

# Lecture 39 : Several complex variables IV

## I. Hartogs phenomenon (bis)

- $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  bounded domain,  $n > 1$
- $K \subset D$  compact s.t.  $D \setminus K$  connected

**Theorem 1**  $f \in \text{Hol}(D \setminus K) \Rightarrow \exists F \in \text{Hol}(D)$  with  $F|_{D \setminus K} = f$ .

**Proof:**  $\exists \varphi \in C_c^\infty(D)$ ,  $\varphi \equiv 1$  on  $\overset{\text{(open)}}{K} \supset K$ .

Define  $\tilde{f}(z) := \begin{cases} 0, & z \in K \\ (1 - \varphi(z))f(z), & z \in D \setminus K \end{cases} \in C^\infty(D)$ . Then

$\Psi(z) := \bar{\partial} \tilde{f}(z) \in E^{0,1}(C_c^\infty(D))$  is compactly supported

(say, on  $K_0 \supset K$ ) because  $\varphi$  is, and where  $\varphi \equiv 0$ ,

$\tilde{f} = f \Rightarrow \bar{\partial} \tilde{f} = \bar{\partial} f = 0$ . We also have  $\bar{\partial} \Psi = \bar{\partial}^2 \tilde{f} = 0$ .

By Lecture 38,  $\exists u \in C_c^\infty(D)$  s.t.  $\bar{\partial} u = \Psi$ ; b/c it is compactly supported,  $u \equiv 0$  on (wolog)  $U = D \setminus K_0$ .

Set  $F := \tilde{f} - u \Rightarrow \bar{\partial} F = \bar{\partial} \tilde{f} - \bar{\partial} u = \Psi - \Psi = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow F \in \text{Hol}(D)$ .

$F|_U = (\tilde{f} - u)|_U = \tilde{f}|_U = f|_U \Rightarrow F, f$  agree near  $\partial D$

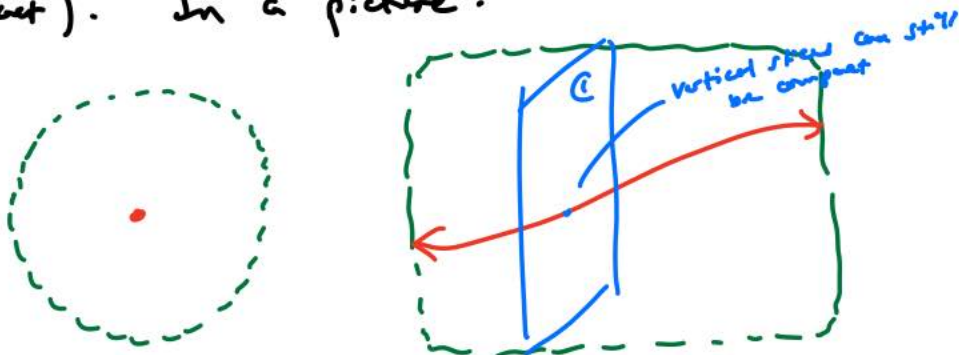
$\Rightarrow$  agree on any conn. open to which they both  
 (Lect 37)  $\frac{1}{2}$  I.8) have analytic continuation: namely,  $\mathcal{D} \setminus K$ . □

Remark // At first glance, one wonders if the Hartogs phenomenon says something stupid, like: if  $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{C}^2$  and  $K = \mathbb{C} \times \{0\}$ , then  $\mathcal{D} \setminus K$  is connected; and given  $f(w) \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})$  you can define on  $\mathcal{D} \setminus K$   $F(z, w) := f(w) \xrightarrow[\text{??}]{\text{Hartogs}}$  extends to  $\mathcal{D}$ , contradicting the possibility of  $f$  having a pole at 0.

This isn't a problem:  $\mathbb{C} \times \{0\}$  is not compact.

Also, functions of several variables can have poles too.

But the basic idea is: these poles cannot be along a compact subset of the domain where they are defined; nor can they occur "in complex codimension  $\geq 2$ " (since such a subset would have  $\geq 2$ -variable "strips" which are compact). In a picture:



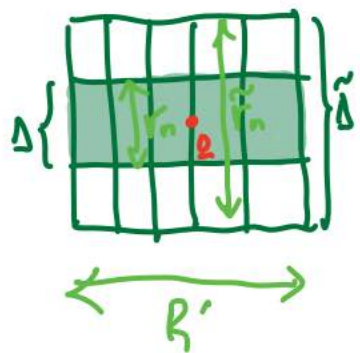
pole in 1 variable (compact)

pole in 2 variables (noncompact - goes all the way to the boundary!) /

# II. Hartogs theorem

We now prove that the ingredient "f locally bounded" in Osgood (f loc. bdd. +  $\bar{\partial}f = 0 \implies f$  holo.) is unnecessary.

Hartogs Lemma: Given:  $\Delta = D(\underline{0}, \underline{R}) = D(\underline{0}', \underline{R}') \times D(0, r_n) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ ;  
 $f \in \text{Hol}(\Delta)$ ,  $f_\nu \in \text{Hol}(D(\underline{0}', \underline{R}'))$ ;



(\*)  $f(z) = \sum_n f_\nu(z') z_n^\nu$  on  $\Delta$ .

