EXTENSION OF PLURISUBHARMONIC FUNCTIONS IN THE LELONG CLASS

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ABSTRACT. Let X be an algebraic subvariety of \mathbb{C}^n and \overline{X} be its closure in \mathbb{P}^n . In their paper (J. Reine Angew. Math. **676** (2013), 33–49), Coman, Guedj and Zeriahi proved that any plurisubharmonic function with logarithmic growth on X extends to a plurisubharmonic function with logarithmic growth on \mathbb{C}^n when the germs (\overline{X}, a) in \mathbb{P}^n are irreducible for all $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$. In this paper we consider X for which the germ (\overline{X}, a) is reducible for some $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$ and we give a necessary and sufficient condition for X so that any plurisubharmonic function with logarithmic growth on X extends to a plurisubharmonic function with logarithmic growth on \mathbb{C}^n .

1. Introduction

Let X be an analytic subvariety of \mathbb{C}^n . A function $\phi: X \to [-\infty, +\infty)$ is called plurisubharmonic (psh) if $\phi \not\equiv -\infty$ on any open subset of X and every point $z \in X$ has a neighborhood U in \mathbb{C}^n so that $\phi = u|_X$ for some psh function u on U. We refer to [5] and [4] for more details and equivalent definitions.

We denote by \mathbb{P}^n the complex projective space and consider the standard embedding

$$z \in \mathbb{C}^n \hookrightarrow [1:z] \in \mathbb{P}^n,$$

where [t : z] denote the homogeneous coordinates on \mathbb{P}^n . Let ω be the Fubini-Study Kähler form on \mathbb{P}^n with the potential function $\rho(t, z) = \log \sqrt{|t|^2 + ||z||^2}$. We call ϕ a quasiplurisubharmonic (qpsh) function in \mathbb{P}^n when ϕ is locally

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the sum of a psh function and a smooth function. Then the class of ω -plurisubharmonic (ω -psh) functions on \mathbb{P}^n is defined by

$$\mathrm{PSH}(\mathbb{P}^n,\omega) = \left\{ \phi \in L^1(\mathbb{P}^n, [-\infty, +\infty)) : \phi \text{ qpsh}, \, dd^c \phi + \omega \ge 0 \right\},$$

where the operators d and d^c are defined by $d := \partial + \overline{\partial}, d^c := \frac{i}{2\pi} (\overline{\partial} - \partial)$ so that $dd^c = \frac{i}{\pi} \partial \overline{\partial}$. We refer the reader to [6] for the basic properties of ω -psh functions.

Let X be an analytic subvariety of \mathbb{P}^n . An upper semicontinuous function $\phi: X \to [-\infty, +\infty)$ is called $\omega|_X$ -psh if $\phi \not\equiv -\infty$ on any open subset of X and if there exist an open cover $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ of X and psh functions ϕ_i and ρ_i defined on U_i where ρ_i is smooth and $dd^c \rho_i = \omega$, so that $\rho_i + \phi = \phi_i$ holds on $X \cap U_i$ for all $i \in I$. The class of $\omega|_X$ -psh functions on X is denoted by $PSH(X, \omega|_X)$.

If not stated otherwise, we will assume in the sequel that X is an algebraic subvariety of \mathbb{C}^n for $n \ge 2$. By \overline{X} we denote the closure of X in \mathbb{P}^n so \overline{X} is an algebraic subvariety of \mathbb{P}^n . By $\mathcal{L}(X)$ we denote the *Lelong class* of psh functions ϕ on X which verify $\phi(z) \le \log^+ ||z|| + C$ for all $z \in X$, where C is a constant that depends on ϕ .

The mapping

$$F: \operatorname{PSH}(\mathbb{P}^n, \omega) \to \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n), \qquad F(\phi)(z) = \rho(1, z) + \phi([1:z]),$$

is well defined. Its inverse $F^{-1} : \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n) \to \mathrm{PSH}(\mathbb{P}^n, \omega)$ is given by $F^{-1}(\eta) = \tilde{\eta}$, where

$$\tilde{\eta}\big([t:z]\big) = \begin{cases} \eta(z) - \rho(1,z) & \text{if } t = 1, \\ \limsup_{\mathbb{C}^n \ni [1:\zeta] \to [0:z]} (\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta)) & \text{if } t = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus there is a one-to-one correspondence between the Lelong class $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ and $\mathrm{PSH}(\mathbb{P}^n,\omega)$ (see [6] for details). It is natural to ask that if there is such a correspondence between $\mathcal{L}(X)$ and $\mathrm{PSH}(\overline{X},\omega|_{\overline{X}})$. However, $F: \mathrm{PSH}(\overline{X},\omega|_{\overline{X}}) \to \mathcal{L}(X)$ which is defined like above is not necessarily surjective. In fact, any $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ induces an upper semicontinuous function

$$\tilde{\eta}([t:z]) := \begin{cases} \eta(z) - \rho(1,z) & \text{if } t = 1, z \in X, \\ \limsup_{X \ni [1:\zeta] \to [0:z]} (\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta)) & \text{if } t = 0, \end{cases}$$

on \overline{X} . However $\tilde{\eta}$ is not necessarily $\omega|_{\overline{X}}$ -psh on \overline{X} . It is in general only *weakly* ω -psh, that is, it is bounded above on \overline{X} and $\omega|_{\overline{X_r}}$ -psh on $\overline{X_r}$, where $\overline{X_r}$ is the regular part of \overline{X} (see [4] for details).

