

Applications of the logarithmic capacity in  
one-dimensional problems concerning the Bergman  
kernel and metric

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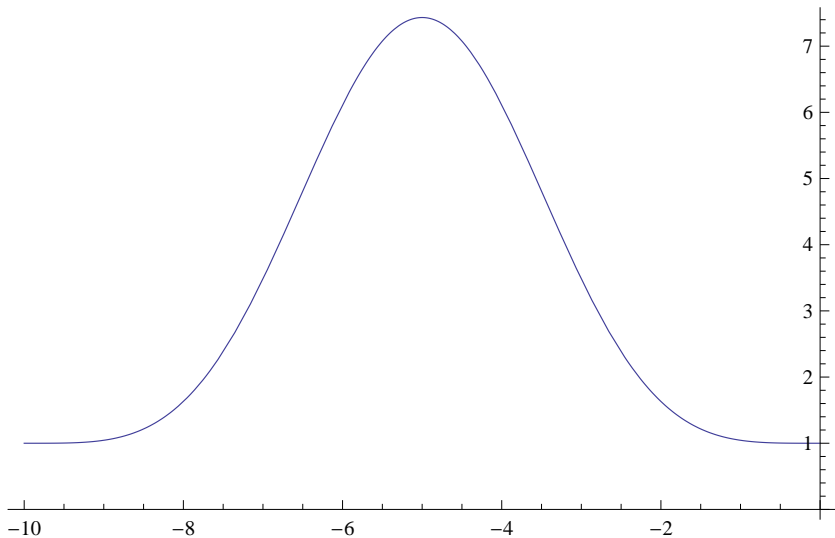
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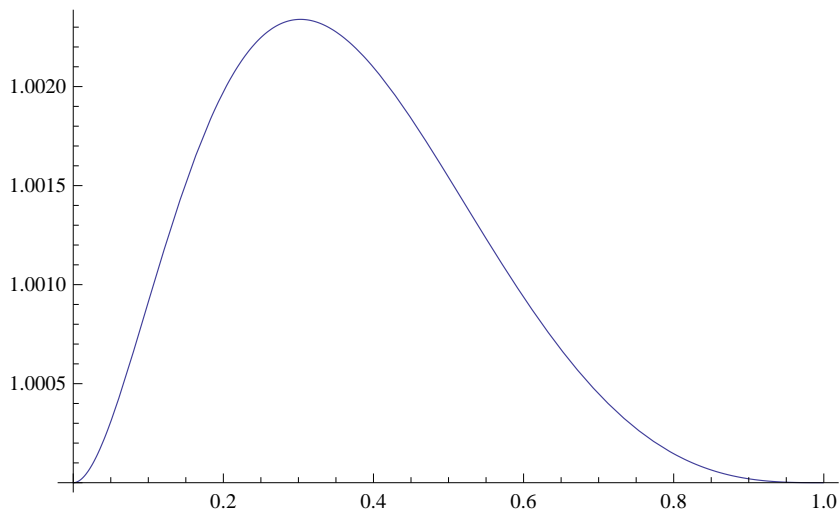
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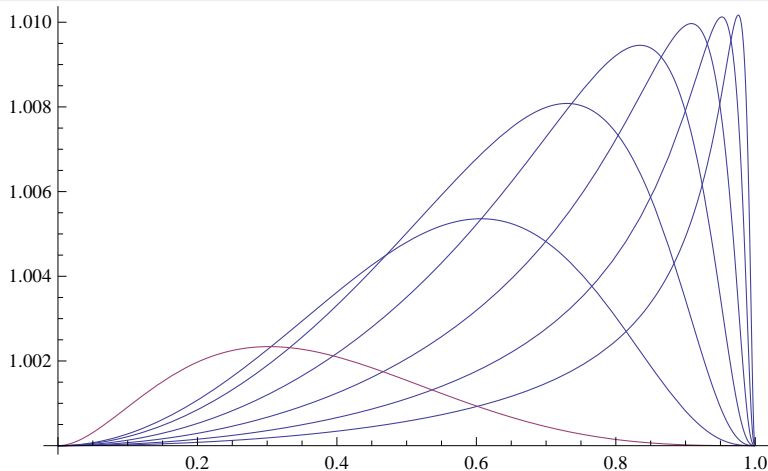
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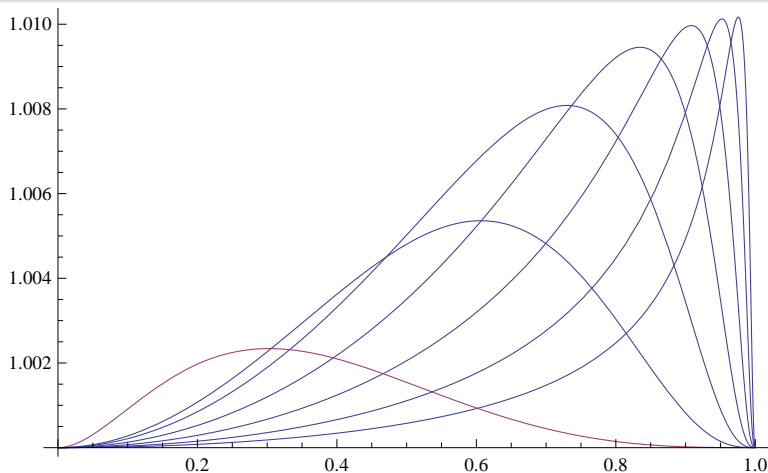


