

# ON FAMILIES OF HYPERSURFACES WITH WEAKLY POSITIVE NORMAL BUNDLE

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## 0. Introduction

In this paper we extend a result of H. Rossi on the projective embedding of a neighborhood of a hypersurface with weakly positive normal bundle. We will prove the theorem with parameters.

*Definitions.* Our analytic spaces will be ringed spaces as in [5]. Let  $Y$  be a compact analytic space, with  $L \rightarrow Y$  a line bundle;  $L$  is weakly positive if there is a relatively compact 1-pseudoconcave neighborhood of the zero-section of  $L$ . For  $X$  an analytic space,  $Y \subset X$  a compact subspace, let  $\mathcal{g}$  be the ideal sheaf of  $Y$  in  $X$ , and let  $E$  be the associated line bundle (where if  $\mathcal{E}$  is the sheaf of germs of sections of  $E$ , then  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{g}^{-1}$ ). Let  $N = E|_Y$  be the normal bundle of  $Y$  in  $X$ ; then  $Y$  is of algebraic codimension 1 in  $X$  if  $\mathfrak{N} = (\mathcal{g}/\mathcal{g}^2)^{-1}$ .

For  $X, D$  analytic spaces, we say  $f: X \rightarrow D$  is an analytic family if for each point  $x \in X$  there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  and charts  $g: U \rightarrow C^m \times C^n$  and  $g': f(U) \rightarrow C^n$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{g} & C^m \times C^n \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{proj} \\ f(U) & \xrightarrow{g'} & C^n \end{array}$$

is commutative. Let  $\text{dih}_x(X)$  be the homological dimension of  $X$  at  $x$ , as defined in [1], p. 197.

**MAIN THEOREM.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow D$  be an analytic family, with  $Y \subset X$  a subfamily. Assume that  $X$  is irreducible and paracompact, that  $D$  is a manifold, and that, for each  $d \in D$ , the following hold:*

- (1)  $X_d$  is irreducible of pure dimension  $k > 2$ ;
- (2)  $Y_d$  is compact and of algebraic codimension 1 in  $X_d$ ;
- (3) the normal bundle  $N_d$  of  $Y_d$  in  $X_d$  is weakly positive;
- (4)  $\text{dih}_Y(X) - 2 \dim(D) > 2$ , where  $\text{dih}_Y(X) = \min\{\text{dih}_x(X) : x \in Y\}$ .

*Then there exists a neighborhood  $W$  of  $Y$  in  $X$ , an analytic family  $f_v: V \rightarrow D$  with each fiber a projective variety of pure dimension  $k$ , and a fiber-preserving injection  $g: W \rightarrow V$  such that  $g(Y)$  is the family of hyperplane sections of  $V$ . (In other words,  $V - g(Y)$  is a family of affine varieties).*

The theorem for  $D$  a point is Theorem 3, p. 250 of [6]; we follow the idea of

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the proof given there. The two key theorems needed for the generalization are the following, the first proved by Siu in [8], the second proved by Rossi in [7].

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow D$  be a 1-pseudoconcave family with exhaustion function  $\varphi$  and concavity bounds  $r_*$ ,  $r_\#$ . Suppose  $D$  is a complex manifold, and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a  $\pi$ -flat coherent analytic sheaf on  $X$ ; then for  $r \in (r_*, r_\#)$ , the direct image sheaves  $R^i f_*(\mathcal{S} | X^r)$  are coherent at  $d \in D$  for  $i < \min \{ \text{dih}_x(\mathcal{S}) : x \in X_d \cap \varphi^{-1}(r) \} - 2 \dim(D) - 1$ .*

See [8] for definitions and notations. This theorem extends finiteness of cohomology results found in [1].

