

SOME PROPERTIES OF MAXIMAL PLURISUBHARMONIC FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this paper is to provide some properties of maximal plurisubharmonic functions in bounded domains in \mathbb{C}^n .

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INTRODUCTION

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be a bounded domain ($n \geq 2$). A function $u \in PSH(\Omega)$ is called maximal if for every open set $G \Subset \Omega$, and for each upper semicontinuous function v on \bar{G} such that $v \in PSH(G)$ and $v|_{\partial G} \leq u|_{\partial G}$, we have $v \leq u$. There are some equivalent descriptions of maximality which have been presented in [Sad81], [Kli91].

For the convenience, we denote

$$MPSH(\Omega) = \{u \in PSH(\Omega) | u \text{ is maximal} \},$$

$$MPSH_{loc}(\Omega) = \{u \in PSH(\Omega) | \forall z \in \Omega : u \in MPSH(U) \text{ for some } z \in U \Subset \Omega\}.$$

The following question was given by Blocki [Blo04], [DGZ16]:

Question 0.1. *Is $MPSH(\Omega)$ equal to $MPSH_{loc}(\Omega)$? (or is maximality a local notion?)*

Denote by $D(\Omega)$ the domain of definition of Monge-Ampère operator in Ω . By [Blo04], a function $u \in D(\Omega)$ is maximal iff $(dd^c u)^n = 0$. Moreover, it follows from [Blo06] that to belong to the class D is a local property. Then

$$MPSH(\Omega) \cap D(\Omega) = MPSH_{loc}(\Omega) \cap D(\Omega).$$

In the general case, the question 0.1 is still open. It raises another question

Question 0.2. *What information can be obtained from the condition $u \in MPSH_{loc}(\Omega)$?*

In this paper, we study on some subclass of $MPSH(\Omega)$ and use results on it to show some properties of the class $MPSH_{loc}(\Omega)$.

Our main results are following:

Theorem 0.3. *If $u, v \in MPSH_{loc}(\Omega)$ and $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex non-decreasing function then $(z, w) \mapsto \chi(u(z) + v(w)) \in MPSH(\Omega \times \Omega)$.*

Theorem 0.4. *Let u be a negative maximal plurisubharmonic function in Ω and let U, \tilde{U} be open subset of Ω such that $U \Subset \tilde{U} \Subset \Omega$. Assume that $u_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{U}) \cap C(\tilde{U})$ is decreasing to u in \tilde{U} . Then*

$$(1) \quad \int_U |u_j|^{-a} (dd^c u_j)^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0, \forall a > n - 1.$$

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1. A CLASS OF MAXIMAL PLURISUBHARMONIC FUNCTIONS

We say that a function $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$ has M_1 property iff for every open set $U \Subset \Omega$, there are $u_j \in PSH^-(U) \cap C(U)$ such that u_j is decreasing to u in U and

$$(2) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{U \cap \{u_j > -t\}} (dd^c u_j)^n + \int_{U \cap \{u_j > -t\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \right) = 0,$$

for any $t > 0$. We denote by $M_1PSH(\Omega)$ the set of negative plurisubharmonic functions in Ω satisfying M_1 property.

If $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex non-decreasing function, we denote $MPSH_\chi(\Omega)$ the set of negative plurisubharmonic functions in Ω such that $\chi(u) \in MPSH(\Omega)$.

Theorem 1.1. *Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^n and $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$. Then the following conditions are equivalent*

- (i) $u \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$.
- (ii) $u \in MPSH_\chi(\Omega)$ for any convex non-decreasing function $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- (iii) For any open sets U, \tilde{U} such that $U \Subset \tilde{U} \Subset \Omega$, for any $u_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{U}) \cap C(\tilde{U})$ such that u_j is decreasing to u in \tilde{U} , we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_U |u_j|^{-a} (dd^c u_j)^n + \int_U |u_j|^{-a-1} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \right) = 0,$$

for all $a > n - 1$.

In particular, M_1 property is a local notion and $M_1PSH(\Omega) \subset MPSH(\Omega)$.

Proof. (iii \Rightarrow i): Obvious.

(i \Rightarrow ii):

Assume that $U \Subset \tilde{U} \Subset \Omega$. Let $u_j \in PSH^-(U) \cap C(U)$ such that u_j is decreasing to u in U and the condition (2) is satisfied.

