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# Moishezon threefolds homeomorphic to $P^3$

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## Introduction.

A compact complex threefold is called a Moishezon threefold if it has three algebraically independent meromorphic functions on it. The purpose of this article is to prove

THEOREM. A Moishezon threefold homeomorphic to complex projective space  $P^3$  is isomorphic to  $P^3$  if the Kodaira dimension of it is less than three.

As a corollary to it, we obtain,

THEOREM. An arbitrary complex analytic (global) deformation of  $P^{s}$  is isomorphic to  $P^{s}$ .

As for the (topological) characterization of  $P^n$ , it is known that an arbitrary Kählerian complex manifold homeomorphic to  $P^n$  is isomorphic to  $P^n$  by Hirzebruch-Kodaira [9] and Yau [24] (see also [17]). However neither of the above theorems are entirely clear from this because both a Moishezon threefold and a complex analytic deformation of a compact Kählerian threefold can be nonKählerian as Hironaka's example shows [6]. Recently Tsuji [23] claims that he is able to prove the second theorem for  $P^n$ , whereas Peternell [19] asserts both of the above theorems in a stronger form. However there is a gap in the proof of [19], as the author of [19] himself admits at the end of the article. After completing this article, I received two preprints of Peternell [20], [21] via Tsunoda and Nishiguchi, in which Peternell claims that he completes the proof of [19]. See (3.3).

In this article, we make an approach different from theirs and give an elementary proof of the above theorems.

Our idea of the proof of the first theorem is as follows. Let X be a Moishezon threefold homeomorphic to  $P^3$  whose Kodaira dimension is less than three. Let L be the generator of  $PicX (\cong \mathbb{Z})$  with  $L^3$  equal to one. First we notice that  $K_X = -4L$  [8], [17] and that  $\dim |L|$  is not less than three. For an arbitrary pair D and D' in the complete linear system |L|, the scheme-theoretic complete intersection l of D and D' is a pure one dimensional con-

nected closed analytic subspace of X with no embedded components. We show that l is a nonsingular rational curve with Ll equal to one whose normal bundle is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_l(1)\oplus \mathcal{O}_l(1)$  for arbitrary D and D'. We also see that the base locus of the linear system |L| is the same as that of  $|L_l|$  and dim|L| is equal to  $2+\dim |L_l|$ ,  $L_l$  being the restriction of L to l. Since  $L_l$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_l(1)$ , |L| is therefore base point free and dim|L| is equal to three. Thus we have a bimeromorphic morphism f of X onto  $\mathbf{P}^3$  associated with the linear system |L|. The exceptional set of f is a Cartier divisor of X whose image in  $\mathbf{P}^3$  is zero or one dimensional. Since  $f_*$  induces an isomorphism of PicX onto Pic $\mathbf{P}^3$ , this shows that f is an isomorphism of X onto  $\mathbf{P}^3$ .

The outline of the article is as follows. In sections 1 and 2, we consider a compact complex threefold X with a line bundle L such that PicX=ZL, L<sup>3</sup> is positive,  $K_x = -dL$   $(d \ge 4)$  and  $\kappa(X, L) \ge 1$ . (See [10] for the definition of  $\kappa(X, L)$ .) The last condition  $\kappa(X, L) \ge 1$  is equivalent to the existence of a positive integer m such that dim|mL| is positive. In section 1, we prove that  $\dim |L|$  is not less than three. We also prove some vanishing lemmas of certain cohomology groups. In section 2, we study the scheme-theoretic complete intersection l of two distinct members D and D' of the linenar system |L|. In view of the vanishing lemmas in section 1,  $l_{red}$  consists of nonsingular rational curves (intersecting transversally), among which there is a unique irreducible component C of  $l_{red}$  such that LC is positive (indeed, equal to one). We shall show in (2.7) that l is isomorphic to C for an arbitrary pair D and D' and that |L| is base point free. We shall prove in (2.8) that X is isomorphic to  $P^{3}$  and therefore  $L^{3}=1$ , d=4. We remark that (1.1) gives a characterization of  $P^{3}$  in arbitrary characteristic by a slight modification, see (2.10). In section 3, we complete the proofs of the theorems mentioned above by applying the results in section 2.

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### List of notations and terminologies.

$\boldsymbol{Z}$	the ring of integers or the infinite cyclic group
threefold	a connected complex manifold of three dimension
$\kappa(X, L)$	L-dimension of X, L being a line bundle on $X[10]$
$H^q(X, \mathcal{G})$	the $q$ -th cohomology group of $X$ with coefficients in
	a coherent sheaf $\mathcal{F}$

$h^q(X, \mathcal{F})$	$\dim_{\boldsymbol{C}} H^{\boldsymbol{q}}(X,  \mathcal{F})$
$\chi(X, \mathcal{F})$	$\sum_{q\in \mathbf{Z}} (-1)^q h^q(X, \mathcal{F})$
Bs L	the set of base points of the linear system $ L $
$\mathcal{O}_{X'} \mathcal{O}_X^*$	the sheaf of germs over $X$ of holomorphic
	(resp. nonvanishing holomorphic) functions
$arOmega_X^p$	the sheaf of germs over $X$ of holomorphic $p$ -forms
$K_{X}$	the canonical line bundle of $X$
[D]	the line bundle associated with a Cartier divisor $D$
$C_q$	the $q$ -th Chern class (of $X$ )
$c_1(E)$	the first Chern class of a vector bundle $E$
$b_{q}$	the q-th Betti number (of $X$ )

§1. Threefolds with  $K_x = -dL$   $(d \ge 4)$ .

Our first aim is to prove

(1.1) THEOREM. Let X be a compact complex threefold with  $\operatorname{Pic} X = Z$ . Assume that there is a complex line bundle L on X such that  $L^3 > 0$ ,  $K_X = -dL$  $(d \ge 4)$  and  $\kappa(X, L) \ge 1$ . Then  $L^3 = 1$ , d = 4 and X is isomorphic to complex projective space  $P^3$ .

Compare [4] and [14].

Sections 1 and 2 are devoted to proving (1.1). The proof of (1.1) is completed in (2.8).

Throughout sections 1 and 2, we always assume that X is a compact complex threefold satisfying the conditions in (1.1). By taking thereby a generator of Pic X for L if necessary, we may assume L generates Pic X.