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $X$  be an analytic space such that  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  separates points of  $X$ . Let  $\varphi: X \rightarrow M$  be a holomorphic map of  $X$  into a complex manifold  $M$ . Let  $U$  be an open set in  $M$  such that all holomorphic functions on  $U$  extend to  $M$ . Suppose  $V$  is a closed sub-variety of  $\varphi^{-1}(U)$  such that  $\varphi: V \rightarrow U$  is light, proper, and surjective. Then there is a closed subvariety  $\tilde{V}$  of  $X$  such that  $\tilde{V} \cap \varphi^{-1}(U) = V$ . (Theorem 2.7, p. 568 of [7].)*

*Note:*  $\varphi$  is light if  $\varphi^{-1}(m)$  is a finite set of points for each  $m \in M$ ;  $\varphi$  is proper if  $\varphi^{-1}(K)$  is compact whenever  $K \subset M$  is compact.

Our assumption (4) is the only assumption which must be added to extend the result on one fiber; it is necessary for the application of theorem 1, as is the hypothesis that  $D$  is a manifold. A weakening of these hypotheses for theorem 1 would produce the corresponding extension of the main theorem of this paper.

In section 1 we will construct an injection into a family of projective spaces over small open sets in  $D$ , using Theorem 1; in section 2 we will show the image can be extended to a family of projective varieties, using theorem 2. Finally, we show in section 3 that all the local families fit together to form a family of varieties over all of  $D$ .

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### 1. Construction of an embedding

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow D$  be an analytic family, with subfamily  $f: Y \rightarrow D$  satisfying the assumptions of the main theorem. Assume further that*

(5)  *$f: X \rightarrow D$  is a 1-pseudoconcave map, with exhaustion function  $\varphi$  and concavity bound  $(r_*, r_\#)$ ;*

(6) *there is an  $r_0 > r_*$  such that  $Y \subset \varphi^{-1}(r_0, \infty]$ .*

*Then for each  $d \in D$  there is a neighborhood  $B$  of  $d$ , a neighborhood  $W$  of  $Y | B$  in  $X | B$ , and a fiber-preserving injection  $g: W \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^m \times B$  such that  $g(Y | B)$  is contained in  $H \times B$ , where  $H$  is the hyperplane at  $\infty$  of  $\mathbf{P}^m$ .*

*Remark.* After proving the proposition we will show that hypotheses (5) and (6) follow from the others.

*Proof.* Restrict  $X$  to some smaller neighborhood of  $Y$  such that  $\text{dih}_{X_d}(X) = \text{dih}_{Y_d}(X)$  for all  $d \in D$ , where  $\text{dih}_{X_d}(X) = \min \{\text{dih}_x(X) : x \in X_d\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{g}$  be the ideal sheaf of  $Y$  in  $X$ , let  $E$  be the associated line bundle, and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the sheaf of germs of sections of  $E$ ; then  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{g}^{-1}$ . As  $N = E|Y$ , we have  $\mathfrak{N} = \mathcal{E}/\mathcal{g} \cdot \mathcal{E}$ . Tensor the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{g}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{g}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

by the locally free sheaf  $\mathcal{E}^s$ ; let  $Q^s = \mathcal{E}^s \otimes \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{g}^2 \cong \mathfrak{N}^s \oplus \mathfrak{N}^{s-1}$ . Then we can write the resulting sequence as

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{s-2} \xrightarrow{h} \mathcal{E}^s \rightarrow Q^s \rightarrow 0,$$

from which we get the long exact sequence of direct image sheaves

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow R^0f_*(\mathcal{E}^{s-2}) &\xrightarrow{h_*} R^0f_*(\mathcal{E}^s) \rightarrow R^0f_*(Q^s) \rightarrow \\ (*) \quad R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^{s-2}) &\xrightarrow{h_*} R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^s) \rightarrow R^1f_*(Q^s) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

The sheaf  $\mathfrak{N}_d^s$  of germs of sections of  $N_d^s$  is supported on the compact set  $Y_d$ ; thus, by Satz 2, p. 343 of [3], there exists an integer  $s_1$  such that for all  $s \geq s_1$ ,  $H^1(Y_d, \mathfrak{N}_d^s) = 0$  and there is a canonical embedding of  $Y_d$  into  $\mathbf{P}(H^0(Y_d, \mathfrak{N}_d^s)^*)$ . For  $s > s_1$ , we have  $H^1(Y_d, Q_d^s) = 0$ ; by the results of [4], p. 15-02 to 15-04, we can conclude that  $R^1f_*(Q^s) = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $d$ , and that the map

$$(**) \quad R^0f_*(Q^s)_d \otimes ({}_D\mathcal{O}_d/\mathfrak{N}_d) \rightarrow H^0(Y_d, Q_d^s)$$

is surjective, where  $\mathfrak{N}_d$  is the ideal sheaf of  $\{d\}$  in  $D$ . The first result truncates the sequence (\*).

