

Introduction to analytic geometry (course by Jean-Pierre Demailly)
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The goal of this sheet is to detail the proof of the Lelong-Poincaré formula.

1. (Multiplicities in the divisor of a holomorphic function).

(a) Let $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ be a non zero germ of holomorphic function at a point $x \in X$ in a complex n -dimensional manifold X . One defines the vanishing order $\text{ord}_x(f)$ of f at point x to be the largest integer k such that $D^\alpha f(x) = 0$ for all multi-indices $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $|\alpha| < k$, i.e. $f(z) = O(|z - x|^k)$ as $z \rightarrow x$. Show that $\text{ord}_x(fg) = \text{ord}_x(f) + \text{ord}_x(g)$ for $f, g \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$, $f, g \neq 0$.

(b) Assume that $x \in Z_{\text{reg}}$ where $Z = f^{-1}(0)$. Since $\text{codim } Z = 1$, by the definition of what is a smooth codim 1 submanifold, one can find local holomorphic coordinates (z_1, \dots, z_n) centered at x on an open neighborhood V of x , such that $Z \cap V = \{z \in V / z_1 = 0\}$. Then show that there exists an integer $m \geq 1$ such that $f(z) = z_1^m g(z)$ with a non vanishing function $g \in \mathcal{O}_X(V)$ (after possibly shrinking V). *Hint.* The division process is obtained by looking at the Taylor expansion of f , and leads to a function g that is no longer divisible by z_1 . If $g(x) = 0$, show that the smoothness (and local irreducibility) of the germ of Z at x is contradicted.

(c) Prove that the integer m occurring in (b) does not depend on the choice of coordinates (subject to the condition $Z \cap V = \{z \in V / z_1 = 0\}$), and infer that one can attach a “multiplicity” m_j of f along each connected component Z'_j of Z_{reg} , such that $m_j = \text{ord}_x(f)$ for every point $x \in Z'_j$.

(d) For a monomial $f(z) = z_1^{a_1} \cdots z_n^{a_n}$ on \mathbb{C}^n , evaluate $\text{ord}_x(f)$ for every point $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

2. Let M be a n -dimensional real differentiable manifold, and $T = \sum_{|I|=n-p} T_I(x) dx_I \in \mathcal{D}'_p(M)$ be a dimension p current. One says that T is a *normal current* if both T and dT are of order 0, i.e. their coefficients are Radon measures.

(a) Assume that the support $\text{Supp}(T)$ is contained in a closed submanifold $S \subset M$ and near a point $a \in S$, take coordinates (x_1, \dots, x_n) on a neighborhood $V \ni a$, centered at a , such that

$$S \cap V = \{x \in V / x_1 = \cdots = x_q = 0\}, \quad q = \text{codim } S.$$

If T is of order 0, show that $x_j T = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq q$ (and give a counterexample if T is not of order 0).

Hint. For a counterexample, take $S = \{0\} \subset M = \mathbb{R}$ and $T = \delta'_0$ (derivative of the Dirac measure).

(b) With the notation of (a), if T is normal, show that $dx_j \wedge T = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq q$, and infer that one must have $T = 0$ if $\dim S < p$, i.e. $q > n - p$.

(c) If X is a complex manifold and T is a normal bidimension (p, p) current with support in an analytic subset W with $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} W < p$, show that $T = 0$.

Hint. Use a stratification $W_j \subset W$ by analytic subsets, $\dim W_j \leq j$, such that $W_j \setminus W_{j-1}$ is a closed submanifold of dimension j in $X \setminus W_{j-1}$, $0 \leq j \leq s = \dim W$, and show by descending induction on j that $T|_{X \setminus W_j} = 0$.

3. (a) Show that on \mathbb{C}^n , the $(1, 1)$ -current $\frac{i}{\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log |z_1|$ is equal to the current of integration on the hyperplane $H_1 = \{z_1 = 0\}$.

Hint. Evaluate on a test form of bidegree $f = \sum_{|I|=|J|=n-1} f_{IJ}(z) dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J$, and show that the only term that is to be taken into account is $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_1 \partial \bar{z}_1} f_{IJ}(z)$ with $I = J = \{2, \dots, n\}$.

(b) Let X be a complex n -dimensional manifold and $f \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ that does not vanish identically on any connected component of X . Define $Z = f^{-1}(0)$ et $W = Z_{\text{sing}}$, so that $\dim W \leq n - 2$. Show that

$$\frac{i}{\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log |f| = [Z_f] = \sum m_j [Z_j] \quad \text{on } X \setminus W, \quad \text{where } Z_j = \bar{Z}_j.$$

Hint. Combine 1 (b,c) and 3 (a).

(c) Assuming known that $\frac{i}{\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log |f|$ and $[Z_f]$ are closed ≥ 0 bidegree $(1, 1)$ currents, prove that one actually has $\frac{i}{\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log |f| - [Z_f] = 0$ using 2 (c).