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Generalized directional Lelong number of a positive plurisubharmonic current



Nombre de Lelong directionnel généralisé d'un courant positif pluri-sous-harmonique

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ABSTRACT

Let T be a positive plurisubharmonic (psh for short) current of bidegree (k, k) on a neighborhood Ω of 0 in $\mathbb{C}^N = \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$ ($n = N - m \geq k$), B be a Borel subset of $L := \{0\} \times \mathbb{C}^m$ such that $B \Subset \Omega$. Taking $(z, t) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$, we define a C^2 positive semi-exhaustive psh function on Ω , $(z, t) \mapsto \varphi(z)$, such that $\log \varphi$ is also psh on the open set $\{\varphi > 0\}$ and consider $(z, t) \mapsto v(t)$ a continuous semi-exhaustive psh function on Ω . This paper aims to prove that T admits a generalized directional Lelong number along L with respect to the functions φ and v . Moreover, we give a theorem on the existence of a positive psh function f on L , such that the Lelong number of T is given by f . This theorem generalizes results studied by Alessandrini–Bassanelli and Toujani.

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RÉSUMÉ

Soit T un courant positif pluri-sous-harmonique (psh) de bidegré (k, k) dans un voisinage Ω de 0 dans $\mathbb{C}^N = \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$ ($n = N - m \geq k$), et B un borélien de $L := \{0\} \times \mathbb{C}^m$ tel que $B \Subset \Omega$. Étant donné (z, t) dans $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$, on définit une fonction de classe C^2 positive psh et semi-exhaustive sur Ω , $(z, t) \mapsto \varphi(z)$, telle que $\log \varphi$ soit aussi psh sur l'ouvert $\{\varphi > 0\}$, et on considère une fonction $(z, t) \mapsto v(t)$ psh continue et semi-exhaustive sur Ω . Dans cette note, on prouve que T admet un nombre de Lelong directionnel généralisé relativement à φ et v le long de L ; de plus, on prouve un théorème sur l'existence d'une fonction f psh positive sur L telle que le nombre de Lelong de T soit donné par f . Ce théorème généralise des résultats étudiés par Alessandrini–Bassanelli et Toujani.

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Il est bien connu qu'un courant pluri-subharmonique positif admet un nombre de Lelong (voir [6]); rappelons qu'un courant T est dit pluri-subharmonique si $\text{dd}^c T \geq 0$. Demainly a défini dans [3] un nombre de Lelong généralisé lorsque T est un courant positif d-fermé (un courant T est d-fermé si $dT = 0$). De même, lorsque T est un courant pluri-subharmonique positif, Alessandrini et Bassanelli ont prouvé dans [1] l'existence d'un nombre directionnel de Lelong, relativement aux fonctions $\varphi(z) = |z|^2$ et $v(t) = |t|^2$. Toujani a défini dans [7] le nombre de Lelong directionnel généralisé lorsque φ et v sont des fonctions psh semi-exhaustives positives de classe C^2 sur Ω . Cette note traite le problème de la généralisation des résultats de Toujani [7] lorsque v est une fonction psh supposée seulement continue et non plus de classe C^2 .

Nous utilisons maintenant les notations suivantes : on note $(z, t) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$ et on considère une fonction positive de classe C^2 psh sur Ω , $(z, t) \mapsto \varphi(z)$, telle que $\log \varphi$ soit aussi psh sur l'ouvert $\{\varphi > 0\}$. Nous supposons $\varphi : \Omega \cap (\mathbb{C}^n \times \{0\}) \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty[$, semi-exhaustive, c'est-à-dire qu'il existe un nombre réel R tel que, pour tout $c \in]-\infty, R[$, on ait $\{z, \varphi(z) < c\} \subseteq \Omega \cap (\mathbb{C}^n \times \{0\})$; de la même manière, soit $(z, t) \mapsto v(t)$ une fonction semi-exhaustive continue psh sur l'ouvert Ω . Pour $r < R$ et $r_1 < r_2 < R$, nous notons :

$$B(r) = \{z \in \Omega; \varphi(z) < r\}, \quad S(r) = \{z \in \Omega; \varphi(z) = r\}, \quad B(r_1, r_2) = \{z \in \Omega; r_1 \leq \varphi(z) < r_2\},$$

