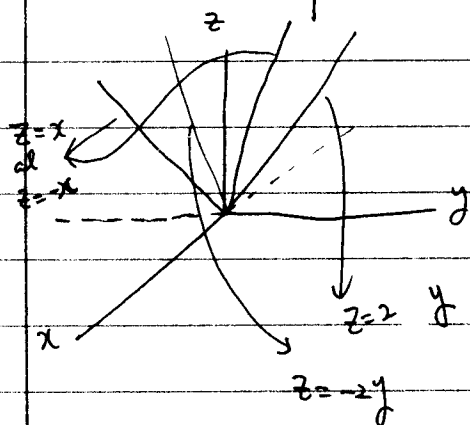


This implies that in $\{(u, v, w) : |u| < \delta, |v| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}, |w| \leq \delta\} = L$, $L \cap S \longrightarrow \{|u| < \delta, |v| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}$ is proper since S never touches any point of the "tops".

For example



$$\{y=0, |x| < \epsilon\} \longrightarrow \{y=0, |x| < \epsilon\}$$

is proper, but \exists no $\delta > 0$

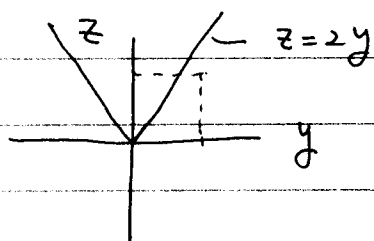
$$\text{s.t. } \{|y|, |x|, |z| < \delta\} \longrightarrow \{|y|, |x| < \delta\}$$

is proper, for

if there is such $\delta > 0$, then consider

$$\{|y|, |z| < \delta, x=0\} \longrightarrow \{|y| < \delta, x=0\} \text{ which is}$$

not proper.



Comment: We don't have to stick ^{with} the same ϵ . We only have to have some ϵ 's satisfying the main key point. \square

Following these reductions we come to the essential point.

Completion of the proof. The idea is this. We are given a proper holomorphic mapping