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In this note, we compute the Tian's  $\alpha_G(M)$ -invariant on  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ . Our result is an improvement of Abdesselem's result in Abdesselem (1997). As a consequence, we obtain a good estimate of Ricci curvature on  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  by studying certain complex Monge–Ampère equation.

#### 1. Introduction.

It is well-known that the  $\alpha_G(M)$ -invariant introduced by Tian plays an important role in the study of the existence of Kähler-Einstein metrics on complex manifolds with positive first Chern class ([**T1**], [**T2**], [**TY**]). Based on the estimate of  $\alpha_G(M)$ -invariant, Tian in 1990 proved that any complex surface with  $c_1(M) > 0$  always admits a Kähler-Einstein metric except in two cases  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 1 \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  and  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2 \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ , i.e., the blow-ups of  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  at one point and two points respectively ([T2]). Instead of Kähler-Einstein metric, Koiso constructed a Kähler-Ricci soliton on  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 1 \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  ([Ko]). But it is still unknown that there is a Kähler-Ricci soliton on  $\mathbb{CP}^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{CP}^2}$  or not. Recently, the author studied a sufficient condition for the existence of Kähler-Ricci soliton on a complex manifold with  $c_1(M) > 0$  in the sense of Tian's  $\alpha_G(M)$ invariant ([**Zh**]). In this note, we compute the Tian's  $\alpha_G(M)$ -invariant on  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  and wish that our estimate was an important step towards finding the Kähler-Ricci soliton on  $\mathbb{CP}^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{CP}^2}$ . Kähler-Ricci soliton can be regarded as a good replacement when a Kähler manifold with  $c_1(M) > 0$ doesn't admit a Kähler-Einstein metric ([Ca], [Ha]). The uniqueness problem of such metrics was solved by Tian and the author recently ([TZ1], [TZ2], [TZ3]). Our result is also an improvement of Abdesselem's result ([Ab]). As a consequence, we obtain a good estimate of Ricci curvature on  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$  by studying certain complex Monge-Ampère equation.

### 2. Reduction to a local estimate.

Let M be the blow-up of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  at two points and let  $\pi$  be its natural projection. Without loss of generality, we may assume the two points  $p_1 = [0, 0, 1]$  and  $p_2 = [0, 1, 0]$ . Then  $M \setminus (\pi^* p_1 \cup \pi^* p_2)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{CP}^2 \setminus (\{p_1\} \cup \{p_2\})$ .

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If we choose an inhomogeneous coordinates  $(z_1, z_2) = [1, z_1, z_2]$  of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ , the Kähler metric

$$\omega_{g_0} = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \overline{\partial} (\log(1+|z_1|^2) + \log(1+|z_2|^2) + \log(1+|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2))$$

can be extended to a Kähler metric g on M which belongs to  $c_1(M)$ . Clearly, if we take the transformation of inhomogeneous coordinates  $\rho_1 : (w_2, w_1) = [w_2, w_1, 1] \rightarrow (z_1, z_2) = [1, z_1, z_2]$ , i.e.,  $z_1 = \frac{w_1}{w_2}, z_2 = \frac{1}{w_2}$ , then we get a Kähler metric on  $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , given by

$$\omega_{g_1} = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \overline{\partial} (\log(1+|w_2|^2) + \log(|w_1|^2 + |w_2|^2) + \log(1+|w_1|^2 + |w_2|^2)).$$

Similarly, after the transformation of inhomogeneous coordinates  $\rho_2$ :  $(w_2, w_1) = [w_2, 1, w_1] \rightarrow (z_1, z_2) = [1, z_1, z_2]$ , i.e.,  $z_1 = \frac{1}{w_2}, z_2 = \frac{w_1}{w_2}$ , then we also get a Kähler metric on  $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0, 0\}$ , given by

$$\omega_{g_2} = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \overline{\partial} (\log(1+|w_2|^2) + \log(|w_1|^2 + |w_2|^2) + \log(1+|w_1|^2 + |w_2|^2)).$$

