# ON EFFICIENT GENERATION OF PULL-BACK OF $T_{\mathbb{P} n}(-1)$ 

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#### Abstract

Let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n}$ be a proper map such that dimension of $f(X) \geq 2$. We address the following question: Is $\operatorname{dim} H^{o}\left(X, f^{*}\left(T_{\mathbb{P}^{n}}(-1)\right)\right.$ $=n+1$ ? We provide an affirmative answer under standard mild restrictions on $X$. We also point out that this provides an affirmative answer to a similar question raised via regular alteration of a closed subvariety in a blow-up of a regular local ring at its closed point in the mixed characteristics.


## Introduction

The problem that we are going to address in this note came up in the course of studying intersection multiplicity over the blow-up of a regular local ring at its closed point. Let $(R, m, K)$ be a regular local ring of dimension $n$ essentially of finite type over a field or over an excellent discrete valuation ring with residue field $R / m=K$. Assume $K$ to be algebraically closed. Write $X=\operatorname{Spec} R, \tilde{X}$ its blow-up at the closed point $s=[m]$. Let $q$ be a prime ideal of $R$. Let $\tilde{Z}$ denote the blow-up of $Z=\operatorname{Spec}(R / q)$ at its closed point and let $\tilde{Z}_{s}$ denote the fiber over $s$. Assume that $\operatorname{dim} Z \geq 3$. Consider the pair $\left(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}_{s}\right)$. Let $\left(W, W_{s}\right)$ be a regular alteration $[\mathrm{J}]$ of $\left(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{Z}_{s}\right)$, i.e., $W$ is a regular scheme, $\pi: W \rightarrow \tilde{Z}$ is a dominant projective morphism, $\operatorname{dim} W=\operatorname{dim} \tilde{Z}$, and $\pi^{-1}\left(\tilde{Z}_{s}\right)=W_{s}$ is a non-reduced strict normal crossing divisor in $W$, i.e., reduced part of $W_{s}$ is a strict normal crossing divisor. Write $\phi=\left.\pi\right|_{\left(W_{s}\right) \text { red }}$, $\mathcal{H}=\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}(1), \mathbb{P}=\mathbb{P}_{K}^{n-1}$ and let $\mathcal{H}^{\vee}$ denote the dual of $\mathcal{H}$, i.e., $\mathcal{H}^{\vee}=T_{\mathbb{P}}(-1)$.

[^0]Consider the exact sequence $\left(\mathbb{P}=\mathbb{P}^{n-1}\right)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \rightarrow 0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Write $\pi^{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1)\right)=\mathcal{O}_{W}(1),\left(W_{s}\right)_{\text {red }}=\widetilde{W}$ and let

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}} \rightarrow 0 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

denote the pull-back of (1) via $\phi$. We want to address the following question.
Question. Is $\operatorname{dim} H^{0}\left(\widetilde{W}, \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right)=n$ ?
An affirmative answer to the above question is the main focus of the following theorem.

Theorem 1. With the above set-up,

$$
H^{1}\left(\widetilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(\widetilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right)
$$

is injective.
We reduce the proof of the above theorem to the following theorem. The main tool of this reduction is Zariski's Main Theorem (EGA III).

ThEOREM 2. Let $\tilde{W}$ be a reduced connected scheme of finite type over an algebraically closed field $K$ and let $g: \tilde{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n}=\mathbb{P}$ be a proper map. Let $W_{1}, \ldots, W_{d}$ be the irreducible components of $\tilde{W}$. Assume that, for $1 \leq i$, $j \leq d$, (i) $\operatorname{dim} g\left(W_{i}\right) \geq 2$ and (ii) if $W_{i} \cap W_{j} \neq \phi$, then $\operatorname{dim} g\left(W_{i} \cap W_{i}\right) \geq 1$. Consider the exact sequence

$$
o \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow 0
$$

constructed as above. Then

$$
H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)
$$

is injective.
If $\operatorname{dim} g(\widetilde{W})=1$, the above theorem is not valid. For examples of such situations we refer the reader to $[\mathrm{He}]$.

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## Section 1

We first prove Theorem 2 as stated above in the following steps.
Proposition 1. Let $\tilde{W}$ be a variety over $K$ and let $g: \tilde{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{K}^{n}=\mathbb{P}$ be a finite map. Assume that $\operatorname{dim} g(\tilde{W}) \geq 2$. Then there exist hyperplane sections $\tilde{W}_{L}=g^{-1}(L) \cap \tilde{W}$ of $\tilde{W}$ such that $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}}\right)=K$.

