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Schwarz-Pick type theorems on harmonic mappings and their applications

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The classical Schwarz-Pick lemma

- Let \mathbb{C} be a complex plane and $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ be a unit disk.
- **The classical Schwarz lemma** Let f be an analytic function of \mathbb{D} into itself with $f(0) = 0$. Then

$$|f(z)| \leq |z|.$$

- **The classical Schwarz-Pick lemma** Let f be an analytic function of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 - |f(z)|^2}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

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- The coefficient type Schwarz lemma Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be an analytic function of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then

$$|a_n| \leq 1 - |a_0|^2.$$

- We remark that the classical Schwarz-Pick lemma easily follows from the coefficient type Schwarz lemma.

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Schwarz-pick type lemmas of harmonic mappings

• **Definition** A complex-valued function f defined in a domain $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ is called a *harmonic mapping* in D if and only if it is twice continuously differentiable and $\Delta f = 0$, i.e. the real and imaginary parts are real harmonic in D , where Δ represents the usual complex Laplacian operator

$$\Delta := 4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}.$$

• An obvious fact is that every harmonic mapping f defined in a simply connected domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ admits the canonical decomposition $f = h + \bar{g}$, where h and g are analytic in Ω with $g(0) = 0$ (cf. **P. Duren's book: *Harmonic mappings in the plane*, 2004**).

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- Heinz (*Pacific J. Math.*, 1959) proved the Schwarz lemma of harmonic mappings as follows.

- Heinz Let f be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself with $f(0) = 0$. Then

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \arctan |z|.$$

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- Later, Chen, Gauthier and Hengartner (*Proc. AMS*, 2000) proved the following Schwarz-Pick lemma of harmonic mappings.

- [Chen, Gauthier, Hengartner](#) Let f be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself with $f(0) = 0$. Then

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq \frac{8}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

By using the Schwarz-Pick lemma of harmonic mappings, several Landau-Bloch type theorems obtained (cf. [Chen, Gauthier, Hengartner, *Proc. AMS*, 2000](#)).

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- Recently, Huang (*J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 2008) improved the estimate of Chen, Gauthier and Hengartner, and got the following result.

- **Huang** Let f be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself with $f(0) = 0$. Then

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq \frac{4(1 + |f(z)|)}{\pi(1 - |z|^2)}.$$

This estimate is sharp at $z = 0$.

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• In fact, Colonna (*Indiana Univ. Math. J.*, 1989) obtained the sharp Schwarz-Pick estimate of harmonic mappings (cf. *Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang, Bull. Malaysian Math. Sciences Soc.*, 2011).

• **Colonna** Let f be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi(1 - |z|^2)}.$$

This estimate is sharp and all extreme functions are

$$f(z) = \frac{2\gamma}{\pi} \arg \left(\frac{1 + \phi(z)}{1 - \phi(z)} \right),$$

where $|\gamma| = 1$ and ϕ is a conformal automorphism of \mathbb{D} .

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The coefficient type Schwarz lemmas for harmonic mappings

- Dorff and Nowak (*CMFT, 2004*) proved the coefficient type Schwarz lemmas of harmonic mappings.

- Dorff and Nowak Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$ be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then for $n \geq 1$,

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq 4.$$

Huang (*J. Math. Anal. Appl., 2008*) improved the estimates of Dorff and Nowak as follows.

- Huang Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$ be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then for $n \geq 1$,

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq 2.$$

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- We (*J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 2011) got the sharp estimate of the coefficient type Schwarz lemma for harmonic mappings.
- **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang** Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$ be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then for $n \geq 1$,

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \frac{4}{\pi}.$$

This estimates are sharp and all extreme functions are

$$f_n(z) = \frac{2\gamma}{\pi} \arg \left(\frac{1 + \beta z^n}{1 - \beta z^n} \right),$$

where $|\gamma| = |\beta| = 1$.

- **Remark** Colonna's Schwarz-Pick lemma of harmonic mappings easily follows from this coefficient type Schwarz lemma.

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• Liu (*Complex Variables and Elliptic Equations, 2008*) proposed the following conjecture.

