

Almost PSH Functions on Calabi's Bundles

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ABSTRACT. *We give an explicit lower bound for almost psh functions on some Fano manifolds. These manifolds generalize those introduced by Calabi in [5], and also provide a generalization of the concept of the blowing-up of $\mathbb{P}_m\mathbb{C}$ at one point. To this end, we use a method introduced in [4], which consists of studying the behavior of psh functions along some well-chosen holomorphic curves.*

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1. Introduction and Statement of Results

1.1. The Manifold M Bundled in $\mathbb{P}_n\mathbb{C}$.

Let $\mathbb{P}_k\mathbb{C}$ be the complex projective space of complex dimension k , and let $[z_0, z_1, \dots, z_k]$ denote the homogeneous coordinates in $\mathbb{P}_k\mathbb{C}$. We define M as the sub-manifold of $\mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{P}_{nm}\mathbb{C}$, where $m > 1$ and $n > 0$, consisting of the points

$$([Z], [z_m, z_{m+1}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+n}Z^a]) \in \mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{P}_{nm}\mathbb{C},$$

where a is a positive integer, $Z = [z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}] \in \mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C}$, $[z_m, z_{m+1}, \dots, z_{m+n}] \in \mathbb{P}_n\mathbb{C}$ and $Z^a = [z_0^a, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a]$. Note that $\dim(M) = m + n - 1$, and that, in the above description, the point $[z_m, z_{m+1}, \dots, z_{m+n}]$ of $\mathbb{P}_n\mathbb{C}$ depends on the choice of the coordinates $(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1})$ of the basis point $[Z]$. An equivalent description is

the following:

$$M = \left\{ ([z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}], [z_m; z_{m+1}, \dots, z_{2m}; \dots; z_{nm+1}, \dots, z_{(n+1)m}]) \in \mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{P}_{nm}\mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } \forall p \in \{1, \dots, n\}, (z_{pm+1}, \dots, z_{(p+1)m}) \text{ and } (z_0^a, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a) \text{ are } \mathbb{C}\text{-parallel} \right\}$$

We introduce two other coordinate systems, which will be more convenient for our later computations. We use the first, which we denote by S , when all components are not zero; in this case, the choice of homogeneous coordinates in the basis is immaterial, and S is given by

$$([z_1, \dots, z_m], [1; z_1^a, \dots, z_m^a; z_{m+1}(z_1^a, \dots, z_m^a); \dots; z_{m+n-1}(z_1^a, \dots, z_m^a)]) \in \mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{P}_{nm}\mathbb{C}.$$

The second coordinate system, which we denote S' , is given, in the local chart $\{z_0 \neq 0, z_m \neq 0\}$, when we use the description

$$([z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}], [z_m; z_{m+1}(z_0^a, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a); \dots; z_{m+n}(z_0^a, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a)]) \in M,$$

by

$$([1, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}], [1; z_{m+1}(1, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a); \dots; z_{m+n}(1, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a)]) \in M.$$

Thus, in order to make our proofs more readable, sometimes we shall work in S and sometimes in S' .

1.2. The Metric g on M

First, we endow $\mathbb{P}_k\mathbb{C}$ by the Fubini Study metric g_k whose components, in the chart $\{[z_0, z_1, \dots, z_k] \in \mathbb{P}_k\mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } z_0 \neq 0\}$, are given by

$$g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} = \partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} \ln(1 + x_1 + \dots + x_k)$$

where $x_i = |z_i|^2$ and $\partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_\lambda \partial \bar{z}_\mu}$. Then, we consider the projections π_1 and π_2 of M respectively on $\mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{mn}\mathbb{C}$, and define the metric g on M by

$$g = \alpha \pi_1^* g_{m-1} + \beta \pi_2^* g_{mn}.$$

Its components in the local chart S' are given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} &= \alpha\partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} \ln(1 + x_1 + \dots + x_{m-1}) \\ &\quad + \beta\partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} \ln\{1 + x_{m+1}(1 + x_1^a + \dots + x_{m-1}^a) \\ &\quad + \dots + x_{m+n}(1 + x_1^a + \dots + x_{m-1}^a)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $x_i = |z_i|^2$ and $\lambda, \mu = 1, \dots, m-1, m+1, \dots, m+n$. In the coordinate system S , its components are given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} &= \alpha\partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} \ln(x_1 + \dots + x_m) + \beta\partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} \ln\{1 + (x_1^a + \dots + x_m^a) \\ &\quad + x_{m+1}(x_1^a + \dots + x_m^a) + \dots + x_{m+n-1}(x_1^a + \dots + x_m^a)\}. \end{aligned}$$

We shall later prove

PROPOSITION 1.1. *For $\alpha = m - na$ and $\beta = n + 1$, the metric g belongs to the first Chern class $C_1(M)$; therefore, M is Fano.*

The metric g will be considered with $\alpha = m - na$ and $\beta = n + 1$.

1.3. The Automorphisms Group G on M

Let us consider the automorphisms group G_{m-1} on $\mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C}$ spanned by the automorphisms $\sigma_{i,j}$ and $\tau_{l,\theta}$ defined $\forall i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$, $l \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{i,j}([z_0, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_j, \dots, z_k, \dots, z_{m-1}]) \\ = [z_0, \dots, z_j, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_k, \dots, z_{m-1}] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tau_{l,\theta}([z_0, \dots, z_l, \dots, z_{m-1}]) = [z_0, \dots, z_l e^{i\theta}, \dots, z_{m-1}].$$

On $\mathbb{P}_{mn}\mathbb{C}$, we define another automorphisms group G_{mn} , spanned by:

1) $\varphi_{k,l}$, $k, l \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{k,l}([z_m, z_{m+1}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+k}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+l}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+n}Z^a]) \\ = ([z_m, z_{m+1}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+l}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+k}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+n}Z^a]) \end{aligned}$$

where $Z^a = (z_0^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a) \in \mathbb{C}^m$.