We denote by $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(X)$, where γ is a positive constant, the Lelong class of psh functions on X which verify $\phi(z) \leq \gamma \log^+ ||z|| + C$ for all $z \in X$, where C is a constant that depends on ϕ . For an analytic subvariety $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ [2, Theorem A] implies that any function $\phi \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ has an extension in $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ for every $\gamma > 1$. In [2, Section 3] the question whether this additional arbitrarily small growth is necessary on an algebraic subvariety to have an extension is addressed. More precisely, is every psh function with logarithmic growth on an algebraic variety $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ the restriction of a function in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$? The following is proved.

PROPOSITION 1.1 ([2]). Let $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. The following are equivalent:

- (i) There exists $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ so that $\psi = \eta$ on X.
- (ii) $\tilde{\eta} \in \text{PSH}(\overline{X}, \omega|_{\overline{X}}).$
- (iii) For every point a ∈ X \ X, the following holds: if (X_j, a) are irreducible components of the germ (X, a), then the value

$$\limsup_{X_j \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta) \right)$$

is independent of j.

In particular, if the germs (\overline{X}, a) are irreducible for all points $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$ then $\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$.

Here we consider the converse of the last statement: If X is such that the germ (\overline{X}, a) is reducible for some $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$, then is there always a function in $\mathcal{L}(X)$ which does not extend to a function in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$? That is, is the inclusion $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X)$ strict?

We need to give a definition before we state our main result answering the above question. Let (X_k, a) be irreducible components of the germ (\overline{X}, a) . We will say that X_i and X_j are *linked* if there exist some irreducible components X_{i_k} 's such that all the intersections $X_i \cap X_{i_1} \cap \mathbb{C}^n$, $X_{i_1} \cap X_{i_2} \cap \mathbb{C}^n$, $\dots, X_{i_m} \cap X_i \cap \mathbb{C}^n$ have positive dimension. Now we can state our main result.

THEOREM 1.2. Let X be an algebraic variety in \mathbb{C}^n where $n \geq 2$. Then any function in $\mathcal{L}(X)$ extends to a function in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ if and only if for all $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$, any two irreducible components of the germ (\overline{X}, a) are linked.

The proof of this theorem will be given in Section 2. In Section 3, we will consider some well known examples of algebraic varieties X and check whether our condition in Theorem 1.2 holds for X, hence whether $\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$. In cases where $\mathcal{L}(X) \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$ we will construct a function $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ which has no extension in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. By [2, Theorem A] we know that there is an extension of η in $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ for all $\gamma > 1$. Here we give such an extension of η explicitly. If the germs (\overline{X}, a) are irreducible for all points $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$, then $\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$ by Proposition 1.1. In particular, this happens when \overline{X} is a smooth variety. In Example 3.1, there are three singular points in $\overline{X} \setminus X$. At two of these points the germs (\overline{X}, a) are irreducible. At the other point the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components which are linked. Thus by Theorem 1.2, $\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$. In Example 3.2, Example 3.3 and Example 3.4 for some singular point $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$, the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components at infinity.

Therefore these irreducible components are not linked and by Theorem 1.2 $\mathcal{L}(X) \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$. In these cases we construct a function $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ which has no extension in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. Then we give an explicit extension of η in $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ for any $\gamma > 1$.

2. Proof of Theorem 1.2

We need some lemmas to prove Theorem 1.2.

LEMMA 2.1. Let X be as in Theorem 1.2 and let $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$. If two irreducible components X_i and X_j of the germ (\overline{X}, a) are not linked, then $(\overline{X}, a) = \tilde{X}_i \cup \tilde{X}_j$ where \tilde{X}_i and \tilde{X}_j are germs of subvarieties of \overline{X} at a such that $\tilde{X}_i \cap \tilde{X}_j \cap \mathbb{C}^n = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let $(X_k, a), k \in I$, be irreducible components of the germ (\overline{X}, a) . We take $\tilde{X}_i = X_i \cup \{\bigcup_{k \in K} X_k\}$ and $\tilde{X}_j = X_j \cup \{\bigcup_{k \notin K} X_k\}$ where $K = \{k \in I : X_k \text{ linked to } X_i\}$. We claim that $\tilde{X}_i \cap \tilde{X}_j \cap \mathbb{C}^n$ has dimension 0. Otherwise one of the irreducible component of \tilde{X}_i is linked to an irreducible component of \tilde{X}_j . Consequently, this irreducible component of \tilde{X}_j is linked to X_i and this contradicts the definition of the set K.

