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# Hessian measures in the class of *m*-convex (m - cv) functions

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The theory of *m*-convex (m - cv) functions is a new direction in the real geometry. In this work, by using the connection m - cv functions with strongly *m*-subharmonic  $(sh_m)$  functions and using well-known and rich properties of  $sh_m$  functions, we show a number of important properties of the class of m - cv functions, in particular, we study Hessians  $H^k(u)$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1, in the class of bounded m - cv functions.

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## Introduction

It is well known that *m*-convex functions are a real analogue in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  strongly *m*-subharmonic  $(sh_m)$  functions in the complex space  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let us recall the definition of the class  $sh_m$  of functions, which at this time has become the subject of research by many authors (Z. Błocki [1], S. Dinew and S. Kolodziej [2–4], S. Li [5], H.C. Lu [6,7], H.C. Lu and V.D. Nguyen [8], A. Sadullaev and his students [9–11], etc.).

A twice differentiable function  $u(z) \in C^2(D)$ ,  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , is said to be strongly *m*-subharmonic, if at each point of the domain D it holds inequalities

$$(dd^{c}u)^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k} \ge 0, \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1,$$

where  $\beta = dd^c ||z||^2$  is the standard volume form in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

It's clear that  $psh = sh_1 \subset sh_2 \subset ... \subset sh_n = sh$ . Operators  $(dd^c u)^k \wedge \beta^{n-k}$  are closely related to the Hessians. For a twice differentiable function  $u \in C^2(D)$ , the second-order differential  $dd^c u = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j,t} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z_j \partial \overline{z}_t} dz_j \wedge d\overline{z}_t$  (at a fixed point  $o \in D$ ) is a Hermitian quadratic form. After a suitable unitary coordinate transform, it is reduced to the diagonal form  $dd^c u = \frac{i}{2} [b] dz \wedge d\overline{z}$ .

tary coordinate transform, it is reduced to the diagonal form  $dd^c u = \frac{i}{2} [\lambda_1 dz_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_1 + ... + \lambda_n dz_n \wedge d\bar{z}_n]$ , where  $\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of the Hermitian matrix  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_t}\right)$ , which are real:  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Note that the unitary transformation does not change the differential form.  $\beta = dd^c ||z||^2$ . Therefore, it is not difficult to see that

$$(dd^{c}u)^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k} = k!(n-k)!H_{o}^{k}(u)\beta^{n},$$

where  $H_o^k(u) = \sum_{1 \le j_1 < \ldots < j_k \le n} \lambda_{j_1} \ldots \lambda_{j_k}$  is the Hessian of dimension k of the vector  $\lambda = \lambda(u) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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Consequently, the twice differentiable function  $u(z) \in C^2(D)$ ,  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , is strongly *m*-subharmonic, if at each point  $o \in D$  the next inequalities hold

$$H^{k}(u) = H^{k}_{o}(u) \ge 0, \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1.$$
(1)

The following theorem is important

Theorem 1. (see [1]). For any twice differentiable  $sh_m \cap C^2(D)$  functions  $v_1, ..., v_k \in sh_m(D) \cap C^2(D), 1 \leq k \leq n-m+1$ , the relation

$$dd^c v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dd^c v_k \wedge \beta^{m-1} \ge 0$$

is valid. In particular, for  $u \in sh_m(D) \cap C^2(D)$  and for any  $v_1, ..., v_{n-m} \in sh_m(D) \cap C^2(D)$  it holds

$$dd^{c}u \wedge dd^{c}v_{1} \wedge \dots \wedge dd^{c}v_{n-m} \wedge \beta^{m-1} \ge 0.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The last property has dual character: if a twice differentiable function u, it satisfies (2) for all  $v_1, ..., v_{n-m} \in sh_m(D) \cap C^2(D)$ , then the function u is certainly  $sh_m$  function. Moreover, the class of second-order polynomials of the form is sufficient here (see [1,2])

$$v_j = \sum_{k=1}^n c_{j,k} |z_k|^2 \in sh_m \left(\mathbb{C}^n\right), c_{j,k} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is } const.$$
(3)

Theorem 1 allows us to define  $sh_m$  functions in the class  $L^1_{loc}$ .

