_i , the boundness from above of $\phi_L + \log |s_D|_{h_\infty}^{2c'}$ implies the uniform convergence of $\sum |\sigma_j|^2$ on Ω_i ¹¹. Finally, since ϕ_L is smooth, one gets that $\phi_{m,i} - \phi_L$ converges uniformly and thus has its maximum at x . The pointwise convergence on the whole manifold of the $\phi_{m,i}$ implies that this maximum is global. \square

¹¹By mean value inequality, the L^2 topology is here stronger than topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets.

Corollary 4.2. *If $c' < c$, then*

$$\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2} \subset \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2.$$

Corollary 4.3. *One has*

$$\mathcal{NV}_c^1 = \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}.$$

4.3 Behavior of the Bergman function $\frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}$

Fix $\varepsilon(L, D) > c > 0$. We know that for all $p_0 \in M$ and k sufficiently large, $\frac{\tilde{B}_{k,c,D}}{N}(p_0) \in [0, 1]$. Suppose that $\frac{\tilde{B}_{k,c,D}}{N}(p)$ does admit a subsequence converging to a constant $\delta > 0$ for a point $p \in M \setminus \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$. We will show that we obtain a contradiction by proving that we can construct a peaked section at p and thus p must belong to $\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$.

Indeed, for this subsequence $\gamma(k) \in \mathbb{N}$, the representing sections $s_{\gamma(k),p}$ at p are such that $|s_{\gamma(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma(k)}}$ attain its maximum at $p_{\gamma(k)} \in \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$.¹²

From Corollary 4.2, there exists $c' < c$ sufficiently close to c , such that

$$p_{\gamma(k)} \in \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2 \text{ and } p \in M \setminus \overline{\mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2}, \quad (1)$$

$$\exists \text{ a subsequence } \gamma'(k) \text{ of } \gamma(k), \text{ s.t. } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{\gamma'(k)} = p_\infty \in \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2. \quad (2)$$

The sections $s_{\gamma'(k),p}$ are also vanishing at order $\gamma'(k)c'$ and –up to considering a subsequence– we can assume that $|s_{\gamma'(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}}(p_{\gamma'(k)}) = \delta' \gamma'(k)^n (1 + O(1/k)) \geq \delta \gamma'(k)^n$. It means that $s_{\gamma'(k),p}$ has another peak at $p_{\gamma'(k)}$. From another hand, there exists a peaked section $s_{\gamma'(k),p_{\gamma'(k)}}$ at $p_{\gamma'(k)}$ such that

$$S = s_{\gamma'(k),p} - \delta' s_{\gamma'(k),p_{\gamma'(k)}}$$

vanishes at $p_{\gamma'(k)}$ and has pointwise norm $\delta \gamma'(k)^n$ at p . Indeed, we construct this section $s_{\gamma'(k),p_{\gamma'(k)}}$ as in the first paragraph but with the weight

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1 = \eta \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{min}} \frac{k|z - p_{\gamma'(k)}|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \log \left(\frac{1}{r_\eta^{min}} \frac{k|z - p_{\gamma'(k)}|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right)^{(n+2)} \\ \times \eta_1 \left(2 \frac{k|z - p|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right) \log \left(2 \frac{k|z - p|^2}{\log(k)^2} \right)^{(n+2)} \end{aligned}$$

¹²There is a subtlety here since $|s_{\gamma(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma(k)}}$ could vanish outside D . But we can add a cut-off function $0 \leq \tilde{\eta} \leq O(1/k)$ such that $\tilde{\eta}$ is non zero where $|s_{\gamma(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma(k)}}$ vanishes on $M \setminus D$ and $\tilde{\eta}$ vanishes on D and around $p_{\gamma(k)}$. If we choose $\tilde{\eta}$ carefully, i.e bound its derivatives, we can assume that $\omega + \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(|s_{\gamma(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma(k)}}^2 + \tilde{\eta}) > 0$ and by construction $\frac{|s_{\gamma(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma(k)}}^2 + \tilde{\eta}}{|s_D|_0^2 k^c} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0$ gives a well defined metric on $\mathcal{O}(D)$. Finally, the function $|s_{\gamma(k),p}|_{h_{\gamma(k)}}^2 + \tilde{\eta}$ has still its maximum at $p_{\gamma(k)}$, and thus, by definition, $p_{\gamma(k)} \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$

where $\eta_1 \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+, [0, 1])$ is a cut-off function with $\eta_1(r) = 0$ for $r \leq 1/2$ or $r \geq 1$. This weight will force the constructed section to vanish also at p . Note that this is possible since we have the convergence of $p_{\gamma'(k)}$ in \mathcal{NV}_c^2 .

