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Introduction. Let L^\wedge be a very ample line bundle on a smooth, n -dimensional, projective manifold, X^\wedge , i.e. assume that $L^\wedge \approx i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(1)$ for some embedding $i : X^\wedge \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$. In [S4] it is shown that for such pairs, (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) , the Kodaira dimension of $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}$ is non-negative, i.e. there exists some positive integer, t such that $h^0((K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}})^t) \geq 1$, except for a short list of degenerate examples. It is moreover shown that except for this short list there is a morphism $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$ expressing X^\wedge as the blowup of a projective manifold X at a finite set B , and such that:

- a) $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-1}} \cong r^*(K_X \otimes L^{n-1})$ where $L := (r_* L^\wedge)^{**}$ is an ample line bundle, and $K_X \otimes L^{n-1}$ is ample;
- b) $K_X \otimes L^{n-2}$ is nef, i.e. $(K_X + (n-2)L) \cdot C \geq 0$ for every effective curve $C \subset X$.

The hope that except for a few examples, $K_X \otimes L^{n-2}$ is not just nef, but spanned at all points by global sections is supported by a number of results:

1. the analogous result is true for $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-1}}$ (see [SV] for the history in this case);
2. in [S5] the pairs, (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) , with the Kodaira dimension of $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}$ negative are characterized by $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}) = 0$, and in particular if $K_X \otimes L^{n-2}$ is nef it has a non-trivial global section;
3. if $K_X \otimes L^{n-2}$ is nef then $(K_X \otimes L^{n-2})^2$ is spanned by global sections at all points [S5];
4. in [BSS] it is shown that if X^\wedge has no rational curves (e.g. if X^\wedge is hyperbolic in the sense of Kobayashi, or if the cotangent bundle $T_{X^\wedge}^*$ is nef) and if the degree, $c_1(L^\wedge)^n \geq 850$, then $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}$ is spanned by global sections at all points.

There is one known counterexample (see [LPS]) of a Del Pezzo threefold of degree 27 with $K_X \otimes L$ ample but not everywhere spanned. A search for other counterexamples led us to the following surprisingly strong result, which would in fact not be implied by spannedness of $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}$. (Note that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}) = h^0(K_X \otimes L^{n-2})$.)

Theorem. *Let L^\wedge be a very ample line bundle on an n -dimensional projective manifold, X^\wedge , with $n \geq 3$. If there exist $n-3$ elements $\{A_1, \dots, A_{n-3}\} \subset |L^\wedge|$ meeting transversely in a 3-fold of non-negative Kodaira dimension, e.g. if the Kodaira dimension of $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-3}}$ is non-negative, then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}) \geq 5$ with equality only if $n = 3$, and (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a degree 5 hypersurface of \mathbb{P}^4 .*

We also show that if the Kodaira dimension of $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}$ is at least 3, then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge^{n-2}}) \geq 2$.

The method of proof is to use the doublepoint inequality for 3-folds in projective space, Tsuji's inequality, Miyaoka's bound for the number of -2 curves on a surface of general type, and the major results on the adjunction theory of 3-folds.

We refer to [BBES] for a study of the dimension of the adjoint linear system in the case of quadric fibrations over surfaces.

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§0. **Background material.**

We work over the complex numbers \mathbb{C} . Through the paper we deal with smooth, projective varieties, V . We denote by \mathcal{O}_V the structure sheaf of V and by K_V the canonical bundle. For any coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on V , $h^i(\mathcal{F})$ denotes the complex dimension of $H^i(V, \mathcal{F})$.

Let L be a line bundle on V . L is said to be *numerically effective* (*nef*, for short) if $L \cdot C \geq 0$ for all effective curves C on V . L is said to be *big* if $\kappa(L) = \dim V$, where $\kappa(L)$ denotes the Kodaira dimension of L . If L is nef then this is equivalent to be $c_1(L)^n > 0$, where $c_1(L)$ is the first Chern class of L and $n = \dim V$.

(0.1) The notation used in this paper are standard from algebraic geometry. Let us only fix the following.

- \approx (respectively \sim), the linear (respectively numerical) equivalence of line bundles;
- $\chi(L) = \sum_i (-1)^i h^i(L)$, the Euler characteristic of a line bundle L ;
- $|L|$, the complete linear system associated with a line bundle L on a variety V ,
- $\Gamma(L)$, the space of the global sections of L . We say that L is spanned if it is spanned at all points of V by $\Gamma(L)$;
- $e(V) = c_n(V)$, the topological Euler characteristic of V , for V smooth, where $c_n(V)$ is the n -th Chern class of the tangent bundle of V . If V is a surface, $e(V) = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_V) - K_V \cdot K_V$;
- $\kappa(V) := \kappa(K_V)$, the Kodaira dimension, for V smooth.

Line bundles and divisors are used with little (or no) distinction. Hence we shall freely switch from the multiplicative to the additive notation and vice versa.

(0.2) For a line bundle L on a variety V of dimension n the sectional genus, $g(L) = g(V, L)$, of (V, L) is defined by $2g(L) - 2 = (K_V + (n - 1)L) \cdot L^{n-1}$. Note that if $|L|$ contains a reduced irreducible curve, C , then $g(L) = g(C) = 1 - \chi(\mathcal{O}_C)$, the arithmetic genus of C .

(0.3) **Reduction** (see e.g. [S4], (0.5), [BFS], (0.2) and [BS], (3.2), (4.3)). Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth n -dimensional projective variety polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge , $n \geq 2$. A smooth polarized variety (X, L) is called a (*first*) *reduction* of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) if there is a morphism $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$ expressing X^\wedge as the blowing up of X at a finite set of points, B , such that $L := (r_* L^\wedge)^{**}$ is ample and $L^\wedge \approx r^* L - [r^{-1}(B)]$ or, equivalently, $K_{X^\wedge} + (n - 1)L^\wedge \approx r^*(K_X + (n - 1)L)$.

Note that there is a one to one correspondence between smooth divisors of $|L|$ which contain the set B and smooth divisors of $|L^\wedge|$.

Except for an explicit list of well understood pairs (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) we can assume (see [S4], [SV], [BS]):

a) $K_{X^\wedge} + (n - 1)L^\wedge$ is spanned and big and $K_X + (n - 1)L$ is very ample. Note that

in this case such a reduction, (X, L) , is unique up to isomorphism. We will refer to this reduction, (X, L) , as *the reduction* of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) .

b) $K_X + (n-2)L$ is nef and big, for $n \geq 3$.

Then from the Kawamata-Shokurov base point free theorem (see [KMM], §3) we know that $|m(K_X + (n-2)L)|$, for $m \gg 0$, gives rise to a morphism, $\varphi : X \rightarrow X'$, with connected fibers and normal image. Thus there is an ample line bundle \mathcal{K}' on X' such that $K_X + (n-2)L \approx \varphi^* \mathcal{K}'$. The pair (X', \mathcal{K}') is known as the *second reduction* of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . The morphism φ is very well behaved (see e.g. [BFS], (0.2) for a summary of the results). Furthermore X has terminal, 2-Gorenstein (i.e. $2K_X$ is a line bundle) isolated singularities and $\mathcal{K}' \approx K_{X'} + (n-2)L'$ where $L' := (\varphi_* L)^{**}$ is a 2-Cartier divisor such that $2L \approx \varphi^*(2L') - \mathcal{D}$ for some effective Cartier divisor \mathcal{D} on X which is φ -exceptional (see [BFS], (0.2.4), [BS], (4.2), (4.4), (4.5)). For definition and properties of terminal singularities and for a few facts from Mori theory we use in the sequel, as the Mori Cone Theorem and definitions of extremal ray and contraction of an extremal ray we also refer to [KMM].

(0.3.1) ([S5], (0.3.1)). We will use the fact that $\Gamma(aK_{X^\wedge} + bL^\wedge) \cong \Gamma(aK_X + bL)$ for integers, a, b with $b \leq a(n-1)$.