Let  $\gamma_{j,\theta}(j=0,1,2)$  and  $\sigma_0$  be automorphisms of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  given by,

$$\gamma_{j,\theta} : [z_0, z_j, z_2] \to [z_0, e^{i\theta} z_j, z_2],$$
  
 $\sigma_0 : [z_2, 1, z_1] \to [z_2, z_1, 1].$ 

Then  $\gamma_{j,\theta}$  and  $\sigma_0$  generalize a maximal compact subgroups G of automorphisms group of M. Let

$$P_{G}(M,g) = \left\{ \phi \in C^{\infty}(M) | \ \omega_{g} + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \overline{\partial} \phi > 0, \sup_{M} \phi = 0, \\ \text{and } \phi \text{ is G-invariant} \right\}.$$

In [**T1**], Tian introduced a holomorphic invariant

$$\alpha_G(M) = \sup\left\{\alpha \mid \int_M e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_g \le C(\alpha), \ \forall \ \phi \in P_G(M,g)\right\},\$$

which is independent of the choice of Kähler form  $\omega_g$ . In this note, we shall estimate the number of  $\alpha_G(M)$ .

Let  $x_i$   $(i = 1, 2) = |z_i|^2$  (resp.  $y_i = |w_i|^2$ ). Then any *G*-invariant function is of form  $\phi(x_1, x_2)$  and the integral can be divided into three parts,

$$\int_{M} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g} = \int_{0 \le x_{1} \le 1, 0 \le x_{2} \le 1} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g_{0}} + \int_{0 < y_{1} \le 1, 0 < y_{2} \le 1} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g_{1}} + \int_{0 < y_{1} \le 1, 0 < y_{2} \le 1} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g_{2}}.$$

So it suffices to estimate each of these three parts of the integral. Note that the computation of part three of the integral is similar to part two. Let  $K_0(x_1, x_2) = \log(1+x_1+x_2) + \log(1+x_1) + \log(1+x_2)$  and  $K(x_1, x_2) = K_0(x_1, x_2) + \phi(x_1, x_2)$ . Then functions  $x_i \frac{\partial K(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_i}$  (i = 1, 2) are both strictly increasing for variable  $x_i \in [0, +\infty)$ . Clearly,

$$x_1 \frac{\partial K_0(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} = \frac{x_1}{1 + x_1 + x_2} + \frac{x_1}{1 + x_1},$$
$$x_2 \frac{\partial K_0(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2} = \frac{x_2}{1 + x_1 + x_2} + \frac{x_2}{1 + x_2}.$$

Since

$$x_1 \frac{\partial \phi(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} |_{x_1 = +\infty} = 0,$$
  
$$x_2 \frac{\partial \phi(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2} |_{x_2 = +\infty} = 0,$$

by using the monotonicity, we get

(2.1) 
$$0 \le x_1 \frac{\partial K(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} \le 2,$$
$$0 \le x_2 \frac{\partial K(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2} \le 2.$$

Furthermore, we have:

### Lemma 2.1.

$$\frac{\partial K}{\partial x_1} \le \frac{3}{2x_1}, \quad x_1 \le x_2;$$
$$\frac{\partial K}{\partial x_2} \le \frac{3}{2x_2}, \quad x_2 \le x_1.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\phi$  is *G*-invariant, by the transformation,  $w_1 = \frac{z_1}{z_2}$ ,  $w_2 = \frac{1}{z_2}$ , i.e.,

$$y_1 = \frac{x_1}{x_2}, y_2 = \frac{1}{x_2},$$

we have  $\phi(y_1, y_2) = \phi\left(\frac{1}{y_1}, \frac{y_2}{y_1}\right)$  (for simplicity, we still use  $\phi(y_1, y_2)$  to mean  $\phi(x_1(y_1, y_2), x_2(y_1, y_2))$  here; similarly,  $K(y_1, y_2)$  and  $K_0(y_1, y_2)$  will denote  $K(x_1(y_1, y_2), x_2(y_1, y_2))$  and  $K_0(x_1(y_1, y_2), x_2(y_1, y_2))$ , respectively). It follows

(2.2) 
$$2\partial_1 \phi(1, y_2) + y_2 \partial_2 \phi(1, y_2) = 0,$$

and

$$2\partial_1 K(1, y_2) + y_2 \partial_2 K(1, y_2) = 2\partial_1 K_0(1, y_2) + y_2 \partial_2 K_0(1, y_2) = 3.$$