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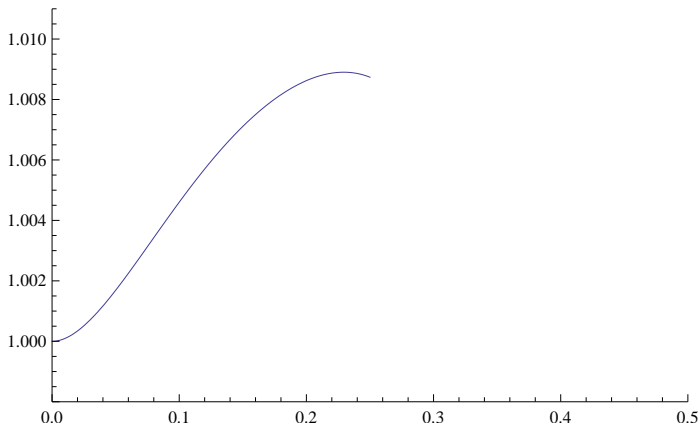
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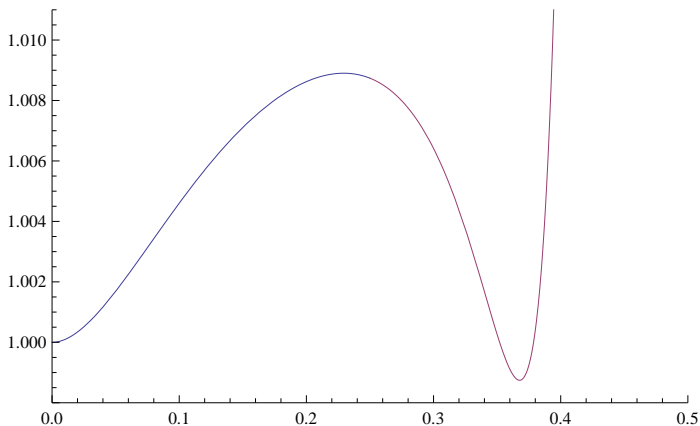


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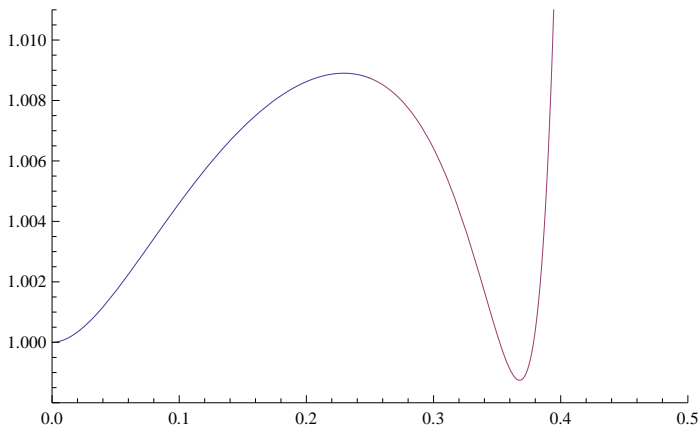
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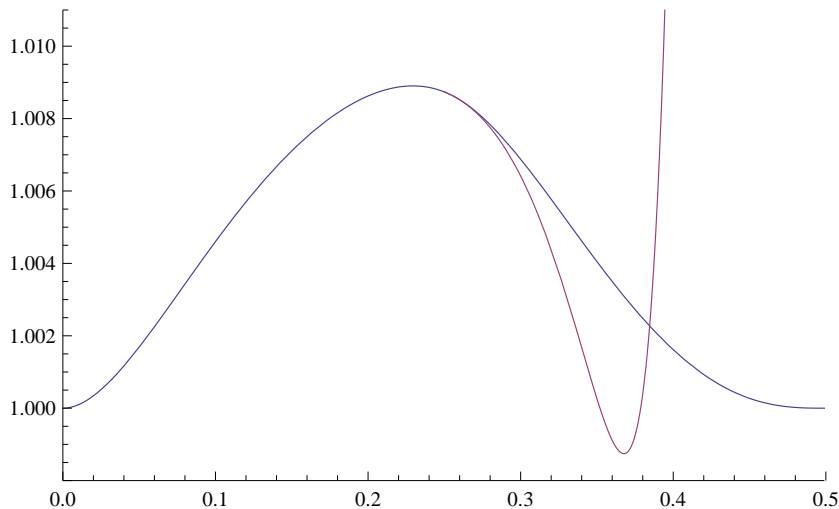
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# Kobayashi criterion for Bergman completeness

The following is a basic tool in the study of the Bergman completeness.

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And let us denote the operator norm of the above operator by  $K_D^{(k)}(z)$ .

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# Estimates of the operator norms in terms of the potential-theoretic objects

The main result on the norms is the following.

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(Pflug-Zwonek, 2003) Fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d > 1$ . Then there is a  $C > 0$  such that

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