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## Ullemar's formula for the moment map, II<sup>☆</sup>

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### Abstract

We prove the complex analogue of Ullemar's formula for the Jacobian of the complex moment mapping. This formula was previously established in the real case.

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### 1. Introduction

Consider the 'moment map'

$$\mu : \Omega \rightarrow (\mu_0, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots),$$

where

$$\mu_k = \frac{i}{2\pi} \iint_{\Omega} \zeta^k d\zeta \wedge d\bar{\zeta}, \quad (1)$$

and  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{C}$ . If  $\Omega$  is a simply-connected domain, we can uniformize it as the image  $\Omega = \phi(\mathbb{D})$ , where  $\phi$  is a unique function which is holomorphic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  and normalized by the following conditions:

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi'(0) > 0. \quad (2)$$

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Then (1) takes the form

$$\mu_k(\phi) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \phi^k(z) |\phi'(z)|^2 dz \wedge d\bar{z}. \tag{3}$$

In general, when the function  $\phi$  is not globally univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  and satisfies (2), we use the previous formula as the definition for the complex (or analytic) moments of  $\phi$  [2]; then  $\Omega$  is regarded as a Riemannian surface over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

This notion appears in several problems of complex analysis and its applications. In particular, the sequence  $(\mu_k)_{k \geq 1}$  constitutes an infinite family of invariants of the Hele–Shaw problem [4] of the cell  $\Omega$  and can be used as a canonic coordinate system in the corresponding Laplacian growth model [3] (see also [6] for the functional analysis interpretation).

In what follows, we consider the special case when the moment map  $\mu$  is restricted to the set  $\mathfrak{S}_n \subset \mathbb{C}[z]$  of polynomials of degree  $n$  normalized by (2). It is easy to verify that  $\mu_k = 0$  for all  $k \geq n$  (see also (13)), so only the first  $n$  moments are of interest for  $P \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ . We consider the induced finite dimensional map

$$\mu : P = a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_nz^n \rightarrow (\mu_0(P), \dots, \mu_{n-1}(P)). \tag{4}$$

Since  $\mu_0(P) > 0$ ,

$$\mu : \mathfrak{S}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{C}^{n-1}.$$

Notice that

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{C}^{n-1} = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{S}_n = 2n - 1,$$

where  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  is regarded as an open subset of a linear space. In [2] Gustafsson proved that the Fréchet derivative  $d\mu$  is non-singular at any  $P$  which is a locally univalent polynomial.

On the other hand, notice that the subset  $\mathfrak{S}_n^{\mathbb{R}}$  which consists of the polynomials with real coefficients is an invariant set of  $\mu$  in the sense that all  $\mu_k(P)$  are real (cf. (14)). Hence, in a similar way the moment map induces the map  $\mu_{\mathbb{R}} : \mathfrak{S}_n^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

In [7], Ullemar conjectured the following formula for the Jacobian of  $\mu_{\mathbb{R}}$ :

$$J_{\mathbb{R}}(P) := \frac{\partial(\mu_0, \dots, \mu_{n-1})}{\partial(a_1, \dots, a_n)}(P) = 2^{-\frac{n(n-3)}{2}} a_1^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} P'(1)P'(-1)\Delta(P'^*(z)), \tag{5}$$

where  $\Delta$  stands for the principal Hurwitz determinant [1, §15.715], and  $Q^*$  denotes the mirror conjugate image of polynomial  $Q$ , i.e.

$$Q^*(z) := z^m \bar{Q}(1/z) = \bar{q}_m + \bar{q}_{m-1}z + \dots + \bar{q}_0z^m, \quad m = \deg Q, \tag{6}$$

where  $\bar{Q}(z) = \overline{Q(\bar{z})}$  is the conjugate polynomial.

The above expression for the Jacobian was recently proved in [5] as a consequence of the following identity:

$$J_{\mathbb{R}}^2(P) = 4(-1)^{n-1} a_1^{n(n-1)} \mathcal{R}(P', P'^*) \cdot P'(-1)P'(1), \tag{7}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the resultant of the corresponding polynomials.

