

KAWAMATA–VIEHWEG VANISHING AS KODAIRA VANISHING FOR STACKS

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ABSTRACT. We associate to a pair (X, D) , consisting of a smooth variety with a divisor $D \in \text{Div}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ whose support has only normal crossings, a canonical Deligne–Mumford stack over X on which D becomes integral. We then reinterpret the Kawamata–Viehweg vanishing theorem as Kodaira vanishing for stacks.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let k be a field, and suppose given a pair (X, D) , where X/k is a smooth variety and $D \in \text{Div}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is a divisor whose support has only normal crossings. Suppose further that there exists an integer n , prime to $\text{char}(k)$, for which nD is integral. Our aim in this note is to explain how one can associate to (X, D) a Deligne–Mumford stack \mathcal{X}/X , which is the “minimal covering” of X on which D becomes integral (see (4.1) for the precise properties of \mathcal{X}). In addition, we explain, using the stack \mathcal{X} , how the Kawamata–Viehweg vanishing theorem ([4], [7], [11]) can naturally be interpreted as an application of Kodaira vanishing for stacks.

There are no new vanishing theorems in this paper, except for explicitly stating a Kodaira vanishing theorem for Deligne–Mumford stacks, following Deligne, Illusie, and Raynaud.

The note is organized as follows. In section 2 we present a Kodaira vanishing theorem for Deligne–Mumford stacks. A Hodge theoretic approach to the characteristic 0 version of this theorem had previously been considered by Starr (private communication). In section 3 we make a few basic observations concerning log structures in the sense of Fontaine and Illusie which will be needed in the construction of \mathcal{X} . In section 4 we construct the stack \mathcal{X} and describe its basic properties. Then in section 5, we discuss the Kawamata–Viehweg vanishing theorem.

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2. KODAIRA VANISHING FOR STACKS

Theorem 2.1. *Let k be a field, and let \mathcal{X}/k be a smooth proper tame Deligne–Mumford stack of dimension d with projective coarse moduli space $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$. Suppose that π is flat and let L be an invertible sheaf on \mathcal{X} such that some power of L descends to an ample invertible sheaf on X .*

(i). *If $\text{char}(k) = 0$, then $H^j(\mathcal{X}, \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-1}) = 0$ for $i + j < d$.*

(ii). If $\text{char}(k) = p > 0$, k is perfect with ring of Witt vectors $W(k)$, and \mathcal{X} admits a smooth lifting to $W_2(k) := W(k)/(p^2)$, then $H^j(\mathcal{X}, \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-1}) = 0$ for $i + j < \inf(d, p)$.

Theorem (2.1) is proven by the same argument used in the proof by Deligne, Illusie, and Raynaud of the Kodaira vanishing theorem ([2], 2.8). We indicate here only the argument needed for the reduction from characteristic 0 to characteristic p , and a basic proposition. The rest of the proof can then be transcribed word for word from (loc. cit.).

Reduction to positive characteristic.

This is fairly standard using the classical argument for schemes ([3]. IV.8.10.5 (xii)). However, we explain the reduction since it uses a non-trivial result about stacks: Chow's lemma for Deligne–Mumford stacks ([9], 16.6.1). So consider \mathcal{X}/k where k is a field of characteristic 0, and choose a presentation for \mathcal{X} . That is, suppose \mathcal{X} is defined by affine schemes U and R together with maps $s, b : R \rightarrow U$ (source and target), $\epsilon : U \rightarrow R$ (identity), $i : R \rightarrow R$ (inverse), $m : R \times_{s,U,b} R \rightarrow R$ (composition), such that the finitely many conditions for these to define an étale groupoid in schemes are satisfied ([9], 2.4.3). Since all these schemes are affine of finite type over k , we can find a finitely generated integral \mathbb{Z} -algebra $A \subset k$, and an étale groupoid in schemes $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{s}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{i}, \tilde{m})$ over A inducing our groupoid over k . Thus we obtain a Deligne–Mumford stack