Pour simplifier, nous utiliserons aussi les notations suivantes :

$$\beta_z = \text{dd}^c(\varphi(z)), \quad \gamma_t = \text{dd}^c(v(t)), \quad \alpha_z = \text{dd}^c(\log(\varphi(z))), \quad \omega_t = \text{dd}^c(|t|^2), \quad \omega_z = \text{dd}^c(|z|^2),$$

avec

$$(z = (z_1, \dots, z_n), t = (t_1, \dots, t_m)) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m = \mathbb{C}^N; \quad |z|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{z}_j; \quad |t|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m t_j \bar{t}_j.$$

On note $\omega = \omega_t + \omega_z$ la forme euclidienne sur $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$ et, si $z_j = x_j + i y_j \in \mathbb{C}$, on note :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right), \quad d = \partial + \bar{\partial}, \quad d^c = i(\bar{\partial} - \partial), \quad \text{dd}^c = 2i\partial\bar{\partial}.$$

On donne, dans la proposition suivante, une formule importante de type Lelong–Jensen. Cette formule a été utilisée par Demainly [4], Alessandrini–Bassanelli [1] et Toujani [7].

Proposition. Pour tous $0 < r_1 < r_2$ tels que $B(r_2) \times B \Subset \Omega$, et pour tous $1 \leq p \leq n-k$, $0 \leq q < p$, on a

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B(r_1, r_2) \times B} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^p \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p} \wedge \gamma_t^m = \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{q+1}} \int_{B(r_2) \times B} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q+1} \wedge \gamma_t^m \\ & - \frac{1}{(\pi r_1)^{q+1}} \int_{B(r_1) \times B} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q+1} \wedge \gamma_t^m \\ & - \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{1}{(\pi s)^{q+1}} - \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{q+1}} \right) ds \int_{B(s) \times B} \text{dd}^c T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q} \wedge \gamma_t^m \\ & - \int_0^{r_1} \left(\frac{1}{(\pi r_1)^{q+1}} - \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{q+1}} \right) ds \int_{B(s) \times B} \text{dd}^c T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q} \wedge \gamma_t^m. \end{aligned}$$

Notre résultat principal consiste dans le théorème suivant.

Théorème. Il existe un voisinage ouvert X de 0 dans L , $X \subset \Omega$ et une fonction pluri-subharmonique $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ telles que

$$v(T, L, B) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\pi r)^{n-k}} \int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m = \int_B f(t) \gamma_t^m$$

pour chaque borélien B dans L tel que $B \Subset X$.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

It is well known that a positive plurisubharmonic current admits Lelong numbers (see [6]); let us recall that a current T is said to be plurisubharmonic if $\text{dd}^c T \geq 0$. Demailly has defined in [3] generalized Lelong numbers whenever T is d-closed positive current (a current T is d-closed if $\text{d}T = 0$). Similarly, when T is a positive plurisubharmonic current, Alessandrini and Bassanelli proved in [1] the existence of a directional Lelong number, with respect to the functions $\varphi(z) = |z|^2$ and $v(t) = |t|^2$. Toujani defined in [7] the generalized directional Lelong number, with φ and v are C^2 positive semi-exhaustive psh functions on Ω .

This paper treats the problem by generalizing the results section of Toujani [7] considering a function v psh continuous instead of a function psh of class C^2 .