(0.4) **Pluridegrees.** Let $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$ be as in (0.3) with $n = 3$. Define the *pluridegrees*, for $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$,

$$d_j^\wedge := (K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge)^j \cdot L^{\wedge 3-j}, \quad d_j := (K_X + L)^j \cdot L^{3-j}.$$

If γ denotes the number of points blown up under $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$, the invariants d_j^\wedge, d_j are related by

$$d_0^\wedge = d_0 - \gamma; \quad d_1^\wedge = d_1 + \gamma; \quad d_2^\wedge = d_2 - \gamma; \quad d_3^\wedge = d_3 + \gamma.$$

We put $d^\wedge := d_0^\wedge, d := d_0$. If $K_X + L$ is nef, by the generalized Hodge index theorem (see e.g. [BBS], (0.15), [F], (1.2)) one has

$$(0.4.1) \quad d_1^2 \geq dd_2; \quad d_2^2 \geq d_1d_3$$

and the parity Lemma (1.4) of [BBS] says that

$$(0.4.2) \quad d \equiv d_1 \pmod{2}; \quad d_2 \equiv d_3 \pmod{2}.$$

Moreover if $K_X + L$ is nef and big the numbers d_j are positive.

If the second reduction, $(X', \mathcal{K}'), \mathcal{K}' \approx K_{X'} + L'$, of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) exists we can also define

$$d_j' := \mathcal{K}'^j \cdot L'^{3-j}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \quad d' := d_0'.$$

We will use the fact that

$$(0.4.3) \quad d_2 = d_2'; \quad d_3 = d_3'.$$

To see this, let $\varphi : X \rightarrow X'$ be the second reduction morphism, recall that $2L \approx \varphi^*(2L') - \mathcal{D}$ for some effective Cartier divisor \mathcal{D} which is φ -exceptional (see (0.3)) and compute

$$d_3 = (K_X + L)^3 = (\varphi^* \mathcal{K}')^3 = \mathcal{K}'^3 = d_3';$$

$$2d_2 = 2(K_X + L)^2 \cdot L = \varphi^* \mathcal{K}' \cdot \varphi^* \mathcal{K}' \cdot (\varphi^*(2L') - \mathcal{D}) = 2\mathcal{K}' \cdot \mathcal{K}' \cdot L' = 2d_2'.$$

(0.5) **Double point formula.** We need the following result (see also [BBS], (2.11.4)).

(0.5.1) Theorem. *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth projective 3-fold, polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Let $N := h^0(L^\wedge) - 1$. Let d_j^\wedge , $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$, be the pluridegrees of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) as in (0.4). Let S^\wedge be a smooth element of $|L^\wedge|$. Then*

$$e(X^\wedge) - 48\chi(\mathcal{O}_{X^\wedge}) + 84\chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge}) - 11d_2^\wedge - 17d_1^\wedge - d_3^\wedge + d^\wedge(d^\wedge - 20) \geq 0,$$

with equality if $N \leq 6$.

Proof. We can assume that $X^\wedge \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ with $N \geq 6$ by using the natural inclusion $\mathbb{P}^a \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ of a linear \mathbb{P}^a when $a \leq 5$. The formula is simply a particular case of the general formula (I, 37), Section D, p. 313 of [K]. It should be noted that the virtual normal bundle, \mathcal{V} , in that formula is defined in our situation by the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{X^\wedge} \rightarrow p^*\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^a} \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \rightarrow 0$$

where $p: X^\wedge \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^6$ is the restriction to X^\wedge of the projection from a general \mathbb{P}^{N-7} if $N > 6$ and $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{N}_{X^\wedge}^{\mathbb{P}^a}$, the usual normal bundle, if $N = 6$. Q.E.D.

The following is a consequence of the double point formula above.

(0.5.2) Proposition. *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth projective 3-fold, polarized with a very ample line bundle, L^\wedge . Let (X, L) and $r: X^\wedge \rightarrow X$ be the first reduction and first reduction map respectively. As in (0.4), let d_j^\wedge , d_j , $0 \leq j \leq 3$ be the pluridegrees of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) and (X, L) respectively. Let γ be the number of points blown up by r . Let S^\wedge be a smooth element in $|L^\wedge|$. Then*

$$44h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) + 58\chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge}) + 2h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) + 4 \geq 12d_2 + 17d_1 + d_3 + (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge + 5\gamma.$$

Proof. Let $S \in |L|$ be the smooth image of S^\wedge . Since $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) = h^0(K_X + L)$, $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge})$, $h^0(K_X) = h^0(K_{X^\wedge})$, it suffices to prove the formula with $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge)$, $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge})$, $h^0(K_{X^\wedge})$ replaced with $h^0(K_X + L)$, $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$, $h^0(K_X)$ respectively.

Since $\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - h^0(K_X + L)$, the double point formula (0.5.1) gives

$$(0.5.2.1) \quad e(X^\wedge) + 48h^0(K_X + L) + 36\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 11d_2^\wedge + 17d_1^\wedge + d_3^\wedge + (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge := f(d_j^\wedge).$$

Let $q := h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = h^1(\mathcal{O}_S)$, $\delta := h^2(\mathcal{O}_X)$, and $p_g := p_g(X) = h^0(K_X)$. The $h^{p,q} := h^{p,q}(X^\wedge) = h^q(\Omega_{X^\wedge}^p)$ cohomology table for X^\wedge looks like (recall that $h^{p,q} = h^{q,p}$ and the Serre duality $h^{p,q} = h^{3-p,3-q}$)

p_g	δ	q	1
δ	b	a	q
q	$h^{1,1} := a$	$h^{1,2} := b$	δ
1	q	δ	p_g

Note also that $h^{3,2} \leq h^{2,1}$ (see [ShS], (2.73), p.47), so we can assume $b = q + \epsilon$ for some non negative integer ϵ . Let $b_j := b_j(X^\wedge) = \sum_{j=p+q} h^{p,q}$ be the j -th Betti number of X^\wedge . Then

$$(0.5.2.2) \quad e(X^\wedge) := 1 - b_1 + b_2 - b_3 + b_4 - b_5 + 1 = 2 - 6q + 4\delta + 2a - 2\epsilon - 2p_g.$$

Note that the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K_X \rightarrow K_X \otimes L \rightarrow K_S \rightarrow 0$$

gives $\delta = p_g(S) - h^0(K_X + L) + p_g$. Therefore (0.5.2.2) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (0.5.2.3) e(X^\wedge) &= 2 - 4q + 4p_g(S) - 4h^0(K_X + L) + 2a - 2q - 2\epsilon + 2p_g \\ &= 2(2 - 4q + 2p_g(S) + a) - 2 + 2q - 4h^0(K_X + L) - 2\epsilon + 2p_g \\ &\leq 2(2 - 4q + 2p_g(S) + a) - 2 + 2q - 4h^0(K_X + L) + 2p_g. \end{aligned}$$

The $h^{p,q}$ cohomology table for a smooth S^\wedge in $|L^\wedge|$ is

$p_g(S)$	q	1
q	h	q
1	q	$p_g(S)$

where $h := h^{1,1}(S^\wedge)$. Then

$$(0.5.2.4) \quad e(S^\wedge) := 1 - b_1(S^\wedge) + b_2(S^\wedge) - b_3(S^\wedge) + 1 = 2 - 4q + 2p_g(S) + h.$$

By the Lefschetz theorem on hyperplane sections (see [GH], p. 157) one has that $h^{1,1}(X^\wedge) = a \leq h$. Thus by (0.5.2.3), (0.5.2.4),

$$(0.5.2.5) \quad e(X^\wedge) \leq 2e(S^\wedge) - 2 + 2q - 4h^0(K_X + L) + 2p_g.$$