$$(2.1.1) \quad g : \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$$

inducing \mathcal{X} . Now by ([9], 16.6.1), there exists a projective scheme Y/k together with a proper surjective morphism $f : Y \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$. After localizing on $\text{Spec}(A)$ (and using ([9], 4.18)), we can therefore find a projective scheme \tilde{Y} and a map $\tilde{f} : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$. Now the condition that the map \tilde{f} is proper and surjective is equivalent to the condition that the induced map of schemes $\tilde{Y} \times_{\tilde{\mathcal{X}}} \tilde{U} \rightarrow \tilde{U}$ is proper and surjective, and hence after localizing on $\text{Spec}(A)$ we can assume that \tilde{f} is proper and surjective. From this it follows that $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ is proper over $\text{Spec}(A)$. Let $\tilde{\pi} : \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ be its coarse moduli space. There is a maximal open substack of $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ which is smooth over $\text{Spec}(A)$ and flat over \tilde{X} , and since $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ is proper over A this implies that after localizing on $\text{Spec}(A)$, we can assume that $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}/A$ is tame and smooth and that $\tilde{\pi}$ is flat. Now giving the invertible sheaf L on \mathcal{X} is equivalent to giving a morphism $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow B\mathbb{G}_m$. Hence by ([9], 4.18), we can after further localization on $\text{Spec}(A)$ find a sheaf \tilde{L} on $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ inducing L such that some tensor power of \tilde{L} descends to an ample invertible sheaf on \tilde{X} .

Lemma 2.2. *Let \mathcal{X}/S be a tame Deligne–Mumford stack of finite type over a noetherian scheme S , and suppose the map $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$ from \mathcal{X} to its coarse moduli space is flat. Then*

- (i). *If F is a coherent sheaf on \mathcal{X} , then $R^i \pi_* F = 0$ for $i > 0$, and the formation of $\pi_* F$ is compatible with arbitrary base change $S' \rightarrow S$.*
- (ii). *If E is a locally free sheaf on \mathcal{X} , then $\pi_* E$ is locally free on X .*
- (iii). *If \mathcal{X} is Cohen–Macaulay, then X is Cohen–Macaulay.*

Proof. It is well known that étale locally on X , the stack \mathcal{X} is isomorphic to $[U/\Gamma]$, where $U = \text{Spec}(R)$ is an affine scheme and Γ is a finite group of order invertible in R acting on U (see for example ([1], 2.2.3)). Moreover, in this situation $X = \text{Spec}(R^\Gamma)$. Now if M is any

R^Γ -module with action of Γ , then the invariant M^Γ is a direct summand of M . Indeed, the map

$$(2.2.1) \quad m \mapsto \frac{1}{|\Gamma|} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} m^\gamma,$$

defines a retraction $M \rightarrow M^\Gamma$. From this (i) and (ii) follow. Statement (iii) follows from this discussion combined with ([5], remark 2.3). \square

It follows from the lemma and standard base change theorems for cohomology on projective schemes, that after localizing on $\text{Spec}(A)$, we may assume that the groups $R^j g_* (\Omega_{\tilde{\mathcal{X}}/A}^i \otimes \tilde{L}^{-1})$ are locally free on $\text{Spec}(A)$ of constant rank, and compatible with base change. Let T be the scheme-theoretic closure of a closed point of $\text{Spec}(A \otimes \mathbb{Q})$. The scheme T is quasi-finite and flat over $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$. Choose a closed point $t \in T$ at which T/\mathbb{Z} is étale and for which $\text{char}(k(t)) > d$. Then $\tilde{\mathcal{X}} \otimes k(t)$ admits a lifting to $W_2(k(t))$, and so it suffices to prove the theorem for the pair $(\tilde{\mathcal{X}} \otimes k(t), \tilde{L} \otimes k(t))$. This concludes the reduction to the positive characteristic case.

Proposition 2.3. *Let k be a field, \mathcal{X}/k a smooth tame Deligne–Mumford stack, and $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$ its coarse moduli space. Assume that X is projective and that π is flat. Then if L is an invertible sheaf on \mathcal{X} such that some tensor power descends to an ample sheaf on X , there exists an integer N_0 such that $H^j(\mathcal{X}, \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-N}) = 0$ for $j < d$, all i , and all $N \geq N_0$.*

Proof. Let b be an integer such that $L^{\otimes b} = \pi^* M$ for some ample line bundle M on X .

