

## Approximation of sets defined by polynomials with holomorphic coefficients

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  be an analytic set defined by polynomials whose coefficients  $a_1, \dots, a_s$  are holomorphic functions. We formulate conditions on sequences  $\{a_{1,\nu}\}, \dots, \{a_{s,\nu}\}$  of holomorphic functions converging locally uniformly to  $a_1, \dots, a_s$ , respectively, such that the sequence  $\{X_\nu\}$  of sets obtained by replacing  $a_j$ 's by  $a_{j,\nu}$ 's in the polynomials converges to  $X$ .

**1. Introduction and main results.** The problem of approximating analytic objects by simpler algebraic ones with similar properties appears in many contexts of complex geometry and has attracted the attention of several mathematicians (see [1], [6], [7], [9], [11], [13]–[18]). The present paper concerns this problem in the case where the approximated objects are complex analytic sets, whereas the approximating ones are complex Nash sets (see Section 2.1). The approximation is expressed in terms of convergence of holomorphic chains (for the definition see Section 2.2).

For sets with a proper projection the existence of such approximation was discussed in [3] (see also [5]). In the subsequent paper [4] it was proved that the order of tangency of the limit set and the approximating sets can be arbitrarily high. The first results on approximation of complex analytic sets by higher order tangent algebraic varieties are due to R. W. Braun, R. Meise and B. A. Taylor [7]. For real analytic sets this problem was discussed by M. Ferrarotti, E. Fortuna and L. Wilson [12].

Both in [3] and in [4] analytic sets are represented by mappings defined on an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with values in an appropriate symmetric power of  $\mathbb{C}^m$ . However, in many cases such sets are defined by systems of equations which in general carry more information than the sets themselves. Therefore it is natural to look for approximations of the functions appearing in the equations. Throughout this paper we restrict our attention to the case

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where the description of a set is given by a system of polynomials with holomorphic coefficients whereas the approximated set has a proper projection onto an appropriate affine space. Our aim is to show how to approximate the coefficients of the polynomials to obtain Nash approximations of the set.

If the number of functions describing the analytic set  $X$  is equal to the codimension of  $X$  then it is sufficient to take generic approximations of the coefficients in order to get a local uniform approximation of  $X$ . Such approach clearly does not work in the case of a non-complete intersection as it leads to sets of dimensions strictly smaller than the dimension of  $X$ . Yet, it is natural to expect that there are algebraic relations satisfied by the coefficients such that if the approximating coefficients also satisfy the relations then the original polynomials with these new coefficients define appropriate approximations.

Before stating the main result let us recall that for any analytic set  $Y$  we denote by  $Y_{(n)}$  the union of all  $n$ -dimensional irreducible components of  $Y$ .

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a domain. Abbreviate  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_p)$ ,  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_m)$ . Assuming the notation of Section 2 and treating analytic sets as holomorphic chains with components of multiplicity one, we prove

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $q_1, \dots, q_s \in \mathbb{C}[v, z]$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $H : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^p$  be a holomorphic mapping. Assume that*

$$X = \{(x, z) \in U \times \mathbb{C}^m : q_i(H(x), z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, s\}$$

*is an analytic set of pure dimension  $n$  with proper projection onto  $U$ . Then there is an algebraic subvariety  $F$  of  $\mathbb{C}^p$  with  $H(U) \subset F$  such that for every sequence  $\{H_\nu : U \rightarrow F\}$  of holomorphic mappings converging locally uniformly to  $H$  the following holds. The sequence  $\{X_\nu\}$ , where*

$$X_\nu = \{(x, z) \in U \times \mathbb{C}^m : q_i(H_\nu(x), z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, s\},$$

*converges to  $X$  locally uniformly and the sequence  $\{(X_\nu)_{(n)}\}$  converges to  $X$  in the sense of holomorphic chains.*

The following example shows that the sets from  $\{X_\nu\}$  are in general not purely dimensional:

**EXAMPLE 1.2.** Define  $X = \{(x, z) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : zxe^x = 0, z^2 - zx = 0\}$ . Then  $X = \{(x, z) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : z = 0\}$ , therefore it is purely 1-dimensional. On the other hand,  $\mathbb{C}^2 \times \{1\}$  is the smallest algebraic set in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  containing the image of the mapping  $x \mapsto (-x, xe^x, 1)$ . By approximating this mapping by  $x \mapsto (-x, (x - 1/\nu)e^x, 1)$  one obtains  $X_\nu = \{(x, z) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : z(x - 1/\nu)e^x = 0, z^2 - zx = 0\}$  containing an isolated point  $(1/\nu, 1/\nu)$ .