Definition 1. A function  $u \in L^1_{loc}(D)$  is called  $sh_m$  in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , if it is upper semicontinuous and for any twice differentiable  $sh_m$  functions  $v_1, ..., v_{n-m}$  of the form (3), the current  $dd^c u \wedge dd^c v_1 \wedge ... \wedge dd^c v_{n-m} \wedge \beta^{m-1}$  defined as

$$\begin{bmatrix} dd^{c}u \wedge dd^{c}v_{1} \wedge \dots \wedge dd^{c}v_{n-m} \wedge \beta^{m-1} \end{bmatrix} (\omega) =$$
$$= \int u dd^{c}v_{1} \wedge \dots \wedge dd^{c}v_{n-m} \wedge \beta^{m-1} \wedge dd^{c}\omega, \ \omega \in F^{0,0}$$
is positive, 
$$\int u dd^{c}v_{1} \wedge \dots \wedge dd^{c}v_{n-m} \wedge \beta^{m-1} \wedge dd^{c}\omega \ge 0, \ \forall \omega \in F^{0,0}, \ \omega \ge 0.$$

### 1 m-convex functions and associated measures

In this section, similarly to (1), we define Hessians  $H^k(u)$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1, in the class of bounded *m*-convex functions as Borel measures. This method of defining  $H^k(u)$  as a measure belongs to A. Sadullaev.

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u(x) \in C^2(D)$ . Then matrix  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j \partial x_t}\right)$  is orthogonal,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j \partial x_t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_t \partial x_j}$ . Therefore, after a suitable orthonormal transformation, it is transformed into a diagonal form,

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j \partial x_t}\right) \to \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0\\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0\\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots\\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n\end{array}\right).$$

where  $\lambda_j = \lambda_j(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j \partial x_t}\right)$ . Let

$$H^{k}(u) = H^{k}(\lambda) = \sum_{1 \le j_{1} < \dots < j_{k} \le n} \lambda_{j_{1}} \dots \lambda_{j_{k}}$$

be Hessian of the dimension k of the vector  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n)$ .

Definition 2. A twice differentiable function  $u \in C^2(D)$  is called *m*-convex in  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u \in m - cv(D)$ , if its eigenvalue vector  $\lambda = \lambda(x) = (\lambda_1(x), \lambda_2(x), ..., \lambda_n(x))$  satisfies the conditions

$$m - cv \cap C^{2}(D) = \left\{ H^{k}(u) = H^{k}(\lambda(x)) \ge 0, \ \forall x \in D, \ k = 1, ..., n - m + 1 \right\}.$$

Potential theory of m - cv functions is poorly-studied and is a new direction in the theory of real geometry. However, when m = 1, this class  $1 - cv \cap C^2(D) = \{H^1(\lambda) \ge 0\} = \{\lambda_1 \ge 0, \lambda_2 \ge 0, ..., \lambda_n \ge 0\}$  coincides with the convex functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and when m = n, the class  $n - cv \cap C^2(D) = \{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + ... + \lambda_n \ge 0\}$  coincides with the class of subharmonic functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $cv = 1 - cv \subset 2 - cv \subset ... \subset n - cv = sh$ . The class of convex functions is well studied A. Aleksandrov [12], I. Bakelman [13], A. Pogorelov [14], A. Artykbaev [15] and others. When m > 1 this class has been studied in a series of works N. Trudinger, H. Wang, N. Ivochkina and other mathematicians (see [16–22].

Principal difficulties in the theory of m - cv are the introduction of the class  $m - cv \cap L^1_{loc}$ , i.e. definition m - cv(D) of functions in the class of upper semicontinuous, locally integrable or bounded functions and the definition of Hessians  $H^k(u)$ ,  $u \in m - cv \cap L^1_{loc}$ . So for m = n (the case of subharmonic functions) in the class of upper semicontinuous, locally integrable functions  $u(x) \in n - cv(D)$  are defined as a distribution and the Laplace operator  $\Delta u = dd^c u \wedge \beta^{n-1}$  is a Borel measure.

To define operators  $(dd^c u)^k \wedge \beta^{n-k} \ge 0$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 for the function  $u(z) \in sh_m(D)$  in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  the function u(z) must be locally bounded, i.e.  $u(z) \in L^{\infty}_{loc}(D)$ . In this case, the operators  $(dd^c u)^k \wedge \beta^{n-k} \ge 0$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 are also positive Borel measures (see [10]).

In this work, by using the connection of m - cv functions with strongly *m*-subharmonic functions and using well-known and rich properties  $sh_m$  of functions, we show a number of important properties of the class of m - cv functions, in particular, of the Hessians  $H^k(u)$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1, in the class of bounded m - cv functions.

