# Weighted $L^2$ estimate for $\overline{\partial}$ and application to Corona problem

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### Notation

- $\phi \in C^2(\Omega)$  is a strictly plurisubharmonic function on  $\Omega$ ;
- $\bullet$  Complex Hessian matrix of  $\phi$  and its inverse are defined by

$$H(\phi)(z) = \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z_i \partial \overline{z}_j}\right]_{n \times n}$$
 and  $\left[\phi^{i\bar{j}}(z)\right]^t = H(\phi)(z)^{-1}$ .

• For any (0, 1)-form  $f = \sum_{j=1}^{n} f_j d\overline{z}_j$ , we let

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where *U* is the canonical solution in  $L^2(\Omega, \psi + \frac{\phi}{2})$ . Here  $\phi, \psi$  are two plurisubharmonic functions. Main technique is how to choose the weighted functions  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  to get the estimate you want.

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$$B_{k,j} = (I - S)B_{k,j} = \overline{S}_0 B_{k,j}$$
 on  $\partial D$ .

Apply Stein-Weiss (Fefferman's duality) theorem

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$$\overline{\partial} B_{k,j} = \phi_k \overline{\partial} \phi_j, \quad A_{k,j} = B_{k,j} - B_{j,k}$$

with  $B_{j,k} \in MBO(\partial D) \cap H^2(D)^{\perp}$ . Then

$$B_{k,j} = (I - S)B_{k,j} = \overline{S}_0 B_{k,j}$$
 on  $\partial D$ .

Apply Stein-Weiss (Fefferman's duality) theorem

 $BMOA(D) = S(L^{\infty}(\partial D)), \quad BMOA(D) = H^{1}(D)^{*}.$ 

There is a  $b_{k,j} \in L^{\infty}(\partial D)$  such that

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# $\overline{\partial}$ -solution

$$\overline{\partial}B_{k,j} = \phi_k\overline{\partial}\phi_j, \quad B_{k,j} \perp H^2(D)$$
  
For  $h \in H^1(D)$  with  $h(0) = 0$ . Write  $h(z) = h_1(z)h_2(z)$  with  
 $h_j \in H^2(D)$  and  $\|h\|_{H^1} = \|h_1\|_{H^2}\|h_2\|_{H^2}.$ 

It suffices to prove

$$\Big|\int_{\partial D} B_{k,j}(z)h(z)d\sigma(z)\Big| \leq C \|h\|_{H^1}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\partial D} B_{k,j} h_1(z) h_2(z) d\sigma(z) \right| \\ &= \left| \int_D \Delta \left( B_{k,j} h_1(z) h_2(z) \right) \log \frac{1}{|z|} dA(z) \right| \\ &= \left| \int_D [\Delta B_{k,j} h_1 h_2 + 4\overline{\partial} \left( B_{k,j} \right) \partial (h_1(z) h_2(z)) \log \frac{1}{|z|} \right| \\ &= 4 \left| \int_D [-\partial (\phi_k \overline{\partial} \phi_j) h_1 h_2 + \phi_k \overline{\partial} \phi_j (h_2 \partial h_1 + h_2 \partial h_1)] \log \frac{1}{|z|} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\delta^3} \|h_2\|_{H^2} \|h_1\|_{H^2}. \quad \text{(Green's theorem).} \end{aligned}$$

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# Remark.

• Carleson's theorem is true for any bounded domain with  $C^1$  boundary.

However, the following problem is still open.

**Problem.** Let  $f_1, \dots, f_m, h \in H^{\infty}(D)$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1} |f_j(z)|^2 \ge |h(z)|^2, \quad z \in D.$$

Then there are  $g_1, \cdots, g_m \in H^\infty(D)$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^m f_j(z)g_j(z) = h(z)^2.$$

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are holomorphic in  $B_n$  and

$$f_1(z)g_1(z) + f_2(z)g_2(z) = 1,$$

But, in general, A can not be written as

$$A = B - H$$

with  $B \in L^{\infty}(B_n)$  and  $H \in H^1(B_n)$ .

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For more general function space  $X, S_f : X^m \to X$  may not be bounded. Under the boundedness assumption, there are more results are obtained.

