

LIPSCHITZ REGULARITY OF M-HARMONIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In the paper we introduce Hausdorff measures which are suitable for the study of Lipschitz regularity of M-harmonic function in the unit ball B in \mathbb{C}^n . For an M-harmonic function h which satisfies certain integrability conditions, we show that there is an open set Ω , whose Hausdorff content is arbitrarily small, such that h is Lipschitz smooth on $B \setminus \Omega$.

1. Introduction and statement of the main results

Let B denote the open unit ball in \mathbb{C}^n and let $\mathcal{M} = \text{Aut}(B)$ be the group of all biholomorphic selfmaps of B . We denote by ν the Lebesgue measure on B normalized so that $\nu(B) = 1$. For any real number $s < 1$ consider the probability measure

$$d\nu_s(z) := \frac{\Gamma(n+1-s)}{n!\Gamma(1-s)} \frac{d\nu(z)}{(1-|z|^2)^s}.$$

By [1] the limit of $d\nu_s$ as $s \rightarrow 1$ is $d\nu_1(\zeta) = d\sigma(\zeta)$, where σ is the rotation invariant probability measure on $S = \partial B$, the boundary of B . It is also well-known that the measure $d\tau(z) := (1-|z|^2)^{n+1}d\nu(z)$ on B is invariant under the group \mathcal{M} .

For $z = |z|\eta \in B$, let φ_z denote the Möbius transformation exchanging z and the origin. This map is given [6] by

$$(1.1) \quad \varphi_z(w) = \frac{z - \langle w, \eta \rangle \eta - \sqrt{1 - |z|^2} (w - \langle w, \eta \rangle \eta)}{1 - \langle w, z \rangle}, \quad \text{for } w \in B.$$

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It is a well-known fact [4] that the function

$$\varrho(z, w) := |\varphi_z(w)|, \quad z, w \in B$$

defines a distance function on B , the pseudohyperbolic distance. This is a Möbius invariant distance on B ; that is,

$$\varrho(\varphi(z), \varphi(w)) = \varrho(z, w), \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \text{Aut}(B).$$

The corresponding balls are given by

$$E(z, r) = \{w \in B : \varrho(z, w) < r\} = \varphi_z(rB)$$

for $z \in B$ and $0 < r \leq 1$. These balls are called the pseudohyperbolic balls.

A function $f : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called \mathcal{M} -harmonic or invariant harmonic on B , if f is continuous on B

$$(1.2) \quad (f \circ \varphi)(0) = \int_S (f \circ \varphi)(r\zeta) d\sigma(\zeta), \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } 0 \leq r < 1.$$

The \mathcal{M} -harmonic functions are precisely those C^∞ -functions which are annihilated by the Laplacian $\tilde{\Delta}$ of the Bergman metric. This is given by

$$(\tilde{\Delta}f)(z) = (\Delta(f \circ \varphi_z))(0), \quad \text{for } f \in C^2(B), z \in B.$$

The symbol ω will stand once and for all for a gauge function. This is a function $\omega : [0, 1) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ which is nondecreasing and vanishes at $r = 0$. For $\Omega \subset B$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, set

$$\mathcal{H}_{\omega,s}^\varepsilon(\Omega) := \frac{\Gamma(n+1-s)}{n!\Gamma(1-s)} \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^\infty (1 - |z_j|^2)^{n+1-s} \omega(r_j) \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all the pseudohyperbolic balls $\{E(z_j, r_j)\}_1^\infty$ such that $r_j \leq \varepsilon$ and $\Omega \subset \cup_{j=1}^\infty E(z_j, r_j)$. The corresponding Hausdorff measure of Ω is defined by

$$(1.3) \quad \mathcal{H}_{\omega,s}(\Omega) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{H}_{\omega,s}^\varepsilon(\Omega).$$

For $0 < \varepsilon_0 < \frac{1}{2}$, let $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,s}(\Omega) := \mathcal{H}_{\omega,s}^{\varepsilon_0}(\Omega)$.

