

# Mean values and real analytic functions

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The Pizzetti mean-value formula states that the integral mean of a smooth function  $u$  over the Euclidean sphere of radius  $r$  is expressed as a series of even powers of  $r$  whose coefficients are given by iterated Laplacian evaluated on  $u$  at the center of the sphere multiplied by numerical factors. In the case of 2-dimensional sphere the formula was derived already in 1909 by Pizzetti [22].

Its extensions to the case of means over Euclidean spheres and balls in arbitrary dimension for polyharmonic functions and the inverse mean-value properties were derived by Nicolesco [20]. Later on the Pizzetti series were studied from different points of view, see [12, 5, 8] and references therein.

In particular, it was proved that real analytic functions can be characterized by convergence of the Pizzetti series [3, 15]. The Pizzetti formulas were also extended to the case of means on Riemannian manifolds [13] and on the Heisenberg group [6, 21], and to the Dunkl-Laplace operator on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  [16, 23]. A generalized mean value theorem with respect to a general Borel measure supported by the unit real ball for solutions of a system of homogeneous partial differential equations was derived by Zalcman [27].

In the lecture we introduce integral mean value functions which are averages of integral means over spheres/balls and over their images under the action of a discrete group of complex rotations. In the case of real analytic functions we derive higher order Pizzetti's formulas.

Applications:

- a maximum principle for polyharmonic functions,
- a characterization of functions of Laplacian growth,

- a characterization of convergent solutions to the initial value problem for the higher order heat type equation  $\partial_t u = \Delta^l u$ ,  $u(0, \cdot) = \varphi$  where  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varphi$  is real analytic.

In the second part of the lecture we shall give a characterization of real analytic functions in terms of integral means. The characterization justifies a definition of analytic functions on metric measure spaces.

## 1 Higher order mean value functions

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote by  $\epsilon$  the transformation of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  into  $\mathbb{C}^n$  given by

$$\epsilon(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (e^{2\pi i/k} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i/k} z_n).$$

Let  $u$  be a continuous function defined on a complex neighborhood  $U$  of an open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

For  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < r < \text{dist}(x, \partial U)$  we define the *spherical* and *solid mean value functions of order  $k$* .

$$N_k(u; x, r) = \frac{1}{kn\sigma(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{S^{n-1}(0,1)} u(x + r\epsilon^j(y)) dS(y), \quad (1.1a)$$

$$M_k(u; x, r) = \frac{1}{k\sigma(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{B^n(0,1)} u(x + r\epsilon^j(y)) dy, \quad (1.1b)$$

where  $\sigma(n) = \pi^{n/2}/\Gamma(n/2 + 1)$  is the volume of the unit ball  $B^n(0, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $dS = dS^{n-1}$  is the natural measure on the unit sphere  $S(0, 1) = S^{n-1}(0, 1)$ .



Note that if  $k$  is odd, then  
 $N_k(u; x, r) = N_{2k}(u; x, r)$  and  
 $M_k(u; x, r) = M_{2k}(u; x, r)$ .  
In particular

$$N_1(u; x, r) = N_2(u; x, r) = \frac{1}{n\sigma(n)} \int_{S(0,1)} u(x + ry) dS(y)$$

and

$$M_1(u; x, r) = M_2(u; x, r) = \frac{1}{\sigma(n)} \int_{B(0,1)} u(x + ry) dy.$$

## 2 Higher order Pizzetti's formulas

In this section we assume that  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$  is a real analytic function on an open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $u$  extends to a function  $\tilde{u}$  holomorphic on a complex neighborhood  $U$  of  $\Omega$  and for any  $x \in \Omega$  it holds

$$\tilde{u}(y) = \sum_{\kappa \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \frac{1}{\kappa!} \frac{\partial^{|\kappa|} u}{\partial x^\kappa}(x) (y - x)^\kappa \quad (2.1)$$

for  $\|y - x\| < \rho(x)$  with some  $\rho \in C^0(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Hence the functions  $N_k$  and  $M_k$  are well defined for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $r$  small enough.

