

## ON PROPERTY OF COMPLEMENTS OF AN ALGEBRAIC CURVE WITH AT LEAST 4 IRREDUCIBLE COMPONENTS IN $\mathbf{P}^2$

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### Abstract

For the manifold  $M := \mathbf{P}^2 - A(l)$  ( $l \geq 4$ ) where  $A(l)$  is an algebraic curve with  $l$  irreducible components, the notion that  $M$  is of log general type, measure hyperbolic and  $\Delta_M$  is a curve or empty set, where  $\Delta_M$  is the degeneracy locus of the Kobayashi pseudodistance  $d_M$  on  $M$ , coincide with each other.

### 0. Introduction

In [7] and [10], the little Picard theorem, that is, the holomorphic map of  $\mathbf{C}^k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) to above  $M$  is algebraically degenerate always, was proved as a special case.

In Theorems 2 and 3 in [4], the Montel theorem was generalized for  $M$ , that is, there are only two cases such as (a):  $M$  is tautly imbedded modulo some curve  $S$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$  (then  $M$  is hyperbolically imbedded modulo  $S$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$ ) or (b): there exists a holomorphic rational function  $f$  on  $M$  such that all irreducible components of every level curve of  $f$  are holomorphically isomorphic to either  $\mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{C}^*$ .

In [5] and [3], for an arbitrary complex manifold  $N$ ,  $\Delta_N$  (for its definition, see Proposition 1.2) is a pseudoconcave set of order 1 and the same for  $S_N(X)$  where  $S_N(X)$  is the degeneracy locus of limiting  $d_N$  to  $\bar{N}$ , which is compact in the manifold  $X$  (precisely, see Definition 1.1 and 1.3).

So, in the case  $M = \mathbf{P}^2 - A(l)$  ( $l \geq 4$ ), if  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  or  $\Delta_M$  is contained in a curve, it is a curve or empty set because it is a pseudoconcave set (compliment of the set is a pseudoconvex set) in the two dimensional case. Then we can make clear the above case (a) to (a)', that is,  $M$  is hyperbolically imbedded modulo  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  which is a curve or empty set.

In [2], the notion that  $M$  is tautly imbedded modulo  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and  $M$  is hyperbolically imbedded modulo  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$  coincide with each other when  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  is a curve or empty set.

In this paper, we prove that the notion that  $M$  is of log general type, measure hyperbolic and hyperbolically imbedded modulo  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$  coincide with each other when  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  is a curve or empty set.

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### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a connected complex manifold and  $M$  a relatively compact domain in  $X$ . We denote by  $d_M$  the Kobayashi pseudodistance on  $M$ . For the precise definition of  $d_M$ , see [9, p. 50]. For  $p, q \in \bar{M}$ , we define

$$\bar{d}_M(p, q) = \liminf_{p' \rightarrow p, q' \rightarrow q} d_M(p', q'), \quad p', q' \in M.$$

For properties of  $\bar{d}_M$ , see [2, p. 386].

**DEFINITION 1.1** (Definition 1.1 in [2]). Let  $S_M(X) = \{p \in \bar{M} \text{ such that there exists some } q \in \bar{M} - \{p\} \text{ such as } \bar{d}_M(p, q) = 0\}$ . We call  $S_M(X)$  the degeneracy locus of  $\bar{d}_M$  in  $X$ .

It is easy to see the following:

**PROPOSITION 1.2.**  $S_M(X) \cap M = \Delta_M := \{p \in M \text{ such that there exists some } q \in M - \{p\} \text{ such as } d_M(p, q) = 0\}$ .

**DEFINITION 1.3** (cf. [13] and [6]). A closed set  $E$  of  $X$  is called a pseudoconcave set of order 1, if for any coordinate neighborhood

$$U : |z_1| < 1, \dots, |z_n| < 1$$

of  $X$  and positive numbers  $r, s$  with  $0 < r < 1, 0 < s < 1$  such that  $U^* \cap E = \emptyset$ , one obtains  $U \cap E = \emptyset$ , where

$$U^* = \{p \in U; |z_1(p)| \leq r\} \cup \left\{ p \in U; s \leq \max_{2 \leq i \leq n} |z_i(p)| \right\}.$$

**THEOREM 1.4** (Theorem 2 in [5] and Theorem 1.12 in [3]). *The sets  $S_M(X)$  is a pseudoconcave set of order 1 in  $X$ , and  $\Delta_M$  is the same in  $M$ .*

**THEOREM 1.5** (Theorem 8.1 in [1]). *For  $M = \mathbf{P}^2 - A(l)$  ( $l \geq 4$ ), there are only two cases.*

- (a)  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  is a curve of  $\mathbf{P}^2$  or empty set.
- (b)  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2) = \mathbf{P}^2$ .

