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**Analisi funzionale.** — *A metric condition for equivalence of domains.* Nota di LAWRENCE A. HARRIS e JEAN-PIERRE VIGUÉ, presentata (\*) dal Corrisp. E. VESENTINI.

**RIASSUNTO.** — Si ottengono condizioni elementari per la bi-olomorficità di un'applicazione olomorfa da un dominio in uno spazio di Banach a un altro.

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  be domains in real Banach spaces and let  $f: \mathcal{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_2$  be a continuously differentiable function such that  $Df(x)^{-1}$  exists for some  $x \in \mathcal{D}_1$ . Suppose  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are metrics on  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , respectively, satisfying*

$$\rho_2(f(x), f(y)) \geq \rho_1(x, y), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{D}_1.$$

*Suppose also that  $\mathcal{D}_1$  is (Cauchy) complete in  $\rho_1$ , that the norm is  $\rho_1$ -continuous on  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and that for each  $x_0 \in \mathcal{D}_1$  and  $w_0 \in \mathcal{D}_2$ , there exist positive numbers  $\delta, m$  and  $M$  such that*

$$m \|x - x_0\| \leq \rho_1(x, x_0), \quad \rho_2(w, w_0) \leq M \|w - w_0\|$$

*whenever  $\|x - x_0\| < \delta$  and  $\|w - w_0\| < \delta$ . Then  $f$  is a diffeomorphism of  $\mathcal{D}_1$  onto  $\mathcal{D}_2$ .*

It follows from [3, p. 368] and [1; Th. 8, Th. 24, Th. 19, (13)] that the hypotheses on  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are satisfied when

I)  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  are bounded domains in  $\mathbf{C}^n$ , where  $\mathcal{D}_1$  is a generalized analytic polyhedron or a strongly pseudoconvex domain with  $C^2$  boundary, and  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are the Bergman, Caratheodory, CRF or Kobayashi pseudometrics for  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , respectively,

and when

II)  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  are domains in a complex Banach space, where  $\mathcal{D}_1$  is a bounded homogeneous domain or a convex domain with a finite interior point, and  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are the Caratheodory, CRF or Kobayashi pseudometrics for  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , respectively.

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Thus we have the following:

COROLLARY 2. Suppose (I) or (II) holds and let  $f: \mathcal{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_2$  be a holomorphic function such that  $Df(x)^{-1}$  exists for some  $x \in \mathcal{D}_1$ . If

$$\rho_2(f(x), f(y)) \geq \varepsilon \rho_1(x, y), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{D}_1$$

for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $f$  is a biholomorphic mapping of  $\mathcal{D}_1$  onto  $\mathcal{D}_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = \{x \in \mathcal{D}_1 : Df(x)^{-1} \text{ exists}\}$  and note that  $A$  is a non-empty open subset of  $\mathcal{D}_1$ . To see that  $A$  is closed in  $\mathcal{D}_1$ , let  $a \in \bar{A} \cap \mathcal{D}_1$  and suppose  $a \notin A$ . Then by [2, Th. 4.11.1] there exists a sequence  $\{v_n\}$  of unit vectors with  $Df(a)v_n \rightarrow 0$ . But by hypothesis,

$$M \|f(a + tv) - f(a)\| \geq \rho_2(f(a + tv), f(a)) \geq m |t|$$

for all unit vectors  $v$  and all small enough  $t$ , so  $M \|Df(a)v\| \geq m \|v\|$ , a contradiction. Thus  $A = \mathcal{D}_1$  and hence  $f$  is a diffeomorphism of  $\mathcal{D}_1$  onto  $f(\mathcal{D})_1$  by the inverse function theorem.

Clearly  $f(\mathcal{D}_1)$  is open in  $\mathcal{D}_2$ . To see that  $f(\mathcal{D}_1)$  is closed in  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , let  $b \in \overline{f(\mathcal{D}_1)} \cap \mathcal{D}_2$  and let  $\{b_n\}$  be a sequence in  $f(\mathcal{D}_1)$  which converges to  $b$ . Then  $\{b_n\}$  is a  $\rho_2$ -Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_2$  and hence  $\{c_n\}$  is a  $\rho_1$ -Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_1$ , where  $c_n = f^{-1}(b_n)$ . Let  $c$  be the  $\rho_1$ -limit of this sequence. Then  $\{c_n\}$  converges to  $c$  so  $f(c) = b$  by the continuity of  $f$ . Thus  $f(\mathcal{D}_1) = \mathcal{D}_2$ .

Note that case (II) of Corollary 2 gives an affirmative answer for Banach spaces to a question raised in [1, Prob. 8, p. 403]. When  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  are domains in  $n$ -dimensional space, the assumption that  $Df(x)^{-1}$  exists can be omitted from the statements of our results by the last inequality.

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