• **Conjecture** Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$ be a harmonic mapping in \mathbb{D} satisfying $J_f(0) = 1$ and $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)| \leq M$, where $M > 1$ is a constant. Then for $n \geq 2$,

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq M - \frac{1}{M}$$

with the extreme functions

$$f_n(z) = \frac{Mz(1 - Mz^{n-1})}{M - z^{n-1}}.$$

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The Schwarz-Pick Lemma for K -quasiconformal harmonic mappings

- Knezevic and Mateljevic (*J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 2007) obtained a Schwarz-Pick type estimate for K -quasiconformal harmonic mappings f from \mathbb{D} into itself.

- **Knezevic, Mateljevic** Let f be a K -quasiconformal harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself. Then

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq K \frac{(1 - |f(z)|^2)}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

This estimate is sharp when $K = 1$.

- **Remark** In fact, this estimate is also true for K -quasiregular harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into itself (cf. **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang**, *Proc. Indian. Acad. Sci. (Math. Sci.)*, 2012).

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- Let λ_Ω and $\lambda_{\Omega'}$ be the hyperbolic metric densities of the domains Ω and Ω' with the Gaussian curvatures -4 , respectively. For a sense-preserving quasiconformal harmonic mapping f of Ω onto Ω' , set

$$\|\partial f\| = \frac{\lambda_{\Omega'} \circ f}{\lambda_\Omega} |f_z|.$$

- Chen and Fang (*J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 2010) obtained a Schwarz-Pick type estimate for K -quasiconformal harmonic mappings f from a simply connected convex domain of hyperbolic type onto \mathbb{D} .

- **Chen, Fang** Let Ω be a simply connected convex domain of hyperbolic type in \mathbb{C} . If f is a K -quasiconformal harmonic mapping of Ω onto \mathbb{D} . Then

$$\frac{K+1}{2K} \leq \|\partial f(z)\| \leq \frac{K+1}{2}.$$

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- **Open problem 1** Is the estimate of Chen and Fang sharp?
- **Open problem 2** What is the sharp Schwarz-Pick estimate for harmonic K -quasiconformal mappings with other ranges than convex domains of hyperbolic type in \mathbb{C} ?

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The Schwarz-Pick Lemma for real harmonic functions

- Kalaj and Vuorinen (*Proc. AMS.*, 2012) obtained a Schwarz-Pick type estimate for real harmonic functions f from \mathbb{D} into $(-1, 1)$.

- Kalaj, Vuorinen Let f be a real harmonic function from \mathbb{D} into $(-1, 1)$. Then

$$|\nabla f(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1 - f^2(z)}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

The estimate is sharp.

- See (Chen, Ponnusamy, Vuorinen, Wang, *Bull. Aust. Math. Soc.*, 2013) for some applications of this estimate.

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- Recently, Chen (*Sci. China Math.*, 2013) improved the Schwarz-Pick type estimate of Kalaj and Vuorinen for real harmonic functions f from \mathbb{D} into $(-1, 1)$.

- **Chen** Let f be a real harmonic function from \mathbb{D} into $(-1, 1)$. Then

$$|\nabla f(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{\pi f(z)}{2}}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

The estimate is sharp.

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The Schwarz-Pick type estimates in Hardy and Bergman spaces

- **Definition** For $p \in (0, \infty]$, the *harmonic Hardy space* \mathcal{H}_h^p consists of those functions f , harmonic in \mathbb{D} , such that $\|f\|_p < \infty$, where

$$\|f\|_p = \begin{cases} \sup_{0 < r < 1} M_p(r, f) & \text{if } p \in (0, \infty) \\ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)| & \text{if } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

and

$$M_p^p(r, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta.$$

- We (*Ann. Acad. Sci. Fenn. Math.*, 2012) gave some Schwarz-Pick type estimates on harmonic mappings in Hardy spaces.

