

# ONE PARAMETER REGULARIZATIONS OF PRODUCTS OF RESIDUE CURRENTS

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ABSTRACT. We show that Coleff-Herrera type products of residue currents can be defined by analytic continuation of natural functions depending on one complex variable.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function defined on a domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . It is proved in [15] using Hironaka's desingularization theorem that if  $\varphi$  is a test form then

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{|f|^2 > \epsilon} \varphi / f$$

exists and defines the action of a current, denoted  $1/f$ . The  $\bar{\partial}$ -image,  $\bar{\partial}(1/f)$ , is the residue current of  $f$  and it has the useful property that it is annihilated by a holomorphic function  $g$  if and only if  $g$  is in the ideal generated by  $f$ . If  $f_1, \dots, f_q$  are holomorphic functions then the *Coleff-Herrera product* of the currents  $\bar{\partial}(1/f_j)$  is defined as follows. For a test form  $\varphi$  of bidegree  $(n, n - q)$  consider the residue integral

$$I_f^\varphi(\epsilon) = \int_{T(\epsilon)} \frac{\varphi}{f_1 \cdots f_q},$$

where  $T(\epsilon) = \cap_1^q \{|f_j|^2 = \epsilon_j\}$ . It is proved in [12] that the limit of  $\epsilon \mapsto I_f^\varphi(\epsilon)$  exists if  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_q) \rightarrow 0$  along a path in  $\mathbb{R}_+^q$  such that  $\epsilon_j / \epsilon_{j+1}^k \rightarrow 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j = 1, \dots, q - 1$ ; such a path is said to be *admissible*. Moreover, the limit defines the action of a current, the Coleff-Herrera product

$$(1.1) \quad \bar{\partial} \frac{1}{f_q} \wedge \cdots \wedge \bar{\partial} \frac{1}{f_1} \cdot \varphi := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} I_f^\varphi(\epsilon),$$

where “lim” means the limit along an admissible path as above. Following Passare [19], let  $\chi$  be a smooth approximation of the characteristic function  $\mathbf{1}_{[1, \infty)}$  and consider the smooth form

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{\bar{\partial} \chi(|f_q|^2 / \epsilon_q)}{f_q} \wedge \cdots \wedge \frac{\bar{\partial} \chi(|f_1|^2 / \epsilon_1)}{f_1}.$$

It follows from [16, Theorem 2] or the proof of [19, Proposition 2] that the limit in the sense of currents of (1.2) as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  along an admissible path equals the Coleff-Herrera product, and moreover, that one gets the same result if one first lets  $\epsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$ , then

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lets  $\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$  and so on. The Coleff-Herrera product is thus indeed the result of an iterative procedure. In general there are no obvious commutation properties, e.g.,  $\bar{\partial}(1/zw) \wedge \bar{\partial}(1/z) = 0$  whereas  $\bar{\partial}(1/z) \wedge \bar{\partial}(1/zw) = \bar{\partial}(1/z^2) \wedge \bar{\partial}(1/w)$ , where the last product is simply a tensor product. However, if  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_q)$  defines a complete intersection, i.e.,  $\text{codim} \{f = 0\} = q$ , then the Coleff-Herrera product depends in an anticommutative way of the ordering of the tuple  $f$ ; in fact by [11] the smooth form (1.2) then converges unconditionally. Moreover, also in the complete intersection case, a holomorphic function annihilates the Coleff-Herrera product if and only if it is in the ideal  $\langle f_1, \dots, f_q \rangle$ ; this last property is called the *duality property* and it was proved independently by Dickenstein-Sessa, [13], and Passare, [18].

In this paper we consider another approach to Coleff-Herrera type products; it is based on analytic continuation and has been studied in, e.g., [6, 7, 10, 20, 27]. For  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re \lambda_j \gg 0$ , let

$$\Gamma_f^\varphi(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q) = \int \frac{\bar{\partial}|f_q|^{2\lambda_q} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{\partial}|f_1|^{2\lambda_1}}{f_1 \dots f_q} \wedge \varphi,$$

where  $\varphi$  is a test form. It is standard to see that  $\lambda_1 \mapsto \Gamma_f^\varphi(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q)$  has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of 0 and that  $\Gamma_f^\varphi(0, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_q)$  equals

$$\frac{\bar{\partial}|f_q|^{2\lambda_q}}{f_q} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\bar{\partial}|f_2|^{2\lambda_2}}{f_2} \wedge \bar{\partial} \frac{1}{f_1} \cdot \varphi.$$

