THE CARATHÉODORY–CARTAN–KAUP–WU THEOREM ON AN INFINITE-DIMENSIONAL HILBERT SPACE

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Abstract. This paper treats a holomorphic self-mapping $f : \Omega \to \Omega$ of a bounded domain Ω in a separable Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ with a fixed point p. In case the domain is convex, we prove an infinite-dimensional version of the Cartan-Carathéodory-Kaup-Wu Theorem. This is basically a rigidity result in the vein of the uniqueness part of the classical Schwarz lemma. The main technique, inspired by an old idea of H. Cartan, is iteration of the mapping f and its derivative. A normality result for holomorphic mappings in the compact-weak-open topology, due to Kim and Krantz, is used.

§0. Introduction

Perhaps the most important part of the classical Schwarz lemma is the uniqueness statement: If $f : D \to D$ is a holomorphic function from the unit disc D to itself, $f(0) = 0$, and $|f'(0)| = 1$, then f is a rotation. This rigidity statement has had considerable effect in the subject of complex differential geometry. It is the wellspring of many holomorphically invariant metrics, and has had a notable influence in the subject of mapping theory.

The analogous result in higher (finite) dimensions has been explored by Carathéodory, Cartan, Kaup, and Wu. See [KRA] and [WU] for a careful discussion of the matter. The theorem is that, if a holomorphic mapping $f : \Omega \to \Omega$ of a bounded domain Ω in $\mathbb{C}^n$ satisfies $f(p) = p$ for some $p \in \Omega$ and $|\det(Df(p))| = 1$, then f is a biholomorphic mapping. We remark here

that the condition on the Jacobian determinant is, in this case, equivalent to saying that every eigenvalue of the Jacobian matrix has modulus 1.

In recent years, the study of holomorphic functions and mappings on a Hilbert or Banach space has received much attention. Work of Lempert (see for instance [LEM]) has served as a catalyst to this activity. The more recent work of Kim/Krantz (see [KIK1], [KIK2]) is the more direct genesis of the present paper. In this rather general setting, many of the familiar tools of finite-dimensional analysis are no longer available. The geometry is much more difficult. Yet there is interest in developing these ideas because of potential applications to mathematical physics and partial differential equations.

This paper develops a version of the Carathéodory-Cartan-Kaup-Wu theorem on a separable Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$. We begin by formulating and proving a result on a convex domain $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{H}$. This is Theorem 1.1. Afterward, in Section 3, we present a more refined result (Proposition 3.1) on the ball in a separable Hilbert space.

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§1. Statement of the main results

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a separable, complex Hilbert space, and let B denote its open unit ball. Let S^1 represent the unit circle in the complex plane $\mathbb{C}$. For a bounded linear operator T on $\mathcal{H}$, denote by $\sigma(T)$ its spectrum, i.e.

$$\sigma(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid T - \lambda I \text{ is not invertible}\}.$$

A bounded linear operator $T : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ is said to be *triangularizable* if there exists a basis $\{e_1, e_2, \ldots\}$ such that $T(\mathbb{C}e_1 + \ldots + \mathbb{C}e_N) \subset \mathbb{C}e_1 + \ldots + \mathbb{C}e_N$ for every positive integer N. In this case, we shall sometimes say that T is upper-triangular with respect to the basis $\{e_1, e_2, \ldots\}$. Note that the basis that renders an operator upper-triangular can always be taken to be orthonormal, just because the Gram-Schmidt process preserves the flags $E_N = \mathbb{C}e_1 + \cdots + \mathbb{C}e_N$.

Now we formulate the principal result of this paper:

THEOREM 1.1. *Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ be a bounded convex domain. Fix a point $p \in \Omega$. Let $f : \Omega \to \Omega$ be a holomorphic mapping such that*

(a) $f(p) = p$;

(b) *the differential df_p is triangularizable* ;

(c) $\sigma(df_p) \subseteq S^1$.

Then f is a biholomorphic mapping.