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- **Chen, Ponnusamy and Wang** Let f be a harmonic mapping in \mathbb{D} such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n,$$

and $f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p$ for $p \in [1, \infty]$. Then

(III) for $p \in [1, \infty]$, $|a_0| \leq \|f\|_p$;

(IV) for all $n \geq 1$ and $p \in [1, \infty)$,

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \frac{2^{(1/p)+2}(1+np)^{n+(1/p)}}{\pi(pn)^n} \|f\|_p;$$

(V) for $p = \infty$,

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \|f\|_{\infty}.$$

When $p = \infty$, the estimate for the case (V) is sharp and the only extremal functions are

$$f_n(z) = \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \|f\|_{\infty} \arg \left(\frac{1 + \beta z^n}{1 - \beta z^n} \right),$$

where $|\alpha| = |\beta| = 1$.

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• **Chen, Ponnusamy and Wang** Let f be a harmonic mapping in \mathbb{D} with $f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p$ for $p \in [1, \infty]$. Then for all $p \in [1, \infty)$

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq \frac{2^{(1/p)+2}(1+p)^{1+(1/p)}}{\pi p(1-|z|^2)} \|f\|_p,$$

and for $p = \infty$,

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi(1-|z|^2)} \|f\|_\infty. \quad (1)$$

When $p = \infty$, the estimate (1) is sharp and the only extremal functions are

$$f(z) = \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \|f\|_\infty \arg \left(\frac{1 + \phi(z)}{1 - \phi(z)} \right),$$

where $|\alpha| = 1$ and ϕ is a conformal automorphism of \mathbb{D} .

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- **Remark** It is not difficult to know that the Schwarz-Pick estimate of Colonna (*Indiana Univ. Math. J.*, 1989) is a special case of the above two estimates. But for $p \in [1, \infty)$, the above two results are not sharp.

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- **Definition** For $p \in (0, \infty]$, the *harmonic Bergman space* $\mathcal{A}_h^p(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$ consists of all complex-valued functions f harmonic in \mathbb{D} such that

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^p} = \begin{cases} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p d\sigma(z) \right\}^{1/p} < \infty & \text{if } p \in (0, \infty), \\ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)| < \infty & \text{if } p = \infty, \end{cases}$$

where $d\sigma$ denotes the normalized Lebesgue area measure on \mathbb{D} .

- We gave a Schwarz-Pick type estimate on harmonic mappings in Bergman spaces (cf. **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang, *Monatsh. Math.*, 2013**).

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• **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang** For $p \in [1, \infty]$, let $f \in \mathcal{A}_h^p(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$ with

$$f(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m z^m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \bar{b}_m \bar{z}^m.$$

Then $|a_0| \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^p}$, and for $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$,

$$|a_m| + |b_m| \leq \frac{4\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^p}}{\pi} C(m, p) \quad (2)$$

where

$$C(m, p) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{pm} + 1\right)^m \left(1 + \frac{pm}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{p}} & \text{for } p \in [1, \infty) \\ \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} C(m, p) = 1 & \text{for } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

In the case of $p = \infty$, the estimate (2) is sharp and all the extremal functions are

$$f(z) = \frac{2\alpha\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^p}}{\pi} \arg \left(\frac{1 + \beta z^m}{1 - \beta z^m} \right) = \frac{\alpha\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^p}}{\pi} \left(\log \frac{1 + \beta z^m}{1 - \beta z^m} - \overline{\log \frac{1 + \beta z^m}{1 - \beta z^m}} \right),$$

where $|\alpha| = |\beta| = 1$ and $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$.

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- **Remark** It is easy to know that the Schwarz-Pick estimate of Colonna (*Indiana Univ. Math. J.*, 1989) is a special case of the above estimate. But for $p \in [1, \infty)$, the above estimate is not sharp.