(1.2) LEMMA.  $H^{0}(X, -mL)=0$  for m>0.

PROOF. Suppose  $H^0(X, -mL) \neq 0$  for some m > 0. Then there is an effective divisor D on X such that [D] = -mL. Since  $\kappa(X, L) \ge 1$ , there are an  $m_0$  (>0) and an effective divisor  $D_0$  such that  $[D_0] = m_0 L$ . Hence  $mD_0 + m_0 D$  is linearly equivalent to zero, which contradicts  $h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 1$ . q. e. d.

(1.3) LEMMA.  $H^{q}(X, \mathcal{O}_{X})=0$  for q=1, 3 and  $c_{1}c_{2}\geq 24, \quad \chi(X, mL)\geq (m+1)(m+2)(m+3)/6.$ 

PROOF. Since Pic X is discrete, we have  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)=0$ . By (1.2),  $h^3(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = h^0(X, K_X) = h^0(X, -dL) = 0$ . Hence  $\chi(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \ge 1$ . By Riemann-Roch-Hirzebruch formula,  $c_1c_2 = 24\chi(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \ge 24$  and  $\chi(X, mL) = \chi(X, \mathcal{O}_X) + m(c_1^2 + c_2)L/12 + m^2c_1L^2/4 + m^3L^3/6$ . Hence  $c_2L \ge 24/d$  and  $\chi(X, mL) \ge 1 + m(d^2 + (24/d))/12 + m^2d/4 + m^3/6$  by  $L^3 \ge 1$ . For  $d \ge 4$ , we have  $d^2 + (24/d) \ge 22$ , whence  $\chi(X, mL) \ge \binom{m+3}{3}$ . q.e.d.

(1.4) LEMMA. Let D be a reduced and connected effective divisor on X. Then  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-D))=0$ .

PROOF. Consider the exact sequence

 $0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X}(-D) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{D} \longrightarrow 0.$ 

It follows from this that  $0 \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-D)) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is exact. Hence by (1.3), we have  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-D)) = 0$ . q. e. d.

(1.5) LEMMA.  $h^{0}(X, L) \ge 4$ .

PROOF. The proof is given in a series of sublemmas.

(1.5.1) SUBLEMMA. Suppose  $h^{0}(X, L) \ge 1$ . Then any member of |L| is reduced and irreducible.

PROOF. Let D be an arbitrary member of |L|. Let  $D=a_1D_1+\cdots+a_rD_r$ with  $a_i>0$ ,  $D_i$  irreducible. Since L is a generator of PicX, then there are  $b_i>0$  such that  $[D_i]=b_iL$  by (1.2). Hence  $a_1b_1+\cdots+a_rb_r=1$ , whence r=1,  $a_1=b_1=1$ . Therefore D is reduced and irreducible.  $\square$ 

(1.5.2) SUBLEMMA. Assume  $h^{\circ}(X, L) \ge 2$ . Then  $h^{\circ}(X, L) \ge 4$ .

PROOF. Since  $h^0(X, L) \ge 2$ , we can choose infinitely many distinct  $D_i$ 's from |L|. Then by (1.5.1),  $D_i$  is reduced and connected. Since  $D_i D_j D_k = L^3 \ge 1$ ,  $D_i$ 's intersect each other. Hence  $D_1 + \cdots + D_m$  is reduced and connected. Hence  $H^1(X, -mL) = H^1(X, -(D_1 + \cdots + D_m)) = 0$  in view of (1.4). In particular,  $h^2(X, L) = h^1(X, K_X - L) = h^1(X, -(d+1)L) = 0$ . Consequently, by (1.3),  $h^0(X, L) \ge \chi(X, L) \ge 4$ .  $\Box$ 

(1.5.3) SUBLEMMA.  $h^{0}(X, L) \ge 2$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $h^{0}(X, L) \leq 1$  to derive a contradiction. By  $\kappa(X, L) \geq 1$ , there exists  $p \geq 2$  such that  $h^{0}(X, L) \leq 1$  for  $1 \leq k \leq p-1$  and  $h^{0}(X, pL) \geq 2$ . Then any general member of |pL| is reduced and irreducible. Indeed, otherwise,  $D \in |pL|$  is written as D = D' + D'' with D', D'' effective. Since  $h^{0}(X, kL) \leq 1$   $(1 \leq k \leq p-1)$ , we see that  $D' \in |aL|$ ,  $D'' \in |bL|$  are the unique members for some a, b > 0, a+b=p. Hence  $h^{0}(X, pL)=1$ , which is absurd. Hence any general member of |pL| is reduced and irreducible. Therefore by taking distinct members  $D_{1}, \dots, D_{m}$  of |pL|, we apply (1.3), (1.4) and the proof of (1.5.2) so as to show  $H^{1}(X, -pmL)=0$  for any  $m \geq 0$ . Hence  $H^{2}(X, (pm-d)L)=0$  for any  $m \geq 0$ . Let  $d = pa + b, 0 \leq b \leq p - 1$ . If b > 0, then  $h^{0}(X, (p-b)L) \geq \chi(X, (p-b)L)$  $\geq {p-b+3 \choose 3} \geq 4$ . This contradicts  $h^{0}(X, kL) \leq 1$  for  $k \leq p-1$ . When b=0, we assume moreover that there is q not divisible by p such that q > p,  $h^{0}(X, qL) \geq 1$ .

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We take minimal such q. Then any general member of |qL| is reduced and connected. In fact, let D be a general member of |qL| and assume that D = D'+D'',  $D' \in |q'L|$ ,  $D'' \in |q''L|$ . By the choice of q, there are two possibilities; Case 1. q' < p, q'' < p, Case 2. q' < p, p|q''. In Case 1,  $h^{\circ}(X, q'L) = h^{\circ}(X, q''L) = 1$ , whence  $h^{\circ}(X, qL) = 1$ . This is absurd. In Case 2,  $h^{\circ}(X, q'L) = 1$ . By the choice of q and  $h^{\circ}(X, pL) \ge 2$ , we see that q = q' + p, q'' = p and  $h^{\circ}(X, sL) = 0$  for s < q'. Clearly the unique member of |qL| is reduced and irreducible. Therefore any general member of |qL| (=D'+|pL|) is reduced and connected. By applying (1.4) to a sum of members of |qL| and |pmL|, we have  $H^{1}(X, -(pm+q)L) = 0$ . Hence  $H^{2}(X, (pm+q-d)L) = 0$  for  $m \ge 0$ . Letting m = a - 1 ( $\ge 0$ ), we obtain  $h^{2}(X, (q-p)L) = 0$ , whence  $h^{\circ}(X, q'L) = h^{\circ}(X, (q-p)L) \ge 4$ . This contradicts  $h^{\circ}(X, q'L) = 1$ .