Using hypotheses (4), (5), and (6), we can apply theorem 1 to show that  $R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)$  and  $R^0f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)$  are coherent for all  $s$  (but for  $X$  smaller.) Hence the stalk  $R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)_d$  is a finitely generated module over  ${}_D\mathcal{O}_d$ . For  $t > s_1$ , consider the increasing sequence  $\{K_{2j}\}$  of submodules of  $R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^t)_d$  defined by

$$K_{2j} = \text{Kernel} \{h_* \circ \dots \circ h_* : R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^t)_d \rightarrow R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^{t+2j})_d\};$$

as  ${}_D\mathcal{O}_d$  is Noetherian, the sequence becomes stationary for  $j$  greater than some  $j_0$ . Hence for  $s > t + 2j_0$ , we have  $R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)_d \cong R^1f_*(\mathcal{E}^{s+2})_d$ . Thus for  $s$  large we can combine (\*) and (\*\*) to get

$$(***) \quad R^0f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)_d \rightarrow R^0f_*(Q^s)_d \rightarrow H^0(Y_d, \mathfrak{N}_d^s) \oplus H^0(Y_d, \mathfrak{N}_d^{s-1}),$$

where both maps are surjective.

Let  $L = R^0f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)_d \otimes ({}_D\mathcal{O}_d/\mathfrak{N}_d)$  and let  $L^*$  be its dual space;  $L^*$  is isomorphic to  $C^{m+1}$  for some  $m$ . For a neighborhood  $B$  of  $d$ , we get a canonical map

$$g : X|B \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^m \times B,$$

where  $g(x)$  is the linear functional defined by evaluation at  $x$ . We have a canonical section  $h^s$  of  $\mathcal{E}^s$ ; we will take the dual of  $h^s$  as the first coordinate of  $L^*$ .

LEMMA. *The map  $g$  is non-singular in a neighborhood of  $Y_d$ .*

*Proof.* As in [6], Theorem 3, we have guaranteed by (\*\*\*) that we can extend the elements in  $H^0(Y_d, \mathfrak{N}_d^s) \oplus H^0(Y_d, \mathfrak{N}_d^{s-1})$  to give a map which is non-singular at each point of  $Y_d$ , hence in a neighborhood of  $Y_d$ .

If we define  $H$  the hyperplane at  $\infty$  to be the points where the first homogeneous coordinate vanishes, then  $g^{-1}(H) = Y$ , as  $h^s(x) = 0$  only on  $Y$ . This concludes the proof.

**COROLLARY.** *Assumptions (5) and (6) follow from the other assumptions.*

*Proof.* We can apply Theorem 3 of [6] to the normal bundle  $N_d \rightarrow Y_d$  to obtain a neighborhood  $L_d$  of  $Y_d$  in  $N_d$  and a proper injection

$$F: (L_d - Y_d) \rightarrow C^k - \Delta(O, R),$$

for  $\Delta(O, R)$  the polydisk of radius  $R$  centered at  $0$ . Let  $\varphi = \sum z_i \bar{z}_i$  on  $C^k$ ; then  $\varphi \circ F$  is a strictly plurisubharmonic function on  $L_d - Y_d$ . By Satz 6, p. 350 of [3], we can extend  $\varphi \circ F$  to a strictly plurisubharmonic function  $\varphi_0$  on a neighborhood  $L$  of  $L_d - Y_d$  in  $E$ . Let  $r_*, r_*$  be real numbers such that  $kR^2 < r_* < r_* < \infty$ ; then for a sufficiently small neighborhood  $B$  of  $d$ , the set  $f^{-1}(B) \cap \{r_* < \varphi_0 < r_*\}$  has compact closure in  $L$ . Extend  $\varphi_0$  to be defined on a neighborhood (again called  $L$ ) of  $Y \mid B$  in  $E \mid B$ , with  $\varphi_0 \geq r_*$  on the extended part. Shrink  $B$  so that the set

$$\partial \{x \in L: \varphi_0(x) > r_*\} \cap f^{-1}(B) \text{ is contained in } \{x \in L: \varphi_0(x) = r_*\}.$$