If χ is smooth and χ is constant in some interval $(-\infty, -m)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} (dd^c \chi(u_j))^n &= (\chi'(u_j))^n (dd^c u_j)^n + n\chi''(u_j)(\chi'(u_j))^{n-1} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ &\leq C \mathbf{1}_{\{u_j > -t\}} (dd^c u_j)^n + C \mathbf{1}_{\{u_j > -t\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C, t > 0$ depend only on χ . Hence

$$\int_U (dd^c \chi(u_j))^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Then, by [Sad81] (see also [Ceg09]), $\chi(u)$ is maximal on U for any open set $U \Subset \Omega$. Thus $\chi(u) \in MPSH(\Omega)$.

In the general case, for any convex non-decreasing function χ , we can find $\chi_l \searrow \chi$ such that χ_l is smooth, convex and $\chi_l|_{(-\infty, -m)} = \text{const}$ for some m . By above argument, $\chi_l \in MPSH(\Omega)$ for any $l \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $\chi(u) \in MPSH(\Omega)$.

(ii \Rightarrow iii):

For any $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{n}$, the function

$$\Phi_\alpha(t) = -(-t)^\alpha$$

is convex and non-decreasing in \mathbb{R}^- . Assume that u satisfies (ii), we have $\Phi_\alpha \in MPSH(\Omega)$.

By [Bed93] (see also [Blo09]), for any $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{n}$, we have $\Phi_\alpha(u) \in D(\Omega)$. Then, for any $u_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{U}) \cap C(\tilde{U})$ such that u_j is decreasing to u in \tilde{U} , we have

$$\int_U (dd^c \Phi_\alpha(u_j))^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0, \forall 0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{n},$$

and it implies (iii).

Finally, by using $(i \Leftrightarrow iii)$, we conclude that M_1 property is a local notion. \square

The following proposition is an immediately corollary of Theorem 1.1

Proposition 1.2. *Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^n .*

- (i) *If $u \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$ then $\chi(u) \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$ for any convex non-decreasing function $\chi : \mathbb{R}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^-$.*
- (ii) *If $u_j \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$ and u_j is decreasing to u then $u \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$.*
- (iii) *Let $u \in PSH^-(\Omega) \cap C^2(\Omega \setminus F)$, where $F = \{z : u(z) = -\infty\}$ is closed. If $(dd^c u)^n = du \wedge d^c u \wedge (dd^c u)^{n-1} = 0$ in $\Omega \setminus F$ then $u \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$.*

In some special cases, we can easily check M_1 property by the following criteria

Proposition 1.3. *Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^n . Let $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth convex increasing function such that $\chi''(t) > 0$ for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume also that χ is lower bounded. If $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$ and $\chi(u) \in MPSH(\Omega)$ then $u \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$.*

Proof. Let $U \Subset \tilde{U} \Subset \Omega$ and $u_j \in PSH(\tilde{U}) \cap C(\tilde{U})$ such that u_j is decreasing to u . Then

$$dd^c(\chi(u_j)) = \chi'(u_j)dd^c u_j + \chi''(u_j)du_j \wedge d^c u_j$$

and

$$(dd^c \chi(u_j))^n = (\chi'(u_j))^n (dd^c u_j)^n + n\chi''(u_j)(\chi'(u_j))^{n-1} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1}.$$

For any $t > 0$, there exists $C > 0$ depending only on t and χ such that

$$(3) \quad (dd^c \chi(u_j))^n \geq C \mathbf{1}_{\{u_j > -t\}} (dd^c u_j)^n + C \mathbf{1}_{\{u_j > -t\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1}.$$

Note that $\chi(u) \in D(\Omega) \cap MPSH(\Omega)$. Hence

$$(4) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_U (dd^c \chi(u_j))^n = 0.$$

Combining (3) and (4), we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{U \cap \{u_j > -t\}} (dd^c u_j)^n + \int_{U \cap \{u_j > -t\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \right) = 0.$$

Thus $u \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$. \square

Example 1.4. (i) *If u is a negative plurisubharmonic function in $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ depending only on $n - 1$ variables then u has M_1 property.*

(ii) *If $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is a holomorphic mapping of rank $< n$ then $(dd^c |f|^2)^n = 0$ (see, for example, in [Ras98]). Then, by Proposition 1.3, $\log |f| \in M_1PSH(\Omega)$ if it is negative in Ω .*

Question 1.5. *Does Proposition 1.3 still hold if the assumption “ χ is lower bounded” is removed from it?*

2. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREMS

2.1. Proof of Theorem 0.3. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $u, v \in PSH^-(\Omega)$.

If $u, v \in MPSH_{loc}(\Omega)$ then for any $z_0, w_0 \in \Omega$, there are hyperconvex domains $U, \tilde{U}, V, \tilde{V}$ such that $z_0 \in U \Subset \tilde{U} \Subset \Omega$, $w_0 \in V \Subset \tilde{V} \Subset \Omega$, $u \in MPSH(\tilde{U})$ and $v \in MPSH(\tilde{V})$. We need to show that $u(z) + v(w)$ have M_1 property in $U \times V$.