Proof. Suppose first ch $K=0$. In this case, by Bertini's Theorem, there exist hyperplane sections $L$ such that $\tilde{W}_{L}$ is a closed subvariety of $\tilde{W}$. Since $g$ is proper, we have the required result.

Now suppose ch $K=p>0$. Let $\left(W^{\prime}, h\right)$ be the normalization of $\tilde{W}$ and let $g^{\prime}$ denote the composition of $W^{\prime} \xrightarrow{h} \tilde{W} \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{P}$. Hence $g^{\prime}$ is finite and $g^{\prime *} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(t)=\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(t)$ is very ample for $t \gg 0$. Hence $W^{\prime}$ is projective. Let $q=p^{r}, r \gg 0$. Then $\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(q)$ is very ample. Let $f: W^{\prime} \rightarrow W^{\prime}$ denote the Frobenius map induced by $x \rightarrow x^{p}$ on $\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}$ and let $f^{q}$ denote $f$ iterated $q$ times. By Bertini's Theorem, there exist hyperplane sections $\tilde{W}_{L}$ and $W_{L}^{\prime}$ such that they are irreducible. Consider the short exact sequences

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}{ }_{L}} \rightarrow 0
$$

and

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(-q) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}{ }_{L} q} \rightarrow 0
$$

where the bottom one is obtained from the top one via $f^{q}$ (the bottom sequence is also exact independently by itself). Since $W^{\prime}$ is a normal projective variety, $H^{i}\left(W^{\prime}, \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(-q)\right)=0$ for $i \leq 1$ and $q \gg 0$; thus $H^{0}\left(W^{\prime}, \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}{ }_{L} q}\right)=K$. Due to normality, $\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}{ }_{L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}{ }_{L} q}$ (induced by $f^{q}$ ) is an injection. Hence $H^{0}\left(W^{\prime}, \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}{ }_{L}\right)=K$. Since $h: W^{\prime} \rightarrow \tilde{W}$ is finite and birational, $L$ can be so chosen that $h_{L}: W_{L}^{\prime} \rightarrow \tilde{W}_{L}$ is also the same and $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}} \hookrightarrow h_{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}{ }_{L}}\right)$ is an injection (Remark 3.4.11, $[\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{V}])$. Hence $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}}\right)=K$.

Proposition 2. Let $\tilde{W}$ be a variety over $K$ and $g: \tilde{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{K}^{n}=\mathbb{P}$ be a finite map. Write $g^{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1)\right)=\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(1)$. Consider the exact sequence

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow 0 \tag{*}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is the pull-back via $g$ of the exact sequence

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \rightarrow 0 \tag{**}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $\operatorname{dim} g(\tilde{W}) \geq 2$, then $H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)$ is injective.

Proof. By the previous Lemma, we have a hyperplane section $\tilde{W}_{L}$ such that $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}}\right)=K$. Consider the short exact sequence

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) \xrightarrow{\ell} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}} \rightarrow 0
$$

Since $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)=K, H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\ell}} H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)$ is injective.
Let $L$ be given by $\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_{i} X_{i}=0$ in $\mathbb{P}, a_{o} \neq 0$. Let $u: K^{n+1} \rightarrow K^{n+1}$ denote the isomorphism defined by $u\left(e_{0}\right)=a_{0} e_{0}, u\left(e_{i}\right)=e_{i}+a_{i} e_{0}$ for $i>0$. Let $\varphi: \mathbb{P} \rightarrow K$ denote the structure map. Then $\varphi^{*}(u): \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}$ is an isomorphism and this leads to an isomorphism $\tilde{\varphi}(u): \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}$. We have a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{rll}
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) & \rightarrow & \bigoplus^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \\
& & \downarrow \int \tilde{\varphi}(u) \\
& & \\
& & \bigoplus_{n+1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \\
& & \downarrow \\
& & \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}
\end{array}
$$

Since $H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\ell}} H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)$ is injective, so is $H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow$ $H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)$.

