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Deformations of Log Terminal and Semi Log Canonical Singularities

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Abstract

In this paper, we prove that klt singularities are invariant under deformations if the generic fiber is \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein. We also obtain a similar result for slc singularities. These are generalizations of results of Esnault-Viehweg [*Math. Ann.* **271** (1985), 439–449] and S. Ishii [*Math. Ann.* **275** (1986), 139–148; *Singularities (Iowa City, IA, 1986) Contemporary Mathematics*, vol. 90 (American Mathematical Society, Providence, RI, 1989), 135–145].

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1. Introduction

For the purposes of this introduction, we work over the field \mathbb{C} of complex numbers. Kawamata log terminal (klt for short) and log canonical (lc for short) singularities are important classes of singularities in the minimal model program. Esnault-Viehweg [6] (respectively, S. Ishii [15, 16]) proved that two-dimensional klt (respectively, lc) singularities are invariant under small deformations. Unfortunately, an analogous statement fails in higher dimensions, because the general fibers are not necessarily

\mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein even if the special fiber is klt or lc. In this paper, we give a generalization of their results, using the theory of non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein singularities initiated by de Fernex-Hacon [7]. Our results are not just a formal generalization to the non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein setting, but provide a new interpretation of the results of Esnault-Viehweg and Ishii. Let X be a normal variety that is not necessarily \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein. de Fernex-Hacon [7] defined the pullback f^*D of a (non- \mathbb{Q} -Cartier) Weil divisor D on X , which is a higher-dimensional analog of Mumford's numerical pullback. By using this pullback, two relative canonical divisors $K_{Y/X}^+ = K_Y + f^*(-K_X)$ and $K_{Y/X}^- = K_Y - f^*K_X$ are defined for every proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal variety Y . They coincide if X is \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein but are different in general. We say that X has only valuably klt singularities (respectively, klt singularities in the sense of de Fernex-Hacon) if every coefficient of the \mathbb{R} -Weil divisor $K_{Y/X}^+$ (respectively, $K_{Y/X}^-$) is greater than -1 for any $f : Y \rightarrow X$.¹ These singularities are a natural generalization of classical klt singularities to the non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein setting, and being valuably klt is a weaker condition than being klt in the sense of de Fernex-Hacon, because $K_{Y/X}^+ \geq K_{Y/X}^-$. Klt singularities in the sense of de Fernex-Hacon are known not to be invariant under small deformations (cf. [30]), and therefore, we focus on valuably klt singularities in this paper. Our first main result is the inversion of adjunction for valuably klt singularities, which states that if a Cartier divisor D on X is valuably klt, then the pair (X, D) is valuably purely log terminal (plt) near D . Here, valuably plt pairs are a generalization of plt pairs, defined in terms of $K_{Y/X}^+$ as in the case of valuably klt singularities (see Definition 2.6 for its precise definition). The proof is based on a characterization of valuably klt singularities in terms of classical multiplier ideal sheaves. As its corollary, we obtain the following result on deformations of valuably klt singularities.

Theorem A (Corollary 3.7). *Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow T$ be a proper flat family of pairs over a complex variety T , where \mathcal{D} is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on a normal variety \mathcal{X} . Suppose that some closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_{t_0}, \mathcal{D}_{t_0})$ is valuably klt. Then so is a general fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t)$. In particular, if $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t)$ is log \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein, then it is klt.*

Theorem A says that klt singularities deform to klt singularities if the general fibers are \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein. Note that the total space \mathcal{X} is not (log) \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein in general, and therefore, the classical inversion of adjunction for klt singularities cannot be applied directly even if T is a smooth curve and the fibers are \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein. We also remark that the result of Esnault-Viehweg immediately follows from Theorem A, because valuably klt singularities and classical klt singularities coincide in dimension two (cf. Lemma 2.12).

Next we discuss deformations of lc singularities. Ishii [15] proved that isolated lc singularities are invariant under small deformations if the general fibers are \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein. The condition of isolated singularities is essential in her proof, and in order to remove this condition, we use the notion of valuably lc singularities, which are defined in a similar way to the valuably klt case. The second main result of this paper proves that if a Cartier divisor D on X is lc, then the pair (X, D) is valuably lc. For the proof, we introduce new variants of Fujino's non-lc ideal sheaves [9], [10] and show that these ideal sheaves behave well under the restriction to a Cartier divisor. Then we employ a strategy similar to the klt case but use the variants of Fujino's non-lc ideal sheaves instead of multiplier ideal sheaves. We also prove an analogous result for semi log canonical (slc) singularities, a generalization of lc singularities to the nonnormal setting, under a mild additional assumption (see Theorem 4.12 for details). In this case, we use the theory of AC-divisors to deal with divisors on nonnormal varieties. Since we do not know a suitable reference, the details of the theory are given in the Appendix. As a corollary of our second main result, we obtain the following generalization of the result of Ishii.

Theorem B (Corollaries 4.17 and 4.19). *Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow T$ be a proper flat family of pairs over a smooth complex curve T , where \mathcal{D} is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on a normal variety \mathcal{X} . Suppose that some closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_{t_0}, \mathcal{D}_{t_0})$ is slc. Then a general fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t)$ is valuably lc. In particular, if $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t)$ is log \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein, then it is lc.*

¹Valuably klt singularities are called lt^+ singularities in [4] and [5]. Klt singularities in the sense of de Fernex-Hacon are called klt type singularities in [3].

When the general fibers are log \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein, Theorem B was independently proved by Kollár [20, Theorem 5.33], whose method can be traced back to his joint work [22, Corollary 5.5] with Shepherd-Barron, but the proof heavily depends on the existence of lc modifications. We believe that our proof, which uses only the cohomological package due to Ambro and Fujino ([2, Theorem 3.2] and [8, Theorem 1.1]), is of independent interest.

Notation. Throughout this paper, all rings are assumed to be commutative and with unit element and all schemes are assumed to be Noetherian and separated.

2. Preliminaries

This section provides preliminary results needed for the rest of the paper.

2.1. Singularities in MMP

In this subsection, we recall the definition and basic properties of singularities in the minimal model program (or MMP for short).

Throughout this subsection, unless otherwise stated, X denotes an excellent normal integral \mathbb{Q} -scheme with a dualizing complex ω_X^\bullet . The *canonical sheaf* ω_X associated to ω_X^\bullet is the coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module defined as the first nonzero cohomology of ω_X^\bullet . A *canonical divisor* of X associated to ω_X^\bullet is any Weil divisor K_X on X , such that $\mathcal{O}_X(K_X) \cong \omega_X$. We fix a canonical divisor K_X of X associated to ω_X^\bullet , and given a proper birational morphism $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y , we always choose a canonical divisor K_Y of Y that is associated to $\pi^! \omega_X^\bullet$ and coincides with K_X outside the exceptional locus $\text{Exc}(f)$ of f .

Definition 2.1. A proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a regular integral scheme Y is said to be a *resolution of singularities* of X . When Δ is a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X and $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, a resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is said to be a *log resolution* of $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a})$ if $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F)$ is invertible and if the union of the exceptional locus $\text{Exc}(f)$ of f , the support of F and the strict transform $f_*^{-1}\Delta$ of Δ is a simple normal crossing divisor. Log resolutions exist for quasi-excellent \mathbb{Q} -schemes (see [33]).

First, we recall the definition of singularities in MMP.

Definition 2.2. Suppose that Δ is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X , such that $K_X + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number.

- (i) Given a proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y , we define the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor Δ_Y on Y as

$$\Delta_Y := f^*(K_X + \Delta) - K_Y.$$

When $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F)$ is invertible, the *discrepancy* $a_E(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ of the triple $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ with respect to a prime divisor E on Y is defined as the coefficient of E in $-(\Delta_Y + \lambda F)$.

- (ii) The triple $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is said to be *log canonical* (or *lc* for short) if $a_E(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \geq -1$ for every proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y with $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y$ invertible and for every prime divisor E on Y .

Definition 2.3. Suppose that Δ is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X , $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number. Let D be a reduced Weil divisor on X which has no common components with Δ and none of whose generic points lies in the zero locus of \mathfrak{a} . Assume, in addition, that $K_X + \Delta + D$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier.

- (i) The triple $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is said to be *purely log terminal* (or *plt* for short) along D if $a_E(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) > -1$ for every proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y

with $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y$ invertible and for every prime divisor E on Y that is not an irreducible component of the strict transform $f_*^{-1}D$ of D .

(ii) The *adjoint ideal sheaf* $\text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ associated to $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ along D is defined as

$$\text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) := \bigcap_{f:Y \rightarrow X} f_*\mathcal{O}_Y(-\lfloor(\Delta + D)_Y - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F\rfloor),$$

where $f : Y \rightarrow X$ runs through all proper birational morphisms from a normal integral scheme Y with $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F)$ invertible.

(iii) Assume that $K_X + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier. The triple $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is said to be *Kawamata log terminal* (or *klt* for short) if it is plt along the zero divisor. The adjoint ideal sheaf $\text{adj}_0(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is called the *multiplier ideal sheaf* associated to $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ and is denoted by $\mathcal{J}(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$.

Remark 2.4 (cf. [23, 9.3.E]). Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ and D be as in Definition 2.3.

(i) $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is plt along D if and only if $\text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) = \mathcal{O}_X$.

(ii) If $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a log resolution of $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a})$ separating the components of D , then

$$\text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) = f_*\mathcal{O}_Y(-\lfloor(\Delta + D)_Y - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F\rfloor).$$

Next, we introduce a generalization of the singularities in Definitions 2.2 and 2.3 to the non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein setting.

Definition 2.5 [7, Section 2]. Suppose that $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a proper birational morphism from a normal integral scheme Y and E is a prime divisor on Y . The discrete valuation associated to E is denoted by ord_E .

(i) The *natural valuation* $\text{ord}_E^{\text{h}}(D)$ along ord_E of a Weil divisor D on X is defined as the integer

$$\text{ord}_E^{\text{h}}(D) := \text{ord}_E(\mathcal{O}_X(-D)).$$

The *natural pullback* of D on Y is the Weil divisor

$$f^{\text{h}}(D) := \sum_E \text{ord}_E^{\text{h}}(D)E,$$

where E runs through all prime divisors on Y .

(ii) The *valuation* $\text{ord}_E(D)$ along ord_E of a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor D on X is defined as the real number

$$\text{ord}_E(D) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{ord}_E^{\text{h}}(mD)}{m} = \inf_{m \geq 1} \frac{\text{ord}_E^{\text{h}}(mD)}{m},$$

where the limit is taken over all integers $m \geq 1$, such that mD is an integral Weil divisor. This limit always exists by [27, Lemma 1.4]. The *pullback* of D on Y is the \mathbb{R} -Weil divisor

$$f^{*}(D) := \sum_E \text{ord}_E(D)E,$$

where E runs through all prime divisors on Y .

Definition 2.6. Suppose that Δ is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X , $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number. Let $m > 0$ be an integer, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor, and let D be a reduced Weil divisor on X which has no common components with Δ and none of whose generic points lies in the zero locus of \mathfrak{a} .

- (i) Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a proper birational morphism from a normal integral scheme Y with $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_Y} = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F)$ invertible, and let E be a prime divisor on Y . The m -th limiting discrepancy of $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is defined as

$$a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) = \text{ord}_E(K_Y - \lambda F) + \frac{\text{ord}_E^{\mathbb{Q}}(-m(K_X + \Delta))}{m}.$$

The discrepancy of $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} a_E^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &= \text{ord}_E(K_Y - \lambda F) + \text{ord}_E(-(K_X + \Delta)) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \\ &= \inf_n a_{n,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

where the limit and the infimum are taken over all integers $n \geq 1$, such that $n\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor. When $\mathfrak{a} = \mathcal{O}_X$, we simply write $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta)$ (respectively, $a_E^+(X, \Delta)$) instead of $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ (respectively, $a_E^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$).

- (ii) ([34]) We say that $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is *valuatively lc* (respectively, *m-weakly valuatively lc*) if $a_E^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \geq -1$ (respectively, $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \geq -1$) for every proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y with $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}$ invertible and for every prime divisor E on Y .
- (iii) We say that $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is *valuatively plt* (respectively, *m-weakly valuatively plt*) along D if $a_E^+(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) > -1$ (respectively, $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) > -1$) for every proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y with $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}$ invertible and for every prime divisor E on Y that is not an irreducible component of $f_*^{-1}D$.
- (iv) We say that $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is *valuatively klt²* (respectively, *m-weakly valuatively klt*) if it is valuatively plt (respectively, *m-weakly valuatively plt*) along the zero divisor.

Remark 2.7. Let $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ be as in Definition 2.6. If $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuatively plt along D , then $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuatively lc and $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuatively klt. This follows from the fact that if D_i is an irreducible component of D , then

$$a_{f_*^{-1}D_i}^+(X, \Delta + D) = a_{D_i}^+(X, \Delta + D) = -1, \quad a_{f_*^{-1}D_i}^+(X, \Delta) = a_{D_i}^+(X, \Delta) = 0$$

for every proper birational morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ from a normal integral scheme Y .

Remark 2.8. Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ be as in Definition 2.6. If $K_X + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, then $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is lc if and only if it is valuatively lc. Similarly, if $K_X + \Delta + D$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, then the following three conditions are equivalent to each other:

- (a) $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is plt along D ,
- (b) $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuatively plt along D , and
- (c) $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuatively plt along D for every integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor.

Lemma 2.9. Suppose that $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$, m , and D are as in Definition 2.6. Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a log resolution of $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a})$ separating the components of D .

- (1) The triple $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuatively lc (respectively, valuatively lc) if and only if $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \geq -1$ (respectively, $a_E^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \geq -1$) for every prime divisor E on Y .
- (2) $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuatively plt (respectively, valuatively plt) along D if and only if $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) > -1$ (respectively, $a_E^+(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) > -1$) for every prime divisor E on Y that is not an irreducible component of $f_*^{-1}D$.

²Valuatively klt singularities are called lt^+ singularities in [4] and [5].

