

## Pluricanonical divisors of elliptic fiber spaces

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### Introduction.

By an elliptic fiber space  $f: V \rightarrow W$ , we mean that  $f$  is a proper surjective morphism of a compact complex manifold  $V$  to a compact complex manifold  $W$ , where each fiber is connected and the general fibers are smooth elliptic curves. In particular, when  $V$  is a surface and  $W$  is a curve, we say that  $V$  is an elliptic surface over  $W$ .

By an  $n$ -dimensional elliptic fiber space  $V \rightarrow W$  with  $\kappa(V) = n - 1$ , we mean that the image of a rational map  $\Phi_{|mK_V|}$  is  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional for sufficiently large  $m$ . In this case if an  $m$ -th pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_V|}: V \rightarrow \Phi_{|mK_V|}(V)$  is bimeromorphic to the original elliptic fiber space, we say that  $\Phi_{|mK_V|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration.

Iitaka [6] showed that for any elliptic surface  $f: S \rightarrow C$  with  $\kappa(S) = 1$ , the  $m$ -th pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_S|}$  gives the unique structure of the elliptic surface  $f: S \rightarrow C$  if  $m \geq 86$ . Moreover he showed that 86 is the best possible number. On the other hand, Katsura and Ueno [7] showed that if  $S$  is an *algebraic* elliptic surface defined over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  with  $\kappa(S) = 1$ , then  $\Phi_{|mK_S|}$  gives the unique structure of the elliptic surface for every  $m \geq 14$ .

One of the main purpose of this paper is to obtain the bound of the Iitaka fibration of an elliptic threefold when the Kodaira dimension of the base space is greater than or equal to 1.

We prove the following.

**Main theorem A.** *If  $f: X \rightarrow S$  is an elliptic threefold with  $\kappa(X) = 2$  and  $\kappa(S) \geq 1$ , then  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all even integer  $m \geq 16$ .*

The main difficulty is that if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an elliptic fiber space,  $f_*(mK_{X/Y})$  is *not necessarily invertible* for a positive integer  $m$ , as was remarked by Fujita [5]. So we take a suitable bimeromorphic model  $\tilde{f}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  of  $f$  and express an holomorphic section of  $mK_{\tilde{X}/\tilde{Y}}$  by means of the modular form of weight  $m$  on the upper half plane. (cf. [5] [14]) Then if the Kodaira dimension of the base space is equal to or more than one, we can apply the results about pluricanonical mappings of surfaces.

Though we have not completely proved the counterpart of Iitaka's theorem for

elliptic threefolds, we conjecture that such a theorem holds and 5420 is the best best possible number. In [4], the author constructed series of examples of elliptic fiber spaces, which gives an evidence for the existence of such bounds. Our result is the following.

**Main theorem B.** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of natural numbers defined by

$$a_1 = 2, \quad a_{n+1} = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n + 1.$$

And let  $\{b_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of natural numbers defined by

$$b_n = (n+1)(a_{n+3}-1)+2.$$

Then for every positive integer  $n$ , there exists an elliptic fiber space  $X^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $\kappa(X^{(n+1)})=n$ .
- (2)  $b_n$  is the best possible number of the Iitaka fibering of  $X^{(n+1)}$ , that is,  $\dim |mK_X| = 0$  if  $m=b_n-1$ , and the  $m$ -th pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibering for all  $m \geq b_n$ .

Moreover,  $X^{(n+1)}$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$  in the sense of Fujiki [1]. (That is,  $X^{(n+1)}$  cannot be bimeromorphic to any compact Kähler manifold.)

**Examples.** Now, we write down the first few terms of  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$ .

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$a_n$	2	3	7	43	1807	3263443
$b_n$	86	5420	13053770	$\sim 10^{13}$	$\sim 10^{26}$	$\sim 10^{52}$

- (1)  $b_1=86$ . This is the well-known result of the elliptic surface. An elliptic surface  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  over  $\mathbf{P}^1$  with three multiple fibers of multiplicity 2, 3, 7 and with constant moduli has the property that  $\dim |85K_S| = 0$ .
- (2)  $b_2=5420$ . There exists an elliptic threefold  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^2$  over  $\mathbf{P}^2$  with constant moduli which has multiple fibers of multiplicity 2, 3, 7, 43 along the four lines on  $\mathbf{P}^2$  in a general position.  $X$  has the property that  $\dim |5419K_X| = 0$ .

To prove Theorem B, we need to study multiple fibers of elliptic fiber spaces and generalize the notion of a logarithmic transformation defined by Kodaira. Our construction is as follows.

Let  $H_i (1 \leq i \leq n+2)$  be  $(n+2)$  hyperplanes on  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which are in general position. Let  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+2})$  be  $(n+2)$ -tuple of positive integers defined as in theorem B. Then  $X^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $a_i$  along each  $H_i (1 \leq i \leq n+2)$ . Note that there exists no finite abelian covering of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which branches along  $H_i$ 's  $(1 \leq i \leq n+2)$  with the ramification index  $a_i$  respectively.

We prove Theorem B in two different methods. One way is to use generalized

logarithmic transformations along the divisors which have only normal crossings and another way is to construct  $X^{(n+1)}$  as a submanifold of a Hopf manifold, which was suggested by M. Kato. The latter proof is much simpler than the former, while the former is applicable to many other situations. (cf. §5).

On the other hand, if we consider only algebraic elliptic fiber spaces, the best possible number of the Iitaka fibration seems to be much smaller than that of the analytic case. One of the main reason is that the multiplicities of the multiple fibers of an algebraic elliptic fiber space with constant moduli should satisfy certain numerical conditions, as was shown by Katsura and Ueno [7]. Moreover, there is a deep connection with the theory of branched coverings of complex manifolds which was developed by Namba.

In [13], Namba obtained the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of finite abelian coverings of  $\mathbf{P}^n$ . It is almost equivalent to the one obtained by Katsura and Ueno [7]. Combining these two results, we see that an algebraic elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  with constant moduli which has multiple fibers along hyperplanes can be constructed globally by taking finite abelian coverings of  $\mathbf{P}^n$ .

Our result is the following.

**Theorem C.** *Let  $\{d_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of natural numbers defined as follows:*  
 $d_n = 2(n^2 + 3n + 3)$ .

*Then for every positive integer  $n$ , there exists an algebraic elliptic fiber space  $Z^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which satisfies the following conditions.*

- (1)  $\kappa(Z^{(n+1)}) = n$ .
- (2)  $d_n$  is the best possible number of the Iitaka fibration of  $Z^{(n+1)}$ , that is,  $\dim |mK_Z| = 0$  if  $m = d_n - 1$ , and the  $m$ -th pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi|_{|mK_Z|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all  $m \geq d_n$ .

**Examples.** We write down the first few terms of  $\{d_n\}$ .

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$d_n$	14	26	42	62	86	114

Finally, let us explain briefly the contents of our paper.

In §1, we shall review the canonical bundle formula of elliptic fiber spaces due to T. Fujita [5]. In §2, we shall consider pluricanonical mappings of elliptic threefolds when the Kodaira dimension of the base space is greater than or equal to 0. In §3, we shall consider the structure of algebraic elliptic fiber spaces with constant moduli. In §4, we shall prove Main theorem B. In §5, we shall consider generalized logarithmic transformations along the divisors which have only normal crossings and reprove Theorem B in a different way. In §6, as an application of Theorem 5.1, we shall construct examples of elliptic fiber spaces with  $\kappa = 0$ .

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**Notation and convention.** If  $X$  is a compact complex manifold, we use the following notation.

$\kappa(X)$ : the Kodaira dimension of  $X$

$K_X$ : the canonical bundle of  $X$

$P_m(X) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X))$

$h^{p,q}(X) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^q(X, \mathcal{Q}_X^p)$

$q(X) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$

$e_m = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/m)$

$d\mathcal{O}_X$ : the subsheaf of  $\mathcal{Q}_X^1$  whose elements are  $d$ -closed.

For an integer  $n$ ,  $[n]$  denotes the greatest integer that does not exceed  $n$ .

**§1. Preliminaries.**

By an elliptic fiber space  $f: V \rightarrow W$ , we mean that  $f$  is a proper surjective morphism of a complex manifold  $V$  to a complex manifold  $W$ , where each fiber is connected and the general fibers are non-singular elliptic curves.

Put  $\Sigma := \{w \in W \mid f \text{ is not smooth over } f^{-1}(w)\}$  and let  $F$  be an irreducible component of  $\Sigma$  with  $\dim F = \dim W - 1$ . For a general point  $x$  of  $F$ , there exists a curve  $Z$  in  $W$  passing through  $x$  such that  $Z$  meets  $F$  transversally and  $f^{-1}(Z)$  is a non-singular elliptic surface over  $Z$ .

Furthermore we assume that  $f^{-1}(Z) \rightarrow Z$  is relatively minimal. Then  $f^{-1}(Z)$  has a singular fiber at  $x$  and the type of the singular fiber in Kodaira [12] is independent of the choice of  $Z$  and  $x$ . Hence we can define it to be the type of the singular fibers of  $f$  along  $F$ . In particular, if  $f^{-1}(Z)$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m$  at  $x$ , we say that  $V$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m$  along  $F$ .

Now, for each type of singular fibers we can define a number  $\alpha_i$  as follows.

Type	$mI_b$	$I_b^*$	II	II*	III	III*	IV	IV*
$\alpha$	$1 - m^{-1}$	$1/2$	$1/6$	$5/6$	$1/4$	$3/4$	$1/3$	$2/3$

For an elliptic threefold, the following theorem is fundamental.

**Theorem 1.1.** (Ueno [14], Corollary (1.10)). *Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be an elliptic threefold. Then there exists a bimeromorphically equivalent model  $\hat{f}: \hat{V} \rightarrow \hat{W}$  of  $f$  which satisfies the following conditions.*

(\*) *Let  $F$  be an irreducible component of the discriminant locus  $\Sigma$  of  $\hat{f}$  with  $\dim F = \dim \hat{W} - 1$ . For a general point  $x$  of  $F$ , there exists an analytic arc  $Z$  in  $\hat{W}$  meeting  $F$  transversally and passing through  $x$  such that the elliptic surface  $\hat{f}^{-1}(Z) \rightarrow Z$  is relatively minimal.*

Thanks to Theorem 1.1, our definition of the type of the singular fibers are well-defined.

Now, we recall the canonical bundle formula due to T. Fujita [5].

**Theorem 1.2.** (T. Fujita [5]). *Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be an elliptic threefold such that the  $J$ -invariant  $J: W \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is holomorphic. Let  $m$  be a positive integer such that  $k=12m$  is divisible by the multiplicities of all the components  $D_i$  of the discriminant locus  $\Sigma$  of  $f$ . Then*

$$\omega_V^{\otimes k} \simeq f^*(\omega_W^{\otimes k} \otimes J^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(m)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_W[\sum_i k\alpha_i D_i] \otimes \mathcal{O}_V[E-X]$$

for some effective divisor  $E, X$  on  $V$  such that

- 1)  $\text{codim } f(X) \geq 2$ .
- 2)  $f_* \mathcal{O}_V \simeq f_* \mathcal{O}_V(mE)$  for any positive integer  $m$ .

**§2. Pluricanonical mappings of elliptic threefolds.**

In this section, we consider pluricanonical mappings of elliptic threefolds only when the Kodaira dimension of the base space is greater than or equal to 1.