Let Y be an irreducible component of the germ $\tilde{X}_i \cap \tilde{X}_j$ at a. Then the previous claim implies that $Y \subset \{t = 0\}$, hence $\tilde{X}_i \cap \tilde{X}_j \subset \{t = 0\}$. Thus $\tilde{X}_i \cap \tilde{X}_j \cap \mathbb{C}^n = \emptyset$.

The following lemma will show that for a qpsh function v on a germ of an irreducible analytic variety (X, p), $\limsup_{z \to p} v(z)$ is attained along the complement $X \setminus Y$ for any proper germ of subvariety (Y, p) of (X, p). Although it is well known, we will include its proof for the convenience of the reader.

LEMMA 2.2. Let $(Y,p) \subset (X,p)$ be germs of analytic varieties in \mathbb{C}^n such that $\dim(X,p) = k > 0$, (X,p) is irreducible and $(Y,p) \neq (X,p)$. Then

$$\limsup_{X \setminus Y \ni z \to p} v(z) = v(p),$$

for any qpsh function v on (X, p).

Proof. We construct a non-constant holomorphic function $f: \Delta_{\varepsilon} \to X$ such that f(0) = p and $f(\Delta_{\varepsilon}) \cap Y = \{p\}$ where Δ_{ε} is a disc of radius ε in \mathbb{C} . Let $\pi: \mathbb{C}^k \times \mathbb{C}^{n-k} \to \mathbb{C}^k$ be the projection map onto the first k coordinates. By Local Parametrization Theorem (see [3, Theorem 4.19 on p. 95]) there is a choice of coordinates in \mathbb{C}^n such that the restriction of the projection map $\pi: X \cap U \to U'$ is a finite, proper, holomorphic map where U and U' are some neighborhood of $p \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $0 \in \mathbb{C}^k$ with $\pi(p) = 0$. By Remmert's Proper Mapping Theorem (see [3, Theorem 8.8 on p. 118]), $\pi(Y \cap U) \subset U'$ is an analytic subvariety. Since π is a finite map, dim $\pi(Y \cap U) = \dim Y < k$ by [3, Lemma 8.1 on p. 118]. Let $B_r \subset U'$ be a polydisc in \mathbb{C}^k centered at 0 with radius r > 0. Let $a \in B_{\frac{r}{2}} \setminus \pi(Y \cap U)$. We define a holomorphic map ϕ from unit disc $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}$ to $B_r \subset U'$ by $\phi(\zeta) = 2a\zeta$. Then $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi(\frac{1}{2}) = a \notin \pi(Y \cap U)$. Thus $\phi^{-1}(\pi(Y \cap U))$ is a proper subvariety of $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}$. This implies that 0 is an isolated point in $\phi^{-1}(\pi(Y \cap U))$. We take a smaller disc Δ_ρ such that $\phi(\Delta_\rho) \cap \pi(Y \cap U) = \{0\}$. $\pi^{-1}(\phi(\Delta_\rho))$ is an analytic subvariety of $X \cap U$ and its dimension is 1 since π is finite. By parametrization of curves (see [3, Example 4.27 on p. 98]) there is a non-constant holomorphic map

$$f: \Delta_{\varepsilon} \subset \mathbb{C} \to \pi^{-1} \big(\phi(\Delta_{\rho}) \big) \subset X,$$

with f(0) = p for some disc Δ_{ε} of radius ε . It follows that $f(\Delta_{\varepsilon}) \cap Y = \{p\}$.

Let v be a qpsh function on the germ (X, p). Since v is locally the sum of a psh function and smooth function, it is enough to prove the lemma when v is psh. Since $v \circ f$ is subharmonic in Δ_{ε}

$$v(p) = v(f(0)) = \limsup_{0 \neq t \to 0} v \circ f(t) \le \limsup_{X \setminus Y \ni z \to p} v(z) \le \limsup_{X \ni z \to p} v(z) = v(p).$$

Proof of Theorem 1.2. First, we assume that the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components X_i and X_j which are not linked. Then we will show that there exists a $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ which has no extension in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. For simplicity, we can assume that $a = [0:0:\ldots:1] \in \{t=0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^n$. We take a neighborhood \overline{V}_M of a where

$$V_M = \{(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z_n| > M \max(1, |z_1|, |z_2|, \dots, |z_{n-1}|)\}.$$

For M big enough $X \cap V_M = Y_1 \cup Y_2$, and $\overline{Y_1} \cap \overline{Y_2} \subset \{t = 0\}$ where we can choose $\overline{Y_1} = \tilde{X}_i$ and $\overline{Y_2} = \tilde{X}_j$ as in Lemma 2.1. Let

$$u(z_1,...,z_n) := \max\left\{ \log |z_1|, \log |z_2|,...,\frac{1}{2} \log |z_n| \right\}.$$

Note that $u \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. We will show that

(1)
$$u(z) + 2\log M \ge \rho(1, z) \quad \text{on } \partial V_M$$

if M is sufficiently large. In order to prove (1) we consider four cases for $z \in \partial V_M$.

