

Default functions and value distribution of holomorphic maps

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Default is ...

Dictionaries say:

Oxford dictionary;

1. Failure to fulfil an obligation, especially to repay a loan or appear in a law court.

Mirriam-Webster;

3. economics :a failure to pay financial debts,

e.g. ” was in default on her loan”, ”mortgage defaults”

§1 Default functions: definition and basic properties.

Fix a filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, P)$.

Let M_t be a continuous local martingale. i.e. $\exists T_n \uparrow \infty$ (stopping time) s.t. $M_t^{T_n} = M_{T_n \wedge t}$ is a true continuous martingale for each n .

M_t is a (true) martingale

$\Leftrightarrow E[M_T] = E[M_0]$ for $\forall T$: bounded stopping time.

Def. If M_t is not a true martingale, we say M_t is a **strictly local martingale**.

“Local” property of M_t :

$$\gamma_T(M) := E[M_0] - E[M_T].$$

is called a **default function** (Elworthy- X.M.Li-Yor('99)).

Rem. If M_t is positive, $\gamma_T(M) \geq 0$ (\because) M_t is a supermartingale).

Default formula : Assume that $E[|M_T|] < \infty$, $E[|M_0|] < \infty$ for a stopping time T and $\{M_{T \wedge S}^-; S : \text{stopping times}\}$ is uniformly integrable. Set

$$M_t^* := \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} M_s.$$

$$E[M_T : M_T^* \leq \lambda] + \lambda P(M_T^* > \lambda) + E[(M_0 - \lambda)_+] = E[M_0].$$

Letting $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\gamma_T(M) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} M_t > \lambda\right).$$

Another quantity: $\sigma_T(M)$

Def.

$$\sigma_T(M) := \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P(\langle M \rangle_T^{1/2} > \lambda).$$

Theorem (Elworthy-Li-Yor, Takaoka('99)) Assume that

$$E[|M_T|] < \infty, E[|M_0|] < \infty.$$

$$\exists \gamma_T(M) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma_T(M).$$

Moreover $M_t^T := M_{T \wedge t}$ is a uniformly integrable martingale iff

$$\gamma_T(M) = \sigma_T(M) = 0.$$

See also Azema-Gundy -Yor('80), Galtchouk-Novikov('97).

[Example]

R_t : d -dimensional Bessel process(= the modulus of Brownian motion on \mathbb{R}^d ;
 $R_t = |B_t|$).

If $d > 2$, then R_t^{2-d} is a strictly local martingale.

As for default function, if $R_0 = r$,

$$\gamma_t(R^{2-d}) = \frac{1}{2^\nu \Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^t \frac{du}{u^{1+\nu}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2u}\right),$$

where $d = 2(1 + \nu)$.

If $d = 2$, $\log R_t$ is a strictly local martingale.

$$\gamma_t(\log R) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{du}{u} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2u}\right).$$

[submartingale case]

Let $X_t = X_0 + M_t + A_t$ where M is a local martingale and A is an adapted increasing process.

Lem.(Default function for submartingale)

If X is positive and $E[A_T] < \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} X_t > \lambda\right) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} M_t > \lambda\right) \\ &= E[X_0] - E[X_T] + E[A_T]. \end{aligned}$$

Example (stochastic Jensen's formula).

Let $Z_t : \text{BM}(\mathbb{C})$ with $Z_0 = 0$, $\tau_r = \inf\{t > 0 : |Z_t| > r\}$

and f be a non-constant holomorphic function on \mathbb{C} .

Set $X_t := \log |f(Z_{\tau_r \wedge t}) - a|^{-2}$: a local martingale bounded below.

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P\left(\sup_{0 < t < \tau_r} X_t > \lambda\right) = \sum_{f(\zeta)=a, |\zeta| < r} 2 \log \frac{r}{|\zeta|}.$$

From this we can see an essential relationship between Nevanlinna theory and complex Brownian motion (Carne(86), A.(95)).

§2 Submartingale property of subharmonic functions.

[Settings]

Let M be a separable, metrizable, locally compact space and m a Radon measure whose support is M .