Because X is Cohen–Macaulay (2.2 (iii)), X has a dualizing sheaf ω_X . Since M is ample, there exists an integer l_0 such that for $j < d$, all i , $0 \leq r < b$, and $l \geq l_0$

$$(2.3.1) \quad H^{d-j}(X, \omega_X \otimes (\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-r}))^* \otimes M^l) = 0,$$

where $(\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-r}))^*$ denotes the dual of the locally free (by (2.2 (ii))) sheaf $\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-r})$. We claim that $N_0 = bl_0$ works in the proposition. Indeed, for any $N \geq N_0$, write $N = r + bl$, where $0 \leq r < b$ and $l \geq l_0$. Then applying (2.2 (i)) and Serre duality, we have

$$(2.3.2) \quad H^j(\mathcal{X}, \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-N}) = H^{d-j}(X, \omega_X \otimes (\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes L^{-r}))^* \otimes M^l)^* = 0$$

for $j < d$. \square

3. LOCALLY FREE LOG STRUCTURES

The stack \mathcal{X} in (4.1) will be constructed as a moduli space classifying certain log structures (in the sense of Fontaine and Illusie ([6])). Thus before giving the construction and proving (4.1) in the next section, we gather together a few basic facts we need about log structures. For the basic definitions and results concerning log structures, we refer to the first 2 sections of ([6]).

Recall that if P is a unit free monoid (i.e. the unit element $0 \in P$ is the only invertible element in P), then an element $p \in P$ is called irreducible if for every $p_1, p_2 \in P$ for which $p = p_1 + p_2$, either $p_1 = p$ or $p_2 = p$. We denote the set of irreducible elements in P by $\text{Irr}(P)$.

Definition 3.1. (i). A monoid F is called *free* if it is isomorphic to \mathbb{N}^r for some r . The integer r is uniquely determined and is called the *rank* of F .

(ii). A morphism $\varphi : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ between free monoids is called *simple* if F_1 and F_2 have the same rank, φ is injective, and if for every irreducible element $f_1 \in F_1$ there exists an irreducible element $f_2 \in F_2$ and an integer n such that $nf_2 = \varphi(f_1)$.

(iii). A *locally free log structure* on a scheme X is a fine log structure \mathcal{M} on X such that for every geometric $\bar{x} \rightarrow X$ the monoid $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\bar{x}}$ is free.

(iv). A morphism $\varphi : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$ between locally free log structures on a scheme X is called *simple* if for every geometric point $\bar{x} \rightarrow X$, the map $\varphi_{\bar{x}} : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,\bar{x}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2,\bar{x}}$ is simple in the sense of (ii) above.

Remark 3.2. If $\varphi : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ is a simple morphism as in (3.1 (ii)), then for each $f_1 \in \text{Irr}(F_1)$, the element $f_2 \in \text{Irr}(F_2)$ for which there exists an integer n such that $nf_2 = \varphi(f_1)$ is uniquely determined. From this it follows that φ induces a canonical bijection $\text{Irr}(F_1) \rightarrow \text{Irr}(F_2)$.

Remark 3.3. In the above definition, and in the discussion below, we freely use the notion of the stalk of an étale sheaf \mathcal{F} at a geometric point $\bar{x} \rightarrow X$ of a scheme. Recall that for such a sheaf \mathcal{F} , the stalk $\mathcal{F}_{\bar{x}}$ is the limit $\varinjlim \mathcal{F}(U)$ taken over the inductive system of commutative diagrams

$$(3.3.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} U & \longleftarrow & \bar{x} \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

where U/X is étale. In particular, the stalk $\mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}}$ denotes the strict henselization of the local ring of X at the image of \bar{x} .

Lemma 3.4. *Let $\varphi : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$ be a simple morphism of locally free log structures on a scheme X , and let $\beta_1 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_1$ be a chart for \mathcal{M}_1 . Let $\bar{x} \rightarrow X$ be a geometric point, and suppose given a surjective map $\bar{\beta}_2 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2,\bar{x}}$ and integers $\{b_i\}_{i=1}^r$ prime to the characteristic of $k(\bar{x})$ such that the diagram*

$$(3.4.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N}^r & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \mathbb{N}^r \\ \bar{\beta}_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \bar{\beta}_2 \\ \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,\bar{x}} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}_{\bar{x}}} & \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2,\bar{x}} \end{array}$$

