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1. The result

In a recent paper [J] P.Jakobczak showed that given a bounded convex domain $D \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ with smooth boundary there is a function f holomorphic on D such that $\int_{M \cap D} |f| dS = +\infty$ for every complex submanifold M of a neighbourhood of \overline{D} which intersects bD transversely, where dS is the surface area measure.

In the present note we show that there are holomorphic functions on D with more singular nonintegrability behavior at the boundary:

Theorem 1.1 *Let $D \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ be a bounded convex domain with boundary of class C^1 and let φ be a positive continuous function on D . There is a holomorphic function f on D with the following property: Let $z \in bD$, let $U \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ be an open neighbourhood of z , let M be a real submanifold of U of class C^1 which meets bD at z transversely, and let dS be the surface area measure on M . Then*

$$\int_{M \cap D} |f| \varphi dS = +\infty. \quad (1.1)$$

2. The function

Suppose that $S \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ is a set such that there is a unique real hyperplane H containing S and assume that H does not contain the origin. Given $\delta > 0$ we denote by $T(S, \delta)$ the union of translates of S in the direction perpendicular to H away from the origin for a distance τ , $0 \leq \tau \leq \delta$, that is

$$T(S, \delta) = \bigcup_{0 \leq \tau \leq \delta} (\tau \mathbf{n} + S)$$

where \mathbf{n} is the unit vector perpendicular to H pointing into the direction of the component of $\mathbb{C}^N \setminus H$ that does not contain the origin.

Suppose that $D \subset \mathbb{C}^N$ is a bounded convex domain with smooth boundary. With no loss of generality assume that $0 \in D$. Let E_j be a sequence of compact polyhedral bodies,

$$0 \in \text{Int } E_1 \subset \subset \text{Int } E_2 \subset \subset \cdots \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j = D$$

Lemma 2.1 *For each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ there are $\delta_j > 0$, $n_j \in \mathbb{N}$, compact polyhedral bodies P_{ji} , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, $P_{j0} = E_j$, $P_{j, n_j+1} = E_{j+1}$, satisfying*

$$\text{Int } P_{j0} \subset \subset \text{Int } P_{j1} \subset \subset \cdots \subset \subset \text{Int } P_{j, n_j+1},$$

and for each i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, a closed $(2N - 1)$ -dimensional face F_{ji} of P_{ji} such that

$$T(F_{ji}, \delta_j) \subset \text{Int } P_{j, i+1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n_j) \quad (2.1)$$

and such that if $T_j = \cup_{i=1}^{n_j} T(F_{ji}, \delta_j)$ then given a \mathcal{C}^1 arc $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$, $\gamma([0, 1)) \subset D$, $\gamma(1) \in bD$, such that $\gamma'(1)$ is not tangent to bD at $\gamma(1)$ there are a \mathcal{C}^1 neighbourhood W of γ and $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $\lambda \in W$ is an arc, $\lambda([0, 1)) \subset D$, $\lambda(1) \in bD$, then for each $j \geq j_0$, $\lambda([0, 1)) \cap T_j$ contains an arc whose length is at least δ_j .

As we shall see it will be essential that one can use the same j_0 for all arcs sufficiently close to γ . It should cause no confusion that we are using the word arc for injective continuous maps and also for their images.

Suppose that we have already proved Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.2 *Let T_j , $j \in \mathbb{N}$, be as in Lemma 2.1. Given a sequence M_j of positive numbers increasing to $+\infty$ there is a function f holomorphic on D such that $\text{Re}f(z) > M_j$ ($z \in T_j$) for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. Denote by $\langle | \rangle$ the Hermitian inner product on \mathbb{C}^N . Fix $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, and let $0 < M < \infty$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Let H be the real hyperplane containing F_{ij} . Since $0 \notin H$ it follows that there are a unit vector $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ and $\lambda > 0$ such that $H = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^N: \text{Re}z = \lambda\}$. Write $\psi(z) = \langle z | \mathbf{n} \rangle$. By the properties of F_{ji} and $P_{j,i-1}$, $\psi(T(F_{ji}, \delta_j))$ is a compact set contained in $\{w \in \mathbb{C}: \text{Re} w \geq \lambda\}$ and $\psi(P_{j,i-1})$ is a compact set contained in $\{w \in \mathbb{C}: \text{Re} w < \lambda\}$. The one variable Runge theorem gives a polynomial p such that $|p| < \varepsilon$ on $\psi(P_{j,i-1})$ and $\text{Re} p > M$ on $\psi(T(F_{ji}, \delta_j))$ so $Q = p \circ \psi$ is a complex valued polynomial on \mathbb{C}^N such that