From [5, Proposition 2.1] it follows that  $\lambda_2 \mapsto \Gamma_f^\varphi(0, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_q)$  is analytic at 0, that  $\lambda_3 \mapsto \Gamma_f^\varphi(0, 0, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_q)$  is too, and so on. Once one knows that the Coleff-Herrera product is obtained by letting  $\epsilon_j \rightarrow 0$  successively in (1.2) it is not that hard to see that

$$\bar{\partial} \frac{1}{f_q} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{\partial} \frac{1}{f_1} \cdot \varphi = \Gamma_f^\varphi(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q)|_{\lambda_1=0} \dots |_{\lambda_q=0},$$

where the expression on the right hand side means that we first let  $\lambda_1 \rightarrow 0$ , then let  $\lambda_2 \rightarrow 0$  etc; see, e.g., [16, Theorem 2]. However, from an algebraic point of view, cf. [8, Theorem 3.2], it is often desirable to have a current given as the value at 0 of a single one-variable analytic function; this is the motivation for this paper. From Theorem 1.2 below it follows that if  $\mu_1 > \dots > \mu_q > 0$  are integers, then  $\lambda \mapsto \Gamma_f^\varphi(\lambda^{\mu_1}, \dots, \lambda^{\mu_q})$ , a priori defined for  $\Re \lambda \gg 0$ , has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of  $[0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{C}$  and that the value at  $\lambda = 0$  equals the Coleff-Herrera product (1.1). Notice that this way of letting  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q) \rightarrow 0$  is analogous to limits along admissible paths in the sense that  $\lambda_j$  goes to zero much faster than  $\lambda_{j+1}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, q-1$ .

We remark that if  $f$  defines a complete intersection then it is showed in [23] that  $\Gamma_f^\varphi(\lambda)$  is analytic in a neighborhood of the half-space  $\{\Re \lambda_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, q\}$ .

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Let us now consider a more general setting. Let  $f$  be a section of a Hermitian vector bundle  $E$  of rank  $m$  over a reduced complex space  $X$  of pure dimension  $n$ . In [22] and [1] were introduced currents  $U$  and  $R$ , generalizing the currents  $1/f$  and  $\bar{\partial}(1/f)$ , respectively. These currents are based on Bochner-Martinelli type expressions. To be precise, let  $f = f_1 e_1 + \dots + f_m e_m$ , where  $\{e_k\}_k$  is a local holomorphic frame for  $E$  with dual frame  $\{e_k^*\}_k$ , and let  $s = s_1 e_1^* + \dots + s_m e_m^*$  be the section of the dual

bundle  $E^*$  with pointwise minimal norm such that  $f \cdot s = |f|_E^2$ . For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\Re \lambda \gg 0$ , we let

$$(1.3) \quad U^\lambda := \sum_{k=1}^m |f|_E^{2\lambda} \frac{s \wedge (\bar{\partial}s)^{k-1}}{|f|_E^{2k}},$$

where  $(0,1)$ -forms anticommute with the  $e_k^*$ . It turns out, [1], [22], that  $\lambda \mapsto U^\lambda$ , considered as a current-valued map, has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of 0. The value at  $\lambda = 0$  is a current  $U$  on  $X$  that takes values in  $\Lambda E^*$ ;  $U$  is the standard extension of  $\sum_k s \wedge (\bar{\partial}s)^{k-1} / |f|_E^{2k}$  across  $\{f = 0\}$ . If  $E$  has rank 1, then  $U = (1/f)e^*$  for any choice of metric. Let

$$(1.4) \quad R^\lambda := 1 - |f|_E^{2\lambda} + \sum_{k=1}^m \bar{\partial} |f|_E^{2\lambda} \wedge \frac{s \wedge (\bar{\partial}s)^{k-1}}{|f|_E^{2k}}.$$

Letting  $\nabla_f := \delta_f - \bar{\partial}$ , where  $\delta_f$  denotes interior multiplication with  $f$ , one can check that  $R^\lambda = 1 - \nabla_f U^\lambda$ , see [1] for details. It follows that  $\lambda \mapsto R^\lambda$  has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of 0 and the value at  $\lambda = 0$  is the current  $R$ ; it is straightforward to check that  $R$  has support on  $\{f = 0\}$ . If  $E$  has rank 1 then  $R = \bar{\partial}(1/f) \wedge e^*$  and more generally, if  $f$  defines a complete intersection then  $R = \bar{\partial}(1/f_m) \wedge \cdots \wedge \bar{\partial}(1/f_1) \wedge e_1^* \wedge \cdots \wedge e_m^*$  for any choice of metric, see [1] and [22].

