

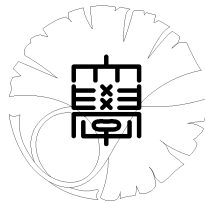
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to prove the second main theorem for a holomorphic map from the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  to the product space of the one-dimensional projective spaces  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $[X_0 : X_1]$  and  $[Y_0 : Y_1]$  be the homogenous coordinates in the first and second factors of the product space of the  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $m', n', m'', n''$  be positive integers. We define the effective divisors  $D', D''$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  by the polynomials  $X_0^{m'} Y_0^{n'} - X_1^{m'} Y_1^{n'}$ ,  $X_0^{m''} Y_1^{n''} - X_1^{m''} Y_0^{n''}$ . We prove the second main theorem for divisors  $D'$  and  $D''$ .

The second main theorem for hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$  is proved by Cartan [1]. The case of non-linear hypersurfaces had been studied by many authors. Although  $\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  are birationally equivalent, the second main theorem for  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  has not been obtained.

Let  $i : \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be the inclusion map where  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $Z_k$  is the compactification of semi-Abelian variety  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ .

In Noguchi, Winkelmann and Yamanai [5], [6], the second main theorem for a holomorphic map  $f$  from  $\mathbb{C}$  to a semi-Abelian variety  $A$  with  $D$  is proved, where  $D$  is an effective reduced divisor on  $A$ .

**Theorem 1** ([6]). *Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A$  be a holomorphic map such that the image of  $f$  is Zariski dense in  $A$ . There is the compactification of  $A$  such that  $\bar{A}$  is smooth, equivalent with respect to the  $A$ -action, independent of  $f$ , and it follows that*

$$T_f(r, [\bar{D}]) \leq N_1(r, f^*D) + \varepsilon T_f(r, [\bar{D}])_{\varepsilon},$$

for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , where  $\bar{D}$  is the closure of  $D$  in  $\bar{A}$ .

If  $A = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ , and  $D = D' + D''$  in Theorem 1, our main theorem deals with the holomorphic curves into  $\bar{A}$ .

Now we state our main theorem precisely. Let  $H_{1,0}$ ,  $H_{1,1}$ ,  $H_{2,0}$  and  $H_{2,1}$  be the hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  which are defined by the monomials  $X_0$ ,  $X_1$ ,  $Y_0$  and  $Y_1$ . Put  $Z_0 = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Then there exists the sequence of the blowing-up

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{1,0} : Z_1 &\rightarrow Z_0, \\ \pi_{2,1} : Z_2 &\rightarrow Z_1, \\ &\vdots \\ \pi_{k,k-1} : Z_k &\rightarrow Z_{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

which satisfies the following condition (\*):

Put  $\pi_{j,i} = \pi_{i+1,i} \circ \cdots \circ \pi_{j,j-1}$  for  $i < j$ . Let  $\tilde{D}'$ ,  $\tilde{D}''$  and  $\tilde{H}_{i,j}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2, 0 \leq j \leq 1$  be the proper transform of  $D'$ ,  $D''$ , and  $H_{i,j}$  under  $\pi_{k,0}$ . Let  $E_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  be the exceptional divisor of the blowing-up  $\pi_{i,i-1}$ , and let  $\tilde{E}_i$  be the proper transform of  $E_i$  under  $\pi_{k,i}$ . Then

$$(*) \quad \tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'' + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \tilde{H}_{i,j} + \sum_{i=1}^k \tilde{E}_i \quad \text{is simple normal crossing in } Z_k.$$

Our goal is the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** (Main Theorem). *Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be a non-constant holomorphic map. Let  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow Z_k$  be the lift of  $f$ . Assume that*

$$f(\mathbb{C}) \not\subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid C_0 X_0^{r_1} Y_0^{r_2} - C_1 X_1^{r_1} Y_1^{r_2} = 0\},$$

for all  $(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  and all  $(C_0, C_1) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , and assume that there exist no holomorphic functions  $g_1, g_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  and no  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$f = (\exp g_1, \exp g_2),$$

$$ag_1 + bg_2 = (\text{constant}),$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}''$  is a big divisor on  $Z_k$ , and it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) &\leq N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}') + N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}'') \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 N_1(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{H}_{i,j}) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k N_1(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{E}_i) + S_f(r), \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_f(r) = O(\log^+ T_f(r) + \log^+ r)$ . Here “ $\parallel$ ” means that the inequality holds for all  $r \in (0, +\infty)$  possibly except for subset with finite Lebesgue measure.

In Siu [7], a meromorphic connection is used to prove the second main theorem. In this paper, we also use the meromorphic connection on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Because  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$  is a Lie group, there exists the canonical connection on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . We extend this connection to the meromorphic connection on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . This connection does not “vary” under the blowing-up. This meromorphic connection plays an important role in our arguments.

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## 2. NOTATION AND PRELIMINARIES

We introduce some functions which play an important role in the Nevanlinna theory. Let  $E$  be an effective divisor on  $\mathbb{C}$ . We write  $E = \sum m_j P_j$ , where  $\{P_j\}$  is a set of discrete points in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $m_j$  are positive integers. Put  $n_k(r, E) = \sum_{|P_j| < r} \min\{k, m_j\}$ . We define the counting function of  $E$  by

$$N_k(r, E) = \int_1^r \frac{n_k(t, E)}{t} dt.$$

Let  $X$  be a complex projective algebraic manifold, and let  $D$  be divisors on  $X$ . Let  $[D]$  be the holomorphic line bundle on  $X$  which is defined by the divisor  $D$ , and let  $\text{supp } D$  be the support of  $D$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow X$  be a non-constant holomorphic map. We define the proximity function of  $D$  by

$$m_f(r, D) = \int_0^{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{\|\sigma(f(re^{i\theta}))\|} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi},$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a Hermitian metric in  $L$ . Let  $R(L, \|\cdot\|)$  be the curvature form of the metrized line bundle  $(L, \|\cdot\|)$  representing the first Chern class. Then we define the characteristic function of  $L$  by

$$T_f(r, L) = \int_1^r \frac{dt}{t} \int_{\Delta(t)} f^* R(L, \|\cdot\|),$$

where  $\Delta(t) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < t\}$ . We set  $T_f(r) = T_f(r, L)$  if  $L$  is an ample line bundle on  $X$ . The equation

$$T_f(r, L) = N(r, f^*D) + m_f(r, D) + O(1)$$

is called the First Main Theorem (cf. Noguchi and Ochiai [4], Chapter V, §2). If  $X = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $f$  is a meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then we have the lemma on logarithmic derivative (cf. Noguchi and Ochiai [4], Chapter VI, §1)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta \leq S_f(r),$$

where  $\log^+ r = \max\{0, \log r\}$ , and  $S_f(r) = O(\log^+ T_f(r) + \log^+ r)$ . Here “ $\|\cdot\|$ ” means that the inequality holds for all  $r \in (0, +\infty)$  possibly except for a subset with finite Lebesgue measure.