**Theorem 2.1** (Higher order Pizzetti's formulas.) *Let  $k = 2l$  with  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . Then  $N_k(u; x, r)$  and  $M_k(u; x, r)$  are real analytic functions*

at the origin and for  $r$  small enough it holds

$$N_k(u; x, r) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^{lm} u(x)}{4^{lm} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_{lm} (lm)!} r^{2lm}, \quad (2.2a)$$

$$M_k(u; x, r) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^{lm} u(x)}{4^{lm} \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)_{lm} (lm)!} r^{2lm}, \quad (2.2b)$$

where  $\Delta$  is the Laplace operator and  $(a)_m = a(a+1) \cdots (a+m-1)$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is the Pochhammer symbol.

The proof is done by expanding  $u$  into Taylor power series, noting that the integral of  $y^\kappa$  over  $B(0, 1)$  vanishes if at least one of the coordinates  $\kappa_i$  of  $\kappa$  is odd, using the following property of the roots of unity

$$\sum_{j=0}^k e^{2j|\kappa|\pi i/k} = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } |\kappa| = km \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and the formula [9, formula 676, 11], and finally recognizing in the obtained expression the powers of the laplacian multiplied by numerical factors.  $\square$

Passing to the limit  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the formulas (2.2a) and (2.2b) we get the following mean value formulas for real analytic functions.

**Corollary 1** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$  and let  $\tilde{u}$  be a holomorphic extension of  $u$ . Then for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $r > 0$  small enough it holds*

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= \frac{1}{2n\sigma(n)\pi} \int_{S_\zeta^1(0,1)} \int_{S^{n-1}(0,1)} \tilde{u}(x + r\zeta y) dS^{n-1}(y) \cdot dS^1(\zeta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma(n)\pi} \int_{S_\zeta^1(0,1)} \int_{B^n(0,1)} \tilde{u}(x + r\zeta y) dB^n(y) \cdot dS^1(\zeta), \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_\zeta^1(0, 1) = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| = 1\}$ .

Real analytic functions can be characterized as those smooth ones for which the Pizzetti's series converge.

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\rho \in C^0(\Omega; \mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $u \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ . If the series*

$$\tilde{N}(x, r) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^{lm} u(x)}{4^{lm} \binom{n}{2} l_m (lm)!} r^{2lm}$$

*is convergent locally uniformly in  $\{(x, r) : x \in \Omega, |r| < \rho(x)\}$ , then  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$  and  $N_{2l}(u; x, r) = \tilde{N}(x, r)$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < r < \min(\rho(x), \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega))$ .*



**Corollary 2** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.2 if the series*

$$\widetilde{M}(x, r) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^{lm} u(x)}{4^{lm} \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)_{lm} (lm)!} r^{2lm}$$

*is convergent locally uniformly in  $\{(x, r) : x \in \Omega, |r| < \rho(x)\}$ , then  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$  and  $M_{2l}(u; x, r) = \widetilde{M}(x, r)$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < r < \min(\rho(x), \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega))$ .*

### 3 Maximum principle for polyharmonic functions

It is well known that modulus of a function  $u$  harmonic on a connected domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  can not attain its maximum at an interior point of  $\Omega$  unless  $u$  is constant. On the other hand this maximum principle does not extends to  $l$ -polyharmonic functions, i.e., solutions to  $\Delta^l u = 0$  with  $l \geq 2$ . However due real analyticity of such functions by the formula (2.2b) we obtain the following maximum principle for polyharmonic functions.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $u$  be a real valued,  $l$ -polyharmonic function on a connected open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote by  $\tilde{u}$  its holomorphic extension to a connected complex neighborhood  $U$  of  $\Omega$ . If for some  $x_0 \in \Omega$  and  $r_0 > 0$  it holds*

$$\pm u(x_0) \geq \pm \operatorname{Re} \tilde{u}(y) \quad \text{for } y \in x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \epsilon^j (B(0, r_0)),$$

where  $\epsilon(z) = e^{\pi i/l} z$ , then  $u$  is constant on  $\Omega$ .