2) for $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$, and $l \in \{0, \dots, n\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau'_{l,\theta}([z_m, z_{m+1}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+l}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+n}Z^a]) \\ = ([z_m, z_{m+1}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+l}e^{i\theta}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+n}Z^a]). \end{aligned}$$

3) The above defined automorphisms $\sigma_{i,j}$ and $\tau_{l,\theta}$ of G_{m-1} , acting only on $Z = (z_0, \dots, z_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^m$ in the description

$$([z_m, z_{m+1}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+k}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+l}Z^a, \dots, z_{m+n}Z^a]).$$

The groups G_{m-1} and G_{mn} generate a natural automorphisms group G on M , which we use later on.

1.4. The Extremal Function ψ on M

Let us consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1 = \ln \left\{ \frac{(|z_0^{(0)}| \dots |z_{m-1}^{(0)}|)^{\frac{2(m-an)}{m}}}{(|z_0^{(0)}|^2 + \dots + |z_{m-1}^{(0)}|^2)^{m-an}} \times |z_0^{(1)}|^{2(n+1)} \right. \\ \times \left[|z_0^{(1)}|^2 + (|z_1^{(1)}|^2 + \dots + |z_m^{(1)}|^2) + \dots + \right. \\ \left. \left. (|z_{(n-1)m+1}^{(1)}|^2 + \dots + |z_{nm}^{(1)}|^2) \right]^{-(n+1)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_2 = \ln \left\{ \frac{(|z_0^{(0)}| \dots |z_{m-1}^{(0)}|)^{\frac{2(m-an)}{m}}}{(|z_0^{(0)}|^2 + \dots + |z_{m-1}^{(0)}|^2)^{m-an}} \right. \\ \times \left[(|z_1^{(1)}| \dots |z_m^{(1)}|) \dots (|z_{(n-1)m+1}^{(1)}| \dots |z_{nm}^{(1)}|) \right]^{2(n+1)/nm} \\ \times \left[|z_0^{(1)}|^2 + (|z_1^{(1)}|^2 + \dots + |z_m^{(1)}|^2) + \dots + \right. \\ \left. \left. (|z_{(n-1)m+1}^{(1)}|^2 + \dots + |z_{nm}^{(1)}|^2) \right]^{-(n+1)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

ψ_1 and ψ_2 are functions defined on

$$\left(\mathbb{C}^m \setminus \bigcup_i \{z_i^{(0)} = 0\} \right) \times \left(\mathbb{C}^{nm+1} \setminus \bigcup_j \{z_j^{(1)} = 0\} \right)$$

where $(z_i^{(0)})_{0 \leq i \leq m-1}$ and $(z_j^{(1)})_{0 \leq j \leq nm}$ are respectively the coordinates on \mathbb{C}^m and \mathbb{C}^{nm+1} . They are homogeneous of degree zero in the variables of \mathbb{C}^m and \mathbb{C}^{nm+1} separately. Thus, they define two functions on $\mathbb{P}_{m-1}\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{P}_{nm}\mathbb{C}$, and, by restriction on M , two functions on M , given by (keeping the same notations) :

$$\psi_1 = \ln \left\{ \frac{(x_0 \dots x_{m-1})^{\frac{(m-an)}{m}}}{(x_0 + \dots + x_{m-1})^{m-an}} \times \frac{x_m^{n+1}}{[x_m + x_{m+1}(x_0^a + \dots + x_{m-1}^a) + \dots + x_{m+n}(x_0^a + \dots + x_{m-1}^a)]^{(n+1)}}} \right\} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\psi_2 = \ln \left\{ \frac{(x_0 \dots x_{m-1})^{\frac{(m-an)}{m}}}{(x_0 + \dots + x_{m-1})^{m-an}} \times \frac{[(x_{m+1}x_0^a \dots x_{m+1}x_{m-1}^a) \dots (x_{m+n}x_0^a \dots x_{m+n}x_{m-1}^a)]^{(n+1)/nm}}{[x_m + x_{m+1}(x_0^a + \dots + x_{m-1}^a) + \dots + x_{m+n}(x_0^a + \dots + x_{m-1}^a)]^{(n+1)}}} \right\}, \quad (2)$$

where $x_i = |z_i|^2$, and the points of M are described by their homogeneous coordinates, that is:

$$([z_0, \dots, z_{m-1}], [z_m; z_{m+1}z_0^a, \dots, z_{m+1}z_{m-1}^a; \dots; z_{m+n}z_0^a, \dots, z_{m+n}z_{m-1}^a]).$$

$\psi = \inf(\psi_1, \psi_2)$ is then an extremal function, in the sense of the following

THEOREM 1.2. *The inequality $\varphi \geq \psi$ holds, for all g -admissible and G -invariant function $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$ satisfying $\sup \varphi = 0$ on M .*

Let us recall that φ is said to be g -admissible, when the matrix of terms $g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z^\lambda \partial \bar{z}^\mu}$ is definite positive.

As an immediate consequence of theorem 1.2, we have:

COROLLARY 1.3. *A sequence $(\varphi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ of g -admissible, G -invariant functions satisfying $\sup \varphi_k = 0$ cannot go to $-\infty$ outside the boundaries of the usual charts (described above).*

Another consequence is:

THEOREM 1.4. For all $\alpha < \frac{1}{n+1}$, the inequality

$$\int_M \exp(-\alpha\varphi)dv \leq \text{Cst}$$

holds for all g -admissible and G -invariant functions $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$, satisfying $\sup \varphi = 0$ on M . (dv is the volume element on M with respect to the metric g).

This implies that the Tian constant of M , $\alpha(M)$, is greater or equal to $\frac{1}{n+1}$. Consequently, we have the following

COROLLARY 1.5. For all $t < \frac{\dim(M)+1}{\dim(M)} \times \frac{1}{(n+1)}$, there exists a metric g_t in $c_1(M)$ such that $\text{Ricci}(g_t) > tg_t$.