To put the theorem in perspective, notice that in dimension $n = 1$ the hypothesis specializes to just $|f'(p)| = 1$. In several (but finitely many) variables, the hypothesis is equivalent to (i) non-degeneracy of the Jacobian matrix at p and (ii) all eigenvalues of the Jacobian having modulus 1. In the finite-dimensional case, one can always triangularize. In infinite dimensions there are geometric conditions (involving the Fredholm index) for triangularization.

Even if T is a unitary operator on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ (so that certainly $\sigma(T) \subseteq S^1$), it does not necessarily follow that T is triangularizable. For example, take T to be the forward shift on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$. See [HER] for more on the triangular operators.

Concerning the assumption (b) in Theorem 1.1, it seems appropriate to present an example of a bounded convex domain with an automorphism whose derivative at a fixed point is upper-triangular. Consider the map $A : \mathbb{C}^2 \to \mathbb{C}^2$ defined by $A(z, w) = (z + bw, -w)$ for an arbitrary choice for $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Then A is an involution (i.e. $A \circ A = I$) with eigenvalues ± 1; also A is an upper-triangular linear map. Take any bounded domain D in $\mathbb{C}^2$ containing the origin. Let

$$V = D \cup A(D).$$

Then let Ω be the convex hull of V in $\mathbb{C}^2$. It is obviously a bounded convex domain containing the origin. Then A is an automorphism of Ω satisfying $A(0) = 0$. Since $dA_0 = A$, the differential dA_0 is upper-triangular. Furthermore, if one would sacrifice the convexity of the domain, it is possible also to obtain a non-linear example. Let $G(z, w) = (z, w + z^2)$ for instance, let $f = G \circ A \circ G^{-1}$, and let $W = G(\Omega)$. Then W is a bounded domain in $\mathbb{C}^2$, and f is an automorphism of W with $f(0) = 0$. We see that df_0 is clearly upper-triangularizable. It is simple to modify this example to give an example in an infinite dimensional Hilbert space; one simply needs to consider a map that is equal to A on a two-dimensional subspace and the identity on the orthogonal complement of this subspace.

The referee has raised the question of how large is the class of holomorphic mappings $f : \Omega \to \Omega$ satisfying the conditions (a), (b) and (c) of Theorem 1.1, within the class of such mappings satisfying only (a) and (c). We believe that rigidity phenomena for automorphisms of domains in infinite dimensions would imply that the answer depends very much on the domain. A related question is how large is the class of triangularizable operators on a separable Hilbert space H within the class of all bounded linear mappings of H. In this connection we mention the Weyl-von Neumann-Berg theorem [DAV, p. 59], which asserts that every normal operator is a small compact perturbation of a diagonalizable (in particular triangularizable) operator. We thank the referee and the editors for their remarks.

§2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

The proof has several steps, some of which are of independent interest.

2.1. Basic facts on the differential

Let Ω_1 and Ω_2 be domains in the separable Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ and let $f : \Omega_1 \to \Omega_2$ be a holomorphic mapping. The differential of f at a point $p \in \Omega_1$ is the bounded linear operator on $\mathcal{H}$ defined by

$$df_p(v) = \lim_{\mathbb{C} \ni h \to 0} \frac{f(p + hv) - f(p)}{h}.$$

Write $B(p; r) = \{z \in \mathcal{H} \mid \|z - p\| < r\}$. Suppose that Ω_2 is bounded, say $\Omega_2 \subseteq B(0; M)$. In this situation we have