On the other hand, by using the convexity of K, one can check the function with variable u,

$$u\frac{d}{du}K(u^2y_1, uy_2) = 2u^2y_2\partial_1K(u^2y_1, uy_2) + uy_2\partial_2K(u^2y_1, uy_2)$$

is strictly increasing (cf. [**Re**]). Hence we obtain that for any  $y_1 \leq 1$ ,

$$2y_1\partial_1 K(y_1, y_2) + y_2\partial_2 K(y_1, y_2) \le 2\partial_1 K(1, y_2) + y_2\partial_2 K(1, y_2) = 3.$$

In particular, for any  $0 < y_1 \leq 1$ , we have

(2.3) 
$$\partial_1 K(y_1, y_2) \le \frac{3}{2y_1}.$$

Since

$$\frac{\partial K(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} = \frac{1}{x_2} \frac{\partial K(y_1, y_2)}{\partial y_1},$$

by (2.3), we get

$$\frac{\partial K(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} \le \frac{3}{2x_1}, \quad x_1 \le x_2.$$

On the other hand, by using the symmetry of  $K(x_1, x_2)$  for variables  $x_1$ and  $x_2$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial K(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial K(x_2, x_1)}{\partial x_2} = \frac{1}{x_1} \frac{\partial K(y_1, y_2)}{\partial y_1}$$

Again by (2.3), we get

$$\frac{\partial K}{\partial x_2} \le \frac{3}{2x_2}, \quad x_2 \le x_1.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $C_1 = \{[z_0, 1, 0]\}, C_2 = \{[0, 1, z_2]\}, C_3 = \{[z_0, 0, 1]\}$  be three lines of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ . Then  $\phi \in P_G(M, g)$  are uniformly locally bounded away from the set of five curves  $\bigcup_{i=1}^3 \pi^* C_i \bigcup_{i=0}^2 \pi^* p_i$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\phi$  are almost subharmonic functions, by the normalization condition  $\sup_M \phi = 0$ , one sees that there is a subset  $K \subset [0,2] \times [0,2]$  with Lebseque measure bigger than 1 such that  $\phi$  are uniform bounded on K. Then by (2.1), it is easy to see that  $\phi(x_1, x_2)$  are uniform locally bounded on  $[0,2] \times [0,2] \setminus ((x_1,0) \cup (0,x_2))$ . On the other hand, similar to (2.1), we have

$$0 \le y_1 \frac{\partial K(y_1, y_2)}{\partial y_1} \le 2,$$
  
$$0 \le y_2 \frac{\partial K(y_1, y_2)}{\partial y_2} \le 3.$$

Hence we can also prove that  $\phi(y_1, y_2)$  are uniform locally bounded on  $[0, 2] \times [0, 2] \setminus ((y_1, 0) \cup (0, y_2))$ . This completes the proof of lemma.

**Proposition 2.1.** For any  $\alpha < \frac{4}{7}$ , there is a uniform C such that

$$\int_{0 < x_1 \le 1, 0 < x_2 \le 1} e^{-\alpha \phi} dv_{g_0} \le C.$$

*Proof.* Let  $(x_1, x_2) \in S = \{0 \le x_1 \le 1, 0 \le x_2 \le 1, x_1 \le x_2\}$ . Then by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$-K(x_1, x_2) = \int_{x_2}^1 \partial_2 K(x_1, y) dy + \int_{x_1}^1 \partial_1 K(x_1, 1) dx - K(1, 1)$$
  
$$\leq -\frac{3}{2} \ln x_1 - 2 \ln x_2 - K(1, 1).$$

Similarly, if  $(x_1, x_2) \in S' = \{0 \le x_1 \le 1, 0 \le x_2 \le 1, x_2 \le x_1\}$ , we have

$$-K(x_1, x_2) \le -\frac{3}{2} \ln x_2 - 2 \ln x_1 - K(1, 1).$$

Since  $dv_{g_0} \leq C_1 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge d\Theta$  (where  $d\Theta = d\theta_1 \wedge d\theta_2$ ,  $0 \leq \theta_1 \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \theta_2 \leq 2\pi$ ), we have

$$\int_{0 \le x_1 \le 1, 0 \le x_2 \le 1} e^{-\alpha \phi} dv_{g_0}$$
  
$$\leq C_2 \left( \int_S + \int_{S'} \right) e^{-\alpha K(x_1, x_2)} dx_1 dx_2$$
  
$$\leq 2C_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_2} x_1^{\frac{-3\alpha}{2}} x_2^{-2\alpha} dx_1 dx_2$$
  
$$= \frac{4}{2 - 3\alpha} C_2 \int_0^1 x_2^{1 - \frac{3\alpha}{2} - 2\alpha} dx_2.$$