**Proof.** Since  $u$  is  $l$ -polyharmonic the series in (2.2b) terminates at the first term. Hence

$$M_{2l}(u; x, r) = \frac{1}{l\sigma(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \int_{B^n(0,r)} \tilde{u}(x + \epsilon^j(y)) dy = u(x).$$

So  $M_{2l}(u; x_0, r) = u(x_0)$  for  $0 < r < \rho(x_0)$  and the assumption implies that  $\operatorname{Re} \tilde{u}(y) = u(x_0)$  for  $y \in x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \epsilon^j(B(0, r_1))$  with  $0 < r_1 < \min(r_0, \rho(x_0))$ . It follows that  $u$  is constant on  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3** *Let  $u$  be a real valued,  $l$ -polyharmonic function on a connected open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote by  $\tilde{u}$  its holomorphic extension to a connected complex neighborhood  $U$  of  $\Omega$ . If for some  $x_0 \in \Omega$  and  $r_0 > 0$  it holds*

$$|u(x_0)| \geq |\tilde{u}(y)| \quad \text{for } y \in x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \epsilon^j (B(0, r_0)),$$

*then  $u$  is constant on  $\Omega$ .*

## 4 Functions of $l$ -Laplacian growth

The notion of functions of Laplacian growth was introduced by Aronszajn et al. [1, Chapter II]. Here we introduce its following generalization.

**Definition.** Let  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varrho > 0$  and  $\tau \geq 0$ . A function  $u$  smooth on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is of  $l$ -Laplacian growth  $(\varrho, \tau)$  on  $\Omega$  if for every compact set  $K \Subset \Omega$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  one can find  $C = C(K, \varepsilon) < \infty$  such that for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$\sup_{x \in K} |\Delta^{lm} u(x)| \leq C(2lm)!^{1-1/\varrho} (\tau + \varepsilon)^{2lm}. \quad (4.1)$$

It follows by [14, Theorem] that a function  $u$  of  $l$ -Laplacian growth  $(\varrho, \tau)$  on  $\Omega$  is real analytic on  $\Omega$ . Hence (2.2a) and (2.2b) hold for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $r$  small enough. However due to the estimation (4.1) both functions  $N_{2l}$  and  $M_{2l}$  extend to entire functions of  $r$ .



**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varrho > 0$ ,  $\tau \geq 0$  and  $u \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ . If  $u$  is of  $l$ -Laplacian growth  $(\varrho, \tau)$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $N_{2l}(u; x, r)$  and  $M_{2l}(u; x, r)$  as functions of  $r$  extend holomorphically to entire functions of exponential growth  $(\varrho, \tau^\varrho/\varrho)$  locally uniformly in  $\Omega$ .*

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varrho > 0$ ,  $\tau \geq 0$  and  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$ . Assume that  $M_{2l}(u; x, r)$  (resp.  $N_{2l}(u; x, r)$ ) defined for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 \leq r < \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega)$  extends holomorphically to an entire function  $\widetilde{M}_{2l}(u; x, z)$  (resp.  $\widetilde{N}_{2l}(u; x, z)$ ) of exponential growth  $(\varrho, \tau)$  locally uniformly in  $\Omega$ .*

*Then  $u$  is of  $l$ -Laplacian growth  $(\varrho, (\tau\varrho)^{1/\varrho})$ .*

## 5 Convergent solutions of higher order heat equations

For  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  let us consider the initial value problem for the  $l$ -th order heat type equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \Delta_x^l u = 0, \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0, \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

where  $u_0 \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Clearly, the unique formal power series solution of (5.1) is given by

$$\widehat{u}(t, x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^{lm} u_0(x)}{m!} t^m. \quad (5.2)$$