REMARK 1.1. For $d > 0$ and $\omega(t) = t^d$, let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_d &= \mathcal{H}_{\omega,0} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_d = \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,0} \quad \text{for } s = 0, \\ \mathcal{H}'_d &= \mathcal{H}_{\omega,0} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\mathcal{H}}'_d = \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,1} \quad \text{for } s = 1. \end{aligned}$$

It should be noted that \mathcal{H}_d is essentially the d -dimensional Hausdorff measure on B constructed with respect to pseudohyperbolic balls. This is so due to the fact that $\nu(E(z, r^{\frac{d}{2n}})) \approx (1 - |z|^2)^{n+1} r^d$ for $z \in B$ and $0 \leq r \leq 1/2$.

For $0 < \kappa \leq 1$ we say that a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is in the Möbius invariant Lipschitz class $\Gamma_\kappa(\Omega)$ if there exists a positive constant M such that

$$|f(z) - f(w)| \leq M|\varphi_z(w)|^\kappa, \quad \text{for all } z, w \in \Omega.$$

In order to define the Möbius invariant Lipschitz class in the case of higher order smoothness $\kappa > 1$, denote by $[\kappa]$ the greatest integer smaller than or equal to κ . We shall say that f is in the class $\Gamma_\kappa(\Omega)$ if there exist functions $\{f^{l\bar{m}} : l, m \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \text{ and } |l + m| \leq [\kappa]\}$ and a positive constant M such that $f^{0\bar{0}} = f$ and

$$\left| f^{u\bar{v}}(z) - \sum_{|l+m| < [\kappa] - |u+v|} \frac{f^{l\bar{m}}(w)}{(l+m)!} (\varphi_w(z))^l (\overline{\varphi_w(z)})^m \right| \leq M|\varphi_z(w)|^{\kappa - |u+v|},$$

for $z, w \in \Omega$ and $|u + v| \leq [\kappa]$. We have made use of the standard multi-index notations

$$\begin{aligned} |m| &= m_1 + \dots + m_n, \quad m! = m_1! \dots m_n! \\ z^m &= z_1^{m_1} \dots z_n^{m_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n) \end{aligned}$$

for $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$.

By looking at the differential definition of the classical (euclidian) Lipschitz spaces [7] one can think of the functions $f^{l\bar{m}}$ as partial derivatives which are induced by the action of the group \mathcal{M} . This is indeed our motivation for defining the Möbius invariant Lipschitz space in this manner.

Finally define the quantity

$$(\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_\kappa f)(z) := \sum_{j=1}^\kappa \sum_{|u+v|=j} \left| \left(\frac{\partial^u}{\partial z^u} \frac{\partial^v}{\partial \bar{z}^v} \right) (f \circ \varphi_z)(0) \right|, \quad z \in B.$$

Our main results are the following.

THEOREM A. *Let ω be an arbitrary gauge function, $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $s \leq 1$ and $p \geq 1$. If an M -harmonic function h on B satisfies*

$$\|h\|_{p,s} := \left\{ \int_B |(\widehat{Q}_\kappa h)(z)|^p d\nu_s(z) \right\}^{1/p} < \infty$$

then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an open subset $\Omega \subseteq B$ depending on all the parameters such that $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,s}(\Omega) < \varepsilon$ and $h \in \Gamma_\kappa(B \setminus \Omega)$.

THEOREM B. *Let ω be an arbitrary gauge function, $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \geq 1$. For $0 \leq s \leq 1$ and an M -harmonic function h on B let*

$$\|h\|_{p,s} := \begin{cases} \left\{ \int_B |h(z)|^p \log \frac{1}{1-|z|^2} d\nu(z) \right\}^{1/p} & s = 0, \\ \left\{ \int_B |h(z)|^p d\nu_s(z) \right\}^{1/p}, & 0 < s < 1 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \|h\|_{p,t} & s = 1. \end{cases}$$

If $\|h\|_{p,s} < \infty$ then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an open subset $\Omega \subseteq B$ depending on all the parameters such that $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,s}(\Omega) < \varepsilon$ and $h \in \Gamma_\kappa(B \setminus \Omega)$.