**Proposition 2.1.** (cf. Fujita [5], Ueno [14]). *Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be an elliptic threefold. Assume that the discriminant locus  $\Sigma$  of  $f$  are divisors with only normal crossings and the condition (\*) in Theorem 1.1 is satisfied. Then for an arbitrary even positive integer  $m > 2$ , we have:  $mK_V \simeq f^*(mK_W + \Gamma) + E - G$  for some effective divisor  $\Gamma$  on  $W$  and  $E, G$  on  $V$  such that*

- (1)  $f_* \mathcal{O}_V(E) \simeq \mathcal{O}_W$
- (2)  $\text{codim } f(G) \geq 2$ .
- (3) *Let  $D_i$  be an irreducible component of  $\Sigma$  with  $\dim D_i = \dim W - 1$ . Then we have  $\Gamma = \sum_i [m\alpha_i]D_i + (pV_1 + qV_2)$ , where  $V_i$ 's are effective divisors on  $W$  such that  $3V_1 \sim J^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(1)$  and  $2V_2 \sim J^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(1)$  and  $p, q$  are positive integers such that  $m = 4p + 6q$ .*

**Remark 2.2.** If  $V \rightarrow W$  is an elliptic bundle over a Zariski open set of  $W$  and has only multiple singular fibers, the above result holds for all positive integer  $m$ .

*Proof.* We follow the idea of Fujita [5] and Ueno [14]. Let  $T: W^\circ = W \setminus \Sigma \rightarrow H = \{\tau \in \mathbf{C} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) > 0\}$  be the period mapping associated to a holomorphic 1-form.  $T$  gives a single-valued holomorphic mapping  $T: \tilde{W}^\circ \rightarrow H$  on the universal covering  $\tilde{W}^\circ$  of  $W^\circ$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}: \pi_1(W^\circ) \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$  be a monodromy representation.  $\pi_1(W^\circ)$  can be considered as a covering transformation group of  $\tilde{W}^\circ$  and we have

$$T(\gamma x) = \mathcal{O}(\gamma)T(x) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \pi_1(W^\circ).$$

The semi-direct product  $G = \pi_1(W^\circ) \ltimes \mathbf{Z}^2$  acts on  $\tilde{W}^\circ \times \mathbf{C}$  in a canonical way such that the quotient space  $M = \tilde{W}^\circ \times \mathbf{C} / G$  is non-singular and  $f^\circ = f|_{W^\circ}: f^{-1}(W^\circ) \rightarrow W^\circ$  can be obtained from  $M \rightarrow W^\circ$  by repatching a fiber coordinate. (cf. [15])

Now, let  $G_k(z) = \sum'_{m,n} \frac{1}{(mz+n)^{2k}}$  be the Eisenstein series of index  $k$ . Then  $G_2(z)$  (resp.  $G_3(z)$ ) is the modular form of weight 4 (resp. 6) on the upper half plane with

respect to  $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$  and has a zero of order 1 at  $z = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/3)$ . (resp.  $z = \sqrt{-1}$ .) And the elliptic modular function  $j(z)$  can be written as

$$j(z) = 1728g_2^3/\Delta, \quad \Delta = g_2^3 - 27g_3^2, \quad g_2 = 60G_2 \quad \text{and} \quad g_3 = 140G_3.$$

Given an arbitrary even positive integer  $m > 2$ , there exist positive integers  $p, q$  such that  $m = 4p + 6q$  and  $F(z) = G_2^p(z)G_3^q(z)$  is the modular form of weight  $m$  on the upper half plane with respect to  $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$ .

Then for any  $\omega \in H^0(W, K_W^{\otimes m})$ , put  $\mathcal{E} = F(T(w))f^*\omega \otimes (d\zeta)^m$ , where  $\zeta$  is the fiber coordinate of  $f^0: V^0 \rightarrow W^0$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  is  $\pi_1(W^0)$ -invariant and gives an element of  $H^0(V^0, K_V^{\otimes m})$ . Set  $\Sigma^0 = \{x \in \Sigma \mid \Sigma \text{ is non-singular at } x \text{ and there exists a curve } Z \text{ in } W \text{ passing through } x \text{ and meeting } \Sigma \text{ transversally such that an elliptic surface } f^{-1}(Z) \rightarrow Z \text{ is non-singular}\}$ . Put  $W' = W^0 \cup \Sigma^0$ . Clearly we have  $\text{codim}(W \setminus W') \geq 2$ .

By Ueno [14], Theorem (2.3),  $\mathcal{E}$  can be extended holomorphically to an element of  $\Gamma(f^{-1}(W'), K_V^{\otimes m})$ . And by writing down the zeros of  $\mathcal{E}$  explicitly, we have the following isomorphism on  $W'$ :

$$f_*(K_V^{\otimes m}) \rightarrow K_W^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}(\Gamma), \quad \Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^m [m\alpha_i]D_i + (pV_1 + qV_2), \quad \text{---(**)}$$

where  $V_i (i=1, 2)$  are effective divisors on  $W$  such that  $3V_1 \sim J^*\mathcal{O}_{P^1}(1)$  and  $2V_2 \sim J^*\mathcal{O}_{P^1}(1)$  and  $p$  and  $q$  are positive integers such that  $m = 4p + 6q$ .

Since  $\text{codim}(W \setminus W') \geq 2$ , the above isomorphism can be extended to a homomorphism on  $W$ .

Let  $E$  be an effective divisor on  $V$  such that

$$K_V^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_V(-E) = \{\text{Image}(f^*f_*K_V^{\otimes m} \rightarrow K_V^{\otimes m})\}^{\vee\vee}.$$

Then  $f^*f_*K_V^{\otimes m} \rightarrow f^*(K_W^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_W(\Gamma))$  induces an injective homomorphism  $K_V^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_V(-E) \rightarrow f^*(K_W^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_W(\Gamma))$ . Therefore we have  $K_V^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_V(E-G) \simeq f^*(K_W^{\otimes m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_W(\Gamma))$  for an effective divisor  $G$  on  $V$  and this implies the claim. And (1) and (2) is clear from our construction. q.e.d.

*Proof of remark 2.2.* In this case, we can show (\*\*) directly without using the modular forms, so our proof works for all positive integer  $m$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an elliptic threefold. Then we have  $P_m(X) \geq P_m(Y)$  for an arbitrary positive even positive integer  $m > 2$ , except the case where  $X$  is bimeromorphic to an elliptic threefold which is a fiber bundle with the structure group  $\mathbf{Z}/2, \mathbf{Z}/3, \mathbf{Z}/4$  or  $\mathbf{Z}/6$  over a Zariski open set of the base space.*

*Proof.* By Hironaka's flattening theorem and resolution of singularities, we have the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} V & \xrightarrow{\mu} & M & \xrightarrow{\nu} & X \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ T & \xrightarrow{\phi} & S & \xrightarrow{\pi} & Y \end{array}$$

- 1)  $V, T$  and  $S$  are non-singular.
- 2)  $\mu, \nu, \phi$  and  $\pi$  are bimeromorphic morphism and  $g$  is flat.
- 3) The  $J$ -invariant  $J: T \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is a morphism.
- 4) The discriminant locus  $\Sigma = \sum_i D_i$  of  $h$  are divisors with normal crossings.

Furthermore we may assume that the condition (\*) in Theorem 1.1 is satisfied for  $h: V \rightarrow T$ .

Then it follows from Proposition 2.1 that for an arbitrary even positive integer  $m$ , we have  $mK_V \sim h^*(mK_T + \Gamma) + E - G$  for some effective divisor  $\Gamma$  on  $T$  and  $E, G$  on  $V$ . Since  $g$  is flat,  $G$  is  $(\nu \circ \mu)$ -exceptional. Therefore we have an isomorphism  $H^0(V, \mathcal{O}(mK_V)) \cong H^0(V, \mathcal{O}(mK_V + G)) \cong H^0(T, \mathcal{O}(mK_T + \Gamma))$ .

This implies that  $P_m(X) \geq P_m(Y)$  for any even positive integer  $m > 2$ .

**Remark 2.4.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an elliptic threefold with constant moduli which has only multiple singular fibers, we have  $P_m(X) \geq P_m(Y)$  for every positive integer  $m$ .

**Proposition 2.5** (*The canonical bundle formula of elliptic threefolds*). Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be an elliptic threefold over an algebraic surface  $W$ . Assume that the discriminant locus  $\Sigma$  of  $f$  are divisors with only normal crossings and the condition (\*) in theorem 1.1 is satisfied. Then the canonical bundle of  $V$  can be written as follows:

$$K_V \cong f^*(K_W + L) + M - G$$

- where
- 1)  $L$  is a line bundle on  $W$ .
  - 2)  $M$  is an effective divisor on  $V$  such that

$$M = f^*\left(\sum_i \frac{m_i - 1}{m_i} D_i\right) + E_1 - E_2,$$

where  $V$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along the irreducible component  $D_i$  of  $\Sigma$  and  $E_i$  is an effective divisor on  $V$  such that  $f(\text{supp}(E_i))$  is a point.

- 3)  $G$  is an effective divisor on  $V$  such that  $f(G)$  is a point.

*Proof.* Since  $f_*K_{V/W}$  is coherent, it follows from Serre's theorem that there exists a very ample divisor  $H$  on  $W$  such that  $H^0(W, f_*K_{V/W}(H)) \neq 0$ . Hence if we put  $\bar{H} = f^*H$ , we have  $H^0(V, K_{V/W}(\bar{H})) \neq 0$  and the complete linear system  $|K_{V/W}(\bar{H})|$  contains an effective divisor  $F = \sum_j F_j$ .

Let  $C$  be a general hyperplane section of  $W$  and put  $V(C) := f^{-1}(C)$ . Then  $V(C)$  is a non-singular elliptic surface over  $C$  and is relatively minimal. Clearly we have  $K_{V/W}|_{V(C)} = K_{V(C)/C}$ . Hence by the canonical bundle formula of elliptic surfaces (cf. [12]), each  $f(F_j)$  is a curve or a point. The same argument as in Kodaira [12], Theorem (12.1) can be applied to our situation and we can easily see

that there exists a line bundle  $L$  on  $W$  such that  $f_*K_{V/W} \simeq \mathcal{O}(L)$  except a finite number of points on  $W$ .

By Krull's theorem, we can extend this to a homomorphism  $f_*K_{V/W} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(L)$  on  $W$ . Let  $M$  be an effective divisor on  $V$  such that

$$K_{V/W} \otimes \mathcal{O}_V(-M) = \{\text{Image}(f^*f_*K_{V/W} \rightarrow K_{V/W})\}^{\vee\vee}.$$

Then the homomorphism  $f^*f_*K_{V/W} \rightarrow f^*\mathcal{O}(L)$  induces an injective homomorphism  $K_{V/W} \otimes \mathcal{O}_V(-M) \rightarrow f^*\mathcal{O}(L)$ . Hence there exists an effective divisor  $G$  on  $V$  such that

$$K_V \simeq f^*(K_W + L) + M - G.$$

Again by the canonical bundle formula of Kodaira,  $M$  can be expressed as

$$M \sim_Q f^*\left(\sum_i \frac{m_i - 1}{m_i} D_i\right), \text{ in codimension one on } W.$$

Therefore by applying the same argument as above, we obtain (2). q.e.d.