Let  $U$  be a connected Runge domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , let  $X$  be a purely  $n$ -dimensional analytic subset of  $U \times \mathbb{C}^m$  with proper projection onto  $U$ , and let

$Q_1, \dots, Q_s \in \mathcal{O}(U)[z]$ , for some  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfy

$$X = \{(x, z) \in U \times \mathbb{C}^m : Q_1(x, z) = \dots = Q_s(x, z) = 0\}.$$

(An example of such  $Q_1, \dots, Q_s$  are the canonical defining functions for  $X$ ; see [21], [8].)

We check that combining Theorem 1.1 with a result of L. Lempert (Theorem 3.2 from [15], see Theorem 2.3 below) one obtains Nash approximations of  $X$  by approximating its holomorphic description by a Nash description.

Let  $H = (H_1, \dots, H_s)$  denote the holomorphic mapping defined on  $U$  where each  $H_j$  is the mapping whose components are all the non-zero coefficients of the polynomial  $Q_j$ ; denote by  $n_j$  the number of those coefficients. More precisely, the components of  $H_j$  are indexed by  $m$ -tuples from some finite set  $S_j \subset \mathbb{N}^m$  in such a way that the component indexed by  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$  is the coefficient of the monomial  $z_1^{\alpha_1} \dots z_m^{\alpha_m}$  in  $Q_j$ .

Let  $F$  be the intersection of all algebraic subvarieties of  $\mathbb{C}^{\sum_j n_j}$  containing  $H(U)$  and let  $\tilde{U}$  be any open relatively compact subset of  $U$ . Then  $\tilde{U}$  is contained in a polynomially convex compact subset of  $U$ , hence by Theorem 2.3 there exists a sequence  $\{H_\nu : \tilde{U} \rightarrow F\}$  of Nash mappings,  $H_\nu = (H_{1,\nu}, \dots, H_{s,\nu})$ , such that  $\{H_{j,\nu}\}$  converges uniformly to  $H_j|_{\tilde{U}}$  for every  $j = 1, \dots, s$ . Now let

$$X_\nu = \{(x, z) \in \tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m : Q_{1,\nu}(x, z) = \dots = Q_{s,\nu}(x, z) = 0\},$$

where  $Q_{j,\nu} \in \mathcal{O}(\tilde{U})[z]$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, s$ , is defined as follows. The coefficient of the monomial  $z_1^{\alpha_1} \dots z_m^{\alpha_m}$  in  $Q_{j,\nu}$  is the component of  $H_{j,\nu}$  indexed by  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$  (if  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \notin S_j$  then the coefficient equals zero).

Finally, let  $q_1, \dots, q_s$  be the polynomials obtained from  $Q_1, \dots, Q_s$  by replacing the holomorphic coefficients of the latter by new independent variables. It is easy to see that  $q_1, \dots, q_s$  together with the mapping  $H$  satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1. Hence the sequence  $\{(X_\nu)_{(n)}\}$  of Nash sets, where  $X_\nu$  is defined in the previous paragraph, converges to  $X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$  in the sense of holomorphic chains. Thus we recover the main result of [3]:

**COROLLARY 1.3.** *Let  $X$  be a purely  $n$ -dimensional analytic subset of  $U \times \mathbb{C}^m$  with proper projection onto  $U$ . Then for every open set  $\tilde{U} \subset\subset U$  there is a sequence  $\{X_\nu\}$  of purely  $n$ -dimensional Nash subsets of  $\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m$  converging to  $X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$  in the sense of chains.*

Every purely  $n$ -dimensional analytic set has locally a proper projection onto an open subset of an  $n$ -dimensional affine space. Hence, by Corollary 1.3 every analytic set can be locally approximated by Nash sets.

Note that the convergence of positive chains appearing in this paper is equivalent to the convergence of currents of integration over the sets considered (see [8]).

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Section 2 we present some preliminary material, whereas Section 3 contains the proof of Theorem 1.1.