In this paper we generalize formula (7) for polynomials with arbitrary complex coefficients.

**Theorem 1.** *The Jacobian of the moment map is expressed as follows:*

$$J_{\mathbb{C}}(P) := \frac{\partial(\bar{\mu}_{n-1}, \dots, \bar{\mu}_1, \mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_{n-1})}{\partial(\bar{a}_n, \dots, \bar{a}_2, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)} = 2a_1^{n^2-n+1} \mathcal{R}(P', P'^*). \quad (8)$$

A well known theorem of Sylvester (see Section 2.2) allows us to compute the above resultant as the determinant of a matrix of size  $2n - 2$ , whose entries are 0 or a coefficient of either  $P'$  or  $P'^*$ . In particular, the resultant is homogeneous in the coefficients of  $P'$  and  $P'^*$  separately, with respective degree  $n - 1$ .

On the other hand, geometrically, the hypersurface

$$\{(a, \bar{a}) : \mathcal{R}(P', P'^*) = 0\},$$

i.e. the critical set of the Jacobian, is the projection of the incidence variety

$$\left\{ (a, \bar{a}, z) : \sum_{k=1}^n ka_k z^{k-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (n-k)\bar{a}_{n-k} z^k \right\},$$

that is to say, the set of  $(a, \bar{a})$  which appear above for some  $z$ .

The following assertion is a direct consequence of the definition (15) of the resultant and formula (6) above, and it characterizes the set of critical points of  $d\mu$ .

**Corollary 2.** *The moment map is degenerate at  $P$  if and only if the derivative  $P'$  has two roots  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  such that  $\alpha_i \bar{\alpha}_j = 1$  (the case  $i = j$  is permitted).*

Note that for a locally univalent polynomial in the closed unit disk we have  $|\alpha_j| < 1$  for all the roots of its derivative. Hence, we obtain another proof of the above result due to Gustafsson [2].

**Corollary 3.** *The moment map is locally injective on the set of all locally univalent polynomials in the closed unit disk.*

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1. Complex moments

Using the Stokes formula, we obtain

$$\mu_k = \frac{i}{2\pi(k+1)} \int_{\partial\Omega} \zeta^{k+1} d\bar{\zeta} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \zeta^k \bar{\zeta} d\zeta, \quad (9)$$

which implies

$$\mu_k(\phi) = \frac{i}{2\pi(k+1)} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi^{k+1}(z) \bar{\phi}'(\bar{z}) d\bar{z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi^k(z) \bar{\phi}'(\bar{z}) \phi'(z) dz,$$

where  $\mathbb{T} = \partial\mathbb{D}$  is the unit circle. Hence, using the identity  $\bar{z} = 1/z$  which holds everywhere in  $\mathbb{T}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_k(\phi) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i(k+1)} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi^{k+1}(z) \bar{\phi}'(1/z) \frac{dz}{z^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi^k(z) \bar{\phi}'(1/z) \phi'(z) dz. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Given a function which is analytic in a neighborhood of  $\mathbb{T}$ , let us denote by  $\lambda_s(f)$  the  $s$ th Laurent coefficient of  $f$ , i.e.

$$f(z) = \sum_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_s(f) z^s,$$

hence

$$\mu_k(\phi) = \frac{1}{k+1} \lambda_1(\phi^{k+1}(z) \bar{\phi}'(1/z)) = \lambda_{-1}(\phi^k(z) \phi'(z) \bar{\phi}(1/z)). \tag{11}$$

Now, let  $P$  be an arbitrary polynomial in  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ . Then  $\bar{P}'(1/z) = P'^*(z)z^{1-n}$  and  $\bar{P}(1/z) = P^*(z)z^{-n}$ , which by virtue of (11) yields

$$\mu_k(P) = \frac{1}{k+1} \lambda_n(P^{k+1} P'^*) = \lambda_{n-1}(P' P^k P^*). \tag{12}$$

It follows from the first identity in (12) and  $P(0) = 0$  that

$$\mu_k(P) = 0, \quad k \geq n. \tag{13}$$

On the other hand, the second identity in (12) yields the so-called *Richardson formula*

$$\mu_k(P) = \sum s_1 a_{s_1} \cdots a_{s_{k+1}} \bar{a}_{s_1+\dots+s_{k+1}}, \tag{14}$$

where the sum is taken over all possible sets of indices  $s_1, \dots, s_k \geq 1$ . It is assumed that  $a_j = 0$  for  $j \geq n+1$ . These formulae are easy to use for straightforward manipulations with the complex moments and it follows also that  $\mu_k(P)$  is a *polynomial* mapping.

