

Let \mathcal{P} ($\approx -\Delta$) denote one of Pucci operators. Consider the inequality

$$\mathcal{P}(D^2u) \leq \mu|D| + f(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u \leq 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

where μ and f are nonnegative function belonging to $L^n(\Omega)$.

Proposition. *There are constants $A > 0$ and $B > 0$ such that*

$$\sup_{\Omega} u \leq A\|f\|_n \exp(B\|\mu\|_n^n).$$

Let $\Gamma(u)$ be the upper contact set of u . Let $h := \sup_{\Omega} u^+$. Note that $B(0, ch) \subset Du(\Omega)$ for some constant $c > 0$ independent of u . We have

$$\int_{B(0, ch)} \phi(p) \, dp \leq \int_{\Gamma(u)} \phi(p) \, dp \leq \int_{\Gamma(u)} \phi(Du(x)) |\det D^2u(x)| \, dx \quad (1)$$

for any nonnegative function $\phi \in C(\mathbf{R}^n)$. We choose

$$\phi(p) = \frac{1}{|p|^n + \|f\|_n^n},$$

to obtain

$$\int_{B(0, ch)} \frac{dp}{|p|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \leq \int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{|\det D^2u(x)|}{|Du(x)|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \, dx. \quad (2)$$

Compute that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B(0, ch)} \frac{dp}{|p|^n + \|f\|_n^n} &= C_n \int_0^{ch} \frac{r^{n-1} \, dr}{r^n + \|f\|_n^n} = C_n \left[\frac{1}{n} \log(r^n + \|f\|_n^n) \right]_0^{ch} \\ &= \frac{C_n}{n} \log \frac{(ch)^n + \|f\|_n^n}{\|f\|_n^n}, \end{aligned}$$

where C_n is a positive constant=measure of the unit sphere, depending only on n , and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{|\det D^2u(x)|}{|Du(x)|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \, dx &\leq \int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{C_0 \mathcal{P}(D^2u)^n}{|Du(x)|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \, dx \\ &\leq C_0 \int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{(\mu|Du| + f)^n}{|Du(x)|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \, dx \\ &\leq 2^{n-1} C_0 \left(\int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{\mu^n |Du|^n}{|Du(x)|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \, dx + \int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{f^n}{|Du(x)|^n + \|f\|_n^n} \, dx \right) \\ &\leq 2^{n-1} C_0 \left(\int_{\Gamma(u)} \mu^n \, dx + \int_{\Gamma(u)} \frac{f^n}{\|f\|_n^n} \, dx \right) \leq 2^{n-1} C_0 (\|\mu\|_n^n + 1), \end{aligned}$$

where C_0 is a constant depending only on n and the ellipticity constants. Here we have used the fact that $D^2u \leq 0$ on $\Gamma(u)$ and the inequality

$$|\det D^2u|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \frac{1}{n}(-\Delta u) \quad \text{on } \Gamma(u).$$

Now, from (2), we get

$$\frac{C_n}{n} \log \frac{(ch)^n + \|f\|_n^n}{\|f\|_n^n} \leq 2^{n-1} C_0 (\|\mu\|_n^n + 1),$$

and hence

$$(ch)^n + \|f\|_n^n \leq \exp \left(\frac{n2^{n-1}C_0}{C_n} (\|\mu\|_n^n + 1) \right).$$

Thus we have

$$h \leq c^{-1} \|f\|_n \exp \left(\frac{2^{n-1}C_0}{C_n} (\|\mu\|_n^n + 1) \right) = A \|f\|_n \exp (B \|\mu\|_n^n)$$

for some positive constants A, B .