## 2. Preliminaries

**2.1. Nash sets.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and let  $f$  be a holomorphic function on  $\Omega$ . We say that  $f$  is a *Nash function at*  $x_0 \in \Omega$  if there exist an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  and a polynomial  $P : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $P \neq 0$ , such that  $P(x, f(x)) = 0$  for  $x \in U$ . A holomorphic function defined on  $\Omega$  is said to be a *Nash function* if it is a Nash function at every point of  $\Omega$ . A holomorphic mapping defined on  $\Omega$  with values in  $\mathbb{C}^N$  is said to be a *Nash mapping* if each of its components is a Nash function.

A set  $Y \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is said to be a *Nash subset* of  $\Omega$  if for every  $y_0 \in \Omega$  there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $y_0$  in  $\Omega$  and Nash functions  $f_1, \dots, f_s$  on  $U$  such that

$$Y \cap U = \{x \in U : f_1(x) = \dots = f_s(x) = 0\}.$$

The fact from [19] stated below explains the relation between Nash sets and algebraic sets.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be an irreducible Nash subset of an open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then there exists an algebraic subset  $Y$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $X$  is an analytic irreducible component of  $Y \cap \Omega$ . Conversely, every analytic irreducible component of  $Y \cap \Omega$  is an irreducible Nash subset of  $\Omega$ .*

**2.2. Convergence of holomorphic chains.** Let  $U$  be an open subset in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ . By a *holomorphic chain* in  $U$  we mean a formal sum  $A = \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j C_j$ , where  $\alpha_j \neq 0$  for  $j \in J$  are integers and  $\{C_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a locally finite family of pairwise distinct irreducible analytic subsets of  $U$  (see [20], cf. also [2], [8]). The set  $\bigcup_{j \in J} C_j$  is called the *support* of  $A$  and is denoted by  $|A|$  whereas the sets  $C_j$  are called the *components* of  $A$  with multiplicities  $\alpha_j$ . The chain  $A$  is called *positive* if  $\alpha_j > 0$  for all  $j \in J$ . If all the components of  $A$  have the same dimension  $n$  then  $A$  is called an *n-chain*.

Below we introduce convergence of holomorphic chains in  $U$ . To do this we first need the notion of local uniform convergence of closed sets. Let  $Y, Y_\nu$  be closed subsets of  $U$  for  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ . We say that  $\{Y_\nu\}$  *converges to  $Y$  locally uniformly* if:

- (1) for every  $a \in Y$  there exists a sequence  $\{a_\nu\}$  such that  $a_\nu \in Y_\nu$  and  $a_\nu \rightarrow a$  in the standard topology of  $\mathbb{C}^m$ ,
- (2) for every compact subset  $K$  of  $U$  such that  $K \cap Y = \emptyset$  we have  $K \cap Y_\nu = \emptyset$  for almost all  $\nu$ .

Then we write  $Y_\nu \rightarrow Y$ . (For applications of the notion of local uniform convergence see [10] and references therein.)

We say that a sequence  $\{Z_\nu\}$  of positive  $n$ -chains converges to a positive  $n$ -chain  $Z$  if:

- (1c)  $|Z_\nu| \rightarrow |Z|$ ,
- (2c) for each regular point  $a$  of  $|Z|$  and each submanifold  $T$  of  $U$  of dimension  $m - n$  transversal to  $|Z|$  at  $a$  such that  $\bar{T}$  is compact and  $|Z| \cap \bar{T} = \{a\}$ , we have  $\deg(Z_\nu \cdot T) = \deg(Z \cdot T)$  for almost all  $\nu$ .

Then we write  $Z_\nu \rightsquigarrow Z$ . (By  $Z \cdot T$  we denote the intersection product of  $Z$  and  $T$  (cf. [20]). Observe that the chains  $Z_\nu \cdot T$  and  $Z \cdot T$  for sufficiently large  $\nu$  have finite supports and the degrees are well defined. Recall that for a chain  $A = \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j \{a_j\}$ , we set  $\deg(A) = \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j$ .)

The following lemma from [20] will be useful for us.

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $Z, Z_\nu$ , for  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ , be positive  $n$ -chains. If  $|Z_\nu| \rightarrow |Z|$  then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $Z_\nu \rightsquigarrow Z$ ,
- (2) for each point  $a$  from a given dense subset of  $\text{Reg}(|Z|)$  there exists a submanifold  $T$  of  $U$  of dimension  $m - n$  transversal to  $|Z|$  at  $a$  such that  $\bar{T}$  is compact,  $|Z| \cap \bar{T} = \{a\}$  and  $\deg(Z_\nu \cdot T) = \deg(Z \cdot T)$  for almost all  $\nu$ .