Proposition 3. Let $\tilde{W}$ be a reduced connected scheme of finite type over $K$ and let $g: \tilde{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{K}^{n}=\mathbb{P}$ be a finite map. Let $W_{1}, \ldots, W_{d}$ denote the components of $\tilde{W}$. Assume that $\operatorname{dim} g\left(W_{i}\right) \geq 2,1 \leq i \leq d$ and $\operatorname{dim} g\left(W_{i} \cap\right.$ $\left.W_{j}\right) \geq 1$, whenever $W_{i} \cap W_{j} \neq \phi$.

Consider the exact sequence (constructed as in (*))

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow 0
$$

Then $H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}\right)$ is injective.
Proof. By the previous Lemma and Bertini's Theorem, there exist generic hyperplane sections $L$ of $\mathbb{P}$ such that $W_{i L}$ is irreducible and $H^{0}\left(W_{i L}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L}}\right)=$ $K$ for $1 \leq i \leq d$, and $W_{i L} \cap W_{j L}$ is non-empty whenever $W_{i} \cap W_{j}$ is non-empty.

Consider the exact sequence

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\left(W_{i} \cup W_{j}\right)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i}} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{W_{j}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i} \cap W_{j}} \rightarrow 0 .
$$

$L$ can be so chosen that

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L} \cup W_{j L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L}} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{W_{j L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L} \cap W_{j L}} \rightarrow 0
$$

is exact. Hence $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L} \cup W_{j L}}\right)=K$. Let $t \in\{1, \ldots, d\}$ be such that $t \neq i, j$ and $\left(W_{i} \cup W_{j}\right) \cap W_{t} \neq \phi$. Consider the exact sequence

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i} \cup W_{j} \cup W_{t}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i} \cup W_{j}} \bigoplus \mathcal{O}_{W_{t}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\left(W_{i} \cup W_{j}\right) \cap W_{t}} \rightarrow 0
$$

$L$ can be so chosen that

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L} \cup W_{j L} \cup W_{t L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L} \cup W_{j L}} \bigoplus \mathcal{O}_{W_{t L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\left(W_{i L} \cup W_{j L}\right) \cap W_{t L}} \rightarrow 0
$$

is also exact. Hence $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{W_{i L} \cup W_{j L} \cup W_{t L}}\right)=K$.
Since $\tilde{W}$ is reduced and connected, proceeding in the above manner, after a finite number steps we obtain $H^{0}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}}\right)=K$.

Now consider the exact sequence

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}_{L}} \rightarrow 0
$$

and proceed as in the proof of the previous proposition to complete the proof.

Theorem 2. Let $\tilde{W}$ be a reduced connected scheme of finite type over $K$ and let $g: \tilde{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{K}^{n}=\mathbb{P}$ be a proper map. Let $W_{1}, \ldots, W_{d}$ be the irreducible components of $\tilde{W}$. Assume that, for $1 \leq i, j \leq d$, (i) $\operatorname{dim} g\left(W_{i}\right) \geq 2$ and (ii) if $W_{i} \cap W_{j} \neq \phi, \operatorname{dim} g\left(W_{i} \cap W_{j}\right) \geq 1$. Consider the exact sequence

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} \rightarrow 0
$$

(constructed as in (*)).
Then $H^{1}\left(\tilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(\tilde{W},{\underset{1}{1}}_{n+1}^{\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}}\right)$ is injective.
Proof. Using Grothendieck's Theorem of Connection (Theorem 4.3.1, EGA III) we reduce the problem to the case where $g$ is finite. The proof now follows from Proposition 2.

## Section 2

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1.
Proof of Theorem 1. Note that $\phi: \widetilde{W} \rightarrow \tilde{Z}_{s}$ does not necessarily satisfy the hypothesis in the statement of Theorem 2. Recall that $\pi: W \rightarrow \tilde{Z}$ is a regular alteration such that $W_{s}=\pi^{-1}\left(\tilde{Z}_{s}\right)$ is a non-reduced strict normal crossing divisor with irreducible components $W_{1}, \ldots, W_{d}$. This means that for
any non-empty subset $\alpha \subset\{1, \ldots, d\}$, the closed subscheme $W_{\alpha}=\bigcap_{i \in \alpha} W_{i}$ is a regular subscheme and hence a smooth $(K=\bar{K})$ subscheme of codimension $\# \alpha$ in $W$. Since $R$ is regular local, $\tilde{Z}_{s}=\operatorname{Proj}\left(\operatorname{Gr}_{m}(R / q)\right)$ is equidimensional. Let $\left(W^{\prime}, h\right)$ be the normalization of $\tilde{Z}$ in $k(W)$. Hence we have a commutative diagram