LEMMA 2.1. *If $p \in \Omega_1$ and $dist(p, \partial\Omega_1) = d > 0$, then*

$$\|df_p\| \leq \frac{M}{d} \, .$$

Proof. Choose $\rho > 0$ so that $\overline{B}(p; \rho) \subset \Omega_1$. Let v be a unit vector in $\mathcal{H}$. The integral representation

$$(1) \qquad\qquad df_p(v) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta| = \rho} \frac{f(p + \zeta v)}{\zeta^2} d\zeta$$

leads immediately to the Cauchy estimates

$$\|df_p(v)\| \leq \frac{M}{\rho},$$

and we may let ρ tend to d.   □

LEMMA 2.2.   *If $\|df_z\| \leq A$ for every $z \in B(p;r)$, then for any pair $z, w \in B(p;r)$ one has*

$$\|f(z) - f(w)\| < 2rA\,.$$

Proof.   Write

$$f(z) - f(w) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt}[f((1-t)w + tz)]dt$$

and use the chain rule.   □

Now, in the situation of Theorem 1.1, f is a holomorphic self-map of a bounded convex domain in $\mathcal{H}$ and p is a fixed point. Let us write $T = df_p$.

We are assuming that T is triangularizable. Hence it is possible to choose a basis $e_1, e_2, \ldots$ such that

$$T(\mathbb{C}e_1 + \cdots + \mathbb{C}e_N) \subset \mathbb{C}e_1 + \cdots + \mathbb{C}e_N$$

for every positive integer N. For convenience set

$$E_N = \mathbb{C}e_1 + \cdots + \mathbb{C}e_N$$

for every positive integer N. We shall call such E_N a *flag.* The union of these flags yields a vector space that is dense in $\mathcal{H}$.

From here on we assume that the operator T is upper-triangular with respect to a fixed orthonormal basis $e_1, e_2, \ldots$.

Notice that $\sigma(T)$ is contained in the unit circle. Since T is upper-triangular, the diagonal entries are contained in its spectrum $\sigma(T)$, and hence are of modulus 1.

We also note the following consequence of Lemma 2.1:

COROLLARY 2.3.   *There exists a constant C such that*

$$\|T^m\| \leq C,$$

for every positive integer m.

2.2. Iteration of T

In this section T is an upper triangular matrix whose spectrum $\sigma(T)$ is contained in S^1 and whose positive powers are uniformly bounded in norm. Denote by λ_j the (j,j)-th diagonal entry of T. Then $|\lambda_j| = 1$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

LEMMA 2.4.   *There exists a sequence of natural numbers $\{m(k)\}_k$ such that for each fixed $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_j^{m(k)} \to 1$ as $k \to \infty$.*

Proof.   The sequence of powers $\{\lambda_1^k\}$ is bounded, so there is a convergent subsequence, say $\lambda_1^{m(1,k)} \to \alpha_1$ as $k \to \infty$, where $|\alpha_1| = 1$. Similarly the sequence of powers $\{\lambda_2^{m(1,k)}\}$ is bounded, so there is a subsequence $\{m(2,k)\}$ of $\{m(1,k)\}$ such that $\lambda_2^{m(2,k)} \to \alpha_2$ as $k \to \infty$, where $|\alpha_2| = 1$. Continuing in this way and using a diagonal sequence argument, we obtain a subsequence $\{m(k,k)\}$ of the natural numbers and complex numbers α_j, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, of modulus one such that $\lambda_j^{m(k,k)} \to \alpha_j$ as $k \to \infty$ for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Now the sequence

$$m(k) = m(k+1, k+1) - m(k,k), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

is easily seen to have the property that

$$\lambda_j^{m(k)} \to \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_j} = 1$$

as $k \to \infty$, for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$.   □

If A is an infinite square matrix we denote the (i,j)-th entry by $A_{i,j}$, $1 \le i, j \le \infty$. Also, we order the positions above the diagonal in such a matrix first by column and then by row, i.e. the ordering is $(1,2)$, $(1,3)$, $(2,3)$, $(1,4)\ldots$. If N is a positive integer, we denote the $N \times N$ truncation of such a matrix by A_N. The $N \times N$ identity matrix will be denoted by I_N.