- (i) $|Q| < \varepsilon$ on $P_{j,i-1}$
- (ii) $\text{Re}Q > M$ on $T(F_{ji}, \delta_j)$.

As in [GS1, p.433] use the preceding fact and (2.1) and perform the induction with respect to i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, to prove that given $M < \infty$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a complex valued polynomial Q such that

$$|Q| < \varepsilon \text{ on } E_j, \quad \text{Re}Q > M \text{ on } T_j.$$

Reasoning in the same way and performing the induction with respect to j we complete the proof.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1, assuming Lemma 2.1

Let φ be a positive continuous function on D and let $T_j, \delta_j, j \in \mathbb{N}$, be as in Lemma 2.1. Since each T_j is compact it follows that $\inf\{\varphi(z): z \in T_j\} > 0$ so by Lemma 2.2 there is a function f holomorphic on D such that

$$\delta_j \varphi(z) \text{Re}f(z) \geq 1 \quad (z \in T_j). \quad (3.1)$$

Let $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$ be a smooth arc, $\gamma([0, 1)) \subset D$, $\gamma(1) \in bD$, $\gamma'(1)$ not tangent to bD at $\gamma(1)$. By Lemma 2.1 there are a \mathcal{C}^1 neighbourhood W of γ and $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each arc $\lambda \in W$, $\lambda([0, 1)) \subset D$, $\lambda(1) \in bD$, and each $j \geq j_0$, the set $\lambda([0, 1)) \cap T_j$ contains an arc β_j whose length is at least δ_j . By (3.1) it follows that $\int_{\beta_j} \varphi \max(\text{Re}f, 0) ds \geq 1$ where ds is the arclength. It follows that for all such λ ,

$$\int_{\lambda([0, 1)) \cap E_j} \varphi \max(\text{Re}f, 0) ds \geq j - j_0 \quad (j \geq j_0). \quad (3.2)$$

To prove Theorem 1.1 write $\Phi = \varphi \max(\text{Ref}, 0)$ and assume that $z \in bD$, that U is an open neighbourhood of z and that M is a real submanifold of U that intersects bD at z transversely. Let $m = \dim M$. Clearly $1 \leq m \leq 2N$. If $m = 1$ then dS is the arclength and so $\int_{M \cap D} \Phi dS = +\infty$ by the preceding discussion. So assume that $m \geq 2$. With no loss of generality assume that $z = 0$. Choose an orthonormal basis in $\mathbb{R}^{2N} = \mathbb{C}^N$ such that the first m coordinate axes x_1, \dots, x_m span the tangent space T to M at 0, and such that the coordinate axis x_m is transverse to bD at 0 with its positive direction pointing outside D .

Near 0, M is a graph over its tangent space T so we may assume that $U = U_1 \times U_2$, U_1 a neighbourhood of 0 in \mathbb{R}^m , U_2 a neighbourhood of 0 in \mathbb{R}^{2N-m} and that there are smooth real functions $\varphi_{m+1}, \dots, \varphi_{2N}$ on U_1 , $\varphi_j(0) = 0$, $(D\varphi_j)(0) = 0$ ($m+1 \leq j \leq 2N$), such that

$$U \cap M = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) : (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in U_1\}.$$

