

# HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE HIGHLY NONINTEGRABLE AT THE BOUNDARY

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## ABSTRACT

Given a bounded convex domain  $D$  in  $\mathbb{C}^N$  with smooth boundary and a positive continuous function  $\varphi$  on  $D$ , it is proved that there is a holomorphic function  $f$  on  $D$  such that  $|f|\varphi$  is nonintegrable on  $M \cap D$  whenever  $M$  is a real submanifold of a neighbourhood of a point of  $bD$  which intersects  $bD$  transversely.

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

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

**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  $\tau$ ,  $0 \leq \tau \leq \delta$ , 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,

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

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

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

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

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

and such that if  $T_j = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_j} T(F_{ji}, \delta_j)$ , then given a  $C^1$  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 neighbourhood  $W$  of  $\gamma$  in the  $C^1$  topology of  $C^1$  maps from  $[0, 1]$  to  $\mathbb{C}^N$  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  $\delta_j$ .

As we shall see it will be essential that one can use the same  $j_0$  for all arcs sufficiently close to  $\gamma$ . 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  $\operatorname{Re} f(z) > M_j (z \in T_j)$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof:* Denote by  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  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

$$H = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^N : \operatorname{Re} \langle z | \mathbf{n} \rangle = \lambda\}.$$

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  $\{w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w \geq \lambda\}$  and  $\psi(P_{j,i-1})$  is a compact set contained in  $\{w \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w < \lambda\}$ . The one-variable Runge theorem gives a polynomial  $p$  such that  $|p| < \varepsilon$  on  $\psi(P_{j,i-1})$  and  $\operatorname{Re} p > M$  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)  $\operatorname{Re} Q > M$  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

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

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  $\varphi$  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

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

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  $C^1$  neighbourhood  $W$  of  $\gamma$  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  $\beta_j$  whose length is at least  $\delta_j$ . By (3.1) it follows that  $\int_{\beta_j} \varphi \max(\operatorname{Re} f, 0) ds \geq 1$  where  $ds$  is the arclength. It follows that for all such  $\lambda$ ,

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

To prove Theorem 1.1 write  $\Phi = \varphi \max(\operatorname{Re} f, 0)$  and assume that  $z \in bD$ , that  $U$  is an open neighbourhood of  $z$  and that  $M$  is a real submanifold of  $U$  which 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  $\psi_m, \dots, \psi_{2N}$  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  $\bigcup_{j=j_0}^\infty M_j = M \cap U \cap D$ .

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 the  $m$ 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

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

where  $ds$  is the arclength, that is,

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

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

$$(3.3) \quad \int_{-r}^{\psi_m(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) - \varepsilon_j} \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_m, \varphi_{m+1}(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, \varphi_{2N}(x_1, \dots, x_m)) dx_m \geq (j - j_0)/L ((x_1, \dots, x_m) \in U_1, j \geq j_0).$$

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

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

with 1 at the  $i$ 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

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

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 strengthens [GS1, Lemma 9].

LEMMA 4.1: *Let  $k \geq 2$ , and 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  $\Lambda$  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  $\nu$  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

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

Now (i) and (ii) are clearly satisfied. To see that (iii) is satisfied let  $\Lambda$  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  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  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  $\gamma'(t) \in C$  ( $t \geq 0$ ). Then  $\gamma(t) \in C$  ( $t \geq 0$ ).

*Proof:* Let  $T > 0$ . Then

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

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  $\gamma'(\xi_j) \in C, 1 \leq j \leq n$  so it belongs to  $C$ . Since  $C$  is a closed cone it follows that  $\gamma(T) \in C$ . This completes the proof. ■

*Proof of Lemma 2.1:* Let  $j \in \mathbb{N}, j \geq 2$ , and let  $\Phi_{ji}, 1 \leq i \leq n_j$ , 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  $\Lambda$  is a ray emanating from a point in  $E_{j-1}$  and meeting  $\Phi_{ji}$  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  $\lambda$  contained in  $T(F_{ij}, \delta_j)$  with endpoints in different boundary components of  $T(H_{ji}, \delta_j)$ , that is, in two parallel hyperplanes at the distance  $\delta_j$ . Thus, the length of  $\lambda$  is at least  $\delta_j$ .

We show that  $F_{ji}$  and  $\delta_j$  have the required properties. To see this, let  $\gamma: [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbb{C}^N$  be a  $C^1$  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  $C_\varepsilon$  the closed cone consisting of all rays emanating from the origin and meeting  $\gamma'(1) + \varepsilon \overline{\mathbb{B}}$ . Since  $\gamma'(1)$  is not tangent to  $bD$  at  $\gamma(1)$  one can choose a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $\gamma, \varepsilon > 0, r < 1$  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  $\lambda(t) + (-C_{3\varepsilon})$  meets  $E_{\nu_0}$  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  $\lambda$  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  $\lambda'(\tau) \in C_\varepsilon (t \leq \tau \leq 1)$  it follows by Proposition 4.2 that  $\lambda(\tau) \in \lambda(t) + C_\varepsilon (t \leq \tau \leq 1)$ , so  $\lambda(\tau) \in \{\lambda(t)\} \cup \text{Int}[\lambda(t) + C_{3\varepsilon}]$ . The preceding discussion now shows that  $\lambda([t, 1]) \cap T_j$  contains an arc of length at least  $\lambda_j$ . 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  $C^2$  boundary.

When proving Theorem 1.1 we actually proved that

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

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

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