LEMMA 2.5.   *There is a sequence of natural numbers $\{\mu(k)\}_k$ such that, for each $N \in \mathbb{N}$,*
$$(T_N)^{\mu(k)} \to I_N, \quad k \to \infty\,.$$

Proof.   Write $T = S + V$, where S is a diagonal matrix with diagonal entries of modulus 1 and V has zeros on and below the main diagonal. Denote the diagonal entries of S by $\lambda_j, j = 1, 2, \ldots$.

By Lemma 2.4, there exists a sequence of natural numbers $\{m(k)\}$ such that $\lambda_j^{m(k)} \to 1$ as $k \to \infty$, for each fixed j.

The entries $\{(T^{m(k)})_{1,2}\}_k$ are bounded, so there is a subsequence $\{\mu(k;1,2)\}$ of $\{m(k)\}$ such that $\{(T^{\mu(k;1,2)})_{1,2}\}_k$ converges. By similar reasoning, a further subsequence $\{\mu(k;1,3)\}$ has the property that $\{(T^{\mu(k;1,3)})_{1,3}\}_k$ converges, and a further subsequence of that one, denoted by $\{\mu(k;2,3)\}$, has the property that $\{(T^{\mu(k;2,3)})_{2,3}\}_k$ converges. Continuing in this way and extracting a diagonal subsequence yields a subsequence $\{\mu(k)\}$ of $\{m(k)\}$ such that $\{(T^{\mu(k)})_{i,j}\}_k$ converges for all (i,j), $1 \le i < j < \infty$.

Thus there is an infinite square matrix W, whose entries on and below the main diagonal are zero, such that for each $N \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $(T_N)^{\mu(k)} \to I_N + W_N$. (For fixed N the convergence may be taken to be in norm, but the norm convergence is not uniform in N.)

Now choose the smallest value of $N \ge 2$ with the property that $W_N \ne 0$. Then at least one of the entries in the last column of W_N is nonzero, and all entries in the other columns of W_N are zero. If ℓ is a positive integer, then

$$((T_N)^{\mu(k)})^\ell = (T_N)^{\mu(k)\ell} \to (I_N + W_N)^\ell, \quad k \to \infty,$$

and the entries in the last column of the matrix on the right are given by ℓ times the corresponding entries in $(I_N + W_N)$ (except for a 1 in the (N, N)-position).

But this is a contradiction to the power boundedness of T for sufficiently large ℓ (see Corollary 2.3). We conclude that no such N exists, i.e. $W = 0$. Therefore the sequence $\{\mu(k)\}$ has the property that $(T_N)^{\mu(k)} \to I_N$ as $k \to \infty$ for each fixed N. $\square$

2.3. Iteration of f

Next, consider the iteration given by $f^1 = f$, $f^m = f \circ f^{m-1}$ for each integer $m > 1$.

We need the following two fundamental results. There is in fact a Banach space version of the theorem of Kim and Krantz [KIK2]; we indicate a proof here for the Hilbert space case.

THEOREM 2.6. (Kim/Krantz [KIK2]) *Let Ω_1, Ω_2 be domains in a separable Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$, and let Ω_2 be bounded. Then every sequence $\{h_n : \Omega_1 \to \Omega_2 \mid n = 1, 2, \ldots\}$ of holomorphic mappings admits a subsequence $\{h_{n(k)}\}_k$ that converges to a holomorphic mapping $\widehat{h}$ from Ω_1 into the closed*

convex hull of Ω_2, in the compact-weak-open topology (i.e., the compact-open topology in which the strong topology is used on the domain space and the weak topology is used on the target space).