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an elliptic threefold over an algebraic surface  $Y$  and assume that  $\kappa(X) = 2$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $m_0$  (which may depend on  $X$ ) such that the pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all  $m \geq m_0$ .*

*Proof.* By Hironaka's flattening theorem and Theorem 1.1, we may assume that  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the same conditions as in the proof of proposition 2.3. Since  $\kappa(X) = 2$ , there exist positive numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  and positive integers  $p_0, d$  such that the following inequalities hold for any integer  $p \geq p_0$ :  $\alpha p^2 \leq h^0(X, pdK_X) \leq \beta p^2$  and  $\Phi_{|pdK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all  $p \geq p_0$ . By Proposition 2.5, we have  $K_X \sim f^*(K_Y + L) + M - G$ ,

$$M \sim_Q f^*\left(\sum_i \frac{m_i - 1}{m_i} D_i\right) + E_1 - E_2, \text{ and } \text{codim } f(\text{supp}(E_i)) \geq 2, \text{ codim } f(\text{supp}(G)) \geq 2.$$

Fix a positive integer  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r < d$  and for any positive integer  $p$ , put  $a := pd - r$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H^0(X, aK_X) &\simeq H^0(X, f^*(a(K_Y + L) + \sum_i \left[\frac{a(m_i - 1)}{m_i}\right] D_i)) \\ &\simeq H^0(Y, a(K_Y + L) + \sum_i \left[\frac{a(m_i - 1)}{m_i}\right] D_i) \\ H^0(X, (a+r)K_X) &\simeq H^0(Y, (a+r)(K_Y + L) + \sum_i \left[\frac{(a+r)(m_i - 1)}{m_i}\right] D_i). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\left[\frac{(a+r)(m_i - 1)}{m_i}\right] - \left[\frac{a(m_i - 1)}{m_i}\right] \leq \frac{(a+r)(m_i - 1)}{m_i} - \left(\frac{a(m_i - 1)}{m_i} - 1\right) < r + 1$ ,

we have the following inclusions.

$$H^\circ(X, aK_X) \supseteq H^\circ(Y, (a+r)(K_Y+L) + \sum_i \left[ \frac{(a+r)(m_i-1)}{m_i} \right] D_i - r(K_Y+L) - r \sum_i D_i).$$

Let  $H$  be a very ample line bundle on  $Y$  such that  $\bar{H} := r(K_Y+L) + r \sum_i D_i + H$  is also very ample. Then we have  $H^\circ(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - \bar{H})) \hookrightarrow H^\circ(X, aK_X)$ , where we put  $\Gamma = (a+r)(K_Y+L) + \sum_i \left[ \frac{(a+r)(m_i-1)}{m_i} \right] D_i$ .

There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^\circ(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - \bar{H})) \rightarrow H^\circ(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \rightarrow H^\circ(\bar{H}, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\bar{H}}) \rightarrow,$$

where  $\bar{H}$  also denotes a general member of the complete linear system  $|\bar{H}|$ . Since  $H^\circ(X, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \cong H^\circ(X, (a+r)K_X) \cong H^\circ(X, pdK_X)$ , we have  $\alpha p^2 \leq \dim H^\circ(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \leq \beta p^2$  for all  $p \geq p_0$ .

On the other hand, there is a positive integer  $r$  such that  $\dim H^\circ(\bar{H}, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\bar{H}}) \leq \gamma p$  by the consideration of the dimension.

Therefore there exists a positive integer  $k(r)$  such that for all  $p \geq k(r)$ , we have  $H^\circ(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - \bar{H})) \neq 0$  and hence  $H^\circ(X, aK_X) \neq 0$ , where  $a = pd - r$ . Since  $H^\circ(X, (k(r)d - r)K_X) \neq 0$  for  $0 < r < d$ , we have

$$H^\circ(X, pdK_X) \hookrightarrow H^\circ(X, ((p+k(r))d - r)K_X).$$

So if we put  $m_0 := \text{Max}_{0 < r < d} \{(p_0 + k(r))d - r\}$ ,  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all  $m \geq m_0$ . q.e.d

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be an elliptic threefold over a surface  $S$ . Assume that  $\kappa(X) = 2$  and  $S$  is a surface of general type. Then the pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  associated to the complete linear system  $|mK_X|$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all even positive integer  $m \geq 6$ .*

**Remark 2.8.** If  $X$  is an elliptic threefold with constant moduli which has only multiple singular fibers, the theorem holds for all  $m \geq 5$ .

*Proof of 2.7.* Let  $M \rightarrow S$  be a flattening of  $f$  and let  $V \rightarrow T$  be a non-singular model of  $M$ . We may assume that  $V \rightarrow T$  satisfies the same conditions as in the proof of Proposition 2.3.

Then it follows from Proposition 2.1 that for an even positive integer  $m > 2$ , we have  $mK_V \sim f^*(mK_T + \Gamma) + E - G$  for some effective divisor  $\Gamma$  on  $T$  and  $E, G$  on  $V$ . By the same reason as in the proof of Proposition 2.3, we have an isomorphism  $H^\circ(V, \mathcal{O}(mK_V)) \cong H^\circ(T, \mathcal{O}(mK_T + \Gamma))$ .

If  $Y$  is a minimal surface of general type, then the pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_Y|}$  gives a birational morphism for all  $m \geq 5$ .

Therefore  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all even integer  $m \geq 6$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $T$  be a simple abelian surface and let  $f: X \rightarrow T$  be an elliptic threefold over  $T$  with constant moduli which has only multiple singular fibers. Assume that  $\kappa(X)=2$ . Then we have  $P_m(X) > 1$  for all  $m \geq 10$ .*

*Proof.* From Remark 2.4, we have  $P_g(X)=1$  and  $P_m(X) \geq P_m(Y)$  for all  $m \geq 2$ . So we may assume that  $K_X$  is effective. Take a sufficiently fine open covering  $\{U_\lambda\}_\lambda$  of  $X$  and  $K_X$  is locally defined by  $\psi_\lambda=0$ . Then we can take a double covering  $\tilde{X}$  of  $X$  defined by  $\tilde{X} = \bigcup_\lambda \{\zeta_\lambda^2 = \psi_\lambda^2\}$ , where  $\{\zeta_\lambda\}$  is a fiber coordinate of the canonical bundle  $K_X$ . Take the normalization  $\tilde{X}^*$  of  $\tilde{X}$ . Clearly  $\tilde{X}^* \xrightarrow{\pi} X$  is a two-sheeted unramified covering of  $X$ . Take the Stein factorization of  $\tilde{X}^* \rightarrow T$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X}^* & \xrightarrow{\pi} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ \tilde{T} & \longrightarrow & T \end{array}$$

From our construction, it is clear that  $\tilde{T} \rightarrow T$  is a double covering of  $T$  ramified only along  $f(\text{supp}(K_X))$  and  $\tilde{T}$  is irreducible. By taking a suitable bimeromorphic model of  $\tilde{X}^* \rightarrow \tilde{T}$ , we may assume that  $\tilde{T}$  is non-singular. Because  $T$  is a simple abelian surface,  $\tilde{T}$  is a surface of general type. Clearly we have  $\kappa(\tilde{X}^*) \geq \kappa(X)=2$ . Therefore it follows from Proposition 2.3 that the pluricanonical mapping  $\mathcal{O}_{|mK_{\tilde{X}^*}|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all  $m \geq 5$ . In particular we have  $P_m(\tilde{X}^*) \geq 4$  for all  $m \geq 5$ .

Now,  $\pi: \tilde{X}^* \rightarrow X$  is an unramified double covering of  $X$  with the Galois group  $G$ . Let  $L$  be the line bundle associated to the non-trivial character on  $G$ . Then we have  $L^{\otimes 2} \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$  and  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}^*} \simeq \mathcal{O}_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X(L)$ .

Note that  $\pi_*(\mathcal{O}(mK_{\tilde{X}^*})) \simeq \mathcal{O}(mK_X) \oplus \mathcal{O}(mK_X + L)$ .

By considering the Leray's spectral sequence, we have

$$H^0(\tilde{X}^*, \mathcal{O}(mK_{\tilde{X}^*})) \simeq H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X)) \oplus H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X + L)).$$

Thus for all  $m \geq 5$ , we have  $h^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X)) \geq 2$  or  $h^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X + L)) \geq 2$ . Noting that  $L^2 \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$  and  $K_X$  is effective, we have  $P_m(X) \geq 2$  for all  $m \geq 10$ . q.e.d.

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be an elliptic threefold over an elliptic surface  $\phi: S \rightarrow C$  such that  $\kappa(X)=2$  and  $\kappa(S)=1$ . Let  $\Sigma \subset S$  be a discriminant locus of  $f$ . Then  $S$  is algebraic and there exists an irreducible component  $D_0$  of  $\Sigma$  with  $\phi(D_0)=C$ .*

*Proof.* By taking a suitable bimeromorphic model of  $f: X \rightarrow S$ , we may assume that

- 1)  $\Sigma$  have only normal crossings.
- 2) The  $J$ -invariant  $J: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is holomorphic.

By the canonical bundle formula of Fujita [5], we have

$$*) \quad K_X^{\otimes k} \simeq f^*(K_S^{\otimes k} \otimes J^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(m)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_S(\sum_Y k \mu_Y Y) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(V-W) \quad \text{where}$$

- 1)  $\text{codim } f(W) \geq 2$ .
  - 2)  $f_*\mathcal{O}_X(pV) \simeq \mathcal{O}_S$  for all  $p \geq 1$ ,
- and  $k=12m$  is a positive integer which is a multiple of all the multiplicities of the irreducible component of  $\Sigma$ .

Let  $\mu: S \rightarrow S'$  be a contraction of exceptional curves of the first kind in fibers. Then  $\phi': S' \rightarrow C$  is relatively minimal and we have

$$K_{S'} \simeq \phi'^*(K_C - f) + \sum_i (m_i - 1)[E_i], \quad \phi'^*[p_i] = [m_i E_i]$$

and

$$K_S \simeq \mu^*K_{S'} + \sum_j e_j,$$

where  $e_j$  is an exceptional curve.

Moreover we may assume that  $k=12m$  is divisible by all  $m_i$ 's. Then we have

$$K_S^{\otimes k} \simeq \phi^*(k(K_C - f) + \sum_i \frac{k}{m_i} (m_i - 1)P_i) + k \sum_j e_j. \tag{**}$$

From (\*) and (\*\*), if we put  $g = \phi \circ f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_X^{\otimes k} \simeq & g^*(k(K_C - f) + \sum_i \frac{k}{m_i} (m_i - 1)P_i) \otimes f^*(J^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(m) \otimes \mathcal{O}[k \sum_j e_j]) \\ & \otimes \mathcal{O}_S[\sum_j k\mu_Y Y]) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(V - W). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if there exists no irreducible component of  $\Sigma$  which is mapped surjectively onto  $C$  by  $\phi$ , we have  $\kappa(X) \leq 1$  and this is a contradiction. q.e.d.

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an elliptic threefold over  $Y$ . Assume that  $\kappa(X)=2$  and  $\kappa(Y)=1$ . Then the pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi|_{m\kappa_X}$  gives the Iitaka fibration for all even integer  $m \geq 16$ .*

**Remark 2.12.** If  $X$  is an elliptic threefold with constant moduli which has only multiple singular fibers, the theorem holds for all  $m \geq 15$ .

*Proof.* We use the same notation as in Proposition 2.1. By Hironaka's flattening theorem and resolution of singularities, we may assume that

- 1) The discriminant locus  $D = \sum_i D_i$  are divisors which have only normal crossings.
- 2) The  $J$ -invariant  $J: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is a morphism.
- 3) The condition (\*) in Theorem 1.1 is satisfied.
- 4) There is an isomorphism  $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X)) \simeq H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}(mK_Y + \Gamma))$  for an even integer  $m > 2$ , where  $\Gamma = \sum_i [m\alpha_i]D_i + (pV_1 + qV_2)$ .

$Y$  has the structure of an elliptic surface  $\phi: Y \rightarrow C$  and let  $\mu: Y \rightarrow Y'$  be the contraction of the exceptional curves of the first kind in fibers. Then  $\phi': Y' \rightarrow C$  is relatively minimal and we have

$$K_{Y'} \simeq \phi^*(K_C - f) + \sum_i (q_i - 1)[E_i], \quad \phi^*[p_i] = [q_i E_i]$$

and

$$K_Y \simeq \mu^* K_{Y'} + \sum_j e_j,$$

where  $e_j$  is an exceptional curve. Hence we have

$$K_Y \simeq \phi^*(K_C - f) + \sum_i (q_i - 1)[\mu^* E_i] + \sum_j e_j,$$

where

$$\phi^*[p_i] = [q_i \mu^* E_i].$$

By Proposition 2.10,  $\phi: Y \rightarrow C$  is an algebraic elliptic surface and there exists some irreducible component of the discriminant locus which is mapped surjectively onto  $C$  by  $\phi$ . Let  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_p$  (resp.  $D_{p+1}, \dots, D_\lambda$ ) be horizontal with respect to  $\phi$ . (resp. be contained in fibers of  $\phi$ .)