Case 1: $|z_n| = M$ for $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_n) \in \partial V_M$. Then

$$\rho(1,z) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1+|z_1|^2+\dots+|z_n|^2)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \log(n+M^2) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log(2M^2) \leq 2 \log M,$$

when M is big enough. On the other hand $u(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2} \log M$ and inequality (1) is satisfied.

Case 2:
$$|z_n| = M |z_1|$$
 and $|z_n| < |z_1|^2$. Then $u(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \log |z_1|$ and
 $\rho(1, z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2)$
 $\leq \frac{1}{2} \log((n+1)|z_n|^2) = \frac{1}{2} \log(n+1) + \log |z_n|$
 $\leq 2 \log M + \log |z_1|.$

Thus, inequality (1) is satisfied in this case.

Case 3: $|z_n| = M |z_1|$ and $|z_n| \ge |z_1|^2$. Then

$$u(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2} \log |z_n| = \frac{1}{2} (\log |z_1| + \log M)$$

and

$$\rho(1, z_1, \dots, z_n) \le \frac{1}{2} \log(n+1) + \log|z_n| = \frac{1}{2} \log(n+1) + \log|z_1| + \log M$$
$$\le \frac{1}{2} \log|z_1| + \frac{3}{2} \log M + \frac{1}{2} \log(n+1),$$

since $|z_1| \leq M$. Therefore, (1) is satisfied in this case too.

Case 4: $|z_n| = M|z_i|$ for some i : 2, ..., n-1. Then the same argument as above works. Thus, we obtain the inequality (1).

We consider

$$\eta(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \begin{cases} \max(u(z_1, \dots, z_n) + 2\log M, \rho(1, z_1, \dots, z_n)) & \text{on } Y_1, \\ u(z_1, \dots, z_n) + 2\log M & \text{on } X \setminus Y_1. \end{cases}$$

It follows using [5, Theorem 5.3.1] that η is psh on X. Since $u \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. Let

$$V_{M'} = \{(z_1 : z_2 : \ldots : z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z_n| > M' \max(1, |z_1|, |z_2|, \ldots, |z_{n-1}|)\},\$$

where $M' > e^{2k}M^4$ and k is any positive number. In $V_{M'}$, $\rho(1,z) > \log |z_n|$ and

$$u(z) + 2\log M \le \max\left(\log|z_n| - \log M', \frac{1}{2}\log|z_n|\right) + 2\log M$$

$$\le \log|z_n| - \frac{1}{2}\log M' + 2\log M < \log|z_n| - k \le \rho(1, z) - k.$$

Thus $\eta(z) = \rho(1, z)$ on Y_1 near the point *a* and $\eta(z) - \rho(1, z) < -k$ on Y_2 near the point *a*. These imply that

$$\limsup_{Y_1 \ni [1 : z_1 : \dots : z_n] \to a} (\eta(z_1, \dots, z_n) - \rho(1, z_1, \dots, z_n)) = 0$$

and

$$\limsup_{Y_2 \ni [1: z_1: \ldots: z_n] \to a} \left(\eta(z_1, \ldots, z_n) - \rho(1, z_1, \ldots, z_n) \right) = -\infty.$$

Hence by Proposition 1.1, $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ does not extend in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$.

Now we assume that any two irreducible components of the germ (\overline{X}, a) are linked for any $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$. Let $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and X_i and X_j be arbitrary irreducible components of (\overline{X}, a) . By the assumption there exist some irreducible components X_{i_k} 's such that all the intersections $X_i \cap X_{i_1} \cap \mathbb{C}^n$, $X_{i_1} \cap X_{i_2} \cap \mathbb{C}^n, \ldots, X_{i_m} \cap X_j \cap \mathbb{C}^n$ have positive dimension. Let C be a positive dimensional irreducible analytic subvariety of $X_i \cap X_{i_1}$ which is not contained in $\{t = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$. $\eta|_{X_i \cap \{t=1\}}$ induces a function $\tilde{\eta}$ on $X_i \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ defined by

$$\tilde{\eta}([t:z]) = \begin{cases} \eta(z) - \rho(1,z) & \text{if } t = 1, z \in X_i \cap \mathbb{C}^n, \\ \limsup_{X_i \ni [1:\zeta] \to [0:z]} (\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta)) & \text{if } t = 0, [0,z] \in X_i. \end{cases}$$

Since X_i is locally irreducible near a, [4, Theorem 1.7] implies that $\tilde{\eta}$ is $\omega|_{X_i}$ -psh on X_i . Then $\tilde{\eta}|_C$ is $\omega|_C$ -psh on C. It follows that

$$\limsup_{X_i \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1, \zeta) \right) = \tilde{\eta}(a) = \tilde{\eta}|_C(a) = \limsup_{\mathbb{C}^n \cap C \ni [1: z] \to a} \tilde{\eta}|_C([1: z])$$
$$= \limsup_{C \ni [1: z] \to a} \left(\eta(z) - \rho(1, z) \right).$$

