

HÖLDER AND L^p ESTIMATES FOR THE $\bar{\partial}$ -OPERATOR ON POLYCYLINDERS

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Abstract

Hölder estimates are used to obtain L^p estimates for the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator and to solve the Hölder-Gleason problem on admissible polycylinders.

Introduction

In trying to obtain L^p estimates for the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator on polycylinders, we were led to the estimates in [1]. Those estimates proved to be very useful, but they were not of the usual kind. Here $1 < p < \infty$ we obtain L^p estimates for the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator of the usual kind on polycylinders. This is done by using the Hölder estimates for the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator on the so called admissible polycylinders in [2]. The Hölder estimates are again used to solve the Hölder-Gleason problem.

Preliminaries

Let U be open in \mathbb{C}^n , $0 < \alpha < 1$, $k \geq 0$ an integer. We define $C^{k,\alpha}(U)$ to be the space of functions f on U such that

$$|f|_{C^{k,\alpha}(U)} := \sup_U |f| + \sup_U \frac{|D^\gamma f(x) - D^\gamma f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} < \infty,$$

where D^γ is a derivative of order $|\gamma| = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j$, $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$, $\gamma_j \geq 0$

If $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ is open, we use the real underlying coordinates of \mathbb{C}^n considered as \mathbb{R}^{2n} to define $C^{k,\alpha}(U)$.

If

$$\sum_{\substack{(i_1, \dots, i_r) \\ (j_1, \dots, j_q)}} f_{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_q} dz_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{i_r} \wedge d\bar{z}_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_{j_q}$$

is an (r,q) -form on U , where \sum means the summation is over increasing multi-indices, we write f as $\sum_{I,J} f_{I,J} dz^I \wedge d\bar{z}^J$ for short, $I = (i_1, \dots, i_r)$, $J = (j_1, \dots, j_q)$, and set



$$\|f\|_{C^{k,\alpha}_{r,q}} = \max_{I,J} \|f_{I,J}\|_{C^{k,\alpha}(U)}$$

A polycylinder is called admissible if it has factors with boundaries of plane measure zero.

The Hölder estimates theorem that we use is

Theorem 1. Let Ω be an admissible polycylinder in \mathbb{C}^n and $0 < \alpha < 1, k > 0$ an integer. There is $K > 0$ such that if f is a $\bar{\partial}$ -closed $(r, q+1)$ -form on Ω with $\|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)} < \infty$, then there is an (r, q) -form on Ω with $\bar{\partial}u = f$ and

$$\|u\|_{C^{k,\alpha}(\Omega)} \leq K \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

The $(0,1)$ case of this theorem is proved in [2] and there is an indication there how the $(0,q)$ case should be proved ($q > 1$). The formalism for proving the $(0, q)$ case works for the (r, q) case.

Let $f = \sum_{I,J} f_{I,J} dz^I \wedge \bar{z}^J$ be an (r,q) -form as above; we define

$$\|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)} := \max_{i,j} \|f_{i,j}\|_{L^p(\Omega)}, \quad (1 \leq p \leq \infty)$$

We then have

Theorem 2. Let Ω be any polycylinder in \mathbb{C}^n and $1 < p < \infty$. There is $K > 0$ such that if f is a $\bar{\partial}$ -closed $(r,q+1)$ -form on Ω with $\|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)} < \infty$ then there is an (r,q) -form u on Ω with $\bar{\partial}u = f$ and

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq K \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

With $A(\Omega)$ the space of holomorphic functions on Ω , $A^{k,\alpha}(\Omega) = A(\Omega) \cap C^{k,\alpha}(\Omega)$, for Ω open in \mathbb{C}^n .

The Hölder-Gleason theorem is then

Theorem 3 Let Ω be an admissible polycylinder in \mathbb{C}^n . Let $w \in \Omega$ and $f_1, \dots, f_N \in A^{k,\alpha}(\Omega)$ with $\{w\} = \{z \in \Omega : f_1(z) = \dots = f_N(z) = 0\}$. Moreover, let $f \in A^{k,\alpha}(\Omega)$ ($k > 0$) such that there exist a neighbourhood U of w and holomorphic functions g_1, \dots, g_N on U with

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j g_j \quad \text{on } U$$

There exist $g_1, \dots, g_N \in A^{k,\alpha}(\Omega)$ with

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j g_j$$

We do not prove Theorem 3 here, because the formalism for proving the Ck version on strictly pseudoconvex domains in [4] works here also.