Proof. The assertion follows from [7, Lemma 2.7] and [7, Remark 2.13]. □

Proposition 2.10. *Suppose that $(X, \Delta, \alpha^\lambda)$, m , and D are as in Definition 2.6. Let $x \in X$ be a point, and let Δ_x and D_x denote the flat pullbacks of Δ and D by the canonical morphism $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow X$, respectively.*

- (1) *$(X, \Delta, \alpha^\lambda)$ is valuably lc at x , that is, $(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,x}, \Delta_x, (\alpha_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}})^\lambda)$ is valuably lc if and only if there exists an open neighborhood $U \subseteq X$ of x , such that $(U, \Delta|_U, (\alpha|_U)^\lambda)$ is valuably lc.*
- (2) *$(X, \Delta + D, \alpha^\lambda)$ is valuably plt along D at x , that is, $(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,x}, \Delta_x + D_x, (\alpha_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}})^\lambda)$ is valuably plt along D_x if and only if there is an open neighborhood $U \subseteq X$ of x , such that $(U, \Delta|_U + D|_U, (\alpha|_U)^\lambda)$ is valuably plt along $D|_U$.*

Proof. This is an immediate application of Lemma 2.9. □

Proposition 2.11. *Let $(X, \Delta, \alpha^\lambda)$ and D be as in Definition 2.6. Suppose that $I \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is a coherent ideal sheaf whose zero locus does not contain any generic points of D but contains the locus, where $K_X + \Delta + D$ is not \mathbb{Q} -Cartier. Then $(X, \Delta + D, \alpha^\lambda)$ is valuably plt along D if and only if there exists a real number $\varepsilon > 0$, such that $(X, \Delta + D, \alpha^\lambda I^\varepsilon)$ is m -weakly valuably plt along D for every integer $m \geq 1$ with $m\Delta$ an integral Weil divisor.*

Proof. Take a log resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of $(X, \Delta + D, \alpha)$ separating the components of D , and let F and G be Cartier divisors on Y , such that $\mathcal{O}_Y(-F) = \alpha \mathcal{O}_Y$ and $\mathcal{O}_Y(-G) = I \mathcal{O}_Y$. For all integers $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor, we define the \mathbb{R} -Weil divisors $(\Delta + D)_Y^+$ and $(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+$ on Y as

$$(\Delta + D)_Y^+ := -f^*(-(K_X + \Delta + D)) - K_Y = - \sum_E a_E^+(X, \Delta + D)E,$$

$$(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ := -\frac{f^{\natural}(-m(K_X + \Delta + D))}{m} - K_Y = - \sum_E a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta + D)E,$$

where E runs through all prime divisors on Y .

To prove the “only if” part, it suffices to show by Lemma 2.9 that there exists a real number $\varepsilon > 0$, such that

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F + \varepsilon G) < 1$$

for every integer $m \geq 1$ with $m\Delta$ an integral Weil divisor and for every prime divisor E on Y . Since $(X, \Delta + D, \alpha^\lambda)$ is valuably plt along D ,

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_Y^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F) < 1$$

for every prime divisor E on Y . Therefore, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$, such that

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_Y^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F + \varepsilon G) < 1$$

for all prime divisors E on Y . Then we have

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F + \varepsilon G) \leq \text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_Y^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F + \varepsilon G) < 1.$$

For the “if” part, we fix a prime divisor E on Y . It is enough to show by Lemma 2.9 that

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_Y^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F) < 1.$$

If $K_X + \Delta + D$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at the center of E , then this inequality follows from Remark 2.8. Therefore, we may assume that $K_X + \Delta + D$ is not \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at the center of E . Then by the definition of I , the

center of E is contained in the zero locus of I , which implies that $\text{ord}_E(G) > 0$. Since $(X, \Delta + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda I^\varepsilon)$ is m -weakly valuatively plt along D for all $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor,

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F) < 1 - \varepsilon \text{ord}_E(G).$$

Taking the supremum over all such m , we have

$$\text{ord}_E((\Delta + D)_Y^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F) \leq 1 - \varepsilon \text{ord}_E(G) < 1. \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.12 (cf. [21, Proposition 4.11 (2)]). *Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ be as in Definition 2.6. If $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuatively lc at a point $x \in X$ with $\dim \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \leq 2$, then $K_X + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at x , and therefore, $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is lc at x .*

Proof. Since the pullback of a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on a surface, defined in Definition 2.5, coincides with Mumford’s numerical pullback, the pair (X, Δ) is numerically lc at x (see [21, Section 4.1] for the definition of numerically lc pairs). The assertion then follows from [21, Proposition 4.11 (2)]. \square

The log canonicity can be generalized for nonconnected schemes in a natural way.

Definition 2.13. Let X be an excellent normal (not necessarily connected) \mathbb{Q} -scheme with a dualizing complex ω_X^\bullet , Δ be an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X , $\lambda > 0$ be a real number, and $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ be a coherent ideal that is nonzero at any generic points of X . Let $X := \coprod_i X_i$ be the decomposition of X into connected components. We say that $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is lc (respectively, *valuatively lc*) if so is $(X_i, \Delta|_{X_i}, \mathfrak{a}|_{X_i}^\lambda)$ for all i .

2.2. Semi log canonical singularities

Throughout this subsection, we assume that X is an excellent reduced scheme, satisfying Serre’s condition (S_2) . Let \mathcal{K}_X denote the sheaf of total quotients of X .

We define the abelian groups $\text{WDiv}^*(X)$ and $\text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(X)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{WDiv}^*(X) &:= \bigoplus_E \mathbb{Z}E, \\ \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(X) &:= \text{WDiv}^*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = \bigoplus_E \mathbb{Q}E, \end{aligned}$$

where E runs through all prime divisors on X whose generic points are regular points of X . Similarly, let $\text{Div}^*(X)$ be the subgroup of $\text{Div}(X) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^*/\mathcal{O}_X^*)$ defined as

$$\text{Div}^*(X) := \{C \in \text{Div}(X) \mid C_x = 1 \text{ mod } \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^* \text{ for every codimension one singular point } x \in X\}.$$

It follows from [24, Theorem 11.5 (ii)] that the canonical map

$$\text{Div}^*(X) \rightarrow \text{WDiv}^*(X)$$

is injective.³

Let D be a Weil divisor contained in $\text{WDiv}^*(X)$. Since the support of D contains no codimension one singular points of X , there exists an open subset $U \subseteq X$ containing all codimension one points of X , such that the restriction $D|_U \in \text{WDiv}^*(U)$ of D is Cartier, that is, there exists a (unique) Cartier divisor E_U on U contained in $\text{Div}^*(U)$, such that the Weil divisor defined by E_U coincides with $D|_U$. Then we define the subsheaf $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$ of \mathcal{K}_X as the pushforward $i_*\mathcal{O}_U(E_U)$ of the invertible subsheaf $\mathcal{O}_U(E_U) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_U$ by the open immersion $i : U \hookrightarrow X$.

³The (R_1) condition is assumed in loc. cit., but this assumption is unnecessary for the injectivity.

Lemma 2.14. *The quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$ is coherent, reflexive, and independent of the choice of U .*

Proof. We write

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E_i - \sum_j^m b_j E_j,$$

where E_i and E_j are prime divisors on X whose generic points are regular points of X and a_i and b_j are positive integers. Let \mathcal{G} be the coherent sheaf

$$\mathcal{H}om_X \left(\bigotimes_i \mathcal{I}_{E_i}^{\otimes a_i}, \left(\bigotimes_j \mathcal{I}_{E_j}^{\otimes b_j} \right)^{**} \right),$$

where \mathcal{I}_{E_i} (respectively, \mathcal{I}_{E_j}) is the ideal sheaf of E_i (respectively, E_j) and $(-)^{**}$ denotes the reflexive hull. Note by [29, Corollary 2.9] that \mathcal{G} is reflexive.⁴

Let $j : V \hookrightarrow U$ be the open immersion from an open subset $V \subseteq U$ containing all codimension one points of X , such that $E_i|_V$ (respectively, $E_j|_V$) is Cartier for all i (respectively, j). Since $\mathcal{G}|_V \cong \mathcal{O}_V(E_U|_V)$, it follows from Lemma 2.15 that

$$\mathcal{G} \cong (i \circ j)_*(\mathcal{G}|_V) \cong i_* j_* \mathcal{O}_V(E_U|_V) \cong i_* \mathcal{O}_U(E_U) = \mathcal{O}_X(D). \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.15. *Let X be a Noetherian reduced (S_2) scheme, and let \mathcal{F} be a coherent sheaf. Then the following conditions are equivalent to each other.*

- (1) \mathcal{F} is reflexive.
- (2) \mathcal{F} satisfies (S_2) , and \mathcal{F} is reflexive in codimension one, that is, \mathcal{F}_x is a reflexive $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ -module for each codimension one point $x \in X$.
- (3) \mathcal{F} is reflexive in codimension one, and the natural map $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow i_* i^* \mathcal{F}$ is an isomorphism for every open subscheme $i : U \hookrightarrow X$ with $\text{Codim}(X \setminus U, X) \geq 2$.
- (4) There exists a reflexive sheaf \mathcal{G} on an open subscheme $i : U \hookrightarrow X$ with $\text{Codim}(X \setminus U, X) \geq 2$, such that $\mathcal{F} \cong i_* \mathcal{G}$.

Proof. The proof is very similar to the argument in [29, Section 2] and [31, Section 0AUJ], which can be traced back to [12] and [13]. □

Let ω_X^\bullet be a dualizing complex of X , and let ω_X be the canonical sheaf associated to ω_X^\bullet , that is, the coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module defined as the first nonzero cohomology of ω_X^\bullet . A canonical divisor on X associated to ω_X^\bullet is a Weil divisor K_X contained in $\text{WDiv}^*(X)$, such that $\mathcal{O}_X(K_X) \cong \omega_X$ as \mathcal{O}_X -modules. The following proposition gives sufficient conditions for X to admit a canonical divisor.

Proposition 2.16. *Let $(\Lambda, \mathfrak{m}, k)$ be a Noetherian local ring with k infinite, and let A be an excellent Λ -algebra. Suppose that X is a reduced, (S_2) , (G_1) , and quasi-projective A -scheme with a dualizing complex ω_X^\bullet . Then X admits a canonical divisor associated to ω_X^\bullet if one of the following conditions hold.*

- (i) *There exists a finite morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ to an excellent reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme Y with the following conditions:*
 - (a) *Y admits a dualizing complex ω_Y^\bullet , such that $f^! \omega_Y^\bullet \cong \omega_X^\bullet$,*
 - (b) *Y admits a canonical divisor associated to ω_Y^\bullet , and*
 - (c) *the codimension of $f(\eta) \in Y$ is constant for all generic points η of X .*
- (ii) *X is irreducible.*
- (iii) *X is connected and biequidimensional (see Definition A.14 for the definition of biequidimensional schemes).*

⁴ X is assumed to be irreducible in loc. cit., but this assumption is unnecessary.

Proof. It follows from Lemmas A.16 and A.17. □

Let $\nu : X^n \rightarrow X$ be the normalization of X , and let $C \in \text{WDiv}(X^n)$ be the conductor divisor of ν on X^n , that is, an effective Weil divisor on X^n satisfying that

$$\mathcal{O}_{X^n}(-C) = \nu^{-1}(\text{Hom}_X(\nu_*\mathcal{O}_{X^n}, \mathcal{O}_X)) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{X^n}.$$

If X admits a canonical divisor K_X associated to ω_X^\bullet , then it follows from [19, Section 5.1] that the Weil divisor $\nu^*K_X - C$ on X^n is a canonical divisor associated to the dualizing complex $\nu^!\omega_X^\bullet$.

Definition 2.17. Let X be an excellent reduced (S_2) and $(G_1)\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme admitting a canonical divisor $K_X \in \text{WDiv}^*(X)$ associated to a dualizing complex ω_X^\bullet . Suppose that $\Delta \in \text{WDiv}^*_\mathbb{Q}(X)$ is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor, $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is a coherent ideal sheaf that is nonzero at any generic points of X , and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number.

1. The triple $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is said to be *semi log canonical* (or *slc* for short) if $K_X + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier and $(X^n, \nu^*\Delta + C, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{X^n})^\lambda)$ is lc.
2. The triple $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is said to be *valuatively slc* if $(X^n, \nu^*\Delta + C, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{X^n})^\lambda)$ is valuably lc.

Remark 2.18. (1) There exists an example of a two-dimensional non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein valuably slc scheme (see [19, Example 5.16]).

(2) Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ be as in Definition 2.17, and assume, in addition, that X is a \mathbb{Q} -scheme and $x \in X$ is a point. It then follows from Proposition 2.10 that $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is *valuatively slc at x* , that is, the induced triple $(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,x}, \Delta_x, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{X,x})^\lambda)$ is valuably slc if and only if $(U, \Delta|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda)$ is valuably slc for an open neighborhood $U \subseteq X$ of x .

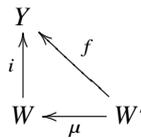
2.3. Different

In this subsection, we recall the definition and basic properties of the different of a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor. The detailed proofs are given in Appendix A (see also [19, Section 4.1]).

Throughout this subsection, we fix an excellent scheme S admitting a dualizing complex ω_S^\bullet , every scheme is assumed to be separated and of finite type over S , and every morphism is assumed to be an S -morphism. Moreover, given a scheme X , we always choose $\omega_X^\bullet := \pi_X^!\omega_S^\bullet$ as a dualizing complex of X , where $\pi_X : X \rightarrow S$ is the structure morphism and ω_X always denotes the canonical sheaf associated to ω_X^\bullet .

Setting 2.19. Let $(Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Delta)$ be a tuple satisfying the following conditions.

1. Y is an excellent reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme over S admitting a canonical divisor $K_Y \in \text{WDiv}^*(Y)$ associated to $\omega_Y^\bullet := \pi_Y^!\omega_S^\bullet$, where $\pi_Y : Y \rightarrow S$ is the structure morphism.
2. $i : W \hookrightarrow Y$ is the closed immersion from a reduced closed subscheme W whose generic points are codimension one regular points of Y . In particular, $W \in \text{WDiv}^*(Y)$.
3. $\mu : W' \rightarrow W$ is a finite birational morphism from a reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme W' and $f := i \circ \mu : W' \rightarrow Y$ is the composite of i and μ .



4. $\Delta \in \text{WDiv}^*_\mathbb{Q}(Y)$ is a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on Y , such that the support of Δ has no common components with W and $K_Y + \Delta + W \in \text{WDiv}^*(Y)$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at every codimension one point w of W .
5. For each codimension one singular point w' of W' , there exists an open neighborhood $U \subseteq Y$ of $f(w') \in Y$, such that $\Delta|_U = 0$ and $W|_U$ is Cartier, that is, $W|_U$ is contained in the image of the natural injection $\text{Div}^*(U) \rightarrow \text{WDiv}^*(U)$.