(X_t, P_x) be a symmetric diffusion process with generator L defined from the Dirichlet form $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$ on $L^2(m)$.

$\mu_{\langle u \rangle}$ denotes the energy measure of u such that

$$\int_M f(x) d\mu_{\langle u \rangle}(x) = 2\mathcal{E}(uf, u) - \mathcal{E}(u^2, f), \quad f \in \mathcal{F} \cap C_o(M).$$

Define

$$\mu_{\langle u, v \rangle} = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_{\langle u+v \rangle} - \mu_{\langle u \rangle} - \mu_{\langle v \rangle}).$$

Then

$$\mathcal{E}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2}\mu_{\langle u, v \rangle}(M) \quad (u, v \in \mathcal{F}_b).$$

If $\mu_{\langle u, v \rangle}$ is absolutely continuous w.r.t. m ,

$$\Gamma(u, v) := \frac{d\mu_{\langle u, v \rangle}}{dm}.$$

Assume that

- $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$ is a strongly local, irreducible regular Dirichlet form.
- (AC) the transition probability $p(t, x, dy)$ is absolutely continuous w.r.t. m for $\forall t > 0, \forall x$.
- (EXH) there exists a nonnegative exhaustion function $r(x)$ (i.e. $\{r(x) < r\} : \text{rel.cpt for } \forall r \geq 0$) such that $\Gamma(r, r)$ is bounded.
- (CON) (X_t, P_x) is conservative.

Typical Example : Brownian motion on a complete, connected Riemannian

manifold \mathcal{M} . $L = \frac{1}{2}\Delta$, $\Gamma(u, u) = \frac{1}{2}|\nabla u|^2$, $r(x) = d(o, x)$,

$m =$ Riemannian volume dv , $p(t, x, dy) = p(t, x, y)dv(y)$ where

$p(t, x, y)$ is the heat kernel of $\partial/\partial t - \frac{1}{2}\Delta$.

$\mathcal{F} = H_0^1(\mathcal{M}) = \overline{C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})}^{\mathcal{E}_1}$ where $\mathcal{E}_1(u, u) = \mathcal{E}(u, u) + \|u\|_{L^2(m)}^2$.

Note $\mathcal{C} = C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$. This satisfies the assumptions (AC), (EXH). If the Ricci curvature of \mathcal{M} satisfies

$$Ric \geq -Cr(x)^2 - C,$$

for some $C > 0$, (CON) holds.

[subharmonic function]

Def. u is (L -)subharmonic if $u \in \mathcal{F}_{loc} \cap L_{loc}^\infty(M)$ and $\mathcal{E}(\phi, u) \leq 0$ for $\forall \phi \geq 0, \phi \in \mathcal{F}$ with compact support.

Let

$$\mathcal{U} := \{u : \text{a positive } L\text{-subharmonic function} \mid \\ E_x[u(X_t)] < \infty (\forall t > 0) \text{ a.e. } x\}.$$

It is well-known that $u(X_t)$ is a local submartingale if $u \in \mathcal{U}$:

$$\tilde{u}(X_t) - \tilde{u}(x) = M_t^{[u]} + A_t^{[u]} \quad P_x\text{-a.s.}$$

Def. Submartingale property of subharmonic functions We say that u has the L -submartingale property if $\tilde{u}(X_t)$ is a continuous submartingale under P_x for a.e. x .

Def. Default function of $u(X_T)$

$$N_x(T, u) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P_x \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq T} \tilde{u}(X_s) > \lambda \right).$$

We consider the condition for the default function to be vanishing when $T = t$.

Theorem 0. Let $B(r) := \{r(x) < r\}$.

If $u \in \mathcal{U}$ and

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\log \int_{B(r)} u^\alpha dm + \log m(B(r)) \right) < \infty$$

for some $\alpha > 2$, then u has the L -submartingale property. i.e. $\tilde{u}(X_t)$ is a submartingale under P_x for a.e. x .

sketch of proof.

1^o. Let $\tau_r = \inf\{t > 0 | X_t \notin B(r)\}$. If

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} E_x[\tilde{u}(X_{\tau_r}) : \tau_r < t] = 0,$$

then $N_x(t, u) = 0$.