The value at  $\lambda = 0$  of the term  $1 - |f|_E^{2\lambda}$  of  $R^\lambda$  is the restriction  $\mathbf{1}_{\{f=0\}}$  to the zero set of  $f$ , see [5]. In itself it is zero unless  $f$  vanishes identically on some components of  $X$  in which case it simply is 1 there. However, when forming products of  $R$ 's the role of  $\mathbf{1}_{\{f=0\}}$  is much more significant, cf. [3] and Example 1.4.

**Remark 1.1.** For future reference we notice that if  $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$  is a modification such that the pullback of the ideal sheaf defined by  $f$  is principal, then one can write  $\pi^*f = f^0 f'$ , where  $f^0$  is a section of the line bundle  $L \rightarrow X'$  corresponding to the exceptional divisor and  $f'$  is a non-vanishing section of  $L^{-1} \otimes \pi^*E$ . Equipping  $L$  with some Hermitian metric, for instance by setting  $|f^0|_L := |\pi^*f|_{\pi^*E}$ , we can thus write  $\pi^*|f|_E = |f^0|_L |f'|_{L^{-1} \otimes \pi^*E}$ . Locally on  $X'$  we can identify  $f^0$  and  $f'$  by a holomorphic function and a non-vanishing holomorphic tuple, respectively, still denoted  $f^0$  and  $f'$ . Hence, locally on  $X'$  we have  $\pi^*|f|_E = |f^0|_L u$  for some smooth positive function  $u$ .

Let  $f_j$  be a section of a Hermitian vector bundle  $E_j$  of rank  $m_j$ , let  $U^j$  and  $R^j$  be the associated currents, and let  $U^{j,\lambda}$  and  $R^{j,\lambda}$  be the corresponding  $\lambda$ -regularizations. Following, e.g., [3] and [16] we define products of the currents  $R^j$  recursively as follows. Having defined  $R^{k-1} \wedge \cdots \wedge R^1$ , consider the current-valued function

$$\lambda \mapsto R^{k,\lambda} \wedge R^{k-1} \wedge \cdots \wedge R^1,$$

a priori defined for  $\Re \lambda \gg 0$ . It turns out, see, e.g., [5] or [16], that it can be analytically continued to a neighborhood of 0, and we define  $R^k \wedge \cdots \wedge R^1$  to be the value at  $\lambda = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\mu_1 > \cdots > \mu_q$  be positive integers. Then the current-valued function*

$$\lambda \mapsto R^{q,\lambda^{\mu_q}} \wedge \cdots \wedge R^{1,\lambda^{\mu_1}},$$

*a priori defined for  $\Re \lambda \gg 0$ , has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of the half-axis  $[0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{C}$  and the value at  $\lambda = 0$  is  $R^q \wedge \cdots \wedge R^1$ .*

To connect with Coleff-Herrera type products, let  $\chi$  be the characteristic function  $\mathbf{1}_{[1,\infty)}$  or a smooth regularization thereof and let

$$R^{j,\epsilon_j} := 1 - \chi(|f_j|_{E_j}^2/\epsilon_j) + \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \bar{\partial}\chi(|f_j|_{E_j}^2/\epsilon_j) \wedge \frac{s_j \wedge (\bar{\partial}s_j)^{k-1}}{|f_j|_{E_j}^{2k}}.$$

If  $\varphi$  is a test form on  $X$ , then the limit of

$$(1.5) \quad \int_X R^{q,\epsilon_q} \wedge \dots \wedge R^{1,\epsilon_1} \wedge \varphi$$

as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  along an admissible path exists and equals the action of  $R^q \wedge \dots \wedge R^1$  on  $\varphi$ , see [16].