Thus in order to complete the proof of (1.5.3), it suffices to prove

(1.5.4) SUBLEMMA. There exists q not divisible by p such that q > p,  $h^{o}(X, qL) \ge 2$ .

PROOF. Any general member D of |pL| is reduced and irreducible. Since another general member of |pL| gives a nontrivial element of  $H^0(D, pL)$ , we have  $H^0(D, -sL)=0$  for any s>0. Since the dualising sheaf  $\omega_D$  of D is given by  $(p-d)L\otimes \mathcal{O}_D$ , we have  $h^2(D, kL)=h^0(X, (p-d-k)L)=0$  for k>p-d. Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}((k-p)L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(kL) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{D}(kL) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then it follows that  $h^2(X, kL) \leq h^2(X, (k-p)L)$  for k > p-d. Let  $A = \max\{h^2(X, jL); 0 \leq j \leq p-1\}$ . Then  $h^2(X, kL) \leq A$  for k > 0. Hence  $h^0(X, kL) \geq \binom{k+3}{3} - A$  for k > 0. Consequently there exists  $k_0$  such that  $h^0(X, kL) > 1$  for  $k > k_0$ . This guarantees the existence of the desired q.  $\Box$ 

Combining (1.5.1)-(1.5.4), we obtain (1.5). q. e. d.

(1.6) LEMMA. Let D and D' be distinct members of |L|,  $l:=D \cap D'$  the scheme-theoretic intersection of D and D'. Then  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D(-L) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_l \rightarrow 0$  is exact.

PROOF. Let  $I_D$  (resp.  $I_{D'}$ ) be the ideal sheaf of D (resp. D') and  $I_l := I_D + I_{D'}$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}_D = \mathcal{O}_X / I_D$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_l = \mathcal{O}_X / I_l$ . We have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I_D + I_{D'}/I_D \ (= I_{D'}/I_D \cap I_{D'}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_D \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_l \longrightarrow 0.$$

Once one shows  $I_D \cap I_{D'} = I_D I_{D'}$ , we see  $I_{D'}/I_D \cap I_{D'} = I_{D'}/I_D I_{D'} = I_{D'} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X/I_D = \mathcal{O}_D(-L)$ . It suffices to prove that D and D' have no common locally irreducible components anywhere on X. Let  $\Phi = \{U_j\}$  be an open covering of an open neighborhood of  $D' \setminus \text{Sing } D'$  by open balls  $U_j$  and let  $f_j$  be a generator of  $I_D$ 

on  $U_j$ . We assume that D and D' have a common irreducible component at  $p \in X$ ,  $p \in$  the closure of  $U_0$  for some  $U_0 \in \Phi$  and that  $f_0$  vanishes identically on  $U_0 \cap D'$ . By the connectedness of  $D' \setminus \text{Sing } D'$  (1.5.1), there is  $U_1 \in \Phi$  such that  $U_0 \cap U_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $f_0$  vanishes identically on  $U_0 \cap U_1 \cap D'$ , so that  $f_1$  vanishes identically there. Hence  $f_1$  vanishes identically on  $U_1 \cap D'$  by Hartog's continuation theorem. By repeating the argument, we see that in view of (1.5.1), D contains  $D' \setminus \text{Sing } D'$ , hence D'. Conversely D' contains D, whence D=D'. q. e. d.

We also notice that for any point p of X, the defining equations f and f' of D and D' form a regular sequence in the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  and therefore the intersection l is Gorenstein and has no embedded components [1, pp. 54-55].

(1.7) LEMMA. Let D, D' and  $l=D\cap D'$  be the same as in (1.6). Then we have,

(1.7.1)  $H^{q}(X, -mL) = 0$  for q=0, 1, m>0;  $q=2, 0 \le m \le d$ ;  $q=3, 0 \le m \le d-1$ , (1.7.2)  $H^{q}(D, -mL_{D}) = 0$  for q=0, m>0;  $q=1, 0 \le m \le d-1$ ;  $q=2, 0 \le m \le d-2$ , (1.7.3)  $H^{0}(l, -mL_{l}) = 0$  for  $1 \le m \le d-2$ ;  $H^{1}(l, -mL_{l}) = 0$  for  $0 \le m \le d-3$ , (1.7.4)  $H^{0}(X, \mathcal{O}_{X}) = H^{0}(D, \mathcal{O}_{D}) = H^{0}(l, \mathcal{O}_{l}) = C$ , (1.7.5)  $H^{3}(X, -dL) = H^{2}(D, -(d-1)L_{D}) = H^{1}(l, -(d-2)L_{l}) = C$ . PROOF. By (1.5.1), any member of |L| is reduced and irreducible. Since

 $h^{0}(X, L) \ge 4$ , we can choose distinct  $D_{i}$ 's  $(i=1, \dots, m)$  from |L|. Hence  $D_{1} + \dots + D_{m}$  is reduced and connected. Hence by (1.4),  $H^{1}(X, -mL)=0$  for any m>0. Hence  $h^{2}(X, -mL)=h^{1}(X, -(d-m)L)=0$  for  $0 \le m \le d-1$ . It follows from (1.3) that  $h^{2}(X, -dL)=h^{1}(X, \mathcal{O}_{X})=0$ . The rest of (1.7.1) is clear from (1.2). (1.7.2) follows from (1.7.1) and the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X}(-D) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{D} \rightarrow 0$ . (1.7.3) follows from (1.7.2) and (1.6). The remaining assertions can be proved similarly.

(1.8) COROLLARY. 
$$H^{2}(X, \mathcal{O}_{X})=0$$
 and  $\chi(X, \mathcal{O}_{X})=1$ .  
PROOF. Clear from (1.7.1) and (1.3). q. e. d.