    Proof. Let $\langle \cdot , \cdot \rangle$ denote the Hilbert space inner product (linear in the first variable, conjugate-linear in the second). One needs to show that for every sequence $\{h_n : \Omega_1 \to \Omega_2 \mid n = 1, 2, \ldots \}$ of holomorphic mappings, there is a subsequence $\{h_{n(k)}\}_k$ and a holomorphic mapping $\widehat{h} : \Omega_1 \to \mathcal{H}$ such that, for all g in the unit ball of $\mathcal{H}$, $\langle h_{n(k)}, g \rangle \to \langle \widehat{h}, g \rangle$, uniformly on compact subsets, as $k \to \infty$. If g is such that $\Re \langle w, g \rangle < 1$ for all $w \in \Omega_2$, then it is clear that $\Re \langle \widehat{h}, g \rangle \leq 1$, i.e. the image of $\widehat{h}$ must be contained in the closed convex hull of Ω_2.

    Let $\{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a dense sequence in Ω_1. We are going to do the usual diagonal sequence construction. The sequence $\{h_n\}$ has a subsequence $\{h_{n(1,k)}\}_k$ such that $h_{n(1,k)}(z_1)$ converges weakly to an element $\widehat{h}(z_1)$ as $k \to \infty$. This just uses the boundedness of Ω_2.

    Now choose a subsequence of $\{n(1,k)\}_k$, denoted by $\{n(2,k)\}_k$, so that $h_{n(2,k)}(z_2)$ converges weakly to an element $\widehat{h}(z_2)$ as $k \to \infty$. Continue and then choose the diagonal sequence $\{h_{n(k)}\}_k = \{h_{n(k,k)}\}_k$ generated by this process.

    Since Ω_2 is bounded, as we did earlier in the proof of Lemma 2.1, we let M be a positive constant such that $\Omega_2 \subset B(0; M)$.

    Assume that K is a compact subset of Ω_1 and let $\epsilon > 0$. Denote by $D = \text{dist}(K, \partial \Omega_1)$ and let $\delta = \min\{\frac{D}{3}, \frac{D\epsilon}{18M}\}$. Cover K with a finite number of balls $B(x_1; \delta), \ldots, B(x_m; \delta)$ such that $B(x_\ell; \delta) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ for any $\ell = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, where each x_ℓ belongs to the dense sequence $\{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. Note that for $z \in B(x_\ell; \delta)$ one has $\text{dist}(z, \partial \Omega_1) > D/3$. By Lemma 2.1 we have $\|dh_n|_z\| < \frac{3M}{D}$ for such z. This holds for every n. By Lemma 2.2 and the choice of δ, we have

$$(2) \qquad \|h_n(z) - h_n(w)\| < \frac{6M\delta}{D} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for all $z, w \in B(x_\ell, \delta)$. For any g in the unit ball of H, choose $J = J(g)$ so that, for $j, k > J$, we have

$$|\langle h_{n(j)}(x_\ell) - h_{n(k)}(x_\ell), g \rangle| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for $1 \leq \ell \leq m$.

Now for any choice of $z \in K$ we have the existence of some ℓ with $z \in B(x_\ell, \delta)$. Then for $j, k > J$ we have

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\begin{aligned}
|\langle h_{n(j)}(z) - h_{n(k)}(z), g \rangle| &\leq |\langle h_{n(j)}(z) - h_{n(j)}(x_\ell), g \rangle| \\
&+ |\langle h_{n(j)}(x_\ell) - h_{n(k)}(x_\ell), g \rangle| \\
&+ |\langle h_{n(k)}(x_\ell) - h_{n(k)}(z), g \rangle|.
\end{aligned}
$$

Each of the terms on the right hand side is less than $\epsilon/3$. For the first and third terms this follows from (2), and for the second term it follows from the choice of J.