Now, we shall use the following notations: we take $(z, t) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$ and consider a C^2 positive psh function on Ω , $(z, t) \mapsto \varphi(z)$, such that $\log \varphi$ is also psh on the open set $\{\varphi > 0\}$. We suppose that $\varphi : \Omega \cap (\mathbb{C}^n \times \{0\}) \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty[$ is semi-exhaustive, i.e. that there exists a real number R such that, for all $c \in]-\infty, R[$, we have $\{z, \varphi(z) < c\} \Subset \Omega \cap (\mathbb{C}^n \times \{0\})$, and we let $(z, t) \mapsto v(t)$ be a semi-exhaustive continuous psh function on the open set Ω . For $r < R$ and $r_1 < r_2 < R$, we denote

$$B(r) = \{z \in \Omega; \varphi(z) < r\}, \quad S(r) = \{z \in \Omega; \varphi(z) = r\}, \quad B(r_1, r_2) = \{z \in \Omega; r_1 \leq \varphi(z) < r_2\}.$$

For simplicity, we shall also use the following notation:

$$\beta_z = \text{dd}^c(\varphi(z)), \quad \gamma_t = \text{dd}^c(v(t)), \quad \alpha_z = \text{dd}^c(\log(\varphi(z))), \quad \omega_t = \text{dd}^c(|t|^2), \quad \omega_z = \text{dd}^c(|z|^2),$$

with

$$(z = (z_1, \dots, z_n), t = (t_1, \dots, t_m)) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m = \mathbb{C}^N; \quad |z|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{z}_j; \quad |t|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m t_j \bar{t}_j.$$

We denote by $\omega = \omega_t + \omega_z$ the Euclidean form on $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$. If $z_j = x_j + iy_j \in \mathbb{C}$, then we set as usual:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right), \quad d = \partial + \bar{\partial}, \quad d^c = i(\bar{\partial} - \partial), \quad \text{dd}^c = 2i\partial\bar{\partial}.$$

We state the following Lelong–Jensen type formula, which is an important identity. This formula was used by Demailly [4], Alessandrini–Bassanelli [1], and Toujani [7].

Proposition. For every $0 < r_1 < r_2$ such that $B(r_2) \times B \Subset \Omega$, and for every $1 \leq p \leq n-k$, $0 \leq q < p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B(r_1, r_2) \times B} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^p \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p} \wedge \gamma_t^m = \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{q+1}} \int_{B(r_2) \times B} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q+1} \wedge \gamma_t^m \\ & - \frac{1}{(\pi r_1)^{q+1}} \int_{B(r_1) \times B} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q+1} \wedge \gamma_t^m \\ & - \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{1}{(\pi s)^{q+1}} - \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{q+1}} \right) ds \int_{B(s) \times B} \text{dd}^c T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q} \wedge \gamma_t^m \\ & - \int_0^{r_1} \left(\frac{1}{(\pi r_1)^{q+1}} - \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{q+1}} \right) ds \int_{B(s) \times B} \text{dd}^c T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{p-q-1} \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-p+q} \wedge \gamma_t^m. \end{aligned}$$

Consequence. For $p = n-k$, $q = p-1$, the quantity

$$A = \frac{1}{(\pi r_2)^{n-k}} \int_{B(r_2) \times B} T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m - \frac{1}{(\pi r_1)^{n-k}} \int_{B(r_1) \times B} T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m$$

is positive, since $T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m$ and $\text{dd}^c T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k-1} \wedge \gamma_t^m$ are positive measures, and since we have $0 \leq \int_{B(r_1, r_2)} T \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m \leq A$. We infer that the function: $r \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\pi r)^{n-k}} \int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m$ increases with r . As a consequence, the limit of $\frac{1}{(\pi r)^{n-k}} \int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m$ as $r \rightarrow 0$ exists; it will be denoted by $v(T, L, B)$.

Definition. The number $\nu(T, L, B)$, which is finite, is called the generalized directional Lelong number of T along the direction L , with respect to the functions $\varphi(z)$ and $v(t)$.

Remarks. If $m = 0$ and $\varphi(z) = |z|^2$ with $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$, we get the classical Lelong number of T at 0, see [6].