Therefore, by combining (0.5.2.1), (0.5.2.5), we find

$$\begin{aligned} f(d_j^\wedge) &\leq e(X^\wedge) + 4h^0(K_X + L) + 44h^0(K_X + L) + 36\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \\ &\leq 2e(S^\wedge) + 2q - 2 + 44h^0(K_X + L) + 36\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) + 2p_g. \end{aligned}$$

Now, $e(S^\wedge) = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - K_{S^\wedge} \cdot K_{S^\wedge} = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - d_2 + \gamma$. Then the last inequality gives

$$(0.5.2.6) \quad f(d_j^\wedge) \leq 60\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - 2d_2 + 2\gamma + 44h^0(K_X + L) + 2q - 2 + 2p_g.$$

Since $f(d_j^\wedge) = 11d_2 + 17d_1 + d_3 + (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge + 7\gamma$, (0.5.2.6) gives

$$(0.5.2.7) \quad 44h^0(K_X + L) + 60\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) + 2q - 2 + 2p_g \geq 13d_2 + 17d_1 + d_3 + (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge + 5\gamma.$$

By using the Noether inequality $d_2 = K_S \cdot K_S \geq 2p_g(S) - 4$, we find

$$(0.5.2.8) \quad 2q - 2 = 2p_g(S) - 2\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \leq d_2 + 4 - 2\chi(\mathcal{O}_S).$$

By combining (0.5.2.7) and (0.5.2.8) we get the result. Q.E.D.

The following is another special case of the double point formula.

(0.5.3) Lemma ([Hr], p. 434, [BBS], (0.11)). *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be as in (0.3) with $n = 3$ and let S^\wedge be a smooth element of $|L^\wedge|$. Assume that $\Gamma(L^\wedge)$ embeds X^\wedge in \mathbb{P}^N with $N \geq 5$. Then*

$$d^{\wedge 2} - 5d^\wedge - 10(g(L^\wedge) - 1) + 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge}) \geq 2K_{S^\wedge} \cdot K_{S^\wedge}$$

with equality if $N = 5$.

(0.6) **Tsuji inequality** (see [S5], §1, [T], §5). Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) , (X, L) be as in (0.3) with $n = 3$ and let S be a smooth element of $|L|$. Then we have

$$(K_X + L)^3 + \frac{8}{3}K_S \cdot L_S \leq 32(2h^0(K_X + L) - \chi(\mathcal{O}_S))$$

or

$$h^0(K_X + L) \geq \frac{d_3}{64} + \frac{d_1}{24} + \frac{\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)}{2}.$$

(0.7) **Castelnuovo's bound.** Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be as in (0.3) with $n = 3$. Let S^\wedge be a smooth element of $|L^\wedge|$ and C^\wedge the smooth curve obtained as the transversal intersection of two general members of $|L^\wedge|$. Assume that $|L^\wedge|$ embeds X^\wedge in a projective space \mathbb{P}^N , $N \geq 4$, and let $d^\wedge := L^\wedge \cdot C^\wedge$. Then $g(L^\wedge) = g(C^\wedge)$ and Castelnuovo's Lemma (see e.g. [H], Theorem 3.7) reads

$$(0.7.1) \quad g(C^\wedge) \leq \left[\frac{d^\wedge - 2}{N - 3} \right] \left(d^\wedge - N + 2 - \left(\left[\frac{d^\wedge - 2}{N - 3} \right] - 1 \right) \frac{N - 3}{2} \right)$$

where $N = h^0(L^\wedge) - 1$ and $[x]$ means the greatest integer $\leq x$.

(0.8) **Lemma** (Lefschetz theorem in the singular case). *Let V be an irreducible, normal variety and D an ample effective Cartier divisor on V such that $\text{Sing}(V) \subset D$ and $\dim V \geq 3$. Then the restriction map $\text{Pic}(V) \hookrightarrow \text{Pic}(D)$ is injective.*

Proof. From the exponential exact sequences for D, X we obtain the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^1(V, \mathbb{Z}) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{O}_V) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{O}_V^*) & \longrightarrow & H^2(V, \mathbb{Z}) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow & & \delta \downarrow \\ H^1(D, \mathbb{Z}) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{O}_D) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{O}_D^*) & \longrightarrow & H^2(D, \mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

Note that under the assumption $\text{Sing}(V) \subset D$, the usual Lefschetz theorem holds true to say that α is an isomorphism and δ is injective. Note also that β is an injection since $h^1(-D) = 0$ by Kodaira vanishing. Thus a standard diagram chase shows that γ is injective. So we are done. Q.E.D.

We also need the following technical fact.

(0.9) **Proposition.** *Let X be an irreducible, normal variety with at most rational singularities, and with $\dim X \geq 3$ and $\text{codSing}(X) \geq 3$. Let L be an ample line bundle on X . Let \mathcal{L} be a line bundle on X such that there are arbitrarily large integers N with $\mathcal{L}_A \sim \mathcal{O}_A$ for a general A in $|NL|$. Then $\mathcal{L} \sim \mathcal{O}_X$.*

Proof. Let x be a general point of X and let \mathcal{I}_x be the ideal sheaf of x in X . Let \mathcal{J} be the ideal sheaf of $\text{Sing}(X)$ in X . We can take N arbitrarily large such that $h^1(NL \otimes \mathcal{J} \otimes \mathcal{I}_x^{\otimes 2}) = 0$. This shows that $|NL \otimes \mathcal{J}|$ gives a map which is an embedding in a neighborhood of x . Therefore $NL \otimes \mathcal{J}$ is big and spanned off $\text{Sing}(X)$. Then it is a general fact (see e.g. [Hr], Chap. II, 7.17.3) that there exists a desingularization $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ with a spanned line bundle \tilde{L} on \tilde{X} such that $\tilde{L} \approx p^*(NL) - Z$ for some effective divisor Z on \tilde{X} and with $p_*(\tilde{L}) \cong NL \otimes \mathcal{J}$. Since $NL \otimes \mathcal{J}$ is big, \tilde{L} is also big.

Since X has rational singularities, the Kawamata-Viehweg vanishing theorem and the Serre duality apply to give $h^1(-A) = h^2(-A) = 0$. Therefore

$$H^1(\mathcal{O}_X) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_A).$$

Similarly, since \tilde{L} is spanned and big, $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{A}})$. Since X has rational singularities we also have $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and therefore

$$H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{A}}) \cong H^1(\mathcal{O}_A).$$

Consider the exact commutative diagram, given by the exponential sequences for A, \tilde{A}, X ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{A}}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\psi}} & \text{Pic}(\tilde{A}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & H^2(\tilde{A}, \mathbb{Z}) \\ p^* \parallel & & p^* \uparrow & & p^* \uparrow \\ H^1(\mathcal{O}_A) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \text{Pic}(A) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & H^2(A, \mathbb{Z}) \\ i^* \parallel & & i^* \uparrow & & i^* \uparrow \\ H^1(\mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Pic}(X) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

where i denotes the inclusion $i : A \hookrightarrow X$. Since $\mathcal{L}_A \sim \mathcal{O}_A$ one has $p^*\mathcal{L}_A \sim \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{A}}$ on \tilde{A} . This implies that $\tilde{\varphi}(mp^*\mathcal{L}_A) = 0$ in $H^2(\tilde{A}, \mathbb{Z})$ for some positive integer m . Therefore $mp^*\mathcal{L}_A = \tilde{\psi}^*(\tilde{b})$ for some $\tilde{b} \in H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{A}})$. Since $\tilde{b} = p^*b$ for some $b \in H^1(\mathcal{O}_A)$, we conclude that

$$p^*(m\mathcal{L}_A - \psi(b)) = 0 \text{ in } \text{Pic}(\tilde{A}).$$

Since X is Cohen-Macaulay and $\text{codSing}(X) \geq 3$, A is also Cohen-Macaulay and $\text{codSing}(A) \geq 2$. Then A is normal. Since \tilde{A} is smooth and p is birational it thus follows that

$$m\mathcal{L}_A - \psi(b) = 0 \text{ in } \text{Pic}(A),$$

or, since $\mathcal{L}_A = i^*\mathcal{L}$, $b = i^*b'$ for some $b' \in H^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$,

$$i^*(m\mathcal{L} - \alpha(b')) = 0 \text{ in } \text{Pic}(A).$$

Since i^* is an injection by Lemma (0.8), we conclude that $m\mathcal{L} - \alpha(b') = 0$ in $\text{Pic}(X)$ and hence $\beta(m\mathcal{L}) = 0$ in $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$. This implies that $m\mathcal{L}$, and hence \mathcal{L} , is numerically equivalent to \mathcal{O}_X . Q.E.D.