The proof of corollary 1.5 uses the flow in t of the Monge-Ampère equations

$$\log \det(g'g^{-1}) = -t\varphi + f,$$

where $g'_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} = g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} + \partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}}\varphi$ is a Kähler change of metric, and f is a known geometric function, given by $\text{Ricci}(g) - g = i\partial\bar{\partial}f$. We proved in [3] that, when $\alpha(M) \geq C$, then for all $0 \leq t < C \frac{\dim(M)+1}{\dim(M)}$, the above Monge-Ampère equations do have solutions. We can prove this by a method different than the one used in [3], using Tian's method for the C^0 estimate, given in [8]. In our case, $\alpha(M) \geq \frac{1}{n+1}$, so we have solutions for $0 \leq t < \frac{m+1}{m(n+1)}$. Consequently, for these values of t ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ricci}(g') &= -i\partial\bar{\partial} \log \det(g') \\ &= -i\partial\bar{\partial} \log \det(g'g^{-1}g) \\ &= -i\partial\bar{\partial} \log \det(g'g^{-1}) - i\partial\bar{\partial} \log \det(g) \\ &= -i\partial\bar{\partial} \log(g'g^{-1}) + \text{Ricci}(g) \\ &= -i\partial\bar{\partial}(-t\varphi + f) + g + i\partial\bar{\partial}f \\ &= -i\partial\bar{\partial}(-t\varphi) + (g' - i\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi) \\ &= (t-1)i\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi + g' \\ &= tg' + (1-t)g \end{aligned}$$

and the result holds.

Finally, let us note that this type of manifolds are generally used to prevent the existence of Kähler-Einstein metrics. Indeed, when $a = 1$ and $n = 1$, M is nothing but the blowing-up of $\mathbb{P}_m\mathbb{C}$ at one point; and it is a well-known fact that it does not carry Kähler-Einstein metric because the Lie algebra of its holomorphic vector fields is not reductive (Lichnerowicz and Matsushima obstructions). If $a \neq 1$, M generalizes the manifolds introduced by Calabi in [5] and used by Futaki in [6] to give examples of manifolds which cannot carry Kähler-Einstein metrics, and yet, the Lie algebra of their holomorphic vector fields is reductive.

2. Proof of the Results

Proof of Proposition 1.1. Our goal is to find a condition on α and β such that the quantity

$$F_{0,m} = (1 + |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_{m-1}|^2)^\alpha \times \left\{ 1 + (|z_{m+1}|^2 + \dots + |z_{m+n}|^2) \times (1 + |z_1|^{2a} + \dots + |z_{m-1}|^{2a}) \right\}^\beta,$$

written in the local chart $\{z_0 \neq 0, z_m \neq 0\}$ (which justifies the reason for the notation $F_{0,m}$), is a metric on the line bundle $\Lambda^{m+n-1}T^*M$. Then, its Ricci will be exactly the metric g and will, by definition, belong to $c_1(M)$, so that M will be Fano. Let us write the conditions which make (3) intrinsic in $\Lambda^{mn}T^*M$. The first change of charts we consider is

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}; z_{m+1}, \dots, z_{m+n}) \\ = \left(\frac{1}{z_1}, \frac{z_2}{z_1}, \dots, \frac{z_{m-1}}{z_1}; z_{m+1}z_1^a, \dots, z_{m+n}z_1^a \right), \end{aligned}$$

its Jacobian J_1 verifies

$$|J_1|^2 = \frac{1}{|z_1|^{2(m-an)}}.$$

In the new chart, the expression of $F_{0,m}$ becomes

$$F_{1,m} = \frac{1}{|z_1|^{2\alpha}} F_{0,m},$$

and the first condition, i.e. : $\alpha = m - an$, holds.
 Now, let us consider the change of charts:

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi_2(z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}; z_{m+1}, \dots, z_{m+n}) \\ &= \left(z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}; \frac{1}{z_{m+1}}, \frac{z_{m+2}}{z_{m+1}}, \dots, \frac{z_{m+n}}{z_{m+1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Its Jacobian J_2 verifies

$$|J_2|^2 = \frac{1}{|z_{m+1}|^{2(n+1)}}$$

and $F_{0,m}$ becomes

$$F_{0,m+1} = \frac{1}{|z_{m+1}|^{2\beta}} F_{0,m}.$$

This yields the second condition, i.e. $\beta = n + 1$. We easily verify that these conditions also hold for the other changes of charts; thus, M is Fano.

Proof of theorem 1.2. The proof requires four lemmas. In each step, we use the G -invariance of functions

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi([z_0, \dots, z_{m-1}], [z_m, z_{m+1}(z_0^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad z_{m+n}(z_0^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a)]), \end{aligned}$$

which allows us to consider them in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi([x_0, \dots, x_{m-1}], [x_m, x_{m+1}(x_0^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x_{m+n}(x_0^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]), \end{aligned}$$

where $x_i = |z_i| > 0$. Then, in S , we can write the function φ as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi([x_1, \dots, x_m], [1; (x_1^a, \dots, x_m^a); x_{m+1}(x_1^a, \dots, x_m^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x_{m+n-1}(x_1^a, \dots, x_m^a)]). \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$, be a g -admissible G -invariant function. Then, for all $x_i = |z_i| > 0$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi - \psi)([x_1, \dots, x_m], [1; (x_1^a, \dots, x_m^a); x_{m+1}(x_1^a, \dots, x_m^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x_{m+n-1}(x_1^a, \dots, x_m^a)]) \\ & \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1^{[m]}], [1; \zeta^{[m]}; x_{m+1}\zeta^{[m]}; \dots; x_{m+n-1}\zeta^{[m]}]), \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

where $h^{[m]} = (h, \dots, h) \in \mathbb{C}^m$ and $\zeta = (x_1 \dots x_m)^{a/m}$.

