

## Holomorphic functions with restricted growth on complex manifolds

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to extend some results of the theory of holomorphic functions with restricted growth in pseudoconvex domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  to the case of Stein manifolds.

**0. Introduction.** Throughout the paper we denote by  $M$  a fixed countable at infinity complex analytic manifold of dimension  $n$ . We assume that  $M$  is endowed with a Hermitian metric and let  $\mu$  denote the measure (the volume element) generated by this metric.

We denote by  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  the space of all holomorphic functions on  $M$ . We shall always assume that  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  is endowed with the topology of almost uniform convergence (i.e. uniform convergence on every compact subset of  $M$ ).

For a continuous function  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  we set

$$H^{(k)}(\delta) := \{f \in \mathcal{O}(M) : \int_M |f|^2 \delta^k d\mu < +\infty\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$H(\delta) := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} H^{(k)}(\delta).$$

It is easily seen that  $H^{(k)}(\delta)$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . Since  $H^{(k)}(\delta) \subset H^{(k+1)}(\delta)$ , so  $H(\delta)$  is also a vector subspace of  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . In the case of open subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  or, more generally, in the case of Riemann domains spread over  $\mathbb{C}^n$  spaces of type  $H(\delta)$  are strictly connected to the theory of  $\delta$ -tempered holomorphic functions (see [3], § 1.3, Proposition 2; [5]).

The aim of this paper is to study some relations between the spaces  $H(\delta)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . The main result of Section 1 of the paper is the following:

**THEOREM I.** *If  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  contains non-constant functions then  $H^{(k)}(\delta)$  is of the first Baire category in the Fréchet space  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . In particular  $H(\delta)$  is of the first Baire category in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ .*

The analogous theorem in the case of Riemann domains over  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\delta$ -tempered holomorphic functions was proved by the author in [5].

The greater part of the results of this paper heavily depends on Hörmander's theory of non-homogeneous Cauchy-Riemann equations on complex manifolds ([4], § 5.2).

Let us denote by  $P^k(M)$  (resp.  $SP^k(M)$ ) the set of all plurisubharmonic (resp. strictly

plurisubharmonic) functions on  $M$  of class  $C^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ . To simplify notations let us introduce the following:

**Definition 1.** A function  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is said to be a *weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem* if  $-\log \delta \in P^2(M)$  and for every  $\varphi \in P^2(M)$ , for every  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , for every  $g \in L^2_{(p,q+1)}(M, \varphi)$  with  $\bar{\partial}g = 0$  there exists  $u \in L^2_{(p,q)}(M, \varphi - 4\log \delta)$  such that  $\bar{\partial}u = g$  and

$$\int_M |u|^2 e^{-\varphi} \delta^4 d\mu \leq \int_M |g|^2 e^{-\varphi} d\mu$$

(all notations used above have the same meaning as in [4]).

Obviously the class of weight functions for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem on  $M$  depends on Hermitian metric on  $M$ .

It is well known that the function  $\delta(z) := (1 + |z|^2)^{-1/2}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , is a universal weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem in all pseudoconvex domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with respect to the standard Hermitian metric (Cf. [4], Theorem 4.4.2). More generally, the author proved in [5] that if  $(X, p)$  is a Riemann domain over  $\mathbb{C}^n$  then the function  $\delta := (1 + |p|^2)^{-1/2}$  is a weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem on  $X$  with respect to the Hermitian metric generated by the projection  $p$ .

In Section 2 we present a characterization of weight functions for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem on Stein manifolds (Theorem 1) and a construction of such functions (Proposition 1).

In Section 3 we prove the following approximation theorem:

**THEOREM II.** Let  $\delta$  be a weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem on  $M$ . Assume that

(\*) for every  $\tau > 0$ , the set  $\{x \in M: \delta(x) \geq \tau\}$  is compact in  $M$ .

Then for every function  $\varphi \in P^2(M)$  the set

$$F(\delta, \varphi) := \{f \in O(M): \exists k \in \mathbb{N}: \int_M |f|^2 e^{-\varphi} \delta^k d\mu < +\infty\}$$

is dense in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ .

The above theorem is a generalization of Proposition 3, § 7.4 in [3]. In the case of Riemann domains the analogous theorem was proved by the author in [6].

In Section 4 we present a generalization of the fundamental spectral theorem for  $\delta$ -tempered holomorphic functions in pseudoconvex domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (Cf. [2])

**Definition 2.** Let  $\Phi = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_N): M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  be a holomorphic mapping. A continuous function  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is said to be a *spectral function for  $\Phi$*  if there exist mappings  $u_0, \dots, u_N: M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and constants  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $c > 0$  such that

- (i)  $u_j(s, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}(M)$ ,  $s \in M$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, N$ ,
- (ii)  $\delta(s)u_0(s, x) + \sum_{j=1}^N [\Phi_j(x) - \Phi_j(s)]u_j(s, x) = 1$ ,  $s, x \in M$ ,
- (iii)  $\int_M |u_j(s, \cdot)|^2 \delta^k d\mu \leq c$ ,  $s \in M$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, N$ .

The main result of Section 4 is the following:

**THEOREM III.** Let  $\Phi = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_N): M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  be a holomorphic mapping such that  $|d\Phi_j| \leq 1$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $\delta$  be a function satisfying the following conditions:

$\delta$  is a weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem;

$$\delta \leq \delta_0 := (1 + |\Phi|^2)^{-1/2}, \text{ where } |\Phi|^2 := \sum_{j=1}^N |\Phi_j|^2;$$

$$|\delta(x) - \delta(x')| \leq |\Phi(x) - \Phi(x')|, \quad x, x' \in M, \text{ for some } m \in N, \int_M \delta^m d\mu < +\infty.$$

Then  $\delta$  is spectral for  $\Phi$ .

In Section 4 we also present a construction of functions  $\delta$  satisfying the assumptions of the above theorem in the case when  $\Phi$  is regular and proper.

In Section 5 we present an application of the results of Section 4 to the theory of analytic extensions of complex manifolds.

**1. Basic properties of spaces  $H(\delta)$ .** By standard reasoning (based, for example, on the local application of Theorem 2.2.3 from [4]) one can easily get:

LEMMA 1. Let  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a continuous function. Then for all compact sets  $K, L \subset M$  with  $K \subset \text{int} L$  there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\|f\|_K^2 \leq c (\min_L \delta)^{-k} \int_L |f|^2 \delta^k d\mu, \quad f \in \mathcal{O}(M), \quad k \in N,$$

where  $\|f\|_K := \sup\{|f(x)|: x \in K\}$ .

In particular the space  $H^{(k)}(\delta)$  with the scalar product  $(f, g) \rightarrow \int_M f \bar{g} \delta^k d\mu$  is a complex Hilbert space with a topology stronger than the topology of almost uniform convergence in  $M$ .

Now we can prove Theorem I (see Introduction).

Let us set  $E_{kl} := \{f \in H^{(k)}(\delta): \int_M |f|^2 \delta^k d\mu \leq l\}$ ,  $l \in N$ . Obviously  $H^{(k)}(\delta) = \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} E_{kl}$ .

It may be easily verified that the set  $E_{kl}$  is closed in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . Hence it is sufficient to prove that the interior of  $E_{kl}$  in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  is empty.

Suppose by absurd that for some  $f \in E_{kl}$  and for some open neighbourhood  $U$  of zero in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ :  $f + U \subset E_{kl}$ . By dint of Lemma 1  $U$  has to be bounded in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . Under our assumptions,  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  is an infinite dimensional space so we get the contradiction.

**2. Weight functions for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem.** Let  $\varphi \in SP^2(M)$ . For any local orthonormal basis  $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^n$  of forms of type  $(1, 0)$  if  $\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi = \sum_{j,k=1}^n \varphi_{jk} \omega^j \bar{\omega}^k$ , then the form  $\sum_{j,k=1}^n \varphi_{jk} \xi_j \bar{\xi}_k$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , is positive definite (comp. [4], § 5.2). A continuous function  $\lambda: M \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  will be called a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity of  $\varphi$  if

$$\sum_{j,k=1}^n \varphi_{jk} \xi_j \bar{\xi}_k \geq \lambda |\xi|^2, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Note that for  $\varphi \in SP^2(M)$  such a function always exists (obviously it depends on Hermitian metric on  $M$ ).