Choose  $r$  such that  $r_* < r < r_*$ , and let  $U = \{x \in L: \varphi_0(x) > r\}$ . Choose a relatively compact set  $B' \subset B$  and a neighborhood  $W$  of  $Y$  in  $X$ . For  $r' \in R$  sufficiently large, we have

$$r' \cdot h(\partial W \cap f^{-1}(B')) \cap U = \emptyset.$$

Let  $W_r = \{x \in W \mid B': r' \cdot h(x) \in U\}$ . Then  $f: W_r \rightarrow B'$  is 1-pseudoconcave, with exhaustion function  $\varphi_0 \circ (r' \cdot h)$  and concavity bounds  $(r, r_*)$ .

## 2. Extension to a subvariety

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Let  $f, X, Y, D$  be as in the main theorem, and assume we have the map  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^m \times D$  constructed in Proposition 1 (for a restricted family). Then for  $d \in D$  there is a neighborhood  $B$  of  $d$ , a neighborhood  $U$  of  $Y \mid B$ , and a subvariety  $V$  of  $\mathbf{P}^m \times B$  such that  $g(U) \subset V$  and  $V_{d'}$  is of pure dimension  $k$  for each  $d' \in B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g(X) = W$ ; consider  $W_d - g(Y_d)$  to be in  $\mathbf{C}^m$ . By theorem 6, p. 229 of [5], there is a closed subvariety  $V_d'$  of  $\mathbf{C}^m$  such that, for  $R$  large enough,

$$V_d' \cap (\mathbf{C}^m - \Delta(0, R)) = (W_d - g(Y_d)) \cap (\mathbf{C}^m - \Delta(0, R)).$$

If we attach  $g(Y_d)$ , we get a projective variety  $V_d$  of pure dimension  $k$ .

Let  $F$  be an  $(m - k - 1)$ -dimensional plane in  $H \times \{d\}$  such that  $F \cap V_d =$

$\emptyset$ . We can assume  $F = \{(0, \dots, 0, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_m)\}$ . Define the projection map

$$\pi: (\mathbf{P}^m - F) \times D \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^k \times D$$

by projection on the first  $(k + 1)$  homogeneous coordinates.

LEMMA.  $\pi: V_d \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^k \times \{d\}$  is light.

*Proof.* Let  $z \in \mathbf{P}^k \times \{d\}$ , and let  $v \in \pi^{-1}(z)$ . Define  $F \vee v$  as  $\{w + v: w \in F\}$  where we add in homogeneous coordinates. Then  $v \notin F$  implies  $F \vee v$  is  $(m - k)$ -dimensional.

Assume  $V_d \cap (F \vee v)$  has dimension 1, i.e.  $\pi$  is not light. Then as  $F$  is of codimension 1 in  $F \vee v$ , we know  $F \cap V_d$  has dimension 0, hence is non-empty, which contradicts our choice of  $F$ .

As  $V_d$  is compact of pure dimension  $k$ , we also have that  $\pi$  is proper and surjective.

Let  $B$  be a neighborhood of  $d$  such that  $g(Y_{d'}) \cap (F \times \{d'\}) = \emptyset$  for all  $d'$  in  $B$ . Let  $W' = W - g(Y)$ . Then if  $R$  is sufficiently large and  $B$  is a little smaller, the map

$$\pi: \pi^{-1}(\mathbf{C}^k - \overline{\Delta(0, R)}) \cap W' | B \rightarrow (\mathbf{C}^k - \overline{\Delta(0, R)}) \times B$$

is light, proper, and surjective.