Let $(Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Delta)$ be as in Setting 2.19. Then the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\text{Diff}_{W'}(\Delta) \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W')$ is defined as in [19, Section 4.1] and is called the *different* of Δ on W' . The reader is referred to Lemma-Definition A.9 for details.

Remark 2.20. The condition (5) in Setting 2.19 is not essential. In Section A.2, we remove this condition by formulating the different $\text{Diff}_{W'}(\Delta)$ in terms of AC-divisors.

Lemma 2.21. *Let $(Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Delta)$ be as in Setting 2.19, and let $\pi : W^n = (W')^n \rightarrow W'$ be the normalization of W' . Then*

$$\text{Diff}_{W^n}(\Delta) = \pi^* \text{Diff}_{W'}(\Delta) + C_{W'},$$

where $C_{W'}$ denotes the conductor divisor of π on $W^n = (W')^n$.

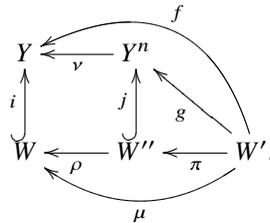
Proof. This is a special case of Lemma A.10. □

Lemma 2.22. *Let $(Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Delta)$ be, as in Setting 2.19, such that $f : W' \rightarrow Y$ factors through the normalization $\nu : Y^n \rightarrow Y$ of Y . We further assume that Y is normal at $f(w') \in Y$ for every codimension one singular point $w' \in W'$. Then*

$$\text{Diff}_{W'}(\Delta) = \text{Diff}_{W'}(\nu^* \Delta + C_Y),$$

where C_Y denotes the conductor divisor of ν on Y^n .

Proof. We write $\mathcal{A}' := (Y^n, W'', W', j, \pi, g, \nu^* \Delta + C_Y)$, where $g : W' \rightarrow Y^n$ is the morphism induced by f , $W'' \subseteq Y^n$ is the reduced image of g , and j, π , and ρ are natural morphisms, such that the following diagram commutes:



It is clear that \mathcal{A}' satisfies the conditions (1)–(3) in Setting 2.19. The tuple \mathcal{A}' also satisfies (4), because ν is an isomorphism over the generic points of W , and therefore, $\nu^* W = W''$. By the assumption that Y is normal at the image of every codimension one singular point w' of W' , the conductor divisor C_Y is trivial near $g(w')$, which implies that \mathcal{A}' satisfies the condition (5) too. Then the assertion is a special case of Lemma A.11. □

Remark 2.23. We can relax the assumption that Y is normal at the image of any codimension one singular points of W' by using the terminology of AC-divisors (see Lemma A.11 for details).

Lemma 2.24. *Suppose that Y is a scheme satisfying the condition (1) in Setting 2.19 and $i : W \hookrightarrow Y$ is a closed immersion satisfying the condition (2). We further assume that W is a Cartier divisor (that is, $W \in \text{Div}^*(Y)$) satisfying (S_2) and (G_1) . Let $\Delta = \sum_i a_i E_i \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ be a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on Y whose support contains neither any generic points of W nor any singular codimension one points of W .*

- (1) *The tuple $(Y, W, W, i, \text{id}_W, i, \Delta)$ satisfies all the conditions in Setting 2.19.*
- (2) *([19, Proposition 4.5 (4)]) Let $\Delta|_W \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W)$ be the restriction*

$$\Delta|_W := \sum_i a_i E_i|_W \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W)$$

of Δ to W , where $E_i|_W$ denotes the Weil divisor on W corresponding to the scheme theoretic intersection $E_i \cap W$. Then

$$\Delta|_W = \text{Diff}_W(\Delta).$$

Proof. This is just a reformulation of Lemma A.8. □

2.4. Deformations

In this subsection, we recall some basic terminology from the theory of deformations.

Definition 2.25. Let X be an algebraic scheme over a field k . Suppose that T is a k -scheme and $t \in T$ is a k -rational point.

1. A *deformation* of X over T with reference point t is a pair (\mathcal{X}, i) of a scheme \mathcal{X} that is flat and of finite type over T and an isomorphism $i : X \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{X} \times_T \text{Spec } \kappa(t)$ of k -schemes.
2. Let Z be a closed subscheme of X . A *deformation* of the pair (X, Z) over T with reference point t is a quadruple $(\mathcal{X}, i, \mathcal{Z}, j)$, where (\mathcal{X}, i) is a deformation of X over T with reference point t , \mathcal{Z} is a closed subscheme of \mathcal{X} that is flat over T , and j is an isomorphism $j : Z \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Z} \times_{\mathcal{X}} X$ of k -schemes.

In the later sections, we will use the following setup to consider some problems on deformations of singularities.

Setting 2.26. Suppose that k is an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, X is a reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme of finite type over k , T is an irreducible scheme over k with generic point η , and $t \in T$ is a closed point. Let (\mathcal{X}, i) be a deformation of X over T with reference point t , such that \mathcal{X} is a reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme. Let $\mathcal{D} \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(\mathcal{X})$ be an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on \mathcal{X} whose support does not contain any generic points of the closed fiber X nor any singular codimension one points of X . Let $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$ be a coherent ideal sheaf, such that $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}}$ is nonzero, and let $\lambda > 0$ be a real number.

3. Deformations of valuably klt singularities

In this section, we prove the inversion of adjunction for valuably klt singularities. As a corollary, we show that valuably klt singularities are invariant under a deformation over a smooth base, which is a generalization of a result of Esnault-Viehweg [6] on deformations of klt singularities.

Throughout this section, we say that $(R, \Delta, \alpha^\lambda)$ is a *triple* of equal characteristic zero if (R, \mathfrak{m}) is an excellent normal local ring of equal characteristic zero with a dualizing complex ω_R^\bullet , Δ is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on $\text{Spec } R$, \mathfrak{a} is a nonzero ideal of R , and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number.

Proposition 3.1. *Suppose that $(R, \Delta, \alpha^\lambda)$ is a triple of equal characteristic zero and D is a reduced Weil divisor on $X := \text{Spec } R$, such that \mathfrak{a} is trivial at any generic points of D . Let A be an effective Weil divisor on X linearly equivalent to $-K_X - D$, such that $B := A - \Delta$ is also effective and A has no common components with D . Fix an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor.*

- (1) $\text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \alpha^\lambda \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)^{1-1/m})$ is contained in $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$.
- (2) *The following conditions are equivalent to each other.*
 - (a) $(X, \Delta + D, \alpha^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuably plt along D .
 - (b) *For every nonzero coherent ideal $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ contained in $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$ that is trivial at any generic points of D , we have*

$$\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \alpha^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}).$$

- (c) *For every nonzero principal ideal $(r) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ contained in $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$ that is trivial at any generic points of D , we have*

$$r \in \text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \alpha^\lambda (r)^{1-1/m}).$$

- (d) For every antieffective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor Γ on X , such that $m(K_X + \Delta + \Gamma + D)$ is Cartier and Γ has no common components with D , the triple $(X, \Delta + \Gamma + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is sub-plt along D , that is, $\mathcal{O}_X \subseteq \text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + \Gamma + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$.
- (e) $\text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)^{1-1/m}) = \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$.

Proof. (1) Let $U \subseteq X$ denote the locus, where mB is Cartier. Since $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$ is reflexive and U is an open subset of X whose complement has codimension at least two, it suffices to show that

$$\text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)^{1-1/m})|_U \subseteq \mathcal{O}_U(-mB|_U).$$

However, it follows from the fact that $\mathcal{O}_U(-mB|_U)$ is invertible that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)^{1-1/m})|_U &= \text{adj}_{D|_U}(U, A|_U + D|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda \mathcal{O}_U(-mB|_U)^{1-1/m}) \\ &= \text{adj}_{D|_U}(U, A|_U + \frac{m-1}{m}(mB|_U) + D|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda) \\ &= \text{adj}_{D|_U}(U, \Delta|_U + mB|_U + D|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda) \\ &= \text{adj}_{D|_U}(U, \Delta|_U + D|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_U} \mathcal{O}_U(-mB|_U) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{O}_U(-mB|_U). \end{aligned}$$

(2) First we prove the implication $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$. Take a log resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of $(X, \Delta + A + D, \mathfrak{a} \mathcal{O}_X(-mB))$ separating the components of D , and write

$$\mathfrak{a} \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F), \quad \mathfrak{b} \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-G) \text{ and } \mathcal{O}_X(-mB) \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-H).$$

We also set

$$\begin{aligned} (A + D)_Y &:= f^*(K_X + A + D) - K_Y, \\ (\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ &:= -\frac{f^{\natural}(-m(K_X + \Delta + D))}{m} - K_Y. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} H - m(K_Y + (A + D)_Y) &= f^{\natural}(mB) - f^*(m(K_X + A + D)) \\ &= f^{\natural}(m(B - (K_X + A + D))) \\ &= f^{\natural}(-m(K_X + \Delta + D)), \end{aligned}$$

one has

$$(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ = -\frac{1}{m}H + (A + D)_Y.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}) \\ &= f_* \mathcal{O}_Y \left(- \left[(A + D)_Y - f_*^{-1} D + \lambda F + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) G \right] \right) \\ &= f_* \mathcal{O}_Y \left(- \left[(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ + \frac{1}{m} H - f_*^{-1} D + \lambda F + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) G \right] \right) \\ &= f_* \mathcal{O}_Y \left(-G - \left[(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1} D + \lambda F - \frac{1}{m} (G - H) \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with the inequalities $H \leq G$ and $[(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F] \leq 0$ yields the inclusion

$$\text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}) \supseteq f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-G) \supseteq \mathfrak{b}.$$

Next we prove the implication (e) \Rightarrow (a). An argument similar to the above shows that

$$\begin{aligned} f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-H - [(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F]) &= \text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathcal{O}_Y(-mB)^{1-1/m}) \\ &= \mathcal{O}_X(-mB) \\ &= f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-H), \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality is just (e). Since $\mathcal{O}_Y(-H)$ is globally generated with respect to f , we conclude that

$$[(\Delta + D)_{m,Y}^+ - f_*^{-1}D + \lambda F] \leq 0,$$

which proves (a) by Lemma 2.9.

The implication (b) \Rightarrow (c) is obvious. For (c) \Rightarrow (e), take a system of generators r_1, \dots, r_n of the ideal $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB) \subseteq R$. Since B has no common components with D , replacing the generators by their linear combinations, we may assume that the principal ideal (r_i) is trivial at any generic points of D for all i . Then (e) follows from (1) and an application of (c) with $r = r_i$.

For (c) \Rightarrow (d), take an antieffective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor Γ , such that $m(K_X + \Delta + \Gamma + D)$ is Cartier and Γ has no common components with D . Since R is local and $m(K_X + \Delta + D)$ is linearly equivalent to $-mB$, we may write

$$-mB + m\Gamma + \text{div}_X(r) = 0,$$

where r is an element of $\text{Frac}(R)$. Since Γ is antieffective and $B - \Gamma$ has no common components with D , the principal ideal (r) is contained in $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$ and is trivial at any generic points of D . Therefore, applying (c) to this principal ideal, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} r \in \text{adj}_D(X, A + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda(r)^{1-1/m}) &= \text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + \Gamma + \text{div}_X(r) + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \\ &= r \cdot \text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + \Gamma + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$1 \in \text{adj}_D(X, \Delta + \Gamma + D, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda).$$

For the converse implication (d) \Rightarrow (c), just reverse the above argument. □

The following theorem is the main result of this section, which shows the inversion of adjunction for valuably klt singularities.

Theorem 3.2. *Suppose that $(R, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is a triple of equal characteristic zero and h is a nonzero element in R , such that $S := R/(h)$ is normal. We assume, in addition, that $Z := \text{Spec } S$ is not contained in the support of Δ and \mathfrak{a} is not contained in the ideal (h) .*

- (1) *Let $m \geq 1$ be an integer, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor. If the triple $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuably klt, then $(X, \Delta + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuably plt along Z .*
- (2) *If $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is valuably klt, then $(X, \Delta + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably plt along Z , and in particular, $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably klt.*

Proof. (1) Since X is affine and Gorenstein at the generic point of Z , we can take an effective Weil divisor A on X linearly equivalent to $-K_X$, such that $B := A - \Delta$ is effective and $\text{Supp } A$ does not contain Z . Set

$$I := \text{adj}_Z(X, A + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}) \subseteq R,$$

$$J := \mathcal{J}(Z, A|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda (\mathfrak{b}S)^{1-1/m}) \subseteq S,$$

where $\mathfrak{b} := \mathcal{O}_X(-mB) \subseteq R$.

Since $A|_Z$ is linearly equivalent to $-K_Z$, $B|_Z = A|_Z - \Delta|_Z$, and $\mathfrak{b}S \subseteq \mathcal{O}_Z(-mB|_Z)$, we apply Proposition 3.1 (2) (a) \Rightarrow (b) with $X = Z$ and $D = \emptyset$ to deduce that

$$\mathfrak{b}S \subseteq J = IS,$$

where the last equality is a consequence of the restriction theorem [32, Theorem 1.5].⁵ It follows from a combination of the inclusion $\mathfrak{b}S \subseteq IS$ with Proposition 3.1 (1) that

$$I \subseteq \mathfrak{b} \subseteq I + \mathfrak{b} \cap (h).$$

By assumption, $\text{div}_X(h) = Z$ is a prime divisor on X , which is not an irreducible component of B . Thus, $\mathfrak{b} \cap (h) = h(\mathfrak{b} :_R (h)) = h\mathfrak{b} \subseteq m\mathfrak{b}$, so that $\mathfrak{b} = I + m\mathfrak{b}$. By Nakayama’s lemma, we have $I = \mathfrak{b}$, which completes the proof by using Proposition 3.1 (2) (e) \Rightarrow (a).

(2) Take an ideal $I \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$, such that IO_Z is nonzero and the closed subset $V(I) \subseteq X$ contains the singular locus of X and that of Z . The assertion then follows from (1), Proposition 2.11, and Remark 2.7. \square

Remark 3.3. The no boundary case, that is, the case where $\Delta = 0$ and $\mathfrak{a} = R$, of Theorem 3.2 (2) was originally claimed in [4, Theorem 3.8], but there is an error in the proof. Our proof is completely different from the one given there.