of M , we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\varphi - \psi)([u_1, \dots, u_p, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_m], [1; (u_1^a, \dots, u_p^a, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a); (6) \\
& \quad u_{m+1}(u_1^a, \dots, u_p^a, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& \quad \quad u_{m+n-1}(u_1^a, \dots, u_p^a, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a)]) \\
& \geq (\varphi - \psi)([(u_1 \dots u_p)^{1/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{1/p}, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_m], \\
& \quad [1; ((u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& \quad u_{m+1}((u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& \quad u_{m+n-1}((u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a)]),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\varphi - \psi)([u_2, \dots, u_{p+1}, u_1, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], (7) \\
& \quad ([1; u_2^a, \dots, u_{p+1}^a, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& \quad \quad u_{m+1}(u_2^a, \dots, u_{p+1}^a, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& \quad \quad \quad u_{m+n-1}(u_2^a, \dots, u_{p+1}^a, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)]) \\
& \geq (\varphi - \psi)([(u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{1/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{1/p}, u_1, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], \\
& \quad [1; ((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& \quad u_{m+1}((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& \quad u_{m+n-1}((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)]).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, let us consider the curve C , of equation

$$t^p x_{p+1} = u_1 \dots u_{p+1},$$

in the real plane

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{([t, \dots, t, x_{p+1}, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], [1; (t^a, \dots, t^a, x_{p+1}^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& \quad u_{m+1}(t^a, \dots, t^a, x_{p+1}^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& \quad \quad u_{m+n-1}(t^a, \dots, t^a, x_{p+1}^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)])\},
\end{aligned}$$

where t and x_{p+1} are variables. The points

$$\begin{aligned}
P_1 = & ([(u_1 \dots u_p)^{1/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{1/p}, u_{p+1}, \dots, u_m], \\
& [1; ((u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& u_{m+1}((u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& u_{m+n-1}((u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_p)^{a/p}, u_{p+1}^a, \dots, u_m^a)])
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
P_2 = & ((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{1/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{1/p}, u_1, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], \\
& [1; ((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& u_{m+1}((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& u_{m+n-1}((u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, \dots, (u_2 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p}, u_1^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)],
\end{aligned}$$

belong to this curve. Note that we cannot have $u_1 = \dots = u_{p+1}$, for, otherwise, (5) would be an equality.

Taking into account that we have chosen $u_1 \leq \dots \leq u_{p+1}$, the points P_1 and P_2 (which are different) are on different sides of the diagonal $t = x_{p+1}$ of the plane described above.

Note that the curve C intersects this diagonal at the point

$$\begin{aligned}
P_3 = & ((u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{1/p+1}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{1/p+1}, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], \quad (8) \\
& [1; ((u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p+1}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p+1}, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& u_{m+1}((u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p+1}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p+1}, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& u_{m+n-1}((u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p+1}, \dots, (u_1 \dots u_{p+1})^{a/p+1}, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)],
\end{aligned}$$

which appears in inequality (5). On the other hand, using relations (5), (6) and (7), we obtain that

$$(\varphi - \psi)(P_3) > (\varphi - \psi)(P_1) \text{ et } (\varphi - \psi)(P_3) > (\varphi - \psi)(P_2),$$

which proves that the function $(\varphi - \psi)$ reaches a local maximum on the curve C . Consequently, the restriction of the G -invariant function $(\varphi - \psi)$ to the holomorphic curve (that we denote again by C) $\xi^p z = u_1 \dots u_{p+1}$ of the complex dimensional 2-plane

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{([\xi, \dots, \xi, z, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], [1; (\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\
& u_{m+1}(\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\
& u_{m+n-1}(\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])\},
\end{aligned}$$

reaches a local maximum at a point $P = C(\zeta)$. Let us set

$$\begin{aligned}
C(\zeta) &= ([1, C^1(\zeta), \dots, C^{m-1}(\zeta)], [1, \\
& C^{m+1}(\zeta)(C^1(\zeta)^a, \dots, C^{m-1}(\zeta)^a); \dots; \\
& C^{m+n}(\zeta)(C^1(\zeta)^a, \dots, C^{m-1}(\zeta)^a)]), \\
\dot{C}^\lambda(\xi) &= \frac{dC^\lambda}{d\xi}(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{C}^{\bar{\mu}}(\xi) = \overline{\dot{C}^\mu(\xi)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that, by the continuity of $(\varphi - \psi)$, we can always choose the point

$$([u_1, \dots, u_m], [1; (u_1^a, \dots, u_m^a); u_{m+1}(u_1^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; u_{m+n-1}(u_1^a, \dots, u_m^a)]),$$

in inequality (5), so that

$$(u_1 \dots u_m)^{a/m} (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+n-1})^{1/n} \neq 1.$$

Thus, the equation of C , as well as the definition of ψ_1 and ψ_2 (given by (1) and (2)), show that every point of the curve C satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_1([\xi, \dots, \xi, z, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], [1; (\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\ & u_{m+1}(\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\ & u_{m+n-1}(\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)]) \\ & \neq \psi_2([\xi, \dots, \xi, z, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_m], [1, (\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \\ & u_{m+1}(\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a); \dots; \\ & u_{m+n-1}(\xi^a, \dots, \xi^a, z^a, u_{p+2}^a, \dots, u_m^a)]). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Consequently, we can assume that $\psi = \psi_1$ in a neighborhood of P , the proof being exactly the same if we assume $\psi = \psi_2$ in a neighborhood of P . Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \bar{\xi}} \{(\varphi - \psi_1)(C(\zeta))\} = \frac{\partial^2(\varphi - \psi_1)}{\partial z_\lambda \partial \bar{z}_\mu} (C(\zeta)) \dot{C}^\lambda(\zeta) \dot{C}^{\bar{\mu}}(\zeta) \leq 0$$

Since

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial z_\lambda \partial \bar{z}_\mu} = g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}},$$

the previous inequality expresses the fact that the Hermitian form of the matrix

$$\left(g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z_\lambda \partial \bar{z}_\mu} \right)_{\lambda, \mu} = \left(\frac{\partial^2(\varphi - \psi_1)}{\partial z_\lambda \partial \bar{z}_\mu} \right)_{\lambda, \mu}$$

is negative at $P = C(\zeta)$. This contradicts the g -admissibility of φ at P . It follows that inequality (4) holds also for $p + 1$, and lemma 2.1 is proven. \square

In the next lemma, it is more convenient, for our computations, to use the chart given by $\{z_0 \neq 0\}$ and $\{z_m \neq 0\}$ in the parametrization

$$[z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}], [z_m; z_{m+1}(z_0^a, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a); \dots; z_{m+n}(z_0^a, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a)].$$

□

LEMMA 2.2. *Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$, be a g -admissible G -invariant function. Then, for all $x_i = |z_i| > 0$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], [1; x_{m+1}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x_{m+n}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]) \\ & \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], [1; \lambda(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \lambda(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where $\lambda = (x_{m+1} \dots x_{m+n})^{1/n}$.