where $h$ is a finite map (EGA II, 6.3.9). Since $\pi$ is proper, $f$ is also proper. $\pi_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}=h_{*} f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}$. Since $f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}$ is a coherent $\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}$ algebra and $W^{\prime}$ is the normalization of $\tilde{Z}$ in $k(W)$, we have $\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}=f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}$. Thus $\pi_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}=h_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}$. By Theorem (4.3.1), EGA III, for all $w^{\prime} \in W^{\prime}, \bar{f}^{1}\left(w^{\prime}\right)$ is connected and nonempty. Since $\operatorname{dim} W=\operatorname{dim} \tilde{Z}$, by Zariski's Main Theorem (Proposition 4.4.1, EGA III), if $V=\left\{w \in W \mid w\right.$ is isolated in $\left.\pi^{-1}(\pi(w))\right\}$, then $V$ is non-empty open in $W$ and $\left.f\right|_{V}$ is an isomorphism of $V$ onto an open subset of $V^{\prime}$ in $W^{\prime}$; moreover, $f^{-1}\left(V^{\prime}\right)=V$.

Claim. If $y \in W^{\prime}$ is such that $\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}, y}=1$, then $y \in V^{\prime}$.
Proof. Let $x$ be a closed point in $f^{-1}(y)$. Then, by the dimension formula, $\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{O}_{W, x}=\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{O}_{W,{ }^{\prime} y}+\operatorname{tr}_{k\left(W^{\prime}\right)} k(W)-\operatorname{tr}_{k(y)} k(x)=\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{O}_{W,{ }^{\prime} y}\left(k\left(W^{\prime}\right)=\right.$ $k(W))=1$. Since $f$ is birational and $f^{-1}(y)$ is connected, $f^{-1}(y)=\{x\}$. Thus $y \in V^{\prime}$.

From (3), by taking the fiber over the closed point in $Z$, we obtain another commutative diagram


Recall that $\tilde{Z}$ is the blow-up of $Z$ at $\{m / q\}$. We have an exact sequence

$$
\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}_{s}} \rightarrow 0
$$

This leads to exact sequences

$$
\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W}(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{s}} \rightarrow 0
$$

and

$$
\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{W_{s}^{\prime}} \rightarrow 0
$$

here $\pi^{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(1)\right)=\mathcal{O}_{W}(1)$ and $h^{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(1)\right)=\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}(1)$.
Applying $f_{*}$ to the top sequence, we obtain an exact sequence

$$
0 \rightarrow f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}(1) \rightarrow f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W} \rightarrow f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W_{s}}
$$

Since $f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W}=\mathcal{O}_{W^{\prime}}$, we obtain an injection $\mathcal{O}_{W_{s}^{\prime}} \hookrightarrow f_{*} \mathcal{O}_{W_{s}}$ from the above sequence. Our claim shows that for every irreducible component of $W_{s}^{\prime}$ there exists a unique irreducible component of $W_{s}$ which maps birationally onto it via the proper map $f_{s}$ induced by $f$. Since components of $W_{s}^{\prime}$ are varieties over $K$ and $W_{s}$ is equidimensional, this implies that $W_{s}^{\prime}$ is equidimensional. Moreover, since $W_{s}$ is a non-reduced strict normal crossing divisor, if $W_{i}^{\prime}$ and $W_{j}^{\prime}$ are any two components of $W_{s}^{\prime}$ such that $W_{i}^{\prime} \cap W_{j}^{\prime} \neq \phi$, then $\operatorname{dim}\left(W_{i}^{\prime} \cap W_{j}^{\prime}\right) \geq 1$. (Recall that $\operatorname{dim} Z \geq 3$.) To see this one may use the following observations: (a) $W_{s}$ is equidimensional, $\operatorname{dim}\left(W_{i} \cap W_{j}\right) \geq 1$; and (b) if $\left\{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}\right\}$ is a finite set of points contained in an open subset $U$ of $\operatorname{Spec} A$, then there exists an $f \in A$ s.t. $\left\{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right\} \subset \operatorname{Spec} A_{f} \subset U$. Since $h_{s}$ is finite, $\operatorname{dim} h_{s}\left(W_{i}^{\prime} \cap W_{j}^{\prime}\right) \geq 1 . W_{s}$ is connected, hence so is $W_{s}^{\prime}$.