#### §2. Base points of the linear system |L|.

(2.1) Here we recall the intersection theory in analytic geometry briefly from [2], [3] and [12]. To an arbitrary closed complex analytic subset A of pure complex dimension m in a compact complex manifold X, one associates a (Borel-Moore) homology class  $cl(A) \in H_{2m}(X, \mathbb{Z})$ . Two analytic subset D and D' of X are said to intersect properly if any irreducible component B of  $D \cap D'$  has the same dimension dim D+dim D'-dim X anywhere on  $(D \cap D')_{red}$ . Given two analytic subsets D and D' intersecting properly, the intersection cycle  $D \cap D'$  is defined so that  $cl(D \cap D') = cl(D) \cap cl(D')$ , where the right hand side is the cap product. If we are given another topological cycle  $\gamma$ , then we have  $\gamma \cap cl(D \cap D') = (\gamma \cap cl(D)) \cap cl(D')$  by the topological associativity. In the sequel, we omit the symbol  $\cap$  for the cap product for brevity.

We notice that three kinds of intersection theory—topological [2], analytic [3] and current-theoretic [12]—are the same by [12, p. 211]. We also note that the associativity law and the projection formula in the intersection theory are true [2], [3].

Coming back to our situation where  $l=D\cap D'$  in (1.6), we see that there are positive integers  $n_i$  such that  $\operatorname{cl}(l)=n_1\operatorname{cl}(A_1)+\cdots+n_s\operatorname{cl}(A_s)\in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  where  $A_i$  ranges over all the irreducible components of  $l_{\operatorname{red}}$ .

(2.2) LEMMA.  $d=4, K_x=-4L$ .

PROOF. Let  $l_{red} = A_1 + \cdots + A_s$  be the decomposition into irreducible components. Let  $I_i$  (resp.  $I_j$ ) be the ideal sheaf in  $\mathcal{O}_X$  defining l (resp.  $A_j$ ). By definition,  $\mathcal{O}_l = \mathcal{O}_X/I_i$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{A_j} = \mathcal{O}_X/I_j$ . It follows from  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_l) = 0$  that  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{A_j}) = 0$ . Hence  $A_j$  is a nonsingular rational curve. Suppose d > 4. Then by (1.7),  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_l(-2L)) = 0$ , whence  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{A_j}(-2L)) = 0$  for any j. Therefore  $c_1(L_{A_j}) \leq 0$  for any j. However  $cl(L)(n_1 cl(A_1) + \cdots + n_s cl(A_s)) = cl(L) cl(l)(=:Ll) = L \cdot D \cdot D' = L^3 \geq 1$ , whence there exists i such that  $LA_i := cl(L) cl(A_i) > 0$ . This shows that  $c_1(L_{A_i}) = cl(L)cl(A_i) \ (\in H_0(A_i, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z})$  is positive. This is a contradiction. Therefore d = 4 and  $K_X = -4L$ .

(2.3) LEMMA. Let D and D' be two distinct members of |L|,  $l:=D\cap D'$ ,  $A=l_{red}=A_1+\cdots+A_{a+b}$  the decomposition of  $l_{red}$  into irreducible components, and let  $B=A_{a+1}+\cdots+A_{a+b}$  be the one dimensional part of Bs|L|,  $C=A-B=A_1+\cdots+A_a$ . Then there is a unique irreducible component  $A_i$   $(1\leq i\leq a)$  of C such that  $LA_i>0$ , say,  $LA_1>0$ . Moreover

- (2.3.1) each  $A_i$  is a nonsingular rational curve,
- (2.3.2)  $LA_1=1$ ,  $LA_i=0$  ( $2 \le i \le a$ ),  $LA_j \le 0$  ( $a+1 \le j \le a+b$ ),
- (2.3.3) A, B and C are connected and if moreover  $B \neq \emptyset$ , then B and C intersect at a unique point of  $A_1$ .

PROOF. The assertion (2.3.1) is clear from the proof of (2.2). By (2.1), we set  $cl(l)=n_1cl(A_1)+\cdots+n_{a+b}cl(A_{a+b})$  for  $n_i>0$ . Since  $Ll\geq 1$ , there is at least one *i* such that  $LA_i=cl(L)cl(A_i)>0$ . By the exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow (I_A/I_l) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-2L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_l(-2L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_A(-2L) \longrightarrow 0$$
$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_A(-2L) \longrightarrow \nu_*(\bigoplus \mathcal{O}_{A_j}(-2L)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow 0$$

where  $\nu: \bigcup_j A_j \to A$  is the normalization and  $\mathscr{H} = \nu_*(\bigoplus_j \mathcal{O}_{A_j})/\mathcal{O}_A$  is a sheaf supported by Sing A, we see that  $h^1(\mathcal{O}_l(-2L)) \ge h^1(\mathcal{O}_A(-2L)) \ge \sum_{j=1}^{a+b} h^1(\mathcal{O}_{A_j}(-2L))$  and  $h^1(\mathcal{O}_l(-2L)) = 1$  in view of (1.7). Since  $A_j$  is a nonsingular rational curve, this proves that  $LA_i = 1$  and  $LA_j \le 0$  for  $j \ne i$ . In order to complete the proof of (2.3.2), we prove

(2.3.4) SUBLEMMA. The unique irreducible component  $A_i$  of A with  $LA_i > 0$  is not contained in B.

