

WEAK SOLUTION OF PARABOLIC COMPLEX MONGE-AMPÈRE EQUATION II

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ABSTRACT. We study the equation $\dot{u} = \log \det(u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) - Au + f(z, t)$ in $\Omega \times (0, T)$, where $A \geq 0, T > 0$ and Ω is a bounded strictly pseudoconvex domain in \mathbb{C}^n , with the boundary condition $u = \varphi$ and the initial condition $u = u_0$. In this paper, we consider the case where φ is smooth and u_0 is an arbitrary plurisubharmonic function in a neighbourhood of $\bar{\Omega}$ satisfying $u_0|_{\partial\Omega} = \varphi(\cdot, 0)$.

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INTRODUCTION

Let Ω be a bounded smooth strictly pseudoconvex domain of \mathbb{C}^n , i.e., there exists a smooth strictly plurisubharmonic function ρ defined on a bounded neighbourhood of $\bar{\Omega}$ such that

$$\Omega = \{\rho < 0\}.$$

Let $A \geq 0, T > 0$. We consider the equation

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{u} = \log \det(u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) - Au + f(z, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T), \\ u = u_0 & \text{on } \bar{\Omega} \times \{0\}, \end{cases}$$

where $\dot{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$, $u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z_\alpha \partial \bar{z}_\beta}$, u_0 is a plurisubharmonic function in a neighbourhood of $\bar{\Omega}$ and φ, f are smooth in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]$.

If u_0 is a smooth strictly plurisubharmonic function in $\bar{\Omega}$ and some compatibility conditions are satisfied on $\partial\Omega \times \{0\}$, then (1) admits a unique solution $u \in C^{2;1}(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T))$, and then u is smooth outside $\partial\Omega \times \{0\}$ ([HL10], see also Section 3.1). In more general cases, we define the weak solution

Definition 0.1. *The function $u \in USC(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T))$ (upper semicontinuous function) is called a weak solution of (1) if there exist $u_m \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T))$ satisfying*

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} u_m(\cdot, t) \in SPSH(\Omega), \\ \dot{u}_m = \log \det(u_m)_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} - Au_m + f(z, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u_m \searrow \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T), \\ u_m \searrow u_0 & \text{on } \bar{\Omega} \times \{0\}, \\ u = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_m, \end{cases}$$

where $SPSH(\Omega) = \{\text{strictly plurisubharmonic functions on } \Omega\}$.

The equation (1) always admits a unique weak solution, and the weak solution has been described in case u_0 has zero Lelong numbers or $u \geq N \sum \log |z - a_j| + O(1)$ ([Do15a, Do15b], see also Section 3.3). In this article, we will consider the general case where u_0 has positive Lelong numbers.

The corresponding problem in compact Kähler manifolds was considered and solved by Di Nezza and Lu [DL14]. The maximal solution (as weak solution in case of domains) is smooth outside $D_t \times \{t\}$, where D_t is an analytic set. In case of domains on \mathbb{C}^n , by condition $u_0 = \varphi(\cdot, 0)$ on $\partial\Omega$ (and φ is smooth), $(u_0 - \sup_\Omega u_0 - 1)$ can be approximated as in Theorem 2.1 by functions contained in Cegrell's class $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ and then for any $\epsilon > 0$, the set $\{z \in \Omega : \nu(u_0, z) \geq \epsilon\}$ contains a finite number of points [Ceg04]. Hence we can describe more precisely the singular set of the weak solution: $\Omega \times \{t\}$ contains only finitely many singular points of the weak solution, for any $0 < t < T$. In the domain $\Omega \times [0, T)$, the set of singular points of the weak solution is $\cup \{a_j\} \times (0, \epsilon_j)$, where $\nu(u_0, a_j) > 0$ and ϵ_j is a positive number which is bounded by constants depending on A and $\nu(u_0, a_j)$.

For the convenience, we denote by ϵ_A the functions

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \epsilon_A(x) = \frac{x}{2n} \text{ if } A = 0, \\ \epsilon_A(x) = \frac{1}{A}(\log(Ax + 2n) - \log(2n)) \text{ if } A > 0. \end{cases}$$

where $x > 0$ and $0 < t < T$.

Our main result is following

Theorem 0.2. *Let $A \geq 0, T > 0$ and Ω be a bounded smooth strictly pseudoconvex domain of \mathbb{C}^n . Let φ, f be smooth functions in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]$ and u_0 be a plurisubharmonic function in a neighbourhood of $\bar{\Omega}$ such that $u_0(z) = \varphi(z, 0)$ for any $z \in \partial\Omega$. Then the weak solution u of (1) satisfies*