By transversality, after shrinking U if necessary, we may assume that $U \cap M \cap bD$ is a submanifold of $M \cap U$ of real codimension 1. Since the coordinate axis x_m is transverse to bD at 0 it follows that the tangent space $T_{M \cap U \cap bD}(0)$ is a real hyperplane in T which can be written as a graph over $\{x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, 0, \dots, 0\} : x_i \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq i \leq m-1\}$ and consequently, after shrinking U if necessary, we may assume that $U_1 = U'_1 \times U''_1$ where U'_1 is a neighbourhood of 0 in \mathbb{R}^{m-1} , $U''_1 = (-r, r)$ for some $r > 0$, and that there are smooth functions ψ_m, \dots, ψ_{2N} on U'_1 such that $U \cap M \cap bD = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, \psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}), \dots, \psi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1})) : (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \in U'_1\}$ where $\psi_j(0) = 0$ ($m \leq j \leq 2N$). Since $U \cap M \cap bD \subset U \cap M$ it follows that $\psi_j(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \equiv \varphi_j(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, \psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}))$ ($m+1 \leq j \leq 2N$). Obviously, $U \cap M \cap D = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) : (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \in U'_1, -r < x_m < \psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1})\}$. The properties of E_j imply that, after passing to a smaller U'_1 if necessary, there are j_0 and a sequence $\varepsilon_j, j \geq j_0$, decreasing to zero, such that if $M_j = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) : (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \in U'_1, -r < x_m < \psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j\}$ then $M_j \subset M \cap U \cap E_j$ and $\cup_{j=j_0}^{\infty} M_j = M \cap U \cap D$.

Let $\gamma(t) = ((0, \dots, 0, t, \varphi_{m+1}(0, \dots, 0, t), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(0, \dots, 0, t)))$ ($-r < t < 0$). Then $\gamma(t) \in D$ ($-r < t < 0$) and $\gamma'(0) = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ (with 1 at m 'th entry) is not tangent to bD at $0 = \gamma(1)$.

The preceding discussion now implies that, after shrinking U'_1 if necessary and passing to a larger j_0 if necessary we may assume that if $\Lambda(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}; j) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, t, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, t), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, t)) : -r < t < \psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j\}$ then

$$\int_{\Lambda(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}; j)} \Phi ds \geq j - j_0 \quad ((x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \in U'_1, j \geq j_0),$$

where ds is the arclength, that is,

$$\int_{-r}^{\psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) \cdot \left[1 + \sum_{j=m+1}^{2N} \left[\frac{\partial \varphi_j}{\partial x_m}(x_1, \dots, x_m)\right]^2\right]^{1/2} dx_m \geq j - j_0 \quad ((x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \in U'_1, j \geq j_0).$$

We may assume that the derivatives are uniformly bounded on U_1 . Thus, there is a constant $L < \infty$, independent of j , such that

$$\int_{-r}^{\psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}((x_1, \dots, x_m))) dx_m \quad (3.3)$$

$$\geq (j - j_0)/L \quad ((x_1, \dots, x_m) \in U_1, j \geq j_0).$$

Write $\tilde{M}_j = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) : (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) \in U'_1, -r < x_m < \psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j\}$. If

$$E_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{\partial \varphi_{m+1}}{\partial x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \frac{\partial \varphi_{2N}}{\partial x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_m))$$

with 1 at i -th entry, $1 \leq i \leq m$, and if $g_{ij}(x_1, \dots, x_m) = E_i \cdot E_j$ then $|\det g_{ij}(x_1, \dots, x_m)| \geq 1$ $((x_1, \dots, x_m) \in U_1)$ so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M_j} \Phi dS &= \\ &= \int_{\tilde{M}_j} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) \cdot |\det g_{ij}(x_1, \dots, x_m)|^{1/2} dx_1 \cdots dx_m \\ &\geq \int_{\tilde{M}_j} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) dx_1 \cdots dx_m \\ &= \int_{U'_1} \left[\int_{-r}^{\psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_m) dx_m \right] dx_1 \cdots dx_{m-1} \\ &\geq L^{-1}(j - j_0) \text{vol}(U'_1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\int_{M \cap U \cap D} \Phi dS = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{M_j} \Phi dS = +\infty,$$

which implies that $\int_{M \cap D} |f| \varphi dS = +\infty$. This completes the proof.

4. Proof of Lemma 2.1

To prove Lemma 2.1 we need the following lemma which strenghtens [GS1, Lemma 9].