Proof. As in lemma 2.1, we proceed by induction. Assume that, for $1 \leq p < n$ and for all $(x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{m+n}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$ ($x_i > 0$),

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], [1; x_{m+1}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x_{m+n}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]) \\ & \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], [1; \\ & \qquad (x_{m+1} \dots x_{m+p})^{1/p}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad (x_{m+1} \dots x_{m+p})^{1/p}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a), \\ & \qquad x_{m+p+1}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad x_{m+n}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

which is obviously verified for $p = 1$. Assume that inequality (11) did not hold for $p + 1$. Then, there would exist a point $(u_1, \dots, u_{m+1}, \dots, u_{m+n}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, with $u_i^0 > 0$ for all i , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi - \psi)([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], \\ & \quad [1; u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]) \\ & < (\varphi - \psi)([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; \\ & \quad (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \quad (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a), \\ & \quad u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Using the G -invariance of φ , we can assume that $u_{m+1} \leq \dots \leq u_{m+n}$. On the other hand, taking into account the G -invariance of φ , and the induction assumption (11) at the points

$$([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ u_{m+p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])$$

and

$$([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; u_{m+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ u_{m+p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])$$

of M , we obtain

$$(\varphi - \psi)([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \quad (13) \\ u_{m+p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]) \\ \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], \\ [1; (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a), \\ u_{m+p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]),$$

and

$$(\varphi - \psi)([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; u_{m+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \quad (14) \\ u_{m+p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]) \\ \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], \\ [1; (u_{m+2} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ (u_{m+2} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a), u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a), \\ u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]).$$

As in the previous lemma, we consider the curve C (we keep the same notation), given by

$$t^p x = u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p+1}$$

of the real plane

$$\{([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; t(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ t(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); x(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])\},$$

parameterized by (t, x) . The points

$$Q_1 = ([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; \\ (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])$$

and

$$Q_2 = ([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; \\ (u_{m+2} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ (u_{m+2} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]),$$

belong to this curve, and we cannot have $u_{m+1} = \dots = u_{m+p+1}$, for, otherwise, (12) would be an equality. Since $u_{m+1} \leq \dots \leq u_{m+p+1}$, the two different points Q_1 and Q_2 are from different sides of the diagonal $t = x$ of the above described plane, and the curve C intersects this diagonal at the point

$$Q_3 = ([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], \tag{15} \\ [1; (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p+1})^{1/p+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])$$

of inequality (12). On the other hand, using relations (12), (13) and (14), we obtain that

$$(\varphi - \psi)(Q_3) > (\varphi - \psi)(Q_1) \text{ et } (\varphi - \psi)(Q_3) > (\varphi - \psi)(Q_2),$$

which proves that the function $(\varphi - \psi)$ reaches a local maximum on the curve C . Consequently, the restriction of the G -invariant function $(\varphi - \psi)$ to the holomorphic curve (again denoted by C) $\xi^p z = u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+p+1}$ of the complex dimensional 2-plane

$$\{([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; \xi(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \xi(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); z(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])\},$$

reaches a local maximum at a point $Q = C(\zeta)$. By the continuity of $(\varphi - \psi)$, we can choose the point

$$([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)])$$

in inequality (12), so that

$$(u_1 \dots u_{m-1})^{a/m} (u_{m+1} \dots u_{m+n})^{1/n} \neq 1.$$

Thus, the equation of C , as well as the definition of ψ_1 and ψ_2 (given by (1) and (2)), yield that

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_1([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; \xi(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \xi(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ & \quad z(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \quad \quad \quad u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]) \\ & \neq \psi_2([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; \xi(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \xi(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \\ & \quad z(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+p+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \quad \quad \quad u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

on C . Then, without loss of generality, we can assume that $\psi = \psi_1$ in a neighborhood of Q . We conclude then as in lemma 2.1, reaching a contradiction with the g -admissibility of φ at Q . \square

As a consequence of lemmas 2.2 and 2.1, we have

LEMMA 2.3. *Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$, be a g -admissible G -invariant function. Then, for all $x_i = |z_i| > 0$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], [1; x_{m+1}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_{m+n}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]) \\ & \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1^{[m]}], [1; \mu^{[nm]}]), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where $\mu = (x_{m+1} \dots x_{m+n})^{1/n} (x_1 \dots x_{m-1})^{a/m}$

Proof. Inequality (10) of lemma 2.2, followed by inequality (3) of lemma 2.1 leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], [1; x_{m+1}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\
& \quad x_{m+n}(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]) \\
& \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}], \\
& \quad [1; \lambda(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \lambda(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]) \\
& = (\varphi - \psi)([\lambda^{1/a}(1, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1})], \\
& \quad [1; \lambda(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a); \dots; \lambda(1, x_1^a, \dots, x_{m-1}^a)]) \\
& = (\varphi - \psi)([y_1, \dots, y_m], [1; (y_1^a, \dots, y_m^a); \dots; (y_1^a, \dots, y_m^a)]) \\
& \geq (\varphi - \psi)([1^{[m]}], [1; \mu^{[m]}, \mu^{[m]}; \dots; \mu^{[m]}]),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda &= (x_{m+1} \dots x_{m+n})^{1/n}, \\
y_1 &= \lambda^{1/a}, \quad y_2 = \lambda^{1/a} x_1, \dots, \quad y_m = \lambda^{1/a} x_{m-1},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= (y_1 \dots y_m)^{a/m} \\
&= \lambda(x_1 \dots x_{m-1})^{a/m} \\
&= (x_{m+1} \dots x_{m+n})^{1/n} (x_1 \dots x_{m-1})^{a/m}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Finally, we claim:

LEMMA 2.4. *Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$ be a g -admissible, G -invariant function, verifying $\sup \varphi = 0$ on M . Then, $\forall \mu > 0$,*

$$(\varphi - \psi)([1^{[m]}], [1; \mu^{[nm]}]) \geq 0. \quad (18)$$

Proof. Consider the point $R_0 \in \mathbb{P}_m \mathbb{C}$ where φ reaches its maximum (equal to zero). Using the G -invariance of φ , we can write R_0 as

$$\begin{aligned}
R_0 &= ([v_0, \dots, v_{m-1}], [v_m; v_{m+1}(v_0^a, \dots, v_{m-1}^a); \dots; \\
& \quad v_{m+n}(v_0^a, \dots, v_{m-1}^a)]),
\end{aligned}$$

where the positive reals v_i verify $v_0 \geq v_1 \geq \dots \geq v_{m-1}$ and $v_{m+1} \geq v_{m+2} \geq \dots \geq v_{m+n}$. We have two separate cases, according to whether $v_m \neq 0$, or $v_m = 0$.

Case A : $v_m \neq 0$. In this case, we use the coordinates system M given in $\{v_0 \neq 0, v_m \neq 0\}$ by fixing $v_0 = 1$ and $v_m = 1$; thus, R_0 is of the form

$$R_0 = ([1, u_1 \dots, u_{m-1}], [1; u_{m+1}(1, u_1^a \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}^0(1, u_1^a \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]),$$

where the reals u_i are such that $1 \geq u_1 \geq \dots \geq u_{m-1}$ and $x_{m+1}^0 \geq \dots \geq x_{m+n}^0$. Proceeding by contradiction, assume there is a point

$$R_1 = ([1^{[m]}], [1; \zeta_0^{[nm]}]),$$

such that $\zeta_0 > 0$ and

$$(\varphi - \psi)(R_1) < 0. \tag{19}$$

We separately consider the two following sub-cases: $u_{m+1} < \zeta_0$ and $u_{m+1} \geq \zeta_0$.

- $u_{m+1} \leq \zeta_0$.

We introduce the auxiliary function $\psi_{0,m}$, given by

$$\psi_{0,m} = \ln \left\{ \frac{x_0^{m-an}}{(x_0 + \dots + x_{m-1})^{m-an}} \times \frac{x_m^{n+1} [x_m + (x_{m+1}x_0^a + \dots + x_{m+1}x_{m-1}^a) + \dots + (x_{m+n}x_0^a + \dots + x_{n+m}x_{m-1}^a)]^{-(n+1)}}{1} \right\}.$$

Since φ is a non positive function, we obtain that

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [1; 0^{[mn]}]) = \varphi([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [1; 0^{[mn]}]) \leq 0. \tag{20}$$

On the other hand, the identities $\varphi(R_0) = 0$ and $\psi_{0,m} \leq 0$ yield

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})(R_0) \geq 0. \tag{21}$$

If $R_0 \neq ([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [1; 0^{[mn]}])$, then $\psi_{0,m}(R_0) < 0$, and inequality (21) is strict. If $R_0 = ([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [1; 0^{[mn]}])$, we can choose another point

R in the neighborhood of R_0 , such that $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})(R) > 0$. Indeed, if $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m}) \leq 0$ in any neighborhood of R_0 , then, since $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})(R_0) = 0$, $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})$ reaches a local maximum local at R_0 , and this contradicts the admissibility of φ at this point (recall that $\partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}}(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})(R_0) = (g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} + \partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}}\varphi)(R_0)$). In conclusion, we deduce that there exists a point R'_0 given by

$$([1, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}], [1; a_{m+1}(1, a_1^a, \dots, a_{m-1}^a); \dots; a_{m+n}(1, a_1^a, \dots, a_{m-1}^a)])$$

satisfying

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})(R'_0) > 0. \quad (22)$$

By the continuity and G -invariance of φ , we have the additional conditions $1 > a_1 > \dots > a_{m-1} > 0$ and $\zeta_0 > a_{m+1} > \dots > a_{m+n} > 0$. On the other hand, the inequality (19), as well as the definitions of R_1 , $\psi_{0,m}$, ψ_1 , and $\psi = \inf(\psi_1, \psi_2)$ imply that

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})(R_1) = (\varphi - \psi_1)(R_1) \leq (\varphi - \psi)(R_1) < 0. \quad (23)$$

Consider now the curve

$$[0, 1] \ni t \rightarrow c(t) = ([1, t, t^{(\ln a_2)/(\ln a_1)}, \dots, t^{(\ln a_{m-1})/(\ln a_1)}], [1; \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}a_1^a/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \dots, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}a_{m-1}^a/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}; \dots; \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}a_1^a/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \dots, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}a_{m-1}^a/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}]).$$

It is easy to verify that this is a curve in M and that, because of our assumption, all its components are positive. We have that $c(0) = ([1, 0^{[m-1]}, [1; 0^{[nm]}])$, $c(a_1) = R'_0$ and, finally, $c(1) = R_1$. At these points, using respectively (20), (22) and (23), we deduce that $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})$ is respectively negative, positive, and negative. The invariance by $\exp(i\theta)$ allows us to deduce that $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m})$ reaches a maximum on the holomorphic curve given by the complexified version of the above described curve. This is in contradiction with the admissibility of φ .

- $\underline{u_{m+1}} > \zeta_0$.