Corollary 3.4. *Suppose that $(R, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is a triple of equal characteristic zero and h_1, h_2, \dots, h_r forms a regular sequence of R , such that $S := R/(h_1, \dots, h_r)$ is normal. We assume, in addition, that $Z := \text{Spec } S$ is not contained in the support of Δ and \mathfrak{a} is not contained in the ideal (h_1, \dots, h_r) . If $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is valuably klt, then so is $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$.*

Proof. It follows from repeated applications of Theorem 3.2 (2). \square

Corollary 3.5. *With notation as in Setting 2.26, we assume that X and \mathcal{X} are normal integral schemes. Let $x \in X$ be a closed point and $\mathcal{Z} \subseteq X$ be an irreducible closed subscheme, such that $(\mathcal{X}, i, \mathcal{Z}, j)$ is a deformation of the pair $(X, \{x\}_{\text{red}})$ over T with reference point t . Let y be the generic point of \mathcal{Z} , which lies in the generic fiber \mathcal{X}_η . If $(X, \mathcal{D}|_X, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_X)^\lambda)$ is valuably klt at x , then so is $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_\eta})^\lambda)$ at y .*

Proof. Let $f : \tilde{T} \rightarrow T_{\text{red}}$ be a resolution of singularities of the reduced closed subscheme T_{red} of T . Take a closed point $\tilde{t} \in \tilde{T}$ that maps to the point $t \in T$. Since the closed fiber of $\mathcal{X} \times_T \tilde{T}$ over \tilde{t} is isomorphic to $\mathcal{X}_t = X$ and the generic fiber of $\mathcal{X} \times_T \tilde{T}$ is isomorphic to \mathcal{X}_η , after replacing T by S , we may assume that T is a regular integral scheme. Then the closed fiber X is locally a complete intersection in \mathcal{X} , and we see from Corollary 3.4 that $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably klt at x . Since y is a generalization of x , the triple $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably klt at y by Lemma 2.10, which completes the proof. \square

Corollary 3.6. *With notation as in Setting 2.26, we assume that X and \mathcal{X} are normal integral schemes. We further assume that \mathcal{X} is proper over T . If $(X, \mathcal{D}|_X, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_X)^\lambda)$ is valuably klt, then so is $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_\eta})^\lambda)$.*

⁵[32, Theorem 1.5] is formulated for varieties, but the same statement for excellent \mathbb{Q} -schemes is obtained by using [26, Theorem A] instead of the local vanishing theorem.

Proof. Since the structure map $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T$ is a closed map, it follows from an argument similar to the proof of Corollary 3.5 that $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably klt near \mathcal{X}_η . \square

Finally, we show that valuably klt singularities are invariant under deformations. Corollary 3.7 (2) gives an alternative proof of a result of Esnault-Viehweg [6].

Corollary 3.7. *Let T be an irreducible algebraic scheme over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic zero, and let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \rightarrow T$ be a proper flat family of triples over T , where \mathcal{D} is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on a normal variety \mathcal{X} over k , $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number.*

- (1) *If some closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_{t_0}, \mathcal{D}_{t_0}, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_{t_0}})^\lambda)$ is valuably klt, then so is a general closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_t})^\lambda)$.*
- (2) *If some closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_{t_0}, \mathcal{D}_{t_0}, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_{t_0}})^\lambda)$ is two-dimensional klt, then so is a general closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_t})^\lambda)$.*

Proof. (1) It follows from Corollary 3.6 that the generic fiber $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_\eta})^\lambda)$ is valuably klt. Then by Lemma 2.9, a general closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_t})^\lambda)$ is also valuably klt.

(2) Corollary 3.6 and Lemma 2.12 tell us that the generic fiber $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_\eta})^\lambda)$ is klt. Then a general closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t, (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_t})^\lambda)$ is also klt. \square

4. Deformations of slc singularities

In this section, we study small deformations of slc singularities.

4.1. Variants of non-lc ideal sheaves

Fujino’s non-lc ideal sheaves are a generalization of multiplier ideal sheaves that defines non-lc locus (see [9] and [10]). We introduce two new variants of these ideal sheaves to generalize the inversion of adjunction for slc singularities. This subsection is devoted to their definitions and basic properties.

Throughout this subsection, we assume that Γ is an \mathbb{R} -Weil divisor, W is a reduced Weil divisor, and D is a Weil divisor on a normal integral scheme X .

Definition 4.1.

- (i) The \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\Theta^W(\Gamma)$ on X is defined as

$$\Theta^W(\Gamma) := \Gamma - \sum_E E,$$

where E runs through all irreducible components of W , such that $\text{ord}_E(\Gamma)$ is an integer.

- (ii) The \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\Theta_D^W(\Gamma)$ on X is defined as

$$\Theta_D^W(\Gamma) := \Gamma - \sum_E E,$$

where E runs through all irreducible components of W , such that $\text{ord}_E(\Gamma) = \text{ord}_E(D) + 1$.

We collect some basic properties of $\Theta^W(\Gamma)$ and $\Theta_D^W(\Gamma)$ in the following lemma.

Lemma 4.2.

- (1) $\Theta^W(\Gamma) \leq \Theta_D^W(\Gamma)$.
- (2) For a Weil divisor A on X , we have

$$\Theta^W(\Gamma + A) = \Theta^W(\Gamma) + A \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta_{D+A}^W(\Gamma + A) = \Theta_D^W(\Gamma) + A.$$

(3) For a reduced Weil divisor W' on X , such that $W \leq W'$, we have

$$\Theta^W(\Gamma) \geq \Theta^{W'}(\Gamma) \text{ and } \Theta_D^W(\Gamma) \geq \Theta_D^{W'}(\Gamma).$$

(4) For an \mathbb{R} -Weil divisor Γ' on X , such that $\Gamma \leq \Gamma'$, we have

$$\lfloor \Theta^W(\Gamma) \rfloor \leq \lfloor \Theta^W(\Gamma') \rfloor \text{ and } \lfloor \Theta_D^W(\Gamma) \rfloor \leq \lfloor \Theta_D^W(\Gamma') \rfloor.$$

(5) For an open subscheme $U \subseteq X$, we have

$$\Theta^W(\Gamma)|_U = \Theta^{W|_U}(\Gamma|_U) \text{ and } \Theta_D^W(\Gamma)|_U = \Theta_{D|_U}^{W|_U}(\Gamma|_U).$$

(6) For a reduced Weil divisor W'' having no common components with W , we have

$$\Theta^{W+W''}(\Gamma) = \Theta^W(\Theta^{W''}(\Gamma)) \text{ and } \Theta_D^{W+W''}(\Gamma) = \Theta_D^W(\Theta_D^{W''}(\Gamma)).$$

Proof. The proof is straightforward. □

Lemma 4.3. Suppose that X is a regular integral excellent scheme with dualizing complex and the union of the supports of Γ , D , and W is a simple normal crossing divisor, which is denoted by B . Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a log resolution of (X, B) with exceptional locus $\text{Exc}(f) = \cup_i E_i$, and set $\Gamma_Y := f^*(K_X + \Gamma) - K_Y$ and $W_Y := f_*^{-1}W + \sum_i E_i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_*\mathcal{O}_Y(-\lfloor \Theta^{W_Y}(\Gamma_Y) \rfloor) &= \mathcal{O}_X(-\lfloor \Theta^W(\Gamma) \rfloor), \\ f_*\mathcal{O}_Y(-\lfloor \Theta_{f^*D}^{W_Y}(\Gamma_Y) \rfloor) &= \mathcal{O}_X(-\lfloor \Theta_D^W(\Gamma) \rfloor). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of [9, Lemma 2.7]. □

We are now ready to define our variants of Fujino’s non-lc ideal sheaves ([9], [10]).

Definition 4.4. Suppose that X is a normal variety over a field k of characteristic zero and D is a Cartier divisor on X . Let Δ be an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X , such that $K_X + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, let $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ be a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, and let $\lambda > 0$ be a real number. Let B be the union of the supports of Δ , W , and D , and take a log resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of (X, B, \mathfrak{a}) with $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F)$ and $\text{Exc}(f) = \cup_i E_i$. The fractional ideal sheaves $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ and $\mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ are then defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &:= f_*\mathcal{O}_Y(-\lfloor \Theta^{W_Y}(\Delta_Y + \lambda F) \rfloor), \\ \mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &:= f_*\mathcal{O}_Y(-\lfloor \Theta_{f^*D}^{W_Y}(\Delta_Y + \lambda F) \rfloor), \end{aligned}$$

where $W_Y := f_*^{-1}W + \sum_i E_i$ and $\Delta_Y := f^*(K_X + \Delta) - K_Y$. This definition is independent of the choice of the log resolution f by Lemma 4.3.

When W is the union of the support of $D + \Delta$ and all the codimension one irreducible components of the closed subscheme of X defined by \mathfrak{a} , the fractional ideal sheaf $\mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is denoted simply by $\mathcal{I}_D(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$.

Remark 4.5. Definition 4.4 makes sense even if X is disconnected. We also remark that given a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ and a real number $\lambda' > 0$, the fractional ideal sheaves $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})$ and $\mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})$ are defined similarly.

Remark 4.6. Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ be as in Definition 4.4, and assume, in addition, that W is the union of the support of Δ and all the codimension one irreducible components of the closed subscheme of X defined by \mathfrak{a} .

- (i) $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ coincides with the maximal non-lc ideal sheaf $\mathcal{J}'(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ defined in [10].
- (ii) $\mathcal{I}_0^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ coincides with the non-lc ideal sheaf $\mathcal{J}_{\text{NLC}}(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ defined in [9].

The following two lemmas state basic properties of $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ and $\mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ that we will use later.

Lemma 4.7. Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$, W , and D be as in Definition 4.4.

- (1) $\mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \subseteq \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$.
- (2) For a Cartier divisor A on X , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta + A, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &= \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-A), \\ \mathcal{I}_{D+A}^W(X, \Delta + A, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &= \mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-A). \end{aligned}$$

- (3) For a reduced Weil divisor W' on X , such that $W \leq W'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &\subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W'}(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda), \\ \mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &\subseteq \mathcal{I}_D^{W'}(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

- (4) Let Δ' be an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X , such that $K_X + \Delta'$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, and let $\Delta \leq \Delta'$, \mathfrak{a}' be a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, such that $\mathfrak{a} \supseteq \mathfrak{a}'$, and let λ' be a real number, such that $\lambda \leq \lambda'$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &\supseteq \mathcal{I}^W(X', \Delta', \mathfrak{a}'^{\lambda'}), \\ \mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &\supseteq \mathcal{I}_D^W(X', \Delta', \mathfrak{a}'^{\lambda'}). \end{aligned}$$

- (5) For an open subscheme $U \subseteq X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)|_U &= \mathcal{I}^W|_U(U, \Delta|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda), \\ \mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)|_U &= \mathcal{I}_D^W|_U(U, \Delta|_U, \mathfrak{a}|_U^\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. All the assertions immediately follow from Lemma 4.2. □

Lemma 4.8. Let $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$, W , and D be as in Definition 4.4. Let G be the cycle of codimension one in X associated to the closed subscheme defined by \mathfrak{a} , that is,

$$G = \sum_E \text{ord}_E(\mathfrak{a})E,$$

where E runs through all prime divisors on X .

- (1) We have inclusions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &\subseteq \mathcal{O}_X(-\lfloor \Theta^W(\Delta + \lambda G) \rfloor), \\ \mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &\subseteq \mathcal{O}_X(-\lfloor \Theta_D^W(\Delta + \lambda G) \rfloor). \end{aligned}$$

- (2) Assume that W is contained in the support of $\Delta + G$. Then the following conditions are equivalent to each other:

- (a) $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) = \mathcal{O}_X$,
- (b) $\mathcal{I}_0^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) = \mathcal{O}_X$,
- (c) $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is lc and $\text{ord}_E(\Delta + \lambda G) < 1$ for every prime divisor E on X that is not a component of W .

Proof. We use the notation established in Theorem 4.4.

- (1) Since $f_*W_Y = W$, $f_*\Delta_Y = \Delta$, and $f_*F = G$, one has

$$f_*(\Theta^{W_Y}(\Delta_Y + \lambda F)) = \Theta^W(\Delta + G),$$

which implies the first inclusion $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X(-\lfloor \Theta^W(\Delta + \lambda G) \rfloor)$. The second inclusion is shown similarly.

(2) First note that the fractional ideals $\mathcal{I}^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ and $\mathcal{I}_D^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ are ideals in \mathcal{O}_X by (1) and the assumption that W is contained in the support of $\Delta + G$. Therefore, (a) (respectively, (b)) holds if and only if $[\Theta^{W_Y}(\Delta_Y + \lambda F)] \leq 0$ (respectively, $[\Theta_0^{W_Y}(\Delta_Y + \lambda F)] \leq 0$). It is easy to see that these inequalities are equivalent to (c). \square

4.2. An extension of inversion of adjunction for slc singularities

In this subsection, we prove an extension of the inversion of adjunction for slc singularities to the non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein setting, using our variants of Fujino’s non-lc ideal sheaves. As a corollary, we show that slc singularities deform to lc singularities if the total space is normal and the nearby fibers are \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein, which is a generalization of a result of Ishii [15].

First we show an analog of [28, Proposition 4.1] for our variants of non-lc ideal sheaves.

Proposition 4.9. *Suppose that (R, \mathfrak{m}) is a normal local ring essentially of finite type over a field of characteristic zero, Δ is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on $X = \text{Spec } R$, $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq R$ is a nonzero ideal, and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number. Let W be the reduced Weil divisor on X whose support coincides with the union of the supports of Δ and the cycle of codimension one in X associated to the closed subscheme defined by \mathfrak{a} . Let A be an effective Weil divisor on X linearly equivalent to $-K_X$, such that $B := A - \Delta$ is also effective. Fix an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta$ is an integral Weil divisor, and let $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq R$ be a nonzero ideal contained in $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$.*

- (1) $\mathcal{I}^W(X, A, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m})$ is contained in $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$.
- (2) If $\mathcal{I}^W(X, A, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)^{1-1/m}) = \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)$, then $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is m -weakly valuably lc.
- (3) Assume that $m(K_X + \Delta)$ is Cartier. If $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is lc, then \mathfrak{b} is contained in $\mathcal{I}_{mB}^W(X, A, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m})$.

Proof. (1) The assertion follows from arguments similar to the proof of [28, Proposition 4.1] (1) by replacing [23, Proposition 9.2.31] with Lemma 4.7 (2).