Note that the third equality above follows from the Lemma 2.2. By changing X_i with X_{i_1} above, we obtain that

$$\lim_{X_{i_1} \ni [1 \colon \zeta] \to a} \sup_{(\gamma(\zeta) - \rho(1, \zeta)) = \lim_{C \ni [1 \colon \zeta] \to a} \sup_{(\gamma(\zeta) - \rho(1, \zeta))} \sup_{X_i \ni [1 \colon \zeta] \to a} (\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1, \zeta)).$$

By applying the same argument as above to the other irreducible components X_{i_k} of the germ (\overline{X}, a) we conclude that

$$\limsup_{X_i \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta) \right) = \limsup_{X_j \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta) \right).$$

It follows from Proposition 1.1 that $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ extends in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$.

REMARK 2.3. For $X \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ the intersection of two irreducible components of the germ (\overline{X}, a) is given by at most a finite set of points. Thus any two irreducible components of the germ the (\overline{X}, a) are not linked when (\overline{X}, a) is reducible. Therefore Theorem 1.2 has the following immediate corollary in dimension two:

COROLLARY 2.4. Let X be an algebraic variety in \mathbb{C}^2 . Then any function in $\mathcal{L}(X)$ extends to a function in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ if and only if the germs (\overline{X}, a) are irreducible for all points $a \in \overline{X} \setminus X$.

3. Examples

In this section, we study some well known examples of algebraic varieties.

EXAMPLE 3.1. Let X be the surface in \mathbb{C}^3 given by equation $xy^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 - xyz = 0$. Then

$$\overline{X} = \left\{ [t:x:y:z] \in \mathbb{P}^3 : xty^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 - xyzt = 0 \right\}.$$

This surface is called Roman (Steiner) surface. Let $H = \{t = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be the hyperplane at infinity. $H \cap \overline{X} = \{t = z = 0\} \cup \{t = x^2 + y^2 = 0\}$. One checks that [0:1:0:0], [0:0:1:0] and [0:0:0:1] are the only singular points of \overline{X} in the hyperplane at infinity.

Near $a = [0:1:0:0], \overline{X}$ is given by the zero set of the Weierstrass polynomial $f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^2,0}[z]$,

$$\bigg\{(t,y,z)\in\mathbb{C}^3:\,f(t,y,z)=z^2-\frac{yt}{1+y^2}z+\frac{y^2t}{1+y^2}=0\bigg\}.$$

We show that the germ (\overline{X}, a) is irreducible by proving that f is irreducible as a Weierstrass polynomial. Indeed, if f is reducible then

$$f(t,y,z) = \left(z - g(t,y)\right)\left(z - h(t,y)\right),$$

where $g \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^2,0}$ and $h \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^2,0}$ with g(0,0) = h(0,0) = 0. It follows that

(2)
$$gh = \frac{y^2 t}{1+y^2}$$
 and $g+h = \frac{yt}{1+y^2}$.

Since t divides gh, we may assume without loss of generality that t|g. By the second equation in (2) t|h. This implies that $t^2|gh$ which contradicts to the first equation in (2). Thus, the germ (\overline{X}, a) is irreducible. In the same way one shows that the germ (\overline{X}, a) is irreducible at a = [0:0:1:0].

Let a = [0:0:0:1]. Near a, \overline{X} is given by

$$\bigg\{(t,x,y) \in \mathbb{C}^3: \, f(t,x,y) = y^2 - \frac{xt}{1+xt}y + \frac{x^2}{1+xt} = 0\bigg\},$$

near the origin in \mathbb{C}^3 . The function f can be written as $f = f_1 f_2$ where

$$f_1(t, x, y) = y - \frac{x}{2(1+xt)} \left(t + \sqrt{t^2 - 4xt - 4} \right),$$

$$f_2(t, x, y) = y - \frac{x}{2(1+xt)} \left(t - \sqrt{t^2 - 4xt - 4} \right).$$

Here we take a branch of root function with $\sqrt{-4} = 2i$. One checks that $\{f_1 = 0\} \cap \{f_2 = 0\} = \{x = y = 0\}$ near (0, 0, 0). Thus, the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components whose intersection lies along a line not contained in the hyperplane at infinity. Therefore, these irreducible components are linked and by Theorem 1.2, $\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^3)|_X$.

The following example is a generalization of [2, Example 3.2].

EXAMPLE 3.2. Let $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $X = \{z_{m+1} = \cdots = z_n = 0\} \cup \{z_{m+1} = \cdots = z_n = 1\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be an *m* dimensional subvariety of \mathbb{C}^n . Let $\rho(t, z) = \log \sqrt{|t|^2 + ||z||^2}$. The function

$$\eta(z) = \begin{cases} \rho(1,z) & \text{if } z \in X_1 = \{z_{m+1} = \dots = z_n = 0\},\\ \rho(1,z) + 1 & \text{if } z \in X_2 = \{z_{m+1} = \dots = z_n = 1\}, \end{cases}$$

is in $\mathcal{L}(X)$ and

$$\limsup_{X_1 \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta) \right) = 0, \qquad \limsup_{X_2 \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta) \right) = 1,$$

where $a = [0:1:0:\ldots:0] \in \overline{X} \setminus X$. Proposition 1.1 implies that η does not extend in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. However by [2, Theorem A], we can find an extension with arbitrarily small additional growth. Explicitly, we take

$$\tilde{\eta}(z) = \rho(1, z) + \varepsilon \log \left| 1 + z_n \left(e^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} - 1 \right) \right|.$$

Then $\tilde{\eta} \in \mathcal{L}_{1+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ and $\tilde{\eta}|_X = \eta$.