If $m = 0$ and T is a d-closed positive current, we get the number introduced by Demailly [3].

If $\varphi(z) = |z|^2$, $v(t) = |t|^2$ and B is an open ball in L , with $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $t \in \mathbb{C}^m$, we get the number introduced by Alessandrini-Bassanelli [1].

The main result of this paper is given by the following theorem.

Theorem. There exists an open neighborhood X of 0 in L , $X \subset \Omega$ and a plurisubharmonic function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, such that

$$\nu(T, L, B) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\pi r)^{n-k}} \int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \beta_z^{n-k} \wedge \gamma_t^m = \int_B f(t) \gamma_t^m$$

for every Borel subset B in L with $B \Subset X$.

2. Proof of the main theorem

2.1. Proof of theorem for $k = n$

For $k = n$, we have $\nu(T, L, B) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \gamma_t^m$. We let $R = 1_{\Omega \setminus Y} T$, where $Y = L \cap \Omega$ and $1_{\Omega \setminus Y}$ is the characteristic function of $\Omega \setminus Y$. Then Y is an analytic subset of Ω and has codimension $k = n$. As T is of order zero, $\|T\|_K$ is finite for all compact subsets $K \subset \Omega$. Therefore, R has a locally finite mass across $Y = L \cap \Omega$ and T is a positive psh current. By the results of [2], we know that T and R are \mathbb{C} -flat. Hence, thanks again to [2], we find $T = 1_Y T + \tilde{R}$, where \tilde{R} is the trivial extension of R across Y . As $k = n$, we have $1 \leq k < N$, and by [2], there exists a psh function $f \geq 0 \in L^1_{\text{loc}(Y)}$ such that $1_Y T = f[Y]$, with $[Y]$ the current integration on Y . Thus, we have $T = f[Y] + \tilde{R}$. So, $\int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \gamma_t^m = \int_B f(t) \gamma_t^m + \int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge \gamma_t^m$, for $r \ll 1$ and $B \subset L$, $B \Subset \Omega$.

We will show that $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge \gamma_t^m = 0$. We can here rely on the existence of a sequence of functions v_p of class C^∞ psh that decreases and converges simply towards $v(t)$, see [5]. We also know that the sequence $\int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge (\text{dd}^c v_p)^m$ converges weakly to $\int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge \gamma_t^m$ when p tends to $+\infty$ see [8]. According to Toujani (see [8]), we have

$$\int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge (\text{dd}^c v_p)^m \leq \int_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} \tilde{R} \wedge (\text{dd}^c v_p)^m \leq C \left(\|\tilde{R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} + \|\widetilde{\text{dd}^c R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} \right) \|v_p\|_\infty^m$$

with C is a positive constant independent of \tilde{R} and v_p . Since, $\|v_p\|_\infty$ is bounded on the compact $\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}$, we can then replace $|v_p|$ by $\frac{|v_p|}{\|v_p\|_\infty}$ and reduce to the case $|v_p| \leq 1$. Therefore, we infer

$$0 \leq \int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge (\text{dd}^c v_p)^m \leq C \left(\|\tilde{R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} + \|\widetilde{\text{dd}^c R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} \right).$$

We pass to the limit when p tends to $+\infty$ and get

$$0 \leq \int_{B(r) \times B} \tilde{R} \wedge \gamma_t^m \leq C \left(\|\tilde{R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} + \|\widetilde{\text{dd}^c R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} \right). \quad (1)$$