For  $B'$  a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $d$  in  $B$ , there is an analytic cover  $\sigma: B' \rightarrow \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is a polydisk in some  $\mathbf{C}^n$ ; as  $\sigma$  is light, proper, and surjective, so is the map  $(\text{id} \times \sigma) \circ \pi$ . We can apply Theorem 2 to obtain a subvariety  $V'$  of  $\mathbf{C}^m$  which extends  $\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{C}^k - \overline{\Delta(0, R)}) \cap W' | B'$ .

We can attach  $g(Y | B')$  to  $V'$  to obtain a subvariety  $V$  of  $\mathbf{P}^m \times B'$ ; all we need to know is that  $V$  is closed, i.e., that, in the notation of [5], p. 227,  $\partial W' | B' = \partial V'$ . But  $V'$  is connected at  $\partial V'$  (Theorem 2, p. 227 of [5]), and is bounded on  $\pi^{-1}(\partial \Delta(0, R + 1))$ . Hence the part we have added is bounded, and  $V$  is closed.

### 3. Patching

In this section we will show that the subvarieties we obtain are essentially unique, hence that we can patch together the local information to get a global family of projective varieties. We first investigate the way our embeddings vary with respect to the power of  $\mathcal{E}^*$ .

Our sheaf sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow 0$$

is induced by the map  $h: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ , where  $h$  is multiplication by the canonical section  $h$  of  $\mathcal{E}$ . We get an induced surjective map

$$h^*: (L^{s+1})^* \rightarrow (L^s)^*.$$

We want to show  $h^*$  is compatible with the injections  $g^{s+1}$  and  $g^s$ . With respect to suitable coordinates,  $h^*$  is projection followed by multiplication by  $h$ ; fur-

ther, the first coordinates are the special ones previously defined. If  $K = \text{kernel}(h^*)$ , then the induced map  $h^p: \mathbf{P}((L^{s+1})^* - K) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}((L^s)^*)$  is the same as projection using homogeneous coordinates. Note that  $g^{s+1}(X - Y) \cap K = \emptyset$ , as  $h^{s+1}$  is non-zero on  $X - Y$ . Hence  $h^p \circ g^{s+1} = g^s$  on  $X - Y$ . As  $K$  is contained in the hyperplane at  $\infty$  of  $\mathbf{P}((L^{s+1})^*)$ , we get a projection map  $h^#: \mathbf{C}^{m'} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^m$  of the affine spaces. We can fill in  $g^{s+1}(X - Y)$  and  $g^s(X - Y)$  to obtain subvarieties  $V^{s+1}$  of  $\mathbf{C}^{m'}$  and  $V^s$  of  $\mathbf{C}^m$ .

LEMMA.  $h^#: V^{s+1} \rightarrow V^s$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* For a sufficiently large polydisk  $\Delta \subset \mathbf{C}^{m'}$ , we have that  $h^#(V^{s+1} \cap (\mathbf{C}^{m'} - \Delta))$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbf{C}^m$  contained in  $V^s$ . As  $h^#$  is a closed map on the compact set  $\bar{\Delta}$ , the set  $h^#(V^{s+1} \cap \bar{\Delta})$  is closed; thus  $h^#(V^{s+1})$  is a closed subvariety of  $\mathbf{C}^m$  which extends  $g^s(X - Y)$ . The proof of theorem 2 shows that the extension of  $g^s(X - Y)$  is unique; hence  $h^#: V^{s+1} \rightarrow V^s$  is an isomorphism.

To complete the main theorem we cover  $D$  by a locally finite open cover  $\{B_i\}$  such that over each  $B_i$  we have an injection  $g_i: W_i \rightarrow V_i$ . We take the disjoint union  $V$  of the varieties, modulo the isomorphisms in the intersections  $B_i \cap B_j$ . As the cover is locally finite, the embedding  $g: W \rightarrow V$  is defined for some neighborhood  $W$  of  $Y$ .

*Remark:* If  $D$  is compact, we can take a finite value of  $s$  that will work over all of  $D$ ; if further  $R^0 f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)$  is locally free (for instance, if  $R^1 f_*(\mathcal{E}^s) = 0$ ), then  $V$  is a subvariety of the family  $f_p: \mathbf{P}(R^0 f_*(\mathcal{E}^s)^*) \rightarrow D$  of projective spaces.

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