PROOF OF (2.3.4). First we notice that if  $LA_j < 0$ , then  $A_j \subset B$ . In fact, since  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{A_j}(L))=0$ , any element of  $H^0(X, L)$  vanishes identically on  $A_j$ . Hence  $A_j \subset B$ . Next we notice that if  $LA_j=0$ , and if  $A_j$  intersects B, then  $A_j \subset B$ . Indeed, then  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{A_j}(L))=H^0(\mathcal{O}_{A_j})=C$ . Any element of  $H^0(X, L)$  vanishes at  $A_j \cap B \ (\neq \emptyset)$ , whence it vanishes identically on  $A_j$ . Therefore  $A_j \subset B$ . Hence in particular, if  $LA_j=0$ , and  $A_j \subset C$ , then  $A_j \cap B=\emptyset$ . Suppose that  $A_i$  (the unique component of A with  $LA_i>0$ ) is contained in B. Then since A is connected by  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_l)=C$  in (1.7), any irreducible component  $A_j$  of A is contained in B by the above argument. Namely, A=B. Notice that this is valid for any pair of D and D' if the unique component A' of  $(D \cap D')_{red}$  with LA'>0is contained in B. Let D'' be an arbitrary member of |L|,  $D'' \neq D$ . Then since  $(D \cap D'')_{red} \supset B \supset A_1$ , we have therefore  $(D \cap D'')_{red}=B$ . Since  $Im(H^0(X, L)$  $\rightarrow H^0(D, L_D))$  ( $=H^0(D, L_D)$ ) is at least 3 dimensional, and since D is reduced irreducible, the curves  $(D \cap D')_{red}$ ,  $D' \in |L|$  covers D. This is a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

By (2.3.4), we have  $C \neq \emptyset$  and  $A_i \subset C$ , so we may assume i=1 without loss of generality. This completes the proof of (2.3.2). It remains to prove (2.3.3). By the proof of (2.3.4), no irreducible components  $A_j$  ( $2 \leq j \leq a$ ) of C except  $A_1$ intersect B. Clearly  $A_1$  intersects B at exactly one point if  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Since Ais connected by (1.7.4), both B and C are connected. This completes the proof of (2.3.3). q. e. d.

(2.4) LEMMA. Let  $A_j$  and B be the same as in (2.3). Suppose that Bs|L| has no one dimensional components, i.e.,  $B = \emptyset$ . Then Bs|L| consists of at most one point p of  $A_1 \setminus (\bigcup_{j \ge 2} A_j)$ .

PROOF. By (2.3),  $LA_j=0$   $(2 \le j \le a)$ . If Bs $|L| \cap A_j = \{q, \dots\} \ne \emptyset$  for some  $j \ge 2$ , then Bs|L| contains Bs $|L_{A_j}-q|=A_j$  by  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{A_j}(L))=H^0(\mathcal{O}_{A_j})=C$ . This contradicts  $B=\emptyset$ . Hence Bs $|L| \cap A_j=\emptyset$ . Suppose Bs $|L|=\{p, q, \dots\}, p \ne q$ . Then  $A_1$  contains p and q. Therefore Bs|L| contains Bs $|L_{A_1}-p-q|=A_1$ , which is absurd. Hence if Bs $|L| \ne \emptyset$ , then Bs $|L|=\{p\}$  where  $p \in A_1, p \notin A_j$ 

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 $(j \ge 2)$ .

q. e. d.

(2.5) LEMMA. Let l, A, B and C be the same as in (2.3). Let D'' be a member of |L| other than D and D', and let  $l'=D\cap D''$ ,  $A'=(l')_{red}$ , A'=C'+B. Let  $A'_1$  be the unique irreducible component of A' with  $LA'_1=1$ . Assume that  $Bs|L|\neq \emptyset$  and  $A\neq A'$ . Then we have

(2.5.1)  $A_1 \neq A'_1$  and  $A_1 \cap A'_1 = Bs |L|$  (resp.  $A_1 \cap A'_1 \cap B$ ) if  $B = \emptyset$  (resp. if  $B \neq \emptyset$ ),

(2.5.2) no irreducible components of C (resp. of C') distinct from  $A_1$  (resp. from  $A'_1$ ) intersect C' (resp. C).

**PROOF.** Let  $C_j$  be an irreducible component of  $C-A_1$  (:=the closure of  $C \setminus A_i$ ). Suppose  $C_j$  intersects C'. Then  $C_j$  meets D". Since  $D''C_j = LC_j = 0$  by (2.3), D'' contains  $C_j$ . Hence any irreducible component  $C_k$  of C intersecting  $C_j$  meets D", hence it is contained in D" if  $LC_k=0$ . If  $A_1$  intersects  $C_j$ , then  $A_1$  is also contained in D". In fact, by the assumption Bs  $|L| \neq \emptyset$ , D" contains a point Bs |L| (resp.  $B \cap A_1$ ) if  $B = \emptyset$  (resp. if  $B \neq \emptyset$ ) by (2.4) and (2.3.3). If  $A_1$  intersects  $C_j$ , then  $A_1 \cap C_j$  is contained in D", where  $A_1 \cap C_j$  is disjoint from Bs |L| or  $B \cap A_1$ . Therefore D'' contains at least two points of  $A_1$ . However  $D''A_1 = LA_1 = 1$ , which implies that D'' contains  $A_1$ . Since C is connected, it can be shown by repeating this argument that D'' contains C and that A' contains A. By the uniqueness of  $A_1$  and  $A'_1$ , we have  $A_1 = A'_1$ . Hence D' contains  $A'_1$ . By the same argument as above, any irreducible component of C' is contained in D'. Hence  $A' \subset A$  whence A = A'. This contradicts our assumption. This proves that no irreducible components of  $C-A_1$  meet C'. By the symmetry of the roles of D' and D'', we complete the proof of (2.5.2).

Next we shall show (2.5.1). Suppose  $A_1 = A'_1$ . Hence either  $C \neq A_1$  or  $C' \neq A_1$ because  $A \neq A'$ . By the symmetry of roles of C and C', we may assume  $C \neq A_1$ . Then  $(C-A_1) \cap C'$  contains  $(C-A_1) \cap A'_1 = (C-A_1) \cap A_1 \neq \emptyset$  whence  $(C-A_1) \cap C'$  is not empty. This contradicts (2.5.2). Hence  $A_1 \neq A'_1$ . If  $A_1 \cap A'_1 = \{p, q, \cdots\}$ ,  $p \neq q$ , then D'' contains two points p and q of  $A_1$ , hence D'' contains  $A_1$  by  $D''A_1 = LA''_1 = 1$ . By the uniqueness (2.3) of  $A_1$  and  $A'_1$ , we have  $A_1 = A'_1$ , which is absurd. Hence  $A_1 \cap A'_1$  consists of at most one point. If  $B = \emptyset$ , then  $A_1 \cap A'_1$  $= A \cap A' = Bs |L|$  by (2.4). If  $B \neq \emptyset$ , and if  $A_1$  intersects  $A'_1$  outside B, then  $D'' \supset A_1$  and  $A_1 = A'_1$  because D'' contains  $B \cap A_1 \neq \emptyset$  by (2.3.3). But  $A_1 = A'_1$  is absurd. Therefore if  $B \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A_1$  intersects  $A'_1$  only in B. This proves  $A_1 \cap A'_1 = A_1 \cap A'_1 \cap B$ . This completes the proof of (2.5.1). q. e. d.

