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The previous lemma shows that  $\xi_{(\nu)}^* = \sum a_{\nu\lambda} \mathfrak{b}_{\lambda} + \delta \eta_{\nu}$  where  $\eta_{\nu} \in C^{l-1}(\mathfrak{B})$  with  $|| \eta_{\nu} | \mathfrak{B}_{1} || \leq K || \xi_{(\nu)}^* ||$  and  $| a_{\nu\lambda} | \leq K || \xi_{(\nu)}^* ||$ . Let us put  $a_{\lambda} = \sum a_{\nu\lambda} (t/\rho_2)^{\nu}$  and  $\eta = \sum \eta_{\nu} (t/\rho_2)^{\nu}$ . We see that  $\hat{\eta} \in C^{l-1}(\hat{\mathfrak{B}}_1(\rho_2))$  and  $a_{\lambda} \in I(E^n(\rho_2))$ . An easy computation gives  $\hat{\xi}_1 \mid \hat{\mathfrak{B}}_1(\rho_2) = \sum a_\lambda \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_\lambda \mid \hat{\mathfrak{B}}_1(\rho_2) + \delta \hat{\eta}$ . It follows by definition that  $\xi_0 = \sum a_{\lambda} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{\lambda}$ . We have now proved that  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 \dots \hat{\mathbf{b}}_r$  generate  $\psi_{(l)} ((q\mathcal{O})_X)$ at the origin. It follows in the same way that  $\hat{\mathfrak{b}}_1 \dots \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_r$  generate  $\psi_{(l)}((q\mathcal{O})_X)$ for every  $t \in E^n(\rho_0)$  because it is enough to do everything in a polydisc around t. Now we also prove that the sheaf  $\psi_{(l)}((q\mathcal{O})_X)$  is free, i.e. there are no relations between  $\mathbf{b}_1 \dots \mathbf{b}_r$  at any point. Say for example that  $a_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1$  $+ ... + a_r \mathfrak{b}_r = 0$  at  $\psi_{(l)} ((q \mathcal{O})_X)_{(0)}$  where  $a_l$  are germs of analytic functions at the origin in  $E^n(\rho_0)$ . Hence  $a_1 \hat{b}_1 + ... + a_r \hat{b}_r = 0$  in  $H^l(X(\rho), (q\mathcal{O})_X)$ for some  $\rho > 0$  with  $a_{\iota} \in I(E^n(\rho))$ . It follows that  $\sum a_{\nu} \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_{\nu} = \delta \hat{\xi}$  in  $X(\rho)$ for some  $\hat{\xi} \in C^{l-1}(\hat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho), (q\mathcal{O})_X)$ . Take a point  $t \in E^n(\rho)$  where some  $a_{v} \neq 0$ . Now we see that on  $\{t\} \times X_{0}$  we have  $a_{1}(t)\mathfrak{b}_{1} + \ldots + a_{r}(t)\mathfrak{b}_{r} =$  $= \partial \hat{\xi} | \{t\} \times X_0 \in C^{l-1} (\mathfrak{U}, (q \mathcal{O})_{X_0}).$  This gives a contradiction to the fact that  $\mathbf{b}_1 \dots \mathbf{b}_r$  are a base of  $H^l(X_0, (q\mathcal{O})_{X_0})$ .

## MEASURE CHARTS

Let X be a connected complex analytic manifold of dimension m. Let F be a holomorphic vector bundle of rank q on X and F the sheaf of holomorphic crossections in F. This sheaf is locally free. A regular proper holomorphic map  $\psi: X \to E^n$  is given. Let us put  $X_0 = \psi^{-1}$  (0). Now  $X_0$  is a compact analytic manifold of dimension m - n. We now introduce special open coverings around  $X_0$  in X.

*Definition.* A measure chart  $\mathscr{W} = (\widetilde{W}, \Phi, \Theta, \rho)$  is a quadruple satisfying the conditions:

1)  $\hat{W} \subset X$  is open and  $W = \hat{W} \cap X_0$  is Stein.

2)  $\Phi: W \to E^n(\rho) \times W$  is a biholomorphic map such that the following diagram is commutative:

$$-105 - W \xrightarrow{\Phi} E^{n}(\rho) \times W$$
$$\psi \searrow \swarrow \pi E^{n}(\rho) .$$

Here  $\pi$  is the projection map.

