

Several classical theorems characterizing the unit ball up to biholomorphism were presented. In the first part we mentioned the Bun Wong theorem (strictly pseudoconvex domain with non compact automorphism group is biholomorphic to a ball) and the Diederich-Fornaess-Wold criterion based on the boundary behavior of the squeezing function.

In the second part we discussed function-theoretic characterizations. The Stoll-Burns theorem was mentioned. Then we moved to the following theorem of S.Y. Li: Let Ω be a weakly pseudoconvex domain and let the exhausting psh function u solves

$$\det((u)_{j\bar{k}}) = ge^{(n+1)u}$$

for a positive function g with $\log(g)$ being pluriharmonic. Suppose $\min_{\Omega} u = 0$. Then if

$$\liminf_{z \rightarrow \partial\Omega} \det((\log(1 - e^{-u}))_{j\bar{k}}) \geq 0$$

then the domain Ω is biholomorphic to the unit ball.

A relation with the Fefferman's potential was briefly discussed.