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Introduction

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces or algebraic schemes and  $F$  a coherent sheaf on  $X$  flat over  $Y$ , or let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a differentiable family of compact complex manifolds and  $F$  a sheaf on  $X$ , locally free of finite rank. For any point  $y \in Y$  we can consider the fiber  $X_y = (f^{-1}(y), \mathcal{O}_X / \mathfrak{m}_y \mathcal{O}_X|_{f^{-1}(y)})$  and the sheaf  $F_y = F / \mathfrak{m}_y F$ , which is (in fact its restriction) a coherent sheaf on  $X_y$ . For any positive integer  $n$  one can also consider the  $n$ -infinitesimal fiber  $X_y^{(n)} = (f^{-1}(y), \mathcal{O}_X / \mathfrak{m}_y^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_X|_{f^{-1}(y)})$  and, correspondingly, the sheaf  $F_y^{(n)} = F / \mathfrak{m}_y^{n+1} F$ .

The aim of this work is the study of the cohomology  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$  ( $= H^q(X, F / \mathfrak{m}_y^{n+1} F)$ ) when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , in connection with the direct image sheaves  $R^q f_* (F)$ . Precisely, we study the functions  $n \rightarrow \sum (-1)^q \dim H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$ ,  $n \rightarrow \dim H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (in accordance with the Hilbert function associated to a module we will make a shift of the argument  $n$  to  $n+1$  and in the algebraic case, of course, we will put length instead of  $\dim$ ).

The results are of three types. First of all there are existence statements: one finds polynomials equal to these functions for large  $n$  (for the first function  $F$  need not be flat), secondly semicontinuity statements with respect to  $y$  and thirdly continuity statements (i.e. necessary and sufficient conditions such that the polynomials do not depend on  $y$ ).

Following the results of [10], [11], [15], from some conditions about the function  $y \rightarrow \dim H^q(X_y, F_y)$  (i.e. "initial" condition  $n = 0$ ) one gets informations concerning  $R^q f_*(F)$  and the whole system  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$ .

In our work, on the contrary, from some conditions about the polynomial associated to the function  $n \rightarrow \dim H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$  (these stand for "asimptotic" condition  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) we get informations concerning  $H^q(X_y, F_y)$  (and also concerning  $R^q f_*(F)$  and about the whole system  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$ ).

The paper ends with an analogue of the comparison theorem [10], [11] for a differentiable family of compact complex manifolds [15].

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# I. The analytic case and the algebraic case

1. If  $A$  is a local noetherian ring,  $\mathfrak{m}$  its maximal ideal and  $M$  an  $A$ -module of finite type, then we denote by  $P(M) = P_A(M)$  the associated Hilbert-Samuel polynomial, i.e. the polynomial associated to the Hilbert function  $n \rightarrow H_A(M)(n) = \text{length}_A(M/\mathfrak{m}^n M)$ . When  $A$  is an analytic (or a formal) algebra over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $M$  is an  $A$ -module of finite length, then  $\text{length}_A M = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} M$  (where  $M$  is considered as a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  by means of the morphism  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow A$ ) and in this case we prefer to write  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}$  (or  $\dim$ ) instead of  $\text{length}_A$ .

Lemma 1. Let  $Y$  be a complex space and  $\mathcal{O}$  its structural sheaf. Then:

(i) For every coherent  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $G$ , the Hilbert function  $n \rightarrow \dim(G_y/\mathfrak{m}_y^n G_y)$  is upper semicontinuous with respect to  $y$ , i.e. for every  $y \in Y$  there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  such that  $\dim(G_{y'}/\mathfrak{m}_{y'}^n G_{y'}) \leq \dim(G_y/\mathfrak{m}_y^n G_y)$  for any  $n$  and any  $y' \in V$ .

(ii) If  $Y$  is reduced and the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial  $P(\mathcal{O}_y)$  does not depend on  $y$ , then  $Y$  is nonsingular.

(iii) If  $Y$  is a connected complex manifold and  $G$  is a coherent sheaf on it, then  $G$  is locally free iff the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial  $P(G_y)$  does not depend on  $y$ .

Proof. (i) The problem is local on  $Y$ . By a suitable embedding we can assume that  $Y$  is a connected manifold. We will consider Nagata  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O} \oplus G$ . The fibers  $\mathcal{O}'_y$  are local rings with maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{m}'_y = \mathfrak{m}_y \oplus G_y$ . For all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathcal{O}'_y / \mathfrak{m}'_y{}^n \simeq (\mathcal{O}_y \oplus G_y) / (\mathfrak{m}_y^n \oplus \mathfrak{m}_y^{n-1} G_y) \simeq (\mathcal{O}_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n) \oplus (G_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^{n-1} G_y).$$

Since  $P(\mathcal{O}_y)$  does not depend on  $y$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{O}')$  is a complex space [6], then, in order to prove (i), we can suppose  $G = \mathcal{O}$ . In this case the statement is proved in [16] (ch. I, §4): by using the algebra of principal parts of order  $n-1$  of  $Y$  one shows the semicontinuity for a fixed integer  $n$  and afterwards one uses the property of the family of Hilbert functions  $(n \rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{O}_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n))_y$  of being locally finite on  $Y$ .

To prove (ii) and (iii) we will use the following statements:

- "Let  $A$  be a local noetherian ring. If the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial of  $A$  coincides with the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial of a regular local ring, then  $A$  is regular".

- "Let  $A$  be a regular local ring and  $M$  an  $A$ -module of finite type. If the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial of  $M$  is an entire multiple of the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial of  $A$ , then  $M$  is free."

One proves these statements by induction on Krull dimension and using superficial elements in the sense of Samuel and Nagata [17]; see for details [2].

(ii) It suffices to note that there exist points  $y \in Y$  such that  $\mathcal{O}_y$  is a regular ring and to apply the first statement.

(iii) It suffices to note that there exist points  $y \in Y$  such



that  $G_y$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}_y$ -module and to apply the second statement.

2. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces,  $F$  an analytic coherent sheaf on  $X$  and  $y \in Y$ . We denote by  $m_y$  both the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$  and the ideal-sheaf given by this on  $Y$ ; we denote by  $\hat{m}_y$  the ideal-sheaf  $f^{\#}(m_y)\mathcal{O}_X$ . Consider the analytic fiber  $X_y = (f^{-1}(y), \mathcal{O}_X/\hat{m}_y\mathcal{O}_X|_{f^{-1}(y)})$  and the sheaf  $F_y = F/\hat{m}_y F$ , which is (in fact its restriction) an analytic coherent sheaf on  $X_y$ . Consider also the infinitesimal fibers  $X_y^{(n)} = (f^{-1}(y), \mathcal{O}_X/\hat{m}_y^{n+1}\mathcal{O}_X|_{f^{-1}(y)})$  and correspondingly the sheaves  $F_y^{(n)} = F/\hat{m}_y^{n+1}F$  ( $X_y^{(0)} = X_y$  and  $F_y^{(0)} = F_y$ ).

By Grauert's coherence theorem [10], for every  $q \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ , the  $\mathcal{O}_y$ -module

$$R^q f_{\#}(F/\hat{m}_y^{n+1}F)_y \simeq H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_y^{n+1}F) \simeq H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)})$$

is of finite type and since it is annihilated by  $m_y^{n+1}$ ,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) < \infty$ .

We shall write shortly  $n \gg 0$  instead of "n is large sufficiently".

Theorem 1. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces,  $F$  an analytic coherent sheaf on  $X$  and  $y \in Y$ .