(0.10) Threefolds of log-general type. Let $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$ be as in (0.3) with $n = 3$ and let $d_j^\wedge, d_j, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$, the pluridegrees as in (0.4). We say that (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of *log-general type* if $K_X + L$ is nef and big. Hence in particular the second reduction (X', \mathcal{K}') , $\varphi : X \rightarrow X'$, of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) exists and the numbers d_j are positive in this case.

Let S^\wedge be a smooth element of $|L^\wedge|$ and S the corresponding smooth surface in $|L|$. Then by the adjunction formula K_S is nef. Furthermore K_S is also big since some multiple of K_S is the pullback of some ample divisor under the restriction of φ to S . Then S is a minimal surface of general type. Hence we have

$$(0.10.1) \quad d_2 = K_S \cdot K_S < 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S).$$

The Miyaoka inequality yields $d_2 \leq 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$. Note that the equality cannot happen. Otherwise S is a ball quotient and hence a $K(\pi, 1)$, which would contradict [S1], (1.3).

Assume that $\kappa(X) \geq 0$. Then from [S2], (1.5) and (3.1) we know that

$$(0.10.2) \quad d_3 \geq d_2 \geq d_1 \geq d$$

and

$$(0.10.3) \quad 8\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) \leq d_2 - d.$$

Note that if $\kappa(X) \geq 0$, then (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type. Indeed, if $h^0(tK_X) > 0$ for some positive integer t , then $t(K_X + L)$ gives a birational embedding, given on a Zariski open set by sections of $\Gamma(L)$, and thus $\kappa(K_X + L) = 3$. ■

We finally need the following general fact.

(0.11) **Lemma.** *Let V be a smooth connected variety, L an ample and spanned line bundle and \mathcal{L} any line bundle on V . Let A be a general member of $|L|$. Then $h^0(\mathcal{L}_A) \geq 2$ if $h^0(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2$.*

Proof. Since $h^0(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2$ we can take two independent sections $s, t \in H^0(\mathcal{L})$. Let D_s, D_t be the divisors defined by s, t . Note that $A \cap D_s \neq \emptyset$ and $A \cap D_t \neq \emptyset$, since otherwise all $A \in |L|$ would contain either D_s or D_t , contradicting the spannedness assumption. Note also that $A \cap D_s \neq A \cap D_t$ since otherwise we would have equality for all $A \in |L|$ and hence $D_s = D_t$ since A is spanned. This shows that the restrictions s_A, t_A are independent, so we are done. Q.E.D.

For any further background material we refer to [S5] and [BS].

§1. The log-general type case.

Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Assume that (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type. In this section we want to show that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 2$. Let us fix the following.

(1.0) **Assumption.** Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be as above and let (X, L) be the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . Let S^\wedge be a smooth element in $|L^\wedge|$ and let S be the corresponding smooth surface in $|L|$. Note that from Tsuji inequality (0.6) it follows that $h^0(K_X + L) \geq 1$. Thus we may assume that $h^0(K_X + L) = 1$ as well as

$$(1.0.1) \quad \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) (= \chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge})) = 1, \quad d_1 \leq 11.$$

We can also assume

$$(1.0.2) \quad h^0(K_X) = 0.$$

Indeed, if not, $h^0(K_X + L) \geq h^0(K_X) + h^0(L) - 1 \geq 4$.

The exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K_X \rightarrow K_X \otimes L \rightarrow K_S \rightarrow 0$$

gives $h^0(K_X + L) = \chi(K_X) + \chi(K_S) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - \chi(\mathcal{O}_X)$, whence, by (1.0.1) and since we are assuming $h^0(K_X + L) = 1$,

$$(1.0.3) \quad \chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_{X^\wedge}) = 0$$

and

$$(1.0.4) \quad q(S) = p_g(S) > 0.$$

Therefore $q(X) > 0$, so we can also assume by the Barth-Lefschetz theorem that $\Gamma(L^\wedge)$ embeds X^\wedge in \mathbb{P}^N with

$$(1.0.5) \quad N \geq 6.$$

Let $d_j^\wedge, d_j, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$, be the pluridegrees of $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$ respectively as in (0.4). We also have

$$(1.0.6) \quad d^\wedge \geq 10; \quad d_1 \geq 6; \quad d_2 \geq 3.$$

To see this, first note that we can clearly assume $d^\wedge \geq 9$, since S^\wedge is a surface of general type (see (0.10)), and X^\wedge is embedded in \mathbb{P}^N with $N \geq 6$, we have from [LS], (0.6) that $d^\wedge = \deg(S^\wedge) > 2(N-3) + 2 \geq 8$. Hence $d \geq 9$. Furthermore d_1, d_2, d_3 are positive. Use the Hodge index relations (0.4.1). From $d_1^2 \geq d_2 d_3$ we get $d_1 \geq 2$ and therefore $d_3 d_1 \leq d_2^2$ yields $d_2 \geq 2$. If $d_2 = 2$, $d_1^2 \geq d d_2$ gives $d_1 \geq 3$ and by parity $d_3 \geq 2$. Hence $d_2^2 \geq d_1 d_3 \geq 18$ gives $d_2 \geq 5$.

Hence $d \geq 9$ and therefore $d_1^2 \geq d d_2$ yields $d_1 \geq 5$. If $d^\wedge = 9$, Castelnuovo's bound (0.7) gives $g(L^\wedge) \leq 7$ and the genus formula leads to the contradiction $14 \leq d + d_1 \leq 12$. Thus $d \geq d^\wedge \geq 10$ and hence $d_1 \geq 6$ from $d_1^2 \geq d d_2 \geq 30$.

From (0.5) we derive the following useful numerical bound.

(1.1) Proposition. *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Assume that (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type and let (X, L) , $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$, be the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . Let γ be the number of points blown up under r . Let $d^\wedge := L^{\wedge 3}$ be the degree of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) and let d^\wedge, d_1, d_2, d_3 be as in (0.4). Let S^\wedge be a smooth element in $|L^\wedge|$. Assume that $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge}) = 1$, $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{X^\wedge}) = h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) = 0$ (see (1.0)). Then*

$$106 \geq (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge + d_3 + 12d_2 + 17d_1 + 5\gamma.$$

Proof. Since $\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - h^0(K_X + L)$, we get $h^0(K_X + L) = 1$. Moreover $h^0(K_X) = 0$. Then the inequality in (0.5.2) gives the result. Q.E.D.

We can prove now the main result of this section. As above let (X, L) , $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$ denote the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . Recall that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) = h^0(K_X + L)$ (see (0.3.1)).

(1.2) Theorem. *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Assume that (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type. Then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 2$.*

Proof. We may assume that all the assumptions as in (1.0), (1.1), and (1.0.6) hold true. Then, since $d_3 > 0$, $d_2 \geq 3$, $d_1 \geq 6$, from the inequality of (1.1) we find

$$106 \geq (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge + 1 + 36 + 102 = (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge + 139.$$

Hence $d^\wedge \leq 20$ is clearly not possible. Let $d^\wedge = 21$. Then $106 \geq -21 + 139$, again a contradiction. Thus $d \geq d^\wedge \geq 22$, so that $d_1^2 \geq d d_2$ gives $d_1^2 \geq 66$ or

$$d_1 \geq 9.$$

Let $d^\wedge = 22$. Then (1.1) yields the contradiction $106 \geq -44 + 37 + 153 = 146$. Thus $d^\wedge \geq 23$ and (1.1) gives again the contradiction $106 \geq -69 + 37 + 153 = 121$. Therefore we can assume $d^\wedge \geq 24$.