2^o. Estimate $E_x[\tilde{u}(X_{\tau_r})]$.

Lem. Let $x_0 \in M$, $\eta > 0$. If u is a positive L -subharmonic function, there exists a constant $C(x_0)$ such that for r large enough,

$$E_{x_0}[\tilde{u}(X_{\tau_r})] \leq C(x_0) \left(\int_{B(r(\eta+1))} u(x)^2 dm \right)^{1/2} + C(x_0).$$

3^o. Estimate $P_x(\tau_r < t)$.

Lem. (Takeda's inequality) Fix $r_0 > 0$. If $r > r_0$, there exists $c > 0$ such that

$$\int_{B(r_0)} P_y(\tau_r < t) dm(y) \leq \text{const.} \frac{\text{vol}(B(r+1))}{r} e^{-\frac{cr^2}{t}},$$

4^o. $N_{x_0}(t_0, u) = 0$ for some x_0, t_0 implies $N_x(t, u) = 0$ for $\forall t > 0$ and **a.e.x.**

[Brownian motion case]

When \mathcal{M} is a complete Riemannian manifold and (X_t, P_x) is Brownian motion on \mathcal{M} , the Ricci curvature controls the conditions in the above theorem.

Theorem. If there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that $Ric \geq -Cr(x)^2 - C$ and a positive subharmonic function u satisfies

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^2} \log \int_{B(r)} u(x) dv(x) < \infty,$$

then u has the Δ -submartingale property.

§3. L^1 Liouville theorem.

[Known results]

1-1. L^p -Liouville theorem: (Yau '76, P.Li-Schoen '84) If \mathcal{M} is a complete Riemannian manifold and a positive Δ -subharmonic function u is L^p -integrable for $p > 1$, u is constant.

1-2. Generalization in the context of Dirichlet form (T.Sturm, '94).

Under our setting, if a positive L -subharmonic u satisfies

$$\int \frac{r dr}{\int_{B(r)} u^p dm} = \infty$$

for some $p > 1$, then u is constant.

2. L^1 -Liouville theorem. Let \mathcal{M} be a complete Riemannian manifold and u a positive Δ -subharmonic function.

Ricci curvature condition (P.Li '84)

If \mathcal{M} is a complete Riemannian manifold satisfying $Ric \geq -Cr(x)^2 - C$ for some $C > 0$ and u is L^1 , then u is constant.

3. Weighted L^p -Liouville theorem. (Nadirashvili '85)

If $\int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{f(u(x))}{r(x)^2 + 1} dv(x) < \infty$ for a nonnegative function on $[0, \infty)$

satisfying $\int_0^\infty 1/f(t) dt < \infty$, then u is constant

[L^1 -Liouville theorem and submartingale property]

We do not assume the conservativeness of (X_t, P_x) in the following proposition.

Prop. If u is a positive, integrable L -subharmonic function and u has the submartingale property, then u is constant a.e. Namely vanishing of default function of u implies L^1 -Liouville theorem.

[(Counter)Example]

Example 1 (recurrent case).

The following example is originally due to Li-Schoen. We give a little modification.

Let \overline{M} be a compact 2-dim Riemannian manifold without boundary, equipped with a metric ds_0^2 ,

$\Delta_{\overline{M}}$ is the Laplacian defined from ds_0^2 and

\overline{X} Brownian motion on \overline{M} with its generator $\frac{1}{2}\Delta_{\overline{M}}$. Fix $o \in \overline{M}$. Set

$$g(o, x) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty \left(p(t, o, x) - \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\overline{M})} \right) dt + C,$$

where $p(t, x, y)$ is the transition density of \overline{X} and C is a positive constant such that $g(o, x) > 0$ for all $x \in \overline{M} \setminus \{o\}$. Remark that

$g(o, x) \sim \log \frac{1}{d_{\overline{M}}(o, x)^2}$ ($d_{\overline{M}}(o, x) \rightarrow 0$). Note

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta_{\overline{M}}g(o, x) = -2\pi\delta_o(x) + \frac{1}{Vol(\overline{M})}.$$

Let M be $\overline{M} \setminus \{o\}$. Take σ be a smooth function on M s.t.

$$\sigma(x) \sim t^{-1}(\log \frac{1}{t})^{-1}(\log \log \frac{1}{t})^{-\alpha} \text{ with } 1/2 < \alpha < 1$$

when $t = d_{\overline{M}}(o, x) \rightarrow 0$.