The main result of this section is the following:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $M$  be a Stein manifold. Let  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a function such that  $-\log \delta$  is of class  $SP^2(M)$ . Assume that  $\delta^4$  is a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity of  $-\log \delta$ . Then  $\delta$  is a weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem.*

The method of the proof will be completely based on results of [4], so we only present a sketch of the proof.

Let  $(\eta_\nu)_{\nu=1}^\infty \subset C_0^\infty(M, [0, 1])$  be such that for any compact set  $K \subset M$  there exists  $\nu_0 = \nu_0(K)$  with  $\eta_\nu|_K \equiv 1$ ,  $\nu \geq \nu_0$ . Let  $\psi \in C^\infty(M, \mathbf{R})$  satisfy:  $|\bar{\partial}\eta_\nu|^2 \leq e^\psi$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbf{N}$ . Let  $\varphi \in SP^2(M)$  have a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity  $\lambda$ . Put  $\varphi_j := \varphi + (3-j)\psi$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} L^2_{(p,q)}(M, \varphi_1) &\supset DT \xrightarrow{T} L^2_{(p,q+1)}(M, \varphi_2), \\ L^2_{(p,q+1)}(M, \varphi_2) &\supset DS \xrightarrow{S} L^2_{(p,q+2)}(M, \varphi_3) \end{aligned}$$

denote the operators generated by the operator  $\bar{\partial}$  (taken in the sense of distribution theory) (comp. [4], § 5.2). Let

$$L^2_{(p,q+1)}(M, \varphi_2) \supset DT^* \xrightarrow{T^*} L^2_{(p,q)}(M, \varphi_1)$$

denote the operator conjugate to  $T$ .

By a reasoning analogous as in the proofs of Lemmas 4.1.3, 5.2.1 in [4] we get:

**LEMMA 2.** *The space  $D_{(p,q+1)}(M)$  is dense in  $DT^* \cap DS$  in sense of the norm*

$$DT^* \cap DS \ni f \rightarrow \|T^*f\|_{\varphi_1} + \|f\|_{\varphi_2} + \|Sf\|_{\varphi_3}.$$

Repeating almost exactly the proof of Theorem 5.2.3 in [4] we get:

**LEMMA 3.** *There exists a continuous function  $c: M \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  (which is independent of the functions  $\psi, \varphi$ ) such that*

$$\int_M (\lambda - c - 4|\partial\psi|^2) |f|^2 e^{-\varphi} d\mu \leq 4(\|T^*f\|_{\varphi_1}^2 + \|Sf\|_{\varphi_3}^2), \quad f \in D_{(p,q+1)}(M).$$

Substituting in the proof of Lemma 4.4.1 in [4], Lemma 4.1.3 by Lemma 2 and the inequality (4.2.9) by Lemma 3 we obtain:

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $M$  be a Stein manifold. Let  $\varphi \in SP^2(M)$  have a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity  $\lambda$ . Then for every form  $g \in L^2_{(p,q+1)}(M, \varphi) \cap L^2_{(p,q+1)}(M, \varphi + \log \lambda)$  with  $\bar{\partial}g = 0$  there exists a form  $u \in L^2_{(p,q)}(M, \varphi)$  such that  $\bar{\partial}u = g$  and*

$$\int_M |u|^2 e^{-\varphi} d\mu \leq 4 \int_M |g|^2 e^{-\varphi} \frac{1}{\lambda} d\mu.$$

Now for the proof of Theorem 1 we can repeat the first part of the proof of Theorem 4.4.2 in [4] with the function  $(1 + |z|^2)^{-1/2}$  substituted by  $\delta$  and with Lemma 4.4.1 substituted by Lemma 4.