- (i) *If $m > \frac{1}{T}$ and $\{z \in \Omega : \nu_{u_0}(z) \geq \frac{2}{m}\} = \{a_{m,1}, \dots, a_{m,N(m)}\}$ then there exist nonegetive numbers $\epsilon_{m,1}, \dots, \epsilon_{m,N(m)} \in (0, T]$ such that*
 - (a) $\epsilon_A(\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})) \leq \epsilon_{m,j} \leq \epsilon_A(n\nu(u_0, a_{m,j}))$ for any $j = 1, \dots, N(m)$.
 - (b) $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j}) > 0$ for any $j = 1, \dots, N(m)$ and $t < \epsilon_{m,j}$. Moreover, if $\epsilon_{m,j} < T$ then $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j}) \searrow 0$ as $t \nearrow \epsilon_{m,j}$.
 - (c) $u \in C^\infty(Q_m)$, where $Q_m = \bar{\Omega} \times (\frac{1}{m}, T) \setminus \cup_{j \leq N(m)} \{a_{m,j}\} \times (\frac{1}{m}, \epsilon_{m,j}]$.
 - (d) $\dot{u} = \log \det(u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) - Au + f(z, t)$ on Q_m .
- (ii) $u = \varphi$ on $\partial\Omega \times [0, T]$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(z, t) = u_0(z)$ for any $z \in \Omega$. In particular, $u(z, t) \xrightarrow{L^1} u_0(z)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$.

Let us first recall some preliminaries.

1. COHERENT ANALYTIC SHEAVES ON PSEUDOCONVEX DOMAINS

In this section, we recall some properties of coherent analytic sheaves on pseudoconvex domains in \mathbb{C}^n . The readers can find more details in [Hor90] (chap VI and chap VII). Corollary 1.10 will be used to prove Proposition 2.2.

If Ω is a domain in \mathbb{C}^n , we let $\mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ denote the set of holomorphic functions on Ω . If $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$, we let $\mathcal{O}_z(\mathbb{C}^n)$ or \mathcal{O}_z for short denote the set of equivalence classes of functions f which are holomorphic in some neighbourhood of z , under the equivalence relation $f \sim g$ if $f = g$ in some neighbourhood of z . If f is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of z , we write f_z for the residue class of f in \mathcal{O}_z , which is called the germ of f at z .

It follows from Theorem 6.3.3 and Theorem 6.3.5 in [Hor90] that:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $a \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then \mathcal{O}_a is a Noetherian ring. If \mathcal{J} is a ideal of \mathcal{O}_a , and $\mathcal{J} \ni f_j \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} f \in \mathcal{O}_a$ in sense of simple convergence, then $f \in \mathcal{J}$. Here $f_j \rightarrow f$ means that the coefficient of $(z - a)^\alpha$ in f_j converges to the coefficient of $(z - a)^\alpha$ in f for every α .*

By the same argument, we also have:

Theorem 1.2. *Let Ω be a neighbourhood of $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then for any $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$, there exist $M > 0$ and $0 < r < d(0, \partial\Omega)$ such that the ideal \mathcal{J} of $\mathcal{O}(\Delta_r^n)$ which is generated by $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ is also generated by $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^M$. Moreover, \mathcal{J} is closed in the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of Δ_r^n .*

Definition 1.3. *Let X and \mathcal{F} be two topological spaces and π be a mapping $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow X$ such that*

- (i) π maps \mathcal{F} onto X .
- (ii) π is a local homeomorphism, that is, every point in \mathcal{F} has an open neighbourhood which is mapped homeomorphically by π on an open set in X .

Then \mathcal{F} is called a sheaf on X and π is called the projection on X . If U is a subset of X , a section of \mathcal{F} over U is a continuous map $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ such that $\pi\varphi = \text{Id}$ on U . The set of all sections of \mathcal{F} over U is denoted by $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$. If $x \in X$, then $\mathcal{F}_x = \pi^{-1}\{x\}$ is called the stalk of \mathcal{F} at x .

Example 1.4. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{C}^n . The sheaf \mathcal{O}_Ω (or \mathcal{O} for short) of germs of holomorphic functions (analytic functions) on $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ is the topological space defined by*

$$(i) \quad \mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{z \in \Omega} \mathcal{O}_z.$$

- (ii) *The topology in \mathcal{O} is the strongest topology such that for every open subset $U \subset \Omega$ and for every $f \in \mathcal{O}(U)$, the map $U \ni z \mapsto f_z \in \mathcal{O}$ is continuous.*

The projection on Ω is the map $\pi : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \Omega$ defined by $\pi(\mathcal{O}_z) = \{z\}$. The set of sections of \mathcal{O} over U is $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}(U)$ and the stalk of \mathcal{O} at z is the set of germs at z of holomorphic functions in some neighbourhood of z .

Definition 1.5. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{C}^n . A sheaf \mathcal{F} on Ω is called an analytic sheaf if it is a sheaf of \mathcal{O} -modules, i.e., \mathcal{F}_z is an \mathcal{O}_z module for every $z \in \Omega$ and the product of a section of \mathcal{O} and a section of \mathcal{F} is a section of \mathcal{F} .*

Definition 1.6. *An analytic sheaf \mathcal{F} on Ω is called coherent if*

- (i) \mathcal{F} is locally finitely generated, i.e., for every $z \in \Omega$ there exists a neighbourhood $U \subset \Omega$ and a finite number of sections $f_1, \dots, f_q \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$ so that \mathcal{F}_z is generated by $(f_1)_z, \dots, (f_q)_z$ as \mathcal{O}_z module for every $z \in \Omega$.
- (ii) If U is an open subset of Ω and $f_1, \dots, f_q \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$, then the sheaf of relations $\mathcal{R}(f_1, \dots, f_q)$ is locally finitely generated.