By Katsura and Ueno [7], the pluricanonical mapping  $\Phi_{|mK_Y|}$  gives the unique structure of the elliptic surface for every  $m \geq 14$ . If we put  $\Gamma = \mathcal{O}(mK_Y + \sum_{i=1}^p [m\alpha_i]D_i)$  there is an injection  $H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \hookrightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(mK_X))$ . Hence it suffices to show that  $\Phi_\Gamma$  separates points on the general fiber  $f$  of  $\Phi: Y \rightarrow C$ . Since  $\Gamma \cdot f > 0$ , the restriction  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{O}_f$  is very ample for every  $m \geq 14$ .

So it suffices to show that the restriction map

$$R: H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \rightarrow H^0(f, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{O}_f) \quad \text{is surjective for every } m \geq 14.$$

We have the following exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - f)) \rightarrow H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \rightarrow H^0(f, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{O}_f) \\ \rightarrow H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - f)) \rightarrow H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma)) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

We will show that  $H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - f)) = 0$ . We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.13 (Kodaira).** *Let  $V$  be a Kähler surface and let  $C$  be a curve composed of  $m$  connected components on  $V$ . Then the integer  $k = h^1(K_V + C) - m + 1$  is equal to the number of linearly independent holomorphic 1-forms on  $V$  which vanishes on  $C$ .*

$$\text{We have } H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}(\Gamma - f)) \simeq H^1(Y, K_Y + ((m-1)K_Y - f) + \sum_{i=1}^p [m\alpha_i]D_i).$$

From Katsura and Ueno [7], we have  $\dim |(m-1)K_Y - f| \geq 0$  for all  $m \geq 15$ . And there is no holomorphic 1-form on  $Y$  which vanishes on some  $D_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ), since  $D_i$  is a horizontal component of  $\phi: Y \rightarrow C$ . Hence Lemma 2.13 implies the claim.

Hence for every even integer  $m \geq 16$ ,  $\Phi_{|mK_X|}$  gives the Iitaka fibration. q.e.d.

## §1. The structure of algebraic elliptic fiber spaces.

In this section, we shall consider an algebraic elliptic fiber space with constant

moduli which has only multiple singular fibers. There is great difference between algebraic elliptic fiber spaces and analytic elliptic fiber spaces. Katsura and Ueno [7] showed that the multiplicities of the multiple fibers of an algebraic elliptic surface satisfy certain numerical conditions.

On the other hand, there is a deep connection between algebraic elliptic fiber spaces and the theory of branched coverings of complex manifolds developed by Namba [13].

First, we quote the following important theorems.

**Theorem 3.1** (Katsura and Ueno [7]). *Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  be an algebraic elliptic surface of type  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$ .*

(\*) *Let  $m$  be the least common multiple of  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda$ .*

*For a prime number  $q$ , let  $\alpha$  be the maximal integer such that  $q^\alpha$  divides  $m$ . Then there exists at least two indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $q^\alpha$  divides both  $m_i$  and  $m_j$ . (We call (\*) condition (U).)*

We need the following definition.

**Definition 3.2** (c.f. Namba [13]). *Let  $M$  (resp.  $X$ ) be an  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold. (resp.  $n$ -dimensional normal complex space.) A Galois covering  $f: X \rightarrow M$  which branches at the divisor  $D$  is said to be maximal if for any covering  $f': X' \rightarrow M$  which branches at at most  $D$ , there is a morphism  $g$  of  $X$  onto  $X'$  such that  $f = f' \circ g$ .*

**Theorem 3.3** (Namba [13]). *Let  $\bar{D}_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ ) be distinct irreducible hypersurfaces of degree  $d_j$  of  $\mathbf{P}^n$ . Let  $m_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ ) be positive integers and put  $\bar{D} = m_1 \bar{D}_1 + m_2 \bar{D}_2 + \dots + m_\lambda \bar{D}_\lambda$ . Then there is a finite abelian covering of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which branches at  $\bar{D}$  if and only if the following condition is satisfied.*

Condition (N)

$$\frac{m_j}{(d_j, m_j)} \text{ divides } \left\langle \frac{m_1}{(d_1, m_1)}, \dots, \frac{m_j}{(d_j, m_j)}, \dots, \frac{m_\lambda}{(d_\lambda, m_\lambda)} \right\rangle$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ , where  $(d_j, m_j)$  denotes the greatest common divisor of  $d_j$  and  $m_j$  and  $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_\lambda \rangle$  denotes the least common multiple of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\lambda$  except  $a_j$ . (If  $n=1$ , put  $d_j=1$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ .)

Moreover, if  $n \geq 2$  and  $\bar{D}_j$ 's ( $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ ) are smooth and crossing normally, such a finite abelian covering  $\pi: \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  is maximal and the Galois group  $G_\pi$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}r_1 + \mathbf{Z}r_2 + \dots + \mathbf{Z}r_\lambda$ , where  $d_1 r_1 + d_2 r_2 + \dots + d_\lambda r_\lambda = 0$  and  $m_j r_j = 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ .

Combining these two results, we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  be an elliptic surface with constant moduli which has only multiple singular fibers. Put*

$$S = L_{p_1}(m_1, a_1) L_{p_2}(m_2, a_2) \cdots L_{p_\lambda}(m_\lambda, a_\lambda) (\mathbf{P}^1 \times E).$$

(Here we use the notation of Kodaira [11].) Then the following conditions are equivalent.

(1)  $S$  is projective.

(2)  $S$  is Kähler.

(3)  $\sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} a_i = 0$ .

(4) There exists a finite abelian covering  $\pi: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  of  $\mathbf{P}^1$  which branches at  $D = \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} m_i p_i$ . Let  $G$  be the Galois group of  $\pi$  and let  $X$  be the normalization of the pull-back  $S \times_{\mathbf{P}^1} C \rightarrow C$ . Then we have  $X = (\mathbf{P}^1 \times E)^n$ , where  $\eta \in H^1(C, \mathcal{O}(E))$  is of finite order, and the quotient space  $X/G$  is isomorphic to  $S$ . (Here  $E$  denotes a smooth elliptic curve.)

*Proof.* (1) $\leftrightarrow$ (2) follows from Kodaira [11].

(1) $\leftrightarrow$ (3) follows from Katsura and Ueno [7]; appendix.

(4) $\rightarrow$ (1) is clear, so we prove that (3) implies (4).

As is shown in Katsura and Ueno [7], (3) implies condition (U) in Theorem 3.1.

On the other hand, one can see easily that condition (U) is equivalent to the following condition.

$$(*) \quad m_j \text{ divides } \langle m_1, \dots, m_j, \dots, m_\lambda \rangle \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq \lambda.$$

Therefore if we put  $d_j = 1$  for all  $j$  in Theorem 3.3, there exists a finite abelian covering which branches at  $D = \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} m_i p_i$  and the claim follows. q.e.d.

**Remark 3.5.** Theorem 3.1 and Proposition 3.4 are still true if we replace  $\mathbf{P}^1$  by any compact smooth curve  $C$ . Here we give another proof.

*Proof.* Put  $S = L_{p_1}(m_1, a_1) \cdots L_{p_\lambda}(m_\lambda, a_\lambda) (C \times E)$  and let  $m$  be the least common multiple of  $m_i$ 's. ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ). The multiplication map  $m: E \rightarrow E$  induces a finite surjective morphism  $\phi: S \rightarrow Y$ , where  $Y \rightarrow C$  is an elliptic bundle over  $C$ . Hence  $S$  is Kähler if and only if  $Y$  is Kähler. If we express  $Y$  as  $Y = (C \times E)^\eta$ ,  $\eta \in H^1(C, \mathcal{O}(E))$ , we can easily see that the Chern class of  $\eta$  is  $c(\eta) = m \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} a_i$ . By Kodaira [11],  $Y$  is Kähler if and only if  $c(\eta) = 0$ . Hence the claim follows.

Now, we give a generalization of Proposition 3.4.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $H_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ ) be distinct hyperplanes of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) which are crossing normally and let  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be an elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  with constant moduli which has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_j$  along each  $H_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq \lambda$ ) and is a principal fiber bundle over  $\mathbf{P}^n \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{\lambda} H_j$  with the structure group  $E$ , where  $E$  is a smooth elliptic curve. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is Moishezon.
- (2)  $X$  is in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (3)  $t(X)=1$ , where  $t(X)$  denotes the Albanese dimension of  $X$ .
- (4) There exists a finite abelian covering  $\pi: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which branches at  $D = \sum_{j=1}^{\lambda} m_j H_j$ . Let  $G$  be the Galois group of  $\pi: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$ . Then the pull-back  $X \times_{\mathbf{P}^n} Y \rightarrow Y$  of  $\pi$  is bimeromorphic to  $Y \times E$  and the quotient space  $Y \times E / G$  is bimeromorphic to  $X$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\leftrightarrow$ (2) is well-known. (c.f. Fujiki [1])

(2) $\rightarrow$ (4)

Take  $(n-1)$  general hyperplane sections of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  and restrict the elliptic fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  over the intersection of them. Then we get an elliptic surface  $S$  over  $\mathbf{P}^1$  of type  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$ . Because  $X$  is in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $S$  is also in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ , so is Kähler. Therefore by Theorem 3.1,  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$  satisfies condition (U).

The same arguments as in Proposition 3.4 can be applied to our situation, so there exists a finite abelian covering  $\pi: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which branches at  $D = \sum_{j=1}^{\lambda} m_j H_j$  and the pull-back  $X \times_{\mathbf{P}^n} Y \rightarrow Y$  is bimeromorphic to  $(Y \times E)^\eta \rightarrow Y$ , where  $\eta \in H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}(E))$  is of finite order. There exists an étale cover  $Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $(Y \times E)^\eta \times_Z X$  is isomorphic to  $Z \times E$ . Since  $\pi: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) is a maximal covering, we have  $Z \simeq Y$  and  $\eta = 0$  in  $H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}(E))$ . So the claim follows.

(4) $\rightarrow$ (3) is trivial.

(3) $\rightarrow$ (1) Since  $t(X)=1$ ,  $\text{Alb}(X)$  is a smooth elliptic curve and  $\alpha_X: X \rightarrow \text{Alb}(X)$  (the Albanese map of  $X$ ) is surjective and has connected fibers. Then the morphism  $\Phi = (f, \alpha_X): X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^2 \times \text{Alb}(X)$  is surjective, hence  $X$  is Moishezon. q.e.d.

**§4. Proof of main theorem B.**

The following proposition is due to M. Kato.

**Proposition 4.1** (M. Kato). *For an arbitrary integer  $\lambda \geq 2$ , let  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$  be a  $\lambda$ -tuple of positive integers with  $m_i \geq 2$  for all  $i$ , and assume that any two of them are relatively prime.—(\*) Then there exists an elliptic fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}$  over  $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}$  with constant moduli which satisfies the following conditions.*

- (1)  $X$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along  $\{\zeta_i = 0\}$  for each  $i$ , and is trivial over  $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1} \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\lambda} \{\zeta_i = 0\}$ , where  $(\zeta_1: \zeta_2: \dots: \zeta_\lambda)$  is the homogeneous coordinate of  $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}$ .
- (2)  $F: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}$  is flat.

**Remark 4.2.**  $X$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$  in the sense of Fujiki [1]. That is,  $X$  cannot be bimeromorphic to any compact Kähler manifold. (c.f. §3).

**Remark 4.1.**  $X$  is a Hopf manifold. Conversely, any elliptic fiber space which satisfies (1) and (2) is a submanifold of a Hopf manifold.