The following lemma is also fundamental in Nevanlinna theory.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $h(r) > 0$  be a monotone increasing function in  $r \geq 1$ . Then, for arbitrary  $\delta > 0$ , we have*

$$\frac{dh(r)}{dr} \leq (h(r))^{1+\delta}.$$

*Proof.* See Noguchi-Ochiai [4], Chapter V, §5. □

Let  $X$  be a complex projective algebraic manifold, and let  $Y$  be the smooth hypersurface of  $X$ . Let  $s$  be the holomorphic function on an open subset  $U \subset X$  such that  $Y \cap U = \{x \in U \mid s(x) = 0\}$ . Let  $\nabla$  be a holomorphic connection on  $U$ . We write

$$\nabla^{(m)} = \overbrace{\nabla \circ \dots \circ \nabla}^{m\text{-times}}.$$

Then the following lemma holds (see the proof of Lemma 11.13. of J.-P. Demailly [2]).

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow U$  be a holomorphic function. Assume that  $Y$  is totally geodesic with respect to  $\nabla$  on  $U$ . Then there exist holomorphic functions  $h_0, h_1, \dots, h_m$  on  $U$  such that*

$$ds \cdot \nabla_{f'}^{(m)} f'(z) = h_0(f(z))s \circ f(z) + \sum_{i=1}^m h_i(f(z)) \frac{d^i(s \circ f)}{dz^i}(z) + \frac{d^{m+1}(s \circ f)}{dz^{m+1}}(z),$$

for  $z \in f^{-1}(U)$ .

Let  $X$  and  $\tilde{X}$  be  $n$ -dimensional complex projective algebraic manifolds. Let  $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be a surjective holomorphic map. Then there exists a proper subvariety  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $\tilde{X} \setminus \pi^{-1}(S)$  and  $X \setminus S$  are locally biholomorphic. Let  $\nabla$  be a meromorphic connection on  $X$ . Let  $V$  be a small neighborhood of  $p \in \tilde{X}$ , and let  $u, v$  be holomorphic vector fields on a small neighborhood  $V$  of  $p$ . Then  $V \setminus \pi^{-1}(S)$  is locally biholomorphic with  $\pi(V) \setminus S$ . We define the meromorphic connection  $\pi^* \nabla$  on  $\tilde{X} \setminus \pi^{-1}(S)$  by

$$(\pi^* \nabla)_u v|_{V \setminus \pi^{-1}(S)} = (\pi_*|_{V \setminus \pi^{-1}(S)})^{-1} \nabla_{\pi_* u} \pi_* v.$$

Then the meromorphic vector field  $(\pi^* \nabla)_u v$  on  $V \setminus \pi^{-1}(S)$  is uniquely extended to the meromorphic vector field  $(\pi^* \nabla_u v)$  on  $V$ . In this way, we define the meromorphic connection  $\pi^* \nabla$  on  $\tilde{X}$ .

### 3. MEROMORPHIC CONNECTION AND BLOWING-UP

Let  $i : \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be the inclusion map. Then  $\text{supp } i^* D'$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ . Therefore there exists the canonical connection  $\nabla$  on  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$  such that  $\text{supp } i^* D'$  is totally geodesic with respect to  $\nabla$ . This connection is extended to the meromorphic connection on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . We also denote this extended connection by  $\nabla$ . Let  $U_{i,j} = \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_i \neq 0, Y_j \neq 0\}$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq 1$ . Take the canonical local coordinate system  $(z, w)$  on  $U_{i,j} \simeq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ . Then, the meromorphic connection  $\nabla$  is written by

$$d + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{dw}{w} \end{pmatrix},$$

on  $U_{i,j}$ . It is easy to see that  $\text{supp } i^* D''$  is also totally geodesic with respect to  $\nabla$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be a non-constant holomorphic map such that  $f(\mathbb{C})$  is not contained in the support of  $H_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, j = 0, 1$ . Then  $f$  satisfies*

$$f' \wedge \nabla_{f'} f' \equiv 0,$$

if and only if  $f$  satisfies the following condition (i) or (ii):

(i)

$$f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_0^{r_1} Y_0^{r_2} - C X_1^{r_1} Y_1^{r_2} = 0\},$$

for some  $(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  and some  $C \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(ii)

There exist holomorphic functions  $g_1, g_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$f = (\exp g_1, \exp g_2) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}),$$

$$ag_1 + bg_2 = (\text{constant}),$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $f(0) \in \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ . The holomorphic map

$$(\exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\cdot), \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\cdot)) : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*,$$

is the universal covering of  $\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ . The induced connection on the covering space  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$  by  $\nabla$  is the flat connection  $d$ . We put  $f = (f_1, f_2)$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are meromorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let

$$h_i = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log f_i, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Assume that  $f' \wedge \nabla_{f'} f' \equiv 0$ . Then there exists a meromorphic function  $h$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1''(z) \\ h_2''(z) \end{pmatrix} = h(z) \begin{pmatrix} h_1'(z) \\ h_2'(z) \end{pmatrix},$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

This means that

$$h_i'(z) = h_i'(0) \exp H(z), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

in a simple connected neighborhood  $U$  of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Here

$$H(z) = \int_0^z h(t) dt.$$

If  $h_i'(0) = 0$ , it follows that  $h_i$  is a constant function. So  $(h_1'(0), h_2'(0)) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ . It holds that

$$h_i(z) = h_i'(0) \int_0^z \exp H(t) dt + h_i(0), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

It follows that

$$h_2'(0)h_1(z) - h_1'(0)h_2(z) = h_2'(0)h_1(0) - h_1'(0)h_2(0).$$

Conversely, assume that there exist  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$ah_1(z) + bh_2(z) = (\text{constant}),$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $ah_1'(z) + bh_2'(z) = 0$ ,  $ah_1''(z) + bh_2''(z) = 0$ . So it follows that  $f' \wedge \nabla_{f'} f' \equiv 0$ .

Therefore  $f' \wedge \nabla_{f'} f' \equiv 0$  if and only if there exist  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$a \log f_1(z) + b \log f_2(z) = (\text{constant}),$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Assume that

$$(1) \quad a \log f_1(z) + b \log f_2(z) = c,$$

for some  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $a = 1$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ , we put

$$f_i(z) = (z - x)^{r_i} h_i(z), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where  $r_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $h_i(z)$  is a holomorphic function on an open neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $h_i(x) \neq 0$ . Then, by (1), we have  $r_1 + br_2 = 0$ . When  $r_2 \neq 0$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ , it follows that

$$\log(f_1(z))^{r_2} + \log(f_2(z))^{-r_1} = r_2 c.$$

Then it holds that the meromorphic function  $(f_1(z))^{r_2}(f_2(z))^{-r_1}$  is a constant function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . This means that

$$f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_1^{r_2} Y_0^{r_1} - C X_0^{r_2} Y_1^{r_1} = 0\},$$

for  $r_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $r_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{C}$ . When  $r_2 = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have  $r_1 = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ . This means that there exist holomorphic functions  $g_1, g_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $f_i = \exp g_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $g_1 + b g_2 = c$ .

