

## On Pseudoconvex Domains in $\mathbf{P}^n$

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $\Omega \subsetneq \mathbf{P}^n$  be a locally pseudoconvex domain and denote, for  $z \in \Omega$ , by  $\delta_\Omega(z)$  the distance between  $z$  and  $\partial\Omega$  measured with respect to the Fubini-Study metric. It is known from the work of A. Takeuchi [7], that  $-\log \delta_\Omega$  is strictly plurisubharmonic on all of  $\Omega$  and, hence,  $\Omega$  is Stein. Therefore, it is reasonable to try to generalize function theory to locally pseudoconvex domains in  $\mathbf{P}^n$ .

In this article we will consider two questions in this direction, namely:

- 1) Are there localization principles for the Bergman kernel function and the Bergman metric (with respect to the measure coming from the Fubini-Study metric) on a suitable class of such domains?
- 2) Does local hyperconvexity of pseudoconvex domains  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{P}^n$  imply also their global hyperconvexity?

In order to formulate our results with respect to 1) we denote by  $d\lambda_{FS}$  the Fubini-Study volume element on  $\mathbf{P}^n$  and put

$$A^2(\Omega) := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} |f(z)|^2 d\lambda_{FS} < \infty \right\}.$$

This is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$(f, g) := \int_{\Omega} f(z) \overline{g(z)} d\lambda_{FS}.$$

Notice, that always  $\mathbf{C} \subset A^2(\Omega)$ , since the volume of  $\Omega$  is finite. The space  $A^2(\Omega)$  has a (possibly constant) reproducing kernel

$$K_\Omega(\cdot, \cdot) : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

which, in this article, will be called the *Bergman kernel* of  $\Omega$ . We denote by  $K_\Omega(z) := K_\Omega(z, z)$