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One of the applications

• **Chen, Ponnusamy and Wang** Let f be harmonic in \mathbb{D} with $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^p} \leq M$ and $f(0) = J_f(0) - 1 = 0$, where M is a positive constant and $p \geq 1$. Then f is univalent in \mathbb{D}_{ρ_0} , where

$$\rho_0 = \varphi(r_0) = \max_{0 < r < 1} \varphi(r), \quad \varphi(r) = r \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{1+t}} \right)$$

with

$$t = \frac{\pi M_0}{4M} r(1-r)^{2/p} \text{ and } M_0 = \frac{\pi}{4M(1+2/p)(1+p/2)^{2/p}}.$$

Moreover, $f(\mathbb{D}_{\rho_0})$ contains a univalent disk \mathbb{D}_{R_0} with

$$R_0 = \frac{r_0 \varphi(r_0) M_0}{2r_0 - \varphi(r_0)}.$$

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The Schwarz-Pick Lemma of higher order derivatives

- In 1920, Szász (*Math. Z.*) extended classical Schwarz-Pick lemma to the following estimate involving higher order derivatives:

$$|f^{(2m+1)}(z)| \leq \frac{(2m+1)!}{(1-|z|^2)^{2m+1}} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k}^2 |z|^{2k},$$

where $m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$.

- In 1985, Ruscheweyh (*Serdica, Bulg. Math. Publ.*) improved the estimate of Szász to the following sharp form:

$$|f^{(n)}(z)| \leq \frac{n!(1-|f(z)|^2)}{(1-|z|)^n(1+|z|)}.$$

- Recently, the inequality of Ruscheweyh was generalized into a variety of forms (see the book: *Avkhadiev and Wirths, Schwarz-Pick type inequalities, 2009*).

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- The following result is on the partial derivatives of arbitrary order for harmonic mappings (cf. **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang**, *Appl. Math. Comput.*, 2009).

- **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang** Let f be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into \mathbb{C} such that $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)| \leq M$, where M is a positive constant. Then for $n \geq 1$ and $z \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$\left| \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial z^n}(z) \right| \leq \frac{n!M}{(1 - |z|)^{n+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial \bar{z}^n}(z) \right| \leq \frac{n!M}{(1 - |z|)^{n+1}}.$$

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• Recently, we improve the above estimate into following (cf. [Chen, Ponnusamy, Rasila, Wang, arXiv:1404.4155, 2014](#)).

• [Chen, Ponnusamy, Rasila, Wang](#) Let f be a harmonic mapping of \mathbb{D} into \mathbb{C} such that $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z)| \leq M$, where M is a positive constant. Then for $n \geq 1$,

$$\left| \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial z^n}(z) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial \bar{z}^n}(z) \right| \leq \frac{n!4M}{\pi} \frac{1}{(1 - |z|)^n(1 + |z|)}, \quad (3)$$

where $z \in \mathbb{D}$. The estimate of (3) is sharp at $z = 0$.

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- The following result easily follows from the above estimate.
- **Chen, Ponnusamy, Rasila, Wang** Let f be a analytic function in \mathbb{D} . Then

$$|f^{(n)}(z)| \leq \frac{n!4 \sup_{\zeta \in \mathbb{D}} |\operatorname{Re} f(\zeta)|}{\pi} \frac{1}{(1 - |z|)^n (1 + |z|)}.$$

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An application

- Let \mathcal{H} denote all non-constant harmonic mappings in \mathbb{D} . We use \mathcal{S}_{HU} to denote all the univalent harmonic mappings in \mathbb{D} . For $f \in \mathcal{H}$, let

$$M_f = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \Lambda_f(z), \quad m_f = \inf_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \Lambda_f(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_f = \frac{M_f}{m_f},$$

where

$$\Lambda_f(z) = \max_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |f_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} f_{\bar{z}}(z)| = |f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)|.$$

- For $f \in \mathcal{H}$, let

$$\lambda_f(z) = \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |f_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} f_{\bar{z}}(z)| = \left| |f_z(z)| - |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \right|.$$

Then $J_f = \lambda_f \Lambda_f$ if $J_f \geq 0$.

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- Moreover, for $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{S}_{HU}$, we define the *harmonic John constant* γ by

$$\gamma = \inf_{f \in \mathcal{T}} \mu_f. \quad (4)$$

- On the studies of John constant for analytic functions, see: ([John, *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.*, 1976](#)) and ([Yamashita, *Math. Z.*, 1978](#)).