It is convenient to identify  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  with the corresponding coefficient subset in  $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$  in a standard way:

$$a \sim P := a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots + a_n z^n.$$

Since,

$$\mu_0(P) = \sum_{s=1}^n s|a_s|^2 > 0, \quad \mu_{n-1}(P) = na_1^n \bar{a}_n \neq 0,$$

the moment map (4) is well defined as an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  into itself.

### 2.2. Resultants

Here we review some basic facts about the resultant; see [8] for a detailed introduction.

The *resultant* of two polynomials

$$A(z) = a_m \prod_{j=1}^m (z - \alpha_j), \quad B(z) = b_k \prod_{j=1}^k (z - \beta_j)$$

with respect to  $z$  is the polynomial

$$\mathcal{R}(A, B) = a_m^k b_k^m \prod_{i,j=1} (\alpha_i - \beta_j). \tag{15}$$

The resultant vanishes iff  $A$  and  $B$  have a common root. It can be evaluated as the determinant of the *Sylvester matrix*, which is the following  $m + k$  by  $m + k$  matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \dots & \dots & a_m & & & & & & \\ & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & \dots & a_m & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \vdots & & & & \\ & & & & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & \dots & a_m & & \\ b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_k & & & & & & & \\ & b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_k & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \vdots & & & & \\ & & & & b_0 & b_1 & \dots & \dots & b_k & & \end{pmatrix}$$

in which the first  $k$  rows are the coefficients of  $A$ , the next  $m$  rows are the coefficients of  $B$ , and the elements not shown are all zero. The following are some useful elementary properties we will use below.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(A, B) &= (-1)^{km} \mathcal{R}(B, A), \\ \mathcal{R}(A_1 A_2, B) &= \mathcal{R}(A_1, B) \mathcal{R}(A_2, B), \\ \mathcal{R}(z^n, A) &= A^n(0). \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Next, given a polynomial  $A(z)$  of degree  $n$ , we define its mirror conjugate image as

$$A^*(z) := z^n \bar{A}(1/z) = \bar{a}_n + \bar{a}_{n-1}z + \dots + \bar{a}_0 z^n,$$

where  $\bar{A}(z) = \overline{A(\bar{z})}$  is the conjugate polynomial. We have for their roots:  $\alpha_j^* = (\bar{\alpha}_j)^{-1}$  and the corresponding resultant takes the following form:

$$\mathcal{R}(A, A^*) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \dots & \dots & a_n & & & & \\ & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & \dots & a_n & & & \\ & & & & \vdots & & & & \\ & & & & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & \dots & a_n \\ \bar{a}_n & \bar{a}_{n-1} & \dots & \dots & \bar{a}_0 & & & & \\ & \bar{a}_n & \bar{a}_{n-1} & \dots & \dots & \bar{a}_0 & & & \\ & & & & \vdots & & & & \\ & & & & \bar{a}_n & \bar{a}_{n-1} & \dots & \dots & \bar{a}_0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{17}$$

**Remark 4.** We wish to point out that the latter form,  $\mathcal{R}(A, A^*)$ , is irreducible as a polynomial of  $(a, \bar{a})$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The proof is given in [5, Theorem 6].