**2.3. Approximation of holomorphic mappings.** In the proof of Corollary 1.3 we use the following theorem which is due to L. Lempert (see [15, Theorem 3.2]).

THEOREM 2.3. *Let  $K$  be a holomorphically convex compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k$  a holomorphic mapping that satisfies a system of equations  $Q(z, f(z)) = 0$  for  $z \in K$ . Here  $Q$  is a Nash mapping from a neighborhood  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^k$  of the graph of  $f$  into some  $\mathbb{C}^q$ . Then  $f$  can be uniformly approximated by a Nash mapping  $F : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^k$  satisfying  $Q(z, F(z)) = 0$ .*

**3. Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Denote  $B_m(r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^m : \|z\|_{\mathbb{C}^m} < r\}$  and recall  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_p)$ . Let  $U$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . We prove the following

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let  $q_1, \dots, q_s \in \mathbb{C}[v, z]$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $H : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^p$  be a holomorphic mapping. Assume that*

$$X = \{(x, z) \in U \times \mathbb{C}^m : q_i(H(x), z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, s\}$$

*is an analytic set of pure dimension  $n$  with proper projection onto  $U$ . Then there is an algebraic subvariety  $F$  of  $\mathbb{C}^p$  with  $H(U) \subset F$  such that for every domain  $\tilde{U} \subset\subset U$  and every sequence  $\{H_\nu : \tilde{U} \rightarrow F\}$  of holomorphic mappings converging uniformly to  $H$  on  $\tilde{U}$  the following holds. There is  $r_0 > 0$  such that for every  $r > r_0$  the sequence  $\{X_\nu\}$ , where*

$$X_\nu = \{(x, z) \in \tilde{U} \times B_m(r) : q_i(H_\nu(x), z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, s\},$$

satisfies:

- (1)  $X_\nu$  is  $n$ -dimensional with proper projection onto  $\tilde{U}$  for almost all  $\nu$ ,
- (2)  $\max\{\sharp(X \cap (\{x\} \times \mathbb{C}^m)) : x \in U\} = \max\{\sharp((X_\nu)_{(n)} \cap (\{x\} \times \mathbb{C}^m)) : x \in \tilde{U}\}$  for almost all  $\nu$ ,
- (3)  $\{X_\nu\}, \{(X_\nu)_{(n)}\}$  converge to  $X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$  locally uniformly.

*Proof.* Define the algebraic set

$$V = \{(v, z) \in \mathbb{C}^p \times \mathbb{C}^m : q_i(v, z) = 0, i = 1, \dots, s\}.$$

Next, denote by  $F$  the intersection of all algebraic subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^p$  containing the image of  $H$ . Clearly,  $F$  is irreducible (because  $U$  is connected), hence of pure dimension, say  $\bar{n}$ . Fix an open connected subset  $\tilde{U} \subset\subset U$ . In the following lemma  $F$  is endowed with the topology induced by the standard topology of  $\mathbb{C}^p$ .

LEMMA 3.2. *Let  $r > 0$  with  $(\tilde{U} \times B_m(r)) \cap X \neq \emptyset$  and  $\overline{(\tilde{U} \times \partial B_m(r))} \cap X = \emptyset$ . Then there is an open neighborhood  $C$  of  $\overline{H(\tilde{U})}$  in  $F$  such that  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  is  $\bar{n}$ -dimensional with proper projection onto  $C$ . Moreover,  $\dim_{(a,z)}((C \times B_m(r)) \cap V) = \bar{n}$  for every  $(a, z) \in (\overline{H(\tilde{U})} \times B_m(r)) \cap V$ .*

*Proof of Lemma 3.2.* First we check that there is an open neighborhood  $C$  of  $\overline{H(\tilde{U})}$  in  $F$  such that  $(\overline{C} \times \partial B_m(r)) \cap V = \emptyset$ , which implies the properness of the projection of  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  onto  $C$ .

It is sufficient to show that for every  $a \in \overline{H(\tilde{U})}$  there is an open neighborhood  $C_a$  in  $F$  such that  $(C_a \times \partial B_m(r)) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Indeed, if for every such neighborhood we had  $(C_a \times \partial B_m(r)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  then  $(\{a\} \times \partial B_m(r)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . But then also  $(\tilde{U} \times \partial B_m(r)) \cap X \neq \emptyset$  as  $a \in \overline{H(\tilde{U})} \subset \overline{H(\tilde{U})}$ , a contradiction.

