# The Holomorphic Extension of Functions with the Boundary Morera Properties in Domains with Piecewise-Smooth Boundary

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This report contains some results related to the holomorphic extension of functions given on the boundary of a bounded domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , n > 1, to this domain. Here we will discuss boundary multidimensional variants of the Morera theorem. It consists in the vanishing of integrals of a given function over the intersection of the boundary of the domain with complex lines (complex planes).

A domain D in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  has a boundary  $\partial D$  of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$  (we write  $\partial D \in \mathcal{C}^k$ ), if

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where  $\rho$  is the real-valued function of class  $\mathcal{C}^k$  in some neighborhood of the closure of D, and the differential  $d\rho \neq 0$  on  $\partial D$ .

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A domain D with a piecewise-smooth boundary  $\partial D$  will be understood as a smooth polyhedron, that is, a domain of the form

$$D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : \, \rho_j(z) < 0, \, j = 1, \dots, m\},\,$$

where the real-valued functions  $\rho_j$  are class  $\mathcal{C}^1$  in some neighborhood of the closure  $\overline{D}$ , and for every set of distinct indices  $j_1,\ldots,j_s$  we have  $d\rho_{j_1}\wedge\cdots\wedge d\rho_{j_s}\neq 0$  on the set  $\{z\in\mathbb{C}^n:\rho_{j_1}(z)=\cdots=\rho_{j_s}(z)=0\}$ . It is well known that the Stokes's formula holds for such domains D and surfaces  $\partial D$ .

First, I will tell you some well-known facts about functions that satisfy the boundary Morera property.



#### **Definition 1**

We say that a continuous function f on  $\partial D$  ( $f \in \mathcal{C}(\partial D)$ ) satisfies the *Morera property (condition)* along a complex plane I of dimension k,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ , if

$$\int_{\partial D \cap I} f(\zeta)\beta(\zeta) = 0 \tag{1}$$

for any differential form  $\beta$  of type (k, k-1) with constant coefficients.

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Clearly, the boundary values of functions  $F \in \mathcal{A}(D)$  (i.e., functions holomorphic in D and continuous in the closure of the domain  $\overline{D}$ ) satisfy this property. Moreover, the same is true for continuous CR-functions f on  $\partial D$ .

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The Hartogs-Bochner theorem, which is now classical, tells us that any continuous function f on  $\partial D$  is a CR-function if and only if it is holomorphically extended into D up to a certain function  $F \in \mathcal{A}(D)$  (the boundary of D is connected).

Globevnik and Stout considered the following inverse problem: let a function  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\partial D)$  satisfy the Morera property (1) along any complex k-plane l intersecting  $\partial D$  transversally. Is it true that f is a CR-function on  $\partial D$ ?

Obviously, the greater the dimension k of the complex plane, the weaker the Morera property along complex k-planes. Therefore, if the Morera property holds along all complex lines, so it does along all complex hyperplanes. The following theorem is the first sufficiently general assertion on the solution of this problem.

### Theorem 3 (Globevnik, Stout)

Let  $1 \le k \le n-1$ , and let a function  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\partial D)$  satisfy the Morera property (1) along any complex k-plane l intersecting  $\partial D$  transversally, then f is a CR-function on  $\partial D$  (and, therefore, it is holomorphically continued to D by the Hartogs-Bochner theorem).

Next, we will consider one-dimensional complex lines *I* of the form

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We now formulate the assertion belonging to J. Globevnik and E. L. Stout (a particular case of Theorem 3).



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#### **Definition 6**

The condition

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will be called the generalized Morera property.

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#### Theorem 9

Let a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfy a conditions (6) and a function  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\partial D)$  satisfy the generalized Morera property (5), i.e.,

$$\int_{\partial D \cap I} f(z_1 + b_1 t, \dots, z_n + b_n t) t^k dt = 0$$
 (7)

for all  $z \in \Gamma$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{CP}^{n-1}$  and for a fixed integer non-negative number k. Then the function f has the holomorphically extension into the domain D.

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It is shown that for a class of continuous functions given on the boundary of a ball a family of complex lines passing through finite points in the ball will be a sufficient family.

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We denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  a set of points  $a_k \in \mathcal{B} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n+1$ , lying outside the complex hyperplane in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

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In what follows we will need the definition of a domain with the Nevanlinna property. Let  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a simply connected domain and  $t = k(\tau)$  be a conformal mapping of the unit circle  $\Delta = \{\tau : |\tau| < 1\}$  on G.

Domain G is a domain with the Nevanlinna property, if there are bounded holomorphic functions u and v in G such that almost everywhere on  $S = \partial \Delta$ , the equality

$$\bar{k}(\tau) = \frac{u(k(\tau))}{v(k(\tau))}$$

holds in terms of the angular boundary values. Essentially this means

$$\bar{t} = \frac{u(t)}{v(t)}$$
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