(i) The function of Hilbert type

$$n \rightarrow H(F, f, y)(n) = \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X_y^{(n-1)}, F_y^{(n-1)})$$

is polynomial, i.e. there exists a polynomial  $P(F, f, y)$  such that

$$P(F, f, y)(n) = H(F, f, y)(n) \quad (= \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_y^n F))$$

for  $n \gg 0$ ; moreover  $\deg P(F, f, y) \leq \dim_y Y$  (existence statement).

(ii) Assume  $F$  flat over  $Y$ . Then:

$$(a) \quad P(F, f, y) = \chi(X_y, F_y) \cdot P(\mathcal{O}_y), \text{ where}$$

$\chi(X_y, F_y) = \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X_y, F_y)$  is the Euler-Poincaré characteristic of the sheaf  $F_y$  and  $P(\mathcal{O}_y)$  is the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial of the ring  $\mathcal{O}_y$ ; particularly,  $P(F, f, y)$  is locally constant with respect to  $y$  when  $Y$  is a complex manifold.

(b) If  $\chi(X_y, F_y) > 0$  (respectively  $\chi(X_y, F_y) < 0$ ), then there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $H(F, f, y')(n) \leq H(F, f, y)(n)$  (respectively  $H(F, f, y')(n) \geq H(F, f, y)(n)$ ) for all  $n$  and all  $y' \in V$  (semicontinuity property).

(c) When  $Y$  is a reduced complex space and  $\chi(X_y, F_y) \neq 0$  then  $P(F, f, y') = P(F, f, y)$  for  $y'$  in a neighbourhood of  $y$  iff  $Y$  is nonsingular in  $y$  (continuity property).

(iii) If  $f$  is a finite morphism and  $P(F, f, y) = \chi(X_y, F_y) \cdot P(\mathcal{O}_y)$ , then  $F$  is flat over  $Y$  in the points of  $X_y$ .

Proof. (i) By [20] (Ch. II, B, 1) it suffices to prove that the difference function  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta H(n) = H(n+1) - H(n)$ , is polynomial. From the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \bigwedge_Y^n F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F \rightarrow F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F \rightarrow F / \bigwedge_Y^n F \rightarrow 0$$

one obtains the exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H^{q-1}(X, F / \bigwedge_Y^n F) \rightarrow H^q(X, \bigwedge_Y^n F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F) \rightarrow H^q(X, F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F) \rightarrow \dots$$

therefore

$$\Delta H(n) = \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X, \bigwedge_Y^n F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F).$$

Now it is sufficient to show that, for a fixed  $q \geq 0$ , the function  $n \rightarrow \dim H^q(X, \bigwedge_Y^n F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F)$  is polynomial. The problem is local on  $Y$ ; replacing  $Y$  by a neighbourhood of  $y$ , we can find sections

$t_1, \dots, t_N \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  such that their germs in  $y$  generate the ideal  $m_y \dots F^\# = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} (\bigwedge_Y^n F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F)$  has a natural structure of

$\mathcal{O}_X[T_1, \dots, T_N]$ -module by setting  $T_i \rightarrow t_i$ . Moreover, applying the theorems A and B for Stein compacts and the noetherianity theorem of Frisch [9], one can prove that  $F^\#$  is a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X[T_1, \dots, T_N]$ -module (the argument is the same as in [1], Lemma 2.4). By theorem 1 from [1],

$$R^q f_{\#}(F^\#)_y \simeq \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} H^q(X, \bigwedge_Y^n F / \bigwedge_Y^{n+1} F)$$

is  $\mathcal{O}_Y[T_1, \dots, T_N]$ -module of finite type. It follows, from the very definition of the graded structure, that

$E = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} H^q(X, \mathcal{A}_Y^n F / \mathcal{A}_Y^{n+1} F)$  is an  $A = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mathcal{m}_Y^n / \mathcal{m}_Y^{n+1})$ -module of finite type. Now, our last function is a genuine Hilbert function, hence it is polynomial ([20], Ch.II, Théorème 2). To see that  $\deg P(F, f, Y) \leq \dim_Y Y = \dim \mathcal{O}_Y$ , we will look on the associated polynomial of the function  $n \rightarrow \dim H^q(X, \mathcal{A}_Y^n F / \mathcal{A}_Y^{n+1} F)$ . There exists a surjective morphism  $L \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$ , homogeneous of zero degree, where  $L$  is a finite direct sum of modules, each of them isomorphic with  $A$  or with a translation of  $A$ . Since  $\dim E_n \leq \dim L_n$  and we look only for the degree, the conclusion follows from the fact that the Hilbert function associated to the graded ring  $A$  ( $n \rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{m}_Y^n / \mathcal{m}_Y^{n+1})$ ) is the difference function of the Hilbert-Samuel function  $n \rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{O}_Y / \mathcal{m}_Y^n)$  of the ring  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ .

(ii) (a) There exist the isomorphisms:

$$\mathcal{A}_Y^n F / \mathcal{A}_Y^{n+1} F \simeq (F / \mathcal{A}_Y F) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} (\mathcal{m}_Y^n / \mathcal{m}_Y^{n+1})$$

(we have identified  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{m}_Y^n / \mathcal{m}_Y^{n+1}$  with the constant sheaves defined by them), hence the isomorphisms:

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{A}_Y^n F / \mathcal{A}_Y^{n+1} F) \simeq H^q(X_Y, F_Y) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} (\mathcal{m}_Y^n / \mathcal{m}_Y^{n+1}).$$

Then we deduce that  $\Delta H = \chi(X_Y, F_Y) \cdot \Delta H(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ . In this case we have immediately that  $H(F, f, Y)$  is polynomial; moreover  $P(F, f, Y) = \chi(X_Y, F_Y) \cdot P(\mathcal{O}_Y) + \text{const.}$ , but for the desired equality we have still to work. By shrinking eventually  $Y$  around  $y$ , there exists a bounded complex  $L^\bullet$  of free  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -modules of finite type which satisfies the following property: for any coherent  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module  $M$  there are isomorphisms

$$R^* f_{\#}(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^{\#}(M)) \simeq H^*(L^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M).$$

This result (in a more general form) is stated in [14] (Bemerkung 4.4.1); a little weaker assertion is proved in [18], but the complex used there satisfies the above isomorphisms (one can find details in [3]; we will show in part II how that works

in the differential Kodaira-Spencer's case.

We consider the coherent sheaves concentrated in  $y$  with stalks  $\mathcal{O}_y/m_y^n$ . The cohomology groups of the complex  $L_y^\bullet/m_y^n L_y^\bullet$  coincide with

$$R \cdot f_{\#}(F/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F)_y \simeq H^\bullet(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F),$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F) &= \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(L_y^\bullet/m_y^n L_y^\bullet) = \\ &= \sum_q (-1)^q \dim(L_y^q/m_y^n L_y^q) = \sum_q (-1)^q \operatorname{rank}(L^q) \cdot \dim(\mathcal{O}_y/m_y^n) . \\ \sum_q (-1)^q \operatorname{rank}(L^q) &= \sum_q (-1)^q \dim(L^q/m_y L^q) = \\ &= \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(L_y^\bullet/m_y L_y^\bullet) = \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X_y, F_y) = \chi(X_y, F_y) \end{aligned}$$

and (a) follows.

(b) and (c) follow by means of the equality

$H(F, f, y) = \chi(X_y, F_y) \cdot H(\mathcal{O}_y)$  and also on the fact that the Euler-Poincaré characteristic  $\chi(X_y, F_y)$  is locally constant on  $Y$  using the lemma 1 ( (i) and (ii) ).