3)  $\Theta: F | \widehat{W} \to \widehat{W} \times C^q$  is a trivialization of F on W.

If  $\mathscr{W}$  is a given measure chart on X we can identify the sheaf  $(\mathscr{W}, \mathbf{F} | \mathscr{W})$ of  $\mathscr{C}_X$ -modules with the sheaf  $(\mathscr{W} \times E^n(\rho), q \, \emptyset)$  using  $\Phi$  and  $\Theta$ . If  $U \subset \mathscr{W}$ is open and  $\rho' \leq \rho$  we put  $U(\rho') = \Phi^{-1}(U \times E^n(\rho'))$ . Hence if  $\hat{s} \in \Gamma(U(\rho'), F)$  we can identify  $\hat{s}$  with an element of  $\Gamma(U \times E^n(\rho'), q \, \emptyset)$ . We shall simply denote this element of  $\Gamma(U \times E^n(\rho'), q \, \emptyset)$  by the same letter  $\hat{s}$ . Now we can expand  $\hat{s}$  in a Taylor series:  $\hat{s} = \sum_{|\nu|=0}^{\infty} s_{\nu}(t/\rho')^{\nu}$  where  $s_{\nu} \in qI(U)$ .

Definition of a norm. When  $\hat{s} \in \Gamma(\hat{U}(\rho'), F)$  we put  $||\hat{s}|| = \sup_{v \in V} |s_v(U)|$ .

Strictly speaking the norm  $||\hat{s}||$  is taken with respect to the measure chart  $\mathscr{W}$ .

It is not hard to see that for every point  $x \in X_0$  there exists a measure chart  $\mathscr{W}$  such that  $x \in \widetilde{\mathscr{W}}$ . In particular we can cover  $X_0$  by finitely many measure charts  $\mathscr{W}_{\iota} = (\widehat{\mathscr{W}}_{\iota}, \Phi_{\iota}, \Theta_{\iota}, \rho_{\iota})$ , i.e.  $X_0 \subset \subset \bigcup_{1}^{\iota^*} \widehat{\mathscr{W}}_{\iota}$ . We remark that it follows that  $X(\rho) = \psi^{-1}(E^n(\rho)) \subset \subset \bigcup_{1}^{\iota^*} \widehat{\mathscr{W}}_{\iota}$  for some  $\rho > 0$  with  $\rho \leq \rho_{\iota}$ because  $\psi$  is a proper map. The collection  $\mathscr{W} = \{\mathscr{W}_{\iota}\}_{1}^{\iota^*}$  is called an atlas around  $X_0$ . From now on  $\mathscr{W}$  is a fixed atlas.

Measure coverings. We shall define measure coverings with respect to the given atlas  $\mathscr{W}$  above. If  $U \subset W_{\iota}$  is open we put  $(U)_{\iota}(\rho) = \Phi_{\iota}^{-1}(U \times E^{n}(\rho))$  when  $\rho \leq \rho_{\iota}$ . We see that  $(U)_{\iota}(\rho) \subset \hat{W}_{\iota}$  and  $(U)_{\iota}(\rho)$ is Stein if U is Stein. Let  $\mathfrak{U} = \{U_{\iota}\}_{\iota}^{\iota^{*}}$  be a Stein covering of  $X_{0}$  with  $U_{\iota} \subset \subset W_{\iota}$ for each  $\iota$ . Let  $\rho > 0$  with  $\rho < \min \rho_{\iota}$ . We put  $\hat{U}_{\iota}(\rho) = (U_{\iota})_{\iota}(\rho)$ . We see that  $\hat{U}_{\iota}(\rho) \subset \subset \hat{W}_{\iota}$  and  $\hat{U}_{\iota}(\rho)$  are Stein. It is now required that  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho) =$  = {  $\widehat{U}_{\iota}(\rho)$  }  $\overset{\iota^*}{_1}$  is a Stein covering of  $X(\rho)$ . We say then that  $\widehat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho)$  is a measure covering of  $X(\rho)$ .

Admissible refinements of measure coverings. Let  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho)$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}^*(\rho)$ be two measure coverings of  $X(\rho)$ . We say that  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}^*(\rho)$  is an admissible refinement of  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho)$  if the following conditions hold:

1)  $U_{\iota}^* \subset \subset U_{\iota}$  for each  $\iota$ .