We embed  $\mathbb{R}^n_x$  into  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , by  $\mathbb{R}^n_x \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z = \mathbb{R}^n_x + i\mathbb{R}^n_y$  (z = x + iy), as a real *n*-dimensional subspace of the complex space  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

Proposition 1. (see [23]). A twice differentiable function  $u(x) \in C^2(D)$ ,  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$ , is m - cv in D, if and only if a function  $u^c(z) = u^c(x + iy) = u(x)$  that does not depend on variables  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n_y$ , is  $sh_m$  in the domain  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y$ .

*Proof.* We establish a connection between the Hessians  $H^k(u)$  and  $H^k(u^c)$ . We have,

$$\frac{\partial u^c}{\partial z_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial u^c}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u^c}{\partial y_j} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u^c}{\partial x_j};$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 u^c}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_t} \left[ \frac{\partial u^c}{\partial x_j} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u^c}{\partial x_j \partial x_t} + \frac{\partial^2 u^c}{\partial x_j \partial y_t} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 u^c}{\partial x_j \partial x_t}$$

 $\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_t \quad 2 \,\partial \bar{z}_t \left[ \partial x_j \right]^{-} 4 \left[ \partial x_j \partial x_t \right]^{-} \partial x_j \partial y_t \right]^{-} 4 \,\partial \overline{x_j \partial x_t}.$ Thus,  $\left( \frac{\partial^2 u^c}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_t} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j \partial x_t} \right)$  and therefore,  $H^k(u) = 4^k H^k(u^c)$ , that is the proof of the proposition.

Let now u(x) be an upper semicontinuous function in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$ . Then  $u^c(z)$  also will be upper semicontinuous function in the domain  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z$ .

Definition 3. An upper semicontinuous function u(x) in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$  is called *m*-convex in D, if the corresponding function  $u^c(z)$  is strongly *m*-subharmonic,  $u^c(z) \in sh_m(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_u)$ .

Let u(x) be a locally bounded *m*-convex function in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$ . Then  $u^c(z)$  will be also locally bounded, strongly *m*-subharmonic function in the domain  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z$ . Therefore, the operators

$$(dd^{c}u^{c})^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k}, \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1$$

are defined as Borel measures in the domain  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z$ ,  $\mu_k = (dd^c u^c)^k \wedge \beta^{n-k}$ .

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Since for a twice differentiable function  $(dd^c u^c)^k \wedge \beta^{n-k} = k!(n-k)!H^k(u^c)\beta^n$ , then for a bounded, strongly *m*-subharmonic function in the domain  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z$ , it is natural to determine its Hessians, equating them to the measure

$$H^{k}(u^{c}) = \frac{\mu_{k}}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{1}{k!(n-k)!} (dd^{c}u^{c})^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k}.$$

We can now define Hessians  $H^k$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 in the class of locally bounded, *m*-convex domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$  functions.

Definition 4. Let a function u(x) be locally bounded and *m*-convex in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$ . Let us define Borel measures in the domain  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_u \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z$ ,

$$\mu_k = (dd^c u^c)^k \wedge \beta^{n-k}, k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1.$$

Since  $u^c \in sh_m(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y)$  does not depend on  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n_y$ , then for any Borel sets  $E_x \subset D$ ,  $E_y \subset \mathbb{R}^n_y$ , the measures  $\frac{4^k}{mesE_y}\mu_k(E_x \times E_y)$  do not depend on the set  $E_y \subset \mathbb{R}^n_y$ , i.e.  $\frac{4^k}{mesE_y}\mu_k(E_x \times E_y) = \nu_k(E_x)$ . The Borel measures

$$\nu_k: \quad \nu_k(E_x) = \frac{4^k}{mesE_y} \mu_k(E_x \times E_y), \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1,$$

we call by Hessians  $H^k$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n-m+1, for a locally bounded, *m*-convex function  $u(x) \in m - cv(D)$  in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_r$ .

For twice differentiable function  $u(x) \in m - cv(D) \cap C^2(D)$  the Hessians are ordinary functions, however, for a non-twice differentiable, bounded semicontinuous function  $u(x) \in m - cv(D) \cap L^{\infty}(D)$ , the Hessians  $H^k$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 are positive Borel measures.