Let us show that  $\dim_{(a,z)}((C \times B_m(r)) \cap V) = \bar{n}$  for every  $(a, z) \in (\overline{H(\tilde{U})} \times B_m(r)) \cap V$ . First observe that  $\dim((C \times B_m(r)) \cap V)$  cannot exceed the dimension of  $C$  because  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  has a proper projection onto  $C$ . Next suppose that there is  $(a, z) \in (\overline{H(\tilde{U})} \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  such that  $\dim_{(a,z)}((C \times B_m(r)) \cap V) < \bar{n}$ . Let  $V_1$  be the union of the irreducible analytic components of  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  containing  $(a, z)$  and let  $\pi : \mathbb{C}^p \times \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^p$  denote the natural projection. It is easy to see that  $H^{-1}(\pi(V_1))$  is a non-empty nowhere dense analytic subset of  $H^{-1}(C)$  (nowhere dense because otherwise  $H(U)$  would be contained in an algebraic set of dimension smaller than  $\bar{n}$ ). Let  $P$  be a neighborhood of  $(a, z)$  in  $C \times B_m(r)$  such that  $P \cap V = P \cap V_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Set

$$E = \{(w, y) \in (U \times B_m(r)) \cap X : (H(w), y) \in P \cap V\}.$$

Then  $E \neq \emptyset$ , because  $H^{-1}(\{a\}) \times \{z\} \subset E$ ; moreover  $E$  has non-empty interior in  $X$ , and the projection of  $E$  onto  $U$  is contained in  $H^{-1}(\pi(V_1))$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X$  is purely  $n$ -dimensional.

Since  $(\tilde{U} \times B_m(r)) \cap X \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $(H(\tilde{U}) \times B_m(r)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , so by what we have proved so far,  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  is  $\bar{n}$ -dimensional. ■

*Proof of Proposition 3.1 (continued).* Let  $r_0 > 0$  be such that  $(\tilde{U} \times B_m(r_0)) \cap X = (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m) \cap X$  and let  $r > r_0$ . Then  $(\overline{\tilde{U}} \times \partial B_m(r)) \cap X = \emptyset$  and by Lemma 3.2, there is a neighborhood  $C$  of  $H(\tilde{U})$  in  $F$  such that  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  is  $\bar{n}$ -dimensional with proper projection onto  $C$ . Moreover,  $\dim_{(a,z)}((C \times B_m(r)) \cap V) = \bar{n}$  for every  $(a, z) \in (H(\tilde{U}) \times B_m(r)) \cap V$ .

Let  $\{H_\nu : \tilde{U} \rightarrow F\}$  be a sequence of holomorphic mappings converging uniformly to  $H$  on  $\tilde{U}$ . Define  $\{X_\nu\}$  as in the statement of Proposition 3.1.

To show (1), observe that for sufficiently large  $\nu$  we have  $H_\nu(\tilde{U}) \subset C$  and so

$$X_\nu = \{(x, z) \in \tilde{U} \times B_m(r) : (H_\nu(x), z) \in (C \times B_m(r)) \cap V\}.$$

Thus the properness of the projection of  $X_\nu$  onto  $\tilde{U}$  is obvious by the choice of  $C$  in Lemma 3.2.

Now we check the following claim: for sufficiently large  $\nu$  every fiber in  $X_\nu$  over  $\tilde{U}$  is not empty. Indeed, let  $C_0$  denote the irreducible Nash component of  $C$  containing  $H(\tilde{U})$ . Then by Lemma 3.2 the projection of  $(C_0 \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  onto  $C_0$  is surjective. On the other hand, for sufficiently large  $\nu$ ,  $H_\nu(\tilde{U}) \subset C_0$ , which clearly implies the claim. Consequently,  $X_\nu$  is  $n$ -dimensional for almost all  $\nu$ .

Let us turn to (2). Since  $C_0$  is an irreducible Nash set,  $\text{Reg}(C_0)$  is connected. There is a nowhere dense Nash subset  $C'$  of  $C_0$  such that the function  $\rho : \text{Reg}(C_0) \setminus C' \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by

$$\rho(v) = \sharp((\{v\} \times B_m(r)) \cap V)$$

is constant, say equal to  $\tilde{m}$ .