COROLLARY C. *Let $d > 0$, $\kappa > 0$ and h be an M -harmonic function on B .*

(1) *If $p \geq 1$ and h satisfies the growth condition*

$$\|h\|_{H^p} := \sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} \left\{ \int_S |h(r\zeta)|^p d\sigma(\zeta) \right\}^{1/p} < \infty,$$

then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an open subset $\Omega \subseteq B$ such that $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}'_d(\Omega) < \varepsilon$ and $h \in \Gamma_\kappa(B \setminus \Omega)$.

(2) *If $p > 1$ and h satisfies the growth condition*

$$\|h\|_p = \left\{ \int_B |h(w)|^p d\nu(w) \right\}^{1/p} < \infty,$$

then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an open subset $\Omega \subseteq B$ such that $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_d(\Omega) < \varepsilon$ and $h \in \Gamma_\kappa(B \setminus \Omega)$.

2. Lipschitz regular points of M-harmonic functions

Let $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ and let f be a C^κ -function on B . For $z \in B$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$, set

$$\widetilde{\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f}(z) = \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} (f \circ \varphi_z)(0)$$

and for $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ let

(2.1)

$$D^\kappa f(z) \cdot \zeta = \sum_{|\alpha+\beta|=\kappa} \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f(z) \zeta^\alpha \bar{\zeta}^\beta$$

(2.2)

$$\widetilde{D}^\kappa f(z) \cdot \zeta = \sum_{|\alpha+\beta|=\kappa} \widetilde{\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f}(z) \zeta^\alpha \bar{\zeta}^\beta = D^\kappa (f \circ \varphi_z)(0) \cdot \zeta$$

Since $D^\kappa (f \circ U)(z) \cdot \zeta = (D^\kappa f)(Uz) \cdot U\zeta$ for all $U \in \mathcal{U}$, the group of all unitary transformations of \mathbb{C}^n . It follows that the quantities

$$|D^\kappa f(z)| := \sup_{|\zeta|=1} |D^\kappa f(z) \cdot \zeta| \quad \text{and} \quad |\widetilde{D}^\kappa f(z)| := \sup_{|\zeta|=1} |\widetilde{D}^\kappa f(z) \cdot \zeta|$$

are unitarily invariant. But for $a, b \in B$ and $c = \varphi_a(b)$ we have $\varphi_a \circ \varphi_b = \varphi_c \circ U$ for some $U \in \mathcal{U}$. Thus the quantity $|\widetilde{D}^\kappa f(z)|$ is indeed Möbius invariant; that is,

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \widetilde{D}^\kappa (f \circ \varphi)(z) \right| = \left| (\widetilde{D}^\kappa f)(\varphi(z)) \right|, \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } z \in B.$$

For $\kappa = 1$, the function $|\widetilde{D}^1 f(z)|$ was shown to play an interesting role in the study of M-harmonic functions even in the more general context of bounded symmetric domains. See [3] and [4] on this matter.

It is clear that for some $C > 0$ independent of f and z we have

(2.4)

$$C \sum_{|\alpha+\beta|=\kappa} \left| \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f(z) \right| \leq |D^\kappa f(z)| \leq \frac{1}{C} \sum_{|\alpha+\beta|=\kappa} \left| \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f(z) \right|$$

(2.5)

$$C \sum_{|\alpha+\beta|=\kappa} \left| \widetilde{\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f}(z) \right| \leq |\widetilde{D}^\kappa f(z)| \leq \frac{1}{C} \sum_{|\alpha+\beta|=\kappa} \left| \widetilde{\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} f}(z) \right|$$

Finally define the quantity

$$(Q_\kappa f)(z) := \sum_{j=1}^\kappa \left| \tilde{D}^j f(z) \right|, \quad z \in B.$$