(2.6) LEMMA. Let  $D, D' \in |L|$  and let l, A, B and C be the same as in (2.3). Suppose  $Bs|L| \neq \emptyset$ . Then by choosing a sufficiently general pair D and D', C is irreducible.

**PROOF.** Assume that C is reducible for any pair D, D'  $(D \neq D')$ . Choose a pair D and D' such that  $l=D\cap D'$  has the minimum number of irreducible components. Take a one parameter family  $D'_t \in |L|$   $(t \in P^1)$  such that  $D'_0 = D'$ ,  $l_t :=$  $D \cap D'_t$  is one dimensional for any  $t \in \mathbf{P}^1$ . Let  $l_{t,red} = C_t + B$ ,  $C_t = A_{t,1} + \cdots + C_t + C$  $A_{t,a(t)}$  with  $LA_{t,1}=1$ ,  $LA_{t,j}=0$   $(j\geq 2)$  and  $B=B_1+\cdots+B_b$   $(=A_{a+1}+\cdots+A_{a+b})$ ,  $a_{\min} = \min a(t)$ . Then there is an open dense subset U of  $P^1$  such that a(t) $=a_{\min} (\geq 2)$  for any  $t \in U$ . Let d (resp.  $d'_t$ ) be the equation defining D (resp.  $D'_t$  and define an analytic subset Z of  $X \times P^1$  by  $Z = \{(x, t) \in X \times P^1; d(x) = x \in X \}$  $d'_{t}(x)=0$ . Let  $p_{j}$  (j=1, 2) be the j-th projection of  $X \times P^{1}$ . Then Z is a proper flat family by  $p_2$ , whose fiber  $p_2^{-1}(t)$  is  $l_t$ . The analytic space Z is therefore two dimensional. Let  $Z_j$   $(1 \le j \le k)$  be all the irreducible components of  $Z_{\text{red}}$ ,  $Y_j$  the normalization of  $Z_j$ ,  $\phi_j$  the natural map of  $Y_j$  into  $X \times P^1$ . Let  $Y_j \xrightarrow{\pi_j} U_j \xrightarrow{h_j} P^1$  be the Stein factorization of  $p_2 \psi_j$ . Then  $U_j$  is a nonsingular curve. Since  $Y_j$  is Cohen-Macaulay (normal and two dimensional), and since  $\pi_j$  is equidimensional,  $\pi_j$  is flat. Therefore there exists a Zariski dense open subset  $V_j$  of  $U_j$  such that  $\pi_j^{-1}(v)$  is irreducible nonsingular for any  $v \in V_j$ .

Since  $\psi_j$  is a birational map of  $Y_j$  onto  $Z_j$ , we may assume, by taking a smaller Zariski open subset of  $V_j$  if necessary, that  $\pi_j^{-1}(v)$  is mapped birationally onto an irreducible component of  $(l_t)_{red}$  where  $t=h_j(v)$ . By (2.3), any irreducible component of  $(l_t)_{red}$  is non-singular, so  $\pi_j^{-1}(v)$  is isomorphic to the image  $p_1\psi_j(\pi_j^{-1}(v))$ , a reduced irreducible component of  $(l_t)_{red}$ . Since  $\pi_j$  is flat, the images of fibers of  $\pi_j$  over  $V_j$  by  $p_1\psi_j$  are algebraically equivalent. Choosing  $A_{t_1,1}$  for  $A_1$  for a generic  $t_1 \in \mathbf{P}^1$  if necessary, we may assume  $A_1 = p_1\psi_1(\pi_1^{-1}(v_1))$  for some  $v_1 \in V_1$ . Hence the image by  $p_1\psi_1$  of any fiber of  $\pi_1$  over  $V_1$  is algebraically equivalent to  $A_1$ , so that it is just the unique irreducible component  $A_{t,1}$  of  $C_t$  with  $LA_{t,1}=1$  for some  $t \in \mathbf{P}^1$ .

Hence irreducible components of  $C_t - A_{t,1}$  can appear only in the image  $p_1\psi_1\pi_1^{-1}(U_1 \ V_1)$  or in  $p_1\psi_j(Y_j)$   $(j \ge 2)$ , hence those  $A_{t,j}$   $(j \ge 2)$  which are contained in  $p_1\psi_1(Y_1)$  are only finitely many. Therefore there exists  $\pi_2: Y_2 \rightarrow U_2$  such that  $p_1\psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(v_2)) = A_{t_2,2}$  for some  $v_2 \in V_2$  and  $t_2 = h_2(v_2) \in \mathbf{P}^1$ . Here we may assume  $A_{t_2,2} = A_2$  without loss of generality. The image  $p_1\psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(v))$  of a fiber  $\pi_2^{-1}(v)$ ,  $v \in V_2$  is therefore algebraically equivalent to  $A_2$ , whence  $Lp_1\psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(v)) = LA_2 = 0$ . Hence  $p_1\psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(v))$   $(v \in V_2)$  is contained in  $C_t - A_{t,1} + B$ . Since  $A_2 \cap B = \emptyset$ , we may assume, by taking a smaller  $V_2$  if necessary, that  $p_1\psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(v))$  is an irreducible component, say,  $A_{t,j(v)}$  of  $C_t - A_{t,1}$  where  $t = h_2(v)$ ,  $j(v) \ge 2$ .

Since  $A_{t,1} \cap A_{s,j} = \emptyset$  for  $t \neq s$ ,  $t, s \in \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $j \geq 2$  by (2.5),  $A_{t,1}$   $(t \in \mathbb{P}^1)$  can intersect  $p_1 \psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(V_2))$  only along  $A_{t,1} \cap (C_t - A_{t,1})$  by (2.3), whose cardinality is bounded by  $a_{\min} - 1$ .