Define a metric $ds^2 = \sigma^2 ds_0^2$ on M . Note that Laplacian Δ_M defined from ds^2 has a form

$$\Delta_M = \sigma^{-2} \Delta_{\overline{M}},$$

where $\Delta_{\overline{M}}$ is defined from ds_0^2 . Let X_t be Brownian motion on M with its generator $\frac{1}{2}\Delta_M$. Then X_t is a time changed process of \overline{X}_t which is recurrent. Hence X_t is recurrent, in particular, conservative.

(M, ds^2) satisfies

- complete and stochastically complete.
- M is of finite volume w.r.t ds^2 .
- u is a nonnegative smooth subharmonic function on M and integrable w.r.t. ds^2 .
- the curvature $\sim -const.r^{\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}} = -cr^{2+\epsilon}$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$
($\epsilon = (4\alpha - 2)/(1 - \alpha) > 0$).

From these facts we see $u(X_t)$ is a strictly local submartingale and L^1 -Liouville property of M fails.

Example 2 (transient case).

Let M be a unit disc $(\{|z| < 1\}) \setminus \{o\}$ in \mathbb{C} .

Take a (non-degenerate) conformal metric g :

$$g \sim \begin{cases} ds^2 \text{ around } o \text{ (} ds^2 \text{ as in Example 1),} \\ \text{the Poincaré metric near } |z| = 1. \end{cases}$$

Then g is complete on M and $\log \text{vol} B(r) = O(r)$. The Brownian motion defined from g is a time-change of a hyperbolic Brownian motion. Set

$$u(z) := -\log(2|z| \wedge 1) = (-\log |z|) \vee \log 2 - \log 2 \geq 0.$$

u is a nonnegative integrable subharmonic function w.r.t. the volume defined from g .

[Our results]

Theorem 1. Suppose u is an L -subharmonic function. $u_+ := \max\{u, 0\}$.

i) Assume there exists $\alpha > 2$ and $0 \leq p < 1$ such that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^{2(1-p)}} \log \left\{ m(B(r)) \int_{B(r)} u_+(x)^\alpha dm(x) \right\} < \infty.$$

If

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{|u(x)|}{(1+r(x))^{2p}} dm(x) < \infty,$$

then u is constant a.e.

ii) Assume there exists $\alpha > 2$ such that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(\log r)^2} \log \left\{ m(B(r)) \int_{B(r)} u_+(x)^\alpha dm(x) \right\} < \infty.$$

If

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{|u(x)|}{1 + r(x)^2} dm(x) < \infty,$$

then u is constant a.e.

Rem. If \mathcal{M} is a complete Riemannian manifold, u is a Δ -subharmonic function and $Ric \geq -Cr(x)^2 - C$, then the assumption of Theorem 1 with $p = 0$ is satisfied. It implies P.Li's theorem.

[Brownian motion case]

When \mathcal{M} is a complete Riemannian manifold and u is a Δ -subharmonic function, using Ricci curvature condition enables us to simplify the results as follows.

Theorem 2 (A. 2016, 2017 manuscripta math.). Suppose $Ric \geq -k(r(x))$.

Let u be a smooth subharmonic function on M .

i) Assume that $k(r)$ is non-decreasing and there exists $0 \leq p \leq 1/2$ such that

$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k(r)}{r^{2(1-2p)}} < \infty$. If

$$\int_M \frac{|u(x)|}{(1+r(x))^{2p}} dv(x) < \infty, \quad \text{then } u \text{ is constant.}$$

ii) Assume that $k(r)$ is regularly varying or moderately monotone, and there exists

$0 \leq p < 1$ such that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^{2(1-p)}} \left\{ k(r)^{1/2} + \int_1^r k(t)^{1/2} dt + \log \text{vol}(\{r(x) < r\}) \right\} < \infty.$$