This $Q_\kappa f$ is a Möbius invariant quantity and by (1.7), (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$(2.6) \quad C\hat{Q}_\kappa f \leq Q_\kappa f \leq \frac{1}{C}\hat{Q}_\kappa f.$$

LEMMA 2.1. For $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq s < 1$ there exist a positive constant C such that

$$\int_B \frac{|\tilde{D}^\kappa h(z)|^p}{(1 - |z|^2)^s} d\nu(z) \leq C \begin{cases} \int_B \frac{|h(z)|^p}{(1 - |z|^2)^s} d\nu(z), & s > 0 \\ \int_B |h(z)|^p \log \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} d\nu(z) & s = 0, \end{cases}$$

for all M -harmonic functions h on B .

Proof. For an M -harmonic function h on B , we have

$$h(z) = \int_B h(w) \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} d\nu(w), \quad z \in B$$

from which it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad |\tilde{D}^\kappa h(0)|^p \leq \int_B |h(w)|^p d\nu(w).$$

Replacing h by $h \circ \varphi_z$ and applying the change of variable formula, we obtain from (2.7) that

$$(2.8) \quad |\tilde{D}^\kappa h(z)|^p \leq \int_B |h(w)|^p \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} d\nu(w),$$

so that by Fubini's theorem we see that

$$\int_B \frac{|\tilde{D}^\kappa h(z)|^p}{(1 - |z|^2)^s} d\nu(z) \leq \int_B |h(w)|^p \int_B \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^{-s+n+1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{2(n+1)}} d\nu(z) d\nu(w).$$

The lemma now follows from Proposition 1.4.10 in [6]. □

LEMMA 2.2. For $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 < \delta < 1$ there exists $C = C(\kappa, \delta) > 0$ such that

$$(2.9) \quad (Q_\kappa h)(z) \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon^{2n}} \int_{E(z, \varepsilon)} (Q_\kappa h)(w) d\tau(w), \quad z \in B,$$

for all $0 < \varepsilon < \delta$, for all M-harmonic functions h on B .

Proof. Due to the invariant property of $Q_\kappa h$ it is enough to establish (2.9) at the origin $z = 0$. Using the mean value property, a little computing shows that for $j = 1, \dots, \kappa$, we have

$$(2.10) \quad (D^j h)(0) \cdot \zeta = \frac{1}{c(\varepsilon)} \int_{\varepsilon B} (D^j h)(w) \cdot a(w, \zeta) d\tau(w)$$

where $a(w, \zeta) = \zeta - \langle w, \zeta \rangle w$ for $w \in \delta B, \zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and

$$(2.11) \quad c(\varepsilon) := \frac{1}{2n} \int_0^\varepsilon \frac{t^{2n-1}}{(1-t^2)^{n+1}} dt \geq \varepsilon^{2n}.$$

Also we have

$$(\tilde{D}^j h)(w) \cdot \zeta = (D^j h)(w) \cdot \zeta + \sum_{|\alpha+\beta| \leq j-1} a_{\alpha, \beta}(w, \zeta) \widetilde{\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial \bar{z}^\beta} h}(w) \zeta^\alpha \bar{\zeta}^\beta$$

for some functions $a_{\alpha, \beta}(w, \zeta)$ which are bounded for $(w, \zeta) \in \delta B \times S$ and such that $a_{\alpha, \beta}(w, \cdot)$ is a polynomial in ζ and $\bar{\zeta}$ whose degree is at most $j - 1 - |\alpha + \beta|$. This fact combined with (2.4) and (2.5) implies that for some positive constant $C = C(j, \delta)$ independent of f and w we have

$$(2.12) \quad \left| |(\tilde{D}^j h)(w)| - |(D^j h)(w)| \right| \leq C \sum_{l=1}^{j-1} |D^l h)(w)|, \quad \text{for all } w \in \delta B.$$

Now an induction process invoking (2.12) implies that some $C > 0$ independent of h we have

$$(2.13) \quad C(Q_j h)(w) \leq \sum_{l=j}^j |(D^l h)(w)| \leq \frac{1}{C}(Q_j h)(w), \quad \text{for all } w \in \delta B.$$