Clearly, if  $\alpha < \frac{4}{7}$ , we get

$$\int_{0 \le x_1 \le 1, 0 \le x_2 \le 1} e^{-\alpha \phi} dv_{g_0} \le C.$$

#### 3. Blow-up transformation.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let k < 1 be a positive number and  $\Delta_k = \{0 < y_1 \le k, 0 < y_2 \le 1, \text{ and } y_1 \le ky_2\}$ . Then for any  $(y_1, y_2) \in \Delta_k$ , it holds

$$y_2 \partial_2 K(y_1, y_2) \le \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2+3k}{4+2k} + \frac{k}{2+2k}$$

*Proof.* Make transformation  $y'_1 = y_2 \le 1, y'_2 = \frac{y_1}{y_2} \le k$ . Then  $y_1 = y'_1y'_2, y_2 = y'_1$ . Moreover, one can check

$$\phi(y'_1, y'_2) = \phi\left(\frac{1}{y'_1}, \frac{y'_2}{y'_1}\right).$$

Hence

(3.1) 
$$2\partial_1 \phi(1, y_2') + y_2' \partial_2 \phi(1, y_2') = 0$$

Since

$$\widetilde{K}_0(y'_1, y'_2) = \log y'_1 + \log(1 + y'_1) + \log(1 + y'_2) + \log(1 + y'_1 y'_2 + y'_1)$$
  
=  $\log y'_1 + K_0(y'_1, y'_2),$ 

then

$$(3.2) y_2 \partial_2 K(y_1, y_2) = y_1' \frac{\partial y_1'}{\partial y_2} \partial_1 \widetilde{K}(y_1', y_2') + y_2 \frac{\partial y_2'}{\partial y_2} \partial_2 \widetilde{K}(y_1', y_2') \\ = y_1' \partial_1 K(y_1', y_2') - y_2' \partial_2 K(y_1', y_2') + 1 \\ \leq y_1' \partial_1 K(y_1', y_2') + 1 \\ \leq \partial_1 K(1, y_2') + 1 \\ \leq \partial_1 K(1, y_2') + \frac{y_2'}{2} \partial_2 K(1, y_2') + 1.$$

On the other hand,

(3.3) 
$$2\partial_1 K_0(1, y_2') + y_2' \partial_2 K_0(1, y_2') \\ = 1 + \frac{2 + 3y_2'}{2 + y_2'} + \frac{y_2'}{1 + y_2'}.$$

Hence combining (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), the lemma is proved.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $0 < \delta < \frac{3}{2}$ . Then for any  $(y_1, y_2) \in \Delta_k$ , we have

$$-K(y_1, y_2) \le \begin{cases} -\frac{3}{2} \log y_1 - (\frac{3}{2} - \delta) \log y_2 - K(k, 1), & \text{or} \\ -\frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2} + \delta) \log y_1 - c_k \log y_2 - K(k, 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $c_k = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2+3k}{4+2k} + \frac{k}{2+2k}$ .

*Proof.* First we assume that  $\partial_2 K(k, 1) \geq \frac{3}{2} - \delta$ . Then by the fact

$$2k\partial_1 K(k,1) + \partial_2 K(k,1) \le 3,$$

we have

$$k\partial_1 K(k,1) \le \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} + \delta\right).$$

By using the monotonicity, we get

(3.4) 
$$x\partial_1 K(x,1) \le \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} + \delta\right), \quad \forall \ 0 < x \le k.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 3.1, for any  $0 < y \le 1$ , we have

(3.5) 
$$\partial_2 K(y_1, y) \le \frac{1}{y} \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2+3k}{4+k} + \frac{k}{2+2k} \right).$$