*Proof.* Let us consider an analytic automorphism of  $\mathbf{C}^\lambda \setminus \{0\}$  defined by

$$g: \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{C}^\lambda \setminus \{0\} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C}^\lambda \setminus \{0\} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (z_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_\lambda) & \mapsto & (\rho^{m/m_1} z_1, \dots, \rho^{m/m_i} z_i, \dots, \rho^{m/m_\lambda} z_\lambda), \end{array}$$

where we fix a constant  $\rho \in \mathbf{C}$  ( $0 < |\rho| < 1$ ) and put  $m = m_1 m_2 \cdots m_\lambda$ . Put  $X = \mathbf{C}^\lambda \setminus \{0\} / \langle g \rangle$ . The automorphism  $g$  acts on  $\mathbf{C}^\lambda \setminus \{0\}$  freely and properly discontinuously, hence  $X$  is smooth. There is a natural holomorphic map

$$f: \begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \overline{(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_\lambda)} & \longrightarrow & (z_1^{m_1} : z_2^{m_2} : \dots : z_\lambda^{m_\lambda}), \end{array}$$

where by  $\overline{(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_\lambda)}$  we denote the point of  $X$  corresponding to a point  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_\lambda) \in \mathbf{C}^\lambda \setminus \{0\}$ .

Because any two of  $m_i$ 's are relatively prime, the morphism  $f$  gives an algebraic reduction of  $X$  and each fiber of  $f$  is connected. Thus  $X$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}$  which satisfies the desired properties. q.e.d.

*Proof of remark 4.3.* Assume that an elliptic fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}$  satisfies the conditions (1) and (2). Because any two of  $m_i$ 's are relatively prime, it follows from Katsura and Ueno [7]; appendix that  $X$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $h^\circ(X, d\mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ . (cf. theorem 3.5) First, we show that  $H^1(X, \mathbf{C}) \simeq H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq \mathbf{C}$ . Since  $R^1 f_* \mathcal{O}_X \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}}$ , it follows easily from the Leray spectral sequence that  $q(X) = 1$ . By the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow d\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $0 \rightarrow H^\circ(X, d\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , and  $b_1(X) \leq 1$ . And by Leray's spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}, R^q f_* \mathbf{C}) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(X, \mathbf{C}),$$

we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H^\circ(X, R^1 f_* \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}, \mathbf{C}).$$

Since  $R^1 f_* \mathbf{C} \simeq \mathbf{C}^2$  and  $b_2(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}) = 1$ , we have  $b_1(X) \geq 1$ . Therefore we have  $b_1(X) = 1$ , and  $H^1(X, \mathbf{C}) \simeq H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq \mathbf{C}$ .

Now, we follow the arguments of Kato [9]. By the same method as in [9], Lemma 19, 20, we can show that  $f^*: H^2(\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathbf{C})$  is a zero mapping and  $f^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^{\lambda-1}}(1) \in \text{Pic}(X)$  is a flat line bundle. Then from Kato's theorem [9],  $X$  is a submanifold of a Hopf manifold. q.e.d.

**Remark 4.4.** If  $m_i$ 's do not satisfy (\*), the fiber of  $f$  is not connected. To prove Theorem B, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.5.** Let  $\{a\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of natural numbers defined as follows.

$$a_1 = 2, a_{n+1} = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n + 1.$$

And let  $\{b_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of natural numbers defined as follows.

$$b_n = (n+1)(a_{n+3}-1)+2.$$

Then for every positive integer  $n$ , we have

$$-k(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] > 0 \quad \text{for all } k \geq b_n,$$

and

$$-k(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] = 0 \quad \text{if } k = b_n - 1.$$

(Here  $[ \ ]$  denotes the Gauss symbol.)

*Proof.* First, we need the following sublemma.

**Sublemma 4.6.**

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{a_i} = 1 - \frac{1}{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p}$$

(It is easy to prove by induction on  $p$ , so we omit the proof.) Now, we follow the method of Iitaka [6]. Because

$$\left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] \geq \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} - \frac{a_i-1}{a_i} = (k-1) \frac{a_i-1}{a_i},$$

we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] \geq (k-1) \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{a_i-1}{a_i} = (k-1) \left( n+2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{1}{a_i} \right).$$

By Sublemma 4.6, we have the following inequality.

$$(*) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] \geq (k-1) \left( n+1 + \frac{1}{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n+2}} \right).$$

So it suffices to determine the smallest integer  $m_0$  such that we have

$$(**) \quad (k-1) \left( n+1 + \frac{1}{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n+2}} \right) > k(n+1) \quad \text{for all } k \geq m_0.$$

The inequality  $(**)$  holds if and only if

$$k > (n+1)(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n+2}) + 1 = (n+1)(a_{n+3}-1) + 1 = b_n - 1.$$

Therefore if  $k \geq b_n$ , we have  $-k(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] > 0$ .

Next, we consider the case when  $k = b_n - 1$ . If we put  $A = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n+2}$ , we have

$k=(n+1)A+1$ . Then for  $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] &= \left[ \frac{((n+1)A+1)(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] \\ &= \left[ (n+1) \frac{A}{a_i} (a_i-1) + \frac{a_i-1}{a_i} \right] \\ &= (n+1) \frac{A}{a_i} (a_i-1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $\frac{A}{a_i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ) is a positive integer. So we have the following equality.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] &= (n+1)A \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{a_i-1}{a_i} \\ &= (n+1)A \left( n+2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{1}{a_i} \right) \\ &= (n+1)A \left( n+1 + \frac{1}{A} \right) \\ &= (n+1)(A(n+1)+1) \\ &= (n+1)k. \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

Now, we are ready to prove Theorem B.

*Proof of Theorem B.* Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be sequences of natural numbers defined as in Lemma 4.5. Take  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+2})$ , a  $(n+2)$ -tuple of positive integers. From the construction of  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ , any two of  $a_n$ 's are relatively prime. Therefore it follows from proposition (4.1) that there exists an elliptic fiber space  $Z \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{n+1}$  over  $\mathbf{P}^{n+1}$  which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $Z$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $a_i$  along  $\{\zeta_i=0\}$  for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ). (Here  $(\zeta_1: \zeta_2: \dots: \zeta_{n+2})$  denotes the homogeneous coordinate of  $\mathbf{P}^{n+1}$ .)
- (2)  $Z$  is trivial over  $\mathbf{P}^{n+1} \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+2} \{\zeta_i=0\}$ .
- (3)  $Z \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{n+1}$  is flat.

Now, take a generic hyperplane section  $H$  of  $\mathbf{P}^{n+1}$  and restrict the elliptic fiber space  $Z \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{n+1}$  over  $H$ . Put  $X^{(n+1)} := Z|_H$ . By Bertini's theorem  $X^{(n+1)}$  is smooth and  $X^{(n+1)} \rightarrow H (\simeq \mathbf{P}^n)$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $X^{(n+1)}$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $a_i$  along each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ), where  $H_i$ 's are  $(n+2)$  hyperplanes on  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which are in a general position.
- (2)  $f: X^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  is trivial over  $\mathbf{P}^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+2} H_i$ .
- (3)  $f: X^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  is flat.

The canonical bundle of  $X^{(n+1)}$  is as follows.

$$K_{X^{(n+1)}} \simeq f^* \left( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(-n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{a_i-1}{a_i} H_i \right)$$

Because

$$-(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{a_i - 1}{a_i} = \frac{1}{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n+2}} > 0$$

from Sublemma 4.6, we have  $\kappa(X^{(n+1)}) = n$ .

And for any positive integer  $m$ , we have

$$|mK_{X^{(n+1)}}| = f^*(\mathcal{O}_{P^n}(-m(k+1)) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{m(a_i - 1)}{a_i} \right] H_i) + (\text{fixed components}),$$

where  $[ \ ]$  denotes the Gauss symbol.

So we have  $\dim |mK_{X^{(n+1)}}| > 0$  (resp.  $= 0$ ) if and only if  $m$  satisfies the the following inequality. (resp. equality.)

$$(*) \quad -m(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{m(a_i - 1)}{a_i} \right] > 0 \quad (\text{resp. } = 0.)$$

Therefore from Lemma 4.5, we have

$$\dim |mK_{X^{(n+1)}}| = 0 \quad \text{if } m = b_n - 1$$

and

$$\dim |mK_{X^{(n+1)}}| > 0 \quad \text{for all } m \geq b_n.$$

Thus  $f: X^{(n+1)} \rightarrow P^n$  has the desired properties.

q.e.d.

**Remark 4.7.** There exists *no* finite *abelian* covering of  $P^n$  which branches along each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ) with the ramification index  $a_i$ . This follows from a theorem of Namba [13]. (See §3. Theorem 3.3.)

**Remark 4.8.** For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $X^{(n+1)}$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$  in the sense of Fujiki [1].

*Proof.* Take  $(n-1)$  general hyperplane sections of  $P^n$  and let  $C$  be the intersection of them. Then  $f^{-1}(C) \rightarrow C (\simeq P^1)$  is an elliptic surface by Bertini's theorem and is of type  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+2})$ . Because any two of  $a_n$ 's are relatively prime, it follows from Katsura and Ueno [7]; appendix that  $f^{-1}(C)$  is non-Kähler. Therefore,  $X^{(n+1)}$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ . (See §3, Theorem (3.1).)

**Remark 4.9.** In the above examples,  $X^{(n+1)}$  is a submanifold of a Hopf manifold. However, using the result of §5, we can construct another example of  $X^{(n+1)}$ , which cannot be bimeromorphic to any subvariety of a Hopf manifold. (c.f. [10])

**Remark 4.10.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow P^n$  be an elliptic fiber space over  $P^n$  and assume that  $f$  is flat. Then  $b_n$  is the best possible number of the Iitaka fibration for all such  $X$ .

Now we prove theorem C.

*Proof of theorem C.* In  $n=1$ , theorem 2 follows from Katsura and Ueno [7].

So we may assume that  $n > 1$ .

Let  $H_i$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ) be  $(n+2)$  hyperplanes on  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which are in a general position. Next, put  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}) = (2, \underbrace{2(n+1), \dots, 2(n+1)}_{n+1})$ .

Clearly it satisfies condition (N) in Theorem 3.3. Therefore, there exists a finite abelian covering  $\pi: \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which branches at  $D = 2H_1 + 2(n+1)H_2 + \dots + 2(n+1)H_{n+2}$ . And the Galois group  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}r_1 + \mathbf{Z}r_2 + \dots + \mathbf{Z}r_{n+2}$ , where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{n+1} + r_{n+2} = 0 \\ 2r_1 = 0 \\ 2(n+2)r_2 = 0 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ 2(n+2)r_{n+2} = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Clearly  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}/2 \oplus \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}/2(n+2) \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2(n+2)}_n$ .

Fix an elliptic curve  $E$  with the period  $(1, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ , a torsion point  $a \in E$  of order 2 and a torsion point  $b \in E$  of order  $2(n+2)$  such that  $a \neq (n+2)b$ . The group  $G$  acts on  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n \times E$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} r_1: (z, [\zeta]) &\mapsto (r_1 z, [\zeta + a]) \\ r_i: (z, [\zeta]) &\mapsto (r_i z, [\zeta + b]) \quad (2 \leq i \leq n+1). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n$  is smooth.

The action is properly discontinuous but not free, so the quotient space  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n \times E/G$  has singularities. Take a  $G$ -equivariant resolution  $Z^{(n+1)}$  of it. Then by a natural holomorphic mapping  $f: Z^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$ ,  $Z^{(n+1)}$  is an algebraic elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $a_i$  along each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ).