Putting together (2.10), (2.11) and (2.13), we obtain that

$$(2.14) \quad |D^j h(0)| \leq C \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2n}} \int_{\varepsilon B} (Q_j h)(w) d\tau(w), \text{ for all } 0 < \varepsilon < \delta$$

so tha by the invariant property of $Q_j h$ and τ we obtain

$$(2.15) \quad |\tilde{D}^j h(z)| \leq C \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2n}} \int_{E(z,\varepsilon)} (Q_j h)(w) \tau(w), \text{ for all } 0 < \varepsilon < \delta.$$

The lemma is now follows from (2.15). □

For an M-harmonic function h let us call (h, ω, κ, p) -regular points those elements $z \in B$ for which there is a positive constant C such that

$$\sup_{\zeta \in E(z,r)} (r - |\varphi_\zeta(z)|)^{2n} (Q_\kappa h)^p(\zeta) \leq C\omega(r), \text{ for all } 0 < r < \delta.$$

Let $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(h, \omega, \kappa, p)$ be the set of all points in B which are not (h, ω, κ, p) -regular.

LEMMA 2.3. *For each $0 < \delta < 1/2$ there is a positive integer $N = N(\delta)$ such that for any $\Omega \subset B$ and any covering $\mathcal{B} = \{E(z, r(z))\}_{z \in \Omega}$ by pseudohyperbolic balls with radii $r(z) < \delta$, there exist N subfamilies $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_N$ of \mathcal{B} such that each \mathcal{B}_j consists of pairwise disjoint pseudohyperbolic balls and Ω is covered by $\cup_{j=1}^N \mathcal{B}_j$.*

Proof. Follows from the fact that (B, ϱ) is directionnally limited in the sense of Federer. See ([2], p.150) or ([5], p. 89). □

LEMMA 2.4. *Let $p \geq 1$ and h be M-harmonic function on B . Let (ω, K, δ) be a triple consisting of a gauge function ω and two positive numbers K, δ . Then there is an open set $\Omega = \Omega(h, \omega, s, K, p, \delta) \subset B$ with the following properties.*

- (1) Ω contains \mathcal{S} .
- (2) There is a positive integer $N = N(\delta)$ which does not depend on K and there is a sequence of pseudohyperbolic balls $\{E(z_j, r_j)\}_1^\infty$ with $r_j < \delta$ with $z_j \in \Omega$ and points $\zeta_j \in E(z_j, r_j)$ such that

$$(2.16) \quad (r_j - |\varphi_{\zeta_j}(z_j)|)^{2n} (\tilde{Q}_\kappa h)^p(\zeta_j) > K\omega(r_j).$$

and each point of Ω is in at most N of these balls.

Proof. Let D be a dense sequence in $\mathcal{S} \times [0, \delta)$ and let O_K the set of all pairs (z, r) in $B \times [0, \delta)$ such that

$$\sup_{\zeta \in E(z,r)} (r - |\varphi_\zeta(z)|)^{2n} (\widehat{Q}_\kappa h)^p(\zeta) > K\omega(r), \text{ for some } 0 < r < \delta.$$

We set $\Omega := P(O_K)$ where $P_1(z, t) = z$ is the first coordinate projection from $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ onto \mathbb{C}^n . Then Ω is open and \mathcal{S} is clearly contained in Ω . If $(z, r) \in O_K$ then there exists a pair $(w, t) \in D \cap O_K$ and $|\varphi_z(\zeta)| < t$. This shows that the sequence \mathcal{B}^K consisting of those balls $E(w, t)$ for which $(w, t) \in D_K := D \cap O_K$ forms a covering of Ω . Appealing to Lemma 2.3, we can find subsequences $\mathcal{B}_1^K, \dots, \mathcal{B}_N^K$ of \mathcal{B}^K such that each \mathcal{B}_j^K consists of pairwise disjoint pseudohyperbolic balls and Ω is covered by $\cup_{j=1}^N \mathcal{B}_j^K$. This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