Let $u_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{U}) \cap C(\tilde{U})$ and $v_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{V}) \cap C(\tilde{V})$ such that u_j is decreasing to u in \tilde{U} and v_j is decreasing to v in \tilde{V} . By [Wal68], there are $\tilde{u}_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{U}) \cap C(\tilde{U})$, $\tilde{v}_j \in PSH^-(\tilde{V}) \cap C(\tilde{V})$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_j = u_j & \text{in } \tilde{U} \setminus U, \\ \tilde{v}_j = v_j & \text{in } \tilde{V} \setminus V, \\ (dd^c \tilde{u}_j)^n = 0 & \text{in } U, \\ (dd^c \tilde{v}_j)^n = 0 & \text{in } V. \end{cases}$$

By the maximality of u and v , we conclude that \tilde{u}_j is decreasing to u in \tilde{U} and \tilde{v}_j is decreasing to v in \tilde{V} . In $U \times V$, we have

$$(dd^c(\tilde{u}_j(z) + \tilde{v}_j(w)))^{2n} = C_{2n}^n (dd^c \tilde{u}_j)_z^n \wedge (dd^c \tilde{v}_j)_w^n = 0$$

$$d(\tilde{u}_j(z) + \tilde{v}_j(w)) \wedge d^c(\tilde{u}_j(z) + \tilde{v}_j(w)) \wedge (dd^c(\tilde{u}_j(z) + \tilde{v}_j(w)))^{2n-1}$$

$$= C_{2n-1}^{n-1} d_z \tilde{u}_j \wedge d_z^c \tilde{u}_j \wedge (dd^c \tilde{u}_j)_z^{n-1} \wedge (dd^c \tilde{v}_j)_w^n + C_{2n-1}^{n-1} d_w \tilde{v}_j \wedge d_w^c \tilde{v}_j \wedge (dd^c \tilde{v}_j)_w^{n-1} \wedge (dd^c \tilde{u}_j)_z^n$$

$$= 0.$$

Then $u(z) + v(w)$ has M_1 property in $U \times V$. By Theorem 1.1, M_1 property is a local notion. Hence $u(z) + v(w) \in M_1 PSH(\Omega \times \Omega)$. And it implies that $u(z) + v(w) \in MPSH_\chi(\Omega \times \Omega)$ for any convex non-decreasing function χ .

2.2. Proof of Theorem 0.4. Let $v = |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_{n-1}|^2 + x_n + y_n - M$, where $M = \sup_\Omega (|z|^2 + |x_n| + |y_n|)$. Then $v \in MPSH(\Omega)$. By Theorem 0.3, $\chi(u(z) + v(w)) \in MPSH(\Omega \times \Omega)$ for any convex non-decreasing function χ .

By [Bed93],[Blo09], for any $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2n}$, we have $\Phi_\alpha(u(z) + v(w)) \in D(\Omega \times \Omega)$, where Φ_α is defined as in the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Then

$$\int_{U \times U} (dd^c \Phi_\alpha(u_j(z) + v(w)))^{2n} \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

for any $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2n}$. Hence

$$(5) \quad \int_U |u_j|^{-2n-1+2n\alpha} (dd^c u_j)^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0, \quad \forall 0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2n}.$$

Moreover, $\Phi_\beta(u) \in D(\Omega)$ for any $0 < \beta < \frac{1}{n}$. Then, for any $0 < \beta < \frac{1}{n}$, there is $C_\beta > 0$ such that

$$\int_U (dd^c \Phi_\beta(u_j))^n \leq C_\beta, \quad \forall j > 0.$$

Hence

$$(6) \quad \int_U |u_j|^{-n+n\beta} (dd^c u_j)^n \leq C_\beta, \forall j > 0, \forall 0 < \beta < \frac{1}{n}.$$

Combining (5), (6) and using Hölder inequality, we obtain (1).