(iii) The fiber  $X_y$  is a finite set and  $f_{\#}(F)_y \simeq \bigoplus_{x \in X_y} F_x$ . It suffices to show that  $f_{\#}(F)_y$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}_y$ -module. Since  $R^q f_{\#} = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ ,  $H = H(F, f, y)$  is reduced to  $H(n) = \dim H^0(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F) = \sum_{x \in X_y} \dim(F_x/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F_x) = \dim(f_{\#}(F)_y/\mathfrak{m}_y^n f_{\#}(F)_y)$

and also  $\chi(X_y, F_y) = \dim(f_{\#}(F)_y/\mathfrak{m}_y f_{\#}(F)_y)$ . Our hypothesis becomes:

$$\dim(f_{\#}(F)_y/\mathfrak{m}_y^n f_{\#}(F)_y) = \dim(f_{\#}(F)_y/\mathfrak{m}_y f_{\#}(F)_y) \cdot \dim(\mathcal{O}_y/\mathfrak{m}_y^n)$$

for  $n \gg 0$ . Let us consider a surjective morphism  $\mathcal{O}_y^r \xrightarrow{\Theta} f_{\#}(F)_y$  where  $r = \dim(f_{\#}(F)_y/\mathfrak{m}_y f_{\#}(F)_y)$ . We have the equality of Hilbert-Samuel polynomials  $P(\mathcal{O}_y^r) = P(f_{\#}(F)_y)$ . From [20], Ch. II, Proposition 10, the associated polynomial of the  $\mathcal{O}_y$ -module  $\operatorname{Ker} \Theta$  is zero, hence  $\operatorname{Ker} \Theta = 0$ .

3. We preserve the above notations and we will suppose in addition that  $F$  is  $f$ -flat. Using Grauert's comparison theorem and the complex  $L^*$  from the theorem of Kiehl-Verdier and Schneider [14] [18], one can transpose without difficulty to the analytic case the cohomological formalism developed in [11] for the algebraic case (see [3] for details). Let  $q \geq 0$  be an integer and  $y \in Y$ . We say following the terminology from [11] that  $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$  if  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}_y$ -module and the map

$$R^q f_{\#}(F)_y (= H^q(X_y, F)) \longrightarrow R^q f_{\#}(F/\mathcal{A}_y F)_y (= H^q(X_y, F_y))$$

is surjective. The following assertion holds:

" $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$  iff the canonical maps

$$R^{q-1} f_{\#}(F)_y \longrightarrow H^{q-1}(X_y, F_y), R^q f_{\#}(F)_y \longrightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y)$$

are surjections; in this case there are natural isomorphisms

$$R^{q-1} f_{\#}(F)_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n R^{q-1} f_{\#}(F)_y \simeq H^{q-1}(X, F/\mathcal{A}_y^n F)$$

$$R^q f_{\#}(F)_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n R^q f_{\#}(F)_y \simeq H^q(X, F/\mathcal{A}_y^n F) \text{ " .}$$

Let  $L^*$  be a complex, in a neighbourhood of  $y$ , given by the theorem of Kiehl-Verdier and Schneider. The following assertion holds:

" $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$  iff the sheaves

$\text{Coker}(L^{q-1} \longrightarrow L^q), \text{Coker}(L^q \longrightarrow L^{q+1})$  are free in a neighbourhood of  $y$  " .

Theorem 2. Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces,  $F$  an analytic coherent sheaf on  $X$ , flat over  $Y$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer.

(i) For any  $y \in Y$  the function

$$n \longrightarrow \dim H^q(X_y^{(n-1)}, F_y^{(n-1)}) (= \dim H^q(X, F/\mathcal{A}_y^n F))$$

is polynomial of degree  $\leq \dim_y Y$ .

(ii) Suppose  $Y$  nonsingular. For any  $y \in Y$  there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  such that



$$\dim H^q(X_{y'}, F_{y'}^{(n)}) \leq \dim H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) ,$$

for all  $n$  and any  $y' \in V$ .

(iii) Suppose  $Y$  nonsingular. Then  $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$  iff the polynomial associated to the function  $n \rightarrow \dim H^q(X_{y'}^{(n-1)}, F_{y'}^{(n-1)})$  is independent of  $y'$  in a neighbourhood of  $y$ .

Proof. The problem is local on  $Y$ , hence we may suppose the complex  $L^\bullet$  defined on whole  $Y$ . For any  $y \in Y$  and any integers  $n, p$  the following isomorphism holds:

$$H^p(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F) \simeq H^p(L_y^\bullet / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^\bullet) .$$

(i) Let  $d^p : L^p \rightarrow L^{p+1}$  be the differentials and  $d_y^p : L_y^p \rightarrow L_y^{p+1}$ ,  $d_y^p(n) : L_y^p / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^p \rightarrow L_y^{p+1} / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^{p+1}$  the differentials induced by  $d^p$ . The complex  $L^\bullet$  yields the exact sequences:

$$L_y^{q-1} / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^{q-1} \xrightarrow{d_y^{q-1}(n)} L_y^q / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^q \rightarrow \text{Coker } d_y^{q-1} / \mathfrak{m}_y^n \text{Coker } d_y^{q-1} \rightarrow 0$$

$$L_y^q / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^q \xrightarrow{d_y^q(n)} L_y^{q+1} / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^{q+1} \rightarrow \text{Coker } d_y^q / \mathfrak{m}_y^n \text{Coker } d_y^q \rightarrow 0$$

Therefore, using the additivity, it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim H^q(L_y^\bullet / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^\bullet) &= \dim(\text{Ker } d_y^q(n)) - \dim(\text{Im } d_y^{q-1}(n)) = \\ &= \dim(L_y^q / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^q) - \dim(\text{Im } d_y^q(n)) - \dim(\text{Im } d_y^{q-1}(n)) = \\ &= - \dim(L_y^{q+1} / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^{q+1}) + \dim(\text{Coker } d_y^{q-1}(n)) + \dim(\text{Coker } d_y^q(n)) = \\ &= - \dim(L_y^{q+1} / \mathfrak{m}_y^n L_y^{q+1}) + \dim((\text{Coker } d_y^{q-1})_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n (\text{Coker } d_y^{q-1})_y) + \\ &\quad + \dim((\text{Coker } d_y^q)_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n (\text{Coker } d_y^q)_y) . \end{aligned}$$

Thus the function  $n \rightarrow \dim H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_y^n F)$  is polynomial and its associated polynomial equals:

$$- P(L_y^{q+1}) + P((\text{Coker } d_y^{q-1})_y) + P((\text{Coker } d_y^q)_y) .$$

(ii) If  $Y$  is a complex manifold, then  $P(L_y^{q+1})$  is independent of  $y$  on connected components and we apply the lemma 1 (i).



(iii) If  $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$ , then  $\text{Coker } d^{q-1}$  and  $\text{Coker } d^q$  are free in a neighbourhood of  $y$  and the conclusion follows. Conversely, by the hypothesis and taking into account (i) it follows that  $P((\text{Coker } d^{q-1} \oplus \text{Coker } d^q)_y)$  does not depend on  $y'$  in a neighbourhood of  $y$ . Lemma 1 (iii) implies that  $\text{Coker } d^{q-1} \oplus \text{Coker } d^q$  is free in a neighbourhood of  $y$ ; the sheaves  $\text{Coker } d^{q-1}$  and  $\text{Coker } d^q$  enjoy the same property and then  $F$  follows  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$ .

Let us give some consequences of the theorems 1 and 2.

Corollary 1. Let  $Y$  be a reduced complex space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  an analytic family of Riemann surfaces of genus  $g \neq 1$  [5]. If

$$\sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X_y^{(n)}, \mathcal{O}_{X_y^{(n)}}) = \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X_{y'}^{(n)}, \mathcal{O}_{X_{y'}^{(n)}})$$

for any  $y, y' \in Y$  and  $n \gg 0$ , then  $Y$  is nonsingular.