Theorem 1.7. *Every locally finitely generated subsheaf of \mathcal{O}^p is coherent.*

Corollary 1.8. *Let $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$. Assume that \mathcal{F} is the analytic sheaf generated by $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ over Ω , i.e., the germs $(f_1)_z, \dots, (f_q)_z, \dots$ generate \mathcal{F}_z for every $z \in \Omega$. Then \mathcal{F} is coherent.*

Theorem 1.9. *Let Ω be a Stein manifold, K an Ω -holomorphically convex compact subset of Ω , and \mathcal{F} a coherent analytic sheaf on a neighbourhood of K . Then*

- (i) *There exist finitely many sections f_1, \dots, f_q of \mathcal{F} over a neighbourhood of K which generate \mathcal{F} there.*

- (ii) If f_1, \dots, f_q are sections of \mathcal{F} over a neighbourhood of K which generate \mathcal{F} there and if f is an arbitrary section of \mathcal{F} over a neighbourhood of K , then one can find c_1, \dots, c_q analytic in a neighbourhood of K so that $f = \sum_{j=1}^q c_j f_j$ there.

Corollary 1.10. *Let W be a pseudoconvex domains in \mathbb{C}^n and Ω be a open subset of W , $\bar{\Omega} \subset W$. Let $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{O}(W)$. Assume that \mathcal{J} is the ideal of $\mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ generated by $f_1|_\Omega, \dots, f_j|_\Omega, \dots$. Then there exist finitely many functions f_1, \dots, f_q such that \mathcal{J} is generated by $f_1|_\Omega, \dots, f_q|_\Omega$.*

2. DEMAILLY'S APPROXIMATION

We recall Demailly's approximation theorem, which allows to approximate plurisubharmonic functions by multiples of logarithms of holomorphic functions. The readers can find the proof of this theorem in [Dem92] (or [Dem14]).

Theorem 2.1. *Let φ be a plurisubharmonic function on a bounded pseudoconvex open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$. For every $m > 0$, let $\mathcal{H}_\Omega(m\varphi)$ be the Hilbert space of holomorphic functions f on Ω such that $\int_\Omega |f|^2 e^{-2m\varphi} dV_{2n} < +\infty$ and let $\varphi_m = \frac{1}{2m} \log \sum |g_{m,l}|^2$ where $(g_{m,l})$ is an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{H}_\Omega(m\varphi)$. Then there are constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$ independent of m such that*

$$(a) \quad \varphi(z) - \frac{C_1}{m} \leq \varphi_m(z) \leq \sup_{|\zeta-z|<r} \varphi(\zeta) + \frac{1}{m} \log \frac{C_2}{r^n} \quad \text{for every } z \in \Omega \text{ and } r < d(z, \partial\Omega).$$

In particular, φ_m converges to φ pointwise and in L^1_{loc} topology on Ω when $m \rightarrow \infty$.

$$(b) \quad \nu(\varphi, z) - \frac{n}{m} \leq \nu(\varphi_m, z) \leq \nu(\varphi, z) \quad \text{for every } z \in \Omega.$$

Using Theorem 2.1, we will prove the following proposition, which will be use to prove the main theorem.

Proposition 2.2. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.1, for any open subset $U \Subset \Omega$, the following properties hold*

$$(a) \quad \int_U e^{2m(\varphi_m - \varphi)} < \infty.$$

(b) *If $z \in U$ and $\nu(\varphi, z) < \frac{1}{m}$ then φ_m is smooth in a neighbourhood of z .*

(c) *If there exist only finitely many points a_1, \dots, a_l in $\{z \in \bar{U} : \nu(\varphi, z) \geq \frac{1}{m}\}$, then there exist $C, N > 0$ such that*

$$\varphi_m \geq N \sum_{j=1}^l \log |z - a_j| - C \quad \text{on } U.$$

Proof. (a) There is a corresponding result in the case of compact Kähler manifolds, which was proved in [Dem10, p.164], [Dem14, p.10]. The same arguments can be applied for the case of domains in \mathbb{C}^n .

Set $f_j : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f_j(z, w) = g_{m,j}(z) \overline{g_{m,j}(w)}$. We have, for any $z, w \in V$ and $l > 0$,

$$\sum_{j \leq l} |f_j(z, w)| \leq \left(\sum_{j \leq l} |g_{m,j}(z)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{j \leq l} |g_{m,j}(w)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq e^{m(\varphi_m(z) + \varphi(\bar{w}))}.$$

Then the series $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j(z, w)$ converges uniformly on compact subsets of $\Omega \times \Omega$.

Let $U \Subset V \Subset \Omega$. We denote by \mathcal{J} the ideal of $\mathcal{O}(V \times V)$ generated by $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$. It follows from Theorem 1.2 that $f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j \in \mathcal{J}$.