Let us mention a version of Theorem 1.2 with connection to intersection theory. Let  $f$  be a section of  $E$  and let

$$M^\lambda := 1 - |f|_E^{2\lambda} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \bar{\partial}|f|_E^{2\lambda} \wedge \frac{\partial \log |f|_E^2}{2\pi i} \wedge (dd^c \log |f|_E^2)^{k-1},$$

where  $dd^c = \bar{\partial}\partial/2\pi i$ . It is showed in [3] that  $\lambda \mapsto M^\lambda$  has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of 0 and that the value at  $\lambda = 0$  is a positive closed current, which we denote by  $M$ . One can give a meaning to the product  $(dd^c \log |f|_E^2)^k$  for arbitrary  $k$  that extends the classical one for  $k \leq \text{codim}\{f=0\}$ , and from [3] it follows that

$$M = \mathbf{1}_Z + \sum_{k \geq 1} \mathbf{1}_Z (dd^c \log |f|_E^2)^k,$$

where  $\mathbf{1}_Z$  is the restriction to the zero set  $Z$  of  $f$ . The current  $M$  is closely connected to  $R$ . For instance, if  $X$  is smooth and  $D$  is the Chern connection on  $E$  then it follows from [2] that

$$M_k = R_k \cdot (Df/2\pi i)^k/k!,$$

where the subscript  $k$  means the component of bidegree  $(*, k)$ .

Let  $f_1, \dots, f_q$  be sections of Hermitian vector bundles  $E_j$  and let  $M^1, \dots, M^q$  be the associated currents. One can define products of the  $M^j$  recursively as for the  $R^j$  and we have the following analogue of Theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $\mu_1 > \dots > \mu_q$  be positive integers. Then the current-valued function*

$$\lambda \mapsto M^{q,\lambda^{\mu_q}} \wedge \dots \wedge M^{1,\lambda^{\mu_1}},$$

*a priori defined for  $\Re \lambda \gg 0$ , has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of the half-axis  $[0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{C}$  and the value at  $\lambda = 0$  is  $M^q \wedge \dots \wedge M^1$ .*

**Example 1.4** (Example 5.6 in [3]). Let  $\mathcal{I}_x \subset \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  be an ideal and let  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in \mathcal{I}_x$  be a generic Vogel sequence of  $\mathcal{I}_x$ ; see, e.g., [3] for the definition. By the Stückrad-Vogel procedure, [24], adapted to the local situation, [17], [25], one gets an associated Vogel cycle  $V^h$ ; the multiplicities of the components of various dimensions of  $V^h$  are the Segre numbers, [14], used in excess intersection theory. By Theorem 1.3 we have that

$$\lambda \mapsto \bigwedge_{k=1}^n (1 - |h_k|^{2\lambda^{\mu_k}} + \bar{\partial}|h_k|^{2\lambda^{\mu_k}} \wedge \partial \log |h_k|^2/2\pi i)$$

is analytic at 0 and by [3] the value there is the Lelong current associated with  $V^h$ ; see [3] for more details.

**Remark 1.5.** Assume that  $\text{codim } \cap_j \{f_j = 0\} = m_1 + \dots + m_q$ . Then  $M^j = (dd^c \log |f_j|_{E_j}^2)^{m_j} = [f_j = 0]$ , where  $[f_j = 0]$  is the Lelong current of the fundamental cycle of  $f_j$ , and more generally,

$$M^q \wedge \dots \wedge M^1 = [f_q = 0] \wedge \dots \wedge [f_1 = 0],$$

i.e., the current representing the proper intersection of the cycles  $[f_j = 0]$ .

In this case the current-valued function

$$(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_q) \mapsto R^{q, \lambda_q} \wedge \dots \wedge R^{1, \lambda_1}$$

has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of the origin in  $\mathbb{C}^q$ , [16], and the value at  $\lambda = 0$  is the  $R$ -current associated to  $\oplus_j f_j$ , [26]. Moreover, by [16], (1.5) depends Hölder continuously on  $\epsilon \in [0, \infty)^q$  if  $\chi$  is smooth. The smoothness of  $\chi$  is necessary in view of the example in [21, Section 1].

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREMS 1.2 AND 1.3

We will actually prove a slightly more general result than Theorem 1.2; we will allow mixed products of  $U^j$  and  $R^k$ . Let  $P^j$  denote either  $U^j$  or  $R^j$  and let  $P^{j, \lambda_j}$  be the corresponding  $\lambda$ -regularization, (1.3) or (1.4). One defines products of the  $P^j$  recursively as above.