Using Theorem 1 and Preposition 1 (see also Definition 3) m - cv functions are defined as

Definition 5. A function  $u(x) \in L^1_{loc}(D)$  is called *m*-convex function in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$ ,  $u(x) \in m - cv(D)$ , if it is upper semicontinuous and for any twice differentiable m - cv(D) functions  $v_1, \ldots, v_{n-m}$ , the current  $dd^c u^c \wedge dd^c v_1^c \wedge \ldots \wedge dd^c v_{n-m}^c \wedge \beta^{m-1}$  defined as

$$\begin{bmatrix} dd^{c}u^{c} \wedge dd^{c}v_{1}^{c} \wedge \dots \wedge dd^{c}v_{n-m}^{c} \wedge \beta^{m-1} \end{bmatrix} (\omega) = \\ = \int u^{c}dd^{c}v_{1}^{c} \wedge \dots \wedge dd^{c}v_{n-m}^{c} \wedge \beta^{m-1} \wedge dd^{c}\omega, \omega \in F^{0,0}\left(D \times \mathbb{R}_{y}^{n}\right)$$

is positive.

#### 2 General definitions of m-convex functions

In various works (see, for example, [18, 19]) *m*-convex functions in the class of bounded upper semicontinuous m - cv(D) functions define using the "viscosity" definition: an upper semicontinuous function u(x) is called m - cv(D),  $u(x) \in m - cv(D)$ , if any quadratic polynomial q(x) for which the difference u(x) - q(x) achieves a local maximum only at a finite number of points  $x^1, ..., x^q \in D$ , is  $m - cv(D), q(x) \in m - cv(D)$ .

The following important proposition belongs to Trudinger-Wang [19]

Lemma 1. A semicontinuous function u(x) is in m - cv(D), if for each domain  $G \subset D$  and each function  $v(x) \in C^2(D) : H_m(v) \leq 0$  from  $u|_{\partial G} \leq v|_{\partial G} \Rightarrow u_G \leq v|_G$ .

Lemma 2. A semicontinuous function u(x) is in m - cv(D), if and only if for any domain  $G \subset D$  there exists  $u_j(x) \in C^2(G) \cap m - cv(G)$ :  $u_j(x) \downarrow u(x)$ .

Lemma 3. If  $m < \frac{n}{2} + 1$ , then  $m - cv(D) \subset C^{0,\gamma} = Lip_{\gamma}$ , where  $\gamma = 2 - \frac{n}{n-m+1}$ ,  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ . Corollary 1. If  $m < \frac{n}{2} + 1$ , then  $u(x) \in m - cv(D)$  continuous.

For our purpose, it is convenient to use the Trudenger-Wang's definition based on Lemma 2:

Definition 6. An upper semicontinuous function u(x) is called *m*-convex m - cv(D), if for any domain  $G \subset C$  there exists a sequence of functions  $u_j(x) \in C^2(G) \cap m - cv(G) : u_j(x) \downarrow u(x)$ .

In fact, the two main ones, Definition 3 and Definition 6, are equivalent.

Theorem 2. A function u(x) is m - cv(D) in the sense of Definition 3, if and only if it is m - cv(D) in the sense of Definition 6.

Proof. Let the function u(x) have a monotonically decreasing sequence of functions  $u_j(x) \in m - cv(G)$ :  $u_j(x) \downarrow u(x)$ . Let us put  $\mathbb{R}^n_x$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n_z$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n_x \subset \mathbb{C}^n_z = \mathbb{R}^n_x + i\mathbb{R}^n_y$  (z = x + iy), and construct a monotonically decreasing sequence  $u_j^c(z) = u_j(x) \in sh_m (G \times \mathbb{R}^n_y)$ . Then  $\lim_{j \to \infty} u_j^c(z) = u^c(z) \in sh_m (G \times \mathbb{R}^n_y)$  and  $u(x) = u^c(x)$  is m - cv(G).

On the other side, let the function u(x) be such that  $u^c(z) = u(x) \in sh_m(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y)$ . Let us construct a standard approximation  $u^c_j(z) = u^c \circ K_{\frac{1}{j}}(w-z)$ , j = 1, 2, ... (see [10]). For any compact domain  $G \subset D$ , starting from a certain number  $j \geq j_0$ , they are defined, infinitely smooth functions  $u^c_j(z) \in sh_m(G)$ :  $u^c_j(z) \downarrow u^c(z)$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that  $u^c_j(z)$  do not depend on  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n_y$ . Therefore,  $u^c_j(x) = u_j(x) \downarrow u(x), u_j(x) \in m - cv(G) \cap C^{\infty}(G)$ .