Moreover, by Corollary 1.10 we can choose $M \gg 1$ such that \mathcal{J} is generated by f_1, \dots, f_M . Hence,

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^M a_j f_j,$$

where $a_j \in \mathcal{O}(V \times V)$. Then there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$e^{2m\varphi_m} = f(z, \bar{z}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^M |a_j(z, \bar{z})| |g_{m,j}(z)|^2 \leq C \sum_{j=1}^M |g_{m,j}(z)|^2,$$

for any $z \in U$. Thus

$$\int_U e^{2m(\varphi_m - \varphi)} \leq CM < \infty.$$

(b) If $z \in U$ and $\nu(\varphi, z) < \frac{1}{m}$, then $2m\varphi$ is integrable in a neighborhood of z (see [Sko72]). Hence, there exists $g \in \mathcal{H}_{\Omega}(m\varphi)$ such that $g(z) \neq 0$. Hence $\varphi_m(z) \neq -\infty$. Thus φ_m is smooth in a neighbourhood of z .

(c) This is a corollary of Lemma 2.3. □

Lemma 2.3. *Let $g_1, \dots, g_M \in \mathcal{O}(\Delta^n)$ such that*

$$\{g_1 = \dots = g_M = 0\} = \{0\}.$$

Then there exist $C, N > 0$ such that, on $\Delta_{1/2}^n$,

$$|g_1|^2 + \dots + |g_M|^2 \geq C(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2)^N.$$

Proof. It follows from Hilbert's Nullstellensatz theorem (see [Huy05, p.19]) that there exist $N > 0$, $1 > r > 0$ and holomorphic functions $f_{jk} \in \mathcal{O}(\Delta_r^n)$ satisfying, on Δ_r^n ,

$$z_k^N = \sum_{j=1}^m g_j \cdot f_{ij},$$

for $k = 1, \dots, n$. Then there exists $C_1 > 0$ such that, on $\Delta_{r/2}^n$,

$$|g_1|^2 + \dots + |g_M|^2 \geq C_1(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2)^N.$$

In the other hand, $\inf_{\Delta_{1/2}^n \setminus \Delta_{r/2}^n} (|g_1|^2 + \dots + |g_M|^2) > 0$. Then there exists $C_2 > 0$ such that,

on $\Delta_{1/2}^n \setminus \Delta_{r/2}^n$,

$$|g_1|^2 + \dots + |g_M|^2 \geq C_2(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2)^N.$$

Denote $C = \max\{C_1, C_2\}$, we have, on $\Delta_{1/2}^n$,

$$|g_1|^2 + \dots + |g_M|^2 \geq C(|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2)^N.$$

□

Lemma 2.3 is also an immediate corollary of Lojasiewicz inequality:

Theorem 2.4. *Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-analytic function on an open set U in \mathbb{R}^n , and let Z be the zero locus of f . Assume that Z is not empty. Then, for any compact set K in U , there are positive constants C and α such that, for every $x \in K$*

$$\text{dist}(x, Z)^\alpha \leq C|f(x)|.$$

We refer the reader to [Loj59, Mal66, JKS92] for more details.

Now we recall some previous results on Parabolic complex Monge-Ampère equation.

3. PARABOLIC COMPLEX MONGE-AMPÈRE EQUATION

3.1. Hou-Li theorem.

The Hou-Li theorem [HL10] states that equation (1) has a unique smooth solution when the conditions are good enough. We state the precise problem to be studied:

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{u} = \log \det(u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) + f(t, z, u) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T), \\ u = u_0 & \text{on } \bar{\Omega} \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

We first need the notion of a subsolution to (4).

Definition 3.1. *A function $\underline{u} \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T))$ is called a subsolution of the equation (4) if and only if*

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} \underline{u}(\cdot, t) \text{ is a strictly plurisubharmonic function,} \\ \dot{\underline{u}} \leq \log \det(\underline{u}_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) + f(t, z, \underline{u}), \\ \underline{u}|_{\partial\Omega \times (0, T)} = \varphi|_{\partial\Omega \times (0, T)}, \\ \underline{u}(\cdot, 0) \leq u_0. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.2. *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be a bounded domain with smooth boundary. Let $T \in (0, \infty]$. Assume that*

- φ is a smooth function in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T)$.
- f is a smooth function in $[0, T) \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R}$ non increasing in the lastest variable.
- u_0 is a smooth strictly plurisubharmonic funtion in a neighbourhood of Ω .
- $u_0(z) = \varphi(z, 0)$, $\forall z \in \partial\Omega$.
- The compatibility condition is satisfied, i.e.

$$\dot{\varphi} = \log \det(u_0)_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} + f(t, z, u_0), \quad \forall (z, t) \in \partial\Omega \times \{0\}.$$

- There exists a subsolution to the equation (4).

Then there exists a unique solution $u \in C^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T)) \cap C^{2;1}(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T))$ of the equation (4).

If Ω is a bounded smooth strictly pseudoconvex domain of \mathbb{C}^n then a subsolution always exists on $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T')$ (for example, $\underline{u} = M\rho + \varphi$, where $M \gg 1$ and ρ is a smooth strictly plurisubhamonic function such that $\rho|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$), for any $0 < T' < T$, and so Theorem 3.2 does not need the additional assumption of existence of a subsolution.