In a previous article of Toujani (see [7]), the function v was assumed to be of class C^2 , and we took advantage of the regularity (in effect, the continuity) of the coefficients of the form $\text{dd}^c v$ to obtain the theorem. In the present situation where the function v is merely assumed to be continuous, we made use of the inequality (1), which involves the masses $\|\tilde{R}\|$ and $\|\widetilde{\text{dd}^c R}\|$. Note that the case where $k = n$ is the most important one for the proof of the theorem. However, the latter also deals with the case $k < n$. Notice that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \|\tilde{R}\|_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} = \|\tilde{R}\|_{\overline{S(0)} \times \overline{B}} = \int_{\overline{S(0)} \times \overline{B}} \tilde{R} \wedge (\text{dd}^c \omega)^m = 0,$$

because the set $\overline{S(0)} = S(0) = \{z \in \Omega ; \varphi(z) = 0\} = \{z \in \Omega ; \log \varphi(z) = -\infty\}$ is compact and complete pluripolar in $\Omega \cap (\mathbb{C}^n \times \{0\})$, as the function φ is C^2 psh semi-exhaustive and $\log \varphi$ is psh on $\{\varphi > 0\}$. Similarly, the set \overline{B} is a compact and it

is a complete pluripolar in $\Omega \cap (\{0\} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$; therefore, $\lambda(\overline{S(0)} \times \overline{B}) = 0$, where λ is the Lebesgue measure in $\mathbb{C}^N = \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$. Similarly, $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} ||\widetilde{dd^c R}||_{\overline{B(2r)} \times \overline{B}} = 0$, and we finally get $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(r) \times B} \widetilde{R} \wedge \gamma_t^m = 0$. Therefore, we have:

$$\nu(T, L, B) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(r) \times B} T \wedge \gamma_t^m = \int_B f(t) \gamma_t^m. \quad \square$$

In the sequel, we suppose that $0 \leq k < n$.

2.2. Proof of the theorem when T is pluriharmonic

To show the theorem when T is positive pluriharmonic (i.e. $dd^c T = 0$), we need the following lemma.

Lemma 2.1. *There exist currents $T^{(0)}, T^{(1)}, \dots, T^{(n-k)}$ on U , such that, for a suitable subsequence $\{T_{v_\mu}\}_{\mu \in \mathbb{N}}$, we have*

- i) $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow +\infty} \widetilde{\left(T_{v_\mu} \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha_z}{\pi} \right)^p \right)} = T^{(p)}$ weakly on U ($0 \leq p \leq n - k$),
- ii) let $X = U \cap L$, there exists a positive function $f \in L^1_{loc}(X)$ such that $1_X T^{(n-k)} = f[X]$.

Lemma 2.1 is of a great importance in the proof of the main theorem; for its proof, see [7]. To prove the theorem when T is pluriharmonic, we show that the current $T^{(n-k)}$ indicated in Lemma 2.1 is pluriharmonic of bidegree (n, n) ; in this way, we are reduced to the case $k = n$ to complete the proof, see [7].

2.3. Proof of the theorem when T is positive plurisubharmonic

To prove the main theorem when T is positive psh, we need the following lemma (see [1]).

Lemma 2.2. *There exists an open neighborhood X of 0 in L with $X \Subset \Omega$, such that, for every Borel subset B in L with $B \Subset X$, we have*

$$\nu(T, L, B) = \nu(T^{(1)} + S^{(0)}, L, B),$$

with $T^{(1)} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow +\infty} \widetilde{R_\mu^1}$, where $R_\mu^1 = T_{v_\mu} \wedge \frac{\alpha_z}{\pi}$, $S^{(0)} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow +\infty} \widetilde{R_\mu'^0}$ and $R_\mu'^0 = \frac{-\log(\varphi)}{\pi} dd^c T_{v_\mu}$, for a subsequence (T_{v_μ}) of (T_v) .

In order to prove the main theorem for T plurisubharmonic, we use Lemma 2.2. This shows that

$$\nu(T^{(1)} + S^{(0)}, L, B) = \nu(T, L, B),$$

and as $T^{(1)} + S^{(0)}$ is a pluriharmonic current, there exists a psh function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f \geq 0$ such that $\nu(T^{(1)} + S^{(0)}, L, B) = \int_B f(t) \gamma_t^m$. Therefore, $\nu(T, L, B) = \int_B f(t) \gamma_t^m$.

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