Case $d_2 = 3$. One has $d_2^2 = d_3 d_1 = 9$ with $d_3 = 1, d_1 = 9$. Let (X', \mathcal{K}') , $\mathcal{K}' \approx K_{X'} + L'$, be the second reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) (see (0.3)). Hence on X' we have, for a positive integer m ,

$$((m\mathcal{K}')^2 \cdot L')^2 = (m\mathcal{K}')^3(m\mathcal{K}' \cdot L'^2).$$

Since \mathcal{K}' is ample we can choose $m \gg 0$ and an irreducible divisor $A \in |m\mathcal{K}'|$ which contains all singularities of X' (recall that X' has isolated singularities). Therefore

$$(A_A \cdot L'_A)^2 = (A^2 \cdot L')^2 = (A^3)(A \cdot L'^2) = (A_A^2)(L'_A{}^2).$$

Then there exist rational numbers λ, μ such that $\lambda L'_A \sim \mu A_A$. Note that we may take λ even so that $\lambda L'$ is a line bundle (see (0.3)). Hence $(\lambda L' - \mu A)_A \sim \mathcal{O}_A$. Therefore, by (0.9), $\lambda L' \sim \mu A$ on X' and hence

$$\lambda L' \sim \mu m\mathcal{K}' \sim \mu m K_{X'} + \mu m L'.$$

Since $\mu m - \lambda > 0$ for $m \gg 0$, this implies that $-K_{X'}$ is ample, so that $q(X) = q(X') = 0$. This contradicts the assumption (1.0.4).

Case $d_2 \geq 4$. Let $d_2 = 4$. Then by the parity condition (0.4.2) we have $d_3 \geq 2$ and therefore we find the contradiction $16 = d_2^2 \geq d_1 d_3 \geq 18$.

Thus $d_2 \geq 5$. Note that we can assume $K_{X'} + 3\mathcal{K}' \approx 4\mathcal{K}' - L'$ to be nef and not numerically trivial on X' . Indeed otherwise (see [M], (2.1) and also [BS], (2.1), (1.3)) $(X', \mathcal{K}') \cong (\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$. This contradicts our present assumption $q(X) = q(X') > 0$. Therefore

$$(4\mathcal{K}' - L') \cdot \mathcal{K}' \cdot \mathcal{K}' = 4d_3' - d_2' = 4d_3 - d_2 > 0$$

or $4d_3 > d_2 (\geq 5)$. Thus $d_3 \geq 2$. Since $d_2 \geq 5$ and $d \geq d^\wedge \geq 24$, $d_1^2 \geq dd_2 \geq 120$ yields $d_1 \geq 11$. If $d_2 = 5$ then $d_3 \geq 3$ by the parity condition, so that we have the contradiction $25 = d_2^2 \geq d_3 d_1 \geq 33$. Therefore $d_2 \geq 6$ and $d_1^2 \geq dd_2 \geq 144$ gives $d_1 \geq 12$. By using the Tsuji inequality (0.6) (see also (1.0.1)), this implies $h^0(K_X + L) \geq 2$, so we are done. Q.E.D.

§2. The case of non-negative Kodaira dimension, I.

(2.0) Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Let (X, L) be the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . From now on we further assume that $\kappa(X^\wedge) = \kappa(X) \geq 0$. Hence in particular (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type (see (0.10)). ■

The aim of this section is to prove that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 4$. To this purpose let us fix the following.

(2.1) **Assumptions.** Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be as in (2.0). Let S^\wedge be a smooth element of $|L^\wedge|$ and let S be the corresponding smooth surface in $|L|$. Let $d_j^\wedge, d_j, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$, be the pluridegrees of $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$ respectively as in (0.4). We can assume

$$(2.1.1) \quad d_3 \geq d_2 \geq d_1 \geq d \geq 8.$$

Indeed, let $X^\wedge \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$, $N \geq 4$, be the embedding given by $\Gamma(L^\wedge)$. Let $N = 4$. Then the assumption $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$ implies $d^\wedge \geq 5$, so that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 5$. Therefore we can assume $N \geq 5$ and hence from [LS], (0.6) we have $d^\wedge := L^{\wedge 3} \geq 3(N - 3) + 2 \geq 8$. Thus (2.1.1) follows from (0.10.2). We can also assume

$$(2.1.2) \quad h^0(K_X) = 0.$$

Indeed, otherwise, $\Gamma(K_X + L)$ would define a birational map, given on a Zariski open set by sections of $\Gamma(L)$, and hence $h^0(K_X + L) \geq 4$.

Moreover from [S5], (2.2), (2.2') we know that

$$(2.1.3) \quad h^0(K_X + L) \geq 3; \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) (= \chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge})) \geq 3. \quad \blacksquare$$

First let us show some numerical results we need.

(2.2) **Lemma.** *Let $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$ be as in (2.0) with the assumptions as in (2.1). Then either $h^0(K_X + L) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$ or*

$$d_3 \geq d_2 + 2; d_2 \geq d_1 + 2; d_1 \geq d + 2.$$

Proof. Let S be a smooth element in $|L|$ and let L_S be the restriction of L to S . Since $\kappa(X) \geq 0$, one has $h^0(mK_X) > 0$ for some positive integer m . Then either $K_X \cdot L \cdot L > 0$ or $K_X \sim \mathcal{O}_X$. In the first case we have $d_1 - d = (K_S - L_S) \cdot L_S = K_X \cdot L \cdot L > 0$ or $d_1 \geq d + 1$. By the parity condition (0.4.2) we conclude $d_1 \geq d + 2$. In the second case $L - K_X$ is ample so that $\chi(L) = h^0(L)$. Since $K_X \sim \mathcal{O}_X$ we also have $\chi(L) = \chi(K_X + L) = h^0(K_X + L)$. Thus $h^0(K_X + L) (= h^0(K_X^\wedge + L^\wedge)) = h^0(L) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$.

From (0.10.2) we know that $d_3 \geq d_2$. Assume $d_3 = d_2$. Recalling that $d_2 = d'_2, d_3 = d'_3$, we have on the second reduction $(X', \mathcal{K}'), \mathcal{K}' \approx K_{X'} + L'$ (see (0.3)), $\mathcal{K}' \cdot \mathcal{K}' \cdot (\mathcal{K}' - L') = 0$ and therefore, since \mathcal{K}' is ample, $\mathcal{K}' \sim L'$ that is $K_{X'} \sim \mathcal{O}_{X'}$ and L' is ample. Then as above we have $h^0(K_X + L) = h^0(L')$. Since $h^0(L') \geq h^0(L) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$ we get $h^0(K_X + L) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$ in this case. To see that $h^0(L') \geq h^0(L)$ note that $L \approx \varphi^* L' - \mathcal{D}$ as \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisor on X' , where $\varphi : X \rightarrow X'$ is the second reduction map and \mathcal{D} is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisor (see [BS], (4.5)). Thus we conclude that either $h^0(K_X + L) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$ or $d_3 \geq d_2 + 1$. In the latter case $d_3 \geq d_2 + 2$ by parity condition (0.4.2).

It remains to show that $d_2 \geq d_1 + 2$. From (0.10.2) we know that $d_2 \geq d_1$. Assume $d_2 = d_1$. Then $d_1^2 = d_2^2 \geq d_3 d_1$ implies $d_1 \geq d_3$. Hence, by using again (0.10.2), we conclude $d_3 = d_2 (= d_1)$. Therefore, exactly the same argument above shows that $h^0(K_X + L) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$. Thus we can assume $d_2 \geq d_1 + 1$. If $d_2 = d_1 + 1$ we find

$$d_2^2 = (d_1 + 1)^2 \geq d_1 d_3 \geq d_1(d_2 + 2) = d_1(d_1 + 3).$$

Then $d_1^2 + 2d_1 + 1 \geq d_1^2 + 3d_1$, whence $d_1 \leq 1$. This contradicts (2.1.1). Therefore $d_2 \geq d_1 + 2$ and we are done. Q.E.D.

