

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The theory of analytic sets, especially of analytic sets in \mathbb{C}^n , is developed in the books of M. Hervé [19] and S.S. Abhyankar [1] and in the seminar notes of H. Cartan, 1953/54 [10] and 1960/61, Exposés 18-21 by C. Houzel [12]. In less detail, it is treated in Gunning - Rossi [14]. The treatment in Hervé, although very different in detail, is based on the same ideas. That in Abhyankar is quite different and treats analytic sets over arbitrary completely valuated, non-discrete fields (mostly algebraically closed). The ideas in the treatment of Houzel in [12] are drawn from Grothendieck's work in algebraic geometry.

Chapter I. Most of the results stated here without proof are proved in Hervé [19] (and/or Abhyankar [1], Gunning - Rossi [14]). F. Hartogs' theorem stated on page 3, is proved in [18].

The rank theorem, as stated here, is proved e.g. in [25].

Chapter II. Theorem 1, which is one form of the preparation theorem, is proved by C. Houzel in [12]; he ascribes the proof to J.P. Serre. The third proof we have given for the preparation theorem uses ideas of Malgrange [24]; the fourth, due to H. Grauert and R. Remmert, is unpublished, see [17].

For an analogue of the preparation theorem for differentiable functions and applications, see Malgrange [24].

Chapter III. The general remarks made at the beginning of these bibliographical notes apply, above all, to this chapter. Theorem 7 is due to Grauert - Remmert [16]. Their proof, which uses the normalization theorem, is difficult. The idea of the proof given here is due to L. Bungart - H. Rossi [7], although the presentation is different.

Chapter IV. All known proofs of Oka's theorem, Theorem 3, are based on the ideas of Oka [26]. The first published proof of the coherence of the ideal sheaf of an analytic set, Theorem 5, is that of H. Cartan [9], although Oka refers to this theorem in [26], and Cartan himself says, in a footnote in [9], that he understands that Oka also has a proof. Oka's version, which is not very different from that of Cartan, is given in [27]. We have followed Cartan's presentation.

Theorem 7 is proved in Grauert - Remmert [16], and is a very special case of a theorem of Grauert [15]. These proofs are, however, very different from the one we have given. Another proof, quite different from all these, is given in [12].

Chapter V. This chapter follows closely the papers of Cartan [11], Bruhat - Cartan [4, 5] and Bruhat - Whitney [6]. The unproved results concerning \mathbb{C} -analytic sets are in Cartan [11] (Proposition 15, Example 2) and in Bruhat - Whitney [6] (Proposition 16, 17, 18).

Many very interesting properties of real analytic sets and functions, and applications are given in the book by Malgrange [24]. Further interesting metric properties and the triangulability of real analytic sets are given in the paper of S. Łojasiewicz [23].

Chapter VI. The original proof of Oka [27] is given in Cartan [10] where, however, there is an error. A complete version of this proof is given in Rossi [33]. Other proofs are due to Abhyankar [1] and Kuhlmann [21]. The proof of Grauert - Remmert is unpublished, see [17].

The proof of Theorem 2 given here is due to Kuhlmann [21]; it is a direct generalization of corresponding results in algebraic geometry.

Theorem 2 can also be proved "geometrically" if one already has Theorem 3 (or Theorem 5). For another algebraic proof of Theorem 2, see Abhyankar [1].

Chapter VII. The Remmert - Stein theorem is in [32], see also [10]. The details are more complicated than in the proof we have given. These articles deal simultaneously with a more general form of the theorem. We have given this simple proof in this special case because this is the form most often used.

Theorem 2 is due to Remmert [28, 30]; Grauert deduces it from his theorem on the direct image [15] (just as we obtained Chapter IV, Proposition 5 from Chapter IV, Theorem 7).

The formulation given in Theorem 3 for Remmert's theorem was suggested by M.S. Rajwade.

The theorem [due to E.E. Levi [22] (see also H. Kneser [20]) for domains in \mathbb{C}^n] does not seem to have been proved in general in the literature, although it has been used. We have included a proof for this reason. It can be deduced (in the case of domains in \mathbb{C}^n) from an analogue of Chapter I, Proposition 12 for meromorphic functions; see H. Kneser [20].

Special cases of Theorem 5, and the theorem on the field of meromorphic functions stated at the end, were proved by C.L. Siegel [36, 37] who used a very elementary method. Theorem 5 is due to Thimm [38]. The proof given here is due to Remmert [29]; see also [31]. The proof by Siegel has led to very important applications to the theory of automorphic functions. See in particular Andreotti [2], Andreotti - Grauert [3]. A. Borel has obtained a very far-reaching generalization of the early work of Siegel on modular functions as an application of the methods of [3]; this work of Borel is still unpublished.

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