The following example is a generalization of [2, Example 3.3].

EXAMPLE 3.3. Let X be given by the equation $z_1 z_n = z_1^3 + 1$. It is clear that X is irreducible in \mathbb{C}^n . The closure \overline{X} of X in \mathbb{P}^n is given by

$$\overline{X} = \left\{ [t: z_1: \ldots: z_n] \in \mathbb{P}^n : z_1 z_n t = z_1^3 + t^3 \right\} = X \cup \{t = z_1 = 0\}.$$

We take $a = [0: \ldots: 0: 1] \in \overline{X} \setminus X$. First we will show that the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components X_1 and X_2 whose intersection lies in the hyperplane at infinity. Let (s_0, \ldots, s_{n-1}) be affine coordinates near $a \in \{z_n \neq 0\}$ where $s_0 = \frac{t}{z_n}, s_i = \frac{z_i}{z_n}$. In these coordinates, the germ (\overline{X}, a) is defined by $s_0s_1 = s_0^3 + s_1^3$. We change the coordinate s_0 by $u = s_0 + s_1$. In the new coordinates the germ (\overline{X}, a) is defined by the Weierstrass polynomial $f(u, s_1, \ldots, s_{n-1}) = s_1^2 - s_1u + \frac{u^3}{3u+1} = 0$ and $f = f_1f_2$ where f_1 and f_2 are germs of holomorphic functions in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n, 0}$ defined by

$$f_1(u, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}) = s_1 - \frac{1}{2}u\left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4u}{3u+1}}\right),$$

$$f_2(u, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}) = s_1 - \frac{1}{2}u\left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4u}{3u+1}}\right).$$

Then $\{f_1 = 0\} \cap \{f_2 = 0\} = \{s_1 = u = 0\}$ near a. In the original coordinates, $\{f_1 = 0\} \cap \{f_2 = 0\} = \{s_0 = s_1 = 0\}$. Thus, the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components X_1 and X_2 whose intersection is contained in the hyperplane at infinity. Therefore, X_1 and X_2 are not linked and by Theorem 1.2, $\mathcal{L}(X) \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)|_X$. Now we will give an explicit example of a function in $\mathcal{L}(X)$ which has no extension in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. The function

$$\psi(z) = \max\left(\log|z_n - z_1^2|, 2\log|z_1| + 1\right)$$

is psh in \mathbb{C}^n . It is clear that $\eta := \psi|_X \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ since $z_1 z_n = z_1^3 + 1$. On X, in the coordinates (s_0, \ldots, s_{n-1}) near a, we have $s_1 \neq 0$ as $z_1 \neq 0$ and $s_0 \neq 0$ since $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n = \{t \neq 0\}$. In these coordinates near a, the functions η and ρ are given by

$$\eta(s_0,\ldots,s_{n-1}) = \max\left(\log\left|\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right|, 2\log\left|\frac{s_1}{s_0}\right| + 1\right),$$

and

$$\rho(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}) = \log\left(1 + \left|\frac{s_1}{s_0}\right|^2 + \dots + \left|\frac{s_{n-1}}{s_0}\right|^2 + \frac{1}{|s_0|^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \log\frac{1}{|s_0|} + o(1),$$

as $(s_0, \ldots, s_{n-1}) \to (0, \ldots, 0).$

On (X_1, a) in the coordinates (s_0, \ldots, s_{n-1}) ,

$$f_1(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}) = -s_0 - \frac{1}{2}(s_0 + s_1)O(|s_0 + s_1|) = 0.$$

This implies that

$$\frac{s_1}{s_0} \bigg| = \frac{2 + O(|s_0 + s_1|)}{O(|s_0 + s_1|)} \to \infty,$$

as $(s_0, s_1) \to (0, 0)$. Since $s_1^2/s_0 = 1 - s_0^2/s_1$ on (\overline{X}, a) ,

$$\lim_{X_1 \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \sup_{(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1, \zeta))} = \lim_{(s_0, s_1) \to (0, 0)} \left(2 \log \left| \frac{s_1}{s_0} \right| + 1 - \log \frac{1}{|s_0|} \right)$$
$$= \lim_{(s_0, s_1) \to (0, 0)} \log \left| \frac{s_1^2}{s_0} \right| + 1 = 1.$$

Similarly, we obtain that

$$\limsup_{X_2 \ni [1: \zeta] \to a} \left(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta) \right) = \limsup_{(s_0,s_1) \to (0,0)} \left(\log \left| \frac{s_0}{s_1} \right| - \log \frac{1}{|s_0|} \right) = 0.$$

Thus by Proposition 1.1, η has no extension in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n)$. However, we know from [2, Theorem A] that with an arbitrarily small additional growth η has an extension in $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ where $\gamma > 1$. We will give an explicit extension using a similar idea given in the proof of [1, Proposition 3.3].