From Proposition 4.1, the section S satisfies

$$\|S\|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}} < \|s_{\gamma'(k),p}\|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}} - \frac{\delta'}{2} + O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma'(k)}\right)$$

Hence, there exists a constant $\lambda > 1$ such that $\|\lambda S\|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}} = 1$ and also $|\lambda S(p)|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}} > \delta\gamma'(k)^n$. Of course, we can assume that $|S(p)|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}}$ is the maximum of the function $|S|_{h_{\gamma'(k)}}$ on $M \setminus \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$ ¹³, and even on M if we do the same reasoning for the (finite number¹⁴ of) points where this function has a local maximum on $\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$ bigger than $\delta\gamma'(k)^n$. Hence, by definition, p belongs to $\mathcal{NV}_c^1 = \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$ and we get a contradiction with condition (1).

Finally, we have proved, using the previous result of the asymptotic of the Bergman kernel on the non vanishing set, that

Theorem 2 (0–1 law). *If $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$, then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}(p) = 1$. If $p \in M \setminus \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$, then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}(p) = 0$.*

By integration of $\frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N}$ and using Riemann-Roch formula, we know that

$$\text{Vol}(\mathcal{NV}_c^2) + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial \mathcal{NV}_c^2} \frac{\tilde{B}_k}{N} = \text{Vol}(L - cD)$$

which leads to

$$\text{Vol}(\mathcal{NV}_c^2) + \text{Vol}(\overline{\partial \mathcal{NV}_c^2}) \geq \text{Vol}(L - cD) \geq \text{Vol}(\mathcal{NV}_c^2)$$

Now, using Proposition 4.2, we know that

$$\text{Vol}(\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}) \leq \text{Vol}(\mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2) \leq \text{Vol}(L - c'D)$$

for all $c' < c$. The function $c' \mapsto \text{Vol}(L - c'D)$ is continuous, so we get that

$$\text{Vol}(\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}) \leq \text{Vol}(L - cD)$$

and consequently

$$\text{Vol}(\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}) = \text{Vol}(L - cD).$$

Now, from Corollary 4.2, $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{NV}_c^2) \geq \text{Vol}(\overline{\mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2}) \geq \text{Vol}(L - c'D)$ for all $c' > c$ and by continuity, $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{NV}_c^2) \geq \text{Vol}(L - cD)$.

Finally, this gives

¹³just because we can assume that p is the point where the original representing section $s_{\gamma'(k),p}$ has its maximum on $M \setminus \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$
¹⁴for each point, we subtract $\delta/2$ from the L^2 norm.

Corollary 4.4. *The boundary of $\overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}$ is Lebesgue negligible. The volume of \mathcal{NV}_c^2 with respect to ω is the algebro-geometric quantity $\text{Vol}(L - cD)$.*

As we mentioned previously, note that \mathcal{NV}_c^2 depends clearly on h_L . This leads to

$$\mathcal{NV}_c^2(h_L) = \mathcal{NV}_{c/r}^2(h_L^{\otimes r})$$

and thus

Corollary 4.5. *For any $z \in M \setminus D$ and $0 \leq c < \varepsilon(L, D)$, there exists a metric h_L on L such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{B}_{h_L, c}(z)}{k^n} = 1$ or equivalently, $x \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2(h_L)$.*

Remark 4.1. *Some information for the full Bergman kernel $\tilde{B}_k(x, y)$ on $M \times M$ can be deduced from our work.*

4.4 The Bergman exhaustion function

Using the non-vanishing set, we introduce now a function that measures the distance of a point of M to the divisor.

Definition 4.1. *Define for a point $p \in M$*

$$\rho_D(p) = \sup_{c \geq 0} \{p \in \overline{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}\}$$

Note that this function is also dependent on ω .