We ask when the solution  $u$  is an analytic function of the time variable at  $t = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.1** *Let  $0 < T \leq \infty$ . The formal power series solution (5.2) of the initial value problem (5.1) is convergent for  $|t| < T$  locally uniformly in  $\Omega$ , iff  $M_{2l}(u_0; x, r)$  and/or  $N_{2l}(u_0; x, r)$  extend holomorphically to entire functions of exponential growth  $(\frac{2l}{2l-1}, \frac{2l-1}{2l}(2lT)^{1-2l})$  locally uniformly in  $\Omega$ .*

**Remark.** The summability of the formal power series solution (5.2) of the equation (5.1) is studied by Michalik [19].

## 6 A characterization of real analyticity when $l = 1$

**Theorem 6.1** (Mean-value property.) *Let  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . Then  $M(u; x, R)$  and  $N(u; x, R)$  are real analytic functions at the origin and for  $R$  small enough*

$$M(u; x, R) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^k u(x)}{4^k \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)_k k!} R^{2k},$$

$$N(u; x, R) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^k u(x)}{4^k \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_k k!} R^{2k}.$$

**Theorem 6.2** (Converse to the mean-value property.)

Let  $u \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $\rho \in C(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$ . If

$$\widetilde{M}(x, R) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^k u(x)}{4^k \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)_k k!} R^{2k}$$

or

$$\widetilde{N}(x, R) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^k u(x)}{4^k \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)_k k!} R^{2k}$$

is *loc. uni. conv.* in  $\{(x, R) : x \in \Omega, |R| < \rho(x)\}$ ,  
then  $u \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$ ,  $M = \widetilde{M}$  and  $N = \widetilde{N}$ .

**Lemma 6.3** *Let  $\Omega$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u \in C^0(\Omega)$ . Assume that there exist functions  $v_{2l} \in C^0(\Omega)$  for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\rho \in C^0(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < R < \rho(x)$*

$$N(u; x, R) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} v_{2l}(x) R^{2l}. \quad (6.1)$$

*Then  $u \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $v_{2l} \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .*



**Proof.** Let  $\tilde{\eta}(r)$  be a smooth function on  $[0, \infty)$  supported by  $[0, 1]$  with  $n\sigma(n) \int_0^1 \tilde{\eta}(r)r^{n-1} dr = 1$ . Then

$$\eta^\varepsilon(y) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n} \tilde{\eta}\left(\frac{|y|}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

is a radially symmetric mollifier supported by  $\overline{B}(0, \varepsilon)$ .

Integrating in the spherical coordinates we get

$$\int_{B(0,\varepsilon)} \eta^\varepsilon(y) dy = \int_0^1 n\sigma(n)\tilde{\eta}(r)r^{n-1} dr = 1.$$

Since  $\eta^\varepsilon$  is radially symmetric we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\eta^\varepsilon(y) &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{n+2}}\tilde{\eta}''\left(\frac{|y|}{\varepsilon}\right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{n+1}}\frac{n-1}{|y|}\tilde{\eta}'\left(\frac{|y|}{\varepsilon}\right) \\ &:= L_\varepsilon(\tilde{\eta})(|y|). \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

For  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \rho(x)$  we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(\eta^\varepsilon * u)(x) &= (\Delta\eta^\varepsilon) * u(x) = \int_{B(0,\varepsilon)} (\Delta\eta^\varepsilon)(y)u(x-y) dy \\
&= \int_0^\varepsilon \left( \int_{S(0,1)} (\Delta\eta^\varepsilon)(rz)u(x-rz) dS(z) \right) r^{n-1} dr \\
&\stackrel{(6.2)}{=} \int_0^\varepsilon \int_{S(0,1)} u(x-rz) dS(z) L_\varepsilon(\tilde{\eta})(r) r^{n-1} dr \\
&= \int_0^\varepsilon N(u; x, r) L_\varepsilon(\tilde{\eta})(r) r^{n-1} dr \\
&\stackrel{(6.1)}{=} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} n\sigma(n)v_{2l}(x) \int_0^\varepsilon L_\varepsilon(\tilde{\eta})(r) r^{2l+n-1} dr
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} n\sigma(n)v_{2l}(x) \varepsilon^{2l-2} \int_0^1 L_1(\tilde{\eta})(t)t^{2l+n-1} dt \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} v_{2l}(x) \varepsilon^{2l-2} \cdot n\sigma(n) \int_{B(0,1)} L_1(\tilde{\eta})(|y|)|y|^{2l} dy \\
&= \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} v_{2l}(x) \varepsilon^{2l-2} \int_{B(0,1)} \Delta\eta^1(y) y^{2l} dy
\end{aligned}$$