Conversely, if  $f$  satisfies the condition (i) or (ii). It is easy to see that there exist  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$a \log f_1(z) + b \log f_2(z) = (\text{constant}),$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ . □

*Remark 1.* The condition of (b) in Lemma 4 does not mean the algebraical degeneracy of  $f(\mathbb{C})$ . For example, take

$$f(z) = (\exp z, \exp \sqrt{-1}z) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}).$$

The divisor

$$D' + D'' + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j},$$

is not simple normal crossing at  $\{([0 : 1], [0 : 1]), ([0 : 1], [1 : 0]), ([1 : 0], [0 : 1]), ([1 : 0], [1 : 0])\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Put  $Z_0 = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $\pi_{1,0} : Z_1 \rightarrow Z_0$  be the blowing-up of  $Z_0$  at the center  $\{([0 : 1], [0 : 1]), ([0 : 1], [1 : 0]), ([1 : 0], [0 : 1]), ([1 : 0], [1 : 0])\}$ . Let  $D'_1, D''_1, H_{i,j,1}$  be the strict transform of  $D', D'', H_{i,j}$  under  $\pi_{1,0}$ , and let  $E_1$  be the exceptional divisor of  $\pi_{1,0}$ .

If the divisor

$$D'_1 + D''_1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,1} + E_1,$$

is not simple normal crossing in  $Z_1$ , we blow up  $Z_1$  at the points where that divisor is not simple normal crossing. We repeat this process for several times. We put the  $l$ -th blowing-up  $\pi_{l,l-1} : Z_l \rightarrow Z_{l-1}$ . Let  $E_l$  be the exceptional divisor of  $\pi_{l,l-1}$ . We define

$$\pi_{j,i} = \pi_{i+1,i} \circ \pi_{i+2,i+1} \circ \cdots \circ \pi_{j,j-1},$$

for  $i \leq j$  ( we define  $\pi_{i,i} = \text{Id}$ ). Let  $D'_l, D''_l, H_{i,j,l}$  be the strict transform of  $D', D'', H_{i,j}$  under  $\pi_{l,0}$ , and let  $E_{i,l}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , be the strict transform of  $E_i$  under  $\pi_{l,i}$ .

Then there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that

$$D'_k + D''_k + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,k} + \sum_{i=1}^k E_{i,k},$$

is simple normal crossing. We put  $\tilde{D}' = D'_k, \tilde{D}'' = D''_k, \tilde{H}_{i,j} = H_{i,j,k}$ , and  $\tilde{E}_i = E_{i,k}$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $D', D''$  be the divisor which are defined by the polynomials

$$X_0^2 Y_0 - X_1^2 Y_1, \quad X_0^3 Y_1^2 - X_1^3 Y_0^2.$$

Let  $\pi_{1,0} : Z_1 \rightarrow Z_0$  be the blowing-up as above. Then  $D'_1 + D''_1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,1} + E_1$  is not simple normal crossing at four points in  $Z_1$ . So  $\pi_{2,1} : Z_2 \rightarrow Z_1$  is the blowing-up at these four points. We see that  $D'_2 + D''_2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,2} + \sum_{i=1}^2 E_{i,2}$

is not simple normal crossing at two points in  $Z_2$ . So  $\pi_{3,2} : Z_3 \rightarrow Z_2$  is the blowing-up at these two points. Then  $D'_2 + D''_2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,2} + \sum_{i=1}^2 E_{i,2}$  is normal crossing.

Let  $E'_i$  and  $E''_i$  be irreducible components of  $E_i$  such that  $\pi_{i,0}(\text{supp } E'_i) \subset \text{supp } D'$  and  $\pi_{i,0}(\text{supp } E''_i) \subset \text{supp } D''$ . Then  $E_1 = E'_1 + E''_1$ ,  $E_2 = E'_2 + E''_2$  and  $E_3 = E''_3$ . Let  $\tilde{E}'_i$  and  $\tilde{E}''_i$  be the proper transform of  $E'_i$  and  $E''_i$ . Then it follows that

$$\pi_{3,0}^* D' = \tilde{D}' + \tilde{E}'_1 + 2\tilde{E}'_2,$$

and

$$\pi_{3,0}^* D'' = \tilde{D}'' + 2\tilde{E}''_1 + 3\tilde{E}''_2 + 6\tilde{E}''_3.$$

**Lemma 4.** *There exist affine open covering  $\{U_s^l\}_{1 \leq s \leq N_l}$  of  $Z_l$ , for  $0 \leq l \leq k$ , such that every  $U_s^l$  satisfies the following five conditions:*

(i)

$$U_s^l \simeq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}.$$

Take the canonical local coordinate system  $(z, w)$  of  $U_s^l$ .

(ii)

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,l}|_{U_s^l} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} E_{i,l}|_{U_s^l} = (z) + (w),$$

on  $U_s^l$ .

(iii)

$$D'_l|_{U_s^l} = (z^{p'} - w^{q'}) \quad (\text{or} \quad (1 - z^{p'} w^{q'}) \quad \text{respectively}),$$

on  $U_s^l$ , where  $p'$  and  $q'$  are non-negative integers ( $p', q'$  may depend on  $l$  and  $s$ ).

(iv)

$$D''_l|_{U_s^l} = (1 - z^{p''} w^{q''}) \quad (\text{or} \quad (z^{p''} - w^{q''}) \quad \text{respectively}),$$

on  $U_s^l$ , where  $p''$  and  $q''$  are non-negative integers ( $p'', q''$  may depend on  $l$  and  $s$ ).

(v)

$$\pi_{l,0}^* \nabla|_{U_s^l} = d + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{dw}{w} \end{pmatrix},$$

on  $U_s^l$ .

*Proof.* We take affine open coverings  $\{U_s^l\}_{1 \leq s \leq N_l}$  by induction over  $l$ . For  $l = 0$ , we put  $\{U_s^0\}_{1 \leq s \leq 4} = \{U_{i,j}\}_{0 \leq i, j \leq 1}$ . Here  $U_{i,j} = \{[X_0 : Y_0], [X_1 : Y_1] \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_i \neq 0, Y_j \neq 0\}$ . Then  $\{U_s^0\}_{1 \leq s \leq 4}$  satisfies above five conditions. Assume that we take the affine open covering  $\{U_s^{l-1}\}_{1 \leq s \leq N_{l-1}}$  of  $Z_{l-1}$  for  $l \leq k$  which satisfies the above five conditions. Let  $U_t^{l-1} \in \{U_s^{l-1}\}_{1 \leq s \leq N_{l-1}}$ . Take the canonical local coordinate system  $(z, w)$  of  $U_t^{l-1} \simeq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ .

If  $D'_{l-1}|_{U_t^{l-1}} = (z^{p'} - w^{q'})$  for some positive integers  $p', q'$ . Then

$$D''_{l-1}|_{U_t^{l-1}} = (1 - z^{p''} w^{q''}),$$

for some non-negative integers  $p'', q''$ . The divisor

$$D'_{l-1} + D''_{l-1} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,l-1} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l-1} E_{i,l-1},$$



in  $Z_{l-1}$ , is not normal crossing at  $(0,0) \in U_t^{l-1}$ . Then  $(0,0)$  is contained in the center of the blowing-up  $\pi_{l,l-1}$ . We have

$$\pi_{l,l-1}^{-1}(U_t^{l-1}) = \{(z, w), [W_0 : W_1] \in U_t^{l-1} \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid zW_1 = wW_0\}.$$