(2.3) Lemma. Let $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$ be as in (2.0) with the assumptions as in (2.1). Let S^\wedge be a smooth element of $|L^\wedge|$ and let S be the corresponding smooth surface in $|L|$. Let $d := L^3$. Then

$$d(d - 17) + 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 18.$$

Proof. Let $d^\wedge = L^{\wedge 3}$. Let γ be the number of points blown up under the first reduction map $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$. Then $d^\wedge = d - \gamma$, $K_{S^\wedge} \cdot K_{S^\wedge} = d_2^\wedge = d_2 - \gamma$ and Lemma (0.5.3) yields

$$(d - \gamma)(d - 5 - \gamma) - 10(g(L) - 1) + 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 2d_2 - 2\gamma$$

or

$$(2.3.1) \quad d(d - 5) - 10(g(L) - 1) - 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) + \gamma(\gamma + 7 - 2d) \geq 2d_2.$$

We claim that $\gamma(\gamma + 7 - 2d) \leq 0$. Indeed otherwise $\gamma + 7 > 2d$, or $2d - \gamma = d + d^\wedge \leq 6$. This contradicts (2.1.1). Therefore (2.3.1) reads

$$d(d - 5) - 10(g(L) - 1) + 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 2d_2.$$

Since $2g(L) - 2 = d + d_1$ this is equivalent to

$$(2.3.2) \quad d(d - 10) + 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 2d_2 + 5d_1.$$

By Lemma (2.2) we get $2d_2 + 5d_1 \geq 2d + 8 + 5d + 10 = 7d + 18$. Thus (2.3.2) gives the result. Q.E.D.

We can now prove the main result of this section.

(2.4) Theorem *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Assume that $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$. Let (X, L) be the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . Then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) (= h^0(K_X + L)) \geq 4$.*

Proof. We can suppose the assumptions in (2.1) are satisfied. Let S be a smooth element in $|L|$. From (2.1.3) we know that $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 3$. Use Tsuji inequality (0.6). If $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq 6$ we have the result. If $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = 5$, we have $2h^0(K_X + L) \geq 5 + \frac{d_1}{12} + \frac{d_3}{32}$. Recall that (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type since $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$. Then the same argument as in the proof of Theorem (1.2) implies $d_1 \geq 12$. Therefore $\frac{d_1}{12} + \frac{d_3}{32} > 1$ and hence $2h^0(K_X + L) > 6$, that is $h^0(K_X + L) \geq 4$. Thus it remains to consider the cases $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = 3, 4$. Recall that $d_2 = K_S \cdot K_S < 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$ by (0.10.1). Let γ be the number of points blown up under the first reduction map $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$. By combining Lemma (2.2) and Proposition (0.5.2), with $h^0(K_X) = 0$ in view of (2.1.2), we find

$$(2.4.1) \quad 44h^0(K_X + L) + 58\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq (50 - d)d + 84 := f(d).$$

Clearly the function $f(d)$ reaches the maximum for $d = 25$ and it is symmetric with respect to the $d = 25$ axis.

Let $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = 3$. Then, by Lemma (2.2), $9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = 27 > d_2 \geq d + 4$, so that $d \leq 22$. Moreover Lemma (2.3) yields $d(d - 17) + 18 \geq 0$ or $d \geq 16$. For $16 \leq d \leq 22$, $f(d) \geq f(16) = 632$. Thus (2.4.1) gives $44h^0(K_X + L) + 178 \geq 632$, or $h^0(K_X + L) \geq 11$.

Let $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = 4$. Lemma (2.2) yields $36 > d_2 \geq d + 4$, whence $d \leq 31$ and Lemma (2.3) gives $d(d - 17) + 30 \geq 0$, or $d \geq 15$. For $15 \leq d \leq 31$, $f(d) \geq f(15) = 613$. Thus (2.4.1) reads $44h^0(K_X + L) + 236 \geq 613$, or $h^0(K_X + L) \geq 9$. Q.E.D.

(2.5) Remark (the stable case). Notation and assumptions as in (2.4). We have the following explicit lower bound for $h^0(K_X + L)$ in terms of $d := L^3$,

$$d < 9h^0(K_X + L).$$

To see this, use Tsuji inequality (0.6) and inequalities (0.10.2). One has

$$2h^0(K_X + L) - \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq \frac{d_1}{12} + \frac{d_3}{32} \geq \frac{d}{12} + \frac{d}{32} = \frac{11d}{96}.$$

Therefore

$$(2.5.1) \quad 11d + 96\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \leq 192h^0(K_X + L).$$

Note that since $d_2 \geq d$ and $d_2 < 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$ we find $9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) > d$. Hence (2.5.1) yields

$$11d + \frac{32}{3}d < 192h^0(K_X + L).$$

This gives the result. Q.E.D.

§3. The case of non negative Kodaira dimension, II.

Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Assume that $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$. Let (X, L) be the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . The aim of this section is to prove that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) (= h^0(K_X + L)) \geq 5$ with equality only if (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a smooth quintic hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^4 .

First, let us show an easy consequence of [Mi], (1.1) that we need.

(3.1) Proposition. *Let V be a smooth threefold and let S be a smooth surface which is an ample divisor on V . Let H be the line bundle associated to S . Let $d_j := (K_V + H)^j \cdot H^{3-j}$, $j = 0, 1, 2$, $d_0 = d$. Assume that K_V is nef. Then*

$$d_2 + \frac{d_1 + d}{4} \leq 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$$

and, if $K_V \sim \mathcal{O}_V$, $d_2 \leq 6\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$.

Proof. Let H_S be the restriction of H to S . From [Mi], (1.1) we have $K_V \cdot K_V \cdot H \leq 3c_2(V) \cdot H$. Therefore, since $K_V \cdot K_V \cdot H = (K_S - H_S) \cdot (K_S - H_S)$ by the adjunction formula and $c_2(V) \cdot H = e(S) - K_S \cdot H_S$ by the Chern relation $c(S)c(H_S) = c(V)$, where $c(\cdot)$ stands for the total Chern class $1 + c_1(\cdot) + c_2(\cdot) + \dots$, we find

$$d_2 - 2d_1 + d \leq 3e(S) - 3d_1$$

or, since $d_2 = K_S \cdot K_S$,

$$(3.1.1) \quad d_2 + d_1 + d \leq 3e(S) = 36\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - 3d_2.$$

Therefore $\frac{d_1 + d}{4} \leq 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - d_2$.

If $K_V \sim \mathcal{O}_V$, we have $d_1 = d_2 = d$ and hence (3.1.1) gives $d_2 \leq 6\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$. Q.E.D.

The following further numerical condition is the main technical tool we need to improve the results of §2.

(3.2) Proposition (Key-Lemma). *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Assume that $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$. Let (X, L) , $\tau : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$, be the first reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . Let S be a general smooth element in $|L|$. Further assume that $d_2 = 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - 1$. Then $d_1 \geq 4 + d$.*

Proof. First, note that the assumption on d_2 implies that

-) S does not contain (-2) -rational curves.

Since $e(S) = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - d_2$ we find $3e(S) - d_2 = 4$. Let k be the number of (-2) -rational curves on S . Then the Miyaoka inequality $k \leq \frac{2}{9}(3e(S) - K_S \cdot K_S)$ (see [BPV], p. 215) gives $k \leq \frac{8}{9}$ that is $k = 0$.