This shows that the sequence $h_{n(k)}(z)$ converges weakly to the "assignment" $\widehat{h}(z)$ uniformly on compacta. It remains only to show that the assignment is an analytic mapping on Ω_1. But given a fixed $z_0 \in \Omega_1$ and a unit vector $v \in \mathcal{H}$, we can find $a > 0$ such that the closed disc

$$ S = \{z_0 + \zeta v \mid |\zeta| \leq a\} $$

is contained in Ω_1, and hence the analytic functions $\langle h_{n(k)}(z_0 + \zeta v), g \rangle$ converge uniformly to $\langle \widehat{h}(z_0 + \zeta v), g \rangle$. The mapping $\zeta \mapsto \widehat{h}(z_0 + \zeta v)$ from the disc of radius a in $\mathbb{C}$ into $\mathcal{H}$ is therefore holomorphic. This says precisely that $\widehat{h}$ is Gateaux holomorphic [HIP], [MUJ]. Since a bounded Gateaux holomorphic mapping is holomorphic, we are done. $\square$

Remark 2.1. By the Cauchy estimates, it follows from Theorem 2.6 that the derivative $dh_{n(k)}|_z(v)$ converges to $\widehat{dh}_z(v)$ weakly, uniformly on compact subsets of $\Omega_1 \times \mathcal{H}$ (i.e., $z \in \Omega_1$ and $v \in \mathcal{H}$).

To see this, let L be a compact subset of $\Omega_1 \times \mathcal{H}$. Then for all $(z, v) \in L$, we have $\operatorname{dist}(z, \partial \Omega_1) \geq a > 0$ and $\|v\| \leq b$, for some positive constants a and b. It is elementary to see that there exists $r > 0$ such that

$$ K = \{z + \zeta v \mid (z, v) \in L, |\zeta| \leq r\} $$

is a compact subset of Ω_1. Now the relation (1) gives

$$ dh_{n(k)}|_z(v) - dh_z(v) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=r} \frac{h_{n(k)}(z + \zeta v) - h(z + \zeta v)}{\zeta^2} d\zeta \quad, $$

for all $(z, v) \in L$. Hence for any linear functional τ on $\mathcal{H}$,

$$ \tau \circ dh_{n(k)}|_z(v) - \tau \circ dh_z(v) $$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=r} \frac{\tau \circ h_{n(k)}(z + \zeta v) - \tau \circ h(z + \zeta v)}{\zeta^2} d\zeta \, .$$

The assertion follows easily from this in view of the compactness of K.

THEOREM 2.7. (H. Cartan) *Let Ω be a bounded domain in $\mathcal{H}$ and let $p \in \Omega$. Let $f : \Omega \to \Omega$ be a holomorphic mapping with $f(p) = p$ and $df_p = I$. Then f coincides with the identity mapping of Ω.*

See [FRV], [KRA] for the proof of Cartan's theorem.

Now apply Theorem 2.6 to the sequence $\{f^{\mu(k)}\}$, where f is the mapping in Theorem 1.1 and $\{\mu(k)\}$ is the sequence constructed in Lemma 2.5. We obtain a subsequence $\{f^{\nu(k)}\}$ that converges to some $\widehat{f}$ in the compact-weak-open-topology. The sequence of derivatives at p is $\{T^{\nu(k)}\}$. The discussion of the preceding section shows that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} (T_N)^{\nu(k)} = I_N$$

for every positive integer N.

Thus

$$d\widehat{f}_p|_{E_N} = I_{E_N} \text{ for every } N = 1, 2, \dots .$$

Note that $\bigcup_N E_N$ is dense in $\mathcal{H}$. Since $d\widehat{f}_p$ is bounded and $d\widehat{f}_p|_{E_N} = I_N$ for all N, it follows that $d\widehat{f}_p = I$.

Finally, the fact that $\widehat{f}(p) = p$ together with the convexity of Ω implies that $\widehat{f}(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$. Now Cartan's theorem (Theorem 2.7) implies that $\widehat{f} \equiv \mathrm{id}$.

2.4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

It is time to complete the proof of Theorem 1.1. From the last part of the preceding subsection, we have

$$(3) \qquad \lim_{k\to\infty} f(f^{\nu(k)-1}(z)) = z = \lim_{k\to\infty} f^{\nu(k)-1}(f(z))$$

in the compact-weak-open topology on Ω.