**Theorem 1.2'.** *Let  $\mu_1 > \dots > \mu_q$  be positive integers. Then the current-valued function*

$$\lambda \mapsto P^{q, \lambda^{\mu_q}} \wedge \dots \wedge P^{1, \lambda^{\mu_1}},$$

*a priori defined for  $\Re \lambda \gg 0$ , has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of the half-axis  $[0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{C}$  and the value at 0 is  $P^q \wedge \dots \wedge P^1$ .*

Let  $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$  be a smooth modification of  $X$  such that  $\{\pi^* f_j = 0\}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, q$ , and  $\cup_j \{\pi^* f_j = 0\}$  are normal crossings divisors. Then locally in  $X'$  we can write  $\pi^* f_j = f_j^0 f_j'$ , where  $f_j^0$  is a monomial in local coordinates and  $f_j'$  is a non-vanishing holomorphic tuple. It follows that  $s_j = \bar{f}_j^0 s_j'$ , where  $s_j'$  is a smooth section. A straightforward computation shows that

$$\pi^* R^{j, \lambda_j} = 1 - |f_j^0|^{2\lambda_j} u_j^{2\lambda_j} + \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \frac{\bar{\partial}(|f_j^0|^{2\lambda_j} u_j^{2\lambda_j})}{(f_j^0)^k} \wedge \vartheta_{jk},$$

$$\pi^* U^{j, \lambda_j} = \sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \frac{|f_j^0|^{2\lambda_j} u_j^{2\lambda_j}}{(f_j^0)^k} \wedge \vartheta_{jk},$$

where  $u_j$  is a smooth non-vanishing function and  $\vartheta_{jk} = s_j' \wedge (\bar{\partial} s_j')^{k-1} / u_j^{2k}$  is a smooth form, cf., Remark 1.1. In the same way,

$$\pi^* M^{f_j, \lambda_j} = 1 - |f_j^0|^{2\lambda_j} u_j^{2\lambda_j} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \bar{\partial}(|f_j^0|^{2\lambda_j} u_j^{2\lambda_j}) \wedge \partial \log(|f_j^0|^2 u_j^2) \wedge \omega_{jk},$$

where  $\omega_{jk}$  is smooth, cf. [3, Section 4]. Taking the identity  $\partial \log(|f_j^0|^2 u_j^2) = df_j^0 / f_j^0 + 2\partial u_j / u_j$  into account, Theorems 1.2' and 1.3 are consequences of the following quite technical lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  be smooth non-vanishing functions defined in some neighborhood of the origin in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , with coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . For  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) \in \mathbb{C}^r$ ,  $\Re \lambda_j \gg 0$ ,  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , and  $k_1, \dots, k_r \in \mathbb{N}$ , let*

$$\Gamma(\lambda) := \frac{|u_r x^{\alpha_r}|^{2\lambda_r} \dots |u_{p+1} x^{\alpha_{p+1}}|^{2\lambda_{p+1}} \bar{\partial} |u_p x^{\alpha_p}|^{2\lambda_p} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{\partial} |u_1 x^{\alpha_1}|^{2\lambda_1}}{x^{k_r \alpha_r} \dots x^{k_1 \alpha_1}};$$

here  $x^{k_\ell \alpha_\ell} = x_1^{k_\ell \alpha_{\ell,1}} \dots x_n^{k_\ell \alpha_{\ell,n}}$  if  $\alpha_\ell = (\alpha_{\ell,1}, \dots, \alpha_{\ell,n})$ . If  $\sigma$  is a permutation of  $\{1, \dots, r\}$ , write  $\Gamma^\sigma(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) := \Gamma(\lambda_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \lambda_{\sigma(r)})$ .

Let  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r$  be positive integers. Then  $\Gamma^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r})$  has an analytic continuation to a connected neighborhood of the half-axis  $[0, \infty)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and if  $\mu_1 > \dots > \mu_r$ , then

$$(2.1) \quad \Gamma^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r})|_{\kappa=0} = \Gamma^\sigma(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)|_{\lambda_1=0} \dots |_{\lambda_r=0}.$$

The reason for the permutation  $\sigma$  is that we have mixed products of  $U$ 's and  $R$ 's in Theorem 1.2'.