If

$$\int_M \frac{|u(x)|}{(1 + r(x))^{2p}} dv(x) < \infty, \quad \text{then } u \text{ is constant.}$$

iii) Assume that $k(r)$ is regularly varying or moderately monotone,

$$\text{and } \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(\log r)^2} \left\{ k(r)^{1/2} + \int_1^r k(t)^{1/2} dt + \log \text{vol}(\{r(x) < r\}) \right\} < \infty.$$

If

$$\int_M \frac{|u(x)|}{1 + r(x)^2} dv(x) < \infty, \quad \text{then } u \text{ is constant.}$$

Proof of Theorem 1. As for the case of $p = 0$ directly from the submartingale property for $u(X_t)$. For the other case use time-change argument as follows. Let $\rho(t)$ is a non-increasing, positive function on $(0, \infty)$ such that $\int_0^\infty \rho(t)^{1/2} dt = \infty$. Y_t defined by

$$Y_t = X_{\zeta_t^{-1}} \text{ with } \zeta_t = \int_0^t \rho(r(X_s)) ds.$$

Note that Y_t has a generator $\frac{1}{2} \rho(r(x))^{-1} L$ which becomes a self-adjoint operator on $L^2(\rho(r(x)) dm)$. Define an exhaustion function $\theta(x)$ on \mathcal{M} by

$$\theta(x) = \int_0^{r(x)} \sqrt{\rho(s)} ds.$$

Then $\Gamma(\theta, \theta)$ is bounded. Thus our argument as before is available. Take $\rho(t) = (1 + t)^{-2p}$ with $0 \leq p < 1$ in case of i) and with $p = 1$ in case of ii).

§4. Liouville type theorems for strongly subharmonic functions.

Takegoshi ('06) and Pigola-Rigoli-Setti('03) showed :

Theorem (Takegoshi('06), Pigola-Rigoli-Setti('03) ($b < 2$)) Let M be a non-compact complete Riemannian manifold and $v(r)$ denote the volume of a geodesic ball of radius $r > 0$ with center x_0 . $r(x) := d(x_0, x)$. If there exist $u \in C^2(M)$, $C > 0$, $a > 0$, $\delta > 0$ such that $\{u > \delta\} \neq \emptyset$ and

$$\Delta u(x) \geq \frac{Cu(x)^{a+1}}{(1+r(x))^b} \quad \text{on } \{u > \delta\} \quad (*)$$

holds for $b \leq 2$, then $\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log v(r)}{r^{2-b}} = \infty$ ($b < 2$),

$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log v(r)}{\log r} = \infty$ ($b = 2$).

Takegoshi called a function satisfying (*) a strongly subharmonic function. This inequality is related to Yamabe type differential inequality :

$$\Delta u(x) + k(x)u(x) \geq l(x)u(x)^{1+a}.$$

cf. Yamabe's equation : Let $f : (M, g) \rightarrow (N, h)$ be a conformal immersion such that $f^*h = u^{4/(m-2)}g$ ($m \geq 3$), $f^*h = ug$ ($m = 2$). Then u satisfies :

$$c_m \Delta_M u - s_g u + K_{f^*h} u^{(m+2)/(m-2)} = 0 \quad (m \geq 3),$$

$$\Delta \log u - s_g + K_{f^*h} u = 0 \quad (m = 2),$$

where $c_m = 4(m-1)/(m-2)$, s_g and K_{f^*h} are scalar curvatures of g and f^*h , respectively.

We can extend the above result by Takegoshi and Pigola et. al to the case of our symmetric diffusion case.

Theorem 3. Let ρ be a non-increasing, positive continuous function on \mathbb{R} s.t.

$\int_0^\infty \sqrt{\rho(t)} dt = \infty$. Set $\Phi(t) := \int_0^t \sqrt{\rho(s)} ds$. If $u \in \mathcal{F}_{loc}$ satisfies that $\{u > \delta\} \neq \emptyset$ for some $\delta > 0$ and

$$Lu(x) \geq \rho(r(x))u^{a+1}(x) \quad \text{on } \{u > \delta\}$$

holds for some $a > 0$, then $\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log m(\Phi(r(x)) < r)}{\Phi(r)^2} = \infty$.