Let  $V_i = \{(z, w), [W_0 : W_1] \in \pi_{l,l-1}^{-1}(U_t^{l-1}) \mid W_i \neq 0\}$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ . Then  $\{V_0, V_1\}$  are affine open covering of  $\pi_{l,l-1}^{-1}(U_t^{l-1})$ . We show that affine open sets  $V_0$  and  $V_1$  satisfy the five conditions of lemma. Let  $u = W_1/W_0$  be the holomorphic function on  $V_0$ . Then  $(z, u)$  is the local coordinate system of  $V_0$ . It is easy to verify that  $V_0$  satisfies (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). Since

$$\pi_{l,l-1}^* z = z, \quad \pi_{l,l-1}^* w = zu,$$

we have

$$\pi_{l,l-1}^* \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be the connection form of  $\pi_{l,l-1}^* \nabla|_{V_0}$  with respect to the frame  $\partial/\partial z, \partial/\partial u$ . Then it follows that

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} d \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \pi_{l,l-1}^* \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{dw}{w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{u}{z} & \frac{1}{z} \end{pmatrix},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{du}{z} & \frac{dz}{z} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{u}{z} & \frac{1}{z} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{dz}{z} - \frac{du}{u} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{du}{z} & \frac{dz}{z} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ \frac{u}{z} \frac{dz}{z} & -\frac{1}{z} \left( \frac{dz}{z} + \frac{du}{u} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{du}{z} & \frac{dz}{z} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ \frac{u}{z} \frac{dz}{z} - \frac{u}{z} \left( \frac{dz}{z} + \frac{du}{u} \right) & -\frac{dz}{z} - \frac{du}{u} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{dz}{z} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{du}{u} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $V_0$  satisfies (v). In the same way, we can show that  $V_1$  satisfies the conditions of the lemma.

If

$$D'_{l-1}|_{U_t^{l-1}} = (1 - z^{p'} w^{q'}), \quad D''_{l-1}|_{U_t^{l-1}} = (z^{p''} - w^{q''}),$$

for some non-negative integers  $p', q'$  and some positive integers  $p'', q''$ . In the same way as above, we can take the affine open sets in  $\pi_{l,l-1}^{-1}(U_t^{l-1})$  which satisfy the five conditions of the lemma.

If

$$D'_{l-1}|_{U_t^{l-1}} = (1 - z^{p'} w^{q'}), \quad D''_{l-1}|_{U_t^{l-1}} = (1 - z^{p''} w^{q''}),$$

for some non-negative integers  $p', q', p'', q''$ . Then  $U_t^{l-1} \simeq \pi_{l,l-1}^{-1}(U_t^{l-1})$  because  $U_t^{l-1}$  does not contain the center of the blowing-up  $\pi_{l,l-1}$ . By the assumption of induction, the affine open subset  $\pi_{l,l-1}^{-1}(U_t^{l-1})$  satisfies the five conditions of the lemma.

This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. PROOF OF THE BIGNESS OF $\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}''$

In this section, we show that  $\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}''$  is big in  $Z_k$ . We note that there exists the proof of the bigness for more general cases in Proposition 3.9. of [6].

To prove the bigness of the line bundle  $\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}''$ , it is sufficient to show the following lemma (cf. Theorem 2.2.16. of R. Lazarsfeld [3]).

**Lemma 5.** *The divisor  $\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}''$  is nef and  $(\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'')^2 > 0$ .*

*Proof.* Because

$$(\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'')^2 = (\tilde{D}')^2 + 2\tilde{D}' \cdot \tilde{D}'' + (\tilde{D}'')^2,$$

it is enough to show that  $(\tilde{D}')^2 = (\tilde{D}'')^2 = 0$  and  $\tilde{D}'$  and  $\tilde{D}''$  are nef. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $m' \leq n'$ . Let  $E'_1$  be the reduced divisor on  $Z_1$  such that

$$\pi_{1,0}^* D' = D'_1 + m' E'_1.$$

Let  $F'$  be the divisor on  $Z_k$  such that

$$\pi_{k,1}^* D'_1 = \tilde{D}' + F'.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{D}')^2 &= (\pi_{k,0}^* D' - F' - m' \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1)^2 \\ &= (\pi_{k,0}^* D')^2 + (F')^2 + m'^2 (\pi_{k,1}^* E'_1)^2 - 2\pi_{k,0}^* D' \cdot F' \\ &\quad + 2m' F' \cdot \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1 - 2m' \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1 \cdot \pi_{k,0}^* D' \\ &= 2m' n' + (F')^2 - 2m'^2 - 2(\tilde{D}' + F' + m' \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1) \cdot F' \\ &\quad + 2m' F' \cdot \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1 - 2m' \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1 \cdot (\pi_{k,1}^* D'_1 + m' \pi_{k,1}^* E'_1) \\ &= 2m' n' - 2m'^2 - (F')^2 - 2\tilde{D}' \cdot F' - 2m' D'_1 \cdot E'_1 - 2m'^2 (E'_1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $D'_1 \cdot E'_1 = 2m'$ , we have

$$(2) \quad (\tilde{D}')^2 = 2m' n' - 2m'^2 - (F')^2 - 2\tilde{D}' \cdot F'.$$

If  $m' = n'$ , then  $\tilde{D}' = D'_1$ ,  $F' = 0$  and we have  $(\tilde{D}')^2 = 0$ .

Now we prove  $(\tilde{D}')^2 = 0$  by the induction over the positive integer  $m' + n'$ . Let  $E'_i$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, k$  be reduced effective divisors on  $Z_i$  such that

$$\text{supp}(\pi_{i,i-1}^* D'_{i-1} - D'_i) = \text{supp} E'_i.$$

Let  $\tilde{E}'_i$  be the strict transform of  $E'_i$  under  $\pi_{k,i}$ . There exist non-negative integers  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k$  such that

$$F = a_2 \tilde{E}'_2 + a_3 \tilde{E}'_3 + \dots + a_k \tilde{E}'_k.$$

Now we take another divisor  $A'$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  which is defined by the polynomial

$$X_0^{m'} Y_0^{n'-m'} - X_1^{m'} Y_1^{n'-m'}.$$

There is, as in Section 3, the sequence of the blowing-up

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{1,0} &: W_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}), \\ &\vdots \\ \sigma_{k-1,k-2} &: W_{k-1} \rightarrow W_{k-2}, \end{aligned}$$

such that the following condition (\*\*) satisfies:

Let  $S$  be the reduced divisor such that

$$\text{supp} \left( \sigma_{k-1,0}^* \left( A' + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j} \right) \right) = \text{supp} S,$$

where  $\sigma_{k-1,1} = \sigma_{1,0} \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_{k-1,k-2}$ . Then

(\*\*)  $S$  is normal crossing in  $W_{k-1}$ .