commutes, where $\rho := \bigoplus (\times b_i)$. Then in some étale neighborhood of \bar{x} , there exists a chart $\beta_2 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$ lifting $\bar{\beta}_2$ such that the diagram

$$(3.4.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N}^r & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \mathbb{N}^r \\ \beta_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta_2 \\ \mathcal{M}_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{M}_2 \end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof. By ([6], 2.10), it suffices to find a lifting $\beta_2 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{2,\bar{x}}$ lifting $\bar{\beta}_2$ such that the diagram

$$(3.4.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N}^r & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \mathbb{N}^r \\ \beta_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta_2 \\ \mathcal{M}_{1,\bar{x}} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{M}_{2,\bar{x}} \end{array}$$

commutes. For this, choose for each $1 \leq i \leq r$ a lifting $m_i \in \mathcal{M}_{2,\bar{x}}$ of $\bar{\beta}_2(e_i)$, where e_i denotes the i -th standard generator for \mathbb{N}^r . By the commutativity of (3.4.1), there exists a unit $u_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}}^*$ such that $\lambda(u_i) + b_i m_i = \varphi(\beta_1(e_i))$, where $\lambda : \mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{X,\bar{x}}$ denotes the canonical inclusion. Since by assumption b_i is invertible on X , there exists a unit $v_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}}^*$ such that $v_i^{b_i} = u_i$. Replacing m_i by $m_i + \lambda(v_i)$, we can therefore find units $m_i \in \mathcal{M}_{2,\bar{x}}$ such that $b_i m_i = \varphi(\beta_1(e_i))$. That is, a map $\beta_2 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{2,\bar{x}}$ such that (3.4.3) commutes. \square

4. CONSTRUCTION OF \mathcal{X}

Theorem 4.1. *Let X/k be a smooth scheme over a field k , $D = \bigcup_{i \in I} D_i \subset X$ a divisor with normal crossings, and $\{b_i\}_{i \in I}$ a collection of positive integers prime to $\text{char}(k)$. Attached to this data is a canonical pair $(\mathcal{X}, \tilde{D} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \tilde{D}_i)$, consisting of a smooth tame Deligne–Mumford stack $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$ together with a normal crossings divisor $\tilde{D} \subset \mathcal{X}$ such that:*

(i). *The map π is finite and flat, identifies X with the coarse moduli space of \mathcal{X} , and is an isomorphism over $X - D$.*

(ii). *The pullback $\pi^* \mathcal{O}_X(-D_i)$ is equal to $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(-b_i \tilde{D}_i)$ as a subsheaf of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$.*

(iii). *For any collection $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$ of positive integers with $b_i \nmid a_i$, there is a natural quasi-isomorphism*

$$(4.1.1) \quad \Omega_{X/k}^j(\log D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i^{\lceil} a_i/b_i \lrcorner D_i) \longrightarrow R\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(-\sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)),$$

where for $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, we denote by $\lceil q \rceil := \inf\{p \in \mathbb{Z} | p \geq q\}$.

(iv). *Let \mathcal{M}_X denote the log structure on X associated to the divisor D , and suppose $A \rightarrow k$ is a surjective map from an Artin local ring A . Then associated to any log smooth lifting $(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}})$ of (X, \mathcal{M}_X) to $\text{Spec}(A)$, there is a canonical smooth lifting $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ of \mathcal{X} to $\text{Spec}(A)$.*

(v). *If $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a finite flat morphism from a smooth variety Y/k for which $f^*(\sum_i \frac{1}{b_i} D_i)$ is integral with support a divisor with normal crossings, then there exists a unique map $Y \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ over X .*

Proof. Let \mathcal{M}_X be the log structure associated to the divisor D ([6], 1.5 (i)). The log structure \mathcal{M}_X is locally free by ([6], 2.5 (i)). If $\bar{x} \rightarrow X$ is a geometric point, let $C(\bar{x})$ denote the irreducible components of the inverse image of D in $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}})$.