3 Example (fundamental solution)

$$\chi_m(x,0) = \begin{cases} |x|^{2-\frac{n}{n-m+1}} & if \quad m < \frac{n}{2} + 1, \\ \ln|x| & if \quad m = \frac{n}{2} + 1, \\ -|x|^{2-\frac{n}{n-m+1}} & if \quad m > \frac{n}{2} + 1. \end{cases}$$

Thus, when  $m < \frac{n}{2} + 1$ , the fundamental solution is bounded and Lipschitz, when  $m \ge \frac{n}{2} + 1$ , it is equal  $-\infty$  at the point x = 0. Note that at m = n, i.e. for the subharmonic case it coincides with fundamental solution of the Laplass operator  $\Delta$ .

#### 4 Weakly convergence of m-convex functions

We will continue our study of Borel measures

$$\left\{ H^k(u) \ge 0, \ \forall x \in D, \ k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 \right\}$$

in the class  $u(x) \in m - cv(D) \cap L^{\infty}_{loc}(D)$ .

Theorem 3. If  $u(x) \in m - cv(D) \cap L^{\infty}_{loc}(D)$  and  $u_j(x) \in m - cv(D)$  are sequences of monotonically decreasing functions, converging to  $u(x), u_j(x) \downarrow u(x)$ , then there is weakly convergence of measures  $H^k(u_j) \mapsto H^k(u), \ k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1.$ 

*Proof.* Let us continue the functions u(x),  $u_j(x)$  from  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$  to  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y$ , as  $sh_m$ -functions  $u^c(z)$ ,  $u_j^c(z) \in sh_m\left(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y\right)$ . Then  $u^c(z) \in sh_m\left(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y\right) \cap L^{\infty}_{loc}\left(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y\right)$  and  $u_j^c(z) \downarrow u^c(z)$ . According to Theorem Sadullaev-Abdullaev (see. [10]), Borel measures

$$H^{k}(u_{j}^{c}) = \frac{\mu^{k}}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{1}{k!(n-k)!} \left( dd^{c}u_{j}^{c} \right)^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k}$$

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weakly converges:  $H^k(u_j^c) \mapsto H^k(u^c), \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1$ . This implies weakly convergence  $H^k(u_j) \mapsto H^k(u), \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1$ .

As is known, if  $\{u_{\alpha}(z)\} \subset sh_m(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y)$ ,  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , a family of uniformly bounded, strongly *m*-subharmonic functions, then for any compact set  $K \subset C$  there exists a constant C(K), such that the integral averages

$$\int_{K} \left( dd^{c} u_{\alpha} \right)^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k} \leq C\left( K \right), \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1$$

(see. [10]). From this it follows that the Hessians

$$H^{k}(u_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{k!(n-k)!} (dd^{c}u_{\alpha})^{k} \wedge \beta^{n-k},$$

which are Borel measures, are uniformly bounded on average on compact subsets of the domain D. This fact, discovered by Chern-Levine-Nirenberg [24] for a class of psh functions, then it played a main role in the construction of the theory of potential in the class psh and  $sh_m$  functions.

Here we will prove a similar fact for Hessians  $H^k(u)$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n-m+1, in the class of m-cv(D),  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , functions. At the same time, we note that, if in a class  $sh_m(D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y)$ ,  $D \times \mathbb{R}^n_y \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , the proof is based on differential forms and Stokes' Theorem, then for the estimate  $H^k(u)$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n-m+1, in the class of m - cv(D),  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , we do not have this technique.

Theorem 4. If  $\{u_{\alpha}(x)\} \subset m - cv(D), D \subset \mathbb{R}^n_x$ , is a family of locally uniformly bounded *m*-convex functions, then the family of measures  $\{H^k(u_{\alpha})\}, k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1$ , in Hessians are uniformly bounded on average on compact subsets of the domain *D*. In other words, for any compact set  $K \subset D$  there is a constant C(K) that is upper bound for integral averages

$$\int_{K} H^{k}(u_{\alpha}) \le C(K), \quad k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1.$$

Proof. Let us use Proposition 1 and Definition 3. We put  $\mathbb{R}_x^n$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_x^n \subset \mathbb{C}_z^n = \mathbb{R}_x^n + i\mathbb{R}_y^n$ (z = x + iy), as a real *n*-dimensional subspace of a complex space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and construct a family of locally uniformly bounded functions.  $\{u_\alpha^c(z)\} \subset sh_m(D \times \mathbb{R}_y^n)$ . For this family Borel measures  $\{H^k(u_\alpha^c)\}$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 is uniformly bounded on average on compact subsets of the domain.  $D \times \mathbb{R}_y^n$ . From the definition of measures  $\{H^k(u_\alpha)\}$  in Hessians it follows that the family of measures  $\{H^k(u_\alpha)\}$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - m + 1 is uniformly bounded on average on compact subsets of the domain D.

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