Let  $B'_i$  be the exceptional divisor of  $\sigma_{i,i-1}$ , and let  $\tilde{B}'_i$  be the strict transform of  $B'_i$  under  $\sigma_{i+1,i} \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_{k-1,k-2}$ . Let  $\tilde{A}'$  be the strict transform of  $A'$  under  $\sigma_{1,0} \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_{k-1,k-2}$ . It follows that

$$(\sigma_{1,0} \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_{k-1,k-2})^* A' = \tilde{A}' + a_2 \tilde{B}'_1 + a_3 \tilde{B}'_2 + \cdots + a_k \tilde{B}'_{k-1},$$

and

$$\tilde{E}'_i \cdot \tilde{E}'_j = \tilde{B}'_{i-1} \cdot \tilde{B}'_{j-1}, \quad \tilde{D}' \cdot \tilde{E}'_i = \tilde{A}' \cdot \tilde{B}'_{i-1},$$

for all  $2 \leq i, j \leq k$ . Put  $G' = a_2 \tilde{B}'_1 + a_3 \tilde{B}'_2 + \cdots + a_k \tilde{B}'_{k-1}$ . We have

$$(3) \quad (F')^2 = (G')^2, \quad \tilde{D}' \cdot F' = \tilde{A}' \cdot G'.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{A}')^2 &= (\sigma_{k-1,0}^* A' - G')^2 \\ &= 2m'(n' - m') - 2\sigma_{k-1,0}^* A' \cdot G' + (G')^2 \\ &= 2m'(n' - m') - 2(\tilde{A}' + G') \cdot G' + (G')^2 \\ &= 2m'(n' - m') - (G')^2 - 2\tilde{A}' \cdot G'. \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption of the induction, we have

$$(4) \quad (G')^2 + 2\tilde{A}' \cdot G' - 2m'(n' - m') = 0.$$

. By (2), (3) and (4), it follows that

$$(\tilde{D}')^2 = 2m'n' - 2m'^2 - (F')^2 - 2\tilde{D}' \cdot F' = 2m'(n' - m') - (G')^2 - 2\tilde{A}' \cdot G' = 0.$$

Then we complete the induction. By the same way, we can show that  $(\tilde{D}'')^2 = 0$ .

Now we show that  $\tilde{D}'$  is nef. Let  $m' = dp$ ,  $n' = dq$ , where  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $m'$  and  $n'$ . Then it follows that

$$X_0^{m'} Y_0^{n'} - X_1^{m'} Y_1^{n'} = \prod_{i=0}^{d-1} (X_0^p Y_0^q - (\varepsilon_d)^i X_1^p Y_1^q),$$

where  $\varepsilon_d = \exp((2\pi\sqrt{-1})/d)$ . Let  $C_i$  be the irreducible divisor on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  which is defined by the polynomial  $X_0^p Y_0^q - (\varepsilon_d)^i X_1^p Y_1^q$ , and let  $\tilde{C}_i$  be the strict transform of  $C_i$  under  $\pi_{k,0}$ . By the above arguments, we have  $(\tilde{C}_0)^2 = 0$ . Because  $\tilde{C}_0$  and  $\tilde{C}_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq d-1$ , are linearly equivalent, we have

$$\tilde{C}_i \cdot \tilde{D}' = (\tilde{C}_i)^2 = (\tilde{C}_0)^2 = 0.$$

Therefore  $D'$  is nef. By the same way, we can show that  $\tilde{D}''$  is nef.  $\square$

## 5. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be the holomorphic map, let  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow Z_k$  be the lift of  $f$ , and let  $\tilde{\nabla} = \pi_{k,0}^* \nabla$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} Z_0 & \xleftarrow{\pi_{1,0}} & Z_1 & \xleftarrow{\pi_{2,1}} & Z_2 & \xleftarrow{\pi_{3,2}} & \cdots & \xleftarrow{\pi_{k,k-1}} & Z_k \\ f \uparrow & & & & & & & & \\ \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

Let  $\tilde{\sigma}' \in \Gamma(Z_k, [\tilde{D}'])$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}'' \in \Gamma(Z_k, [\tilde{D}''])$ ,  $\tilde{h}_{i,j} \in \Gamma(Z_k, [\tilde{H}_{i,j}])$ ,  $\tilde{e}_i \in \Gamma(Z_k, \tilde{E}_i)$  be the holomorphic section such that

$$(\tilde{\sigma}') = \tilde{D}', \quad (\tilde{\sigma}'') = \tilde{D}'', \quad (\tilde{h}_{i,j}) = \tilde{H}_{i,j}, \quad (\tilde{e}_i) = \tilde{E}_i.$$

**Lemma 6.** *Assume that*

$$f(\mathbb{C}) \not\subset \text{supp} \left( D' + D'' + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j} \right),$$

and assume that

$$f' \wedge \nabla_{f'} f' \neq 0.$$

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \frac{\|\tilde{f}' \wedge \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{f}'} \tilde{f}'(z)\|_{\Lambda^2 TZ_k}}{\|\tilde{\sigma}'(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{D}']} \|\tilde{\sigma}''(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{D}'']} \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{j=0}^1 \|\tilde{h}_{i,j}(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{H}_{i,j}]} \prod_{i=1}^k \|\tilde{e}_i(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{E}_i]}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ & = S_f(r). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For the convenience of the notation, we assume that  $D'$  and  $D''$  are irreducible. Put

$$A = \tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'' + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \tilde{H}_{i,j} + \sum_{i=1}^k \tilde{E}_i,$$

and put

$$\xi(z) = \frac{\|\tilde{f}' \wedge \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{f}'} \tilde{f}'(z)\|_{\Lambda^2 TZ_k}}{\|\tilde{\sigma}'(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{D}']} \|\tilde{\sigma}''(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{D}'']} \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{j=0}^1 \|\tilde{h}_{i,j}(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{H}_{i,j}]} \prod_{i=1}^k \|\tilde{e}_i(\tilde{f})\|_{[\tilde{E}_i]}}.$$

Note that  $A$  is simple normal crossing in  $Z_k$ .

Let

$$x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^2 \bigcup_{j=0}^1 \text{supp } \tilde{H}_{i,j} \cap \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{supp } \tilde{E}_i.$$

By Lemma 4, there exist an affine open neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  and local coordinate system  $z_x, w_x$  on  $U_x$  which satisfies the five conditions of Lemma 4. We put

$$V_x = U_x \setminus \text{supp}(\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}''),$$

and put

$$\tilde{f}_1 = z_x \circ \tilde{f}, \quad \tilde{f}_2 = w_x \circ \tilde{f},$$

on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ . It follows that

$$\tilde{f}' \wedge \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{f}'} \tilde{f}' = \left( \tilde{f}'_1 \tilde{f}'_2'' - \tilde{f}'_1'' \tilde{f}'_2 + \tilde{f}'_1 \tilde{f}'_2 \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} - \tilde{f}'_1 \tilde{f}'_2 \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_x} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial w_x}.$$

on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ . Then it follows that

$$(5) \quad \xi(z) = \left( \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} \frac{\tilde{f}'_2''}{\tilde{f}_2} - \frac{\tilde{f}'_1''}{\tilde{f}_1} \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} + \left( \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} \right)^2 \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} - \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} \left( \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} \right)^2 \right) \Phi_x(f(z)),$$

on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ , where  $\Phi_x$  is a smooth function on  $V_x$ .