3. RELATION BETWEEN SOME CLASS OF MAXIMAL PLURISUBHARMONIC FUNCTIONS

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^n . Let $u \in PSH(\Omega)$. If there exists a sequence of convex non-decreasing functions $\chi^m : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- χ^m is lower bounded for every m ,
- χ^m is decreasing to Id as $m \rightarrow \infty$,
- $(dd^c \chi^m(u))^n \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$ in the weak sense,

then, by [Sad81], u is maximal. We are interested in the following question

Question 3.1. *If u is maximal, does there exist a sequence of convex non-decreasing function χ^m satisfying above conditions? If it exists, how to find it?*

In this section we discuss about relation between some class of maximal plurisubharmonic functions in a bounded domain Ω in \mathbb{C}^n . It can be seen as the first step in approaching Question 3.1.

Assume that $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a smooth convex function such that $\chi|_{(-\infty, -2)} = -1$, $\chi|_{(0, \infty)} = Id_{(0, \infty)}$ and $\chi''(-1) > 0$. We denote

$$M_2PSH(\Omega) = \{u \in PSH^-(\Omega) | (dd^c \max\{u, -k\})^n \xrightarrow{weak} 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty\},$$

$$M_3PSH(\Omega) = \{u \in PSH^-(\Omega) | (dd^c \chi_k(u))^n \xrightarrow{weak} 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty\},$$

$$M_4PSH(\Omega) = \{u \in PSH^-(\Omega) | (dd^c \log(e^u + \frac{1}{k}))^n \xrightarrow{weak} 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty\},$$

where $\chi_k(t) = \chi(t+k) - k$. The main result of this section is following

Theorem 3.2. $M_2PSH(\Omega) \subset M_3PSH(\Omega)$ and $M_3PSH(\Omega) = M_4PSH(\Omega)$.

First, we introduce some characteristics of $M_2PSH(\Omega)$, $M_3PSH(\Omega)$ and $M_4PSH(\Omega)$.

Proposition 3.3. *Let $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$. Assume that $u_j \in PSH^-(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ is decreasing to u . Then the following conditions are equivalent*

- (i) $u \in M_2PSH(\Omega)$.
- (ii) If $U \Subset \Omega$ then for every $M > 0$

$$(7) \quad \int_{U \cap \{u_j > -M\}} (dd^c u_j)^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

and for any $\epsilon > 0$, there is $k_0 > 0$ such that

$$(8) \quad \forall k \geq k_0, \exists l_0 > 0 : \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k - \frac{1}{l} < u_j < -k + \frac{1}{l}\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} < \frac{\epsilon}{l}, \forall l > l_0.$$

Proof. For any $k, l > 0$, we denote

$$\chi_{k,l}(t) = \frac{1}{l} \chi((t+k - \frac{1}{l})l) - k + \frac{1}{l}.$$

Then $\chi_{k,l}(u)$ converges to $\max\{u, -k\}$ as $l \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover

$$\chi_{k,l}(u) \geq \max\{u, -k\} + O\left(\frac{1}{l}\right).$$

Hence, by [Ceg09],

$$(9) \quad (dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u))^n \xrightarrow{l \rightarrow \infty} (dd^c \max\{u, -k\})^n$$

in the weak sense.

For any $j > 0$, we have

$$(dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u_j))^n = (\chi'((u_j + k - \frac{1}{l})l))^n (dd^c u_j)^n + nl \chi''((u_j + k - \frac{1}{l})l) (\chi'((u_j + k - \frac{1}{l})l))^{n-1} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1}.$$

Then, there are $C_1, C_2, \delta > 0$ depending only on χ such that

$$(dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u_j))^n \leq C_1 \mathbf{1}_{\{u_j > -k - \frac{1}{l}\}} (dd^c u_j)^n + C_1 l \mathbf{1}_{\{-k - \frac{1}{l} < u_j < -k + \frac{1}{l}\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1},$$

and

$$(dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u_j))^n \geq C_2 \mathbf{1}_{\{u_j > -k + \frac{1}{l}\}} (dd^c u_j)^n + C_2 l \mathbf{1}_{\{-k - \frac{\delta}{l} < u_j < -k + \frac{\delta}{l}\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1}.$$

Moreover,

$$(dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u_j))^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} (dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u))^n$$

in the weak sense.

Then (ii) is equivalent to

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow \infty} \int_U (dd^c \chi_{k,l}(u))^n \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

for any $U \Subset \Omega$.