LEMMA 2.5. *Under the hypothesis of Lemma 2.4 if, in addition, h satisfies*

$$\int_B (Q_\kappa h)^p(z) d\nu_s(z) < \infty \text{ for some } s \leq 1,$$

then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist an open subset $\Omega \subseteq B$ that contains \mathcal{S} and a positive constant C such that $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,s}(\Omega) < \varepsilon$ and

$$(2.17) \quad \sup_{\zeta \in E(z,\rho)} (\rho - |\varphi_\zeta(z)|)^{2n} (Q_\kappa h)^p(\zeta) \leq C\omega(\rho), \text{ for all } 0 < \rho < \delta.$$

In particular, \mathcal{S} is zero set for the Hausdorff measure $\mathcal{H}_{\omega,s}$.

Proof. Let $K, \delta > 0$ and let Ω and $E(z_j, r_j)$, be as in Lemma 2.4. Then the characteristic functions $\chi_{E(z_j, r_j)}$ satisfy

$$(2.18) \quad \sum_1^\infty \chi_{E(z_j, r_j)} \leq N < \infty.$$

Since for $0 < r < 1$

$$\frac{1-r}{1+r}(1-|z|^2) \leq 1-|w|^2 \leq \frac{1+r}{1-r}(1-|z|^2) \text{ for } w \in E(z, r),$$

by virtue of Lemma 2.2 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_1^\infty (1 - |z_j|^2)^{n+1-s} (r_j - |\varphi_{\zeta_j}(z_j)|)^{2n} (Q_\kappa h)^p(\zeta_j) \\ & \leq C \sum_1^\infty (1 - |z_j|^2)^{n+1-s} \int_{E(\zeta_j, r_j - |\varphi_{\zeta_j}(z_j)|)} (Q_\kappa h)^p(w) \, d\tau(w) \\ & \leq C \sum_1^\infty \left(\frac{1+r_j}{1-r_j}\right)^{n+1-s} \int_{E(z_j, r_j)} \frac{(Q_\kappa h)^p(w)}{(1-|w|^2)^s} \, d\nu(w) \\ & \leq CN \left(\frac{2+\delta}{2-\delta}\right)^{n+1-s} \int_B \frac{(Q_\kappa h)^p(w)}{(1-|w|^2)^s} \, d\nu(w). \end{aligned}$$

This combined with (2.16) and (2.6) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{\omega,s}(\Omega) & \leq \frac{\Gamma(n+1-s)}{n!\Gamma(1-s)} \sum_1^\infty (1 - |z_j|^2)^{n+1-s} \omega(r_j) \\ & \leq C \frac{N}{K} \left(\frac{2+\delta}{2-\delta}\right)^{n+1-s} \frac{\Gamma(n+1-s)}{n!\Gamma(1-s)} \int_B \frac{(Q_\kappa h)^p(w)}{(1-|w|^2)^s} \, d\nu(w) \\ & = C \frac{N}{K} \left(\frac{2+\delta}{2-\delta}\right)^{n+1-s} \int_B (Q_\kappa h)^p(w) \, d\nu_s(w) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } K \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

3. Proof of the main result

For $z \in B$ define the functions

$$(3.1) \quad h^{u\bar{v}}(z) := \frac{\widetilde{\partial^{|u+v|}}}{\partial z^u \partial \bar{z}^v} h(z), \quad u, v \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$$

LEMMA 3.1. For $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 < \delta < 1$ there exist a positive constant $C = C(\kappa, \delta)$ such that for each $\zeta \in B$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| h^{u\bar{v}}(z) - \sum_{|l+m| < [\kappa] - |u+v|} \frac{h^{l\bar{m}}(\zeta)}{(l+m)!} (\varphi_\zeta(z))^l (\overline{\varphi_\zeta(z)})^m \right| \\ & \leq C \frac{|\varphi_\zeta(z)|^{\kappa - |u+v|}}{(r - |\varphi_\zeta(z)|)^{2n}} \int_{E(z,r)} (Q_\kappa h)(w) \, d\tau(w) \end{aligned}$$

for all $z \in E(\zeta, r)$ with $0 < r < \delta$ and M -harmonic functions h on B .