We only note that  $\chi(X_y, \mathcal{O}_y) \neq 0$  for any  $y \in Y$ .

Corollary 2. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an analytic family of compact complex manifolds in the sense of Kodaira-Spencer [15] (i.e. a smooth proper morphism of complex manifolds),  $F$  a locally free sheaf of finite rank on  $X$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer. Suppose  $\dim H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) = \dim H^q(X_{y'}^{(n)}, F_{y'}^{(n)})$  for any  $y, y' \in Y$  and  $n \gg 0$ . Then  $R^q f_{\#}(F)$  is locally free sheaf of finite rank on  $Y$ .

Corollary 3. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces,  $F$  an analytic coherent sheaf on  $X$  flat over  $Y$ ,  $y$  a nonsingular point of  $Y$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer. Suppose  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ . Then  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) = 0$  for all  $n$ ; in particular,  $H^q(X_y, F_y) = 0$  and also  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y = 0$ .

The fact that  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y = 0$  can be deduced straightforwardly from the hypothesis by comparison theorem.

The following two corollaries are for case  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the analogues of the results stated in [11] (Corollaire 4.6.5), [5] (Exposé 15) for case  $n = 0$ ; the proof can be done similar to  $n=0$

Corollary 4. Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces and  $y \in Y$  a nonsingular point such that  $H^1(X_y^{(n)}, \mathcal{O}_{X_y^{(n)}}) = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ . If  $F$  and  $G$  are invertible sheaves on  $X$  such that the sheaves  $F_y^{(n)}$  and  $G_y^{(n)}$  are isomorphic for  $n \gg 0$  then there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  with the property:  $F|f^{-1}(V) \simeq G|f^{-1}(V)$ .

Corollary 5. Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a proper flat morphism of complex spaces,  $y$  a nonsingular point of  $Y$  and  $L$  an invertible sheaf on  $X$ . If  $H^1(X_y^{(n)}, L_y^{(n)}) = 0$  and  $L_y^{(n)}$  is very ample for  $n \gg 0$  then there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $L|f^{-1}(V)$  is very ample with respect to the morphism  $f^{-1}(V) \longrightarrow V$ .

Corollary 6. Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be an analytic family of compact complex manifolds,  $y \in Y$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer. If  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, \Omega_{X_y^{(n)}}) = 0$ , for  $n \gg 0$ , then  $H^q(X_y, \Omega_{X_y}) = 0$  ( $\Omega$  denotes the sheaf of differential forms).

For the proof we only consider the sheaf  $\Omega_{X/Y}$  of relative differential forms, which is locally free of finite rank on  $X$ , and note that  $(\Omega_{X/Y})_y^{(n)} \simeq \Omega_{X_y^{(n)}}$ ; see [5].

Remark. We do not know if in the statements (ii) and (iii) of the theorem 2 one can change the hypothesis that the space  $Y$  is nonsingular with the hypothesis that it is reduced. Particularly, we do not know if the following statement is still true:

"Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of complex spaces,  $F$  an analytic coherent sheaf on  $X$ , flat over  $Y$ ,  $y \in Y$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer. Suppose  $Y$  reduced in  $y$  and  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ . Then  $H^q(X_y, F_y) = 0$ ".

For instance, in order to have a substitute of the statement (iii) in the case "Y reduced" we would require an assertion like the following:

"Let  $Y$  be a reduced complex space and  $G$  an analytic

coherent sheaf on  $Y$ . Suppose that there exists an integer  $e \geq 0$  such that  $P(G_y) = e \cdot P(O_y)$  for any  $y \in Y$ . Then  $G$  is locally free".

We ignore if this is true.

4. Analogous statement can be established in the algebraic case (then we will use [4] instead of [16]).

For example, one has the following:

Theorem 3. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of locally noetherian schemes and  $F$  a coherent sheaf on  $X$ .

(i) For any  $y \in Y$ , the function

$$n \rightarrow \sum_q (-1)^q \text{length } H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$$

is polynomial. Moreover, if  $F$  is  $f$ -flat, then the functions  $n \rightarrow \text{length } H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$  are also polynomials.

Suppose  $Y$  is a scheme of finite type over an algebraically closed field and  $F$  is  $f$ -flat. Denote by  $Y'$  the set of closed points of  $Y$ . Then:

(ii) (a) If  $\chi(X_y, F_y) > 0$  (respectively  $\chi(X_y, F_y) < 0$ ) for  $y \in Y'$ , then the function  $n \rightarrow \sum_q (-1)^q \text{length } H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$  is upper (respectively lower) semicontinuous with respect to  $y \in Y'$ .

(b) If  $Y$  is nonsingular, then the function  $n \rightarrow \text{length } H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$  is upper semicontinuous with respect to  $y \in Y'$ .

(iii) (a) If  $Y$  is reduced,  $\chi(X_y, F_y) \neq 0$  and the polynomial associated to the function  $n \rightarrow \sum_q (-1)^q \text{length } H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$  does not depend on  $y \in Y'$ , then  $Y$  is nonsingular.

(b) Suppose  $Y$  nonsingular and let  $q \geq 0$  be an integer. Then  $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in the points of  $Y'$  iff the polynomial associated to the function  $n \rightarrow \text{length } H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$  is locally constant with respect to  $y \in Y'$ .

## II. The differential Kodaira-Spencer's case

1. In order to study Hilbert-Samuel polynomials for differentiable families of compact complex manifolds [15], in this section we must extend some cohomological facts from the algebraic and analytic case to this case. This can be done in the general context of relative analytical spaces [8], [12], [13], but we restrict ourselves to this classical case.

Let  $Y$  be a differentiable manifold and  $E$  the sheaf of germs of  $C^\infty$ -functions, with complex values. Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a differentiable family of compact complex manifolds and  $F$  a sheaf on  $X$ , locally free of finite rank. Frequently we shall use facts and notations from [7], [8], [18].

Let  $y_0$  be a point of  $Y$ . By shrinking  $Y$  around  $y_0$ , we can find a real number  $r_{\#}$ ,  $r_{\#} \leq r \leq 1$ , and a finite number of relative carts

$$j_k : U_k \longrightarrow D_k(1) \times Y, \quad 0 \leq k \leq k_{\#},$$

such that: for any  $r \leq 1$  and any open set  $V$  of  $Y$  if we note  $U_k(r, V) = j_k^{-1}(D_k(r) \times V)$  and  $U(r, V) = (U_k(r, V))_{0 \leq k \leq k_{\#}}$ ,  $U(r, V)$  is an acyclic covering relative to  $F$  of  $f^{-1}(V)$  ( $D_k(r)$  is open polydisc). We have  $H^*(f^{-1}(V), F) \simeq H^*(C^*(U(r, V), F))$ , where  $C^*$  is the Čech complex of alternate cochains. The correspondence  $V \longrightarrow C^*(U(r, V), F)$  defines a complex of sheaves on  $Y$ ,  $C^*(U(r), F)$ , and its cohomology identifies with  $R^*f_{\#}(F)$ . Let  $\Delta_n$  be the set  $\{(k_0, \dots, k_n) \mid 0 \leq k_0 \leq \dots \leq k_n \leq k_{\#}\}$ . For  $\alpha = (k_0, \dots, k_n)$  we define  $U_{\alpha}(r, V) = \bigcap_{j=0}^n U_{k_j}(r, V)$  and  $D_{\alpha}(r) = \bigcap_{j=0}^n D_{k_j}(r)$ . The immersions  $j_k$  define an immersion  $j_{\alpha} : U_{\alpha}(r, V) \longrightarrow D_{\alpha}(r) \times V$ . For  $\alpha < \beta$  one gets canonical projections  $\pi_{\alpha\beta} : D_{\beta}(r) \times V \longrightarrow D_{\alpha}(r) \times V$ . One obtains thus an atlas  $U$ , in the sense of [7], [8]. By a refinement of  $U$  and by shrinking eventually  $Y$  around  $y_0$ , for a real number  $r_{\#}$ ,  $r_{\#} < r_{\#} < 1$ , we find for the link system of sheaves  $j_{\#}(F)$  on  $U$  a resolution

$$\dots \longrightarrow R^k \longrightarrow R^{k-1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow R^1 \longrightarrow R^0 \longrightarrow j_{\mathbb{H}}(F) \longrightarrow 0$$

with free systems of finite rank. For a link system  $G$  on  $U$  one denotes by  $C^*(r, V; G)$  the associated Čech complex, of components:

$$C^n(r, V; G) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta_n} \Gamma(D_\alpha(r) \times V, G_\alpha).$$