since  $\int_{B(0,1)} \Delta\eta^1(y) dy = \int_{S(0,1)} \frac{\partial\eta^1}{\partial n}(y) dS(y) = 0$ .

So

$$\Delta(\eta^\varepsilon * u)(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} v_{2l+2}(x) \varepsilon^{2l} m_{2l+2}(\Delta\eta^1),$$

where  $m_{2l}(\eta^1) = \int_{B(0,1)} \eta^1(y) y^{2l} dy$  for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Similarly for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we get

$$\Delta^k(\eta^\varepsilon * u)(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} v_{2l+2k}(x) \cdot \varepsilon^{2l} m_{2l+2k}(\Delta^k\eta^1).$$

Note that  $\Delta^k(\eta^\varepsilon * u)$  is distributionally convergent as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} m_{2k}(\Delta^k \eta^1) v_{2k} &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Delta^k(\eta^\varepsilon * u) \\ &= \Delta^k \left( \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \eta^\varepsilon * u \right) = \Delta^k v_0 \in D'(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v_{2k} \in C(\Omega)$  applying the Weil lemma we conclude that  $u = v_0 \in C^{2k}(\Omega)$ .

Next for  $0 \leq l \leq k$  we have  
 $\Delta^k v_0 = \Delta^{k-l}(\Delta^l v_0) = m_{2l}(\Delta^l \eta^1) \cdot \Delta^{k-l} v_{2l} \in C^0(\Omega)$ .  
So  $v_{2l} \in C^{2k-2l}(\Omega)$ .  
Since  $k$  is arbitrary big we conclude that  $v_{2l} \in C^\infty(\Omega)$   
for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . □

**Theorem 6.4** *Let  $\Omega$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u \in C^0(\Omega)$ . If there exist functions  $u_{2l} \in C^0(\Omega)$  for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\rho \in C^0(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < R < \rho(x)$  it holds*

$$M(u; x, R) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} u_{2l}(x) R^{2l},$$

*then  $u$  is real analytic on  $\Omega$  and  $4^l \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)_l l! u_{2l} = \Delta^l u$  for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .*



**Proof.** Applying the relation between mean value functions  $M$  and  $N$ , we get for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < R < \rho(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N(u; x, R) &= \left( \frac{R}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} + 1 \right) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} u_{2l}(x) R^{2l} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2l}{n} + 1 \right) u_{2l}(x) R^{2l}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the assumptions of Lemma 6.3 are satisfied with  $v_{2l} = \left( \frac{2l}{n} + 1 \right) u_{2l}$  and so  $u_{2l} \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  for  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Next we derive that  $4^l \left( \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right)_l l! u_{2l} = \Delta^l u$  and apply Theorem 6.2. □

## 7 Analytic functions on MMS

It is well known that the mean value characterization of harmonic functions can be used to define harmonic functions on metric measure spaces (MMS). Namely, let  $(X, \rho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space with a metric  $\rho$  and a Borel regular measure  $\mu$  which is positive on open sets and finite on bounded sets.

Then a continuous function  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on an open set  $\Omega \subset X$  is said to be harmonic on  $\Omega$  if for every  $x \in \Omega$  and any closed ball  $B(x, R) \subset \Omega$  it holds

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, R))} \int_{B(x, R)} u(y) d\mu(y).$$

If the measure is continuous with respect to the metric, then harmonic functions on MMS satisfy maximum principle, the Harnack type inequality and the Weierstrass and Montel convergence theorem, see [11].