Let

$$x \in \text{supp } \tilde{D}' \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^2 \bigcup_{j=0}^1 \text{supp } \tilde{H}_{i,j} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{supp } \tilde{E}_i \right) \\ \left( \text{or } x \in \text{supp } \tilde{D}'' \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^2 \bigcup_{j=0}^1 \text{supp } \tilde{H}_{i,j} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{supp } \tilde{E}_i \right), \text{ respectively} \right)$$

By Lemma 4, there exists an affine open neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  and local coordinate system  $z_x, w_x$  on  $U_x$  which satisfies the five condition of Lemma 4. Because  $D'$  and  $D''$  are irreducible, it follows that

$$D'|_{U_x} = (z_x - 1) \quad (\text{or } D''|_{U_x} = (z_x - 1), \text{ respectively}),$$

and  $z_x(x) = 1, w_x(x) = 0$ . We take  $z'_x = z_x - 1$ . Let  $V_x$  be an affine open subset of  $U_x$  such that

$$A|_{V_x} = (z'_x) + (w_x),$$

and

$$\nabla|_{V_x} = d + \begin{pmatrix} -(dz'_x)/(z'_x + 1) & 0 \\ 0 & -(dw_x)/w_x \end{pmatrix}.$$

We note that  $z'_x(x) + 1 \neq 0$  on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ . We put

$$\tilde{f}_1 = z'_x \circ \tilde{f}, \quad \tilde{f}_2 = w_x \circ \tilde{f},$$

on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ . It follows that

$$(6) \quad \xi(z) = \left( \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} \frac{\tilde{f}'_2''}{\tilde{f}_2} - \frac{\tilde{f}'_1''}{\tilde{f}_1} \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} - \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} \left( \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} \right)^2 \right) \Phi_x(f(z)) \\ + \tilde{f}'_1 \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{\tilde{f}_1} \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{\tilde{f}_2} \Psi_x(f(z)),$$

on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ , where  $\Phi_x$  and  $\Psi_x$  are smooth functions on  $V_x$ .

Let  $x \in \text{supp } \tilde{D}' \cap \text{supp } \tilde{D}''$ . There exists an affine open neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  and holomorphic functions  $z_x, w_x$  on  $V_x$  such that

$$\tilde{D}'|_{V_x} = (z_x), \quad \tilde{D}''|_{V_x} = (w_x),$$

$$A|_{V_x} = (z_x) + (w_x),$$

on  $V_x$ . It follows that  $dz_x$  and  $dw_x$  are linearly independent on  $V_x$ . We put

$$\tilde{f}_1 = z_x \circ \tilde{f}, \quad \tilde{f}_2 = w_x \circ \tilde{f}.$$

By Lemma 2, there exist holomorphic functions  $g_0, g_1, h_0, h_1$  on  $V_x$  such that

$$dz_x \cdot \nabla_{\tilde{f}} \tilde{f}'(\gamma) = g_0(\tilde{f}(\gamma)) \tilde{f}'_1(\gamma) + g_1(\tilde{f}(\gamma)) \tilde{f}'_2(\gamma) + \tilde{f}''_1(\gamma),$$

for all  $\gamma \in \tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ , and

$$dw_x \cdot \nabla_{\tilde{f}} \tilde{f}'(\gamma) = h_0(\tilde{f}(\gamma)) \tilde{f}'_2(\gamma) + h_1(\tilde{f}(\gamma)) \tilde{f}'_1(\gamma) + \tilde{f}''_2(\gamma),$$

for all  $\gamma \in \tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{f}' \wedge \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{f}} \tilde{f}' \\ &= \left[ \tilde{f}'_1 \left( h_0(\tilde{f}) \tilde{f}'_2 + h_1(\tilde{f}) \tilde{f}'_1 + \tilde{f}''_2 \right) - \tilde{f}'_2 \left( g_0(\tilde{f}) \tilde{f}'_1 + g_1(\tilde{f}) \tilde{f}'_2 + \tilde{f}''_1 \right) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial z_x} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial w_x}. \end{aligned}$$

Then it follows that

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \xi(z) &= \Phi_{x,1}(\tilde{f}) \frac{\tilde{f}'_1}{f_1} + \Phi_{x,2}(\tilde{f}) \frac{\tilde{f}'_2}{f_2} \\ &\quad + \Phi_{x,3}(\tilde{f}) \frac{\tilde{f}'_1 \tilde{f}'_2}{f_1 f_2} + \Phi_{x,4}(\tilde{f}) \frac{\tilde{f}'_1 \tilde{f}''_2}{f_1 f_2} + \Phi_{x,5}(\tilde{f}) \frac{\tilde{f}'_1 \tilde{f}'_2}{f_1 f_2}, \end{aligned}$$

on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ , where  $\Phi_{x,1}, \dots, \Phi_{x,5}$  are smooth functions on  $V_x$ .

Let  $R = \{x \in Z_k \mid x \text{ is contained in two irreducible components of } A\}$ . Note that  $R$  is a finite subset of  $Z_k$ . For  $x \in R$ , we take affine open subset  $V_x$  and holomorphic functions  $z_x, w_x$  as above arguments. Then  $\{V_x\}_{x \in R}$  is an open covering of  $Z_k$ . We take an open covering  $\{V'_x\}_{x \in R}$  of  $Z_k$  such that  $V'_x \subset V_x$  and  $V'_x$  is relatively compact in  $V_x$ . We take a partition of unity  $\{\phi_x\}_{x \in R}$  which is subordinate to the covering  $\{V'_x\}_{x \in R}$ . Fix  $x \in R$ . Let  $\tilde{f}_1 = z_x \circ \tilde{f}$ ,  $\tilde{f}_2 = w_x \circ \tilde{f}$  be a holomorphic function on  $\tilde{f}^{-1}(V_x)$ . Then  $\tilde{f}_1$  and  $\tilde{f}_2$  are extended to meromorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$ . By (5), (6) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{|z|=r} \phi_x(\tilde{f}(z)) \log^+ \xi(z) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ & \leq \int_{|z|=r} \Gamma(\tilde{f}(z)) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + 4 \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \frac{|\tilde{f}'_i(z)|}{|\tilde{f}_i(z)|} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \frac{|\tilde{f}''_i(z)|}{|\tilde{f}_i(z)|} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ |\tilde{f}'_1(z)| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a bounded smooth function on  $Z_k$ . By using the lemma on logarithmic derivative, it follows that

$$\int_{|\gamma|=r} \log^+ \frac{|\tilde{f}'_i(\gamma)|}{|\tilde{f}_i(\gamma)|} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \leq S_{\tilde{f}}(r).$$

It holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ |\tilde{f}'_1(z)| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ |\tilde{f}'_1(z)|^2 \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{T_{Z_k}}^2 \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + O(1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{TZ_k}$  is a hermitian metric of  $TZ_k$ . By Lemma 1 and the concavity of log, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{|z|=r} \log\{\|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 + 1\} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \int_{|z|=r} \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right) + O(1) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi r} \frac{d}{dr} \int_{|z|\leq r} \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} dz \wedge d\bar{z} \right) + O(1) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi r} \left( \int_{|z|\leq r} \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} dz \wedge d\bar{z} \right)^{1+\delta} \right) + O(1) \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{r^\delta}{2\pi} \left( \frac{d}{dr} \int_1^r \frac{dt}{t} \int_{|z|\leq r} \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} dz \wedge d\bar{z} \right)^{1+\delta} \right) + O(1) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{r^\delta}{2\pi} \left( \int_1^r \frac{dt}{t} \int_{|z|\leq r} \|\tilde{f}'(z)\|_{TZ_k}^2 \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} dz \wedge d\bar{z} \right)^{(1+\delta)^2} \right) + O(1) \\
& \leq S_f(r),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  is any positive number.

Because  $\sum_{x \in R} \phi_x(\tilde{f}) = 1$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ , it follows that

$$\int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \xi(z) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = \sum_{x \in R} \int_{|z|=r} \phi_x(\tilde{f}(z)) \log^+ \xi(z) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \leq S_f(r).$$

□

The following lemma is useful.