For each  $r$ ,  $r_{\mathbb{H}} \leq r \leq r_{\mathbb{H}\mathbb{H}}$ , and any open set  $V \subset Y$  consider the double complex  $(C^l(r, V; R^k))_{l, k}$  and denote by  $C^*(r, V)$  the associated simple complex. By  $C^*(r)$  we denote the complex of  $E$ -modules,  $V \rightarrow C^*(r, V)$ . The morphism  $R^0 \rightarrow j_{\mathbb{H}}(F)$  defines a complex morphism

$$C^*(r, V) \longrightarrow C^*(r, V; j_{\mathbb{H}}(F)) \simeq C^*(U(r, V), F),$$

in fact an quasi-isomorphism. In particular we get that

$$H^*(C^*(r)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(C^*(U(r), F)) \simeq R^*f_{\mathbb{H}}(F).$$

For an  $E$ -module  $M$ , we write for simplicity  $F \otimes_E M$  instead of  $F \otimes_{0_X} f_{\mathbb{H}}^*(M)$ . If  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of topological Fréchet  $E$ -modules of finite presentation, then the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow F \otimes_E M' \longrightarrow F \otimes_E M \longrightarrow F \otimes_E M'' \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. Indeed,  $F$  is locally free and the problem is local on  $X$  and  $Y$ ; one can assume  $F = 0_X$  and  $f$  a suitable projection. Easily the conclusion follows by nuclearity arguments.

Consider the complex  $C^*(U(r), F \otimes_E M)$  defined by  $V \rightarrow C^*(U(r, V), F \otimes_E M)$ . The morphisms

$$H^*(U(r, V), F \otimes_E M) \longrightarrow H^*(f^{-1}(V), F \otimes_E M)$$

give the morphisms  $H^*(C^*(U(r), F \otimes_E M)) \rightarrow R^*f_{\mathbb{H}}(F \otimes_E M)$ . We claim that these are isomorphisms provided that  $M$  is a pseudocoherent Fréchet  $E$ -module.

For this, it suffices to show that  $H^q(U_\alpha(r, V), F \otimes_E M) = 0$  for  $V$  sufficiently small and  $q \geq 1$ . Let  $d$  be the topological dimension of  $X$ ; one can suppose  $d < \infty$ . On sufficiently small open sets  $V$  consider exact sequences of the form:

$$E^{n_{d+2}} \longrightarrow E^{n_{d+1}} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow E^{n_0} \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then, on the open sets  $f^{-1}(V)$  we will obtain exact sequences

$$F^{n_d} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow F^{n_0} \longrightarrow F \otimes_E M \longrightarrow 0$$



and easily we get what we need as  $H^q(U_\alpha(r, V), F) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$  and  $H^q = 0$  for  $q > d$ . Now, from the proof of the finiteness theorem [7], [8], by shrinking eventually again  $Y$  around  $y_0$ , we can find a bounded complex of free sheaves of finite rank on  $Y$  together with an  $(-1)$ -quasi-isomorphism  $L^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet(r)$ , for a suitable  $r$ ,  $r_* < r < r_{**}$ . For an  $E$ -module  $M$  we obtain a complex morphism:

$$L^\bullet \otimes_E M \rightarrow C^\bullet(r) \otimes_E M \rightarrow C^\bullet(U(r), F) \otimes_E M.$$

By composing with the morphism  $C^\bullet(U(r), F) \otimes_E M \rightarrow C^\bullet(U(r), F \otimes_E M)$  obtained from the morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(U_\alpha(r, V), F) \otimes_{E(V)} M(V) &\rightarrow \Gamma(U_\alpha(r, V), F) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X(U_\alpha(r, V))} \Gamma(U_\alpha(r, V), f^*(M)) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \Gamma(U_\alpha(r, V), F \otimes_E M) \end{aligned}$$

we get a morphism

$$L^\bullet \otimes_E M \rightarrow C^\bullet(U(r), F \otimes_E M),$$

which is functorial in  $M$ . If  $M$  is a pseudocoherent Fréchet  $E$ -module then, by passing to the cohomology, we get morphisms:

$$(*) \quad H^q(L^\bullet \otimes_E M) \rightarrow R^q f_* (F \otimes_E M).$$

By decreasing induction on  $q \geq 0$  we show that these morphisms, together with the corresponding morphisms obtained by the replacing of  $Y$  by open subsets, are isomorphisms. For a sufficiently large  $q$  this is obviously true. Suppose that the morphisms  $(*)$  are isomorphisms in dimension  $> q$ . Let  $M$  be a pseudocoherent Fréchet  $E$ -module defined on  $Y$  (or on an open set of  $Y$ ). The problem is local on  $Y$ , so we can assume that there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E^{n_0} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ .

We get an exact commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & L^\bullet \otimes_E N & \rightarrow & L^\bullet \otimes_E E^{n_0} & \rightarrow & L^\bullet \otimes_E M \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C^\bullet(U(r), F \otimes_E N) & \rightarrow & C^\bullet(U(r), F \otimes_E E^{n_0}) & \rightarrow & C^\bullet(U(r), F \otimes_E M) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

(for the exactity of the second row we require the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow F \otimes_E N \rightarrow F \otimes_E E^{n_0} \rightarrow F \otimes_E M \rightarrow 0$  and the fact that  $H^1(U_\alpha(r, V), F \otimes_E N) = 0$  for small  $V$ ).

We pass this diagram to cohomology. As  $(*)$  are isomor-



5-lemma. Remark also that  $(*)$  are functorial in  $M$  and agree with the long exact sequences associated to short exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$  of pseudocoherent Fréchet  $E$ -modules.

We have proved the following:

Theorem 4. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a differentiable family of compact complex manifolds and  $F$  a locally free sheaf of finite rank on  $X$ . Then there exists, locally on  $Y$ , a complex  $L^\bullet$  of locally free  $E$ -modules of finite rank with the following property: for any pseudocoherent Fréchet  $E$ -module  $M$  the following isomorphisms take place

$$H^q(L^\bullet \otimes_E M) \simeq R^q f_{*}(F \otimes_E M) \quad (\text{for } q \geq 0),$$

functorial in  $M$  and compatible with short exact sequences.

Remark. With the notations of [8], [18], the previous arguments should give the following general statement:

"Let  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  be a mFS-ringed space of type  $(J)$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a relative analytical space, proper over  $Y$ . Let  $F$  be a  $f$ -pseudocoherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module, transflat over  $Y$ . Then there exists, locally on  $Y$ , a complex  $L^\bullet$  of free  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -modules of finite rank with the following property: for any pseudocoherent Fréchet  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module  $M$  there exist natural isomorphisms

$$H^q(L^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M) \simeq R^q f_{*}(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} M) \quad (\text{for } q \geq 0),$$

functorial in  $M$  and compatible with the short exact sequences".