Using regularity theories (see, for example, [GT83, CC95, Lieb96, Do15a]), we can conclude that the solution u of (4) is smooth outside $\partial\Omega \times \{0\}$ if the assumption of

Theorem 3.2 holds. If Ω is a bounded smooth strictly pseudoconvex domain of \mathbb{C}^n , φ is smooth in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]$ and f is smooth in $[0, T] \times \bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}$, then u is the solution of (4) in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T + \delta)$, where $0 < \delta \ll 1$. Hence u can be approximated in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]$ by the smooth functions $u(z, t + \frac{1}{m})$. Thus, for approximations, u is as good as smooth in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]$.

3.2. Maximum principle.

The following maximum principle is a basic tool to establish upper and lower bounds in the sequel (see [BG13] and [IS13] for the proof).

Theorem 3.3. *Let Ω be a bounded domain of \mathbb{C}^n and $T > 0$. Let $\{\omega_t\}_{0 < t < T}$ be a continuous family of continuous positive definite Hermitian forms on Ω . Denote by Δ_t the Laplacian with respect to ω_t :*

$$\Delta_t f = \frac{n\omega_t^{n-1} \wedge dd^c f}{\omega_t^n}, \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(\Omega).$$

Suppose that $H \in C^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T)) \cap C(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ and satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta_t\right)H \leq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{H}_t \leq \log \frac{(\omega_t + dd^c H_t)^n}{\omega_t^n}.$$

Then $\sup_{\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]} H = \sup_{\partial_P(\Omega \times [0, T])} H$. Here we denote $\partial_P(\Omega \times (0, T)) = (\partial\Omega \times (0, T)) \cup (\bar{\Omega} \times \{0\})$.

Corollary 3.4. *(Comparison principle) Let Ω be a bounded domain of \mathbb{C}^n and $A \geq 0, T > 0$. Let $u, v \in C^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T)) \cap C(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ satisfy:*

- $u(\cdot, t)$ and $v(\cdot, t)$ are strictly plurisubharmonic functions for any $t \in [0, T)$,
- $\dot{u} \leq \log \det(u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) - Au + f(z, t)$,
- $\dot{v} \geq \log \det(v_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) - Av + f(z, t)$,

where $f \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$.

Then $\sup_{\Omega \times (0, T)} (u - v) \leq \max\{0, \sup_{\partial_P(\Omega \times (0, T))} (u - v)\}$.

Corollary 3.5. *Let Ω be a bounded domain of \mathbb{C}^n and $T > 0$. We denote by L the operator on $C^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T))$ given by*

$$L(f) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} - \sum a_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z_\alpha \partial \bar{z}_\beta} - b.f,$$

where $a_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}, b \in C(\Omega \times (0, T))$, $(a_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}(z, t))$ are positive definite Hermitian matrices and $b(z, t) < 0$.

Assume that $\phi \in C^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T)) \cap C(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ satisfies

$$L(\phi) \leq 0.$$

Then $\phi \leq \max(0, \sup_{\partial_P(\Omega \times (0, T))} \phi)$.

3.3. Weak solution of Parabolic Monge-Ampère equation.

We recall some properties of weak solution of (1), which were proved in [Do15a] and [Do15b].

Proposition 3.6. *Let $A \geq 0, T > 0$ and let Ω be a bounded smooth strictly pseudoconvex domain of \mathbb{C}^n . Assume that u_0 is a plurisubharmonic function in a neighbourhood of $\bar{\Omega}$ and φ, f are smooth in $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T]$. Then there exists a unique weak solution u of (1). Moreover,*

- (i) $u|_{\partial\Omega \times [0, T]} = \varphi$; $u(z, t) \xrightarrow{L^1} u_0$ as $t \searrow 0$.
- (ii) If Lelong numbers $\nu(u, a) = 0$ for every $a \in \Omega$ then $u \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times (0, T))$ and u satisfies (1) in $\bar{\Omega} \times (0, T)$ in the classical sense.
- (ii) If there exist $l \in \mathbb{N}, a_j \in \Omega, N_j \geq n_j \geq 0$ such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^l n_j \log |z - a_j| + C_0 \geq u_0 \geq \sum_{j=1}^l N_j \log |z - a_j| - C_0,$$

then u satisfies

- (a) $u \in C^\infty(Q)$, where $Q = (\bar{\Omega} \times (0, T)) \setminus (\cup(\{a_j\} \times (0, \epsilon_A(N_j))))$.
- (b) $u = -\infty$ on $\cup(\{a_j\} \times [0, \min\{T, \epsilon_A(n_j)\}])$.
- (c) $\dot{u} = \log \det u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} - Au + f(z, t)$ in Q .

Proposition 3.7. *Assume that there exists $u_m \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ satisfying*

$$(6) \quad \begin{cases} u_m(\cdot, t) \in SPSH(\Omega) & \forall t \in [0, T], \\ u_m(z, t) + 2^{-m} \geq u_{m+1}(z, t) & \forall (z, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T], \\ \dot{u}_m = \log \det(u_m)_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} - Au_m + f(z, t) & \forall (z, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u_m(z, t) \rightarrow \varphi(z, t) & \forall (z, t) \in \partial\Omega \times [0, T], \\ u_m(z, 0) \rightarrow u_0(z) & \forall z \in \bar{\Omega}. \end{cases}$$

Then $u = \lim u_m$ is a weak solution of (1).