Proposition 4.3. *The function $p \rightarrow \text{Exh}_D(p)$ is a continuous function.*

Proof. We note that $\rho_D(p) \leq c$ is equivalent to $p \in \cap_{c' < c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2$, which is closed from Proposition 4.2. Now, if $\rho_D(p) > c$, there exists $c' > c$ such that $p \in \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2$ and thus $p \in \cup_{c' > c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2$. If $p \in \cup_{c' > c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2$, then $\rho_D(p) > c$. Hence, $\rho_D(p) > c$ is equivalent to $p \in \cup_{c' > c} \mathcal{NV}_{c'}^2$ which is open. \square

Lemma 4.2. *We have*

$$\rho_D(p) = \sup_{c \geq 0} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c \tilde{B}_{h_L, k, c}(p)}{k^n} = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{c \geq 0} \frac{c \tilde{B}_{h_L, k, c}(p)}{k^n}.$$

Proof. The first equality is clear from Theorem 2 and the fact that $\frac{c \tilde{B}_{h_L, k, c}(p)}{k^n}$ is bounded in c and k . The second equality is also a consequence a Theorem 2. \square

Proposition 4.4. *Let $p \in M \setminus D$ and $0 < c < \varepsilon(L, D)$. Assume that for a fixed $k_0 \geq 1$,*

$$\tilde{B}_{h_L, k_0, c}(p) \geq \kappa.$$

Then $p \in \mathcal{NV}_{c\kappa/k_0^n}^2$.

Sketch of the proof. One aims to show that $\rho_D(p) \geq c\kappa$. By assumption, note that $k_0c \geq 1$ and wlog $c > \rho_D(p)$. With Lemma 4.2, it turns out that it is sufficient to prove that if $c_{max(k_0)} < c$ is the maximum of c' such that $k_0c' \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $c' < \rho_D(p)$, then

$$c_{max(k_0)} \frac{\tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)}, k_0}(p)}{k_0^n} \geq \left(c_{max(k_0)} + \frac{q}{k_0} \right) \frac{\tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)+\frac{q}{k_0}}, k_0}(p)}{k_0^n}$$

for any integer $1 \leq q \leq [k_0(\varepsilon(L, D) - c_{max(k_0)})]^{15}$. Therefore, it is sufficient to prove that

$$c_{max(k_0)} \left(\tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)}, k_0}(p) - \tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)+1/k_0}, k_0}(p) \right) \geq \frac{q}{k_0} \tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)+\frac{1}{k_0}}, k_0}(p).$$

Now, for at p , we know that we can build a peak section vanishing at order $c_{max(k_0)}k_0$ on D since $c_{max(k_0)} < \rho_D(p)$ and because of the definition of c_{max} , we know that this section vanishes exactly at order $c_{max(k_0)}k_0$ and not more. Hence,

$$\left(\tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)}, k_0}(p) - \tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)+1/k_0}, k_0}(p) \right) = k_0^n (1 + \delta_p/k_0).$$

From the result of Catlin [Ca], we know¹⁶ that δ_p is going to be bounded (from below) on M , say by the constant δ . On the other hand, we need to study the behavior of $\tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)+\frac{1}{k_0}}, k_0}(p)$ when k_0 is not too large. Let's call $\Gamma(c) = \{h_D \in Met^\infty(\mathcal{O}(D)), \omega + i\partial\bar{\partial} \log |s_D|_{h_D}^{2c} > 0\}$. At p , we know that

$$\sup_{h_D \in \Gamma(c_{max(k_0)+q/k_0})} |s_D(p)|_{h_D}^{2c_{max(k_0)+\frac{2q}{k_0}}} < 1$$

for $\max_M |s_D|_{h_D} = 1$ and we call $\gamma(p, k_0, q)$ this value. Hence Hörmander's estimates gives us a "non-peak" section $s \in H^0(L^{k_0} - (c_{max(k_0)}k_0 + q)D)$ such that $|s(p)|^2 \leq k_0^n \gamma(p, k_0, q)^{k_0}$ and we can assume wlog that all the other sections of the basis vanish at p . In fact we expect a uniform exponential decrease, i.e

Claim. $\gamma(p, k_0, q)^{k_0} \leq \left(1 - \frac{A+q}{k_0}\right)^{k_0}$ with $A \geq 0$ independent of p and $k_0 > k'_0$ where k'_0 is independant of p .

Let's assume the claim proved. Then

$$\frac{q}{k_0} \tilde{B}_{c_{max(k_0)+\frac{1}{k_0}}, k_0}(p) \leq \frac{q}{k_0} \left(1 - \frac{A+q}{k_0}\right)^{k_0} k_0^n \leq \frac{q}{e^q} e^{-A} k_0^{n-1}$$

¹⁵The result is clear when k_0 tends to infinity, i.e the function $c\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{N}^2_{\rho_D(p)}}$ is decreasing for $c > \rho_D(p)$. In fact we expect an exponential decrease of the Bergman kernel at a finite k_0 for $c > \rho_D(p)$

¹⁶The terms of the asymptotic are continuous functions

Now for k_0 sufficiently large (and this can be done indepentely of p) we get

$$c_{max(k_0)} k_0^n (1 + \delta/k_0) \geq \frac{q}{e^q} e^{-A} k_0^{n-1}$$

for any $1 \leq q \leq [k_0(\varepsilon(L, D) - c_{max(k_0)})]$.