*Proof.* To begin with let us assume that all  $u_j = 1$ . A straightforward computation shows that

$$\Gamma(\lambda) = \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_p \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r |x^{\alpha_j}|^{2\lambda_j}}{x^{\sum_{j=1}^r k_j \alpha_j}} \sum_I A_I \frac{d\bar{x}_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{x}_{i_p}}{\bar{x}_{i_1} \dots \bar{x}_{i_p}} =: \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_p \sum_I \Gamma_I,$$

where the sum is over all increasing multi-indices  $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_p\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $A_I$  is the determinant of the matrix  $(\alpha_{\ell, i_j})_{1 \leq \ell \leq p, 1 \leq j \leq p}$ .

Pick a non-vanishing summand  $\Gamma_I$ ; without loss of generality, assume that  $I = \{1, \dots, p\}$  and  $A_I = 1$ . With the notation  $b_k(\lambda) := \sum_{\ell=1}^r \lambda_\ell \alpha_{\ell, k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_I &= \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n |x_k|^{2b_k(\lambda)}}{x^{\sum_{j=1}^r k_j \alpha_j}} \frac{d\bar{x}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{x}_p}{\bar{x}_1 \dots \bar{x}_p} = \\ &= \frac{1}{b_1(\lambda) \dots b_p(\lambda)} \frac{\bigwedge_{k=1}^p \bar{\partial} |x_k|^{2b_k(\lambda)} \prod_{k=p+1}^n |x_k|^{2b_k(\lambda)}}{x^{\sum_{j=1}^r k_j \alpha_j}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now the current-valued function

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_I : (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) \mapsto \frac{\bigwedge_{j=1}^p \bar{\partial} |x_j|^{2b_j(\lambda)} \prod_{j=p+1}^n |x_j|^{2b_j(\lambda)}}{x^{\sum k_j \alpha_j}}$$

has an analytic continuation to a neighborhood of the origin in  $\mathbb{C}^r$ ; in fact, it is a tensor product of one-variable currents. In particular,  $\tilde{\Gamma}_I(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r})|_{\kappa=0} = \tilde{\Gamma}_I(\lambda)|_{\lambda_1=0} \dots |_{\lambda_r=0}$ . Let

$$\gamma(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_p}{b_1(\lambda) \dots b_p(\lambda)}$$

and  $\gamma^\sigma = \gamma(\lambda_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \lambda_{\sigma(r)})$ . We claim that if  $\mu_1 > \dots > \mu_r$ , then

$$\gamma^\sigma(\lambda)|_{\lambda_1=0} \dots |_{\lambda_r=0} = \gamma^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r})|_{\kappa=0},$$

where it is a part of the claim that both sides make sense.

Let us prove the claim. Since  $A_I = 1$ , reordering the factors  $b_1, \dots, b_p$  and multiplying  $\gamma(\lambda)$  by a non-zero constant, we may assume that  $\alpha_{kk} = 1$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$ , so that

$$\gamma(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \alpha_{21}\lambda_2 + \dots + \alpha_{r1}\lambda_r} \dots \frac{\lambda_p}{\alpha_{p1}\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_p + \dots + \alpha_{rp}\lambda_r}.$$

For  $j < r$  set  $\tau_j := \lambda_j/\lambda_{j+1}$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}^\sigma(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{r-1}) := \gamma^\sigma(\lambda)$ ; notice that  $\gamma^\sigma$  is 0-homogeneous, so that  $\tilde{\gamma}^\sigma$  is well-defined. Then  $\lambda_j = \tau_j \cdots \tau_{r-1} \lambda_r$ , and therefore  $\tilde{\gamma}^\sigma$  consists of  $p$  factors of the form

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{\tau_k \cdots \tau_{r-1}}{\alpha_{k1} \tau_1 \cdots \tau_{r-1} + \cdots + \tau_k \cdots \tau_{r-1} + \cdots + \alpha_{k,r-1} \tau_{r-1} + \alpha_{kr}}.$$