#### Theorem

Let  $S_f : X^m \to X$  be bounded. Then  $S_f : X^m \to X$  is onto when  $X = B_{m,\sigma}^p(B_n)$  with p > 1 and some restriction on m and  $\sigma$ .

Where  $h \in B^{p}_{\sigma}(B_{n})$  if *h* is holomorphic and

$$\|f\|_{\rho,\sigma}^{p} =: \int_{B_{n}} \left( |D^{m}f(z)|r(z)^{\sigma} \right)^{p} \mathcal{K}(z,z) dv(z) < \infty$$

When  $\sigma = m = 1$  and p > n, the above space is the standard Besov space. When n = 1 and p = 2, it is Dirichlet space.

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## Contributors

The above theorem was proved by several mathematicians with various conditions, I listed part of them as follows.

M. Anderson (1994, 2011)

- J. Xiao (1998, n = 1 Dirichlet space)
- Arcozzi, Rochberg and Sawyer (2006)
- E. T. Sawyer (2009)

Costea, Sawyer and Wick (2010)

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Several papers written by Krantz, Li, Treil, Trent, Wick and Zhang, etc.

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## Tool to study the Corona problem

Recently, I used the Hörmander's weighted  $L^2$  estimate to study the Corona problem and obtained the following results.

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## Result 1

#### Theorem

Let  $f_1, \cdots, f_m \in H^2(B_n) \cap C^{\gamma}(\overline{B}_n)$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1$  satisfy

(1) 
$$0 < \delta^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^m |f_j(z)|^2 \leq 1, \quad z \in B_n.$$

Then there are  $g_j \in H^2(B_n) \cap C^{\gamma}(\overline{B}_n)$  such that

(2) 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} f_j(z)g_j(z) = 1.$$

**Remark.** when  $D = D(0, 1)^n$ , the above was proved by Krantz and Li (1995)

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## Result 2

We give a simpler proof of the following theorem:

#### Theorem

Let  $f_1, f_2 \in H^\infty(B_n)$  satisfy Corona condition (1) and

$$\phi_j = \overline{f_j(z)}/|f(z)|^2, \quad |f(z)|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^2 |f_j(z)|^2.$$

Then the canonical solution of  $\overline{\partial}$ -equation:

$$\overline{\partial} \mathbf{A} = \phi_1 \overline{\partial} \phi_2 - \phi_2 \overline{\partial} \phi_1$$

satisfies  $A \in BMO(\partial B_n)$  and  $|\nabla A|^2(1 - |z|^2)dv$  is a Carleson measure on  $B_n$ .

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### **Two Function Spaces**

#### Let

$$r(z) = 1 - |z|^2$$
,  $\phi_0(z) = -\log r(z)$ .

• Let  $\mathcal{L}B_p(B_n)$  be the space of all holomorphic functions *h* on  $B_n$  with

$$\|h\|_{\mathcal{L}B_p} = \sup\{|\log r(z)|^p |\overline{\partial h}(z)|_{i\partial\overline{\partial}\phi_0} : z \in B_n\} < \infty.$$

• Let  $S(B_n)$  denote the space of all holomorphic functions *h* on  $B_n$  with

$$\|h\|_{\mathcal{S}(B_n)} = \sup_{a\in B_n} \int_{B_n} |\overline{\partial h}(z)|_{i\partial\overline{\partial}\phi_0} |K(z,a)| dv(z) < \infty.$$

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## **Result 3**

#### Theorem

Let  $f_1, f_2 \in H^{\infty}(B_n)$  satisfy Corona condition (1) and  $f_j \in S(B_n) \cap \mathcal{L}B_p(B_n)$ . Then there are  $g_1, g_2 \in H^{\infty}(B_n)$  such that

 $f_1(z)g_1(z) + f_2(z)g_2(z) = 1.$ 

Moreover,  $g_j \in S(B_n) \cap \mathcal{L}B_p(B_n)$ . Here, p > 1/2 be any real number.

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# • The Corona Problem for the unit ball $B_n$ or for polydisc $D(0,1)^n$ with n > 1 is still open.

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