This shows that  $p_1\psi_1(\pi_1^{-1}(V_1))$  and  $p_1\psi_2(\pi_2^{-1}(V_2))$  intersect along at most a (possibly reducible) curve, hence that the intersection of  $p_1\psi_1(Y_1)$  and  $p_1\psi_2(Y_2)$ 

is at most one dimensional. However since the irreducible surface  $p_1\psi_j(Y_j)$  is contained in an irreducible surface D, we have  $D=p_1\psi_1(Y_1)=p_1\psi_2(Y_2)$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore for a sufficiently general pair D and D', C is irreducible. q. e. d.

(2.7) LEMMA. Bs |L| is empty and the complete intersection  $l:=D \cap D'$  is an irreducible nonsingular rational curve with Ll=1 for any pair D and  $D' \in |L|$ with  $D \neq D'$ .

**PROOF.** We first assume  $Bs|L| \neq \emptyset$  to derive a contradiction. By (2.6), C is irreducible by choosing a general pair D and D'. Since D (and D') are reduced, the movable part of  $D \cap D'$  is reduced somewhere, hence reduced over a Zariski open subset U of C (see [11, Theorem 7.18]). This implies that l is reduced and isomorphic to C over U.

Let  $I_l$  (resp.  $I_c$ ) be the ideal sheaf in  $\mathcal{O}_X$  defining l (resp. C). Then  $I_l \subset I_c$ and the natural inclusion of  $I_l$  into  $I_c$  induces an isomorphism of  $(I_l/I_l^2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_c$ into  $I_c/I_c^2$  because  $I_l/I_l^2$  is locally  $\mathcal{O}_l$ -free and  $\mathcal{O}_c$  is torsion free. By Grothendieck's theorem, we write  $I_c/I_c^2 = \mathcal{O}_c(-p) \oplus \mathcal{O}_c(-q)$  for some integers p and q. Since LC=1 and  $I_l/I_l^2 = \mathcal{O}_l(-L) \oplus \mathcal{O}_l(-L)$ , we have  $(I_l/I_l^2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_c = \mathcal{O}_c(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_c(-1)$ Hence we have  $p \leq 1$ ,  $q \leq 1$ . From the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I_C/I_C^2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}_X^1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}_C^1 \longrightarrow 0,$$

we infer  $c_1(I_C/I_C^2) + c_1(\Omega_C^1) = c_1(\Omega_X^1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_C) = K_X C = -4LC = -4$ . Hence p+q=2. This shows p=q=1 and that  $(I_L/I_L^2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_C \cong I_C/I_C^2$ . But when  $B \neq \emptyset$ , either of the two generators (chosen suitably) of  $I_L/I_L^2$  at  $p := C \cap B$  vanishes at p, whence  $(I_L/I_L^2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_C$  is not isomorphic to  $I_C/I_C^2$ . Hence  $B = \emptyset$ . By (2.4), Bs|L| is one point. Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I_C/I_l \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_l \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since  $l_{red}=C$ , the support of  $I_C/I_l$  is isolated. Since  $H^0(l, \mathcal{O}_l)=H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C)=C$  by (1.7.4), we have  $I_C/I_l=0$ , whence  $I_l=I_C$ ,  $l\cong C$ . By (1.7), Bs $|L|=Bs|L_D|=Bs|L_D|=Bs|L_C|=Bs|\mathcal{O}_{P^1}(1)|=\emptyset$ . This contradicts Bs $|L|\neq\emptyset$ .

Now we consider the case  $Bs|L| = \emptyset$ . Then by Bertini's theorem, any general member D of |L| is nonsingular. The divisor D is irreducible by (1.5.1). The linear system  $|L_D|$  is base point free because  $Bs|L|=Bs|L_D|$  in view of (1.7). Hence any general member l of  $|L_D|$  is nonsingular by Bertini's theorem. The natural homomorphism of  $H^0(X, L)$  into  $H^0(D, L_D)$  is surjective so that the curve l is just a complete intersection  $D \cap D'$  for some  $D' \in |L|$ . By (1.7.4), l is connected, hence it is irreducible. By (2.3), l itself is also the unique irreducible component of  $(D \cap D')_{red} (=D \cap D'$  in this case) with Ll=1. Hence l is a nonsingular rational curve with Ll=1.

Let D'' and D''' be arbitrary members of |L| with  $D'' \neq D'''$  and let  $l' := D'' \cap D'''$  be the complete intersection. Then by (2.3) and by  $Bs|L| = \emptyset$ , we have  $cl(l')=n_1cl(A_1)+\cdots+n_acl(A_a)$  for some  $n_i>0$  and  $A_j$  irreducible, where  $LA_1=1$ ,  $LA_j=0$  ( $2\leq j\leq a$ ). Hence  $n_1=Ll'=Ll=1$ . This shows in view of the criterion of multiplicity one [2, Prop. 4.6] (see also [4, Prop. 2.2]) that l' is reduced at a generic point of  $A_1$ , hence reduced over a Zariski open dense subset of  $A_1$ . Then by the same argument as the first half of (2.7),  $(I_{l'}/I_{l'}^2)\otimes \mathcal{O}_{A_1} \cong I_1/I_1^2 \cong \mathcal{O}_{A_1}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{A_1}(-1)$ ,  $l' \cong A_1$ . Thus l' is also a nonsingular rational curve with Ll'=1.

(2.8) COMPLETION OF THE PROOF OF (1.1). Let X be a compact threefold as in (1.1). Then  $l:=D\cap D'$  is a nonsingular rational curve for arbitrary D and  $D' \in |L|$ ,  $D \neq D'$  by (2.7). Hence by (1.7), we have  $h^0(X, L) = h^0(D, L_D) + 1 =$  $h^0(l, L_l) + 2 = 4$ . By (2.7), we have a morphism f of X onto  $P^3$  associated with the complete linear system |L|. Since  $L^3 = L \cdot D \cdot D' = Ll = 1$  by (2.7), f is surjective and bimeromorphic. Let E be the exceptional set of f, that is, the divisor defined by  $(\det(Jacf))$  on X. Then E is a Cartier divisor whose image by f is zero or one dimensional. Hence  $f_*E=0$ . However since  $f_*$  induces an isomorphism of PicX onto Pic $P^3$ , E is empty. Hence f is unramified, so that f is an isomorphism of X onto  $P^3$ . q. e. d.