(Of course, it should modify a little the definition of "transflat" such that if  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of pseudocoherent Fréchet sheaves on an open set of  $Y$ , then the sequence  $0 \rightarrow F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M' \rightarrow F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M \rightarrow F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M'' \rightarrow 0$  will be exact).

We come back to our case. An  $E$ -module  $M$  is said to be of "analytic nature" if for any  $y \in Y$  there exist an affine neighbourhood  $V$  and a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_V$ -module  $N$  ( $\mathcal{O}_V$  is the sheaf of germs of complex valued analytic functions on  $V$ ) such that  $N \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_V} E_V \simeq M|_V$ .  $M$  is a Fréchet  $E$ -module. To prove that one considers (locally)

finite presentations for the coherent sheaves  $N$  and uses the following result of Malgrange [21] Ch.VI, Corrolaire 1.5 :

"If  $E^p(V) \longrightarrow E^q(V)$  is the morphism given by an analytical matrix, then its image is closed".

The sheaves  $N$  are 0-pseudocoherent and, by another result of Malgrange [21] Ch.VI, Corrolaire 1.3,  $E$  is 0-flat, therefore  $M$  is pseudocoherent. If  $y$  is a point of  $Y$  and  $n \geq 1$  is an integer, then the  $E$ -module  $M$  concentrated in  $y$  and of fiber  $E_y/m_y^n$  is of "analytic nature", hence Fréchet and pseudocoherent.

Thus we get the following:

Corollary 1. For any  $M$  of "analytic nature",

$$H^q(L^\bullet \otimes_E M) \simeq R^q f_{\#}(F \otimes_E M) \quad (\text{for } q \geq 0).$$

Particularly,  $H^q(L^\bullet_{y/m_y^n} L^\bullet_y) \simeq H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)$  for any  $q \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

Corollary 2. Let  $q \geq 0$  and  $y$  be fixed. The following assertions are equivalent:

(1) For any pseudocoherent Fréchet  $E$ -module  $M$ , the natural morphism  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_{y \otimes_E M_y} \longrightarrow R^q f_{\#}(F \otimes_E M)_y$  is isomorphism.

(2) The natural morphism

$R^q f_{\#}(F)_y (= H^q(X_y, F)) \longrightarrow R^q f_{\#}(F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F)_y (= H^q(X_y, F_y))$  is surjective.

(3)  $\text{Coker}(L^q \longrightarrow L^{q+1})$  is free in  $y$ .

Particularly, if these conditions are fulfilled, then

$$R^q f_{\#}(F)_y / m_y^n R^q f_{\#}(F)_y \simeq H^q(X, F/\mathbb{A}_y^n F).$$

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear since the sheaf  $M$  concentrated in  $y$  and of fiber  $M_y = E_y/m_y$  is Fréchet and pseudocoherent.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $C$  be  $\text{Coker}(L^q \longrightarrow L^{q+1})$  and  $r = \dim(C_y/m_y C_y)$ .

Using convenient basis for vector spaces obtained mod  $(m_y)$  we can construct surjective morphisms  $E_y^r \longrightarrow C_y$ ,  $L_y^{q+1} \longrightarrow E_y^r$ ,

which can be inserted in the exact commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} L_y^q & \longrightarrow & L_y^{q+1} & \longrightarrow & C_y & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & E_y^r & \longrightarrow & C_y \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where  $K$  is the kernel of  $E_y^r \longrightarrow C_y$ . The first vertical arrow is

$K = m_y K$ , hence  $K = 0$  and  $C_y$  is free. Let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $K$ . As the induced morphism  $E_y^r / m_y E_y^r \rightarrow C_y / m_y C_y$  is bijective,  $\alpha \in m_y E_y^r$ . We lift  $\alpha$  to  $\beta \in m_y L_y^{q+1}$ . There exists  $\gamma \in L_y^q$  such that  $d^q(\gamma) = \beta$ . The image of  $\gamma$  in  $L_y^q / m_y L_y^q$  is a cocycle. By hypothesis, there exist  $\delta \in L_y^q$  and  $\eta \in L_y^{q-1}$  such that  $d^q(\delta) = 0$  and the element  $(\gamma - \delta) - d^{q-1}(\eta) \in m_y L_y^q$ . The image of this element by the map  $L_y^q \rightarrow K$  lies in  $m_y K$  and is just  $\alpha$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) The sheaves  $\text{Im } d^q$ ,  $\text{Ker } d^q$  are also free in  $y$ . By the theorem we have  $R^q f_{\#}(F) \simeq H^q(L^\bullet)$ ,  $R^q f_{\#}(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M) \simeq H^q(L^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M)$  and we conclude in the standard way: writing suitable short exact sequences, tensoring by  $\otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} M$  etc....

Using the language from the algebraic case [11], we say that  $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$  if the conditions of the corollary 2 are fulfilled for  $q-1$  and  $q$ . When this occurs in a point  $y$ , the condition (3) shows that this holds in the neighbouring points.

Corollary 3.  $F$  is  $q$ -cohomologically flat in  $y$  iff  $R^q f_{\#}(F)$  is free in  $y$  and  $H^q(X_y, F) \rightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y)$  is surjective.

Proof. One use the exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow R^q f_{\#}(F) \rightarrow \text{Coker } d^{q-1} \rightarrow L^{q+1} \rightarrow \text{Coker } d^q \rightarrow 0.$$

2. Let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . Let us denote by  $\bar{E}_y = \varprojlim_n (E_y / m_y^n)$  the completion of  $E_y$  in the  $m_y$ -adic topology.  $\bar{E}_y$  is a ring of formal power series and the canonical morphism  $E_y \rightarrow \bar{E}_y$  is surjective (the Theorem of E. Borel [21], Ch. IV, Remarque 3.5). The kernel of this morphism is  $\bigcap_n m_y^n$  and coincides with the ideal  $m_y^\infty$  of the germs of the flat functions in  $y$ . For any  $E_y$ -module  $M$  we remark that  $M / m_y^n M \simeq \bar{M} / m_y^n \bar{M}$  for all  $n$ . Here  $\bar{M} = M \otimes_{E_y} \bar{E}_y = M / m_y^\infty M$  and the image of  $m_y$  in  $\bar{E}_y$  is denoted also by  $m_y$ . Particularly, it follows that if  $G$  is an  $E$ -module of finite type, then the function  $n \rightarrow \dim(G_y / m_y^n G_y)$  is polynomial, the associated poly-

$K = m_y K$ , hence  $K = 0$  and  $C_y$  is free. Let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $K$ . As the induced morphism  $E_y^R / m_y E_y^R \rightarrow C_y / m_y C_y$  is bijective,  $\alpha \in m_y E_y^R$ . We lift  $\alpha$  to  $\beta \in m_y L_y^{q+1}$ . There exists  $\gamma \in L_y^q$  such that  $d^q(\gamma) = \beta$ . The image of  $\gamma$  in  $L_y^q / m_y L_y^q$  is a cocycle. By hypothesis, there exist  $\delta \in L_y^q$  and  $\eta \in L_y^{q-1}$  such that  $d^q(\delta) = 0$  and the element  $(\gamma - \delta) - d^{q-1}(\eta) \in m_y L_y^q$ . The image of this element by the map  $L_y^q \rightarrow K$  lies in  $m_y K$  and is just  $\alpha$ .

