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## Hölder estimates on higher derivatives of the solution for $\overline{\partial}$ -equation with $C^k$ -data in strongly pseudoconvex domain

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## §0. Introduction.

In 1971 Kerzman [4] showed there exists a solution of  $\bar{\partial}$ -equation with bounded data which is Hölder continuous for any exponent smaller than 1/2. Since then many results have been obtained concerning this problem. Henkin-Romanov [3] and Range-Siu [5] proved the exact 1/2-Hölder estimate. Moreover Siu [6] showed the Hölder continuity of higher derivatives of the solution assuming the data are sufficiently smooth. In this paper we shall improve Siu's result and get a new estimate which is sharper in some tangential directions. We follow the method of Siu [6]; however, various parts of his calculus are ameliorated. I thank Professor H. Tanabe, who encouraged me to write this paper and corrected my manuscript.

## 0.1. Notations.

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded strongly pseudoconvex domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with  $\mathbb{C}^N$ -boundary. We assume that  $\Omega$  is represented as  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^n; \rho(z) < 0\}$ , where  $\rho$  is a function of class  $\mathbb{C}^N$  and in some neighborhood of  $\partial \Omega$  is strictly plurisubharmonic and satisfies  $d\rho \neq 0$ . We use the following notations;

$$D_{j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{j}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{j}} \right), \quad \overline{D}_{j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}_{j}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{j}} \right)$$
$$\| u \|_{0} = \sup \{ |u(z)| ; z \in \Omega \},$$
$$\| u \|_{\varepsilon} = \sup \{ |u(z) - u(\zeta)| / |z - \zeta|^{\varepsilon} ; \zeta, z \in \Omega, \zeta \neq z \} + \| u \|_{0}$$
$$\| u \|_{\varepsilon} = \max \{ \| D^{\alpha} \overline{D}^{\beta} u \|_{0} ; |\alpha| + |\beta| \leq k \},$$
$$\| u \|_{\varepsilon + \varepsilon} = \max \{ \| D^{\alpha} \overline{D}^{\beta} u \|_{\varepsilon} ; |\alpha| + |\beta| \leq k \}$$

where  $k \in N$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . For a form  $f = \sum f_i d\bar{z}_i$ ,

$$||f||_{k} = \max\{||f_{i}||_{k}; 1 \le i \le n\}.$$