Proposition 3.8. *If there is $a \in \Omega$ such that $\nu_{u_0}(a) > 0$, then the weak solution u of (1) satisfies $u(a, t) = -\infty$ for $t \in [0, \epsilon_A(\nu_{u_0}(a))]$.*

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 0.2

4.1. Some technique lemmas. We present some lemmas, which will be used to prove the main theorem. The following two lemmas were proved in [Do15b].

Lemma 4.1. *Suppose that $\psi, g \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$. Assume that $v \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ satisfies*

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} v(\cdot, t) \in SPSH(\bar{\Omega}), \\ \dot{v} = \log \det(v)_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} - Av + g(z, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ v = \psi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$v(z, t) - v(z, 0) \geq -C(t),$$

for any $(z, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T)$. Here $C(t)$ is defined by

$$C(t) = \inf_{1 > \epsilon > 0} ((-n \log \epsilon + A \sup |\psi| + \sup |g|)t - \epsilon \inf \rho) + \sup_{t' \in [0, t]} \sup_{z \in \partial\Omega} |\psi(z, t') - \psi(z, 0)|,$$

where $\rho \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ such that $dd^c \rho \geq dd^c |z|^2$ and $\rho|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$.

Lemma 4.2. *Assume that $u \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T))$ satisfies*

$$(8) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{u} = \log \det(u_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) + f(z, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T). \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\frac{u(z, t) - \sup u_0}{t} - B \leq \dot{u}(z, t) \leq \frac{u(z, t) - u_0(z)}{t} + B, \quad \forall (z, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T),$$

where $B = 2 \sup |\dot{\varphi}| + T \sup |f| + n$ and $u_0 = u(\cdot, 0)$.

We will also need the following elementary observation

Lemma 4.3. *Let $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a decreasing right-continuous function. Assume that there exist $\alpha, B > 1$ such that g satisfies*

$$tg(t+s) \leq B(g(s))^\alpha \quad \forall t, s > 0.$$

Then $g(s) > 0$ for all $s \geq s_\infty$, where

$$s_\infty = \frac{2Bg(0)^{\alpha-1}}{1 - 2^{-\alpha+1}}.$$

We refer the reader to [EGZ09] for the proof of Lemma 4.3. Using this lemma, we prove Lemma 4.4.

Lemma 4.4. *Let Ω be a bounded open subset of \mathbb{C}^n . Let u, u_0, ψ be plurisubharmonic functions in Ω such that $u \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ and ψ is bounded near $\partial\Omega$. Assume also that*

$$\begin{aligned} (dd^c u)^n &\leq B e^{a_1(u - a_2 u_0)} dV, \\ \int_\Omega e^{b(\psi - u_0)} dV &\leq B, \end{aligned}$$

where $a_1, a_2, b, B > 0, b > a_1 a_2$. Then there exists $C > 0$ depending only on $a_1, a_2, b, B, n, \Omega$ and $\liminf_{z \rightarrow \partial\Omega} (u - a_2 \psi)$ such that

$$u \geq a_2 \psi - C \quad \text{on } \Omega.$$

There is a corresponding result in the case of compact Kähler manifolds, which was proved in [DL14]. The same arguments can be applied for the case of domains in \mathbb{C}^n . For the reader's convenience, we recall the arguments here.

Proof. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $\liminf_{z \rightarrow \partial\Omega} (u - a_2 \psi) = 0$. For $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we denote

$$U_t = \{z \in \Omega : u(z) < a_2 \psi(z) - t\}.$$

Let $M > \sup |u|/a_2$ and $\psi_M = \max\{\psi, -M\}$. Then, for any $t, s > 0$ and $v \in PSH(\Omega)$ such that $-1 \leq v \leq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 t^n \int_{U_{t+s}} (dd^c v)^n &= \int_{\{u < a_2 \psi_M - t - s\}} (tdd^c v)^n \leq \int_{\{u < a_2 \psi_M + tv - s\}} (dd^c(a_2 \psi_M + tv - s))^n \\
 &\leq \int_{\{u < a_2 \psi_M + tv - s\}} (dd^c u)^n \\
 &\leq \int_{U_s} B e^{a_1(u - a_2 u_0)} dV \\
 &\leq \int_{U_s} B e^{-s} e^{a_1 a_2 (\psi - u_0)} dV \\
 &\leq B \int_{U_s} e^{a_1 a_2 (\psi - u_0)} dV \\
 &\leq B \left(\int_{U_s} e^{b(\psi - u_0)} \right)^{\frac{a_1 a_2}{b}} \left(\int_{U_s} dV \right)^{1 - \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}} \\
 &\leq B^{1 + \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}} \lambda(U_s)^{1 - \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}},
 \end{aligned}$$

where λ is Lebesgue measure. Hence, we have

$$(9) \quad t^n \text{Cap}(U_{t+s}, \Omega) \leq B^{1 + \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}} \lambda(U_s)^{1 - \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}}.$$

Moreover, it follows from [AT84, Zer01] that for any $p > 0$, there exists $C_p > 0$ depending only on p, n and Ω such that

$$(10) \quad \lambda(U_t) \leq C_p \text{Cap}(U_t, \Omega)^p.$$

Combining (9) and (10), we obtain

$$(11) \quad t^n \lambda(U_{t+s})^{1/p} \leq B^{1 + \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}} C_p^{1/p} \lambda(U_s)^{1 - \frac{a_1 a_2}{b}}.$$