Let $\widetilde{W}, \widetilde{W^{\prime}}$ denote $W_{s \text { red }}$ and $W_{s \text { red }}^{\prime}$, respectively, and let $\tilde{f}=\left.f_{s}\right|_{\widetilde{W}}$ : $\widetilde{W} \rightarrow \widetilde{W^{\prime}}$. Then $\tilde{f}$ is a proper surjective map. We can factorize $\tilde{f}$ as follows (Theorem 4.3.1, EGA III):

where $h^{\prime}$ is finite, $\mathcal{O}_{B}=g_{*} \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}$, and $\theta$ and $\theta^{\prime}$ are the natural injections (homeomorphisms). For every $y \in \widetilde{W}^{\prime}, \tilde{f}^{-1}(y)$ is connected. Hence, by the Theorem of Connection mentioned above, $h^{\prime}$ is a homeomorphism. By construction, there exists a dense open subset $U^{\prime}\left(=V^{\prime} \cap \widetilde{W^{\prime}}\right)$ such that if $\widetilde{U}=\tilde{f}^{-1}\left(U^{\prime}\right)$, then $\left.\tilde{f}\right|_{\widetilde{U}}: \widetilde{U} \rightarrow U^{\prime}$ is an isomorphism. By Zariski's Main Theorem (EGA III, Proposition 4.4.1), there exists a dense open subset $U$ of $B$ such that both $\left.g\right|_{\widetilde{U}}: \widetilde{U} \rightarrow U$ and $\left.h^{\prime}\right|_{U}: U \rightarrow U^{\prime}$ are isomorphisms. Moreover, by construction and our claim, each component of $B$ has a non-empty intersection with $U$. Thus $B$ is reduced, connected and equidimensional. Note that $h^{\prime}$, restricted to any component of $B$, is a birational homeomorphism onto a component of $W_{s}^{\prime}$.

Let $B_{i}$ be any irreducible component of $B$ and let $W_{i}$ and $W_{i}^{\prime}$ be the corresponding components of $\widetilde{W}$ and $W_{s}^{\prime}$ such that $\left.g\right|_{W_{i}}$ maps $W_{i}$ birationally onto $B_{i}$ and $B_{i}$ is birationally homeomorphic to $W_{i}^{\prime}\left(\right.$ via $\left.\theta^{\prime} \cdot h^{\prime}\right)$. Since $\operatorname{dim} h_{s}\left(W_{i}^{\prime}\right) \geq$ $2, \operatorname{dim} h_{s} \cdot \theta^{\prime} \cdot h^{\prime}\left(B_{i}\right) \geq 2$ and since $\operatorname{dim} h_{s}\left(W_{i}^{\prime} \cap W_{j}^{\prime}\right) \geq 1$ whenever $W_{i}^{\prime} \cap W_{j}^{\prime} \neq \phi$, $\operatorname{dim} h_{s} \cdot \theta^{\prime} \cdot h^{\prime}\left(B_{i} \cap B_{j}\right) \geq 1$ whenever $B_{i} \cap B_{j} \neq \phi$.

Write $\psi=h_{s} \cdot \theta^{\prime} \cdot h^{\prime}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{B}(1)=\psi^{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1)\right)$. Let

$$
\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{B}(-1) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{B} \rightarrow 0
$$

be the exact sequence obtained by pulling back (1) via $\psi$. Then, by Theorem 2 ,

$$
H^{1}\left(B, \mathcal{O}_{B}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(B, \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{B}\right)
$$

is injective. This implies that

$$
H^{0}\left(B, \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{B}\right) \simeq H^{0}\left(B, \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{B}\right)
$$

Since $g_{*}\left(\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right)=\mathcal{O}_{B}$ and $g_{*}\left(\mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right)=\mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{B}$, the above isomorphism implies, via (2), that

$$
H^{0}\left(\widetilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right) \simeq H^{0}\left(\widetilde{W}, \mathcal{H}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right)
$$

Hence $H^{1}\left(\widetilde{W}, \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}(-1)\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(\widetilde{W}, \bigoplus_{1}^{n} \mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}\right)$ is injective and the proof is complete.

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