Cor. Takegoshi's theorem holds replacing the conclusion in the case of $b = 2$ by

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log v(r)}{(\log r)^2} = \infty.$$

Proof of Theorem 3. By time-change argument it is sufficient to consider the case that $\rho = 1$. The problem can be deduced to consider u satisfying

$$Lu \geq Cu^{a+1} \tag{**}$$

on M .

Lemma. If $u \in \mathcal{F}_{loc}$ satisfies (**), there exists a constant $C_1 > 0$ such that

$$\int_{B(r)} u(x)^{2+a} dm(x) \leq C_1 V(2r),$$

where $V(r) := m(\{x | r(x) \leq r\})$.

Hence by Theorem 0, if u satisfies (**) and

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log V(r)}{r^2} < \infty,$$

then u has L -submartingale property.

§5. Liouville theorems for holomorphic maps.

Let \mathcal{M} be a complete Kähler manifold, \mathcal{N} a Hermitian manifold, and $f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ a holomorphic map. $R(x) := \inf_{\xi \in T_x \mathcal{M}, \|\xi\|=1} Ric(\xi, \xi)$,
 $R_-(x) := \max\{0, -R(x)\}$, $B(r) := \{x \in M \mid r(x) < r\}$,
 $K(y)$: holomorphic bisectional curvature of \mathcal{N} .

Let ρ be a non-increasing, positive continuous function on \mathbb{R} s.t.

$$\int_0^\infty \sqrt{\rho(t)} dt = \infty \text{ as Theorem 3.}$$

Theorem 4. Assume Brownian motion on \mathcal{M} is transient. If $K(f(x)) \leq -\rho(r(x))$, $\int_M R_-(x) dv(x) < \infty$ and

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\Phi(r)^2} \log \text{vol}(B(r)) < \infty,$$

then f is constant, where $\Phi(r) = \int_0^r \sqrt{\rho(t)} dt$.

Cor. If $\int_M R_-(x) dv(x) < \infty$ and

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^2} \log \text{vol}(B(r)) < \infty,$$

then every bounded holomorphic function on \mathcal{M} is constant.

Rem.

- This type result is originally due to Li and Yau(1990) where they treated the case that ρ was constant.
- Pigola-Rigoli-Setti('08) showed the above theorem when $\rho(t) = ct^{-b}$ ($b < 2$).
- In recurrent cases Theorem 4 does not always hold. In particular, it does not hold when $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M = 1$.

Idea of proof. Let $e(x) := \text{tr}_{g_{\mathcal{M}}} f^* g_{\mathcal{N}}$ (energy density of f). Chern-Lu formula implies

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta \log e(x) \geq -K(f(x))e(x) - R_-(x) \text{ if } e(x) \neq 0.$$

Then the problem can be deduced to

Theorem 5. Suppose that L -diffusion (X_t, P_x) is transient and that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log m(B(r))}{r^2} < \infty,$$

where $B(r) = \{x \in M \mid r(x) < r\}$. If $a > 0$ and a nonnegative $u \in \mathcal{F}_{loc} \cap L_{loc}^{\infty}(M)$ satisfies

$$L \log u(x) \geq u(x)^a - g(x), \tag{***}$$

where g is a nonnegative m -integrable function, then $u = 0$.

Transience assumption is effectively used as follows:

Lemma. If u satisfies (***) and

$$\log w(x) = \log u(x) - E_x \left[\int_0^\infty g(X_s) ds \right],$$

then w satisfies

$$Lw \geq w^{1+a}.$$

Then the problem can be deduced to Theorem 3.

§6. Picard type theorems.

Consider the value distribution of meromorphic functions on negatively curved Kähler manifolds. Let f be a nonconstant meromorphic function on M : Kähler manifold i.e. $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ holomorphic.

$[x, y]$ denotes the chordal distance on $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \cong \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ defined by

$$[x, y] = \begin{cases} \frac{|x - y|}{\sqrt{|x|^2 + 1} \sqrt{|y|^2 + 1}} & (x, y < \infty) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|^2 + 1}} & (y = \infty). \end{cases}$$

Let (X_t, P_x) be a Brownian motion defined from the Kähler metric. In this section we consider default function $\log[f(X_t), a]^{-2}$ ($a \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$).