Combining (3.4) and (3.5), we get

$$- K(y_1, y_2)$$

$$= \int_{y_2}^1 \partial_2 K(y_1, y) dy + \int_{y_1}^k \partial_1 K(x, 1) dx - K(k, 1)$$

$$\le -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} + \delta\right) \log y_1 - \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2 + 3k}{4 + 2k} + \frac{k}{2 + k}\right) \log y_2 - K(k, 1).$$

In the other case of  $\partial_2 K(k,1) < \frac{3}{2} - \delta$ , by the monotonicity, we have

$$\partial_2 K(k,y) < \left(\frac{3}{2} - \delta\right) \frac{1}{y}, \quad \forall \ 0 < y \le 1.$$

Combining  $\partial_1 K(y_1, y_2) \leq \frac{3}{2y_1}$ , we get

$$= K(y_1, y_2)$$
  
=  $\int_{y_2}^1 \partial_2 K(y_1, y) dy + \int_{y_1}^k \partial_1 K(x, 1) dx - K(k, 1)$   
 $\leq -\frac{3}{2} \log y_1 - \left(\frac{3}{2} - \delta\right) \log y_2 - K(k, 1).$ 

The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let k > 1 and  $\overline{\Delta}_k = \{0 < y_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}, 0 < y_2 \leq \frac{1}{2k}, \text{ and } y_1 \leq ky_2\}$ . Then for any  $(y_1, y_2) \in \overline{\Delta}_k$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &-K(y_1,y_2) \\ &< \begin{cases} -\frac{3}{2} \mathrm{log} y_1 - b_1 \mathrm{log} y_2 - K(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2k}), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2k} \partial_2 K(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2k}) < b_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} (3-b_j) \mathrm{log} y_1 - b_{j+1} \mathrm{log} y_2 \\ &-K(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2k}), & \text{if } b_j \leq \frac{1}{2k} \partial_2 K(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2k}) < b_{j+1}, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

where  $b_1 = \frac{2}{3} - \delta$ , and  $b_{j+1} = 3 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j (3 - b_1)$ , j = 1, 2, ...*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 3.2. We omit it.

**Lemma 3.4.** There are a positive number  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$  and a uniform constant C such that

$$\int_{\Delta_{\frac{1}{4}}} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g_1} \le C,$$

where  $\Delta_{\frac{1}{4}} = \{ 0 < y_1 \le \frac{1}{4}, 0 < y_2 \le 1, \text{ and } y_1 \le \frac{1}{4}y_2 \}.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $c_0 = 2 + \frac{19}{90} < \frac{9}{4}$ . Then it is clear that there are two positive numbers  $\alpha_0 > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\delta_0$  such that  $c_0 - \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{\alpha_0} - \frac{1}{2}\delta_0$ . We first suppose that for all  $(y_1, y_2) \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \times (0, 1]$ ,

$$-K(y_1, y_2) \le \frac{3}{2}\log y_1 - \left(\frac{3}{2} - \delta_0\right)\log y_2 - K\left(\frac{1}{4}, 1\right).$$

 $\square$ 

Since

$$dv_{g_1} \le C_1 e^{-K_0} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \wedge d\Theta \le C_1' (y_1 + y_2)^{-1} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \wedge d\Theta,$$

we have

$$\begin{split} &\int_{0 < y_1 \le \frac{1}{4}, 0 < y_2 \le 1} e^{-\alpha \phi} dv_{g_1} \\ &\int_{0 < y_1 \le \frac{1}{4}, 0 < y_2 \le 1} e^{-\alpha K} e^{-(1-\alpha)K_0} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \wedge d\Theta \\ &\le C_2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \int_0^1 (y_1 + y_2)^{-(1-\alpha)} y_1^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2}} y_2^{-(\frac{3}{2} - \delta_0)} dy_1 dy_2 \\ &\le C_3 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \int_0^1 y_1^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2} - \frac{1-\alpha}{s}} y_2^{-(\frac{3}{2} - \delta_0) - \frac{1-\alpha}{t}} dy_1 dy_2, \end{split}$$

where s and t are two positive numbers satisfying  $\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} = 1$ . By choosing t < 2 sufficiently closely to 2, we see that there are positive numbers s, t and  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$  such that

$$\frac{3\alpha}{2} + \frac{1-\alpha}{s} < 1, \text{ and } \alpha \left(\frac{3}{2} - \delta_0\right) + \frac{1-\alpha}{t} < 1$$

