

8. Complex Analytic Compactifications of C^3

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Let X be an n -dimensional connected compact complex manifold and Y an analytic subset of X . We call the pair (X, Y) a complex analytic compactification of C^n if $X - Y$ is biholomorphic to C^n . For $n=1$, it is easy to see that $(X, Y) \cong (P^1, \infty)$. For $n=2$, Remmert-Van de Ven [6] proved that $(X, Y) \cong (P^2, P^1)$ if Y is irreducible, where $Y = P^1$ is a line in P^2 .

In this note, we will study the case in which $n=3$. Our main result is the following

Theorem. *Let (X, Y) be a complex analytic compactification of C^3 . Assume that Y is normal. Then $(X, Y) \cong (P^3, P^2), (Q^3, Q_0^2)$ or (V_5, H_5) , where $Q^3 \rightarrow P^4$ is a smooth quadric hypersurface, Q_0^2 is a quadric cone, V_5 is a Fano 3-fold of degree 5 in P^6 and H_5 is a hyperplane section of V_5 which has a singularity of A_4 -type.*

Remark. These pairs $(P^3, P^2), (Q^3, Q_0^2), (V_5, H_5)$ really exist.

Sketch of Proof. Let (X, Y) be as in Theorem. The normality of Y implies the projectivity of X (cf. [1]). Then X is a Fano 3-fold with $b_2(X) = 1$. Let $r(0 < r \leq 4)$ be the index of X . In the case of $r \geq 2$, we have proved in [2] the following results:

- (i) $r=4 \Rightarrow (X, Y) \cong (P^3, P^2)$
- (ii) $r=3 \Rightarrow (X, Y) \cong (Q^3, Q_0^2)$
- (iii) $r=2 \Rightarrow (X, Y) \cong (V_5, H_5)$.

Therefore we have only to show that the case of $r=1$ can not occur.

Assume that such a (X, Y) exists in the case of $r=1$. Then, by the classification of Fano 3-folds due to Iskovskih [3] and the detailed analysis of the singularities of the boundary Y , we find that $(X, Y) \cong (V_{22}, H_{22})$, where $X = V_{22}$ is a Fano 3-fold of degree 22 in P^{13} and $Y = H_{22}$ is a hyperplane section of V_{22} which has a minimally elliptic singularity x of type $A_{3,*,*,o} + D_{5,*,o}$ in the terminology of Laufer [6].

Next, let us consider the triple projection of V_5 from the singularity x of Y . Then we have the diagram below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 V'_{22} & \xrightarrow{\rho} & W \\
 \sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
 V_{22} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & Q
 \end{array}$$

where

- (1) $\sigma: V'_{22} \rightarrow V_{22}$ is the blowing up of V_{22} at the point $x \in Y \subset X$.
- (2) W is a smooth 3-fold and $\pi: W \rightarrow Q$ is a conic bundle over a quadric

surface Q in \mathbf{P}^3 .

(3) $\rho: V'_{22} \rightarrow W$ is a birational map which is called the "flip".

(4) $\varphi: V_{22} \rightarrow Q$ is the triple projection of V_{22} from the point x .

Since $\pi: W \rightarrow Q$ is a conic bundle, by Mori [5], Q is smooth, hence, $Q \cong \mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$. This is a contradiction, since $b_2(W) = 2$. Therefore such a (X, Y) does not exist. Details will be published elsewhere.

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