L^p Estimates

We give a proof of the (0,1) case of Theorem 2 in this section, the (r,q)-case following similarly.

Let *f* satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 2, then the following is true.

Lemma 4. There is a sequence of admissible polycylinders $\Omega_1 \subset\subset \Omega_2 \dots$ such that

$\bigcup_v \Omega_v = \Omega$ and a sequence $\{u_v\}_{v=1}^\infty$ of function with $u_v \in L^p(\Omega_v)$, $\bar{\partial}u_v = f$ in Ω and

$$\|u_v\|_{L^p(\Omega_v)} \leq K \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)},$$

where K is the same for all *v*, $1 \leq v \leq \infty$.

Proof. Let $f = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j dz_j$, where *f* satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 2 in the (0, 1)-case. Define *f* to be zero outside Ω and still call it *f*. That, there is a sequence of admissible polycylinders $(\Omega_v)_{v=1}^\infty$ exhausting Ω , is clear.

Let *v* be fixed and regularize *f* coefficientwise:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n f_j dz_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_m &= \sum_{j=1}^n (f_j)_m dz_j, \\ (f_j)_m &= \int_{\mathbb{C}^n} f_j(z - \xi/m) \varphi(\xi) d\lambda \xi \\ &= m^{2n} \int_{\mathbb{C}^n} f_j(\xi) \varphi(m(z - \xi)) d\lambda(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{C}^n)$, $\int \varphi d\lambda = 1$, $\varphi > 0$, $\text{supp } \varphi = \{z: |z| < 1\}$, and λ is Lebesgue measure, Then $f_m \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_v)$, $0 < \alpha < 1$, for *m* sufficiently large and $\bar{\partial}f_m = 0$ in Ω_v . For such an *m* (sufficiently large) define

$$g_m := \begin{cases} f_m & \text{in } \Omega_v \\ 0 & \text{outside } \Omega_v. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$g_m = \sum_{j=1}^n g_{j,m} dz_j, \text{ and by Lemma 3 in [2], if}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{v,m} &= (2\pi i)^{-1} \int (\xi - z_1)^{-1} g_{1,m}(\xi, z_2, \dots, z_n) d\xi \wedge dz_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n \\ \bar{\partial}u_{\xi,m} &= f_m \text{ in } \Omega_v \text{ and} \\ \|u_{v,m}\|_{L^p(\Omega_v)} &\leq K \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega_v)} \end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that as $m \rightarrow \infty$ $g_m \rightarrow f$ in $L^p_{(0,1)}(\Omega_v)$ and $u_{v,m} \rightarrow$ some u_v in $L^p(\Omega_v)$, $u_v = f$ in Ω_v and

$$\|u_{v,m}\|_{L^p(\Omega_v)} \leq K \|f\|_{(0,1)} \quad (\Omega_v) \quad (1)$$

Now define u_v as zero outside Ω_v , then since $L^p(\Omega)$ is reflexible for $1 < p < \infty$, by the Banach-Alaoglu Theorem, there is a $u \in L^p(\Omega)$ with

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq K \|f\|_{(0,1)} \quad (1 < p < \infty), \quad (2)$$

and a subsequence $\{u_{v_n}\}$ of $\{u_v\}$ such that $u_{v_n} \rightarrow u$ weakly in $L^p(\Omega)$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$. In particular $u_{v_n} \rightarrow u$ in distribution theory, as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore

$$u = f \text{ in } \Omega$$

and with (2) Theorem 2 is proved.

If $f \neq 0$ and $f_1 \equiv 0$ there is a j_0 such that $f_{j_0} \neq 0$, and we can use f_{j_0} instead of f_1 in the above.

Conclusion

The results in the present paper together with those in [2] and [3] go a long way to address Professor Tutschke's comments in [5].

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