Hence we obtain a uniform constant such that

(3.6) 
$$\int_{0 < y_1 \le k, 0 < y_2 \le 1} e^{-\alpha \phi} dv_{g_1} \le C.$$

By (3.6) and Lemma 3.2, we may assume that for any  $(y_1, y_2) \in \Delta_{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,

$$-K(y_1, y_2) < -\left(\frac{3}{2} + \delta_0\right)\log y_1 - c_0\log y_2 - K\left(\frac{1}{4}, 1\right).$$

Let  $p = 1 - \frac{\alpha_0}{2}(\frac{3}{2} + \delta_0) > 0$ . Then

$$(3.7) \qquad \int_{\Delta_{\frac{1}{4}}} e^{-\alpha_0 \phi} dv_{g_1} \\ \leq C_4 \int_0^1 dy_2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}y_2} (y_1 + y_2)^{-(1-\alpha_0)} y_1^{-\frac{\alpha_0}{2}(\frac{3}{2} + \delta_0)} y_2^{-c_0 \alpha_0} dy_1 \\ = \frac{C_4}{p} \int_0^1 dy_2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4p}y_2^p} (y_1^{\frac{1}{p}} + y_2)^{-(1-\alpha_0)} y_2^{-c_0 \alpha_0} dy_1 \\ \leq \frac{C_5}{p} \int_0^1 dy_2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4p}y_2^p} y_1^{-\frac{(1-\alpha_0)}{p_s}} y_2^{-\frac{1-\alpha_0}{t}} y_2^{-c_0 \alpha_0} dy_1 \\ \leq C_6 \int_0^1 y_2^{p-\alpha_0 c_0 - (1-\alpha_0)} dy_2,$$

where s and t are two positive numbers satisfying  $\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} = 1$ . By the choice of numbers  $\delta_0$  and  $\alpha_0$ , it is clear  $p - \alpha_0 c_0 - (1 - \alpha_0) > -1$ . Hence

(3.8) 
$$\int_{\Delta_{\frac{1}{4}}} e^{-\alpha_0 \phi} dv_{g_1} \le C.$$

By combining (3.6) and (3.8), the lemma is proved.

**Lemma 3.5.** For any positive number  $\epsilon$ , there is a uniform constant C depending only on  $\epsilon$  such that

$$\int_{\overline{\Delta}_5} e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon\right)\phi} dv_{g_1} \le C,$$

where  $\overline{\Delta}_5 = \{0 < y_1 \le \frac{1}{2}, 0 < y_2 \le \frac{1}{10}, \text{ and } y_1 \le 5y_2\}.$ 

*Proof.* From the proof of Lemma 3.4, we may assume that

$$b_j \le \frac{1}{10} \partial_2 K\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{10}\right) < b_{j+1}$$

for some integer j, and

$$-K(y_1, y_2) < -\frac{1}{2}(3-b_j)\log y_1 - b_{j+1}\log y_2 - K\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{10}\right),$$

where  $b_{j+1} = 3 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j (3 - b_1)$ , and  $b_1 = \frac{3}{2} - \delta$ .

Let  $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2} - \epsilon$  and  $p = 1 - \frac{\alpha_0}{2}(3 - b_j) > 0$ . Then one can check  $p - \alpha_0 b_{j+1} - (1 - \alpha_0) \ge -1 + \epsilon'$ , for some positive number  $\epsilon'$  depending only on  $\epsilon$ . Hence similar to (3.7), we get,

$$\int_{\overline{\Delta}_5} e^{-\alpha_0 \phi} dv_{g_1} \le C \int_0^{\frac{1}{10}} y_2^{p-\alpha_0 b_{j+1} - (1-\alpha_0)} dy_2 \le C'.$$

The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 3.6.** There is a positive number  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$  and a uniform constant C such that

$$\int_{\Delta_5'} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g_1} \le C,$$

where  $\Delta'_5 = \{0 < y_1 \le 1, 0 < y_2 \le \frac{1}{5}, and y_1 \ge 5y_2\}.$ 