Let $p = \frac{2b}{b - a_1 a_2}$. Applying Lemma 4.3 for $g(t) = \lambda(U_t)^{1/(pn)}$ and $\alpha = \frac{p(b - a_1 a_2)}{b}$, there exists $s_\infty > 0$ depending only on $a_1, a_2, b, B, n, \Omega$ such that $\lambda(U_{s_\infty}) = 0$. By the plurisubharmonicity of u and ψ , we conclude that $u \geq a_2 \psi - s_\infty$. \square

4.2. Proof of Theorem 0.2. We consider the case $A = 0$ and then we use it to prove the result in the case $A > 0$.

Step 1: Construct an approximation.

Let us first construct a sequence of solutions as in Proposition 3.7 such that

- (i) $\varphi_k = \varphi$ on $\partial\Omega \times (\epsilon, T)$ for any $\epsilon > 0$ and $k \gg 1$;
- (ii) $\sup_{k \geq 0} \sup_{z \in \partial\Omega} |\varphi_k(z, t) - \varphi_k(z, 0)| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \searrow 0$.

Using the convolution of $u_0 + \frac{|z|^2}{k}$ with mollifiers, we can take $u_{0,k} \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega}) \cap \text{SPSH}(\bar{\Omega})$ such that

$$(12) \quad u_{0,k} \searrow u_0.$$

Note that $u_0|_{\partial\Omega}$ is continuous. Then

$$(13) \quad \delta_k = \sup_{z \in \partial\Omega} (u_{0,k}(z) - u_0(z)) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

We define $g_k \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ and $\varphi_k \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ by

$$g_k = \log \det(u_{0,k})_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} + f(z, 0),$$

$$\varphi_k = \zeta\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon_k}\right)(tg_k + u_{0,k}) + \left(1 - \zeta\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon_k}\right)\right)\varphi,$$

where ζ is a smooth function on \mathbb{R} such that ζ is decreasing, $\zeta|_{(-\infty,1]} = 1$ and $\zeta|_{[2,\infty)} = 0$. $\epsilon_k > 0$ are chosen such that the sequences $\{\epsilon_k\}$, $\{\epsilon_k \sup |g_k|\}$ are decreasing to 0.

$u_{0,k}$ and φ_k satisfy the compatibility condition. By Theorem 3.2, there exists $u_k \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$ satisfying

$$(14) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{u}_k = \log \det(u_k)_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} + f(z, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u_k = \varphi_k & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T), \\ u_k = u_{0,k} & \text{on } \bar{\Omega} \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to verify that u_k satisfies the conditions in Proposition 3.7. Then $u(z, t) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k(z, t)$ is the weak solution of (1). Moreover, $\varphi_k = \varphi$ on $\partial\Omega \times (\epsilon, T)$ for any $\epsilon > 0$ and $k \gg 1$.

Step 2: Smoothness of weak solution in $(\bar{\Omega} \setminus \{\nu(u_0, z) \geq \frac{2}{m}\}) \times (\frac{1}{m}, T)$.

Let $m > \frac{1}{T}$ and $\epsilon < \frac{1}{m}$. Applying Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 for $u_k(z, t + \epsilon)$, $k \gg 1$, we have, for any $(z, t) \in \bar{\Omega} \times (\epsilon, T)$,

$$\begin{aligned} (dd^c u_k)^n = e^{\dot{u}_k - f(z, t)} dV &\leq C_1 e^{\frac{u_k - u_k(z, \epsilon)}{t - \epsilon}} dV \\ &\leq C_2 e^{\frac{u_k - u_{0,k}}{t - \epsilon}} dV \\ &\leq C_2 e^{\frac{u_k - u_0}{t - \epsilon}} dV, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_1, C_2 > 0$ are independent of k .

Assume that W is an open neighbourhood of $\bar{\Omega}$ such that W is bounded pseudoconvex and $u_0 \in PSH(W)$. Let $l = \frac{1+\epsilon}{2(1/m-\epsilon)}$ and let $\{g_{l,j}\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{H}_W(lu_0)$.

Denote $v_l = \frac{1}{2l} \log \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |g_{l,j}|^2$. Applying Lemma 4.4 for $a_1 = \frac{1}{1/m-\epsilon}$, $a_2 = 1$ and $b = 2l$, we have

$$(15) \quad u_k(z, \frac{1}{m}) \geq v_l(z) - C_3,$$

where $C_3 > 0$ is independent of k . Then

$$(16) \quad u(z, \frac{1}{m}) \geq v_l(z) - C_3.$$

Hence, applying Proposition 2.2, we have

$$(17) \quad u(z, \frac{1}{m}) \geq N \sum_{\nu(u_0, a) \geq \frac{1}{T}} \log |z - a| + O(1),$$

where $N > 0$. It follows from Proposition 3.6 that u is smooth and satisfies (1) in the classical sense in $(\bar{\Omega} \setminus \{z : \nu(u, z) \geq \frac{1}{T}\}) \times (\frac{1}{m}, T)$.