Another approach to the theory of harmonic functions on MMS, based on variational methods, was proposed by Shanmugalingam [24].

Recently Alabern, Mateu and Verdera obtained in [2] a characterization of Sobolev spaces on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  only in terms of the Euclidean metric and the Lebesgue measure which allowed them to define higher order Sobolev spaces on MMS.

We propose a definition of analytic functions on MMS.

**Definition 1** Let  $(X, \rho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space with a metric  $\rho$  and a Borel regular measure  $\mu$  which is positive on open sets and finite on bounded sets. Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $X$ .

For any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < R < \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega)$  define a solid mean of a continuous function  $u \in C^0(\Omega)$  by

$$M_X(u; x, R) = \frac{1}{\mu(B_\rho(x, R))} \int_{B_\rho(x, R)} u(y) d\mu(y).$$

**Definition 2** Let  $(X, \rho, \mu)$  be a metric measure space and  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $X$ .

Let  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a continuous function.

We say that  $u$  is  $(X, \rho, \mu)$ -*analytic on*  $\Omega$  and write  $u \in \mathcal{A}_X(\Omega, \rho, \mu)$  if there exist functions  $u_{2k} \in C^0(\Omega)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\epsilon \in C^0(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < R < \epsilon(x)$  it holds

$$M_X(u; x, R) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_{2k}(x) R^{2k}.$$

The topology on  $\mathcal{A}_X(\Omega, \rho, \mu)$  is given by

$$\mathcal{A}_X(\Omega, \rho, \mu) = \text{projlim}_{K \in \Omega} \text{indlim}_{\epsilon > 0} \mathcal{E}^{even}(K, \epsilon),$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}^{even}(K, \epsilon) = \{F \in C^0(K; C^\infty(-\epsilon, \epsilon)) :$$

$$F(x, R) = F(x, -R) \text{ for } x \in K, |R| < \epsilon \text{ and}$$

$$\|F\|_{K, \epsilon} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0, x \in K} \frac{\left| \frac{\partial^k}{\partial R^k} F(x, 0) \right| \epsilon^k}{k!} < \infty \}.$$

By the Theorem 6.4 the Pringsheim type theorem [14, Theorem] we get

**Corollary 4** *Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the Euclidean metric  $\rho$  and the Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$ . Let  $\Omega \subset X$  and  $u \in C^0(\Omega)$ . Then  $u$  is  $(X, \rho, \lambda)$ -analytic on  $\Omega$  if and only if  $u$  is real analytic on  $\Omega$ .*



**Lemma 7.1** *Let  $u$  be a continuous function on an open subset  $\Omega$  of a metric measure space  $(X, \rho, \mu)$ .*

*If  $M_X(u; x, R) = 0$  for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $0 < R < \epsilon(x)$ , then  $u \equiv 0$ .*

**Theorem 7.2** *Let  $u$  be  $(X, \rho, \mu)$ -analytic on a connected open set  $\Omega \subset X$ .*

*If  $u$  vanishes on an open set  $U \subset \Omega$ , then it vanishes on  $\Omega$ .*

**Definition 3** The metric measure space  $(X, \rho, \mu)$  is called *analytizable* if for any  $x \in X$  there exist open sets  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\Omega \subset X$  and a homeomorphism  $\Phi : U \rightarrow^{\text{onto}} \Omega$  such that for  $y \in \Omega$  and  $R$  small enough

$$\Phi(B(\Phi^{-1}(y), R)) = B_\rho(y, R)$$

and for Borel sets  $A \subset \Omega$

$$\mu(A) = |\Phi^{-1}(A)|.$$

**Theorem 7.3** *Under the notations of Definition 3 let  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a continuous function.*

*Then  $u$  is  $(X, \rho, \mu)$ -analytic on  $\Omega$  if and only if  $u \circ \Phi$  is real analytic on  $U = \Phi^{-1}(\Omega)$ .*

Hence if  $X$  is locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the metrical properties of  $X$ -analytic functions can be derived from the analogous properties of real analytic functions.

**Thank you for your attention!**

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