Singular Levi-flat hypersurfaces (2)

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Small review:

M given by $\{r = 0\}$.

The full Hessian is

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 L_p is the complex Hessian.

 $X_p^* L_p X_p$ for $X_p \in T_p^{(1,0)} M$ is the Levi form.

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So $M = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R} = \{ \text{Im } w = 0 \}$ is pseudoconvex from both sides (we call that Levi-flat).

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Exercise: Work out that this definition gives a form that has the same inertia as the previous definition.

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