It is natural to ask whether for a given Stein manifold with a Hermitian metric there exist functions  $\delta$  satisfying the assumptions of Theorem 1.

PROPOSITION 1. Let  $M$  be a Stein manifold endowed with a Hermitian metric. Then exists a function  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  such that:

$-\log \delta \in SP^\infty(M)$ , the function  $\delta^4$  is a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity of  $-\log \delta$ .

$\delta$  satisfies the condition (\*) (see Introduction, Theorem II).

Proof. It is well known that there exists a function  $s \in SP^\infty(M)$ ,  $s \geq 0$ , such that for any  $t \geq 0$  the set  $K_t := \{x \in M: s(x) \leq t\}$  is compact (comp. [4], Theorem 5.1.6).

Observe that such a function may be obtained by the embedding theorem for Stein manifolds (comp. [4], Theorem 5.3.9), namely, let  $\Phi = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_N): M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  be a regular and proper holomorphic mapping, let  $\delta_0 := (1 + |\Phi|^2)^{-1/2}$ , then  $s := -\log \delta_0$  meets all the required conditions.

Let  $\lambda$  be a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity of  $s$ . Take a function  $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  of class  $C^\infty$  with  $\psi' \geq 0$ ,  $\psi'' \geq 0$  growing so rapidly that  $e^{4\psi(t)} \geq \max_{K_t} \frac{1}{\lambda}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . Put  $\chi(t) := 1 + t + \psi(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , and let  $\delta := e^{-\chi(s)}$ . It is easily seen that  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$ ,  $-\log \delta \in SP^\infty(M)$  and a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity of  $-\log \delta$  is equal to  $\lambda \cdot \chi'(s)$ . By dint of the choice of the function  $\psi$   $\lambda \cdot \chi'(s) \geq \delta^4$ . Since  $\delta \leq e^{-s}$  so the condition (\*) is also fulfilled. The proof is completed.

### 3. An approximation theorem. In this section we present a proof of Theorem II.

The method of the proof will be based on the proof of Theorem 4.4.7 in [4].

Let us fix  $f \in \mathcal{O}(M)$  and a compact set  $K \subset M$ . We want to find a sequence  $(f_v)_{v=1}^\infty \subset F(\delta, \varphi)$  which tends to  $f$  uniformly on  $K$ . We may assume that for some  $\tau > 0$ ,  $K = \{x \in M: \delta(x) \geq \tau\}$ .

Set  $M_\varepsilon := \{x \in M: \delta(x) > \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let us fix  $\alpha, \beta$  such that  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \tau$ . Let

$$\varphi_v = \varphi + \chi_v \left( \log \frac{\beta}{\delta} \right),$$

where  $\chi_v: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an arbitrarily fixed function of class  $C^\infty$  such that  $\chi'_v \geq 0$ ,  $\chi''_v \geq 0$ ,  $\chi_v(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$ ,  $\chi_v(t) \leq vt$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $\chi_v(t) \nearrow +\infty$  as  $v \nearrow +\infty$  for  $t \geq \log \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ .

It is easily seen that  $\varphi_v \in P^2(M)$ ,  $\varphi_v = \varphi$  in  $M_\beta$ ,  $\varphi_v(x) \nearrow +\infty$  as  $v \nearrow +\infty$  for  $x \in M \setminus M_\alpha$ .

Let us fix a function  $\Phi \in C_0^\infty(M, [0, 1])$  such that  $\Phi = 1$  in  $M_\alpha$  and let  $\psi := f\psi$ ,  $g := \bar{\partial}\psi$ .