**DEFINITION 1.6** (Definition 6.1 in [1]). We call  $f$  a rational holomorphic function of  $\mathbf{C}$ -type (resp.  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type) on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - A$  if  $f$  is a rational function on  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and normalization of every irreducible component of all level curves of  $f$  except finite number of them is holomorphically isomorphic to  $\mathbf{C}$  (resp.  $\mathbf{C}^*$ ) on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - (A \cup I_f)$ , where  $A$  is a curve of  $\mathbf{P}^2$  or empty set and  $I_f$  is the set of indeterminacy points of  $f$ .

Further, we call  $f$  a primitive rational function on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - A$  if almost all level curves are irreducible except finite ones.

PROPOSITION 1.7 (see Propositions 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 8.2 in [1]). *In the case (b) of Theorem 1.5, there exists a primitive rational holomorphic function  $f$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - A(l)$  ( $l \geq 4$ ) with lacunary three points. Namely,  $A(l)$  is the sum of several irreducible components of level curves of  $f$  which is a rational function of  $\mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and of  $\mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - (A(l) \cup I_f)$ , or  $A(l)$  is the sum of several irreducible components of the level curves of  $f$  which is a rational function of  $\mathbf{C}$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and an irreducible curve of genus 0 of  $\mathbf{P}^2$  such that  $f$  is of  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - (A(l) \cup I_f)$ .*

We shall consider a complex manifold  $X$  of dimension  $n$  which has a compactification. According to Hironaka, there is a smooth compactification  $\bar{X}$  of  $X$ . Namely,  $\bar{X}$  is a compact complex manifold of dimension  $n$  and  $D = \bar{X} - X$  is a divisor which has at most normal crossings. According to F. Sakai [11, p. 245] we can define logarithmic Kodaira dimension  $\bar{\kappa}(X)$  of  $X$ .

DEFINITION 1.8. If  $\bar{\kappa}(X) = n$ ,  $X$  is called a manifold of log general type.

PROPOSITION 1.9 (Proposition 2.4 in [11]). *Let  $X$  be a complex manifold with a smooth compactification  $\bar{X}$ . Let  $f : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{Y}$  be a surjective holomorphic map, where  $\bar{Y}$  is a compact complex manifold. Then for a general point  $y$  in  $f(X)$ , we have*

$$\bar{\kappa}(X) \leq \bar{\kappa}(X \cap f^{-1}(y)) + \dim \bar{Y}.$$

PROPOSITION 1.10 (Proposition 1.1 in [11]). *Let  $X, Y$  be complex manifolds of dimension  $n$  such that  $X \subset Y$ . Then  $\bar{\kappa}(X) \geq \bar{\kappa}(Y)$ .*

DEFINITION 1.11 (cf. [8, p. 117]). Let  $X$  be a complex manifold. Given a Borel subset  $\Xi$  in  $X$ , choose holomorphic maps  $f_i : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$  where  $\Delta^n$  is the unit polydisk and Borel subsets  $\Xi_i$  in  $\Delta^n$ , such that  $\Xi \subset \bigcup_i f_i(\Xi_i)$ . Define

$$\mu_X(\Xi) = \inf \sum_i \int_{\Xi_i} V,$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible choices of  $f_i, \Xi_i$ , and  $V$  is the Poincaré volume form on  $\Delta^n$ . We say  $X$  is measure hyperbolic if  $\mu_X(\Xi) > 0$  for all non empty open subsets  $\Xi$  in  $X$ .

PROPOSITION 1.12 (Theorem (7.1.4) in [9]). *If there exists a nondegenerate holomorphic map  $f : \Delta^{n-1} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow X$ , then  $X$  is not measure hyperbolic.*

## 2. Main results

Throughout this section, the manifold  $M = \mathbf{P}^2 - A(l)$ , where  $A(l)$  is an algebraic curve with  $l$  ( $l \geq 4$ ) irreducible components.