Corollary 4.6. *There exists $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ depending on (L, M, D, h_L) such that for all $p \in M$,*

$$\rho_D(p) = \sup_{k \geq k_1} \sup_{c \geq 0} \frac{c \tilde{B}_{h_L, k, c}(p)}{k^n}.$$

The function $Exh_{\mathcal{NV}_c^2}(p) = -\log(\rho_D(p) - c)$ defined on \mathcal{NV}_c^2 is a continuous exhaustion function.

4.5 Relation with Lelong numbers

For a Kähler form ω , we consider the space of strictly ω -plurisubharmonic functions

$$Ka_{[\omega]} = \{\phi \in L^1(M) : \omega + \sqrt{-1} \partial \bar{\partial} \phi > 0\},$$

Recall the Lelong number for a psh function ϕ at a point x_0 ,

$$\nu(\phi, x) = \liminf_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\log \phi(x)}{\log |x - x_0|} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sup_{B(x_0, r)} \phi(x)}{\log r}$$

and define $\nu(\phi, D) = \inf_{x \in D} \nu(\phi, x)$. Then, one can consider the canonical *equilibrium metric with poles on D of order c* (see [Berm, Section 4.1]) given by

$$\phi_{equil, D, c}(x) = \sup_{\psi \in Ka_{[\omega]}} \{\psi(x) : \nu(\psi, D) \geq c, \psi \leq -\log h_L\}$$

Then it is straightforward to check the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{NV}_c^2 &= \{x \in M : \exists \psi \in Ka_{[\omega]}, \nu(\psi, D) \geq c, \text{ and } \sup_M \psi = \psi(x)\} \\ &= \{\phi_{equil, D, c} = -\log h_L\} \end{aligned}$$

5 Some examples

5.1 The case of \mathbb{P}^1

Let's consider the elementary case of \mathbb{P}^1 without a point. Choose for ϕ the potential of the Fubini-Study metric. Then a 'limit' -and naive- choice for the metric on h_D leads to consider

$$\frac{|z|^{2c}}{1 + |z|^2}$$

which has its maximum on the circle of radius $\sqrt{\frac{c}{1-c}}$. Hence one can prove that $\mathcal{NV}_c^2 = \{z : |z|^2 > c/(1-c)\}$. Note that in that case, we have an explicit formula. At the point z_0 , the defining section for the Bergman kernel is

$$s_{z_0}(z) = \sum_{i=kc}^k C_k^i \frac{z^i}{z_0^{k-i}}$$

and hence

$$\tilde{B}_{\mathbb{P}^1, h_{FS}, k, c}(z) = \frac{|\sum_{i=kc}^k C_k^i \frac{1}{z^{k-2i}}|^2}{(1+|z|^2)^k \sum_{i=kc}^k C_k^i \frac{1}{z^{2k-2i}}}.$$

We have computed the following expansion for \mathbb{P}^1 without 1 point (using the coordinates $x = \frac{|z|}{\sqrt{1+|z|^2}}$).

Proposition 5.1.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_{k,c}(z) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\tilde{B}_{k, c+\frac{1}{k}} - \tilde{B}_{k,c} \right) (z) &= k \mathbf{1}_{x>c} + \mathbf{1}_{x>c} + \left(c - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(x-c) \\ &\quad + \frac{c-c^2}{2} \delta'(x-c) + O(1/k) \end{aligned}$$

where δ is the Dirac function and δ' its derivative with respect to x .

Note that no higher order derivatives of the Dirac function appear. If we call

$$\varepsilon_c(x) = \left(c - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(x-c) + \frac{c-c^2}{2} \delta'(x-c)$$

then we check that for $0 \leq \mathbf{c}_0 \leq \varepsilon(L, D)$,

$$\int_0^{\mathbf{c}_0} \varepsilon_c(x) dc = 0$$

if $x \leq \mathbf{c}_0$ or $x > \mathbf{c}_0$. This implies the slope-semistability inequality in that case.