Note also that by the parity condition (0.4.2), $d_1 \neq 3 + d$. Therefore it is enough to show that $d_1 > 2 + d$. Then let us assume $d_1 - d \leq 2$. In view of Proposition (3.1) we can assume K_X not nef. Indeed otherwise we would have $d_1 + d \leq 4$ and hence $2d^\wedge \leq 2d \leq 4$, which is clearly not possible. Since K_X is not nef, the Mori Cone theorem says that there exists an extremal ray R . Let $\varphi = \text{cont}_R : X \rightarrow Y$ be the contraction of R and let E be the locus of R , that is the locus of curves of X whose numerical classes are in R . According to Mori [Mo] we know that either

- i) $E \cong \mathbb{P}^2$, $\mathcal{N}_E^X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-a)$, $a = 1, 2$;
- ii) $E \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, $\mathcal{N}_E^X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(-1, -1)$;
- iii) $E \cong Q$, Q quadric cone in \mathbb{P}^3 , $\mathcal{N}_E^X \cong \mathcal{O}_Q(-1)$, or
- iv) E is isomorphic to a \mathbb{P}^1 bundle over $\rho(E)$, $\rho(E)$ nonsingular curve and $\mathcal{N}_{E|f}^X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$ for any fiber f of $E \rightarrow \rho(E)$.

Furthermore $\rho(E)$ is a point in the first three cases and ρ is the blowing up along $\rho(E)$ in each case.

Case i). Assume $a = 1$. One has $K_X \approx \rho^* K_Y + 2E$. Then

$$d_1 - d = K_X \cdot L \cdot L = \rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L + 2E \cdot L \cdot L.$$

Since $d_1 - d \leq 2$, $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L \geq 0$ by the assumption $\kappa(X) \geq 0$, and $E \cdot L \cdot L \geq 1$ we conclude that $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L = 0$, $E \cdot L \cdot L = 1$. Thus $L_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$. Since $K_{X|E} \approx K_E - \det \mathcal{N}_E^X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-2)$ we get $(K_X + L)_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1)$. Since (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is of log-general type, $K_X + L$ is nef, so we find a contradiction.

Assume $a = 2$. In this case $2K_X \approx \rho^* 2K_Y + E$ and Y has a 2-factorial singularity. As above, $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L \geq 0$ and therefore

$$(3.2.1) \quad 4 \geq 2(d_1 - d) = 2K_X \cdot L \cdot L = \rho^* 2K_Y \cdot L \cdot L + E \cdot L \cdot L$$

implies $E \cdot L \cdot L = L_E \cdot L_E \leq 4$ and hence $L_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(m)$, $m = 1, 2$. Since $K_{X|E} \approx K_E - \det \mathcal{N}_E^X \approx \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1)$ we get $(K_X + L)_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(m - 1)$.

Let $m = 1$ and let C be a line in $|L_E| = |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)|$. Then $K_{S|C} \approx (K_X + L)_C \approx \mathcal{O}_C$, that is $K_S \cdot C = 0$. Then $C^2 = -2$. This contradicts \bullet) above.

Let $m = 2$. Then $E \cdot L \cdot L = 4$ so that (3.2.1) gives $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L = 0$. Since $\kappa(X) \geq 0$, $h^0(NK_X) > 0$ and hence $h^0(2NK_Y) > 0$ for some $N > 0$. Therefore $2K_Y \sim \mathcal{O}_Y$ and hence $2K_X \sim E$. Thus we find the contradiction

$$2K_X \cdot (K_X + L) \cdot (K_X + L) = (K_X + L)_E \cdot (K_X + L)_E = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) = 1.$$

Cases ii), iii). In these cases, Y is factorial and $K_X \approx \rho^* K_Y + E$. Let $E \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. One has again $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L \geq 0$ and hence

$$2 \geq d_1 - d = K_X \cdot L \cdot L = \rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L + E \cdot L \cdot L$$

implies $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L = 0$, $E \cdot L \cdot L = L_E \cdot L_E = 2$. Then $L_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(1, 1)$. Since $K_{X|Q} \approx \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(-1, -1)$ we find $(K_X + L)_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}$. Let C be a smooth curve in $|L_E| = |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(1, 1)|$. Therefore $K_{S|C} \approx (K_X + L)_C \approx \mathcal{O}_C$, that is $K_S \cdot C = 0$. Then $C^2 = -2$. This contradicts again \bullet) above.

The same argument rules out the case when E is a quadric cone.

Case iv). In this case Y is smooth and $K_X \approx \rho^* K_Y + E$. Note that since L is very ample outside of a finite set of point and E is a \mathbb{P}^1 bundle one has $E \cdot L \cdot L \geq 2$. Thus the usual argument, by using $d_1 - d \leq 2$, $\rho^* K_Y \cdot L \cdot L \geq 0$, implies that $E \cdot L \cdot L = 2$. Hence $E \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and $L_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(1, 1)$. Let f be a fiber of $E \rightarrow \rho(E)$. Since $\mathcal{N}_f^E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ and $\mathcal{N}_{E|f}^X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$ we get $\det \mathcal{N}_f^X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$ and therefore $K_{X|f} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)$, so that $(K_X + L)_f \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$. By a consequence of Bertini's theorem (see [S3], (0.6.2)) we can assume that the general element S of $|L|$ contains f and S, E intersect transversely along f . Then $K_{S|f} = (K_X + L)_f \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$, that is $K_S \cdot f = 0$. Therefore $(f \cdot f)_S = -2$, so we contradict again \bullet) and we are done. Q.E.D.

We can prove now the main result of the paper.

(3.3) Theorem. *Let (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) be a smooth threefold polarized with a very ample line bundle L^\wedge . Let S^\wedge be a smooth surface in $|L^\wedge|$. Assume that $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$. Then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 5$ with equality only if (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a smooth quintic hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^4 . Furthermore either $p_g(S^\wedge) \geq 6$ or S^\wedge is a degree $d^\wedge = 5$ surface in \mathbb{P}^3 with $p_g(S^\wedge) = 4$.*

Proof. Let (X, L) , $r : X^\wedge \rightarrow X$ be the reduction of (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) . Let S be a smooth element in $|L|$ corresponding to S^\wedge and γ the number of points blown up under r .

Let $d_j^\wedge, d_j, j = 0, 1, 2, 3$, be the pluridegrees of $(X^\wedge, L^\wedge), (X, L)$. From (2.4) we know that $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 4$. Thus we can assume $h^0(K_X + L) \leq 5$. From

$$h^0(K_X + L) \geq h^0(K_X) + h^0(L) - 1 \geq h^0(K_X) + h^0(L^\wedge) - 1$$

we see that $h^0(K_X) \geq 1$ implies $h^0(L^\wedge) \leq 5$. Since $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$ one has $h^0(L^\wedge) = 5$ and (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^4 . Since $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) = h^0(K_X + L) \leq 5$ we have $d^\wedge = 5$. Therefore in what follows we can assume $h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) = h^0(K_X) = 0$ (compare with (2.1.2)). We can also assume that the numerical inequalities of (2.2) hold true. Indeed, if not, we would have $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq h^0(L^\wedge) \geq 5$ and hence either $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + L^\wedge) \geq 6$, in which case we are done, or $h^0(L^\wedge) = 5$, and we would fall again in the special case above. By using this and all numerical conditions stated in previous sections, namely (note that not all the following conditions are the best possible):