(2) Assume to the contrary that there exists a log resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of $(X, A+W+\Delta, \mathfrak{a}, \mathcal{O}_X(-mB))$ and a prime divisor E on Y , such that $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) < -1$. We write $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_Y} = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_a)$ and $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_b)$. Since $K_X + A$ is Cartier, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_X(m(K_X + \Delta))\mathcal{O}_Y &= \mathcal{O}_X(m(K_X + A) - mB)\mathcal{O}_Y \\ &= \mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + A_Y) - F_b), \end{aligned}$$

where $A_Y := f^*(K_X + A) - K_Y$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) &= \text{ord}_E(K_Y + \frac{1}{m}(-m(K_Y + A_Y) + F_b) - \lambda F_a) \\ &= \text{ord}_E(-A_Y - \lambda F_a + \frac{1}{m}F_b) \\ &= \text{ord}_E(-A_Y - \lambda F_a - \frac{m-1}{m}F_b) + \text{ord}_E(F_b). \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption that $a_{m,E}^+(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) < -1$, one has

$$\text{ord}_E([\Theta^{W_Y}(A_Y + \lambda F + \frac{m-1}{m}F_b)]) > \text{ord}_E(F_b),$$

where W_Y is the reduced divisor on Y whose support is the union of the strict transform $f_*^{-1}W$ of W and the exceptional locus $\text{Exc}(f)$ of f . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^W(X, A, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathcal{O}_X(-mB)^{1-1/m}) &= f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Theta^{W_Y}(A_Y + \lambda F_a + \frac{m-1}{m} F_b)]) \\ &\subseteq f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_b) \\ &= \mathcal{O}_X(-mB), \end{aligned}$$

where the strict containment on the second line follows from the fact that $\mathcal{O}_Y(-F_b)$ is f -free. This is a contradiction.

(3) First note that mB is Cartier by assumption, and we set $\mathfrak{q} := \mathfrak{b} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(mB)$. It then follows from Lemma 4.7 (2) that the inclusion in (3) is equivalent to the inclusion $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathcal{I}_0^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{q}^{1-1/m})$. Take a log resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of $(X, W, \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{q})$ with $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_a)$ and $\mathfrak{q}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_q)$. Since $(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is lc, all the coefficients of $\Delta_Y + \lambda F_a$ are less than or equal to one, where $\Delta_Y := f^*(K_X + \Delta) - K_Y$. Noting that F_q is an effective integral divisor on Y , we have

$$[\Theta_0^{W_Y}(\Delta_Y + \lambda F_a + \frac{m-1}{m} F_q)] \leq F_q,$$

where W_Y is the reduced divisor on Y whose support is the union of the strict transform $f_*^{-1}W$ of W and the exceptional locus $\text{Exc}(f)$ of f . Therefore,

$$\mathfrak{q} \subseteq f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_q) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_0^W(X, \Delta, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{q}^{1-1/m}).$$

□

We have the following restriction theorem for our variants of non-lc ideal sheaves.

Theorem 4.10. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a normal local ring essentially of finite type over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, and let A be an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on $X := \text{Spec } R$, such that $K_X + A$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier. Suppose that h is a nonzero element in R , such that $S := R/(h)$ is reduced and any irreducible component of $Z := \text{Spec } S$ is not contained in the support of A . Let $\lambda, \lambda' > 0$ be real numbers, $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subseteq R$ be ideals that are trivial at any generic point of Z , and W be a reduced Weil divisor on X having no common components with Z . We assume that there exist an ideal $J \subseteq S$, an effective Cartier divisor D on Z^n , and an open subset $U \subseteq Z$ satisfying the following three conditions:*

- (i) $JS^n \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{Z^n}(-D) \cap \mathcal{I}_D(Z^n, \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A), (\mathfrak{a}S^n)^\lambda (\mathfrak{b}S^n)^{\lambda'})$,
- (ii) $(JS^n)_x \neq \mathcal{O}_{Z^n}(-D)_x$ for any point $x \in Z^n$ whose image in Z is not contained in U ,
- (iii) $J|_U \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W+Z}(X, A + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})S|_U$.

Then we have $J \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W+Z}(X, A + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})S$.

Proof. Let V be the complement of U in Z . Take a log resolution $f : Y \rightarrow X$ of $(X, \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b})$ with $\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_a)$ and $\mathfrak{b}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(-F_b)$, such that $f^{-1}(V)$ is a closed subset of pure codimension one in Y and that the union of $f^{-1}(\text{Supp } A)$, $f^{-1}(Z)$, $f^{-1}(W)$, $f^{-1}(V)$, the support of the divisor $F_a + F_b$, and the exceptional locus $\text{Exc}(f)$ of f is a simple normal crossing divisor on Y . Let g and g' denote the induced morphisms $g : \tilde{Z} \rightarrow Z^n$ and $g' : \tilde{Z} \rightarrow Z$, respectively, where \tilde{Z} is the strict transform of Z on Y . Let W_{Z^n} be the union of the support of $D + \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A)$ and all the codimension one irreducible components of the closed subscheme of Z^n defined by $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}S^n$. After replacing Y by its blowing up along $g^{-1}(W_{Z^n}) \subseteq Y$, we may assume that $g^{-1}(W_{Z^n}) \subseteq \text{Exc}(f)$. Then $g : \tilde{Z} \rightarrow Z^n$ is a log resolution of $(Z^n, \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A) + W_{Z^n}, (\mathfrak{a}S^n)(\mathfrak{b}S^n))$ with $(\mathfrak{a}S^n)\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-F_a|_{\tilde{Z}})$ and $(\mathfrak{b}S^n)\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-F_b|_{\tilde{Z}})$.

Let W_Y (respectively, $W_{\tilde{Z}}$) be the reduced divisor on Y (respectively, \tilde{Z}) whose support is the union of the strict transform $f_*^{-1}W$ (respectively, $g_*^{-1}W_{Z^n}$) and the exceptional locus of f (respectively, g'). Since $g^{-1}(W_{Z^n})$ is contained in the exceptional locus of f , we have $W_Y|_{\tilde{Z}} \geq W_{\tilde{Z}}$. We decompose $W_Y = W_Y^1 + W_Y^2$ as follows:

- (a) $f(W_Y^1) \subseteq V$,
- (b) no irreducible components of W_Y^2 are mapped into V by f .

Set $\Gamma := f^*(K_X + A + Z) - K_Y - \tilde{Z}$. Since $\Gamma|_{\tilde{Z}} = g^*(K_{Z^n} + \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A)) - K_{\tilde{Z}}$ (see [19, Paragraph 4.7]),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_D(Z^n, \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A), (\mathfrak{a}S^n)^\lambda (\mathfrak{b}S^n)^{\lambda'}) &= \mathcal{I}_D^{W_{Z^n}}(Z^n, \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A), (\mathfrak{a}S^n)^\lambda (\mathfrak{b}S^n)^{\lambda'}) \\ &= g_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Theta_{g^*D}^{W_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Gamma|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda F_a|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda' F_b|_{\tilde{Z}})]) \\ &\subseteq g_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Theta_{g^*D}^{W_Y|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Gamma|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda F_a|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda' F_b|_{\tilde{Z}})]) \\ &\subseteq g_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Theta_{g^*D}^{W_Y^1|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Theta^{W_Y^2|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Gamma|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda F_a|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda' F_b|_{\tilde{Z}}))]), \end{aligned}$$

where the containment on the third line follows from Lemma 4.2 (3) and the last containment does from Lemma 4.2 (1), (4), and (6). Setting $\Lambda := \Theta^{W_Y^2}(\Gamma + \lambda F_a + \lambda' F_b)$ and noting that the union of the supports of \tilde{Z} , W_Y^2 and $\Gamma + \lambda F_a + \lambda' F_b$ is a simple normal crossing divisor on Y , one has

$$\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}} = \Theta^{W_Y^2|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Gamma|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda F_a|_{\tilde{Z}} + \lambda' F_b|_{\tilde{Z}}),$$

and therefore,

$$\mathcal{I}_D(Z^n, \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A), (\mathfrak{a}S^n)^\lambda (\mathfrak{b}S^n)^{\lambda'}) \subseteq g_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Theta_{g^*D}^{W_Y^1|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}})]).$$

Claim. $J \subseteq g'_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}])$.

Proof of Claim. It is enough to show that $JS^n \subseteq g_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}])$. Take a connected component C of Z^n , and let \tilde{C} denote the corresponding component of \tilde{Z} . By the assumption (i), for any nonzero element $r \in H^0(C, JS^n|_C)$,

$$\text{div}_{\tilde{C}}(r) \geq [\Theta_{g^*D}^{W_Y^1|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}})]|_{\tilde{C}} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{div}_{\tilde{C}}(r) \geq g^*D|_{\tilde{C}}.$$

Fix any prime divisor E on \tilde{C} . If $\text{ord}_E(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}) = \text{ord}_E(g^*D) + 1$ and E is contained in $W_Y^1|_{\tilde{Z}}$, then $g'(E) \subseteq V$ by the definition of W_Y^1 , and it therefore follows from the assumption (ii) that

$$\text{ord}_E(r) \geq \text{ord}_E(g^*D) + 1 = \text{ord}_E(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}).$$

If $\text{ord}_E(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}) \neq \text{ord}_E(g^*D) + 1$ or $E \not\subseteq W_Y^1|_{\tilde{Z}}$, then

$$\text{ord}_E(\Theta_{g^*D}^{W_Y^1|_{\tilde{Z}}}(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}})) = \text{ord}_E(\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}).$$

Thus, we obtain the inequality $\text{div}_{\tilde{C}}(r) \geq [\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}]|_{\tilde{C}}$, which implies $JS^n \subseteq g_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}])$. □

By the above claim, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Theta^{W_Y^1}(\Lambda)]) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & g'_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Theta^{W_Y^1}(\Lambda)|_{\tilde{Z}}]) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Lambda]) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & g'_* \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Lambda|_{\tilde{Z}}]) \\ & & \uparrow J \end{array}$$

Noting that $\mathcal{I}^{W+Z}(X, A + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'}) = f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Theta^{W_Y^1}(\Lambda)])$ by Lemma 4.2 (6), we have

$$\text{Im } \beta \subseteq \text{Im } \alpha = \mathcal{I}^{W+Z}(X, A + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})S.$$

Take any element $r \in J$. In order to prove the assertion of this theorem, it suffices to prove that the morphism $\delta : J \hookrightarrow g_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Lambda]_{\tilde{Z}}) \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta$ sends r to zero. Since $(f_* W_Y^1)|_U = 0$, one has an inclusion $J|_U \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W+Z}(X, A + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'}) S|_U = \text{Im } \beta|_U$ by the assumption (iii), which implies that the support of $\delta(r) \in \text{Coker } \beta$ is contained in V .

On the other hand, by pushing forward the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Lambda] - \tilde{Z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Lambda]) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(-[\Lambda]_{\tilde{Z}}) \rightarrow 0,$$

we obtain an inclusion $\text{Coker } \beta \subseteq R^1 f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Lambda] - \tilde{Z})$. Let H be the f -semiample \mathbb{R} -divisor $-(K_Y + \Gamma + \tilde{Z} + \lambda F_a + \lambda' F_b)$ on Y , let Δ be the fractional part of the \mathbb{R} -divisor $\Gamma + \lambda F_a + \lambda' F_b$, and let B be the reduced divisor on Y whose support is the union of all prime divisors E , such that $E \subseteq W_Y^2$ and $E \not\subseteq \text{Supp } \Delta$. Since $B + \Delta$ has simple normal crossing support and

$$-[\Lambda] - \tilde{Z} = (K_Y + B + \Delta) + H,$$

it follows from [2, Theorem 3.2] (see also [8, Theorem 1.1]) that if

$$\delta(r) \in R^1 f_* \mathcal{O}_Y(-[\Lambda] - \tilde{Z})$$

is a nonzero element, then the support of $\delta(r)$ contains $f(T)$, where T is a stratum of the simple normal crossing pair (Y, B) . Taking into account that B and $f^{-1}(V)$ have no common components and $B + f^{-1}(V)$ has simple normal crossings, we have $f(T) \not\subseteq V$, which contradicts the fact that the support of $\delta(r)$ is contained in V . Therefore, we conclude that $\delta(r) = 0$ as desired. \square

Setting 4.11. Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be an equidimensional local ring essentially of finite type over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, let $h \in R$ be a nonzero divisor, let $\lambda > 0$ be a real number, and let $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq R$ be an ideal with the following properties:

- (1) $S := R/(h)$ is reduced and satisfies (S_2) and (G_1) . Therefore, so is R .
- (2) \mathfrak{a} is nonzero at any generic point of $X := \text{Spec } R$ and is trivial at any generic point of $Z := \text{Spec } S$.
- (3) Any generic point of Z is a regular point of X .

Moreover, let Δ be an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on X contained in $\text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(X)$, and let K_X and K_Z be canonical divisors contained in $\text{WDiv}^*(X)$ and $\text{WDiv}^*(Z)$, respectively, which exist by Proposition 2.16 and Example A.15. We further assume that

- (4) neither any generic points of Z nor any codimension one singular points of Z are contained in the support of Δ , and
- (5) $K_Z + \Delta|_Z$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, where $\Delta|_Z$ denotes the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\text{Diff}_Z(\Delta)$ (see Lemma 2.24).

The main result of this section is an extension of the inversion of adjunction for slc singularities to the non- \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein setting, which is stated as follows.

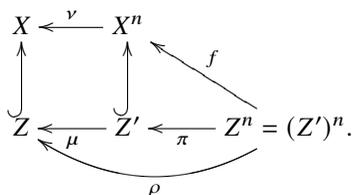
Theorem 4.12. *In setting 4.11, if $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is lc, then $(X, \Delta + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably lc. If we further assume the condition*

- (6) *the pullback $Z' := Z \times_X X^n$ of Z to the normalization $X^n = \text{Spec } R^n$ of X satisfies (S_2) ,*

then the slc case also holds, that is, if $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is slc, then $(X, \Delta + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably slc.

Proof. We only consider the slc case, as the lc case follows essentially the same arguments.

First note that since the morphism $Z' \rightarrow Z$ is finite and birational, Z' is reduced and the normalization $Z^n = \text{Spec } S^n$ of Z is isomorphic to that of Z' . We consider the following diagram:



By prime avoidance, we can take an effective Weil divisor $A \in \text{WDiv}^*(X)$, linearly equivalent to $-K_X$, whose support contains neither any generic points of Z nor any codimension one singular points of Z . We may also assume that $B := A - \Delta$ is effective. Fix an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta \in \text{WDiv}^*_\mathbb{Q}(X)$ is an integral Weil divisor and $m(K_Z + \Delta|_Z) \in \text{WDiv}^*_\mathbb{Q}(Z)$ is a Cartier divisor. It then follows from Lemma 2.24 (2) that $mB|_Z = mA|_Z - m\Delta|_Z \sim -m(K_Z + \Delta|_Z)$ is Cartier.