PROPOSITION 2.1 (cf. Conjecture 4 in [9, p. 80]). *If  $\bar{\kappa}(M) = 2$ , then  $M$  is in the case (a) of Theorem 1.5.*

*Proof.* We shall prove that if  $M$  is in the case (b) of Theorem 1.5, then  $\bar{\kappa}(M) \leq 1$ . By blowing up in finite times, there is a smooth compactification of  $\bar{M}$  and  $f$  of Theorem 1.5 is extended to  $\bar{f}: \bar{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  which is a surjective holomorphic map. For a general point  $y$  in  $\mathbf{P}^1$ ,  $X \cap \bar{f}^{-1}(y)$  is an irreducible curve which is holomorphically isomorphic to  $\mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{C}^*$ . By Proposition 1.9,  $\bar{\kappa}(M) \leq 1$ .  $\square$

PROPOSITION 2.2. *If  $M$  is in the case (a) of Theorem 1.5, then  $\bar{\kappa}(M) = 2$ .*

*Proof.* By blowing up in finite times, there is a smooth compactification  $\bar{M}$  and  $\bar{M} - M = C$  is a semi-stable curve. For the definition of semi-stable curve, see [12, p. 90]. By checking the tables 1 and 2 in [12, p. 90] and more precisely, Theorem (2.7) and (3.15) in [12], in the case where  $\bar{M}$  is a rational surface, we see  $\bar{\kappa}(M) \leq 1$  only when  $M$  is in the case (b) of Theorem 1.5. Therefore, the above proposition is proved.  $\square$

By Corollary (7.2.12) in [9], we have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.3. *If  $M$  is in the case (a) of Theorem 1.5,  $M$  is measure hyperbolic.*

PROPOSITION 2.4. *If  $M$  is measure hyperbolic,  $M$  is in the case (a) of Theorem 1.5.*

*Proof.* We shall prove that if  $M$  is in the case (b) of Theorem 1.5, then  $M$  is not measure hyperbolic. By blowing up in finite times, there is a smooth compactification  $\bar{M}$  and there is a primitive rational holomorphic function  $f$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $M$ . If  $f$  is of  $\mathbf{C}$ -type, we can take a neighborhood  $\delta$  in  $f(M)$  such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is holomorphically isomorphic to  $\mathbf{C}$ , where  $y \in \delta$ . By well known Nishino's theorem,  $f^{-1}(\delta)$  is biholomorphic to  $\delta \times \mathbf{C}$ . So there exists a nondegenerate holomorphic map  $g: \Delta \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow M$ . By Proposition 1.12,  $M$  is not measure hyperbolic.

If  $f$  is of  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type, there are two cases. The one is that  $f$  is a rational function of  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and  $A$  is the sum of level curves of  $f$ . The other is that  $f$  is a rational function of  $\mathbf{C}$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and except  $A_1$  such as one of the irreducible components of  $A$ ,  $A$  is level curves of  $f$  and  $A_1$  is a curve of genus 0 of  $\mathbf{P}^2$  such that  $f$  is of  $\mathbf{C}^*$ -type on  $\mathbf{P}^2 - A$ .

In the former case, we can take a neighborhood  $\delta$  in  $f(M)$  such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is holomorphically isomorphic to  $\mathbf{C}^*$  for every  $y \in \delta$ . By Theorem 3 in [14],  $f^{-1}(\delta)$  is biholomorphic to  $\delta \times \mathbf{C}^*$ . Since there exists a nondegenerate holomorphic map of  $\delta \times \mathbf{C}$  to  $\delta \times \mathbf{C}^*$ , there exists a nondegenerate holomorphic map  $h: \Delta \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow M$ . By Proposition 1.12,  $M$  is not measure hyperbolic.

In the latter case, it is easy to see that there is a neighborhood  $\delta$  in  $A_1$  such that every  $f^{-1}(y)$  is holomorphically isomorphic mutually to  $\mathbf{C}^*$  for every  $y \in \delta$ . By the same reason of the former case,  $M$  is not measure hyperbolic.  $\square$

From Propositions 2.1 through 2.4 and Remark on Theorem 4.4 in [2], we conclude the following

**THEOREM 2.5.** *For  $M = \mathbf{P}^2 - A(l)$  ( $l \geq 4$ ) such that  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  is a curve or empty set, the following notions coincide with each other:*

- (1)  *$M$  is hyperbolically imbedded modulo  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$ .*
- (2)  *$M$  is tautly imbedded modulo  $S_M(\mathbf{P}^2)$  in  $\mathbf{P}^2$ .*
- (3)  *$M$  is of log general type.*
- (4)  *$M$  is measure hyperbolic.*

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