In this case, we need another auxiliary function, given by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{0,m+1} = & \ln \frac{x_0^{m-an}}{(x_0 + \dots + x_{m-1})^{m-an}} \times \\ & (x_0^a x_{m+1})^{n+1} [x_m + (x_{m+1} x_0^a + \dots + x_{m+1} x_{m-1}^a) + \dots \\ & + (x_{m+n} x_0^a + \dots + x_{n+m} x_{m-1}^a)]^{-(n+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R_0) > 0. \tag{24}$$

By the continuity of $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})$, we can assume, as in the preceding sub-case, that there is a point R'_0 whose components a_i are strictly positive and close to the u_i . For $i \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}, k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, let us set $\beta_{k,i} = \frac{\ln(a_{m+k} a_i^a / \zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}$ where $a_0 = 1$. The conditions we chose (as allowed by the G -invariance of the functions), that is, $1 > a_1 > \dots > a_{m-1}$ and $a_{m+1} > \dots > a_{m+n}$, show that $\forall k, i, -\beta_{k,i} \leq -\beta_{1,0} = -\frac{\ln(a_{m+1} / \zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}$. On the other hand, the condition $u_{m+1} > \zeta_0$ (near a_{m+1}) shows that at least $-\beta_{1,0}$ is positive. Setting

$$\begin{aligned} R_\varepsilon = & c(\varepsilon) \\ = & ([1, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^{(\ln a_2)/(\ln a_1)}, \dots, \varepsilon^{(\ln a_{m-1})/(\ln a_1)}], [1; \zeta_0 \varepsilon^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \\ & \zeta_0 \varepsilon^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1} a_1^a / \zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \dots, \zeta_0 \varepsilon^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1} a_{m-1}^a / \zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}; \dots; \zeta_0 \varepsilon^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \\ & \zeta_0 \varepsilon^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n} a_1^a / \zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \dots, \zeta_0 \varepsilon^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n} a_{m-1}^a / \zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}]) \end{aligned}$$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \psi_{0,m+1}(R_\varepsilon) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \ln \left\{ \frac{1}{(1 + \varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon^{(2 \ln a_2)/(\ln a_1)} + \dots + \varepsilon^{(2 \ln a_{m-1})/(\ln a_1)})^{m-an}} \times \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\zeta_0^{2(n+1)} \varepsilon^{2(n+1)\beta_{1,0}}}{[1 + \zeta_0^2 \varepsilon^{2\beta_{1,0}} + \dots + \zeta_0^2 \varepsilon^{2\beta_{1,m-1}} + \dots + \zeta_0^2 \varepsilon^{2\beta_{n,0}} + \dots + \zeta_0^2 \varepsilon^{2\beta_{n,m-1}}]^{n+1}} \right\} \\ &= \ln \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[1 + t^{2(n+1)(-\beta_{1,0})} + \dots + t^{2(n+1)(-\beta_{n,m-1})}]^{n+1}} \\ &= \ln 1 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$(-\beta_{1,0})$ being the larger of the positive powers in the fraction above. Since $\varphi(R_\varepsilon) \leq 0$, taking into account (24), we deduce that there exists ε_0 such that

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R_{\varepsilon_0}) \leq -\psi_{0,m+1}(R_{\varepsilon_0}) < (\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R_0). \quad (25)$$

On the other hand, the inequality (19), and the definitions of R_1 , $\psi_{0,m+1}$, ψ_2 and $\psi = \inf(\psi_1, \psi_2)$ imply that

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R_1) = (\varphi - \psi_2)(R_1) \leq (\varphi - \psi)(R_1) < 0. \quad (26)$$

By virtue of (25), (24) and (26), we deduce that $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})$ reaches a local maximum on the curve

$$\begin{aligned} [\varepsilon_0, 1] \ni t \rightarrow c(t) = & ([1, t, t^{(\ln a_2)/(\ln a_1)}, \dots, t^{(\ln a_{m-1})/(\ln a_1)}], \\ & [1; \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}a_1^q/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \dots, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+1}a_{m-1}^a/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}; \dots; \\ & \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}a_1^q/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}, \dots, \zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(a_{m+n}a_{m-1}^a/\zeta_0)}{\ln a_1}}]) \end{aligned}$$

(because $c(\varepsilon_0) = R_{\varepsilon_0}$, $c(a_1) = R_0$ and $c(1) = R_1$). This is in contradiction with the admissibility of φ .

Case B : $u_m = 0$. In this case, we work in the domain of the chart of M , given by $\{z_0 \neq 0, z_{m+1} \neq 0\}$, where the points are written as

$$([1, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}], [z_m; (1, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a); z_{m+2}(1, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a); \dots; z_{m+n}(1, z_1^a, \dots, z_{m-1}^a)]).$$

Then, the point R_0 where φ reaches its maximum (equal to zero) can be written as

$$R_0 = ([1, u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}], [0; (1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); u_{m+2}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a); \dots; u_{m+n}(1, u_1^a, \dots, u_{m-1}^a)]).$$

Using the G -invariance of φ , we can also assume that $1 \geq u_1 \geq \dots \geq u_{m-1}$ and $1 \geq u_{m+2} \geq \dots \geq u_{m+n}$. We shall prove an equivalent version of lemma 2.4, that is

$$(\varphi - \psi)([1^{[m]}, [\zeta, 1^{[nm]}]]) \geq 0 \quad (27)$$

for all $\zeta > 0$.