We define the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisors Δ_{X^n} , A_{X^n} , and B_{X^n} on X^n as

$$\Delta_{X^n} := \nu^* \Delta + C_X, \quad A_{X^n} := \nu^* A + C_X \text{ and } B_{X^n} := A_{X^n} - \Delta_{X^n},$$

where C_X is the conductor divisor of ν on X^n . Let W be the reduced Weil divisor on X^n whose support coincides with the union of the support of Δ_{X^n} and all the codimension one irreducible components of the closed subscheme of X^n defined by $\mathfrak{a}R^n$. Since $A_{X^n} \sim -K_{X^n}$, it suffices to show by Proposition 4.9 (2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{b} &= \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n}, \mathcal{O}_{X^n}(-Z')^1(\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}) \\
 &= \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}) \tag{*}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathfrak{b} := \mathcal{O}_{X^n}(-mB_{X^n})$.

Claim 1. *Let $S' = R^n/(h)$ be the structure ring of Z' and $L \subseteq S'$ denote the principal ideal $\mathcal{O}_{Z'}(-\mu^*(mB|_Z))$. Then $\mathfrak{b}S' \subseteq L$.*

Proof of Claim 1. Noting that $B_{X^n} = \nu^*B$, we see that the ideal $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq R^n$ is the reflexive hull of $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)R^n$. Since mB is Cartier at any codimension one point of Z by an argument analogous to the proof of Lemma 2.24 (1), the inclusion map $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)S' \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{b}S'$ is the identity at any codimension one point of Z' . Composing with the inclusion $\mathcal{O}_X(-mB)S \subseteq \mathcal{O}_Z(-mB|_Z)$, we obtain the inclusion $\mathfrak{b}S' \subseteq L$ at any codimension one point of Z' . It follows from the fact that L is invertible and Z' satisfies (S_2) that $L = \bigcap_x L_x$, where x runs through all codimension one points of Z' , which implies the desired inclusion $\mathfrak{b}S' \subseteq L$. \square

As an intermediate step to prove (*), we show the inclusion

$$\mathfrak{b}S' \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m})S'.$$

By Proposition 4.10, it is enough to show that if we set $\lambda' := (m - 1)/m$, $J := \mathfrak{b}S'$, and $D := \rho^*(mB|_Z)$ and if $U \subseteq Z'$ denotes the locus where $J = L$, then the assumptions (i), (ii), and (iii) in Proposition 4.10 are satisfied. We define \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisors Δ_{Z^n} and A_{Z^n} on Z^n as

$$\Delta_{Z^n} := \rho^* \Delta|_Z + C_Z \text{ and } A_{Z^n} := \rho^* A|_Z + C_Z,$$

where C_Z is the conductor divisor of ρ on Z^n . The assumption (i) is an immediate consequence of Claim 1 and Proposition 4.9 (3), because $\text{Diff}_{Z^n}(A_{X^n}) = A_{Z^n} \sim -K_{Z^n}$ by Lemmas 2.21, 2.22, and 2.24 and $D = m(A_{Z^n} - \Delta_{Z^n})$. Since L is a principal ideal, $J_x \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_{Z',x}L_x$ for all points $x \in Z' \setminus U$, from which the assumption (ii) follows. In order to verify the assumption (iii), we need the following claim.

Claim 2. Let $V \subseteq X^n$ be the locus where mB_{X^n} is Cartier. Then $U \subseteq V \cap Z$.

Proof of Claim 2. Since \mathfrak{b} satisfies (S_2) , $\mathfrak{b} \otimes_{R^n} S'$ is torsion-free, and therefore, we have an isomorphism $\mathfrak{b} \otimes_{R^n} S' \cong \mathfrak{b}S' = J$. If $x \in Z'$ is contained in U , then $\mathfrak{b}_x \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X^n,x}} \mathcal{O}_{Z',x} \cong J_x = L_x$ is an invertible $\mathcal{O}_{Z',x}$ -module, which implies that \mathfrak{b}_x is an invertible $\mathcal{O}_{X^n,x}$ -module, that is, mB_{X^n} is Cartier at x . Thus, we obtain the assertion. \square

Let $\tilde{U} := V \cap Z'$ and $\tilde{U}^n := \pi^{-1}(\tilde{U}) \subseteq Z^n$. By Lemma 4.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})|_V \\ &= \mathcal{I}^{W|_V + \tilde{U}}(V, A_{X^n}|_V + \tilde{U}, (\mathfrak{a}R^n)|_V^\lambda \mathfrak{b}|_V^{\lambda'}) \\ &= \mathcal{I}^{W|_V + \tilde{U}}(V, A_{X^n}|_V + \tilde{U} + \frac{m-1}{m}(mB_{X^n}|_V), (\mathfrak{a}R^n)|_V^\lambda) \\ &= \mathcal{I}^{W|_V + \tilde{U}}(V, \Delta_{X^n}|_V + \tilde{U}, (\mathfrak{a}R^n)|_V^\lambda) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_V} \mathcal{O}_V(-mB_{X^n}|_V), \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the fact that $mB_{X^n}|_V$ is Cartier. Since the triple $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is slc and

$$\Delta_{X^n}|_{\tilde{U}^n} = \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(\Delta_{X^n})|_{\tilde{U}^n} = \text{Diff}_{\tilde{U}^n}(\Delta_{X^n}|_V)$$

by Lemmas 2.21, 2.22, and 2.24, the triple $(\tilde{U}^n, \text{Diff}_{\tilde{U}^n}(\Delta_{X^n}|_V), (\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{U}^n})^\lambda)$ is lc. Noting that $m(K_V + \Delta_{X^n}|_V + \tilde{U})$ is Cartier, we use inversion of adjunction for lc singularities [17]⁶ to deduce that there exists an open subscheme $\tilde{V} \subseteq V$ containing \tilde{U} , such that $(\tilde{V}, \Delta_{X^n}|_{\tilde{V}} + \tilde{U}, \mathfrak{a}|_{\tilde{V}}^\lambda)$ is lc, which is equivalent by Lemma 4.8 (2) to saying that $\mathcal{I}^{W|_{\tilde{V}} + \tilde{U}}(\tilde{V}, \Delta_{X^n}|_{\tilde{V}} + \tilde{U}, \mathfrak{a}|_{\tilde{V}}^\lambda) = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{V}}$. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{\lambda'})|_{\tilde{V}} = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{V}}(-mB_{X^n}|_{\tilde{V}}),$$

and it follows from Claim 2 that the assumption (iii) of Theorem 4.10 is satisfied. Thus, we obtain the inclusion

$$\mathfrak{b}S' \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m})S'.$$

Finally, combining this inclusion with Proposition 4.9 (1) yields that

$$\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}) + \mathfrak{b} \cap (h).$$

Since B_{X^n} has no common component with Z' , the ideal $\mathfrak{b} \cap (h)$ is contained in $h\mathfrak{b}$. By Nakayama's lemma, one has the desired inclusion (\star) , that is,

$$\mathfrak{b} = \mathcal{I}^{W+Z'}(X^n, A_{X^n} + Z', (\mathfrak{a}R^n)^\lambda \mathfrak{b}^{1-1/m}). \quad \square$$

Corollary 4.13. In setting 4.11, we further assume the condition

(6') R is normal.

If $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}S)^\lambda)$ is slc, then $(X, \Delta + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably lc.

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.12. Since $X^n \cong X$, the assumption (6) in Theorem 4.12 is clearly satisfied. \square

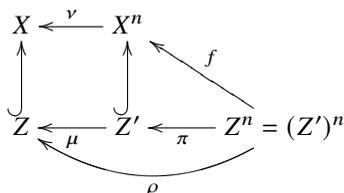
Corollary 4.14. In setting 4.11, we further assume that

⁶Kawakita [17] proved inversion of adjunction for lc pairs, but his proof works for triples.

(6'') there exists an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor Θ , such that $K_{X^n} + \Theta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier and $\Theta \leq v^*\Delta + C_X$, where $v : X^n \rightarrow X$ is the normalization of X and C_X is the conductor divisor of v on X^n .

If $(Z, \Delta|_Z, (\mathfrak{a}_S)^\lambda)$ is slc, then $(X, \Delta + Z, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably slc.

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 4.12, we consider the following diagram.



Since $\text{Diff}_{Z^n}(\Theta) \leq \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(v^*\Delta + C_X) = \rho^*(\Delta|_Z) + C_Z$ by Lemmas 2.21, 2.22, and 2.24, the pair $(Z^n, \text{Diff}_{Z^n}(\Theta))$ is lc. We use inversion of adjunction for lc singularities [17] to deduce that $(X^n, \Theta + Z')$ is lc near Z' . It then follows from [1, Theorem 3.4] that Z' satisfies (S_2) . Now we apply Theorem 4.12 to obtain the result. □

As a corollary, we obtain results on deformations of slc singularities.

Corollary 4.15. *With notation as in Setting 2.26, let $x \in X$ be a closed point, and let $\mathcal{Z} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ be an irreducible closed subscheme, such that $(\mathcal{X}, i, \mathcal{Z}, j)$ is a deformation of the pair $(X, \{x\}_{\text{red}})$ over T with reference point t . Let y be the generic point of \mathcal{Z} , which lies in the generic fiber \mathcal{X}_η . We assume that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (1) T is a smooth curve,
- (2) $K_X + \mathcal{D}|_X$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at x .

If $(X, \mathcal{D}|_X, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_X})^\lambda)$ is lc at x , then $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, \mathfrak{a}_\eta^\lambda)$ is valuably lc at y . If we further assume the condition

- (3) the closed fiber \mathcal{X}_t^n of the normalization \mathcal{X}^n of \mathcal{X} satisfies (S_2) ,

then the slc case also holds, that is, if $(X, \mathcal{D}|_X, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_X})^\lambda)$ is slc at x , then $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, \mathfrak{a}_\eta^\lambda)$ is valuably slc at y .

Proof. It follows from Theorem 4.12, Corollary 4.13, and Corollary 4.14 that $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably (s)lc at x . Since y is a generalization of x , the triple $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably (s)lc at y by Remark 2.18, which completes the proof. □

Remark 4.16. Kollár points out in a draft of his book [20, Theorem 5.33], whose method can be traced back to his joint work [22, Corollary 5.5] with Shepherd-Barron, that if $\mathcal{X}_\eta + \mathcal{D}_\eta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, then the slc case of Corollary 4.15 holds without the condition (3). However, since his proof heavily depends on the existence of lc modifications, we believe that our proof, which uses only the cohomological package due to Ambro and Fujino ([2, Theorem 3.2] and [8, Theorem 1.1]), is of independent interest.

Corollary 4.17. *With notation as in Setting 2.26, we further assume that the following conditions are all satisfied:*

- (1) T is a smooth curve,
- (2) $K_X + \mathcal{D}|_X$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier,
- (3) \mathcal{X} is proper over T .

If $(X, \mathcal{D}|_X, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_X})^\lambda)$ is lc, then $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, \mathfrak{a}_\eta^\lambda)$ is valuably lc. If we further assume the condition

- (4) the closed fiber \mathcal{X}_t^n of the normalization \mathcal{X}^n of \mathcal{X} satisfies (S_2) ,

then the slc case also holds, that is, if $(X, \mathcal{D}|_X, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_X})^\lambda)$ is slc, then $(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{D}_\eta, \mathfrak{a}_\eta^\lambda)$ is valuably slc.

Proof. Since the structure map $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T$ is a closed map, it follows from an argument similar to the proof of Corollary 4.15 that $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda)$ is valuably (s)lc near \mathcal{X}_η , which implies the assertion. \square

Remark 4.18. In Corollary 4.15 (respectively, Corollary 4.17), the condition (3) (respectively, (4)) is satisfied, for example, if one of the following holds:

- (a) \mathcal{X} is normal, or
- (b) there exists an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor Θ on \mathcal{X}^n , such that $K_{\mathcal{X}^n} + \Theta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier and $\Theta \leq \nu^* \mathcal{D} + C_{\mathcal{X}}$, where $\nu : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is the normalization of \mathcal{X} and $C_{\mathcal{X}}$ is the conductor divisor of ν on \mathcal{X}^n .

This follows from arguments similar to the proofs of Corollaries 4.13 and 4.14.

Finally, we show that slc singularities are invariant under small deformations if the total space is normal and the nearby fibers are \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein.

Corollary 4.19. *Let T be a smooth curve over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic zero, and let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{a}^\lambda) \rightarrow T$ be a proper flat family of triples over T , where \mathcal{D} is an effective \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor on a normal variety \mathcal{X} over k , $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is a nonzero coherent ideal sheaf, and $\lambda > 0$ is a real number.*

- (1) *Suppose that k is uncountable. If some closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_{t_0}, \mathcal{D}_{t_0}, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_{t_0}}})^\lambda)$ is slc and if a general closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t)$ is log \mathbb{Q} -Gorenstein, then $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_t}})^\lambda)$ is lc.*
- (2) *If some closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_{t_0}, \mathcal{D}_{t_0}, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_{t_0}}})^\lambda)$ is two-dimensional lc, then so is a general closed fiber $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{D}_t, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_t}})^\lambda)$.*

Proof. In both cases, it suffices to show that the generic fiber $(X_\eta, D_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{X_\eta}})^\lambda)$ is lc. In (1), since $K_{X_\eta} + D_\eta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier by [28, Remark 2.15], it follows from Corollary 4.17 and Remark 2.8 that $(X_\eta, D_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{X_\eta}})^\lambda)$ is lc. In (2), we deduce from Corollary 4.17 that $(X_\eta, D_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{X_\eta}})^\lambda)$ is two-dimensional valuably lc, which implies by Lemma 2.12 that $(X_\eta, D_\eta, (\mathfrak{a}_{\mathcal{O}_{X_\eta}})^\lambda)$ is lc. \square

Remark 4.20. Using plurigeners defined for normal isolated singularities, Ishii [15] proved the isolated singularities case of Corollary 4.19 (1). She also showed (the no boundary case of) Corollary 4.19 (2), combining results of [15] and [16]. Thus, Corollary 4.19 gives a generalization and an alternative proof of her results.

A. Some background material on AC divisors

A.1. Notation

Throughout this Appendix subsection, we assume that X is an excellent reduced scheme satisfying the (S_2) -condition. Let \mathcal{K}_X denote the sheaf of total quotients of X .

First we recall the definition of AC divisors. The reader is referred to [25, Section 2.1] and [18, Section 16] for more details.