It is seen that  $g$  is a form of class  $D_{(0,1)}(M)$ ,  $\bar{\partial}g = 0$  and  $g = 0$  in  $M_\alpha \cup (M \setminus \text{supp } \Phi)$ . Set

$$I_v := \int_M |g|^2 e^{-\varphi_v} d\mu, \quad v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Observe that  $I_v \searrow 0$  as  $v \nearrow +\infty$ . Since  $\delta$  is a weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem, so there exists a form  $u_v \in L^2(M, \varphi_v - 4 \log \delta)$  such that  $\bar{\partial}u_v = g$  and

$$\int_M |u_v|^2 e^{-\varphi_v} \delta^4 d\mu \leq I_v, \quad v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Observe that  $u_\nu \in \mathcal{O}(M_\alpha)$ , so by Lemma 1,  $u_\nu \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on  $K$ . Let us put  $f_\nu := \psi - u_\nu$ ,  $\nu \in N$ . Obviously  $f_\nu \in \mathcal{O}(M)$  and  $f_\nu \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $K$ . By dint of the choice of the functions  $\chi_\nu$ ,

$$\int_M |f_\nu|^2 e^{-\varphi} \delta^{\nu+4} d\mu < +\infty, \quad \nu \in N$$

The proof is completed.

Putting in Theorem II  $\varphi \equiv 0$  we get:

**COROLLARY 1.** *If  $\delta$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem II then  $H(\delta)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  (comp. Theorem I).*

**4. Spectral functions.** The assumptions of Theorem III (see Introduction) are in such a way chosen that by repeating (with some evident modifications) the Cnop's proof of the fundamental spectral theorem in  $C^n$  ([2]) we can easily get:

**LEMMA 5.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem III there exist mappings  $u_0, \dots, u_N: M \times M \rightarrow C$  and constants  $k, l \in N, c > 0$  for which the conditions (i), (ii) of Definition 2 are satisfied and*

$$(iii') \quad \delta_0^{2l}(s) \int_M |u_j(s, \cdot)|^2 \delta^k d\mu \leq c, \quad s \in M, j = 0, \dots, N.$$

Now the assertion of Theorem III follows from the following generalization of a part of the proof of Lemma 3, § 3.4 in [3]:

**LEMMA 6.** *Let  $\Phi = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_N): M \rightarrow C^N$  be a holomorphic mapping. Let  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a continuous function such that  $\delta \leq \delta_0$  and for some  $m \in N, \int_M \delta^m d\mu < +\infty$ . Assume that mappings  $u_0, \dots, u_N$  and constants  $k, l, c$  satisfy the conditions (i), (ii) of Definition 2 and the condition (iii'). Then  $\delta$  is spectral for  $\Phi$ .*

**Proof.** Let

$$U(s, x) := 1 + \sum_{k=1}^N \overline{\Phi_k(s)} \Phi_k(x), \quad s, x \in M,$$

$$w_0(s, x) := \delta_0^2(s) U(s, x) u_0(s, x),$$

$$w_j(s, x) := -\delta_0^2(s) \overline{\Phi_j(s)} + \delta_0^2(s) U(s, x) u_j(s, x), \quad s, x \in M, j = 1, \dots, N.$$

It may be easily verified that

$$w_j(s, \cdot) \in \mathcal{O}(M), \quad s \in M, j = 0, \dots, N,$$

$$\delta(s) w_0(s, x) + \sum_{j=1}^N [\Phi_j(x) - \Phi_j(s)] w_j(s, x) = 1, \quad s, x \in M,$$

for some constants  $k_1 \in N, c_1 > 0$ :  $\delta_0^{2(l-1)}(s) \int_M |w_j(s, \cdot)|^2 \delta^{k_1} d\mu \leq c_1, s \in M, j = 0, \dots, N$ .

The decreasing induction over  $l$  finishes the proof.

Observe that for a given holomorphic mapping  $\Phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  we can always find a Hermitian metric in which  $|d\Phi_j| \leq 1, j = 1, \dots, N$ ; it is sufficient to take first an arbitrarily chosen Hermitian metric and next to multiply it by a sufficiently rapidly growing function of class  $C^\infty(M, (0, +\infty))$ .