Lemma 4.2. *For every geometric point $\bar{x} \rightarrow X$ there is a canonical isomorphism $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{X,\bar{x}} \simeq \bigoplus_{C(\bar{x})} \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. It suffices to establish a bijection $\text{Irr}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{X,\bar{x}}) \rightarrow C(\bar{x})$. We do so by sending an irreducible element \bar{m} to the component defined by the ideal $(\alpha(m))$, where $m \in \mathcal{M}_{X,\bar{x}}$ is any lifting of m and $\alpha : \mathcal{M}_{X,\bar{x}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}}$ is the logarithm map. That this is well-defined and a bijection can be verified after replacing X by an étale cover. Hence it suffices to consider the case when x is the point $x_1 = \cdots = x_n = 0$ on $X = \text{Spec}(k[x_1, \dots, x_n])$ and $D = Z(x_1 \cdots x_r)$, for some n and r . In this case the result is clear. \square

If $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is any morphism of schemes, and $f^*\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_Y$ is a simple morphism on Y , where \mathcal{M}_X and \mathcal{M}_Y are locally free log structures on X and Y respectively, then for every geometric point $\bar{y} \rightarrow Y$ with image $\bar{x} = f(\bar{y})$, the map

$$(4.2.1) \quad \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{X,\bar{x}} \longrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{Y,\bar{y}}$$

has by (4.2) and (3.2) a canonical decomposition

$$(4.2.2) \quad \oplus(\times c_i) : \bigoplus_{C(\bar{x})} \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{C(\bar{x})} \mathbb{N},$$

where $\{c_i\}$ is a collection of positive integers indexed by $C(\bar{x})$.

Define $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$ to be the fibered category whose fiber $\mathcal{X}(Y)$ over $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is the groupoid of simple morphisms of log structures $\varphi : f^*\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, such that for each geometric point $\bar{y} \rightarrow Y$ with $\bar{x} = f(\bar{y})$, the integer c_i associated to a component $C_i \in C(\bar{x})$ is equal to the integer b_i attached (by our assumptions) to the component $D_i \subset X$ containing the image of C_i under the natural map $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{X,\bar{x}}) \rightarrow X$. A morphism

$$(4.2.3) \quad \rho : (\varphi_1 : f^*\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_1) \longrightarrow (\varphi_2 : f^*\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2)$$

in $\mathcal{X}(Y)$ is an isomorphism of log structures $\rho : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$ such that $\rho \circ \varphi_1 = \varphi_2$. With the natural notion of pullback, \mathcal{X} is a fibered category. Moreover, because \mathcal{X} classifies étale sheaves, \mathcal{X} is a stack with respect to the étale topology.

Lemma 4.3. *The stack \mathcal{X} is a Deligne–Mumford stack. If $X = \text{Spec}(k[x_1, \dots, x_n])$ and $D_i = Z(x_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, then \mathcal{X} is canonically isomorphic to*

$$(4.3.1) \quad [\text{Spec}(k[y_1, \dots, y_n]) / \mu_{b_1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{b_r}],$$

where $k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$ is viewed as a $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ -algebra via the map induced by

$$(4.3.2) \quad x_i \mapsto \begin{cases} y_i^{b_i} & \text{if } i \leq r \\ y_i & \text{if } i > r, \end{cases}$$

and $\mu_{b_1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{b_r}$ acts by

$$(4.3.3) \quad (u_1, \dots, u_r) \cdot y_i = \begin{cases} u_i y_i & \text{if } i \leq r \\ y_i & \text{if } i > r. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Since \mathcal{X} is a stack with respect to the étale topology, the assertion that \mathcal{X} is a Deligne–Mumford stack can be verified étale locally on X . Thus it suffices to prove the second statement. Let us temporarily denote the stack (4.3.1) by \mathcal{X}' . By ([10], 5.20), \mathcal{X}' is canonically isomorphic to the stack which to any $f : Y \rightarrow X$ associates the groupoid of morphisms of

log structures $f^*\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ together with a map $\bar{\beta}' : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}$ which étale locally lifts to a chart, such that the diagram

$$(4.3.4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N}^r & \xrightarrow{\oplus(\times b_i)} & \mathbb{N}^r \\ \bar{\beta} \downarrow & & \downarrow \bar{\beta}' \\ f^{-1}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_X & \longrightarrow & \overline{\mathcal{M}} \end{array}$$