- By using the Schwarz-Pick type estimates of harmonic mappings, we get

- [Chen, Ponnusamy, Rasila, Wang](#) Let γ be the harmonic John constant as in (4). Then $e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \leq \gamma \leq e^{\pi}$.

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Schwarz-Pick type lemmas for pluriharmonic mappings

- Let \mathbb{C}^n be the complex Euclidean n -space.
- For $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^n$, the standard *inner product* on \mathbb{C}^n and the *Euclidean norm* of z are given by $\langle z, w \rangle := \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \bar{w}_k$ and $\|z\| := \langle z, z \rangle^{1/2}$, respectively.
- For $a \in \mathbb{C}^n$,

$$\mathbb{B}^n(a, r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : \|z - a\| < r\}$$

is the (open) ball of radius r with center a . Also, we let $\mathbb{B}^n(r) := \mathbb{B}^n(0, r)$ and use \mathbb{B}^n to denote the unit ball $\mathbb{B}^n(1)$, and $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{B}^1$.

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• **Definition** A continuous complex-valued function f defined on a domain $G \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ is said to be *pluriharmonic* if for each fixed $z \in G$ and $\theta \in \partial\mathbb{B}^n$, the function $f(z + \theta\zeta)$ is harmonic in $\{\zeta : \|\zeta\| < d_G(z)\}$, where $d_G(z)$ denotes the distance from z to the boundary ∂G of G (see **Rudin's book: *Function theory in the unit ball of \mathbb{C}^n* , 1980**).

• In particular, if $n = 1$, then f is a planar harmonic mapping (see **Duren's book: *Harmonic mappings in the plane*, 2004**).

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- A mapping $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is pluriharmonic if and only if f has a representation $f = h + \bar{g}$, where Ω is a simply connected domain in \mathbb{C}^n and h, g are holomorphic in Ω (see **Vladimirov's book, *Methods of the theory of functions of several complex variables (in Russian), 1966***).

- **Definition** A *vector-valued mapping* $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ defined in \mathbb{B}^n is said to be pluriharmonic, if each component f_j ($1 \leq j \leq n$) is a pluriharmonic mapping from \mathbb{B}^n into \mathbb{C} .

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- The following result obtained by Chen and Gauthier (cf. [Chen, Gauthier, Proc. AMS., 2011](#)).

- [Chen, Gauthier](#) If f is a pluriharmonic mapping from \mathbb{B}^n into itself, then

$$\max_{\theta \in \partial \mathbb{B}^n} \|Df(z)\theta + \overline{D}f(z)\overline{\theta}\| \leq \frac{4}{\pi(1 - |z|^2)}.$$

Moreover, if f is a pluriharmonic mapping from \mathbb{B}^n into itself with $f(0) = 0$, then

$$\|f(z)\| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \arctan \|z\|.$$

- Chen and Gauthier used this estimate to get several Landau-Bloch type Theorems (cf. [Chen, Gauthier, Proc. AMS., 2011](#)).

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The Schwarz-Pick type Lemma for harmonic mappings defined in the unit ball

• **Definition** A *harmonic mapping* in an open subset $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ is a complex-valued harmonic function $f = u + iv$ defined on Ω such that u and v are real harmonic in Ω , i.e. $\Delta u = 0$ and $\Delta v = 0$. Here Δ represents the complex Laplacian operator

$$\Delta = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_k^2} \right) := 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_k \partial \bar{z}_k},$$

and for each $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $z_k = x_k + iy_k$.

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• The following result is the Schwarz-Pick type estimate for harmonic mappings in \mathbb{B}^n (cf. **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang**, *Monatsh. Math.*, 2013).