Suppose  $\exists \tilde{r}_n > r_n$  s.t.  $\forall z' \in D(\underline{0}', \underline{R}')$ , (\*) converges in  $D(0, \tilde{r}_n)$ . Then (\*) converges uniformly on any compact subset of  $\tilde{\Delta} := D(\underline{0}', \underline{R}') \times D(0, \tilde{r}_n)$ , extending  $f$  to  $\text{Hol}(\tilde{\Delta})$ .

Proof: We must show that (\*) converges uniformly on  $K \subset \tilde{\Delta}$ , since then we have a normal limit of holomorphic functions.

**STEP 1** Let  $\underline{\alpha}' \in D(\underline{0}', \underline{R}')$ ,  $\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}') \subset D(\underline{0}', \underline{R}')$ ,  
 $0 < s_n < r_n < \tilde{s}_n < \tilde{r}_n$ . Let  $M \in [1, \infty)$  be an upper bound for  $|f|$  on  $\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}') \times \bar{D}(0, s_n) \subset \Delta$ .

Cauchy inequalities  $\implies |f_\nu(z')| s_n^\nu \leq M \quad (\forall z' \in \bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}'), \nu \in \mathbb{N})$

$\implies \frac{1}{\nu} \log |f_\nu(z')| \leq \frac{1}{\nu} \log M - \log s_n \leq \log M - \log s_n \leq M_0$  (#)  
 $(\forall z' \in \bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}'), \nu \in \mathbb{N})$  ↑  
for some constant.

**STEP 2** Let  $\underline{z}' \in \bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}')$  be fixed. Then  $(*)$  converges in  $D(0, \tilde{s}_n)$

$\Rightarrow$  Cauchy  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_n(\underline{z}')| u_n^n = 0$  for  $u_n \in (\tilde{s}_n, \tilde{s}_n)$

$\Rightarrow \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| \leq -\log u_n \quad (\forall \underline{z}' \in \bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}')).$  (\*\*)

For slightly smaller  $\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}') \subset D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}')$ ,  $(*) \Rightarrow$  the functions  $\frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')|$  are uniformly bounded in  $D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}')$  (by  $M_0$ ). Now

**(\*\*)**  $\Rightarrow$  Fatou  $\overline{\lim}_n \int_{\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}')} \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| dV \leq \int_{\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}')} \overline{\lim}_n \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| dV$   
 $\leq -\{\text{vol}(D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}'))\} \log(u_n)$

$\Rightarrow \int_{\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}')} \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| dV \leq -\{\text{vol}(D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}'))\} \log(t_n)$   
 for  $n \gg 0$  (say,  $n \geq n_0$ )

$\Rightarrow \int_{D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon)} \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| dV = \int_{D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}') \cup \{D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon) \setminus D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}')\}} \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| dV$

$\leq -\{\text{vol}(D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}'))\} \log t_n + M_0 \int_{D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon) \setminus D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}')} dV$

$\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}') \subset D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}')$

$\Downarrow (\forall \underline{w}' \in D(\underline{\alpha}', \epsilon))$

$\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{t}') \subset D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon) \subset D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{s}')$

for  $\epsilon > 0$  suff. small

$\leq -\{\text{vol}(D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon))\} \log \tilde{s}_n$   
 ( $\epsilon > 0$  suff. small)

$\Rightarrow$  Jensen  $\frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{w}')| \leq \frac{1}{\text{vol}(D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon))} \int_{D(\underline{w}', \underline{t}'+\epsilon)} \frac{1}{n} \log |f_n(\underline{z}')| dV$

$\leq -\log \tilde{s}_n$

$\Rightarrow |f_n(\underline{w}')| \tilde{s}_n^n \leq 1 \quad \forall \underline{w}' \in D(\underline{\alpha}', \epsilon)$

$\Rightarrow$  series  $(*)$  AC & UC in  $D(\underline{\alpha}', \epsilon) \times D(0, \tilde{s}_n)$

$\Rightarrow$  Series (\*) AC & UC in any compact subset of  $D(\underline{0}, \underline{R}') \times D(0, \tilde{r}_n)$ . □  
 $\underline{\alpha} \in D(\underline{0}, \underline{R}')$   
 $\tilde{r}_n < \tilde{r}_n'$  arbitrary

**Theorem 2 (Hartogs)** Let  $f: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a complex-valued function, which is separately holomorphic in each variable. Then  $f \in \text{hol}(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Proof:** Induction on dimension. Trivial for dim. 1.

Assume for 1 thru  $n-1$ . Let  $f \in \widetilde{\text{hol}}(\mathcal{D}) := \{ \mathbb{C}\text{-valued fns. with } \bar{\partial}f = 0 \}$ . We only really need to show  $f$  bounded on compact subsets, or equivalently on all  $\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{R}') \times \bar{D}(a_n, R_n) = \bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}, \underline{R}) \subset \mathcal{D}$ . (In fact what we'll do is just to show that  $f$  is holo. at an arbitrary  $\underline{\alpha} \in \mathcal{D}$ .)