Neither  $H(\tilde{U})$  nor  $H_\nu(\tilde{U})$  (for large  $\nu$ ) can be contained in  $\text{Sing}(C_0) \cup C'$  so  $(H^{-1}(\text{Sing}(C_0) \cup C') \cup H_\nu^{-1}(\text{Sing}(C_0) \cup C')) \cap \tilde{U}$  is a nowhere dense analytic subset of  $\tilde{U}$ . This means that for generic  $x \in \tilde{U}$  the fibers in  $X$  and in  $X_\nu$  over  $x$  have  $\tilde{m}$  elements, which completes the proof of (2).

Finally, let us prove (3). To check condition (21) of the definition of local uniform convergence it is sufficient to show that for every  $(x_0, z_0) \in (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m) \setminus X$  there is a neighborhood  $D$  of  $(x_0, z_0)$  in  $\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m$  such that  $D \cap X_\nu = \emptyset$  for almost all  $\nu$ . But this is obvious as there is  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$  such that  $q_i(H(x_0), z_0) \neq 0$ . Then  $q_i(H_\nu(x_0), z_0) \neq 0$  for almost all  $\nu$  in some neighborhood of  $(x_0, z_0)$ .

As for (11), it suffices to show that for a fixed  $x_0 \in \tilde{U} \setminus H^{-1}(\text{Sing}(C))$  the sequence  $\{(\{x_0\} \times \mathbb{C}^m) \cap (X_\nu)_{(n)}\}$  converges to  $(\{x_0\} \times \mathbb{C}^m) \cap X$  locally uniformly. Take  $(x_0, z_0) \in X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m) = X \cap (\tilde{U} \times B_m(r))$ . Then by Lemma 3.2,  $\dim_{(H(x_0), z_0)}(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V = \dim(C)$ . Consequently (since

$H(x_0) \in \text{Reg}(C)$  and  $(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V$  has a proper projection onto  $C$ , there is a sequence  $\{z_\nu\}$  converging to  $z_0$  such that  $\dim_{(H_\nu(x_0), z_\nu)}(C \times B_m(r)) \cap V = \dim(C)$  for almost all  $\nu$ . This implies that for sufficiently large  $\nu$ , the image of the projection of every open neighborhood of  $(x_0, z_\nu)$  in  $X_\nu$  onto  $\tilde{U}$  contains a neighborhood of  $x_0$  in  $\tilde{U}$ . Thus  $(x_0, z_\nu) \in (X_\nu)_{(n)}$  for almost all  $\nu$ , and the proof is complete. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.1 (end).* Let  $F$  denote the intersection of all algebraic subvarieties of  $\mathbb{C}^p$  containing  $H(U)$ , and let  $\{H_\nu : U \rightarrow F\}$  be a sequence of holomorphic mappings converging locally uniformly to  $H$ . Define  $X_\nu$  as in the statement of Theorem 1.1.

It is sufficient to show that for every relatively compact subset  $\tilde{U}$  of  $U$  the sequences  $\{X_\nu \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)\}$  and  $\{(X_\nu)_{(n)} \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)\}$  converge to  $X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$  locally uniformly and in the sense of holomorphic chains, respectively. Fix  $\tilde{U} \subset\subset U$ . Then by Proposition 3.1 there is  $r_0$  such that for every  $r > r_0$  the sequences  $\{X_\nu \cap (\tilde{U} \times B_m(r))\}$  and  $\{(X_\nu)_{(n)} \cap (\tilde{U} \times B_m(r))\}$  converge to  $X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$  locally uniformly. Moreover, for almost all  $\nu$ ,  $X_\nu \cap (\tilde{U} \times B_m(r))$  is  $n$ -dimensional with proper projection onto  $\tilde{U}$  and  $\max\{\#(X \cap (\{x\} \times \mathbb{C}^m)) : x \in \tilde{U}\} = \max\{\#((X_\nu)_{(n)} \cap (\{x\} \times B_m(r))) : x \in \tilde{U}\}$ . Thus by Lemma 2.2,  $\{(X_\nu)_{(n)} \cap (\tilde{U} \times B_m(r))\}$  converges to  $X \cap (\tilde{U} \times \mathbb{C}^m)$  in the sense of holomorphic chains. Since  $r$  can be taken arbitrarily large, we get our claim. ■

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