The canonical bundle of  $Z^{(n+1)}$  is as follows.

$$K_{Z^{(n+1)}} \simeq f^* \left( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(-n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{a_i - 1}{a_i} H_i \right).$$

Because  $-(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i - 1)}{a_i} \right] = \frac{1}{2(n+2)} > 0$ , we have  $\kappa(Z^{(n+1)}) = n$ . And for positive integer  $k$ , we have

$$|kK_{Z^{(n+1)}}| = f^* \left( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(-k(n+1)) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i - 1)}{a_i} \right] H_i \right) + (\text{fixed components}),$$

where  $[ \ ]$  denotes the Gauss symbol. Therefore we have  $\dim |kK_{Z^{(n+1)}}| > 0$  (resp. = 0) if and only if  $k$  satisfies the following inequality. (resp. equality.)

$$(*) \quad -k(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{k(a_i - 1)}{a_i} > 0 \quad (\text{resp.} = 0)$$

By the same method as in Lemma 4.5, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i - 1)}{a_i} \right] \geq (k-1) \left( n+2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{1}{a_i} \right) = (k-1) \left( n+1 + \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right).$$

So it suffices to estimate  $m_0$  such that

$$(k-1) \left( n+1 + \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right) > k(n+1) \quad \text{for all } k \geq m_0. \quad \text{---(**)}$$

The inequality (\*\*) holds if and only if  $k \geq 2(n^2 + 3n + 3)$ . By a direct calculation, we see that if  $k = 2n^2 + 6n + 5$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -k(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \left[ \frac{k(a_i - 1)}{a_i} \right] \\ &= -k(n+1) + (n+1) \left[ \frac{k(2n+3)}{2(n+2)} \right] + \left[ \frac{k}{2} \right] \\ &= -(2n^2 + 6n + 5)(n+1) + (n+1) \left[ 2n^2 + 5n + 4 - \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right] + \left[ \frac{2n^2 + 6n + 5}{2} \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $d_n = 2(n^2 + 3n + 3)$  is the best possible number of the Iitaka fibration of  $Z^{(n+1)}$ . q.e.d.

**Remark 4.11.** Note that in this case, the exceptional divisors disappear in  $K_{Z^{(n+1)}}$ . (c.f. [3]).

**§5. Generalized logarithmic transformations.**

In this section, we shall study generalized logarithmic transformations along the divisors which have only normal crossings. First, we state our main theorem in this section.

**Theorem 5.1.** For an arbitrary integer  $\lambda \geq 2$ , let  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$  be  $\lambda$ -tuple of positive integers with  $m_i \geq 2$  for all  $i$ , and assume that any two of them are relatively prime. Let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact complex manifold and let  $D_i$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) be smooth divisors on  $Y$  which have only normal crossings. Assume that  $|D_i|$  is fixed component free and base point free and  $\dim |D_i| > 0$  for all  $i$ . Then there exists an elliptic fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  over  $Y$  with constant moduli which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $X$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along  $D_i$  for each  $i$ .
- (2)  $X|_{Y \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\lambda} D_i} \simeq (Y \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\lambda} D_i) \times E$ , where  $E$  is a smooth elliptic curve with the period  $(1, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ .
- (3) For an arbitrary integer  $m$ ,  $f_{*(X/Y^{\otimes m})}$  is invertible.

**Remark 5.2.** If  $Y$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{P}^n$ , the above theorem holds automatically. Hence, thanks to (3), we can construct another example of  $X^{(n+1)}$  in theorem B.

To prove Theorem 5.1, we need the following propositions.

**Proposition 5.3.** *For an arbitrary integer  $\lambda \geq 2$ , let  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$  be a  $\lambda$ -tuple of positive integers with  $m_i \geq 2$  for all  $i$ , and assume that any two of them are relatively prime. Let  $D_i = \{z_i \in \mathbf{C}; |z_i| < \varepsilon\}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) be  $\lambda$  discs. Then there exists an elliptic fiber space  $X_0$  over  $D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_\lambda$  which satisfies the following conditions.*

- (1)  $X_0|_{D_1^* \times D_2^* \times \dots \times D_\lambda^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} D_1^* \times D_2^* \times \dots \times D_\lambda^* \times E$ , where  $E$  is a smooth elliptic curve with the period  $(1, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ .
  - (2)  $X_0$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along  $\{z_i=0\}$  for each  $i$ .
- Moreover,  $f: X_0 \rightarrow D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_\lambda$  is flat.

*Proof.* Let  $D_i = \{t_i \in \mathbf{C}; |t_i| < \varepsilon^{1/m_i}\} \rightarrow D_i = \{z_i \in \mathbf{C}; |z_i| < \varepsilon\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\ & t_i & \longrightarrow & t_i^{m_i} \end{array}$$

be an  $m_i$ -sheeted cyclic covering of  $D_i$ . ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) Then by the assumption,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{D} := \tilde{D}_1 \times \tilde{D}_2 \times \dots \times \tilde{D}_\lambda & \rightarrow & D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_\lambda =: D \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda) & \mapsto & (t_1^{m_1}, t_2^{m_2}, \dots, t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}) \end{array}$$

is an  $m_1 m_2 \dots m_\lambda$ -sheeted cyclic covering of  $D$ , and we have

$$\text{Gal}(\tilde{D}/D) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{Z}/m_1 \oplus \mathbf{Z}/m_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/m_\lambda.$$

Now, let us consider an analytic automorphism of  $\tilde{D} \times E$  defined by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g: \tilde{D}_1 \times \tilde{D}_2 \times \dots \times \tilde{D}_\lambda \times E & \rightarrow & \tilde{D}_1 \times \tilde{D}_2 \times \dots \times \tilde{D}_\lambda \times E \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) & \mapsto & (e_{m_1} t_1, e_{m_2} t_2, \dots, e_{m_\lambda} t_\lambda, \\ & & \left[ \zeta + \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 \dots m_\lambda} \right]), \end{array}$$

where  $e_{m_i}$  is a primitive  $m_i$ -th root of unity. Put  $X_0 := \tilde{D} \times E / \langle g \rangle$ . The automorphism  $g$  acts on  $\tilde{D} \times E$  freely and properly discontinuously, hence  $X_0$  is smooth. There is a natural holomorphic map  $f: X_0 \rightarrow D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_\lambda$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \overline{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta])} & \mapsto & (t_1^{m_1}, t_2^{m_2}, \dots, t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}), \end{array}$$

where by  $\overline{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta])}$  we denote the point of  $X_0$  corresponding to a point  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) \in \tilde{D} \times E$ . By this morphism,  $X_0$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $D$ . Clearly  $X_0$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along each  $\{z_i=0\}$ . There is an isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A: X_0|_{D_1^* \times D_2^* \times \dots \times D_\lambda^*} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & D_1^* \times D_2^* \times \dots \times D_\lambda^* \times E \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \overline{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta])} & \mapsto & (t_1^{m_1}, t_2^{m_2}, \dots, t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}), \\ & & \left[ \zeta - \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} \frac{\alpha_i}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_i) \right], \end{array}$$



we have  $X_0 = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{\lambda} \tilde{D}_i \times E / \langle g^{m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_{\lambda-p}}} \rangle}{\langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}} \rangle}$ . Put  $\tilde{X}_0^{(a)} := \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{\lambda} \tilde{D}_i \times E / \langle g^{m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_{\lambda-p}}} \rangle}{\langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}} \rangle}$ .

Then  $\tilde{X}_0^{(a)}$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}$ , which satisfies the following conditions.

(1)  $\tilde{X}_0^{(a)}$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_{i_\nu}$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq p$ ) along  $\{z_{i_\nu} = 0\}$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq p$ ) respectively.

$$(2) \quad \frac{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}^* \times E}{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}^* \times E}{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}^*} \times E$$

$$\frac{\overline{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta])}}{\quad} \quad \frac{\overline{(t_{j_1}, t_{j_2}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}, t_{i_1}^{m_{i_1}}, t_{i_2}^{m_{i_2}}, \dots, t_{i_p}^{m_{i_p}}, [\zeta - \sum_{\nu=1}^p \frac{\alpha_{i_\nu}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{i_\nu})])}}{\quad}$$

where by  $\overline{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta])}$  we denote the point of  $\tilde{X}_0^{(a)}$  corresponding to a point  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) \in \tilde{D} \times E$ .

Let  $h_a: \frac{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}}{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} \tilde{D}_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}} \rightarrow \frac{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} D_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}}{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} D_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p D_{i_\nu}}$

$$(t_{j_1}, t_{j_2}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}) \mapsto (t_{j_1}^{m_{j_1}}, t_{j_2}^{m_{j_2}}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}^{m_{j_{\lambda-p}}}, z_{i_1}, z_{i_2}, \dots, z_{i_p})$$

be an  $m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_{\lambda-p}}$ -sheeted cyclic covering of  $U_0$ . Then we have

$$\frac{X_0^{(a)} |_{h_a^{-1}(U_a \cap U_0)}}{\prod} \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{h_a^{-1}(U_a \cap U_0) \times E}{\prod}$$

$$\frac{\overline{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta])}}{\quad} \mapsto \frac{\overline{(t_{j_1}, t_{j_2}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}, t_{i_1}^{m_{i_1}}, \dots, t_{i_p}^{m_{i_p}}, [\zeta - \sum_{\nu=1}^p \frac{\alpha_{i_\nu}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{i_\nu})])}}{\quad}$$

since  $z_{i_\nu} \neq 0$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq p$ ) on  $U_a \cap U_0$ .

By the above isomorphism, we have

$$g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}}: (t_{j_1}, t_{j_2}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}, z_{i_1}, z_{i_2}, \dots, z_{i_p}, [\eta_a])$$

$$\mapsto \left( e^{m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_{\lambda-p}} t_{j_1}}, \dots, e^{m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_{\lambda-p}} t_{j_{\lambda-p}}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, \left[ \eta_a + \frac{1}{m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_{\lambda-p}}} \right] \right),$$

where we put  $[\eta_a] = \left[ \zeta - \sum_{\nu=1}^p \frac{\alpha_{i_\nu}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{i_\nu}) \right]$ . Therefore, there is an isomorphism  $X_0 |_{U_a \cap U_0} \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{h_a^{-1}(U_a \cap U_0) \times E}{\langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}} \rangle}$ .  $h_a$  can be naturally extended to a  $\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} m_{j_\mu}$ -sheeted cyclic covering  $\tilde{h}_a$  of  $\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p} D_{j_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^p C_{i_\nu}$ , and the group  $\langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}} \rangle$  acts on  $\tilde{h}_a^{-1}(U_a) \times E$  as in the same way as above.

Its action is free and properly discontinuous, so the quotient space

$$X_a := \tilde{h}_a^{-1}(U_a) \times E / \langle g^{m_i m_2 \dots m_p} \rangle \text{ is smooth .}$$

By a natural holomorphic mapping

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Phi_a: X_a & \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} & U_a \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \overline{(t_{j_1}, t_{j_2}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, [\eta_a])} & \rightarrow & (t_{j_1}^{m_1}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}^{m_{\lambda-p}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}) , \end{array}$$

$X_a$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $U_a$ . By our construction, we have the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_0|_{U_a \cap U_0} & \hookrightarrow & X_a \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U_a \cap U_0 & \hookrightarrow & U_a . \end{array}$$

That is,  $X_a \rightarrow U_a$  is a natural compactification of  $X_0|_{U_a \cap U_0} \rightarrow U_a \cap U_0$ .

*Step 3.* We can show that the elliptic fiber spaces  $X_a \rightarrow U_a$  constructed in step 2 ( $a \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$ ) can be glued together. For that purpose, it is sufficient to show the following claims.

*Claim A.* For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$  ( $a \neq b$ ), there is a following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X_c & \\ \nearrow & & \searrow \\ X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & X_b|_{U_a \cap U_b} \end{array} ,$$

where  $c = \max(a, b)$  and  $\hookrightarrow$  (resp.  $\xrightarrow{\sim}$ ) denotes an open immersion. (resp. an isomorphism.) (Here, for  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\lambda)$ ,  $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\lambda) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$ ,  $a > b$  means that  $a_i \leq b_i$  for all  $i$ , and  $C = \max(a, b)$  means that  $c_i = \max(a_i, b_i)$  for all  $i$ , where  $C = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_\lambda)$ .)

*Claim B.* For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$  such that  $a < b$ , there is a following commutative diagram. That is,  $X_b \rightarrow U_b$  is the natural compactification of  $X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} \rightarrow U_a \cap U_b$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} & \hookrightarrow & X_b \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U_a \cap U_b & \hookrightarrow & U_b \end{array}$$

It is easy to show that claim B implies claim A, so we shall prove claim B.