commutes, where $\bar{\beta}$ denotes the map induced by the standard chart on \mathcal{M}_X . It follows that there is a natural functor $F : \mathcal{X}' \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ which simply forgets the additional data of the map $\bar{\beta}'$. By (3.4), every object of $\mathcal{X}(Y)$ is étale locally in the essential image of F , so to prove that F is an equivalence, it suffices to prove that it is fully faithful. This amounts to the following statement. Given two objects $(\varphi_i : f^*\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_i, \beta'_i)$ of $\mathcal{X}'(Y)$, any isomorphism $\rho : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$, such that $\rho \circ \varphi_1 = \varphi_2$, has the property that $\bar{\rho} \circ \beta'_1 = \beta'_2$, where $\bar{\rho} : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_2$ denotes the map induced by ρ . But this is clear, for since $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_2$ has no units, two maps $\mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_2$ are equal if and only if their restrictions to the image of $\oplus(\times b_i)$ are equal. Thus F is fully faithful, and the lemma follows. \square

We can now complete the proof of (4.1). We define \tilde{D}_i to be the unique reduced closed substack of \mathcal{X} whose support is equal to the support of the closed substack defined by $\pi^*\mathcal{O}_X(-D_i)$. By the local description of \mathcal{X} given above, $\tilde{D} := \bigcup \tilde{D}_i$ is a reduced divisor with normal crossings, and (4.1 (ii)) holds. Also the local description of \mathcal{X} in (4.3) implies that X is the coarse moduli space of \mathcal{X} (see for example ([1], 2.3.3)).

To see (4.1 (iii)), note first that since $\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j(\log \tilde{D}) = \pi^*\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j(\log D)$ and $a_i < b_i^{\lceil a_i/b_i \rceil}$ for all i (since $b_i \nmid a_i$), there is a natural map

$$(4.3.5) \quad \pi^*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j(\log D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i^{\lceil a_i/b_i \rceil} D_i)) \longrightarrow \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i),$$

which by adjoint induces a map

$$(4.3.6) \quad \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j(\log D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i^{\lceil a_i/b_i \rceil} D_i) \longrightarrow \pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)).$$

Moreover, $R^i\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)) = 0$ for $i > 0$ by (2.2 (i)), so there is a natural quasi-isomorphism

$$(4.3.7) \quad \pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)) \simeq R\pi_*(\Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^j \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)).$$

Thus to show (4.1 (iii)), it suffices to show that the map (4.3.6) is an isomorphism. This can be verified étale locally on X , and so we need only consider X and \mathcal{X} as in (4.3). In this case, the assertion amounts to the statement that a j -form

$$(4.3.8) \quad y_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots y_r^{\alpha_r} dy_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dy_{i_j},$$

with $\alpha_i \geq a_i$ for all i , is invariant under the action of $\mu_{b_1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{b_r}$ if and only if $b_i | \alpha_i$ and $\alpha_i/b_i \geq \lceil a_i/b_i \rceil$ for $i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_j\}$ and $b_i | (\alpha_i + 1)$ and $(\alpha_i + 1)/b_i \geq \lceil a_i/b_i \rceil$ for $i \in \{i_1, \dots, i_j\}$. This follows immediately from the definition of the action.

As for (4.1 (iv)), let $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ be the fibered category on the category of \tilde{X} -schemes, which to any $f : Y \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ associates the groupoid of morphisms of log structures $f^* \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_Y$ which when pulled back to $Y \otimes_A k$ defines an object of $\mathcal{X}(Y \otimes_A k)$. Since $(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}})$ is log smooth over $\text{Spec}(A)$, it follows from the structure theorem for log smooth morphisms ([6], 3.4) that étale locally on \tilde{X} , the log scheme $(\tilde{X}, \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}})$ is isomorphic to $\text{Spec}(A[x_1, \dots, x_n])$ with log structure defined by

$$(4.3.9) \quad \mathbb{N}^r \longrightarrow A[x_1, \dots, x_n], \quad (i_1, \dots, i_r) \mapsto x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_r^{i_r},$$

for some n and r . From this and the same argument used in the proof of (4.3), it follows that $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ is a smooth lifting of \mathcal{X} .