The problem is to construct a function  $\delta$  satisfying the assumptions of Theorem III. Below we shall present a construction of a function of this type under some additional assumptions on  $\Phi$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Assume that a holomorphic mapping  $\Phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  is regular and proper. Then there exists a function  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  such that:*

- (a)  $-\log \delta \in SP^\infty(M)$ , the function  $\delta^4$  is a lower bound for the plurisubharmonicity of  $-\log \delta$ ,
- (b) for every  $\tau > 0$ , the set  $\{x \in M: \delta(x) \geq \tau\}$  is compact,
- (c)  $\delta \leq \delta_0$ ,
- (d)  $|\delta(x) - \delta(x')| \leq |\Phi(x) - \Phi(x')|, \quad x, x' \in M$ ,
- (e)  $\int_M \delta d\mu \leq 1$ .

**Proof.** We already know (comp. Proposition 1) that if  $\delta = e^{-\chi(-\log \delta_0)}$ , where  $\chi(t) = 1 + t + \psi(t)$ ,  $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is a sufficiently rapidly growing function of class  $C^\infty$  with  $\psi' \geq 0, \psi'' \geq 0$ , then  $\delta$  satisfies (a), (b), (c). It may be easily proved that the condition (e) will be also satisfied if  $\psi$  grows sufficiently rapidly. Note that if, moreover,  $\psi' \leq e^\psi$  then the function

$$(0, 1] \ni t \rightarrow e^{-\chi(-\log t)}$$

is a Lipschitz function with the Lipschitz constant 1 (comp. [3], § 1.5, Lemma 2). Since

$$|\delta_0(x) - \delta_0(x')| \leq |\Phi(x) - \Phi(x')|,$$

so in the case when  $\psi' \leq e^\psi$  the condition (d) will be also satisfied.

In this way the proof of Proposition 2 is reduced to the following:

**LEMMA 7.** *Let  $F: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a function of class  $C^\infty$  with  $F' > 0, F'' \geq 0, F(+\infty) = +\infty$ . Then there exists a function  $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  such that  $\psi \geq F, 0 \leq \psi' \leq e^\psi, \psi'' \geq 0$ .*

**Proof.** The method of the proof is due to A. Kleiner.

The function

$$F: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow A := [F(0), +\infty)$$

is bijective. Set  $G := F^{-1}$  and let  $\varphi(u) := G(u) - e^{-u}, u \in A$ . It is easily seen that  $\varphi$  is of class  $C^\infty, \varphi \leq G, \varphi' > 0, \varphi'' \leq 0$ . The function

$$\varphi: B := \varphi^{-1}([0, +\infty)) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$$

is bijective. Set  $\psi := \varphi^{-1}$ . It may be easily verified that  $\psi$  meets all the required conditions.

### 6. Analytic extensions.

Throughout this section we additionally assume that  $M$  is connected.

At first we recall some definitions (Cf. [1], [7]).

**Definition 3.** Let  $F \subset \mathcal{O}(M)$ . A pair  $(M', \alpha)$  is said to be an *analytic extension* (a.e.) of  $(M, F)$  if

- (i)  $M'$  is a connected countable at infinity complex analytic manifold of dimension  $n$ ,
- (ii)  $\alpha: M \rightarrow M'$  is a holomorphic mapping,
- (iii) for every  $f \in F$  there exists exactly one  $f' \in \mathcal{O}(M')$  such that  $f' \circ \alpha = f$ .

**Definition 4.** A manifold  $M$  is said to be an *F-domain of holomorphy* if for every a.e.  $(M', \alpha)$  of  $(M, F)$  the mapping  $\alpha$  is an analytic isomorphism of  $M$  onto  $M'$ .

Observe that if  $F$  separates points in  $M$  then for every a.e.  $(M', \alpha)$  of  $(M, F)$  the mapping  $\alpha$  has to be injective, hence the set  $\alpha(M)$  is open in  $M'$ .

It is well known that any Stein manifold  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ -domain of holomorphy ([1], [4]).

We shall show that if  $M$  is a Stein manifold then  $M$  is an  $H^p(\delta)$ -domain of holomorphy for some  $\delta$  and  $p$  (we recall that  $H^p(\delta)$  is of the first Baire category in  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ ).