2) If  $U_{\iota_0...\iota_{\lambda}}^* = U_{\iota_0}^* \cap ... \cap U_{\iota_{\lambda}}^*$  we put  $(U_{\iota_0...\iota_{\lambda}}^*)_v = \Phi_v^{-1} (U_{\iota_0...\iota_{\lambda}}^* \times E^n(\rho))$ for each  $v \in \{\iota_0 ... \iota_{\lambda}\}$ . It is now required that  $(U_{\iota_0...\iota_{\lambda}}^*)_v \subset (U_{\iota_0...\iota_{\lambda}})_{\mu}$  for all  $v, \mu \in \{\iota_0 ... \iota_{\lambda}\}$ .

3) 
$$\hat{U}^*_{\iota_0\ldots\iota_{\lambda}} = \hat{U}^*_{\iota_0} \cap \ldots \cap \hat{U}^*_{\iota_{\lambda}} \subset (U_{\iota_0\ldots\iota_{\lambda}})_{\mu} \text{ for each } \mu \in \{\iota_0 \ldots \iota_{\lambda}\}.$$

EXISTENCE OF ADMISSIBLE REFINEMENTS OF MEASURE COVERINGS

*Existence Theorem.* For every fixed integer s we can find, for some  $\rho > 0$ , a sequence  $\mathfrak{U}_s \ll \mathfrak{U}_{s-1} \ll \ldots \ll \mathfrak{U}_1 \ll \mathfrak{U}_0$  of finer measure coverings of  $X(\rho)$  each of which is an admissible refinement of the following.

*Proof.* We first construct a measure covering of  $X(\rho)$  for some  $\rho < \min \rho_{\iota}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{U}_0 = \{\mathfrak{U}_{\iota}\}_{1}^{\iota^*}$  be a Stein covering of  $X_0$  such that  $U_{\iota} \subset \subset W_{\iota}$ for  $\iota \in \{1, ..., \iota^*\}$ . Choose a fixed  $\rho_0 < \min \rho_{\iota}$ . Now the open sets  $\Phi_{\iota}^{-1}\left(U_{\iota} \times E^{n}\left(\rho_{0}\right)\right)$  cover  $X_{0}$  and hence they also cover  $X\left(\rho\right)$  for some sufficiently small  $\rho$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{U}_0$  defines a measure covering of  $X(\rho)$ . It is also clear that  $\mathfrak{U}_0$  defines a measure covering of  $X(\rho')$  for each  $\rho' \leq \rho$ . Let us now construct  $\mathfrak{U}_1$ . We let  $\mathfrak{U}^* = \{ U_{\iota}^* \}_{\iota}^{\iota^*}$  be a Stein covering such that  $U_{\mu}^* \subset \subset U_{\mu}$  always holds. Now we can find  $\rho_1 \leqslant \rho$  such that  $\{ \hat{U}_{\mu}^*(\rho_1) =$  $= \Phi_{\iota}^{-1} \left( U_{\iota}^{*} \times E^{n}(\rho_{1}) \right) \}_{1}^{\iota^{*}}$  cover  $X(\rho_{1})$ . Hence  $\widehat{\mathfrak{U}}^{*}(\rho_{1})$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho_{1})$  are measure coverings of  $X(\rho_1)$ . But we do not yet know if  $\mathfrak{U}^*(\rho_1) \ll \mathfrak{U}(\rho_1)$ . We claim that if  $\rho_2 \leqslant \rho_1$  is sufficiently small then  $\mathfrak{U}^*(\rho_2) \leqslant \mathfrak{U}(\rho_2)$ . For suppose this is false. Say that 2) fails for  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}^*(\rho_2)$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{U}}(\rho_2)$  when  $0 < \rho_2 \leqslant \rho_1$ . Hence  $\Phi_{\nu}^{-1} \left( U^*_{\iota_0 \dots \iota_{\lambda}} \times E^n(\rho_2) \right) - \Phi_{\mu}^{-1} \left( U_{\iota_0 \dots \iota_{\lambda}} \times E^n(\rho_2) \right)$  are non empty for suitable indices while  $\rho_2 \rightarrow 0$ . Choose a point  $x_t$  from each of these sets. Because  $x_t \in X(\rho_1)$  which is relatively compact we may assume that  $x_t \to x_0$ . Obviously we get  $x_0 \in U^*_{\iota_0 \dots \iota_{\lambda}} - U_{\iota_0 \dots \iota_{\lambda}}$ , a contradic-