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Defines Levi problem

The *Levi problem* is the problem of characterizing domains of holomorphy by a local condition on the boundary that does not involve holomorphic functions themselves. This condition turned out to be pseudoconvexity.

**Theorem.** An open set  $G \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a domain of holomorphy if and only if G is pseudoconvex.

The forward direction (domain of holomorphy implies pseudoconvexity) is not hard to prove and was known for a long time. The opposite direction is really what's called the solution to the Levi problem.

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