

AN APPENDIX TO “CURVATURE AND PROPER  
HOLOMORPHIC MAPPINGS BETWEEN  
BOUNDED DOMAINS IN  $C^n$ ”

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For the implication from Theorem 4 to Theorem 5 in [1], we merely considered the boundary convergence case as our proof stood, because of the following fact. This is a folklore following from those old results in [2] and [3].

*Fact.* Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be two strongly pseudoconvex bounded domains in  $C^n, n \geq 2$ . A sequence of proper holomorphic mappings  $\{f_i : D_1 \rightarrow D_2\}$  can never converge to a *non-proper* holomorphic mapping  $f : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$  on compact subsets.

*Proof.* Let's assume that  $\{f_i\}$  converges on compact subsets to a non-proper holomorphic map  $f : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ . Consequently, there is a sequence  $\{x_k\}$  in  $D_1$  convergent to  $p \in \partial D_1$ , such that  $\{y_k = f(x_k)\}$  converges to a point  $q \in D_2$ . By Pincuk's theorem [2], all  $f_i : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$  are finite unbranching covers. We denote by  $d_i$  the diameter (with respect to the distance function  $d_{D_1}$  induced by Cheng-Yau Einstein Kähler metric on  $D_1$ ) of the fiber  $\{f_i^{-1}(f_i(z_1))\}$  at  $z_1 \in D_1$ .

Suppose a subsequence of  $\{d_i\}$  tends to  $\infty$  as  $i$  grows, apparently there is a sequence of covering transformations which will bring  $z$  to  $\partial D_1$ . Applying [3], one concludes  $D_1 \cong B_n$ . By Cartan's fixed point theorem ([1] Theorem, (i) p. 187), this implies  $D_1 \cong B_n \cong D_2$ . Thus all  $f_i$  are automorphisms. By classical H. Cartan's compactness theorem,  $f$  must be a biholomorphism. This contradicts our assumption.

On the contrary, let's assume  $\{d_i\}$  are bounded above by a constant  $M < +\infty$ . By path-lifting property of coverings, triangle inequality of metrics and the assumption of convergence of  $\{f_i\}$  to  $f$ , it is elementary to show, for sufficiently large  $k, d_{D_1}(x_1, x_k) \leq M + d_{D_2}(y_1, q) + \epsilon$ , here  $d_{D_2}$  = distance function induced by Cheng-Yau Einstein Kähler metric

on  $D_2$ ,  $\epsilon =$  any fixed positive number. Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_{D_1}(x_1, x_k) = \infty$ , we gain a contradiction.

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