Observe that (2.2) is holomorphic in  $\tau$  in some neighborhood of the origin. Indeed, if  $\alpha_{kr} \neq 0$ , then (2.2) is clearly holomorphic, whereas if  $\alpha_{kr} = 0$  we can factor out  $\tau_{r-1}$  from the denominator and numerator. In the latter case (2.2) is clearly holomorphic if  $\alpha_{k,r-1} \neq 0$  etc; since  $\alpha_{kk} = 1$  this procedure eventually stops. Hence,  $\tilde{\gamma}^\sigma(\tau)$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood of 0. It follows that  $\gamma^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r}) = \tilde{\gamma}^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1 - \mu_2}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_{r-1} - \mu_r})$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood of 0 and since the denominator of  $\gamma^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r})$  is a polynomial in  $\kappa$  with non-negative coefficients it is in fact holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $[0, \infty)$ . Moreover,  $\gamma^\sigma(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$  is holomorphic in  $\Delta = \{|\lambda_1/\lambda_2| < \epsilon, \dots, |\lambda_{r-1}/\lambda_r| < \epsilon\}$ . Let us now fix  $\lambda_2 \neq 0, \dots, \lambda_r \neq 0$  in  $\Delta$ . Then  $\gamma^\sigma(\lambda)$  is holomorphic in  $\lambda_1$  in a neighborhood of the origin. Next, for  $\lambda_3 \neq 0, \dots, \lambda_r \neq 0$  fixed in  $\Delta$ ,  $\gamma^\sigma(\lambda)|_{\lambda_1=0}$  is holomorphic in  $\lambda_2$  in a neighborhood of the origin, etc. It follows that

$$\gamma^\sigma(\lambda)|_{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_r=0} = \tilde{\gamma}^\sigma(\tau)|_{\tau=0} = \gamma^\sigma(\kappa^{\mu_1}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_r})|_{\kappa=0},$$

which proves the claim. Thus (2.1) follows in the case  $u_j = 1$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ .

Now, consider the general case. Replace each  $|u_j|^{2\lambda_j}$  in  $\Gamma(\lambda)$  by  $|u_j|^{2\omega_j}$ , where  $\omega_j \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is a sum of terms of the following representative form:

$$(2.3) \quad \prod_{j=p+1}^r |u_j|^{2\omega_j} \prod_{j=1}^{p'} |u_j|^{2\omega_j} \bigwedge_{p'+1}^p \bar{\partial} |u_j|^{2\omega_j} \wedge \frac{\prod_{j=p'+1}^r |x^{\alpha_j}|^{2\lambda_j} \bigwedge_{j=1}^{p'} \bar{\partial} |x^{\alpha_j}|^{2\lambda_j}}{x^{k_r \alpha_r} \cdots x^{k_1 \alpha_1}}$$

Fixing all  $\lambda_j$  and  $\omega_j$  except for  $\lambda_{\sigma(1)}$  and  $\omega_{\sigma(1)}$ , (2.3) becomes an analytic (current-valued) function  $g(\lambda_{\sigma(1)}, \omega_{\sigma(1)})$  in a neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ . Thus, the value at 0 of  $g(\lambda_{\sigma(1)}, \omega_{\sigma(1)})$  is the same as first letting  $\omega_{\sigma(1)} = 0$  (which corresponds to setting  $u_{\sigma(1)} = 1$ ) and then letting  $\lambda_{\sigma(1)} = 0$  in  $g(\lambda_{\sigma(1)}, \omega_{\sigma(1)})$ . Continuing analogously for  $(\lambda_{\sigma(2)}, \omega_{\sigma(2)})$  and so on, it follows that the right hand side of (2.1) is independent of the  $u_j$ .

To see that the left hand side of (2.1) is independent of  $u_j$ , replace each  $\lambda_j$  in (2.3) by  $\kappa^{\mu_{\sigma(j)}}$  and denote the resulting expression by  $\tilde{g}(\kappa, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_r)$ . Then  $\tilde{g}$  is clearly analytic in the  $\omega_j$  and by the first part of the proof it is also analytic in a neighborhood of  $[0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{C}_\kappa$ . Hence,  $\tilde{g}$  is analytic in a neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^{r+1}$ . The left hand side of (2.1) is obtained by evaluating  $\kappa \mapsto \tilde{g}(\kappa, \kappa^{\mu_{\sigma(1)}}, \dots, \kappa^{\mu_{\sigma(r)}})$  at  $\kappa = 0$ ; this is thus the same as evaluating  $\tilde{g}(\kappa, 0)$  (which corresponds to setting all  $u_j = 1$ ) at  $\kappa = 0$ . Hence also the left hand side of (2.1) is independent of the  $u_j$  and the lemma follows. □

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