**LEMMA 8.** Let  $E$  be a vector subspace of  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ . Assume that the space  $E$  is endowed with a norm  $\| \cdot \|$  such that  $(E, \| \cdot \|)$  is a Banach space with a topology stronger than the topology of almost uniform convergence in  $M$ . Let  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a continuous function satisfying the condition (\*). Let  $B \subset E$  and  $c > 0$  be such that

$$\|f\| \leq c, f \in B, \quad \sup\{|f|: f \in B\} \geq \frac{1}{\delta}.$$

Assume that  $E \subset F \subset \mathcal{O}(M)$  and  $F$  separates points in  $M$ . Then  $M$  is an  $F$ -domain of holomorphy.

**Proof.** Let  $(M', \alpha)$  be an a.e. of  $(M, F)$ . We already know that  $\alpha$  has to be an analytic isomorphism of  $M$  onto an open set  $\alpha(M)$ . Suppose by absurd that  $\alpha(M) \not\subset M'$ .

Set  $E' := \{f' \in \mathcal{O}(M'): f' \circ \alpha \in E\}$ . Obviously  $E'$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathcal{O}(M')$ . Let us consider the following family of seminorms:

$$\begin{aligned} E' \ni f' &\rightarrow \|f' \circ \alpha\| \\ E' \ni f' &\rightarrow \|f'\|_K, \quad K \subset \subset M'. \end{aligned}$$

It may be easily verified that the space  $E'$  endowed with the topology generated by this family of seminorms is a Fréchet space. The mapping

$$E' \ni f' \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} f' \circ \alpha \in E$$

is continuous and it is an algebraic isomorphism. By Banach theorem  $(\alpha^*)^{-1}$  is continuous.

Let  $a$  be a boundary point of  $\alpha(M)$  in  $M'$ . Let  $K$  be a compact neighbourhood of  $a$  in  $M'$ . Since  $(\alpha^*)^{-1}$  is continuous so there exists a constant  $c_1 > 0$  such that

$$\|f'\|_K \leq c_1 \|f' \circ \alpha\|, \quad f' \in E'.$$

In particular

$$\|f\|_{\alpha^{-1}(K)} \leq c_1 c, \quad f \in B.$$



Hence  $\alpha^{-1}(K) \subset \left\{ x \in M : \delta(x) \geq \frac{1}{c_1 c} \right\}$  and therefore  $\alpha^{-1}(K)$  is compact. This implies that  $\alpha(M) \cap K$  is compact in  $\alpha(M)$ . We get the contradiction with the choice of  $K$ .

PROPOSITION 3. Let  $\Phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$  be a holomorphic mapping. Let  $\delta: M \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a continuous function satisfying (\*). Assume that  $\delta$  is spectral for  $\Phi$ . Then

- (i) if  $H(\delta)$  separates points in  $M$  then  $M$  is an  $H(\delta)$ -domain of holomorphy,
- (ii) if for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  the space  $H^{(l)}(\delta)$  separates points in  $M$  then there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M$  is an  $H^{(p)}(\delta)$ -domain of holomorphy.

Observe that

—  $H(\delta)$  separates points in  $M$  if moreover  $\delta$  is a weight function for  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem and  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  separates points (Theorem II),

—  $H^{(m+2)}(\delta)$  separates points in  $M$  if moreover  $\Phi$  is injective,  $\delta \leq \delta_0$  and  $\int_M \delta^m d\mu < +\infty$ .

Proof. Let  $u_0, \dots, u_N, k, c$  be associated to  $\Phi$  and  $\delta$  accordingly to Definition 2. Set  $E := H^{(k)}(\delta)$ ,  $\|f\|^2 := \int_M |f|^2 \delta^k d\mu$ ,  $f \in E$ ,  $B := \{u_0(s, \cdot) : s \in M\}$ . Since

$$u_0(s, s) = \frac{1}{\delta(s)}, \quad \int_M |u_0(s, \cdot)|^2 \delta^k d\mu \leq c, \quad s \in M,$$

so the above defined  $E$  and  $B$  satisfy the assumptions of Lemma 7.

Now for the proof of (i) we only need to put in Lemma 1  $F := H(\delta)$  and for the proof of (ii) —  $F := H^{(\max\{k, l\})}(\delta)$ .

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