- 1) $1 \leq \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \leq 2h^0(K_X + L)$ (from S being of general type and Tsuji inequality (0.6));
- 2) $5 \leq d \leq d_2 \leq 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$ (from (2.1.1) and Miyaoka inequality);
- 3) $2g(L) - 2 = d_1 + d$ (the genus formula (0.2));
- 4) $d + 1 \leq g(L) \leq 12(2h^0(K_X + L) - \chi(\mathcal{O}_S))$ (genus formula and $d_1 \leq d$ (see (2.1.1)) give the lower bound as well as $g(L) \leq d_1 + 1$. Then the Tsuji inequality (0.6) gives the upper bound);
- 5) $d + 2 \leq d_2 \leq 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$ (from $d_1 \leq d$, and the Miyaoka inequality);
- 6) $d_1^2 \geq dd_2$ (Hodge index relation (0.4.1));
- 7) $d_2 \geq 8(\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - h^0(K_X + L)) + d$ (from (0.10.3));
- 8) $d_2 + 2 \leq d_3 \leq d_2^2/d_1$ (from (2.2) and (0.4.1));
- 9) $d_2 = d_3 \pmod{2}$ (parity condition (0.4.1));
- 10) $0 \leq \gamma \leq d - 5$ (from $\gamma = d - d^\wedge$ and $d \geq d^\wedge \geq 5$ (see proof of (2.1.1)));
- 11) $d^\wedge = d - \gamma, d_1^\wedge = d_1 + \gamma, d_2^\wedge = d_2 - \gamma$ (from (0.4));
- 12) $d^\wedge(d^\wedge - 5) - 10(g(L) - 1) + 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq d_2^2$ (Lemma (0.5.3));
- 13) $2h^0(K_X + L) - \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) \geq (8d_1 + 3d_3)/96$ (from Tsuji inequality (0.6));
- 14) $44h^0(K_X + L) + 58\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) + 4 \geq 12d_2 + 17d_1 + d_3 + (20 - d^\wedge)d^\wedge$ (Proposition (0.5.2)),

We carried these computations out by using a simple Pascal program that we include for completeness at the end of the proof. In the remaining case above one has $d_2 = 9\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - 1$ and $d_1 < d + 4$. Therefore Proposition (3.2) applies to rule it out. Thus, except for smooth quintic hypersurfaces in $\mathbb{P}^4, h^0(K_X + L) \geq 6$. This proves the first part of the statement.

To show that $p_g(S^\wedge)(= p_g(S)) \geq 6$, look at the exact sequence

$$(3.3.1) \quad 0 \rightarrow K_{X^\wedge} \rightarrow K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^\wedge \rightarrow K_{S^\wedge} \rightarrow 0.$$

By what already proven we can assume $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^\wedge) \geq 6$. Indeed otherwise (S^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a smooth quintic surface in \mathbb{P}^3 with $p_g(S^\wedge) = 4$. If $h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) = 0$, then $p_g(S) \geq h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^\wedge) \geq 6$, so we are done. Thus we may assume $h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) \geq 1$. We may also assume that S^\wedge lies in \mathbb{P}^N with $N \geq 4$, so that

$$(3.3.2) \quad h^0(L_{S^\wedge}^\wedge) \geq 5.$$

Indeed, if $|L_{S^\wedge}^\wedge|$ embeds S^\wedge in \mathbb{P}^3 as a surface of degree $d^\wedge = L^\wedge \cdot L^\wedge \cdot L^\wedge$, we have

$$p_g(S) = h^0(K_{S^\wedge}) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge}(d^\wedge - 4)) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(d^\wedge - 4)) \geq 6$$

as soon as $d^\wedge \geq 6$. Since $\kappa(X^\wedge) \geq 0$, we have $d^\wedge \geq 5$ and either we are in the special case where S^\wedge is a degree $d^\wedge = 5$ surface in \mathbb{P}^3 or $h^0(L_{S^\wedge}^\wedge) \geq 5$. Note that

$$(3.3.3) \quad p_g(S) = h^0(K_{X^\wedge|S^\wedge} + L_{S^\wedge}^\wedge) \geq h^0(K_{X^\wedge|S^\wedge}) + h^0(L_{S^\wedge}^\wedge) - 1.$$

Assume $h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) \geq 2$. Then by Lemma (0.11) we get $h^0(K_{X^\wedge|S^\wedge}) \geq 2$, so we are done by combining (3.3.2) and (3.3.3). Thus, by the above, we can assume $h^0(K_{X^\wedge}) = 1$, $h^0(L_{S^\wedge}^\wedge) = 5$. Hence in particular X^\wedge lies in \mathbb{P}^5 so that $q(X^\wedge) = q(S^\wedge) = 0$. Therefore from the exact cohomology sequence associated to (3.3.1) we conclude that $h^1(K_{X^\wedge}) = 0$, $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{X^\wedge}) (= \chi(\mathcal{O}_X)) = 0$, and $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{S^\wedge}) (= \chi(\mathcal{O}_S)) = 6$. Now, the same Pascal program used above, running now with the invariants $\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = 0$, $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) = 6$, and the double point inequality (0.5.3) as an equality, shows that there are no possible cases. Q.E.D.

Pascal Program listing invariants when $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^\wedge) \leq 5$.

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var    h0, h0KL, chiS, d, g, d1, d2, d3, gamma, dhat, d1hat, d2hat, d3hat: longint;

begin
  writeln(' ', h0KL, ' ', chiS, ' ', d, ' ', g, ' ', gamma, ' ', d1, ' ', d2, ' ', d3);
  for h0KL := 1 to 5 do
    begin
      for chiS := 1 to 2 * h0KL do
        begin
          for d := 5 to 9 * chiS do
            begin
              for g := d + 1 to 12 * (2 * h0KL - chiS) + 1 do
                begin
                  d1 := 2 * g - 2 - d;
                  for d2 := d1 + 2 to 9 * chiS do
                    begin
                      if d2 <= d1 * d1 div d then
                        if 8 * (chiS - h0KL) <= d2 - d then
                          for d3 := d2 + 2 to d2 * d2 div d1 do
                            begin
                              if 0 = (d3 - d2) mod 2 then
                                for gamma := 0 to d - 5 do
                                  begin
                                    dhat := d - gamma;
                                    d1hat := d1 + gamma;
                                    d2hat := d2 - gamma;
                                    if dhat * (dhat - 5) - 10 * (g - 1) + 12 * chiS >= 2 * d2hat then
                                      if 2 * h0KL - chiS >= (32 * d1 + 12 * d3 + 12 * 32 - 1) div (12 * 32) then
                                        if 44 * h0KL + 58 * chiS + 4 >= 12 * d2 + 17 * d1 + d3
                                          + (20 - dhat) * dhat + 5 * gamma then
                                          writeln(h0KL, chiS, d, g, gamma, d1, d2, d3);
                                    end;
                                  end;
                                end;
                              end;
                            end;
                          end;
                        end;
                      end;
                    end;
                  end;
                end;
              end;
            end;
          end;
        end;
      end;
    end;
  end.

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Let us point out the following standard consequence of the results above in the higher dimensional case.

(3.4) **Remark** (the higher dimensional case). Let L^\wedge be a very ample line bundle on an projective manifold, X^\wedge , of dimension $n \geq 3$. Let V be the 3-fold obtained as the transversal intersection of $n - 3$ general elements A_1, \dots, A_{n-3} of $|L^\wedge|$. Let \mathcal{L} be the restriction of L^\wedge to V . Then we have:

1. If (V, \mathcal{L}) is of log-general type, then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + (n - 2)L^\wedge) \geq 2$;
2. If $\kappa(V) \geq 0$, e.g. if the Kodaira dimension of $K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge n-3}$ is non-negative, then $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge n-2}) \geq 5$ with equality only if $n = 3$ and (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a degree 5 hypersurface of \mathbb{P}^4 .

If $n = 3$ the result is proved in the Theorems (1.2) and (3.3). Therefore we can assume $n \geq 4$. The Kodaira vanishing theorem yields

$$h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge n-2}) \geq h^0(K_V + \mathcal{L}).$$

Then 1) follows from the corresponding $n = 3$ statement (1.2). By using again the inequality above and (3.3) we have either $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} \otimes L^{\wedge n-2}) \geq 6$ or $h^0(K_V + \mathcal{L}) = 5$ and (V, \mathcal{L}) is a quintic hypersurface of \mathbb{P}^4 . In this case, since L^\wedge is very ample, it is easy to see that (X^\wedge, L^\wedge) is a degree 5 hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^{n+1} and $h^0(K_{X^\wedge} + (n - 2)L^\wedge) = n + 2 \geq 6$. This shows 2).

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