*Proof.* As in the proof of Lemma 3.1, we make a transformation,  $y'_1 = y_1, y'_2 = \frac{y_2}{y_1} \leq \frac{1}{5}$ . Then  $y_1 = y'_1, y_2 = y'_1y'_2$ . Moreover, one can check

$$\phi(y'_1, y'_2) = \phi\left(\frac{1}{y'_1}, \frac{y'_2}{y'_1}\right).$$

Hence

$$2\partial_1 \phi(1, y_2') + y_2' \partial_2 \phi(1, y_2') = 0.$$

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$$K_0(y_1', y_2') = \log(1 + y_2') + \log(1 + y_1'y_2') + \log(1 + y_1'y_2' + y_1'),$$
, for any  $y_2' \le \frac{1}{5}$ ,

$$2\partial_1 K_0(1, y_2') + y_2' \partial_2 K_0(1, y_2') = 1 + \frac{2y_2'}{2 + y_2'} + \frac{4y_2'}{1 + y_2'} < 2.$$

It follows that for any  $y'_1 \leq 1$ , and  $y'_2 \leq \frac{1}{5}$ ,

$$2y_1'\partial_1 K(y_1', y_2') + y_2'\partial_2 K(y_1', y_2') < 2.$$

In particular, there is a positive number  $\delta$  such that

$$\partial_1 K(y'_1, y'_2) < \frac{1-\delta}{y'_1}$$
 and  $\partial_2 K(y'_1, y'_2) < \frac{2(1-\delta)}{y'_2}$ .

Hence one can choose a positive number  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$  such that

$$\int_{\Delta'_5} e^{-\alpha\phi} dv_{g_1} \le C_1 \int_0^{\frac{1}{5}} dy'_2 \int_0^1 e^{-\alpha K(y'_1, y'_2)} dy'_1 \le C.$$

Combining Lemma 3.4, Lemma 3.5 and Lemma 3.6, we obtain:

**Proposition 3.1.** For any positive number  $\epsilon$ , there is a uniform constant C depending only on  $\epsilon$  such that

$$\int_{0 < y_1 \le 1, 0 < y_2 \le 1} e^{-(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)\phi} dv_{g_1} \le C.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.4, Lemma 3.5 and Lemma 3.6, it suffices to prove that for any  $(y_1, y_2) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1] \setminus (\bigcup \Delta_{\frac{1}{4}} \cup \overline{\Delta}_5 \cup \Delta'_5), \phi(y_1, y_2)$  is uniformly bounded. This follows from Lemma 2.2 immediately.

Combining Propositions 2.1 and 3.1, we prove:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let M be the blow-up of  $CP^2$  at two points. Then  $\alpha_G(M) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Remark 3.1.** In [**Ab**], Abdesselem proved  $\alpha(M) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  on  $\mathbb{CP}^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{CP}^2}$ . Theorem 3.1 is an improvement of Abdesselem's result. we guess that  $\alpha_G(M) = \frac{1}{2}$  on  $\mathbb{CP}^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{CP}^2}$ .

#### 4. Estimate of Ricci curvature.

In this section, we prove:

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $M = \mathbb{C}P^2 \# 2\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ . Then there exists a Kähler metric with its Kähler form  $\omega \in c_1(M)$  such that Ricci curvature of  $\omega$  is not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Proof.* Choose a G-invariant Kähler form  $\omega_g \in c_1(M)$  of M. Then there is a smooth function h such that

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{Ric}(\omega_g) - \omega_g = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \overline{\partial} h, \\ \int_M e^h \omega_g^n = \int_M \omega_g^n. \end{cases}$$

We consider the following complex Monge-Ampère equations with one parameter  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \det(g_{i\overline{j}} + \phi_{i\overline{j}}) = \det(g_{i\overline{j}})e^{h-t\phi},\\ \det(g_{i\overline{j}} + \phi_{i\overline{j}}) > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then by a result in [**T1**] together with Theorem 3.1, we conclude that for any  $t < \frac{3}{4}$ , there is a smooth function  $\phi$  solves the above equation on t. It follows

$$\operatorname{Ric}(\omega_{\phi}) = t\omega_{\phi} + (1-t)\omega_q > t\omega_{\phi}.$$

The theorem is proved.

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