For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$  such that  $a < b$ , put

$$a = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1}_{i_1}, 0, \dots, \underbrace{1}_{i_2}, 0, \dots, \underbrace{1}_{i_p}, 0, \dots, 0), \quad 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p \leq \lambda$$

$$b - a = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1}_{j_1}, 0, \dots, \underbrace{0}_{j_2}, 1, 0, \dots, \underbrace{0}_{j_s}, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \quad 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_s \leq \lambda .$$

Put  $\{k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{\lambda-p-s}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, \lambda\} \setminus \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p\} \setminus \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s\}$ . Then we have

$$U_a \cap U_b = \prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} D_{k_\mu} \times \prod_{v=1}^s D_{j_v}^* \times \prod_{k=1}^p C_{i_k}^* .$$

Now, let us recall the construction of  $X_a$ . There is a following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_0|_{U_a \cap U_0} & = & h_a^{-1}(U_a \cap U_0) \times E / \langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}} \rangle \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X_a & \xlongequal{\quad} & \tilde{h}_a^{-1}(U_a) \times E / \langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p}} \rangle, \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_a: \prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} \tilde{D}_{k_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^s \tilde{D}_{j_\nu} \times \prod_{k=1}^p D_{i_k} & \rightarrow & \prod_{i=1}^\lambda D_i \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (t_{k_1}, \dots, t_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}, t_{j_1}, \dots, t_{j_s}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}) & \mapsto & (t_{k_1}^{m_{k_1}}, \dots, t_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}^{m_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}}, \\ & & t_{j_1}^{m_{j_1}}, \dots, t_{j_s}^{m_{j_s}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}) \end{array}$$

is a  $\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} m_{k_\mu} \cdot \prod_{\nu=1}^s m_{j_\nu}$ -sheeted cyclic covering of  $U_0 = D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_\lambda$ .

Now, we shall express the elliptic fiber space  $X_a \rightarrow U_a$  in another form. Because any two of  $m_i$ 's are relatively prime, there is an isomorphism

$$X_a \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\tilde{h}_a^{-1}(U_a) \times E / \langle g^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{k_1} \dots m_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}} \rangle}{\langle g^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} \dots m_{j_s}} \rangle}.$$

On the other hand, the quotient space  $\tilde{h}_a^{-1}(U_a) \times E / \langle g^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{k_1} \dots m_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}} \rangle$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} \tilde{D}_{k_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^s D_{j_\nu} \times \prod_{k=1}^p C_{i_k}^*$ , which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1) It has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_{i_\nu}$  along  $\{z_{j_\nu} = 0\}$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq s$ ).
- (2) It is trivial over  $\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} \tilde{D}_{k_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^s D_{j_\nu}^* \times \prod_{k=1}^p C_{i_k}^*$  and the trivialization is given as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{(t_{k_1}, \dots, t_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}, t_{j_1}, \dots, t_{j_s}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, [\eta_a])} \\ \xrightarrow{\sim} & \left( t_{k_1}, \dots, t_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}, t_{j_1}^{m_{j_1}}, \dots, t_{j_s}^{m_{j_s}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, \left[ \eta_a - \sum_{\nu=1}^s \frac{\alpha_{j_\nu}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{j_\nu}) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there is an isomorphism

$$X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} \tilde{D}_{k_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^s D_{j_\nu}^* \times \prod_{k=1}^p C_{i_k}^* \times E}{\langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_s}} \rangle},$$

since  $t_{j_\nu} \neq 0$  ( $1 \leq \nu \leq s$ ) on  $\tilde{h}_a^{-1}(U_a \cap U_b)$ .

Here the group  $\langle g^{m_{i_1} m_{i_2} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} m_{j_2} \dots m_{j_s}} \rangle$  acts as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & g^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} \dots m_{j_s}}: (t_{k_1}, \dots, t_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}, z_{j_1}, \dots, z_{j_s}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, [\xi_a]) \\ & \rightarrow \left( e^{m_{k_1}^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} \dots m_{j_s}}} t_{k_1}, \dots, e^{m_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} \dots m_{j_s}}} t_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}, \right. \\ & \left. z_{j_1}, \dots, z_{j_s}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, \left[ \xi_a + \frac{1}{m_{k_1} m_{k_2} \dots m_{k_{\lambda-p-s}}} \right] \right), \end{aligned}$$

where we put  $[\xi_a] = \left[ \eta_a - \sum_{\nu=1}^s \frac{\alpha_{j_\nu}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{j_\nu}) \right]$ .

If we restrict the elliptic fiber space  $X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} \rightarrow U_a \cap U_b$  over  $U_a \cap U_b \cap U_0$ , we have

$$X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b \cap U_0} \simeq \frac{\prod_{\mu=1}^{\lambda-p-s} \tilde{D}_{k_\mu} \times \prod_{\nu=1}^s D_{j_\nu}^* \times \prod_{k=1}^p D_{i_k}^* \times E}{\langle g^{m_{i_1} \dots m_{i_p} m_{j_1} \dots m_{j_s}} \rangle}.$$

Here we have  $[\xi_a] = \left[ \zeta - \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{\alpha_{i_k}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{i_k}) - \sum_{\nu=1}^s \frac{\alpha_{j_\nu}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{j_\nu}) \right]$ , since we have  $[\eta_a] = \left[ \zeta - \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{\alpha_{i_k}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{i_k}) \right]$ .

Therefore, we have the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_0|_{U_0 \cap U_b} & \hookrightarrow & X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U_0 \cap U_b & \hookrightarrow & U_a \cap U_0. \end{array}$$

Thus from the construction of  $X_b \rightarrow U_b$  in step 2, there is an open immersion

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_a|_{U_a \cap U_b} & \hookrightarrow & X_b \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U_b \cap U_b & \hookrightarrow & U_b \quad \text{for } a < b, \end{array}$$

and the claim B has been proved.

*Step 4.* By step 3, we can glue the elliptic fiber spaces  $X_a \rightarrow U_a$  ( $a \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$ ) to obtain the elliptic fiber space  $X$  over  $C_1 \times \dots \times C_\lambda$ . Clearly  $X$  satisfies the desired conditions (1) and (2). And  $X$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$  by the same reason as in Remark 4.8. q.e.d.

**Remark 5.5.** The elliptic fiber space  $X$ , which we have just constructed, depends on the choice of  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) in step 1. Hence we write  $X$  as  $X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$ . (cf. Prop 5.6.)

Now, we are ready to prove our Main theorem 5.1.

*Proof of Theorem 5.1.*

*Step 1.* Take a linear pencil  $L_i$  from  $|D_i|$  for each  $i$  and consider a meromorphic map  $\Phi_{L_i}: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1_{(i)}$  associated with  $L_i$ , where  $\mathbb{P}^1_{(i)}$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) are  $\lambda$  copies of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a smooth divisor on  $D_i$  in a sufficiently general position such that the following conditions are satisfied.

- (1)  $\mathcal{A}_i \not\subset D_j$  for all  $j$  ( $\neq i$ ) and  $\mathcal{A}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} = \mathcal{A}_{i_1} \cap \mathcal{A}_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{A}_{i_p}$  are  $(n-2p)$ -dimensional compact complex manifold.
- (2) Let  $\alpha_i: Y_i \rightarrow Y$  be the blowing-up of  $Y$  with  $\mathcal{A}_i$  center for each  $i$ . Then the

composite map  $Y_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1_{(i)}$  is a morphism.

Next, consider the fiber product

$$\tau: W = Y_1 \times_Y Y_2 \times_Y \cdots \times_Y Y_\lambda \rightarrow Y.$$

Because the arrangements of  $D_i$ 's are sufficiently general,  $W$  is smooth and  $\tau$  is a bimeromorphic morphism. Let  $\bar{D}_i$  (resp.  $E_i$ ) be the strict transform of  $D_i$  (resp. the total inverse image of  $D_i$ ) for each  $i$ . Then  $W$  can be considered as a fiber space  $f_i: W \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$  over  $\mathbf{P}^1$ , where  $E_i$  is a section and  $\bar{D}_i$  is a fiber of the fiber space ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ). By a suitable change of coordinates, we may assume that  $f_i(\bar{D}_i) = O$ , where  $O$  is the origin of each  $\mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$ . Let  $\phi: W \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^\lambda \mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$  be a holomorphic map defined by  $\phi = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_\lambda)$ . By the construction of  $W$ , we have  $\phi^{-1}(\phi(W) \cap \{z_i = 0\}) = \bar{D}_i$  for each  $i$ , where  $z_i$  is the inhomogeneous coordinate of  $\mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$ .

*Step 2.* Because any two of  $m_i$ 's are relatively prime, it follows from Proposition 5.4 that there exists an elliptic fiber space  $h: Z \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^\lambda \mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$  over  $\prod_{i=1}^\lambda \mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$  which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $Z$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along each  $\{z_i = 0\}$ .
- (2)  $Z$  is trivial over  $\prod_{i=1}^\lambda (\mathbf{P}^1_{(i)} \setminus \{O\})$ , where  $O$  denotes the origin of  $\mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}$ .
- (3)  $h$  is flat.

*Step 3.* Next, consider the pull-back

$$g: X = Z \times_{\prod_{i=1}^\lambda \mathbf{P}^1_{(i)}} W \rightarrow W.$$

Because  $D_i$ 's have only normal crossings,  $X$  is smooth. By the composition of the morphisms  $X \xrightarrow{g} W \xrightarrow{\tau} Y$ ,  $f: = \tau \circ g$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $Y$  which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $X$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along each  $D_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ).
- (2)  $X$  is trivial over  $Y \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^\lambda D_i$ .

*Step 4.* The canonical bundle of  $X$  is as follows.

$$K_X \simeq_{\mathbb{Q}} f^* \left( K_Y + \sum_{i=1}^\lambda \frac{m_i - 1}{m_i} D_i \right) + \sum_{i=1}^\lambda \frac{1}{m_i} E_i.$$

So, for any positive integer  $m$ , we have

$$|mK_X| = f^* \left( mK_Y + \sum_{i=1}^\lambda \left[ \frac{m(m_i - 1)}{m_i} \right] D_i \right) + (\text{fixed components}) \\ + (\text{effective exceptional divisors}),$$

where  $[n]$  denotes the greatest integer which does not exceed  $n$ .

Therefore  $f_*(K_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X^{\otimes m})$  is invertible for any positive integer  $m$ . q.e.d.

**Remark 5.6.**

- (1) If we blow up  $Y$  along the intersections of  $D_i$ 's and perform logarithmic trans-

formations along the strict transform of  $D_i$ 's as in [3],  $f^*(K_X/\mathbb{P}^m)$  is not necessarily invertible for a positive integer  $m$ .

- (2) If  $D_i$ 's do not have normal crossings,  $f_*(K_X/\mathbb{P}^m)$  is not necessarily invertible.
- (3) If the arrangements of  $D_i$ 's in step 1 are not general,  $W$  in step 1 is not smooth. So we have to resolve singularities and  $f^*(K_X/\mathbb{P}^m)$  is not invertible.

In these cases, for calculation of  $\dim |mK_X|$ , we have to consider the base point conditions.

**Proposition 5.7.** *If there exist at least two indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $\alpha_i > 0$  and  $\alpha_j < 0$ , then  $X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  cannot be bimeromorphic to a subvariety of a Hopf manifold.*

To prove this proposition, we need the following lemma. Here, we use the same notation as in Proposition 5.2. We define a line bundle  $\pi: L \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$  as follows.

$$L := \bigotimes_{i=1}^\lambda p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{C_i}(\alpha_i m_1 \cdots \check{m}_i \cdots m_\lambda P_i),$$

where  $p_i: \prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i \rightarrow C_i$  is a projection.

Put  $\rho = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\tau)$ , where  $E$  is a smooth elliptic curve with the period  $(1, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ . Consider a  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -bundle  $L^* = L \setminus \{0\text{-section}\}$  on  $\prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$ .  $\langle \rho \rangle$  acts on each fiber of  $L^*$ , so put  $Y(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\lambda) = L^* / \langle \rho \rangle$ .

Then the canonical projection  $\pi: L^* \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$  induces a projection

$$h: Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda) \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$$

and  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  has a structure of an elliptic bundle over  $\prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$ .