By Theorem 2.6, choose a subsequence $\{f_\ell\}$ of $\{f^{\nu(k)-1}\}$ that converges to a holomorphic mapping $\widehat{h} : \Omega \to \Omega$ in the compact-weak-open topology. (Recall that Ω is convex and $\widehat{h}(p) = p$).

The second identity in (3) implies that

$$(4) \qquad\qquad\qquad \widehat{h} \circ f = \mathrm{id}.$$

We see therefore that the holomorphic mapping $\widehat{h}$ is a left inverse of f, and that $f \circ \widehat{h}$ is a holomorphic mapping from Ω into itself.

On the other hand, one cannot immediately deduce from the first identity in (3) that $f \circ \widehat{h} = \mathrm{id}$, because it is only known at this point that f_ℓ converges to $\widehat{h}$ weakly. (With respect to the weak topology on the source-domain and the strong topology on the target-domain, holomorphic mappings need not be continuous.) So it is necessary to show that $f \circ \widehat{h} = \mathrm{id}$.

Now (4) implies that

$$d\widehat{h}_p \circ df_p = I.$$

Since df_p is invertible, we see that $d\widehat{h}_p$ is also the right inverse of df_p. This implies that

$$d(f \circ \widehat{h})_p = df_p \circ d\widehat{h}_p = I.$$

Applying Cartan's Theorem (Theorem 2.7) again to $f \circ \widehat{h} : \Omega \to \Omega$, we see that

$$f \circ \widehat{h} = \mathrm{id}.$$

Therefore f is a biholomorphic mapping of Ω onto itself. This completes the proof. □

§3. Closing remarks

For holomorphic functions (i.e. $\mathbb{C}$-valued functions) on a domain in a separable Banach space, there is a normality result for the compact-open topology, similar to the finite-dimensional case [HUY], [KIK2], [MUJ]. For holomorphic mappings there is no such result unless one makes further restrictions [HUY]. However, it is possible to obtain interesting theorems about holomorphic mappings using normality with respect to the compact-weak-open topology.

The assumption that the differential be triangularizable at the fixed point is not necessary for the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 to be valid. In the case of the unit ball B of the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$, a unitary map conjugated by a Möbius transformation is a holomorphic automorphism, but in general the differential at the fixed point is not triangularizable. This phenomenon reflects the difficulty in the case of infinite dimensional holomorphy caused by the excessive size of the isotropy group in such cases as the ball (in finite dimensions, large isotropy group characterizes the ball—see [GRK]). However, the ball case has a reasonable formulation as follows.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let $f : B \to B$ be a holomorphic mapping, let $p \in B$, and let M_p be a Möbius transformation of the ball sending p to the origin. If f satisfies:*

(1) $f(p) = p$,

(2) $U \circ d[M_p]|_p \circ df_p \circ d[M_p^{-1}]|_0$ *is triangularizable, for some unitary transform U, and*

(3) $\sigma(U \circ d[M_p]|_p \circ df_p \circ d[M_p^{-1}]|_0)$ *lies in the unit circle in $\mathbb{C}$,*

then f is an automorphism of B.

The arguments given in this article surely yield a proof of Proposition 3.1. However, one can simplify the argument, thanks to the fact that *the domain in consideration is the unit ball*. Indeed, from Schwarz's lemma, upper triangularity and the spectrum condition, one obtains that the operator $V = U \circ d[M_p]|_p \circ df_p \circ d[M_p^{-1}]|_0$ has norm 1. It is known [DIN] that such a linear transformation V is in fact unitary. Thus Cartan's Theorem applied to $V^{-1} \circ U \circ M_p \circ f \circ M_p^{-1}$ implies that this map is the identity map. Hence f is a holomorphic automorphism of B. The authors would like to thank Warren Wogen for pointing out this line of reasoning.

The convexity assumption on Ω was necessary due to the use of weak convergence in several places. Whether one can remove this additional assumption should be an interesting problem to explore in future work. It would also be of interest to know whether there is a result of Schwarz-Pick type in our infinite-dimensional context.

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