Let $\Theta = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z_1 z_n - z_1^3 - 1| < e^{-3}\}$. Clearly, $X \subset \Theta$. In $\overline{\Theta} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ when $|z_1| < 2$, ψ has logarithmic growth. In $\overline{\Theta}$ when $|z_1| \ge 2$, $\psi(z) = \log |z_1|^2 + 1$ and

(3)
$$|z_1|^2 - \frac{\delta+1}{2} < |z_n| < |z_1|^2 + \frac{\delta+1}{2},$$

where $\delta = e^{-3}$. Thus, ψ has logarithmic growth in $\overline{\Theta}$. One can easily check that $\psi(z) \leq \log^+ ||z|| + 3$ in $\overline{\Theta}$. Indeed, if $z \in \Theta$ and $|z_1| < 2$ then

$$\psi(z) \le \max(\log(|z_n|+4), \log 4+1) \le \max(\log(5|z_n|), 3) \le \log^+ ||z|| + 3$$

If $z \in \Theta$ and $|z_1| \ge 2$ then inequality (3) implies that

$$\psi(z) = \log |z_1|^2 + 1 \le \log(|z_n| + 1) + 1$$

$$\le \max(\log 2, \log(2|z_n|)) + 1 \le \log^+ ||z|| + 3$$

Let $\phi(z) = \varepsilon(\frac{1}{3}\log|z_1z_n - z_1^3 - 1| + 1)$ where $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^n)$, $\phi = -\infty$ on X and $\phi \ge 0$ on $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \Theta$. We now define

$$\tilde{\eta}(z) = \begin{cases} \max(\psi(z), \log^+ \|z\| + \phi(z) + 3) & \text{if } z \in \Theta, \\ \log^+ \|z\| + \phi(z) + 3 & \text{if } z \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \Theta. \end{cases}$$

We have $\psi(z) \leq \log^+ ||z|| + \phi(z) + 3$ on $\partial \Theta$. So $\tilde{\eta} \in PSH(\mathbb{C}^n)$. Since $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\Theta)$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^n)$, $\tilde{\eta} \in \mathcal{L}_{1+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ and $\tilde{\eta}|_X = \eta$.

EXAMPLE 3.4. Let X be the surface in \mathbb{C}^3 given by equation $3z - 3xy + x^3 = 0$. Then

$$\overline{X} = \left\{ [t:x:y:z] \in \mathbb{P}^3 : 3zt^2 - 3xyt + x^3 = 0 \right\}.$$

This surface is called Cayley's ruled cubic surface. One verifies that $\overline{X} \cap H = \{t = x = 0\}$ and all the points on the line $\{t = x = 0\}$ are singular.

Let $a = [0:0:1:1] \in \overline{X} \setminus X$. In the neighborhood $\{z \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ of a, \overline{X} is given by

$$\bigg\{(t, x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : f(t, x, y) = t^2 - xyt + \frac{x^3}{3} = 0\bigg\},\$$

near (0,0,1). The function f can be written as $f(t,x,y) = f_1(t,x,y)f_2(t,x,y)$ where

$$f_1(t, x, y) = t - \frac{xy}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4x}{3y^2}} \right) \text{ and} f_2(t, x, y) = t - \frac{xy}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4x}{3y^2}} \right)$$

are holomorphic near (0,0,1). In a small neighborhood of (0,0,1),

$$\{f_1 = 0\} \cap \{f_2 = 0\} = \{t = x = 0\}.$$

Thus the germ (\overline{X}, a) has two irreducible components whose intersection lies along a line contained in the hyperplane at infinity. Therefore, these irreducible components are not linked and by Theorem 1.2, $\mathcal{L}(X) \neq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^3)|_X$.

Now we will give an explicit example of a function in $\mathcal{L}(X)$ which does not extend to \mathbb{C}^3 with logarithmic growth. Let a = [0:0:1:1] and X_1, X_2 be the two irreducible components of the germ (\overline{X}, a) defined by f_1 and f_2 respectively. Let C_1 be the curve $\{(x, \frac{x^2+x}{3}, \frac{x^2}{3}) : x \in \mathbb{C}\} \subset X$ and \overline{C}_1 be its closure in \mathbb{P}^3 . One checks that $a \in \overline{C}_1$ and $(\overline{C}_1, a) \subset X_1$.

Let C_2 be the curve $\{(1, y, y - \frac{1}{3}) : y \in \mathbb{C}\} \subset X$. One checks that $a \in \overline{C}_2$ and $(\overline{C}_2, a) \subset X_2$.