**Lemma 7.** *It follows that*

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{k,0}^* H_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \tilde{H}_{i,j} + \sum_{i=1}^k \pi_{k,i}^* E_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \tilde{E}_i.$$

*Proof.* Let the divisor  $H_{i,j,l}$  on  $Z_l$  be the strict transform of  $H_{i,j}$  under  $\pi_{l,0}$ , and let  $E_{i,l}$ ,  $i \leq l$ , be the strict transform of  $E_i$  under  $\pi_{l,i}$ , where  $E_{l,l} = E_l$ .

We show

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{l,0}^* H_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,l} + \sum_{i=1}^l \pi_{l,i}^* E_i + \sum_{i=1}^l E_{i,l},$$

by induction over  $l$ . If  $l = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{1,0}^* H_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,1} + 2E_1.$$

Therefore the statement of the induction holds for  $l = 1$ . Assume that the statement holds for  $l - 1$ ,  $1 < l \leq k$ . Let  $C_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  be irreducible divisor on  $Z_{l-1}$  such

that

$$\text{supp} \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{l-1,0}^* H_{i,j} \right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^r \text{supp} C_i.$$

There exist positive integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{l-1,0}^* H_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i C_i.$$

By the assumption of the induction, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \pi_{l,i}^* E_i = \sum_{i=1}^r (a_i - 1) C_i.$$

Let  $x \in Z_{l-1}$  be one of the points of the center of  $\pi_{l,l-1}$ , and let  $F_l$  be the irreducible component of  $E_l$  such that  $\pi_{l,l-1}(\text{supp} F_l) = x$ . Assume that  $x \in \text{supp} C_p \cap \text{supp} C_q$  for  $1 \leq p < q \leq r$ . Then the coefficients of  $F_l$  in  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{l,0}^* H_{i,j}$  is  $a_p + a_q$ , and the coefficient of  $F_l$  in  $\sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \pi_{l,i}^* E_i$  is  $a_p + a_q - 2$ . Therefore we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \pi_{l,0}^* H_{i,j} - \sum_{i=1}^l \pi_{l,i}^* E_i = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,l} + \sum_{i=1} E_{i,l}.$$

This complete the induction, and the lemma follows.  $\square$

*Proof of the Main Theorem.* We put  $W_{\tilde{\nabla}}(\tilde{f}) = \tilde{f}' \wedge \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{f}} \tilde{f}'$ . We denote by  $\text{ord}_z g$  the order of zero of  $g$ , where  $g$  is a holomorphic section of a line bundle on a neighborhood of  $z$ . By (5), (6) and (7) in Lemma 6, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ord}_z \left( \tilde{\sigma}'(\tilde{f}) \tilde{\sigma}''(\tilde{f}) \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{j=0}^1 \tilde{h}_{i,j}(\tilde{f}) \prod_{i=1}^k \tilde{e}_i(\tilde{f}) \right) - \text{ord}_z (W_{\tilde{\nabla}}(\tilde{f})) \\ & \leq \min\{\text{ord}_z \tilde{\sigma}'(\tilde{f}), 2\} + \min\{\text{ord}_z \tilde{\sigma}''(\tilde{f}), 2\} \\ & + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 \min\{\text{ord}_z \tilde{h}_{i,j}(\tilde{f}), 1\} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k \min\{\text{ord}_z \tilde{e}_i(\tilde{f}), 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (8) \quad & T_{\tilde{f}}(r, K_{Z_k}) + T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{H}_{i,j}) + \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{E}_i) \\ & \leq N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}') + N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}'') + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 N_1(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{H}_{i,j}) \\ & + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} N_1(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{E}_i) + S_f(r), \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_{Z_k}$  is the canonical line bundle of  $Z_k$ . The canonical line bundle of  $Z_k$  is equal to

$$\pi_{k,0}^* K_{\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})} + \pi_{k,1}^* E_1 + \pi_{k,2}^* E_2 + \dots + E_k.$$



By Lemma 7, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
(9) \quad -T_f(r, K_{\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})}) &= T_f(r, \mathcal{O}(2, 2)) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,0}^* H_{i,j}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{H}_{i,j}) + \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,i}^* E_i) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{E}_i)
\end{aligned}$$

By (8), (9), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) &\leq N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}') + N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}'') \\
&\quad + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 N_1(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{H}_{i,j}) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k N_1(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{E}_i) + S_f(r).
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, our main theorem follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be a non-constant map. Assume that*

*$f(\mathbb{C}) \not\subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid C_0 X_0^{r_1} Y_0^{r_2} - C_1 X_1^{r_1} Y_1^{r_2} = 0\}$ , for all  $(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  and all  $(C_0, C_1) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , and assume that there exist no  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that*

$$a \log f_1 + b \log f_2 = (\text{constant}),$$

*on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then it follows that*

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}]) \leq N_2(r, f^* D') + N_2(r, f^* D'') + S_f(r).$$

*Proof.* Because  $N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{H}_{i,j}) = 0$  and  $N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{E}_i) = 0$ , we have the corollary.  $\square$

**Example 2.** Let  $D', D''$  be the divisor which are defined by the polynomials

$$X_0 Y_0 - X_1 Y_1, \quad X_0 Y_1 - X_1 Y_0.$$

Then

$$D'_1 + D''_1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j,1} + E_1,$$

is normal crossing in  $Z_1$ . Therefore  $\tilde{D}' = D'_1, \tilde{D}'' = D''_1$ . Let  $E_{(0,0)}, E_{(0,\infty)}, E_{(\infty,0)}, E_{(\infty,\infty)}$  be irreducible components of  $E_1$  such that

$$\pi_{1,0}(\text{supp } E_{(0,0)}) = ([0 : 1], [0 : 1]), \quad \pi_{1,0}(\text{supp } E_{(0,\infty)}) = ([0 : 1], [1 : 0]),$$

$$\pi_{1,0}(\text{supp } E_{(\infty,0)}) = ([1 : 0], [0 : 1]), \quad \pi_{1,0}(\text{supp } E_{(\infty,\infty)}) = ([1 : 0], [1 : 0]).$$

Let  $f = (f_1, f_2) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow Z_0$  be a non-constant holomorphic map, and let  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow Z_1$  be the lift of  $f$ . It follows that

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}']) = T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\pi_{1,0}^* D']) - T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [E_{(0,\infty)}]) - T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [E_{(\infty,0)}]),$$

and

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\pi_{1,0}^* D']) = T_f(r, \mathcal{O}(1, 1)) = T(r, f_1) + T(r, f_2),$$

where

$$T(r, f_i) = \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ |f_i| \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + N(r, (f_i)_\infty),$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ . By the first main theorem, we have

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(0,\infty)}) = N(r, \tilde{f}^* E_{(0,\infty)}) + m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(0,\infty)}),$$

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(\infty,0)}) = N(r, \tilde{f}^* E_{(\infty,0)}) + m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(\infty,0)}).$$

It holds that

$$m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(0,\infty)}) = \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f_1|^2 + |f_2^{-1}|^2}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi},$$

and

$$m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(\infty,0)}) = \int_{|z|=r} \log^+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f_1^{-1}|^2 + |f_2|^2}} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}.$$