Assume (X_t, P_x) is conservative (i.e. (M, g) is stochastically complete).

Define

$$\tilde{m}_x(t, a) = E_x[\log[f(X_t), a]^{-2}],$$

$$\tilde{N}_x(t, a) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda P_x(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \log[f(X_s), a]^{-2} > \lambda),$$

$$\tilde{T}_x(t) = E_x\left[\int_0^t e(X_s) ds\right]$$

provided that $f(x) \neq a$. As before by Ito's formula, we have an analogy of the First Main Theorem of Nevanlinna theory:

$$\tilde{m}_x(t, a) - \log[f(x), a]^{-2} + \tilde{N}_x(t, a) = \tilde{T}_x(t)$$

provided that $f(x) \neq a$ and $\tilde{T}_x(t) < \infty$.

Let $r(x)$ be a distance function from a reference point on M and, set

$$R(x) = \inf_{|\xi|=1, \xi \in T_x M} \text{Ric}(\xi, \xi) \text{ and } B(r) = \{r(x) < r\}.$$

Lemma. Assume $R(x) \geq -Cr(x)^2 - C$ for some $C > 0$. If f omits $a \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ and

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^2} \log \int_{B(r)} e(x) dv(x) < \infty,$$

then $\tilde{N}_x(t, a) = 0$ for $\forall t > 0$, a.e. x .

Theorem 5 (A. 2017 Forum Math.) Let M be a complete Kähler manifold whose sectional curvature is non-positive and its Ricci curvature satisfies

$$R(x) \geq -Cr(x)^\beta - C \text{ for } \beta < 2.$$

Let f be a nonconstant meromorphic function on M , a_1, a_2, \dots, a_q distinct points of $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ and $x \in M$ such that $f(x) \neq a_j$ ($j = 1, \dots, q$). Assume that f cannot omit any sets of positive logarithmic capacity. Then

(i) f omits at most two points or

(ii)

$$\sum_{i=1}^q \tilde{m}_x(t, a_i) + \tilde{N}_1(t, x) \leq 2\tilde{T}_x(t) + \tilde{N}_x(t, \text{Ric}) + O(\log \tilde{T}_x(t))$$

holds for $t \in (0, \infty)$ except for a set of finite Lebesgue measure, where

$$\tilde{N}_x(t, \text{Ric}) = -E_x \left[\int_0^t R(X_s) ds \right].$$

Rem. 1) The assumption that f cannot omit any sets of positive logarithmic capacity implies $\tilde{T}_x(t) \rightarrow \infty$ ($t \rightarrow \infty$).

2) The case when $\tilde{T}_x(t) = \infty$ for a finite $t > 0$ is included in the case (i).

3) When $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M = 1$, the negativity assumption of the sectional curvature of M can be removed.

Cor. Let M and f be as above.

If

$$\alpha := \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{N}_x(t, \text{Ric})}{\tilde{T}_x(t)} < \infty,$$

then f can omit at most $2 + \alpha$ points.

Examples. 1) Let M be a Riemann surface of finite total curvature and $\text{Ric} \geq -Cr^\beta - C$ for some $\beta < 2$. Then we have

$$\alpha = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{N}_x(t, \text{Ric})}{\tilde{T}_x(t)} = \frac{K_M}{e(f)},$$

where K_M is the total curvature of M and $e(f) = \int_M e(x) dV(x) (\leq \infty)$.

Hence

$$\#(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus f(M)) \leq 2 + \frac{K_M}{e(f)}.$$

2) Assume that $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} M \geq 2$, $Sect_M \leq 0$, $\int_M R_- dv < \infty$ and $Ric \geq -Cr^\beta - C$ for some $\beta < 2$. If X is transient, $\tilde{N}_x(\infty, Ric) < \infty$. Hence

$$Cap(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus f(M)) = 0 \text{ implies } \#(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus f(M)) \leq 2.$$

If X is recurrent,

$$\#(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus f(M)) \leq 2 + \frac{\int_M R_- dv}{e(f)}$$

as before.