Proof. First we assume that $\zeta = 0$. This is no loss of generality due to invariant property of Q_κ and τ . Now Taylor's formula we see that for some positive constant C

$$\left| h^{u\bar{v}}(z) - \sum_{|l+m| < [\kappa] - |u+v|} \frac{h^{l\bar{m}}(0)}{(l+m)!} z^l \bar{z}^m \right| \leq C|z|^{\kappa - |u+v|} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{\kappa-1} (Q_\kappa h)(tz) dt$$

for $|z| \leq \delta$. This fact, combined with Lemma 2.2 with $\varepsilon = r - |z|$ yields

$$\left| h^{u\bar{v}}(z) - \sum_{|l+m| < [\kappa] - |u+v|} \frac{h^{l\bar{m}}(0)}{(l+m)!} z^l \bar{z}^m \right| \leq C \frac{|z|^{\kappa - |u+v|}}{(r - |z|)^{2n}} \int_0^1 \int_{E(tz, r - |z|)} (Q_\kappa h)(w) d\tau(w) dt, \quad z \in B.$$

But for $w \in E(tz, r - |z|)$ and $|z| < r$ we have

$$|\varphi_z(w)| \leq |\varphi_{tz}(z)| + |\varphi_{tz}(w)| < \frac{(1-t)|z|}{1-t|z|^2} + r - |z| \leq r.$$

Thus $E(tz, r - |z|) \subseteq E(z, r)$. From this the lemma now follows. \square

Proof of Theorem A. Let the parameters h, ω, s, κ, p be as the hypothesis of Theorem A. For $\varepsilon > 0$ let Ω be the open set constructed in Lemma 2.5. Fix $0 < r < \rho < \delta < 1/2$. If $z \in B \setminus \Omega$, then by virtue of 2.17 we have

$$(Q_\kappa h)^p(w) \leq C \frac{\omega(\rho)}{(\rho - r)^{2n}}, \quad \text{for } w \in E(z, r),$$

from which it follows that

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{E(z, r)} (Q_\kappa h)(w) d\tau(w) \leq \tau(rB) \left\{ C \frac{\omega(\rho)}{(\rho - r)^{2n}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For $\zeta \in B$ with $|\varphi_z(\zeta)| < \frac{r}{2}$ then applying (3.2) and Lemma 3.1 shows that for some constant $C > 0$ depending on r, ρ and δ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| h^{u\bar{v}}(z) - \sum_{|l+m| < [\kappa] - |u+v|} \frac{h^{l\bar{m}}(\zeta)}{(l+m)!} (\varphi_\zeta(z))^l (\overline{\varphi_\zeta(z)})^m \right| \\ & \leq C \frac{|\varphi_\zeta(z)|^{\kappa - |u+v|}}{(r - |\varphi_\zeta(z)|)^{2n}} \\ & \leq C \frac{2^{2n}}{r^{2n}} |\varphi_\zeta(z)|^{\kappa - |u+v|}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of Theorem B. By Lemma 2.1, (1.7) and (2.5) we see that the hypothesis of Theorem B implies $\|f\|_{p,s} < \infty$. Theorem B now follows from Theorem A. □

Proof of Corollary C. Part (1) is a consequence of Theorem B, Remark 1.1 and the fact that $\|h\|_{H_p} = \|h\|_{p,1}$. Part (2) follows from Theorem A, Remark 1.1 and the fact that if $p > 1$, then $\|h\|_{\frac{p}{s},0} \leq C_s \|h\|_p$, for $1 < s < p$, where

$$C_s = \left\{ \int_B \left(\log \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \right)^{\frac{s}{s-1}} d\nu(z) \right\}^{\frac{s-1}{p}} < \infty.$$

□

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