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Proof. One use the exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow R^q f_{\#}(F) \rightarrow \text{Coker } d^{q-1} \rightarrow L^{q+1} \rightarrow \text{Coker } d^q \rightarrow 0.$$

2. Let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . Let us denote by  $\bar{E}_y = \varprojlim_n (E_y / m_y^n)$  the completion of  $E_y$  in the  $m_y$ -adic topology.  $\bar{E}_y$  is a ring of formal power series and the canonical morphism  $E_y \rightarrow \bar{E}_y$  is surjective (the Theorem of E. Borel [21], Ch. IV, Remarque 3.5). The kernel of this morphism is  $\bigcap_n m_y^n$  and coincides with the ideal  $m_y^\infty$  of the germs of the flat functions in  $y$ . For any  $E_y$ -module  $M$  we remark that  $M / m_y^n M \simeq \bar{M} / m_y^n \bar{M}$  for all  $n$ . Here  $\bar{M} = M \otimes_{E_y} \bar{E}_y = M / m_y^\infty M$  and the image of  $m_y$  in  $\bar{E}_y$  is denoted also by  $m_y$ . Particularly, it follows that if  $G$  is an  $E$ -module of finite type, then the function  $n \rightarrow \dim(G_y / m_y^n G_y)$  is polynomial, the associated poly-



coordinates  $y_1, \dots, y_m, x_1, \dots, x_s$ . The natural bijection  $Y \simeq Y \times \{0\}$ , where  $\{0\}$  is the origin of the space of coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_s$ , and the correspondence

$$f \in E(y, x) \longrightarrow (f(y, 0), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(y, 0), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_s}(y, 0))$$

induce an isomorphism of ringed spaces

$$(Y, E_Y \oplus E_Y^S) \simeq (Y \times \{0\}, E(y, x)/(x_i x_j) | Y \times \{0\})$$

$(x_i x_j)$  is the ideal sheaf of  $E(y, x)$  generated by the products  $x_i x_j$ . Each  $\varphi_i$  can be written  $\varphi_i = (\varphi_{ij}(y))_{1 \leq j \leq s}$  and we put

$$\bar{\varphi}_i(y, x) = \sum_{j=1}^s \varphi_{ij}(y) \cdot x_j. \text{ One verifies without difficulty the}$$

isomorphism:

$$(Y, E' = E_Y \oplus G) \simeq (Y \times \{0\}, E(y, x)/(x_i x_j, \bar{\varphi}_i(y, x)) | Y \times \{0\}).$$

We identify  $Y$  with  $Y \times \{0\}$  and  $E'$  with  $E(y, x)/(x_i x_j, \bar{\varphi}_i(y, x))$ .

Consider new coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_m, t_1, \dots, t_s$  and the ringed space (the "product"  $(Y, E') \times (Y, E')$ )

$$(Y \times Y, E(y, x, z, t)/(x_i x_j, \bar{\varphi}_i(y, x), t_i t_j, \bar{\varphi}_i(z, t))$$

(with common conventions and misuses of notation ...).

If we denote by  $A$  its structural sheaf and by  $I$  the ideal generated by the classes of the differences  $z_i - y_i, t_j - x_j, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq s$ , ( $I$  is the "diagonal ideal"), then the sheaf  $A/I^{n+1}$  restricted to  $Y$  by the diagonal morphism  $Y \longrightarrow Y \times Y$  and considered as  $E'$ -module by means of the coordinates  $y_1, \dots, y_m, x_1, \dots, x_s$  is the desired  $E'$ -module  $P^{(n)}$ .

(ii) We need only the fact that  $G$  is of finite type. We show that  $\dim(G_y/m_y G_y)$  does not depend on  $y$  and  $G$  will follow locally free [18], [19]. There exist points  $y_0$  such that  $G_{y_0}$  is free (for example, we take a point  $y_0$  where  $\dim(G_{y_0}/m_{y_0} G_{y_0})$  is minimal). Therefore  $P(G_y) = P(\bar{G}_y)$  equals the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial of a free module of finite type over the regular ring  $\bar{E}_y$ , for any  $y \in Y$ . By [2],  $\bar{G}_y$  will be free over  $\bar{E}_y$ . The rank of  $\bar{G}_y$  is independent of  $y$  since  $P(G_y)$  is independent of  $y$ , hence  $\dim(G_y/m_y G_y) = \dim(\bar{G}_y/m_y \bar{G}_y) = \text{rank}(\bar{G}_y)$  is constant.

Since we lack a full semicontinuity property, we can not obtain the next proposition as a consequence of the theorem (like in algebraic and analytic case).

Proposition. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a differentiable family of compact complex manifolds,  $F$  a locally free sheaf of finite rank on  $X$ ,  $y$  a point of  $Y$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer. Suppose  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, F_y^{(n)}) = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ . Then  $H^q(X_y, F_y) = 0$ .

Proof. By shrinking  $Y$  to a neighbourhood of  $y$ , there exists a complex  $L^\bullet$  as in theorem 4. From the hypothesis we deduce that the sequences

$$L_y^{q-1}/m_y^n L_y^{q-1} \xrightarrow{d_y^{q-1}(n)} L_y^q/m_y^n L_y^q \xrightarrow{d_y^q(n)} L_y^{q+1}/m_y^n L_y^{q+1}$$
 are exact for  $n \gg 0$ . As  $L_y^\bullet/m_y^n L_y^\bullet \simeq \bar{L}_y^\bullet/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^\bullet$ , it follows that the sequences

$$\bar{L}_y^{q-1}/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^{q-1} \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_y^{q-1}(n)} \bar{L}_y^q/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^q \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_y^q(n)} \bar{L}_y^{q+1}/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^{q+1}$$
 are exact for  $n \gg 0$ , hence the equality of Hilbert-Samuel polynomials

$$P(\text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^{q-1} \oplus \text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^q) = P(\text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^{q-1}) + P(\text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^q) = P(\bar{L}_y^{q+1}).$$

By [2],  $\text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^{q-1} \oplus \text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^q$  is free  $\bar{E}_y$ -module, therefore  $\text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^{q-1}$  and  $\text{Coker } \bar{d}_y^q$  are free. Clearly, the sequence

$$\bar{L}_y^{q-1}/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^{q-1} \rightarrow \bar{L}_y^q/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^q \rightarrow \bar{L}_y^{q+1}/m_y^n \bar{L}_y^{q+1}$$
 follows exact, hence the sequence

$$L_y^{q-1}/m_y^n L_y^{q-1} \rightarrow L_y^q/m_y^n L_y^q \rightarrow L_y^{q+1}/m_y^n L_y^{q+1}$$
 is exact and one concludes.

As in the part I, one obtains:

Corollary 1. If  $H^q(X_y^{(n)}, \Omega_{X_y^{(n)}}) = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ , then  $H^q(X_y, \Omega_{X_y}) = 0$ .

Corollary 2. Let  $F, G$  be invertible sheaves on  $X$  such that  $F_y^{(n)} \simeq G_y^{(n)}$  for  $n \gg 0$ . If  $H^1(X_y^{(n)}, \mathcal{O}_{X_y^{(n)}}) = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ , then



there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $F|_{f^{-1}(V)} \simeq G|_{f^{-1}(V)}$

Remark. Under the conditions of the theorem 4 one can even find, locally on  $Y$ , a bounded complex  $L^\bullet$  such that  $R^q f_*(L^\bullet \otimes M) \simeq R^q f_*(F \otimes M)$  for any integer  $q$ .

Using this we deduce that the Hilbert-Samuel polynomial associated to the function  $n \rightarrow \sum_q (-1)^q \dim H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_Y^n F)$  coincides with  $\chi(X_y, F_y) \cdot P(E_y)$ , hence it is locally constant on  $Y$ .