**3. Proof of the Theorem**

First, we evaluate the partial derivative of the moment map. Namely, we have for all  $k = 0, \dots, n - 1, j = 1, \dots, n$ , except for  $j = 1, k = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mu_k(P)}{\partial a_j} &= \lambda_{n-j}(P'^* P^k), \\ \frac{\partial \mu_k(P)}{\partial \bar{a}_j} &= \lambda_{j-1}(P' P^k). \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

In fact, let  $j$  be an integer from  $\{2, \dots, n\}$ . Then by the first identity in (12) we have for

$$\frac{\partial \mu_k(P)}{\partial a_j} = \frac{1}{k+1} \lambda_n \left( P'^* \frac{\partial P^{k+1}}{\partial a_j} \right) = \lambda_n(P'^* P^k z^j) = \lambda_{n-j}(P'^* P^k).$$

Similarly, using  $P^* = \bar{a}_n + \bar{a}_{n-1}z + \dots + \bar{a}_2z^{n-2} + a_1z^{n-1}$  and the second identity in (12) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \mu_k(P)}{\partial \bar{a}_j} = \lambda_{n-1} \left( P' P^k \frac{\partial P^*}{\partial \bar{a}_j} \right) = \lambda_{n-1}(P' P^k z^{n-j}) = \lambda_{j-1}(P' P^k).$$

Finally, for  $j = 1$  we have by the first identity in (12)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mu_k(P)}{\partial a_1} &= \frac{1}{k+1} \lambda_n \left( P'^* \frac{\partial P^{k+1}}{\partial a_1} + P^{k+1} \frac{\partial P'^*}{\partial a_1} \right) \\ &= \lambda_{n-k}(P'^* P^k) + \frac{1}{k+1} \lambda_1(P^{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

But  $\lambda_1(P^{k+1}) = 0$  for  $k \geq 1$ , hence the desired assertion follows.

We will make use of the following notation

$$\nabla f := \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_n}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_{n-1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{a}_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{a}_{n-1}}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{a}_n} \right),$$

and by

$$q_{j-1} = ja_j$$

we denote the coefficients of the derivative  $Q := P'$ . Then

$$\nabla \mu_0 = (\bar{q}_{n-1}, \dots, \bar{q}_1, 2q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}), \quad (19)$$

and for all  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$  we have from (18)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \mu_k &= (\lambda_0(Q^* P^k), \dots, \lambda_{n-2}(Q^* P^k), \lambda_{n-1}(Q^* P^k), \\ &\quad \lambda_1(Q P^k), \dots, \lambda_{n-1}(Q^* P^k)). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Let  $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \nabla \mu_0$  and for  $k \geq 1$  write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y}_k &:= (\lambda_0(Q^* z^k), \dots, \lambda_{n-2}(Q^* z^k), \lambda_{n-1}(Q^* z^k), \\ &\quad \lambda_1(Q z^k), \dots, \lambda_{n-1}(Q^* z^k)). \end{aligned}$$

As a direct consequence of the above formula we conclude that

$$\mathbf{Y}_k = \mathbf{0}, \quad k \geq n.$$

Then it follows from (20) and

$$P = z(a_1 + \dots + a_n z^{n-1})$$

that for all  $k \geq 1$

$$\nabla \mu_k = a_1^k \mathbf{Y}_k + \sum_{j=k+1}^{n-1} w_{k,j} \mathbf{Y}_j.$$

Thus,

$$\nabla \mu_0 \wedge \nabla \mu_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \nabla \mu_{n-1} = a_1^N \mathbf{Y}_0 \wedge \mathbf{Y}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{Y}_{n-1}, \quad (21)$$

where  $N = (n-1)n/2$ .

On the other hand, for all  $k \geq 1$  we have

$$\mathbf{Y}_k := (0, \dots, 0, \bar{q}_{n-1}, \dots, \bar{q}_k, 0, \dots, 0, q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}),$$

where the zeroes groups contain  $k$  and  $k-1$  items respectively.

Now we treat the conjugate moments. We have  $\bar{\mu}_k(P) = \mu_k(\bar{P})$ , whence

$$\nabla \bar{\mu}_k = (\nabla \mu_k)^*,$$

where by  $\mathbf{X}^*$  we denote the mirror conjugate image of vector  $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n-1})$ , i.e.





