

Pluricomplex Green and Lempert functions for equally weighted poles

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1. Introduction

The pluricomplex Green function is an important tool of several variable complex analysis; in particular it provides a fundamental solution for the complex Monge–Ampère equation and information about the complex geometry of domains [8] (see [5] for an exposition of pluricomplex potential theory). For $n \geq 2$, the complex Monge–Ampère equation is non-linear, so studying the several-pole analogue of the Green function (introduced in [6]) is no easy task, see [2], and [1] for some of the few cases where it can be explicitly computed.

Let Ω be a domain in \mathbf{C}^n , and poles and weights be denoted by

$$S = \{(a_1, \nu_1), \dots, (a_N, \nu_N)\} \subset \Omega \times \mathbf{R}_+,$$

where $\mathbf{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$. The pluricomplex Green function is defined by

$$G_S(z) := \sup\{u(z) : u \in \text{PSH}_-(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ u(x) \leq \nu_j \log \|x - a_j\| + C_j, \text{ when } x \rightarrow a_j, \ j = 1, \dots, N\}.$$

Note that if $N=1$ we might as well take $\nu_1=1$, in this case G_S is the pluricomplex Green function with one pole.

We also recall the definition of Coman’s Lempert function [2]

$$l_S(z) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^N \nu_j \log |\zeta_j| : \varphi(0) = z, \ \varphi(\zeta_j) = a_j, \ j = 1, \dots, N, \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } \varphi \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{D}, \Omega) \right\},$$

where \mathbf{D} is the unit disc in \mathbf{C} .