Definition A.1. An AC divisor (or almost Cartier divisor) is a coherent submodule $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$ satisfying the following two conditions:

- 1. \mathcal{F} satisfies (S_2) and
- 2. \mathcal{F}_x is an invertible $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ -module for each point $x \in X$ of codimension ≤ 1 .

AC divisors form an additive group via tensor product up to S_2 -ification ([11, Section 5.10]), which is denoted by $\text{WSh}(X)$. Let D denote an AC divisor $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$. We say that D is effective if $\mathcal{O}_X \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. We also say that D is Cartier at a point $x \in X$ if \mathcal{F} is invertible at x , and that D is Cartier if D is Cartier at all points of X . Note that the set of all Cartier AC divisors coincides with the image of the injective group homomorphism

$$\text{Div}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{WSh}(X); E \mapsto \mathcal{O}_X(E),$$

where $\text{Div}(X) = H^0(X, \mathcal{K}_X^*/\mathcal{O}_X^*)$ is the set of all Cartier divisors. We say that two AC divisors D_1 and D_2 are *linearly equivalent* if $D_1 - D_2$ is contained in the image of $\text{Pr}(X) \subseteq \text{Div}(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}(X)$, where $\text{Pr}(X)$ denotes the set of all principal divisors.

By a \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor, we mean an element of

$$\text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X) := \text{WSh}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}.$$

We say that a \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor $\Delta \in \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)$ is *effective* (respectively, \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at a point $x \in X$, \mathbb{Q} -Cartier) if $\Delta = D \otimes \lambda$ for some effective (respectively, Cartier at x , Cartier) AC divisor $D \in \text{WSh}(X)$ and some nonnegative rational number λ .

The *support* of an AC divisor $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$ is the closed subset consisting of all points $x \in X$, such that $\mathcal{F}_x \neq \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ as a submodule of $\mathcal{K}_{X,x}$.

Lemma A.2. *The support of an AC divisor is of pure codimension one if it is not empty.*

Proof. Let D denote an AC divisor $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$ whose support is not empty. Assume to the contrary that there exists an irreducible component Z of the support $\text{Supp } D$ of D with codimension ≥ 2 . After shrinking X , we may assume that $\text{Supp } D = Z$. Let $i : U \hookrightarrow X$ be an open immersion from $U := X \setminus Z$, and then it follows from Lemma 2.15 that $\mathcal{F} = i_*i^*\mathcal{F} = i_*\mathcal{O}_U = \mathcal{O}_X$. This is a contradiction to the assumption that $\text{Supp } D \neq \emptyset$. □

For a Weil divisor E contained in $\text{WDiv}^*(X)$, since the submodule $\mathcal{O}_X(E) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$ is an AC divisor, we obtain the injective group homomorphism

$$\text{WDiv}^*(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}(X); E \mapsto \mathcal{O}_X(E).$$

Its image is the subgroup $\text{WSh}^*(X)$ of $\text{WSh}(X)$ consisting of all AC divisors whose supports contain no codimension one singular points of X . The situation is summarized in the following commutative diagram, which is Cartesian

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Div}(X) & \hookrightarrow & \text{WSh}(X) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Div}^*(X) & \hookrightarrow & \text{WDiv}^*(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{WSh}^*(X) \end{array}$$

Since $\text{WSh}^*(X)$ is a free \mathbb{Z} -module, the natural map

$$\text{WSh}^*(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(X) := \text{WSh}^*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)$$

is injective. Let Δ be a \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor contained in $\text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(X)$. Then there exists an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Delta$ is integral, that is, $m\Delta \in \text{WSh}^*(X)$. We define the support $\text{Supp } \Delta$ of Δ as $\text{Supp } m\Delta$. This is independent of the choice of m by the following lemma.

Lemma A.3. *The support of a Weil divisor $E \in \text{WDiv}^*(X)$ coincides with that of the AC divisor $\mathcal{O}_X(E)$. In particular, for every AC divisor $D \in \text{WSh}^*(X)$ and every integer $n \geq 1$, we have $\text{Supp}(D) = \text{Supp}(nD)$.*

Proof. It immediately follows from Lemma A.2. □

Remark A.4. There is an example of X , such that the natural map

$$\text{WSh}(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)$$

is not injective (see [18, (16.1.2)]).

We also have an example of an AC divisor D , such that $\text{Supp } D \neq \text{Supp } nD$ for an integer $n \geq 1$. If we set $X := \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^2 + x^3)$ and $D := (y/x)\mathcal{O}_X$, then the origin $(0, 0) \in X$ is contained in the support of D but not in that of $2D = (x - 1)\mathcal{O}_X$.

A.2. Differents of AC divisors

In this subsection, we recall the definition of the different of a \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor and prove some basic results used in subsection 2.3.

Throughout this subsection, we fix an excellent scheme S admitting a dualizing complex ω_S^\bullet , every scheme is assumed to be separated and of finite type over S and every morphism is assumed to be an S -morphism. Moreover, given a scheme X , we always choose $\omega_X^\bullet := \pi_X^! \omega_S^\bullet$ as a dualizing complex of X , where $\pi_X : X \rightarrow S$ is the structure morphism, and ω_X always denotes the canonical sheaf associated to ω_X^\bullet . The trace map of a finite surjective morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is denoted by $\text{Tr}_f : f_*\omega_Y \rightarrow \omega_X$.

Lemma A.5. *Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite birational morphism of reduced schemes. Then the following hold.*

- (1) *For a morphism $\alpha_X : \omega_X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$, there exists a unique morphism $\alpha_Y : \omega_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_Y$, such that the following diagram commutes*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f_*\omega_Y & \xrightarrow{\alpha_Y} & f_*\mathcal{K}_Y \\
 \text{Tr}_f \downarrow & & \uparrow \theta_f \\
 \omega_X & \xrightarrow{\alpha_X} & \mathcal{K}_X
 \end{array}, \tag{A.1}$$

where $\theta_f : \mathcal{K}_X \xrightarrow{\sim} f_*\mathcal{K}_Y$ is the canonical isomorphism.

- (2) *For a morphism $\alpha_Y : \omega_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_Y$, there exists a unique morphism $\alpha_X : \omega_X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$, such that the diagram (A.1) commutes.*

Proof. Take an open subscheme $i : U \hookrightarrow X$ containing all generic points of X , such that $V := f^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$ is an isomorphism. Since $i_*\mathcal{K}_U = \mathcal{K}_X$, we have an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_X(\omega_X, \mathcal{K}_X) \cong \text{Hom}_U(\omega_U, \mathcal{K}_U).$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Hom}_Y(\omega_Y, \mathcal{K}_Y) \cong \text{Hom}_V(\omega_V, \mathcal{K}_V).$$

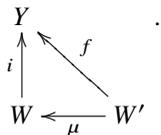
Therefore, after replacing X by U , we may assume that f is an isomorphism. In this case, the assertion is obvious because Tr_f is an isomorphism. □

Let ω_X^\bullet be a dualizing complex of X , and let ω_X be the canonical sheaf associated to ω_X^\bullet . A canonical AC divisor on X associated to ω_X^\bullet is an AC divisor $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$, such that $\mathcal{F} \cong \omega_X$ as \mathcal{O}_X -modules. The reader is referred to Lemma A.16 below for sufficient conditions for X to admit a canonical AC divisor.

Setting A.6. Let $\mathcal{A} := (Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Gamma)$ be a tuple satisfying the following conditions.

- Y is an excellent reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme admitting a canonical AC divisor associated to $\omega_Y^\bullet := \pi_Y^! \omega_S^\bullet$, where $\pi_Y : Y \rightarrow S$ is the structure morphism.
- $i : W \hookrightarrow Y$ is the closed immersion from a reduced closed subscheme W whose generic points are codimension one regular points of Y .

3. $\mu : W' \rightarrow W$ is a finite birational morphism from a reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme W' , and $f := i \circ \mu : W' \rightarrow Y$ is the composite of i and μ

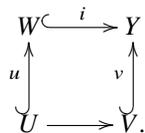


4. $\Gamma \in \text{WSH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ is a \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor on Y , such that the support of Γ has no common components with W and the \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor $K_Y + \Gamma + W$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at every codimension one point w of W .

Suppose that $\mathcal{A} := (Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Gamma)$ is a tuple as in Setting A.6. Since Y admits a canonical AC divisor K_Y , we have an inclusion $\alpha_Y : \omega_Y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_Y$ whose image coincides with K_Y . By Lemma A.16 (i), W' also admits a canonical AC divisor $K_{W'}$, and let $\alpha_{W'} : \omega_{W'} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W'}$ be the corresponding inclusion. Take an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Gamma \in \text{WSH}^*(X)$ and $m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma$ is Cartier at any codimension one points of W , and let $\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_Y$. We will define the morphism

$$\beta_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) : f^*\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W'}.$$

Take an open subscheme $V \subseteq Y$, such that V is regular, $\Gamma|_V = 0$, $U := W \cap V$ is regular, and U contains all generic points of W . Let u and v be natural open immersions, such that the following diagram commutes:



Then we define the morphism $\beta_{\mathcal{A}}^V(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) : \mathcal{F}|_U \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_U$ as

$$\mathcal{F}|_U = \mathcal{O}_V(m(K_Y|_V + U))|_U \xrightarrow{(\gamma_j^m)^{-1} \circ (\alpha_Y^m)^{-1}} (\omega_V(U)|_U)^{\otimes m} \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_{V/U}^m} \omega_U^m \xrightarrow{\alpha_W^m \circ \gamma_i^m} \mathcal{K}_U,$$

where $\text{Res}_{V/U} : \omega_V(U)|_U \xrightarrow{\sim} \omega_U$ is the Poincaré residue map, $\gamma_i : \omega_U \xrightarrow{\sim} \omega_W|_U$ and $\gamma_j : \omega_V \xrightarrow{\sim} \omega_Y|_V$ are canonical isomorphisms, and $\alpha_W : \omega_W \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_W$ is the morphism induced by $\alpha_{W'}$ as in Lemma A.5. Pulling back this morphism to $U' := f^{-1}(U) \subseteq W'$ and taking the $(u')^* \text{--}(u')_*$ adjoint, where $u' : U' \hookrightarrow W'$ is the open immersion, we obtain a morphism $f^*\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W'}$. Since this morphism is independent of the choice of V , we write this morphism by

$$\beta_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) : f^*\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W'}.$$

Let $E = E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) \in \text{WSh}(W')$ denote the AC divisor defined by the reflexive hull of the image of $\beta_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m)$. Then the *different* of Γ on W' is defined as

$$\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma) := (E - mK_{W'}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{m} \in \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}(W').$$

Lemma A.7. *With the above notation, the following holds.*

- (1) The \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor $\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma)$ is independent of the choice of $\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}$, and m .
- (2) Taking differentials is compatible with open immersions, that is, for an open subscheme $Y^\circ \subseteq Y$, we have

$$\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{(W')^\circ}(\Gamma|_{Y^\circ}) = \widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma)|_{(W')^\circ},$$

where $(W')^\circ \subseteq W'$ is the pullback of Y° to W' .

(3) If $D \in \text{Div}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ is a \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisor on Y whose support does not contain any generic points of W , then

$$\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma + \widetilde{D}) = \widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma) + \widetilde{f^*D},$$

where \widetilde{D} and $\widetilde{f^*D}$ are the \mathbb{Q} -AC divisors corresponding to the \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisors D and f^*D , respectively.

Proof. (1) and (2) are obvious. For (3), after shrinking Y if necessary, we can write $D = D_1 - D_2$, where $D_1, D_2 \in \text{Div}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ are effective \mathbb{Q} -Cartier divisors whose supports contain no generic points of W . Therefore, it suffices to show the assertion when D is effective.

Take m, α_Y, α_W , and K_W as in the discussion preceding this lemma. We further assume that mD is Cartier. When we write $\mathcal{A}' := (Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Gamma + \widetilde{D})$, the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & f^* \mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma) \\ & \swarrow \text{nat} & \downarrow \beta_{\mathcal{A}} \\ f^* \mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{W'}(mf^*(D)) & & \mathcal{K}_{W'} \\ \downarrow \wr & \xrightarrow{\beta_{\mathcal{A}'}} & \\ f^* \mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W) + m(\Gamma + \widetilde{D})) & & \end{array}$$

commutes, because the morphism $\beta_{\mathcal{A}'} := \beta_{\mathcal{A}'}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m)$ is generically the same as $\beta_{\mathcal{A}} := \beta_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m)$. Thus,

$$E_{\mathcal{A}'}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) = E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) + m\widetilde{f^*D},$$

which implies the desired result. □

Lemma A.8. Suppose that Y is a scheme satisfying the condition (1) in Setting A.6, and let $i : W \hookrightarrow Y$ be a closed immersion satisfying the condition (2). We further assume that W is a Cartier divisor (that is, $W \in \text{Div}^*(Y)$) satisfying (S_2) and (G_1) . Take a \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\Delta \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ whose support contains neither any generic points of W nor any singular codimension one points of W , and let $\Gamma \in \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ be the corresponding \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor.

- (1) The tuple $(Y, W, W', i, \text{id}_W, i, \Gamma)$ satisfies all the conditions in Setting A.6.
- (2) Let $\Delta|_W \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W)$ be the restriction of Δ to the Cartier divisor W (see Lemma 2.24 for the definition). Then the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\Delta|_W \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W)$ corresponds to the \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor $\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_W(\Delta) \in \text{WSh}_{\mathbb{Q}}(W)$.

Proof. (1) It is enough to verify the condition (4) in Setting A.6. Let $w \in W$ be a codimension one point. If w is a singular point of W , then $K_Y + W + \Delta = K_Y + W$ around w , which is Cartier since W is Cartier and satisfies (G_1) . If w is a regular point of W , then Y is also regular at w and, in particular, $K_Y + W + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier at w .

(2) Take m, α_Y, α_W , and K_W as in the discussion preceding Lemma A.7. We will show that the AC-divisor $E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_W, m) - mK_W \in \text{WSh}(W)$ coincides with the Weil divisor $m\Delta|_W \in \text{WDiv}^*(W)$. By Lemma 2.15 (3), it is enough to show the assertion after shrinking Y around an arbitrary codimension one point w of W .

First, we consider the case where w is a singular point of W . After shrinking Y , we may assume that $\Delta = 0$ and Y, W are Gorenstein. Since the Poincaré residue map $\text{Res}_{Y/W} : \omega_Y(W)|_W \rightarrow \omega_W$ is isomorphic, it induces the isomorphism

$$\varphi : (\mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W))|_W) \cong (\omega_Y(W)|_W)^m \xrightarrow{(\text{Res}_{Y/W})^m} (\omega_W)^m \cong \mathcal{O}_W(mK_W) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_W.$$

Since the Poincaré residue maps are compatible with open immersions, we have $\varphi = \beta_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_W, m)$. Therefore, $E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_W, m) = mK_W$.