We now define $\psi(x, y, z) = \max(\log |z|, 2\log |x|) \in PSH(\mathbb{C}^3)$. First, we show that $\eta := \psi|_X \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. When $|z| > |x|^2$, $\eta(x, y, z) = \log |z|$. Hence, we may assume that $|z| \le |x|^2$. It follows that $\eta(x, y, z) = \log |x|^2$ and $|y| > \frac{|x|^2}{3} - \frac{|z|}{|x|} > \frac{|x|^2}{3} - |x| > \frac{|x|^2}{6}$ when |x| > 6 on X. Thus, $\eta \in \mathcal{L}(X)$.

Note that $\overline{C_1} = C_1 \cup \{a\}$ and $X_1 \supset C_1 \ni (x, \frac{x^2+x}{3}, \frac{x^2}{3}) \to a$ as $x \to \infty$. $\eta|_{X_i \cap \{t=1\}}$ induces a function $\tilde{\eta}_i$ on $X_i \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ defined near a by

$$\tilde{\eta}_i\big([t:\tau]\big) = \begin{cases} \eta(\tau) - \rho(1,\tau) & t = 1, \\ \limsup_{X_i \cap \mathbb{C}^3 \ni [1:\zeta] \to [0:\tau]} (\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1,\zeta)) & t = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $\tau = (x, y, z)$. Since X_i is locally irreducible near a, [4, Theorem 1.7] implies that $\tilde{\eta}_i$ is $\omega|_{X_i}$ -psh on X_i and $\tilde{\eta}_i|_{\bar{C}_i}$ is $\omega|_{\bar{C}_i}$ -psh on \bar{C}_i . Then

$$\lim_{X_1 \cap \mathbb{C}^3 \ni [1 : \zeta] \to a} \sup_{(\eta(\zeta) - \rho(1, \zeta))} = \tilde{\eta}_1(a) = \tilde{\eta}_1|_{\bar{C}_1}(a) = \limsup_{C_1 \ni \tau \to a} \tilde{\eta}_1|_{\bar{C}_1}(\tau)$$
$$= \limsup_{x \to \infty} \left(\eta\left(x, \frac{x^2 + x}{3}, \frac{x^2}{3}\right) - \rho\left(1, x, \frac{x^2 + x}{3}, \frac{x^2}{3}\right) \right) = \log\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\right).$$

The third equality holds by Lemma 2.2. Similarly

$$\begin{split} &\limsup_{X_2\cap\mathbb{C}^3\ni[1\colon\zeta]\to a} \left(\eta(\zeta)-\rho(1,\zeta)\right)\\ &=\tilde{\eta_2}(a)=\tilde{\eta_2}|_{\bar{C}_2}(a)=\limsup_{C_2\ni\tau\to a}\tilde{\eta_2}|_{\bar{C}_2}(\tau)\\ &=\limsup_{y\to\infty}\left(\eta\left(1,y,y-\frac{1}{3}\right)-\rho\left(1,1,y,y-\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)=\log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right). \end{split}$$

By Proposition 1.1, η does not extend in $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^3)$.

We know from [2, Theorem A] that with an arbitrarily small additional growth η extends in $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ where $\gamma > 1$. We will give an explicit extension using a similar idea given in the proof of [1, Proposition 3.3].

Let $\Theta = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : |3z - 3xy + x^3| < e^{-3}\}$. Clearly, X is contained in Θ . First, we show that $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\Theta)$. When |x| < 6, $\psi(x, y, z) \le \log |z| + 4$. When $|z| > |x|^2$, $\psi(x, y, z) = \log |z|$. Hence, we can assume that $|z| \le |x|^2$ and $|x| \ge 6$. It follows that $|y - \frac{z}{x} - \frac{x^2}{3}| < \frac{e^{-3}}{18}$. Therefore, $|y| > \frac{|x|^2}{12}$ and

$$\psi(x, y, z) = \log |x|^2 \le \log |y| + \log 12.$$

Thus in Θ , $\psi(x, y, z) \leq \log ||(x, y, z)|| + 4$. That is, $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\Theta)$. Let

$$\phi(x, y, z) = \varepsilon \left(\frac{1}{3} \log \left| 3z - 3xy + x^3 \right| + 1 \right),$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^3)$, $\phi = -\infty$ on X and $\phi \ge 0$ on $\mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \Theta$. We now define

$$\tilde{\eta}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \max(\psi(\tau), \log \|\tau\| + \phi(\tau) + 4) & \text{if } \tau = (x, y, z) \in \Theta, \\ \log \|\tau\| + \phi(\tau) + 4 & \text{if } \tau \in \mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \Theta. \end{cases}$$

Since we have $\psi(\tau) \leq \log \|\tau\| + \phi(\tau) + 4$ on $\partial\Theta$, $\tilde{\eta} \in PSH(\mathbb{C}^3)$. As $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\Theta)$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^3)$, $\tilde{\eta} \in \mathcal{L}_{1+\varepsilon}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ and $\tilde{\eta}|_X = \eta$.

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