Lemma 4.1 *Let $k \geq 2$, let $P \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be a compact convex polyhedral body containing the origin in its interior. Let $K \subset \text{Int}P$ be a compact set and let V be a neighbourhood of P . Let $F \subset bP$ be a closed, $(k - 1)$ -dimensional face of P . There are a compact convex polyhedral body Q , a closed $(k - 1)$ -dimensional face S of Q and a $\delta > 0$ such that*

- (i) $P \subset \text{Int}Q \subset Q \subset V$
- (ii) $T(S, \delta) \subset V$

(iii) if H is the hyperplane containing S and if Λ is a ray emanating from a point of K and passing through F then

$$\Lambda \cap T(H, \delta) = \Lambda \cap T(S, \delta),$$

that is, the segment $\Lambda \cap T(H, \delta)$ is contained in $T(S, \delta)$.

We need the following simple proposition whose proof we omit.

Proposition 4.1 *Let $K \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be a compact subset of $\{x_1 < 0\}$ and let $F \subset \{x_1 = 0\}$ be a nonempty compact convex polyhedral body in \mathbb{R}^{k-1} such that $0 \in \text{Int}F$. Let \tilde{K} be the union of all rays emanating from K and meeting F . Given $r > 1$ there is an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tilde{K} \cap \{x_1 = t\} \subset \text{Int}(rF) + (t, 0, \dots, 0)$ for each t , $0 < t < \varepsilon$.*

Proof of Lemma 4.1. Observe first that the condition $0 \in \text{Int}P$ is needed only for the definition of $T(S, \delta)$. As $T(S, \delta)$ in our context can be described differently, assume, with no loss of generality, that $0 \in \text{Int}F$, that $F \subset \{x_1 = 0\}$ and $\text{Int}P \subset \{x_1 < 0\}$. Choose $r > 1$ so close to 1 that $rP \subset V$. There is a $\nu > 0$ such that $(t, 0, \dots, 0) + rP \subset V$ ($0 < t \leq \nu$). Let \tilde{K} be the union of all rays emanating from K and passing through F . Passing to a smaller ν if necessary we may, by Proposition 4.1, assume that for each t , $0 < t \leq \nu$, $\tilde{K} \cap \{x_1 = t\} \subset \text{Int}(rF) + (t, 0, \dots, 0)$. Let $Q = (\nu/3, 0, \dots, 0) + rP$, let $S = (\nu/3, 0, \dots, 0) + rF$, and let $\delta = \nu/3$. Then

$$T(S, \delta) = \cup_{\nu/3 \leq t \leq 2\nu/3} [(t, 0, \dots, 0) + rF].$$

Now (i) and (ii) are clearly satisfied. To see that (iii) is satisfied let Λ be a ray emanating from a point in K and passing through F . Then for each $t > 0$, $\{x_1 = t\} \cap \Lambda$ is a point which, if $\nu/3 \leq t \leq 2\nu/3$, is contained in $T(S, \delta)$ by the preceding discussion. This completes the proof.

Proposition 4.2 *Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be a closed convex cone with vertex at the origin and let $\gamma: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be a C^1 path such that $\gamma(0) = 0$ and $\gamma'(t) \in \mathcal{C}$ ($t \geq 0$). Then $\gamma(t) \in \mathcal{C}$ ($t \geq 0$).*

Proof. Let $T > 0$. Then

$$\gamma(T) = \int_0^T \gamma'(t) dt = T \cdot \lim_{k=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma'(\xi_k) \left[\frac{t_k - t_{k-1}}{T} \right]$$

where $0 = t_0 < \xi_1 < t_1 < \dots < t_{n-1} < \xi_n < t_n = T$. The sum in the bracket is a convex combination of $\gamma'(\xi_j) \in \mathcal{C}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$ so it belongs to \mathcal{C} . Since \mathcal{C} is a closed cone it follows that $\gamma(T) \in \mathcal{C}$. This completes the proof.