Next, we consider the case where w is a regular point of W . After shrinking Y , we may assume that Y and W are regular. Since Δ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier, we can reduce to the case where $\Delta = 0$ by applying Lemma A.7 (3). Then we obtain the equality $E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_W, m) = mK_W$ as in the first case. \square

Lemma-Definition A.9. Let $(Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Delta)$ be as in Setting 2.19, and let $\Gamma \in \text{WSH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$ be the \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor corresponding to the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor $\Delta \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(Y)$. Then the following hold.

1. $\mathcal{A} := (Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Gamma)$ satisfies all the conditions in Setting A.6.
2. The \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor $\text{Diff}_{W'}(\Gamma) \in \text{WSH}_{\mathbb{Q}}(W')$ is contained in $\text{WSH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W')$.

We define the *different* $\text{Diff}_{W'}(\Delta) \in \text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W')$ of Δ on W' as the \mathbb{Q} -Weil divisor corresponding to the \mathbb{Q} -AC divisor $\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma) \in \text{WSH}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(W')$.

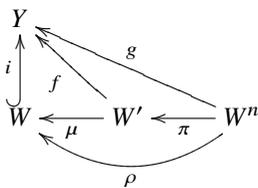
Proof. (1) is obvious. For (2), take $m, \alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}$, and $K_{W'}$ as in the discussion preceding Lemma A.7. It is enough to show that the AC-divisor $E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) - mK_{W'}$ is contained in $\text{WSH}^*(W')$. Take a codimension one singular point w' of W' . After shrinking Y around $f(w')$, we may assume that $\Delta = 0$ and W is Cartier. Then the equality $E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) - mK_{W'} = 0$ can be shown in a way similar to the proof of Lemma A.8. \square

Lemma A.10. Let $\mathcal{A} := (Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Gamma)$ be as in Setting A.6, and let $\pi : W^n = (W')^n \rightarrow W'$ be the normalization of W' . Then

$$\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W^n}(\Gamma) = \pi^* \widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma) + C_{W'},$$

where $C_{W'}$ denotes the conductor divisor of π on $W^n = (W')^n$.

Proof. We first note that the tuple $\mathcal{A}' := (Y, W, W^n, i, \rho := \mu \circ \pi, g := f \circ \pi, \Delta)$ satisfies the conditions in Setting A.6



After shrinking Y , we may assume that $K_Y + W + \Delta$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier. Take an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Gamma \in \text{WSH}^*(Y)$ and $m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma$ is Cartier. Since Y admits a canonical AC divisor K_Y , we have the corresponding inclusion $\alpha_Y : \omega_Y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_Y$. Let $\alpha_{W'} : \omega_{W'} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W'}$ and $\alpha_{W^n} : \omega_{W^n} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W^n}$ be inclusions, such that a diagram involving $\alpha_{W'}$ and α_{W^n} , similar to (A.1), commutes, and let $K_{W'}$ and K_{W^n} be the corresponding canonical AC divisors. By the choice of $\alpha_{W'}$ and α_{W^n} , we have $K_{W^n} = \pi^* K_{W'} - C_{W'}$.

Take an open subscheme $V \subseteq Y$, such that V is regular, $\Gamma|_V = 0$, $U := W \cap V$ is regular, and U contains all generic points of W . We also take an inclusion $\alpha_W : \omega_W \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_W$, such that a diagram involving α_W and $\alpha_{W'}$, similar to (A.1), commutes. It then follows from the equality $\text{Tr}_{\mu} \circ \mu_* \text{Tr}_{\pi} = \text{Tr}_{\rho}$ that a similar diagram involving α_W and α_{W^n} also commutes. Therefore,

$$\beta_{\mathcal{A}}^V(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) = \beta_{\mathcal{A}'}^V(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W^n}, m),$$

which implies that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & g^* \mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma) & \\
 \swarrow \pi^* \beta_{\mathcal{A}} & & \searrow \beta_{\mathcal{A}'} \\
 \pi^* \mathcal{K}_{W'} & \xrightarrow{\theta_{\pi}^{\text{adj}}} & \mathcal{K}_{W^n}
 \end{array}$$

commutes, where $\beta_{\mathcal{A}} = \beta_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m)$, $\beta_{\mathcal{A}'} = \beta_{\mathcal{A}'}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W^n}, m)$, and $\theta_{\pi}^{\text{adj}}$ is the natural isomorphism. Taking into account that $\mathcal{O}_Y(m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma)$ is invertible, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}_{W^n}(E_{\mathcal{A}'}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W^n}, m)) &= \text{Image}(\beta_{\mathcal{A}'}) \\
 &= \theta_{\pi}^{\text{adj}}(\text{Image}(\pi^* \beta_{\mathcal{A}})) \\
 &= \theta_{\pi}^{\text{adj}}(\pi^* \mathcal{O}_{W'}(E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m))) \\
 &= \mathcal{O}_{W^n}(\pi^* E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m))
 \end{aligned}$$

as submodules of \mathcal{K}_{W^n} . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(K_{W^n} + \widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W^n}(\Gamma)) &= E_{\mathcal{A}'}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W^n}, m) \\
 &= \pi^* E_{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m) \\
 &= \pi^*(mK_{W'} + m\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma)) \\
 &= m(K_{W^n} + (\pi^* \widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma) + C_{W'})),
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. □

Lemma A.11. *Let $\mathcal{A} := (Y, W, W', i, \mu, f, \Gamma)$ be, as in Setting A.6, such that $f : W' \rightarrow Y$ factors through the normalization $\nu : Y^n \rightarrow Y$ of Y . Then*

$$\widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\Gamma) = \widetilde{\text{Diff}}_{W'}(\nu^* \Gamma + C_Y),$$

where C_Y denotes the conductor divisor of ν on Y^n .

Proof. We first note that the tuple $\mathcal{A}' := (Y^n, W'', W', j, \pi, g, \nu^* \Gamma + C_Y)$ satisfies the conditions in Setting A.6, where $g : W' \rightarrow Y^n$ is the morphism induced by f , $W'' \subseteq Y^n$ is the reduced image of g , and j, π , and ρ are natural morphisms, such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & & f \\
 & & & & \swarrow \\
 Y & \xleftarrow{\nu} & Y^n & & \\
 \uparrow i & & \uparrow j & \swarrow g & \\
 W & \xleftarrow{\rho} & W'' & \xleftarrow{\pi} & W' \\
 & & & & \searrow \mu \\
 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

We also remark that $\nu^* W = W''$ by the same argument as the proof of Lemma 2.22. After shrinking Y , we may assume that $K_Y + W + \Gamma$ is \mathbb{Q} -Cartier. Take an integer $m \geq 1$, such that $m\Gamma \in \text{WSH}^*(Y)$ and $m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma$ is Cartier.

Let $\alpha_Y : \omega_Y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_Y$ and $\alpha_{Y^n} : \omega_{Y^n} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{Y^n}$ be inclusions, such that a diagram involving α_W and $\alpha_{W'}$, similar to (A.1), commutes, and let K_Y and K_{Y^n} be the corresponding canonical AC divisors. Then $K_{Y^n} = \nu^* K_Y - C_Y$. We also take inclusions $\alpha_W : \omega_W \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_W$, $\alpha_{W'} : \omega_{W'} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W'}$, and $\alpha_{W''} : \omega_{W''} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{W''}$, such that each two of them satisfy a similar commutativity. Let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_Y$ and

$\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{Y^n}$ denote the submodules corresponding to $m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma$ and $m(K_{Y^n} + W'' + (v^*\Gamma + C_Y)) = v^*(m(K_Y + W) + m\Gamma)$, respectively. Since \mathcal{F} is invertible, the canonical isomorphism $\theta_v^{\text{adj}} : v^*\mathcal{K}_Y \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{K}_{Y^n}$ induces the isomorphism $\theta_v^{\text{adj}} : v^*\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{G}$. As in the proof of Lemma A.10, it suffices to show that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*\mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & g^*\mathcal{G} \\ & \searrow \beta_A & \swarrow \beta_{A'} \\ & \mathcal{K}_{W'} & \end{array}$$

commutes, where $\beta_A := \beta_A(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m)$ and $\beta_{A'} := \beta_{A'}(\alpha_{Y^n}, \alpha_{W'}, m)$.

Take an open subscheme $V \subseteq Y$, such that V is regular, $\Gamma|_V = 0$, $U := V \cap W$ is regular, and U contains all generic points of W . Let $v' : V^n := v^{-1}(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} V$ and $\rho' : U'' := \rho^{-1}(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} U$ denote the isomorphisms induced by v and ρ , respectively. Then the problem can be reduced to showing that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\rho')^*(\mathcal{F}|_U) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{G}|_{U''} \\ & \searrow (\rho')^*\beta_A^V & \swarrow \beta_{A'}^{V^n} \\ & \mathcal{K}_{U''} & \end{array}$$

commutes, where $\beta_A^V := \beta_A^V(\alpha_Y, \alpha_{W'}, m)$ and $\beta_{A'}^{V^n} := \beta_{A'}^{V^n}(\alpha_{Y^n}, \alpha_{W'}, m)$. By taking $(\rho')^*$ - $(\rho')_*$ -adjoint, this follows from the commutativity of the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \omega_V(U)|_U & \xleftarrow{\text{Tr}_{v'|_U}} & (\rho')_*(\omega_{V^n}(U'')|_{U''}) \\ \text{Res}_{v'/U} \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho'_*\text{Res}_{v^n/U''} \\ \omega_U & \xleftarrow{\text{Tr}_{\rho'}} & (\rho')_*\omega_{U''} \end{array}$$

□

A.3. Existence of a canonical divisor

In this subsection, we give a sufficient condition for a scheme to admit a canonical AC divisor.

Lemma A.12. *Let X be an excellent reduced scheme, and let \mathcal{F} be an S_1 coherent sheaf, such that \mathcal{F}_η is an invertible $\mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$ -module for every generic point $\eta \in X$. Then there exists an inclusion $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$.*

Proof. Let $Q := \prod_\eta \kappa(\eta)$ denote the product of the residue fields $\kappa(\eta)$ of all generic points $\eta \in X$. Since X is reduced, \mathcal{K}_X is isomorphic to $i_*\tilde{Q}$, where $i : \text{Spec } Q \rightarrow X$ is the natural morphism.

Since \mathcal{F} is invertible at all generic points of X , there exists an isomorphism $i^*\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \tilde{Q}$, which induces the adjoint morphism $\alpha : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$. Since α is injective at every generic point of X and \mathcal{F} satisfies (S_1) , we conclude that α is injective. □

Lemma A.13. *Let X be an excellent reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme with a dualizing complex ω_X^\bullet . Let $\delta : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be the dimension function associated to ω_X^\bullet (see [31, Lemma 0AWF] for definition). Then the following conditions are equivalent to each other.*

- (1) X admits a canonical AC divisor associated to ω_X^\bullet .
- (2) The support of the canonical sheaf ω_X coincides with X .
- (3) $\delta(\eta)$ is constant for all generic points η of X .

Proof. Since ω_X satisfies (S_2) and the support of ω_X is the union of the irreducible components of maximal dimension with respect to δ (see [31, Lemma 0AWK]), the assertion follows from Lemma A.12. \square

Definition A.14. A topological space X of finite Krull dimension is *biequidimensional* if all maximal chains of irreducible closed subsets of X have the same length.

Example A.15 [14, Lemma 2.4]. If $X = \text{Spec } R$ is the spectrum of a Noetherian local ring R , then X is biequidimensional if and only if X is equidimensional and catenary.

Lemma A.16. *Let X be an excellent reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme with a dualizing complex ω_X^\bullet . Then X admits a canonical AC divisor associated to ω_X^\bullet if one of the following conditions hold.*

- (i) *There exists a finite morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ to an excellent reduced (S_2) and (G_1) scheme Y with the following conditions:*
 - (a) *Y admits a dualizing complex ω_Y^\bullet , such that $f^1\omega_Y^\bullet \cong \omega_X^\bullet$,*
 - (b) *Y admits a canonical AC divisor associated to ω_Y^\bullet , and*
 - (c) *the codimension of the point $f(\eta) \in Y$ is constant for all generic points η of X .*
- (ii) *X is irreducible.*
- (iii) *X is connected and biequidimensional.*

Proof. By Lemma A.13, it is enough to show that $\delta(\eta)$ is constant for all generic points η of X . In the case (ii), this is obvious. In the case (iii), it follows from [31, Lemma 02IA]. In the case (i), let $\delta' : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ denote the dimension function associated to ω_Y^\bullet . Then it follows from [31, Lemma 0AX1] that $\delta = \delta' \circ f$. Since Y admits a canonical AC divisor, it follows from Lemma A.13 that $\delta'(y) = \delta'(y')$ for any points $y, y' \in Y$ with same codimension. Thus, the assertion follows again from Lemma A.13. \square

We next give a sufficient condition for the map

$$\text{WSh}^*(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}(X)/\sim$$

to be surjective, where \sim denotes the linear equivalence of AC divisors.

Lemma A.17. *Let $(\Lambda, \mathfrak{m}, k)$ be a Noetherian local ring with k infinite, A be a Noetherian Λ -algebra, and X be a quasi-projective A -scheme. Suppose that $\Sigma \subseteq X$ is a finite subset and D is an AC divisor which is Cartier at any points of Σ . Then there exists an AC divisor D' linearly equivalent to D , such that $\Sigma \cap \text{Supp } D' = \emptyset$. In particular, the map*

$$\text{WSh}^*(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}(X) \rightarrow \text{WSh}(X)/\sim$$

is surjective.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_X$ be a submodule corresponding to D . After twisting \mathcal{F} by an ample line bundle, we may assume that \mathcal{F} is globally generated. We set $M := H^0(X, \mathcal{F})$ and $N_x := \text{Ker}(M \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x \otimes \kappa(x)) \subseteq M$ for every point $x \in \Sigma$. The global generation of \mathcal{F} yields that $N_x \neq M$. Taking into account that k is infinite, we have

$$\bigcup_{x \in \Sigma} N_x \neq M.$$

Take an element $r \in M \setminus \bigcup_{x \in \Sigma} N_x$. Since \mathcal{F} is Cartier at any $x \in \Sigma$, the support of the AC divisor $D' := D + \text{div}_X(r)$ does not contain x , as desired. \square

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