(2.9) Here is another proof of (1.1) which makes use of (2.7) in full strength, making however less use of  $\operatorname{Pic} X \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Let X be a compact threefold as in (1.1). In the same manner as in (2.8), we have  $h^{\circ}(X, L)=4$  and a bimeromorphic morphism f of X onto  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Suppose that f is not an isomorphism. Then there is an irreducible curve C on X such that LC=0. Take a point p of C. Then by (2.7) and  $h^{\circ}(X, L)=4$ , we can choose two distinct members D and D' of |L| passing through p. Let  $l=D\cap D'$  be the complete intersection. Then by (2.7), l is a nonsingular rational curve with Ll=1. Since DC=D'C=LC=0, C is contained in both D and D', hence it is contained in  $l_{red}=l$ . Therefore C=l, which contradicts  $LC \neq Ll$ . Hence f is an isomorphism of X onto  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . q. e. d.

(2.10) REMARK. The assumption  $\operatorname{Pic} X \cong \mathbb{Z}$  in (1.1) was made use of only in the proof of (1.3) and (1.5). It is conjectured that the following is true;

CONJECTURE. If a compact threefold X has a complex line bundle L such that  $L^3>0$ ,  $K_x = -dL$  ( $d \ge 4$ ), then X is isomorphic to  $P^3$ .

Fujita kindly pointed out that (1.1) is true in the category of algebraic varieties over an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic by additionally assuming that  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X)=0$ . He kindly gave necessary modifications in the proof of (2.7). We notice that we have an alternative proof similar to

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(but much simpler than) [18] which works in arbitrary characteristic.

## §3. Main theorems.

(3.1) THEOREM. A Moishezon threefold homeomorphic to  $P^3$  is isomorphic to  $P^3$  if the Kodaira dimension of it is less than three.

PROOF. Let X be a Moishezon threefold homeomorphic to  $P^3$ . Then the Hodge spectral sequence  $E_1^{p,q} = H^q(X, \Omega_X^p)$  with abutment  $H^n(X, C)$  degenerates at  $E_1$  [22, p. 99]. Hence  $h^q(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  for q > 0 and  $\chi(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 1$  because  $b_1 = b_3 = 0$ ,  $b_2 = 1$ . Hence Pic  $X = H^2(X, Z) = H^2(P^3, Z) = Z$ . Let L be a generator of Pic X with  $L^3 = 1$ . Then by [8, pp. 207-208] (see also [17, pp. 317-318]),  $K_X = -4L$ . Since X is Moishezon and Pic X = Z, we have either  $\kappa(X, L) = 3$  or  $\kappa(X, -L) = 3$ . In the second case, the Kodaira dimension of X is 3, which contradicts the assumption. Hence  $\kappa(X, L) = 3$ . (See (3.3) below.) Therefore by (1.1), X is isomorphic to  $P^3$ .

(3.2) THEOREM. An arbitrary complex analytic (global) deformation of  $P^{3}$  is isomorphic to  $P^{3}$ .

**PROOF.** Let X be an arbitrary complex analytic deformation of  $P^3$ . Then by the upper semi-continuity,  $h^0(X, -mK_X)$  behaves as a polynomial of degree 3 in m as m goes to infinity. Hence X is Moishezon and the Kodaira dimension of X is  $-\infty$ . Hence X is isomorphic to  $P^3$  by (3.1). q. e. d.

(3.3) REMARK. It seems very plausible that a Moishezon threefold homeomorphic to  $P^{3}$  has Kodaira dimension less than three. However  $\kappa(X, L) \ge 1$  is not a consequence of PicX=ZL with  $L^{3}>0$ . The assertion  $\mu>0$  in [19, p. 403, line 19] is equivalent to  $\kappa(X, L)\ge 1$ . This part requires a proof. Indeed, as the following example of Fujiki (or someone else?) shows, there is a Moishezon threefold X with PicX=ZL such that  $L^{3}<0$ ,  $K_{X}=-2L$ ,  $\kappa(X, L)=3$ . This also gives a counterexample to [21] Theorem 5.3. We shall show the example.

Let S be a nonsingular quadric surface in  $P^3$ ,  $f_i$  a fiber of two rulings via the isomorphism  $S \cong P^1 \times P^1$ , C a nonsingular curve on S with  $[C]=3f_1+kf_2 \in$ Pic S  $(k \ge 7)$ . Let  $f: Y \to P^3$  be the blowing up of  $P^3$  with C center,  $E=f^{-1}(C)_{\text{red}}$ ,  $T=f^*S-E$ ,  $e_i=f^{-1}(f_i)_{\text{red}}$ . Then T (resp.  $e_i$ ) is isomorphic to S (resp.  $f_i$ ). One sees readily that  $N_{T/Y}=-e_1-(k-2)e_2$ . Hence by the contraction theorem of Nakano-Fujiki, there is a contraction  $g: Y \to X$  with X nonsingular, g(T) a nonsingular rational curve,  $g(e_2)$  a point. Let H be a hyperplane bundle of  $P^3$ ,  $L=g_*f^*H$ . Then we see  $K_X=-2L$ ,  $L^3=6-k$  (<0),  $\kappa(X, L)=3$ .

First we see

$$\begin{split} (f^*H)^2T &= ((f^*H)_T)^2 = (e_1 + e_2)^2 = 2, \\ (f^*H)T^2 &= (f^*H)_T[T]_T = (e_1 + e_2)(-e_1 - (k-2)e_2) = 1 - k, \\ T^3 &= ([T]_T)^2 = (-e_1 - (k-2)e_2)^2 = 2k - 4, \\ L^3 &= (f^*H + T)^3 = 6 - k. \end{split}$$

Next we shall show  $K_x = -2L$ . Since Pic X = Z, it suffices to prove  $K_x g_* f^* l = -2Lg_* f^* l$  for a line l in  $P^3$ . We see

$$\begin{split} K_{\mathbf{X}}g_*f^*l &= (g^*K_{\mathbf{X}})(f^*l) = (-6f^*H + 2E)(f^*l) = -6,\\ Lg_*f^*l &= (f^*H)(g^*g_*f^*l) = (f^*H)(f^*l + 2e_2) = 3. \end{split}$$

Since H is a hyperplane bundle,  $\kappa(X, L)=3$  is clear.

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