When $\epsilon \searrow 0$, we conclude that u is smooth and satisfies (1) in the classical sense in $(\bar{\Omega} \setminus \{z : \nu(u, z) \geq \frac{2}{m}\}) \times (\frac{1}{m}, T)$ and $u|_{\partial\Omega \times [0, T]} = \varphi|_{\partial\Omega \times [0, T]}$.

Step 3: The set of singular points of u .

Assume that $\{z : \nu(u_0, z) \geq \frac{2}{m}\} = \{a_{m,1}, \dots, a_{m,N(m)}\}$. For any $j = 1, \dots, N(m)$, we denote

$$(18) \quad \epsilon_{m,j} = \sup\{T > t \geq 0 : \nu(u(\cdot, t'), a_{m,j}) > 0, \forall 0 \leq t \leq t'\}.$$

We need to show that

- u is smooth and satisfies (1) in the classical sense in $Q_m := \bar{\Omega} \times (\frac{1}{m}, T) \setminus \cup_{j \leq N(m)} \{a_{m,j}\} \times (\frac{1}{m}, \epsilon_{m,j}]$.
- $\frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2n} \leq \epsilon_{m,j} \leq \frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2}$.
- $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j}) > 0$ for any $j = 1, \dots, N(m)$ and $t < \epsilon_{m,j}$.
- If $\epsilon_{m,j} < T$ then $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j}) \searrow 0$ as $t \nearrow \epsilon_{m,j}$.

By Step 2, for any $T > \epsilon > 0$, there is $r > 0$ such that u is smooth in $(B(a_{m,j}, r) \setminus \{a_{m,j}\}) \times (\epsilon, T)$ for any $j = 1, \dots, N(m)$. If there is $\epsilon \in (0, T)$ satisfying $\nu(u(\cdot, \epsilon), a_{m,j}) = 0$ then it follows from Proposition 3.6 that $u \in C^\infty(B(a_{m,j}, r) \times (\epsilon, T))$. By the definition of $\epsilon_{m,j}$, we conclude that u is smooth in Q_m . Clearly, u satisfies (1) in the classical sense in Q_m .

By Propostion 3.8 and by the smoothness of u in Q_m , we have $\epsilon_{m,j} \geq \frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2n}$. If $\nu(u_0, a_{m,j}) < 2T$, we have, as in the step 2,

$$(19) \quad u(a_{m,j}, c) \geq v_{\frac{1+\epsilon}{2(c-\epsilon)}} + O(1) =: v_l + O(1),$$

for any $0 < c < T$ and $c > \epsilon > 0$.

If $2c > \nu(u_0, a_{m,j})$ then for any $\epsilon \ll 1$ we have

$$\nu(u_0, a_{m,j}) < \frac{1}{l}.$$

It follows from Proposition 2.2 that v_l is smooth in a neighbourhood of $a_{m,j}$. By (19), we have

$$c \geq \epsilon_{m,j}.$$

Letting $c \rightarrow \frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2}$, we obtain $\epsilon_{m,j} \leq \frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2}$. Thus $\epsilon_{m,j}$ satisfies

$$\frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2n} \leq \epsilon_{m,j} \leq \frac{\nu(u_0, a_{m,j})}{2}.$$

By definition of $\epsilon_{m,j}$, we have $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j}) > 0$ for any $j = 1, \dots, N(m)$ and $t < \epsilon_{m,j}$. Applying Lemma 4.1 for u_k and letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, we conclude that $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j})$ is non increasing in t . If $\epsilon_{m,j} < T$ then by Proposition 3.8 and by the smoothness of u in Q_m , we have, for any $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_{m,j}$,

$$\frac{\nu(u(\cdot, \epsilon), a_{m,j})}{3n} + \epsilon \leq \epsilon_{m,j}.$$

Hence, $\nu(u(\cdot, t), a_{m,j}) \searrow 0$ as $t \nearrow \epsilon_{m,j}$.

Step 4: Continuity at zero.

Applying Lemma 4.1, we have

$$(20) \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow 0} u(z, t) \geq u_0(z),$$

for any $z \in \bar{\Omega}$.

Note that u is the limit of a decreasing sequence of smooth functions, then $u \in USC(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T])$. We have

$$(21) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} u(z, t) \leq u_0(z),$$

for any $z \in \bar{\Omega}$.

Combining (20) and (21), we obtain

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(z, t) = u_0(z).$$

Hence, by the dominated convergence theorem, $u(\cdot, t) \rightarrow u_0$ in L^1 , as $t \rightarrow 0$.

Step 5: The case $A > 0$.

Assume that u is the weak solution of (1) with $A > 0$. We set

$$v(z, t) = (At + 1)u(z, \frac{\log(At + 1)}{A}).$$

Then we can verify that v is the weak solution of

$$(22) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{v} = \log \det(v_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}) - n \log(At + 1) + f(z, \frac{\log(At+1)}{A}) & \text{on } \Omega \times (0, \frac{e^{AT}-1}{A}), \\ v(z, 0) = u_0(z) & \text{on } \Omega, \\ v(z, t) = \varphi(z, \frac{\log(At+1)}{A}) & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

Using the case $A = 0$, we conclude the similar result for the case $A > 0$.

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