Remark 5.1. In that setting, we also get

$$Exh_{0,c}(z) = -\log(x-c).$$

For \mathbb{P}^1 without 2 points, say a, b , one can remark that

$$\tilde{B}_{2k, \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{a, b\}} \leq \tilde{B}_{k, \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{a\}} \tilde{B}_{k, \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{b\}}$$

So for c small, $\mathcal{NV}_c^2(a) \cup \mathcal{NV}_c^2(b) \subset \mathcal{NV}_c^2(a, b)$ and considering the volume, this leads to $\mathcal{NV}_c^2(a, b) = \mathcal{NV}_c^2(a) \cup \mathcal{NV}_c^2(b)$.

6 Other remarks

6.1 Another point of view with singular Bergman kernels

For the singular metric $\tilde{h} := h_L/|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c}$, we can consider the Bergman kernel $B_{sing}(\tilde{h}) = \sum |s_i|_{\tilde{h}}^2$ where s_i are L^2 orthonormal with respect to \tilde{h} and dV . It is similar to the usual Bergman kernel but for the singular metric \tilde{h} .

For any metric $h_D \in Met(\mathcal{O}(D))$, if one assumes $|s_D| \leq 1$, one gets clearly

$$\tilde{B}(h) \geq |s_D|_{h_D}^{2kc} B_{sing}(h/|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c})$$

Now, if $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$ and h_D is the associated metric at that point, then we have

$$\tilde{B}(h)(p) \geq B_{sing}(h/|s_D|_{h_D}^{2c})(p)$$

Now, for a local trivialisation around the point p , we can choose local holomorphic coordinates z s.t. $z(p) = 0$ and such that the metric around p is euclidean wrt z at $z = 0$. For the potential $\tilde{\phi}$ of the \tilde{h} around p , we have $\tilde{\phi} = \phi_0 + o(|z|^2)$ where ϕ_0 is a quadratic form with associated eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ (wrt ω). For a section $s \in H^0(L^k)$ given by a holomorphic function f_0 , one has since $|f_0|^2$ is psh,

$$|f_0(0)|^2 \leq \frac{\int_{|z| < \log(k)/\sqrt{k}} |f_0(z)|^2 e^{-k\phi_0}}{\int_{|z| < \log(k)/\sqrt{k}} e^{-k\phi_0}}$$

The numerator of the RHS can be estimated from above by $(1+\epsilon_k) \int_M |s|_{h_k}^2 dV$ as k tends to infinity with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_k = 0$. Now by assumption on p , all eigenvalues λ_i are positive so we have an estimate for the denominator of the RHS of last equation, which is up to a multiplicative constant $\frac{1}{k^n \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n} + O(k^{-n-1})$. On the other hand, as it is explained in [Bern], one can build peak sections of L^k as does Tian in [Ti] for the singular metric $\tilde{h} \in Met(L)$ which has positive curvature. Hence, the singular Bergman kernel is going to converge at p towards $k^n \lambda_1(p) \dots \lambda_n(p) = k^n$ at the first order¹⁷. On the whole manifold the singular Bergman kernel converges pointwisely towards the absolute continuous part of the current $i\partial\bar{\partial}\tilde{\phi}$.

6.2 About extending the sections

When one tries to apply L^2 -Hörmander estimates in our setting, it appears that we have two natural Hilbert spaces, the space of L^2 sections with respect to h and the space of L^2 sections wrt the singular metric \tilde{h} . If we consider f a section vanishing of L^k vanishing at order a kc on D , then we can find u_1 and u_2 such that $\bar{\partial}u_1 = \bar{\partial}u_2 = f$ and for the L^2 norms,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_1\|_h^2 &< c_1(k) \|f\|_h^2 \\ \|u_2\|_h^2 &\leq \|u_1\|_h^2 < c_2(k) \|f\|_h^2 \end{aligned}$$

¹⁷One gets only the first term with this method.

which implies that there exists a constant δ_k with $\|u_2 + \delta_k\|_h^2 < c_1 \|f\|_h^2$ and u_2 vanish at order kc on D . If c_k is small enough with respect to $1/k^n$, one could build a peak section from u_2 and control completely its asymptotic.

Question 6.1. *Is the constant δ given by algebraic geometry ?*

The Ohsawa-Takegoshi-Manivel theorem [De1] applied at a point $p \in \mathcal{NV}_c^2$ and the singular metric $\tilde{h} = \frac{h_k}{|s_D|^{2kc}}$ leads directly to the existence of a global holomorphic section S of L^k satisfying

$$\int_M |S|_{\tilde{h}}^2 k^n \omega^n \leq C(M, n) |S(p)|_{\tilde{h}}^2$$

i.e S vanishes at order ck on D and since $|s_D|_{h_D}(p) = 1$,

$$\tilde{B}(p) \geq \frac{k^n}{C(M, n)}.$$

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