To prove (4.1 (v)), we have to attach to any $f : Y \rightarrow X$ as in the theorem, a unique (up to unique isomorphism) object $f^* \mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ of $\mathcal{X}(Y)$. Since f is flat, $f^* \mathcal{M}_X$ is a subsheaf of \mathcal{O}_Y . From this it follows that \mathcal{M} is also a subsheaf of \mathcal{O}_Y . Moreover, we can completely characterize the sheaf \mathcal{M} as follows. Étale locally on X , we can find a chart $\mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X$ for the log structure on X . For each generator $e_i \in \mathbb{N}^r$, let f_i be its image in \mathcal{O}_X and let b_i denote the corresponding integer attached to the component of D defined by f_i . By assumption, there exists étale locally on Y an element $g_i \in \mathcal{O}_Y$, well defined up to multiplication by a root of unity, with $g_i^{b_i} = f_i$. The log structure \mathcal{M} is then the subsheaf of monoids of \mathcal{O}_Y generated by the g_i and \mathcal{O}_Y^* . This also proves the existence. \square

5. THE KAWAMATA–VIEHWEG VANISHING THEOREM

Let k be a field, X/k be a smooth projective variety of pure dimension d , and $E = \sum_i a_i D_i \in \text{Div}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ a \mathbb{Q} -divisor, where the D_i are the distinct irreducible components. Define the *integral part* $[E]$, the *round up* $\lceil E \rceil$, and the *fractional part* $\langle E \rangle$ by

$$(5.0.10) \quad [E] := \sum [a_i] D_i$$

$$(5.0.11) \quad \lceil E \rceil := \sum \lceil a_i \rceil D_i = -[-E]$$

$$(5.0.12) \quad \langle E \rangle := \sum \langle a_i \rangle D_i = E - [-E],$$

where for $r \in \mathbb{R}$ we write $[r] := \max\{t \in \mathbb{Z} \mid t \leq r\}$. We suppose that the support of $\langle E \rangle$ is a divisor D with normal crossings, and denote by \mathcal{M}_X the associated log structure on X ([6], 1.5 (i)). The following version of the Kawamata–Viehweg vanishing theorem, where E is further assumed to be ample, can be found in ([8], 1–2–2):

Theorem 5.1. (i). *Suppose $\text{char}(k) = 0$. Denote by $\Omega_X^1(\log D)$ the sheaf of differentials on X with log poles along D , and by $\Omega_X^i(\log D)$ its i -th exterior power. Then*

$$(5.1.1) \quad H^j(X, \Omega_X^i(\log D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\lceil E \rceil)) = 0 \text{ for } i + j < d.$$

(ii). *Suppose k is perfect and let $W_2(k)$ denote the reduction modulo p^2 of the ring of Witt vectors of k . Suppose further that the smooth log scheme (X, \mathcal{M}_X) admits a log smooth lifting to $W_2(k)$. Then*

$$(5.1.2) \quad H^j(X, \Omega_X^i(\log D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\lceil E \rceil)) = 0 \text{ for } i + j < \inf(d, p).$$

Proof. Write $\langle E \rangle = \sum_i (a_i/b_i) D_i$ with $(a_i, b_i) = 1$. Note that by the openness of the ample cone, we can replace the rational numbers a_i/b_i by any other rational numbers sufficiently close to the a_i/b_i without changing the statement of the theorem. Thus in the positive characteristic case, we may assume that the integers b_i are prime to p . Let $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$ be the stack associated to the data $(X, D, \{b_i\})$ as in (4.1). Then by (4.1 (iii)), and the projection formula, we have

$$(5.1.3) \quad H^j(X, \Omega_X^i(\log D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-\lceil E \rceil)) = H^j(\mathcal{X}, \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/k}^i \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(-\pi^*[E] - \sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)).$$

Since $(\prod_i b_i) \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(\pi^*[E] + \sum_i a_i \tilde{D}_i)$ descends to an ample sheaf on X , the theorem therefore follows from (2.1). \square

Remark 5.2. The above theorem plays a crucial and indispensable role in carrying out the proofs for many key ingredients of the so-called Minimal Model Program (MMP for short). The call for Kawamata–Viehweg vanishing, going beyond the classical Kodaira vanishing, is more apparent when we have to deal with the singularities that MMP inevitably brings in higher dimensions ($\dim \geq 3$). This is usually perceived as a technical calamity rather than an indication of any essential point. We wonder and/or speculate, however, that, once we have an interpretation of Kawamata–Viehweg vanishing as a version of Kodaira vanishing for stacks as in this note, there may be some smooth stacks floating around behind the whole game of MMP, and the singularities of MMP we only observe as we look at the coarse moduli of these smooth stacks.

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