Proof of Lemma 2.1 Let $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $j \geq 2$, and let Φ_{ji} , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, be the closed $(2N - 1)$ -dimensional faces of E_j . By Lemma 4.1 there are $\delta_j > 0$, compact polyhedral bodies P_{ji} , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, $P_{j0} = E_j$, $P_{j, n_j+1} = E_{j+1}$, satisfying

$$\text{Int}P_{j0} \subset\subset \text{Int}P_{j1} \subset\subset \text{Int}P_{j, n_j+1},$$

and for each i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, a closed $(2N - 1)$ -dimensional face F_{ji} of P_{ji} such that (2.1) holds and such that if Λ is a ray emanating from a point in E_{j-1} and meeting Φ_{ji} for some i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, and if H_{ji} is the hyperplane containing F_{ji} then $\Lambda \cap T(F_{ji}, \delta_j) = \Lambda \cap T(H_{ji}, \delta_j)$. So, if $z \in \Phi_{ji}$ for some i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, if V is the union of all lines passing through z and meeting E_{j-1} and if W is the component of $\text{Int}V$ which misses E_{j-1} then $W \cap T(F_{ji}, \delta_j) = W \cap T(H_{ji}, \delta_j)$. In particular, $W \setminus T(F_{ji}, \delta_j)$ has two components W_1 and W_2 and any arc connecting a point in W_1 with a point in W_2 must contain a subarc λ contained in $T(F_{ji}, \delta_j)$ with endpoints in different boundary components of $T(H_{ji}, \delta_j)$, that is, in two parallel hyperplanes at the distance δ_j . Thus, the length of λ is at least δ_j .

We show that F_{ji} and δ_j have the required properties. To see this, let $\gamma: [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbb{C}^N$ be a \mathcal{C}^1 arc, $\gamma([0, 1)) \subset D$, $\gamma(1) \in bD$, such that $\gamma'(1)$ is not tangent to bD at $\gamma(1)$. Denote by \mathbb{B} the open unit ball in \mathbb{C}^N . Given $\varepsilon > 0$ denote by \mathcal{C}_ε the closed cone consisting of all rays emanating from the origin and meeting $\gamma'(1) + \varepsilon\bar{\mathbb{B}}$. Since $\gamma'(1)$ is not tangent to bD at $\gamma(1)$ one can choose a neighbourhood U of γ , $\varepsilon > 0$, $r < 1$ and $\nu_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each arc $\lambda \in U$, $\lambda([0, 1)) \subset D$, $\lambda(1) \in bD$, for each t , $r \leq t \leq 1$, each ray emanating from $\lambda(t)$ and contained in $\lambda(t) + (-\mathcal{C}_{3\varepsilon})$ meets E_{ν_0} and we have $|\lambda'(t) - \gamma'(1)| < \varepsilon$. Passing to a smaller U if necessary we may assume that there is a $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $j_0 > \nu_0$, such that $\lambda(r) \in \text{Int}E_{j_0}$ for all arcs $\lambda \in U$ as above.

Let $j > j_0$ and let λ be as above. Since $\lambda(r) \in \text{Int}E_{j_0}$ and $\lambda(1) \in bD$ it follows that $\lambda([0, 1))$ meets bE_j so there are t , $r < t < 1$, and i , $1 \leq i \leq n_j$, such that $\lambda(t) \in \Phi_{ji}$. Since $\lambda'(\tau) \in \mathcal{C}_\varepsilon$ ($t \leq \tau \leq 1$) it follows by Proposition 4.2 that $\lambda(\tau) \in \lambda(t) + \mathcal{C}_\varepsilon$ ($t \leq \tau \leq 1$) so $\lambda(\tau) \in \{\lambda(t)\} \cup \text{Int}[\lambda(t) + \mathcal{C}_{3\varepsilon}]$. The preceding discussion now shows that $\lambda([t, 1)) \cap T_j$ contains an arc of length at least λ_j . This completes the proof.

5. Remarks

As in [J, GS2] it is easy to see that Theorem 1.1 holds if $D \subset\subset \mathbb{C}^N$ is a strictly pseudoconvex domain with \mathcal{C}^2 boundary.

When proving Theorem 1.1 we actually proved that

$$\int_{M \cap D} \varphi \max\{\text{Re}f, 0\} dS = +\infty. \quad (5.1)$$

Thus, in Theorem 1.1. (1.1) could be replaced by (5.1).

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