• **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang** Let f be a harmonic of \mathbb{B}^n into \mathbb{C}^n with $|f| \leq M$, where M is a positive constant. Then

$$\left| f(z) - \frac{1 - |z|}{(1 + |z|)^{2n-1}} f(0) \right| \leq M \left[1 - \frac{1 - |z|}{(1 + |z|)^{2n-1}} \right]$$

and

$$\max_{\theta \in \partial \mathbb{B}^n} |Df(z)\theta + \overline{D}f(z)\overline{\theta}| \leq 2M \frac{n + (n + 1)|z|}{1 - |z|^2}.$$

• It is not difficult to know that pluriharmonic mappings are harmonic mappings, but the harmonic mappings are not necessarily pluriharmonic mappings. Hence the above result is a generalization of Chen and Gauthier, (cf. **Proc. AMS.**, 2011).

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• **Definition** A matrix-valued function $A(z) = (a_{i,j}(z))_{n \times n}$ is called *harmonic* if each of its entries $a_{i,j}(z)$ is a complex-valued harmonic mapping defined on an open subset $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$.

• **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang** Let $A(z) = (a_{i,j}(z))_{n \times n}$ be a matrix-valued harmonic mapping defined on the ball $\mathbb{B}^n(0, r)$, where $r > 0$. If $A(0) = 0$ and $|A(z)| \leq M$ in $\mathbb{B}^n(0, r)$, then

$$|A(z)| \leq M \left[1 - \frac{r^{2n-2}(r - |z|)}{(r + |z|)^{2n-1}} \right].$$

• On the applications of this estimates, see (**Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang, *Monatsh. Math.*, 2013**).

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The Schwarz-Pick type Lemma for h -harmonic mappings defined in the unit ball

• **Definition** A twice continuously differentiable complex-valued function $f = u + iv$ on \mathbb{B}^n is called a *hyperbolic-harmonic* (briefly, h -harmonic, in the following) if and only if the real-valued functions u and v satisfy $\Delta_h u = \Delta_h v = 0$ on \mathbb{B}^n , where

$$\Delta_h := (1 - |z|^2)^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_k^2} \right) + 4(n-1)(1 - |z|^2) \sum_{k=1}^n \left(x_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} + y_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \right)$$

denotes the *Laplace-Beltrami operator* and $z_k = x_k + iy_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$.

• Obviously, when $n = 1$, all h -harmonic mappings are planar harmonic mappings.

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- **Definition** A vector-valued mapping $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ is said to be h -harmonic, if each component f_j ($1 \leq i \leq n$) is h -harmonic mapping from \mathbb{B}^n into \mathbb{C} . We denote by $\mathcal{H}_h(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{C}^n)$ the set of all vector-valued h -harmonic mappings from \mathbb{B}^n into \mathbb{C}^n .

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• The following result is a Schwarz-Pick type Lemma for h -harmonic mappings in $\mathcal{H}_h(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{C}^n)$ (Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang, *Math. Model. Anal.*, 2013).

• Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_h(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{C}^n)$ with $|f(z)| \leq M$ for $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$, where M is a positive constant. Then

$$\left| f(z) - \frac{(1 - |z|)^{2n-1}}{(1 + |z|)^{2n-1}} f(0) \right| \leq M \left[1 - \frac{(1 - |z|)^{2n-1}}{(1 + |z|)^{2n-1}} \right]$$

and

$$\max_{\theta \in \partial \mathbb{B}^n} |Df(z)\theta + \overline{D}f(z)\overline{\theta}| \leq \frac{2(2n - 1)M}{(1 - |z|)^2}.$$

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- **Definition** A matrix-valued function $A(z) = (a_{i,j}(z))_{n \times n}$ is called *h-harmonic* if each of its entries $a_{i,j}(z)$ is a *h-harmonic* mapping from an open subset $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ into \mathbb{C} .

- **Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang** Suppose that $A(z) = (a_{i,j}(z))_{n \times n}$ is a matrix-valued *h-harmonic* mapping of $\mathbb{B}^n(r)$ such that $A(0) = 0$ and $|A(z)| \leq M$ in $\mathbb{B}^n(r)$.

Then

$$|A(z)| \leq M \left[1 - \frac{(r - |z|)^{2n-1}}{(r + |z|)^{2n-1}} \right].$$

- On the applications of this estimates, see (**Chen, Ponnusamy, Wang, *Math. Model. Anal.*, 2013**).

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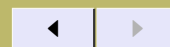
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