3. This section is devoted to the analogue of the Grauert and Grothendieck's comparison theorems for the differentiable families of compact complex manifolds. We preserve the previous notations.  $R^q f_*(F)$  are the cohomology objects of a pseudocoherent complex of  $E$ -modules: this is the analogue of the Grauert's coherence theorem in this case [8], [12], [13]. Locally, using suitable resolutions with free sheaves of finite rank and taking on the space  $C^\infty$  the usual Fréchet topology, we get on each  $R^q f_*(F)$  a structure of topological  $E$ -module. From the open mapping theorem, it results that this topology does not depend on the chosen resolutions, particularly it can be calculated with the complexes  $L^\bullet$  given by the theorem 4. For every open set  $V$  the topology of  $\Gamma(V, R^q f_*(F)) \simeq H^q(f^{-1}(V), F)$  is not, generally, separated.

Theorem 6. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a differentiable family of compact complex manifolds,  $F$  a locally free sheaf of finite rank on  $X$ ,  $y$  a point of  $Y$  and  $q \geq 0$  an integer. Then the natural morphism

$$R^q f_*(F)_y / \mathfrak{m}_Y^\infty R^q f_*(F)_y \rightarrow \varprojlim_n (R^q f_*(F)_y / \mathfrak{m}_Y^n R^q f_*(F)_y)$$

is bijective and the natural morphism

$$\varprojlim_n (R^q f_*(F)_y / \mathfrak{m}_Y^n R^q f_*(F)_y) \rightarrow \varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_Y^n F)$$

is injective. If the topological  $E_Y$ -module  $R^{q+1} f_*(F)$  is Fréchet, then the last morphism is also bijective.

Proof. Let  $\theta : R^q f_*(F)_y \rightarrow \varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{m}_Y^n F)$  be the canonical

morphism. We show that its kernel equals  $m_Y^\infty R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y$ . An inclusion is obvious. Let  $\alpha$  be, with the above notations, an element of  $\text{Ker } d_Y^q$  such that, if  $\dot{\alpha}$  is the image in  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y = \text{Ker } d_Y^q / \text{Im } d_Y^{q-1}$ , then  $\theta(\dot{\alpha}) = 0$ . As  $H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_Y^n F) \simeq H^q(L_Y^{\bullet}/m_Y^n L_Y^{\bullet}) \simeq H^q(L_Y^{\bullet}/m_Y^n L_Y^{\bullet})$ , by [11] (Proposition 7.4.7)  $\varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_Y^n F)$  identifies with the completion of the  $\bar{E}_Y$ -module  $\text{Ker } \bar{d}_Y^q / \text{Im } \bar{d}_Y^{q-1}$  in the topology given by the maximal ideal. Since  $\bar{E}_Y$  is complete, one obtains finally the isomorphisms

$$\varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_Y^n F) \simeq \text{Ker } \bar{d}_Y^q / \text{Im } \bar{d}_Y^{q-1}.$$

As  $\theta(\dot{\alpha}) = 0$ , there exists  $\beta \in L_Y^{q-1}$  such that the element  $\gamma = \alpha - d_Y^{q-1}(\beta)$  lies in  $m_Y^\infty L_Y^q$ . We consider the natural Fréchet topology on the sections of  $L^q$  over an open set;  $\text{Ker } d^q$  is a closed submodule of  $L^q$ . By lifting  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in a neighbourhood and since  $\gamma \in \text{Ker } d_Y^q$ , it follows by [21] (Ch.V, Prop. 2.3) that  $\gamma \in m_Y^\infty \text{Ker } d_Y^q$ , hence  $\dot{\alpha} \in m_Y^\infty R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y$ .

In this way, the canonical morphism

$$R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y / m_Y^\infty R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y \longrightarrow \varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_Y^n F)$$

is injective.  $M = R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y / m_Y^\infty R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y$  follows an  $\bar{E}_Y = E_Y / m_Y^\infty$ -module of finite type, hence coincides with its completion. As  $M/m_Y^n M$  identifies with  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y / m_Y^n R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y$ , the first two statements of the theorem follow easily.

Now assume  $R^{q+1} f_{\#}(F)$  is Fréchet; then, for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$  the image of the map  $L^q(V) \xrightarrow{d^q} L^{q+1}(V)$  is closed. Let  $\xi$  be an element of  $\varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\hat{m}_Y^n F) \simeq \text{Ker } \bar{d}_Y^q / \text{Im } \bar{d}_Y^{q-1}$ . Let  $l$  be, in a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$ , an element of  $L^q(V)$  such that its image in  $\text{Ker } \bar{d}_Y^q / \text{Im } \bar{d}_Y^{q-1}$  is  $\xi$ . One has  $d^q(l) \in (m_Y^\infty L^{q+1}(V)) \cap (\text{Im } d^q(V))$ . Again, by [21],  $d^q(l)$  is in  $m_Y^\infty \text{Im } d^q(V)$ . Let  $\sum \varphi_i l_i$  be in  $m_Y^\infty L^q(V)$  such that  $d^q(\sum \varphi_i l_i) = d^q(l)$ . The element  $l - \sum \varphi_i l_i$  lies in  $\text{Ker } d^q(V)$  and its image in  $\text{Ker } d_Y^q / \text{Im } d_Y^{q-1} \simeq R^q f_{\#}(F)_Y$  gives an element  $\eta$ . One has  $\theta(\eta) = \xi$ , thus  $\theta$  is surjective and the proof over.

Corollary 1. Assume that  $\varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^n F) = 0$ . Then  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y = \varprojlim_y^\infty R^q f_{\#}(F)_y$ . Moreover, if we know that  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y$  is an  $E_y$ -module of finite type, then we get  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y = 0$ .

Corollary 2. Assume  $R^{q+1} f_{\#}(F) = 0$ . Then the canonical morphism

$$\varprojlim_n (R^q f_{\#}(F)_y / \mathfrak{m}_y^n R^q f_{\#}(F)_y) \longrightarrow \varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^n F)$$

is bijective.

Corollary 3. Assume that  $R^{q+1} f_{\#}(F)$  is Fréchet (for example, equals to zero). Then there exists an integer  $n_0$  such that

$$\text{Im}(R^q f_{\#}(F)_y \longrightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y)) = \text{Im}(H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F) \longrightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y)) .$$

Proof. Since  $H^q(X_y, F_y)$  is finite dimensional there exists an integer  $n_0$  such that

$$\text{Im}(H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^n F) \longrightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y)) = \text{Im}(H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F) \longrightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y))$$

for  $n \geq n_0$ . Again, there exists an integer  $n_1 \geq n_0$  such that

$$\text{Im}(H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^n F) \longrightarrow H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F)) = \text{Im}(H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_1} F) \longrightarrow H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F))$$

for  $n \geq n_1$  and so on .

Let  $\eta = \xi_0$  be an element from  $\text{Im}(H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F) \longrightarrow H^q(X_y, F_y))$ .

We take a preimage  $\eta_1 \in H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_1} F)$  of  $\xi_0$  and let  $\xi_1$  be the image of  $\eta_1$  in  $H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F)$ . The image of  $\xi_1$  in  $H^q(X_y, F_y)$  is  $\xi_0$ . Let

$\eta_2 \in H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_2} F)$  be a preimage of  $\xi_1$  and let  $\xi_2$  be the image of

$\eta_2$  in  $H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_1} F)$ . The image of  $\xi_2$  in  $H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^{n_0} F)$  is  $\xi_1$ . We go

on and obtain an element in  $\varprojlim_n H^q(X, F/\mathfrak{A}_y^n F)$ . By the theorem it

has a preimage in  $R^q f_{\#}(F)_y$ . The image of this in  $H^q(X_y, F_y)$  is  $\eta$ .

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