**STEP 1**  $\left( \exists \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_n \in D(a_n, R_n/2) \text{ s.t. } \\ \delta > 0 \end{array} \right. \right. \left. \left. \begin{array}{l} f \text{ is bounded on} \\ D(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{R}') \times D(\beta_n, \delta) \subset D(\underline{\alpha}, \underline{R}). \end{array} \right. \right)$

**Pf:** Let  $\Sigma_m := \{ z_n \in \bar{D}(a_n, R_n/2) \mid |f(\underline{z}', z_n)| \leq m \ \forall \underline{z}' \in \bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{R}') \}$ .

For any fixed  $z_n$ ,  $f(\underline{z}', z_n)$  is holo. in  $\underline{z}'$  by the inductive hypothesis, hence  $|f|$  bounded on  $\bar{D}(\underline{\alpha}', \underline{R}') \Rightarrow \cup \Sigma_m = \bar{D}(a_n, R_n/2)$ .

Baire Category thm.  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{int}(\Sigma_m)$  not all empty  
 $\Rightarrow \Sigma_{m_0} \supset \Delta(\beta_n, \delta)$  as above.  $\square$

**STEP 2** Step 1 <sup>Osgood</sup>  $\Rightarrow f$  holo. on  $D(\underline{\alpha}, \underline{R}') \times D(\beta_n, \delta)$ .

Let  $s_n > \frac{R_n}{2}$  s.t.  $D(\beta_n, s_n) \subset D(\alpha_n, R_n)$ .

For each fixed  $\underline{z}' \in D(\underline{\alpha}, \underline{R}')$ ,  $f(\underline{z}', z_n)$  is holo. in  $z_n$   
in disk  $D(\beta_n, s_n) \implies f$  holo. in

*Hartogs lemma*

$D(\underline{\alpha}, \underline{R}') \times D(\beta_n, s_n) \ni \underline{z}$ .  $\square$

### III. Square-integrable functions

We conclude by laying some groundwork for Friday's lecture. First we recall some standard concepts from operator theory/functional analysis.

**Definition** A Hilbert space is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with inner-product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  linear in the first argument, such that  $\langle y, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  (with equality  $\Leftrightarrow x = 0$ ), which is complete with respect to the metric defined by  $\|x\| := \langle x, x \rangle^{1/2}$ . One says that a Hilbert space is separable  $\Leftrightarrow$  it admits a countable orthonormal basis.

**Riesz Representation Theorem** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,

$H^*$  the dual Hilbert space of continuous linear functionals

(with norm  $\|\varphi\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\varphi(x)|$ ), and define a map

$\varphi: H \rightarrow H^*$  by  $\varphi(x) := \varphi_x$ , where  $\varphi_x(y) := \langle y, x \rangle$ .

Then  $\varphi$  is an isometry; in particular, it is surjective.

Now let  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a domain. We will take for granted that  $L^2(D)$  is a separable Hilbert space.

We consider the space of square-integrable holomorphic functions

$$A^2(D) := \left\{ f \in \text{Hol}(D) \mid \underbrace{\left( \int_D |f(z)|^2 dV \right)^{1/2}}_{=: \|f\|_{A^2(D)}} < \infty \right\}$$

with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_D f(z) \overline{g(z)} dV(z), \quad f, g \in A^2(D).$$

**Proposition** With this inner product,  $A^2(D)$  is a Hilbert space.

**Proof:** Clear except for completeness. Given  $\{f_j\} \subset A^2(D)$ ,

Cauchy in  $\|\cdot\|_{A^2(D)}$ ,  $f_j \rightarrow f \in L^2(D)$  by completeness of  $L^2$ .

We want to show that  $f \in \text{Hol}(D)$ .

Let  $K \subset D$  be compact,  $r_k := d(K, \partial D)$ .

By Jensen, for  $z^0 \in \text{int}(K)$

$$\log |f(z^0)| \leq \text{vol}(B(z^0, r_k))^{-1} \int_{B(z^0, r_k)} \log |f(z)| dV$$

$$\text{(convexity of log)} \rightarrow \leq \log \left( \frac{\int_{B(z^0, r_k)} |f(z)| dV}{\text{vol}(B(z^0, r_k))} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(z^0)| \leq \text{vol}(B(z^0, r_k))^{-1} \int_{B(z^0, r_k)} |f(z)| dV$$

$$\text{(convexity of } \sqrt{\cdot} \text{)} \rightarrow \leq \text{vol}(B(z^0, r_k))^{-1/2} \|f\|_{A^2(D)} \quad \leftarrow (|f(z)|^2)^{1/2}$$



$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\|f\|_K}_{\text{sup norm}} \leq \frac{C(n)}{r_K^n} \|f\|_{A^2(\Omega)} =: C_K \|f\|_{A^2(\Omega)} \quad (*)$$

$\Rightarrow$  { norm convergence  $\Rightarrow$  uniform convergence on  $K$  }

$\Rightarrow$   $f$  holo. on  $\text{int}(K)$ , done (as  $K$  was arbitrary).  $\square$