Hence, by (9), we conclude that (i) is equivalent to (ii). \square

Proposition 3.4. *Let $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$. Assume that $u_j \in PSH^-(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ is decreasing to u . Then the following conditions are equivalent*

- (i) $u \in M_3PSH(\Omega)$.
- (ii) If $U \Subset \Omega$ then

$$(10) \quad \int_{U \cap \{u_j > -M\}} (dd^c u_j)^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

and

$$(11) \quad \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-1 < u_j < -k\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

The proof of Proposition 3.4 is similar to the proof of Proposition 3.3. We leave the details to the reader.

In [Sad12], Sadullaev has proved a characteristic of $M_4PSH(\Omega)$:

Theorem 3.5. *Let $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$. Denote $v = e^u$. Then $u \in M_4PSH(\Omega)$ iff*

$$v(dd^c v)^n - ndv \wedge d^c v \wedge (dd^c v)^{n-1} = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t^n} \int_{U \cap \{v < t\}} (dd^c v)^n = 0,$$

for any $U \Subset \Omega$.

Using Theorem 3.5, it is easy to show that

Proposition 3.6. *Let $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$. Assume that $u_j \in PSH^-(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ is decreasing to u . Then the following conditions are equivalent*

- (i) $u \in M_4PSH(\Omega)$.
- (ii) If $U \Subset \Omega$ then

$$(12) \quad \int_{U \cap \{u_j > -M\}} (dd^c u_j)^n \xrightarrow{j \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

and

$$(13) \quad \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{u_j < -k\}} e^{n(u_j+k)} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Now, by using Propositions 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6, we will prove Theorem 3.2.

Proof of Theorem 3.2. Let $u \in PSH^-(\Omega)$. By replacing Ω by an exhaustive sequence of relative compact subsets of Ω , we can assume that there exists a sequence $u_j \in PSH^-(\Omega) \cap C(\Omega)$ such that u_j decreasing to u in Ω .

Assume that $u \in M_2PSH(\Omega)$. By Proposition 3.3, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exist $k_0 > 0$ such that

$$\forall k \geq k_0, \exists l_0 > 0 : \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k - \frac{1}{l} < u_j < -k + \frac{1}{l}\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} < \frac{\epsilon}{l}, \forall l > l_0.$$

Let $k > k_0$. By Besicovitch's covering theorem [Matt95], there are $k_1, l_1, \dots, k_m, l_m \dots > 0$ such that

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k_m - \frac{1}{l_m} < u_j < -k_m + \frac{1}{l_m}\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} < \frac{\epsilon}{l_m}, \forall m > 0,$$

and

$$\mathbf{1}_{(-k-1, -k)} \leq \sum_m \mathbf{1}_{(-k_m - \frac{1}{l_m}, -k_m + \frac{1}{l_m})} = \sum_m \frac{2}{l_m} \leq C,$$

where $C > 0$ is a universal constant. Hence

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-1 < u_j < -k\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \leq C\epsilon.$$

By Proposition 3.4, we get $u \in M_3PSH(\Omega)$.

Thus $M_2PSH(\Omega) \subset M_3PSH(\Omega)$.

Now, assume that u is an arbitrary element of $M_3PSH(\Omega)$. By Proposition 3.4, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $k_0 > 0$ such that

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-1 < u_j < -k\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} < \epsilon.$$

for every $k > k_0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{u_j < -k\}} e^{n(u_j+k)} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ & \leq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-l-1 < u_j < -k-l\}} e^{n(u_j+k)} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ & \leq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-l-1 < u_j < -k-l\}} e^{-nl} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ & \leq \epsilon \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} e^{-nl}, \end{aligned}$$

for any $k > k_0$. Hence

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{u_j < -k\}} e^{n(u_j+k)} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

By Proposition 3.6, we get $u \in M_4PSH(\Omega)$.

Thus $M_3PSH(\Omega) \subset M_4PSH(\Omega)$.

Conversely, if $u \in M_4PSH(\Omega)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-1 < u_j < -k\}} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ & \leq e^n \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{-k-1 < u_j < -k\}} e^{n(u_j+k)} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ & \leq e^n \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{U \cap \{u_j < -k\}} e^{n(u_j+k)} du_j \wedge d^c u_j \wedge (dd^c u_j)^{n-1} \\ & \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $M_4PSH(\Omega) \subset M_3PSH(\Omega)$.

The proof is completed. □

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