By these equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{D}') &= N(r, (f_1)_\infty) + N(r, (f_2)_\infty) - N(r, \tilde{f}^* E_{(0,\infty)}) - N(r, \tilde{f}^* E_{(\infty,0)}) \\ &\quad + \int_{|z|=r} (\log^+ |f_1| + \log^+ |f_2|) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\ &\quad - \int_{|z|=r} \left( \log^+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f_1|^2 + |f_2^{-1}|^2}} + \log^+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f_1^{-1}|^2 + |f_2|^2}} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f_1 = P(z)$ ,  $f_2 = \exp z$ , where  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $p$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $T(r, f_1) = p \log r + O(1)$ , and  $T(r, f_2) = |r| + O(1)$ . Because

$$\log^+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f_1|^2 + |f_2^{-1}|^2}} \leq \log^+ \frac{1}{|f_1|},$$

it follows that

$$m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(0,\infty)}) \leq T(r, f_1^{-1}) = T(r, f_1) + O(1) = p \log |r| + O(1).$$

So we have

$$m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(0,\infty)}) = o(r).$$

By the same arguments, we have

$$m_{\tilde{f}}(r, E_{(\infty,0)}) = o(r).$$

Then it holds that

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{D}') = r + o(r).$$

Let  $D'$  and  $D''$  be divisors on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  which are defined by the polynomials

$$X_0^m Y_0^n - X_1^m Y_1^n, \quad X_0^n Y_1^m - X_1^n Y_0^m.$$

(i.e.,  $m = m' = n''$  and  $n = n' = m''$ .) We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  be non-constant holomorphic map such Let  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow Z_k$  be the lift of  $f$ . Assume that

$f(\mathbb{C}) \not\subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid C_0 X_0^{r_1} Y_0^{r_2} - C_1 X_1^{r_1} Y_1^{r_2} = 0\}$ ,  
for all  $(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  and all  $(C_0, C_1) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , and assume that there exists no holomorphic functions  $g_1, g_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  and no  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$f = (\exp g_1, \exp g_2) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}),$$

$$ag_1 + bg_2 = (\text{constant}),$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then it follows that

$$\left(1 - \frac{4}{m+n}\right) T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) \leq N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}') + N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}'') + S_f(r).$$

*Proof.* Let  $a_1 = \min\{m, n\}$ . It follows that

$$\pi_{1,0}^*(D' + D'') = D'_1 + D''_1 + a_1 E_1,$$

on  $Z_1$ , where  $D'_1$  and  $D''_1$  are proper transform of  $D'$  and  $D''$  under  $\pi_{1,0}$ . Let  $a_2 = \min\{\max\{m, n\} - a_1, a_1\} \leq a_1$ . It follows that

$$\pi_{2,0}^*(D' + D'') = D'_2 + D''_2 + a_2 E_2 + a_1 \pi_{2,1}^* E_1,$$

on  $Z_2$ , where  $D'_2$  and  $D''_2$  are proper transform of  $D'$  and  $D''$  under  $\pi_{2,0}$ . Repeating this process, there exist positive integers  $a_3 \cdots, a_k$  such that

$$\pi_{k,0}^*(D' + D'') = \tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'' + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \pi_{k,i}^* E_i.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $m \leq n$ . Then it holds that  $m \geq a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \cdots \geq a_k$ . It follows that

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) \geq T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,0}^* \mathcal{O}(m+n, m+n)) - m \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,i}^* E_i).$$

By Lemma 7, we have

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,0}^* \mathcal{O}(2, 2)) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{H}_{i,j}) + \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,i}^* E_i) + \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{E}_i)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) \\ & \geq \frac{m+n}{2} \left( T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,0}^* \mathcal{O}(2, 2)) - \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,i}^* E_i) \right) + \left( \frac{m+n}{2} - m \right) \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \pi_{k,i}^* E_i) \\ & \geq \frac{m+n}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{H}_{i,j}) + \sum_{i=1}^k T_{\tilde{f}}(r, \tilde{E}_i) \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2, it follows that

$$T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) \leq N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}') + N_2(r, \tilde{f}^* \tilde{D}'') + \frac{4}{m+n} T_{\tilde{f}}(r, [\tilde{D}' + \tilde{D}'']) + S_f(r).$$

Then the theorem follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *Assume the hypothesis of Theorem 3, and assume that*

$$f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \text{supp}(D' + D'').$$

*If  $m + n \geq 5$ , then it follows that  $f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \text{supp}H_{i,j}$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $j = 0, 1$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $f(\mathbb{C})$  is not contained in the support of  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j}$ . By Theorem 3,  $f$  satisfies the following condition (i) or condition (ii):

$$(i) \quad f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_0^{r_1} Y_0^{r_2} - C_1 X_1^{r_1} Y_1^{r_2} = 0\},$$

for some  $(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  and some  $C_1 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0)\}$ .

(ii) There exists holomorphic functions  $g_1, g_2$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f &= (\exp g_1, \exp g_2) : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}), \\ ag_1 + bg_2 &= (\text{constant}), \end{aligned}$$

on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

If  $f$  satisfies condition (i), without loss of generality, we may assume that  $r_1 > 0, r_2 \geq 0$ . Assume that  $r_2 > 0$ . Let  $R$  be an irreducible component of  $\{X_0^{r_1} Y_0^{r_2} - C X_1^{r_1} Y_1^{r_2} = 0\}$ . Then  $([0 : 1], [1 : 0]), ([1 : 0], [0 : 1]) \in \text{supp} R \cap \text{supp} D'$ , and  $\text{supp} R \cap \text{supp} D''$  contains at least one point which is not  $([0 : 1], [1 : 0])$  nor  $([1 : 0], [0 : 1])$ . Therefore the holomorphic map

$$f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{supp} R \setminus \text{supp}(D' + D'')$$

is a constant map.

Assume that  $r_2 = 0$ . We have

$$f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \{([X_0 : X_1], [Y_0 : Y_1]) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_0^{r_1} - C X_1^{r_1} = 0\}.$$

Let  $S$  be an irreducible component of  $\{X_0^{r_1} - C X_1^{r_1} = 0\}$ . Because  $m + n \geq 5$ ,  $m$  or  $n$  is more than 2, it follows that  $\text{supp} S \cap \text{supp} D'$  or  $\text{supp} S \cap \text{supp} D''$  contains at least three points. Then  $f$  is a constant map.

If  $f$  satisfies condition (ii), it is easy to see that  $f$  is a constant map.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* Let  $x_{1,0} = ([0 : 1], [1 : 1]), x_{1,1} = ([1 : 0], [1 : 1]), x_{2,0} = ([1 : 1], [0 : 1]), x_{2,1} = ([1 : 1], [1 : 0]) \in Z_0 = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $W = Z_0 \setminus \text{supp} D' \cup \text{supp} D''$ , and let  $W^* = W \setminus \{x_{1,0}, x_{1,1}, x_{2,0}, x_{2,1}\}$ . By Corollary 2, there exist no non-constant holomorphic map from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $W^*$ .

Let  $i : W^* \rightarrow W$  be the inclusion map, and let  $d_{W^*}, d_W$  be the Kobayashi pseudo distance of  $W^*, W$  (see Noguchi-Ochiai [4]). By Proposition 1.3.14. of [4], we have  $i^* d_W = d_{W^*}$ . Therefore  $W^*$  is Brody hyperbolic but not Kobayashi hyperbolic.

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