Proceeding by contradiction, assume there exists a point

$$R_{m+1} = ([1^{[m]}], [\zeta_0; 1^{[nm]}])$$

of M with $\zeta_0 > 0$ and

$$(\varphi - \psi)(R_{m+1}) < 0. \quad (28)$$

Consider the auxiliary function $\psi_{0,m+1}$ introduced above. Since φ is negative, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [0; 1, 0^{[mn-1]}]) \\ = \varphi([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [0; 1, 0^{[mn-1]}]) \leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

On the other hand, since $\varphi(R_0) = 0$ and $\psi_{0,m+1} \leq 0$,

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R_0) = -\psi_{0,m+1}(R_0) \geq 0, \quad (30)$$

this inequality being strict as soon as

$$R_0 \neq ([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [0; 1, 0^{[mn-1]}]).$$

If $R_0 = ([1, 0^{[m-1]}], [0; 1, 0^{[mn-1]}])$, it suffices to consider a point close to R_0 on which the inequality is strict. Indeed, when $\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1} \leq 0$ in a neighborhood of R_0 , then $\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1}$ admits a local maximum at R_0 , which is in contradiction with the admissibility of φ at R_0 . So, as in case A, there exists a point

$$\begin{aligned} R'_0 = ([1, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1}], [c_m; (1, c_1^a, \dots, c_{m-1}^a); \\ c_{m+2}(1, c_1^a, \dots, c_{m-1}^a); \dots; c_{m+n}(1, c_1^a, \dots, c_{m-1}^a)]) \end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R'_0) > 0. \quad (31)$$

By the continuity and G -invariance of φ , and since c_m is close to $u_m = 0$, we can assume that $\zeta_0 > c_m > 0$, $1 > c_1 > \dots > c_{m-1} > 0$ and $1 > c_{m+2} > \dots > c_{m+n} > 0$. On the other hand, the inequality (28) and the definitions of R_{m+1} , $\psi_{0,m+1}$, ψ_2 , and $\psi = \inf(\psi_1, \psi_2)$ imply that

$$(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})(R_{m+1}) = (\varphi - \psi_2)(R_{m+1}) \leq (\varphi - \psi)(R_{m+1}) < 0. \quad (32)$$

We now introduce another curve γ on M , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] \ni t \rightarrow \gamma(t) = & ([1, t, t^{(\ln c_2)/(\ln c_1)}, \dots, t^{(\ln c_{m-1})/(\ln c_1)}], \\ & [\zeta_0 t^{\frac{\ln(c_m/\zeta_0)}{\ln c_1}}; (1, t^a, t^{(\ln c_2^a)/(\ln c_1)}, \dots, t^{(\ln c_{m-1}^a)/(\ln c_1)}); \\ & (t^{(\ln c_{m+2})/(\ln c_1)}, t^{(\ln c_{m+2}c_1^a)/(\ln c_1)}, \dots, t^{(\ln c_{m+2}c_{m-1}^a)/(\ln c_1)}); \dots; \\ & (t^{(\ln c_{m+n})/(\ln c_1)}, t^{(\ln c_{m+n}c_1^a)/(\ln c_1)}, \dots, t^{(\ln c_{m+n}c_{m-1}^a)/(\ln c_1)})]. \end{aligned}$$

All the exponents appearing in this curve are positive, so that $\gamma(0) = ([1, 0^{[m-1]}, [0; 1, 0^{[nm-1]}])$, $\gamma(c_1) = R_0$ and $\gamma(1) = R_{m+1}$. Then, by (29), (31) and (32), we deduce that $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})$ is respectively negative, positive and negative. Again, the invariance by $\exp(i\theta)$ allows us to conclude that $(\varphi - \psi_{0,m+1})$ reaches a maximum on the holomorphic curve given by the complexified version of γ . This is in contradiction with the admissibility of φ . It follows that (27) holds and lemma 2.4 is proven. \square

2.1. Proof of Theorem 1.4

Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(M)$ be a g -admissible and G -invariant function with a null supremum on M . According to theorem 1.2, $\varphi \geq \psi$; therefore, for all $\alpha \geq 0$,

$$\int_M \exp(-\alpha\varphi)dv \leq \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi)dv.$$

To obtain the values of α for which the last integral converges, we estimate $\int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_1)dv$ and $\int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_2)dv$. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi)dv &= \int_{\psi_1 \leq \psi_2} \exp(-\alpha\psi)dv + \int_{\psi_2 \leq \psi_1} \exp(-\alpha\psi)dv \\ &= \int_{\psi_1 \leq \psi_2} \exp(-\alpha\psi_1)dv + \int_{\psi_2 \leq \psi_1} \exp(-\alpha\psi_2)dv \\ &\leq \int_{\psi_1 \leq \psi_2} \exp(-\alpha\psi_1)dv + \int_{\psi_2 \leq \psi_1} \exp(-\alpha\psi_2)dv \\ &\leq \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_1)dv + \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_2)dv, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_1)dv + \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_2)dv \leq 2 \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi)dv.$$

We mention that we can avoid the very hard computation of the element volume dv (or equivalently of $\det(g)$), by means of the following remark. If we write $g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}}$ in the form $g_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} = \partial_{\lambda\bar{\mu}} \log K$, the quantity $[K \det(g)]$ is intrinsic since we chose the metric g in $c_1(M)$ (same proof as in proposition 1.1). Thus, we can deduce that there exist two constants C_1 and C_2 , such that

$$\frac{C_1}{K} \leq \det(g) \leq \frac{C_2}{K}.$$

Using the preceding notations (with $d = m + n - 1$), and setting $r = x_1 + \dots + x_m$, $s = 1 + (x_1^a + \dots + x_m^a) \times (1 + x_{m+1} + \dots + x_d)$, we obtain that

$$dv \simeq \frac{C dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_d}{r^{m-an} s^{n+1}}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_1) dv \\ &\simeq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} \frac{dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_d}{(x_1 \dots x_m)^{\frac{d}{m}(m-an)} r^{(m-an)(1-\alpha)} s^{(n+1)(1-\alpha)}}, \end{aligned}$$

which converges for $\alpha < \frac{1}{n+1}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi_2) dv \\ &\simeq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} \frac{dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_d}{(x_1 \dots x_m)^{\alpha \frac{m+a}{m}} (x_{m+1} \dots x_d)^{\alpha \frac{n+1}{n}} r^{(m-an)(1-\alpha)} s^{(n+1)(1-\alpha)}}, \end{aligned}$$

which converges for $\alpha < \frac{n}{n+1}$.

In conclusion, $\int_M \exp(-\alpha\psi) dv$ exists for $\alpha < 1/(n+1)$.

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