**Lemma 5.8.** *There exists a finite abelian covering  $\phi$  from  $X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  onto  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  such that the following diagram commutes.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda) \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow h \\ & & \prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i \end{array}$$

$\phi$  is a finite unramified covering on each fiber of  $f$ .

*Proof.* First, we show that for any  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$ , there exists a finite abelian covering  $\phi_a: X_a \rightarrow U_a \times E$  such that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi_a: X_a & \longrightarrow & U_a \times E \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & & U_a \end{array}$$

In fact, define  $\phi_a$  ( $a \in \mathbf{Z}_2^{\oplus \lambda}$ ) as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \phi_0: X_0 & \longrightarrow & U_0 \times E \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) & \mapsto & (t_1^{m_1}, t_2^{m_2}, \dots, t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}, [m_1 m_2 \dots m_\lambda \zeta]) \\
 \phi_a: X_a & \longrightarrow & U_a \times E \quad \text{for } a \neq 0 \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 (t_{j_1}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, [\eta_a]) & \mapsto & (t_{j_1}^{m_{j_1}}, \dots, t_{j_{\lambda-p}}^{m_{j_{\lambda-p}}}, z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_p}, [m_1 m_2 \dots m_\lambda \eta_a]),
 \end{array}$$

where  $a = (\underbrace{\dots, 1}_{i_1}, \underbrace{\dots, 1}_{i_2}, \dots, \underbrace{\dots, 1}_{i_p}, \dots)$ ,

$$\{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{\lambda-p}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, \lambda\} \setminus \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p\},$$

$$\text{and } [\eta_a] = \left[ \zeta - \sum_{v=1}^p \frac{\alpha_{i_v}}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_{i_v}) \right].$$

We can easily check that  $\phi_a$ 's are compatible with the patching of  $X_a$ 's and  $U_a \times E$ 's and define a finite abelian covering  $\phi$  from  $X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  onto  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$ . i.e.d.

**Lemma 5.9.** *If there exists at least two indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $\alpha_i > 0$  and  $\alpha_j < 0$ , then  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  cannot be bimeromorphic to a subvariety of a Hopf manifold.*

*Proof.* We may assume that  $\alpha_1 > 0$  and  $\alpha_2 < 0$ . Take one point  $Q_i$  on each  $C_i$  arbitrarily ( $3 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) and put  $V := C_1 \times C_2 \times Q_3 \times \dots \times Q_\lambda$ . Then  $Z := Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)|_V \rightarrow V$  is an elliptic bundle over  $V$  and from the construction of  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$ ,  $Z$  can be expressed as follows.

$$Z \simeq L|_V \setminus \{0\text{-section}/\langle \rho \rangle\}, \text{ where } L|_V \simeq \bigotimes_{i=1}^2 p_i^* O_{C_i}(\alpha_i m_1 \dots \check{m}_i \dots m_i p_\lambda)$$

Let  $D$  be a smooth curve on  $V$ . By a theorem (11.9) in Kodaira [11], the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) The elliptic bundle  $Z|_D \rightarrow D$  has a multi-section.
- (2)  $Z|_D$  is algebraic.
- (3)  $\text{deg}(L|_D) = 0$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2$  be a positive integer such that  $[r_1 P_1 \times C_2 + r_2 C_2 \times P_2] \in \text{Pic}(V)$  is very ample. In particulae, let  $D$  be a general member of  $|r_1 P_1 \times C_2 + r_2 C_2 \times P_2|$ . Since we have  $\alpha_1 > 0, \alpha_2 < 0$  and  $\text{deg}(L|_D) = r_1 \alpha_2 m_1 m_3 \dots m_\lambda + r_2 \alpha_1 m_2 m_3 \dots m_\lambda$ , we can choose  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  sufficiently positive such that  $\text{deg}(L|_D) = 0$  and  $\pi(D) > 1$ . Then from the above remark, there exists a smooth curve of genus greater than 1 on  $Z|_D$ . Therefore, for any point  $y$  on  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$ , there exists a smooth curve  $C$  of genus greater than 1, which passes through  $y$  and  $\dim h(C) = 1$ . However, by Kato [8], any irreducible curve in a Hopf manifold is a smooth elliptic curve. Therefore,  $Y(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  can never be bimeromorphic to a subvariety of a Hopf manifold. q.e.d.

*Proof of Proposition 5.7.* From Lemma 5.8 and 5.9, it follows that for any

point  $x$  on  $X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$ , there exists a smooth curve  $C$  of genus greater than 1, which passes through  $x$  and  $\dim f(C)=1$ . Then from Kato's theorem [8],  $X(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda)$  cannot be bimeromorphic to a subvariety of a Hopf manifold. q.e.d.

**Proposition 5.10.** *Let  $C_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda$ ) be a smooth curve and take one point  $P_i$  on each  $C_i$ . For an arbitrary integer  $\lambda \geq 2$ , let  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda)$  be a  $\lambda$ -tuple of integers with  $m_i \geq 2$  for all  $i$ , and assume that except  $m_\lambda$ , any two of  $m_i$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda-1$ ) are relatively prime. Then there exists an elliptic fiber space  $X$  over  $\prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$  which satisfies the same conditions as in Proposition 5.4.*

*Proof.* The idea is almost all the same as in Proposition 5.4. We use the same notation as in 5.4, and we shall slightly modify the arguments in step 1.

Let us consider analytic automorphisms of  $\prod_{i=1}^\lambda \tilde{D}_i \times E$  defined by

$$g: (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{\lambda-1}, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) \mapsto \left( e_{m_1} t_1, \dots, e_{m_{\lambda-1}} t_{\lambda-1}, t_\lambda, \left[ \zeta + \frac{1}{m_1 \dots m_{\lambda-1}} \right] \right)$$

$$h: (t_1, \dots, t_{\lambda-1}, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) \mapsto \left( t_2, \dots, t_{\lambda-1}, e_{m_\lambda} t_\lambda, \left[ \zeta + \frac{\tau}{m_\lambda} \right] \right).$$

The automorphism groups generated by  $g$  and  $h$  acts on  $\tilde{D} \times E$  freely and properly discontinuously, so the quotient space  $X_0 := \tilde{D} \times E / \langle g, h \rangle$  is smooth. By a natural holomorphic mapping

$$f: X_0 \longrightarrow D_1 \times D_2 \times \dots \times D_\lambda := D,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) & \mapsto & (t_1^{m_1}, t_2^{m_2}, \dots, t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}) \end{array}$$

$X_0$  is an elliptic fiber space over  $D$ . Clearly  $X_0$  has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $m_i$  along each  $\{z_i=0\}$ . There is an isomorphism

$$X_0 \Big|_{D_1^* \times D_2^* \times \dots \times D_\lambda^*} \cong D_1^* \times D_2^* \times \dots \times D_\lambda^* \times E$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda, [\zeta]) & \mapsto & (t_1^{m_1}, t_2^{m_2}, \dots, t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}, \\ & & \left[ \zeta - \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda-1} \frac{\alpha_i}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_i) - \frac{\tau}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \log(t_\lambda) \right]), \end{array}$$

where  $\alpha_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda-1$ )  $\in \mathbf{Z}$  are defined as follows. By the assumption, there exists  $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that

$$(**) \quad \alpha_i m_1 m_2 \dots \overset{\vee}{m_i} \dots m_{\lambda-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i} \quad \text{for each } i.$$

Take such  $\alpha_i$ 's and fix them.

From now on, we can apply the same arguments as in Step 2, 3, 4 in Proposition 5.4, so we omit the proof. q.e.d.

**Remark 5.11.** If we assume in the above proposition that *except*  $m_\lambda$  and  $m_{\lambda-1}$ , any two of  $m_i$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq \lambda-2$ ) are relatively prime, the same result holds. However, in this case, the elliptic fiber space  $X \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^\lambda C_i$  is *not flat*.

In fact, we can slightly modify the arguments in Step 1 in the proof of 3.2.

**§ 6. Some examples.**

If  $S$  is an analytic surface with  $\kappa(S)=0$ , by the classification theory of surfaces we have  $P_{12}(S)=1$  and 12 is the best possible number. Now we shall construct similar examples for elliptic fiber spaces with  $\kappa=0$ , as an application of Theorem 5.1. Our result is the following.

**Example 6.1.** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of positive integers defined as follows.  $a_1=2$ ,  $a_{n+1}=a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n + 1$ . And let  $\{c_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of positive integers defined as follows.

$$c_n = a_{n+2} - 1.$$

Then for every positive integer  $n$ , there exists an elliptic fiber space  $Y^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $\kappa(Y^{(n+1)})=0$ .
- (2)  $m=c_n$  is the smallest integer such that  $P_m(Y^{(n+1)})=1$ .

Moreover  $Y^{(n+1)}$  is not in the class  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Examples.** We write down the first few terms of  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$ .

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$a_n$	2	3	7	43	1807	3263443
$c_n$	6	42	1806	3263442	$\sim 10^{13}$	$\sim 10^{26}$

To prove Example 6.1, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.2.** Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  be sequences of positive integers defined as in (6.1). Then for every positive integer  $k$ , we have

$$-k(n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] + \left[ \frac{k(c_n-1)}{c_n} \right] \leq 0$$

and the equality holds if and only if  $c_n$  divides  $k$ .

(The proof is the same as in 4.5, so we omit it.)

*Proof of Example 6.1.* Let  $H_i$ 's ( $1 \leq i \leq n+2$ ) be  $(n+2)$  hyperplanes on  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which are in a general position. And let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  and  $\{c_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be sequences of positive integers defined as in Example 6.1. Take  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}, c_n)$ , a  $(n+2)$ -

tuple of positive integers. From the construction of  $\{a_n\}$ , any two of  $a_n$ 's are relatively prime. Hence it follows from Proposition 5.8 that there exists an elliptic fiber space  $f: Y^{(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  with constant moduli which has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $a_i$  (resp.  $c_n$ ) along each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ). (resp. along  $H_{n+2}$ )

The canonical bundle of  $Y^{(n+1)}$  is as follows.

$$K_{Y^{(n+1)}} = f^* \left( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(-n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{a_i-1}{a_i} H_i + \frac{c_n-1}{c_n} H_{n+2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{a_i} E_i + \frac{1}{c_n} E_{n+2}.$$

And for every positive integer  $k$ , we have

$$|kK_{Y^{(n+1)}}| = f^* \left( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(-f(n+1)) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left[ \frac{k(a_i-1)}{a_i} \right] H_i + \left[ \frac{k(c_n-1)}{c_n} \right] H_{n+2} \right) + (\text{fixed components}) + (\text{effective exceptional divisors}).$$

So it follows from Lemma 6.2 that for every positive integer  $k$ , we have  $P_k(Y^{(n+1)}) \leq 1$  and the equality holds if and only if  $c_n$  divides  $k$ . Thus  $Y^{(n+1)}$  has the desired properties q.e.d.

**Remark 6.3.** There is no algebraic elliptic fiber space over  $\mathbf{P}^n$  with  $\kappa=0$  and with constant moduli which has multiple fibers of multiplicity  $a_i$  (resp.  $c_n$ ) along each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ). (resp.  $H_{n+2}$ )

*Proof.* If such an algebraic elliptic fiber space  $X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  exists, it follows from Theorem 3.5 that there exists a finite abelian covering  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$  of  $\mathbf{P}^n$  which branches at  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i H_i + c_n H_{n+2}$  with the Galois group  $G \simeq \mathbf{Z}/a_1 \oplus \mathbf{Z}/a_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{Z}/a_\lambda$ , and  $X$  is bimeromorphic to the quotient space  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^n \times E/G$ . By a direct calculation, we see that  $f^*(K_X/\mathbf{P}^n)^{\otimes m}$  is not invertible and  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$ . q.e.d.

**Remark 6.4.** We cannot apply Proposition 4.1 to our situation, since  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}, c_n)$  does not satisfy the assumption in Proposition 4.1).

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